

Friends in Current Literature

A FOLDING card, *Manner of Worship*, issued by Friends of Fritchley, Derby, has recently been translated into Scotch Gaelic for distribution among Highlanders. Thomas Davidson, of Fritchley, tells me it can be read by Irish speaking people, though it is not in their dialect. T.D. would be glad to supply a few copies to anyone in touch with the Highlanders.

Among the Little Guides, published by Methuen, of London (6½ by 4, 2s. 6d. each) is one devoted to the county of Durham, the work of Jonathan Edward Hodgkin, of Darlington, son of Jonathan Backhouse Hodgkin. It might be described as a dictionary guide, the places being dealt with in alphabetical order. There are 293 pages of text, thirty-two illustrations, and seven maps. Edward Hodgkin states that he has, "during the past three years, personally visited every place referred to in the county, many of them repeatedly, so as to verify facts and make the book, though far from complete, at least accurate so far as it goes." The book will avail to inform its readers of beauties, perhaps hitherto unheard of, in a county often supposed to be full of naught but coal mines and grime. It is to be regretted that the author has given the initials only of his "Christian" names, especially as they are the same as those of his relative, another antiquary.

Dr. Charles F. A. Moss, late a missionary in Madagascar under the Friends' Foreign Mission Association (although not himself a Friend), has written a life of Joseph Pearse (1837-1911) of the London Missionary Society, under the title *A Pioneer in Madagascar*. (London: Headley, 7½ by 5, pp. 261, illustrations, but no index, 3s. 6d. net.)

Joseph Taylor, of our Indian Mission (Hoshangabad, C.P., India), is editing a monthly paper entitled *Mitra Mandli Samāchār Patra* or Society of Friends News Sheet. The publication was commenced last year by Roland Priestman and it first appeared somewhat irregularly, but it is now to be issued at monthly intervals. A file will be preserved in **D**. Its eight pages contain Mission news, notices of meetings, appointments etc., and articles of various kinds. The language is Hindi.

Thomas P. Cooper, of York, author of "The History of the Castle of York" etc., has an article on "The Armorial Bearings of Gilds and Livery Companies," running through several issues of *The Antiquary*, vol. ix. (London: Stock; New York: Stechert, 6d. per part).

The address given by Alexander Gordon, M.A., at Essex Hall, Strand, London, on 14th May last, has been published under the title, *Heresy, its Ancient Wrongs and Modern Rights, in these Kingdoms* (London: The Lindsey Press, 5, Essex Street, W.C., 7½ by 5, pp. 88, one shilling net). This is an informing record of the gradual removal by law of the

religious disabilities of Anti-trinitarians, or as now termed, Unitarians. There is a short reference to the case of James Nayler (pp. 29, 68).

A little collection of poems written by Edith Ellen Trusted, of Lewes, has been issued by Headley Brothers at 6d., entitled *Sonnet and Song*.

Information reaches me that the author of *A Living Legacy* (Philadelphia: Winston, 8 by 5½, pp. 438, \$1.35 net, postage extra) has hidden her identity under the *nom-de-plume* of Ruth Underwood. She is a Friend and has lived in or near Philadelphia for nearly half a century under much the same conditions and circumstances as described in her book. This is her sole literary venture. There is only a slight introduction of Quaker characters and Quaker ways.

Various articles, written by Hubert W. Peet and John T. Rose, which appeared in the "Sunday School Chronicle," have been collected into a book and titled *The Secular Menace of Sunday. An Enquiry*. (London: Sunday School Union, 7½ by 4¾, pp. 98, fourpence net.) These articles deal with the Sunday Newspaper, with Sunday Sport, Football, Amusements, Travelling and Trading. Hubert W. Peet is a Friend, and Editor of Sell's *World's Press*.

Thomas Nelson & Sons have recently brought out a valuable "study of the rural labour problem" by B. Seebom Rowntree and May Kendall, entitled *How the Labourer Lives* (London: Nelson, 7½ by 5, pp. 342, 2s. net). There is much in this book to interest the ordinary reader as well as the expert, and the bright picture on its "jacket" makes the book very attractive looking.

In April last, at the Annual Meeting of the Young Friends' Association in Dublin, Joseph T. Wigham, M.D., gave the presidential address. This address has been issued as an eight-page leaflet under the heading of *What are we doing with our Inheritance?* It is an earnest appeal to search for the truth, to find it and follow it. The office of the Young Friends' Association is 6, Eustace Street, Dublin.

About the middle of last year seven prizes were offered for essays on "The Beginnings of Quakerism" by W. C. Braithwaite. The first prize fell to Edith J. Wilson, *née* Brayshaw, wife of Alexander C. Wilson, of Birkenhead. Her essay is entitled *The Modern Outlook of Quakerism*. It appeared first in the "Friends' Quarterly Examiner," and can now be obtained in pamphlet form, from West, Newman & Co., Hatton Garden, London, E.C., price 3d.; also from Headley Brothers. It is worthy of attentive perusal.

A copy of Charles F. Holder's new book, *The Quakers in Great Britain and America*, is to hand, but I have not had time to do more than glance at the illustrations. I fear if more care has not been taken with the text of this volume than has been extended to the illustrations, there will not

be much to praise. Facing page 141 is a portrait called "Louis IV.;" the portrait of Admiral Penn is called "William Penn as a young man" (p. 169); Swarthmoor Hall is described as "where Christopher Holder was buried" (p. 237); portraits of Isaac and Joseph Bevan Braithwaite are transposed (p. 258); views of *Tewkesburg* and *Chiltenham* Meeting-houses appear (pp. 44, 251), and many of the references in the List of Illustrations are wrong. (Los Angeles, Cal., New York and London; The Neuner Company, 9½ by 6½, pp. 669, 62 illustrations, \$6.00 net, post paid, \$6.25.)¹

T. Fisher Unwin, of London and Leipsig, has published *Lord Lister, His Life and Work*, written by G. T. Wrench, M.D. (9 by 6, pp. 384, with illustrations, 15s. net). There are a few references to Joseph Lister's Quaker ancestry and boyhood.

Some Intimations of Immortality from the Physical and Psychical Nature of Man, by the Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Fry, G.C.B. (London: Williams & Norgate, 8½ by 5¾, pp. 35, 1s. net).

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¹ As the Author makes a kind acknowledgment of "many courtesies" received from me, perhaps I ought to state that if such there were, they were not in connection with the text of his book in either MS. or printed proof.

Editor's Notes

THE Editor hopes to include in an early number of vol. xi. a short biography of Deborah Darby (1754-1810), of Coalbrookdale, who has been described as "probably the ablest woman preacher the Society has ever produced." He would welcome any information respecting this Friend which readers of THE JOURNAL or others may incline to send him, addressed to Devonshire House, Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

Other articles likely to appear in vol. xi. include:

"Personal Recollections of some of the American Friends who travelled in England on religious service from 1835 to 1852," by the late Margaret Evans.

"Women's Meetings in the Early Days of the Society," by Dr. R. Hingston Fox.

"George Swan, of Glasgow, and Notes on old Meeting Houses in that City," by William F. Miller.

"Nathaniel Wilmer and his Bible, 1686," by Joseph J. Green.

"Correspondence of Benjamin Furly with John Locke and Algernon Sidney," and "The Library of Benjamin Furly," by Charles R. Simpson.

A reprint, in THE JOURNAL, is under consideration, of a pamphlet last reprinted in 1840, entitled "Some Account of a Remarkable Visit Paid to the Metropolis in the year 1753, by Ann Mercy Bell, of York."

The Editor would be very glad to hear of unpublished diaries and other MSS., illustrative of various periods of Quaker history, which might be preserved in print.