

NOTES AND QUERIES

CO. TIPPERARY FRIENDS

Thomas P. Power, in *Land, politics and society in eighteenth century Tipperary* (Clarendon Press, 1993), covers Quaker activities in the textile and milling industries, and the family and trading connections which underpinned their success in places like Clonmel. The author has used, to good effect, the Fennell, Grubb and Jacob papers in Dublin, and the Gurney correspondence at Friends House Library, London.

Russell S. Mortimer

CHARLES LESLIE

Charles Leslie (1650-1722) will be known to historians of Friends as an anti-Quaker writer but as a controversial non-juring cleric he wrote prolifically against Roman Catholics, Jews, Presbyterians, deists and Socinians (forerunners of the Unitarian church). Many of his works were anonymous or pseudonymous and he was often described as the author of the *Snake in the Grass* on other title-pages, this being his best known anti-Quaker work. Now in the 'Edinburgh Bibliographical Society's Transactions' (vol. VI part 1 1990), F.J.M. Blom has unravelled much of his complex bibliography. Blom identifies 85 titles by Leslie (including some collections of previously published works) of which ten were specifically directed against Friends. He also lists works incorrectly attributed to Leslie. Though a number of the anti-Quaker works were reprinted none went into as many printings as Leslie's most popular works. Blom confirms the value of Smith's *Bibliotheca Anti-Quakeriana*, 1873, which lists all ten titles with one version not noted by Blom and the answers by Friends where these were published. In addition Smith includes Leslie's *Essay concerning the Divine Right of Tythes* which was answered by two Friends and some of the anti-Socinian tracts.

David J. Hall

THE QUAKER PRESS

A Collection of essays *Censorship and the Control of Print in England and France 1600-1910* (edited by Robin Myers and Michael Harris, Winchester, 1992) contains a contribution by David J. Hall 'The fiery Tryal of their Infallible Examination': self-control in the regulation of Quaker publishing in England from the 1670s to the mid 19th. century. The title comes from Bugg's criticism of the Morning Meeting.

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Full details of Quaker materials on microfilm may be obtained from World Microfilms, 2-6 Foscote Mews, London W9 2HH.

Plain Country Friends (The Quakers of Wooldale, High Flatts and Midhope) by David Bower and John Knight, pp. viii + 207, £10.00, has been reprinted.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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George Hope's *Biography of John Bellers (1654-1725)* is again in print. Available from Friends Book Centre at £10.00 or from the Ebor Press, York at £11.15 (p&p paid).

The Quaker Family History Society has now been established and has issued *Quaker Connections* Number 1, March 1994. We wish the new Society well. Dr. Margaret Bennett, 486 Lea Bridge Road, Leyton, London E10 7DU has played a leading role in its establishment.

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