

Friends and Current Literature

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EDWARD GRUBB has brought together several papers he has read on various occasions "in such a way as to form a more or less consecutive exposition of Christian belief in relation to some of the questions that still perplex sincere enquirers." His book is entitled *The Religion of Experience* (London: Swarthmore Press, 7½ by 5, pp. 202. 5s. net).

We welcome a new school magazine, *The Ackworthian*, dated April, editor, Raymond F. Dyson. There is no address given, and no price, so perhaps it is intended for private circulation only.

The articles on Ohio Y.M., which appeared in "The Friend" (Phila.), recently, have been issued in a pamphlet of 50 pages, under the title *Notes on the Early History of Ohio Yearly Meeting*, to be obtained from the compiler, Watson W. Dewees, 119 S. Fourth Street, Philadelphia, Pa. This is a useful account of the movement of Friends to the westward toward the end of the eighteenth century, of their early experiences in their new homes and of the establishment of Friends' Discipline and education west of the Alleghanies and beyond the Ohio river.

With respect to education in the "subscription schools" we read (page 33):

"A parent might feel able to subscribe and pay for two children for the term. There were, let us say, five children of school age in the family. It required a nice discernment to decide which two children should occupy the coveted seats and for how long, and to divide the time among the five with due regard to the best interests of all."

Chapter VI. gives a brief history of the rise and fall of Mount Pleasant Boarding School (1837—1875).

Amateurs who are frequently ordering printing would do well to study *Printing for Business, a Manual of Printing Practice in non-technical Idiom*, by Joseph Thorp, printing consultant to W. H. Smith & Son (London: Hogg, 9 by 6, pp. xii. + 180, 7s. 6d net). A copy may be seen in the Reference Library at Devonshire House.

The distinction between the Puritan Fathers of Massachusetts Bay and the Pilgrim Fathers of New Plymouth, which is frequently forgotten, has been revived in *The Church Times* of 4th July by a letter pointing out

an error previously printed in this paper—"confounding the Pilgrim Fathers with the Pilgrims of Massachusetts. Acts of intolerance and cruelty are imputed to the former in which they have no participation." See a valuable article by A. C. Thomas in *THE JOURNAL*, vol. xiii., p. 37 and contrast "Quakers in the American Colonies," by R. M. Jones, p. 61n.

The Yorkshire 1905 Committee (Secretary, 30, Leadhall Lane, Harrogate) has recently issued a chapter from "Quaker Saints"—*Fierce Feathers*, with illustration, price 6d., and a new selection of *Whittier's Poems*, with introduction by Dr. R. M. Jones, price 4d.

The Friends' Settlement, 96, Beadon Street, Calcutta, under the care of Joseph and S. K. Taylor, is settling into good work. J. Taylor has just published *A Pathway of Life*, a pamphlet summarising the teaching of the New Testament mainly on the lines of Barclay's "Apology."

Shortly before her decease, Margaret Irwin wrote a *History of Pardshaw Meeting and Meeting House*, and this has now been published by the Friends' Bookshop, London, in a 28-page pamphlet, price sixpence. There are illustrations of Crabtreebeck (the home of John Burnyeat), and Eaglesfield Meeting House, from original drawings preserved in D., and other pictures.

The city of Philadelphia has appeared in history and picture more than most cities of modern date. We have volumes by Watson, Allinson and Penrose, Repplier, Hotchkiss, Pennell, Lippincott, Shackleton, and now Faris—*The Romance of Old Philadelphia*, by John T. Faris, (Phila. : Lippincott, 9 by 6, pp. 336, many illustrations, \$4.50. A most readable book.

The long-awaited sequel to "The Beginnings of Quakerism," by William C. Braithwaite, has appeared, under the title *The Second Period of Quakerism*, covering the years 1660 to 1725 (London: Macmillan, 9 by 5½, pp. xlvii. + 668, 15s.). This closes (after fourteen years' work) the author's contribution to the history of the Society of Friends as projected by the late J. W. Rowntree. The concluding volume of the Rowntree series is in preparation by Rufus M. Jones, the general editor.

It is refreshing to find in a book of fiction some reference to Friends engaged in mission work and of the middle walks of life, so often the portraiture represents wealthy and detached Quakers. Jane Foyle left her non-Quaker home to work among the poor in a Friends' mission in Amicable Alley, and Christopher Stirling, the pacifist member of a banker's household, joins in the work and marries her. The different members of the Sterling household are cleverly portrayed. The book is *Mr. Sterling Sticks It Out*, by Harold Begbie (London: Swarthmore Press, 7½ by 5, pp. 324, 6s.). Troubles with the censor are described in the author's Preface, and the book has been printed by two different firms.

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The Book Committee of Philadelphia Y.M. (Fourth and Arch) has in hand for publication a series of books "written during the past twenty-five years in England and America," to be called the Pennsbury Series. The first has appeared, by the editor of the series, Isaac Sharpless—*Political Leaders of Provincial Pennsylvania* (New York: Macmillan Co., 8½ by 5½, pp. 260, \$2.50). The Leaders are William Penn, Thomas Lloyd, David Lloyd, James Logan, John Kinsey, Isaac Norris, James Pemberton and John Dickinson, all Quakers, save perhaps the last, who, however, was in close sympathy with Friends.

"The names of the Quaker politicians in this book have been selected with the view of showing the applicability (or otherwise) to the practical affairs of government of the principles which to some extent ruled their lives. . . . The religious leaders of Friends have received ample recognition in print. Something, however, is still due to these practical men who wrought with such devotion in working out the principles of the 'Holy Experiment.'"

Among the recent publications issued by The Swarthmore Press is *Militarism in Education, A Contribution to Educational Reconstruction*, by John Langdon-Davies, of Oxford (London: Headley Brothers, 7½ by 5, pp. 154, 3s. 6d.). The author is a nephew of the Secretary of the Council for Civil Liberties, has been imprisoned as a conscientious objector, and joined Friends about a year ago. His book is worthy of wide circulation.

Joys of the Open Air, by William Graveson, J.P., of Hertford (London: Swarthmore Press, 7½ by 5, pp. 116, 3s. 6d, net), a collection of articles which have appeared in various papers. With illustrations

A Reasonable Revolution, by Bertram Pickard, being a discussion of the State Bonus Scheme—a proposal for a national minimum income (London: Allen and Unwin, pp. 78, 2s. 6d.).

Another long-looked for book is to hand—*Dr. John Fothergill and his Friends: Chapters in Eighteenth Century Life*. (London: Macmillan, 9 by 5½, pp. xxiv. + 434. 21s. net.) This has been prepared during long months of research and study, by our Friend, R. Hingston Fox, M.D., of London, and is a worthy record of the great Quaker doctor. We shall have cause to refer frequently to the mass of information contained in the book. Some revision will be necessary of the note on p. 263. The following is suggested:

" . . . Out of a large family, the eldest son, John, was the father of John Rutter Chorley . . . Dickens. One of the daughters, Margaret, married in 1815 George Crosfield of Liverpool [here and on p. 250 note.]

"Betty Fothergill's sister Mary married Robert Watson . . ."

The author was apparently misled by information given in the "Memoirs of Henry Fothergill Chorley," by Hewlett, published in 1873.

The book has received careful attention at the hands of reviewers. The following appeared in "The Times" (Lit. Sup.), of June 12:

"AN EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY QUAKER."

"TO THE EDITOR OF "THE TIMES."

"Sir,—One reader at least of your interesting article on Dr. John Fothergill was glad to refresh his memory of Frances Burney's vivid notice of that distinguished man. On November 9, 1773: 'His manners are stiff, set and unpleasant. He is an upright, stern, formal-looking old man. He enters the room and makes his address with his hat always on, and lest that mark of his sect should pass unnoticed, the hat which he wears is of the most enormous size I ever beheld. Nevertheless, this old prig sometimes affects something bordering upon gallantry.' A fortnight later he had conquered her esteem by his medical skill and his real kindness. He advised her never to marry a physician: 'If he has but little to do, he may be distressed; if he has much, it is a very uncomfortable life for his companion.' I notice that he never married. He is said to have made £7,000 a year. He is said to have been Dr. Melchisideck Broadbrim in Foote's 'Devil upon Two Sticks.'

"Yours faithfully,
"G. G. L."

Portraits of the Founders is a two-volume collection of "portraits of persons born abroad who came to the Colonies in North America before the year 1701," with introduction by Charles Knowles Bolton (Boston, Mass.: The Boston Athenæum, 9 by 6½, pp. 690, \$12.00). The portraits of special interest to Friends are Samuel Carpenter, of Philadelphia (1649-1714); George Keith (1638-1716); James Logan (1674-1751); Isaac Norris (1671-1735); Mary (Lloyd) Norris (1674-1748); Hannah (Callowhill) Penn (1664-1726); William Penn (the armor portrait, 1644-1718); Peter Stuyvesant, the Governor of New Netherland and opponent of Friends (1592-1682); Simon Bradstreet, N.E. persecutor (1603-1697); John Endecott, ditto (1589-1665); and others not certainly identified. Regarding George Keith's portrait there are paragraphs (p. 626) detailing the information sent from the Reference Library.

Frank H. Stewart, of Phila. and Woodbury, N.J., has sent across parts 1 and 2 of his *Genealogical and Historical Miscellany*, dated 1918. These pamphlets (which we hope will be continued) give many items of historical value relating to persons and places in Gloucester County, N.J., Samuel Mickle and the families of Whitall, Estaugh, Willets, etc. It is curious to read in connection with the change of Calendar in 1752, "In England March 25th is a settlement day among Friends at the present time."

Send for a copy of *Headley's Monthly Calendar of New and Forthcoming Books* (72, Oxford Street, London, W.1). Headley Brothers Publishers, Ltd., is now "The Swarthmore Press."