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Editorial

Greetings and blessings to Chris Downing, wife of George V. Downing, mother of five, and Professor of Religion at Douglas College, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J., as she takes over the reins of editorship of *Quaker Religious Thought* beginning with the next issue, Summer 1969. I bequeath her many headaches, some real joys, and an increasing sense of meaningful accomplishment as the Quaker Theological Discussion Group and its journal become an increasing influence in Quaker religious renewal.

QTDG CONFERENCES, SUMMER 1969

Please check your engagement books for two opportunities to engage in "creative encounter, QTDG style," this summer. The first will, we hope, occur as a special interest group meeting during afternoons at Friends United Meeting, Earlham College, Richmond, Ind., July 19-25. We have in mind the kind of panels and dialogue we sponsored at Friends World Conference on "The Future of Quakerism." We need your advice on the theme. Since Friends United Meeting has the general theme, "Heralds of Hope," the argument seems strong to focus our interest group on "Friends and the Theology of Hope," using some of the material in Chris Downing's first issue of *Quaker Religious Thought* as a major resource. Another possibility would be to order 50 copies in advance of Maurice Creasey's Swarthmore Lecture, "Friends and the New Reformation," and zero in on it. Or we could do both. As the new chairman of Quaker Theological Discussion Group, I would be most helped to hear from you, at Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio 45177, if you have a preference about this theme or other advice to give.

The QTDG executive committee met at Chris Downing's home in February and definitely decided to have another faith-confrontation-dialogue conference at Powell House, Old Chatham, N. Y., from supper Thursday, Aug. 14, through lunch Sunday, August 17. The theme, which grows out of last summer's "stereotype-shattering" conference on "Universal and Christian Dimensions of Quakerism," will be: "'That of God in Every Man' — What Do We Mean By It?" Some objected