

Friends in Current Literature.

James Pinkney Bell, of J. P. Bell Company, Lynchburg, Va., has published a valuable book of reference in *Our Quaker Friends of ye Olden Time, being in part a Transcript of the Minute Books of Cedar Creek Meeting, Hanover County, and the South River Meeting, Campbell County, Va.* The 287 pages of this book contain records of Births and Deaths, Marriages, Removals, Disownments, Confession and Condemnation, and also an Appendix, in which are articles on the history and doctrines of Friends, on the Davis, Jordan, Lynch, Clark, Moorman, and Terrell families, concluding with the Diary of John B. Crenshaw, excerpted from Cartland's "Southern Heroes." The Births and Deaths given cover the period from about 1715 to about 1890; the Marriage certificates (with the names of witnesses) begin in 1761 and end in 1881. Those in search of facts relating to the ebb and flow of Quakerism in the Southern States will find in this volume much helpful material. There are illustrations of Meeting Houses at Cedar Creek, Lynchburg, and New Garden, and portraits of John Carter, Allen U. Tomlinson, John B. Crenshaw, and Isham Cox.

An abridgement of George Fox's *Journal*, made by Percy L. Parker, with an introduction by W. Robertson Nicoll, LL.D., has been issued in cheap form (London: Sir Isaac Pitman and Sons, Limited, 8vo, pp. 512). The portions of the *Journal* given are made very readable by paragraph headings, and there is a good Index.

An address given by Rufus M. Jones, D. Litt., at the Summer School at Scalby, Yorkshire, entitled *Quakerism and the Simple Life*, has been published (London: Headley, 8vo, pp. 38). On the difficulty of "the endeavour to win goodness by withdrawal from society," the author quotes the following from an epistle from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting to London in 1759, as a "mistaken idea of simplicity":—

Upon the whole you may observe somewhat of our present circumstance, and that our connections with the powers of the earth are reduced to small bounds, which we fervently desire may have the proper effect to establish the Church in righteousness, and fix our trust on the Lord alone for protection and deliverance.¹

¹ The whole letter appears in *Letters to and from Philadelphia*, a series of manuscript volumes in D., 1757 to 1857.

George Baker, of York, is preparing for publication some records of early Friends in north-east Yorkshire, to be entitled, *Unhistoric Acts*. The volume will be fully illustrated.

In William Tallack's volume of reminiscences, *Howard Letters and Memories* (London: Methuen, 8vo, pp. 305), the author mentions a number of Friends with whom he came into contact in connection with the "Howard Association for the Promotion of the best Methods for the Treatment and Prevention of Crime, Pauperism, etc."² A chapter is devoted to John Bright, and he is also referred to frequently throughout the book. Estimates of Quakerism occur in letters from Matthew Arnold, Francis Wm. Newman, Canon Liddon, Bishop Wordsworth, and Cardinal Manning.

The memorial volume, *John Wilhelm Rowntree: Essays and Addresses*, edited by Joshua Rowntree (London: Headley, 8vo, pp. 448), forms a notable addition to Friends' literature. It is a collection of addresses and lectures given by the late J. Wilhelm Rowntree, prefaced by a sketch of his life and a *Testimony* of Pickering and Hull Monthly Meeting respecting him. The portions of the book which will be especially valued by students of Quaker history are the three lectures on "The Rise of Quakerism in Yorkshire," which occupy over seventy pages, and Appendixes i. to iv., which contain short biographies of eighteen "Founders of Quakerism in Yorkshire," some "Chronological Memoranda," a "Map of the Monthly and Particular Meetings, and the Towns attached to each Meeting, belonging to the Quarterly Meeting of York, 1669," and an extract from the writings of James Nayler. The twenty addresses which are included in this volume deal with such important subjects as The Basis of the Quaker Faith, The Problem of a Free Ministry, Summer Schools, Adult Schools and Mission Work, Family Exclusiveness, and Man's Relation to God (five addresses). The book is furnished with a good Index, the work of Emily J. and E. Mary Hart, the late J. W. Rowntree's secretaries. In another edition a few inaccuracies, such as the following, will probably be corrected:—Bambridge should be Bainbridge, p. 420; Luton should be Beckerings Park,³ p. 423;

² William Tallack was secretary to this Association from its institution in 1866 to 1901. He was followed by Edward Grubb, M.A., who acted as secretary, until last year, when he felt it right to resign the position in order to devote himself more entirely to work in connection with Friends.

³ See THE JOURNAL, i. 411.

Aldham should be Aldam, p. 423 ; the first Yearly Meeting in London was held some years before 1672,⁴ p. 424 ; Barclay's "Apology" first appeared in Latin in 1676, and in English in 1678, p. 424 ; some of the accounts of "First Publishers of Truth" reached London prior to 1705, e.g., Cheshire in 1683, p. 426.

I have been much interested in reading *For a Free Conscience*, by L. C. Wood, author of "Haydock's Testimony" (London: Headley, 8vo, pp. 399). The principal persons in the book, Walter and Rachel Pixley, their daughter Martha, and adopted daughter Mary, are taken from the "Story of Martha and Mary;"⁵ and their doings in times of peace and storm are admirably drawn and well worth following. I hope to refer to this book again.

The Story of Magdalen Duckett, a Narrative of the Quaker Persecution, written by Ernest E. Taylor, and illustrated by Adelaide Hoyland (London: Headley, 4to, pp. 16), is a very readable little book, dealing with events in the history of Francis Howgill. Squire Duckett, of Grayrigg Hall, Westmorland, his daughter, Magdalen, Peter Mozer, and others, are historical, but the author tells me he has "wedded Peter Mozer to an imaginary daughter of Francis Howgill." There is a legend still current in the district that the daughter of Justice Duckett begged her bread from door to door, according to Howgill's prediction. The illustration of Sunny Bank is from a photograph, as is that of the porch on page 12. The picture of Grayrigg Hall is imaginary, and very prettily drawn. A view of Swarthmore Hall appears on the cover.

The Annual Monitor, the little volume recording the deaths of Friends in Great Britain and Ireland during 1905, which has appeared year by year since 1813, is again to hand (London: Headley, small 8vo, pp. 160). It contains twenty-three short memoirs, and also a table showing the deaths at different ages during the years, 1902-3, 1903-4 and 1904-5. In the first of these periods the average age at death was rather over sixty-one and a half years, in the second sixty-two and a quarter years, and in the last sixty-three and a quarter years.

⁴ See THE JOURNAL, ii. 62.

⁵ This attractive incident is given in Armistead's *Select Miscellanies*, iv. 209, 1851, and in J. J. Green's *Souvenir*, 1900. I have not been able to trace it further back.

A contemporary reference to the trial of Penn and Meade is to be found in a letter from Andrew Marvell to William Ramsden, dated November 28th, 1670, given in *Andrew Marvell*, "English Men of Letters" series (London: Macmillan, 8vo, pp. 242). Marvell writes, "The Lieutenancy of London," chiefly Sterlin the Mayor, and Sir J. Robinson, alarmed the King continually with the Conventicles there. So the King sent them strict and large powers. . . . The train bands in the city, and soldiery in Southwark and suburbs, harassed and abused them continually; they wounded many, and killed some Quakers especially, while they took all patiently. Hence rose two things of great remark. . . . The other was the tryal of Pen and Mead, quakers. . . . There is a book out which relates all the passages, which were very pertinent, of the prisoners, but prodigiously barbarous by the Mayor and Recorder."

Several Friends belonging to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting have recently issued *A Little Book of Information on the Particular Meetings composing Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends* (to be obtained from William C. Cowperthwaite, 304 Arch Street, Philadelphia, small 4to, pp. 112). There are short accounts of over seventy Meetings of "Orthodox Friends," giving location, day and hour of meeting, usual attendance, condition as to vocal ministry, and other items of information likely to be of service to visiting Friends and of interest to others. The Meeting Houses of "Race Street Friends" are also occasionally described. There is a numerical table of membership, and, at the end, a map, drawn by Philip Bellows.

James Hastings, M.A., D.D., writes in his paper, *The Expository Times*, for January, some notes on J. Wilhelm Rowntree's "Essays and Addresses," dealing particularly with the Atonement. He says, "The significance of the articles does not lie in their originality. It lies in their representativeness. They seem to indicate an approaching revolt on the part of the younger men against the penal theories of the Atonement, one and all. Mr. Rowntree does not stand alone; he seems to stand for the younger scholarly men of his Communion."

Harmsworth Encyclopædia; part 17; contains a four-column article on "Friends."—*The Cornish Echo*, of November 24th; reports an address by Lord Rosebery, in which are interesting allusions to Friends.—In his *Few Footprints*, J. Passmore Edwards refers to his association with Charles Gilpin, M.P., William Howitt, and John Bright.—George Pitt, of Mitcham, Surrey, has reprinted several of his recent articles, in a dainty

little volume, entitled, *Mystic Religion described by a Quaker*.—T. Edmund Harvey's address at a meeting of the Old York Scholars' Association, has been reprinted from "Bootham" under the title, *An Ideal of Denominational Education*.—The latest *Swarthmore College Bulletin* (vol. iii., no. 1., dated Ninth Month, 1905) contains the first instalment of an Historical Catalogue of the Alumni, covering the period 1873-1892, with Preface by Edward H. Magill.—Henry W. Clemesha, M.A., an attender of Preston (Lancashire) Meeting, descendant of Friends, has contributed an introduction to *Preston Court Leet Records*, and has assisted in other ways in the preparation of this work. The book contains occasional references to Friends.—Josiah W. Leeds, of West Chester, Pa., is diligently pursuing his useful work of writing to various papers drawing attention to the bearing of current topics on peace, purity, and other moral questions. One of his latest articles is on "The case of Midshipman Arrowood," in the *Episcopal Recorder*, of Philadelphia, for November 16th.—An address *To the Members and Attenders of our Meetings*, etc. has been issued by the General Meeting held at Fritchley, Derbyshire, in Tenth Month (Edward Watkins, Fritchley, near Derby; 8vo, pp. 4).—A second edition of *The Greatest Need in the Society of Friends: the Baptism with the Holy Spirit*, by Helen B. Harris, wife of Dr. J. Rendel Harris, of Woodbrooke, Birmingham, has just appeared (London: Headley, 8vo, pp. 77).—The *Philadelphia Public Ledger*, of September 3rd, devotes a large portion of a page to "Quakers in England, Vigorous in School and Mission Work. Society has taken New Life and is eager in Uplifting Efforts for the Masses, without Peculiarities in Speech and Garb." The article is from the pen of Arthur W. Dewees; and it is illustrated by portraits of J. Rendel Harris, J. Wilhelm Rowntree, and William Littleboy, and views of Woodbrooke, Bootham, etc.

A bright little book on the needs of babyhood has been written by H. Douglas C. Pepler, entitled, *His Majesty* (London: Headley, pp. 36). Dr. E. Vipont Brown, of Manchester, contributes an Introduction, and there are numerous quotations on subjects referred to in the book.—John Cleveland is contributing Quaker stories to several magazines. "The Quaker's Cudgel," in *The Quiver*, for December, relates an incident which took place in the family of John Hilton, then of Brighton, now of London. *The Sunday Strand*, for December, has the first of a series of "Quaker Stories." In *The Novel Magazine* for Christmas appears "A Coward's Courage," a stirring incident in the American Civil War.—*The Young Man*, December, has a contribution on Adult Schools from the pen of Charles T. Bateman; with portraits of William White, William Charles Braithwaite (president of Friends' Historical Society), and others.—With the first issue in the New Year, *The Friend* (London) commences a series of illustrated articles on George Fox and the early days of the Society, written by Ernest E. Taylor, which are sure to prove of much interest.—In *The Friend* (London) for 12mo. 22, there is an article by Isaac Sharp on "John Bellers," the certificate of whose marriage with Frances Fettiplace, in 1686, has recently been deposited in D. "Some Old Election Appeals," dated 1675, 1726, 1806, occupy another portion of the paper.

The substance of an address, delivered at the Free Christian Church, Croydon, last Eleventh Month, by Edward Grubb, M.A., entitled, "The Mission of the Quakers," appears in *The Inquirer: A Journal of Liberal Religious Thought and Life*, London, December 16th.

Books for review, and any information suitable for these pages, will be welcomed.

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