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Annual Meeting &c.

A BUSINESS meeting of the Society was held at Friends House on 1st February, 1951. Owing to the unavoidable absence of last year's president, Alfred B. Searle, Irene Edwards kindly took the chair.

The following were appointed to the committee of the Society, George Edwards, Irene Edwards, Elfrida V. Foulds, Richenda Scott, Alfred B. Searle, Beatrice S. Snell, and the officers *ex officio*, viz. Isabel Ross (President 1951-52), Muriel Hicks (secretary), Edward H. Milligan (assistant secretary), John Nickalls (editor), Russell Mortimer (assistant editor), Basil G. Burton (auditor).

This marks a change in the practice of recent years which has been to appoint the members of the Library Committee for the time being to be the committee of F.H.S. Care will be taken to see that the Library Committee continues to be adequately represented.

James Strachan then gave a lecture, which was both instructive and entertaining, with pictures projected on the screen, about the illustrations in The Great Bible of 1541. These were taken from the copy which belonged to George Fox, and which is now in the Library at Friends House.

On 4th October the annual general meeting was held at Friends House to hear the president, Isabel Ross, speak of "Some Byways in Quaker Research" which she has followed in the study of Quakerism in the North-West of England. The address, which was much enjoyed by the audience, is printed in this number.

The meeting appointed Geoffrey F. Nuttall to be vice-president for 1952-53, to become president in the following year. Frederick B. Tolles, of Swarthmore College, Penna., president for 1952-53, will give his presidential address on "The Atlantic Community of Friends" at Lancaster on 13th August, 1952, as part of the Tercentenary commemoration programme.

More Funds Needed

During the last two or three years the Committee of the Friends' Historical Society has made special efforts to bring to the notice of Friends and others information regarding the Society with a view to increasing its membership.

Recently over 220 Universities, Theological Colleges and Libraries in this country and in America received a copy of the *Journal* with a covering letter. All Monthly Meetings have been reminded that they can join as Institutional members for a subscription of 10s. a year, and a number of individuals have also been approached. The result was an increase in membership of about 30, mostly by American Colleges.

A second effort is now being made and letters are being sent to County Archivists, Historical Societies, Schools and individuals. A member of the F.H.S. in each Quarterly Meeting is also to receive a request encouraging him or her to seek new members within their own locality.

The Committee is aware that in order to keep the F.H.S. alive appeals such as have been mentioned must be made periodically, but the Society nevertheless needs the support of its members to get new subscribers.

Members are invited :

- (1) To encourage people who do not wish to subscribe to give a donation.
- (2) To increase their own subscription above the normal 10s. per annum.
- (3) To send an annual subscription as a gift to someone else.
- (4) To remind Monthly Meetings and Preparative Meetings that they may become Institutional Members for 10s. a year.

ISABEL ROSS, *President*

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