

Commitments at Cambridge, 1660-61

PROF. COURTNEY KENNY, LL.D., of Downing College, Cambridge, has sent, per Albert J. Crosfield, the following extracts from Sir Thomas Sclater's notebooks, preserved in the Bodleian Library, Oxford :

4th February, 1660 [1660/61].—"The Quakers committed to the gaol in Cambridge by Mr. Chapman Major, myself, Mr. Rose, Mr. Levin, from the Town Hall ; being a list sent me by the gaoler for refusing to take oath of obedience:—Joseph Cooke, taken up, and discharged by Mr. Major, Rob. Letchworth, Reuben Steven, Will. Allen, George Nash, Mathew Blackley, John Wright, Thos. Edmondson, Jo. Cranwell, Thomason Blackley the Alderman's wife ; Elizabeth Smith, Susan Croft, Helen Allen, Thomason Canham, Alex Aston, Joan Edmondson, Joan Yates, Judith Thomson, Ann Cocker, Suse Field, Ann Bone, Mary Woods, Joan Jobson, Mary Sparrow, Widdow Beton.

"The women are all discharged by Mr. Major ; but stay upon the payment of their fees, which they deny."

7th February, 1660.—"Thomas Clark, Quaker, committed to the Tolbooth by Rule, the constable, being taken with John Peace, a tailor, and about twenty women at a conventicle at the Quakers' house over against Sidney ; and brought by Corporal Hatley, Clark confest they were above one hour, seeking God there. Peace was prisoner at the Castle, and delivered to the undergaoler."

10th February, 1660.—"Joseph Cole, Quaker, committed to the Tolbooth by me and Mr. Ewin, for meeting that day in the conventicle over against Sidney, with 29 women. The women set free."

"We defer'd answering the sheet till some one espoused it ; not thinking it our duty to take notice of every ones Snarling or barking behind the Curtain."

SAMUEL FULLER (d. *circa* 1736), schoolmaster, of Dublin, to Josiah Forster, of Coventry, schoolmaster, 19 xi. 1729, referring to the adverse writings of Joseph Boyse (1660-1728), preacher in Dublin. Original letter in D, presented by Mrs. Vere O'Brien, of Ennis, Co. Clare.

In the minutes of Bridlington M.M., 4 iv. 1740, a certain woman is described as "of a imprudent and floating behaviour."