

Notes and Queries.

LOCAL QUAKER HISTORIES.—C. D. Sturge, of Birmingham, sends a list of books written about Friends in various localities, and suggests that the number might be increased, if Friends would prepare and send for publication in THE JOURNAL information respecting the history of Quakerism in districts not yet included in the list. We should be very glad to print such local information.

Newcastle, John W. Steel; Cumberland and Westmorland (early), R. S. Ferguson; Warwickshire, William White; South Warwickshire, Alfred W. Brown; Bristol and Somerset, William Tanner; London, William Beck; Surrey and Sussex, Thomas W. Marsh; Devon, Francis W. Dymond.

THE JOURNAL already contains short histories of Friends in Scotland (several vols.), Newbury, Berks (iv.), Mansfield (v.), Manchester (v.), Dorset (v.), Isle of Man (vi.), Somerby, Leicester (vi.), Greystoke, Cumb. (vi.), Derbyshire (vii.). To these may be added: Yorkshire, J. Wilhelm Rowntree; Wales, W. Gregory Norris.

TURKISH VIEW OF QUAKERISM (viii. 25).—D'Israeli's *Curiosities of Literature*, under heading "The Turkish Spy," shows that this book was the work of an Italian, John Paul Marana. D'Israeli thinks that the book was originally written in Italian, but first pub-

lished in French. Marana was a Genoese, who died in 1693.—WM. C. BRAITHWAITE, Banbury.

GEORGE FOX'S GREAT JOURNAL.—It is said that John Ogden, of Wensleydale, a friend of George Fox, made a pair of clasps for Fox's *Journal*. Is anything known of this, and where are the clasps?—T. P. COOPER.

The boards of the original *Journal* are deposited at Devonshire House, but nothing is known there respecting clasps.

JOHN REID, THE QUAKER GARDENER.—In the *Social Life of Scotland*, by H. G. Graham, "John Reid, the Quaker Gardener" is more than once alluded to as the author of the *Scots Gardener*, a book published in 1683. He is presumably the same individual mentioned in Friends' records as having married Margaret Miller, at Hamilton, in 1678. Three children of the marriage were born at Edinburgh, 1679, 1681 and 1683, and John Reid's autograph occurs several times as witnessing marriages at Edinburgh, 1680 to 1683. Can any of your readers furnish any further information about him?—W. F. MILLER, Winscombe, Som.

WILL OF HUMPHREY BACHE.—Whilst searching the registers of old wills in Somerset House, during 1905, relating to various families

of Bache, I came across a will of Humphrey Bache proved in 1662. This turns out to be the author of the pamphlet, entitled *A Few Words of Love*, written to the Long Parliament in 1659, and recently republished by the Rev. Kentish Bache, of Walford, Herefordshire. The following is an extract of Humphrey's will, a full copy of which covers a half folio page in the register, number 105, Laud :—

I Humphrey Bache of the Liberty of the Tower of London, Goldsmith, sicke; unto my Mother Elizabeth White, £10; to deare friend Anne Gould, widow, £100; to my son Samuel Bache, £110; to Joseph Bache, £110; to Mary Bache my youngest daughter, £110; to my sister Anne Dorry, £5; to my sister Elinor Crundall, £5; to my sister Elizabeth Harrison, £5; to my daughter Elizabeth Harris, £5. Also I give £30 to be disposed of amongst friends in such manner as my loving friends, Ann Gould and Henry Bourman shall think meete to give the same unto. The rest of my goods to Samuel Bache and Joseph Bache and my said daughter Mary Bache to be equally divided. My sister, Elizabeth Harrison, and daughter, Elizabeth Harris, not to dispose of Samuell Bache, Joseph Bache and Mary Bache, the children, without the advice of my deare friend Anne Gould. Stephen Cole owes me 50s. I will he should keep it. Elizabeth Harrison and Elizabeth Harris executrices.

Will dated 17 August 1662.

The marke of the said Humphrey Bache.

Witnesses, William Gould,

Thomas Collingwood, Joseph Cooke, Scr.

Proved at the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 30 August, 1662, by both executrices.

Comparing the will with several items mentioned in *Restitution, the First Fruit of Conversion*, published in 1847, it will be noticed that they verify the statements as to Humphrey Bache's trade, abode, and the year of his death, as well as naming the "ffreinds." Humphrey died of consumption the day after his will was drawn up, apparently by Joseph Cooke, Scr. (*i.e.*, scrivener). Doubtless, the "sicke" man was much too feeble to make any other sign than a "marke" to his will. In these days it was not uncommon for wills to be drawn up at the time the testators were "sicke in body, but sound in mind" within a day or so of their deaths, therefore there is nothing extraordinary that Humphrey should have died the next day. It should be noted that his death is given as the 18th of 6th month. As March was reckoned as the first month before the "New Style" was adopted, the sixth month would be August, corresponding with the will. There is a will in Somerset House to a Humphrey Bache of London, proved in 1794. This may be a descendant of the older Humphrey. From what part of the kingdom the Bache of London came has not yet been discovered. The name is most frequently met with in the Midland counties. There is a will to "Humphrey Bach" of Bewdley in Worcestershire, proved in 1743.—

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