

that this acquaintance wth her & so wth friends declarations in meetings hath brought him to see how falcelly fr^{ds} were asperst by the black coverings others threw on them, & y^t he is now affected wth truth & the good ord^r of it, but as this Seems not to me as yet to be Grounded on a sure foundation, J leaue you to Judge & must Still Comitt her to y^r Care & tender loue to keepe truth, yo^rselues & her unspotted from the World, and if she hath alredy apear^d to any of your Griefes J hope she may be Restored by your tender Gentle leadings. So with dear loue J salute you all & Remaine your Loueing friend

WM. BEVAN

Receud & deliued to y^e meeting
y^e 10th of y^e 2^d month 1699.

[Addressed] For Edward Loyd
merch^t in Corne Street
Bristoll.

[Endorsed] ffor the Mens Meting there
p William Beuan of Swansey.

From Bristol MSS. v. 120.

"Going out for a Husband and Wife"

Dolgyn, 16 ii. 1732. Went to meeting with Masters¹ and most of my Family where were our Friends Agnes Tomlinson² Hannah Stevenson³ and Arthur Jones.⁴ Agnes was closely concerned to advise

¹ John Kelsall was employed by several members of the Payton family in their ironworks.

² For Agnes Tomlinson (c. 1692-1756), of Preston, afterwards Hagger, of London, see THE JOURNAL, v. 191.

These three visitors had been at the Wales Y.M. recently held at Bala.

³ The births of several children of Daniel and Hannah Stevenson, of Kendal, are recorded in the Westmorland Registers between 1715 and 1725, but Hannah is not among them. She was probably an earlier, unregistered daughter. The Burial Register records the death of Hannah, daughter of Daniel and Hannah Stevenson, in 1739, but does not state age at death.

⁴ Arthur Jones (1690-1742) was born near Bala, North Wales. He settled in Pa. in early life. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Lightfoot, in 1717. The writer of "Biographical Sketches," which

all to faithfulness and keeping up the Testimony of Truth, with many other good exhortations, &c. Hannah was concerned to declare that the Lord's visitation was to some in that place in order to bring them forth into the ministry, earnestly desiring they might freely give up to the Lord's requirings. They were also jointly concerned in a way of Jealousy lest any should join with something that was as the accursed thing, as going out for a Husband and Wife, and were fearful some there might have gone too far that way, warning them to return.

A. T. was also concerned to declare that she thought the stroke of death was nearer to some than they perhaps were aware of. There was a good and comfortable opportunity and a tender refreshing time.

In the afternoon they, with other Friends, came down to our house, where we had a good, solid, comfortable time, Hannah being drawn forth in an excellent manner to declare of the Lord's dealings with her, and though she was young and lately come to the Testimony in meetings, yet she was very deep and powerful, having heretofore been careless, wild and much inclined to the foolish vanities of the world, from which she tenderly desired young people might be turned. Agnes also had a very fine time, advising the young ones to keep to Truth, sobriety, obedience to parents, &c. Arthur was particularly concerned towards our children that they might come up in the way of Truth and be obedient to the guidance thereof in all things and avoid all hurtfull and evil things. It was a sweet and bedewing opportunity to our great comfort and refreshment and I greatly desire we may be truly thankful for the same and answer the Lord's love and kindness in such his visitations to us.

Diaries of John Kelsall, vi. 304, MS. in D. (copy).

[1755]. Some time this Spring (as I understand) Two women fr^{ds} from America, their names (I think) Sarah Worrall, & Elizabeth Ashbridge both died in Ireland, after having visited part of that nation & some part of this; One of them before She died left it as a caution to such as might be under a like concern, not to travel too hard intimating it had been fatal to herself & Companion who dyed but a very little before her.

From MS. in D. *Memorandums relating to Travelling Publick Friends at Darlington, with other occurrences.* 1754-5-6, p. 22. See THE JOURNAL, x. 258.

appeared in *The Friend* (Phila.), has this note about Arthur Jones (1856, p. 36):—"Perhaps his zeal may at times have overstepped the bounds of prudence, and have stirred up unpleasant feelings in some against him. In the year 1736, a Friend from England, then on a religious visit to this country, made an open attack upon him in the meeting at North Wales [Pa]. This occasioned a difficulty, and when the Friend was returning home the Yearly Meeting of Ministers declined furnishing him a returning certificate, until he had publicly condemned his attack on Arthur Jones." According to John Kelsall (*Diaries*, vi. 232*), "he appeared to be a very tender humble man," and "was concerned in Welch."