

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.

GERSHON BOATE (xi. 117).—Further information respecting the Boate family has been received from Edith Webb, of Dublin, per J. Ernest Grubb. It is taken from the Register of Mountmellick Monthly Meeting:

“Gershon Boate, son of Gerrard and Katherine Boate, was borne in Crutchett ffryers in London in England, the 17th day of 8^{ber} in y^e yeare 1648 and was brought into Ireland by his s^d father and mother in y^e yeare 1649, whoe tooke to wife Mary the daughter of Abraham and Mary ffuller in a meeting of y^e people of y^e lord called Quakers in her s^d ffathers house at Lehinchy alias Trades hill in the Kings County in Ireland, on y^e 21st of y^e 12^{mo} called ffbruary in y^e yeare 1670.”

[His daughter, Mary, was born in 1671, and the following year his wife died.]

“The above s^d Gershon Boate took to wife Rachell, the daughter of Adam and Evis Ball in the yeare 1676, in manner as he took his first above named wife, w^{ch} s^d Rachell bare him one Child, viz. Gershon a son borne at Borrissileagh in the county of Typerary on y^e fourth day of y^e fifth month called July, 1678.”

[A few days later Rachel Boate died. In 1682 Gershon Boate married Susannah Bennett. They had several children.]

The third Gershon Boate was born in 1701 and died in 1773. There was a fourth Gershon Boate born in 1731, but he lived only about three weeks.

Extract from Marriage Certificate of Gershon Boate and Rachel Ball:

“A meeting was particularly apointed at Tobias Pladwells house in mountmellick upon the 22th day of y^e 9^{ber} 1676 They being contracted the s^d parties tooke each other as man and wife publiquely in the presence of God & his people the sayd Gershon Boate sayeing these words I take Rachell Ball to be my wife and the sayd Rachell Ball sayeing these words I take Gershon Boate to be my husband and for a further testimony that they will live in love and faithfullnesse as man and wife untill death separates them according to the ordinance of God and the practice of his people recorded in the scriptures of truth they have both hereunto sett their names.

GERSHON BOATE.
RACHELL BOATE.”

THE ASHBRIDGE FAMILY OF AMERICA (xi. 138).—Referring to the interesting article upon this family, the *Clovercroft Chronicles* state that the immigrant Ash-

bridge ancestor hailed from Yorkshire. It would seem probable that he came from the district of Roos in Holderness, where was a colony of the name, of whom an ancestress of my own, Elizabeth Ashbridge, married as her first husband (and as his second wife), in 1658, William Billany (or Bellamy), of Roos, by whom she had a son and four daughters apparently, three of whom, with their mother, joining the Society of Friends by 1671. William Billany was buried in Roos churchyard in 1668, and Elizabeth Billany, formerly Ashbridge, married secondly at Friends' Meeting House, Owstwick in Roos, in 1671, John Maire of Roos, the ancestor of Stephenson, Rowntrees, Robsons, Brayshaws, Greens and many other Quaker families.

Roos indeed was the residence of a large number of Quaker families, as was the East Riding generally, in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.—JOSEPH J. GREEN.

AUTHOR WANTED.—“I knew Jesus and he was precious to my soul, but I found something within that would not be sweet, that would not be patient, that would not be kind. I did what I could to keep it down but it was there. I besought Jesus to do something for me, and when I gave Him my will, He came in and took out all that would not be sweet and patient and kind, and shut the door.”

It has been stated that George Fox was the author, and Dorothy M. Richardson, compiler of the recently published *Gleanings from*

the Works of George Fox,¹ has been consulted on this point. She writes :

“My own feeling about it is that the very utmost that can be said about it as a whole is that it might just *conceivably* have come from the pen of Fox. The ‘style’ from the words ‘I found’ to ‘it was there’ is, I think, typically Foxian, and that vivid little touch at the end, ‘and shut the door,’ recalls him. But the remainder of the passage does not commend itself to me as authentic either in matter or in manner.”

QUAKER F.R.S.—The name of Arthur Stanley Eddington (b. 1882) Plumian Professor of Astronomy at Cambridge, must now be added to those of Friends mentioned in THE JOURNAL, vii.

FRIENDS' SCHOOL AT SWARTHMORE, PA.—Some particulars respecting this new forward movement of the General Conference Advancement Committee of Philadelphia Y.M. (Race Street), have reached us. Suitable premises have been taken near the College. The Institution is to be called “Friends' School for Social and Religious Education, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.” It will be “deeply concerned in the presentation of the Friendly message, as it is believed it will meet the moral and spiritual needs of our intelligent and inquiring twentieth century life.” The opening is expected in First Month, 1915.

In connection with the above, we have to record the death of

¹ Headley Brothers, London, 1s. and 2s.

Henry W. Wilbur, Secretary of Friends' Advancement Committee, Philadelphia, who died suddenly during the sessions of a Conference of the seven Hicksite Yearly Meetings at Saratoga, N.Y., 5th of Eighth Month.

"QUAKER WOMEN." — On behalf of our readers and ourselves we are anticipating with great interest the issue of a comprehensive work on *Quaker Women* by Mabel R. Brailsford, to be published about Christmas by Duckworth & Co., London. This book is the result of a close

and deep study of Quaker literature, presented in a very readable and trustworthy form.

"At the General Quarter Sessions for the western part of this county [Sussex], held on Tuesday [15 July, 1794], there was not a single appeal to be heard, and but one prisoner for trial, namely, Elizabeth Parker, for stealing a quart copper sauce pan, and she was discharged by proclamation, the principal evidence against her being a Quaker, and refusing to take an oath."—*Sussex Weekly Advertiser*.

Editor's Notes

Subscribers to this year's Supplement—"Elizabeth Hooton"—will receive their copies in the course of a month or so. Most of the matter is now in type. Subscription price, three shillings or seventy-five cents, is still open. After publication the price will be four shillings and sixpence, or one dollar and fifteen cents. Order from the Editor, Devonshire House, Bishopsgate, London, E.C., or of American Agents.

We hope that the twelfth volume of THE JOURNAL will begin with some more of W. F. Miller's extracts from Scottish minute books, and be followed by an article by Ella Kent Barnard, of Pa., on the originals of characters in Hawthorne's *House of the Seven Gables*; etc.

Louis T. Jones, Ph.D., of Iowa City, Ia., in the chapter, "The Minority Bodies of Friends in Iowa," in his recent work, *The Quakers of Iowa*, writes:

"On Sunday morning members of the Conservative body drive from the vicinity of Hickory Grove to their little Meeting in West Branch, and in turn members of the Wilburites drive some two miles from West Branch over the same road to their small Meeting at Hickory Grove, greeting each other kindly as they pass, but holding aloof from Union."