

that from this originated the large boot and shoe factory (now C. & J. Clark, Ltd.) at Street. The rug business is now Clark, Son and Morland, Ltd., Glastonbury.

James Clark as traveller for the firm, went into all parts of the United Kingdom, and seems to have been most kindly welcomed by Friends everywhere. Even when in his nineties, he often recurred to the mixed experiences of those strenuous days, but always with a note of thankfulness to the kind-hearted hospitality by Friends on these journeys. Frequently he spoke in this respect of Isaac Crewdson. Hence the Manchester episode was of double interest to him. Plainly he did not take I. Crewdson's standpoint, but he strongly shared the very prevalent feeling among many younger Friends, that what took place was persecution. Among the many who then left the Society in consequence were three or four of my Mother's brothers, sons of William Stephens, of Bridport.

I have included a good deal of the "setting" of the more essential extracts, as helping to form the picture of events.

Asgarth, Purley.

J. EDMUND CLARK.

Swimming against the Stream

"Look at that man swimming (said a gentleman to his companion, as they stood above Putney Bridge) did you ever see the like? he is swimming against the stream. I will bet you a guinea he is a Quaker, for none else would swim against the stream." The other replied, "As you cannot possibly know that circumstance of a naked man, I will bet you a guinea that he is *not* a Quaker."

They waited until he came out of the water, and dressed himself, and as his appearance did not confirm the conjecture of the challenger, he told him in a polite manner of the wager depending, and begged him to decide it; to which Sylvanus Bevan with great good humour replied, "Notwithstanding my appearance with respect to dress, I belong to the Society of Friends and the reason of my swimming against the stream was this,—finding it running strongly, I had the curiosity to try if I had strength sufficient to make way against it, but was only able to do it for a short way, as you might observe."—From *Records and Recollections of James Jenkins*.