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RUSH'S BIBLIOGRAPHY OF RUFUS JONES
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RUFUS JONES has stood for years as a giant among us. Quakers throughout the United States and abroad look to him as their leader. His humanitarian activities have endeared him to friend and foe. As “foremost interpreter of mysticism in the English-speaking world” he has been a prolific writer. For years we have been assembling in the Colby College Library a highly prized Rufus Jones Collection. In furthering this project our librarian has been most helpful. Professor Rush’s affiliation with the Society of Friends as well as his past publications in bibliography peculiarly equip him for the task of compiling A Bibliography of the Published Writings of Rufus Jones, which the library has published as Colby College Monograph No. 12. It honors an honorary graduate of Colby.

This monograph may be described as “exhaustive”: it lists all of Dr. Jones’ published works with the exception of unsigned material. To this has been added a Life of Dr. Jones, quoted from Current Biography for October, 1941. This book should prove invaluable to librarians everywhere, and to any who, on college or university campus, in theological seminary or discussion-group, seek to interpret and perpetuate the thought and spirit of Rufus Jones.

The reader is startled by the extent and variety of Dr. Jones’ publications. Some 850 books, pamphlets, articles, chapters in books, introductions, etc., have been listed. These are dated from 1883 to 1944. Not a year since 1896 is without its vintage. In more recent years the output has increased. Matching the time-span is the breadth of Dr. Jones’ thought. The compiler gives his impression in a foreword: “His writings . . . include histories and interpretations of Quakerism, . . . religious philosophy, treatises on education, and many books of inspiration.” Two hundred copies of the Bibliography have been printed, and the Southworth-Anthoensen Press has clothed the substance in an attractive dress.