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Our Quotation—20

“ Old letters throw much light on the social life of their time. In this connection I would say how valuable such records are, and how important it is, in the holocaust which generally follows the breaking up of a home, that some of them should be preserved.”

ELIZABETH STURGE, *Reminiscences*, 1928.

[The Librarian at Friends House will gladly advise respecting the disposal of such letters and records.]

Editor's Notes

JT is not often that there comes to light the life-history of those who consorted with the early Friends, and who are not previously known to students of the period.

We are able to present an instance of such—the AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ELIZABETH ANDREWS, who visited George Fox in two of his prisons and was “ at meetings many times with him ” (page 3).

Also a record of MERCY FIELD, daughter of John Field, of London, who attended meetings in the Fleet with William Penn and his family, and at whose father's house many Ministers breakfasted on First-days after the session of the Morning Meeting, and before separating to attend meetings in and around London (page 26).

Several pages are occupied with insight into the intimate history of two Emperors of RUSSIA and one Empress (pages 17, 53).

A specimen of the adulatory writing of the early Friends appears on page 41.

The first of a series of references to the attitude of George Fox towards James Nayler appears on page 11.

Librarians in search of new books for Friends' libraries will do well to look through the pages of FRIENDS AND CURRENT LITERATURE (pages 57 to 67).

Attention is drawn to the inset regarding the Supplement PEN PICTURES OF LONDON YEARLY MEETING. It is hoped that the circulation of the first part, dealing with the years 1789 to 1808, will enable the last part, 1809 to 1833, to be printed and circulated.

Among articles in prospect and preparation for the next volume of *The Journal* may be cited :

A continuation of brief biographies of the RECORDING CLERKS (featuring Benjamin Bealing and Benjamin Bourne).

The first of a series dealing with the Yearly Meetings which circulated throughout various districts in the eighteenth century—the YEARLY MEETING FOR WALES, 1683-1797.

An article on the work of Friends in the growth of the British movement for the abolition of the SLAVE TRADE, from the pen of Ernest C. Toye.

A four-page autograph letter of Thomas Carlyle to Thomas Wise, dated Chelsea, 21 Feb. 1848 (recently added to **D**), in which the writer discusses the relative interest of Robert Lilburne and George Fox as subjects for biography.

SWARTHMOOR ACCOUNT BOOK.—This volume of 600 pages gives vivid insight into the Fell family in the early Quaker day. Copies (to clear) may be obtained at Friends' Book Centre, Euston Road, London, N.W.1, or of any bookseller, for FIVE SHILLINGS (postage 9d. extra). Published by the Cambridge University Press.