

## Recent Accessions to D

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James Edmund Clark, of Street, Somerset, has sent a copy, which he has specially prepared, of the *Diary of William Stephens*, dated from 1788 to 1835. William Stephens (1756-1837) was born at Feoch, on the Fal, below Truro, in Cornwall, a descendant of Nicholas Jose, the "honest fisherman" of "The Journal of George Fox," and lived in later life at Bridport in Dorset. The copyist of the *Diary* has added a valuable summary of the life of William Stephens, his ancestor. The *Diary* contains a list of travelling Ministers who visited Bridport Meeting, some 150 in all, and the copyist has supplied an index to these Friends. Among the visiting Ministers was Samuel Smith, of Philadelphia, 10 iii. 1790, attended with John Hipsley, of Claverham, Somerset and [? Thomas] Melhuish of Taunton.

William Stephens wrote: "It was on a week-day, and some customers unexpectedly prevented my attending the meeting, which, on reflection, afforded me much uneasiness, as on such an occasion I should have dismissed my customers and shut the shop. This Friend left his native land, his connections and probably his business, exposed himself to the perils of the sea and other dangers, in order to visit the Churches in this land, and to promote the noble cause of Truth, and it appeared to me in a criminal light that any member of Society should suffer business that might be put by to prevent his attendance at those religious opportunities. The painful feeling these considerations occasioned me will, I trust, be a warning to me in the future; and should these remarks fall into the hands of any descended from me, I earnestly entreat them to give them due attention."

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A valuable manuscript which has descended from the early Quaker day has been presented by Arthur Pearse Jenkins, of Redruth: *The Journal of Thomas Gwyn*. There are about fifteen sections of fifty pages each. The first section consists of an address to his children, also of a record of events in the years 1703-1717 of the writer's life as an active Minister. He was born at Falmouth in 1656 and died in 1720. Some extracts from the *Journal* appeared in "The Friend" (Lond.), vol. 3 (1845), concluding with the words:

"His family consisted of three sons and seven daughters, but he had a succession of trials, in losing most of them when very young, and on his wife's decease in 1716, he was left with only one daughter, who survived her father."

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*History of the Jacob Family of Bridgwater, Tiverton, and Southern Ireland*, compiled by Henry W. Jacob (1865-1928), M.D., of Malvern, 1929, 130 pp., with illustrations, map of the Somerset district, and tables. Printed for private circulation by the Wessex Press, Taunton. There are records of Jacob in Somerset from 1279. Richard Jacob IV., baptized 1642, died about 1685, became a Friend in his early years, "came from Exeter, in Devonshire [into Somerset], was early convinced of the Blessed Truth, suffered imprisonment and harsh usage, having irons put on him, for testimony thereof." About 1675 Richard and Joan Jacob, with their six children, quitted their home at Halberton, Somerset, for Southern

Ireland and settled at Waterford and Cork. One of the sons, Caleb (born 1676), left Ireland and settled in Pennsylvania about 1710. His daughter Mary married Samuel Lightfoot, son of Thomas Lightfoot.

Richard, son of Richard and Joan, married in 1699, Elizabeth Head (c. 1674-1739). Elizabeth Jacob travelled widely in the ministry in the British Isles and Holland. "There are pathetic allusions in the letters of Richard Jacob to the fact that she felt it her duty to leave him to look after little Isaac while she travelled far and wide in fulfilment of what she regarded as her special mission, but Richard did his part well."

Isaac Jacob (1703-1761). His first wife was Rebecca Penrose, and his second, Susanna Watson. By his second marriage he had seven children within fourteen years of whom only one survived, viz., Joseph Jacob, "who married at twenty, had fifteen children, and died at the age of forty-four." His wife was Hannah Strangman.

From Isaac Jacob (only child of his parents) descend the Quaker family still represented in Ireland, with connections with Watson, Strangman, Penrose, Green, Taylor, etc.

There are portraits of the compiler, Dr. Jacob, of Richard Jacob (1666-1725) and of William Beale Jacob (1825-1902). The copy in D was presented by George Newsom Jacob of Dublin.

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Arthur J. and Harold G. Sharp have presented, among a number of items, sixteen autograph letters of John Bright to their father, Isaac Sharp, dated 1879-1882. They have also presented several volumes of *The Woodlands Journal*, written at the school of Isaac Sharp at Hitchin.

Robert A. Penney has also contributed several volumes of *The Woodland Journal*. MS. Box i. 6.

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A manuscript narrative (6 pp.) by Simeon Warner, of interviews with Count Zinzendorf in London in 1736, has been presented by M. Josephine Fardon. The copy was made about 1855. The founder of the Herrenhutters appears to have discovered a considerable measure of agreement with the Friends he met, discussing religious views with Simeon Warner, Jacob Hagen, Josiah Martin and Samuel Scott.

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Miss Halse, of Bedford, has presented a type-written memoir (7 pp.) relating to John Barton Hack, one of the founders of South Australia. He was the son of Stephen Hack, of Chichester, and his wife, Maria Barton, the sister of Bernard Barton. Almost devoid of dates, the paper deals with the difficulties of the leading colonists, circa 1835-1845.

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*George Fox in Carlisle Jail*, a water-colour by E. H. Wehnert has been presented by J. Edward Hodgkin. The painting, "23" x 20", depicts Fox as a young man with very long hair and an almost girlish face, singing in the dungeon while the fiddler tries to drown his voice, and the evil-looking jailer in the background looks on. (Another painting by E. H. Wehnert of George Fox preaching in a tavern is in the South Kensington Museum—reproduced in Whitten's "Quaker Pictures," 1897).

Manuscript record of the *Journal of a Travel to Portugal in 1852* by John Candler, 3 mo. to 5 mo., 1852. The writer was accompanied with Robert Were Fox and his daughter Anna Maria, and the object of the journey was "to present to Her Most Faithful Majesty, and to those in authority in Portugal, an address from the Society of Friends on the subject of Slave-trading and Slavery" (Lord Malmesbury to Sir R. Pakenham, British Ambassador).

The above volume contains also excerpts from "Friends' Review" of the visit to Norway of John L. Eddy and John Candler, 1862.

Presented by Lucy Candler, of Tunbridge Wells, great niece of John Candler.

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An enlarged portrait of Mercy Green (1776-1855) has been presented by Mary Crosfield, of Croydon.

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*The London Spy—The Vanities and Vices of the Town exposed to View*, by Ned Ward, edited with notes by Arthur L. Hayward (London, Cassell. 9½ by 6½, pp. 309). "*The London Spy*, is now, for the first time, published in a form suitable for general reading. It appeared in monthly parts beginning in November, 1698, and was published in volume form in 1703." There are a few references to Friends, especially a discussion between a country parson and a town Quaker in a tavern.

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*No Cross, No Crown*, Philadelphia edd. 1870, 1882, per favour of Henry J. Cadbury.

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William A. Cadbury has presented a scarce broadside (20½ inches by 15½ inches) *The Last Will of George Fox*, "the Quakers Great Apostle; as it was all written by his own hand, and is now lying in the Prerogative Office by Doctors-Commons, London: attested by three Eminent Quakers, whose names are underwritten:† with a Copy of the Administration in Latin, taken out of the said office, signed by Thomas Wellham, Deputy Registrar. Containing two columes: that on the Left-hand being the Original, in his false English and Spelling: the other on the Right hand, put into true English, the original being unintelligible," dated the 8th month, 1688.

London: Printed for and sold by W. Haws, at the Rose in Ludgate Street. MDCCI. Price 2d.

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*Brief Account of the Malcomson Family and their Association with Limerick*, by Alexander Malcomson, Dublin, and Ernest H. Bennis, Limerick. Type-written copy presented by E. H. Bennis.

† The attestators were "S. Mead, wife of W. Mead, of the Parish of St. Dyonis Backchurch, London, Citizen and Marchant Taylor, of London. W. Ingram of the Parish of St. Margaret New Fish Street, London, aged about fifty-seven years, he knew George Fox about forty years. G. Whitehead of the Parish of St. Botolph, without Bishopsgate, London, Gent., aged about sixty years knew George Fox about forty years . . . being acquainted with his Handwriting."

Several books written by Joseph S. Sewell, and William Johnson, and Henry E. Clark in Malagasy, and printed by Abraham Kingdon, 1874, 1880.

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An index to the four volumes of *The History of Friends*, by Samuel M. Janney, published in Philadelphia in 1868.

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There is a brief biography of Morris Birkbeck (1763-1825), son of the bibliophile of the same name, in the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*, July, 1930, in connection with an address at the dedication of a memorial at Albion, Edwards County, on October 27th, 1929. As a widower with sons and daughters, he left his native land and founded the English colony of Wanborough, named in honour of his farm in Surrey (later named Albion). It was largely his efforts that Illinois was saved from the blight of slavery. His death came by drowning, when returning from a visit to Robert Owen at New Harmony in Indiana.

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In *The Land of Free Speech*, "Record of a Campaign on Behalf of Peace in England and Scotland in 1900," by S. C. Cronwright-Schreiner (London: New Age Press, 1906, 490 pages), there are numerous references to Friends with portraits. Copy presented by Alexander C. Wilson.

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Lucy Candler, of Tunbridge Wells, has presented a manuscript volume: *The Book of Job*, "Altered from the Translated Text, of John Mason Good, F.A.S., with a Preface and Preliminary Dissertation by John Candler, 1821"; also a collection of the letters of Bernard Barton to John W. Candler, 1846-8.

The dissertation on Job is prefaced: "The following version of the Book of Job has been diligently compared with the Authorised Version of the English Bible; and with the several versions of Heath, Boothroyd and Elizabeth Smith.

The version of Bishop Stock has also been occasionally examined on the occurrence of "difficult texts." There are about 200 pages of writing.

Job xix. 25, 26. "For I know that my Redeemer liveth and that he will hereafter rise above the dust. And after this my skin is consumed, even out of my flesh, I shall see God."

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Mrs. Hinchman, of 3635 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., has presented two volumes of family reminiscences printed for private circulation.

(1) *Recollections of Lydia S. (Mitchell) Hinchman*, written at the request of her children, 1930, and

(2) *Biographical Sketch of Charles S. Hinchman*, 1930.

Lydia Swain Mitchell was born on the Island of Nantucket, off the eastern seaboard of North America, and there are many glimpses into Quaker life on the Island, beginning in 1698 and closing in 1902, by the death of the last Friend on the Island, Mary S. Mitchell, mother of Lydia.

Lydia Mitchell, married Charles S. Hinchman (1842-1916) in 1872. There is an account of his business life and military experience in the second volume.

The volumes are attractively printed and well illustrated.

Mrs. Hinchman was the compiler of the substantial volume—"Early Settlers of Nantucket." The second edition is in D, and was the first volume dealt with for the card-catalogue, by the Librarian about thirty years ago.

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*Parochial History of Ackworth*, by Saywell, 1894, 265 pp.

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## In Preparation

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A new and standard edition of *The Journal of George Fox* is in preparation, based on the Cambridge Text modernised, with additions from the Ellwood Text of *The Journal*, the "Short Journal," and other original matter. To be published, in one volume by Headley Brothers, of London and Ashford.

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*Quaker Annals of Preston and the Fylde, 1653 to 1900*, is the title of a new book of xii + 164 pages which, with a Foreword by Dr. John W. Graham, is shortly to be published by Headley Brothers of London. The book, which has been written by Dilworth Abbatt, of Preston, deals with the first coming of Quakerism into some parts of North Lancashire, including the districts known as the Fylde and The Forest of Bowland. The book is to be illustrated with a map of the district and about fifteen pictures.

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Mrs. Chester Kirby, 152 Elingrove Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, U.S.A., is making a study of the life of George Keith. She is especially anxious to locate letters written by or to George Keith, also other manuscript material. She has been in communication with the Librarian at Friends House in London.

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The Editor is preparing a life of George Fell, son of Judge Fell and Margaret Fell-Fox.

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A VERY BAD GIRL.—"Robert Harwood's daughter being returned from Thomas Houlden's service where she was to be prentice (but proving a very bad girl he would keep her no longer), and her father being weary of her would transport her to Virginia, if any of the Bristoll fleete now bound thither would take her, he saying also the girl is willing. Soe Henry Wheddon, Rich. Pike and Christopher Devensher are desired to speak with Ralph Burges, a friend, one of the fleete, to endeavour for her accomodation that way."

From Cork minutes, 25.xi.1702.