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Editorial

TEARLY one hundred members and Friends attended the meeting in the Small Meeting House at Friends House on Thursday, 30th June, at which Emilia Fogelklou-Norlind's presidential address was read. Francis E. Pollard was in the chair. In the President's unavoidable absence her thought-provoking paper entitled Quakerism and Democracy: some points concerning revelation and organization was read by Margaret M. Harvey.

A short business session preceded the presidential address and it was announced that Alfred B. Searle had accepted an invitation to become President for 1950. The Historical Society's accounts for 1948 were approved, and are printed on page 54.

Among those present at the meeting was Anna B. Hewitt, who is on the staff of the Quaker Collection at Haverford College, Pennsylvania, and is Assistant Editor of the Bulletin of Friends Historical Association. Anna Hewitt has paid a welcome visit to the Library at Friends House, where she gave valued help on the staff for two months during the summer. This completes the staff exchanges between Friends House Library and the two principal American Quaker libraries. Anna Hewitt compiled a list of Friends House holdings of periodical publications, which amount to over four hundred titles, and this will be the Library's contribution to the British Union Catalogue of Periodicals.

In memory of Rufus M. Jones, members of Friends Historical Association in America have very kindly provided Friends House Library with a Kodak projector for reading microfilms. The beginning of a film collection has already been made, and will be continued with the help of a generous allocation made by the Edward Cadbury Trust. These films will make a considerable number of the most important Quaker MSS. available to readers in libraries possessing film projectors, and at Friends House their use will save the originals from wear and tear.

Friends concerned in arranging meetings are reminded of the possible appeal of Quaker historical subjects—biographical, literary, or other. The committee will always be glad to hear from those wishing to find speakers on historical topics.

In our next issue we hope to publish a study of some aspects of the life and work of Thomas Shillitoe by our past President, T. Edmund Harvey, and the text of Emilia Fogelklou-Norlind's presidential address.

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