

| Date.          | Place.                      | Amt. lost. | Amt. collected. |    |
|----------------|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------|----|
|                |                             |            | s.              | d. |
| 14 Sept., 1707 | .. North Morston            | .. 3,465   | 4               | 10 |
| 28 " "         | .. Little Port ..           | .. 3,931   | 4               | 4  |
| 5 Oct., "      | .. Towchester               | .. 1,057   | 1               | 2  |
| 14 Dec., "     | .. Southam ..               | .. 4,454   | 1               | 8  |
| 9 June, 1708   | .. Wincanton                | .. 2,930   | 1               | 6  |
| 1 Aug., "      | .. Gt. Yarmouth             | .. 1,228   | 1               | 6  |
| 10 Oct., "     | .. Aleonbury Cumweston      | 3,318      | 1               | 0  |
| 17 " "         | .. Lisburne, Ireland        | .. 31,770  | 2               | 0  |
| 1 May, 1709    | .. Strand, London           | .. 17,880  | 1               | 2½ |
| 8 " "          | .. Edinburgh ..             | .. 7,962   | 1               | 8½ |
| 17 July, "     | .. Market Rayson            | .. 1,228   | 1               | 2  |
| 21 Aug., "     | .. Holt-Market <sup>6</sup> | .. 11,258  | 1               | 8  |

In the minute-book of "Olvestone Preparative Meeting," Gloucestershire, covering the period from 1787 to 1824, lent to D. by J. Marshall Sturge, of Bewdley, there is a list of collections for various fires, occupying three pages. In 1790, two collections amounting to £0 6s. 6d. were handed over to the local authority; in 1796, fourteen collections, made since 1791, amounting to £1 5s. 6d. were paid over; and other entries occur down to the year 1809. The Churchwarden or other official who received the money, signed his name in the book. Four shillings was the largest amount collected on any one occasion.

<sup>6</sup> A copy of the Queen's Brief issued for this fire, 1708, is among the records belonging to Ratcliff and Barking Monthly Meeting.

### Whitefield's Estimate of Quakerism.

"The Quakers, though wrong in their principles, yet I think have left us an example of patient suffering, and did more by their bold, unanimous and persevering testimonies, than if they had taken up all the arms in the Kingdom. In this respect I hope I shall follow them as they did Christ, and though I die for him, yet take up no carnal weapon in defence of him in any wise."

Extracted from a letter of George Whitefield, dated, "Philadelphia, November 10, 1739." See his *Works*, London, 1771, vol. i. p. 79.