

In Preparation or Awaiting Publication

The Quaker portion of the second volume of Reginald L. Hine's "History of Hitchin" is to be published apart from the book, under the title: *A Mirror for the Society of Friends being the Story of the Hitchin Quakers*. The price will be six shillings.

The Abingdon Press (U.S.A.) promise a new work shortly by Rufus M. Jones, entitled *Some Experiments in Mystical Religion*. It will consist of seven lectures originally delivered at the University of Southern California, prefaced by an introductory chapter on Mysticism. The subjects include Plotinus, Eckhart, the influence of the fourteenth century mystics on Luther, the mystical element in the poetry of both Browning and Walt Whitman, and, finally, present-day mystical interpreters.

By the courtesy of Harold Waring Atkinson (1868-), M.B.E., M.A., of 10, Eastbury Avenue, Northwood, Middlesex, we have inspected his wonderful piece of genealogical research, presented on 375 large folio pages of typing. Some twenty-four families receive considerable notice, more particularly the families of Atkinson of Roxby (Lincs.) and Thorne, c. 1620; Barnes of Great Sankey, c. 1590; Beavington of Shipston and Campden, c. 1590; Birchall of Rainford, c. 1620; Dearman of Braithwaite, c. 1470; and Waring of Stanton Lacy and Leominster, c. 1615. Of families connected with one or other of these, there are pedigrees of varying length of Aldam, Atkinson of Coniston, Atkinson of Crake Hall, Kendal, Bancks, Beesley, Belch, Bowly, Broadhead, Busfield, Charleton, Cookes, Dent, Dickinson, Edwards, Foord, Ford, Fripp, Hill, Impey, Middlebrooke, Miller, Neave, Newman, Osborne, Ransome, Rooke, Sessions, Simpson, Sinclair, Somerford, Stanley, Steele, Weaver, Womersley, Wykeham.

The pedigrees occupy about a third of the work. The remainder contains abstracts from documents at the Public Record Office, Abstracts of seventy Wills or Administrations, Biographical notes from a variety of sources, Extracts from the Minutes of Monthly Meetings of Balby, Campden and Stow, Warwickshire South, Gainsborough, Leominster, Manchester, Pontefract and Ross, Facsimile signatures from Quaker Marriage Certificates and other sources, ending with an extensive Bibliography, and an Index of some 15,000 entries.

Quakerism and Industry before 1800, by Isabel Grubb, is announced for publication in January.

Robert Muschamp, of Spout Bank, Heap Bridge, Bury, Lancs., is continuing his work of preparing for publication records of Friends in the County Palatine of Lancaster.

Mabel R. Brailsford, author of "Quaker Women" and "James Nayler," is preparing a work on the early life of William Penn.

George Savage Brookes, of the University of Maine and Hartford Theological Seminary, is preparing a thesis for the degree of Ph.D. on *John Woolman and His Bible*. A careful analysis of the "Journal" and "Essays" of the Mount Holly prophet has disclosed Woolman's marvellous knowledge of the Scriptures, in whose language he wrote the diary which, according to the great Dr. Channing, is "the sweetest and purest autobiography in the language." The thesis will be published next year.

The following announcements are taken from the "Bulletin of Friends' Historical Association," Autumn, 1928, of works then in hand:

Warren C. Middleton, Greencastle, Ind. : *The Element of Denunciation in George Fox*.

Richmond P. Miller, Swarthmore, Pa. : *Quaker Social Policy and Practice in Pa. from 1681 to 1756*.

Edgar H. Stranahan, Oskaloosa, Iowa : *A Program of Education, Coherent with the Educational Values in Quaker Mysticism*.

Edward N. Wright, of Philadelphia, Pa. : *Conscientious Objectors in the Civil War* (Pennsylvania).

Luella M. Wright, Iowa City, Iowa : *The Literary Life of the Early Friends, 1650-1725*.

Edith Philips, Baltimore : *Quaker Ideas in French Literature*.

Elnith Griffiths, Bryn Mawr, Pa. : *Settlement of Welsh Quakers in Pa.*

George P. Hayes, Decatur, Georgia : *Robert Barclay : His Life, Works, and Position in the History of Quaker Thought*.

Francis C. Anscombe, Winston-Salem, N.C. : *The Contribution of the Quakers to the Reconstruction of the Southern States*.

Alfred T. Child, Jr., Columbia University : *Gentle Benezet—Schoolmaster, Abolitionist, and Friend*.

Cecil E. Pearson, Hartford Theological Seminary : *Unity of Friends following the Separation of 1828*.

Walter J. Howan, Whittier, Calif. : *Silence in Quaker Worship*.

Most of the above writers have been in consultation with D regarding their work.