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Editorial

AT the meeting of the Society on Friday, 3rd May, Constance Braithwaite delivered an address on "Legal problems of conscientious objection to oaths, vaccination and military service". This is printed in this issue. The author has been engaged, for some time, on a full history of conscientious objection in England and the various ways in which it has been dealt with by legislative and executive authority, and readers will look forward with interest to the publication of this work.

A paper on Charles Bayly (1632?-80) is contributed by Kenneth L. Carroll, professor of religion at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, and author of *Joseph Nichols and the Nicholites* (1962), as well as being editor of *The Creative Centre of Quakerism* (1965).

Henry J. Cadbury contributes two short papers on "Friends and the Inquisition at Venice" based on documents of 1658 in the muniments of the Holy Office at Venice, and on "John Bunyan in controversy with Friends". George Edwards writes on Friends as churchwardens.

This number also includes Reports on Archives and the usual features.

It has been suggested that Friends and others working currently on some research in the field of Quaker history might usefully insert a notice of their work in the *Journal*, to inform our members of projects which are proceeding toward completion, and perhaps elicit information from a

source, of which the research worker might not be aware. We would welcome such notices for a "Research in Progress" section, if they relate to long-term research, or work for higher degrees not due to be completed before the next annual issue of the *Journal* appears.

At the meeting of the Society on Friday, 1st November, members learnt with great regret that Konrad Braun had been prevented by illness from writing and delivering his projected Presidential address "Alfons Paquet (1881-1944): poet, prophet, Friend". We were most grateful to T. Joseph Pickvance, who at short notice gave an address on "the major influences on George Fox's thought". One of these, the influence of the Puritan tradition in the Fenny Drayton district, will be the subject of a Supplement to the *Journal*, written by Joseph Pickvance, which it is hoped to publish shortly.

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We regret to record the death of Alfred B. Searle on 26th November, 1967. Alfred Searle was president of the Historical Society and delivered his presidential address on "Friends and Arbitration" in 1950. This was printed in the *Journal of the Institute of Arbitrators*, New series, vol. 16, no. 3, pp. 53-90. Alfred Searle served as chairman of the Society's committee for a number of years. A notice appeared in *The Friend*, of 19th January, 1968, vol. 126, no. 3, p. 70.