

## Notes and Queries

### WHITTIER'S QUAKER AND THE BIRDS

CAN anyone identify the Friend mentioned by John Greenleaf Whittier in the following passage from his short paper on "Our Dumb Relations" [1886] (vol. 7, p. 243 of the "Riverside Edition" of *The Writings of John G. Whittier*, 7 vols. Macmillan, 1889)?

"How pleasant to think of the English Quaker, visited, wherever he went, by flocks of birds, who with cries of joy alighted on his broad-rimmed hat and his drab coat-sleeves." C. MARSHALL TAYLOR, 140 Cedar Street, New York 6, N.Y.

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### MEETING HOUSE ARCHITECTURE

IN Professor Nikolaus Pevsner's new Penguin Books series on *The buildings of England*, the first two numbers of which have appeared (dealing with the counties of Cornwall and Nottingham), Mansfield, Redruth, St. Austell, Truro and Come-to-Good meeting-houses are mentioned. There is an illustration of the exterior of Come-to-Good (1703), surely one of the most engaging of our places of worship, in name as well as in appearance.

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### EDWARD EAST THE CLOCKMAKER NOT A FRIEND

G. C. WILLIAMSON, in his book *Behind my Library Door*, stated that Edward East, a famous seventeenth century clockmaker, was a Friend. Williamson based his claim on the supposed identity of the clockmaker with

a Friend of the same name, but unknown occupation, buried in London in 1701, aged 84. Williamson's statement has been quoted in two subsequent works, *Quakerism and Industry before 1800*, by Isabel Grubb, and *Quakers in Science and Industry*, by Arthur Raistrick.

Mr. A. H. Lloyd in an article on the life and work of Edward East, in the *Horological Journal*, May and June 1950, proves the error of the supposition. He has found at Somerset House that the clockmaker's will was proved in Feb. 1696/7, and the Friend of this name was much too young to have held the office in the Clockmaker's Company which Edward East held in 1631. Mr. Lloyd has kindly placed in the Library at Friends House a copy of his article.

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### FRANDLEY MEETING HOUSE

*A Country Parish: Great Budworth in the County of Chester*; by A. W. Boyd (Collins, 1951, 21s. *The New Naturalist* 9), includes a colour photograph of the Friends' Meeting House at Frandley, a hamlet well over a mile away from the main village and the parish church. Friends gained an entry here in the early years, and retained their foothold in face of vigorous persecution by the local gentry. In the era of toleration we notice the Quaker names of John Gandy (1692), Edward Gandy (1695), Richard Gandy (1698) in the list of Overseers of the poor for Sevenoaks [Frandley] and Cogshall (in Great Budworth parish).

## JOHN HANBURY

*Annals of science*, Vol. 7, No. 1 (28th March, 1951, pp. 43-61) includes an article by F. W. Gibbs, Ph.D. on *John Hanbury (1664-1734)* (Major John Hanbury of Pontypool), third in a series of papers on the rise of the tinplate industry. In a concluding note the author mentions the Major's namesakes, including Quaker John Hanbury (1700-1758) the London tobacco merchant of the Panteg family, and a trustee of Major Hanbury's estate on his death, who welcomed Benjamin Franklin on his first visit to England.

## QUAKERISM IN HERTFORDSHIRE

ONE of the essays in *Relics of an Un-common Attorney* by Reginald L. Hine (Memoir by Richenda Scott; London, Dent, 1951. 18s.) gives an historical survey of Quakerism in Hertfordshire. There are many references in this volume to Friends of the county and outside, and the many

illustrations include facsimiles of John Roberts' prison letter to his wife dated "from my Strong House, Gloucester, 7.vii.1657" and of the Quaker marriage certificate of William Morris of Ampthill and Ann Marsh of Hitchin, 3.xii.1789.

## CENSORSHIP OF THE PRESS

THE October 1950 issue of *History* (N.S. Vol. 35, No. 125) includes an informative paper by J. Walker on *The Censorship of the Press during the reign of Charles II* which is well worth reading. We may not agree with all the author's views, and there are some misprints (e.g. *Sands Foundations Shaken*, for Penn's *Sandy Foundation* printed by John Darby), but the author has collected much information concerning the reasons for the Caroline repression and the internal politics of the printing and publishing trades which, fortunately, made the enforcement of a rigid censorship impossible.

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## Periodicals Exchanged

Receipt of the following periodicals is gratefully acknowledged :

- Bulletin of the Friends Historical Association* (Philadelphia).
- Wesley Historical Society, Proceedings.*
- Presbyterian Historical Society, Proceedings.*
- Presbyterian Historical Journal* (U.S.A.).
- Unitarian Historical Society, Transactions.*
- Mennonite Quarterly Review* (U.S.A.).
- Institute of Historical Research, Bulletin.*