

Notes and Queries

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

- D**—Reference Library of the Society of Friends, Friends House, Euston Road, London, N.W.1.
- Camb. Jnl.*—*The Journal of George Fox*, published by the Cambridge University Press, 2 vols., 1911; *Supplement*, 1925.
- D.A.B.*—*Dictionary of American Biography*, New York.
- D.N.B.*—*The Dictionary of National Biography*, London.
- F.P.T.*—“*The First Publishers of Truth*,” original documents relating the establishment of Quakerism in England and Wales, 1907.
- F.Q.E.*—*Friends' Quarterly Examiner*.
- Pen Pictures*.—Supplements 16 and 17 to “*The Journal*”—being extracts from notes of London Y.M., 1789-1833.
- Smith, Cata.*—*A Descriptive Catalogue of Friends' Books*, compiled by Joseph Smith, 2 vols., 1867.

BOOKS WANTED.—In connection with the re-publication of William Penn's work, *No Cross, No Crown*, a bibliography is in preparation. The Friends' Library in London is wishful to obtain copies of the following editions:

Boston 1747; Philadelphia 1784, 1789, 1796, 1797, 1865, 1870, 1879, 1882; New York 1845; also London 15th edition, 1806.

Journal of the Friends Historical Society, vol. xii. no. 4 and vol. xx. nos. 1. 2.

Information to the Librarian, Friends House, N.W.1.

RICHARD THOMAS HOW (1765-1835).—By the courtesy of Dr. E. How White, of Bournemouth, a volume of three hundred pages, produced in lithographic facsimile, has been on loan in **D**—*Memorial of Richard Thomas How, addressed to those who knew him not*, by

Benjamin Barron Wiffen, 1840. The author was a pious and learned Friend (1794-1867), of Woburn Sands, Bedfordshire. He first brings into review the ancestry of the subject of his *Memorial* through several generations in Bedfordshire, and then, in a quite unusual manner for a Quaker biography, he sketches the life-history of R. T. How—who was sent as apprentice to Benjamin Day, draper, of Bishop Stortford, Essex, “thus gently was he committed to the tide of life, to try his own powers, to spread a gentle sail and ply a timid oar. He ventured not long, for after a few months' trial, he returned to the sheltered haven of his birth; and after making a few more slight efforts, it may be figuratively said he unrigged his little bark and laid it up for life.”

Typed extracts from the *Memorial* are in **D**.

MARY BROOK.—Writing of the Friends' Burial Ground at Hogstyend, Bedfordshire, c. 1840, B. B. Wiffen in his *Memorials of Richard Thomas How*, records:

"Here too lies Mary Brook, a woman whose living eye seemed to read the inmost purposes of the heart, whose ministerial labor is yet witnessed by the aged converts of her faithful service. Under her preaching the stout sea-captain, Captain Bradshaw, sometime, in his old age, reading master of Ackworth School, trembled, and laid down his sword, and after joining the Society of Friends, rejected in poverty the wages of war. A stern reprover was she to the unsubdued in heart, yet she was as a nursing mother to the broken in spirit."

Mary Brook (c. 1726-1782) née Brotherton, was the wife of Joseph Brook, of Leighton Buzzard. She is noted for her one piece of writing—*Reasons for the Necessity of Silent Waiting*, 1774, of which at least twenty-three editions appeared to 1870, including translations into French and German.

Jnl. F.H.S. x. xviii.

Thomas Bradshaw (1734-1809), ex-sea-captain, was reading master at Ackworth School, 1791-1804—"a little, stiff man—hat three-cocked—clothes dark brown—gaiters black."

Jnl. F.H.S. iii. xv.

SAMUEL SHATTOCK, "the Kings Messenger."—A direct descendant of Samuel Shattock, Lemoyne D. Allen, of Granville, N.Y., has recently visited Friends House on an enquiry respecting pictures of her noted ancestor.

SARAH (LYNES) GRUBB (1773-1842).—She first spoke in a meeting for worship on 12th Dec., 1789, while in the employ of Sarah Grubb of Anner Mills, Ireland, in the seventeenth year of her age. She was recorded a Minister by Co. Tipperary M.M. in 1794. On more than one occasion she travelled in the ministry in Ireland; the first time, so far as can be ascertained, was with Mary Dudley in 1795. She left her mistress's employ in 1797 and became a member of Gracechurch Street Meeting, London. Between 1797 and 1803 (the date of her marriage with John Grubb) she spent a good deal of time travelling in the ministry.

Information from Isabel Grubb.
See also *Pen Pictures*.

LAURA SECORD.—"It may be news to many of our readers that the national heroine of Canada, Laura Secord, was a Quaker Maiden. In the war of 1812, she made her way across country alone in the night to warn a detachment of the British army that the Yanks were on their way to make a surprise attack; the warning was timely given" (*Bulletin F.H.A.*, 18. 93; *American Friend*, 1929, 621).

Above reminds us of the action of Lydia Darrach, the heroine of the American Revolution, who had messages conveyed to General Washington respecting the disposition of the British Army (see *Jnl. F.H.S.* xiv. xvi.).

PASSENGERS ON THE "WELCOME."—"Our father spoke to me of our ancestor, Samuel Sellers, coming over on the ship *Welcome*,

'How does thee know that? Where is the evidence?' I asked. 'Every body knows it,' he answered. When I asked Lloyd Smith, who came over in the ship *Welcome*, he laughed and said, 'If everybody who has been said to have come over in the *Welcome* had actually done so, the ship would have been sunk long ago.' "

Extracted from the Sellers family book, p. 136.

[Lloyd Smith was for many years chief librarian at the Philadelphia Library: his father and grandfather before him had filled that office.]

FEEDING ENEMIES: It is written of Andrew Sowle (1628-1695) that when "his adversaries came to take away his printing presses and type, he was so resigned and easy in giving up all to his persecutors that when they had done their work, and seized upon all, he (as he often did in like cases) set meat and drink before them, according to the command (Rom. xii. 19, 29) 'to feed even his very enemies.' "

(Kite, *Antiquarian Researches among Early Printers and Publishers of Friends' Books*, Manchester, 1844, reprinted from *The Friend* (Phila.), vols. xvi. xvii.)

"The night the mob ruled Philadelphia, Lucretia Mott, in her home on Arch Street below Twelfth, realized her house was in danger of attack. She set a tea table in the parlor, intending to ask the mob in if they came," but they missed the meal (*David Sellers*, under date 1838, p. 56).

WHITTIER'S "QUAKER OF THE OLDEN TIME."—"It is said that

Whittier had Abraham L. Pennock [1786-1868] in mind when he wrote this poem" (*David Sellers*, 1928, 62).

CHARLES LESLIE, "THE SNAKE IN THE GRASS."—This anti-Quaker book was published in 1696. "David Sellers would relate how when a boy he took from the library of the Library Company of Philadelphia a book with the attractive title of 'A Snake in the Grass,' and on reaching home found it a dry theological work" (*David Sellers*, 1928, p. 12).

POSTURES IN PRAYER.—London Yearly Meeting, 1798. William Savery, of America, reports:

"Elizabeth Ussher, from Ireland was engaged in prayer. The meeting kept their seats a considerable time, not knowing her, for which I was sorry. I stood up and Friends followed me."

Y.M. 1807. Richard Cockin reports:

"A subject was introduced respecting the practice of a Friend sitting during their being engaged in Supplication when sitting at Table before or after a Meal, it being the judgment of the Friend that remaining in that position was not paying that reverence to the Supreme Being which on such occasions was due—after some discussion it did not appear to meet the general approbation of the Meeting so, as the practice to be recommended."

From "Pen Pictures of London Yearly Meeting, 1789-1833." Supplements to "The Journal of the Friends Historical Society," 1930.

CORRECTION.—In *The Correspondence of James Logan and Thomas Story*, Phila. 1927, page 8, the date of the death of Ann (Shippen) Story is incorrectly given. Ann Story was born 17 iv. (June) 1684, married Thomas Story in Philadelphia 10 v. (July) 1706, died 6 x. (Dec.) 1712, and was buried in Friends' Burial Ground, 4th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia. There were no descendants. (See Records of Phila. M.M. and Keith, *Provincial Councillors of Pennsylvania*, p. 49.)

Information from Amelia M. Gummere, Haverford, Pa.

HAMMER FAMILY, OF TENNESSEE, AND IOWA.—Benjamin Seeborn visited the Hammer settlement in Iowa early in 1850. He writes: "Rachel Hammer's — Eighteen up-grown persons, and about a dozen children, assembled at the widow Hammer's and we sat round a large fire; but in a house that let in the external air, both through the roof and the sides it was not easy to keep warm. By noon the thermometer was about four degrees above zero. All the Friends in this settlement are from Tennessee and consist of three families, nearly related."

Isaac Hammer (1769-1835) was of Tennessee, in which State he

died before the migration. Was Rachel his widow?

Jnl. F.H.S. xvii. xxi.; *Pen Pictures*; etc.

PETER GRELLET (xxvi. 83).—In Leach's *Old Philadelphia Families* we are informed that "the daughter of Jonathan Ingersoll (1747-1823), married Pierre Grellet, treasurer of France under Napoleon I."

In Poulson's *American Daily Advertiser*, of July 28, 1806, it is announced that "Peter Grellet and Grace Ingersoll, daughter of Jonathan Ingersoll, were married on July 20, 1806."

Information from Ernest Spofford, Librarian of the Historical Society of Pa., 1930.

GEORGE KEITH AND HAI EBN YOKHDAN.—It has generally been stated but without certainty that Keith was the translator of the little book, printed in 1674, on *Oriental Philosophy*. We now have this made certain in a letter from Henry More, who wrote to Lady Conway, August 11, 1674: "Keith gave me a little book which he had told into English, of the Orientall Philosophy and particularly of the profound wisdom of Hai Ebn Yokdan" (Nicolson, *Conway Letters*, 1930, p. 392). The ? may now be removed from Smith, *Cata.*, ii. 20.

M.M. AT STOURBRIDGE, 17 iv. 1717. Two Friends "are desired to furnish James Lloyd and his wife with twelve pounds to pay their passage to Pensylvania and necessarys attending the voyage."