

Editor's Notes

THIS issue of THE JOURNAL represents volume XXI. It is complete, with Index, etc. It presents a considerable variety of topics—students of the writings of George Fox will value the first article; the discomforts of early railway travelling are told; personal experiences during the rebellion of the Young Pretender are graphically described; social questions and needs of a century ago form the subject of a letter; the life of a Quaker apprentice in London is presented, with his veiled references to bathing in the New River and confessions of theatre-going. There are pages of book notes interspersed with anecdotes and many an incident describing man and manners of the Quaker past.

Volume XXII. may be expected in the autumn. Among probable contents may be mentioned :

The Story of a Great Literary Venture.

Some Account of Dorothy Ripley and her visit to America.

The French Prophets and their Connection with Friends.

In *Tortola: A Quaker Experiment of Long Ago in the Tropics*, by Charles F. Jenkins, 1923, there are several references to a diary written by William Thornton (1761-1828) between the years 1777 and 1782, while the writer was at Ulverston as clerk to an apothecary and at Edinburgh as a medical student. The diary consists of six little books, 4 ins. by 6 ins. Photostats of the diary have been made and presented to **D** by the kindness of Charles F. Jenkins. We hope to include some extracts in our next issue.

By the kindness of the Rev. E. G. O'Donoghue, Chaplain of Bethlem Royal Hospital, London, S.E., we have been provided with copies (checked by originals but not reproduced in the archaic spelling) of the minutes of the Court Book of the Hospital referring to the case of James Nayler, confined in Bridewell, 1657 to 1659. We propose to print these minutes in full in future numbers of THE JOURNAL.

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In xv. 156, we reported the deposit by Thomas Reed Dyne of papers relating to Rachel Reed and her correspondence with Stephen Grellet. Extracts from this correspondence, under the caption of "The Reed Family, with special Reference to Rachel Reed and her Friendship with Stephen Grellet," are being prepared for publication.

The Quaker and the Pump

Charles Bratt built a range of tenements in Spitalfields, London, and, objecting to the charges of the East London Waterworks Co., for a supply of water, he set to work with the help of a labourer and dug a well in the court-yard of his premises, erecting pumping machinery to feed a large tank for supplying his tenements with water. In a recess in the wall next the street, he put a pump, open to the public, which was much used, though the pump was hard to work. A neighbour said to him: "Mr. Bratt, your pump-water is very good—when we get it, but it is hard to get." The fact was, the astute Friend had so arranged his apparatus that the public well-earned the benefits received. *For every gallon of water pumped into the public cans, two were raised into the owner's tank.* The Water Company, however, finding they had been outwitted, came to terms, which was the end intended. The public pump was accordingly suppressed and the reduced water-rate agreed to.

The above is copied from Theodore Compton's *Spitalfields and John Gray*, published in 1908. Charles Bratt (c. 1782-1862) and his brother William Bratt (c. 1789-1871) were Friends of good standing in Devonshire House M.M. They were the last Friends to wear the old Quaker garb. They are seen in the foreground of an illustration in *London Yearly Meeting during 250 years, 1919*.

Beaten for Non-attendance at Meeting

Sessions held at Hicks Hall, August, 1686 :

Henry Livesley discharged from his apprenticeship with Richard Love, weaver, who "hath several times inhumanly beaten him." Love, "being a Quaker," had used his apprentice "the more severely because he would not goe to the Quakers meeting with him."

Middlesex County Records. *MS. Calendar of Sessions Books, 1638-1738*. Sessions Book 440. (Extracted by William A. Caffall.)