

Notes and Queries

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

D—Friends' Reference Library, Devonshire House, 136, Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2.

Camb. Jnl.—*The Journal of George Fox*, published by the Cambridge University Press, 1911.

D.N.B.—*The Dictionary of National Biography*.

F.Q.E.—*Friends' Quarterly Examiner*.

Rancocas John Woolman—The Rancocas Edition of *The Journal and Essays of John Woolman*, edited by A. M. Gummere, Phila. and London, 1922.

TONES IN PREACHING (xix. 138).—In an article by Walter Robson, titled "Some Quaker Characteristics of Seventy Years Ago" (*Friends' Quarterly Examiner*, 1922, pp. 51-61, we read:

"Almost all our preachers intoned their sermons—much as the late Friend, Anna Fox used to do—indeed it came to be looked upon as a mark of Divine unction, and to be cultivated rather than avoided. I well remember an American Minister telling us that when he first began to speak in meetings, some good Elders called on him to encourage him, and one of them added, 'If thou art faithful, dear young man, thou wilt learn the tune in time.' This was James Owen, and he had certainly learnt his lesson well!"

James Owen (1822-1871), from Iowa Y.M., was in Europe in 1869-1870. He travelled on the Continent with Isaac Sharp, Senr.

LYON TURNER MSS. — *The Baptist Quarterly* (vol. i., no. 8, Oct. 1923) informs that the many valuable MSS. of the late G. Lyon Turner have been presented by Mrs. Turner to Dr. Williams's Library.

FRIENDS AT COVENTRY, 1656.—The Diary of Robert Beake, Mayor of Coventry, 1655-6, which has recently been acquired by the Corporation of Coventry, contains this:

"19th November, 1656: 3 quakers for travelling on y^e Lords day were set in y^e Cage and it greived me y^t thos poore deluded people should undergoe punishment of such a nature."

BEARD'S HATTER SHOP (xviii. 113).—"Previous to 1860, the men wore two kinds of hats to Meeting. One was a plain black, high hat, with a broad, straight brim. These hats were generally purchased from John Suffrins, a hatter who was a Friend. The other style of hat was also a hat with broad, straight brim, but with a long nap or fur, light yellow in color. These hats came from North Carolina from the famous Beard's Hatter Shop. They were practically indestructible and lasted an ordinary man thirty or forty years. The well-authenticated story of a Friend living on a farm near Green's Fork who was partially bald. He insisted, greatly to the annoyance of his wife and family, on

wearing his hat all the time, indoors and out. It hung on the bedpost at night. In the morning when he rose, his first act was to put on his hat. Then he reached for his trousers and took a chew of tobacco. Then he put on his trousers and shoes and was ready for the day. When he died, his sons took the hat and buried it in a corn field; and for some years thereafter, every year the plough turned up portions of that hat."—From the life of Charles F. Coffin, of Indiana, 1923, p. 92.

RACHEL WILSON AND GEORGE WHITEFIELD (xix. 109).—In a recent issue (vol. xiv., p. 46) of the magazine, the *Wesley Hist. Soc.* prints this interview, and states that the year must have been 1765, between the arrival from America of Whitefield, on June 9 and a fortnight later when he arrived in London.

EARLY SETTLERS IN THE NEW WORLD.—A Friend writes: "I often wonder what has become of the great batch of letters which were sent to England by the early settlers describing their trials and experiences. If they had only been kept, what a storehouse it

would be for Colonial information!"

LONG SERVICE (xx. 98).—Samuel Foulke (1718-1797) was clerk of Richland M.M., Bucks County, Pa., for about thirty-seven years (Comly, *Misc.* iv. 16; Rancocas *John Woolman*, p. 553, etc.).

Elijah Coffin (1798-1862) was Y.M. Clerk of Indiana Y.M. from 1827 to 1858 and his son, Charles F. (1823-1916) followed from 1858 to 1884.

LOTTERIES.—In a recent issue of *The Pa. Magazine* there is an article on "Lotteries in Pennsylvania Prior to 1833." We read:

"Many religious societies under one pretext or another resorted to lotteries as a means of securing funds. . . . Previous to 1833, 98 different church organisations in Pa. made use of the lottery. . . . Several religious bodies never resorted to the lottery, the most conspicuous of these were the Methodists and the Quakers. Throughout the entire period during which lotteries existed in the state they were consistently and decidedly opposed by the Quaker element of the population."

Books Wanted

(For previous lists, see xix. 94.)

Friends' Reference Library, Devonshire House, London, E.C.2, is desirous of securing copies of the following:

Life of William Penn, by Janney, Phila., 1851.

Works of Isaac Pennington, 4th ed. Phila., 1861-63.