

Received too Late for Classification

Bonamy Dobrée : *William Penn, Quaker and Pioneer*. (London : Constable. 18s.)

Mr. Dobrée has cast a wide net for facts and he selects and orders them with a skill which gives us, not only a comprehensive survey of Penn's ever active life, but also a fresh and valuable appraisal of the varied and conflicting elements in the character of William Penn.

The weaknesses and contradictions are there as well as his nobility of spirit and the eager energy which always kept him pressing on till he wore out his faculties. The author's detachment from the Quaker viewpoint has kept him from any attempt to idealise his subject as Penn has often been idealised in the past. The book is equally free from adverse prejudice. The reader feels, however, that the same detachment has prevented a quite adequate evaluation of Penn's Quakerism, his place in Quaker history and the significance of some at least of his writings.

The editor regrets that the book was issued too late for a more extended notice.

John S. Hoyland (Editor) : *The Man of Fire and Steel. A Collective Study of George Fox*. (London : James Clarke, pp. 158. 3s. 6d.)

This brief study of the character and work of Fox has been produced by a class of students at Woodbrooke, whose main source has been the Tercentenary, abridged, edition of Fox's "Journal." It is intended for the help and inspiration of other study groups. It does not claim to be authoritative (such a work would have required a much wider study of material. Even for its expressed purpose, the book would have been more valuable had more material for study been suggested). The chapters on "The Inward Light" and on "Fox's Attitude to Christ" are valuable.

Following closely on her volume : "The Literary Life of the Early Friends," Luella M. Wright, Ph.D., continues the subject which she has made her own in a monograph : *Literature and Education in Early Quakerism*, published by the University, Iowa City, Iowa, in its series of "Humanistic Studies" (vol. v., no. 2), pp. 60, \$.50. Many title pages, prefaces, and notes to the reader form the bases of this valuable study.