

"Swiftly the years of his pastorate passed and suddenly an English fleet, with guns trained on the fort, was demanding the surrender of New Netherland. . . . In a few moments a white flag fluttered over Fort Amsterdam and the Dutch *régime* in America was ended." Megapolensis died in 1670.

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Robert Muschamp of Radcliffe, the historian of Quakerism in Lancashire, addressed a meeting at Chorley recently on "The Society of Friends in Coppull District." A local paper gave several columns to a report (newscutting in D). The Haydock family received principal mention. William Gibson is believed to be the first "Publisher of Truth" in this district, and Heskin Fell and John Haydock were convinced. Blackrod Meeting was established in 1669, probably at the house of Jonathan Rigby. Langtree Meeting and the Pemberton family also appear in this valuable historical sketch.

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The *Friends' Quarterly Examiner*, for Seventh Month, 1926, contains an eighteen-page article by Maude Robinson on "Early History of the Quarterly Meeting of Sussex, Surrey and Hants," as the Q. M. is now known, but the history of the Hants portion has not yet been exploited. Sussex and Surrey Q. M. was united to a portion of the Dorset and Hants Q. M. in 1856. M. C. Cadbury has a brief note on Dean John Gordon (1544-1619), of Salisbury Cathedral, great-grandfather of Robert Barclay, of Urie.

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## Recent Accessions to D

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**I**N 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:

A little leather-bound volume of manuscript, measuring 4 ins. by 3¼ ins., has been presented by John T. Dickinson, of Westminster, containing "Some Account of the Family of the Darby's, being what Hannah Rose has heard her Parents John and Grace Thomas say concerning them."

John Darby was a farmer at Wrensnest, near Dudley. Abraham Darby (1677-1717), his son, married Mary Sarjeant, who had two uncles, Moses and Josiah Sarjeant, public friends. Abraham and Mary went to live at Bristol, and there set up brass-works at Baptist Mills. They had eight daughters and four sons. John Thomas was Abraham's principal helper. In 1709 or 1710 the Darby's moved to Coalbrookdale, Shropshire and established iron works.

Thomas Gouldney, of Bristol, resided in the Dale for about a year. Richard Ford was son-in-law to A. Darby, having married his daughter, Mary.

The little book closes with a short history of the Dale prior to the removal of the Darby family.

John T. Dickinson has also presented two little volumes containing extracts from the diary of Deborah Darby (1754-1810).

By the courtesy of E. Maxwell Shilstone, of Barbados, a little volume, reproduced by him, has been added to D—*A General Account of the First Settlement and of the Trade and Constitution of the Island of Barbados, by Richard Hall, Member of Assembly for St. Michael, written in the year 1755, with a Foreword by E. M. Shilstone, Barbados, 1924.* "The earliest known progenitor of the family was Hugh Hall, a Quaker, who is stated in the census taken in 1679-80 to be residing in the parish of St. Michael, with two children and eight negroes." He is mentioned in Besse's "Sufferings," being fined 2340 lbs. of sugar for not bearing arms, 580 lbs. for not appearing in arms, and for opening shop on days called Holydays 982 lbs.

Hugh Hall died in 1698 in Barbados, and was buried "according to the planne and manner of the people of God called Quakers, in the place where his late dear wife was buried." The executors of his will were "his beloved friends Thomas Clarke, Thomas Pilgrim, Henry Feake and Joseph Harbin," all Quakers. He had a daughter Mary, who married Edward Lascelles, and four sons, Hugh, Joseph, Jehu and Benjamin. The son Hugh, 2nd (b. in Barbados, 1673, d. at Boston, Mass., 1732), had property in Pennsylvania bought from John Edmonson, of Maryland. He married his first wife at Boston—Lydia, daughter of Benjamin Gibbs; she died in Philadelphia in 1699, aged 29. Their son, Hugh, 3rd, was born 1693 in Barbados and died 1773 in Boston. "In spite of his Quaker birth and early training Hugh [2nd] seems to have gone over to the Church soon after his second marriage," which was with Mary Buckworth in 1705. Their son, Richard (c. 1709-1758), was the author of the *Account*.

Mary (Buckworth) Hall died in 1711, aged 29 years; Hugh, 2nd, married a third time.

We do not find any notice of Friends in the *Account*. Col. Christopher Codrington is in the list of Governors of the Island. (See Camb. "Jnl." and "Supp.")

Referring to pages 49 and 50, we are glad to report that Messrs. Longmans have decided to publish L. Violet Holdsworth's monograph, *Loveday Hambly*; and that Isabel Grubb's *Quakers in Ireland* will appear in February, price 3s. 6d.

The *Logan-Story Correspondence, 1724-1741*, will appear as the Autumn Number of the "Bulletin of Friends' Historical Association," and will also be obtainable as a separate book with Index, from 142 North Sixteenth Street, Philadelphia, Pa., or Friends' Book Centre, Euston Road, London, N.W.1.