

form of a battle-door, and the many different languages, all give this most unusual book a value outside its purely linguistic aim.

The tracts of the Commonwealth period are the outstanding group in the library, and among these are some rare anti-Quaker items. For instance, there is George Emmot's *Northern Blast, or the Spiritual Quaker Converted*, issued at York in 1655 (no. 1, iv). This does not appear in Joseph Smith's *Catalogue*. There is a volume of Isaac Penington's pre-Quaker publications, dating from 1648 (no. 56). At the end of James Nayler's *Milk for Babes, and Meat for Strong Men* (1661, no. 19, x) there is a leaf with one of the early printings of his "dying saying" commencing "There is a spirit . . ." Apart from the bound pamphlets there is a remarkable run of Barclay's *Apology*, commencing with the Latin edition of 1676, continuing with more than a dozen English editions, from the first, 1678, until 1841, and including the Baskerville 1765 edition with the errata.

This collection, the fruit of James Midgley's work and the generosity of his family in the middle of last century, contains much valuable material. It can provide much of the printed work required by the student of early Quaker history, and it is hoped that its new home will see the library increasingly used in research.¹

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Periodicals Exchanged

Receipt of the following periodicals is gratefully acknowledged:

Bulletin of the Friends Historical Association (Philadelphia).

Institute of Historical Research, *Bulletin*.

Mennonite Quarterly Review (U.S.A.).

Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography.

Presbyterian Historical Society, *Proceedings*.

Unitarian Historical Society, *Transactions*.

Wesley Historical Society, *Proceedings*.

William and Mary Quarterly

¹ See the note in *Bulletin of the John Rylands Library, Manchester*, vol. 37, no. 2, p. 361 (March 1955).