ONE is sometimes tempted to talk humility, and it is easy to find plenty of opportunities for so doing, but it is better to be humbly silent. Talkative humility is always suspicious; talk is a certain relief to self-conceit.

—FÉNELON

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William Penn Foundation

The following account is taken from a more detailed report by William Swartley, secretary of the William Penn Foundation at Pennsylvania State University:

"At a university like Penn State, the larger denominations support foundations to care for the religious needs of their members while away in the university. Soon after the last war, the members of State College Meeting, Pa., began considering the possibility of what became the first William Penn Foundation. In 1947 the first part-time secretary was employed to work with student Friends.

"Young Friends activities have taken many forms. In 1948 the Young Friends were largely responsible for more than doubling the size of the meeting house. Since last September the emphasis has been on service projects in the area around State College, a number of which have proved most successful.

"Just outside State College stands Rockview State Prison; yet there has been no educational program in the prison since a riot several years before. This fall a course in comparative religion was organized and presented over nine Saturday afternoons, during which Young Friends had a chance to develop a genuine relationship with the prisoners. They requested a second course in music appreciation and even the formation of a Friends meeting in the prison. Young Friends felt the project proved so successful that it should be taken to the University Christian Association so that the project could be offered to a larger number of students.

"Young Friends have been working in Woodycrest, where many of the area’s poorer inhabitants have built shelters of various sorts. The community has managed to pay for water mains, and Young Friends have been helping with the ditch digging, etc. The opportunity for service in Woodycrest was also taken to the Christian Association, which has made it one of its two major projects this semester. The community’s only public building is the small Brethren Church, which is planning an expansion and has asked for help.

"A project has been initiated by girls to give help spiritually and emotionally to children in foster homes. The girls try to answer such needs as teaching swimming and conducting outdoor trips.

"Friends feel that even though there is not much evidence of color discrimination in the university life, neither is there any great integration.

"The Meeting [i.e., State College Meeting, Pa.] has agreed to support the William Penn Foundation in the establishment of an interracial, international co-op house, perhaps to be known as Friends House. It would provide much-needed living quarters for Negro and foreign students. Penn State has no International House (such as the Service Committee sponsors in Washington, D. C.).

"The work of the William Penn Foundation is supported by donations from the members and attenders of State College Meeting, the Shoemaker Fund, an appeal approved by the former Philadelphia Quarterly Meetings (of which State College Monthly Meeting was a member), and donations from Monthly Meetings."
Pentecost and the Laymen's Church

PENTECOST comes 50 days after Easter and is celebrated in memory of the sudden conversion of the 3,000 at Jerusalem, an event described in the second chapter of the Book of Acts. Many of the 163 member churches of the World Council of Churches suggest that this be a day for helping the "man in the pew" to grow in the understanding of the world-wide outreach of his local church.

In Judaism Pentecost was celebrated in gratitude to God for the Covenant and the Law of Moses. Its celebration included all strangers and non-Jews who happened to be in the home or community at the time. Many historians date the founding of the Christian Church from the Pentecostal experience at Jerusalem, especially because of the universal or international character of the event. Whatever interpretation we may give to the prophetic outpouring of the Spirit and the ecstatic speaking in tongues or strange languages, it seems certain that the Spirit descended upon laymen, ordinary men and women, who became channels for God's voice without much arguing about its nature or splitting hairs about doctrine. The thought of shouldering a select priesthood with the responsibility of carrying on their ministry did not occur to them. They surrendered to the inspiration of the moment. They were unsophisticated and probably ignorant of the consequences of this experience for the future of the Church.

Pentecost was the first ecumenical event. Young Christianity was "in one place" and "of one accord." That is the reason the Christian Church values the celebration of Pentecost again at a time when it endeavors to recover this unity.

The Laity

In this connection the World Council of Churches gives increasing consideration to the role of the laity in the ministry of the Church. Its new publication Laity asks the question how the Church can help laymen to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Traditional teaching and preaching in the Church is very much characterized by a "world culture," states the Department on Laity. How can the monologue and verbalism of the professional preacher be turned into a dialogue between God and man and between church members and the world? In what ways can church fellowship be different from the nature of ordinary fellowship? Churches in the United States are studying economic questions with an eye on the Christian vocation of the layman. A publication entitled You, Your Church and Your Job has been increasingly used in many cities. To Friends these are encouraging signs indicating the recovery of a spirit which Friends have upheld in their traditional testimony for the lay ministry. Friends, like others, are in need of training in the ministry of teaching and of opportunities for deepening their religious life to benefit the development of a free ministry.

In Brief

Two Chicago Episcopal congregations in suburban Maywood, one Negro and the other white, are in the process of merging. They are the Cyrenian and the St. Simon Episcopal Churches.

Dr. Eugene P. Cronkite, head of experimental pathology at the Brookhaven Laboratory, told Congress that "fertile young men" should be spared from civil defense duties exposing them to large amounts of radiation. Because of the impact of radiation on human reproduction, the work should be assigned to those "who have passed the age of conceiving."

A National Academy of Religion and Mental Health has been founded in which Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish clergy are cooperating with psychiatrists to employ the findings of psychiatry and psychoanalysis in workshops, selected seminaries, and an advisory bureau. Headquarters will be at the New York Academy of Medicine, 2 East 103rd Street, New York. Dr. Kenneth E. Appel, Philadelphia, is the president.

The sum of $35,000.00 given this year as the Nobel Prize for Peace to the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, Dr. Van Heuven Goedhart, will be used to find permanent homes for 125 Eastern European refugees who have been marooned for several years on the tiny Greek Island of Tinos.
CRASH! Two children stand shocked into speechlessness at sight of a pitcher shattered on the floor. Mother appears at the door.

"Did you break the pitcher, Susan?" she asks quietly of the child less able to meet her eye.

Susan squirms uncomfortably. She is painfully aware that it was from her hand the pitcher dropped. But she cannot bring herself to an admission of fault. The awfulness of being to blame for such a catastrophe is too much for her. "Peter made me do it," she blurts out, bursting into tears. "He pushed me."

Susan is a child, and she reacts as a child. Having done wrong, she passes the buck to evade responsibility for her action. A child is morally weak. A child is not strong enough to face up to the fact of his faults and his mistakes; he seeks a scapegoat in circumstance or other people. Sometimes he will even invent an imaginary creature to serve in this capacity. When I was very young, for example, it was never I who was naughty but a mythical little girl named Lucy Gray, who visited the Machen household only when some infraction of the rules might be attributed to me. And a four-year-old of my acquaintance blamed his every misdemeanor on a "pretend" pig that lived in the bushes outside his house.

Facing Responsibility

In Susan's situation an adult would have behaved quite differently. An adult would have perceived that while it is true that the pitcher would not have fallen had Peter not jostled Susan, it is also true that the pitcher would not have fallen had Susan not picked it up from the table while her brother was running around the room. An adult would have been aware that what ought to concern Susan is what is to be laid at her door and not what is to be laid at Peter's; and that her reply should, therefore, be, "Yes, Mother, I broke the pitcher through carelessness. I shouldn't have picked it up while Peter was playing cowboy. I should have known that he might run into me and knock it out of my hand. And I'm terribly sorry, Mother, because I know how much you loved that pitcher."

When he has done wrong, an adult does not try to fasten the blame for his action on a scapegoat. He knows that since he is a free agent, possessed of a mind and will of his own, nobody and nothing other than himself ever "makes him"—to quote Susan—do something.

True, circumstances, other people, his health, etc., sometimes provide him with temptations to do wrong—on occasion. But the choice as to whether he yields to these temptations or resists them lies with him.

An adult is strong, whereas a child is weak. An adult is unsparring honest in appraising his lapses; a child gives way to selfish considerations. An adult shoulders responsibility for his mistakes; a child takes refuge in evasions. An adult sees his errors in judgment or action in terms of his own shortcomings; a child seeks to attribute his every imperfection and misstep to somebody or something else. In taking stock of himself and what pertains to him an adult is concerned for truth at whatever cost to self, while a child is concerned—under such circumstances—for self at whatever cost to truth.

Spiritual Adulthood

A distinction between physical and spiritual adulthood must be made, for the two do not necessarily coincide. We do not automatically discard childish reactions with the attainment of chronological adulthood. In the gradual progression from the utter selfishness of infancy to the utter selflessness of full maturity, which is—or should be—the life story of the individual, the child is exceedingly slow to die and often lives on till well past the 21st birthday—if, indeed, the child dies at all. Susans are thus at times to be found in grown-up bodies. In fact, if we are to be honest about the matter, we must admit that they are quite commonly to be found there. All of us who are short of sainthood are, on occasion, to be numbered among the Susans of the human race—the tribe of buck-passers, of those so much more ready to perceive what is wrong with the other fellow than what is wrong with themselves. Legion are the kindred of the Quaker who remarked to his friend: "All the world is queer, save me and thee. And sometimes even thee is a bit odd."

The Pharisee and Publican

In the Gospel according to Saint Luke there is a story that Jesus once told to "certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others." This story has to do with two men. One of them was a Pharisee, the member of a group noted in first-century Palestine for its religious zeal. The other was a publican, one of the tax collectors scorned by the Jews of that day as swindlers and public servants of the hated Roman overlord.

One day, the story relates, these two men were to be found praying in the temple. And this was the prayer.
of the Pharisee: “God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.” Yes, this was the prayer of the Pharisee. But it was not thus that the publican prayed. He “stood afar off,” and “would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.”

Everyone knows this story. Every time we read or hear it we tend to identify ourselves with the publican, the man acutely aware of his manifold lacks—and by that glib and unhesitant identification of ourselves with the publican, we prove ourselves the Pharisee, the man who thought himself uniquely perfect in a world otherwise populated by the imperfect. Which one of us—Susans that we are—can match the naked humility of the publican in the tale Jesus told to “certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others”? Which one of us has laid aside the Pharisee’s preoccupation with what is wrong with the other fellow for the publican’s overwhelming awareness of the much that is wrong with himself?

“I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.” Which one of us is—like the publican—worthy of being “justified”? Susans that we are, which one of us is—like the publican—a person “that humbleth himself”? Yes, which one of us? And yet, this is the ground of the Christian ethic, the first and foremost of the Beatitudes, which underlies all the others: “Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

George Fox at Lichfield
By DAVID J. LYTLE

He sat out whisking time
Once in a hollow tree,
And never drove one lamb,
But shepherds, woolly-eyed
And dazzled by the fear.
For this blue, wolving man
In leathern breeches, yea,
Who heard the martyr-howl
Of a thousand years before,
On that November day
Unlaced his shoes and paced
Barefoot through the red foam
Of the wind-whipped snow.
For in his feet was fire
And on him sense of blood.

Look at his piercing eyes!
Now, as he strides the cold
And crimson combers, strides
On Lichfield, to cry, “Woe!”
Down the eroded lanes
To a fouled marketplace;
Now, as he wolvesthe pools
Of ancient angel-blood,
And searches with his eye
For sad boys with their daft
And hooded wit, and foils
Them with his licking tongue;
Now, as with fancy light
He strikes babbling steeple
Striking at his life;
Now, as he goes in terrible
Barefoot waltzes down
The cobbles of that town,
So wrapped in a rapture, he
Sways on the bucking bone,
With dark, bewitching vines
Of vigor, seeds of God
Sparkling about him: strange
Aspects of holiness.

For in his feet was fire,
And on him sense of blood.

Look at this wolving man
With blue and piercing eyes,
Retracking to the fields:
Now, as he kneels by thawed
Water, washing clay
And innumerable sparklings
From his feet, and goes
Through the miraculous peace
Of the snow; and freely goes
Through flowing layers of light.
For no man shackled him
Nor laid the crabbing stave
Upon him, though he drove
The shepherds woolly-eyed
And dazzled by the fear
Of nothing but themselves,
And quaking for their lives.

He, in a hollow tree,
Alone, and from the first
Workings to the last,
Created light in there
That surges through the bark,
Branches, leaves in air
Like lava bright and green.
Internationally Speaking
Disarmament

The London discussions of the U.N. subcommittee on disarmament seem to have continued the slow, hard work of clarifying points of view and narrowing the area of disagreement; but an effective international arrangement for controlling and reducing armaments is still remote.

Some suggestions made outside the subcommittee are worth noting. Adlai Stevenson, although he urges vigorous efforts to develop guided missiles, has suggested stopping large-scale demonstrations of thermonuclear weapons as a contribution to disarmament. Senator Flanders, testifying before the Senate's special committee on disarmament, proposed international control of intercontinental ballistic missiles before they are developed and before they have become parts of the defense systems of the nations. Harold Stassen, coming back from London, emphasizes the urgency of developing an international control system soon, perhaps within a year, before widespread knowledge of the H-bomb makes control more difficult.

One of the main obstacles to an adequate disarmament system seems to be reluctance to accept the idea that national armaments need to be brought under international control. National sovereignty and national survival are here in apparent conflict.

The New Rivalry

Before Mr. Dulles was Secretary of State, he used to look forward to the time when Russia and the United States would "compete peacefully together." This time seems to be arriving. The Soviet Union is putting more emphasis on trade and economic aid, less on strategy and armed force. The consternation that this change has caused in some circles in the United States may be due in part to the habit of Congressional opposition to appropriations for foreign aid. Instead of dismay, one would have expected delight in the United States at this change. In this new area of competition there is the possibility of getting some return, in welfare if not in profit, for the investment. And there is the evident fact, demonstrated by more than one American oil company, that private investment can take its useful part in international programs of economic development for welfare. The new situation offers increased opportunity for free-enterprise capitalism to prove itself in competition with Marxist or military forms of socialism.

Bricker Amendment

The Senate Judiciary Committee has reported out the "Bricker Amendment," a resolution to amend the Constitution by adding the provision that "A provision of a treaty or other international agreement which conflicts with any provision of this Constitution shall not be of any force or effect." This sounds harmless and in most cases would be. It might, however, seriously complicate the international relations of the United States by barring the negotiation of treaties with other countries about matters that at present lie within the jurisdiction of state legislation. Treaties about the rights of American citizens in other countries would be made difficult by this amendment, because the rights in this country of foreigners are much affected by state laws. While it is pretty certain that the United States could find ways of continuing to carry on reasonably satisfactorily most of its foreign relations if the Bricker Amendment were added to the Constitution, there seems to be no good reason for further hampering a nation that is already excessively hampered by the excessive difficulty of its process of making international agreements.

I.L.O.

The International Labor Organization was set up in the peace treaties at the end of World War I in recognition of the fact that economic conditions affect international relations. The I.L.O. is governed by an annual Labor Conference in which each member nation is represented by a delegation made up of representatives of government, labor, and industry. Its conventions are the result of general discussion followed by careful study for as long as is necessary; they are then ratified by those nations wishing to make use of them. One of the pur-
poses of the I.L.O. is to “level up” the regulation of working conditions and provisions for the health and welfare of workers, so that countries more advanced industrially will not be unduly handicapped by competition with new industries with low costs at the expense of the workers. It is unfortunate that certain American organizations should have launched an attack on the I.L.O. because the Soviet Union and some of its satellites are members. The I.L.O. has a long and honored record of working against forced labor long before the Soviet Union’s slave camps were heard of; it should be encouraged and supported for its own good work and for its value to the United States.

Near East Truce

The Secretary-General of the United Nations seems to have been successful in getting re-acceptance of the principle that war is not to be used in dealing with the difficult issues in dispute between Israel and her Arab neighbors. The dispute is likely to continue for a long time; a satisfactory solution is more likely to be eventually worked out if the fear of war is reduced.

Henry Usborne, a member of the British Parliament, has suggested that the truce line be policed by a U.N. force of some 10,000 men, volunteers from several countries, unarmed. Their presence, he thinks, would give both sides some assurance and would increase the possibility of negotiating workable solutions of the difficulties.

May 7, 1956

Richard R. Wood

Openings

ONE of the expressive words among Friends from earliest times has been the word “opening.” Great mystics like St. Bernard, Jacob Boehme, and George Fox, for example, had visions which were wide in scope, and the records of them have retained an illumination through the centuries so that their Light has also been our Light. These openings of the early Friends, and also of later Friends, are not reserved for great saints or mystics but come likewise to just ordinary people. Minor visions, they are authentic moments of truth suddenly revealed, the Light within momentarily touched by a Light beyond. Such times, though brief, are precious beyond all reckoning.

Friends of the silent meetings do not have an appointed, paid ministry but regard each member as a potential minister. In the period of silent worship and waiting upon God moments of authentic illumination may come, which, when given expression, may be spiritually renewing to those present. An opening may come outside meeting in the form of a sudden new and illumined understanding of some truth or problem which the member may wish to share with the meeting. It has been found that as these openings are shared, the ministry of the meeting is deepened, and we are reminded that the Light is always present and ready to break through.

Mira C. Saunders

Friends and Their Friends

Elmore Jackson, director of the Quaker Program at the United Nations, returned on April 28 from a trip to Jordan and the Middle East. He went to Jordan with Paul Johnson, who returned there after reports to and conferences with staff associates of the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia. The two representatives reviewed the events in Jordan which resulted in the destruction of the A.F.S.C. installations there and discussed next steps with Jordanian authorities. While in the area they attended the Near East Yearly Meeting in Brummana, Lebanon.

On May 1 the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Committee on Race Relations gave a tea in honor of Dr. Ruth Hayre, recently appointed principal of the William Penn High School for girls, Philadelphia. Among the guests were public school administrators, some of the Board of Education, and a number of other school principals and teachers, as well as many Friends. Through the good offices of Ethel B. Hibbert, chairman of the tea committee, students of Miss Brooks and Miss Lee at the Stoddart-Fleisher Junior High School made a great variety of delicious cakes for the guests, and six students from William Penn High, directed by Mr. Sam Cosby, sang a cappella numbers.


Francis D. Hole, 619 Riverside Drive, Madison, Wisconsin, under date of May 6 writes as follows: “I returned from a week in St. Louis to find that Agnes Hole [his wife], Betty Boardman, Julia Jose, Ted Barbour, Burnell Franke, and Sigene Anderson were completing a 48-hour fast vs. the H-bomb tests. It began at monthly meeting the evening of May 3, when the fast was decided upon, and a telegram was sent to President Eisenhower about the fast and the convictions of participants that truth, humanity, religion dictate cessation of the tests. There was newspaper publicity. Permission was asked of the group, and granted, that the item go on the AP wires. Jackson Tiffany, Lafayette Noda, and I have joined by fasting variously from 26 to 48 hours. Most of us are Friends, and there are one Methodist and one Unitarian. The creative effect of the fast on participants is surprising, and total strangers in the community have volunteered constructive responses. One participant said that she for the first time experienced that of God in the individual.”
Canadian Yearly Meeting will be held at Pickering College, Newmarket, Ontario, from June 22 to 26, 1956. Yearly Meeting will commence on Friday evening, 8 p.m., with a meeting for worship. The opening session for business will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 23.

Among Friends expected to visit Canadian Yearly Meeting this year are Eleanor Zelliot, who will report on the visit of American Friends to Russia last summer, Leonard R. Hall, and Joseph and Katherine Karsner. Dr. Edwin Bronner, assistant professor of history at Temple University, Philadelphia, will give the Sunderland P. Gardiner Lecture on Sunday evening, June 24. Drs. Ed and Vivien Abbott, Canadian Friends, who returned recently from a three-year period of service with the Friends Technical Assistance project in Barpali, Orissa, India, will speak on Saturday evening, June 23.

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P. Alston Waring in "We Went Back 1000 Years" (The Saturday Evening Post, March 24, 1956) reports on the three years he and Beulah Waring spent working for the A.F.S.C. in the village of Barpali, Orissa, India. The seven Westerners constituting the team there had been invited to undertake a program in health, agriculture, education, and cottage industry. The success of the undertaking was directly related to the degree of confidence and understanding that could be developed.

Charney Manor, a small conference center and guest house near Oxford, England, has published an attractive illustrated pamphlet describing the rare beauty and warm hospitality it offers. Traveling Friends may want to inquire about Charney House from the warden, Margaret H. Wilson, Charney Manor, Charney Bassett, near Wantage, Berkshire, England.

A Guide to A Hymnal for Friends, 1955 (72 pages; 75 cents, paperbound) has been published by the Religious Education Committee of Friends General Conference. In a 10-page essay, "Using the Hymnal," Helen Kirk Atkins outlines the contents of the Hymnal and gives practical suggestions for learning hymns and preparing a hymn-singing program. The rest of the booklet consists of "Notes on the Hymns" (176) compiled by Edna Stover Pullinger. These are truly informative and pleasing, packed with easy-to-digest facts about tunes, composers, hymn writers, and background material.
Ranjit Chet singh, who has been general secretary of the Friends World Committee for Consultation since May 1954, has accepted the invitation of the National Christian Council of India to serve as one of its secretaries, beginning September 1. With headquarters in New Delhi, he will have all-India responsibilities for two phases of the Council's work, relations with government and direction of relief. For about three years after the partition of India in 1947 Ranjit Chet singh served as chairman of the National Christian Council Relief Committee for India and Pakistan. Among his new duties he will watch the interests of religious liberty from the Christian standpoint.

Cheltenham, Pa., Monthly Meeting has announced plans to erect a new meeting house on the grounds of Jeanes Hospital in Fox Chase. An historical search indicates that this is only the second meeting house to be erected within the city limits within the last 100 years. The ground for this building has been made available by the trustees of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends, who hold title to all of the ground occupied by the hospital. All funds for this program have been provided by the Cheltenham Monthly Meeting or through their efforts, and this project has no relationship whatever to the Building Expansion Program of Jeanes Hospital. The present meeting house occupied by this group is located at 521 Ryers Avenue, Cheltenham, Pa.

The new building will include the large room for religious meetings and areas to be used for Sunday school classes and other purposes. It is planned that these facilities will also be made available to the hospital for Board meetings and other occasions. Plans were to break ground by May 1, and it is hoped that the first meeting for worship may be held in the new building before the end of 1956.

Those who have been most active in working out the details of the project have been members of the Building and Finance Committees of the Meeting. Included on the Building Committee are Thomas B. Charles, chairman, William T. Llewellyn, Charles R. Krewson, Fred Petri, Louise H. Stone, and Samuel T. Brinton, clerk of the Meeting. The Finance Committee is composed of William T. Llewellyn, chairman, Jane O. Krewson, Howard W. Ortlip, William H. Sager, Jr., treasurer of the Meeting, and Hubert R. Taylor, who is also official counsel for the group.

Jeanes Hospital has welcomed and helped Cheltenham Friends in this move, believing that more people will be made aware of the fact that the hospital is administered by a volunteer Board of Trustees, all of whom are Friends.

A new 20-page independent monthly, Liberation, has been launched, with Dave Dellinger, Roy Finch, A. J. Muste, Bayard Rustin, and Charles Walker as the editorial board. The first issue, that for March, contains articles by Vinoba Bhave, Kenneth Patchen, Pieter Sorokin, and John K. Dickinson. The subscription for one year is $3.00 (single copies, 30 cents); the address, 110 Christopher Street, New York 14, N. Y. The last paragraph of "Tract for the Times" by the editors gives an idea of the publication's purpose and viewpoint: "Liberation will seek to inspire its readers not only to fresh thinking but to action now—refusal to run away or to conform, concrete resistance in the communities in which we live to all the ways in which human beings are regimented and corrupted, dehumanized, and deprived of their freedom; experimentation in creative living by individuals, families, and groups; day to day support of movements to abolish colonialism and racism or for the freedom of all individuals from domination, whether military, economic, political, or cultural."

The Friends Medical Society held its first 1956 session at Philadelphia and received encouraging reports on a project in Korea. The committee to study sponsorship of training for a needy foreign doctor has recommended an excellent man from the Near East who will have a residency in Philadelphia. In the Medicines for Korea project, the Friends Medical Society has shipped 712 pounds of medicines conservatively valued at $4,626.84, and in addition from earmarked cash contributions has purchased drugs for $449, a total as of December 31 of $5,075.84. The cooperation of the A.F.S.C. Material Aids Section has contributed enormously to the smooth operation of this project. A new committee is being set up to study the plan to send books, medical and scientific journals to needy foreign doctors and libraries. Countries initially suggested are India, Mexico, and Nigeria.

There are several openings for medical service at home and abroad. Information is obtainable from the Friends Medical Society, 814 North Orange Street, Media, Pa. The organization welcomes into membership doctors, dentists, nurses, and others in the medical field.

J. Huston Westover is now chief of Clinical Services at the Whitesburg Memorial Hospital, Whitesburg, Kentucky.

Bannisdale Press, London, has recently published A Wilderness to Conquer by Helen Corse Barney. Under the title Fruit in His Season this readable Quaker novel appeared in this country in 1951, and Friends who are not already familiar with it would do well to make its acquaintance (Crown Publishers).

It tells the story of a group of eighteenth-century Virginia Friends who mainly in objection to the slavery laws set out for the free territory of Ohio. The story is based on facts recorded in old Monthly Meeting minute books. Helen Corse Barney succeeds well in making some of the names recorded come alive again as real people within the pages of her story.

This book appeals also to young readers with its glimpses of life among the Indians and the excitement of helping slaves to escape as well as the warmth and tenderness of some of its characters. Perhaps its weakest point is too much coincidence, which spoils much of the reality otherwise achieved.

Tessa Cadbury
Letters to the Editor

Letters are subject to editorial revision if too long. Anonymous communications cannot be accepted.

The willingness of Friends to contribute is very clearly demonstrated by reports of expenditures filed with the secretary of the Senate by lobbyists and lobbying organizations. Friends Committee on National Legislation has reported that it spent $86,000 during the year of 1955. It is interesting to note that this Committee is tenth on the list of all those reporting expenditures. First is the National Association of Electric Companies, with $115,000 expended.

This record of the expenses of Friends Committee on National Legislation would indicate that members of the Religious Society of Friends, who I presume contributed all funds, should not permit Monthly Meetings to fall behind in raising their budgets. Yet there are many in this category. Then there is the General Conference Fund to help Meetings build new meeting houses or additions to old ones. Certainly Friends with such a record of contributions to Friends Committee on National Legislation will not allow the Conference Building Fund to lag.

Religious Quakerism in America should not want for money. Although financial aid does not necessarily make for a great Religious Society, it can help.

New York, N. Y. 

J. Kennedy Sinclaire

Salisbury Friends, South Africa, have secured a favorable option on a piece of land on which to erect a building that will serve as a base for their interracial work. The American Friends Service Committee is trying to find an American Quaker couple to base them in Salisbury for work in the years ahead. It is almost impossible in our area to realize how hard it is in some parts of the world to find a physical place where people of different races can meet. Salisbury is a strategic spot in the matter of race relations.

Some American Monthly Meetings are attempting to raise funds for erecting the building. More contributions by Meetings and individual Friends are needed. The Friends World Committee (20 South 12th Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa.) will accept contributions for this purpose. The writers will be grateful to be allowed to supply information to Monthly Meetings and offer to speak and show slides on the subject, if that should be wished.

Haverford, Pa. 

Douglas and Dorothy Steere

Sometimes small new Meetings have not sufficient wealth of active members to fill necessary positions or to conduct Meeting endeavors. Nonmembers who are attracted to the Society of Friends for various reasons are called upon for service such as teaching First-day school, being treasurer, heading a committee, or representing the Meeting at Quarterly Meeting.

Some of these are attracted by the testimonies of the Society or its service to mankind, or its lack of religious dogma, or its social activities rather than by its form of worship. Some join without feeling at home in meeting for worship. Other Friends feel meeting for worship is the hub from which inspiration for all other activities spring or should spring.

Have our meetings for worship failed to be the source of inspiration for our lives? If so, why?

Yellow Springs, Ohio 

Jane Morgan

Coming Events

MAY


19—Caln Quarterly Meeting at Reading Monthly Meeting, 108 North 6th Street, Reading, Pa. Meeting on Worship and Ministry, 10 a.m.; meeting for worship, 11 a.m.; luncheon, 12:15 p.m.; meeting for business, 1:30 p.m., followed by a program from the Social Order Committee: Gordon C. Lange, "Family Work Camps," and Neva Ryan, "Religious Concerns behind the Work Camp Program." Special program for children, beginning at 10 a.m.; song fest, movie on work camps, field trip, hand work. Separate care for preschool children all day.

19—Meeting of the Friends Historical Association at Stony Brook Meeting House, Princeton, N. J., 4 p.m. For details see news note on page 297 of our issue for May 12.

19—Institute on Creative Teaching, sponsored by the First-day Schools in Salem Quarterly Meeting at Woodstown, N. J., Meeting House, beginning at 10 a.m. Three sections: preschool and primary, upper elementary, and junior and senior high school. Round tables, 10:45 and 11:45 a.m., and 2 p.m.; lunch, 1 p.m. Round tables: "Teaching Quakerism," Dorothy A. Thompson; "The Teacher Prepares," Betty MacLean Erskine; and "Projects," with emphasis on visual aids, Agnes W. Coggeshall.

19, 20—Potomac Quarterly Meeting, United. Saturday, meeting of Ministry and Counsel at Centre Meeting House, Winchester, Va., 2:30 p.m.; supper, 5:30 p.m.; business meeting, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, meeting for worship at Hopewell, Clearbrook, Va., 11 a.m.; luncheon, 12:30 p.m.; first-day school conference, 2 p.m. All meetings on Eastern Standard Time. Calvin Keene and Marshall Sutton will attend.

19, 20—Fellowship Week End at Swarthmore, Pa., Saturday, meeting of Fellowship Weekenders, 2 p.m., Whittier Room, Swarthmore Meeting. Sunday, meeting for worship, Swarthmore Meeting, 11 a.m., followed by picnic lunch (bring your own). All welcome.

19 to 21—Switzerland Yearly Meeting at Schloss Hünningen, Städtlein Konolfingen, Switzerland.

19 to 21—France Yearly Meeting at 12 rue Guy de la Brosse and 110 Avenue Mozart, Paris, France.

20—Southern Half-Yearly Meeting at Easton, Md., 11 a.m. Picnic lunch will be served. All welcome.

20—Race Street First-day School Adult Class, Philadelphia, 11:40 a.m.: "The Dead Sea Scrolls." Leader, William W. Cadbury.

20—Annual Open House at The McCutchen, New York
Yearly Meeting Friends Home at 21 Rockview Avenue, North Plainfield, N. J., 5 to 5 p.m. A cordial invitation is extended to its wide circle of friends.

20—Tea in honor of octogenarian members of Lansdowne Monthly Meeting, Pa., 3 to 5 p.m., in the Friends School Auditorium, 100 North Lansdowne Avenue, Lansdowne, Pa.

22—Lecture at Green Street Meeting House, 45 West School House Lane, Germantown, Philadelphia, 8 p.m.: Bliss Forbush, author of the new book Elias Hicks, Quaker Liberal, "Elias Hicks." Note change of date.

24—Meeting sponsored by the Friends Peace Committee and the Committee on Race Relations at the Race Street Meeting House, Philadelphia, 8 p.m. Clarence E. Pickett, Dorothy M. Steere, and George C. Hardin will talk about their experiences on the visit to Montgomery, Alabama, following Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

24—Seventh Annual Meeting of the International Committee of the Association of Philadelphia Settlements and Neighborhood Centers at the Smith Memorial Children's Playhouse, East Fairmount Park, 35rd and Oxford Streets Entrance, Philadelphia, 12 noon. The program is in honor of Francis Bosworth, director of Friends Neighborhood Guild, who returns on May 22 from a six-month tour through Western Europe and the Near East. He will speak on "Reflections from Abroad."

26—Bucks Quarterly Meeting at Buckingham Meeting House, Route 202, Buckingham, Pa. Meeting for worship, 10 a.m.; business meeting, 11 a.m.; box lunch, 1 p.m. (beverage and dessert provided); at 2 p.m., J. Howard Branson of Haddonfield, N. J., will speak and lead discussion on "The Past History and Present Challenge of the Social Order Committee." Small children will be cared for. (Meeting on Worship and Ministry, May 25, 6:30 p.m., at Solebury, Pa., Meeting House; covered dish supper.)

26—Alumni Day at Westtown School, Pa. Morning meeting, Auditorium, 11 a.m., with address by Courtney C. Smith, president of Swarthmore College; lunch on the lawn, 12:30 p.m.; program under the direction of the music department, Auditorium, 4:15 p.m.; supper on the lawn, 5:30 p.m.; performance of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" in the Greenwood, 7:30 p.m. Also sports, activities for visitors, sight-seeing rides, and an exhibition of paintings by George Whitney. Lunch and supper will be served to those who order them in advance.

26—75th Anniversary and Spring Festival at Friendly Acres, Friends Home for Children, 900 South Avenue, Secane, Pa., 1 to 5 p.m. Children's exercises, 2:30 p.m.

26—Netherlands Yearly Meeting at "Buitenzorg" Baarn, Amsterdamse-Straatweg 57, Netherlands.

JUNE

1 to 4—Norway Yearly Meeting at Stavaager, Norway.

9—Millville-Muncy Quarterly Meeting at Millville, Pa.

9—Haverford Quarterly Meeting at Old Haverford Meeting House, Eagle Road, Havertown (Oakmont), Pa. Meeting for worship, 4 p.m., followed by talks by Rachel Cadbury and Elwood Cronk on "Caring for One Another." Evening session, 7 p.m., short business session and Friends Neighborhood Guild chorus; address by Francis Bosworth, who will return on May 22 from six months in Europe. Supper, 6 p.m.; accept by May 29 to Ruth M. Bleakley, 100 Old Forrest Road, Philadelphia 31 (telephone MI 2-6403).

BIRTHS

DURGIN—On May 3, at Rifton, N. Y., to Wilmot and Beth Roberts Durgin, their fourth son, named Lee Roberts Durgin.

GILPIN—On March 21, to Brooke and Beatrice Willig Gilpin, a daughter named Diane Gilpin. The father is a member of Kennett Square Monthly Meeting, Pa.

McCLELLAND—On April 5, in Detroit, to Randall and Jean Henderson McClelland, a second son, named Christopher Robin McClelland. Both parents and children, Jonathan and Margaret Ann, formerly members of the St. Louis Meeting, now belong to the Detroit Meeting.

ROBERTS—On March 29, at Vincentown, N. J., to S. Coles and Virginia Perry Roberts, a son named Sidney Lee Roberts.

THOMFORDE—On April 21, at Teheran, Iran, to Philip R. and Winifred Thomforde, a daughter named Susan Louise Thomforde. The parents are members of London Grove Monthly Meeting, Pa.

DEATHS

HAWXHURST—On April 29, at Brooklyn, N. Y., Mary KISSAM HAWXHURST, a birthright Friend and member of 15th Street Meeting, New York City. For many years she was associated with the Board of Education of Brooklyn, N. Y., in an administrative capacity. During this time she introduced many progressive features of education later adopted by the system in general. Her vital spirit was an inspiration to both teachers and students alike. Burial was at Manhasset Friends Meeting, L. I. A memorial service was held at 15th Street Meeting on May 5.

KNIGHT—On April 20, Alice L. Knight, a member of Abington Meeting, Pa.

MITCHELL—On May 8, Ella S. Mitchell, aged 87 years, a member of Abington Meeting, Pa.

MORRIS—On May 7, Lydia ELLICOTT MORRIS, wife of the late George Spencer Morris, in her 84th year. During her married life she was an active member of Germantown Monthly Meeting, Pa., and helped develop the concern from which came the Women's Problems Group. She took a leading part in founding the Charlotte Cushman Club in Philadelphia, and was for many years the leader of a mothers' club in Crescentsville. After her husband's death she traveled extensively, being much interested in small new groups of Friends in Europe and in work for needy families and destitute babies. In her later years she was a minister of Arch Street Monthly Meeting, Philadelphia. She is survived by four daughters and 13 grandchildren.

PASSMORE—On April 22, Sarah Wood Passmore, wife of Norman S. Passmore of Ivy Mills Road, Concordville, Pa. She was a loved and devoted member of Concord Meeting,
Pa., having served as clerk and on many committees. Her work for the American Friends Service Committee was outstanding, both with the Meeting sewing group and in her home. Her kindness and concern for others, combined with a joyous love of life, endeared her to her many friends. Besides her husband she is survived by a brother, Wilmer M. Wood of Haverford, Pa.; a sister, Irvana Wood Tyson of Cleveland, Ohio; and nine grandchildren.

SMITH—On April 13, after a 13-day illness following a stroke, J. Stewart Smith, aged 49 years. At the time of his death he operated several large dairy farms. He was a member of Goose Creek United Monthly Meeting, Lincoln, Va., a former president of the Loudoun County Farm Bureau, and a leader in the Dairy Herd Improvement Association. He was active in county, civic, social, educational, and political affairs. Surviving are his parents, J. Russell and Henrietta Smith of Swarthmore, Pa.; his wife, Frances Heacock Smith; three daughters, Louisa Smith Wells of Washington, Caroline Heacock Smith, and Henrietta Stewart Smith; and two brothers, Newlin R. Smith of Medford, Mass., and Thomas R. Smith of Lawrence, Kansas. Alice L. Knight

Alice Knight’s funeral, held at Abington Meeting, Pa., was moving testimony to a dedicated life. Many spoke of her loving concern for children, her counseling of young people, her home always open to friends and strangers alike; her visits to members and attenders of the Meeting, with words of encouragement for those in need of them and always with thoughtful gifts in her hand. She had rare ability in ministering to people of all ages, especially those seeking to follow the Light. Those who came to her for help did not go away empty-handed.

There was heartfelt tribute to the inspiration of her messages and prayers in meeting for worship; also for her tireless service on innumerable committees and her devotion to the cause of peace. Where some people have beliefs, Alice had convictions, and they controlled her life.

Alice Knight’s last vocal message was delivered at the Easter meeting for worship. Its theme was that Christ’s resurrection is real as he lives in our hearts and in our lives. Thus also her spirit lived in our memories and in her influence on our lives.

### REGULAR MEETINGS

#### ARIZONA

**PHOENIX**—Meeting for worship, 10 a.m., 17th Street and Glendale Avenue, James Dewees, Clerk, 1928 West Mitchell.

**TUCSON**—Friends Meeting, 129 North Warren Avenue. Worship, First-days at 11 a.m.; Clerk, John A. Salyer, 745 East Fifth Street; Tucson 2-8262.

#### CALIFORNIA

**CLAREMONT**—Friends meeting, 9:30 a.m. on Scripps campus, 9th and Columbia. Ferner Nuhn, Clerk, 420 W. 9th.

**LOS ANGELES**—Unprogrammed worship, 11 a.m., Sunday, 1032 W. 36th St.; RE 4-2905.

**PASADENA**—Orange Grove Monthly Meeting, Meeting for worship, East Orange Grove at Oak Avenue, First-days at 11 a.m., Monthly meetings, 8 p.m., the second Fourth-day of each month.

#### CONNECTICUT

**HARTFORD**—Meeting for worship, 11 a.m. at the Meeting House, 144 South Quaker Lane, West Hartford.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**WASHINGTON**—The Friends Meeting, 2111 Florida Avenue, N. W., one block from Connecticut Avenue, First-days at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

#### FLORIDA

**GAINESVILLE**—Meeting for worship, First-days, 11 a.m., 215 Florida Union.

**JACKSONVILLE**—Meeting for worship and First-day school, 11 a.m., Y.W.C.A. Board Room. Telephone Evergreen 6-4644.

**MIAMI**—Friends meeting held on top floor of Tuttle Hotel, 11 a.m.; First-day school, 10 a.m., Telephone 58-5442.

**ORLANDO**—Meeting for worship at Sorosis House, 108 Liberty Street, First-days at 11 a.m.

**ST. PETERSBURG**—Friends Meeting, 130 Nineteenth Avenue S. E. Meeting and First-day school at 11 a.m.

### ILLINOIS

**CHICAGO**—The 57th Street Meeting of all Friends. Sunday worship hour, 11 a.m. at Quaker House, 5615 Woodlawn Avenue. Monthly preaching for worship, East Orange Grove at Oak Avenue (Wednesday there) every first Friday. Telephone Buttefield 8-3608.

**DOWNS GROVE** (suburban Chicago)—Meeting and First-day school, 10:30 a.m.; Avery Coonley School, 1400 Maple Avenue.

### INDIANA

**INDIANAPOLIS**—Independent Friends meeting. Unprogrammed meetings in homes, 6 p.m., first Saturday of month. Contact Esther L. Farquhar, 4207.

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**LOUISIANA**

**NEW ORLEANS**—Friends meeting each Sunday. For information telephone W 5860 or UP 9245.

**MISSISSIPPI**

**JACKSON**—Meeting and First-day school, 11 a.m.; Telephone Hiram 3-5012.

**MICHIGAN**

**DETROIT**—Meeting for worship, 11 a.m., First-day school, 9:35 a.m. at Y.M.C.A. at Woodward and Wisconsin. Visitors telephone Townsend 6-4603.

**MINNESOTA**

**MINNEAPOLIS**—Friends meeting, 44th Street and York Avenue South. First-day school, 11 a.m.; Monthly meetings for worship, 11 a.m. Richard F. Newby, Minister, 4421 Abbott Avenue South. Telephone W 6-5675.

**MISSOURI**

**KANSAS CITY**—Pine Valley Meeting, 304 West 50th Street. Unprogrammed worship at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday, Visiting Friends always welcome. For information call JA 7856.

**ST. LOUIS**—Meeting for worship, Sundays at 11 a.m. at 1825 Locust Street. For information call PL 8119.

### NEW JERSEY

**DOVER**—Randolph Meeting House, Quaker Church Road, First-day school, 11 a.m.; meeting for worship, 11:15 a.m.

**MASHANTUCKET**—First-day school, 10 a.m.; meeting for worship, 11:15 a.m.; Route 8, at Mashantucket Circle. Walter Longstreet, Clerk.

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—Meeting House at Broad Street and Sycamore Avenue, 11 a.m. For information call W 5-0408.

### NEW MEXICO

**SANTA FE**—Meeting for worship each First-day at 11 a.m. at the Garcia Club, 569 Garcia Street.

### NEW YORK

**ALBANY**—Meeting for worship and First-day school, 11 a.m. at Y.M.C.A., 403 State Street; telephone Albany 3-6242.

**BUFFALO**—Meeting for worship and First-day school, 11 a.m. at 1272 Delaware Avenue; telephone EL 0253.

**LONG ISLAND**—Manhattan Meeting, Northern Boulevard at Shelter Rock Road, First-day school, 9:45 a.m.; meeting for worship, 11 a.m.

**NEW YORK**—Meetings for worship and First-day school, 11 a.m. Telephone Glamercy 1-5019. First-day school, 9:45 a.m.; meeting for worship, 11 a.m.

**MANSFIELD**—Schenectady Friends Meeting, 657-025. First-day school, 9:45 a.m.; meeting for worship, 11 a.m.

**MARYLAND**—Meeting for worship, 11 a.m. Telephone 5-0253. First-day school, 9:45 a.m.; meeting for worship, 11 a.m.

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