

Supplement No. 12—Elizabeth Hooton

BEFORE this notice reaches the readers of **THE JOURNAL**, Supplement No. 12 (for 1914) will have reached subscribers. A glance at this Supplement, and a comparison with previous Lives of this first Quaker Woman Preacher, will illustrate the remarkable advance of knowledge during the last few years owing to the exploitation of ancient sources of information. Emily Manners has made full use of ancient documents in her 100-page Life of Elizabeth Hooton, and presents to the reader many very striking records of persecution and earnest effort.

The book is provided with eight illustrations, and a full Bibliography and Index. It can be obtained from any bookseller, through Headley Brothers, Bishopsgate, London, or Friends' Book and Tract Committee, East 20th Street, New York City, price four shillings and sixpence, or one dollar fifteen cents, net.

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SOME years ago there was discovered in a dark corner of one of the fireproof vaults at Devonshire House, London, a parcel, covered in brown paper, and marked "Ancient Epistles." The package proved, on examination, to contain some 250 original letters of early Friends, ranging in date from 1654 to 1688. There was evidence, in the handwriting of Abram Rawlinson Barclay (-1845) that he had worked on these papers, doubtless in connection with the preparation of his book, *Letters, etc., of Early Friends*, published in 1841, and, more recently, Joseph Smith must have seen the parcel, when cataloguing MSS., for in his "MSS. Catalogue" he entered the heading,

“ Epistles (Ancient),” leaving half a page for a description, which was never written ! But for how long a previous period of years these ancient writings had reposed in a night of neglect cannot now be determined.

This valuable storehouse of historical material, now known as A.R.B. MSS., has been catalogued as to names of writers only, but little use has been made of these letters, owing to the lack of any index to their contents.

The Historical Society now proposes, with the aid of the Library and Printing Committee of the Meeting for Sufferings of London Yearly Meeting, to have this collection copied and printed, *verb. et lit.*, as Supplements to its *Journal*. Supplement No. 13 will probably contain some eighty of these letters with brief introductions and annotations.

The interest and support of our readers is requested in this proposal to throw further light upon the heroic period of Quakerism. Supplement No. 13 will be issued as this year's Supplement. The subscription price is three shillings (75 cents) ; after publication the price will be four shillings and sixpence (\$1.15). Subscribers should send their contributions to Norman Penney, Devonshire House, Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

Peggy Abbott was a well-known elderly Friend who resided in Cork. She travelled to Limerick to attend the Quarterly Meeting and arrived late on a winter's evening at a Friend's house much fatigued from her journey. She knocked at the door, which, however, was not opened, but a head was thrust out of an upper window and a voice demanded : “ Who is there ? ” There was at that time a family in Limerick named Greer, some of whose youthful members were notorious for their practical jokes. In response to the above question, Peggy Abbot said : “ I'm Peggy Abbott from Cork, come to stay with thee during the Quarterly Meeting.” “ Peggy Abbott indeed ! ” said the voice from the window, “ I know very well who thee is—Johnny Greer.” “ I'm very tired and cold after my long journey from Cork. I *am* Peggy Abbott, please let me in.” “ Peggy Abbott, indeed ! ” reiterated the voice from above in tones of scorn : “ Thee won't take me in again, go home to thee mother, Johnny Greer.”

From Thomas Henry Webb's MS. *Collection of Quaker Stories*.