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## Pennington to His Granddaughters, August 13, 1948

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August 13, 1948.

Dear Granddaughters:--

When they said that such a man as John Bunyan could not have written such a book as Pilgrim's Progress, he showed them that he could by writing another work of a similar character. And when a fellow's granddaughters question his ability to do a foolish puzzle story, with blanks to be filled in with the names of animals and birds, what is a fellow to do but make another one (this time not taking time to turn it into rhyme) with the blanks to be filled with the names of Quakers, most of them of considerable note, though some are less widely known? These names are of Friends from the earliest days of Quakerism until now. Well, here it is:

Two weighty Friends were having a brief visit one day, on a ----- morning, and after their first greeting, one of them said to the other, "Well, what has thee been doing of late?"

"A wide variety of things", replied the other.

"I should be glad to hear of them", said his friend. "My own life has been rather hum-drum of late."

"Well, I'll tell thee what has happened already this morning.

"First, almost before the ----- had passed, I heard the ----- chatter of a --- in some shrubs on a ----- near the house. I arose, carried in some ---- and some water from one of the ----- on the place, then helped to ---- the bacon and eggs. But I had hardly started to eat when I learned that our old hog had broken a ----- of the fence and had got out of his -----.

"I got him in and nailed up the fence and then saw that a ---- had got out of the --- and had gone down one of the ----- that run from our corner -----, -----, ----- and ----. It was a long ----- before I caught this wandering sheep.

"When finally I had got it back in the pasture, I found that a --- had raided our chicken house, and killed a lot of our choice pullets. After I had disposed of them I helped the ----- who was giving our house a new dress, then helped my wife for a while by running the ----- sweeper."

"Well, thee has been busy", said his neighbor. "I'm very sorry thee lost thy -----s. I supposed there were no more predators since the county had put a bounty on them."

"That was not done" was the reply. "The ----- hereabouts put so much pressure on the county officials that they defeated the ordinance ← the farmers did not want to pay out so much -----."

"And by now" remarked his friends, "I suppose the ----- of these predators are full of young ones, and the damage will be greater still next year."

"Yes, and the county officials will not do a thing about it, though I've been -----s of letters to them."

"So much?" asked his friend. "I suspect that is rather ----- than thee has written. By the way, has thee heard recently from that ----- who was so seriously injured the other --- when his load upset?"

"Yes; he's getting along all right. But his family were in serious straits when I called last fifth day."

"And I suppose thee left them a good supply of provisions?"

"Well, it is our duty to ----- wherever we can. That truck driver claims that he is a lineal descendant of John Paul ----- Does thee believe that?"

"I'd as soon think he was blood kin to ~~himself~~ the ----. He's a very strong ----- but a very weak doer."

"He is clever and tricky in a way."

"Yes, but he'll learn some day that it pays to be ----- than to be dependable. Some day we shall probably see that ----- his wife, for she is working herself to death for him."

Just then the small son of the speaker asked him for some fruit, and he replied, "I do not have a single apple or peach or -----, but if we go to the house we may find that Mother has been doing some ---s----- picking." So they bade good-bye -- really it was farewell -- to their friend and went home.

#### NAMES.

If some of this should seem a bit obscure and help should be needed, these are the names that will fill these blanks.

Bright	North
Burroughs	Painter
Byrd	Penn
Cadbury	Pennington
Day	Pearson
Carter	Pickett
Cash	Rhoades
Chace	Sayre
Dewsberry	Scattergood
East	Sharp
Fox	Sharpless
Frye	South
Heath	Wells
Hicks	West
Hoover	Wood
Jay	
Jones	
Knight	
Lamb	
Lee	
Moore	