

Friends in Current Literature¹

A CONSIDERABLE addition to family history has recently appeared in America, viz., *History and Genealogy of the Cock-Cocks-Cox Family*, descended from James and Sarah Cock, of Killingworth upon Matinecock, in the Township of Oysterbay, Long Island, New York, compiled by George William Cocks, assisted by John Cox, Jr. (New York: Privately printed, 9½ by 6¼, pp. xii. + 415, \$5.00, with numerous portraits and pictures and full index). A Supplement to the second edition contains a chapter entitled "Our Quaker Ancestors," in which appear the patronymics Carpenter, Coles, Townsend, Underhill, Weeks, Howland, Dickinson. John Cox, Jr., of New York City (portrait at p. 233), is a Friend of the Hicksite branch.

There is a good *resumé* of the history and work of Friends in *The Protestant Churches, Their History and Beliefs*, by Leslie F. Church, B.A., F.R.Hist.S., in C. H. Kelly's "Manuals for Christian Thinkers" (London: Kelly, 7 by 4½, pp. 176, 1s. net).

Another series of Woodbrooke addresses, by Dr. Rendel Harris, has been published by Headley Brothers, under the title, *The Sufferings and the Glory* (7½ by 5, pp. 164, 2s. 6d. net).

Our Friend, Hugh Richardson, M.A., of Bootham School, York, is the General Editor of The Cambridge Nature Study Series, and under his direction Ernest E. Unwin, M.Sc., has prepared a little volume on *Pond Problems* (Cambridge University Press, 8 by 5½, pp. 119). E. E. Unwin is science master at Leighton Park School, Reading, and has held the same position at Ackworth and York. Some of the illustrations are reminiscent of nature study at Ackworth and Leighton Park.

In the *Derbyshire Courier*, Chesterfield, there have appeared several valuable articles on "the Quakers in Chesterfield," commencing July 11.

The Epistle from London Y.M. to that of Dublin appeared in *The Limerick Chronicle* of July 23.

There is a good account of the life and work of Elizabeth Fry in *My Children's Magazine*, for September, edited by Arthur Mee (Fleetway House, Farringdon Street, London, price 7d.). It is under the heading: "A Brave Woman of England."

¹ The books mentioned here are in D. and can be borrowed by Friends.

Alice Mary Hodgkin's book, *Christ in All the Scriptures*, has reached its fifth edition and twentieth thousand (London: Holness, pp. 249, 1s. 6d. net). There is a very favourable review in "The English Churchman" of 13 August.

An announcement was made some time ago that the MS. diaries of Robert and Sarah Lindsey had found a resting place in D. Prior to this, some volumes had been on loan at Haverford College, Pa. Extracts from these were sent West and have been printed in *The Iowa Journal of History and Politics*, vol. xii., 1914, pp. 262-286, 394-439, with brief notes by Dr. Louis T. Jones (Iowa City, Ia.: State Historical Society, 50 cents a number, quarterly; subscription price, \$2.00). The first set of extracts covers the journey of Robert Lindsey and Benjamin Seebohm in 1850, and the second, Robert and Sarah Lindsey in 1858.

A complete set of *The Iowa Journal* is in D., having arrived lately in exchange for the JOURNAL of the F.H.S.

In *The Postage Stamp*, for August 29, there is an article by Ralph Wedmore, son of Edmund T. Wedmore of Bristol, entitled, "The Cassel Exhibition and After," in which appear extracts, with comments, from the manifesto recently issued by the London Meeting for Sufferings.² The outbreak of war has endangered philatelic collections sent for this exhibition in Germany.

Various unfinished essays by the late Frederic Seebohm, LL.D., Litt.D., D.Litt., have been collected together and edited by his son, Hugh E. Seebohm, under the heading: *Customary Acres and their Historical Importance* (London, etc.: Longmans, 9 by 6, pp. 274, 12s. 6d. net).

The Magazine of the Wesleyan Methodist Church (London), for September, contains a review, by the Editor, of the last Swarthmore Lecture, and a poetical allusion to the Friends' Burial Ground at Stanton Drew in Somersetshire. The latter is introduced by the words: "About a mile from Stanton Drew, beside the Bristol road, is a walled enclosure, the door of which bears this superscription, 'Friends' Burial Ground, 1669.'" There are little sketches of the door and surrounding wall.

Edward Geoffrey O'Donoghue, B.A., Chaplain of the Bethlem Hospital (occasional visitor in D.), has produced a fine work in his *Story of the Bethlehem Hospital from its Foundation in 1247* (London & Leipsic: T. Fisher Unwin, 9 by 6, pp. 427, 15s. net, with 100 illustrations). Seeing that the leasehold portion of Devonshire House, in Bishopsgate, has been in the possession of the Hospital since at least 1330 (the only

² That is, the address, issued in August, *To Men and Women of Goodwill in the British Empire*, of which over 300,000 have been distributed, and of which there have been various translations.

remaining property north of the Thames) and in the occupation of Friends since 1794, we expect to find valuable notices of our Headquarters, and we are not disappointed. This was known in early days as Staple Hall. In the mid-sixteenth century, the property (a cottage and garden) was tenanted by John Stryngfellow, and in the opening of the next century on the site was standing the "fair house built by Lord John Paulet" (Stow). On the City side of Staple Inn was the large area of the Dolphin Inn, which it is said was, in the thirteenth century, occupied by Louis, the Dauphin of France, when he came to prosecute the claims of his father to the throne of England. The Dolphin Inn of the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries passed into the hands of Friends in 1792, and on the ground now stand the two large Meeting Houses.

There are also references to the work of Friends on behalf of the insane. Our Author refers incidentally to beating the bounds of this historic property with the Friends' Librarian, and then adds (p. 369) :

"I hope that Bethlehem Hospital will never break the last link which binds her to the home where she was born, but if the site of Staple Hall is ever to be sold or bartered, I hope that it may pass into the care of the Friends, from whom we and others learnt to treat the irrational as rational beings, and to overcome evil with good."

We are interested to notice that the works of John Smyth, early Baptist, are being printed by the Cambridge University Press "in the style of the edition of George Fox's Journal."

In the current part of the *Transactions of the Baptist Historical Society* (from which the above note is taken) there is a helpful paper by Sir W. J. Collins, M.D., on "Dutch Dissenters and English General Baptists."

Elizabeth J. Satterthwaite, Beekside, Hawkshead, Lancs., has brought out a volume entitled: *Records of the Friends' Burial Ground at Colthouse, near Hawkshead, Lancashire*, comprising the Registers of Burials from 1658, together with a History of the Ground and Sketches of some of the Families and Individuals connected therewith (pp. 90, 3s. 6d. net). I hope to refer to this book again.

Sir Thomas Barclay, in his *Thirty Years' Anglo-French Reminiscences (1876-1906)*, refers to the part he took in 1904 in carrying on negotiations with the French Government on behalf of Friends' work in Madagascar, and inserts a letter of thanks for his assistance from Joseph G. Alexander (page 126).

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Let thy gift be never so small; thy testimony never so little; through thy whole conversation bear it for God; and be true to what thou art convinced of.

WILLIAM PENN, *To the Churches of Jesus throughout the World*, 1677, P. 7.