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There was a major oversight in the recent review of contemporary Quaker *festschriften*.¹ A volume in honor of Edwin Bronner² was omitted. This was particularly unfortunate in light of the contents of this volume, aptly entitled *Seeking the Light*. A variety of Bronner's friends and former students contributed ten essays on Quakers in the seventeenth century, colonial America, and modern times. The breadth of topics is quite wide, ranging from Hugh Barbour's review of early Quaker women to Margaret Hope Bacon's thoughtful review of the academic trials of Henry Cadbury.

Of particular value is the last piece—a letter written by Thomas Kelly to his family in the summer of 1938. In Richard Kelly's biography of his father, this letter was considered to be evidence of a crucial turning point in Thomas Kelly's spiritual life. However, sections of the letter related to Thomas Kelly's reaction to Nazism and the climate of fear it entailed were eliminated in that work. The full, annotated text of the letter presents a picture of Thomas Kelly not often seen. Anyone interested in this man and the tendering of his soul in the late 1930s will want to carefully read the letter and the short introductory essay by Kelly's grandson, Paul M. Kelly.

NOTES

1. Paul Buckley and Susan Jeffers, "Better than a Plaque" (*Quaker Religious Thought*, Vol. 29, No. 2, 1999).
2. J. William Frost and John M. Moore (eds.), *Seeking the Light: Essays in Quaker History in Honor of Edwin B. Bronner* (Wallingsford, PA: Pendle Hill Publications & Friends Historical Association, 1986).