

light on the continued existence of the old "traditional Quakerism" during the Evangelical period of last century (even though, in this case, the writer does not seem to have continued in membership), and illustrate rebellion against guarded education.

The Friends' Meeting House

The Friends' Meeting House: an historical survey of the places of worship of the Society of Friends (Quakers), from the days of their founder George Fox, in the 17th century, to the present day. By Hubert Lidbetter, F.R.I.B.A., pp. xvi, 84; 72 plates, 47 plans and elevations. York, William Sessions Limited. 1961. 35s.

"This is not a book written particularly for Friends or Architects, but it is hoped that it may be of interest to all who are either architecturally or friendly inclined—or both, or even to those who are neither. It is merely a record of what Sir John Summerson has called 'buildings of endearing simplicity.' "

Hubert Lidbetter, having disarmed criticism by this opening paragraph, proceeds to give us what is the best of all books, one written by an expert who not only knows but loves his subject. The illustrations, both photographs and plans, are delightful in themselves, and are admirably designed to bring out the points made. This is a book to be turned to again and again, for information and pleasure.

In this *Journal*, perhaps we may be forgiven for pointing out two historical errors. Hubert Lidbetter refers (p. 6) to "the meeting in the Gracechurch Street Tavern at 'The Bull and Mouth,' " but this is a confusion between two London meeting houses. The Gracechurch Street Meeting House was built on the *site* of the White Hart Inn, which had been destroyed in the Great Fire. The 'Bull and Mouth' was in Aldersgate, and was originally part of a large house of which the other part had been made into an inn.

Similarly, on page 37, it is not correct to say that the first *Westminster* Meeting House was at 12 St. Martin's Lane, opposite the present meeting house. Meetings had previously been held at other places in Westminster, particularly at the "Little Almonry", near the Abbey.

(These particulars have been kindly supplied by George W. Edwards.)