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CROSS, Elinu Richard, 1864-1916.

b. 1864, Scalby near Scarborough, Eng.

Brought up as a Wesleyan.

Ed. grammar school, Scarborough. Read law with Joshua Rowntree and became his life-long friend. 1886, took degree in London.

Town Council at Scarborough for four years, then, 1895, clerk of Magistrates for eighteen years.

m., 1889, Sarah Halliday. 1898, they both joined Friends.

1913, removed to York, in view of his connection with the firm of Rowntree & Co.

Conferences and negotiations of the Liquor Control Board took him from John o' Groats to Land's End. Loved literature. Wrote appreciative and critical essays.

"One who sees and wills justly and loves."

d. 11 Aug. 1916, Buttermere, aged 52, having drowned while bathing.

Wilkinson, E. Richard Cross; a biographical sketch (portrait), 1917.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 105(1917):39 (portrait).

Friends Quart. Exam., 50:523.

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CROSS, Eliza Richard (1864-1916)

E. Richard Cross was born at Scalby, near Scarborough, in 1864 of yeoman-farmer stock. Before he was 12 years old his family moved to Scarborough and he and his brother attended the grammar school there. He decided on a legal career and was articled to Joshua Rowntree, with whom he became closely associated in work and in affection. He took his degree of LL.B. (London) in 1886 and settled in Scarborough to practice as a solicitor. For four years he served on the town council and then, for 18 years, he was clerk to the magistrates. He had admirable qualifications for his profession, added to which was a sincere desire to serve his fellow men. Many of those who came to see him as clients found sympathetic understanding and ever-ready advice and help. 'He brought out the best qualities in those he met; in his presence ill-feeling towards others disappeared, and the unworthy remark was arrested' (1).

He always had a keen interest in politics and could have made a successful career in this field had he so chosen. Sociological and economic questions interested him intensely, and his experience as a magistrates' clerk brought him into touch with many problems, perhaps especially the need for temperance reform. 'During his tenure of office Scarborough acquired the reputation of being at the same time one of the fairest and one of the most progressive licensing authorities in the Kingdom' (2).

In 1889 he married Sarah Halliday: there were at least 2 children (3). They made a happy home where visitors were ever welcome. Richard Cross had a genius for friendship. He was a keen lover of nature and had a real enthusiasm for literature. His great abilities gradually led him to wider fields of activity and in 1907 he became chairman of the board of directors of the Nation. Subsequently he spent much time working for the Land Enquiry Committee, and later for the Liquor Control Board.

Richard Cross had been brought up as a Wesleyan, but after his marriage gave up his attendance. In 1898 he and his wife joined the Society of Friends, with which he had been in close contact for many years. His vocal ministry was greatly valued and had as its keynote his belief in the dependance of man on God, and in the power of God to work through human personality.

When he was at the height of his activities he died suddenly, by drowning, in Lake Buttermere on 11 August 1916, aged 52 years: his body was buried at Pardshaw.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1917 p.39

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CROSS, Eliza Richard (1864-1916) continued

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Annual monitor
- 2 ibid
- 3 two are listed in Yorkshire QM printed list of members 1898 as follows:
Mary Halliday
Dorothy

SEE ALSO

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- The Friend (Lond) ns vol (1916) pp.647, 666, 697
- Account of life and death in Yorkshire post 14.viii.1916 (Friends House vol RR/129)
- Cocoa works magazine no 156 (Oct 1916) p.1893
- Accounts in Yorkshire herald, Sheffield independent, Nation (Friends House vol RR/129-30)
- Friends quarterly examiner vol (1916) p.523
- Notice that Marion Wilkinson is to edit papers, Friend (Lond) ns vol (1917) p.502

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CROSS, Leslie J.

Author: Friends and Vegetarianism, The Friend, London,
1944.

[No references given.]

CROSS, Lucy (1802-1885) after 1833 Waterfall

[Lucy Cross, daughter of Edmund and Ann Cross of Halstead, Essex, was married in 1833 to Henry Waterfall (1800?-1834).

see WATERFALL, Lucy (1802-1885) born Cross

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~~FISHER~~, Mary (1623?-1698) formerly Bayly, born Fisher 3

The early home of Mary Fisher was at Selby, Yorkshire, where she was 'as servant with Richard Tomlingson' (Swarth. MSS.i.373). Her conviction took place in 1652, and shortly afterwards she was imprisoned in York Castle (F.P.T.; A.R.B. MSS 173). At the close of 1653, accompanied by Elizabeth Williams, Mary Fisher visited Cambridge and 'fell into discourse with some Schollars of Sidney-Sessex-Colledg' and bluntly told them 'that their Colledg was a Cage of unclean Birds' (using a phrase taken up later by Fox, and turned against erring brethren by Francis Hugg), for saying which they were 'stripped naked to the waste...put into the Whipping Post and their bodies cut and slashed and torn' (The First New Persecution, or A True Narrative of the Cruel Usage of two Christians, by the present Mayor of Cambridge, as it was certified from thence by an Eminent Hand, 1654; Suff.). The first term of foreign service is noted under 334.6. M. Fisher was in the West Indies again in 1657-8. In 1658 she undertook that hazardous journey to the Court of the Sultan Mahomet IV, a full description of which, from an outside point of view, is given by Gfoose (Hist. 1696, pt.ii, pp.274 ff.). Mary Fisher became Mary Bayly by her marriage, in 1662, with William Bayly (i.201.1) and, later, Mary Cross by her marriage with John Cross (-1687?), of London, in 1678. John and Mary Cross emigrated prior to 1685/6 to Charleston, (South) Carolina, with three children. Through the recent researches of George Vaux, of Philadelphia, further information respecting Mary Cross and the children of her first marriage has been obtained and published (The Friend, Phila.) 1909, pp.403,411, 1910, p.296; Jnl: F.H.S. vi. 163; see also Sewel, Hist. 1722; Bowdan Hist. 1850, i.30-41, 56 n. ff; Budge, Annals, 1877; Quaker Biographies 1909, ii; MSS in Friends House).

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal; Camb. ed 1911 vol.2 p.479

see also next sheet

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~~FISHER~~, Mary (1623?-1698) formerly Bayly, born Fisher

Mary Fisher was of Selby, Yorks. convinced in 1652. Notable as in 1654 one of first two Friends, both women, to visit Cambridge (cf. Besse, i.84); in 1656 one of first two Friends, again both women, to reach New World (cf. Q.A.C., 26); and in 1657 one of six Friends who travelled to Turkey, where she visited the Sultan. In 1662 married William Bayly (cf. C.J., i.435). cf. DNB; C.J., ii.479 Brailsford, Q.W., F.Q.E., 1876, 529.

Note by G.F. Nuttall in Early quaker letters, 1952, p.59

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Additional information:

CROSS (or CROSSE), Mary (Fisher) Bailey, ca. 1623-1698.

Servant of Richard Tomlinsong at Pontefract (London says Selby), Yorkshire, Eng.

Convinced 1651 (London says 1652) by George Fox, whom she called "deare Father." 1652, imprisoned 16 months at York. Her whipping at Cambridge was by order of the Mayor. 1656, came with Ann (Anne) Austin from Barbadoes to the entrance of Boston harbour. Their trunks and chests were searched and about 100 books taken from them and burned by the hangman. They were brought on shore and imprisoned for weeks, and then banished. 1660, sailed with five others to the near east. She came alone on foot ca. 500 or 600 miles to the camp of the sultan, Mahomet IV at Adrianople. Her message was kindly received by him. She was one of the valiant sixty.

m., 1662, William Bailey (or Baily or Bayly) (d. at sea 1675). Two daughters, one son.

1696 or 1697, in S. C., nursed Robert Barrow, on his escape from the Indians in Florida.

In her will left real and personal property, including a black slave, to her heirs.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:612.

Evans, Friends in the 17th cen., p. 150.

Quaker Biog., Series 1, 2:41.

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CROSS, Richard (1864-1916)

see CROSS, Elisha Richard (1864-1916)

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CROSS, Paul, fl. 1704.

Kingston upon Hull, Yorkshire.

Author: Some tender advice of a sober youth . . ., 1704.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:493.