

1712/13.

1^{mo} 14th. William Watson of the Prov. of Leinster came to Corke to the Province Meeting & was at y^e Marriage of Samuel Watson of Dublin after w^{ch} Visited friends of Bandon & had a Meeting with y^e young people of both sexes in Cork.

To be concluded.

The Teaching of Hannah Barnard

2 Month 16. 1801.

THE Opinions which have lately been disseminated have caused much uneasiness, having divided near Connections Families & Friends from each other; and tho' these Opinions do not appear to increase, they yet cannot but be deplored in consideration of the hurtful tendency of them.

A remarkable Circumstance occurred yesterday week at the Peel Meeting [London], in the Afternoon, a young Man who had been intimate with Hannah Barnard, and had pretty greedily swallowed her sentiments, stood up, and in an awful and tender Manner expressed the uncommon agony of Soul he had lately endured—that he had been tempted to doubt of the first Parts of the Scriptures; such as the Miraculous conception, and the Wars of the Jews, and so on step by step, till both the old and new Testament were doubted; from doubts he proceeded to disbelief, untill he became a thorough Deist, and now his morality began to be tried, the obligation to strict uprightness, which the Religion of Jesus Christ inspired him with, seemed gradually dissipated and he became a perfect Atheist—here wandering as in the dark, every Man's hand apparently lifted up against him, he found himself a Vagabond upon the Earth. Divine goodness still followed him, tho' with chastening, he was repeatedly warned to expose himself in that public manner as the only means of experiencing a return of Divine Favour, and as an atonement for his thus leaving his Lord & Master, and had he not thus been strengthened to express himself, he believed he could not have existed another Day, it had been sealed upon his Mind that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every Tongue confess.

It brought a great Weight and solemnity over the Meeting, added to this striking and extraordinary occurrence another Young Man at the close of the Meeting, stood up & expressed himself much to the same purpose, with some very awful cautions to any who might be under similar Temptations.

From a MS. found among the papers of the late George Penney, J.P. (1783-1853), of Poole.