

Friends in Current Literature.

The history of the Friends is attracting extraordinary attention.

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It is interesting to learn that the Jewish Press Publishing Company, of New York City, has chosen the new edition of *A History of the United States*, written by our friend, Allen C. Thomas, A.M., of Haverford College, Pa., for republication with a parallel Yiddish translation.¹ This has recently appeared in two volumes of over 500 pages each. The Publishing Company states that "the Yiddish translation is as faithful a reproduction of the spirit of the author, as the skill of those who are masters of the languages involved could make it."

In the new Congregational church at Fairhaven in the Ribble estuary, co. Lancaster, there are figures in stained glass representing sixteen prominent leaders of Nonconformity, including George Fox. Luke S. Walmsley, of Fairhaven, has written a series of biographies of the sixteen which he entitles *Fighters and Martyrs for the Freedom of Faith* (London: Clarke, 8 by 5½, pp. 509, 3s. 6d. net). The article on George Fox is written in a very kindly and sympathetic spirit. "He taught that Christ was not a far-off Saviour or hidden in creeds, but living, present and near." This section of the book closes with the words:—

"No greater blessing could come to Britain than that the mantle of George Fox should fall upon some prophet with the twentieth century gift of illumination and power, and for Friends once more to cover the land with a new evangel of simplicity, peace and love."

A little book of *Selections Appropriate for Use at the Funerals of our Friends* has been compiled and published by direction of Baltimore Y.M. (Hicksite).² The contents consist of Scripture passages, extracts from the writings of Lyman Abbott, Tennyson, Whittier, Longfellow, Bryant, Bonar and others, the majority of the thirty-one extracts being poetical.

Dr. Albert Cook Myers has completed another literary work of great value. He has edited for the American Historical Association a volume of the series "Original Narratives of Early American History," entitled *Narratives of Early Pennsylvania, West New Jersey, and Delaware, 1630-1707* (New York: Scribner, 9 by 6, pp. 476, \$3.00 net). In this handsome volume are reprinted twenty tracts and books which narrate the establishment of the Swedish settlements on the Delaware in 1638,

¹ Both the new edition of this work, brought out in 1903, and the Anglo-Yiddish edition, are in D., having been presented by A. C. Thomas.

² A copy has been received for preservation in D., by the kindness of Edward Stabler, Jun., of Monument Street, Baltimore, Md.

their absorption into the Dutch colonies in 1655, the cession of New Netherland to the English in 1667, and later events.

The reprints of special interest to Friends are :—The Epistle of Penn, Lawrie and Lucas respecting West Jersey, 1676³; The Present State of the Colony of West-Jersey, 1681; Some Account of the Province of Pennsylvania, by William Penn, 1681⁴; Letter from William Penn to the Committee of the Free Society of Traders, 1683⁵; Letter of Thomas Paschall, 1683⁶; A Further Account of the Province of Pennsylvania, by William Penn, 1685⁷; Letter of Doctor Nicholas More, 1686⁸; A Short Description of Pennsylvania, by Richard Frame, 1692⁹; An Historical and Geographical Account of Pensilvania and of West-New-Jersey, by Gabriel Thomas, 1698¹⁰; Circumstantial Geographical Description of Pennsylvania, by Francis Daniel Pastorius, 1700¹¹; Letter of John Jones, 1725.

To each reprint there is a valuable introduction, also explanatory notes in which many Friends find place. Dr. J. Franklin Jameson, of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, D.C., general editor of the series, writes an opening Note.

³ See Camb. *Jnl.*, i. 452. Gawen Lawrie lived in London in 1676. "In 1684 he came over with his family to East New Jersey as Deputy Governor and took up his residence at Elizabethtown. There he died in the fall of 1687" (*Narratives*, p. 181). Nicholas Lucas was a Hertford Friend.

⁴ A copy of this rare and very valuable pamphlet is in D.

⁵ A copy of this has been for many years preserved in D. A copy of the second edition of the Dutch translation, *Missive van William Penn*, Amsterdam, by Jacob Claus, 1684, has recently been acquired from the library of the late Francis Fry, of Bristol.

⁶ Paschall was a native of Bristol who settled in Pennsylvania in 1682, and died in 1718. It is probable that he was not a Friend, although Joseph Smith inserts his name in his *Supplement*. A Dutch translation of this letter is in D., at the end of Penn's *Missive*, 1684.

⁷ There are two copies of this *Further Account* in D., and one of the translation into Dutch, *Tweede Bericht*, Amsterdam, n.d.

⁸ Dr. More, "although a man apparently of good abilities, was a non-Quaker, out of sympathy with members of that sect" (*Narratives*, p. 282).

⁹ The only known copy of the work is in the Ridgway Branch of the Library Company of Philadelphia (seen there by the Editor of THE JOURNAL last autumn). "It is believed to be the first metrical composition printed in Pennsylvania" (*Narratives*, p. 297). Nothing is yet known of the author.

¹⁰ Gabriel Thomas (1661-1714) was a Friend in earlier life, but, apparently, left the Friends later. A copy of the original edition was presented to D. some years ago by the executors of the late Edward Backhouse, and another copy, from the Bevan-Naish Library, has been recently "deposited" at Devonshire House. The New York reproduction of 1848, and the Cleveland reprint of 1903, are also in D.

¹¹ Pastorius (1651-c.1720) emigrated from Germany in 1683. See standard biography by Prof. M. D. Learned, Philadelphia, 1908.

Herbert G. Wood, M.A., of Woodbrooke, has written *George Fox*, in the series "Leaders of Revivals," now being brought out by the National Council of Evangelical Free Churches (London: Headley, 7 by 4½, pp. 157, 1s. net). The object of the series—"to deal with epochs of Free Church revival, emphasizing the central figures, but at the same time giving a general survey of the periods in which the great religious revivals occurred"—prevented anything like a *vie intime*, but this is an admirable little work, freshly written by one not actually in membership with Friends. The quotation which opens the book—"Almighty God uphold our spirits in these broken times"—is a very fitting commencement, and "broken times" is a good description in miniature of the times in which Quakerism had its rise.

The Yorkshire 1905 Committee (Ernest E. Taylor, Bannisdale, Malton, Yorkshire) has reprinted from *Swanwick, 1911*, A. Neave Brayshaw's introductory address at the Summer School held last year in Derbyshire, under the title, *The Life that is Life Indeed*, pp. 24, 1½d.

Francis A. Knight, of Sidcot, Somerset, editor of "The Annual Monitor," and author of numerous books relating to Somersetshire, has recently written a novel entitled *The Rajpoot's Rings* (London: Dent; and New York: Dutton, 7¾ by 5, pp. 310, 5s. net), the scenes of which are laid in India during the Mutiny, in the West of England, and on a desert island in the Bay of Bengal. A copy, presented by the Author, is in D.

Constable and Company, of London, have just issued a book by our friend, H. Douglas C. Pepler, of London, entitled *The Care Committee, the Child and the Parent* (7½ by 5, pp. 101, 2s. 6d. net). It contains "the history of the provision of meals to the children of poor parents; and an account of Children's Care Committees, their work and organisation, with particular reference to the place of the voluntary worker and the duties of an official."

Two recent issues of the Home University Library of Modern Knowledge (London: Williams and Norgate; New York: Holt, 6¾ by 4, pp. about 250, 1s. net), have been written by Friendly authors—*The English Language*, by Logan Pearsall Smith, M.A., of Oxford, son of the late Robert P. and Hannah Whitall Smith, and *The American Civil War*, by Frederic L. Paxson, Professor of American history in the University of Wisconsin. Roger E. Fry, M.A., of Guildford, son of Sir Edward Fry, is writing *Italian Art of the Renaissance*.

The seventh volume of Edward Grubb's *Bible Notes* appeared early this year (Croydon: 3, George Street, 6½ by 4, pp. 96, and interleaved blanks, 1s. net). It deals with "The Person of Christ in the New Testament."

For four years a committee of Friends has been at work preparing a revision of Part II. of the *Christian Discipline of the Religious Society of Friends of London Yearly Meeting*. This was presented to and passed by London Y.M. at an adjournment held in Eleventh Month last. Part II. is entitled "Christian Practice," and consists chiefly of extracts from Epistles and other documents issued under the sanction of London Y.M. from 1672 to the present (London: Headley, 8½ by 5½, pp. xii. + 166, 1s. net). In the fourteen chapters of this book is to be found much helpful advice not alone for Friends but for Christians of other persuasions. Subjects such as Divine worship, Bible-reading, prayer, ministry, marriage, education, home and foreign missions, moral difficulties, peace and war, are treated with much perspicuity. The chapter on Christian Living touches many phases of life in its various manifestations. The following paragraph is dated 1911:—

"We earnestly counsel Friends not to give way to a feeling of annoyance when appeals are made to them for pecuniary help for religious, educational and philanthropic objects. It should be nothing but joy to the Christian to support, according to his ability, wise efforts to promote the good of others . . . Those who are appointed to collect subscriptions should avoid an apologetic tone, endeavouring rather to suggest to Friends that they are being reminded of a privilege. The duty of collecting, which is often regarded as a thankless one, will be greatly eased if requests for help, whether they can be acceded to or not, are always received in a grateful spirit, with remembrance of the words: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'" (p. 121).

Christian Discipline can now be obtained through Headley Brothers, 140, Bishopsgate, London, E.C., in three separate parts:—I. *Christian Doctrine*, 1883, pp. 28, 1d. and 3d.; II. *Christian Practice*, 1911, pp. 166, 1s. net; III. *Church Government*, 1906, pp. 153, 1s. 6d. net.

Howard Hodgkin, M.A., a London Friend, has written the Introduction to *Selections from the Poems of John Greenleaf Whittier* in "The Muses' Library" (London: Routledge; and New York: Dutton, 6 by 4, pp. 375, 1s. net).

Eleanor Densmore Wood, M.A., of Wellesley College, U.S.A., has written *The Story of the Prophets of Israel*, which has been published by Headley Brothers, as No. 1 of the Adult School Study Series, pp. 225, 1s. net. The order taken is Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Micah, Zephaniah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, the Second Isaiah. Tom Bryan, M.A., has written an Introduction. These studies were first brought out by Eliza H. Worrell, for Friends' General Conference, Philadelphia, in connection with "Friends' Graded Course for First-Day Schools."

In 1663, Sir Joseph Williamson (1633-1701), Secretary of State to Charles II., noted in a book information obtained by spies employed by him respecting sundry disaffected and dangerous persons. "Williamson's Spy Book" has been known for long only by certain references to it in books dealing with the Restoration period, but recently Prof. G. Lyon Turner discovered the manuscript in the Public Record Office. Of his

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great find Mr. Turner writes in the *Transactions* of the Congregational Historical Society, for January and May, 1912, "It is a book about six inches square, one inch thick, indented in index form and evidently intended for extensive use." It is without title, and does not appear to have been in use for more than a few months. There are 112 names, among them those of Edward Byllinge, Gawen Lawrie, Giles and Elizabeth Calvert, Daniel Gotherson, Cornet Joyce, and Andrew Robeson.

Henry W. Wilbur, of Philadelphia, general secretary of Friends' General Conference Advancement Committee, 140 North Fifteenth Street, has written a little book on *Job Scott, an Eighteenth Century Friend* (6 $\frac{3}{4}$ by 4 $\frac{3}{4}$, pp. 112, 75 cents). Of Job Scott the author writes:—

"His distinct and possibly unique contribution to religious thought was to elaborate the fundamental Friendly theory of the indwelling Spirit, and to rationalize and practicalize the plan of salvation, taking it out of the realm of the speculative and placing it entirely within the range of the practical. Salvation from Scott's standpoint was a life-building process . . . His purpose as preacher and teacher . . . was to present to the minds of men a rational type of pure and applied Christianity."

Some thirty pages are occupied with a sketch of Job Scott's life. He was born in Providence, R.I., in 1751, and died at Ballitore, Ireland, in 1793, while on a religious visit to Europe. He was not a birthright member. The remainder of this book is occupied with reviews of various beliefs and teachings of this noted preacher and of his writings.

By voice and pen our Friend, Edward Grubb, has been busy lately setting forth the doctrines and practices of the Society of Friends.

Some months ago he lectured at Mansfield College, Oxford, on "The Society of Friends," and his lecture, with the other lectures of the series, which dealt with the Anglican, Presbyterian, Congregational, Baptist and Methodist Churches, was printed under the editorship of W. B. Selbie, D.D., Principal of the College, with the title *Evangelical Christianity: Its History and Witness* (London: Hodder, 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ by 5 $\frac{1}{2}$, pp. xii. + 256, 6s.)

Again, later, Edward Grubb joined with members of other religious communities in the production of *The Unity of Faith*, edited by Geoffrey Rhodes (London: Kegan Paul, 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ by 5, pp. 222, 3s. 6d.). Chapter v. is "The Society of Friends and Its Witness to Spiritual Reality," the previous chapter being "The Free Churches" and the succeeding, "Unitarianism." In this volume the basis is wider and includes articles on "Judaism" and "The Catholic and Roman Church." With respect to the inclusion of the last named, "The Tablet" has something to say in its review of this collection of essays (issue of June 1). The reviewer writes:

"This little book is an attempt to show the truth of religion by the concurrent and independent testimony of a number of religious men, who regard this question from such various standpoints as those of Jews, Catholics, Anglicans, Nonconformists, Quakers, and Unitarians . . . Possibly some conservative theologians amongst us may at first be disposed

to regard this new departure with some misgiving . . . for [they say] is it not compromising the dignity and infallibility of the Catholic Church to put her witness on a common level with that of the Free Churches and the Society of Friends? But, however plausible they may appear at first sight, these objections are really based on a partial and imperfect conception of Catholic principles . . . The Fathers of the Church and other orthodox divines do not disdain to borrow arguments or evidence from Jews and heretics and pagan philosophers . . . When we regard the variety of the positive tenets and principles of all the various human and imperfect systems of religion . . . we may feel more sure of finding some agreement between the Church and every one of the sects than between any two, or more, of the separated systems of fragmentary Christianity."

The articles contributed to "The British Friend" by Edward Grubb, originating from the discussion on business morality in the Yearly Meeting of 1911, have been reprinted in expanded form as a volume entitled *Christianity and Business*, recently published in London by T. Fisher Unwin and Headley Brothers (7½ by 5, pp. 128, 2s. 6d. net).

The Swarthmore Lecture, delivered by Terrot Reaveley Glover, M.A., St. John's College, Cambridge, at the Yearly Meeting recently held in Manchester, has been published for the Woodbrooke Extension Committee by Headley Brothers, London, at 1s. net, under the title, *The Nature and Purpose of a Christian Society*. There was a large attendance of Friends and others when the lecture was delivered, but some present have since expressed surprise at both the lecturer and the lecture. It is not easy to understand why a non-Friend should be chosen to lecture, nor why his theme should not directly concern either the history or principles of Quakerism—there are many subjects of direct Quaker interest and Friends who can adequately deal with them. A *résumé* of the lecture appears in "The Friend" (London) for May 24th.

John William Graham's book, *Evolution and Empire*, is now out (London: Headley, 7½ by 5, pp. 222, 2s. 6d. net). In his preface, the author states that "the nucleus of the following chapters was read as a paper to the First Universal Peace Congress, held at Westminster Town Hall in 1890 . . . Such ideas were new and unacceptable in the Peace movement then. Of late years, these ideas have become part of the texture of current thought." To those who do not know our friend, it may come as a surprise that he is described as "Author of 'The Destruction of Daylight'"!—they will be relieved to find that the aim of this latter book was nothing worse than the abatement of the smoke nuisance!

The value of the many services rendered by Friends in the cause of local government is exemplified in the Report to the Ulverston Rural District Council, for the year ending March, 1912, written by our friend, William Richardson Nash, J.P., chairman of the Council. The pamphlet deals with Officers, Inspection of Villages, and Town Planning Act, Dairies and Cowsheds, Sewage and Removal of House Refuse, Deficit on Water

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Supplies, Highways, Finance, etc. The life of such a public-spirited inhabitant is a "God-send" to any district. W. R. Nash, with remarkable energy for one of his advanced age, issues monthly *Cartmel District Weather and Farming Notes*. The copy before me is dated "May (Fifth Month), 1912."

At the expense of London Yearly Meeting a translation of "The Society of Friends, Its Faith and Practice," by the late John S. Rowntree, has been printed in French and published at the Librairie J. H. Jeheber in Geneva, and the Librairie Fischbacher in Paris, at the price of a franc. The translator is Madeleine Savary, a Friend living at Guildford. Copies of this 111-page book can be obtained from Headley Brothers at one shilling each. Special terms for distribution may be obtained from the Central Offices of Friends at Devonshire House, London, E.C., per the Librarian. Some of the French equivalents used are interesting, as, e.g., Doyens for Elders; also the "Avis Généraux" and "Questions Générales" look curious in their French dress, the concluding portion of Query 3 appearing as "Cultivez-vous un esprit de pardon? Etes-vous soucieux de la réputation d'autrui? Evitez-vous et découragez-vous les bavardages et le dénigrement?"

All interested in Quaker statistics should buy a copy of *Facts about Friends, a Study of the Statistics of London and Dublin Yearly Meetings, 1861-1911*, by Edward Harold Marsh (London: Headley, 7 by 5½, pp. 47, 3d. This pamphlet traces the changes which have taken place in the Society of Friends in the last half century so far as they can be represented in figures and diagrams. Most of the information is derived from summaries of the tabular statements which appear in the Minutes and Proceedings of London and Dublin Yearly Meetings, but other sources are sometimes drawn upon. One diagram shows the thirty-one Yearly Meetings in the world with their grouping and approximate membership. Other diagrams show the increasing and changing membership of London Yearly Meeting, the position of woman in the Church, etc.; and some quite new facts are brought to light regarding marriage and the birth-rate among Friends.

A warm welcome to another issue of the *Bulletin of Friends' Historical Society of Philadelphia* (Allen C. Thomas, A.M., Haverford, Pa., U.S.A.). This issue, dated Third Month, contains some specially interesting articles, as, e.g., Anna B. Thomas on "The Beaconite Controversy"; Amelia M. Gummere contributes a letter from William Penn to the Princess Elizabeth, 1677, and that lady's reply, taken from an autograph copy in the Howland Collection at Haverford College; Rayner W. Kelsey writes on the Planting of Pacific Coast Quakerism, and Charles F. Coffin on Anti-Slavery Friends. Other portions of this publication are referred to elsewhere (see page 155).

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