

The commemorative features in this issue will be continued in our next with an article on the fifty years' work of the Friends' Historical Society. The next number will also include an article by Beatrice Saxon Snell on "Early Friends and the use of the Bible" and a notice of the Bible exhibition planned by the library at Friends House to commemorate the sesquicentenary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, founded 1804.

Letter of Greeting from Friends Historical Association

7th April, 1953.

DEAR FRIENDS,

Learning that the Friends' Historical Society was about to celebrate its fiftieth birthday, I sat down to write a word of filial greeting and congratulation as from a younger society across the Atlantic devoted to the common end of promoting scholarship and interest in Quaker history. But upon a moment's reflection I realised that, for once, the shoe was on the other foot, that, our Friends Historical Association being now in its eightieth year, I must assume a different, a less familiar rôle, and administer, as it were, a grandfatherly pat on the head. This—though the rôle ill becomes me—I do with the greatest pleasure, wishing your Society long life and continued usefulness to the community of scholars and laymen interested in the history of Friends.

To us who labor in the common vineyard on this side of the Atlantic, the forty-four volumes of your *Journal* are an indispensable source of documentary materials and a model of historical and editorial craftsmanship. To me especially, who had the great honor last year to be your President—mostly *in absentia*—there is a peculiar pleasure in sending good wishes and congratulations on this fiftieth anniversary.

Sincerely your friend,

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