

Nonconformist Persecutors

“ And y^e presbuterian Independent & Baptist priests did more Rail ag^t us & abuse us then y^e Ecclesiasticall priests & Bishops, Because that we did See & Beleeve & hold that Christ Enlightens Every Man that Cometh into y^e World ; and y^e presbuterians Called y^e Light Jack in y^e Lantron & Willy-Wisp, & some Called it a Beggerly Scrap & others Called it a Naturall Conscience & a Corrupt Conscience and a Created & a Made Light.”

From a MS. in D, headed “ How the Lord by his Power and Spirit did raise up Friends to declare his everlasting Gospel and Truth—and how it spread, etc., 1643.”

Puritan and Quaker

Francis R. Taylor, LL.B., of Cheltenham, Pa., writes to the editor :

“ There is a tendency in this country to attribute some of our fundamental national characteristics to the Quaker as contrasted with the Puritan tradition. Till lately the Puritan background has been the all-sufficient medium to explain everything. A new book “ Classic Americans,” by Henry Seidel Canby, Ph.D., Litt.D., attributes to Woolman and the early American Quakers a literary and social contribution, on a parity with the New England Puritanism. The book would repay some attention on your side and a place in the Friends House Library. It is of Harcourt, Brace, \$3.00, pp. 351, and Bibliography and Index.”

Quarter-Meeting 29 day 10 /mo. 1680 :

“ Whereas a case was stated Concerning Friends that live together in one house & are concerned in relation to Marriage, the question was whether two friends so Concerned dwelling in one house should be seperated from each other during their Concern before Marriage ; its the advice of this Meeting that the one of them remove, becaus the Continuance of such together in one family have tended to ye dishonour of Truth & grief of ye Faithful.”

From Minute Book of Marsden (Lancashire) Preparative Meeting, 1696-1733, in D.

“ If we will say : ‘ Hats off to the past and coats off to the future,’ and act up to it, all will come right.”—LORD DEWAR.

“ Dr. Thomas Hodgkin, brother of John Hodgkin the noted Minister, went with Sir Moses Montefiore to Palestine, and during the trip he grew a beard. *Punch* said that Dr. Hodgkin had gone with Moses and come back with Hairon.”