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Editorial

THIS number of the *Journal*, the second for 1962, is largely devoted to notes on manuscripts, and shorter contributions. Olive Goodbody's description of the collection of more than a score of Quaker diaries and journals of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries now preserved in the Historical Library at Eustace Street Meeting House, Dublin, brings to notice materials which might otherwise remain unknown and unused. Although space has not permitted the accounts to be extensive, in a small compass Olive Goodbody has revealed some of the charm and interest of these documents.

Richard Vann contributes a further note on possible connections between Diggers and Quakers, amplifying his paper in the *Journal* for 1959 on Gerrard Winstanley. Samuel A. Golden, of Wayne State University, briefly notices *Bibliotheca Furliana*, the sale catalogue of the library of Benjamin Furly of Rotterdam, dispersed after his death in 1714, and calls for a fuller study of Furly's library to reveal the depth and scope of this man's wide interests.

The usual notes and bibliographical features include reviews of two important American books: David E. Swift's *Joseph John Gurney*; and the study of Pennsylvania entitled *William Penn's "Holy Experiment,"* by Edwin B. Bronner, whom we salute as Haverford's Professor of Quaker History.

With 1962, our American sister-journal the *Bulletin of Friends' Historical Association* entered on its fifty-first volume with a modernized cover (and a title changed to

Quaker History). Librarians may regret that a journal should be so rash in its pursuit after novelty as to change its title after more than half a century—but the new name is distinctive and the attractive green covers have within them the same solid studies, papers and reports of work in progress in the field in which we are interested which we have come to expect. So we welcome *Quaker History: the Bulletin of Friends' Historical Association*.

This issue is rather smaller than usual and belated, but we hope to catch up arrears by issuing an enlarged single number for 1963, and would welcome articles, and edited documents suitable for inclusion. In various quarters recently the cry has been heard that articles of good quality for publication in historical subjects (as well as others) have not been coming forward in such welcome numbers as formerly when opportunities for publication were perhaps more restricted. The establishment of new journals must inevitably influence the existing periodicals in the same field. In Quaker studies, the Friends' Historical Society is always on the look out for new members, and the *Journal* likewise needs the help of a membership actively interested and ready to make known their discoveries in articles, in notes, and in queries through its pages.