

INVITATION

TO ATTEND

THE FOURTH ANNUAL SERIES OF LECTURES

UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF

TORONTO MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS
SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

TO BE HELD IN

THE AUDITORIUM, TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY

(elevator from Lending Library)

COLLEGE AND ST. GEORGE STREETS

1952-1953

Any information regarding the lectures or any matter connected with them may be obtained from F. Creedy, 1146 Greenwood Avenue, Toronto (HA. 9694), or from the Clerk of the Meeting, 60 Lowther Avenue, Toronto (RA. 0368).

Friends' Meeting for Worship is held at Friends' House, 60 Lowther Avenue, Toronto, at 11 a.m. each Sunday. Anyone who desires to attend is cordially invited to do so. Friends' House and Library are open daily to the public, and the fullest information will be given in answer to any enquiries.

Friday, November 7th, 1952 at 8 p.m.

LISTER S. SINCLAIR

Author, Playwright and Radio Speaker.

"DOGMA AND EXPERIENCE"

Lister Sinclair, who was born in Bombay and went to school in England, is a graduate of Toronto University and the University of British Columbia. He is the author of several books and plays, some of the latter having been performed in Toronto and he is also a speaker on the C.B.C.

Friday, December 5th, 1952 at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM G. SEWELL

Former Dean of College of Science, West China University.

"PERSONAL EXPERIENCES IN CHINA TODAY"

William Sewell went to China under British Friends in 1924 and before 1941 became Associate Dean of the College of Science of the West China University. He was interned by the Japanese with his family for nearly four years. Many in the audience will have read "Strange Harmony", his description of this experience. He returned to China in 1947 to his old University and was there during the change of regime but returned to England in February, 1952.

Thursday, February 12th, 1953 at 8 p.m.

LEWIS M. HOSKINS

Executive Secretary, American Friends' Service Committee.

"A SURVEY OF THE WORK OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE"

Lewis Hoskins was chairman of the Friends' Service Unit in China and afterwards Personnel Secretary of the American Friends' Service Committee, later succeeding Clarence Pickett as Executive Secretary, a post which he has now held for the last two and a half years.

Friday, February 20th, 1953 at 8 p.m.

HENRY F. HALL

Dean of the Sir George Williams College, Montreal.

"THE IMPACT OF SCIENCE ON CURRENT RELIGION"

Dean Hall received his B.A. and Licentiate of the School of Religion at McGill University. He has had a long experience working with the youth of Canada as secretary of the Montreal Y.M.C.A. In the thirties, when the Sir George Williams College took on University functions, he was appointed Dean and Head of the Department of Natural Science.

Friday, March 20th, 1953 at 8 p.m.

MARION ROYCE

"THE WORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL
VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS"

Marion Royce, who is Canadian, studied at the University of Toronto. For the past ten years she was consultant for social and international questions for the World Y.W.C.A. Seven years of this time was spent in Geneva. She has just returned home to take up the post of Headmistress of Moulton College.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS' WORLD CONFERENCE
*gathered at Oxford, England, July 28 — August 5, 1952 on the completion
of 300 years of the life of the Quaker Movement.*

The Christian Faith, which we believe is the hope of our troubled world, is a revolutionary faith. It is rooted in inward experience, but, wherever it is genuine, it leads to radical changes in the ways in which men live and act. We rejoice in the movements, appearing in many parts of the world at once, which are inspired by the desire for social justice, equal rights for all races and the dignity of the individual person. These changes can neither be achieved nor prevented by war. War leads to a vicious circle of hatred, oppression, subversive movements, false propaganda, rearmament and new wars. An armament race cannot bring peace, freedom or security.

We call upon peoples everywhere to break this vicious circle, to behave as nations with the same decency as they would behave as men and brothers, to substitute the institutions of peace for the institutions of war.

Let us join together throughout the world to grow more food, to heal and prevent disease, to conserve and develop the resources of the good earth to the glory of God and the comfort of man's distress. These are among the tasks to which, in humility for our share in the world's shame, and in faith in the power of love, we call our own Society and all men and nations everywhere.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MESSAGE OF THE FRIENDS' WORLD
CONFERENCE TO MEMBERS OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY
OF FRIENDS

"God's call has come to us at Oxford as our Society enters upon the fourth century of its existence to commit ourselves afresh to His Will and Purpose and to follow the way of Jesus Christ. We see that what we need today is not a new message but new lives . . . We are profoundly dissatisfied with ourselves, realising as we do the discrepancy between our professions and our practice. We have lost the passionate conviction and the power of winning men which possessed our forefathers.

With George Fox, we declare that "Christ has come to teach his people himself". As Fox did, we see today a great people to be gathered, many of them in desperate need — suffering, starving, homeless, at war, unloved, underprivileged, afraid, cut off from the knowledge of God's love, or indifferent to it; all needing His peace and power in their lives though they may not know it. We believe God has a message for them, to be given through us in a variety of ways — through practical service and loving fellowship, as well as in what we can say of our faith . . .

While seeking to interpret our Christian faith in the language of today, we must remember that there is one worse thing than failure to practise what we profess, and that is to water down our professions to match our practice . . .

We Friends are called to re-affirm our testimony for peace and to work for the abolition of the sin of war in every possible way open to us.

For our Peace Testimony is much more than our special attitude to world affairs; it expresses our vision of the whole Christian way of life; it is our way of living in this world; of looking at this world and of changing this world. Only when the seeds of war-pride, love of prestige and the lust for power and possessions — have been purged from our personal and corporate ways of living; only when we can meet all men as their friends in a spirit of caring and sharing, can we call upon others to tread the same path . . . "