

The Quaker Collection, University of Lancaster Library

THE colours chosen for the University of Lancaster, when it was founded in 1963 (the first students were admitted in October 1964), were Lancaster red and Quaker grey. Largely through the good offices of the Vice-Chancellor, Charles F. Carter, the Quaker connexion has been maintained and developed. He and the Librarian at Friends House Library have encouraged local meetings to donate books of historical interest to the University Library.

As the existence of this embryonic Quaker collection became more widely known, more books have been presented or deposited on permanent loan. Among the meetings, schools and libraries to whom we are particularly indebted are those at Birmingham (Woodbrooke), Brierfield, Eccles, Edinburgh, Manchester (Mount Street), Saffron Walden, Scarborough, Skipton, Warrington, Westhoughton, and Yealand. The Library has also received a gift of books from as far afield as the Friends Historical Library of Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania. This list does not include the names of individual donors, to whom the Library is none the less extremely grateful. Since the collection is not endowed, we rely heavily upon such generosity. We cannot hope to rival the resources of older established libraries, but we suggest that readers who wish to dispose of books useful for students or research workers, particularly those concerned with Lancashire or surrounding counties, should remember us.

Although the collection is still quite small, about two thousand volumes, it contains some standard works needed for research into Quaker history. There are sets, unfortunately sometimes incomplete, of the following: *The Annual Monitor* (1813-1920); *The Friend* (1914-48); *The Friend's Library* (1837-50); *Friends' Quarterly Examiner* (1908-48); *Journal of the Friends' Historical Society* (1903-24, 1932, 1965-); and *Present Day Papers* (1898-1902).

Local works present include:

Abbatt, Dilworth: *Quaker annals of Preston and the Fylde, 1653-1900*. 1931.

- Ferguson, Richard S.: *Early Cumberland and Westmorland Friends*. 1871.
- Stout, William: *Autobiography of William Stout of Lancaster*. 1851.
- Thompson, William: *Letters. With a sketch of his life*. 2nd ed. 1818.
- Webb, Maria: *The Fells of Swarthmoor Hall*. 1865.

We have a copy of the first comprehensive Quaker bibliography:

- Whiting, John: *A catalogue of Friends' books*. 1708.

Eventually we hope to publish a printed catalogue, but so far much of the collection has been only "brief-listed", that is, represented in the catalogue simply under authors.

Anyone working on Quaker history is welcome to visit the Library to see what we have. Loans from our stock are made freely through the national inter-library lending service to other libraries, although most of the material in the collection is also available at Friends House. Enquiries should be addressed in the first instance either to the University Librarian, A. Graham Mackenzie, or to myself.

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RESEARCH IN PROGRESS:

A. D. Selleck (4 Sutherland Road, Mutley, Plymouth) is preparing a thesis for London Ph.D. on William Cookworthy (1705-80), and his circle and wishes to hear of the whereabouts of any original manuscript material, particularly the originals of the letters quoted in Harrison and Compton's memoirs.

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LOCKER-LAMPSON MSS.

The Historical Manuscripts Commission National Register of Archives list of Locker-Lampson MSS. gives a 300-page list of the personal correspondence and papers of the Locker and Locker-Lampson family in the possession of J. Locker-Lampson, Esq., Rowfant Cottage, nr. Crawley, Sussex.

The inventory notices letters of Edward Hawke Locker (1777-1849). He heard Elizabeth Fry lecture "very judiciously" to Newgate prisoners, 1820 (III/29(i)); in June 1821 he visited the Alston mines in the course of a tour of the Greenwich Hospital northern estates, and he was in the district in the summer of 1823 again.

The correspondence includes letters from Elizabeth Fry (1837) and from Juliet and Winifred Seebohm (1885).