

## HISTORICAL RESEARCH

*Historical Research for University Degrees in the United Kingdom.* List no. 34. Part 1: Theses completed 1972. (University of London, Institute of Historical Research, May 1973.)

*Included is the following:*

152 Historical study of the discipline of the Society of Friends, 1738–1861. By D. J. Hall. (Professor W. R. Ward.) Durham M.A.

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*Annual report of the American Historical Association for the year 1971.* Volume 1: Proceedings (Washington, Smithsonian Institution Press). Includes the following items in the list of "Doctoral dissertations in history recently completed in the United States":

Nonconformists in Warwickshire, 1660–1720. Judith J. Hurwich, Princeton, May 1970.

British pacifism during the First World War: the Cambridge-Bloomsbury contribution. Marvin R. Pollock, Columbia, December 1971.

A Quaker commonwealth: society and the public order in Pennsylvania, 1681–1765. Joel D. Meyerson, Harvard, March 1971.

Socioeconomic background of non-pacifist Quakers during the American Revolution. Kenneth Radbill, Arizona, September 1971.

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*Dissertation Abstracts International. A—The humanities and social sciences* (Xerox University Microfilms, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48106), October 1972, vol. 33, no. 4, includes an abstract (p. 1666–A) of "The English Quakers and world war I, 1914–1920", by Leigh Royal Tucker, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1972 (279 pages; order no. 72–24,853).

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*Scientific Research in Progress in British Universities and Colleges, 1971–72.* Volume III: Social Sciences, lists the

following Ph.D thesis in addition to the studies listed in *Journal F.H.S.*, vol. 52, p. 308:

Leicester University: Department of History  
H. Forde, "Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Quakers of the 17th & 18th centuries."

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Two theses concerning Friends are in progress in the University of Oxford:

J. Charlesworth (Jesus College) for D.Phil, "The Sociology of an Established Sect, the Society of Friends in the Twentieth Century."

J. H. Morgan (Mansfield College) for B.Litt, "Religious History of the Society of Friends in England and America, a comparative study of the nature and the relationship of the Inner Light and practical mysticism in the religious thought of the Scottish Quaker Robert Barclay and of the American Quaker Rufus M. Jones."

#### Nonconformity in the Nineteenth Century

David M. Thompson's collection of documents under this title in the Birth of Modern Britain Series (Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1972, £3 or paper cover £1.50) will be of interest to Friends chiefly for the information it offers, frequently from sources not readily accessible, about other traditions. Temperance, plainness and the "no politics" rule in Methodism are particular examples. Dr. Thompson's introduction and commentary are also of value, especially with the present lack of a modern general history of English nonconformity. Friends are directly represented by three extracts from 106; from Clarkson's *Portraiture of Quakerism*, J. B. Braithwaite's *Memoirs of Joseph John Gurney* and J. S. Rowntree's *Quakerism, Past and Present*. Dr. Thompson excludes Friends from his definition of nonconformists for the 1906 General Election results, 157 nonconformists were returned and in addition nine Friends and four possible Friends. It is a pity that the bibliography cites only Mrs. Isichei and not Rufus Jones.

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### Where Are the Amelia Opie Papers?

Much of the pioneering research work on Amelia Opie, the Quaker writer and reformer, was done more than forty years ago. Particularly important was the work of Margaret E. Macgregor for her Ph.D. thesis published in 1933 under the title, *Amelia Alderson Opie, Worldling and Friend*.<sup>1</sup> One of the sources of material which Miss Macgregor was able to discover was a collection of letters and papers at that time in the possession of Miss Ethel I. Carr of Canterbury.

<sup>1</sup> Margaret Eliot Macgregor's London Ph.D. thesis (1932), edited posthumously by four of her close friends and published in *Smith College studies in modern languages*, vol. 14, nos. 1-2, Oct. 1932-Jan. 1933.