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Our Quotation—3

“The true Church does not say: ‘What may I have the pleasure of showing you,’ but ‘This has my Lord given me for you.’”

A. NEAVE BRAYSHAW, in *Friends' Quarterly Examiner*,
1919, p. 393.

Notices Relating to Friends in “The Gentleman's Magazine” 1787 to 1789

For extracts from the years 1731 to 1786, see volumes xiii. and xv.
The Extracts are given as printed and, in some cases, checked by the
Friends' Registers.

1787

DIED, 22 February, “At Bath, Mr. Edmund Rack, one of the people called Quakers, secretary to the agricultural society at Bath, and one of the original promoters of that establishment. He was engaged with the Rev. John Collinson, F.A.S., in a History of the County of Somerset, of which some few sheets are printed. The publick has much to expect from this History, if its merit is to be in any degree proportioned to the

number of subscribers, which exceeds five hundred" (Part I., p. 276).

DIED, 3 March, "At Hertford, aged near 70 [73], of a confirmed dropsy, Mr. Benj. Bartlet, F.R.S., one of the people called Quakers, formerly an eminent apothecary at Bradford, co York, in which he succeeded his father [Benjamin Bartlett, a Quaker Minister], who had had for his apprentice the afterwards celebrated Dr. Fothergill. The Doctor introduced his son to London, who, on his health declining, resigned his business to a partner, Mr. French, in Red Lion-street. His knowledge of the ancient coinage of this Kingdom was equal to the valuable collections he had formed in its several departments, from the Saxon to the present time, besides variety of curious seals, celts, and other antique articles; which by the fatality so common to the collectors of the present time, are advertised for Mr. Gerrard's hammer. All that he ever published was a memoir "On the Episcopal Coins of Durham, and the Monastic Coins of Reading, minted during the Reigns of Edward I, II and III, appropriated to their respective Owners." *Archæologia*, vol. v. p. 335. He was buried at his estate [at Hartshill] near Manceter, in Warwicksh[ire] (Part I., p. 276).

MARRIED, 8 June, "At the Quakers' Meeting-house at Thorne, Yorkshire, Mr. James Backhouse, jun. banker in Darlington, to Miss Mary Dearman, eldest dau. of Mrs. Nathaniel D[earman], of Thorne" (Part I., p. 547).

MEDICAL SOCIETY AND DR. FOTHERGILL.

Gold Medal called the Fothergillian Medal, on the anniversary of Dr. Fothergill's birthday, value Ten guineas, was adjudged to Dr. William Falconer of Bath (Part I., p. 270).

MARRIED, 25 [11] July, "At the Quakers' Meeting-house in Coventry, Mr. Henry Beesley Wilkins, of Henley-upon-Thames, to Miss A[nn] Gulson, of Coventry" (Part II., p. 639).

QUAKERS' YEARLY MEETING EPISTLE signed by Joseph Storrs (4 columns, Part II., pp. 721-722).

DIED, 17 August, "At Helmsley, co. York, Mr. Dan[iel] Snowden of Yarum, many years an eminent Quaker speaker" (Part II., p. 746).

MARRIED, "Tho. Wathen, esq; banker of London, to Mrs. Strettel, of Croydon, Surrey" (Part II., p. 836).

MARRIED, 31 [30] Aug. "At the Quakers' Meeting house, Tottenham, Mr. W^m. Squire, maltster, of Hertford, to Miss Eliz: Hooper, daughter of Mr. H[oopers], surgeon, in Tooley Street. The speakers on this occasion were [Special] West, of Hertford, and Special Vyse of Northaw; and an excellent prayer was pronounced by Mrs. Bevington, of Grace-church-street" (Part II., p. 836).

DIED, "Of a paralytic stroke, Mr. Wrightson, an eminent tinman, and one of the people called Quakers" (Part II., p. 837).

1788

DIED, 21 [9] January, "At Hinckley, co. Leicester, Mr. Stevenson, a Quaker [non-member]" (Part I., p. 178).

DIED, 8 [9] February, "Mr. Daniel Mildred, banker, of White-hart-court, Gracechurch-street" (Part I., p. 182).

DIED [27 Feb.] "Aged 93, Mrs. [Margaret] Hadwen, of Yealand near Lancaster [widow of Thomas Hadwen], one of the people called Quakers. She was born, resided her whole life, and died in the same house" (Part I., p. 271).

DIED, 20 [23] February, "Suddenly, in her chair, after eating a hearty dinner, on the road to Hinckley from Doncaster (where she had been to settle some particulars about her little jointure), Mrs. Stevenson, a Quaker [non-member], relict of Mr. S. whose death is recorded in p. 178. She has left a son John, deeply versed in the lore of judicial astrology, which was so fashionable towards the end of last century" (Part I., p. 273).

DIED, 29 February, "In Red Lion Passage, Fleet-street, in her 33d year, Mrs. Martha Nichols [second] wife to the Printer of this Magazine" (half a column, interesting a/c) (Part I., p. 274).

DIED, 17 [9] April, "In child-bed, aged only 19, Mrs. [Walker] Gray [Frances Holden Gray], wife of Mr. G. and eldest daughter of the late Mr. Jeremiah Harman" (Part I., p. 372).

ORIGINAL LETTER FROM DR. RUSH OF PHILADELPHIA, 2 columns (Part I., p. 546).

QUAKERS YEARLY MEETING EPISTLE, signed by William Jepson (over two columns) (Part I., pp. 547-8).

QUAKERS AND SLAVE-TRADE (Part I., pp. 212, 311).

MARRIED, 17 June, " Mr. Sam[uel] Hoare [jr.], banker, Lombard-street, to Miss [Harriet] Sterry, of Hatton Garden " (Part II., p. 657).

DIED, " Mr. Tho[mas] White, one of the people called Quakers, son of Mr. Timothy W[hite], schoolmaster of York, and brother to Dr. W[hite] of the same place. He has left a disconsolate widow and three children " (Part II., p. 659).

MARRIED, 13 August, " At the Quakers' Meeting-house at Wandsworth, Mr. Sam[uel] West [jr.], of Great St. Helens, to Miss Tuffin, of Wandsworth-hill " (Part II., p. 750).

MARRIED, 17 September, " At Stourbridge, co. Worcester, Mr. W^m. Bevington, a reputable tradesman [watchmaker] there, and of the people called Quakers, to Miss Susannah Matthews, of Hagley in the same county, a convert to that persuasion " (Part II., p. 836).

DIED, [25Sep.] " At Wandsworth, Mr. Jn[o] Dearman, merchant, and one of the people called Quakers " (Part II., p. 933).

DIED, 18 October, " At Lewisham, Kent, aged 57, where he had just built a new house, Mr. Gabriel Gregory, one of the people called Quakers " (Part II., p. 938).

DIED, 20 October, " At Bugden, co. Huntingd[on], Mr. [Benjamin Newton]. Bartlet, son of Mr. B[artlett] formerly an apothecary in Lamb's Conduit-street. It appears, on view of the body, by an inquisition taken at the George Inn, before Mr. Stephenson, one of the coroners for the county, that this unfortunate gentleman left his house in Hertfordshire on Sunday morning the 19th, in a post chaise with a servant, and was to sleep at the above inn in his way to Derbyshire, where he was going to visit a relation." The account goes on to show that B. N. Bartlett was unhappily an inebriate, and falling on the floor close to a large fire was almost roasted to death, and died in agony in five hours time (Part II., p. 939).

DIED, 21 October, " Aged 65, Mr. John Bland, an eminent banker in Lombard street, partner with

Barnet, Hoare and Hill, and one of the people called Quakers. His death was attended with circumstances very extraordinary. In the early part of the evening he had been transacting parish-business at the Jamaica Coffee-house; and about ten o'clock, he went to his club, who meet every Tuesday evening at the George, in George-yard, Lombard-street. After some conversation, he took up his pipe, but had no sooner lighted it, than he fell down, and instantly expired. He was in good health, perfectly free from any apparent ailment, and ate his supper, and was in as good spirits as usual. One of the company, seeing him fall, ran to him, and attempted to raise him, but he was dead.—He has left a widow and one daughter, heiress to his ample fortune. Society in general have lost, by his death, an useful, active member; and several charitable institutions in the capital, a generous patron and benefactor" (Part II., p. 939).

BIRTH, 22 October, "Lady of R. Penn, Esq., M.P. for Appleby, a daughter" (Part II., p. 1026).

DIED, 20 October, "At Chatham, aged 77, Mr. Edward Fry, linen-draper there" (Part II., p. 1028).

DIED, 4 [1] November, "At Stepney-causeway, in her 74th year, Mrs. Deborah Godfrey, widow of Benj: [Samuel] G[odfrey] late of Harris's court, Ratcliffe, ship-builder, and one of the people called Quakers.—They had lawful issue upwards of twenty children, only three of whom lived to years of maturity. They were a very happy couple till it pleased Providence, by a sudden stroke, in his 72nd year, to deprive him of his speech and the use of one side, which he survived in a lingering state about seven years; and she, surviving him between three and four years, died affected in nearly the same manner." Other particulars not to the credit of B.G. (Part II., p. 1032).

DIED, 17 December, "In her 55th year, Lydia Hawksworth, one of the people called Quakers, relict of much the lamented Abraham Richard H[awkesworth] of Bristol, whom she survived 20 years. She was the fourth daughter of Sam[uel] Waring, esq. of Alton, Hants; at which place her remains were interred. If an exemplary discharge of religious duties, and a life of self-denial amidst an affluent fortune, in order to supply

more liberally the wants of others ; if alms-deeds, unproclaimed by the trumpet of ostentation ; and if a mind divinely supported through the decay of nature, are peculiarly the marks of a sincere Christian, she had a fair claim to that best of characters. As she has left no child, her property is bequeathed to the numerous branches of her own family ” (Part II., p. 1131).

DIED, 14 [15] December, “ At the Spa at Hinckley, co. Leicester, Mr. Christopher Stevenson, one of the people called Quakers, proprietors of the Spa commonly called ‘ Christopher’s Spa. ’ He went to bed in his usual state of health, and in the morning he was found dead [See the plan of the town in the History of that place or p. 62 of that work] ” (Part II., p. 1182).

1789

DIED, 29 [7] November, [1788], “ Aged 64, Mr. Sam[uel] Clark, one of the people called Quakers, formerly partner with the late Mr. Wm. Richardson, printer in Fleet street, and a most amiable man ; in temper he was cheerful and serene ; in manners, mild and unassuming, his benevolence was boundless ; and his integrity, under the guidance of a sound and enlarged understanding, justified the often-quoted assertion of Pope, ‘ An honest man’s the noblest work of God ’ ” (Part I., p. 178).

DIED, 4 February, “ Aged 73, Mr. John Rickman, of Lewes, one of the people called Quakers ” (Part I., p. 183).

DIED, 8 March, “ In the Old Jewry, aged 35, Mr. Ralph Thresher, surgeon and apothecary, in Foregate str[ee]t, Worcester ” (Part I., p. 280).

MARRIED, 16 April, “ Mr. Dan[iel] Bell, of Golden-lane, to Miss Eleanor Turner, 2d daughter of John T[urner] Esq.” (Part I., p. 371).

MARRIED, 1 April, “ At Cullompton, co. Devon, S[amuel Lloyd] Harford, esq. of Bristol, to Miss [Elizabeth] Sanders, daughter of Jos[eph] S[anders] esq. of Exeter, banker ” (Part I., p. 371).

DIED, 20 March, “ Mr. Abraham Darby, of Madely, one of the people called Quakers, and a proprietor of the Coalbrook Dale Company ” (Part I., p. 373).

DIED, 24 April, “ Mr. John Harman, jun., son of

J[oh]n H[arman] esq., of Frederick-place, Old Jewry " (Part I., p. 378).

MARRIED, 13 May, " At the Quaker's Meeting-house, Melksham, Mr. Thomas Brown of Cirencester, to Miss Lucretia Jeffreys, of Melksham " (Part I., p. 466.)

DIED, 1 June, " Aged 67, after a short but severe illness, which he bore with serenity and resignation, Mr. Edward Gulson, of Coventry (formerly an apothecary at Leicester), one of the people called Quakers, and universally esteemed and regretted by that society " (Part I., p. 576).

DIED, 4 July, " At Carlow, Ireland, Mr. Jonathan Carleton, one of the people called Quakers. His wife, with whom he had lived upwards of 40 years in the utmost conjugal felicity, died the preceding day. It had been their mutual and frequent wish that one should not survive the other " (Part II., p. 672).

BIRTH, 17 May, " The Lady of the Rev. George Henry Glasse, rector of Hanwell, Middlesex, a son " (Part II., p. 761).

MARRIED, 13 August, " At the Quakers Meeting-house in Devonshire-sq[uare], Mr. Stephen Couchman, of Throgmorton str[ee]t to Miss Eliz : Marfleet " (Part II., p. 762).

MARRIED, 19 August, " At the Quakers Meeting-house in White-hart-court, Gracechurch-street, Osgood Hanbury, esq., banker, in Lombard-street, to Miss Susannah Willet Barclay, daughter of the late John B[arclay], esq., of Tower-street " (Part II., p. 762).

DIED, 20 July, " At Haverford west, co. Pembroke, Mr. Tho. Stokes, merchant, one of the people called Quakers " (Part II., p. 763).

MARRIED, 27 August, " At the Quakers Meeting-house at Edgend, Mr. Wm. Smith, of Doncaster, grocer, to Miss Martha Ecroyd, of Bridgend, Lanc[ashire] " (Part II., p. 859).

MARRIED, 23 October, " Mr. Tho[mas] Hemming, of Bury, Suffolk, to Mrs. Mary Rabnatt, of Hackney " (Part II., p. 954).

MARRIED, 5 November, " Mr. Edw. Pyott Westlake, merchant, of Winchester, to Miss Colson, of Hackney " (Part II., p. 1051).

DIED, " At Stockton, in an advanced age, Mrs. Mary Blackrock, one of the people called Quakers, and a speaker in that fraternity " (Part I., p. 1056).¹

DIED, 9 November, " At Stanaway Hall, Essex, Mr. George Dehorne, late an eminent mercer in London " (Part II., p. 1057).

DIED, 6 November, " At York, in her 50th year, Mrs. Anne Awmack, a preacher among the people called Quakers ; whose exemplary life endeared her to her fellow professors, as well as to all who had the benefit of her acquaintance " (Part II., p. 1056).

MARRIED, 16 December, " At the Quakers' Meeting-house at Penkith, Mr. Jos[eph] Atkinson, hat-manufacturer of Manchester, to Miss Eliz[abeth] Gibson, of Bell-Vale " (Part II., p. 1147).

DIED, 12 [9] November, " At High Wykham, Mrs. Eliz. Zachary, relict of Dan[iel] [Zachary], esq., of London " (Part II. p. 1148).

DIED, 15 Deecmber, " Mrs. Leaver, wife of Mr. John L[eaver] of Nottingham, many years a preacher among the people called Quakers " (Part II., p. 1211).

MARRIED, 24 October, " At Hackney, Alex[ander] Forbes, esq. of America-sq[uare] to Mrs. Fountain, of Threadneedle-str[eet] " (Part II., 1051).

George Keith. Curious document of George Keith's last days at Edberton, co. Sussex (two columns) (Part II., p. 780), died 27 Jan. 1716.

Godwyn Lodge,
Hastings.

JOSEPH J. GREEN.

¹ This should be Margaret Blacklock. She died 18 x. 1789, aged 79, of Stockton, widow of Thomas ; she was a Minister about thirty years.

9 xi. 1687, Deare ffriends. These are to satisfie you that whereas I have formerly requested of some persons that were not friends to be my wife, but through the mercy of God I have been made sensible that such practices were Inconsistent with the practice of friends in Truth, & contrary to the mind and will of God, & doe therefore condemn such practices & myselfe so far as I was concerned in.

RICHARDE BROWNE

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JOHN WILBUR, OF NEW ENGLAND
(1774-1856)

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Drawn by Henry Jacob, of Clonmel, born 1835, son of Henry and Lucy (Bewley) Jacob. He lived in India and Africa, and in U.S.A., where he died in 1905.

According to his *Journal*, Wilbur was at Clonmel, 19 to 22 Jan., 1854, aged 79½. Probably the sketch was made at this time.

Glimpses of Family Life in 1832

AMONG papers once in the possession of the Hargreaves family of Yorkshire and Cheshire is a manuscript giving an account of visits in 1832 to Friends in the north, south and east, in company with John Wilbur, of U.S.A. There is no name to it but it is clear from the *Journal of John Wilbur*, 1859, p. 149, that Ralph Neild was Wilbur's companion on his journey.

Ralph Neild (1788-1849) was a son of Joseph Neild of Hough. He married Mary Harper, of Frandley, in 1808, when he was of "Tabley, Cheshire, husbandman." His wife died in 1822, aged 32.

The knowledge of the outward circumstances of the families visited must have been obtained by close personal enquiry at the time of the visits and is, presumably, correct.

11mo. 6th, 1832—left home this afternoon in company with JNO. WILBUR, and spent the night at WILLIAM BOULTON'S, Manchester. 7th—pursued our journey to Sheffield, the day very wet and stormy and we got a little benighted, and much wet, but when we got there we were kindly received at our friend, WILLIAM HARGREAVES, he has a Son and a Daughter residing with him, the latter I consider a very valuable friend, whose kindness to us I shall not easily forget. We spent the night very pleasantly with them. 8th—were at their meeting morning and afternoon, and lodged that night at SARAH SMITH'S where a number of Friends were invited to meet us and the evening was spent very interestingly.

9th—we arrived at Doncaster and Lodged at RICHARD COCKIN'S, a fine old Friend, who has a Wife and one Daughter with him, the former is nearly deprived of her speech by a paralytic stroke, the same evening we called on MARTHA SMITH, who was in a very feeble state, but very lively in spirit, she appeared labouring under great difficulty of breathing, and she finished her earthly course about twelve days afterwards. 10th—we had a meeting with friends there, and dined at JOSEPH CLARK'S

who, with his wife and four young children, are a very interesting family.

That evening we arrived at Ackworth School and tarried two nights there, which was a great treat to me having felt much interested in that institution ever since I was a Scholar there. 12th—we arrived at Leeds, and had a meeting with friends that evening, and lodged at ROBERT JOWETT's, who has a wife, and five children nearly grown up. 13th—we were at Rawdon, at our friend RICHARD THOMPSON's, where we were very kindly entertained by him and his two Sons. 14th—left for Leeds again and Breakfasted at NEWMAN CASH's, who is a Widower with five children, three Girls and two Boys. We arrived at York the same evening, and took up our abode at MARY BACKHOUSE's, a very kind Widow, and were at their meeting on the 15th, this being first day, we dined with DAVID PRIESTMAN and his sister, both of whom are single and I judge likely to continue so. 16th—called on several friends, viz., ROBERT RICHARDSON and Wife, THOMAS BACKHOUSE and his sister SARAH, Widow MURRAY, Widow JANSON, and CELIA WILLIAMS, the later of whom has been confined to her bed for about eight years, and I thought her patience and resignation under affliction was a striking lesson to me, may I profitably remember it during the remaining part of my probationary state here.

17th—we left York for Thorn, and on our way dined at JONATHAN HUTCHINSON's, at Selby, who has a wife and five interesting Children. Here we called on a few elderly friends, WILLIAM PROCTOR and Wife and THOMAS PROCTOR and his Sister, Brother and Sister to WILLIAM, we arrived at Thorn the same evening and had a meeting with the few friends there in MORDICAI CASSON's house where we lodged, he has two Sons and one daughter, Who are all grown up. 18th—we arrived at Gainsborough (Lincolnshire) and Lodged at SIMON MAW BOWEN's, his wife is very infirm, owing to having had a paralytic Stroke. 19th—we had a meeting with friends, and arrived at Lincoln in the evening, where a few who meet together as friends met us at the Inn for which opportunity I felt thankfull, there being no friends in this place. 20th—we had a meeting at Broughton, and

that night Lodged at JOSEPH BURTT's, Junr., he has a Wife and two fine Children.

21st—travelled to Boston and lodged at THOMAS RICKETT's, who has a wife and nine Children, three sons and Six Daughters, we were at their meeting on the 22nd and the same day travelled to Spalding, here we lodged at WILLIAM MASSEY's, who has a Wife and son and Daughter. 23rd—had a meeting with friends here, and the same evening arrived at JONATHAN HUTCHINSON's, at Gedney, where we stayed two nights, he is a valuable old friend and has a son and daughter residing with him and another son who is married, and has five nice Children who are often trotting over to see their Grandfather which delights him very much. 25th—we arrived at Wisbeach (Cambridgeshire), and lodged at JONATHAN PECKOVER's, had a meeting with friends the 26th, and the same evening arrived at March, and had a meeting with friends that evening, and Lodged at THOMAS ROBERTS. 27th—we arrived at Downham (Norfolk), and lodged at HANNAH CLARK's, a fine Mansion, she has two Daughters with her, both middle aged, one of them is a Widow, we had a meeting with the few friends there on 28th and the same evening arrived at Lynn, here we Lodged at JAMES BAYES, who has a very choice Wife and six Children, these two friends have joined our Society by conviction, and his Wife's Sister appears likely to follow their example, may she be enabled to hold out on her way was what I most earnestly desired for her. 29th—being first day we were at their meeting morning and evening, they were seasons which I believe will long be remembered by most that were present, this day we dined at SUSANNAH RANSOM's (Widow), she has a niece resides with her, afterwards we called on a few friends who were advanced in years, and the next morning took breakfast with ANN BURLINGHAM (Widow).

30th—arrived at Wells and lodged at ISAAC GALES, and had a meeting with friends on the 1st of 12th month, after which we travelled to Holt the same evening, and Lodged at an Inn after having a meeting with about half-a-dozen people, the Husbands of whom had descended from friends, and the opportunity was, I thought, a favoured one. 2nd—passed on to North

Walsham, and had a meeting there which was very small, here we dined at THOMAS NASH's, he has a wife and six children, most of whom appeared very delicate, the same evening arrived at Lammas, took tea at CR. DIXES, who has a wife and one son at home, and another son an apprentice at Wells. After tea we had a meeting here, and lodged at JOHN WRIGHT's, he has a Wife and two sons and two Daughters grown up at home, and one of his daughters is the wife of JOSEPH CREWDSON, of Manchester. 3rd—arrived at Norwich, and attended their week-day meeting, and took up our abode at our very kind friends JANE GURNEY (Widow), she has with her four Grand-children, two Girls and two Boys, sons and daughters of JONATHAN and HANNAH BACKHOUSE who are now both on a religious visit to friends in America.

4th—we had a meeting with friends at Tisbrough and returned to our quarters after taking dinner with COLEBY HOLMES and wife who have one little girl. 5th—we rested at JANE GURNEY's, our home quarters, took tea this evening with LUCY AGGS and her Mother, the former is a minister. 6th—attended Norwich meeting morning and afternoon, to-day we dined with JOSEPH PAGE and Wife, the latter is blind, and a minister approved amongst friends, this evening we lodged at J. J. GURNEY's at Earlham, a very spacious place, and though we were kindly entertained, yet I felt much more at home in many smaller establishments, he has a son and daughter by a former Wife, but none by his present one. 7th—we had a meeting at Windham with friends, and dined with THOMAS BAYES and his wife, who had six children, these friends are Brother and Sister to JAMES BAYES and his wife at Lynn; the same evening we had a meeting at Attleborough, and then drove to Harling and lodged at ROBERT EVERETTS, who has two sons by a former Wife, but no Children by his present one. We had a meeting with friends here on the 8th, and the same evening arrived at Tivetshall, and had a meeting with friends, and afterwards lodged at JAMES DIXES, whose wife is a Minister, here we met with two of their nieces, one a serious young friend, and the other a little gay, yet not without tender feelings.

9th—we arrived at Yarmouth, and lodged at

ABRAHAM SEWELL'S, who has a Wife and four Children. We had a meeting with friends here on the 10th, and the same day arrived at Pakefield and had a meeting with friends the same evening, here we lodged at ABRAHAM SCALES, who has a single sister keeps his house. Next morning, 11th—we breakfasted with two aged female friends, sisters to A. S., one of whom is a Minister, and has lost her sight, and afterwards travelled to Leiston, in Suffolk, and had a meeting there the same evening, here we Lodged at GUNDRY NEAVE'S, he has a Brother and Sister who reside with him. 12th—we arrived at Woodbridge and lodged at ANN JESUP'S, a widow aged about eighty-four years, she is BERNARD BARTON'S mother-in-law. 13th—attended meeting here and afterwards travelled to Ipswich, and were at their meeting in the evening, and Lodged at DYKES ALEXANDER'S, he is a Widower and has one daughter who keeps his house, he has likewise two sons who are married.

14th—we arrived at Sudbury, and had a meeting the same evening, and lodged at JOHN KING'S. 15th—rested this day and dined at WILLIAM KING'S, brother to JOHN, they are both valuable friends, WILLIAM has lately married. JOHN and his sister live together. 16th—we left Sudbury this morning and arrived in London in the evening, taking up our quarters at PETER BEDFORD'S. 17th—we were at Newington meeting, afterwards called on JOHN and SARAH GRUBB, who have one daughter at home, and one married WILLIAM KING, of Sudbury, they also have one son; called on JOHN LISTER who is ninety-five years of age, and he has two aged sisters live with him, we also called on EDWARD HARRIS and his Wife, who appeared a happy couple with one fine baby, then took dinner at WILLIAM ALLEN'S, where JNO. WILBUR Lodged and I lodged at JOHN FELTHAM'S. 18th—we called on several about Stamford Hill, and visited the Girl's School at Newington, then dined at JOHN KITCHING'S, who afterwards took us in his carriage to THOMAS SHILLITOE'S, where we met with our friend DANIEL WHEELER.

19th—returned to London after calling on several friends at Tottenham, viz., Two aged female friends whose names are STACEYS, ANN FORSTER and her four daughters, and son ROBERT, who all reside together. Their mother is

upwards of eighty years old and the children are advancing fast towards the meridian of life. Then after dining with JOSIAH FORSTER, we returned to our old Quarters, P. BEDFORD'S. 20th—being first day we attended Devonshire house meeting in the morning, and Grace Church Street afternoon, and Took tea with JOSEPH MESSER and his Wife, who have a nice family of little Girls, six in number. She has lately been acknowledged as a Minister.

21st—we attended the Quarterly Meeting of ministers and Elders which was the largest of the kind I had ever attended, afterwards we dined at CORNELIUS HANBURY'S, and there were a number of Strangers there whose company was very interesting to me. His Wife is daughter to JOHN SANIERSON, and she is a very amiable woman in my view, they have three fine Children, two sons and one daughter. That night I lodged at JOHN FELTHAM'S, where I spent the evening very pleasantly. 22nd—breakfasted this morning at ARTHUR FRY'S, who had lately married ELIZA BENNELL, here I also met with ELIZA'S sister MARY, and I felt truly glad to have the opportunity of seeing them together, may we remember it to profit; after Breakfast I accompanied them to the meeting which was, I think, the largest Quarterly Meeting I ever attended, and I trust it was a time of refreshment to many minds present. We afterwards dined at a friend's in Bishopsgate Street, in company with ROBERT ALSOP and Wife and their son ROBERT, and Daughter MARY. After dinner we returned to our old quarters PETER BEDFORD'S, and spent a few hours there very satisfactorily, leaving the same evening about eight o'clock by the Mail for Norwich, where we arrived about ten the next morning and took up our quarters again at our kind friend's JANE GURNEY'S, where we rested until evening when we attended the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders; and the next day 24th—attended the Quarterly Meeting at Norwich which was but small, afterwards dined at our lodgings, and that evening I took tea at JOSEPH PAGE'S, whose wife is quite blind. 25th—attended a meeting appointed for JNO. WILBUR, which was a solemn time, may all who were present remember and profit by it. Dined at ROBERT BLAKE'S, who has a grown up

family, five sons and three daughters, and took tea with Lucy AGGS and her daughter, the latter of whom is a minister. My second time of being at this place was very unexpected to me, but it was truly gratifying to meet again with so many friends whom I had thought I never should have seen again, and I believe it was not less so to many of them for I am persuaded there are not a few amongst them of whom we shall long remember each other for good.

27th—left Norwich early this morning on my way home and with some difficulty arrived at Sheffield about 8 o'clock the next morning, and attended meeting there morning and afternoon, and lodged at my kind friends WILLIAM HARGREAVES where I was very kindly entertained, left there the next morning and arrived at home in the evening where I found my family all well, for which, and the many other blessings I am favoured to partake, my heart was filled with thankfulness to the author of all good, and sweet were the feelings, yea, very precious indeed was the peace, I was permitted to feel on sitting down by my own fireside, and taking a retrospect of my late journey, and I was led to contemplate upon the very many, very precious opportunities, I had been favoured with from time to time, not only in sitting down with friends in their meetings, but very frequently was I favoured to enter into feeling within their families where my lot was cast, and I humbly trust they with I, and I with them, may ever bear in remembrance that seasons of refreshment are not at our command. May all then patiently wait and quietly hope for that strength which can alone support in every time of temptation and conflict.

Readers of the above will have noticed a reference to the Hargreaves family of Sheffield, and especially to the daughter who was Lydia—"a very valuable friend whose kindness to us I shall not easily forget"—which kindness ripened into love and Ralph Neild married Lydia Hargreaves in 1839. She was the daughter of William and Rachel Hargreaves, and sister of the younger William (d. 1874). She was a minister thirty-one years. She died at Whitby in 1859. Many letters to her are in **D**.

A Family Knot—Very much Tied

SPOKEN extempore after the Marriage Supper at Ridgmont, in the year 1760 (of my father and mother, E.S. *i.e.*, Edward Stickney). By William Cowlam, of Hull.

“ Behold here sit by this good fireside
Four Bridegrooms near with everyone his Bride.¹
Behold, likewise, a lovely sprightly Boy,²
The present hope of still succeeding Joy.
The Great Grandsire shall first of all be reconed,
The Great Grandmamma like him be second,³
Next Two Grandfathers & Grandmothers Two,⁴
Four Husbands & Four Wives you also view,⁵
Three Sons Three Daughters,⁶ & observe the other
Are Fathers Three, Three Mothers one step Mother.⁷
Next Two Great Uncles & Great Aunts we find,⁸
Uncles and Aunts⁹ two Brothers & two sisters¹⁰ kind
Great Grandson,¹¹ Grandson¹¹ Nephew¹¹ & Sons three,¹²
Yea more, but pray tell how can all this be ?
How is the Knot (declare it among friends)
That ties so many & with so few Ends—Nine.”¹³

¹ Nicholas Turner and Elizabeth,
Ambrose Stickney I., and Mary,
John Stickney and Elizabeth.
Ambrose Stickney II., and Rachel.

² Ambrose Stickney III., son of John and Elizabeth.

³ Nicholas and Elizabeth Turner.

⁴ Nicholas and Elizabeth Turner, and Ambrose I. and Mary Stickney.

⁵ The same as 1.

⁶ Nicholas and Elizabeth Turner,
Ambrose I., and Mary Stickney,
John and Elizabeth Stickney.

⁷ Mary Stickney (step-mother).

⁸ John and Elizabeth Stickney
(great uncle and aunt to their own son).
Ambrose II., and Rachel Stickney.

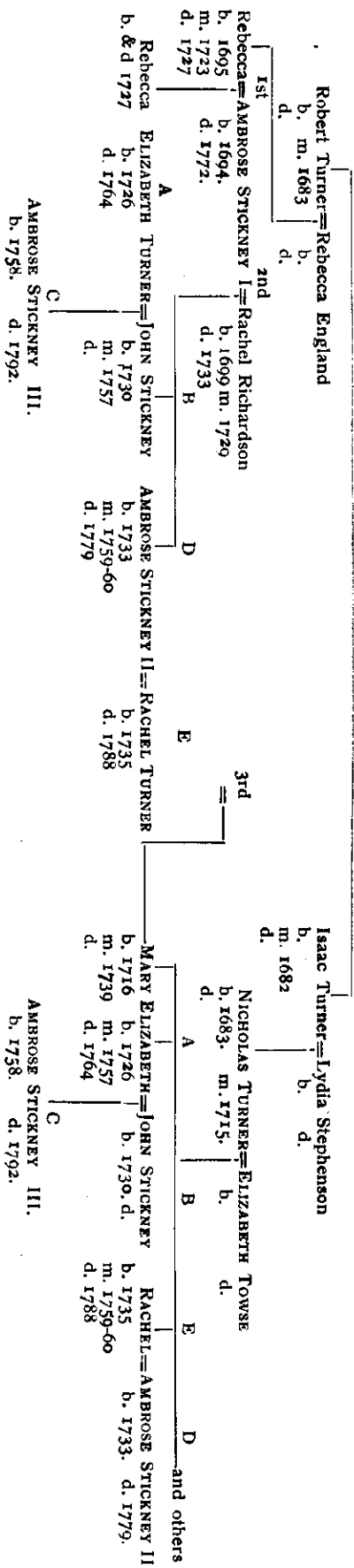
⁹ There were several uncles and aunts in the party: Elizabeth Stickney was aunt to her husband; (could her husband be uncle to himself ? !). Ambrose Stickney I. and Mary were uncle and aunt to their grandson, Ambrose III.

¹⁰ John and Elizabeth Stickney and Ambrose II. and Rachel Stickney.

¹¹ Ambrose Stickney III.

¹² Ambrose Stickney I. and II., and John Stickney—father and two sons—all sons-in-law to Nicholas Turner.

¹³ The nine were: Nicholas and Elizabeth Turner, Ambrose I. and Mary Stickney, John and Elizabeth Stickney, Ambrose II. and Rachel Stickney, and Ambrose III.



“The Beacon”

Extracts from letters by my father, James Clark, of Street, Somerset, then just turned twenty-three years old, to his future wife, Eleanor Stephens, of Bridport.

1. Liverpool 1st. Mo. 31st. 1835.

[Earlier in letter re Elections]—“Have you heard of the dilemma W. Gilpin was in about the election through giving another card to vote for some one else? He was taken up with the man and put in Bridwell for a day, at first with 30 or 40 thieves. He got out on bail and was tried last 2nd. day” [and J. C. was hoping to send account in paper of trial].

Isaac Crewdson has just published a book entitled a Beacon to the Society of Friends. I believe it treats on the points that have produced so much difference in our Society, as it seems to have produced considerable excitement among Friends here; many I hear have been writing to him. I have bought the book and hope to be able to look it over this evening.

2. M/ter 2 Month 15th 1835. [Post mark: Leicester, Feb. 17th, 1835.]

Little did I ever expect at one of our religious meetings to witness such a scene as disgraced this morning's meeting at this place [Manchester] and as I know it will be a subject in which you will be deeply interested I take this first opportunity of writing whilst it is fresh with me; for what must eventually follow this morning's proceedings will I fear make it a most eventful Meeting. I attended the Monthly Meeting on 5th day as it was expected there would be some discussion on the religious difficulties that have so long agitated this Meeting. At the close of the meeting, when the Clerk enquired if there was anything to lay before the meeting from Manchester, John Harrison said “that he had to state to the meeting that a member of the Meeting, Isaac Crewdson, had published a book entitled ‘A Beacon to the Society of Friends,’ which contained principles contrary to those of our Society, as it denied the influence of the Spirit.” Then he was interrupted by the Clerk who enquired if he had privately dealt with the individual and informed him that he was going to bring his case before that Meeting. He had visited him but had not told him that he was going to bring it before that meeting and it was at once decided by the meeting that it would be irregular to bring it forward then. At the last Lancashire Q.M. some Friends stated that Manchester M.M. was in a state requiring assistance from the Quarterly Meeting and all the representatives from Manchester confirmed it. Ann Jones was at the meeting that day 2 weeks and preached a most remarkable and pointed sermon. Turning towards I. Crewdson

she said "there be some here pretending to take the Scriptures as their guide would exalt them above the Spirit" or words to that effect.

This morning Joseph Cash of Coventry was at Meeting and gave us a short sermon. Shortly after Wm. Boulton rose and commenced with the text "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him and by His stripes we are healed." He was stopped here by Jas. Hall (a Friend of some standing in the Society but not in office) with "I have to request that Wm. Boulton will keep his seat in our religious meetings." W.B. said: "If such be the sense of the meeting I submit" and immediately sat down. Several Friends at once from the body of the Meeting: "We hope Wm. Boulton will proceed." Benjamin Pearson, an Overseer: "Friends must see that this is a most irregular mode of proceeding. No one may interrupt a Minister who has not been forbidden to speak by the Meeting for Ministers and Elders." James Hall: "Wm. Boulton has been forbidden to speak by that Meeting." Wm. Boulton arose: "Will the Meeting allow me to say a few words to entreat that no more may be said on this subject at this time. Let us not forget the high purpose for which we are assembled, which is not for discussion but to worship God. Whatever may be our opinions on this point let us pray for ourselves and for each other that God may forgive our brethren their sins and for this reason because that for Christ's sake He hath forgiven us. Let me once more beg that nothing more may be said on this subject at this time." After a short silence Benjamin Pearson said: "I hope I am not unmindful of the purpose for which we are meeting together, but I feel compelled to state that W. Boulton never has been requested by any Meeting to keep his seat." Wm. Foden, an Overseer, sitting next (James Hall) said: "I must, as an Overseer, request Jas. Hall to keep his seat, he was about to rise." Jas. Hall: "I have as much right to speak on this subject as any Overseer present and although Benjamin Pearson has been pleased to deny"—Here many Friends began to leave the Meeting and several Overseers rose to silence James Hall. Amidst much confusion Isaac Crewdson said: "Let me, dear Friends, say one word, which is to request that you will not leave the Meeting, but let us endeavour to settle into silence before we break up." John Harrison: "I do hope that we shall settle again into silence and that our Friend J. Hall, will keep his seat." After a few words on the propriety of reading the Y. Meeting epistle it was concluded to read it, shortly after which the Meeting broke up. I never beheld a Meeting in such a state. Very many were in tears on both sides the meeting and it was really a most distressing season. With the assistance of C. Gilpin's memory, who is now with me, I believe I have given thee everything that passed. Lieutenant Fabian was at Meeting but I have not been able to meet him since.

It is now Meeting time and I trust we shall have a more peaceful time.

Leicester, 2nd day night. When I commenced this I fully intended forwarding it by this morning's post even if I had stolen the time from my 4 hours rest last night, but it was so cold when I got into Derby this morning that it chilled my intentions. The afternoon meeting yesterday was fully attended. Joseph Cash spoke and a woman Friend and we broke up very peacefully. But such proceedings as these must bring matters to a crisis. The Orthodox, as they would I suppose call themselves, seem determined not to let it rest. It is very grievous that it should be so, for of all I can see of the differences there is not any need of a separation. Friends holding both may I think belong to the same Society. There is not a difference of sentiment sufficient to warrant such a separation between Christians. But if things do come to such a pass ; if there must be a separation, which I would seek every means to avert, may we, my precious Ellen, unitedly pray that our understandings be enlightened to comprehend the precious word and may we take as our only guide the only direct revelation of the will of our Heavenly Father and as in true sincerity of heart we do pray that the Holy Spirit may enlighten us, the merciful God who heareth prayer will assuredly hear us and we shall on this most important subject be preserved in unity. . . .

I was at I. Crewdson's on 6th day evening as he had hoped I would spend an evening there as he wished to send something to Uncle [Thomas] Clark. He wrote my name in one of his books and gave me, “ if,” he said, “ I would have a book containing such poison.” He was much pleased to hear that Wm. Forster was going into Cornwall. Joseph Sparkes of Exeter was the author of that little book¹ that was distributed in your M.M. and is going to publish a 2nd edition with his name attached. I should not have written quite so soon but for these occurrences. . . .

I had $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour's conversation with Wm. Howitt this afternoon, principally on the state of our Society. I did not quite like all his views. . . . But it is nearly 2 o'clock, I must conclude.

Liverpool 8th Mo. 17th [1835. . . . I hope I can get to Manchester Meeting 5th day morning but it is rather uncertain. The Meetings here yesterday were interesting to me from the presence of several Friends I had long had a desire to see. Edwd. Alexander, Limerick, Saml. Tuke, Wm. Allen and Peter Bedford. The 2 former I met in the evening after meeting at George Crosfield's, who kindly invited me to his house to supper. His wife is the Margaret Crosfield, whose severe remarks you will have seen recorded in the *Christian Advocate* if you saw the one I

¹ *An Affectionate Address to the Society of Friends in Great Britain and Ireland.*

mentioned to thee 3rd of this month, with an account of the M. Meeting at this place and the reception of a memorial from some Friends here of the name of Hodgson,—Brother and 2 Sisters—giving their reasons for sending in their resignation (they hold similar views to I. Crewdson). The Men Friends hesitated to read it fearing it might contaminate the minds of the youth, but it was read. Then they were hesitating whether it should be sent to the Women Friends. However, they had it, and after reading a part thought it too bad to proceed with. The sermons yesterday from E. Alexander and Wm. Allen bore rather strongly on the question in dispute amongst us. E. A. is rather a powerful Minister. The latter preaches what would be called a real Quaker Sermon, exhorting us to "dwell deep, seek to the light within," etc. S. Tuke is a very agreeable Friend. I had a good deal of conversation with him. His head is remarkably fine; I think the best and most strikingly so I ever saw. He told me "they hoped to be liberated before the end of the week but it was very uncertain," so I quite hope to meet W. Forster at Manchester. He was at Bolton on 1st. day. I met J. Compton at Chester (a Manchester Friend, one of the Overseers and a friend of I. Crewdson). He told me the Committee had sent I. Crewdson a sort of written accusation containing 8 different points, which I. Cn. had very clearly and fully answered, shewing them wherein he thought Friends were erring, but written in a truly Christian spirit. I can hardly tell thee of the feelings that occupied my mind after taking my seat in Meeting yesterday morning and seeing one Friend after another that had taken an active part in these persecutions, filling the highest seats in our Synagogue. . . .

I was up early this morning and bathed with C[harles] Gilpin, after which we went over the water about 3 miles hence and breakfasted with J. Robinson Pim, an Irish Friend well known as principal manager of, I suppose, nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ the Steam Packets in the Kingdom. He has a very nice house and garden, reminding me of some of the pleasant houses at Falmouth.

James Clark had been apprenticed in, and then became partner in, the Sheepskin-Rug factory founded ten years earlier by his brother Cyrus. Charles Gilpin, for long M. P. for Northampton, who helped J. C. over his report of the Manchester episode, was apprenticed to his father in Bristol. The two cousins were from boyhood much together. When apprenticed both were short of pocket money. So they devised a plan by which J. C. would make, from odds and ends of the rug material, brown sheepskin slippers lined with lambs-wool, which his cousin was to sell in Bristol. They caught on so well

that from this originated the large boot and shoe factory (now C. & J. Clark, Ltd.) at Street. The rug business is now Clark, Son and Morland, Ltd., Glastonbury.

James Clark as traveller for the firm, went into all parts of the United Kingdom, and seems to have been most kindly welcomed by Friends everywhere. Even when in his nineties, he often recurred to the mixed experiences of those strenuous days, but always with a note of thankfulness to the kind-hearted hospitality by Friends on these journeys. Frequently he spoke in this respect of Isaac Crewdson. Hence the Manchester episode was of double interest to him. Plainly he did not take I. Crewdson's standpoint, but he strongly shared the very prevalent feeling among many younger Friends, that what took place was persecution. Among the many who then left the Society in consequence were three or four of my Mother's brothers, sons of William Stephens, of Bridport.

I have included a good deal of the "setting" of the more essential extracts, as helping to form the picture of events.

Asgarth, Purley.

J. EDMUND CLARK.

Swimming against the Stream

"Look at that man swimming (said a gentleman to his companion, as they stood above Putney Bridge) did you ever see the like? he is swimming against the stream. I will bet you a guinea he is a Quaker, for none else would swim against the stream." The other replied, "As you cannot possibly know that circumstance of a naked man, I will bet you a guinea that he is *not* a Quaker."

They waited until he came out of the water, and dressed himself, and as his appearance did not confirm the conjecture of the challenger, he told him in a polite manner of the wager depending, and begged him to decide it; to which Sylvanus Bevan with great good humour replied, "Notwithstanding my appearance with respect to dress, I belong to the Society of Friends and the reason of my swimming against the stream was this, —finding it running strongly, I had the curiosity to try if I had strength sufficient to make way against it, but was only able to do it for a short way, as you might observe."—From *Records and Recollections of James Jenkins*.

“The Western Rebellion”

HENRY FERRIS has presented to D a reprint issued in 1912 of the only known copy¹ of *The Western Rebellion; containing an Account of all the Persons arraigned and Tried by Lord Chief Justice Jefferies, . . . 1685, for aiding and assisting James, Duke of Monmouth*, by Richard Locke, 1782.

On page 7, in a list of twelve men from Frome, appear the names of George Hussey and Thomas Paul,² with this note :—“ These two men were wool-combers, one of whom lived in or near Taunton, and the other in or near Ilminster. They were both advanced in years, Hussey being about seventy, and Paul upwards of sixty. They often declared that they had not been in the least concerned on either side ; but that having been taken up on suspicion, they had imprudently pleaded Guilty, in hopes of being pardoned. It is said of the latter, who was one of the people called Quakers, that just before he was executed, in a kind of prophetic spirit, he foretold the revolution exactly as it happened.”

¹ Preserved in the Library of the Somerset Archæological and Natural History Society, Taunton Castle.

² No entry of the death of Thomas Paul occurs in the Somerset Burial Registers ; but in connection with London or Somerset the name occurs six times in Besse's *Sufferings of the Quakers*, between the years 1661 and 1672. Thomas Paul was one of the 491 prisoners released under the Patent of Charles II. in 1672.

J. Ernest Grubb, of Carrick-on-Suir, Ireland, has in his possession the marriage certificate of Daniel Massey, of Bandon, Co. Cork, and Mary Whitlock, then of the same town, but recently removed from Norwich. The certificate is dated 30th of 7th month, 1677.

In addition to those of the contracting parties, there are twenty-five signatures including that of Thomas Wight, the compiler of *A History of the Rise and Progress of the People called Quakers in Ireland, from the year 1653-1700*. The record is written on the two sides of a folio sheet and has evidently been abstracted from a book.

The Cambridge "Journal of George Fox"

Continued from vol. xv., p. 152

67.—Vol. I., p. 444.—The following letter from John Audland to George Fox, 1654, gives another reference to Nathaniel Cripps :

G : ff :

Deare & pretious, whom my soule loves, and breaths after, in the Liveing with thee to dwell, and with y^e Liveing Power to be girded, for Evermore. Strength comes from the fountaine of Life, Deare, Reach, & pray for me, that in the Eternall J may grow & Raigne.

The Worke of y^e Lord is great, & doth much prosper & spread : J have been in Bristoll severall first dayes, & none with me ; The Meetings exceeding large & peaceable, & J have gone into y^e Countrey, in y^e Week-dayes, & kept the Meetings there ; and J see a mighty service in keeping the ffirst dayes at the City ; for it keeps all, over y^e Countrey ; & all is kept open, & much over, in regard the Meetings are so great & peaceable ; and a door is open all y^e Countrey about.

The last 7th day J had Moveings to goe about 20 Miles to a Meeting which was appointed by Humphrey Smith ; and Jo : Camme was in y^e City : and one y^e last first day (J was there) a very great Meeting in a Towne, & many Convinced, & all was silent & bound downe, & a Justice of peace was there, & is very loveing & tender, & all his family ; J was at his house, and had a Meeting there, & abundance is Convinced therewayes ; They are high in Wisdome, but they owne the Truth in much Love, The Justice Name is Crispe in Glostershire, not farr from Tedbury.

Two Johns [Wilkinson and Story] is in Wiltshire : John Camme is in y^e Countrey hereaway.

Judge ffell's Daughters is gone North this day ; ffriends are pretty fresh.

J am thine in my Measure, waiting upon y^e Lord to be refreshed & kept over all the World, that y^e Liveing God may be exalted.

JOHN AUDLAND.

Two Elizabeths [Levens and Fletcher] was at Bristoll, Came when J was gone into the Countrey, & stayed 3, or 4 dayes thereaways, & they passed away towards that Justice house to a Meeting.

8th day, 6th moneth.

From a contemporary copy, with copies of other letters, headed : " A Booke of Letters which were sent to G : F : From Iohn Audland & Iohn Camm concerning ancient Passages (with some Epistles &c.)." MS. in D.

Middleton=Molleson Wedding Certificate

THROUGH the kindness of J. Ernest Grubb, we have been able to examine the marriage certificate of Joshua Middleton, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, son of John Middleton, of Darlington, and Jane, daughter of Gilbert Molleson, of London, late of Aberdeen. The wedding took place at Devonshire House on 9th September, 1697.

The Certificate is printed on Vellum, the inserted particulars being in the hand-writing of the Recording Clerk of the period, Benjamin Bealing.

The words used by the contracting parties being somewhat unusual we here print them :

The Bridegroom : " My ffriends and all you y^t are here present You are my Witnesses this day That I doe solemnly and in the ffear of God take this my ffriend Jane Molleson to be my Wife, In which I doe promise by his Grace to be to her a loving and ffaithfull Husband till Death separates us."

The Bride : " ffriends and people whom I desire to be my Witnesses that in the ffear of God I take this my ffriend Joshua Middleton to be my Husband and doe promise by the Lords assistance to be to him a ffaithfull Dutifull & submissive wife till it shall please the Lord by Death to separate Us."

The marriage is witnessed by ninety-eight Friends, including under " relations " the names of Molleson, Barclay and Tyzack. William Penn, Thomas Story, Thomas Lower and his daughter Margery, Daniel Quare and his wife Mary, Benjamin Bealing, and Mariabella Farnborough are among notable Friends who were present.

This interesting certificate is now the property of Leonard Southall, of Birmingham.

Advice to Servants

4 x. 1670. It was alsoe agreed that W^m Kinge and John Goodwin should speak to Dorothy Teate & Eliz: True to Signifye ffriends disunitye wth their not complyinge to the place of a Servant, to such a one as ffriends Judge would not oppress them.

ix. 1674. It is Concluded by friends that Anne Hall & Sarah Buddery should speake to Elizabeth Sheltram that she may be faithfull to the truth where she have to doe, because she is a Comer Amongst friends & also to satisfie her Master & dame where she is to goe If she doe goe Concerning her.

Minute Book of Norwich M.M.

August the 6th, 1797

“Attended by particular invitation, a public meeting of the Quakers, at which P. W. of G. with his suite and between three and four hundred soldiers, were present. There were four principal speakers, two men and two women. The dismal twang, the braying whine, the suspiration of forced breath, the sudden and violent transitions, from oracular slowness to vehement rapidity, and from sibyllistic fury to colloquial familiarity, in wild rhapsodies without coherence or drift, and perplexed applications of shreds of Scripture, Old and New, with no discoverable propriety, to no apparent purpose—contrasted with the unite attention, the sobs and tears of their own auditory—were really convulsive. With every disposition to be serious it was difficult to preserve a decency of deportment. This sect completely puzzles me. That persons, all above the vulgar, many of excellent good sense and extensive information, most exemplary in their conduct, mingling in the business if not the pleasures of the world, performing all the common offices of life like other folks, and governing their own society by maxims of the soundest discipline, should, at this time of day, persist in nourishing a fanaticism so extravagant and revolting to all common sense is very surprising: that they should wish, as in this instance, to exhibit a public spectacle of their folly is altogether unaccountable.—On shewing a disposition to withdraw, we were repeatedly pressed to stay till the conclusion: and thanks were then formally returned for the general silence and decorum maintained by the spectators (which indeed was exemplary) as if they were sensible of the difficulty of preserving it.—I really thought the thanks well merited.”

Taken from the Diary of a Lover of Literature.

From a MS. in D. Information desired as to the Diary and the persons mentioned therein.

Against Running into Debt

From our Quarterly Meeting, the 30 of y^e 10th month, 1674.

We understanding that Truth hath and doth suffer by many that have been amongst us, who have run into debts, and not been able to pay them, have considered and agreed at this meeting, that two or three friends of every meeting be very watchful over y^e rest, & examine y^e estates & way of trading of all such as there appear a ground to suspect their running into debts, that they may be advised and warned that these occasions may be prevented by w^{ch} truth doth suffer, this we find to be according to truth, and that it will answer truth in y^e generall, and therefore judge them to be out of truth which are unwilling to bring their deeds & dealings to light, that they may be manifested.

At the Quarterly Meeting at Samuel Pikes in Hingham, the 30th of y^e 4th month 1680

For the future preventing the many evils & Miscarriage w^{ch} have too often hapned among many that have p^rfessed the truth with us, both in respect of their dealing & trading amongst men, & severall other wayes whereby the truth hath been Evill spoken of, & the honest hearted greatly burthened & grieved, Therefore this Meeting hath judged it of absolute necessity, that from this time forward If any suspition or cause of jealousie doe appeare to any friend in any meeting in this County. That forthwith that friend having such jealousie of any other walking not as becomes the truth, doe advise such friend to disist from going in such way, but if he refuse or will not be advised then to signify the same to two or three of the most honest and substantiall friends in the said meeting, who are desired and required as they tender the good & the p^rperity of the truth, to take a speedy & an exact Examination of every such suspected one amongst us, & if they find they have indeed been guilty & doe stand guilty of such miscarriage that p^rsently (if it be by way of running into debt) they doe require to know his state and condition either by his bookes or as they think fitt & to report y^e same to the next Monthly meeting who are forth with to take such care as to stop the said p^rson soe miscarrying, in his further going on in such a way, and to give such counsell as the cause requires, & if such one shall refuse their counsell & advice that forthwith such one so walking be denyed and openly disowned, and that every monthly meeting doe chuse and nominate two or three friends to see this order put in Execution.

By the order of the said Quarterly Meeting,

SAMUELL PYKE.

Minute Book of Norwich M.M.

Town Thoughts on the Country, 1792

WHAT beauties deck the rural scene,
Its golden fields, its meadows green ;
Slow floods that thro' the meadows glide ;
Fair herds that throng the river's side,

Bathing at noontide's sultry gleam,
Their feet within the cooling stream ;
The distant landscapes misty blue,
The nearer prospect's graver hue !
Here the pale willows shade the meads,
There bend the wind-obeying reeds ;
And there tall elms in long array
Their straight unwedded trunks display.

Such objects please in distant sight
And beauties more minute invite
Inspection close—the insect train,
And flowers that paint the summer plain.
Industrious bees, with busy care,
Wing provident the peopled air ;
Whilst humbler pismires, gathering food,
Track o'er the ground their public road.
The gay papillios lightly range
From flow'r to flow'r, with grateful change.
Libellulas, in airy rings,
Play o'er the brooks on azure wings ;
Where purple loosestrife's spikes ascend,
And vetches tufted blossoms bend.

But stop :—botanick lore, too long,
May, from its scope, detain the song.

Though these the charms which, to the heart,
May joy, in rural shades, impart ;
Still let me not their want bemoan ;
Bliss dwells not in those shades alone.
If mine the lot in crowds to dwell,
Grace every sorrow can dispel ;
And purer joys, in towns, dispense
Than nature can confer on sense.

But if, permitted by the Power
 Who form'd, and guards us every hour,
 His wisdom seen in Nature's page,
 May our observing eyes engage,
 From works of men who would not part,
 And with his works refresh the heart?

JOSEPH GURNEY BEVAN
 (1753-1814)

Kelpius and Quakerism

The following is taken from *Portraits of the Founders*, Boston, Mass., 1919, p. 261. It is interesting in connection with the early spread of the knowledge of Quakerism on the Continent of Europe.

Johannes Kelpius (1673-1708), Pietist, was born in Hungary. He graduated at the university of Altorf in Bavaria, and became interested in Jacob Behmen. In 1694, he and a company of his followers settled on the banks of the Wissahickon Creek, Pa.

Whittier writes :

" Painful Kelpius from his hermet den
 By Wissahickon, maddest of good men,
 Dreamed o'er the Chiliast dreams of Petersen."

In a letter to Fabricius, his tutor, Kelpius wrote in 1705 :

" I have not become a Quaker. Such an idea hath never come into my mind, albeit I love them from my inmost soul, even as I do all other sects that approach and call themselves Christ's."

In Fear of Suffering

8 ix. 1671.—It was brought in that John Hart & Jno Alen had been wth Jno Sloames and spoaken to him aboute his paying tithes and his Answer was If they could show him a waye that he & his ffamilly might not be Ruin'd he would not pay them : And Could git but little Answ^r but to that Efect.

Minute Book of Norwich M.M.

A Practical Note-Book of the Geography of China has been written by Ernest W. Sawdon, B.Sc., and Tsang Tao To'ung, of Friends' High School, Chungking, and published by the Christian Literature Society, of Shanghai, 1919.

The Rev. Colonel John Wigan

JOHN Wigan was a clergyman of the Established Church, and held various posts both in the quiet times and in the early civil war. A chapelry at Gorton, one at Heapey, where Prince Rupert harried him on his way to Marston Moor, and one at Birch are the chief. When the Presbyterian system was legalised and erected, he declined to submit to the jurisdiction of the Manchester Classis, and they failed to coerce him.

The old Hall of the Barons of Manchester had been presented by the last of them, who became a priest, as the residence of the college of priests to serve the parish church. At the reformation, when priests were allowed to marry, they no longer needed a collegiate residence, and the property was leased to the Earl of Derby as a town house. As the Earl took the royal side in the Civil War and was beaten, his property came into the market, and John Wigan took over the lease. In 1649 he fitted up the large barn, close to the Gate-house, within sixty yards of the Parish Church, as a Baptist meeting—the first in North England. In 1650 he handed over the care of the congregation to J[ames ?] Jones, a minister, and Edward Gathorne, a prominent resident, while he himself took a commission as Captain in the cavalry of the New Model. When the second Scotch invasion took place in 1651, he scoured the county, and locked up all the royalists in jail at Lancaster and Liverpool, so that the Scotch found no local help, and were easily defeated. Wigan was promoted, and became Colonel of the Life Guards. But when Cromwell accepted the resignation of the Nominated Parliament, Wigan with many other Baptist officers laid down their commissions—or were cashiered. He returned to Manchester, with large arrears of pay as an officer, and with orders on the county ecclesiastical commissioners for £100 a year as a minister, which he drew regularly till the Restoration. He married off two daughters, to Daniel Dunbabin, of Warrington, of a substantial woollen-drapery, and to William Morris [of Ashton ?] another minister. His son, also called John, he trained at Cambridge for the ministry. His friend Humphrey Chetham left large sums to found a local charity, and the feoffees cast their eyes on the valuable property in the heart of the town. They easily came to terms for most of it, but the barn or Gate-House was still being used for Baptist worship, and Wigan got excellent terms before he gave up possession. The feoffees seem to have slightly remodelled the premises, and the barn is no longer to be seen, but a monument of 1653 marks the approximate site. The Church next worshipped at Cold-house, whence it migrated to Rochdale Road ; seven daughter Churches exist of which the most important is Moss Side.

In 1657 Wigan acted with Thomas Holland of Warrington in some affairs of the Established Church, under its Cromwellian rule. And when Sir George Booth raised a royalist rebellion in 1659, Wigan took up arms and garrisoned Manchester till Robert Lilburne arrived with a regiment of Regulars.

In 1661 William Morris went to live at Grappenhall near Warrington, and acquired land there. One croft at Hill Cliff he leased out for three lives to Peter Daintith, of Stockton, a tailor. Next year he died, and his son John (Wigan's step-grandson) became his heir. In 1663, June, Daintith sub-leased the croft, and in September John Morris released the freehold as a burial place for Baptists and such others of the Congregational way in Cheshire and Lancashire as wish to bury there; with leave for the building to be converted as the free-holders may desire. To this deed, Wigan, his son John, and his daughter Lydia Morris were witnesses. When the farming tenant attorned to the new owners, John Wigan junior was again witness. In that year occurred the abortive rebellion, in which Wigan, Jones and Gathorne were all concerned; he was therefore committed to Lancaster jail.

From his own publication, at Devonshire House, comes the rest of the story:—On 23 February, 1663/4 he met Friends in jail, who challenged him to a debate, arranged for the Thursday after 8 March; but as the judges came then and sat till 16 March, it was not held. Query; why was not he tried then for treason? The debate came off on 17 March, centering on the nature of the Light Within. On 10 May he wrote out an account and gave it to the jailors. On 1 August 1664 he was urged to publish it, in a letter signed W. L., J. R., J. S., R. S. These may perhaps be William Leigh and John Rylance of Warford, John Sprogson, of Warrington, Roger Sawrey of Broughton on the edge of Cumberland. Also on 10 March 1664-5 two Londoners urged him to publish, H or J D., and N. S., probably Henry Danvers and Nathaniel Strange; three of these were brother colonels. As a result he did prepare for the press on 15 March 1665, dedicating to all the faithful followers of the Lamb in Lancashire, in and around Manchester, Warrington and Lancaster.

George Fox, or one of his editors, says that he died of the plague in London: I cannot corroborate or dispute this.¹

He is the founder of the Baptist cause in Manchester, and closely connected with the rise of that at Warrington, better known to-day as Hill Cliff.

Sources: *State Papers*; Shaw's *History of English Church* 1640-1660; Martindale's *Autobiography*, and other publications of the Chetham Society. Deeds of Hill Cliff. W. T. WHITLEY.

¹ See *Camb. Jnl.* i. 458, ii. 63, 64, 395, 475.

Joseph Taylor has sent to the Reference Library, from the Friends' Settlement, 96, Beadon Street, Calcutta, a copy of *Doctrine, Practice and Discipline*, 1861, which formed part of a library of Friends' books sent out to India in connection with the visit of Mariano and Cecilia D'Ortez to London Y.M. (see *Friends Beyond Seas*; *London Y.M. During 250 Years*). The book was evidently bound locally and bears a stamp "Society of Friends' Library, Calcutta."

Wilkinson—Storyism in Wiltshire c. 1680¹

WHARAS the peopell of the lord in the county of Wilts, Jn particular the quartarly meetting tharof, haue bene beyond expression exarsised With A sad & Lammenttabell sizem & deuision ; first fomented & stirred vp, By John Storry & John Wilkenson of wesmorland, And aftarwards carried on by seuerall in this County ; The cheef wharof wase Arthar Esmead Nathaniall Coulman John Genings & John Matreuis² ; Whoe Apeared for meny months with all thaire indeuors to scattar, deuid, And to lay wast our quartarly monthly & weomens meettings, w^{ch} thay where in tims past verry zealous for ; constituted & set vp by the moueings & giuidings of the wisdome of the most high god ; A particular acount of which deuision & sapparasion is intended to be recorded in a wrightten Book intiteler A particular Acount of the rise begining carriing on & progrese of the deuision & sepparasion which is the work of belliall & his Jnstruments in this county of wilts^e, &c.

And Now for as much as we did labor throw great suffarings heuy burthens & vnexpresabell sorrow for A long time with thease men & those Joyned with them wilst with vs in our quartarly & monthly meettings Being often bowed before the lord for them, With indevors to reclaim them ; yet after all thay in a very vncristian mannar Sepparated from vs taking away at one of our quartarly meettings our quartarly book³ ; & retains it with our publik stock vntell this day ; And for as much as we finde that thay will not heare but grows high heddy stobborn & moore & moore Rebellious & oppon in the oposision of the truth, its Leadings guidings & saruiceses ; And the saruents of it, setting vp publikly & that before the world thair standard of sepparasion, &c.

We are stirred vp in spirrit (in the dreed fear & aue of the lord god of heauen & earth & in true zeall for his

honnour & the glory of his name, And loue of his presious
 & indeared truth ; And as A warning to all the simpell
 harted in this age & to sucseeding ages) to record A
 Judgment ; And we doe hearby in the name powar &
 Athorrity of the Allmighty god Record A Judgment,
 Against thease men, And all Joyned with them in the
 Aforesaied work of sepparasion & deuision & all thaire
 euill ways & indeuors of deuiding Amongst gods herritage ;
 Which thay haue bene exarsised in to the dishonour of
 the deare worthy renowned name of our god. And
 our faith is that the liueing god in whose loue we haue
 boren longe with them & sought them will deall with
 them, And justly reward them whoe haue hard our crys
 seene our sufferings considared our moornings botteld
 our tears, Whoe haue gloriously apeareed for our
 presaruesion And for the delliueranc of many out of this
 snare,

And Now to the lord we leaue them, as branches
 withered & withering, before the lord god of the whool
 Earth, Throw thaire forsaking the deuine sap & vertue
 of Crist Jeesus our lord & head, And it would be our
 exceeding joy Might thay be reuiued & recouerred
 Againe which we leue to thee o lord before whome we are
 bowed this day in doing this thy will & answaring thy
 counsell,

William Smyth	Edward Edwards	John Gibbens
Jsreall Noys	Jsack Silf	William Jsack
John harris	John Clark	Thomas Smith
John Stokham	Danniall Yung	Marmeduk Robbens
Roggor Cook	Edward luff	Nathaniall Baylly
Robbart Cox	Waltar Edwards	Ralph Gell
John gardnar	Josiph Bushall	Samuell Noys
William Bury	John gay	William Smith
William Geding	Thomas Smith	Jonetheen Scott
Thomas hinly	William laws	Thomas Lawranc
Addam Goldny	John Gingell	Edward Broune
William Saudig	John Neat	Thomas Barrat
William Playar		John Parradis
William Tyllar		

[Wiltshire Quarterly Meeting, 4th of 8th mo. 1680.]

The following letter⁴ from Robert Barrow to Friends in Bristol recounts some of the movements of these Separatists outside Wiltshire :

Swarthmore thee 15 daye of the
1st month 1678/9

Richard Snead
Charles Joanes & the
rest of our Faithfull Bretheren
& welbeloved ffriends in and
about Bristoll.

. . . Well deare ffriends tis like you know of the comeinge of some of Jo : Storyes agents comed out of wiltshire to make Broyles & tumults in our countrye about the 15th of the last month came to Kendall. J : W : Arthur Ishmead & Nat : Coaleman & after they had had too generall meetings with the seperates they came amongst vs they must needs have there meetings generall for there whole company when they are all together men women & children they are for quantitye but like an ordanary meeting but when they had visited them as the said then Arthur & Robert Pocock [of Reading] came to Kendall meeting where Arthur had his full time without any Interruption, but after him a freind stood vp in the name of the Lord & Ript vp the nature & pedegree of that well favoured harlott & of that spirit of darkenesse which is gone from the crosse & out of the power & life of Righteousnesse, though death can take of the fame thereof & the said freind concluded the meeting in prayer but Arthur & some of his partye that was with him was greatly disqueted yett being much chained could not gett vp to Jangle & the same day being the 4th daye of the weeke nathaniell was att grayrigg meeting And as J heare was verry Large in his words though freinds could not beare him nor sitt vnder his Ayrie talke but Reproved him but he said he would speake except they pulled him downe & Tho : Robertson spoake to him & when he would not heare him Thomas Becked of him softly with the back of his hand to have him to give eare to him & the said nathaniell Reported that he laid violent hands of him but there was many freinds that heard & saw all & T. Robertson was farr from any such thing—Soe the next

first day following they came all 3 viz^t the wiltshire men to Sedbridge meeting where there was a considerable bodye of friends & severall in the ministry & and after one of our ffreinds had declared then Nathaniell stod vpp & spoake awhile & ffreinds was generally vnder an exercise because of the wrongness of his spirit & Antipithye of his minde against the faithfull Bretheren & heavenly discipline of truth & because that he is knowne to be such a greate propagator of the seperation & feeleing the weight of that hipocriticall spirit that acted him & them that came with him ; one freind who is not in the ministry haveing an exceeding concern in his mind in the opperation of the heavenly power cryed out silence thou Ayrey man the burthen of the word of the lord is vpon me ; but Nathaniell would not cease but Rather Lifted vp his voyce & they both spoke att once & neither could well be heard and after awhile Nathaniell ceased & another ffreind stod vpp & spoke & then Natt : & Arthur both Jnterrupted him & soe caused a greate Jumble & much disorder & then Arthur & John Blaikling fell into dis-course & there was several that did belong to Sedbridge meeting that did Joyne with Arthur & Nathaniell but they are such persons as never adorned the truth but hath allwayes beene fickle & vnstable & wee Reckon noe lesse in wanteing of them for they have beene out of vnitye with ffreinds many years & this being a time of Trying & winnowing doth onely blow away the chaffe but the wheate is gathered & the gould purified & the faithfull confirmed & liveingly established vpon the antient Rock & sure foundation against which the gates of hell & death can never prevaile glory to our god for ever but your country men is now posting home againe J : S : is weakely 'tis like durst not adventure to goe with them & J : W : comes not to any of our meetings neither with them nor att other times he knows he hath Lost his credett his [? secret] is discovered & his spirit manifested as well as his leading man J : S : there snare is now seene & they can catch noe more nor J hope hould all they have however thanks be unto god. ffreinds is generally well & through & over all these things the Lord is bringing his people & servants to triumph in his heavenly dominion & therein to stand wittnesses for god

& his pretious truth. Soe ffriends J haveing this opertunitye was willing to give you this hint suposeing you may have a further account from some other hand & soe rest your friend

ROBERT BARROW.

Those that seemed to owne Nathaniell & Arthur is like would not have owned J : S : nor J : W :

NOTES

¹ Wiltshire was one of the strongholds of the Wilkinson-Story "sizem," and "the two Johns" were frequently in this county and neighbouring Bristol. The four chief agents in Wiltshire are mentioned here in order of their notoriety.

² The defection of Arthur Ismeade (Ismay, Esmead) must have taken place between the years 1673 and 1677, for in the former year Ismeade signed, among Friends of good standing, an epistle from London, and in the latter year he is among the Separatists in Wiltshire, addressed by a meeting held in London (see *A Testimony against the 66 Judges*, with preface by Jeffery Bullock, 1677).

Of Arthur Ismead, Thomas Story wrote in his *Journal*, about 1696 :

"One First-Day about this time, came . . . Arthur Ismay, a separate Preacher out of the Country to our Meeting in Whitehart-Court . . . and, being of a large Body, and a bold and unmortified Soul, with a loud strong Voice, began early, before the Meeting was half-gathered ; and went on with Abundance of ranting Matter, such as he used to vent and held it till near the Time to break up the Meeting."

For Nathaniel Coleman, see *Cambridge Journal*.

The Matravers family of Wiltshire has been Quaker down to modern times.

The four are mentioned together in the Bullock pamphlet referred to. See also THE JOURNAL, ix. 190, 194, and *Second Period of Quakerism* reading *Matravers* for *Maltravers*.

³ Evidence of this is to be found in the Minute books which survive and are in D. See THE JOURNAL, x. 182, and *Second Period of Quakerism*.

⁴ The letter is among Bristol MSS. (vol. v. no. 17.) See THE JOURNAL, ix. 190. There is a copy, by Emily Jermyn, in D. (Swarth. Trans. v. 21.)

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