

Notes and Queries.

FRIENDS AND MUSIC (ii. 2).—
Att a yearely meeting, the 26th day
of the 10th-month, 1681. at freinds
meeting house in Scarborough, it
was agreed upon (by friends at
the said meeting whose names are
hereunder written) as followeth:—

“Whereas freinds have taken
notice that the men that goe
through the Towne in the night
season doth call at some freinds’
houses, playeing at their dores or
windowes, saying, ‘Good morrow,’
to some freinds and to their chil-
dren, playing with their Instru-
ments of musick, &c.

“Friends of this meeting,
weightily considering of it, doth
give their sense and judgment
concerning the said practice, vizt. :
That it is altogether unbecoming
freinds to allow on or countenance
the same ; yet if some friends may
plead that it may be of service
to them in some particular to heare
what hour in the night or morning
it is; and also where or what
quarter the winde is in, and to
thrust or try if their dores be fast ;
may be condended to and
allowed of. But, however, freinds
should limmet them to this re-
striction, that they only call them
by their names, without saying,
‘God morrow,’ and calling on
their childrens’ names, nor playing
on their musicall instruments
at freinds dores or windowes ;
as to these things freinds should
forbit them and not at all en-
courage them. And we do desire
and hope that all faithfull freinds
in Scarborough will be unanimous
in this particular, as well as in
other things of like nature that

is out of Truth and the ancient
practice of faithfull freinds
elsewhere, who hath and doth beare
testimony all along against all
such wanton, brutish practices,
tending only to satisfie and please
vayne and wanton minds with
their foolysh musick.”

As a practical answer to Thos.
Wm. Backhouse’s question about
Friends’ estimate of music in past
times, I send the following extract
from a book, published by the
late Henry Clarkson, relating
some of his early recollections.
He was a railway engineer, and
associated with Stephenson and
others in their work. He lived
at Alverthorpe Hall, near Wake-
field, and died at a very advanced
age a few years ago. He was
articled to a surveyor at Thorne,
and speaks thus of some Friends
called Reeder, with whom he
lodged during the years 1821-5.
Of John Reeder he writes:—

“He had a lofty contempt
for anything like music, and I
was very fond of playing the flute.
His wife had a secret fondness
for my performances, and used
sometimes to say when he went
out, ‘Now he’s gone out—thou
may play.’ One day I was in-
dulging her and myself with an
air and variations from one of the
operas, when the door was warily
opened, and first appeared the
broad brim of a Quaker’s hat;
with a grim face underneath it,
and then a voice said, ‘Henry,
put that vain piece of wood away.’
I afterwards made an Eolean harp,
to which, when placed in the open

window; he would listen with something like satisfaction—a fine distinction between the natural and artificial.”—CHARLES BRADY; *The Limes, Barnsley*.

FRANCE.—In the possession of Thomas Henry Webb, of Dublin, are two MSS., relating to Friends in the South of France. One is endorsed, “A List of the names of the friends and their families in the villages of Congénies and (St.) Gilles, copied by Anna Rawes, of Marnhull, in Dorsetshire, 1798.” The Congénies list contains twenty-two families, and that of St. Gilles fifteen. An asterisk, denoting a minister, is placed opposite the following names:—Peter Marignan, Peter Robinet, Junr., Madelene, wife of Francis Benezet, and Louis Antoine Masolier, of Congénies; and Mary, wife of Adrian Heraut, of St. Gilles. The list closes with this sentence:—“David Ventugol, of (St.) Gilles, is said to have in his possession 2,700 Sheep; 800 of which he milks twice a day, 60 yoke of Oxen; 50 horses, 10 asses; 100 Persons are employed by him as Servants constantly, but in vintage time upwards of 200, when they make annually 1,200 hogsheads of wine.”

The other MS. is composed of a copy of a document “Respecting Friends in France,” dated “From Congénies, near Nismes, in Languedoc, 4th October, 1785,” and also of two letters, which passed between Friends of the same place and London Friends, in 1786. The visit of Jean de Marsillac to Congénies, Fontanès, Quissac, and other places is referred to with satisfaction.

FAMILISTS (i. 51; ii. 5).—See an interesting account of this Sect and of the relation of Familism with Quakerism; in Allen C. Thomas's *Family of Love*; 1893; reprinted from “Haverford College Studies,” No. 12. See also Hallywell's *Account of Familism as it is Revived and Propagated by the Quakers*, 1673.

JOHN HILL, OF ACKWORTH.—A letter, written by this Friend; who was the first superintendent of Ackworth School (1779-1790), to his daughter, Lydia, at Frenchay, in 1783, is in the possession of John Dymond Crosfield, of Liverpool. The letter gives a full and striking account of the writer's early life, and especially of the circumstances connected with his engagement to, and marriage with Judith Leaper; his second wife. Students of Ackworth history may be glad to know of this letter.

REGISTERS OF WILLS.—Some of the Friends' Meetings of Ulster, Ireland, kept registers of wills. This custom was brought from Ireland to Westmorland; the will book at Kendal beginning about 1699. Are there any other instances of will books kept by Meetings in other parts of England?—ALBERT COOK MYERS, *Kennett Square, Pa., U.S.A.*

THREE YEARS FOR SEVEN FARTHING.—In *A Few Instances of the Severe Prosecutions in the Exchequer for Tythes of Small Value; Humbly Offered to the Parliament*, folio, 2 pp., c. 1705, occurs the following:—

“Peter and Thomas Hardcastle, of Kirby-Malzard, Yorkshire, were Prosecuted in the Exchequer by

Ben. Holden, Vicar of *Hobthwait*, for Seven Farthings demanded, and were Imprisoned in *York Castle*, 'till Discharged by *K. William's* Clemency, which was about 3 years after."

Another copy of this broadside omits the above "instance," but whether the statement was omitted because of lack of proof, or added because of its appositeness, cannot now be determined.

EARLY FRIENDS IN CANTERBURY.—We get a glimpse of Quakers with other Nonconformists in a letter written from Canterbury, on the 4th November, 1665, by Anthony Cooley, to Joseph Williamson, Secretary to Lord Arlington. Its contents are noted in the volume of *State Papers, Domestic*, for 1665-6. Of these years, Besse has no note in his *Sufferings*, as regards Kent, there being (i., 294) a break from 1664 to 1668.

"Nothing was prosecuted last session against Quakers, Nonconformists nor the rest of that diabolical rabble; there were several indictments, but the bills were not found, because most of the grand jury were fanatics. They meet at Mr. Taylor's, a blind minister, in St. George's parish; Canterbury, and eight other houses of Quakers, Fifth Monarchy Men, Presbyterians, etc., in or near Canterbury, and are desperate enemies to the laws; ecclesiastical and civil. A warrant is issued for seizure of Edw. Hurt, an attorney, Richd. Bemister, a surgeon, Wm. Jones, a rumping captain and four others; for being at a conventicle."

Hopes he understands rightly that all Nonconformists in corporations will be disfranchised."—
GEO. EYRE EVANS, *Aberystwyth*.

MISSING EDITION OF BARCLAY'S "APOLOGY."—The Librarian of **D** would be obliged if those who possess copies of the 1678 editions would kindly compare them with the following particulars of the two editions of 1678 in **D**:—one edition, presumably the first, has 412 numbered pages, the spelling is archaic, as, e.g.; *coun-trey-men*, on the title page, and on page 273, line 7 from foot, the letter *c* in *Remembrancer* has a cedilla. The other edition of 1678 in **D**, has 392 numbered pages, which run 312, 313, 214, 315, and the head-line of page 50 is *Second Proposition* (should be *Third*). Information of an edition of 1678 not possessing the typographical peculiarities of either of the above-described editions would be welcomed.

EARLY INSTANCE OF RECORDING MINISTERS.—At our Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at York, the 7th of 12th mo., 1780:—"Thos. Armitage is desired to recommend to the consideration of the Monthly Meeting the recording of Henry and Sarah Tuke as Ministers, their apperances having been to our satisfaction."
i. iii, 1781:—"Agreable to the recommendation of last Meeting, the Monthly Meeting hath recorded Henry and Sarah Tuke as ministers in unity, and recommended them to this Meeting as proper members thereof."