

Notes and Queries

ACKWORTH SCHOOL

Then and now: Ackworth School bicentenary exhibition, 1979, is a comprehensive catalogue of some 80 pages of the exhibition from the School archives covering the various activities of the institution over the last couple of centuries. Special sections cover the work of the Flounders Institute, Ackworth Old Scholars' Association, and notable Fothergilliana.

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West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council County Record Office report, 1974-79 states that:

Since 1977 the County Council has an agreement with Ackworth School for the County Record Office to help with the care and use of the collection of records at the school. The Record Office has helped the school to plan and mount a large exhibition of their records as part of the school's bicentenary celebrations. The Record Office has also prepared for the school a detailed catalogue of this exhibition designed to provide a permanent record relating to many aspects of the life of the school.

PRO-BOERS

Arthur Davey's *The British Pro-Boers, 1877-1902* (Cape Town, Tafelberg, 1978) has a section on the Society of Friends in the Boer War. The Society stood out among organised churches as the one body consistently condemning the South African War. Mention is made of Emily Hobhouse, F. W. Fox and Joshua Rowntree, and of Friends' relief

work in the concentration camps and where hostilities were taking place. The author notes that relief committees moved cautiously so as not to spark off obstruction to their work in official quarters.

CHARD FRIENDS

"Quakers in Chard", by W. M. Wigfield (*Somerset archaeology and natural history*, vol. 122, 1978, pp. 113-116) gives a brief documented account of Friends in the town from the time of Thomas Salthouse—"a dangerous, idle and wandering person"—in the 1650s, to the present.

COALBROOKDALE

"The Friends' Meeting House in Coalbrookdale formerly stood in Darby Road, and was built in 1789. It has been demolished, but a small burial-ground to the rear of the site survives." (W. Grant Muter, *The buildings of an industrial community—Coalbrookdale and Iron Bridge*, Phillimore, 1979, p. 14).

The volume includes plans and illustrations of the Coalbrookdale Company's housing provision for workers.

DIARIES

British Manuscript Diaries of the Nineteenth Century, an annotated Listing, by John Stuart Batts (Totowa, New Jersey, 1976) covers unpublished material and has twenty-nine index references to Friends. Thirteen of these items are at Friends House. In addition there are Backhouse, Fry, Gurney, Pease and Seebohm diaries which might conceivably

contain material of interest to Friends even if their writers were not strictly Friends. The diaries of three members of the Ashworth family used by Rhodes Boyson in his *The Ashworth Cotton Enterprise* escape the listing.

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ESSEX

The liberty of Havering-atte-Bower, and Chafford Hundred are covered in vol. 7 of the *Victoria History: Essex* (Oxford University Press, 1978), edited by W. R. Powell.

Friends are noticed at Hornchurch, and Upminster (a short-lived meeting on the initiative of Harry Frizzell, 1913). Information from Barking M. M. minutes at Friends House Library concerns Friends in Romford, including William and Sarah Mead of Gooshayes at Harold Hill.

LABOUR BIOGRAPHY

Dictionary of Labour biography, vol. 5, edited by Joyce M. Bellamy & John Saville (Macmillan, 1979, £20).

This volume includes biographies (and passing notices) of left-wing and pacifist sympathisers of the 20th century, including, Harrison Barrow (1868–1953) and Joseph Edward Southall (1861–1944).

LEWES FRIENDS

An article based on many Quaker documents in the East Sussex Record Office appears in *Sussex archaeological collections*, vol. 116, 1978, pp. 31–40: "Lewes Quakers in the seventeenth and

eighteenth centuries", by W. K. Rector.

YORKSHIRE ARCHITECTS

Derek Linstrum's *West Yorkshire—architects and architecture* (Lund Humphries, 1978) mentions Ackworth, Gildersome, Leeds, Rawdon, Brighouse, High Flatts and Wooldale meeting houses. The volume also pays attention to the architectural work of Edward Birchall (1838–1903)—including Carlton Hill, Leeds—and to that of William Henry Thorp (1852–1944).

YORKSHIRE FRIENDS

Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting 1665–1966, by W. Pearson Thistlethwaite (Published by the Author, 2 Russett Holt View, Harrogate, HG2 9AF, £7.50).

This substantial volume contains 14 chapters based on the author's study of the records at York Friends' Meeting House. The narrative is supplemented in 18 biographical and other Appendices, which include:—Meetings in 1665 and 1669; Visitors to Q. M. since 1823 (about 210 names, including 76 from America); "New Meeting Houses" in Yorkshire, 1647 to 1966 (143); "Ministers Deceased", 1687–1956 (440 names). The Index contains about 1300 personal names and about 2000 other items.

BERNARD BARTON

In *The Private Library* Third Series Volume 2:3, Autumn 1979, Denis Thomas writes about Bernard Barton and his friends (pp. 101–112). There are six illustrations. D. J. H.