

## Notes and Queries

### KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

**D.**—The Reference Library of London Y.M., at Devonshire House, Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

**Camb Jnl.**—*The Journal of George Fox*, published by the Cambridge University Press, 1911.

**D.N.B.**—*The Dictionary of National Biography*.

**F.P.T.**—*The First Publishers of Truth*, published by the Friends Historical Society, 1907.

**H.S.P.**—The Historical Society of Pennsylvania, located at 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa., U.S.A.

**WM. PEGG, PAINTER ON CHINA.**—  
In *THE JOURNAL*, iii. 3, there is a reference to William Pegg and his artistic work. In *The Queen* for December 27, there are illustrations of the work of "Quaker Pegg," with a brief biography.

"William Pegg (1775-1851) was a member of the Society of Friends. He followed Billingsley at the Duesbury Works in 1796, when Billingsley left to go to Pinxton. . . . He painted in the naturalistic style, but had a mannerism of his own. Jewitt says of him that he 'surpassed in faithful copying of nature in single branches and flowers and in autumnal borders.' Owing to religious scruples Pegg gave up decorating."

**WILLIAM MILLER, ENGRAVER.**—  
In the Corporation Museum in Lady Stair's House, Edinburgh, recently opened, there is a "Miller Room," called after William Miller (1796-1882), the well-known Quaker engraver. "The great bulk of his work was done after Turner, and the examples of it which adorn this small room are of a very dainty description" (*The Scotsman*, Nov. 18, 1913).

**STATUE OF ELIZABETH FRY.**—  
The offer to the City of London by a lady, who desires to remain anonymous, of a statue of Elizabeth Fry, the prison reformer, has been accepted, and it has been decided by the City Corporation to place the memorial under the dome at the head of the grand staircase at the Central Criminal Court. Earl Beauchamp, First Commissioner of Works, who made the offer to the City on behalf of the unknown donor, suggested the erection of the statue in the locality of the old Newgate Prison, and the decision to place the gift in the Central Criminal Court, which occupies the site of Newgate Prison, is a fitting one. The memorial is the work of Mr. Alfred Drury, R.S.

**PRESBYTERIANS AND THEIR HISTORY.**—Our friends the Presbyterians have recently inaugurated "The Presbyterian Historical Society of England." A room for the reception of MSS., etc., has been secured in the Regent Square church, and various items of historical interest have already been donated.

"The Executive is alive to the

fact that, for a time at least, some 'rubbish' is sure to be offered, and therefore it must guard against the danger of storing other people's 'lumber' and calling it 'historical remains'!"

[The F.H.S. welcomes "rubbish," if placed, without reserve, in the hands of the Secretaries!]

The annual subscription is five shillings, the Treasurer is Mr. Andrew Cochrane, Avenue House, Anlaby Road, Hull, and the Hon. Sec. Rev. Alex. Jeffrey, 39, Poppleton Road, Leytonstone, London, E.

PENN FAMILY.—In 1538 Mrs. Sibell Penn was engaged at the Palace to nurse young prince Edward, afterwards Edward VI. Her apartments still exist. Born Hampden of Bucks, her epitaph states the family had been in easy circumstances 300 years. She married David Penn of Bucks, was much esteemed by Henry VIII. and all his family. She died of small pox, in the Palace, 1562. Her tomb in Hampton church has a recumbent portrait effigy and eighteen lines of laudatory epitaph in English. In 1768 Thomas Penn had these drawn and also her arms. Was she a collateral ancestress of William Penn? Lawes has much more about her, the places connected with her family, and that of her husband, also about the famous Penn ghost story (*Hist. of Hampton Court Palace*, i. 196).  
—ARTHUR W. DAWES.

ISAAC WATTS.—References requested to any connection, private or otherwise, between Isaac Watts (1674-1748) and Friends of his day.—ROBERT MUSCHAMP, Radcliffe, Lancs.

F.H.S. AND C.U.P.—Progress is being made with the editing of the Swarthmoor Account Book. Help has been secured for the elucidation of references to things personal, financial, agricultural, social, medicinal, etc., and the Cambridge University Press has some fifty pages in type. The title of the volume will be:—*The Household Account Book of Sarah Fell of Swarthmoor Hall*. It will not be ready for publication till late in the year.

STANSFIELD, OF BINGLEY, YORKS.—1772, May 11.—On which day appeared John Stansfield of Harding in p<sup>sh</sup> of Bingley diocese of York Shalloon Weaver & affirmed upon his solemn affirmation that he is of the age of 25 years and upwards & a batchelor & intends to marry Ann Smith of Kighley in said diocese of York aged 25 years & upwards, a widow, & prayed a licence to solemnize s<sup>d</sup> marriage in the parish church of Kighley. On the same day s<sup>d</sup> John Stansfield one of the people called Quakers made solemn affirmation before me Tho. Carr, surrogate.—[Abstract of Original Marriage Allegation—Diocesan Registry, York.]

ERRATA.—William F. Miller points out a transposition of *Northumberland* and *Northamptonshire* on p. 232, ll. 13, 14, of the last issue. The name given on p. 227, l. 7 from foot, should be *Sedgwick*, and not *Ledgwick*, as corrected in the Index.

HATS AND HAT HONOR (ii. 89n, iv. 8, 10, 150, v. 37, 137, vi. 172, viii. 96, ix. 171, x. 44).—The

following occurs in Dr. Holder's *Quakers in England and America*, 1913, p. 484:—

"In the early part of the nineteenth century, according to William Wood in his delightful paper entitled 'Friends of the Nineteenth Century,' men often wore their hats at the dinner table. . . . Thomas Hawkhurst once entered a room where some Friends were dining [and] exclaimed, throwing up his hands, 'O, sorrowful, sorrowful, a whole table full of men with their hats off.'"

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MACAULAY'S QUAKER ANCESTRY AND THE MILLS FAMILY (ix. 2).—With reference to this Edward Gregory, of 143, Brynland Avenue, Bristol, writes:—

"I possess an old Diary written by a Bristolian between the years 1750-1800 or thereabouts, containing references to the Mills family, which seem to indicate that Thomas Mills had left the Society at least twenty-four years before the marriage of his daughter Selina with Zachary Macaulay in 1799.

"The extracts from the Diary are as follows:—

"March 5th, Sunday, 1775.—Thomas Mills riding through Bedminster was thrown from his Horse, returned Back and put in at my House, having his Leg bruised which prevented his proceeding to Nailsey where He intended to Preach in the Methodist way, He being Clerk of Lady Huntingdon's Chappel.'

"Sept. 3, Sunday, 1775.—Lady Huntingdon's Chappel first Opened, Multitudes attended, and Multitudes could not get in.'

"Some other references from the Diary may be of interest:—

"Dec. 7, 1774.—Received from Thomas Mills Madame Guion's *Short and Easy Method of Prayer* to Revise and Reprint, which I did, making some additions, viz., Extracts from Marsay and Mr. Law. Parson Catcott ordered 25 Copies, but on Seeing the New Title Page, *Worship in Spirit and in Truth*, He had such Title taken out, and the old Title replaced to these 25, a needless Singularity. The 17th Dec. Mills Employed Pyne<sup>1</sup> to begin printing this new Edition.'

"Ap. 3, 1775.—At 6 o'clock in the Morning Sat out With Thos. Mills and Walked to Mr. Edward Fishers (Compton Greenfield) to breakfast and all three of us went to take a view of Pen-Mark, or Pen-Park Hole.<sup>2</sup> Thos. Mills and I reached Home at one o'clock, leaving Mr. Fisher to return to Compton Greenfield near Henbury.'

"Aug. 24, 1775.—Read Thos. Mills New Edition of Behmen's *Way to Christ*.<sup>3</sup>

"Sept. 1, 1789.—Dined With Mr. Thos. Oakley at Thos. Mills. Oakley was the translator of a New Edition of Jacob Behmen's *Life*.'

"July 19, 1800, the Diarist makes mention of Mrs. Mills (wife of Thomas Mills).

"Selina Mills, afterwards mother of the Historian, with the help of her sisters carried on the school of Hannah More in Park Street, to which she succeeded in the year 1790.

<sup>1</sup> A Methodist printer.

<sup>2</sup> A deep hole into which a clergyman had lately fallen, and lost his life.

<sup>3</sup> I have a copy of this edition with the imprint—"Bath, printed by S. Hazard for J. Mills, Bookseller, Wine St., Bristol, 1775.

“There is an account in the Diary of an elopement which took place from this school, and the vigorous efforts to circumvent it made by Mary Mills (aunt of the Historian).”

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THOMAS BEAVEN, OF MELKSHAM.  
—In the British Museum (Add. MSS. 34727, fo. 236) there is a letter of 3¼ pages, written by Thomas Beaven, Jun., of Melksham, Oct. 12, 1706, “To the Quakers at their Monthly Meeting to be held at Warminster in the County of Wilts. Novemb. 8, 1706.” This is the letter which was printed, it is said by Bohun Fox, LL.B., Vicar of Melksham, Beaven’s opponent, but how exactly to the original we do not know.<sup>4</sup> Beaven’s letter deals with his dislike for the new discipline and his objection to the non-payment of tithes being obligatory.

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AUTHOR WANTED (iii. 8).—“I expect to pass through this world but once,” etc.

Queries and suggestions regarding the elusive author of these words constantly reach the Library Department at Devonshire House. Although on Calendars and elsewhere it has been attributed to Marcus Aurelius, Carlyle, Bishop Walsham How, Professor Drummond and James Simpkin of Philadelphia, the consensus of opinion is in favour of its having originated with a Friend. Both Stephen Grellet and Anthony Benezet have been stated most definitely to have been the authors, but when challenged the informant has been unable to

<sup>4</sup> See Joseph Smith’s *Catalogue and Adverse Catalogue*.

trace the words in the writings of either of these Friends. The supporter of the Anthony Benezet theory, after failing to find conclusive proof, writes, “I feel now entirely unsettled in my mind, at sea—in an open boat”!

A motto card with this quotation bears the heading “Quakers Creed”; and in *Blessed be Drudgery* the words are ascribed to “a worthy Quaker.”

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In *A History of Hoddesdon, in the County of Hertfordshire*, written by J. Allen Tregelles, from MSS. prepared by the late Alexander McKenzie (Hertford: Austin, 9½ by 6¼, pp. 454), there is a section devoted to Friends in Hertfordshire. “Of the magistrates who had to deal with early Friends, Sir Henry Chauncy [1632-1719], the antiquarian, seems to have been specially harsh” (p. 218). Other persecuting Justices were Sir Benjamin Maddox, Bt., of Wormley, and William Fox, of Cheshunt. The author doubts the statement that Gulielma Maria Penn died at Hoddesdon, thinking it probable that her death took place “at some small place (possibly Hoggeston) in Buckinghamshire” (p. 223), but the Bucks Friends’ Registers state clearly that she “died at Hoddesdon, Herts.”

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OBITUARY.—We regret to record the loss by death of Henry Thomas Wake, of Fritchley, Quaker bookseller-antiquary, aged eighty-two; and of Dr. William E. A. Axon, of Manchester, an esteemed correspondent and contributor of information on Friendly topics, though not a Friend, aged sixty-eight.