

them the history of Martha ; and she read in a way that showed she understood it, had thought it over, and knew perfectly well all about it. She made you understand it *all*—all the meanings and all the bearings. She had a good voice, but it was not that so much as the earnestness of the creature, and her sincerity.

“ And it had its effect, for the women were quiet and listened. There Mrs. Fry stood among them in her Quaker dress, clean and neat, and calm and strong in her own persuasion of the righteousness of the work. And there were some other cleanly-dressed creatures about her—Quakers they were too, I believe ; and altogether it was a wonderful sight. I have never seen the like of it.”

John Candler to his Wife, 1853

The following is extracted from a letter of John Candler, written at sea, 9 mo. 13.¹ William and Josiah Forster, William Holmes and the writer formed a deputation to visit U.S.A. :

“ Among our men folks we have an English clergyman and two American doctors of divinity. The Englishman went across the Atlantic about 30 years ago with Isaac and Anna Braithwaite, of whom he speaks very respectfully. ‘ Mrs. Braithwaite,’ he supposes, ‘ went over to help in resisting the Hicksites.’ One of the American clergymen was brought up in or rather lived in a family of the Hicksites, but was led to see the sad tendency of their doctrines, and to escape the poison. He loved Joseph John Gurney and attended one or two of his meetings. ‘ Mr. Gurney,’ he said, ‘ had an unction from the Holy One ; all he said bespoke this.’

“ Another of our passengers is Chief Justice Shaw, of Boston, who, as Chancery Judge, delivered judgment against John Wilbur and his fellow-seceders on the claim they set up, as the true orthodox Friends, to possess certain property belonging to the Society. I am also much pleased with Henry Tuke Parker, a Bostonian, who tells me his father named him Henry Tuke because he was pleased with his writings on the principles of Friends.”

¹ This letter forms No. 1 of a series of letters written to Maria Candler, presented in 1931 by Lucy Candler, of Tunbridge Wells, great-niece. Among them is a vivid account of the last days of William Forster, who died in Tennessee. The letters are now in Friends' Library, Haverford College, Pa.