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Proceeds of sale of Homestead invested in three per cent. Consols yielding a yearly income of £9 13s. 4d. Acknowledgment of use of pathway, 4d.

The concluding portion of this article will briefly describe the Meeting of Somerby.

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In 1895 was published, by Headley Bros.,¹ the unique and most interesting autobiography of this attractive personality, described in a long review in *The Daily News* as "a Quaker Gil Blas." This was edited from a tiny manuscript of four inches by three, formerly the property of Thomas Binns, of Liverpool, who died in 1842, and it was probably copied from an earlier manuscript in the early part of last century.

Singularly enough, a much older manuscript of the autobiography has been discovered, in the possession of John William Graham, M.A., Principal of Dalton Hall, Manchester, and which was also the property of Thomas Binns, but how it came into its present possession is unknown. This is an extremely neat manuscript of $25\frac{1}{2}$ pages quarto $(7\frac{3}{4})$ by $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches), which the owner has had appropriately bound in its original drab paper covers, in whole tree-calf, etc. Inside the original cover is the autograph of "John Marsden, His Book, 1741," and below is a printed label "John Marsden, Lancaster," underneath which is the signature of Thos. Binns. At the end of the manuscript under the concluding Amen (in an old law hand) is "M. L. scripsit, 1730." Who the copyist was it is not easy to say, as it could not be one of the Lampe family, which the autobiography will prove; it may, however, have been one of the Lawsons, a well-known and influential Quaker family at Lancaster. As the worthy Doctor Lampe died in May, 1711, it will be seen that the MS. was copied within twenty years of his decease. We have carefully perused it, and believe that the more modern copy from which the autobiography was printed was an exact transcript of this with the exception that the old-world contractions were extended. At the end of the manuscript of 1730 is pasted an original certificate "from our monthly meeting at the Height in Cartmell, the 2^d day of 5th month, 1700," addressed "To the monthly meeting of Lancaster these" informing the latter meeting that John Danson of [? Swarthmoor] Monthly Meeting had laid before his friends his intention of marriage with Mary Waithman of Lancaster Monthly Meeting," etc. It is signed by James and Myles Birkett, Joseph Goad, George Knipe, and last but not least by Henry Lampe himself. JOSEPH J. GREEN.

¹ Curriculum Vitæ, or the Birth, Education, Travels, and Life of Henry Lampe, M.D. With an Introduction, Supplement, and Notes, by Joseph J. Green, pp. xx. + 91.