

# THE JOURNAL OF THE FRIENDS' HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## EDITORIAL

With this issue (the 1987 number appearing in 1987) we have been able to bring the *Journal* up to date. In the editorial to volume 54, number 7 it was stated that publication of the *Journal* 'four times a year' has never been in sight for many years (p.300). That judgement is still valid: limitation of funds and restriction of other resources continue to make a quarterly issue out of sight for the foreseeable future. Although it is impossible to give guarantees on future policy on publications, we intend to publish, at least, one 64 to 96 page issue a year in the early autumn. Volume 55, number 6 should therefore appear in October 1988.

The Historical Society continues active. A successful one-day conference was held at Reading on 11 July 1987 at which some 30 attended. T. Adrian Davies spoke on 'Early Friends and "the World's People"' and demonstrated that Friends were not as cut off from their neighbours as is sometimes imagined. Most of those present took part in a lively discussion.

Within the next four years the tercentenary of the Toleration Act (1689), of Robert Barclay's death (1690) and of George Fox's (1691) and the centenary of John Bright's death (1889) occur. The executive committee of the Historical Society has given and continues to give consideration to the part the Society may play in any commemoration of these events.