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## Annual Meetings

SINCE the appearance of the last volume of the *Journal*, the Society has resumed its normal activities and has held two meetings.

Members and friends to the number of over one hundred who were able to meet at Friends House on 5th December, 1946 for the first annual meeting since the war, were well rewarded by listening to a broad survey of some eighteenth century Friends and family relationships written by the late Arthur J. Eddington, who was president at the time of his death, based on his intimate knowledge of the Gurney manuscripts and other Norwich records. The late president's address was sympathetically read by T. Edmund Harvey, a former president of the Society. Among those attending was Mr. Quintin Gurney, on whose family archives the address was based.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Gurney expressed his particular interest in the address, and coupled his hope with that of the late president that it would be the means of making more widely known the contents of the manuscripts which he had placed on permanent deposit at Friends' Reference Library for the use of students. It may be mentioned here that, in furtherance of this desire, the Society hopes to publish the address with a representative selection from the manuscripts.

The meeting for 1947 was brought forward to 3rd July to coincide with the vacation visit to this country of Henry J. Cadbury, Hollis Professor of Biblical Literature at Harvard University, the Society's president for the year. Last minute fears that he would not arrive in time were

laid to rest by the arrival of Henry J. and Lydia Cadbury at Paddington, direct from their ship at Plymouth, little more than two hours before the meeting.

There being little formal business to transact, after a warm welcome on behalf of the Society from Herbert G. Wood, the president immediately entered on his address, entitled "Answering That of God"—a scholarly exposition drawing on the author's wide knowledge and insight into religious history. The address is printed in full in this issue. After a short discussion the meeting closed. There was a large attendance.

The Society's president for 1948 was elected at this meeting and is Emilia Fogelklou-Norlind. Emilia Fogelklou-Norlind is best known to English Friends as the author of *James Nayler, the rebel saint*. She hopes to visit England in 1948 and to give her address on Individual and Community in Quaker Experience.

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IN this issue the articles on Felsted burial ground, Norfolk poor administration and the Western Circular Yearly Meeting point to the strength of interest in the history of Friends in the country districts—with which of course the great mass of extant documents is largely concerned. Anna Corder's study of Friedrichstadt based on minute books at Friends' Reference Library breaks new ground and opens up a portion of the unexplored field of early continental Quakerism.

Continuing the policy of encouraging further study of the later periods of Friends' history, we print a survey of the Bulgarian relief work during the Russo-Turkish War.

The first portion of the work on the Norfolk poor, and the three theses noticed in "Quaker Education" show how wide is the field to be covered among Friends' records even in small subjects. Among central and local archives there is great wealth of information waiting to be sought and applied, as well by the student of religious and social conditions as by the local historian. The Society is always glad to hear of and to advise on historical work undertaken locally.

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DEAR FELLOW MEMBER,

You are asked to help to enlist a larger subscribing membership. This is essential if the fruits of Quaker historical work are to be made available by means of this *Journal*. Specimen copies of the *Journal* will be sent to prospective members on request.