

early and determined advocacy. Finally, the same small group of untiring philanthropists has won the gratitude of the world by its generous and judicious service of the afflicted populations of Europe since the world-war. Yet this philanthropic leadership has been attained by the most consistent and unwavering of mystics, whose sufficient authority is the immediate testimony of the Inner Light. The habitual inclination of the Society of Friends to quietism and pacifism seemed likely to arrest its progress, and leave it as in an eddy of the stream of thought in the modern world ; but the mystic's faith has found a new channel for itself, even through the desert of war, and has carried to thirsty multitudes, even of hostile nations, an abundant supply of the water of life."

From F. G. Peabody, *The Apostle Paul and the Modern World*, New York, 1923, pp. 183f.

* There is occasional mention of George Fox and the Society of Friends in *Essays and Addresses on the Philosophy of Religion*, by Baron Friedrich von Hügel, LL.D., D.D. (London: Dent, 9 by 6, pp. xx+308, 15s. net). The writer was a Florentine by birth, but he has lived for years in England and has married into an English family. There is an interesting allusion to the historical and tangible background to the teaching of the Mystic :

"In spite of George Fox and many another noble, would-be Pure Interiorist—a simply invisible Church and Religion does not exist amongst men. Fox and his friends are steeped in images and convictions that have grown up amongst, that have been handed down by, concrete, historical men and concrete historical institutions and cultural acts" (p. 231).

"In vain do all mystics, as such, vividly feel their experience to be utterly without human antecedent connection. Behind St. Paul stands the Jewish synagogue and the earthly Jesus ; and behind George Fox stands the entire New Testament" (p. 293).

The references to Friends (not in Index), occur on pp. 15, 131, 238, 247, 256.

Recent Accessions to D

JN 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 :

In 1916, Prof. Charles M. Andrews, of Yale University, U.S.A., caused to be printed *Some Cursory Remarks, Made by James Birket in his Voyage to North America, 1750-1751*¹ from a manuscript presented to the University for publication. The editor states : "Of Birket nothing is known beyond what is stated in his itinerary," by which he doubtless

¹ Copy presented to D by C. F. Jenkins.

meant that further information was not *at hand*, for the Friends' Reference Library contains data relating to Birket in addition to that which has been included in C. F. Jenkins's recent book on Tortola.

This volume of seventy-four pages records the journey of James Birket, from Antigua, West Indies, July 26th, 1750, through several provinces of North America—New England, New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland, and to his return to his island-home April 3rd, 1751, after a land journey of 1,120 miles. As an observant traveller he saw and recorded many items of interest, but we must refer only to notes of Quaker interest.

On September 2nd, "being first-day" he attended meeting at Haverhill, Mass., and on the 16th he was at Meeting in Boston. "One Quaker Meeting H^o So Called." On the 23rd he reached Newport, R.I., where he wrote: "This day I was 'twice at Meeting which is very large; the Meet^s house is also large and has two tier of Gallerys, And a Cupola on the top, but the friends in my Opinion are as Topping as their house, for I did not Imagine one half of the Congregation had been of that Society and I afterwards found they were not to be known by their Language dress, or behaviour Altho' there Seems to be a few wⁿ (Compair'd with the whole) that are very Exemplary in every respect and an honour to their proffesion and the Society."

At Kingsbridge, N.Y., Birket dined at "one Stephensons, a Quaker who keeps one of the Best Eating houses we met with, we had a Bass fish taken out of the river by the door before our Eyes" (p. 39). New York, "one meeting of Friends which is but small their Meeting house is of Brick which is neat, built about Two years ago" (p. 45). When in the Pennsylvania province he visited various Friends known by us to be Friends (and doubtless other Friends whose names are not familiar to us)—James Pemberton, Israel Pemberton Jr.; William Logan, Esther White, John Smith, John Reynolds, Isaac Greenleaf; on the 12th December, "we Breakfasted wth Cha. Read and dined with Ebenezar Large where also dined Mary Weston fro London, Marg^t Bound from New York, and Peter Fearon, With Sundry others." On the 11th he attended the funeral of Reynier Tyson. On the 9th of February, 1751, he dined with John Pickering, Jr., of Tortola, and a few days later met "my old Acquaintance, Jonah Thompson," of England. At the close of the journey we have the following, *re* Philadelphia:

"There was 2 Friends Meeting Houses and another Building on Society hill said Fisher above told me there is now Four Meeting houses belonging to Friends w^{ch} Consist of 800 Families and which are Reckoned at 2700 Individuals."

There is a diary of Birket's for 1747-49, in Antigua, among the William Thornton papers in the Library of Congress.

There are references to Birket in the Journal of Mary Weston (ms. in D)², page 74.

² This Journal, a thick folio, should receive more attention than has yet been devoted to it. It contains much valuable information of Friends in two continents.