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“ In the beginning of time the whole Creation lived in man, and man lived in his Maker, the spirit of Righteousness and peace. . . . But when man began to fall out of his Maker ; and to leave his joy and rest which he had in the spirit of Righteousness, and sought contentment from creatures and outward objects, then he lost his dominion. . . . And this now is the curse, Man is gone out of his Maker to live upon objects. . . . But now the time is come, that the Spirit will draw all things into man again, to live and be at rest in him, as their Governour, as their Lord, and man and the Creation shall become even again, and so man returning to his Maker, to rest in peace in none but him. And this is that I wait for, being assured it shall be accomplished, having received a taste.”

GERRARD WINSTANLEY : *The New Law of Righteousness
Budding Forth.* 1649.

William F. Harvey

SINCE our last issue the Friends' Historical Society has suffered the loss of its President by the death of William Fryer Harvey on 4th June, 1937. He planned to address the Society's Annual Meeting with a paper on the past training of members in the art of Quaker worship as shown in our literature from the seventeenth century to the early nineteenth. Failing health however obliged him to relinquish this work unfinished.

In him the body was always an uncertain ally of a brave and gentle spirit, quick with insight, warm with sympathy and gay with fun.

For a man handicapped in health he achieved much, in service to adult education at Fircroft College, Birmingham, in ambulance work in Flanders, as a naval surgeon

whose selfless gallantry saved a life at the immediate risk and eventual shortening of his own.

He was a gifted writer, original and witty, whether the matter was a ghost story (a form he loved), a musing essay on some Quaker peculiarity, or scenes in his family's history. In 1933 he gave the fifth Lister Lecture to the Quaker Medical Society.

The following is a list of his published works, omitting contributions to periodicals.

Midnight House and other Tales, 1910 ; *The Misadventures of Athelstan Digby*, 1920 ; *The Mysterious Mr. Badman* [c. 1930] ; *Laughter and Ghosts* [c. 1923] ; *The Beast with Five Fingers*, 1928 ; *Quaker Byways and other Papers*, 1929 ; *Moods and Tenses*, 1933 ; *John Ruddy of Dublin, Quaker Physician*, 1934 (Fifth Lister Lecture to the Quaker Medical Society, 1933) ; *We Were Seven*, 1936 ; *Caprimulgus*, 1936.

Appreciations of his life appeared in *The Times* of 7th June, 1937, and *The Friend* and the *Letchworth Citizen* of 11th June, 1937.

Margaret Harvey is collecting and preparing his notes for publication and we expect to print them in our next issue.
