It is the great boon of such characters as Mr. Lincoln's that they reunite what God has joined together and man has put asunder. In him was vindicated the greatness of real goodness and the goodness of real greatness.

—PHILLIPS BROOKS

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The 1957 Conference of Friends in the Americas, which will meet on the campus of Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio, from June 26 to July 5, will center on the theme "Growing in the Experience of God." About 600 Friends are expected to attend. These will divide into small groups each morning for worship and for discussion of such topics as the deepening of personal religious life, the local Meeting, facing the implications of Quaker faith (racial integration, loyalty oaths, political responsibilities, and the peace testimony), Friends concerns for missions and service, the relevance of theology for Friends, the Quaker role in Christian unity, goals and methods in religious education, and the relationship of Friends schools and colleges to the continuation of Quakerism.

On the afternoon of June 27 there will be a general session planned and conducted by the Young Friends Committee of North America. All other afternoons are left free for special interest groups, committee meetings, recreation, and the afternoon was served by the United Society of Friends Women. There will be exhibits, arts and crafts workshops, swimming, games, excursions to places of interest (including the ancient mounds of the Mound Builders), and many opportunities for friendly fellowship.

During the opening Wednesday evening session there will be presented a visual epistle from Friends around the world through recordings and colored pictures of Friends and Friendly activities in England, Japan, Africa, and elsewhere. Thursday evening will be devoted to a meeting for worship. On Friday evening Douglas V. Steere of Haverford College will speak on the new conception of the role of the World Committee in modern Quakerism. On Saturday evening the questions of growth and evangelism will be discussed by a panel composed of Walter R. Williams, general superintendent of Ohio Yearly Meeting at Damascus; Gilbert Killpack, director of studies at Pendle Hill; and Richard P. Newby, pastor at Minneapolis and clerk of Iowa Yearly Meeting. Glenn Reece, superintendent of Western Yearly Meeting, will act as moderator. At the Sunday evening session, following a half hour of hymn singing, the speaker is to be Kathleen Lonsdale, well-known British Friend and scientist. All Friends in the area are invited to attend the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evening meetings. The other two evening sessions will take shape as the conference develops, for in them will be presented the chief concerns arising from the worship and discussion groups.

Each day is to begin with morning worship, and each evening is to close with vespers held under the guidance of D. Elton Trueblood of the Earlham College faculty.

The World Committee hopes that Friends throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Cuba, and Jamaica will enter into the experience of this conference, not only by promoting attendance and supporting those chosen as representatives, but also by studying the materials suggested. Meetings and individuals may obtain packets containing fifteen pamphlets and short articles pertaining to the subjects under consideration by writing to the Friends World Committee either at 20 South 12th Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa., or at Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio.
Nonresident Friends

ABOUT 20 per cent of our nation’s population moves annually. This rate goes up considerably in times of crisis, as was illustrated by statistics in the last World War when a much higher percentage of Americans changed their residences. *World Call*, the international magazine of the Disciples of Christ, remarked recently that someone moving to a new community usually is anxious to arrange for delivery of milk and newspaper, establishment of a new bank account, and installation of a telephone, but too many fail to change their religious affiliations to churches near their new homes. Churches with membership rolls of 3,000 sometimes have as many as 1,000 nonresident members. When a smaller congregation has a high proportion of nonresidents, the problem becomes acute.

Three years ago, Herbert Huffman looked into the statistics of nonresident Friends and discovered that around 30,000 of the 120,000 American Quakers were nonresident members of a Meeting. Sentimental attachments and an understandable loyalty to the home Meeting account for many of these cases. Not all nonresident Friends are inactive or isolated. But it has happened that several such nonresident Friends, living in a community where no Meeting existed, did not know of each other. They were potentially the nucleus of a new Meeting.

Friends General Conference, the Five Years Meeting, and the Friends World Committee for Consultation try to keep in touch with Meetings and individuals who are seeking the fellowship of existing Meetings or who might conceivably start a new one. These organizations need our help in their attempt to keep informed.

Books, Titles, and Translations

For Friends the title *No Cross, No Crown* has a familiar ring. William Penn wrote this book in 1669-1670 when he was imprisoned in the Tower of London. Now, in 1957, a book of this same title, written by William J. Wolf, an Episcopal professor of theology, has just been published. (Doubleday and Company, Garden City, New York; 216 pages; $3.00). It is a study of atonement and salvation in the vein of traditional theology. The author mentions William Penn briefly but uses the title entirely on its own merits. Books have their fate, as a Latin proverb says. Apparently that is also true of their titles.

The American Bible Society can be justly proud of its record, and its announcements usually abound in ever-growing statistics. For once we have come across a bit of humor in one of the Society's reports. The Translation Department gets many requests for its linguistic services. Recently a lady asked that a certain sentence be translated into 20 Asiatic languages. The rather non-Biblical sentence involved was, “I like Ike.”

In Brief

At a recent meeting of 30 representatives of various religious organizations, including the A.F.S.C., the delegates voted unanimously to produce a motion picture film portraying the alternatives available to conscientious objectors in lieu of military service. The nonregistrant position will be mentioned in passing but will not be a major point in the film.

The government of India has announced its decision to publish the complete works of Mahatma Gandhi, whose numerous writings are scattered throughout the world in books, periodicals, and both private and public archives. To supervise this major undertaking, the Indian government has appointed an Advisory Board which includes some of Gandhi’s leading associates. Among the Board’s members are Devadas Gandhi, the Mahatma’s son and managing editor of the *Hindustan Times*, and Mr. Pyarelal, long-time secretary of Gandhi.

During the current year the United States has 34,000 foreign students; France, 16,000; Great Britain, 9,000; West Germany, 7,000, and Switzerland, 4,000. In Germany, 26.1 per cent. of the foreign students are studying medicine, while 24.1 per cent. take technological training.

Cuba signed on January 10 a new international convention on the abolition of slavery. The convention was adopted last September by a U.N. Conference. It covers also institutions and practices similar to slavery (debt-bondage, serfdom, bride-price, inheritance of a widow, and adoption abuses). So far, 33 states have signed the convention, but none has ratified it yet.

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Investments and Our Peace Testimony

Some time ago we invited several Friends experienced in the field of investments to share with our readers their reactions to the problems arising from the violation of the Quaker peace testimony by many of the industrial firms that offer stocks or bonds to the public. Published here are excerpts from the replies to this request. Some of the material was secured through the cooperation of the Social Order Committee of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.—Editors.

The difficulties in finding an investment that will satisfy our conscience demonstrate the difficulty a rich man has in entering the kingdom of heaven. A Friend once related how glad he was during the war that he could invest in a root-beer-producing enterprise and therefore not benefit from a war industry. Yet the manufacturer had to advise him that the company was making distilled water for submarine batteries!

Today war is total. Few companies large enough to have their stock open to investors are free of the taint of involvement in war preparation. Investment in stocks and bonds hold little opportunity for the conscientious Quaker's surplus.

Fortunately there are other investments. They usually require closer attention, and the risk is greater. For example, I own an apartment house with my office on the first floor. I did not buy it as an investment but as a method of getting my office space at a low rate. Rent from the apartments serves to lower my rent considerably. Some of the tenants have been with us a long time and are our friends as well as our tenants.

Puerto Rican families are moving into this area. I could not tell them, as my agent did, that "We just rented the last apartment. I haven't had time to take the sign out of the window yet." In his absence the third floor front was rented to a Puerto Rican family. This brought repercussions from neighboring landlords and our own tenants. That family stayed a short time. I then decided to maintain the principle of equality for all. Consequently, a second family of Puerto Ricans is occupying the first floor rear.

The difficulty with this position is that I force my tenants to accept integration. They can point out that my own home is not integrated.

Nevertheless, such investment offers greater opportunities than do most to avoid tainted income and to be of service. Mortgage loans can do the same thing. I can think of no better way of investing money than in helping out some individual who needs help. A loan for a good purpose to a worthy person can actually be written on the asset side of St. Peter's ledger. A loan supports the dignity of the recipient in a manner a gift never can. It offers the opportunity of helping many times, rather than only once. And, with an honest rate of interest, it may return to the investor considerably more than the return from industrial bonds. It does not require a high rate of personal supervision, particularly if we are to live up to the ancient testimony of Friends against going to law for assistance. Mortgage foreclosure with resultant loss to the debtor would be abhorrent. This means that the selection of the borrower must be made carefully.

Loans to people without property can be even more rewarding spiritually, if not financially. I can think of no finer investment than one made in a student who wants to go through college. Obviously such an investment may not be financially secure.

This brings me to our testimony that one should render service for any money received. This principle served our ancestors well both morally and financially, as it laid the foundation for many Quaker fortunes. But it raises the question as to whether we have rendered such service when we receive more than is necessary for our needs. It further raises the question whether the use of money is a service sufficient to warrant a payment of interest or profit on the investment. Truly, it is difficult for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.

The Perpetual Dilemma

Few ideas and discoveries exist which do not have detrimental as well as humane applications. There is no better example in this century than in the field of nuclear energy. As a destructive weapon it can produce untold horrors. The other side of this terrible sword, however, gives promise of being the most efficient, multipurpose plowshare man has known. Should I, as a
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One must admit that the war effort encompasses us all, whether we wish it or not. We can, however, limit our involvement in it by careful selection of investments.

WILLIAM E. CADBURY

We Cannot Be Perfect

Since we are in the world, we must of necessity be of it, and we can only do the best we can in each situation in which we find ourselves. We can seek those investments which seem to us to be the least tainted, shall we say, but in our complex and overlapping economy it would be well-nigh impossible to find one that did not touch on the edges of something connected with war.

I, too, have rented a beloved, well-cared-for home to a family from a foreign shore, only to see it in two short years so run down from neglect that it makes me almost physically ill even to ride by. I hope I am not neurotic, and certainly I am not a saint, but somewhere between these two we can make our stand according to our insights and our conditioning.

Who is to judge how much good the so-called rich man does with his money? Tolerance is something closely akin to saintliness to me; it is also something frequently lacking in those who have the temerity to judge others. Our backgrounds are largely responsible for our actions. A medical doctor with the best possible background of Quakerism, going back about as far as any can, said to me recently that he thought the reason for the lack of attendance and the loss of young people among the Society of Friends was this emphasis laid on perfection which so many simply could not accept.

As I see the many unhappy, unsure creatures trying to change the universe, forgetting that God has His own plan, I am glad that I was reared in the philosophy that "the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof" and that I, being a "child of God" and thereby being His heir, am entitled to enjoy what he has created.

DOROTHY EDGERTON RIDGEWAY

The Inevitable Compromise

The problem has worried me ever since World War I. At that time, at the risk of losing a position and the chance of becoming permanently barred from my chosen profession (the investment business), I refused to sell or otherwise handle U. S. Liberty Loan Bonds. My firm respected my conscientious convictions, however, and the ax did not fall.

Since then I have scrutinized the activities of the corporations whose securities I have considered selling to my clients and have rejected many because of their
service in military production. Yet I still think there is no satisfactory solution of the problem for most of us. We live in a world geared to military activities. I see no way of escaping it except by the destruction of militarism itself and by adjudicating differences which might lead to war.

Investments are only a small fraction of the overall problem. Payment of taxes is another important aspect of the situation.

It is true that to some extent mortgages could be considered, but, of course, income taxes would have to be paid from the interest. Many elderly people have to live on the proceeds of invested funds. Often they are far from rich and cannot risk their capital either in loans of human value but questionable security or by making no effort to protect themselves against inflation.

Even such an innocent business as that of a water company may supply a munitions plant with water. The principal factor is to select only companies with a minimum of involvement in war production. Some investors might feel easier if they would devote the percentage of income which they consider to come from war profits to the support of such organizations as the United World Federalists, the Friends Committee on National Legislation, the American Friends Service Committee, or even to the Religious Society of Friends itself, on the theory that such organizations are working to “take away the occasion of all war.”

SAMUEL J. BUNTING, JR.

For Quiet and Help and Rest

A NEW YORK hotel now offers rooms to executives for rest and quiet after lunch. This new field for enterprise is an item with interest for Philadelphians and New Yorkers who have observed how few use other facilities for rest and quiet which are conveniently located and entirely free. In any season, except during Lent, it is possible at lunchtime to have a church almost, if not entirely, to oneself. If you have a feeling for the Episcopal, there are choices in age and type. The oldest, just under 200 years, is a mile away, but if you can make it on a winter day with snow falling and temperature dropping, you get out of the weather into a dim, warm nave, where invisible radiators sound like peepers on a spring night.

For this member, not birthright, of the Society of Friends, the cadence of the Apostles’ Creed, and the white vestments floating rhythmically up the aisle in pairs and deploying, are far away, beyond North Meeting and Quaker row on Marshall Street. They belong with patent leather shoes and a church festival and the dusty smell of red carpet in a Sunday school room. This explains why I feel at home in Episcopal Churches. And yet any church is common ground for all sorts. To paraphrase a line in Robert Frost’s “The Death of the Hired Man,” church “is something you somehow haven’t to deserve.” The worldly, the irreligious, and the multitude with no affiliations keep out most of the time. But when they do get inside, usually they know why, even though many of them would not or could not express the reasons in words.

It is enough that we go to pray when in trouble, or to be quiet, or to rest. And though church members love and are helped by the service and the presence of the group, for others the familiar ritual in its ordered progress and the feel of familiar phrases are mostly shadows. For these, if they became articulate, perhaps the substance of a church is the idea which a man had, before it was built, of a special place where any man may reach out toward God.

The deed which followed the idea is Canterbury, and Chartres, and a yellow-brick Episcopal Church in Iowa, finished inside in golden oak from Grand Rapids, and our own St. Peters, and another Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, where from a rear pew on the right the pulpit is the profile in heroic scale of the ugly duchess in Alice in Wonderland.

And in all these special places, not excepting the meeting houses, is the extra dimension, the way laid down, worn smooth and wide by our fellows, the dead and the living, who reached and reach for help and quiet and rest and God. Perhaps this is the substance of a church, the common ground, and a link between men everywhere.

ROBERT C. SMITH

Any Family Relations Problems?

Is there a rebellious teen-ager in your family? Or a cantankerous grandfather? Or do husband and wife develop serious disagreements?

On March 2 we are publishing a special issue on family relations featuring contributions from Dr. Robert A. Clark, psychiatrist and Friend, and Rev. J. C. Wynn, one of the counselors of the Friends Committee on Family Relations, as well as a statement by the Committee itself.

To give the widest possible distribution to this issue we suggest ordering extra copies now (15 cents, plus 2 cents for postage; ten or more copies to one address, postage free).

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The following extracts from the Epistles of various Yearly Meetings give some insight into the major interests and concerns of Friends in many areas. We hope that they may prove helpful in preparing for the coming sessions of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and for the sessions of other Yearly Meetings taking place in the spring and summer. Except where otherwise noted, these Epistles were sent out by Yearly Meetings which met in 1956.—Editors

**General Meeting for Australia**

The great opportunities and responsibilities in this vast continent are apparent to us: for service to our aborigines; for appreciation of our Asian neighbors; as well as answering to the needs of our children, preserving the records of the lives and faith of our early Friends, and searching for clarity as to our proper place as a member of the world community of Friends.

In all our thought and prayer we must seek first that which needs to be done, then work wholeheartedly for it, believing that, through dependence on God, His will can be achieved.

**Baltimore Yearly Meeting (Homewood)**

It has been humiliating to find how difficult it is to move from professions to action. Too little friendly helpfulness, watchful care, loving concern in our meetings, and our inability to speak truth in love to one another have resulted in a failure to meet the present challenges.

Three are prominent. First, we have cooperated for years with Baltimore Yearly Meeting (Stony Run) and have several United Meetings, but some of our members feel that our progress toward unity is too slow. Secondly, the failure of so many of us to live in the life that takes away all occasion for war has seriously undermined our peace testimony. And thirdly, our failure to accept the full implication of our belief in the brotherhood of man has hampered our Society in our relations with the Negro.

**Baltimore Yearly Meeting (Stony Run)**

We were saddened by our inadequate understanding of God’s will for us as we considered our responsibilities as citizens in regard to capital punishment, the preparation for and waging of war, and recognition of the dignity of men of all races.

We are encouraged by the steps towards racial integration that have been made by the two Friends schools within our Yearly Meeting. Our satisfaction is tempered, however, by a realization that our own efforts to express our faith in our lives are still very small. Our chief encouragement has come to us from outside our immediate society—from those dedicated citizens of Alabama whose refusal to accept either oppression or bitterness has challenged us to learn from them how to express our own awareness of God’s love.

**California Yearly Meeting**

Spiritual messages of unusual depth and power stressed working in the “unity of the spirit” as well as acknowledging the “diversity of gifts.”

All members present were heartened by the growing spirit of unity among Friends made manifest in the epistles read.

May this “love for the brethren” be dominant in all that our Society undertakes in our troubled world: for God, Himself, “is love” (1 John 4:16).

**Canadian Yearly Meeting**

Our hearts have been warmed and our spirits revived by the sense of unity that has pervaded this, the first Yearly Meeting of the united Canadian Yearly Meeting of Friends. It has been marked by its friendly spirit and family character. It is a long time since we had so many young people present, and the number of young children here has given us a real sense of responsibility. Here may be the sphere of our most rewarding outreach. We feel that to maintain the sanctity of the home is basic in the growth and development of Christian love and experience.

**Denmark Yearly Meeting**

During Yearly Meeting we have been constantly occupied with the subject “The Significance of Jesus.” It has been pointed out that He brought quite a new valuation of man into the world. Every human life is of value to God. He does not look at what we have or what we are, but at what we know of His love through service for others.

**France Yearly Meeting**

Confronted by the misery of the world and the magnitude and complexity of its problems, we feel the need to break our shell of indifference.

We need more than ever to realize anew the impossibility of separating the love of God from the love of our neighbor. The way of serving our neighbor is varied and personal for each of us. It is only in the life rooted in God that we can find the strength and peace essential to deny ourselves, in order to carry the burden of others.

**Germany Yearly Meeting**

“Ignorant and yet guilty, we become involved in insoluble conflicts.” This sentence from the Richard Cary Lecture on The Essence of Contact (Das Wesen der Begegnung), the theme of this Yearly Meeting at Bad Pyrmont, has moved us deeply. But are we really innocent? Is not the lack of genuine contact with God and our fellow men the cause of the sickness of our time?

We see with sorrow the reintroduction of conscription and the consequent increase of tension in both parts of Germany. We are equally troubled by the growing danger from atomic explosions.

In striving to find a way out of this impasse we feel that we, in order to be open to genuine contacts, must implement the message of Jesus more fully in our daily life.

*(To be continued)*
The Kingdom of God in Hong Kong

By CLARENCE E. PICKETT

The Kingdom of God has a hard time in Hong Kong these days," said Bishop Hall of the Anglican Cathedral in this British Crown Colony. When Sumner and Lela Mills and Lilly Pickett and I left home, we carried a letter of welcome from the Bishop, who had been most helpful to the Friends Service Unit in China during World War II. As we sat at breakfast with him, almost his first words were those quoted above. And one wondered why.

Breakfast was served in the new religious education building made necessary by the growing Cathedral congregation. Beside me sat Archdeacon Lee, a veteran Chinese pastor, who told of his heavy parish duties, involving preparation of about 100 new candidates each year for baptism and admission to membership in the church. "And each of the 15 Chinese pastors," said the Bishop, "is similarly occupied with new problems of growth." Bishop Hall is an alert person, by no means eager to keep the church from the complications of growth. And his two young canons, both of whom had served in the Friends Ambulance Unit in the Middle East during the World War, were likewise keen to bring the ministrations of the church to a needy people.

But while our boat sat two days in the harbor loading and unloading its cargo, we came to see what a terrible problem the church in Hong Kong faces. We took the train (40 minutes' ride) to within three miles of the Communist China border; and, as we returned, we walked through two coastloads of new refugees coming from Canton to join the nearly two million who already have crowded into the Hong Kong area. They so flood the labor market that three or four workers apply for every available job.

Around our boat paddled a beggar family, the man managing the little boat and shouting for gifts, while his wife, with a baby tied to her back, held out a long pole with a net on the end to catch pennies or paper currency thrown by passengers. Beside her lay two other small children pretending to be sick, all to add to the drama of poverty and the appeal to charity. On the dock a bare-lipped boy of seven or eight, with a fierce-looking protruding tooth, used his handicap with skill to touch the benevolence of the ferry passengers.

One sees thousands of families living day and night on little boathouses because housing is so overcrowded and scarce. Mingling with this poverty helps one to understand what the Bishop meant when he spoke of the difficulties of the Kingdom of God these days. As these rootless people try to get at least subsistence, if not security, some quite naturally turn to the church, and well they may. For is not the church the living manifestation of Jesus' concern for the plight of the poor? And yet to join the church because it might mean a job or a crust of bread would soon lead to spiritual poverty of the church itself. Have not "rice Christians" always been the problem especially of the church where poverty prevails? The church must be constantly alert to exercise compassion for those in need. But how shall that compassion be expressed? Here is one of the problems for the spiritually concerned in Hong Kong. The university faces the same problem. Certainly it should open its doors wide to those who search for truth. But with the increasing scarcity of jobs, some students tend to become perpetual students, sycophants, because they are more interested in perpetual study than in achievement, or because they cannot find jobs and hence continue to study.

As we continued our conversation, the Bishop told of a talk one of his canons had made on "involvement." The function of the Christian and of the clergy, he said, was not primarily to tell others about the Kingdom of God but to become involved with struggling humanity in its effort to live out the Kingdom. This he believed. He himself had worked in China; he had been on the Burma Road, helping convey medical supplies during the war. And that witness he felt was an illustration of "becoming involved." But how to become involved in Hong Kong here and now, without becoming overwhelmed, was hard to learn.

Underemployment, however, is not only the plight of the poor. "Hong Kong," said the Bishop, "is full of missionaries who have prepared to give their lives to work in China, and who now, hoping for some chance to serve Chinese people, stay on in Hong Kong. But there are not nearly enough opportunities available to use all of them." What can people who have given themselves to the formal service of the Kingdom do when the door closes on the service for which they are trained?

From a very heart-warming two days spent with a Chinese professional man, trained in business administration in one of America's best universities, we learned of the struggle to be useful in this overcrowded huddle. In order to improve public administration in China, he prepared himself and for a few years worked with the government of China in some of its overwhelming problems. And now his two sons, thanks to the assistance of a loyal American friend, are standing at the head of their respective classes in one of America's best colleges. They, too, want to serve China. But the family had to leave China. Can they ever go back? No one knows. And so the father and mother, persons of deep integrity and courage, live on in Hong Kong in hope.

The shops and stores are full of beautiful goods for sale. Brocades and jade and silks and silver and a score of other commodities for which China is famous are abundant and cheap. But it gives one pause to see seated in front of an open jewelry shop a man with a loaded gun as a protection from thieves. Climbing high up the 2500-foot mountains behind Hong Kong are beautiful apartment houses, new and modern and full.

We met with the Friends group in one of these for a
delightful and holy occasion. The elegance of the apartment, with its enchanting view of the whole of Hong Kong and harbor, was possible for this young English couple of Friends because it was an appurtenance that went with the position of teacher in a local government school. But the social concern of the local worshipers was made evident by the presence of two Chinese girls who had gone to Japan to participate in a work camp and seminar, provided through the efforts of Japanese Friends and the A.F.S.C.

While the Friends group as such can hardly tackle any of these great human issues, the interest and dedication of the individuals in the group and their sense of purpose and especially their fellowship were reassuring to the visitor of these great human issues, the interest and dedication of the Chinese technician, who work on, taking hold where way opens but being wary of false forms of shallow growth of the Kingdom. And one is conscious here of the very inadequate ways provided thus far for the care and distribution of the overflow of populations. Dedication, faith, and imagination, all are required and always will be. But united world action on a much more adequate basis than is yet provided is essential. For this to develop there must be a new and deeper sense of the oneness of mankind as children of God. The Kingdom cannot come until some of these developments come to pass.

**Friends and Their Friends**

The Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Montgomery, Alabama, and a leader of the bus boycott and struggle for Negro rights in his home state, will make his first public appearance in a major northern city on March 1, when he speaks at 8 p.m. at the Berea Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia on "Non-Violence and the Struggle for Equality and Justice." His five-day visit in the Philadelphia area has been arranged by the Middle Atlantic Regional Office of the American Friends Service Committee.

All proceeds of collections taken at meetings where Mr. Abernathy speaks will be sent to the Montgomery Improvement Association, of which he is vice-president. This organization has led and coordinated the desegregation efforts of Negroes in the Alabama capital during the last year. It is now administering a Reconstruction Fund to help rebuild churches and homes destroyed or damaged by racist rioters and vandals. Mr. Abernathy's own church and parsonage are among the structures which have been bombed.

Rockland Meeting, which formerly met on Old Greenbush Road in West Nyack, N. Y., now holds its meeting for worship and First-day School at 11 a.m. each Sunday at Shadowcliff, North Broadway, Upper Nyack. Its new quarters are rented from the Fellowship of Reconciliation, which has moved its national headquarters from New York City to Upper Nyack.

Swarthmore Monthly Meeting is discussing the possibility of developing its Nursery School, held in Whittier House, into a Friends School under the care of the Committee on Education of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

Concern lest the new "Levittown" about to be built in west-central New Jersey be characterized by the same racial discrimination in housing that exists in the earlier Levittowns in Long Island and Pennsylvania prompted the January session of Moores-town Monthly Meeting to appoint three members to meet with representatives of other nearby Meetings and of the New Jersey Department of Education to explore possible constructive ways of urging upon William Levitt a policy of nondiscrimination in the new development.

A ten-week course on community tensions—designed to combat bigotry, discrimination, and intolerance—will be given this spring in the library of the New Hope-Solebury High School, New Hope, Pa., as the outgrowth of a concern felt by several members of Solebury Friends Meeting. The leader of the course, which begins on March 19 at 8 p.m., will be J. Leon Rabben, a Philadelphia attorney. A fee of $5 will be charged for the ten weeks.

As part of its commemoration of the signing of the Flushing Remonstrance 300 years ago, Flushing Monthly Meeting has arranged a series of Friday evening forums in the meeting house at 137-16 Northern Boulevard, Flushing, New York. The first of these, on March 22, will deal with "Freedom of Religion"; the second, on May 10, with "Basic Reasons for Man's Not Conforming." In conjunction with this tricentennial observance Flushing Meeting House will be open to visitors from 3 to 5 p.m. every Saturday from April through October.

Ernest Kurkjian, a member of Green Street Monthly Meeting, Philadelphia, formerly on the staff of the American Friends Service Committee's Peace Section, is serving as educational secretary for the Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs during the absence from the Philadelphia area of Clarissa Cooper, who, with her husband, Samuel Cooper, is spending several months traveling among Friends Meetings and visiting the four centers of Friends Indian work in Oklahoma.

Ann FitzHugh, a member of 57th Street Meeting in Chicago who recently completed work for her Ph.D. degree in psychology at the University of Michigan, is now serving as counseling psychologist at the Veterans Administration's neuro-psychiatric hospital in Danville, Illinois.

Monthly Meeting property committees everywhere will sympathize with members of the Meeting at Edinburgh, Scotland, who, just as they were proudly completing a thoroughlygoing redecorating of their meeting house, discovered extensive dry rot in the ceiling which will necessitate large-scale repairs.
Two Pennsylvania Friends have just been announced as the winners of substantial awards in the nation-wide essay contest sponsored by the Foundation for Voluntary Welfare, which has its headquarters in San Francisco. The two writers, both of whom received second awards of $250 apiece, are Marcella L. Schmoeger of Fountain House, Philadelphia, a member of Lansdowne Meeting, Pa., and Ada Beidler Bull of the Bethlehem, Pa., Community Council, a member of Lehighton Valley Meeting. Marcella Schmoegeer's essay dealt with mental health and Ada Bull's with recreation.

Two recently published pamphlets will interest our readers. *Visitiation Among Friends* by Ferner Nuhn contains valuable suggestions and aids for traveling Friends and is available from the Friends World Committee, 20 South 12th Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa. The other pamphlet is designed to bring the meeting for worship closer to boys and girls from 11 to 14 years of age. Its suggestive title, *To Climb a Mountain*, the lively and understanding text as well as the cheerful drawings are a real credit to the author, Florence Trullinger, and to the Book and Publications Committee of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. It is available from Friends Book Store, 362 Arch Street, Philadelphia 6, and Friends Central Bureau, 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia 2, for 10 cents.

Edwin and Vivian Abbott, both medical doctors and members of Toronto Monthly Meeting, Canada, have gone to central India with their four young children to join the staff of the Friends Rural Centre at Rasulia. They are serving as appointees of the Canadian Friends Service Committee seconded to the Friends Service Council of London. This is the first time since directly after World War II that Canadian Friends have been directly responsible for personnel overseas, although the C.F.S.C. has participated through the A.F.S.C. and the F.S.C. in work in many areas. From 1952 to 1955 the Abbotts worked with the Friends Social and Technical Assistance Project at Barpali, India, as A.F.S.C. appointees.


Lorena Jansons, formerly house manager of Davis House in Washington, has become house manager of the capital city's International Student House, replacing Louise Erickson, who has joined the staff of Scattergood School in Iowa.

A proposal to build a few small bungalows for elderly people on a plot of land behind the meeting house at Welwyn Garden City, England, has received the warm support of Welwyn Monthly Meeting. The occupants of the bungalows will have the use of the meeting house library as a social gathering place. The little houses are expected to cost about £1,400 apiece.
A Friends of Fountain House group has been started at Green Street Meeting, Germantown, Philadelphia. Fountain House, Inc., is an organization dedicated to helping former psychiatric patients make their readjustment to society and become permanent, productive members of the community. By doing this, Fountain House also helps create greater understanding within the community. Fountain House, Philadelphia, was founded by Marcella I. Schnoeger, a member of Lansdowne Meeting, Pa. The organization was granted a state charter in 1953, and since then it has expanded its facilities and outreach each year.

**An International Liberal Christian Body**

Extracts from a minute adopted 1-17-1957 by Green Street Monthly Meeting, Philadelphia

Green Street Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends has welcomed, through its membership in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and in Friends General Conference, the wider associations of the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. Our membership in these larger groups is on the basis that there is no acceptance of a specific creed.

We believe in the value of joining together with different religious bodies in a spirit of willingness to understand and appreciate the various contributions of their faith and works, and we welcome particularly the opportunities to join in a common voice and action whenever possible.

Accordingly, we look forward to the opportunity of affiliating ourselves with ... the International Association for Liberal Christianity and Religious Freedom (IARF).

The headquarters of this association are located at The Hague in Holland. It began before 1900, but at an important meeting held in Boston that year, 45 Friends were present.

The statement of purposes reads as follows:

To bring into closer union the historic liberal churches, the liberal elements in all churches, and isolated congregations and workers for religious freedom;

To draw into the same fellowship free religious groups throughout the world which are in essential agreement with our ways of thinking;

To open and maintain communications with free Christian groups in all lands who are striving to unite religion and liberty and to increase fellowship and cooperation among them, ... .

There are sixteen member groups from thirteen countries. In some of these countries there are Fellowships of Liberals who are members of the IARF, while the churches to which they belong are affiliated with the World Council of Churches. ... This international federation has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council in New York and with UNESCO in Paris.

At the last international conference ... Dr. G. W. Tromp of Leyden, Holland, ... stressed the necessity of trying to create new international religious thinking which would be acceptable to most religious people irrespective of color, race, or the religious society to which they belong. ... This would have a great effect on world unity.

Our desire to join in the fellowship of the IARF, ... we feel, is in accord with the spirit of John Woolman as expressed in the following ... passage: ... “There is a principle that is pure, placed in the human mind, which in various ages and places hath had different names. It is, however, pure and proceeds from God. It is deep and inward, confined to no form of religion nor excluded from any, where the heart stands in perfect simplicity. In whomsoever this principle takes root and grows, of what nation soever, they become brethren in the best sense of this term.”

**Friends Southwest Conference**

The challenge for adventure to Friends today was the theme of the fifth Friends Southwest Conference, held at Camp Cho-Yeh, Texas, January 25-27. Discussions on challenges to spiritual adventure, on adventures in education and social action (including race relations), and on Quaker outreach were ably led by Amelia W. Swayne, Ralph Rose, and Mary Esther McWhirter. There was a special program for high school students headed by Ralph Rose. Attendees from the several independent Meetings and small groups included 35 adults, 9 of high school age, and 8 children.

Among the queries considered were: “Are Friends remiss in the matter of occasional vocal prayer in meetings for worship?”; “Do we search out the real truth, often obscured in our own community life, so that we know how to serve?”; “In our daily personal relations do we act as if there was that of God in all of us?”; “In our restless ‘do good’ efforts are we losing contact with the ‘Guide’?”; Are we, as Elton Trueblood has queried, “living in a cut-flower (rootless) civilization”?” Are our lives so rushed and so lacking in simplicity that we do not have time to be Friends?”

If any conclusions of the Conference could be stated they would be these:

To meet the challenge of today we must lose our self-consciousness in a full acceptance of the challenge to a life of love, as Jesus dared to do.

We must have the feeling of discovery that comes from letting go of the usual security of status and institutional arrangement.

Imagination is called for, as well as dedication, if we are to have a vital new experience.

Education of Friends must be experience-centered and should incorporate the best we know in spiritual values and knowledge in general.

The Conference ended with a concern for Friends to move forward constantly in the truth of our testimonies and to be immune to discouragement and intimidation. It was a rewarding experience in Christian love and fellowship, despite inclement weather outdoors.

Lida Nelson of 2805 Greenlee Drive, Austin, Texas, a member of Austin Meeting, was selected to serve as clerk of the next Conference.

**MARVIN L. FAIR, Clerk**
New Meeting in Texas

In Houston, Texas, on February 3, the Live Oak Monthly Meeting was formally organized in affiliation with the Friends World Committee. Present to help with the organization of this new Friends unit was Ralph Rose of the Friends World Committee, who (according to a report received from Martha Gwy, associate clerk) "was able to make the group feel truly a part of a world-wide religious society."

Live Oak Meeting had its inception two and a half years ago with small gatherings as a Friends worship group in the home of Walter and Myra Whitson. Gradually it assumed the functions of a Meeting, with a First-day School, regular business meetings, ministry to participating members, care of marriage, and outreach into the community. For the past year it has met regularly at the Jewish Community Center.

Final decision as to the new Meeting's name was not reached until the organization meeting. One of the reasons why "Live Oak" was chosen was that live oak trees, common along the Gulf Coast, are evergreens of exceptional durability and length of life.

Letter to the Editor

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

On page 73 of your February 2 issue you said, "Upper Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting, a new Meeting at Amherst, Mass., was established by Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting on October 28, 1956..."

Actually, the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting was meeting at Amherst, Mass., on that day, but the new Monthly Meeting which it then established is located wholly within Vermont and New Hampshire.

The Amherst Friends Meeting is one of the five local worship groups which comprise the Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meetings, the others being at Greenfield, Northampton, South Hadley, and Great Barrington.

Amherst, Mass. FRANCIS W. HOLMES

Coming Events

(Calendar events for the date of issue will not be included if they have been listed in a previous issue.)

FEBRUARY

16—Cabin Quarterly Meeting at Downingtown, Pa., 10:30 a.m. Program also for children, pre-school through junior high.

17—Potomac Quarterly Meeting at 2111 Florida Avenue, Washington, D.C., 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Theme: "Changing Patterns for Quarterly Meetings."

17—Adult Conference Class, Green Street Meeting, 45 West School Lane, Philadelphia, 10 a.m.; William Harris, director, Germantown Boys' Club, "Meeting the Problems of Youth in Our City."

17—Conference Class, Central Philadelphia Meeting, Race Street west of 15th, 11:40 a.m.; Sydney C. Orthofsky, "Insights into Inter-Religious Relationships."

17—In the meeting house at 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, 4 p.m., meeting to discuss plans for new developments at Friends' Boarding School, Barnesville, Ohio. Speakers: Morris Kirk, principal of the school, Gilbert Thomas, Merle Tjossen, Howard Brinton, and James F. Walker. Slides will show proposed new buildings and life of the school. Tea served afterward. All invited.

17—Oscar Hammerstein II will discuss the problems of the musical comedy librettist at 8:15 p.m. in the Swarthmore Meeting House, Pa., under the auspices of the William J. Cooper Foundation of Swarthmore College. Public invited.

20—Quaker Business Problems Group, Y.M.C.A., 1431 Arch Street, Philadelphia; supper meeting, 6 p.m. (Luncheon meeting February 21, 12:15 p.m.) Topic, "How Should the Income of a Business Enterprise Be Distributed?" Leader, T. Kite Sharpless.

20—Friends Forum at the Chester, Pa., Meeting House, 24th and Chester Aves., Philadelphia, 8 p.m.; Mrs. Philip E. Jacob of the Delaware County Interracial Council, "Civil Liberties and Local Community Action."

21—Lecture at Pendle Hill, Wallingford, Pa., 8 p.m.: Margaret Collins, "Integrated Suburban Housing."

22—At the Friends Center, 5 Longfellow Park, Cambridge, Mass., 10:30 a.m., Delbert and Julia Reynolds will report on crisis conditions in Jordan and Israel. All invited.

23— Bucks Quarterly Meeting at Yardley, Pa., 10 a.m. Bring box lunch; deserts and sandwiches will be served. (Note change from scheduled Quarterly Meeting location because of recent severe fire at Newtown Meeting House.)

23—Fellowship Choir concert at Macedonia Baptist Church, Newtown, Pa., sponsored jointly by the church and by Newtown Monthly Meeting. Admission 50 cents.

25—All Friends Quarterly Meeting at Montclair, N. J., 5 and 7:30 p.m. Make reservations for dinner (6:15 p.m.) by February 19, with Elizabeth Loomis, 166 Alexander Avenue, Upper Montclair.

23—Choral Festival Concert by choruses and instrumentalists of seven colleges at Roberts Hall, Haverford College, Haverford, Pa., 8:30 p.m. Admission $1.

24—Adult Conference Class, Green Street Meeting, 45 West School Lane, Philadelphia, 10 a.m.; Elwood Cronk, secretary of Young Friends Movement, "What Young Friends Are Thinking and Doing."

24—Conference Class, Central Philadelphia Meeting, Race Street west of 15th, 11:40 a.m.; Richmond P. Miller, "Invitation to Reading."

24—Henry J. Cadbury will speak on "The Dead Sea Scrolls" at Haddonfield, N. J., Meeting House, 7:30 p.m.

24—Forum on Quaker history at Friends Center, Columbus, Ohio, 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Thomas Ross, "Early Quakerism."

24—Friends Forum at the meeting house, 100 N. 6th Street, Reading, Pa., 8 p.m.; Louis Schneider of the American Friends Service Committee, "A.F.S.C. Work with Hungarian Refugees."

24—Butt Schulberg will discuss the effect of mass media on the novel at 8:15 p.m. in the Swarthmore Meeting House, Pa., under the auspices of the William J. Cooper Foundation of Swarthmore College. Public invited.

26—At 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the Landowne Meeting House, Pa., Arthur E. James of West Chester Meeting and the Temple University faculty, will speak on "Pakistan—a New Asian Republic."

27—Annual meeting of the Tract Association of Friends at Pendle Hill, Wallingford, Pa., 7 p.m. Representatives of a few of the 14 groups in Philadelphia concerned with publishing Friends material will speak on "Distribution of Friends Tracts, Pamphlets, and Books. All invited. Make reservations for dinner at Pendle Hill prior to meeting, if desired, with Marjorie Ewbank, 1150 Woods Road, Southampton, Pa. (ELmwood 7-6977).

MARCH

1—Rev. Ralph D. Abemathy of Montgomery, Ala., will speak on "Non-Violence and the Struggle for Equality and Justice" at the Berea Presbyterian Church, Broad and Diamond Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee. See notice at FF, page 9.

27—at 7 a.m. Testing quarterly meeting at Oxford, Pa., Ministry and Counsel, 10 a.m.; meeting for worship, 11; business meeting at 1:15 p.m., followed by a conference on religious education led by Bernard Clausen. Topic: "The Little Red Schoolhouse, Plus." Luncheon will be served by Oxford Friends.

2—Haverford Quarterly Meeting at Merion, Pa., 4 p.m.

3—Adult Class, Chestnut Hill Meeting, 100 E. Mermaid Lane, Philadelphia, following the 10:30 a.m. meeting for worship; speaker,
REGULAR MEETINGS

ARIZONA

PHOENIX—Meeting for worship, 10 a.m., 17th Street and Glendale Avenue, James DeWees, Clerk, 1925 West Mitchell.

CALIFORNIA

CLAIREMONT—Friends meeting, 9:30 a.m. on Scripps campus, 10th and Columbia. Pastor: Nuhn, Clerk, 420 West 5th Street.

LA JOLLA—Meeting for worship, 11 a.m., Kline and Draper, Kirkhouse, Presbyterian Church. Visitors call GL 4-7466.

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

SAN FRANCISCO—Meetings for worship, First-days, 11 a.m., 1830 Sutter Street.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON—The Friends Meeting of Washington, 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., 218 Florida Union.

JACKSONVILLE—Meeting for worship and First-day school, 11 a.m., Y.W.C.A. Board Room. Telephone Evangeline 4-3843.

MIAMI—Meeting for worship at Y.W.C.A., 114 S.E. 4th St., 11 a.m.; First-day school, 10 a.m. Miriam Toepel, Clerk: TU 8-0852.

ORLANDO-WINTER PARK—Worship, 11 a.m., Sunday, in the Meeting House at Marks and Broadway Streets.

PALM BEACH—Friends Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 512 S. Lakeside Drive, Lake Worth.

ST. PETERSBURG—Friends Meeting, 190 Nineteenth Avenue S.E. Meeting and First-day school at 11 a.m.

MASSACHUSETTS

AMHERST—Meeting for worship, 10 a.m., Old Chapel, Univ. of Mass.; Al 9-5902.

CAMBRIDGE—Meeting for worship each First-day at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Long Fellow Park (near Harvard Square), Telephone TR 6-8888.

WORCESTER—Pleasant Street Friends Meeting, 801 Pleasant Street. Meeting for worship each First-day, 11 a.m. Telephone FL 4-6967.

MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS—Friends Meeting, 44th Street and York Avenue South, First-day school, 11 a.m.; meeting for worship, 11 a.m. Richard P. Newby, Minister, 4421 Abbott Avenue South, Telephone WA 9-9875.

NEW JERSEY

ATLANTIC CITY—Discussion group, 10:30 a.m., meeting for worship and First-day school, 11 a.m.; meeting for worship and South Carolina and Pacific Avenues.

DOVER—Randolph Meeting House, Quaker Church Road, First-day school, 11 a.m.; meeting for worship, 11:45 a.m.

MANASQUAN—First-day school, 10 a.m.; meeting for worship, 11:45 a.m. Route 88 at Manasquan Circle. Walter Longstreth, Clerk.

MONTOCLAIR—5-93 Park Street, First-day school and worship, 11 a.m. (July-August, 10 a.m.); 1.7 miles west of Garden State Parkway Exit 151. Visitors welcome.

NEW YORK

BUFFALO—Meeting for worship and First-day school, 11 a.m. at 1272 Delaware Avenue; telephone EL 0232.

LONG ISLAND—Manhattan Meeting, Northern Boulevard at Sheeler Rock Road. First-day school, 8:45 a.m.; meeting for worship, 11 a.m.

NEW YORK—Meetings for worship each Sunday, 11 a.m. Telephone Graham 3-8318 for First-day school and meeting information.

OHIO

CINCINNATI—Meeting for worship, 11 a.m., 3901 Victory Parkway. Telephone Edwin Moon, Clerk, at JE 1-4984.

CLEVELAND—Meeting for worship and First-day school, 11 a.m., 10916 Magnolia Drive, Telephone TU 4-2695.

HARRISBURG—Meeting for worship and First-day school, 11 a.m., Y.W.C.A., Fourth and Walnut Streets.

LANCASTER—Meeting house, Tulane Terrace, 1.5 miles west of Lancaster, of U.S. 30. Meeting and First-day school, 10 a.m.

LEWISBURG—Meeting at Clara Stoner’s home, 118 South Fifth Street, 10:30 a.m.

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PITTSBURGH—Worship at 10:30 a.m.; adult class, 11:45 a.m., 1833 Shady Avenue.

READING—100 North Sixth Street. First-day school at 10 a.m., meeting for worship at 11:15 a.m.

STATE COLLEGE—315 South Isberton Street. First-day school at 9:30 a.m.; meeting for worship at 10:45 a.m.

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HOUSTON—Friends Worship Group each Sunday, 11 a.m. at Jewish Community Center; 2020 Herman Drive; Clerk, Walter Whitson; Jackson 8-6413.

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MEMPHIS—Meeting for worship each Sunday, 9:30 a.m., at Quintard House, 222 Washington. Correspondent, Esther McCandless, Broadway 5-9658.

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