

Friends and Current Literature

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Many of the books in D. may be borrowed by Friends. Apply to Librarian, Devonshire House. Bishopsgate. London. E.C.

AN improvement in the presentation of Quaker history to the general public is very noticeable in Henry T. Hodgkin's jubilee volume, *Friends Beyond Seas*.¹ Here there are careful explanations of Friendly terms—Meeting for Sufferings (p. 23n), Queries (p. 41n), "concern" (p. 59n), Morning Meeting (p. 60n)—also brief biographies of Friends mentioned, and a good index. Contrast this exact work with, say, the book on "The Friends: Who they are—what they have done," published by Edward Hicks, Jr., in 1892. Chapter V. mentions over thirty early Friends, but there is not a single date in the twelve pages! and there is little if any reference to authority, as *e.g.*, that, in the national emergency of Napoleon's threatened invasion, Friends prepared themselves to serve on ambulance corps or in hospitals (p. 215); or the fact that to the 2,800 pages of the works (1851-1868) of Samuel M. Janney there is no Index!

A few slips such as Cotherstone in Durham (*Yorkshire*), John (*Josiah*) Coale, (p. 16); James Jupp should be James *Jesup* (c. 1795-1868) who was the companion of Edwin O. Tregelles in the West Indies, (p. 31); the beginning of Y.M. in London was 1660, (p. 187), will no doubt be put right in another edition.

Edmund Yerbury Priestman (1890-1915) was a birthright member of the Society of Friends. He was much interested in Adult School and Boy Scout work at Sheffield, and in 1914 he took a commission in the York and Lancaster Regiment, and went out to Gallipoli, where he was killed. Many of his letters have been printed in *With a B.-P. Scout in Gallipoli, A Record of the Belton Bulldogs*. (London: Routledge, 7½ by 5, pp. 312, with 38 illustrations, 6s. net.) Sir R. Baden Powell tells us in his Foreword that Priestman "practised to the full" the requirements of "successful soldiering." The author suggested that the file of his letters should be entitled: "Huns in the Making, or the Belton Bulldogs," a curious title, printed large on the page of Preface. The letters are cleverly written. There is no indication of the religious atmosphere which we are told pervades the army at the Front.

The Association for the Study of Negro Life and History was set on foot in September, 1915, and *The Journal of Negro History* has now completed its first year's quarterly issues (Lancaster, Pa.: 41 North Queen Street; and Washington, D.C.: 1216 You Street, N.W. \$1.00 a year).

¹ London: Headley, 7½ by 5, pp. 256, thirty-four illustrations, 3/6 & 2/6 net.

Vol. I. runs to 450 pages, 10 by 7; each part divides itself into four—Articles, Documents, Reviews of Books, and Notes. In the last part (i. 4, October, 1916) there are references to letters to Dorothy Ripley (1767-1831) when in America in 1803; extracts from the Travels of Robert Sutcliff, 1804-1806; mention of Friends of Philadelphia sending 1,000 barrels of flour for the starving city of New Orleans, 1791, and other notices of Friends' work for negroes.

We have received a copy of the *Revised Marriage Rules, adopted by Philadelphia Y.M.* (Arch Street), 1916. The marriage of first cousins is still prohibited, but concessions have been made in reference to that of non-members, which may now take place in Meeting. Members marrying "in other way than in accordance with the regulations of the Discipline" may be retained in membership according to the decision of the M.M. if they desire so to continue and are "in a good degree of unity with our principles."

The Times (Literary Supplement) for 16th November has reviews of two works prepared by Friends—Dr. Thomas Hodgkin's "Italy and her Invaders," second edition, and John Bellows's French Dictionary, third edition. Each has been issued under the care of a son of its author.

From Isaac Mason, of the Christian Literature Society, Shanghai, we have received the following pieces of literature in Chinese:

A Reasonable Faith, in Reply to Agnosticism, by Angus Mackay, B.A., Edinburgh, translated and adapted by Isaac Mason; *The Progress of Democracy, or, Parliament and the People*, four lectures by J. H. B. Masterman, translated by Isaac Mason; *The Federation of the World*, by Benjamin F. Trueblood, LL.D., translated by Isaac Mason and Lo Yung-Sheng; *The Life of William Penn, Founder of Pennsylvania*, by Isaac Mason, with a reproduction of West's picture of the Treaty; *War or Peace? a dramatic dialogue*, translated by Isaac Mason.

Also kindly sent by Isaac Mason, *The Worship of God*, written by him, printed at the Presbyterian Mission Press, and published by the F.F.M.A., China.

* Our readers who wish to follow the work of Friends' War Victims' Relief in Russia should read *The People who Run*. (London and New York: Putnam, 7½ by 5, pp. 176, 2s. 6d. net).

The last presidential address of the F.H.S.—*Friends in Public Life*, by President Sharpless, of Haverford College, Pa., U.S.A., has been reprinted and can be obtained from Headley Brothers, Kingsway House, London, W.C. (or through Friends' Bookshop, 140, Bishopsgate, London, E.C.) at twopence each, 1s. 6d. per doz., 12s. per 100. American orders may be sent to Friends' Book and Tract Committee, 144 East 20th Street, New York, N.Y.

* = not in D.

The Tablet of July 22nd, 1916, contains an article signed Everard Meynell, on Perceval Drewett Lucas (1879-1916), born a Friend, became a Roman Catholic, enlisted in the Great War, was wounded at Fricourt, July 1st, and died at Abbeville, July 6th. He was the author of several genealogical and historical works, and brother of Edward Verrall Lucas, the writer.

* It is indicative of the widespread knowledge of the work of the Friends' War Victims' Relief Committee that a reference to it without explanation should appear in a non-Quaker novel. The following sentence occurs in Rose Macaulay's *Non-combatants and Others* (London and New York: Hodder and Stoughton, 1916):

"She had gone there from France, where she had been helping the Friends to reconstruct. She was not a Friend herself, not holding with institutional religion, but she admired their ready obedience to the constructive impulse" (p. 21).

The Friends' Messenger (Clara I. Cox, High Point, N.C.) is now in its twenty-third year. Its subtitle is: "A Monthly Periodical for the Spread of the Gospel through the Instrumentality of the Society of Friends of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting."

* "'W. E. Quakerson' whose first novel has recently been published [London: Heath, Cranton, 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ by 5, pp. 304, 6s. net], is, as might be guessed, a Friend. In *The New Prospero* we have a very modern version, with many variations, of the Shakesporean story, in which the magic of the 'Tempest's' master has its counterpart in the great wealth of the modern Prospero. By its means, the latter influences the destinies of the rulers of a small state in the Near East, though there are other and still more powerful influences which finally change its government entirely. There is a charming Miranda, and a rather weak Ferdinand, who gets more than his deserts. The story is brightly and vivaciously told, and there is an original scheme for the manufacture of kingship."—*The Friend* (Lond.), 10th November, 1916.

* "I was more impressed by John Bright's speaking than by that of anyone else. It struck me as being so quiet and dignified, and more like being spoken to in a convincing way, than as being a display of eloquence. I remember once when Lady Ossington asked me to come with her to the House to hear him, Mrs. John Bright was there too, and was constantly sending messages to her husband, by a young man, before he began to speak."—From *Zoe Thompson of Bishopthorpe*, by E. C. Rickards, 1916.

* A Quaker farmer and a Radical named Braithwaite appears frequently in *The Tutor's Story*, novel partly written by Charles Kingsley and finished by his daughter, "Lucas Malet" (London: Smith, Elder, 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ by 5, pp. 371, 6s. net), but his Quakerism is very weak.

A volume of 727 pages devoted to one locality presents a striking illustration of thorough and careful research. The late Miss M. Louisa Armitt (d. 1916), of Rydal Cottage, Westmorland, has done this in her recent work, *Rydal*—a book which she completed in 1911 and is now published under the editorship of Willingham F. Rawnsley, M.A. (Kendal: Titus Wilson, 9 by 5 $\frac{3}{4}$, pp. 727, and 15 illustrations, 12s. 6d.). There are several direct references to Friends, but some are obscured by their omission from the insufficient Index, as *e.g.*, Gervase Benson (pp. 486, 487), William Ball (p. 437), and Reg. Holme (pp. 277, 278), Quakers (p. 433); other persons who came into contact with Friends appear, as *e.g.*, Sir Daniel Fleming, Sir Jordan Crosland, Sir Joseph Williamson.

* The following is from a review in *The Land Union Journal* for December, 1916, of Montague Fordham's "English Rural Life," London: Allen, 2s. 6d. net:

"Mr. Fordham seems on less sure ground when dealing with the religious side of rural life. He says that not much is known of Wycliffe or John Ball.¹ The latter is rather a hazy figure, but Lollardism has surely had in recent years a great deal of penetrating and accurate scholarship devoted to it. Elsewhere the slight references to Quakerism and Independency seem to suggest a concurrent rise, or even that Quakerism preceded Independency. But the historian, of course, cannot well explain the rise of the Friends, except as a rebound from a Puritanism that had lost its freshness and virility. Quakerism did not really make itself felt appreciably until almost the second half of the seventeenth century."

The following issues of the F.F.M.A. Jubilee Biographical series have appeared: *Rachel Metcalfe* (1828-1889), by Caroline W. Pumphrey; *Theophilus Waldmeier* (1832-1915), by Dr. R. Hingston Fox; *William and Lucy Johnson*, by John Sims; *George Swan*, by Frederick Sessions, F.R.G.S.; *Watson Grace*, by Herbert H. Catford. The price is two-pence for each, 32 pp., illustrated, from the Friends' Foreign Mission Association, 15, Devonshire Street, Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

M. Catharine Albright has written *A Short Sketch of the History, Growth and Prospects of the Friends' Industrial Mission, Pemba*, to be obtained for one penny each at the office of the Mission, 15, Devonshire Street, Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

The Earlham College Bulletin for August, 1916 (vol. xiii., no. 5), contains "The First Who's Who among Earlhamites," from 1847, with portraits of Presidents—Barnabas Coffin Hobbs, 1867, 1868; Joseph Moore, 1868-1883; Joseph John Mills, 1884-1903; Robert Lincoln Kelly, since 1903.

* *Kalendar of the War*, by M. Sturge Gretton, a daughter of the late Marshall Sturge, of Charlbury, Oxon. (London: Nisbet, 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$, pp. 122; printed by John Bellows, of Gloucester.) It is described as "a Kalendar of the last hundred and seventeen weeks, with readings appro-

¹ For John Ball, see *The Ploughshare*, for February, 1916.

priate to these weeks, and spaces for a chronicle of private names and events."

The Red Cross in France, by Granville Barker (London and New York: Hodder, 7½ by 5, pp. 168, 2s. 6d. net), contains a chapter of thirty pages, entitled "Among the Friends."

The Origin of the Cult of Aphrodite, by Dr. J. Rendel Harris (Manchester: University Press; London and New York: Longmans, 10½ by 6½, pp. 30, nine plates. 1s.). Reprinted from "The Bulletin of the John Rylands Library," Oct.-Dec., 1916, in which Bulletin there are other articles by Dr. Harris.

Recent Accessions to D.

IN addition to the unstarred literature introduced under the heading "Friends and Current Literature," the following items have been added to D. during the last few months:

Religion and Science: A Philosophical Essay, by John Theodore Merz, author of "A History of European Thought in the Nineteenth Century." Dr. Merz (b. 1840) married, in 1873, Alice Mary Richardson, daughter of Edward and Jane Richardson, and sister of John Wigham Richardson and Mrs. Spence Watson. He is a Ph.D. of Leipsig, D.C.L. of Durham, and LL.D. of St. Andrews. He is not in membership with Friends, but attends the Meeting at Newcastle-on-Tyne. Other information may be found in Percy Corder's "Robert Spence Watson" 1914, and in George B. Richardson's "John Wigham Richardson," 1911.

William Penn and his Holy Experiment, by Allen C. Thomas, second edit., Phila., 1896.

Two reprints of articles by our Friend, A. Stanley Eddington, taken from *Scientia* (Bologna: Zanichelli; and London: Williams and Norgate) have been received: "Star-Streams," from vol. viii. (1910), and "The Stellar Universe as a Dynamical System," from vol. xviii. (1915.)

Also a reprint from *The Transactions of the Victoria Institute*, 1915, "The Movements of the Stars." Stanley Eddington, M.A., F.R.S., is Plumian Professor of Astronomy in the University of Cambridge.

The London Yearly Meeting Epistle of 1916 has been reprinted in English by the Canadian Methodist Mission Press of Chengtu, China. It has also been done in Chinese, and in German.

By the kindness of Allen C. Thomas, consulting librarian of Haverford College, Pa., twenty issues of the proceedings of Baltimore Y.M. (Park Avenue), ranging from 1825 to 1869, have been added to the Reference Library.