

A special sitting of the Meeting for Sufferings was held 12 ii. 1811, and there is a long minute on the subject of the defalcations, concluding thus :

" This Meeting, considering that after such a breach of confidence he cannot with propriety be retained in its service, concludes to dismiss him."

A notification of this action was prepared by three Friends constituting a sub-committee for Ackworth School, and printed and circulated, with a renewal of the advice to remit money to the treasurer, Wilson Birkbeck.

For some years prior to his fall, Ady was engaged in the preparation of a book, which, when published in 1807, bore the title : *The Harmony of the Divine Will and the Heavenly Doctrines of the Old and New Testaments . . . compiled from the Sacred Writings, by John Ady.* The work runs to 350 pages and consists of extracts from the life of Christ with harmonious references from the Old Testament in the margins.

One copy in **D** contains critical comments by its owner, Morris Birkbeck, about 1808.

John Ady was disowned by Devonshire House Monthly Meeting in 1811. He took up the business of a stationer in Houndsditch. He died 17 xi. 1812. In the record of his death in the Friends' book of burials there is no " N.M." against his name.

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### Extract from the "Life and Letters of Elizabeth L. Comstock," 1895

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" We hear of many young Friends taking up arms for the North. One day three young soldiers were conversing together in Maryland when one of them used the plain language accidentally. ' It seems to me you are a Quaker,' said another. ' Yes,' he said, ' I am a son of Dr. Tobey.' (Dr. T. is the clerk of New England Yearly Meeting.) ' Well,' said the second, ' you have heard of Sybil Jones, I guess, she is my mother.' Their surprise had scarcely subsided, when the third announced himself as the son of William Henry Chase, an eminent minister at Union Springs, and a leading man on the committee of our Yearly Meeting School " (p. 109, quoted in Cox, *Quakerism in New York City*, 1930).