

## Notes and Queries.

GEORGE FOX AUTOGRAPHS (ii. 2, 123).—In the collection of Swarthmore MSS. recently acquired and placed in D. is a sheet written wholly by George Fox, endorsed: "G. ffs directions to Schoolmasters of Children."<sup>1</sup> The first portion, written on another sheet, is missing. The extant portion is as follows:—

"as being vntrow & if any mare [mar] ther bovkes & blot ther bovkes throw carlesnes, lat them sit with ovt the tobel [table] as disorderly children, & if any any on[e] torenes [turns] from these things & mendeth & doeth soe noe more, & then if any doe aqves [accuse] them of ther former action after the[y] be amendd, the same penelaty shall be layd vp on them as vp on them that is mended from his former doinges; & if any be knon to seale [steal], leat him right with ovt the tabel & say his lesen & shew his copy with ovt the bare [bar], & all mvst be meeke, sober & ientell & qviet & loving & not give one another bad word noe time, in the skovell, nor ovt of it leats [least] that the[y] be mad to say thr lesen or shew ther copy bovk to the master at the bare, & all is to mind ther lesenes & be digelent in ther rightings.

"& to lay vp ther bovkes when the[y] goe from the skovell & ther pens & inkonerns [ink-horns], & to keep them sow [so], eles the[y] mvst be lovk'd vpon as carles & slovenes, & soe yov mvst

<sup>1</sup> Swarthmore MSS., vii. 170. See illustration.

keep all things clean, suet, and neat, & hanson.

DISOWN.—I have come upon a still earlier use of the word "disown," in the modern sense, than the case mentioned in vol. iv. p. 119. In the book lettered on the outside "C. 1842 C. 2" which is kept in the safe at Bristol, being the minute book of the meeting appointed for dealing with cases of discipline (the men's and women's meeting as it came to be called), occurs the following under the date, 20th of 7ber, 1669:—

"Griffith Lascombe and John Hort, beinge Free to speake with John Foster and his wife Conserninge their goeinge to the baptest meetenge, are ordered to give an account thereof next meeting.

Spoaken with once and agayne.

The same persons are desired to speak with them once more.

Spoken to the third time, and Jeremy Hignell was free to speak with him again & James Sterrdge [*i.e.* Sterridge] also willing." The above entries, evidently made at different times, space being left for that purpose, are all in the same writing; then, in another hand, comes the note "disowned by freinds for that hee is wholly deptd from truth." The date of this entry is not given. There is again the same entry in the same writing at the end of a minute about a woman concerning her marriage; the minute is dated 29th of the 7th month, 1669.—A. NEAVE BRAYSHAW.