

Notes and Queries.

FRIENDS OF TRUTH (ii. 44).—For an earlier reference; see *Two General Epistles . . . to Friends of Truth*, by George Fox, the younger, 1663.

EARLY MEETING MINUTES OF CUMBERLAND.—Can any one inform me of the location of the minute books of the Friends' Meetings in Cumberland for the *seventeenth century*? During the summer of 1903, I travelled through this county, and made a diligent but unsuccessful search for these valuable historical documents. I found that almost all of the old minutes began early in the eighteenth century. The most important of these are preserved in three depositories, as follows:—

I. *Fireproof, Meeting-house, Carlisle*, custodian, Thompson Wigham; 21, Howard Place, Carlisle; (i.) Minutes of Carlisle Monthly Meeting, commencing 1703; (ii.) Minutes of Caldbeck Monthly Meeting, commencing 1676; (iii.) Minutes of Scotby Preparative Meeting, commencing 1713; (iv.) Minutes of Solport Preparative Meeting, commencing 1705.

II. *Old chest in custody of John Peile; Parkgate Hall, near Wigton, Cumberland*. (i.) Minutes of Allonby Preparative Meeting, commencing 1710; (ii.) Minutes of Wigton Preparative Meeting, commencing 1725; (iii.) Minutes of Holme Monthly Meeting, commencing 1733.

III. *Safe, Meeting-house, Whitehaven*; custodians, Harold Adair, The Retreat; St. Bees, White-

haven, and John Wilson Robinson, Brigham, near Cockermouth, (i.) Minutes of Pardshaw Crag or Pardshaw Monthly Meeting, commencing 1701; (ii.) Pardshaw Book of Sufferings, commencing 1678; (iii.) Disownments, etc., commencing 1681. ALBERT COOK MYERS.

AUTHORS WANTED.—*The Discontented Pendulum*. Bath: A. E. Binns; c. 1819.

On the Employment of Children in Sweeping Chimneys. London: Harvey and Darton, 1827.

Poems, by M. H. London: Barrett, Sons & Co. 1876.

The Crisis of Emancipation in America. London: Richard Barrett.

JOHN BOWNE.—In the account book of John Bowne, a thrifty Quaker farmer of Flushing, Long Island, New York, are noted expenditures on account of travelling Friends, such as muslin pocket-handkerchiefs, neck-cloths, mending boots and clothes, shoeing horses; mending saddles, buying bridles and horses, and a barrel of cider put on board a vessel for the use of voyaging Friends. "1700 the 7th month; thus disburst Jamaica on the account of entertainment for William Penn and other Friends £1 10s." A long extract from his MS. Journal describing his persecution in 1662 is given in *American Historical Record*, vol. 1.; pp. 4-8. (1872.)—ALBERT COOK MYERS.

PEN-Y-GARN.—In Pontypool Park there is a small Friends' Burial Ground, called Pen-y-garn. When I saw it several years ago, the traces of an enclosure were very slight. The ownership by Friends ceased very long ago.—
FREDERICK J. GIBBINS.

OLD BANNER ESSAYS.—A few spare copies of these; written by Wm. C. Westlake, John T. Rice, William Pollard, Isaac Brown, Richard Westlake, Thomas Pumphrey, and Anna D. Peet; 1864-1866, are in the hands of the Librarian of D., and can be obtained free of cost save postage.

GEORGE FOX AUTOGRAPH LETTERS (ii. 2).—3: Endorsed, "My Grand ffathers ffox Letter to my Grand Mother, and his own hand writing. J. A." *i.e.* John Abraham, and addressed, "To Sarah ffell att Swarthmoore These ddd [deliver] in Lancashire." The letter consists of twenty-nine lines on a folio sheet, and is dated, "yorke 2 mo: 16 day 1677." It is printed in the author's *Journal*, ii. 258. It is considerably edited as regards grammar and spelling, as, *e.g.*; the first line reads, "der hort to whom is my love & to s. & m: & sv & r," referring to his wife's daughters; Sarah, Mary, Susanna; & Rachel; "barabe" becomes Burrowby, and an undecipherable surname [? Robinson], following the prenomen "Richard," is given as "and others"! This letter was presented to D. by John Dymond Crosfield on behalf of his family; in 1902, as part of a

collection of MSS. once belonging to George Crosfield, of Liverpool, now known as the "Crosfield Manuscripts." See the *Friends' Quarterly Examiner* 1902, p. 262.

4.—Endorsed, "To my Father R. B." and addressed, "ffor Robert Barclay att Vrie This ddd Leauē this with James Browne Tanner att y^e west port at Edenbough to be sent as directed." The letter, which contains twenty-seven lines on a folio sheet, refers to sufferings on the Continent and the efforts made to lay these sufferings before the Parliament. It is dated, "london 9 mo 25 day 1680." Along the left hand margin are several lines in another hand. The letter belongs to Mary Littleboy; of Newport Pagnell, and is on loan at Devonshire House. It was reproduced in facsimile, but without the lines in the margin, as the frontispiece to Bickley's *George Fox and the Early Quakers*; 1884.

DUTCH QUAKER FROM IRELAND.—John Wesley writes, in a letter from Bristol in 1739, "I visited Antony Purvor (a Quaker) at French-hay; with whom was a Dutchman, lately arrived from Ireland, who, I verily think, is full of y^e Spirit & breath's nothing, but Jesus Xt." A writer in the *Proceedings of the Wesley Historical Society* (vol. v. part 1) enquires, "Is the Dutchman from Ireland to be identified with 'one of the most lovely old men I ever saw, John Garret, a Dutchman by birth, and a Speaker among the Quakers,' with whom Wesley breakfasted in Dublin, 13th April, 1756?"