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From the Business Manager

At a meeting of the Quaker Theological Discussion Group held during our recent summer conference, it was reluctantly decided that we must increase the price of single copies of *Quaker Religious Thought* to \$1.25 each.

This is the first increase in the price of the magazine since 1972, despite constantly rising costs. We have been able to hold the price at \$1 until now because of the great amount of volunteer work done by a few people, and the generous response from subscribers to our occasional financial appeals.

Renewals and new subscriptions will be charged at the rate of \$5 for four issues, or \$9 for eight issues. We feel that this is still an extremely reasonable price for a low-circulation publication of this quality.

EXPIRATIONS, RENEWALS, AND ADDRESS CHANGES

From time to time we receive inquiries about the status of subscriptions. While there is always the possibility of error, we do attempt to notify all readers promptly when their subscriptions expire. Since we are now mailing the magazine under the bulk rate, expiration notices are sent by first-class mail.

You can help us save money by renewing promptly when you receive an expiration notice. If you delay until after our next issue has been mailed, it costs us (at the moment) 40¢ to send your missing issue, whereas the bulk rate is less than 4¢.

You can also help by notifying us promptly of change of address. The postal service charges us 25¢ for a notification of change of address, either you or we must pay 40¢ forwarding postage, and if your forwarding order has expired we must pay 40¢ return postage. We have been known to pay \$1.05 for the return of a \$1 magazine, after which we received an inquiry from the subscriber as to its whereabouts!

TAX-EXEMPT STATUS

Last April the QTGDG was granted tax-exempt status as an educational and religious organization by the Internal Revenue Service. While a primary purpose in applying for this status was to qualify for lower postal rates, it does also mean that QTGDG is eligible to receive contributions from individuals

and meetings without any question as to their being deductible. And, despite the increase in our rates, we must still rely on such contributions for part of our operating income.

Annual financial statements, drawn up by the business manager and checked by our auditor, are available on request at the close of each calendar year.

J. H. M.

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