

## “George Fox” in the “Dictionary of National Biography.”

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### CORRIGENDA AND ADDENDA.

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A volume of Errata to the *Dictionary of National Biography* has lately been issued. It is very useful; and it might be enlarged. For instance, there are no Errata to the article, “George Fox.” The writer of that article desires to correct some mistaken statements, and to improve one or two others.

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P. 117.

“His mother, Mary Lago”; *add* “died in 1674.” See *Journal of George Fox* for that year.

P. 118 *a*.

“John Machin, lecturer at Atherstone.” This is a wilful blunder, which unfortunately has misled others. Observing that names were often wrongly given in *The Journal*, the writer imagined that “Macham” was put for “Machin,” though there was no evidence that Machin was “lecturer at Atherstone” as early as 1645. The right description is, “John Macham, prebendary of Lichfield.” This Macham was a Dorsetshire man, B.A. of Lincoln College, Oxford. See Walker’s *Sufferings of the Clergy*; Foster’s *Alumni Oxon*.

P. 118 *b*.

“‘One Brown’ prophesied great things of him.” This was Robert Brown, a Fifth Monarchy man, who was put into the sequestered living of White Lady Aston, Worcestershire, and ejected after the Restoration. His subsequent career is obscure, but on 30th January, 1688, he received a call (though not a Baptist) from a Baptist congregation at Plymouth, and died there on 22 Feb., 1689. It is said that he died “by excessive preaching”; how far this malady proved fatal to his hearers is not stated. See *Reliquiae Baxterianae*, iii., 19; Calamy’s *Account, and Continuation*; Palmer’s *Nonconformist’s Memorial*, 2nd edition; Ivimey’s *Hist. Eng. Baptists*, vol. ii.

P. 119 a.

"The term [Quaker] got into the House of Commons' Journals as early as 1654." Perhaps its earliest appearance in print is in Thomas Hall's *The Pulpit Guarded*, 1651.

P. 119 b.

"Baxter's remark"; *read* "Calamy's version of Baxter's remark."

P. 119 b.

"Removed the remaining elements of insubordination." This is true, up to date; but some reference should have been made to the Story-Wilkinson and Rogers schism, 1675-86.

P. 120 a.

"Margaret writes to her husband"; *add* "then in London."

P. 120 b.

"His marriage on 18 Oct., 1669"; *read* "his marriage at Bristol on 27 Oct., 1669." See *Journal*; and Webb's *Fells of Swarthmoor Hall*.

P. 120 b.

The reference to Leslie's *Theol. Works*, 1721, is correct, but the passage about Fox's "straight hair" first occurs in Leslie's *Defence of The Snake in the Grass*, 1700. It should be added that the "curl" of Fox's hair is specified in *Journal*, orig. edit., p. 259.

P. 121 a.

The portrait "in the possession of Mrs. Watkins" was subsequently acquired by Joseph Smith, who sold it to an American purchaser.

P. 121 b.

"Wesley . . . never mentions Fox." Unhappily this is not so. He does once, in this connection: "St. Augustine himself (a wonderful saint! as full of pride, passion, bitterness, censoriousness, and as foul-mouthed to all that contradicted him as George Fox himself)." See Wesley's *Works*, ix., 296.

P. 121 b.

"*Nineteenth Century*, April, 1889"; *read* "March, 1889, 'The Value of the Witness to the Miraculous,' p. 451."

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