

Boarding School thirty-two years, I never buried any besides five, nor had any so much as a Bone broke in all that Time." In 1716, he married Mary, daughter of William Storrs, of Chesterfield; in 1725 he married Anne, daughter of Christopher Foster, of Rillston, by whom he had nine children, six of whom died before their mother; in 1740, he married Deborah, widow of Thomas Atkinson, of Ashes in Westmorland, and daughter of Daniel Story. He travelled extensively in the ministry. See his *Collected Works*, published in 1758.

³ There was a James Wilson, of Kendal (1677-1769). "James and John Wilson of Kendal" had charge of the printing of *The Journal of Thomas Story*, 1747.

⁴ Samuel Bownas (1676-1753) was the last of the "early Friends." He was a prominent Minister and was clerk of London Yearly Meeting in 1741. *The Account of his Life and Travels* appeared in 1756, and has been several times reprinted.

See THE JOURNAL, vols. i., iv., v., vi., vii., x., xi., xii., xv.

⁵ John Wilson (1692-1752), of Kendal, married, in 1715, Deborah Wilson (1687-1754), daughter of Thomas and Rachel Wilson, of Stramongate, Kendal. They had two sons and five daughters. John Wilson was clerk of London Y.M. in 1726, 1729, 1738, 1743.

In a testimony respecting Deborah Wilson, it is stated: "She was a constant attender of meetings, tho' much engaged in Business in which she acquired a good character and was instrumental in supporting a numerous pool." She travelled in the ministry, "gaining much respect where she came . . . being always content with the meanest Entertainment, she met with, though when at home had Plenty of the good Things of this Life, whereof she communicated to her Friends with openness of Heart."

It does not yet appear which daughter was the one referred to as engaged in business. Rachel (b. 1720) married Isaac Wilson in 1740 and became the noted Minister of that name. Deborah (b. 1722) would be sixteen at the time. She married William Birkbeck in 1744. It would be interesting to think that Rachel had had some commercial experience in her youth. Other daughters were either married or still too young.

⁶ That is (as in other copies), Horace Walpole and William Pulteney.

A "Conservative" View of London Y.M., 1846

"Everything had been cut and dried by the Table Friends prior to our coming together. . . . George Stacey was Clerk, and Robert Forster and John Hodgkin, assistants, with Josiah Forster at one side, backed by Samuel Tuke, James Backhouse and company; and William Forster and Edward Pease on the other, all of whom were much supported by the eloquence of John Pease."

JOHN HARRISON, of Manchester, to William Hodgson, Jr., of Philadelphia, 2 vi. 1846, printed in *Letters and Memoirs of William Hodgson*, 1886, p. 95.