

Friends and Current Literature

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A NEW race of prison-reformers is springing into life, largely owing to the experiences of prison from within gained by Conscientious Objectors. Stephen Henry Hobhouse, who was recently released owing to ill-health, has an article in *The Quarterly Review*, for July, entitled "An English Prison from Within," and the same Friend has a paper in the *F.Q.E.*—"The Silent System in British Prisons." In the former article we read :

"To those who had previously acquired no rooted love of truth, Prison was a school of artfulness and deceit as effective as human ingenuity could devise."

In the *F.Q.E.* article there are several references to the action of Friends in regard to solitary confinement, which should be read by students of the subject.

* *For Dauntless France*, by Laurence Binyon (London: Hodder, 8½ by 5½, pp. 372, 10s. 6d. net), contains descriptive articles on Friends' Ambulance Unit and War Victims' Relief. There is a long list of "British Subjects on Red Cross Work," in which appear the names of many Friends.

Various references to Friends are to be found in the first two numbers for this year of *The Journal of Negro History* (Washington, D.C.). They occur in "The Story of Josiah Henson" (Mrs. Stowe's Uncle Tom); also in "Benjamin Banneker [1731-1806], the Negro Mathematician and Astronomer," whose biographer received some of his data from the Quaker family of Ellicott of Baltimore, Md., per Martha Ellicott Tyson. The Ellicotts took an interest in Banneker, who, though not a professing Christian, yet "loved the doctrines and mode of worship of the Society of Friends and was frequently at their meetings in Elkridge meeting house" (p. 116). In the section of the magazine headed "Documents" we find correspondence between Governor Coles, of Illinois, and our Friends, Nicholas Biddle, of Philadelphia, president of the Bank of the U.S., and Roberts Vaux, of Birwood Lodge, near Phila., also Morris Birkbeck, of Wanborough, Ill., 1823-1824. Among Notes are anecdotes of William Lloyd Garrison and Sir T. F. Buxton, first Baronet.

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Further issues from the Christian Literature Society, of Shanghai, are to hand—*The Health of the State*, by Sir George Newman, translated into Chinese by Isaac Mason and Ha Chī Tao; by the same translators, Lamb's *Tales from Shakespeare*, and *The Splendid Quest*, stories of true heroism, by Basil Mathews.

Life and Works of Amos M. Kenworthy (1831-1917), written by Lydia M. Williams-Cammack and Truman C. Kenworthy, niece and nephew (Richmond, Ind. : Nicholson Printing Co., 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ by 5 $\frac{1}{2}$, pp. 306, illustrated, \$1.10). This is a valuable record of Christian work done after the manner of modern Quakerism in America. Amos had a very remarkable power of insight into character and many times "spoke to states" present at his meetings. He was in Europe in 1893, and his diary of the same contains a striking record of the clash of the different modes of carrying on religious work in East and West. He was liberated again in 1915 to visit London and Dublin Y.M.s, but way did not open for the visit. "It was a matter of deep regret, many times expressed, that he was not able to finish what he felt called to do in these two Yearly Meetings" (p. 22). The book is nicely printed but many of the English place-names and some personal names are sadly incorrect.

The Report and Proceedings of the Sidcot Old Scholars' Association for 1918 is to hand. Its preparation has entailed a great amount of labour. We regret that it has such a military complexion.

Headley Brothers have recently published two books by our Friend, Carl Heath, of the National Peace Council, *The Pacific Settlement of International Disputes* and *Pacifism in Time of War*.

* A second, revised edition of J. W. Graham's *William Penn* is now published, price 7s. 6d. (Headley Brothers.)

Reports of several of the commissions *in re* the All-Friend Peace Conference have appeared (136, Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2).

The work of "Quaker Chaplains" and a description of a Friends' meeting in Durham Jail appear in *Made Free in Prison*, by E. Williamson Mason (London : Allen and Unwin, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 5, pp. 222, 3s. 6d.).

"The Basis of Early Christian Anti-militarism" is an article by Henry J. Cadbury, of Haverford, Pa., in *The Journal of Biblical Literature*, 1918.