

## Exhibitions of Records, 1957

### GLAMORGAN

Glamorgan County Record Office issued a guide to an exhibition celebrating the silver jubilee of the British Records Association, held at County Hall, Cardiff, 8th October-8th November, 1957. The guide is entitled "The record's not for burning" and gives a sober account of the scope of the Record Office and its development since its inception in 1939. A display case in the exhibition was occupied by a selection of the records of Friends in South Wales now deposited at the Record Office.

### GLOUCESTERSHIRE

We have the following report from the local Monthly Meeting of an exhibition at the Shire Hall, Gloucester.

The display included a copy of George Fox's Advices, "Friends fellowship must be in the Spirit . . ." sent down to Gloucestershire about 1669. The varied social duties were noted, and the reference to meetings for worship transcribed: "Keep your meetings . . . between ye 10th and 11th hour when the priest is in the harte of his worshipp, and so you all to be in your meetings feeding on the bread of Life."

The first Men's Monthly Meeting book was opened at a minute of 1682 granting certificates to Friends going over sea, among them John Woolman of Painswick. The same page had liberations for marriage, and an early marriage certificate of a Cotswold clothier was placed nearby.

In their first Women's Monthly Meeting book, Tewkesbury Friends had copied George Fox's declaration from Worcester jail pleading for the full spiritual rights of women in the church, and giving a justification for women's meetings: "for many things women may doe and speake of among women which is not men's business." Adjoining are the laborious signatures of the eight women Friends who began the meeting in 1677.

The exhibit was on view in the Shire Hall during the November Assizes, and the earliest Quarterly Meeting book was opened at a minute of 1684 "Agreed that the Sufferings of friends . . . be layd before the Judges of the next Assizes by Mary Edwards and Esther Townsend."

The interest aroused and the local publicity achieved by these displays show the value of documents which are available to a wide public, and at the same time having local Friends who can give to archivists the benefit of their inside knowledge of the working and organization of the Society.