

“Priest Whitehead,” of Halton, Lancashire.

Another First-day I went to a steeple house by the water side, where one Whitehead was priest, to whom, and to the people, I declared the truth in the dreadful power of God. . . . Some people were convinced thereabouts.—George Fox, *Journal*, i. 124.

In the *Annals of the Parish of Halton*,¹ there are references to “Priest Whitehead,” and to Friends.

Thomas Whitehead became rector of Halton, or Dalton, near Lancaster, on the river Lune (the place referred to above as “by the water side”), in 1644. In Palmer’s *Noncon. Mem.* ii. 359, occurs the following description of him: “A pious, laborious, and faithful minister, who studied to do good in his place, and preached as often as he could to his people after his ejection. He died in February, 1679, aged 73.”

The Parish Register contains the following entries :—

1694. Johannes filius Roberti
Tatham de Highfield .. Mar. 27, 1694.
Elizabeth filia dicti Dec. 8, 1681.
Maria Oct. 3, 1683.
Margarita Nov. 23, 1685.
et Anna May 3, 1688.

Singulæ Patris rogatu (jam a fœce populorum Tremētis dict : ad orthodoxam fidem deo favente restituti)
Simul Baptizat : April 15, 1694.²

1702, Nov. 1st. Robertus Willm̃us et Sarah, liberi
Johannis Chapman Tremētis (uti vocant) nuper defuncti
Simul Baptizati.³

¹ A copy of the third edition, 1900, has recently been presented to D. by Thomas Barrow, of Lancaster.

² “ Each at the request of the father (now by the scum of the people called a Quaker [though] by the grace of God restored to the orthodox faith) baptized at the same time, April 15th, 1694.”

³ “ Children of John Chapman, a Quaker (as they call him), recently deceased, baptized at the same time.”