

Gallery Warnings

BY the courtesy of Robert Muschamp we have had on loan a typed copy of the "Diary of John Pemberton, No. 7, 11 mo 22, 1752 to 6 mo. 23, 1753," when the diarist was the companion of John Churchman, of Pennsylvania, while in Europe. The latter records that John Pemberton, "who came over sea with us on account of his health, concluded to go with me," anno 1750. The Diary is principally a report of the addresses given by J. Churchman and thus supplements the printed *Journal*. The student of the sermons of eighteenth century Quaker preachers would find much of interest. Repentance in view of death and judgement is constantly stressed—"repent lest he take his rod and sweep the wicked as with a besom of destruction." At John Gough's School in Dublin "the children were exhorted to the fear of the Lord, which would preserve them from evil and cause them to be prepared for death."

"1st day 3 mo. 4. 1753. Two meetings at Leeds which were exercising, and the Testimony of Truth run close. Many were warned to a preparation for death and to be arroused from their beds of ease and carnall security and from the pollusions and defilements which many were tainted with"; however, "Many hopeful young people here." (There is a slight reference to the proposal of William Brown, brother-in-law and companion of John Churchman, at York Q.M., that a Women's Yearly Meeting should be established.)

"A meeting appointed at Birmingham wherein my dear companion had close exercise, but a power attended so that opposite spirits were chained and it was told them that the Scent of divers Evils was amongst them and wanted judgement passed upon the heads of such—Drunkenness or private Tipling, Fornication, and other Evils, for which the Lord was displeased, and friends were exhorted to bestir themselves that the Camp might be purged—pride and highmindedness likewise too much spread and prevailed."

The Diary was copied by favour of Mrs. Henry Pemberton, Jr., of Chestnut Hill, Pa., early in 1929.