

Notes and Queries

PENN'S GREAT CASE

A bibliographical note by Olive C. Goodbody and M. Pollard in *The Library: Transactions of the Bibliographical Society*, 5th series, vol. 16, no. 2, June 1961, pp. 146-149, discusses the printing of the first edition of William Penn's *Great Case of Liberty of Conscience*, 1670, and traces the history of ornamental initials used in the work.

DANIEL DEFOE

Daniel Defoe, Citizen of the Modern World, by John Robert Moore (University of Chicago Press, 1958), includes some account of William Penn's attempt to intervene for Defoe (then in prison for publishing *The Shortest Way with the Dissenters*, satirizing the High Church party) with members of the government in the summer of 1703.

ABRAHAM DARBY

"Abraham Darby (I and II) and the Coal-Iron Industry" is the title of an article by R. A. Mott, D.Sc., in the *Transactions of the Newcomen Society*, vol. 31 (1961), pp. 49-93, which throws new light on the technical developments associated with the Darbys and the Coalbrookdale works. It seems probable that the Michael Harford mentioned on p. 61 was son of Margaret Harford (widow of John Harford, of Cork) and no connection with Charles Harford's family.

A second article by the same author (pp. 271-81) deals with "The Coalbrookdale Group Horsehay Works."

SCHISM BILL, 1714

"A question if the Quakers should be heard by their counsel against the Bill carried in the negative by six" (June 4th, 1714). The above extract comes from the papers of Sir Edward Knatchbull, baronet, M.P. for Kent, covering proceedings in the House of Commons, March-June, 1714, printed by A. N. Newman in the *Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research*, vol. 34 (no. 90, November, 1961), p. 216.

THE BACKHOUSE MAP, 1773

An article on "Two eighteenth-century maps" by John Philipson in *Archæologia Aeliana* (Publications of the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne), 4th series, xxxix, p. 345-53, deals in part with John Backhouse's map of the northern quarterly meetings, particularly noting the relationship between the silk handkerchief printed map in the care of Newcastle Meeting and the map printed on paper. A portion of the printed map at Friends House is reproduced.

JAMES CROPPER

"James Cropper (1773-1840) and agricultural improvement in the early nineteenth century," a paper by Kenneth Charlton read to the Widnes Historical Society, 14th October, 1960, is printed in the *Transactions of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire*, for 1960, vol. 112, pp. 65-78, and includes notice of his interest in the foundation of Penketh school (1834) with its agricultural bias.