

4. From Margaret (Robson) Richardson the Bible passed into the possession of the family of her only daughter, Margaret (1818-1854), first wife of Thomas James Backhouse (1810-1857), of West Hendon House, Sunderland. Thomas J. Backhouse collaborated with his cousin, Thomas Mounsey, and great-uncle, Thomas Robson, and others in compiling Quaker biographies. One volume was printed in 1854, and the remainder are in MS. at Devonshire House.

5. Thomas William Backhouse (1842-1920), eldest son of Thomas J. Backhouse, was the next possessor. He lived at West Hendon House and was a public benefactor. He was also a notable astronomer.

6. Upon the recent decease of T. W. Backhouse, the Bible became the property of his niece and the writer's by marriage, viz., Mabel Backhouse, wife of Wilfred Arthur Mounsey, of Sunderland, who disposed of this family heirloom, with much other Quaker literature, to a Quaker bookseller, at Darlington.

7. The present writer secured the return of the volume to the family and values it highly. Thomas Robson, the second owner of the book, was his great-grandfather.

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#### NOTES.

<sup>1</sup> For further particulars of the Hedley family, see James Backhouse's *Select Family Memoirs*, 1831; H. E. Smith's *Annals of Smith, of Cantley*, 1878; George Baker's *Unhistoric Acts*, 1906; Norman Penney's *My Ancestors*, 1920; Richard Lindley's MS. Diaries in D.; and the extensive history of the family, by J. J. Green, in MS. at Devonshire House.

<sup>2</sup> Some authorities give "15th."

<sup>3</sup> For further particulars of the Robson family, see *Select Family Memoirs* and *Annals of Smith, of Cantley*, as above; also Joseph Foster's *Pease, of Darlington*, 1891; Richard Lindley's MS. Diaries in D., and J. J. Green's voluminous *History of the Robson Family*, MS. in D.

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## The Household Account Book of Sarah Fell, of Swarthmoor Hall

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The great work of reproducing and editing this manuscript has now reached its final stage. The Index is in type and passed for press. The volume runs to over 600 pages, including thirty-two pages of Introduction and thirteen pages (twenty-six columns) of Index to persons, places and things. The Index indicates seventy-four persons of the name of Fell. This important work will be published in the autumn, by the Cambridge University Press.