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Editor's Page

One of my primary aims for *Quaker Religious Thought* when I assumed the editorship some five years ago was to expand the circle of our contributors. It had seemed to me that far too many of our lead essays, responses and reviews came from a relatively small group, many of whom had been associated with the Quaker Theological Discussion Group almost from its beginnings more than fifteen years ago. In this project I have been less successful than I had hoped. On the one hand, there seem always to be thoughtfully prepared and useful papers originally presented at one of our conferences which deserve wider circulation. On the other, we continue to receive very few unsolicited manuscripts from other sources. *And* soliciting articles appropriate to our journal has turned out to be more difficult than I had anticipated.

It is with especial joy, therefore, that I welcome to our pages in this, my penultimate issue, James Childress. He is among those who have been on my list of "desirables" from the very beginning, for I have long regarded him as one of the most perceptive and incisive of our younger Quaker ethicists. The essay included here, an examination of Fox's ethics, illustrates the subtlety and care of his historical analyses, and carries forward a discussion to which Lewis Benson, Hugh Barbour, Vail Palmer and others have contributed earlier.

I have heard from Arthur Roberts that there will be a west coast meeting of the QTDG at the time of Northwest Yearly Meeting at George Fox College. A supper meeting is proposed for Aug. 17, with participation by Ronald Woodward, Richard Foster, and college and seminary faculty. *QRT* readers wishing to attend should write Arthur O. Roberts at George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon 97132.

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