

## Friends and Current Literature

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\* John Mahler, the author of *Lead Thou—The Record of a Spiritual Journey* (Oxford: Blackwell, 8 × 5½, pp. viii+71, 3s. net), writes (page 28):

“Emlyn Davies and I decided on a short holiday at Bournemouth. Sunday morning we passed the Quakers' Meeting House. It brought back memories of my school-days at Kendal, and more especially of my dearly loved and revered Headmaster, Henry Thompson, who had quite recently died at the ripe age of 81, buoyant and youthful in mind and spirits to the very end. That drew me in. My chief intention was to speak a word of love and gratitude. But my courage somehow failed me and I left the meeting with that word unsaid. As we walked away, I told Emlyn that what had chiefly kept me back was the uncertainty as to what exactly was meant by ‘the spirit moving one to speak,’ and as to whether speech might only be permitted to members of the Society. He said: ‘Do you see this elderly gentleman and his daughter in front of us? Ask them, they were at the meeting.’ I demurred on the ground that they were perfect strangers. But he said: ‘Twice they’ve gone down a side street and come back just in front of us. This means something. Ask them.’ Finally I did. It turned out to be Mr. J. Allen Baker, M.P., and his daughter.”

On a subsequent page we read of The Collegium and its secretary, our Friend, Lucy Gardner, of 92, St. George's Square, London. We are glad to find that, though something prevented his speaking in the Bournemouth meeting, it was at Swanwick that “the chairman for the day, a Quaker,” suggesting a short silence, opened the way for him to speak.

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Headley Brothers, 72, Oxford Street, London W.1., announce a new series called the Christian Revolution. The volumes are of varying sizes, the first being *Lay Religion*, by Henry T. Hodgkin. “The book is a protest against leaving the discussion of religious questions in the hands of specialists—the answer of the Christian religion to the fundamental demands of human nature is set forth in a simple non-theological way.”

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Rev. G. W. C. Ward, of Nottingham, has presented a copy of his *Memoir of Frederick Richard Pyper, M.A.* (Nottingham: Saxton, 8½ by 5½, pp. cxliii. + 86). F. R. Pyper (1859-1915) was one of many clerical descendants of Friends; he claimed both Barclays and Bevans in his ancestry. He was curate at Brighton and Nottingham, vicar in Sutton-in-Ashfield and Nottingham and rector of Bestwood Park, Notts. He was poet as well as preacher, and a selection of verses closes this interesting biography. One poem is here reprinted:

\* Not in D.

MISSIONARY HYMN  
THE BELATED FLOCK

And other sheep I have which are not of this fold ; them also I must bring and they shall hear my voice ; and there shall be one fold, and one Shepherd."—John x. 16.

The day is fast declining,  
Its hours are almost told ;  
Methinks I see a Shepherd stand  
Beside a half-filled fold ;  
And as the mists of evening rise,  
And shadows onward creep,  
I can see Him strain his anxious eyes  
To find His missing sheep.

I hear Him calling, calling ;  
(The cliffs give back His cry)—  
"Come home, come home, ye wanderers,  
Oh, wherefore will ye die ?  
The darkness falls on fen and rock,  
And swift the torrent rolls ;  
Return, return, My wayward flock,  
To the Shepherd of your souls."

And now He eyes His loved ones,  
Who, safe in shelter warm,  
Have found in Him a hiding place,  
A shelter from the storm.  
No hurt they fear, for there He stands,  
And, as on Calvary's hill,  
He stretches wide His piercèd hands  
To shield them from all ill.

And now, with face more wistful,  
He thinks on those that stray,  
His other sheep, outside the fold,  
Yet dear to Him as they :  
And down into the valleys dim,  
And o'er the hil's He crossed,  
He bids His shepherds follow Him,  
To seek and save the lost.

I hear His pleading accents,  
"Cling not too close to home,  
But out into the highways go,  
And gather all who roam ;  
Tell them the gate is standing wide  
For all who mourn their sin ;  
Fetch home the souls for whom I died ;  
Compel them to come in."

O Thou, Good Shepherd, hasten  
The time by Thee foretold,  
When all God's Israel shall be saved,  
One flock within one fold ;  
When long-lost sheep from every land  
Stream homeward at Thy call,  
And none shall pluck them from Thy hand,  
Thou Saviour of us all.

How lovely on the mountains  
 The message of the Cross!  
 The feet of them that preach Thy peace  
 And count all else but loss!  
 Let us but hear Thy voice, we pray;  
 Let us Thy glory see;  
 That we, with cleansèd lips, may say,  
 "Lord, here am I, send me."

(c. 1908)

Tune. *The Cross of Jesus*. (Sankey)

Ethel M. Ashby has an article—"Ideals and Practice. The Society of Friends among Russian Refugees" in the Nov.—Dec.—Jan. no. of *The Russian Quarterly* (ann. subs. 3s. Editor, 1, Outram Road, Southsea).

The work of Friends in assisting the coloured people of America to settle themselves in districts where their advancement would be promoted, is afresh illustrated in *A Century of Negro Migration*, by Carter Goodwin Woodson, Ph.D. (Washington, D.C., Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, 8 by 5½, pp. 221.)

In *The Pennsylvania Magazine* for July 1918 (vol. 42, no. 167) there is an account of the Loganian Library and also a copy of a letter from Henton Brown and Dr. John Fothergill, to James Pemberton, dated London, 4 mo. 8, 1766, respecting Benjamin Franklin and the Stamp Act.

Readers of literature on Natural History subjects will want to see Samuel N. Rhoads's late catalogue *Auduboniana and other Nature Books*, no. 39, pp. 106, to be had at 920 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The last issue of the *Bulletin of F.H.S. of Philadelphia* brings volume eight to a close. There are references to Nathanael Greene and Jacob Brown in connection with notices of them in THE JOURNAL, xv. 48. A. C. Thomas's review of books is always interesting reading. We are in close sympathy with the following paragraph which closes his notice of the Swarthmore Lecture—"The New Social Outlook":

"Without in the slightest degree questioning the need or the duty of the Church to take an active part in forwarding movements for the betterment of social conditions, the Church should continue to see to it that the spiritual is not minimised. Where external needs are intensely great there is always a danger of overlooking, for the time at least, the needs of the soul, and this tends to become a habit."

In Beatrice Harraden's latest story, *Where your Treasure is*, there are frequent notices of Friends' work on behalf of the victims of the late war. (London: Hutchinson, 7½ by 5, pp. 256, 6s. 9d. net.)

The Curtis Publishing Company, of Philadelphia, has presented to Friends' Reference Library a copy (no. 10 of a numbered edition of 475 copies) of *The Collection of Franklin Imprints in the Museum of the Curtis Publishing Company*, with a short title Check List of all the Books, Pamphlets, Broadsides, etc., known to have been printed by Benjamin Franklin, compiled by William J. Campbell, A.M., M.D., Ph.D., president of the City Historical

Society of Philadelphia (11½ by 8¾, pp. 333). This is a valuable addition to the Library; it has been carefully studied by the Librarian, and the few Quaker items previously unknown transferred to the card-catalogue as items of information. It is interesting to note that the first and last known issues from Franklin's press are Quaker—Sewel's "History," 1728, of which the first portion was printed by Samuel Keimer, and Thomas Letchworth's "Morning and Evening's Meditation," 1766, printed by Franklin and Hall.

This useful book was presented on the suggestion of Allen C. Thomas.

While the readers of THE JOURNAL have had before them, by favour of Mrs. E. G. Bell, of Lurgan, extracts from the Goff letters, another series of letters, edited by Miss Margaret Ferrier Young, of Dublin, has been passing through the pages of the *Journal of the County Kildare Archaeological Society*<sup>1</sup>—"The Shackleton Letters, 1726-1783." There are letters from Roger Shackleton of York, and his son William, and from various members of the Ballitore household. The compiler writes appreciatively of the services to the country of the early Quaker settlers, but we cannot follow her when, writing of the family harmony, "deferring to father and mother," and dealing for marrying out, she adds:

"Now, alas, that is all changed and young Friends are much like other young people following their own sweet wills, with a corresponding loss to the Society."

We have not yet been told where these letters are preserved. If they are printed *verb. et lit.* the spelling is in contrast with that of the Goff letters.

\**Chapters from my Life with special Reference to Reunion*, by Sir Henry S. Lunn, is a very interesting book (London: Cassell, 8½ by 6, pp. xii + 422, illustrated, 10s. 6d. net). Among Dr. Lunn's friends and helpers was Sir Jesse Herbert (1851-1917) of whom we read:

"Beginning life as the son of a minister of one of the minor Methodist bodies, [Jesse] Herbert was handicapped as a young man because of some strange scruples which his father had. His father held that it was quite right for single ministers to be paid for their services, but that when a man married he ought to earn his own living. He resigned his position in the ministry and earned his living by his own hands, but had no money to spend on the education of his son.

"Herbert was possessed of great intellectual powers, and in the poverty of his boyhood began to earn money by writing for 'The Christian World' and other papers. With this money he bought his first books, and a little later by some accident he came to know Auberon Herbert, with whose family he was distantly connected, and he gave him the run of his library. Herbert worked hard, took his degree at London University, and then qualified as a barrister.

"During his studies he was attracted by the Society of Friends and became a convinced member. He settled down at Birmingham, and rapidly secured a considerable practice there. He was closely associated with Joseph Chamberlain and Jesse Collins in their Radical days. When the Home Rule campaign began he remained a Gladstonian, and his practice vanished. For a time he was legal adviser to the Chinese Government in South China. After his return from China, Mr. Cadbury was asked by Mr.

<sup>1</sup> Vol. ix (1918). Hon. Editor: Thomas Ulick Sadleir, The Office of Arms, Dublin Castle.

Herbert Gladstone if he could recommend a man to reorganise the Liberal party which had just suffered its great defeat of 1895. Mr. Cadbury recommended Jesse Herbert, and he then entered upon the work in which he achieved the triumphant success of the election of 1906 after many years of arduous toil.

Sir Edward Fry is mentioned—"the distinguished judge whose career has added fresh lustre to the record of that great Quaker family."

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*Recollections of Henry Brady Priestman*, by his wife, Alice Priestman, privately printed, 1918, 4to., pp. 143, illustrations and pedigree; presented by the compiler<sup>2</sup>. H. B. Priestman was born at Thornton-le-dale in Yorkshire in 1853, and is now, and has been for many years living in Bradford. He has held many official positions in his adopted city and was clerk of London Yearly Meeting in 1911 and 1912. The book, mostly drawn from printed sources, divides itself into these sections—Introductory, Society of Friends, Adult Schools, Friends' Provident Institution, Peace, Temperance, City Guild of Help, General Booth's "Darkest England" Scheme, Politics, Education, City Council, Literary, Recreations and Travel.

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\* In *The Expository Times* of February, there is an article by Edward Grubb,—“Faith and Facts.”

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The *Friends' Quarterly Examiner* for First Month has an historical article on the two volumes of the works of Morgan Lloyd (copy in D), by John E. Southall, and also a timely paper by A. L. Littleboy on “Quaker Embassies a Century ago.” The proof reader might be encouraged to give somewhat more careful attention to his work—typographical errors occur too frequently for a magazine of this character.

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\* In December, 1916, “The Nation” (London) announced a series of prizes for essays on “The idea of public right as the governing idea of European politics . . . how can it be translated in concrete terms?” The essays for which prizes were awarded have appeared as *The Idea of Public Right* (London: Allen and Unwin; New York: Macmillan, 8¾ by 5½, pp. ix. + 324, 8s. 6d. net). One essay in Division Two (for teachers and speakers) is written by our friend Charles Sturge, son of the late J. Marshall Sturge, for many years at Paradise House School, London, and now of St. George's School, Gosforth, Northumberland.

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\* In *The Socialist Review* for Jan.—March, there is an article by J. T. Walton Newbold, M.A., a London Friend, entitled, “Who's Who on Wall Street.”

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Another volume of verse comes from the pen of William King Baker—*The Birth of Love* (London: Oliphants, 7½ by 5, pp. 214, 6s. net). The author describes the object of his book thus:

“The aim of this poem is the discovery and disclosure of the supreme influence in the life of the human race—which has given inspiration and

<sup>2</sup> Mrs. Priestman died on the 4th of February. See *The Friend*, 21st of February.

character to all its greatest efforts, is the theme of every worthy romance, and the sum of most human philosophy—the power and blessedness of love in woman: her nature, her surpassing gifts, and her great destiny in the harmony of God.” Copy presented by the author.

The articles by S. Edgar Nicholson, on *Friends and World Reconstruction*, which appeared in “The American Friend,” have been reprinted and may be obtained at ten cents per copy, from the author, Richmond, Indiana.

\* The work of the First British Red Cross Unit for Italy, in which several Friends were engaged, is described in *Scenes from Italy's War*, by George M. Trevelyan, commandant (London: Jack, 9 by 6, pp. 240, 10s. 6d. net).

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### Recent Accessions to D

**I**N 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:

*From the Land of Dreams*, by John Todhunter, Talbot Press, Dublin, 141 pp. 1918. John Todhunter (1839-1916) came of a Quaker stock, originally from Cumberland. “They were seafaring folk. His great grandfather was a Whitehaven shipowner who sailed his own ships. On one occasion he was presented by the underwriters of Liverpool with a piece of plate in recognition of his seamanship and gallantry in saving the ship ‘Ellen’ in difficult circumstances. John Todhunter’s grandfather settled in Dublin in the timber trade. His mother was one of the Limerick Harveys. He went to school first at Mountmellick and afterwards at the Friends’ School, York. When the serious business of life began for him—it began at sixteen years of age—we find him working in business houses in Dublin, Pim’s and Bewley’s, but before long he gravitated to Trinity College, where he entered the Medical School. He took his M.B. degree in 1867, and the M.D. in 1871, but before the latter date he turned his attention to literature and will be known in the future as a poet.” (Information from Introduction.)

Todhunter was certificated as a Friend from Dublin to Limerick in 1860, from Limerick to Dublin in 1862, from Dublin to Westminster and Longford M.M. in 1877. He resigned his membership. He died in London. (Information from Edith Webb, per J. Ernest Grubb.)

*The Growth of English Drama*, 1914, by Arnold Wynne, M.A., a Friend, of the South African College, Cape Town, who lost his life in the war, 9th April, 1917. Presented by Geraldine Wynne in memory of her brother.

*Indiana as seen by Early Travellers* is a collection of reprints from books of travel, letters and diaries, prior to 1830, selected and edited by our Friend, Harlow Lindley, secretary to the Indiana Historical Commission. Published in 1916, 596 pages. Presented by the compiler.