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Editorial

READERS in the Library at Friends House will have been many times grateful for the expert assistance upon which they have been able to call and for the warm friendliness of the atmosphere which greets them, once through that door marked "SILENCE". On 30th March, 1960, members of the Historical Society and friends listened to an address on the history of the Library, from its Devonshire House days at the beginning of this century up to 1959, by Muriel Hicks, whose work in the Library for forty years has done so much to make its name for friendly reference and Friendly research. The major portion of this address is printed in this issue, and, together with a note by John Nickalls on the work of Ethel Crawshaw (Morland), 1903-26, it provides a continuation of the history of the Library by Anna L. Littleboy which appeared in the *Journal of the Friends' Historical Society*, vol. xviii (1921).

A. D. Selleck contributes a paper on the Salthouse-Halhead trial at Exeter in 1655, using the local documents to illustrate a case formerly known to Friends only through the accounts printed in *The Wounds of an Enemy*, Besse's *Sufferings* and the standard Quaker histories.

Dr. Muriel F. Lloyd Pritchard writes a short account of Alexanders Discount Company, now celebrating 150 years of existence and service in the London Discount Market.

Alfred W. Braithwaite contributes a paper on *Early Tithe Prosecutions: Friends as Outlaws*; and there are a number of bibliographical and other notes.