

Friends in Current Literature

AN article by Egbert C. Morland, M.D., of Arosa, Switzerland, entitled "Tuberculin Treatment in the Light of the Experience of a Generation," appears in *Transactions of the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption . . . at the Fifth Annual Conference, 1913* (London: Adland, 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$, pp. 222, 5s. post free).

Helen Webb, M.B., a London Friend, has written one of the series of books, "Questions of Sex," entitled *Life and its Beginnings* (London: Cassell, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 4 $\frac{3}{4}$, pp. 137, 2s. 6d. net). Dr. Webb's book is intended for girls under twelve.

Dr. Rendel Harris, since the publication of his "Dioscuri in the Christian Legends," and "The Cult of the Heavenly Twins," has been pursuing further enquiries into "Dioscurism," and now presents some of the results obtained in another volume which he entitles *Boanerges* (Cambridge University Press, 9 by 5 $\frac{3}{4}$, pp. 424, 15s. net). He records traces of twin-cult in Africa, North and South America, Japan, Polynesia, Australia, India, Egypt, etc.

A History of Pennsylvania, by Allen C. Thomas, A.M., Professor of History in Haverford College, Pa., just published, is very instructively and attractively written (Boston, Mass.: Heath, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 5 $\frac{1}{4}$, pp. 312). The break-up of the text into chapters and headed paragraphs adds greatly to the ease with which the student can find his way about, and the index is full and good. There are numerous illustrations. The author thus concludes:—

"The purpose of this book is not only to give an outline of the history of the great State, but so to place the panorama of her history before the reader as to arouse and to strengthen a determination to take part in all movements which forward the best interests and welfare of her citizens."

A few slips will doubtless be corrected in the next edition. West-town School was founded in 1799, as given on p. 201, and not 1794 (p. 116n). The armour-portrait of William Penn is "attributed to Sir Peter Lely" (p. 15). Perhaps the author was thinking of Lely's portrait of *Sir* William.

In the *Nineteenth Century and After*, for December, there is an article on "A Japanese Gulliver," by Wilson Crewdson, M.A., F.S.A., and one on "Bulgaria and Her Traducers" by Henry Marriage Wallis.

The Report for 1912 of the Japan Book and Tract Society, of which our Friend, George Braithwaite, is Secretary, is to hand. G. B.'s address is 3 Yuraku Cho Nichome, Kojimachi, Tokyo.

The Western Daily Press (Bristol), dated 22 Oct., reviewing Stanley's book on the Ejected Ministers, entitled *In Days of Old*, has a paragraph headed "The 'Worth' of Bristol Congregations," which states:—

"Among the chronicles of the earlier part of the eighteenth century are some curious notes on the 'worth' of some of these Bristol congregations. One Independent congregation is put down as worth £100,000, another £400,000, Broadmead, £50,000. The joint sum from five congregations was reckoned at £770,000, besides which there is 'a great Body of Quakers, about 2000, and their wealth is not less than £500,000.'"

Notes and Queries for September 27 has a one-and-a-half-column notice of the Devonshire House Reference Library and its work, signed by the Editor, John Collins Francis.

There is a short but appreciative essay on John Woolman, in *Clio, a Muse, and other Essays*, by George M. Trevelyan (London: Longmans, 9½ by 6, pp. 200, 4s. 6d. net).

In *The Hibbert Journal* for October (London: Williams & Norgate; and Boston, Mass.: Sherman), mention is made of the last Swarthmore Lecture—"Social Service: Its Place in the Society of Friends."

"While deeply interesting throughout, it is remarkable as showing how far in advance of their time certain prominent Friends have been on the practical side. George Fox advocated Almshouses, recommended something not unlike the Nature Schools of which we now hear so much, and, more remarkable still, suggested that there should be set up in each market town a register for employers requiring labour and labourers in search of work."

No. clxxxviii. of "The World's Classics," published by the Oxford University Press, is *Selected Poems of John Greenleaf Whittier*, 1s. net.

Ernest Minett Palser, M.A., senior English Master of the Westminster City School, and a Friend, has recently edited a volume of hymns, entitled *A New School Hymnal* (London: Harrap, 6 by 3½, pp. 288, 1s. net).

Outlines of British-Israel Truth is the title of a pamphlet by John Padbury Gillett, J.P., of Banbury, Oxon, recently issued.

Friends' Book Supply, of Wichita, Kansas, has for disposal in handy form, a collection of doctrinal statements, entitled *The Declaration of Faith of the Society of Friends in America*. This fifty-page pamphlet contains (i.) "Some Essential Truths," adopted in 1902 by the Five Years Meeting, (ii.) "The Richmond Declaration of Faith" of 1887, and (iii.) George Fox's Letter to the Governor of Barbados, 1671.

Rider & Son, of Paternoster Row, London, have published a book by Ethel L. Umlin, entitled *A Short History of Marriage: Marriage Rites, Customs, and Folklore in Many Countries and All Ages* (7½ by 5, pp. 276, 3s. 6d. net). In the chapter "Old English Marriage Customs," there is this paragraph on Quaker Weddings, as misleading as it is antiquated:—

“ Quakers, as a rule, marry among themselves, and their weddings are conducted very simply. The following injunction is found in their *Book of Christian Discipline* [query, where ?] ‘ Friends are advised against running into excessive, sumptuous or costly entertainments at marriage dinners, a great part of the cost of which would be better employed in relieving the necessities of the poor.’

“ When two ‘ friends ’ signify at one of the monthly meetings their intention of marrying, two men and two women are appointed by the meeting to inquire into the possible existence of any legal impediments. Marriages are solemnised at one of the usual week-day meetings, no ring is used, and there is no ceremony except the pronouncement of a simple vow by the contracting parties : man and woman using the same words and making the same promises. A broken engagement is most strongly condemned by Quakers, and parents are exhorted to do all in their power to prevent their children from being married outside the society.”

It is greatly to be regretted that a book of such pretensions as *The Quakers in England and America*,¹ the materials for which must have taken many months to collect, should be so carelessly put together and allowed to go forth with so many inaccuracies.² The author, Charles F. Holder, LL.D., of Pasadena, California, has a warm regard for the Society of Friends and its history. A previous work by the same author, “ The Holders of Holderness,” has been largely drawn upon, and one would have preferred less reference to one family in a general history of Quakerism. Two chapters of fifty pages in the middle of the book are devoted to the biographies of John Bright and Mrs. Russell Sage, as representative of “ Quaker influence and inheritance ” in England and America. By all means honour to whom honour is due, but the two named will probably appear to the reader less representative than in the opinion of the author.

To our regret, Dr. Holder places Friends’ views regarding the oath among non-essentials. He writes (p. 123) :—

“ The Quakers were nearly three centuries ahead of their time in demands for reform, yet they made a point of certain things which from a modern standpoint were not worthy the time and thought given to them. One was their refusal to swear. . . . An affirmation has all the essentials of an oath.” See also p. 191.

Many well-known names are mangled almost out of recognition : *Joshua Cole, Annie Downer, Lauceston, Francis Canfield, Susanne Fisher, I. Tiffin, Joseph Lawrence (Lancaster), Edmund Pease, Tange, Sir John Grattan, Edward Hubberthorn, Thomas Bowne, Contentuca (N.C.), John Burrough, Eaton Street, Baltimore, John M. Fry, author of “ The Period*

¹ The book is published by the Neuner Company of Los Angeles, New York and London, 9½ by 6½, pp. 669, \$6. The sub-title reads, “ The Religious and Political History of the Society of Friends from the Seventeenth to the Twentieth Century.” The book is dedicated “ To Mrs. Russell Sage, Philanthropist, Descendant of the Pioneer Quaker Ministers Christopher Holder and Peleg Slocum, the Quaker Governor Wanton of Rhode Island, and of Captain Miles Standish.” There are numerous illustrations, as to which see THE JOURNAL, x. 293.

² This review was written before seeing the trenchant criticism of this work appearing in the last number of the *Bulletin F.H.S. Phila.*

of *Quakerism*," Sir John Lister, James B. Clark (Mayor of Doncaster), Hannah Kilbane, Mary Asken. A quotation from *Eminolt* turns out to be a quotation from Elizabeth Emmott's "Story of Quakerism"!

Among many extraordinary pieces of information, we are told that Sir William Penn became a Quaker (p. 171), that William Penn was arrested as he was returning from George Fox's funeral (p. 223, and contrast p. 515), John Woolman visited America in 1746 (p. 245), that the death of George III. and accession of Victoria took place in the same year (p. 247), that "Ireland has in Dublin a strong half-yearly meeting which was established in 1670, and has continued without break since 1793" (p. 263), that Neal Dow was an English Friend (p. 271), that Devonshire House was destroyed by the Fire of London (p. 282), and that "a large house known as the 'Bull and the Mouth,' was rented by Martin C. Grand near Aldgate, and meetings held in the hotel" (p. 99).

Chapters XXV. to XXIX. are quite interesting—War-time, Home Life, Ways and Customs, Literature, Activities. In the Literature section, the order of "Friends with a literary gift" is curious, beginning with Joseph Bevans Braithwaite, and ending with John ap John, and containing, in this succession, Isaac Braithwaite, Thomas Chalkley, Daniel Wheeler, Margaret Fell, Stephen Grellett (elsewhere *Grellet* and *Grellette*), Thomas Pole, John Burrough, Christopher and Anthony Holder. We do not recognise "'The Journal' of Isaac Hammer."

There are several kindly and appreciative references to the work of the Devonshire House Reference Library.

In *How the Church was Reformed in England*, by Gertrude Hess (London: Mowbray), a book written for children from the High Anglican standpoint, we read (page 123):—

"Meanwhile the Puritans filled the places of the clergy. Sometimes the minister would be an Independent; sometimes a Presbyterian; sometimes even an unbaptized Quaker. Soldiers, cobblers, bakers, and tradesmen of all kinds preached as they liked. There was neither order nor reverence anywhere."

It is, of course, quite a mistake to state that Quakers acted as Parish Priests, as the words seem to imply, though they often addressed audiences from the pews. The last sentence is surely too sweeping.

The question whether the wearing of a distinctive dress by the Friends of fifty to one hundred years ago was helpful to the life and work of the Society comes to the fore again in that delightfully written book *The Quaker Bonnet, A Child-Story*, by K.K.K. (London: Headley, 7½ by 5, pp. 265, 3s. 6d. net). It seems to us that the head-dress of Aunt Deborah Denton was a distinct help to her in her late-in-life attempts at practical philanthropy, though the wearer says:—

"I have modelled my cap after the fashion of Elizabeth Fry's, it is true, but I have not modelled my life upon hers . . . She was instrumental not only in having many of the abuses of prison life abolished, but in saving many souls. I have never done anything but please myself, and am no good to anybody. . . . The bonnet is the sign and symbol of something that I do not possess. I have no right to

wear it. I am not worthy of it. I must contrive some other shape instead."

The reader will be glad to find that Aunt Deborah altered her style of life and not her style of bonnet. The book will be enjoyed by old and young alike. The frontispiece is the work of Elisabeth Brockbank.

The story of the wonderful missionary work of Joseph John Armistead and his helpers among islands of northern seas, begun in the author's book "Piloted,"³ is continued in *Ten Years near the Arctic Circle* (London: Headley, 7½ by 5, 3s. 6d. net). The telling of the "old, old story" still appeals to the hearts of men.

Friends' Year Book, 1914, published by the Representative Committee of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting ("Hicksite"), will be found very useful to those who enquire respecting this Branch of Friends. The Central Bureau of this Y.M., under the care of Jane P. Rushmore, is located at 150 North Fifteenth Street; the Advancement Committee is under the able management of Henry W. Wilbur, at 140 North Fifteenth Street.

"Orthodox" Philadelphia also publishes a useful *Almanac* (to be had from the Tract Association of Friends, 304 Arch Street). Half of this 36-page pamphlet is occupied by matter which gives title to the book—"Religious and Moral."

The London Meeting for Sufferings recently decreed the discontinuance of *Friends' Year Book*, issued from London, as it did not receive sufficient encouragement to warrant the expense incurred.

With its number for Twelfth Month, *Friends' Witness to Scripture Truth* completes its sixth year of publication. The Editors are Alice Mary Hodgkin and Samuel Fennell Hurnard, and the Publisher is Augustus Diamond, B.A., of 91, Albert Road, Ilford, Essex. The price is 1s. 6d. per annum, post free. An editorial contains the following:—

"It is a most solemn fact, that while some other Quaker publications in this country remain true to the deity of our Lord, and to His substitutionary sacrifice for our sins, we do not know of one, apart from our paper, which ventures to assert the authority of the Bible as the written word of God, and to oppose the subtle attacks of the Higher Criticism."

Further issues, Nos. 3 and 4, of the "Teachers and Taught Popular Reprints," are *Work with Young Teachers*, by Muriel Evan Spicer, and *The Verities of the Faith and the Modern Point of View*, by Gerald K. Hibbert, M.A., B.D., 1d. each, from Headley Brothers.

The Study Circle Movement is making rapid progress among Friends. The Committee which guides the Movement (Hon. Sec., Sylvia F. Marriage, Courleigh, Reigate, Surrey), has issued several pamphlets, copies of which may be obtained from the Hon. Sec. at one penny each or 9d. per dozen.

³ To be obtained from Headley Brothers at 3s. 6d. net and 1s. net.

Study Circles : their Place and Aim, Characteristics and Leadership, by Raymond Whitwell, M.A., *Outline Programme for the Use of Circles Studying "The Person of Christ in the New Testament,"* and a similar Outline Programme on the Christian Discipline of Friends, Part II., Christian Practice.

There is no lack of aids to study.—Eleanor D. Wood, M.A., has written, as "Adult School Study Series No. 2," *The Life and Ministry of Paul the Apostle* (London, Headley, 7½ by 5, pp. 261, paper 9d. net; cloth boards 2s. 6d. net). There is an introduction superadded, written by Herbert G. Wood, M.A., and the book concludes with a map and two full indexes.

In *The Dial* of November last, there are some personal recollections of Joseph Henry Shorthouse, written by Mrs. Phillp.

With its issue for December, 1913, *The British Friend* (1843-1913) comes to an end, or rather we should say, passes to a resurrection in *Present Day Papers*, to be edited by Rufus M. Jones, of Haverford, Pa., and published monthly.

The following are to hand as this article goes to press :—

John Woolman : His Life and Our Times, by W. Teignmouth Shore (London : Macmillan, 8 by 5½, pp. 273, 5s. net).

A Quaker Warrior : The Life of William Hobson, by William King Baker (London : Headley, 7½ by 5, pp. 178, 2s. 6d. net).

Christ and War, by William E. Wilson, B.D. (London : Clarke, 7½ by 5, pp. 210, 1s. 6d. net).

Bulletin of Friends' Historical Society of Philadelphia, November, 1913, vol. v., no. 2.

Welsh Founders of Pennsylvania, vol. ii., by Thomas Allen Glenn, containing a portion of the genealogical notes of the late Charles Roberts, of Philadelphia, 10½ by 6½, pp. xii. + 123.

Article by Mabel R. Brailsford in *The Glasgow Herald* of January 3, under the heading of "Seventeenth Century Militants."

Lessons on the Kingdom of Israel, by Caroline C. Graveson, B.A., in "Teachers and Taught" Text Books, 1s. 6d. net.

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A German translation of J. S. Rowntree's "Society of Friends, Its Faith and Practice," prepared by Margarethe Stähelin, has just come from the press of F. W. Köhler, of Elberfeld. The title is *Die Gesellschaft der Freunde, ihr Glauben und Leben*. This little book of about ninety pages can be obtained from the Central Offices of the Society of Friends, 136, Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

Copies of the French translation of the same book—*La Foi et la Pratique des Quakers*—may also be had at the same address.