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and started to drive away, when she came up to me with a very solemn face and said very deliberately: 'My dear, I am going to be very busy to-day, and will not have time to listen, so thee need not preach loud enough for me to hear.'"

If more ministers' wives were as faithful there would be fewer mannerisms to lessen the value of preaching. The chapter on "Beginnings in the Ministry," from which above quotation is taken, has been reprinted by London Y.M.'s Committee on the Ministry. (Philadelphia: Winston; London: Headley; $8\frac{1}{4}$ by $5\frac{1}{2}$, pp. 421, and illustrations. \$1.50-6s. net.)

The Wellington Weekly News, of June 22nd, has a long account of the opening of new premises for recreative purposes, built by the firm of Fox Brothers & Co., serge manufacturers, at Tonedale, Wellington, Som. Joseph H. Fox, J.P., head of the firm, traced the history of the business over more than 200 years, first in the hands of the Were family, and then of the Fox family. An illustration of the new buildings is presented with above issue.

As a supplement to the volume issued nine years ago on the occasion of the accession of King Edward the Seventh, Headley Brothers have published a Souvenir of the Presentation of an Address from the Society of Friends to King George V. This beautifully printed pamphlet records the visit of sixty Friends to St. James's Palace on the 22nd of Sixth Month, to present an address, and also gives a selection of other addresses to previous occupants of the throne of Great Britain and Ireland. Portraits appear of the King, Queen, and Prince of Wales, and of Henry Lloyd Wilson, who read the address, and a photographic reproduction of the address is added. A limited edition has been printed; copies may be obtained at five shillings each net.

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John Sotcher, William Penn's Steward at Pennsbury Manor.

There is a sketch of this Friend, written by Josiah Granville Leach, in the Publications of the Genealogical Society of Penna., vol. iv. Sotcher accompanied Penn to Pennsylvania in the ship *Canterbury*, in 1699, and at once took up his duties at the Manor. He married Mary Loftus, who was also occupied at Pennsbury, in 1701, and on Penn's return to Europe his wife and he were left in charge. About 1708, Sotcher left Pennsbury and established a ferry across the Delaware, between Bristol and Burlington in New Jersey. He became a member of the Provincial Assembly and was also an Elder of the Falls Meeting. His death took place in 1729.