Sore from their cart-tail scourgings
And from the pillory lame,
Rejoicing in their wretchedness
And glorying in their shame.

How much more it is to be proud of for our ancestors to have had this record, than that they should have been included in the Roll of Battle Abbey !

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## Large Gatherings of Friends.

In the third paragraph of *The Epistle from London Yearly Meeting held in Leeds*, 1905, occurs the sentence, "One of the chief halls of the city has been filled with the largest gathering of Friends which this country has seen for generations." This refers to the meeting held in the Coliseum, in Leeds, Yorkshire, on the morning of Sixth day, the 26th of 5th month, when 2,300 Friends, at a moderate estimate, were present. This number included 250 children from Friends' Schools at Ackworth, Rawdon, Darlington (Polam Hall), York (Bootham and the Mount).

As it was said at the time that this gathering was probably the largest composed of Friends of this country since the death of George Fox, it may be well to recall the main incidents connected with that event. Robert Barrow, writing from London on the 16th of 11th month, 1690/91, says :—

George Fox was this day buryed in the presence of a large and living assembly. . . supposed to be above 4,000 Friends. . . The London Friends were very discreet to order. . . that all Friends should go on one side of the street, three and three in a rank, as close together as they could go, that the other side might be left clear for the citizens and coaches that were going about their business. And though the graveyard [Bunhill Fields] is a large platt of ground, yet it was quite full, and some of the people of the world were in there.

Probably the largest gathering of English Friends, of late years, was the Manchester Conference of 1895, when from 1,000 to 1,300 were present.

It would be interesting to place on record other occasions on which large companies of Friends have met, on either side of the Atlantic. Will our readers kindly send accounts of such gatherings ?