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Editor's Page

The 1978 QTDG conference was held at Olney Friends School in Barnesville, Ohio; the theme of that conference was "a theology of evangelism and outreach for Friends." I remember that gathering as a time of warm fellowship, lively dialogue, and penetrating clash of ideas. Two papers from that conference have already been published ("The Quietist Heritage" issue, *QRT* no. 50, Autumn, 1980). Now at last the other three papers appear in *QRT*. Responsibility for the undue delay in their publication is entirely mine. To the authors, attenders at the conference, and QTDG executive committee members, the excitement of that dialogue will probably seem simply to be warmed over by the late publication of these papers. To other readers of *QRT*, the issues raised by Alan Kolp, Ron Allen, and Larry Barker will remain pertinent today.

Lisa Kuenning's article, "Christ's Wife," appeared in *QRT* no. 48 (Summer, 1979). In the Editor's Page of that issue, I encouraged readers to write their views on Lisa Kuenning's thesis and other issues of women's theology, with a view to the possible publication of a future symposium issue. There were only a few responses to that invitation — far from enough for an entire issue of *QRT*. One of the responses submitted, however, substantially developed a fresh line of thought on the matters discussed in the "Christ's Wife" issue; I determined to publish it as soon as I could find sufficient space in an issue. Hence the inclusion here of Gardiner Stillwell's delightful "Wives and Metaphors."

V. P.