

Friends in Current Literature.

Our friend, John W. Graham, M.A., of Dalton Hall, Manchester, has written a book on *The Destruction of Daylight, A Study in the Smoke Problem*, which has been published by George Allen, London. The book has been written "at the request and under the auspices of the Guild of S. George, founded by Ruskin, in 1871." It consists of 152 small octavo pages.

Revival in India, by Helen S. Dyer, wife of Alfred S. Dyer, late of Bombay (London: Morgan and Scott, 8vo, pp. 158), is a lively account of Divine blessing in many parts of our great Dependency.

The five hundredth number of *The Quiver*, published in June, contains an illustration of the Friends' Meeting House in Kingston, Jamaica, ruined by the earthquake.

Reminiscences of his recent visit to Jamaica are interestingly told by William Bellows, of Gloucester, in his booklet, *In Fair Jamaica*, published at Kingston by the Educational Supply Company, but printed doubtless at the Eastgate Press, Gloucester, Eng. There are five illustrations.

There is an admirable portrait of Joshua L. Baily in *The Journal of Prison Discipline and Philanthropy*, for January, published in Philadelphia. Our friend is President of the Penna. Prison Society this year; his membership dates from 1851, and he is the oldest member living.

The first number of *The South African Friend* has appeared (Editors, Worcester House, Sea Point, near Cape Town, 4to, pp. 12). It contains the annual report of "Cape Monthly Meeting of Friends in South Africa," lists of Meetings, and of members and attenders, in addition to Editorial Notes and valuable articles by Walter Lean, Frank B. Farrington, J. Edmund Clark, Caleb Keene, and others. It is to be published half-yearly; English agents, Headley Brothers.

"Early Quakerism in the Peak" is the title of an article by Thomas Davidson, of Fritchley, which appeared in *The Friend* (Phila.), in Sixth Month last. It is a readable record of early Friends in Derbyshire, including John Gratton¹, Ralph Sharpley, Elizabeth Deane, and William Yardley.

Sylvester Jones, of the University of Chicago, has published through Josiah Simms, 2203 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill., an address, read before the Church History Club of the University early this year, entitled, *The Friends, their History, Organisation, and Principles of Faith and Practice*.

In connection with the recent unveiling of a memorial tablet affixed to the house occupied by Richard Reynolds, No. 7, St. James' Square, Bristol, Edmund T. Wedmore has compiled a brief memoir of Bristol's

¹ Some account of John Gratton and his inscription in the Monyash Minute Book appeared in THE JOURNAL, iii. 82.

noted citizen, *Richard Reynolds, Philanthropist* (Bristol: Scholastic Trading Co., Ltd., 4to, pp. 22, with portrait). An addendum contains a list of the trustees of Richard Reynolds' Charity.

James Herbert Tritton, banker, of Lombard Street, London, has prepared a valuable compendium of family history, entitled, *Tritton, the Place and the Family* (London: Humphreys, 4to, pp. 331). The Kent branch of the family joined Friends soon after Quakerism arose in that county, John Tritton, of Kennington, and his son, Robert, being associates of Thomas Nickalls, Luke Howard, Nicholas Ladd, and other local Friends, as well as of John Stubbs, William Caton, and others, who visited the district.

About a century later the scene around which the Quaker interests centre is removed from Kent to London. "Thomas Tritton being now over thirty-five years of age, and prospering in the business of a wine merchant and brewer, sets about the attempt to woo Anna Maria Brown, the daughter of the Quaker banker, Henton Brown, who lived at the banking house in Lombard Street, and also on Clapham Common, through the help of mutual friends, Peter and James Collinson." This marriage introduces us into the Quaker banking world, in which appear the names of Brown, Collinson, Tritton, Barclay, and Bevan. The connection of the Tritton family with Friends diminishes as time goes on, until early in last century, when it appears to have ceased.

This beautiful volume contains views of the ancestral home of the Trittons at Kennington, and of Henton Brown's house at Clapham, and other illustrations, also a large sheet pedigree.

Edward Hicks Magill (1825—), ex-president of Swarthmore College, has written his experiences in *Sixty-five Years in the Life of a Teacher, 1841-1906* (Boston and New York: Houghton, 8vo, pp. 323). This volume contains portraits of the following Friends, *viz.*, the author, his parents (Jonathan Paxon Magill and Mary Watson Magill), Benjamin Hallowell, and Joseph Thomas, M.D., LL.D. There are also views of Swarthmore College buildings before and after the fire in 1881.

A new book on Buckinghamshire has recently appeared, *Penn's Country and other Buckinghamshire Sketches*, by E. S. Roscoe (London: Stock, 8vo, pp. 115).

Some Thoughts on Prayer, chiefly from the View of the Individual and the Family, is the title of a brochure written by Jonathan B. Hodgkin, and printed by Morland & Co., Birmingham. Copies can be obtained on application to J. B. Hodgkin, Elm Ridge, Darlington, Co. Durham.

Two pamphlets by T. Edmund Harvey, M.A. have lately appeared. One contains the substance of an address given at the annual meeting of the Old York Scholars' Association, 1905, and is entitled, *The Service of the Church*. It is published by "the Yorkshire 1905 Committee." The other pamphlet is headed, *The Church and the Prophet*, and is, mainly, an exposition of 1 Cor. xiv.

A few months ago prizes were offered by "The Speaker" for the best hundred books on Peace and War, and a number of excellent lists

were sent in. Four of these lists have been published under the title, *A Library of Peace and War* (London: Speaker Publishing Company, 8vo, pp. 66), three being by Friends, *viz.*, Charles Sturge, M.A., Thomas P. Newman, and Mary L. Cooke, all of them prize-winners.

The long-expected *History of Penketh School*, by Joseph Spence Hodgson, is now published (London: Headley, 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ by 5 $\frac{3}{4}$, pp. 274, 5s. net). It is a very full and lively account of the inception, establishment in 1834, and progress of Friends' Boarding School, near Warrington, Lancashire. The narrative is divided into the years of office of the various superintendents, who were as follows: William Thistlethwaite (1813-1870), 1834-1846, William Groom (c. 1824—), 1846-1848, Samuel Evens (1792-1878), 1848-1855 and 1863-1869, Frederick Richardson (1829-1903), 1855-1860, Joshua Hopkins Davy (1826-1882), 1860-1863, James Turner (1843—), 1869-1885, Joseph T. Gumersall (1858—), 1886-1892, Albert Pollard, B.A. (1860-1902), 1893-1900, William Edward Brown, B.A. (1863—), 1901—. The book contains lists of teachers, officers, and scholars of the School, and is adorned with numerous portraits and pictures, but, being printed throughout on plate paper, is very heavy to handle.

The latest work by our Friend, John Watson, of Kendal, is entitled, *Woodlanders and Field Folk, Sketches of Wild Life in Britain* (London: Fisher Unwin, 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ by 5 $\frac{1}{2}$, pp. 304, 5s. net). The book is well got up and contains some excellent illustrations.

In *The Sphere*, London, July 20th, there is a large reproduction of "an unpublished portrait of William Penn, painted by Sir Godfrey Kneller, and now on exhibition at the Graves Galleries . . . having been taken from a Rectory in Westmorland, where it has hung for over eighty years."

The Paradisian (the organ of Paradise House School, Stoke Newington, London) for March and July contains an article on "Paradise House and its Associations." The house seems to have been occupied by members of the Hoare family from 1750 to 1827, at which latter date, by the marriage of Grizell Birkbeck, *née* Hoare, with William Allen, F.R.S., it became associated with this noted philanthropist and scientist. For some years it passed out of the hands of Friends, but in 1879 the School kept by John Sharp, B.A., was removed to Paradise House from Lordship Park. Septimus Marten was one of the earlier masters. In 1895, John Sharp handed over the School to the present principal, Mr. White. Charles Sturge, M.A., has been a master at the School under John Sharp and his successor.

London Yearly Meeting's Committee on the Ministry, and The Friends' Fellowship Union have unitedly arranged for the publication of a series of papers under the general title, "Preparation for Service." The following can now be obtained (Arthur T. Wallis, Woodbrooke, Selly Oak, Birmingham): *The Bible; its Study and Application*, by William Charles Braithwaite; *Foundation Truths*, by William Littleboy; *Reality in Life*, by Henry Lloyd Wilson, Clerk of London Yearly Meeting; *The Worth of Prayer*, by Edward Grubb.

Shortly after the close of London Yearly Meeting, the annual volume, *Extracts from the Minutes and Proceedings*, etc., was issued. It consists, this year, of 226 octavo pages, and is a very useful *résumé* of the official work of Friends in Great Britain, during the year. Testimonies concerning the following Friends deceased are included: Samuel Alexander, Morris Ashby, Charles Brady, Henry E. Clark, John Collings, Mary Edmundson, Frederick J. Gibbins, Lucy Linney, Rachel A. Mackie, Lucy E. Pumphrey, John S. Rowntree, Agnes Westlake and John Edward Wilson. There is also a coloured map of the Yearly Meetings on the American continent with which London Y.M. corresponds.²

The Gentleman's Magazine, for June, contains an article on "George III. and Hannah Lightfoot," which is the latest contribution to this vexed subject. Lewis Melville, the writer of the article, says:—

No direct evidence, personal or documentary, has ever been brought forward in support of the story. None the less there is a marked reluctance to dismiss as gossip the alleged connection between George and Hannah Lightfoot, for, on the principle that there is no smoke without fire, it seems unlikely that the story can have become so generally accepted unless it had at least some foundation of truth.³

A. Hebblethwaite, B.D., of Heacham, Norfolk, writes very enthusiastically of the Society of Friends in two pamphlets, *The Friends, vulgarly called Quakers*, 8½ by 5½, pp. 20, 1d., and *Unconscious and Posthumous Influence of the Friends*, 8½ by 5½, pp. 67, 6d. The first-named has run into a second, enlarged edition. J. Rendel Harris describes the first pamphlet as "very good indeed," and Ernest E. Taylor the second, as "extremely interesting." I have studied the pamphlets from an historical rather than ethical point of view and I regret that the author has not attained greater accuracy on various points, before publishing his addresses. He writes of George Fox's "wonderful leather suit," and states that he was called "the leather man," following Carlyle.⁴ It is clear that Fox wore leather riding breeches,⁵ but what authority have we for his leather suit? Again, p. 7, that "he not infrequently interrupted the sermons," is not true, except at a very early stage of his ministry (see *F. P. T.*, pp. 348-350). Fox died on 11th January, 1690/91, and not as stated on p. 8, the author having overlooked the change of calendar. Robert Glover (p. 17), was hanged

² An index to the fifty years of the Printed Proceedings is in preparation in the Library Department at Devonshire House.

³ Literature on the subject:—*The Citizen*, February 24th, 1776; *The Royal Register*, 1779; *The Monthly Magazine, or British Register*, April, 1821; *Authentic Records of the Court of England*, 1832; *The Secret History of the Court of England*, 1832; *The Appeal for Royalty*, 1858; *Notes and Queries*, 1867; Jesse's *Memoirs of the Life and Reign of George III.* 1867; *Hannah Lightfoot*, by W. J. Thoms, 1867; *D. N. B.*, under George III.; various collections of anecdotes; *A Fountain Sealed*, by Sir Walter Besant; MSS. in D.

⁴ *Sartor Resartus*, book iii, chap. 1.

⁵ In his *Journal*, he refers to his leather breeches (vol. i, p. 89), his clean linen (p. 98), his alchemy buttons (p. 214), his girdle (p. 264), and his long, curling hair (pp. 268, 380).

a century before the coming of the Quakers ; no Friend was directly put to death in this country for his religious principles ; the hanging of Mary Dyer and her companions took place in New England. Lord Lister (p. 21) was never a Friend as such, he resigned his membership as Joseph Lister. Sir Richard Tangye was never actually a member, as he himself once told me when I was at his house at Kingston-on-Thames.

Mr. Hebblethwaite's second pamphlet had better have omitted reference to Friends on its title page as there are fewer references to Friends than to others.

A second edition of *The Lloyds of Birmingham* has recently appeared.

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Early Collections.

Quarterly Meeting held at Dolobran, 28th of y^e 5th mo., 1668 :—

Ordered that in all y^e several meetings in the three counties of Shropshire, Montgomeryshire and Merionethshire, there be weekly collections for raising of money for a Stock to be kept and brought to y^e Quarterly Meeting for y^e supply of y^e Poor and requirings of Truth.

Ordered likewise y^t Charles Lloyd and Thomas Lloyd doe register all Births, Marriages, deaths, and sufferings of Friends of all kinds, judgements y^t fall on y^e heads of Persecutors, and likewise to give notice of all y^e priests thereabouts that have turned. Books to be translated into Welsh for the benefit of Wales, with the consent of George Fox, by Evan Jones.

Friends present : Charles Lloyd, Richard Moore, Richard Davies, Owen Lewis, Thomas Lloyd, Thomas Ellis, Evan Thomas, Owen Humphreys, William Lewis, Thomas Overton, John Simpson, Richard Owens.

Quarterly Meeting held at Dolobran, 27th of 2nd mo., 1669 :—

It is desired a particular collection be ordered through the three counties as a supply to Shrewsbury Friends in purchasing a Meeting-room and inclosure for a Burying-place, and which, according to their ability may, in time, be paid back into the stock.

From information supplied by W. G. Norris.