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Editorial

THE Presidential Address by a scholar from across the Atlantic always provides a memorable occasion for the Friends' Historical Society. This experience was repeated in 1978 when, at the time of London Yearly Meeting, Hugh S. Barbour of Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, under the title "Prophetic or Universal Light?" addressed a large meeting at the University of Lancaster on the evening of 12 August. We hope to have the opportunity to print the text in a future issue.

The Society's programme for the year included addresses by June Rose on Elizabeth Fry; "From Manchester to Leeds—a Quaker journey via South Africa, 1895–1905" by Hope Hay; and by Marjorie Sykes on Quaker attitudes to India in the 19th century.

Helen Forde has continued her work on Nottinghamshire and Derby Friends about which the Historical Society heard at a meeting last year, and we are glad to present some of the fruit of her research in the paper "Friends and Authority", based on Derbyshire evidence mainly concerned with tithes in the late 17th and 18th centuries.

Other articles include Kenneth Carroll's study of the impact of Quakerism on the Cromwellian Army in Ireland in the 1650s, and an edition of an unpublished manuscript defending Friends against an anonymous hostile tract of 1655 entitled *The Quacking Mountebanck*. Professor C. M. Williams of the Australian National University edits the

defence from the draft in the papers of Henry Marten the regicide now in the Brotherton Collection at the University of Leeds. Were it not that the draft is manifestly in Marten's own hand one might doubt that support for Friends would come from such a quarter.