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Editorial

THE Presidential Address to the Friends' Historical Society for 1964 was delivered by Elfrida Vipont Foulds on October 1st before a large and appreciative audience in the Small Meeting House at Friends House. The address, entitled: "Travel under concern—300 years of Quaker experience" forms the main item in this 1964 issue of the *Journal*.

The substance of the paper by George Edwards on the Six Weeks Meeting in London, read before the Society at its Spring Meeting, also appears in these pages. Other articles include one by Roger Howell of St. John's College, Oxford, which throws more light on Thomas Ledgard's *Discourse* concerning the Quakers and early Quakerism at Newcastle upon Tyne. Henry J. Cadbury contributes a brief survey of the Tangye Manuscripts, a collection now in the Haverford College Quaker Collection. Alfred Braithwaite on "Early Friends' Experience with Juries" is concerned with cases (not so well known as *Bushell's Case* arising from the Penn-Mead trial) in which Friends' clashes with the law in the seventeenth century raise points of interest in the treatment of juries and the development of the law in that respect.

Olive Goodbody publishes a note concerning a move in Cork diocese to have Friends' marriages registered in the ecclesiastical records. The number also contains reports on Archives, and Notes and Queries, and it concludes the 50th volume of the *Journal*.

We hope to send to our Subscribers shortly, as a Supplement to the *Journal*, a detailed account by Henry J. Cadbury of Woolman's last days in England, and a discussion of some problems arising, which we think will be of great interest.

Isabel Ross

We regret to announce the death of Isabel Ross, president of the Society in 1951, and author of the standard life of her ancestress Margaret Fox. *Margaret Fell, Mother of Quakerism* (Longmans, 1949) made available in readable form for students of this generation the extensive materials which survive for an appreciation of all that Swarthmoor meant to the early leaders of Quakerism and the growing Society of Friends right from 1652 down to the end of the century. Isabel Ross's Presidential Address, "Some byways in Quaker research," dealing with I. The people of the North-West, II. Daniel Fleming, III. Household Economy—is printed in volume 43 (1951) of the *Journal* and reflects the scope of her local and historical studies.

Friends who attended the Tercentenary Commemoration in the North-West in 1952 will remember that Isabel Ross was present at Swarthmoor Hall to welcome the visiting Friends as they came, and she also on that occasion took the chair at what was probably the largest meeting ever held by the Historical Society when Frederick Tolles gave his presidential address in Lancaster Meeting House on "The Atlantic Community of the Early Friends." The Historical Society owes much to Isabel Ross and Friends of her calibre, who are willing to study and make known the results of their researches into the local history of Quakerism.