

Quaker Books from the Poole Monthly Meeting in Dorset

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1. Beaven, Thomas. An essay concerning the restoration of primitive Christianity, in a conduct truly pious and religious. London: printed for James Phillips, 1793. ix(3), 162 pp. + 6 pp. of bookseller's advertisements at the end. 12mo, contemporary sheep (slight wear to spine).

Third edition; first printed in 1723, and again in 1729. A Quaker treatise, with chapters on prayer, preaching, liberty of conscience, etc.; an edition was printed in Newport, Rhode Island, by Benjamin Franklin's brother, in 1734. All editions are uncommon. A very good crisp copy; early ownership inscription of the Quaker Meeting in Poole, in Dorset.

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2. Chalkley, Thomas. The works of that ancient, faithful servant of Jesus Christ, Thomas Chalkley, who departed this life in the island of Tortola, the fourth day of the ninth month, 1741. Containing his epistle and other writings. London: printed and sold by Luke Hinde, 1751. 264 pp. + 4 pp. of bookseller's advertisements. [With:] A journal or, historical account of the life, travels and Christian experiences, of that ancient, faithful servant of Jesus Christ, Thomas Chalkley, who departed this life in the island of Tortola, the fourth day of the ninth month, 1741. The second edition. London: printed and sold by Luke Hinde, 1751. ix(1), 326 pp. Two vols., 8vo, contemporary calf, ruled in gilt (some wear, bindings not uniform).

First London editions; first published in Philadelphia in 1749, by Benjamin Franklin and David Hall. The writings of an itinerant Quaker preacher who came to America in 1698, and quickly established himself a successful merchant, making numerous trading voyages to various islands in the West Indies, but finding time nonetheless for equally many journeys "in the ministry," in the course of which he travelled to all parts of the British colonies, from New England to the Carolinas. Chalkley asked in his will that the Philadelphia Meeting edit and print his manuscripts. His journal in particular is written in a simple and appealing style, and became staple reading in Quaker families for more than a century. As reprinted in London, these works were available either separately, as here, or as a single volume, with the first title-page reading "A Collection of the Works;" the settings of type are identical. The bindings of this set are not quite uniform, but both came from the same Quaker Meeting in Poole, in Dorset; the *Journal* shows more signs of use, with some light soiling. Sabin 11749; Howes C262.

"Poole Monthly Meeting No. 33."
"Poole Monthly Meeting No. 34."

3. Chandler, Rachel. A letter from Rachel Chandler, to ministers and elders. London: printed at the Bible in George-Yard, Lombard-Street [by Luke Hinde], 1766. 8 pp. 8vo, recent wrappers.

First edition. A Quaker lady's epistle, dated from Esher in 1764 and written during an illness which prevented her from attending the Quarterly Meeting. She appears to have been concerned about "seeds of division and discord" in the Quaker community. This was her only publication. Title-page rather dusty, otherwise a good uncut copy of a scarce pamphlet.

"Poole Monthly Meeting No. 109."

4. Churchman, John. An account of the Gospel labours, and Christian experiences of a faithful minister of Christ, John Churchman, late of Nottingham, in Pennsylvania, deceased. To which is added, a short memorial of the life and death of a fellow labourer in the church, our valuable friend Joseph White, late of Bucks County. Philadelphia printed; London: reprinted by James Phillips, 1781.vii(1), 351(1) pp. 8vo, contemporary calf (a trifle rubbed, slight wear at top of spine) .

Second London edition (though not so designated); preceded by the Philadelphia edition of 1779, and a London printing of 1780. An important early American Quaker autobiography, frequently reprinted; Churchman had died in 1775, at the age of seventy. Very good copy; old inscription of a Quaker Meeting in Poole, in Dorset. Sabin 13025; Clark, *Travels in the Old South*, I, 64.

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5. Claridge, Richard. *Tractatus hierographicus: or, a treatise of the Holy Scriptures; containing* I. An exhortation to the diligent reading of the Holy Scriptures. II. A declaration of the true way, whereby we may come to know aprofit in the reading of them. III. That it is by the testimony of the Holy Spirit of God in the heart of the faithful, that they do certainly and savingly know that the Holy Scriptures are given by inspiration of God. IV. Several Protestant writers and churches, asserting, that it is only by the testimony of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of the faithful, that they come certainly and savingly to know, that the Holy Scriptures were given by the inspiration of God. V. That the Holy Spirit of God is the principal and only certain and infallible expositor or interpreter of them. VI. That we may certainly know, whether we have the Holy Spirit of God, and that our doctrine is of him. London: printed for W. Ellis; W. Meadows; and Paul Stevens, 1751. (8), viii, (4), 197(3) pp. [Bound with:] Saint Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage. Cyprian's sermon, or, declaration concerning the good or benefit of patience. Delivered by him in Latin, and now translated into English. By Richard Claridge. London: printed for W. Ellis, 1751. (2), viii, (3)-30 pp. Two vols. in one, 8vo, contemporary calf, gilt, spine gilt (minor rubbing).

Second edition of each title (though not so designated); both were first printed in 1724, a year after the author's death, as edited by Joseph Besse. Claridge began his career in the Church of England, but later became a Baptist, and eventually joined the Quakers in 1696, when he was 47. "He was man of considerable learning, of pure and simple life, and his writings, which from their easy flowing style and limpidness of expression may still be read with pleasure, show that he possessed wider views and a more charitable disposition than was common among the earlier Quakers." --DNB. These two titles are commonly, but not inevitably, found together; both are very scarce. Wanting a flyleaf at the front, otherwise in fine condition; early inscription of the Quaker Meeting in Poole, in Dorset.

"Poole Monthly Meeting No. 39." "This book is the property of the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Poole."

6. Crisp, Stephen. An epistle to Friends concerning the present and succeeding times: being a faithful exhortation and warning to all Friends, who profess the truth, to beware of the manifold wiles of the enemy, and to stand armed in the light of the Lord God of heaven and earth, against his assaults, that so they may be ready to answer the call and requiremings of the Lord. Also, something signified of the misery of the succeeding times, that all may be prepared, and that the evil day may not overtake any unawares, but such as turn away their ear from counsel. By one who is a traveller in the way of peace, and hath goodwill towards all men, and more especially to the household of faith. London: reprinted by Luke Hinde, 1757. 54 pp. + 6 pp. of bookseller's advertisements at the end. 8vo, original pale blue wrappers (a trifle dusty).

The author's first and most popular tract, first published in 1666 and many times reprinted. Also included, with a separate title-page but continuous pagination and signatures, is his "Epistle of Tender Love and Brotherly Advice," first published in 1690. Crisp was a prominent Quaker, from Colechester, in Essex. "It is evident from his writings that Crisp was a man of considerable culture and wide views." -- DNB. Early ownership inscription of a Quaker Meeting in Poole, in Dorset; a nice copy.

"Poole Monthly Meeting No. 71."

7. Crisp. Another copy.

"Poole Monthly Meeting No. 72."

8. Crisp. Another copy.

"Poole Monthly Meeting No. 73."

9. Crisp. Another copy.

"Poole Monthly Meeting No. 74."

10. Crisp. Another copy.

"Poole Monthly Meeting No. 75."

11. Forster, Josiah. A vindication of the doctrine of baptism, as held by the people call'd Quakers; in answer to Philip Bedingfield's pamphlets, especially that called, A

Letter to a Quaker in Norfolk: wherein, his arguments for waterbaptism are enervated: his mistaken notions concerning the baptism of the spirit, detected: and his exposition of the sundry texts of Scripture, refuted: proving, that the baptism with the Holy Spirit, in the true baptism of Christ; whereby every true believer is initiated into the Christian church. With a questionary postscript direct to the clergy. London: printed and sold at the assigns of J. Sowle, 1732. vii(1), 184 pp. + a 12-page bookseller's catalogue at the end. Sm. 8vo, contemporary sheep (slight wear to tips of spine).

First edition. A young Quaker's first book; in his preface he notes the recent death of his adversary. Wanting a flyleaf at the front, otherwise a good copy; the 12-page catalogue at the end is not present in most copies. Old ownership inscription of a Quaker Meeting in Poole, in Dorset.

"Poole Monthly Meeting No. 49."

12. Griffith, John. Some brief remarks upon sundry important subjects, necessary to be understood and attended to by all professing the Christian religion. Principally addressed to the people called Quakers. London: printed by W. Richardson and S. Clark; and sold by L. Hinde, 1764. (8), 100 pp. 8vo, later wrappers.

First edition. An influential treatise by a prominent Quaker missionary. Griffith was born in Wales in 1713, but was raised in Pennsylvania from the age of 13; he returned to England in 1747. The first of the five chapters here contains "advice, caution, and counsel to parents and children." This work was several times reprinted both in England and America, and was later included in various editions of Griffith's autobiography; this first printing is scarce. Very slightly dog-eared, but generally in very good condition; this copy bears an early inscription of the Quaker Meeting in Poole, in Dorset. Sabin 28825n.

"Poole Monthly Meeting No. 68." "The property of Poole Meeting. No. 68."

13. Law, William. A demonstration of the gross and fundamental errors of a late book, called A Plain Account of the Nature and End of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, &c. Wherein also the nature and extent of the redemption of all mankind by Jesus Christ is stated and explained; and the pretences of the deists, for a religion of natural reason instead of it, are examin'd to the bottom. The whole humbly, earnestly, and affectionately address'd to all orders of men, and more especially to all the younger clergy. London: printed for W. Innys and J. Richardson, R. Manby, and J. S. Cox, 1752. (4), 308 pp. 8vo, contemporary calf, gilt, spine gilt (a trifle rubbed).

Third edition, "corrected;" first published in 1737, and reprinted in 1738. An attempt to refute the theological positions of Benjamin Hoadly, with whom John Law had for many years disputed, from the time of the so-called Bangorian controversy (1717). In this book, written some eight years after his classic *Serious Call* (PMM 187), Law begins to show the influence of the mystic Jacob Behmen, of whom he was now an ardent disciple. A nice copy, complete with a preliminary leaf of bookseller's advertisements for other titles by Law. CBEL II, 1653.

"Poole Meeting" [crossed out]. "Moses Neave's book. 1768" [crossed out].

14. [Law: Quakers.] A collection of Acts of Parliament, and clauses of Acts of Parliament, relative to those Protestant dissenters who are usually called by the name of Quakers, from the year 1688. London: printed by Luke Hinde, 1757. 96 pp. 4to, contemporary sheep, panelled in blind (slight wear to spine, ends of joints a trifle cracked).

First edition. The first attempt to print a collection of legislation relating to the Quakers; fifty Acts, or relevant clauses of Acts, are included, arranged chronologically, beginning with the Toleration Act of 1688. A very good copy.

"No. 10 Monthly Meeting" [Poole clipped out].

15. Another copy, similar (some wear to spine and corners, joints cracked). "No. 9 Monthly Meeting" [Poole clipped out].

16. Pearson, Anthony. The great case of tithes truly stated, clearly open'd, and fully resolv'd, by Anthony Pearson, formerly a Justice of Peace in Westmorland. With an appendix thereto. To which is added, a defence of some other principles held by the people call'd Quakers, in which they differ from other religious denominations. The arguments for these are supported by Scripture, and the concurring sentiments of ancient and modern authors. By J. M. London: printed and sold at the assigns of J. Sowle, 1730. viii, 292 pp. + 8 pp. of bookseller's advertisements at the end. 8vo, contemporary panelled calf (a bit rubbed, upper joint slightly cracked).

First edition thus. The opening essay in this volume was first printed as a 37 page pamphlet in 1657, and is described in a new preface here as "long out of print;" the considerable additions are by Josiah Martin, a scholarly Quaker who exchanged pamphlets with Voltaire. The payment of tithes was long a conspicuous area of dispute between Quakers and the authorities. Martin also discusses at length such contentious topics as bearing arms, baptism, and, especially, women preaching. Repair to a tear on the blank verso of the title-page, otherwise a very good copy; old ownership inscription of a Quaker Meeting in Poole, in Dorset.

"This is the property of [Poole] Meeting No. 43."

17. [Quakers.] A collection of testimonies concerning several ministers of the Gospel amongst the people called Quakers, deceased: with some of their last expressions and exhortations. London: printed and sold by Luke Hinde, 1760. (12), 372 pp. 8vo, contemporary panelled calf (a bit rubbed, very slight wear to tips of spine).

First edition. Sketches of 134 Quakers, both prominent and obscure, as gathered from meetings in all parts of Great Britain and Ireland, and arranged chronologically according to the time of death, from 1720 to 1759; a number of those included here had visited America. A very good copy of a uniquely Quaker sort of book; signature on the front flyleaf of Moses Neave, dated 1761, crossed through, with an additional inscription on the title-page of a Quaker Meeting in Poole, in Dorset. Sabin 66920.

"Poole Meeting." "Moses
Neave 1761."

18. [Quakers.] Epistles from the yearly meeting of the people called Quakers, held in London, to the quarterly and monthly meetings in Great Britain, Ireland, and elsewhere; from the year 1675, to 1759, inclusive. With an index to the principal subjects of advice. London: printed and sold by Samuel Clark, 1760. (2), 276(3) pp. Folio, contemporary calf, gilt, spine gilt (lacks label, some wear to top of spine, upper joint a bit cracked, but firm).

First edition. The first (and only 18th-century) attempt to collect the distinctive annual public documents issued by the Society of Friends in London; there were a fair number of such collections in the 19th century. With an index at the end to such subjects as education, marriage, parents, prisoners, trade, tithes, and "sufferings (their yearly amount)." A very good copy. Sabin 66923.

"[Poole] Monthly Meeting No. 7." [first word excised]

19. [Quakers.] Epistles from the yearly meeting of the people called Quakers, held in London, to the quarterly and monthly meetings in Great Britain, Ireland, and elsewhere; from the year 1675, to 1759, inclusive. With an index to the principal subjects of advice. London: printed and sold by Samuel Clark, 1760. (2), 276(3) pp. Folio, contemporary calf, gilt, spine gilt, red morocco label (slight wear to top of spine).

First edition. The first (and only 18th-century) attempt to collect the distinctive annual public documents issued by the Society of Friends in London; there were a fair number of such collections in the 19th century. With an index at the end to such subjects as education, marriage, parents, prisoners, trade, tithes, and "sufferings (their yearly amount)." Small repair to blank upper margin of title-page, but a very good copy. Sabin 66923.

"Moses Neave 1761." [Poole Meeting inscription apparently clipped from the title-page]

20. [Quakers.] Extracts from the minutes and advices of the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London, from its first institution. London: printed by James Phillips, 1783. vii(1), (4), 276, (8) pp. 4to, contemporary reversed calf (some rubbing, worn patch at base of spine, lower joint slightly cracked).

First edition. An unusual attempt by the Quakers in London to compile a compendium of guidance on a wide variety of subjects, by means of excerpts from the records, both printed and manuscript, of annual meetings, beginning in 1675. The topics covered have to do with daily life, as opposed to theology; included are sections on books, civil government, education, grave-stones, law, marriage, militia, oaths, the poor, war, women's meetings, etc. The entries often provide a brief history of the Society; in the section on slavery, for example, the first formal protest is registered as having been made in 1727. Most of the entries are marked either "P. E.," for "printed epistle," or "M. E.," for "manuscript epistle." A slightly unusual feature of this volume is that the text is interspersed throughout with blank pages (included in the pagination): "The book is printed with blank leaves, for the purpose of making future additions, which are to be inserted in the manner, and in the page, in which they will be directed to be placed by the Yearly Meeting. No other additions are to be made." In fact, an 11-page "appendix" was published nine years later, and there was a second edition of the entire text in 1802. Aside from the wear to the spine, in very good condition; ownership blindstamp of the Poole Monthly Meeting (in Dorset) on the upper cover.

"Poole Monthly Meeting" [blindstamp on upper cover]. "Moses Neave."

21. [Quakers.] Extracts from the minutes and advices of the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London, from its first institution. London: printed and sold by W. Phillips, 1802. xvi, 232 pp. [Bound with:] Extracts from the minutes and advices .. . Supplement to the second edition, printed in 1802. London: printed and sold by William Phillips, 1822. (4), 237-308 pp. Two parts in one volume, 4to, contemporary half calf, spine gilt (a bit worn).

Second edition, revised, with a new preface; first published in 1783. An unusual attempt by the Quakers in London to compile a compendium of guidance on a wide variety of subjects, by means of excerpts from the records, both printed and manuscript, of annual meetings, beginning in 1675. The topics covered have to do with daily life, as opposed to theology; included are sections on books, civil government, education, grave-stones, law, marriage, militia, oaths, the poor, war, women's meetings, etc. The entries often provide a brief history of the Society; in the section on slavery, for example, the first formal protest is registered as having been made in 1727. Many of the entries are marked either "P. E.," for "printed epistle," or "M. E.," for "manuscript epistle." A very good copy, complete with the 1822 supplement (and an appropriate half-title inserted at the front).

"Preparative Meeting of Women Friends."

22. Another copy, similarly bound (some wear to spine, joints cracked). £50 "Men's Preparative Meeting." Later Neave bookplate.

23. [Quakers.] Extracts from the minutes and epistles of the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held in London, from its first institution to the present time, relating to Christian doctrine, practice and discipline. London: Friends' Book Depository, 1861. viii, 257 pp. 4to, original purple cloth (a bit spotted and faded, old shelf sticker on spine).

Fourth edition, revised, with a new preface; preceded by editions of 1783, 1802, and 1834.

An unusual attempt by the Quakers in London to compile a compendium of guidance on a wide variety of subjects, by means of excerpts from the records, both printed and manuscript, of annual meetings, beginning in 1675. The topics covered have to do with daily life, as opposed to theology; included are sections on books, civil government, education, grave-stones, law, marriage, militia, oaths, the poor, war, women's meetings, etc. The entries often provide a brief history of the Society; in the section on slavery, for example, the first formal protest is registered as having been made in 1727. Many of the entries are marked either "P. E.," for "printed epistle," or "M. E.," for "manuscript epistle." A very good copy.

"Friends Meeting Library. Poole 1862."

24. Richardson, Jonathan. An account of the life of that ancient servant of Jesus Christ, John Richardson, giving a relation of many of his trials and exercises in his youth, and his services in the work of the ministry, in England, Ireland, America, &c. London: printed and sold by Luke Hinde, 1757. vi, 236 pp. + 4 pp. of bookseller's advertisements at the end. 8vo, contemporary calf (a trifle rubbed, very slight wear to tips of spine).

First edition. A popular and rather charming Quaker autobiography, published four years after the author's death at the age of 86. Richardson spent much of his life as an itinerant preacher. More than half of this book is devoted to his trip to America from 1700 to 1703, during the course of which he stayed with William Penn, was present at a council with Indians, disputed with George Keith, met Thomas Story on Long Island, and preached in Maryland before the governor and his wife, Lord and Lady Baltimore. There are shorter accounts of a trip to Ireland in 1722, and a second stay in America in 1731. Frequently reprinted both in England and America; a Philadelphia edition appeared in 1783. In very good condition; contemporary Quaker inscription on the title-page of the Monthly Meeting at Poole, in Dorset. Sabin 71023.

"Poole Monthly Meeting No. 17."

25. Spalding, John. Some account of the convincement, and religious progress of John Spalding, late of Reading. London: printed and sold by James Phillips, 1795.v(1), 36 pp. 12mo, recent wrappers.

First edition. An account of the author's conversion to Quakerism, published shortly after his death on Jan. 30, 1795, at the age of 29. This narrative became popular, and was often reprinted both in England and America (beginning with a Philadelphia printing of 1799). The first edition is scarce; the ESTC (03/05) lists eight locations (L, AWn, St. Deiniol, LANu, NW; CSmH, InRE). A very good uncut copy; old inscription of a Quaker Meeting in Poole, in Dorset.

"Poole Monthly Meeting No. 131."

26. Turford, Hugh. The grounds of a holy life: or the way by which many who were heathens, came to be Christians; and such as are now sinners, may come to be numbered with saints; by little preaching. To which is added, Paul's speech to the Bishop of Crete. As also, a true touchstone or trial of Christianity. London: printed and sold by James Phillips, 1775. xii, 144 pp. 12mo, contemporary sheep (spine rather worn).

Eleventh edition. A classic Quaker text, by a Bristol schoolmaster who died in 1713. "A broad-minded and entirely unsectarian contention for consistency rather than conformity of practice, urging a return to the primitive virtue of self-denial." -- DNB. Turford's book was first published in 1702, but is very rare in that form; there is no record of the first edition in the ESTC (03/05), but the NUC does note a single copy in the large Quaker collection at Haverford College. A great many reprints were produced over the next 150 years, but all 18th-century editions are very uncommon, and some appeared to have vanished entirely. The earliest printings listed by the ESTC are a Dublin edition of 1724 (Di; CtY), the London third edition of 1747 (DLC only), a Newcastle printing of 1748 (PHC only), and the London fourth edition of 1749 (CSmH only). Of the present edition, one copy is recorded, at the British Library. Aside from the worn spine, in very good condition.

"Poole Meeting."

27. Wagstaffe, Thomas. Piety promoted, in brief memorials of the virtuous lives, services, and dying sayings, of several of the people called Quakers. The eighth part. London: printed and sold by Mary Hinde, 1774. (8), 235(5) pp. Sm.8vo, contemporary sheep, gilt, spine gilt (a little rubbed, ends of spine a bit worn, upper joint cracked).

First edition. A new collection of the "dying words" of prominent Quakers, a number of them from North America; the preceding seven parts, by other compilers, had appeared at intervals between 1701 and 1740. Selections of these narratives were frequently reprinted in both the British Isles and America, well into the 19th century; the original editions are uncommon. A very good copy; early inscription of a Quaker Meeting in Poole, in Dorset. Sabin 100959.

"Poole Monthly Meeting No. 46."