

Edna Goodwin's interests and service in the Society of Friends extended far beyond the local Meeting. At various times she carried many responsibilities in Baltimore Yearly Meeting (Homewood), notably serving as Recording Clerk for seven years, 1942 to 1948, Inclusive. She wrote articles for *The Interchange*, and she was active in the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel. All her life she was deeply interested in the Five Years Meeting of Friends, which came into existence just when she graduated from college, and she attended its sessions a number of times.

Edna Goodwin was long interested in the wider outreach of the message of Friends, and soon after her retirement from public school teaching in 1940 she went to Jamaica for two years under the American Friends Board of Missions, where she taught in the Happy Grove Friends School. Returning to Baltimore in 1942 she became an active member of Homewood Meeting, and through twenty years of failing health she gave herself to study and to ministry of many kinds in the Meeting and the Yearly Meeting. Stuffing envelopes in the office was not too menial a task; teaching a Sunday School class offered opportunities for the exercise of her special gifts. Edna understood young people and she spoke to them with understanding and effectiveness, entering into their problems. She made a lasting impression on the lives of many.

Edna Goodwin was always ready to share the convictions that grew out of her experimental religion, and she was an unusually effective preacher. Her dedication of spirit was matched by the vigor of her mind, and both were enriched by her ability to memorize passages from the Bible and verses of poetry. She had the insight to speak to the condition of her hearers, and the content of specific messages is still remembered by many. The spiritual power of her message never waned even though in recent years delivery was from a wheel-chair.

Edna Goodwin enjoyed life; she loved to hear and tell jokes, and was keenly interested in sports, particularly baseball. Her proclivity for sketching blossomed into a hobby of painting during the last years of her invalidism.

After much suffering Edna Goodwin died at the Keswick Home in Baltimore July 2, 1961. Her long life of service in varied places leaves many memories and much gratitude for this dedicated life.