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Arthur J. Eddington

BY the death on June 9th, 1946 of Arthur J. Eddington, the Friends' Historical Society has lost its president and a devoted worker for many years in the field of Quaker history and record. He prepared a presidential address on some Quaker contacts with the wider world in a period before the middle of the nineteenth century. The principal source of material is the *Gurney Manuscripts*, a collection of some 2,000 family letters, most of them belonging to Mr. Quintin Gurney of Norwich, who placed them on loan in the Library at Friends House in 1931. Others now belonging to Mr. Joseph John Gurney have since been added to them.

Arthur Eddington's great interest in Quaker history is commemorated for the help of future students in a series of remarkable compilations from Norfolk records and in a number of articles, as well as in his published history of early Quakerism in Norwich. He gave generously of his time, and presented the fruit of his work, in six well-bound typescript volumes, to the Library at Friends House, of whose committee he was an active member from 1929 to 1938. These digests of the minute books of Norfolk Quarterly Meeting enable the student to survey the corporate business of a representative body of Friends over a period of a century and a half. In the minutes of Norwich Monthly Meeting from 1701 to 1800 the reader may follow the action of the meeting in each of ten principal kinds of business, from the days of William Penn,

George Whitehead and Thomas Ellwood, until those of Elizabeth Fry, Stephen Grellet, and William Allen.

A list of Arthur Eddington's principal works, both published and unpublished, is given below :

*The First Fifty Years of Quakerism in Norwich.* With indexes. Limited edition, typelithographed, 299 pp., 1932.

*Minutes of Norwich Monthly Meeting.* Selected and arranged under ten subjects, with index. Typescript. 1701-1775, 2 volumes, 334 pp., 1935. 1776-1800, 2 volumes, 318 pp., 1936.

*Minutes of Norfolk Quarterly Meeting.* Selected, with index. Typescript. 1708-1784, 203 pp., 1938. 1784-1850, 282 pp., 1943.

*The Gurney MSS. Synopsis of the Contents.* With index of writers. Typescript, 192 pp., 1933.

*Extracts from the Gurney MSS.* With index. Typescript, 124 pp.

*Supplementary Extracts from the Gurney MSS.* With index. Typescript, 170 pp.

The following are some of his articles in periodicals.

In the *Friends Quarterly Examiner* :

*The Forsters of Bradpole and Norwich* (1933).

*William E. Forster as a Quaker* (1935).

*Quakers of long Ago* (1937).

In the *Journal of the Friends' Historical Society* :

*The Gurney Manuscripts* (1932, 1933).

*The Quarterly Meeting of Norfolk* (1936, 1937, 1938).

In the *Journal of the Norfolk and Norwich Archæological Society*, Vol. xxii (1924) :

*The Norwich Case. Particulars relating to the Sufferings of Quakers in Norwich, 1682-1683.*

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## Editorial Note

WITH the present number this *Journal* resumes the series interrupted by the war. The last was volume xxxvii for 1940.

Of particular personal interest to many members is the article on Neave Brayshaw by Geoffrey Nuttall. The *Luke Howard Collection of MSS.*, given to the Library, Friends House, in 1943, quite the most interesting addition of MSS. in recent years, are fully described.

There are signs of an increase once more of historical research and contributions for the pages of the *Journal* are invited by the editor, who will also be glad to have particulars, whether from the authors or otherwise, about any Quaker historical work in progress.