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Editorial

THE Society's Presidential Address for 1974 was delivered by Mary Hoxie Jones on the evening of 19 August at the University of York, during London Yearly Meeting. About 300 members and Friends were present and the chair was taken by Stephen Wilson, last year's President. The address, entitled "Friends and poetry", embraced a good wide survey of the subject, and was delivered with characteristic clarity and good humour. Those of us whose minds can go back to the visits to this country paid by Rufus Jones a generation ago felt we had been privileged to attend another happy transatlantic occasion.

The Spring meeting (5 July 1974) heard an address by Pamela Oliver on "The problems of authority, discipline and tradition in the first century of English Quakerism". It is anticipated that both these addresses will substantially be published elsewhere.

Among the research students who have been using Friends House Library recently has been Craig Horle, of the University of Maryland, who is working on a doctoral thesis: "Judicial attitudes towards the prosecution of religious dissenters, 1660-1688". An important part of the thesis will relate to Friends, and on 1 November Craig Horle gave the Historical Society an address on the subject entitled "Judicial encounters with Quakers, 1660-1688". The talk was much appreciated. Craig Horle was able to refer the 40

members present to contemporary material that was not generally known. We hope to print this in a future issue.

The meeting on 1 November followed a meeting for worship held in thankfulness for the life of Henry J. Cadbury, of Haverford, Pennsylvania. An obituary note appears following this Editorial, and we are privileged to print two of his articles, one on the editing of the Ellwood edition of George Fox's Journal, 1694, the other on the imprisonment of Katharine Evans and Sarah Cheevers in Malta in 1658. These papers were the latest received by us before Henry Cadbury's death, and we regret that he was not able to see them set up in type.

Kenneth L. Carroll presents evidence concerning early Friends missions in Norway under the title "The First Publishers of Truth in Norway". In "Holland's Welfare" Alfred Braithwaite studies Friends' persistence in ensuring the return to innocent sufferers of money acquired indirectly by a member as the result of an act of war—a concern which took decades to work out, in the face of many obstacles.

Joseph Sturge's mission to Russia in 1854 failed to halt the Crimean War. Stephen Frick of Earlham College, U.S.A., continues his survey of Joseph Sturge's career and traces the avenues through which he sought to influence British attitudes to seek more peaceful policies, at a time when war fever was running high. Briefer articles include a note on the founding of the George Fox School, Lancaster, c. 1690, by Michael Mullett of the University of Lancaster; an eighteenth century newspaper report of the drowning of a Bristol merchant, Samuel Lloyd, in the Bristol Channel in the summer of 1736; and a list of Leeds Friends who helped to organize relief in the Lancashire cotton famine districts in the time of the American Civil War.

Pressure on space has forced us to hold over features on Archives and Historical research until next year, but we include the usual notices of Recent Publications and Notes and Queries.

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It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Alfred W. Braithwaite on 19 March 1975, when this issue was passing through the press. Alfred Braithwaite has served the Historical Society as editor since 1959. An appreciation will appear in our next number.