

Periodicals

Friends' Quarterly Examiner, No. 274, 4 mo. Arthur Rowntree sketches the character of the periodical literature issued by Friends in the eighteen-thirties, pp. 131-46. Seven predecessors of *The Friend* receive notice. In No. 275, 7 mo., Arthur Brayshaw, under the title "The Kindlier Way" (pp. 210-19), pleads for a vegetarian diet, with supporting examples from Quaker and general history. Samuel Graveson, pp. 220-30, gives a brief account of Daniel Wheeler's labours in the South Seas, based on the Wheeler MSS. in the Library at Friends House. S. B. Meyer (pp. 233-37) outlines the indirect Quaker influence behind the great Norwegian emigration to the American Middle Western and North-Western territories during the nineteenth century.

Friends' Historical Association Bulletin, xxiii., No. 2, Autumn, 1934. Enoch Flower (1635-1684), the first public schoolmaster appointed by the Governor and Council in Philadelphia, is the subject of an article dealing with his short American period. He carried a certificate from Brinkworth M.M., Wilts, in 1683. A letter by his brother Seth from London, dated October, 1693, to Henry Flower, sheds a ray of light on William Penn in that year of seclusion. "Wm. Pen is not far from London—much spoken of—I wish he were well settled with you." Henry J. Cadbury contributes an article on the Library of Anthony Benezet, of which many volumes are now to be found in Haverford College Library. William Hull concludes an article on "Dutch Quaker Peace Makers", begun in the Spring issue, in which he surveys the expressions given by English and Dutch Friends in Holland to the Peace Testimony from the days of Fox and Penn down to presence of Sir Edward Fry as head of the British delegation at the second Hague Conference in 1907.

Other items are a letter of gossip from two Yorkshire Friends to York M.M., 1690, about William Penn's alleged jesuitism (pp. 95-96); a note on Cadwalader Morgan, a seventeenth century protester in Philadelphia Y.M., against slavery by Thomas Drake.

Vol. xxiv., No. 1, Spring, 1935, is largely devoted to the life and work of the late Rayner W. Kelsey of Haverford College. After several appreciations there is an article from his pen about the *Early Books of Discipline of Philadelphia Y.M.*, written shortly before his death. The earliest of these "Papers of Discipline" was a printed broadside with six paragraphs, issued by the Yearly Meeting in 1689. This is reproduced in facsimile. More elaborate disciplines were compiled in MS. in 1704, 1719, 1762, there being no printed book till 1797. The widening horizon of the Society's sense of social responsibility through the period is noted.

A *Bibliography* of Rayner Kelsey's writings occupies seven and a half pages.

Luella Wright discusses the *Cultural Qualities in Early Quakerism* in a valuable article based largely upon a study of not less than eighty autobiographies. She deals with four outstanding characteristics: sincerity, humour, exclusiveness or "apartness", and the practice of meditation.

The Pennsylvania Magazine of History, lix. (1935), pp. 42-56, contains an account of Joseph Breintnall, a Philadelphia Friend who was a collaborator of Benjamin Franklin in some of his early journalistic efforts. He carried out optical experiments, made observations on the heat of the sun and reported to the Royal Society in London on the Aurora Borealis. He was first Secretary of the Philadelphia Literary Company, and a close correspondent of Peter Collinson the botanist. On pp. 74-90, "The German Press in Philadelphia" contains notes on the relationship of the early German Mennonite colonists to Quakerism. Pp. 420-29 contains a long inventory of the goods and chattels and notes on the estate of Jonathan Dickinson of Philadelphia, 1663-1722. J.D. was born in Jamaica and settled later in Philadelphia where he held many prominent public positions. His adventures and shipwreck on the way from Jamaica to Pennsylvania were printed in 1699 and several times reprinted both in America and in England.

Quakeriana Notes, No. 4, Spring 1935, informs us briefly of a number of MS. journals in Haverford College Library, of which the following have direct English connection: Samuel Emlen, a sojourn in England, 1817-18; William Jackson, a visit to Great Britain and Ireland, 1802-5; Henry Stanley Newman, a visit to American Indians, 1889; Elizabeth Wilkinson of Cumberland (1712-71), a visit to America, 1761-63; William Hunt (1733-72). The last named journal is largely the basis of *The Memoirs of William and Nathan Hunt* (Philadelphia and London, 1858). The writer was a kinsman and kindred spirit of John Woolman, a fine minister, fellow-labourer against slavery, and like him died of small pox during a visit to England.

In *Unitarian Historical Society Transactions*, vi., on p. 65 there is a note that in Part I of "Memoirs of Dissenting Churches", a MS. abridgement of the records of the Presbyterian Church in Stourbridge, there is a brief account of the Society of Friends in Stourbridge. The record was compiled in 1831.

Presbyterian Historical Society, Journal, v., No. 4 (1935), pp. 195-203: "Edmund Calamy (1671-1732) and the Camisards" deals

with the extravagant movement known as the French Prophets, which was initiated in England by certain Camisard refugees in 1707. It gathered a number of erratic and misguided members from Friends as well as other churches, and in a few instances they were allowed to use Friends' Meeting Houses. See *Jnl. F.H.S.* xxii., 1-9. Their temporary popularity caused some alarm and Calamy was consulted by the government. His advice to leave them entirely alone as the best way to limit the harm they might do was accepted and was a victory for toleration.

The Mennonite Quarterly Review, ix. (1935), No. 1, pp. 5-36, has two articles on "The Christian's Relation to the State in Time of War". These discuss briefly the history of Christian pacifism from the first followers of Christ onwards, and the alternative degrees of refusal open to the Christian in the modern State, concluding with a recommendation to the Mennonite Church in America to plan in advance a system of entirely civilian reconstructive service to be offered to the government as an alternative to military service in the event of war.

Baptist Quarterly, vii., No. 5, Jan. 1935, contains "Cromwell as Dictator", by A. J. D. Farrer. No. 7, July, has a note, p. 324, on Baptist disciplinary action affecting marriages which followed on the Southwark case described in *Journal F.H.S.*, xxxi., 71-6.

Congregational Historical Society Transactions, xii., Sept., 1935, pp. 272-82, contains an article on Henry Richard (1812-88) and Arbitration. In this movement he received the close co-operation especially of Joseph Sturge. Becoming secretary of the Peace Society in 1848, he shortly after initiated the series of international Peace Congresses.

Maryland Historical Magazine, xxx. (1935), No. 1, contains the autobiography of John Davis (1770-1864) of Philadelphia, whose second wife was Mary Whitelock, a Friend. On their marriage, about 1802, she was promptly disowned for marrying out of the Society in order to comply with the rules, being then re-instated and continuing a member the rest of her life.

The following exchanges are also gratefully acknowledged : *Wesley Historical Society Proceedings* ; *William and Mary College Quarterly* ; *Presbyterian Historical Society (U.S.A.) Journal*.

Genealogists will find a new aid in *The Genealogists' Reference Journal*, a quarterly published by Messrs. W. G. and A. Gushlow, Evington, Leicester. It contains lists of references from a large variety of authoritative sources arranged under personal, family and place names, and includes occasional Quaker references.