

Secondly, this is ultimately a depressingly materialistic book. If our faith is to be defined by our abstinence, as this book would appear to argue, then it is a secular not a spiritual pursuit.

This book reflects the spirit of current Quaker dilemmas. Some argue our task is to rediscover our faith. Others our action. But we live in our present and can only change our future. Maybe we need to discover that. Then we can live in faith, which is action in itself.

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NOTES AND QUERIES

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Bishop Benson's Survey of the Diocese of Gloucester 1735-1750

Edited by John Fendley.2000, pp.xx, 204

"The edited text presents the content of all the six manuscripts of Benson's survey that are known to have survived. Letters in bold-face indicate those manuscripts.

- A G.D.R. 285B(1), dating from 1735
- B G.D.R. 285B(3), dating from 1735-8
- C G.D.R. 397, dating from 1743 and later
- D G.D.R. 381A, dating from 1750
- E Gloucester Cathedral Library MS.52, dating from 1751
- F G.D.R. 393, dating from 1751.

The edited text is based on D, and shows the significant variants in the other alternations made to them and to D."

GLOUCESTERSHIRE MEETINGS 1735-50

This survey would have been from the reports of parish officers in response to questions from Thomas Benson (1689-1752) bishop of Gloucester from 1735.

Friends' meetings seem to have been picked up in reports of the following parishes:

- p.26 Didmarton & Oldbury
- 32 Pucklechurch
- 35 Chipping Sodbury
- 49 Thornbury (and a school)
- 58 Horsley [this parish is about a mile south of Nailsworth]
- Minchinhampton
- 60 Painswick
- 67 Tetbury

- 90 Gloucester "A silent meeting"
 94 Cheltenham
 98 Tewkesbury
 108 Stoke Orchard
 113 Chipping Campden [I suppose Broad Campden, in Butler
 1999]
 142 Stow on the Wold
 149 Cirencester

There is a fair sprinkling of Friends in the other parishes' returns. Note Henry Blandford (p.27), Mrs Vandewall (p.130) and Quaker lords of the manor (same page), and the Bellers patrons at Coln St Aldwyn (p.158).

	Dissenters	FOREST DEANERY	[source when <u>not</u> D is indicated]
page			
11	1.16	Newent	A Presbyterians 6. Quakers 1.
21	1.31.1	Alvington	A Papists 1. Presbyterians 1. Quakers 1.
22		HAWKESBURY DEANERY	
22	2.1	Alderley	A Anabaptists 3. Quakers 3. C (Anabaptists 3. Quakers 3 deleted) Anabaptists 1
23	2.3	Bitton	. . . Quakers 1.
26	2.9	Didmarton & Oldbury	Anabaptists 5. Quakers 9, meeting.
27	2.10	Dodington	A Absenters some. ²
	n.2 -	At the swearing-in at the episcopal visitation of 1744 Henry Blandford affirmed as a Quaker. G.D.R.C3/13.	
28	2.12	Frampton Cotterell	Presbyterians 1. Quakers 1. A Quakers 5. Absenters 1. C . . . Quakers 1.
30	2.14	Horton	A Papists 16. . . Quakers 4. C . . . Quakers 2 <u>deleted</u> .
	2.15	Iron Acton	Presbyterians 6. Anabaptists 2 Quakers 2
31	2.16	Marshfield	. . . Quakers 2. A Presbyterians 200. Quakers 2.
32	2.17	Pucklechurch	A Quakers: meeting. 'Number of Quakers not specified'
34	2.19	Siston	Anabaptists 10. Quakers 5. A Anabaptists 10. Quakers 5. Absenters some.

- 35 2.20.1 Chipping Sodbury Anabaptists 40, meeting.
Quakers 30, meeting.
A . . . Quakers 40, meeting.
Absenters some.
- 38 2.26 Wapley Quakers 6.
A Quakers 4. Absenters some.
C Quakers 5 overwriting 4.
- 39 2.29 Yate Presbyterians 15. Quakers [a]
family.
A Quakers 5. Absenters some. . . .
- DURSLEY DEANERY
- 42 3.4 Coaley Presbyterians 9.
A Presbyterians 9. Quakers 1.
- 46 3.10 Newington Bagpath A Presbyterians 7. Anabaptists 3.
Quakers 2.
C Presbyterians 7. Anabaptists 3.
Quakers 2 all deleted.
- 47 3.12 Rockhampton A Presbyterian 2. Quakers 2.
C Presbyterian 2. (Quakers 2
deleted).
- 49 3.15 Thornbury Papists 1. Presbyterians 40,
meeting. Quakers 30,
meeting (C and school deleted).
A Papists 1. Presbyterians 40.
Quakers 50, meeting
school. Absenters 30 masters and
mistresses of families.
- STONEHOUSE DEANERY
- 52 4.1 Avening Presbyterians 50, meeting.
Anabaptists 6. Quakers 20.
- 53 4.2 Bisley Presbyterians 70, meeting.
Quakers 1 family.
- 58 4.13 Horsley . . . Quakers 30 families, meeting.
A . . . Quakers 150, meeting.
Absenters some. (21 Presbyterians,
64 Anabaptists, 30 Quakers.
A great cloath[in]g place added.)
C . . . Quakers 30 families (150
deleted), meeting.
- 4.14 Minchinhampton Presbyterians 70. Anabaptists 17.
Quakers 40. A . . . Quakers 40,
meeting.

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| 60 | 4.16
4.17 | Nympsfield
Painswick | Anabaptists 3. Quakers 3.
Independents 100, meeting.
Anabaptists 15., Quaker 4 families,
meeting., A . . . Quakers 50,
meeting house. . . . |
| 67 | 4.26

4.28 | Tetbury

Woodchester | . . . Quakers 22, meeting
A . . . Quakers 22, <u>an overwriting</u> ,
meeting house.
Presbyterians 4, Anabaptists 2,
Quakers 5. |
| GLOUCESTER DEANERY | | | |
| 68 | 5.2 | Ashleworth | Quakers 2., A Independents 2.
Quakers 3, C Independents 2
<u>deleted</u> . Quakers 2 <u>overwriting</u> 3. |
| 70 | 5.5 | Churchdown | Quakers 5. |
| 90 | 5.37 | City of Gloucester | . . . Quakers 20. A silent meeting. |
| WINCHCOMBE DEANERY | | | |
| 91 | 6.1 | Ashchurch | 26 Sabbatarians and a meeting on
Saturdays, Quakers 1.
A Independents 26. Quakers 2.
Sabbatarians 24, meeting house.
C 26 Sabbatarians. . . Quakers 1
<u>overwriting</u> 2. |
| | 6.2 | Badgeworth | . . . Quakers 2. |
| 94 | 6.6 | Cheltenham | . . . Quakers 30, meeting. |
| 99 | 6.15 | Tewkesbury | . . . Quakers 50, meeting.
A . . . Quakers 50, meeting. . . . |
| 102 | 6.20 | Winchcombe | Papists 1 family. Quakers (C 1
<u>overwriting</u> 2) 1. A Papists 15.
Quakers 4. A woman teaches
school but scholars are all of the
church. [<u>i.e.</u> the woman was a
dissenter but her pupils were
Anglican] |
| DEERHURST PECULIAR | | | |
| 104 | 7.2 | Deerhurst | A Presbyterians 6. Quakers 1.
C Presbyterians 6. (Quakers 1
<u>deleted</u> .) |
| 107 | 7.7 | Tirley | Anabaptists 1. Quakers 1.
A . . . Quakers 3. |
| BISHOP'S CLEEVE PECULIAR | | | |
| 108 | 8.1.1 | Stoke Orchard | Sabbatarians 1. Quakers have a
burying place., A Anabaptists 15. |

Quakers 1. Small meeting from other places in a small thatched house. . . . C Small meeting of Quakers from other places in a poor thatched house deleted; Quakers have a burying place. One Sabbatarian.

CAMPDEN DEANERY

112. 10.6 Bourton-on-the-Hill A . . . Quakers 2. C Anabaptists 1. (Quakers 1 deleted).
- 114 10.8 Chipping Campden Independents 15, meeting. Quakers 3, meeting. A Anabaptists 10, meeting deleted. Independents 15. Quakers 3, meeting.
- 117 10.15 Ebrington Quakers 3 C Presbyterians 1 deleted. Quakers (deleted 4) 3.
- 122 10.25 Shenington Quakers 1 family A Quakers 15. C Quakers 1 family overwriting 2 families.
- 123 10.28 Todenham Quakers [a] family. A Quakers 4 C Quakers (4 deleted) [a] family.

STOW DEANERY

- 130 12.6 Bourton-on-the-Water Anabaptists 200 and meeting. Quakers Mrs. Vandewall. C . . . Quakers Mrs. (Vandeville deleted) Vanewall. A and B A Quaker is lord of the manor, lives at Kensington C Quaker lord of the manor who lives at Kensington. His name is Partherick [Partridge] deleted. . . . Mrs. Vandewall deleted. . . .
- 131 12.6 Broadwell A Presbyterians 2. Quakers 1. C . . . Quakers 1 deleted.
- 138 12.17 Oddington Anabaptists 10. Quakers 2 families. C . . . Quakers 2 (overwriting 1) families. . . .
- 142 12.26 Stow-on-the-Wold . . . Quakers 2 families, meeting. A . . . Quakers 15, meeting. . . . C . . . Quakers 15 deleted; 2 families, meeting.
- 143 12.29 Lower Swell Anabaptists 2 families. Quakers 1. A Anabaptists 15. Quakers 1.

CIRENCESTER DEANERY

- 149 13.7 Cirencester . . . Quakers 100, meeting. . . .
 A . . . Quakers 100, meeting. . . .
- 154 13.18 Harnhill Quakers 3.
- 157 13.25 South Cerney Anabaptists 4. Quakers 4.
 A Anabaptists 4. Quakers 4.
 Absenters 10.

FAIRFORD DEANERY

- 158 14.1 Coln St. Aldwyn Patron: Messrs Ingram and Elliot,
 Quakers, lessees of dean and
 chapter. B Mr. Fettiplace . . .
 Bellers . . .
 C Thomas Church, Fettipl and
 Theo. Bellers . . .
- 161 14.5 Fairford C Quakers 3 deleted.
- 162 14.8 Lechlade Quakers 2.
 A Quakers 2.
 D . . . Quakers 1 overwriting 2.

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'Women's Speaking Justified'

Kate Peters contributes a paper to *Studies in Church History*, volume 34, *Gender and Christian Religion*, 1998, entitled "'Women's Speaking Justified": women and discipline in the early Quaker movement, 1652-56'. She writes that the paper 'is an examination of gender dynamics in the very early Quaker movement' and argues that the public position of Friends on the spiritual equality of women was coupled with the development of strategies to control their public role.

Bernard Barton

In his article "Constable and the 'Woodbridge wits'" in *The Burlington Magazine*, September 1999. Professor F.G. Notehelfer discussess Barton as one of three early collectors of the painter John Constable's work.

Bernard Barton's bookplate

In *The Bookplate Journal* v12 no1 March 1994, pp. 41-4 John Blatchley writes about Bernard Barton (1784-1849), the Quaker poet, and his bookplate. The bookplate was based on that of his father John Barton. Together with his love of poetry and pictures it may have given Friends an unfavourable impression of Bernard's worldliness.

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