London Yearly Meeting, 1860

We cull the following from the life of James Nicholson Richardson (1846-1921), recently published, written by Charlotte Fell Smith, being an extract from a paper written in 1915, entitled : *Reminiscences of Two Yearly Meetings, 1860, 1914* :

"I remember the *dramatis personæ* of the scene—JOSEPH THORP, clean-shaven, ruddy, complex, aquiline ; a more stately and competent clerk never presided over Yearly Meeting. JOSIAH FORSTER, father of the Assembly, very old, permitted much licence on account of his age ; when excited, he spoke very often, always with the effort to speak and stick his tongue in his cheek at the same time. The three great brothers PEASE : JOHN, JOSEPH, HENRY, known by the absolutely perfect soubriquets of ' Parched Peas,' ' Sweet Peas ' and ' Green Peas.' THOMAS PUMPHREY, with a beautiful, deep voice that tolled like a bell. JOHN FORD, tall, slight, short grey curls, the acme of the typical, refined, scholarly, quaker gentleman. SAMUEL GURNEY and J. GURNEY BARCLAY, who represented high finance. BEVAN BRAITHWAITE whom we remember as an old man, then young—though he never had looked it—lisping himself along into prominence as an eminent lawyer and quaker statesman. Also a short, sturdy little man with a very broad-brimmed hat, WILLIAM RADLEY, known to us boys as ' nature's beverage,' because he often alluded to water in these terms."

In 1860, James N. Richardson was a scholar at Grove House, Tottenham.

Extracts from Bishopwearmouth Parish Registers

QUAKER CHILDREN NOT BAPTIZED

1657	24 Dec.	John, son of Lancelot Wardell, born.
1659	10 Nov.	Judith, dau. of Lancelot Wardell, born.
1707	17 Feb.	Elizabeth, dau. of John Freeman.
	28 Aug.	Margaret, dau. of Jeremiah Abbs.
	8 Nov.	Deborah, dau. of Benjamin March.
1708	5 Feb.	William, son of Jeremiah Abbs.
1709	15 April	Lancelot, son of Benjamin March.

QUAKER CHILDREN BAPTIZED

1704	29 Jan.	Margaret, daughter of Joseph Maud.
1713	12 Jan.	Isabel, dau. of Jeremiah Abbs.

Extracted by G. Aynsley Smith, of Durham.