

SOME LITERARY NOTES

From Roger Bristow

Inscription in *The Origin & Development of Religious Belief pt II* - "written 50 years ago - antiquated at the time and not worth the paper on which it written. S.Baring-Gould, 1 Aug. 1922".

Pasted into my copy of *In the Roar of the Sea* is a letter: Dear Madam, "I do not think I know the likeness in 'Man of the Times' The story you would like as reminding you of the Orfordness district is "*Richard Cabell* (sic)". I remain, sincerely, S.Baring Gould. Lew Trenchard, N. Devon, Oct 31st/97

From Elizabeth Goldsworthy

Answer to Chris Waters' query about rural bedrooms in the loose sheet accompanying the last issue - see *Old Country Life* ch.III Country Houses.

From David Battershell

I am still looking for the 1890s Smith & Elder edition of John Herring. Can anyone help?

From David Shacklock

"The bicentenary of the death of William Romaine, a leading London preacher and horticulturalist of 18th century London, fell on August 2nd. He served curacies in Devon and at Banstead in Surrey", I read in a recent article. The Devon curacy was at Lew Trenchard.

From the Daily Telegraph

Frame of Mind - Sir, Those exercised by the interpretation of All Things Bright and Beautiful (letters, Sept. 13) might bear in mind how that prolific and sadly misremembered writer, Sabine Baring-Gould, met politically correct criticism of his day with a revised version of his splendid hymn, Ortrvard Christian Soldiers.

Low churchmen had objected to the lines "With the Cross of Jesus/Going on Before", on the grounds that reference to the Cross was tantamount to popery. He obliged them with this alternative:

Onward Christian Soldiers, Marching as to war, With the Cross of Jesus, Left behind the door. (But see Purcell p.74f) Laurence Cotterell, St. Paul's Cray, Kent. Continued on page 16

More printed references:

Theo Brown - DEVON GHOSTS - Jarrold 1982 (pbk): 5 refs, including the haunting of Lew Trenchard churchyard by pigs - and a picture.

Stan Jarvis - A VIEW INTO ESSEX - Halton 1979 - one ref. 'Mehala'.

Lucinda Lambton's Magnificent Menagerie - QPD) 1992 (originally Harper/Collins) -
quotations from The Vicar of Morwenstow

David Scott Fox - SAINT GEORGE - Kensal Press 1983 - p.47f;1S9 A First Cornish Anthology -
Mark Press 1969 - 32. Hawker the eccentric Cornish parson (p.39f).

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