in Regard it appoints ye Conviction to be by Confession or profe, & yt must be before ye Justice, & yt way assayed before profes, which is also not to bee, till after ye matter of fact be denyed.

No. 16 onward is in another handwriting. The sheet is signed: "Tho: Corbett." 32

Friends in Radnorshire

Royal Commission on Ancient Monuments in Wales and Monmouthshire, are the following references to Friends' Meeting Houses and Burial Grounds, visited for the Commission by its Assistant Inspecting Officer, George Eyre Evans.

Burying Ground, parish of Newchurch (6in. Ord. Surv. sheet, Rad. 33, N.E.; lat. 52° 8′ 29″; long. 3° 10′ 18″.)

A corner of the field adjoining the farmstead of Llanoley is known to have been used as a burial ground by the Society of Friends, and the limits of the small plot, 16 yards by 10 yards, are still traceable. In the boyhood of the present owner of the farm one of the graves was clearly outlined in the soil. The small patch of ground is not railed off from the rest of the field.—Visited 7th March, 1913.

THE PALES: Friends' Meeting House, parish of Llandegley.

(6in. Ord. Surv. sheet, Rad. 23, N.E.; lat. 52° 16′ 3″; long. 3° 15′ 48″.)

A Meeting House of the Society of Friends, or Quakers, which is probably unique in the Principality

32 Thomas Corbett was the counsel who acted for Friends on various occasions. See Camb. *Jul*.

as remaining much as it was when erected in the first half of the eighteenth century. The building, being situated on the side of a hill, has pleasant prospects, and is well lighted from the south by several windows, which have been modernised. The Meeting House is constructed of stone, is of only one storey in height, and is thatched with straw. Midway in the south front is the porch, admitting into a single chamber, 40 feet by 20 feet, and divided into two equal spaces by an open wooden partition, one side being given up to a school, which has probably always been attached to the Meeting House, the other devoted to the religious service. The walls are whitewashed, the floor partly of oak boards and partly of stone slabs, the benches, desks, low gallery and bookshelves are of oak and severely plain. The Elders' bench is placed against the east wall, and runs the entire depth of the building. It doubtless represents the original arrangement, and some of the benches are coeval with the establishment of worship here. One of the doors bears the date 1745. The earliest headstone in the little Burial Ground is of the year 1838, prior interments having no memorials. The attached cottage is of comparatively recent date.—Visited 27th July, 1911.

[Facing this account in the *Inventory* are two choice illustrations of the exterior and interior of the Meeting House, from photographs taken on the day of visitation by H. C. Jones.]

Summer House, parish of Walton and Womaston (6in. Ord. Surv. sheet, Rad. 25, S.W.; lat. 52° 13′ 52″; long. 3° 5′ 21″.)

A small square summer-house, brick-built and tiled, standing on Court Farm, and adjoining the high road close to the village of Walton. It is traditionally stated to have been used for occasional worship by the Society of Friends, and that the poet Wordsworth, when visiting at Court Farm, attended service within it. The little building is fast falling into decay. Within living memory a small day school was kept by Friends in an adjoining cottage.—Visited 14th March, 1913.