

ber was because he would be required to subscribe to so much that was repugnant to right reason and common sense, and added that when he could find a people who subscribed alone to the simple doctrine of Jesus' love to God and love to man, with that people he would connect himself with all his heart and mind.

Before going to Colorado a prominent "orthodox Friend," who had been there, advised me to attend their little meeting, to which my son was in the way of going, adding that the issues which caused the separation of 1827 were "*even now dead issues.*" These differences might be stated thus: that our Friends do not believe in salvation by Jesus without us, historically by means of documentary evidence, *for there is nothing else, for propitiation* of our sins, occasioned by the fall of Adam in the Garden of Eden. Not only in a "declaration" published in 1828, but also as late as an "Address, etc.," published in 1883, is this doctrine of *propitiation* set prominently forth as the true faith and doctrine by the above-mentioned Friends; and here, no doubt, is the issue to which my Friend alluded to as "a dead issue."

In a recent number of the Philadelphia *Ledger* was an article on the subject of a New Era and Epoch, "B. A." (before Adam). It being well established now that our race has inhabited this earth *at least* for 150,000 years, Prof. John Fisk, of Harvard, says 500,000 years, and that at the time Adam was said to have lived in Asia 6,000 years ago, the first man upon the earth, that there was quite an advanced civilization in Egypt at that very time. And in *Scribner's Magazine* for the 1st mo., 1887, page 81, will be found an engraving of the seal of Sargon I., 3,800 B. C. This is only one of the very many specimens now in the British Museum. Sargon was a Babylonian king. In regard to the great antiquity of Egypt, A. H. Sayce writes in his work "The Ancient Empires of the East," that shafts were

sunk in ninety-six different places at Memphis by Hikekyan Bey in 1851-4, and a fragment of pottery was found at a depth of 39 feet under strata of soil "which had been covered by sand from the desert. As the statue, which was erected in the fourteenth century, B. C., is now ten feet below the surface, it would seem that the deposits have been increasing at the rate of 3.5 inches in each century, and consequently the fragment of pottery is 13,530 years old."

Surely the time has come when all by the name of Friends should be willing to assist in the burial of issues which were so potential in 1758 that the Society could at that date have been guilty of the disownment of the gentle and learned botanist, John Bartram, "for disbelieving the Saviour." Surely now all can subscribe to the couplet which still is to be read legibly, cut in a stone, remaining in the eastward front of his house, now in the Philadelphia Park. It reads thus:

It is God alone, Almighty Lord,  
The Holy One, by me adored.

JOHN BARTRAM. 1770.

Certainly all now by the name of Friends know that the Son did not set up rival claims in the hearts of the people in his day: but that he was a Saviour to them only by reason of his oneness (harmony) with "his Father and our Father too." "Christ is the Saviour," says Isaac Pennington, "as he is one with God; and he is not a foundation, or the corner-stone distinct from God. It is the Spirit; the life which was revealed in that man (by which he did his Father's will) which was and is the foundation."

In judging of the motives of our ancestors in their actions towards John Bartram and Hannah Barnard, we should remember that at the time of their disownment that the great mass of the Christian world were firm in their belief in the fall of man through the fault of our first parents. They did not then know that our race had arisen from a low and degraded con-