

Notes and Queries.

The following, who are interested in the subjects placed opposite their names, would be glad of any assistance which readers may be able to render in the way of references, or in other directions.

Ernest E. Taylor—*Richard Farnsworth, Francis Howgill, and Edward Burrough.*

George Eyre Evans—*Friends at Llanddewi brefi in particular and Cardiganshire in general.*

Edmund T. Wedmore—*Thomas Pole, M.D., a minister, died 1829.*

Norman Penney—*Records of noted Fires on Friends' premises, and of King's Briefs and similar Documents.*

J. Wilhelm Rowntree is engaged upon a study of Quakerism from its first rise in the seventeenth century to the present time. His object is to subject seventeenth century Quaker thought to a careful analysis, to consider the antecedent and contemporary conditions of its first beginnings, and to trace the development of Quaker thought and organisation and the changes in social condition, with a view to the practical bearing of past history upon current Quaker problems, as for example that of the Free Ministry. He will be grateful for all information likely to be of direct or indirect value, and to know of any letters, manuscripts, or printed matter of interest. Every scrap of information will be welcomed. Communication

should be made to J. WILHELM ROWNTREE, *Scalby, R.S.O., Yorks.*

I have Volume I. of *The Annals of Ballitore* by Mary Leadbeater. London: Bell and Dalby, 1862. If anyone has a surplus copy of Volume II. of the same edition, I would be glad to give in exchange for it an 1849 edition of *Memoirs and Letters of Richard and Elizabeth Shackleton, late of Ballitore*, by the same author as the above.—WM. SHACKLETON, *Clarence Terrace, Pudsey.*

Richard Shackleton of Calton, afterwards of Airton in Craven, Yorks, only son of Joseph Shackleton of the former place, was born 15. xi. 1754; he married Agnes, daughter of John Walker of Austwick in Lawkland in Craven. Can any one help me to the date and place of their marriage? Their eldest child, Joseph Shackleton, was born 17. i. 1777 [?] Agnes Shackleton died 24. xi. 1824, Richard Shackleton died 14 x. 1831, both were buried at Airton in the Friends' Burial Ground there.—WM. SHACKLETON, *Clarence Terrace, Pudsey.*

In Appleton's *Cyclopædia of American Biography* I read, under "Thomas Scattergood," as follows:—"His great grandfather, of the same name, was of the company of Quakers that went to Burlington in 1676." I shall be glad to have reference to contemporary or at any rate

early authorities for this statement; and, generally, information bearing on the early settlers in Burlington, N.J., would be welcomed. In particular, I wish to know whether there was, about the date named, any settlement in New Jersey of planters from *Jamaica*. In the year 1675 a Thomas Scattergood sailed from Surinam to Jamaica (see Cal. of Colonial State Papers, 1675-6, pp. 285-6) but after considerable search I find no record of this surname in the latter place, and the possibility of identifying this planter from Surinam with the Burlington settler mentioned by Appleton naturally suggests itself. On the other hand, Besse (*Sufferings*, 1753, Vol. I. p. 444) mentions a Thomas Scattergood as being committed to prison in 1679 by the magistrates of Ratcliff, London; and one reason for identifying this man with the Burlington settler is that the latter is mentioned in the will of one Percival Towle of Burlington, who is known to have come from the same part of London, being also mentioned by Besse. I should be glad to hear of any facts or clues which might help to decide these points, or to throw light on the history of the Scattergood family in America or in London. The New Jersey settler is said to have married Elizabeth Jervis in London about 1667, and I should be very grateful to anyone who could help me to find a record of this marriage. I may add that Thomas Scattergood was connected by the ties of marriage or friendship with the following families, about which information is also desiderated: Towle, Weatherill, French, Bryant, and

Pancoast.—BERNARD P. SCATTERGOOD, *Moorside, Far Headingley, Leeds*.

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Can anyone give any further information as to the people referred to in Evelyn's *Diary*, under date 16. vi. 1687? "But this was not so remarkable as an addresse of the weeke before (as I was assur'd by one present) of some of the FAMILY OF LOVE. His Majesty ask'd them what their worship consisted in, and how many their party might consist of; they told him their custom was to reade the Scripture and then preach, but did not give any further accounts onely sayd that for the rest they were a sort of refin'd Quakers, but their number very small, not consisting, as they say'd, of above three score in all, and those chiefly belonging to the Isle of Ely." ALLAN ROWN-TREE, *Scarborough*.

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Can any of your readers give any information as to Thomas Eldridge? He must have been a person of note as his portrait was printed. In the Bevan-Naish Library, Birmingham, is a print 5¼ in. by 3½ in., with below the words:—"THOMAS ELDRIDGE, F.C.N., M.L.M.S., Governor of the Red Castle.

"Find among Rulers such a Man,
And match the Doctor if you can."

On the back is written:—

"An inhabitant of Bermondsey Street where he sold a variety of articles; part of his stock consisted of cakes which he kept in a drawer having attached thereto a piece of mechanism which on

pulling a string gave forth a sound of cuckoo.

"Sometimes when I called on the way to Obed Cook's school, he would pull the string and say, 'Now let's see what eggs the Cuckoo has laid,' then open the drawer and give me a few small cakes. I think he died about 1781.—Wm. Pooley, 1833."—C. D. STURGE, *Harborne, Birmingham*.

Extracts from Dr. John Davidson's *History of Inverurie and the Earldom of the Garioch*, published by A. Brown and Co., Aberdeen, 1878, p. 342:—
"James Urquhart, whose name appears alongside of Alexander Jaffray's in the list of excommunicates in 1668 was apparently Jaffray's tenant in Ardannies. . . . The minister of Inverurie, Mr. William Forbes, is described as having pronounced the sentence of excommunication against the dictates of his conscience, being moved thereto by fear for his stipend, in judicial recompense of which infidelity to the truth he had afterwards to pass a similar sentence upon his daughter [Jean] for the same cause, and died in the pulpit with the words of the anathema in his mouth. The elements of this pictorial narrative are, however, as it appears, not to be found anywhere but in Barclay's book."

In p. 359 the same author practically repeats this and gives 1679 as the date of William Forbes's death; and again p. 178. This daughter Jean is mentioned in p. 293.

Barclay's work referred to is *Diary of Alexander Jaffray with Memoirs of the People called*

Quakers in the North of Scotland, 1833. John Barclay, the author, gives his authority for the narrative of William Forbes's death in the pulpit to be an old MS. account of Aberdeenshire Friends in Andrew Jaffray's handwriting. Where is this? The statement is also given in Besse's *Coll. Suff.*, ii. 498. Is any more known of Jane Forbes, who joined the early Friends in Scotland? Her name does not appear on the Registers for Scotland, at Devonshire House.—THOMAS DAVIDSON, *Fritchley, Derby*.

In the catalogues of Friends' books issued by John Whiting in 1708 and Joseph Smith in 1867, the name of John Lovel or Lovewell appears as author of *A Complaint of the Oppressed*, London, 1661. Is anything known of this writer? I am told that in Crosby's *History of the Baptists* there are long extracts from the *Complaint* and that the authorship is assigned to a John Griffith. Was "John Lovewell" a *nom-de-plume*? The tract does not appear to bear any traces of a Quaker origin.—NORMAN PENNEY, *Devonshire House, E.C.*

"I hope you will see your way to printing the Registers of Births Marriages and Burials, taken from the *original* documents at Somerset House, which, in some instances, I believe, are fuller than the Digests at Devonshire House."—E. A. FRY, 172, *Edmund Street, Birmingham*.

"It would be an interesting topic of inquiry whether there

was any exceptionally large number of early Friends in distinctively Lollard districts. . . . In certain districts of Wales there was a curious recrudescence of a kind of Neo-Druidism in the twelfth century. In those districts the early Baptists found ready audience. Was it so likewise with the early Friends?"—T. G. CRIPPEN, *Memorial Hall, E.C.*

In *Vita Haroldi, The Romance of the Life of Harold, King of England, c. 1216 A.D.*, edited by Walter de Gray Birch, F.S.A. London, 1885, there are numerous expressions, which are familiar to us in the writings of Friends. Among them we may cite the following: "Instructed by the Holy Spirit," chap. vii., "Salvation consists in patience and hope," chap. iv., "the inward man," frequently, "the Kingdom of God, which he already held within his breast," chap. vii., "secure in Christ who dwelleth in him," and "fanned by the breath of this Holy Spirit," chap. xiii.

Were not the beliefs, indicated by the foregoing extracts, current amongst the inhabitants of many country-places when the Society of Friends arose, making the preaching of George Fox and other Friends much more acceptable than the exclusive doctrine of the clergy, known as Calvinistic, based on the words "many are called, but few chosen"?—BENJ. WINSTONE, 53, *Russell Sq., W.C.*

Information is sought respecting tract with the following title: *A Letter from a Dublin Merchant on a Proclamation to banish all Anabaptists and Quakers, 1659.*

EDITORS.

A Friend desires to sell two quarto volumes of manuscript of about 500 pages each, entitled *A Collection of Letters and Epistles of Jsaac Penington, now first published from the manuscript copies of his son Iohn Penington, to which are added many Letters of Friends deceased on important Subjects taken from the Originals and manuscript copies.* The books, which are bound in leather, may be seen at Devonshire House.

[Advt.]

Already we have lost two members of the Society by death: W. J. C. Moens, F.S.A., of Tweed, Lymington, died on the 6th of 1st month. He was captured by brigands in Southern Italy in 1865, and was only released, four months later, on the payment of a ransom of £5,100. Mr. Moens was one of the founders of the Huguenot Society of London and was also its president. He was well acquainted with J. J. Green and other Friends, but not a Friend himself.

Frederick W. Short, a Friend of Leytonstone, died on the 18th of 1st month. He was treasurer of the Monumental Brass Society.

Several specimens of a sort of cipher writing have recently turned up at Devonshire House among the Quakeriana stored there (D. A. R. B. MSS. 21 and 173; Portfolio 1., and Portfolio 14.99; Tracts 99.11). In order, if possible, to find a key with which to read these, it is proposed to reproduce one or two of the manuscripts in the next issue of *The Journal*. Meanwhile information respecting any other specimen of Quaker cipher writing would be welcomed.

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