

new sect of Quakers] any resemblance to the dignified and orderly life of their successors, which secured for them the confidence of their fellow citizens, and made them pre-eminently the bankers of the community." Mr. Thomas-Stanford takes vol. xvi. of the "Sussex Archæological Collections" as authority for Friends, with a reference also to "Joseph Bene," better known as "Joseph Besse"! In his account of King Charles's escape to France after the battle of Worcester, the author might have named Richard Carver, the Quaker seaman who landed the King from his back onto the French shore.

Bernard Thistlethwaite is to be congratulated on the appearance of vol. i. of his *Thistlethwaite Family, A Study in Genealogy*, printed for private circulation by Headley Brothers. In the more than three hundred pages of this well-printed volume, particulars are given of some 1,800 descendants of William Thistlethwaite, of Harborgill, in Dent Dale, N.W. Yorks, and Alice Mason, of the same district, whom he married in 1705. About 4,000 names in all appear. The book has been issued to subscribers; a few copies remain, for which application should be made to the author, at Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

Friends in charge of Preparative Meeting Libraries would do well to write to Ernest E. Taylor, Bannisdale, Malton, Yorkshire, for the *Friends' Library Leaflet* just issued by the Yorkshire 1905 Committee. They will find most useful hints regarding suitable books to add to the libraries under their care.

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### A Letter on Tithes, 1763.

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The following is a Cobby of what I Sent W<sup>m</sup> Jesse y<sup>e</sup> Parson of Wellington when I belive'd it my Duty Not to Hire y<sup>e</sup> Ministry.

Where as my Education and proffession ffrom my youth to this time, hath been with and amongst y<sup>e</sup> People called quakers, whose ffaith in God and our Lord Jesus Christ is that what is contained in y<sup>e</sup> Holly Gospell, Spoken by our Saviour and his Holly Apostles, are Commandments and precepts, that we in this Life Should Example and ffollow as much as in our power is, And Seeing our Blessed Saviours Commands in his direction for preaching y<sup>e</sup> Gospell is ffreely y<sup>e</sup> have receved ffreely Give—We ffrom this command belive that we in no manner ought to Support a Ministree by ffreely paying for Upholding y<sup>e</sup> same—and as the Laws made ffor tender Consiences Gives ffree power for recovering all Such Claimes by Warrant of Distress—So I hope ffriend Jess who I can truly Say I much Esteem and haue Love and respect ffor will use the most kind method in recovering what I doubt Not but hee thinks his Just due—ffor I dare not any Longer pay it in y<sup>e</sup> manner it hath hitherto been done Least I Loose that Dearly Beloved peace of God in my Soul which I Can truly Say I Esteem of moor value then the whole World.

Probably written by a member of the Were family. From a MS: book in the possession of Fox Brothers & Co., Ltd., Wellington, Som.