

Murray Shipley, 1830-1899

WHEN the name of Murray Shipley was mentioned in a review of *A Dear Memory*, in our last volume, we were surprised to find how little was recorded of this Friend in **D**. The following will, in some measure, fill the gap.

Murray Shipley was the son of Morris S. and Sarah H. Shipley, of Uttoxeter, England. He was born in the city of New York on the first of Third Month, 1830. His parents removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he completed his education attending St. Xavier's College. After reaching full manhood he became interested in religious and philanthropic work, and his gift in the ministry was acknowledged in 1868, when he was about thirty-eight years of age. In the early history of the Y.M.C.A. he was a Director. He was also a Director in the House of Refuge, and was much interested in the welfare of working men. He was one of a number to organize the first foreign missionary work in Indiana Yearly Meeting, and was the faithful and efficient Secretary of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Foreign Missions for many years. He spent much time and service in assisting to carry out the policy of the Government with regard to the Indians. He took an active part in the prison reform association and was much interested in the improvement of conditions and management of prisons. He travelled very extensively in Europe and made it a point to visit most of the important institutions, carefully studying the methods of caring for dependent children. He was particularly interested in the "Children's Home," which remained his burden and joy until the close of his life. He was a strong and determined character. He died First Month, 20th, 1899.

The above notes are taken from a Memorial of Murray Shipley, printed in the *Yearly Meeting Minutes* of Indiana Yearly Meeting for the year 1900, pages 187-193.

MURRAY SHIPLEY
AND
INDIANA YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

For many years previous to his death Murray Shipley, of Cincinnati, exercised a leading influence in Indiana Yearly Meeting, not because he spoke so frequently or took an active vocal part in its proceedings, but his educated and trained mind, his courteous bearing and his Christian spirit enabled him to exercise a quiet but powerful influence in the framing of legislation and in solving the important problems which came before the Yearly Meeting. He was a member of the Meeting for Sufferings or Representative Meeting of the Yearly Meeting and of the Yearly Meeting for Ministry and Oversight, and was on many of the leading Committees. He was one of the organizers of the Home Mission Association of Indiana Friends, and of the Foreign Mission Association, which first sent Samuel Purdie to Mexico. For a time he was Secretary of the Peace Association of Friends in America. He was on the Earlham College Committee for several years and had much to do with framing the work of that Institution and contributed to its growth and success. He was also a member of the Board of Managers of White's Institute located near Marion, Indiana, which did an effective work for its wards.

He was a member of the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs, a body composed of Representatives from all the Orthodox Yearly Meetings, to which was committed by President Grant, the care of several Indian tribes on the western boundary of the United States. This was a body of unusual ability, and met at different places in the United States, which required much travel and personal expense from the individual Committee members. This Committee kept up efficient Mission and Educational work amongst its wards, until they were converted from a dangerous and hostile element into a quiet and peaceful people, and it solved the problem of "What to do with the Indians." More than five hundred Indians became members of the Society of Friends. The work continued until the allotment of the tribal lands in severalty to the Indians, when they took their place as citizens of the United States.

Murray Shipley was one of the pillars of Indiana Yearly Meeting and one of my intimate friends and advisors. I loved him.

Signed—CHARLES F. COFFIN.

Chicago, Illinois.

10th Month, 22, 1903.

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Parliamentary Election, 1656

DEAR FRIENDS AND BRETHREN.

In that which of this world is not, wh. leads out of this world to reign over the world up unto God. . . . we . . . dearly salute you and before you do we it lay that upon the 22d day of this present month called August there is a meeting in the Castle Yard at York for the electing of some men to serve the county in Parliament (as is said) and therefore do we desire that all friends who find freedom in their spirits to bear witness to the truth and of the truth before men, Doe come up as one man . . . And at the Castle Yard aforesaid to meet together upon the 22d day, to be there and to meet about 8th hour of the said day—all men who are homeholders and other young men who have outward estates in possession. . . .

And it is desired that each church do send in writing the names of such persons as do come up to the said meeting.

Written at York, the 5th day of the 6th mo. called August, 1656.

THOMAS ALDAM.

GERVAS BENSON.

Sustenance of the Ministry

William Rogers, Separatist, 1683, "scornfully reviled his quondam brethren in paltry verses, stating that some sustenance had been given from the public cash to indigent preachers. . . . To this it was answered that if it pleased God to call to His ministry persons of mean estate, the Church was not warranted to hinder it and let such suffer want." SEWEL, *History of the People called Quakers*, first edition published in English in 1722.