

Notes and Queries.

G. F.'s "JOURNAL" QUERIES.—

5. While at Swarthmore, in 1676, George Fox spent some time in collecting and sorting various papers. He tells us he "made two books of collections; one was a list or catalogue of the names of those Friends who went out of the North of England, when truth first broke forth there; to proclaim the day of the Lord through this nation; the other was of the names of those Friends that went first to preach the gospel in other nations, countries; and places, in what years, and to what parts they went." (*Journal*, ii. 245.) Is it known whether these "collections" are still extant?

THE WILL OF WILLIAM MEADE.

—I William Meade of Gooses in the Liberty of Havering at Bower in the County of Essex do hereby revoke all former Wills by me made or published and do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner following being all written with my own handwriting

Imprimis my body I desire may be buried in such manner as my dear Wife shall think fitt

Item whereas I have by Indentures of Lease and Release bearing date respectively the twenty-sixth and and twenty-seventh days of the month called April last past conveyed and settled all the freehold mannors Messuages farms lands rents tenements woods woodlands and hereditaments whatsoever in the City of London and Countyes of Middlesex Essex

Kent and Surrey or any of them or elsewhere in the Kingdom of England whereof or wherein I or any person in trust for me have or hath or am or are seized of any estate of freehold or Inheritance excepting as therein expressed to and for such uses as are in the same Indenture of release mentioned expressed and declared with a power thereby reserved to me to revoke the same as in and by the said Indenture of release relacion being thereunto had will more fully and at large appear Now I do hereby declare that I have not at any time revoke[d] the same But I do hereby ratify and confirm the conveyance and settlement made by the same aforementioned Indenture

Item I devise unto Nathaniel Meade of the Middle Temple London Esqre my dear and only Child all the rest and residue of my real estate whatsoever and wheresoever as well freehold as Copyhold whereof I am seized of or which I shall or may be seized off at the time of my decease or shall have any power to dispose off To have and to hold the same to him and his heirs for ever

And as for all my personal Estate of what kind soever my Will is that the same be divided into three equal parts according and pursuant to the Custome of London whereof I will that one third part shall be applied towards the payment of my debts legacys and funeral charges And I give give devise and bequeath all the rest and residue of the said

Third part and the other third part of my personal Estate to Sarah Daughter of Thomas Fell of Swarthmore in the County of Lancaster Esqre deceased my dear and loving Wife And the other remaining third part of my personal Estate I give and devise to Nathaniel Meade of the Middle Temple London Esqre my aforesaid dear and only Child

And I do constitute make and appoint my aforesaid deare and only Child Nathaniel Meade Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament

And for such legacys as I shall think fitt to give my relations friends or acquaintance or for any other use or purpose whatsoever I do hereby declare that it is my intention to sett the same down particularly in a paper or writing by itself either written by my own hand or by my direction to be signed by my own hand to which paper or writing I do declare to be a Codicil to this my last and to be taken as part thereof as fully to all Intents and purposes as if the same were contained and written in this my last Will

In witness thereto this is my last Will and Testament I have hereunto sett my hand and seal this twenty second day of October in the fourth year of our Sovereign Lady Queen Ann and in the year of our Lord 1705

William Meade

Memorandum these words *vizt* In the first line by and in the third line my and in the twelfth line had and in the fifteenth line London and in the thirty-first this were all severally interlined with my own hand writing before the signing sealing publishing

and executing of this my last Will and Testament

Signed Sealed published and declared by the testator William Meade to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us whose names are hereunto subscribed as Witnesses and by us signed and attested in his presence

John Goodland—Henry Hankey
— Thomas Ange

I the above named William Meade the Testator do this fifth day of January in the year of our Lord 1708 and in the seventh year of our Sovereign Lady Queen Ann publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the day and year first above mentioned

William Meade

Signed Sealed and published by the said Testator to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us whose names are hereunto subscribed as witnesses and by us signed and attested in the presence of the Testator
Tho Fifield—Thomas Kneaton
—Tho Fell—John Fell

Whereas I William Meade of Gooses in the Liberty of Havering at Bower in the County of Essex have made published and declared my last Will and Testament in writing being all written with my own hands and contained in one sheet or skin of parchment and bearing date the 22nd day of October in the 4th year of our Sovereign Lady Queen Anne and in the year of our Lord 1705 And whereas I the said William Meade the Testator did the 5th day of January in the year of our Lord 1708 and in the seventh year of our said Sovereign Lady Queen Ann republish my said Will

there is contained the following clause in these words *viz* And for such Legacies as I shall think fitt to give my relations friends or acquaintances or for any other use or purpose whatsoever I do hereby declare that tis my intention to Sett the same down particularly in a paper [or] writing by itself either written by my own hand or by my direction to be signed by my own hand which paper or writing I do declare to be a Codicil to this my Will and to be taken as part thereof as fully to all intents and purposes as if the same were contained and written in this my last Will Now I the said William Meade in pursuance of my said intention mentioned and declared in my said Will do make and declare this my only Codicil

Imprimis I do hereby ratify and confirm my said last Will and Testament and all matters and things whatsoever therein contained

Item I give to my dear Wife Sarah Meade one hundred pounds for her to distribute amongst the poor of the people called Quakers as she shall see cause

Item I give to my dear son Nathaniel Meade one hundred pounds And I do hereby order him to keep the same in his hands paying five pounds per cent per annum interest for the same to the meeting of the people called Quakers at Barking in Essex for the use of the poor of the parish called Quakers belonging to that Meeting until the said one hundred pounds can be placed out upon good security according to my said Sons good liking and approbation

Item I give to my said dear Son Nathaniel Meade Two hundred pounds for him to give to such charitable use or to such Hospitals as he shall think fit

Item I give to the Overseers of the poor of Harrolds Wood Ward and Havering Ward in the parish of Hornchurch in the County of Essex Ten pounds to each Ward to be distributed to the poor there with my dear Son Nathaniel Meades approbation

And finally my Will and meaning is that this my only Codicil be and be adjudged to be part and parcel of my said last Will and Testament and that all matters and things herein contained and mentioned be truly and faithfully performed as fully and amply as in every respect as if the same were contained and written in my said last Will

In witness whereof I the said William Meade have to this my only Codicill being all written with my own handwriting set my hand and seal this twenty seaventh day of the Month called April in the year of our Lord 1709 and in the Eighth year of Queen Ann

William Meade

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said William Meade the Testator in the presence of us whose names are subscribed as witnesses and by us signed and attested in the presence and at the request of the said Testator

James Hand—Edward Hand—John Fell

Probatum fuit hujusmodi Testamentum apud London cum Codicillo annexo coram Venli viro Johanne Exton Legum Doctore Surrogato Præhonorandi Viri Domini Caroli Hedges Militis

Legum etiam Doctoris Curiae Prærogativæ Cantuar Magistri Custodis sive Commissarij legitime constituti Decimo octavo die mensis Aprilis Anno Domini Millesimo Septingentesimo Decimo Tertio Juramento Nathanielis Meade Armigeri filij et unici Executoris in dicto Testamento nominat Cui Commissa fuit Administratio omnium et singulorum honorum jurium et creditorum dicti defuncti de bene et fideliter administrando eadem ad sancta Dei Evangelia Jurat

BOOKS GRATIS.—Some copies of *A Digest of Legislative Enactments relating to the Society of Friends in England*, prepared by Joseph Davis, conveyancer, second edition, London, 1849, 200 pages, are on hand, and can be obtained from the Librarian of D.

Copies of *A Brief Account of Prosecutions of Quakers, 1736*, containing many names of Friends in various districts of England and Wales, from 1696 to 1736, may also be obtained as above.

EARLY SCHOOL AT SIDCOT.—Francis A. Knight, of Wintrath, Winscombe, Somerset, having undertaken, at the request of the Committee, to write a history of Sidcot School, in view of the coming centenary of the founding of that Institution, would be very grateful to any one who would supply some details of the School which existed at Sidcot towards the end of the seventeenth century, and which was kept by a Friend, named Jenkins.

PENN PORTRAITS.—Has there been any further discussion in print of the Penn and Gurney portraits described by Maria Webb in *Penns and Peningtons*? Who are the present owners?—ALBERT COOK MYERS, Kennett Square, Pa.

SUNDAY TRADING.—Several inquiries have recently been received respecting the attitude of former Friends to this subject, and how far it was customary for them to keep their shops open on First Day.

Thomas Ellwood mentions in his *History* the case of a poor Friend prisoner, who, not having finished mending a pair of shoes on the previous night, set to work again early on Sunday morning; and who “though he wrought as privately as he could in his chamber that he might avoid giving offence to any,” was informed against and set to hard labour.

The following occurs in a letter from Francis Gawler to George Fox, from Cardiff, 1659:—“Marey Cheesman hath refused to pay Aney Contrybeution, and Latley shee and hear Sarvants did winnow Coorne in the Barane one the first day of the weeke. J thoate it best to aquante thee of it, not that J Judge the Ledings of the Sprite of Truth in Aney, but J know the Vnderstandgs of thes Sprits are not soe clear to deserne the mouings of truth from Jmaginations”—(D. Swarthmore MSS. iv. 219).

In 1786, several Friends of Leighton Buzzard, *viz.*, John Grant, Thomas Wheeler, Peter Bassett, Benjamin Reeve, Martha

Hely, and Susannah Heley, issued a circular stating that, "having conformed for several years past, to the too general custom in our town, of opening shops on the morning of the first day of the week, called Sunday, we have sorrowfully experienced the disagreeable consequences resulting therefrom therefore in order to be more at liberty ourselves, and to give more liberty to our families and customers to perform their necessary but too much neglected Christian duties, and from no other motive, we are induced to decline keeping our shops open on the said first day of the week . . . from and after the twelfth of the third month next"

EARLY MEETINGS IN DERBYSHIRE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, AND LEICESTERSHIRE.—I would like a list of Friends' Meetings in the above counties which were in existence 1680-1700, and where Records of said Meetings (other than those at Somerset House) may now be found.—MORGAN BUNTING, Darby, Pa.

PRE-FOXITE QUAKERISM.—A fourteen-page tract on tithes, *The Afflictions of the Afflicted Presented to Consideration*, etc., London, 1653, has just been added to D. Its special interest to Friends lies in this, that it refers to suffering on account of refusal to pay tithes which ante-dates the rise of Quakerism. I notice the names of several who embraced Quakerism later, but the great majority do not appear to have had any connection with Friends.

The recital relates to the counties of Northampton, Surrey, and especially to Kent. On page 3, we read: "James Jogger, of old Rumney, in Kent, near Rumney Marsh, hath been oppressed by Doctour Asgol, who sued him at law three or four years, for that Mr. Jogger paid one Mr. Fisher half a years payment, who was appointed by the Committee to supply the Doctours place after he was sequestred." Can this refer to Samuel Fisher; of Lydd, who became a Friend? See *First Publishers*, pp. 102; 134, n, 142, 161, 162, n, 167.

"ESSAYIST AND FRIENDS' REVIEW."—A copy of the three numbers of this periodical (all published), dated First, Second, and Third Month, 1893, has recently been presented to D. On the fly-leaf is the following MS. note:—The "Essayist" was edited by Wilfred Whitten, since Assistant Editor of the "Academy" (1897-1902), and Acting Editor of "T. P.'s Weekly" from its foundation to date. A large contributor to the "Essayist" was E[dward] V[errall] Lucas, since editor of Charles Lamb's works, author and editor of many other books, and now a member of the "Punch" table. Jan. 1906.

QUOTATION FROM WM. PENN.—Where, in Wm. Penn's writings, is the passage to be found: "A man should make it a part of his religion to see that his country is well governed"?—EDMUND HARVEY, Suir View, Waterford, Ireland.