

Tangye MSS.

A SMALL collection of Quaker MSS. of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries was purchased for the Quaker Collection at Haverford College in 1963. There are about fifty items, professionally mounted in an album, and numbered in pencil not quite continuously from 2 to 63. The album was once owned by Sir Richard Tangye (1833-1906) then of Coombe Ridge, Kingston Hall, Surrey, for whom see *The Friend* (London) 26 October, 1906, *D.N.B.* Second Supplement, and the autobiography entitled *One and All* and, in a later edition, *The Rise of a Great Industry*. He came from a Quaker family in Cornwall but was himself not a member of the Society. Beside his notable achievements as an engineer he was something of an antiquary, especially as a collector of Cromwelliana. The existence of this collection of MSS. was known to Friends but it was lost sight of.

Nearly all the papers have Yorkshire connections. The largest single group pertains to the early stages of the controversy which later resulted in a separation, because York Quarterly Meeting absolutely forbade remarriage within a year after the death of a spouse. See W. C. Braithwaite, *The Second Period of Quakerism*, 1919, 1961, pp. 475-478. These MSS. include epistles of York Quarterly Meeting (14, 16, 20, 31) of Carleton Monthly Meeting in Coverdale (12, 15) and letters from or to John Blaykling of Draw-well (5, 17, 25, 29, 43), Richard Robinson of Countersett (Counterside) (5, 27, 44, of which the last two are originals with the seals intact) and Philip Swale of Hartforth near Richmond (17, 27, 28, 29, 43, 44) who has copied both his own letters and some of the other pieces in his own hand and is presumably responsible for this part of the collection. He was a lawyer and is known to have copied and collected other Quaker documents, the Swale MSS. (see *J.F.H.S.* v. 1908, pp. 4, 8). There are several letters of George Fox on this and more general subjects. But only that to John Blaykling, London 20th of 8mo. 1683 (40) is not otherwise known. See *Annual Catalogue of George Fox's Papers* 19, 94G. It is in the handwriting of Mark Swanner.

These papers belong in 1683 or a little earlier. Still earlier in authorship are two copies of thirteen questions "to you that

affirm the Scriptures is the way to bring man to know God" (2, 3) by George Fox, Junior, who died in 1661, and a letter from Thomas Salthouse at Plymouth in 1660 to Friends in the North (8). There is a general epistle, 15 day of 1st month 1682 from Robert Sandilands (38). There are two undated statements against tithes from groups of parishioners of Downham and Boulton-upon-Swale (34, 35) in Yorkshire. The numerous signatures I have not identified as all actually Friends of the period but I suspect these were the local results of an appeal like that which Friends made in the spring of 1659 for signers to a petition to Parliament against tithes. I do not remember seeing other papers of the sort, though many must have existed. There were more than 15,000 men including non-Friends, who responded. In a parallel petition from over 7,000 women the names were printed. See Smith *Catalogue of Friends' Books*, ii, 160 and Braithwaite, *The Beginnings of Quakerism*, 1912, 1955, p. 458.

From early in the eighteenth century there is a letter from Theodore Eccleston to John Cox, the leader of the Quaker secession in Yorkshire, in reply to a confused letter of Cox in which the latter had offered to lend some papers of Rice Jones (30). It was many years since this ex-Friend was mentioned in Quaker records. Copies of the addresses to the sovereign by Friends and the reply on two occasions are given (45, 61) in 1710 and 1714. Cf. J. J. Green, *Souvenir of the Address to King Edward VII*, 1901, pp. 42 and 43. There are some family records of Henry Jackson (1680-1727) written on the back of a frontispiece to a Bible (50). There are also sundry papers connected with York Quarterly Meeting, London Yearly Meeting and various local Yorkshire meetings of Friends but none later than 1770 (48).

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