

Friends in Current Literature.

Three volumes have now appeared of the family memoirs entitled, *Among Ourselves: To a Mother's Memory, being a Life Story of principally seven Generations, especially of the Morris-Trueblood Branch, including not only Descendants of Benoni and Rebecca (Trueblood) Morris, but their Relatives and Connections*, written by Sarah P. Morrison (Plainfield, Ind.: Publishing Association of Friends). The volumes are headed respectively, "Out of North Carolina," "Catherine [Morris] and Her Surroundings," and "Catherine and Her Household." Though primarily intended for members of the family whose fortunes are followed through several generations, the contents of these volumes are well worth perusal by a much wider circle. There are some interesting illustrations. Volume the fourth is in preparation.

A melancholy interest attaches to the *Genealogical Sketch of the Descendants of Samuel Spencer, of Pennsylvania* (Philadelphia, Ferris and Leach, 1904), owing to the decease of the author, Howard M. Jenkins, before its publication; but we are told in the Preface, written by the author's son, Arthur Hugh Jenkins, that most of the materials for the book had been collected prior to his father's death. Samuel Spencer emigrated to Pennsylvania about 1700; in the publication of records of his descendants, H. M. Jenkins has added another to the important family histories which have come from the pen of our American Friends.

The transcript of portions of the Diary of John Smith, of Burlington and Philadelphia, by Albert C. Myers, entitled, *Hannah Logan's Courtship, A True Narrative* (Philadelphia; Ferris and Leach, 1905), is another contribution to past American History, which will be much appreciated, and especially so, as we are therein introduced to the inner life of Colonial Quakerism of the first half of the eighteenth century. The reader will follow the daily events of John Smith's life with interest, and sympathise with him in the various delays which occur in the negotiations for his marriage with the daughter of James Logan, Colonial Governor of Pennsylvania. Many explanatory notes are given, and the book is furnished with a sixty-two page Introduction, numerous illustrations, and a full Index. It forms a companion volume to *Sally Wister's Journal*, by the same editor.

The first publication issued by the Friends' Historical Society, of Philadelphia, is most valuable and interesting. It consists of the proceedings of the Centennial Celebration of the Meeting House at Fourth and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, held in Sixth Month, 1904, when papers were read by George Vaux, Susanna Kite, Francis B. Gummere, Frances Tatum Rhoads, and Isaac Sharpless, dealing with past events in the Quaker world of Philadelphia. These papers are printed in full, and illustrated by numerous reproductions of old and rare portraits and pictures. The addition of a full Index would have added greatly to the usefulness of the book.

In *Antiquarian Notes*, Vol. III., Part 30, the editor, G. Eyre Evans, of Aberystwyth, has an article on "Presbyterianism in Caermarthenshire, A.D. 1710," being the records of the visitation in that year of Edward Tenison, Archdeacon of Caermarthen, in which there are a few references to "Quakers." In the parish of Llacharn (Laugharne), there was a Friends' Meeting, attended by two families. The Meeting House appears to have occupied the site on the cliff, where now stands the Congregational Chapel. In the parish of Llan Ddewi Welffri there was a family of Friends, and in that of Llan Deilo Fawr "a meeting consisting of about six families." Of Llanllwch the Visitation record queries, "If there is not a Quakers' Meeting at this place?"

The *Pennsylvania Magazine of History* for January, 1905, contains a letter from George Fox to Friends in Bucks County, Pa., dated London, 3 mo. 20th, 1685, printed from a MS. in the Etting collection of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

George Fox's Will has been printed, *literatim*, in the *Friends' Intelligencer* (Philadelphia), of 1 mo. 7th, 1905.

The Sunday Magazine (London: Isbister, Feb., 1905) contains an illustrated historical article on Friends in Wooldale, Yorkshire, of the families of Jackson, Dale, Brook, etc.

A hitherto unpublished letter from John Bright to Moncure D. Conway, dated, "One Ash, Rochdale, April 9, 1885," appeared in *The Daily News* (London), of the 28th ult.

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