

But if, permitted by the Power
 Who form'd, and guards us every hour,
 His wisdom seen in Nature's page,
 May our observing eyes engage,
 From works of men who would not part,
 And with his works refresh the heart?

JOSEPH GURNEY BEVAN
 (1753-1814)

Kelpius and Quakerism

The following is taken from *Portraits of the Founders*, Boston, Mass., 1919, p. 261. It is interesting in connection with the early spread of the knowledge of Quakerism on the Continent of Europe.

Johannes Kelpius (1673-1708), Pietist, was born in Hungary. He graduated at the university of Altorf in Bavaria, and became interested in Jacob Behmen. In 1694, he and a company of his followers settled on the banks of the Wissahickon Creek, Pa.

Whittier writes :

“ Painful Kelpius from his hermet den
 By Wissahickon, maddest of good men,
 Dreamed o'er the Chiliast dreams of Petersen.”

In a letter to Fabricius, his tutor, Kelpius wrote in 1705 :

“ I have not become a Quaker. Such an idea hath never come into my mind, albeit I love them from my inmost soul, even as I do all other sects that approach and call themselves Christ's.”

In Fear of Suffering

8 ix. 1671.—It was brought in that John Hart & Jno Alen had been wth Jno Sloames and spoaken to him aboute his paying tithes and his Answer was If they could show him a waye that he & his ffamilly might not be Ruin'd he would not pay them : And Could git but little Answ^r but to that Efect.

Minute Book of Norwich M.M.

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