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EDITORIAL

The Editor apologises to contributors and readers for the delayed appearance of this issue.

2003 saw the centenary of the Friends Historical Society and a celebration meeting was held at Friends House on 20 September to mark the occasion. Two of the papers then given appear here and I hope that more material will appear in a subsequent number.

Volume 60 Number 1 begins with Douglas Gwyn's Presidential Address, a fascinating exploration of a remarkable figure, whose spiritual journey reflects the spiritual ferment released during the Civil War years.

Kenneth Carroll's Irish Friends Historical Lecture reminds us of one of Ireland's greatest Quakers in the 350th anniversary of Quakerism in Ireland.

Maris Corbin sheds light on a largely unfamiliar area of Quaker history. If Friends would like to support the effort at restoration of the Burial Ground please contact Maris Corbin, Secretary/Treasurer, Committee for the Preservation of the Quaker Burial Ground, 64 St. Silas Heights, St. James, Barbados. Phone/Fax: 246-432-9667. E-mail: corbin@caribnet.net. Cheques should be made out to Barbados National Trust for Quaker Burial Ground.

Howard M. Knight details an important Project to facilitate the study of Quaker genealogy. Such an undertaking requires much volunteer input but will be of the greatest value when complete.

W. Ross Chapman provides an exciting overview of the potential of Quaker historical research in Ireland and the further understanding it could bring.

The Editor is always pleased to receive contributions for NOTES and QUERIES. Michael S. Darby's welcome item will hopefully stimulate further research into this topic.

The next issue of the *Journal* should appear in early June 2005.

The Presidential Address for 2005 will be given at York during Britain Yearly Meeting on the evening of Tuesday 2 August. Sir Christopher Booth will speak about THE QUAKERS OF COUNTERSETT AND THEIR LEGACY.

The Editor welcomes articles or short items for consideration for inclusion in succeeding *Journals*. Contributors are advised to use the MHRA (Modern Humanities Research Association) STYLE GUIDE in the preparation of material. This is available from Subscription Department, Maney Publishing, Hudson Road, Leeds LS9 7DL (e-mail: maney@maney.co.uk) or online at the MHRA's website (www.mhra.org.uk). The Editor's decision is final as regards publication or revision.

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