

Notes and Queries

ELLEN COCKAN AND THE PARASOL (xii. 6).—J. J. Green suggests that this should be Ellen Cockin, *née* Abraham, of Swarthmoor (wife of Richard Cockin, of Doncaster), who died in 1841, aged 83. (See *Annual Monitor*, 1842.)

The following, kindly written by W. F. Miller, makes it clear that the well-known Minister, Ellen Cockin, is intended. (Some accounts substitute umbrella for parasol.)

“I think there is no doubt that the Ellen *Cockan* of the anecdote was my grandmother, Ellen (Abraham) *Cockin*. She married my grandfather, Richard Cockin, in 1799. At the time of R. C.’s first marriage in 1780 [?] he is described as a glover, but at the date of his second marriage in 1799 as “breeches maker.” (The late Charles Hoyland once told me that in his time at Ackworth School, early in the nineteenth century, the leather smallclothes in which the schoolboys were in those days dressed were popularly known as “Dicks,” so named after Richard Cockin, who made them!)

“In 1806 R. C. writes in his Diary:—‘Since writing the preceding observations relative to the declined state of my business, we have concluded to begin business in the drapery and hosiery line, my wife and sister [Ann Abraham] to have the management thereof and sister to be partner therein. In 1808 he writes: ‘It is now two years since we engaged in that trade, which we find has answered

beyond our expectations. . . .

On our beginning business we had some reasoning as to the expediency of shutting up the shop on the meeting days on a week day which sometimes we did and at other times omitted, till through enfeebling reasoning we nearly gave it up. After some time our beloved friend Deborah Darby was here and what she said on the subject so tended to revive the subject with us that we again returned to the practice.’

“How long they continued the business I do not know, but both my grandfather and Great-Aunt Ann Abraham had retired on a competency many years before their decease at an advanced age.”

THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD.—The house of Annie Lawrence, a Minister of West Grove, Pa., who died last autumn, was one of those noted in the days of the “Underground Railroad,” and the family still show various secret closets large enough to hold one or more runaway slaves. The house was built by Jacob Lindley.

LIFE OF JOHN BARTRAM, PIONEER AMERICAN BOTANIST.—I am engaged in the collection of material for a life of John Bartram, and shall be very glad to hear of any letters written by him between the years 1734-1778. Also any letters from William Bartram (son of the botanist), addressed to Dr. John Fothergill or Peter Collinson,

in reference to his father's death and place of burial.—CARLOTTA HERRING BROWNE, 9, Dorset Square, London, W.

[Miss Browne would be very glad to receive copies of any such MSS. which may be in the possession of Friends, or if the originals were sent to the Editor they could be seen by Miss Browne in the Reference Library.]

HISTORICAL ANNIVERSARIES (xii.)
—The following has recently been added to D.: *The Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Settlement of Haddonfield, New Jersey*, celebrated October 18, 1913 (Phila: Franklin Printing Company, J. Linton Engle, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$, pp. 95, many illustrations, \$1.00). Elizabeth Haddon, *aft.* Estaugh (1680-1762), was the Quaker foundress of the borough of Haddonfield, she having under religious concern emigrated from London, in 1701, in order to provide a home in the wilderness for travelling Ministers, on property belonging to her father.

LICENCE FOR MARRIAGE.—1660, Dec. 21, George Fell, of Swarthmore, co. Lancaster, Esq., Bachelor, aged about 22, son of Thomas Fell, late of same, dec'd, and Hannah Potter, of St. Saviour's, Southwark, co. Surrey, Widow, about 22, with consent of her father Edward Cooke, at St. Dunstan in the East, or St. Margaret's, Lothbury, London.

Col. J. L. CHESTER, *Allegations for Marriage Licences, issued from the Faculty Office of the Archbishop of Canterbury, at London, 1543 to 1869*, pub. Harleian Society, vol. xxiv., London, 1886, 48.

ELLA KENT BARNARD, of West Grove, Pa., sends the following, and adds, "This little story was told me lately by one of the family."

Just before the Battle of Brandywine, when the British troops were looting the Quaker homesteads in that neighborhood, the home of William Lamborn (son of emigrant—see Bicentennial of London Grove Meeting), was entered by a party of their men. Noticing the silver buckles on the slippers of the daughter an officer ordered her to take them off and give them to him. Her father hastily stepped in front of her and said "And I order her to do no such thing." The officer, drawing his sword, said he "would split him down if he said anything more." With both hands the old man threw wide his coat and answered "Split me down if thee dares." A senior officer now stepped up and said, "Let the old Quaker alone, I rather admire his grit."

THE CASTLE OF CHAMBORD (vii. 90, 151).—In this year [1792] our friend Robert Grubb went to France, whither he had before accompanied his wife and some other Friends on a religious visit to the few of our profession there. He now formed an acquaintance with Madame Roland and her husband, and received encouragement from them, from the Bishop of Blois, and some others, to make a purchase of lands with the view of establishing a school on an extensive plan. The place selected was Chambord, one of the palaces which the King had resigned. Several gave their

names for shares if the purchase could be made. William Leadbeater [the husband of the writer] was one—perhaps unconsciously impelled thereto by the mysterious influence of nature. He was not one who loved change, but his family had originally come from that fair land, and his thoughts dwelt much on removing thither. We had it in view to take part in the new establishment. Roland and his peerless Marie also spoke of settling themselves there. Robert Grubb described them as very amiable worthy persons; but he regretted their having entered too much into the spirit of party. The breaking out of the war put a stop to this plan.

MARY LEADBEATER, *Annals of Ballitore*, 1862, p. 205.

ARMITAGE FAMILY.—*A History of the Armitage or Armitage Family* has been recently compiled by Bryan I'Anson, compiler of the *History of the I'Anson Family*. The Quaker section commences with Samuel Armitage, of Oulton in the county of York, whose son, John, married Sarah Webster, of Selby, in the same county. Their second son, Joseph (1755-1843), of York, and later of Selby, married Mary Fox (d. 1845) and had a numerous family. There is a fine, full-page portrait of Samuel Fox Armitage (1830-1914), of Nottingham and also portraits of Stephen (1864-1915), his son and of John (1827-1903), his brother. (London: privately printed by Hazell, Watson & Viney, folio, price five guineas.)

JOURNAL OF SARAH FOX (v. 119, 174).—Three volumes of extracts from the journal of Sarah Fox, *née* Champion (1741-1811), have been presented to D. by Mary Ann Tanner, of Bristol. These extracts were made by the late Richard Ball Rutter (1826-1898) of Bristol, and were apparently intended for publication, but only a small portion appeared in *The Friend* (London) in 1874.

I'ANSON FAMILY—An extra-illustrated and specially bound copy of *The History of the I'Anson Family*, 1915, has been presented to D. by the Compiler, Bryan I'Anson. It is a folio printed by Good and Son, of London, for the Genealogical Research Society. Chapter vi. deals with the Quaker portion of the family, descendants of William I'Anson (c. 1604-1655) of Leyburn, Yorks, who married in 1634, Margaret Dent (d. 1689), of Leyburn. Their eldest son, James (bapt. 1638), became a Friend, prior to his marriage with Jane Horner, of Coverdale, in 1664. There are but few of the name I'Anson or Janson now among Friends, but we still have among us descendants bearing the names Thistlethwaite, Kitching, Tuke, Cudworth, Dodshon, Penney, etc, etc. There are numerous illustrations. The price of the ordinary edition is five guineas.

EARLY ADVERSE LITERATURE—Above one hundred books are put forth in opposition unto this Principle [i.e. the Inner Light].

R. HUBBERTHORNE, *Something in Discourse between the King and R. H.* 1660, p. 3.

THE NAME QUAKER.—One of the Lords asked, How long we had been called Quakers, or did we own that name? R. H. That name was given to us in scorn and derision about twelve years since.

R. HUBBERTHORNE, *Something in Discourse between the King and R. H.*, 1660, p. 3.

PEIRCE'S PARK.—George Peirce (Pearce) emigrated from Somerset, England, to America in 1684, and the same year had a tract of 490 acres surveyed to him in Thornbury township, Chester Co., Pa. On 4th of 9th month, 1684, he presented two certificates to a meeting of Friends "att the Governor's house," one from "the monthly meeting of ffrenshay in the County of Gloucester," and the other from "Thornbury Meeting." His twin grandsons, Joshua (1766-1851) and Samuel (1766-1838) planted an arboretum or park of rare native and foreign trees. This beautiful estate is now the residence of Pierre S. du Pont, president of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Powder Company.

ELLA K. BARNARD.

HISTORICAL PAGEANT.—On September 24, 1915, a unique and artistichistorical pageant was given at Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. Episode One pictured the early inhabitants, coming of the Quakers, treating with the Indians, surveying for their meeting house, etc. Colonial life, the visit of British and Hessian soldiers in 1777, migration to the Western Reserve in 1830, educational development, underground railway and later history were pictured in other episodes.

Ruth Ann Chambers's school was pictured, its leader was Mrs. Margaret Carey, niece of Bayard Taylor, and little Anne Taylor Carey personated little Bayard Taylor attending this his first school.

The following is extracted from a letter (now in the possession of Albert Cook Myers) written to his old teacher :

"I have never forgotten the days I spent in the little log school house and the chestnut grove behind it, and I have always thought that some of the poetry I then copied from thy manuscript books has kept an influence over my life since.

"There was one verse in particular which has cheered and encouraged me a thousand times when prospects seemed rather gloomy. It ran thus :

' O, why should we seek to anticipate sorrow

By throwing the flowers of the present away,

And gathering the dark, rolling cloudy to-morrow

To darken the generous sun of to-day ?'

"Thou seest I have good reason to remember those old times and am grateful to thee for encouraging instead of checking the first developments of my mind."

MODERN TRANSIT.—Very rapid strides in our modes of travel have been noticeable in the last few years. Formerly Baltimore Yearly Meeting owned a large "pasture lot" for the use of Friends riding or driving to Yearly Meeting. Last year on First day morning fifty-four automobiles stood about the Meeting House at Park Avenue.

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