

Further Extracts from the Diary of Abiah Darby

ON pp. 79 to 92 are printed some entries taken from Abiah Darby's Journal. Here are two other extracts of interest :—

1762

10 mo. 11 Reading. Lodged at Widow Pickering's who lives with her maid who is public
The young woman the Friend servant before mentioned sat beside us in the gallery and her mistress sat at the bottom of the meeting.

1766

9 mo. 11 After much conflict was made willing to go to Shrewsbury got out at the top of the main street and my concern was to proclaim repentance through the streets. I stood at 10 places; the people seemed amazed but behaved well, and many were affected. We were about 3 hours in the streets being the race time. How wonderful the loving kindness of the Lord who had helped me to perform what I believed to be my duty which no worldly consideration would have prevailed on me to have done, no, nothing short of the dread of eternal displeasure.

Joseph Garratt of Cork

Mary J. Taylor, of Hove, Sussex, has kindly supplied the following particulars :—

“ Joseph Garratt [unidentified on p. 154] was my great-grandfather, ‘ a Minister of our Society in good esteem.’ He lived at Cork and was the youngest son of good John Garratt, John Wesley's friend (see THE JOURNAL, ii. 123, vii. 47). Joseph Garratt was born in 1748 and died in 1793. He was twice married: (1) to Miss Dobbs, of Castle Dobbs, Antrim; (2) to Mary, daughter of William and Deborah (Pim) Pike of Beechgrove, Dungannon. There were no children by the first marriage; by the second there were nine.

“ The ancestor the furthest back we can trace is Richard Garratt, of Roydon, Essex, born c. 1597. The Dorlands of Canada are also descended from him on their mother's side.”