

## Notes and Queries.

GEORGE FOX AND HEBREW (vi. 140).—One of the etchings by Robert Spence represents the following incident given in the MS. *Journal of George Fox* :—“ There was a younge man convinced in Scarbrough tounde whilst I was in prison ye bayliffes son : & hee came to dispute & spoake Hebrew to mee & I spoake in Welch to him & bid him feare God : whoe after became a pretty ffreinde.”<sup>1</sup>

Mary G. Swift sends another reference to this subject, taken from *Folly and Envy Detected*, by R. Bridgman, 1694 :—“ G. Fox had some knowledge of the Hebrew Tongue.”

William C. Braithwaite points out that in Green's *Short History of the English People*, vol. iii., p. 1339, illustrated edition, there is an illustration of “ The Hebrew Alphabet writ by Geo: Fox the Proto Quaker,” from a MS. in the British Museum.

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THE CHILDREN OF THOMAS AND MARGARET FELL (vi. 81).—Some exception has been taken to the statement by J. J. Green with regard to the uncertainty of the sequence of the seven Fell daughters. We have it on the authority of her sister Sarah that *Susanna* was the *sixth* daughter, hence the latter's place is fixed. That *Rachel* was the *seventh* and youngest daughter is probable for various reasons. The date of her birth (21 viii. 1653) is the only one in this family to appear on the Friends' Registers; had there

<sup>1</sup> The MS. *Journal* contains one or two other references to George Fox and Hebrew, which will appear in the Cambridge edition.

been younger children, their births would probably also have been registered.

We have therefore to place the remaining five daughters in some order from the eldest to the fifth. We see no reason why the order in which they appear in their father's will (Webb's *Fells*, p. 142) should not be the correct one, as it is hardly likely that a legal, carefully prepared document such as a will would refer to the daughters of the Testator in their wrong order. From the Marriage Register of Lancashire Q.M. it is clear that *Margaret* was the *eldest* daughter and *Bridget* the *second*. The principal uncertainty surrounds *Isabel*, to whom William Benson (*British Friend*, iii. 168) gives the last place.

In the absence of any proof we venture to place the daughters in the order given by their father :—

Margaret.	Mary,
Bridgett,	Susanna,
Isabel,	Rachel.
Sarah,	

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FRIENDS AND THE FORMATION OF LEARNED SOCIETIES.—It has been said that individual Friends were largely instrumental in the formation of some of our societies for the advancement of various sciences. Can you give your readers some account of these Friends and their work?

[Peter Collinson was active in the formation of the Society of Antiquaries and one of its earliest Fellows. Benjamin West was a president of the Royal Academy.

We will endeavour to obtain further information on this subject.—EDS.]