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Editorial

THE President, Emilia Fogelklou-Norlind, is unfortunately unable to visit England this year, and accordingly arrangements have been made for her presidential address entitled *Individualism and Community Life in Quakerism* to be read on her behalf at a meeting of the Society to be arranged in July, at Friends House, Euston Road, London. There will be a short business session before the paper is read. Any suggestions for the Agenda should be sent to the Secretary, Muriel A. Hicks.

Supplement No. 22 to this *Journal*, the York collection of *Letters to William Dewsbury and others*, edited by Henry J. Cadbury, was distributed to members in January. The thanks of the Society are due to the Bannisdale Press who have made this valuable material available to members free of cost.

With evidence of increased interest in Quaker history, the Society has felt encouraged to begin to issue the *Journal* twice a year, two parts to a volume. With more subscribers to the Society, and more articles contributed for the *Journal*, it is hoped that in time the size of each issue can be materially increased. In this number "Notes and Queries" have been reintroduced as a clearing house for current information.

Articles, notes and queries, news of research, offered for the pages of the *Journal*, and books for review, should be addressed to the Editor. Articles should be of general interest and should in the main consist of unpublished material, such as edited documents, new contributions to, or fresh interpretations of matters in the field of Quaker history, whether of faith, thought, or action.

Contributors are asked to send articles typewritten if possible (double-spaced), or written clearly, and on one side of the paper only. Quotations and statements requiring verification should be furnished with references to source or authority by means of footnotes. Useful rules on Transcribing and Editing MSS. will be found in *Journal*, vol. 38 (1946), 47-48, and should usually be followed in editing historical MSS. letters, diaries and the like for publication. Contributors who have no access to a copy may borrow one from The Library at Friends House.

News of work in progress on local history is welcomed, and papers on subjects of local interest, not necessarily intended for publication, are also welcomed by the Society and will be offered to the Friends' Reference Library for preservation for the use of students.

In this number attention is particularly drawn to Felix Hull's paper on "The Care of Quaker Records." This is the substance of his address to the annual meeting in December 1948. Offprints have been taken of this useful introduction to the subject by a professional archivist, and it is being distributed to Monthly Meetings and other meetings having charge of documents.

The Historical Society is also making an approach to Monthly Meetings with the aim of increasing its membership, of stimulating interest in historical matters, and of reminding meetings of the help available in dealing with historical records and books, and in considering questions involving research. Members can be of great service in this connection by keeping the interests of historians in mind when Friends take decisions in these matters, and by furnishing information to the Historical Society on local developments and on any need for assistance. The standing sub-committee of the Historical Society, which meets nearly every month, can give such matters prompt consideration in fullest co-operation with the committee and librarians of Friends' Reference Library.