

Obituary.

Francis Williams Dymond, of the city of Exeter, was a Friend who attained considerable notoriety in his profession, that of a surveyor. "He was an authority on the history of the Society of Friends and of its various properties and meetings throughout the West of England." He wrote *Trust Property within the County of Devon*, belonging to Devon and Cornwall Q.M., and had it printed for private circulation, in 1899. One of six copies only, printed on hand-made paper, was presented to D. by the author in 1900. F. W. Dymond died, unmarried, on the 9th of Ninth Month, aged about eighty-one years. By his will he left £5,000 to London Yearly Meeting.

The decease of William Beck, which took place at his London residence on the 31st of Tenth Month, has deprived the Society of the services of a Friend whose knowledge of Quaker history was profound and extensive. His most important contribution to literature was published in 1869, and entitled, *The London Friends' Meetings, showing the Rise of the Society of Friends in London*, etc. In this work he had the assistance of T. Frederick Ball, another London Friend. William Beck also wrote *The Friends: Who they are, What they have done*, 1893; *George Whitehead: his Work and Service*, 1901; etc. He compiled, in 1897, *Family Fragments respecting the Ancestry, Acquaintance and Marriage of Richard Low Beck and Rachel Lucas*; and also wrote articles for the *Friends' Quarterly Examiner* and other periodicals. William Beck was an architect by profession; he died, unmarried, aged eighty-four years. There is an excellent portrait in *The Friend* (Lond.), vol. 47 (1901), p. 791.

Thomas Cropper Ryley, of Liverpool, died unmarried on the 14th of First Month, aged sixty-eight. "All his life he was a keen educationist, and was for about fifteen years a member of the Liverpool School Board and later of the Education Committee." He was also deeply interested in Ackworth School.