

# Obituary

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## ISAAC SHARPLESS (1849-1920)

The death of Isaac Sharpless, ex-president of Haverford College, Penna., took place on the 16th of January. Friends in both hemispheres and many outside the Society will miss the person and work of one who has been described as "perhaps the greatest Quaker ever produced in America." Dr. Sharpless was president of the Historical Society in 1915-16. His knowledge of Quakerism in the Colonial period was unique.

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## The Annual Meeting

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The Annual Meeting of the Friends Historical Society was held at Devonshire House on the 22nd of April. Anna L. Littleboy, the retiring President, read an address on the history of the Reference Library at Devonshire House, and added some notes respecting printing in the early days of the Society of Friends.

Drawing mostly on original documents Miss Littleboy sketched the rise and progress of this now well-known repository of Quaker and anti-Quaker literature, and of the committee responsible for the care and use of the literary treasures the Library contains.

Ernest E. Taylor, of Malton, Yorkshire, was elected President for 1920, and Allen Clapp Thomas, A.M., of Haverford, Pennsylvania, Vice-President.

The company present manifested much interest in the proceedings and several non-members joined the Friends Historical Society.

***The presidential address is shortly to be issued in pamphlet form by the Committee of the Society. See inset announcement in this issue.***

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## Income and Expenditure Account for Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 1918

INCOME	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand, 1 mo. 1., 1918	..	83	8	Cost of printing Journal, vol. xv.	..	93	13
Annual Subscriptions	..	91	1	Postage of the same	..	10	0
Sundry Sales	..	12	14	Stationery	..	4	9
Donations	..	4	19	Sundries, Insurance and Advertising	..	3	7
Sales of "Friends in Public Life"	..	..	10	On account of "Personality of George Fox"	..	3	3
Subscriptions to "Personality of George Fox"	..	2	11	Balance in hand	..	82	14
Interest on Deposit Account	..	2	2				6
		£197	8				4

## Balance Sheet, 31<sup>st</sup> of Twelfth Month, 1918

LIABILITIES	£	s.	d.	ASSETS	£	s.	d.
To Swarthmoor Account Book	..	56	10	Cash Balance	..	82	14
" Supplement Account	..	41	5	Overpaid on "Personality" Account	..	11	11
		£97	15	Deficit	..	14	8
		9				£97	15

Against the above deficit must be reckoned stock in hand not valued.

Examined and found correct, AUGUSTUS DIAMOND.