

## Recent Accessions to

**J**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 :

Albert Peel, M.A., Litt.D., etc., of Great Harwood, Lancs., has presented a copy of his valuable work, *The Seconde Parte of a Register*, being a Calendar of Manuscripts under that title intended for publication by the Puritans about 1593, and now in Dr. Williams's Library, London, printed at the Cambridge University Press, in 2 vols., 1915, with sixty-four pages of indexes.

*Memorial of a Beloved Child*—Priscilla Alexander (1853—1864), daughter of George William and Catherine Alexander, of Stoke Newington and Reigate. Private circulation, 1865.

"Mr. Whittier's acquaintance with Lucy Larcom began during his residence in Lowell, in 1844. She was at that time employed in the mill and had developed a literary taste and capacity which had brought her into notice. . . . Mr. Whittier assisted and encouraged her and interested his mother and sister on her behalf. She soon became the dearest friend of Elizabeth [Whittier's sister] and was a frequent visitor at the home in Amesbury." (Pickard, "Life and Letters of J. G. Whittier," 1895, p. 482.)

A volume of the poems of Lucy Larcom has been added to **D**, pp. 285, Boston, 1869, with dedication, "To the Memory of Elizabeth H. Whittier."

Miss Amy Barrington, of Monkstown, Co. Dublin, has presented a copy of *The Barringtons, A Family History*, which she wrote for private circulation (Dublin, 1917, 498 pp., and separate volume of pedigrees).

The Barringtons came into the Society of Friends early in the eighteenth century. Thomas Barrington, of Ballymacane, Co. Wexford, married, about 1683, Susanna Nunn, and had seven children. In the will of Thomas he expressed a desire to be buried in Friends' Burial Ground at Corlican, but neither Thomas nor Susanna was in membership in the Society. Several of the children became Friends—Frances, Susanna, John, Nicholas, and probably Nelson. One of the daughters of John and his wife Mary Aldridge was Lydia (1729—1789) who became the wife of William Darragh, of Dublin, and who became famous in a story of the Revolution (see *THE JOURNAL*, vol. xiv., pp. 139, 181; "A Portraiture of Quakerism," by H. M. Lippincott; etc.).

Connected by marriage with the Barringtons are the families of Bancroft, Bewley, Manliffe or Manly, Malone, Shackleton, Fuller, Carleton, Abraham, Leadbeater, Strangman, Pim, Wakefield, Grubb.

There are numerous illustrations.

Henry Gurney, of Reigate, has presented a photographic reproduction of a daguerreotype of Joseph John Gurney and his third wife, Eliza Paul Gurney, and of his son John Henry and daughter Anna, afterwards Backhouse.

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In THE JOURNAL, vol. x., there appeared extracts from *The Diary of Abiah Darby* (1716—1794), sent up by John T. Dickinson, of Bloxham, Co. Oxon, great-great-grandson of the diarist. Mr. Dickinson has recently presented this Diary to the Society. It is a folio volume (17 in. by 10½ ins.) of 175 pages, closely written, and in several different hands.

With the Diary have been presented the following marriage certificates :

John Barnard, of Upperthorpe, and Deborah Fisher of Haughton, Co. Durham, 1716; Abraham Darby, of Coalbrookdale, and Abiah Sinclair, of Kendal, 1745; John Barnard, jun., of Upperthorpe, and Hannah Wilson, of Kendal, 1751; Andrew Clark, of Southwark and Ann Mason, of Stepney, 1770; Robert Barnard, of Manchester, and Hannah Gaylard, 1796.

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*The Last Weapon*, by Theodora Wilson Wilson, in Esperanto, 1916.

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*Travels through North and South Carolina, Georgia, East and West Florida, etc.*, by William Bartram, 1st London ed. 1792.

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*Cheering Words for the Master's Workers*. New York, 386 pp. A collection of poems made by Anna C. Tatum (Mrs. Edward Tatum) and dedicated to her sisters Elizabeth Smith and Ellen Smith Congdon. Book obtained *per* Thomas J. Battey, and information from Mrs. John H. Congdon, both of Providence, R.I.

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*Registers of Stanbury Meeting, West Riding of Yorkshire*.

There has recently been purchased for the Reference Library an ancient manuscript connected with early Friends of Stanbury. It consists of twenty-two leaves measuring 7½ ins. by 6 ins., which have in most cases been mounted on to new paper on account of their extreme frailty. The binding is scarlet cloth, with paper label.

The information given consists of entries dated between 1660 and 1718, of births, marriages and burials (in some cases supplementing the official digest preserved at Devonshire House), and also of records of sufferings. The names of Smith, Clayton, Crabtree, Pighills, Turner and Taylor occur most frequently.

Through the kindness of Robert H. Marsh, who has presented to D. a copy of *Stanbury—A Bronte Moorland Village*, by Joseph Craven, published in 1907, we are able to give the following history of this manuscript, now, happily, deposited in D :

“ It is not certain where the original copy of the old registers relating to the Quaker families of this neighbourhood is. After passing from one family to another, and from one generation to another, the registers

were eventually lost sight of. From Pickles Hill they could be traced to Liverpool, and then all efforts to recover them proved futile for many years. At last they were found among some rubbish in an old chest and brought back. Mr. Horsfall Turner, having heard of them, reproduced them as far as he could decipher them, in the 'Yorkshire Notes and Queries' No. 1. [then follow extracts from the MS.]”

The MS. evidently came into the possession of Mr. J. H. Turner, of Idle, as Messrs. Magrath and Co., of Bradford, from whom the Library bought it, state that it was sold in 1917, with other effects of his. Mr. Turner wrote in pencil on the inside of the cover: “Printed in my Yorkshire Genealogist. J.H.T.”

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## Friends' Africa Industrial Mission

Two pamphlets have reached the Reference Library from Emory J. Rees, of Vermilion Grove, Ills., U.S.A., who writes :

“ The first of these is *Vikolwa Vya Vatumwa (Acts of the Apostles)*, translated by myself. The other is *II Kitabu Kyokusoma (II Reading Book)*, made up of short stories from the Bible, together with stories of Native Christians in various fields, and the story of Mary Jones. This is the joint work of Deborah Gorman Rees (my wife) and Roxie Reeve and myself.

“ It may be of interest to know that the press work was done by African boys who less than ten years ago were naked goat herds and ignorant that it was possible to write their language.

“ Both booklets are in the Luragoli, a Bantu dialect spoken by a tribe living near the north-east point of Lake Victoria. It is one of a group of similar dialects often referred to as Kavirondo, a term which is not known or used by the tribes themselves. It appears to have been applied to the tribes by foreigners. The term is a misleading one because it has come to be applied to two entirely distinct groups of tribes, the southern one being Nilotic and the northern one Bantu.

“ When the Friends' Africa Industrial Mission opened its first station at Kaimosi in 1902 none of the Bantu group had been reduced to writing. In the seventeen years that have followed we may fairly say that the Luragoli has been reduced. To this achievement it has been my privilege to contribute largely. We now have somewhat more than half of the New Testament, the most necessary school books, a grammar and a vocabulary, and a series of lessons for missionaries learning the language. I am at present engaged in the preparation of the scripture translations for the printer.”