

## The Cambridge "Journal of George Fox"

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68.—Vol. I. p. 432.—There has been some uncertainty regarding the year of the death of Joseph Fuce. George Fox gives 1669 (*F.P.T.* p. 162n.); Joseph Smith has 1665 or 1669 (*Cata.* i. 824); Joseph Besse includes him among four Friends who died in the White Lion Prison, Southwark in 1665<sup>1</sup>—Samuel Fisher, Joseph Fuce, John Shields, John Fothergill (*Suff.* i. 693). On the other hand Burial Registers of Surrey and Sussex have: "Fuce, Joseph, 1669 viii. 11. Psh. of Kingston in co. of Surrey. Kingston [M.M.] [Buried at] Kingston," and Ellis Hookes, writing to G. Fox, 10 viii. 1669, states: "Yesterday morning our dear friend Joseph Fuce laid down the body at Kingston" (*Letters o Early Friends*, p. 168, see *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 490).

69.—Vol. II. p. 460.—"Mildred" and "Judy." In a tract dated 1678, written by Robert Rich—*Hidden Things brought to Light, or the Discord of the Grand Quakers among Themselves*, we read, page 13:

"Tell me if there are not some of all them Professions with whom thou couldst have more unity than with *Mildred* and *Judah Crouch* and *Mary Powel*, and divers others, such like, who are called by the name of Quakers?"

Mildred and *Judy* are mentioned together in early letters (Swarth. MSS., iv. 13). Mildred and *Judith* are addressed by George Fox on one sheet (Swarth. MSS., ii. 62). In the above quotation we have Mildred and *Judah* with the surname, presumably of each, Crouch, which on its face, might imply a man not a woman. But there are other indications that this band of opponents was composed of women. Richard Hubberthorne, writing to Margaret Fell, 10 xii. 1656/7, says: "As for James Nayler, he is in Bridewell. The women . . . sometimes appoint meetings in the most public places of the city." The letter is among *Letters etc. of Early Friends*, edited by A. R. Barclay, but unfortunately the editor omits to copy at the point when, doubtless, the letter becomes most interesting! and the location of the original is not known. An "Impudent lasse" is referred to in Swarth. MSS. iv. 15, but this may refer to Mildred. William C. Braithwaite considers them to be women (*Second Period*, p. 250, cp. *Beginnings*, pp. 269, 270). George Whitehead places Mildred in the company of "two or three boisterous fellows" (*Camb. Jnl.* ii. 461).

Of Mary Powel we know nothing at present.

<sup>1</sup> but does not give the month as in the three other cases.