

more to our present point, he speaks slightly of " Mr. Bugg, who, I am informed may be much sooner confuted than silenced." He refers also to Bugg's " large folio which he says he is printing. I dare say nobody will give themselves the trouble to reply to him, and not many to read him, who will find it very difficult, as I am told, to print anything he has not printed before, and been answered and answered till he is given over as a lunatick."¹

¹ Vol. III, pp. 62-64 (February 5, 1706).

Researches in Progress

G. F. A. Baer, M.A., M.Ed., 173 Hampstead Way, London, N.W.11, of Kimberley, South Africa, is writing an account of William Edward Forster's work for the establishment of a national system of education in England. Special attention will be paid to the formative influence of Quakerism on W. E. Forster. The thesis is to be presented in 1952 for the University of London Ph.D. in the Institute of Education. The author will welcome any information as to documents relating to W. E. Forster, and especially his educational work.

Elizabeth Brewster, a Canadian student and author of " Life in a Quaker Auburn " (*University of Toronto quarterly*, xviii, 124-130), is preparing to submit for the degree of Ph.D. at Indiana University a thesis on *The Irish Peasantry in some minor Anglo-Irish Writers of the early 19th Century*. This will include a study of the writings of Mary Leadbeater.

Alan M. Rees, B.A., of Keble College, Oxford, is preparing for the D.Phil. degree a study on the origins of the Anti-slavery movement in England and the abolition of the slave trade.

Juliet Reeve, of Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, is preparing a study of Daniel Defoe and the Quakers, and seeks any information concerning Defoe's relations with Friends.

Dr. Marek Waysblum, 81 Elgin Crescent, London, W.11, is collecting material for a study of the relations between early Friends and Poland until the end of the 17th century.