

to the negroes of the Gambia. After consideration in two sessions, that meeting did "not see its way clear at present to proceed",<sup>1</sup> and the later and better known mission of Hannah Kilham, Richard Smith, Ann and John Thompson, was privately sponsored by the indefatigable committee, just as, nearly fifty years later, Joseph Sewell's mission in Madagascar was sponsored by the F.F.M.A. But William Singleton had paved their way. L. HUGH DONCASTER

<sup>1</sup> H. T. Hodgkin, *Friends Beyond Seas*, 1916, prints the minutes of Meeting for Sufferings on pp. 24-5.

## Notes and Queries

**BRIGG MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES**  
The National Register of Archives (Yorkshire, West Riding) list of the Brigg MSS. in the custody of the Librarian, Public Library, Keighley, enumerates four marriage certificates. They are as follows:

514. 28 Dec. 1690 Certificate of marriage of Jeremy Brigg of Calversykehill and Elizabeth Davy, daughter of William Davy of Whitleyhead, Quakers, held in the house of Richard Shackleton in Harding, parish of Bingley. 28 witnesses. Paper. (Jj.22)
515. 9 Jun. 1706 Certificate of marriage of John Ramsden, son of John Ramsden of Braithwaite and Agnes Hird, daughter of John Hird of Braithwaite, Quakers, held in the house of John Hird. 36 witnesses. Parchment. (Jj.23)
516. 4 Jun. 1732 Certificate of marriage of Thomas Brigg, son of Jeremiah Brigg of Laycock and Judith Hardcastle, daughter of Thomas Hardcastle of Hardcastle Garth, Hartwith in Kirkby Malzeard, Quakers, held at Daker Pasture in Daker cum

Burley, Ripon. 27 witnesses. Parchment. (Jj.24)

517. Certificate of marriage of Josua Brigg, son of Thomas Brigg of Calversykehill, with Isabel Dryver, daughter of John Dryver of Wheatley within the Monastery of Sawley, yeoman, Quakers, held at Newby in Gisburn. 28 witnesses. Parchment. (Jj.25)

Among the other family papers are:

522. Abstracts of Keighley parish registers and Quaker registry for the name Brigg. (40)
533. Collections . . . lists of baptisms and burials, extracts from the Quaker Parish Register [!]. (66)
535. Collections relating to Keighley Quakers:  
Copy register, 1654-1845:  
Notes on the Stanbury Quaker Burial ground:  
List of burials at the Bradley Quaker Burial ground. (40)
536. Collections as above:  
Copy accounts of collections taken at Quaker Meetings at Keighley, 1717-1726:  
Copy Orders 1689, 1717-1726;  
Copy Minutes 1697-1718. (40)

Among the deeds of the Calversikehill, Keighley, property are five (Nos. 105-9) dated between 1690 and 1823, relating to a piece of land (29 yards x 10 yards), part of the Ing at Calversikehill; later becoming the "Sepulchre" a Quaker burial ground for the Brigg family. Main parties: John Hird, Thomas Brigg, Jeremy Brigg, David Brigg, Thomas Brigg. (Qq 1-8).

The original register of burials in this ground was given to the Library at Friends House in 1953 by members of the Brigg family. It contains entries from 1654 until the present century, mainly relating to the Brigg family.

#### UNPROFITABLE MEETING, c. 1791

The foreigner "dropping in on" a Friends' meeting would often not know what to expect and would not appreciate the nature of what was happening in the assembly he entered. Jacques Henri Meister, in his anonymously published *Souvenirs d'un voyage en Angleterre* (Paris, 1791), tells how one Sunday he went round sampling various denominations worshipping in London. He commenced at the Spanish ambassador's chapel, went on to the

Methodists, then to the Quakers, and ended his journey in an Anglican church. His half-hour with the Quakers disappointed him; the silence was broken only once by one brief speaker. Meister relates (pp. 84-85):

"Je restai près demi-heure ensuite dans une assemblée de Quakers, attendant en silence l'inspiration de l'Esprit-saint, qui, ce jour là, trouva bon de n'employer que des instrumens très-indociles, car le seul fidele qui s'avisa d'élever la voix ne fit que bégayer trois ou quatre phrases très-insignifiantes."

Compare the note in *Journal F.H.S.*, xlv.99.

#### WHITTIER COLLECTION

*College and Research Libraries* (Sept. 1958) reports:

Swarthmore College's Friends Historical Library has been bequeathed a major collection of books and manuscripts written by the Quaker poet and abolitionist John Greenleaf Whittier. Included are some 600 first editions, variants and periodical printings and approximately the same number of letters and manuscript poems. The bequest was made by the late C. Marshall Taylor of Montclair, N.J.

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*The Baptist Quarterly*, vol. 17, no. 7 (July 1958) includes an address delivered by Professor E. G. Rupp to mark the jubilee of the Baptist Historical Society entitled "The importance of denominational history". Professor Rupp points out that the Cambridge University Library does not take the *Mennonite Quarterly* but does take *Men Only*. This tribute to the standing of one of our copyright libraries is not the main interest, of course.

*The William and Mary Quarterly*, 3rd series, vol. 15, no. 3 (July 1958) includes an article by Philip S. Haffenden of the University of Aberdeen on "The Crown and the Colonial Charters, 1675-1688" in which he sees the king's personal wish as the chief reason for the grant of the Pennsylvania charter to William Penn at a period

when government policy in London was almost constantly aiming at centralizing colonial administration. Many of the difficulties which Penn experienced in securing his proprietary right and retaining it through changes of government are attributed to centralization.

There will be a notice of Vol. 47 of *The Bulletin of Friends Historical Association* in our next issue.

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Friends and Charitable Briefs (*continued from p. 279*)

3 & 17.ix.1712. Battle Bridge, Southwark. Fire, loss of £12,254. Collection £1 9s. 1¼d.

Ditto. Richard Salter of Coleman Street, London. Fire, loss of £1720. Collection 10s. 1d.

10 & 24.vi.1713. William Adams of Heathill in Sheriffhales, Staffs. Fire, loss of £1108.

Ditto. (Also) Witteridge, Devon and Chilton, Berks. Fire, loss of £1116. Collection (for the two) £1 8s. 1d.

28.x.1713. Rugeley, Staffs. Fire, loss of £1691.

Ditto. St. Mary Church, Devon. Fire, loss of £1,392.

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