

the White House, she wore her "pretty Quaker cap." Indeed it was not until she came there as its mistress that she reluctantly laid it aside as "no longer suitable to her surroundings."

James Madison died in 1836, and his widow spent the remaining twelve years of her life at Madison House, Washington. "Here her old friends rallied around her, and she held court during her declining years." She was the transmitter from Washington to Baltimore of the "first real message flashed over the telegraph wires," in 1844. Her death took place on the 12th of July, 1849.

In this compact little volume there are frequent incidental references to Friends, *e.g.*, the Pleasants family, Benjamin Bates, Jun., schoolmaster and clerk of Virginia Y.M. in 1816, John and Charles Lynch, founders of Lynchberg, Va., Dr. William Thornton (1761-1828), architect of the United States Capitol and of Quaker parentage. The book has numerous illustrations and also a full index.

A copy of a new periodical, *The Central Friend*, is to hand. It is "Devoted to the Religious and Educational work of Friends in the Central West, belonging to Kansas Yearly Meeting." Edmund Stanley is Editor-in-Chief, and the paper is sent out from 1811 West Maple Avenue, Wichita, Kansas. All success to the new venture.

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George Fox and the Gay Little Woman.¹

"George Fox was walking along Cheapside at the instant a coach stopp'd and a little woman in very gay apparel stepp'd out of it.

"He, laying his hand upon her head, said, 'Woman, mind the light within thee.' She became effectually convinced, and was afterwards the wife of Sam¹ Waldingfield² and a respectable member of our Society.

"This relation was received from Priscilla Barclay."

¹ From a note-book in modern handwriting, in the possession of Lucy Candler, of Tunbridge Wells.

² Samuel Waldenfield (c. 1652-1715) lived in Suffolk in early life, and was convinced by Giles Barnardiston (c. 1624-1680) concerning whom he wrote a Testimony.

In 1684, he married Mary, widow of Nathaniel James, of London, and at the same time settled in London. About 1706, he moved to Bush Hill, in north Middlesex, where he died.

He was a Minister and travelled some 40,000 miles, to the year 1700, besides many more later, in England, Scotland, Ireland, Holland, and Germany. Several of his sermons were printed. Letters are extant, in D., written to him by Jonathan Christmas, Joane Kemp, and William Edmondson. In 1708, he was a trustee of Yoakley's Charity. A Testimony was issued by the Monthly Meeting at Winchmore Hall, in 1716.