

## Book Notes.

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In *The Royal Quaker* (London : Methuen, 1904), by Mrs. Bertram Tanqueray, wife of a Fenland clergyman, and a successful writer of novels connected with the Fens, we have the life history, with various fictitious details, of Jane Stuart, natural daughter of James the Second, who died at Wisbech on the 12th of the 7th month, 1745, and whose grave is to be seen in Friends' Burial Ground in that town. What little is known of Jane Stuart's sad life history has been collected by Alexander Peckover and appears in Gardiner's *History of Wisbech*, 1898, in which reference is made to *Fenland Notes and Queries* (Part xvii. p. 178).<sup>1</sup> The author introduces various Quaker characters in a very interesting and generally accurate manner. Of Robert Barclay, when on a visit with William Penn to Princess Elizabeth of the Palatinate, we read, "He still wore his hat, but the dignity of his bearing wiped away all trace of unmannerliness" (p. 17). There are references also to Gilbert Latey the Court tailor (p. 107), to Gertrude Derricks, John Furly, the Sewels, Peter Hendricks, and other Dutch Friends (pp. 2, 3, 8, 15, 16, 174), and to Stephen Crisp (p. 19). It is doubtful whether the term of "The Society" to denote the Quaker Church was in ordinary use at that time (pp. 125, 167). Friends from Stilton would hardly be expected to attend Monthly Meeting at Gracechurch Street (p. 83), or is the scene depicted at the latter place likely to occur at such a gathering (p. 86). *George Frith* (p. 16) is a misprint for *George Keith*.

A delightful monograph on *The Holders of Holderness* (Philadelphia, 1902) has just reached the Reference Library as a gift from Francis T. Holder, of New York State and California. Unlike some writers of histories of families descended from Friends, Charles F. Holder, of Pasadena, California, the author of this volume, treats very fully and sympathetically of the life and sufferings of his Quaker progenitor, and he gives us a vivid picture of stirring events connected with Christopher Holder, who was born in 1631, and died in 1688.

The Shropshire Parish Register Society has just issued a volume of Nonconformist registers, edited by our member, George Eyre Evans, of Aberystwyth. It includes the Friends'

<sup>1</sup> See also *The Irish Friend*, vol. iii: (1840), p. 34; Armistead's *Select Miscellanies*, ii. 255.

Register of the old Monthly Meeting of Shropshire and has an historical note thereon from the pen of another of our members, William Gregory Norris, of Coalbrookdale.

Headley Brothers, the publishers of *The Journal*, have just issued a second edition of *Memories of Jordans and the Chalfonts*, written by our members, W. H. Summers and J. J. Green, in 1895, and since revised. It deals in a very interesting manner with the district in Buckinghamshire associated with the names of Penn, Penington, Ellwood and other Friends.

The Astolat Press will publish shortly a volume entitled *Quaker Grey*, being "Some Account of the Forepart of the Life of Elizabeth Ashbridge, who died in Truth's service 1755, written by her own hand many years ago." The old manuscript, from which the text is being edited by our member Albert C. Curtis, who will contribute a short introduction, is "an autobiographical narrative of the stormy career of a striking personality, who, after a runaway marriage at the age of fourteen, widowhood before fifteen, and emigration to America, finally entered the haven of quietude offered by the Quakers."

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It is hoped that one, at least, of the proposed supplements to *The Journal*, containing "The First Publishers of Truth," will be sent out to subscribers during the summer, and that No. 3 of *The Journal* will be published early in Ninth Month (September). Among the articles likely to appear in No. 3, may be mentioned:—A Letter from Samuel Bownas to James Wilson, 1751; A Brief Statement of the Origin and Character of Friends' Library, North Sixteenth Street, Philadelphia; Some Extracts from County Tipperary Friends' Records; Accounts of the Travels of early Friends in America, taken from the minutes of London Yearly Meeting; Cipher-writing (illustrated); etc.

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