

“A Dear Memory”

A copy, numbered 80, of *A Dear Memory : Pages from the Letters of Mary Jane Taylor*, chosen and edited by Elizabeth M. Cadbury, privately printed in 1914 (477 pages, with pedigrees of Lucas, Hayhurst, Cash, Taylor and Harris families) has been presented to D by the compiler, and Mrs. Cadbury has kindly permitted us to make extracts referring to some Friends mentioned in the *Letters*. Mary J. Taylor (1831-1887), née Cash, was wife of John Taylor, of London, and mother of Elizabeth M. Cadbury. Through Cash and Lucas and Hayhurst, Taylors claim descent from the family of General George Monck, of Restoration fame.

We may cite several notices of American Ministers visiting Europe :

June, 1849. “ We have the company of A. A. JENKINS¹ and S. HOWLAND²; the former has asked for a certificate to return and the latter thinks she will not be here at another Y.M. though she cannot see to the end of her visit. . . . I do not at all admire their style of speaking, particularly A. A. Jenkins, and S. Howland drops her voice so much at the end of her sentences and speaks much too slow.

“ THOMAS ARNOTT³ paid us a visit. I like his ministry very much ; he speaks very loud and seems to be an illiterate man, sounding most of his words very peculiarly. He seems to have a thorough knowledge of the Bible. Elizabeth Candler thinks T.A. is the most wonderful minister we have had for many years, but, though I like him, I think he is nothing to LINDLEY MURRAY HOAG.”

July, 1849. “ GEORGE and SUSAN HOWLAND paid us a little visit. We thought them very nice Friends. S.H. shines much more in a domesticated point of view to what she does in a ministerial capacity ; in my opinion. G.H. laughed at our Queen being obliged to have a new carriage made for her before visiting Ireland,” and more in reference to the non-ministerial side of their visit.

May, 1871. “ We have one American woman Friend⁴ over here. I have not heard her yet ; her husband comes to take care of her ; her private history is that at fifteen years old she married and her days of twelve hours long were afterwards spent in the backwoods alone, without one single soul near her ! Her husband was a carpenter.”

November, 1871. “ We enjoyed S. HYATT'S⁴ visit very much. Poor thing, she is longing for rest and home, but she gave very beautiful addresses on third-day evening. She is such a loving, confiding woman, so gentle, so simple. I think I never liked any one so much on such short acquaintance.”

November, 1877. “ Next week we are rather expecting another American, DR. DOUGAN CLARK,⁵ to stay here while he holds evening religious meetings each night in Hanover Street [Peckham meeting-house]. I do not know him and do not know that I wish for the meetings, but when we heard that he thought he could not come because there was no house to receive him, of course we gladly asked him here ; besides John has attended and enjoyed his meetings in London.”

The brothers J. H. and R. W. DOUGLAS⁶ receive slight mention ; also MURRAY and CAROLINE SHIPLEY⁷ of Cincinnati, Ohio. Of English Friends we read :

March 24th, 1882. " No doubt thou hast heard of the dear KATHERINE BACKHOUSE'S⁸ calm ending to her long life ; she was in her ninetieth year. On her last day she had come down as usual to breakfast at 8, but seemed feeble and restless ; once ELIZA BARCLAY⁸ asked her did she want anything. ' Only to go to heaven, my dear, and to take thee with me.' Soon after dinner she asked to go to bed and slept quietly till about 6 (I think) then said : ' Raise me,' and after a few heavy breathings she was gone to the heaven she was so ready for."

October 29th, 1859. There is reference to a series of revival meetings at DARLINGTON, described by Hannah M. Bevan.

April 27th, 1886. " William Lloyd Garrison's Life has just been sent to John. In the second volume is a very cutting description of J. J. GURNEY, in Philadelphia, and his want of courage in speaking against slavery."

April 21st, 1853. A good account of SAMUEL GURNEY'S visit to Paris and interview with Louis Napoleon.

December 5th, 1869. " The Friends' Meeting House at Westminster is in Peter's Court, St. Martin's Lane. BEVAN BRAITHWAITE usually goes there on a Sunday morning. The other Ministers are a Mrs. ALEXANDER, a Friend named DELL, and WM. LEAN.⁹ The latter is young and very clever, prepares students for the London University, is fluent and popular ; I like the man, but do not enjoy his ministry as much as some do ; his fluency makes him rather verbose, a contrast in this respect to JOHN HODGKIN, whose every word tells."

November, 1852. " We had another Biblical lecture from J. RICHARDSON.¹⁰ Various opinions are formed respecting these lectures. I think they would be very interesting if delivered by a fit person, for J.R., though endeavouring to do his best, renders too many of his auditors tryingly sleepy ! "

February, 1860. " WILLIAM TAYLOR¹¹ is engaged to be married for the third time. CHARLOTTE MABEL TUKE is the lady. William will have fifty-nine brothers and sisters ! and no end of nephews and nieces. His own sister-in-law, TOM'S wife,¹¹ will be his niece ! "

The name of SAMUEL HAYHURST LUCAS¹² appears frequently in the *Letters*. Of his death in 1873 it is said : " Edward Lucas, and his sons the Roman Catholic priests, had managed during the father's illness, to receive him by baptism into fellowship in the Roman Catholic Church ; after his death they wished to proceed according to the rites of that Church, but after much discussion gave way."

There are many references to work for TEMPERANCE and signs of its increase in the Society.

Many other Friends are introduced as may be seen by the admirable index to the *Letters*.

NOTES

¹ For Anna Almy Jenkins (1790-1849), see *Jnl.* iv. xv.

² For Susan Howland (c. 1791-1872), see *Jnl.* iv. xi. xvi. ; *Bulletin F.H.S. Phila.* i. 105-107.

³ For Thomas Arnett (1791-1877), see *Jnl.* iv. xi. xvi., also *Memoirs*, 1884.

⁴ Asher and Sarah Hyatt, from Iowa Y.M., were in Europe in 1871-72. Further information is lacking at present.

⁵ Dr. Dougan Clark (1828-1896) was at London Y.M. in 1877-79. He was a son of Dougan and Asenath Clark, Ministers well-known on both sides of the Atlantic. R. M. Jones describes the doctor as “ by bent and temperament a theologian rather than an evangelist ” (*Later Periods*, p. 899). He wrote *The Offices of the Holy Spirit*, 1878; *Instruction to Young Converts*, 1889; and other books. In 1894 he underwent the rite of water baptism (*The Friend* (Lond.), 1894, 656ff).

⁶ John Henry and Robert Walter Douglas, of Indiana Y.M., visited Europe—the one in 1866-68, and the other in 1873 and 1886. See *Later Periods*, p. 897.

⁷ Murray Shipley () accompanied J. H. Douglas to Europe. For his advance work in connection with Friends see *Later Periods*, p. 899.

⁸ Katharine (Capper) Backhouse (1792-1882), of Darlington, widow of John Backhouse, was a well-known Minister, and several times clerk of London Women’s Y.M. [I well remember, as a boy, arranging to call at Beechwood about dessert time, and I was generally invited to share in K.B.’s plates of fruit!—N.P.]

Eliza Barclay (1812-1884) was K.B.’s step-daughter, widow of Robert Barclay for forty-two years.

⁹ Louis Dell, of Westminster Meeting, informs us that the principal Friends attending the Meeting at that time were Joseph Bevan Braithwaite, Martha Braithwaite, William Rawbone Dell, Richard Dell, William Scarnell Lean and Isabella Alexander.

William Scarnell Lean (1833-1908) was a son of William Lean, of Camp Hill, Birmingham, and a grandson of Joel Lean, of Fishponds, Bristol—“ the third in four generations, of schoolmasters ”—the fourth being W. S. Lean’s son, Dr. Bevan Lean, headmaster of Sidcot School. W. S. Lean’s mother was Hannah Scarnell, who held a confidential position among the Gurneys of Earlham.” For some years W. S. Lean was a tutor in Darlington and in 1861 he removed to London. In 1864 he married Marianna Bevan, of London, and in 1870, he became Principal of the Flounders Institute at Ackworth in Yorkshire. (See *Jnl.* xv.) In 1899 he left Friends and became a clergyman in the Anglican Church, and in 1907 he re-united himself with the Society of Friends. There is a valuable memoir in *Annual Monitor*, 1909.

¹⁰ Josiah Richardson (c.1792-1859) lived at Peckham, London. In 1845 he published *Lectures on Natural Theology and the Old Testament in General*, and in 1857 a pamphlet appeared *On the Propriety of reading the the Scriptures in our Meetings for Worship*.

¹¹ William Taylor (1818-1897) lived at Middlesbrough, Co. York. His brother, Thomas R. Taylor (1824-1880), and his wife, Elizabeth H. Tuke, lived at Redcar in the same county.

¹² For Samuel Hayhurst Lucas (1786-1873), see *Jnl.* xviii.

MARGARET BRAGG AND GEORGE WASHINGTON WALKER.—“ You probably have heard that Marg^t Bragg left G. W. Walker several hundred pounds to commence business with, which he intends doing in Hobart Town.”

RICHARD COCKIN to Mary (Sylvanus) Fox, Doncaster, 6 ii. 1841.