

Janet Whitney has just published in America the life of Elizabeth Fry upon which she has been engaged for some time past. This is the most considerable biography of Elizabeth Fry for many years. It is written in a racy style and is well illustrated. We look forward to an English edition shortly and the opportunity for a fuller notice.

To Henry J. Cadbury we are indebted for a photostat copy of Edward Wharton's *New England's Present Sufferings under Their Cruel Neighbours the Indians, Represented in two letters lately written from Boston to London*. London, 1675. Smith: *Catalogue, II*, 878. The copy was made from that in the John Carter Brown Library.

Elisabeth Rotten has written a short life of *Jane Addams*, (1860-1935), published at Zürich.

Walter J. Edwards has published a brief history, *Wandsworth Meeting House*, London, in which he traces its story from the rise of the meeting in the seventeenth century, until to-day.

Dorothea Gibb has re-issued parts of *The Complaint of Peace* under the title *Erasmus on War*. London, 1936, 28 pp.

Early Friends in Finance

THE BANK OF ENGLAND

The Charter of the Bank of England, 1694, contains provisos for affirmation by Quakers in the case of two of the many oaths prescribed by the charter. These are the oaths to be taken by those entitled to vote at the election of governor, deputy governor and directors, and at general courts of the company. All such voters had to be owners of at least £500 of the bank's capital stock. There were about six hundred such investors at the foundation of the bank. It is not at present known how many were Friends, but clearly some must have been.

Information kindly supplied by L. J. Cadbury and by the Librarian at the Guildhall Library, London.

SPECULATION

Westminster M.M., 1.xii.1720, passed the following minute:—
A Paper from the Quarterly Meet. Dated the 11th of the 11th mo. 1720 Adviseing friends to stand Clear of Stock Jobbing & Bubbling and have a Due Regard to truth in themselves whereby they may be preserved from such Evil & Vile Practices . . . was Read and Agreed to be Read Again att our Next . . .