

with affections as we ought to have towards each other, thou shouldst rejoice to see my peaceable demeanour, and I should be glad to see thy strength and ability to protect me in it."

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In George Borrow's *Romany Rye*, chaps. xxxiii. and xli., a very un-Quakerly Quaker is introduced. It was the Quaker dress only in this case that made the Quaker, for the Friendly guise hid a forger and horse-stealer.

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## The Schoolmaster, the Bible, and the Journal of George Fox

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EDWARD GREGORY, of Bristol, has drawn attention to the following references to the School of Richard Scoryer, at Wandsworth :

In *The Snake in the Grass*, a book adverse to Quakerism, written by (Rev.) Charles Leslie (1650-1722), we are told that "in their publick Schools, particularly that great one at *Wansworth* near *London*, Portions of Fox's Journal are enjoyn'd to the Scholars to be read every Day. But never a Chapter out of the Bible ; that is *Beastly-Ware* with them, *Dust* and *Death* and *Serpent's-Meat* ! The Publick ought to take some care of this, in pity to their poor Souls" (2nd ed. 1697, p. 144 and also 3rd ed. 1698, p. 148).

On the 22nd of August, 1698, Richard Scoryer wrote a disclaimer which was published under the title, *Truth Owned and the Lying Tongue Rebuked, or, The Author of the Snake in the Grass Discovered to be a Publisher of Lyes*, London, 1698. The testimony of James Barhays, French Master, is as follows :

"Be it known unto all People to whom these Lines may come, That for more than four Years, I have been Conversant in the School of Richard Scoryer at *Wansworth* in the County of *Surry*, my Station in his said School is Teaching the French Language : and I solemnly Testifie, that in the aforesaid School the Scriptures are frequently Read by his Scholars ; and never did perceive the least appearance of Slight, or Disesteem shewed by the said Richard Scoryer, or any, belonging to his School unto the Holy Scriptures, in Testimony unto the Truth hereof I have Subscribed my name, this 22d day of August, 1698.—JAMES BARHAYS."

There is another testimony to the same effect signed on the same day by ten inhabitants of the parish, which states "some portion of the Scriptures is daily read in the said School."

These certificates are inserted in Joseph Wyeth's *Switch for the Snake*, 1699, p. 225, but the editor of Leslie's *Theological Works*, 1721, repeats the statement in full.