

Peter Collinson, F.R.S., F.S.A. (1693-1768)

A life of Peter Collinson, the Botanist, of Peckham and Mill Hill, who introduced so many plants into England and was a friend of John Bartram, Dr. Fothergill, Benjamin Franklin, Linnæus and the leading Friends of Philadelphia, will shortly be published. It has been written from original sources by Norman G. Brett-James, M.A., B.Litt. (Oxon.), and can be obtained from the author at Ridgeway House, Mill Hill, London, N.W.7, for sixteen shillings, post free. It will contain 300 pages with portraits and other illustrations and will be uniform with the life of Dr. Fothergill and the volumes by W. C. Braithwaite and Rufus M. Jones.

An English Traveller in North Germany, 1817

Under this heading several issues of *Notes and Queries*, London, contain extracts from the journal of John Fell (1786-1865), recording a visit he paid to North Germany, on business and pleasure combined, commencing 4 mo. 15 and concluding 6 mo. 19, 1817. John Fell was the son of John and Mary (Booth) Fell, of Peckham. He lived at the Hermitage, Uxbridge, and was thrice married but had no child. He was a wealthy man. In 1850 he was appointed, with other Friends, to visit Friends in Pymont and Minden (*Memoirs of John Sharp*, 1857, p. 182). There are lively notes on places visited—Hamburg, Stettin, Dantzic, Berlin. Sundays were usually devoted to rest—"I had intended to devote this morning to retirement, but was sadly broken in upon by persons calling in. . . . The evenings are devoted to cards which is usually the amusement of First-day evening and one of the company was a young man just ordained as a minister of the Gospel. There is certainly very little true religion on this part of the continent [Stettin], indeed there appear to be neither form nor substance." At Frauendorf, near Stettin, he met a lady, who "appears to know a good deal about Friends and much admires the character of William Penn, and past a very high eulogium on our Society. . . . She says: 'I wish I could see your children in their neat quaker dresses.'"

Biographical information from Charlotte Fell-Smith.

"There was never any persecution y^t came but wee saw it was for Good & there was never any prisons or sufferinges y^t I was in but still it was for y^e bringenge multitudes more out of prison." GEORGE FOX, Camb., *Jnl.* ii: 338.