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XXI.

WILLIAM PENN TO MARGARET FOX, 1690/1.

This announcement of the death of George Fox, sent to his widow, is printed in *Fells* (p. 362). There are several short omissions and the names *Vaughan* and *Rich* should be *Vaughton* and *Field*.

XXII.

ROBERT BARROW TO HENRY COWARD AND OTHERS, 1690/1.

This valuable letter has been several times printed. See *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 495. The original is dated 16th of Eleventh Month, 1690.

XXIII.

THOMAS LOWER TO MARGARET FOX, 1693.

We do not remember to have seen this most interesting letter in print before.

Thomas and Mary Lower and children were, apparently, in London at this time. Their Northern residence was Marsh Grange, near Swarthmoor Hall, but they may also have had a London house.

London this 2^d off y^e 10th 93.

Deare & honored Mother

Thine off y^e 27th off y^e last J haue : & wee are glad to heare off all y^r welfare : w^{ch} mercy wee all alsoe Injoy heere blessed & for euer praised be y^e holy name off y^e Lorde whoe is y^e author & giuer off it : glory & thankes be ffor euer giuen vnto him : & J hope & trust Jtt will neuer be forgotten by vs nor ours whilst they haue a beinge :

My children are all now recouered out of there late Illnesse : & haue taken frequent purges to Carry off y^e remainders off y^t distemper : & all thinges y^t hath beene giuen vnto them hath beene blesst : & made effectuell

vnto the ende ffor y^e w^{ch} Jtt was giuen y^m : praised be y^e Lorde for it & all other his Jnnumerable mercyes & favors euery way towards vs :

All our other realations alsoe heere & heereaways are all Jn good health blessed be y^e Lorde : & yesterday my brother Rouse¹¹⁹ & his son¹²⁰ & daughter Anne¹²¹ went downe to graues ende & as wee heare by y^e returne of y^e boatemen they all arriued there well y^e last night : my Cousen¹²² & his sister returnes againe y^e 2^d day : & my brother goes forwarde Jn his Jntended voyage for Barbadoes¹²³ : wee Coule none of vs accompany him : through other vrgent occasions Jnterveneinge : & wee must haue parted at last had wee gonne to y^e Downes with him : hee was not very well when hee went away : but heere hee mended before hee Came to graues ende :

Yesterday att bull & mouth meetinge appeared Will : Penn : his pardon beinge graunted some days before as L^d Brandon¹²⁴ tolde mee before of it whoe vows y^e man y^t ¹²⁵ obtained it ffrom y^e Kinge togeather with Secretary Trencharde¹²⁶ : & y^t hee had promised to be seruiceable to y^e Gouverment for y^e future & to demeritt this favor ffrom y^e Kinge : whoe had beene soe mercifull & gracious to him : ffreindes thought hee woulde ffirst haue appeared amongst y^m & haue giuen y^m some satisfaction priuately touchinge the scandall brought vpon truth & freindes by his longe abscondinge & y^e matters layde to his charge & not to haue appeared Jn y^e offringe of his gift before hee had beene reconciled to y^m hee had giuen offence vnto :

¹¹⁹ For John Rous, see Camb. *Jnl.*

¹²⁰ This was Nathaniel (1670-1717), the only son to arrive at manhood. He married Hannah Woods in 1696 and had children.

¹²¹ According to William Benson's genealogical chart of the Fell family (*British Friend*, 1845, p. 168), Anne, daughter of John and Margaret Rous, "died young," but there are not any dates given. Nathaniel and Anne are mentioned in other letters of the period (*Fells*, pp. 387, 388).

¹²² That is, nephew.

¹²³ From which, it seems, he never returned home (*Fells*, p. 386).

¹²⁴ Charles, first baron Gerard of Brandon and Earl of Macclesfield (d. 1694). (*D.N.B.*)

¹²⁵ The reading is not clear. There are strokes across the "y^t" which may imply an intended excision of the word. If the "y^t" was a slip of the pen and should be omitted, "y^e man" would refer to Penn.

¹²⁶ Sir John Trencharde (1640-1695), Secretary of State. (*D.N.B.*)

but his appearinge first to preach In a publicke meetinge before reconciliation lookes to trivmphant : & high : & Js not well resented amongst some ffreindes heere.

Wee are laborrine with y^e parlament to gett our yea & nea taken Insteade of an oath : y^e Jssue whereof wee leaue vnto y^e Lorde.¹²⁷

And as touchinge y^e yorkesheere Man J formerly writt off Jam not mistaken : for J went this day of purpose to aske of my brother Ingram about him whoe was y^e Man y^t did detect him & brought him to publicke shame & a Certificate is sent ffrom there mo^tbly meetinge to make manifest his dishonesty : & falsenesse. As to Will : Warren¹²⁸ y^t L : ff : ¹²⁹ speakes off : hee had his liberty of publishinge his prophesyes as much & as often as hee pleased : & hee is since marryed heere to a younge lasse a freinds daughter of this Citty where hee is Come to dwell : & J heare is now sorry of some of his sayinges or prophesyes : w^{ch} was that hee must make hast home then from London for feare y^e french shoulde be landed heere before hee Coulede returne againe but hee is returned againe & since marryed & noe ffrench yett landed w^{ch} turnes to his Creditt And what y^e others prophesyes may doe time will manifest : not but y^t J thinke Calamity attends this nation : but J doe beleieve y^e Lorde will spare those y^t serues & feares him :

As to y^e disorders att Marsh grange my wiffe when shee Comes downe will take care to mende what she can : & what cannott be cured must be Jndured :

¹²⁷ The Toleration Act, 1689 (1 W. and M. c. 18) permitted Friends to affirm their allegiance to the Throne. This Act was extended by St. 7 and 8 W^m III. c. 34 (1695) (the result of the labours here mentioned), providing great relief to Friends, although to some of them the form of affirmation appeared to exceed the "yea, yea, and nay, nay." See *Quaker Post Bag*, 1910, p. 49.

¹²⁸ The London Registers inform us that William Warren, of Scarborough, mariner, son of Valentine Warren, of Castleford, Yorks, married, 7 ix. 1693, Frances, daughter of Clement Plumsted, of London. There is a record in the "Whitby, Staintondale and Scarborough Register" (MS. in D.) of the marriage of a William Warren of Scarborough, mariner, with Rachel Luck, of the same place, at the house of Peter Hodgson in Scarborough, 25 x. 1670. Rachel Warren died in 1691. A letter from "our Yearly Meeting held at Whitbey," 29 iii. 1694, contains, among other signatures, those of "Mary Plumsted" and "Frances Warren," which makes it appear as if the Warrens had removed into Yorkshire accompanied by a member of the Plumsted family.

We do not know more respecting William Warren's "prophesyes."

¹²⁹ That is, Leonard Fell.

Wee are glad to heare of my sisters breedinge : w^{ch} is lesse strange to mee then her not breedinge sooner¹³⁰ : soe haueinge litle more but y^e remembrans of mine & my wiffes & childrens deare loue vnto thee & to my brother & sister Abrahams & Cousens & to freinds y^t may enquire after vs : is most at present ffrom

Thy euer dearely loueing son

THO : LOWER.

My Cousen ffell¹³¹ & his brother Greaues¹³² were Jn tounde y^e last weeke : y^e former came to see vs : but not his brother : his wiffe¹³³ is againe with childe neere her time but come away from his brother Greaues to a Cousens house of his wiffes to liue.

[Endorsement]

ffor Daniell Abrahams att

Swarthmoore these ffor M : ff :

to be sent ffrom y^e

post office Jn

Lancaster.

XXIV.

[RACHEL ABRAHAM] TO MARY LOWER [c. 1701].

This letter is unsigned and undated, but the writing is that of Rachel Abraham, and the general style confirms

¹³⁰ The only two sisters-in-law of Thomas Lower to whom this could, presumably, refer were Isabel and Susanna. (i) Isabel married, in 1664, William Yeamans and had several children. In 1689, at the age of about forty-seven, after having been a widow about fifteen years, she married Abraham Morris, of Lincoln. (ii) Susanna married William Ingram of London, in 1691, at the age of about forty. A letter from Margaret Fox to Sarah Meade, written 11 x. 1693, a few days subsequent to Thomas Lower's letter, alludes to Susanna Ingram in a way which makes it unlikely that the above reference was to her.

In neither case has any record of birth been discovered.

¹³¹ Cousin = nephew. Charles Fell is intended—only son of George Fell, who was only son of Judge Fell (Camb. *Jnl.*).

¹³² Charles Fell's only sister, Isabella, married James Graves.

¹³³ Charles Fell married Mary, daughter of John Brown, of Spelmonden, Kent. Maria Webb states that Charles Fell "died early, leaving a young widow with an only son, also named Charles" (*Fells*, p. 407). This second Charles, born c. 1693, married Gulielma Maria (Penn) Thomas, granddaughter of William Penn the Founder (Camb. *Jnl.*).

the statement made on page 138. She refers to a lawsuit which had been decided in favour of herself and friends, and to the helpful part taken therein by Thomas Lower. The date of the communication was about 1701.

D Sis lower

thy Deare leter J most gladly Reced last ffift Day wherby J understod of thy Returne from Cousen Swan¹³⁴ of whose Recouery togergr with her Deare Babeth wel-being J am truly glad of & Deare sister the most unspeakabell Care & prudend manidgment my Dear Bro : Lower hath taken in this shutt [suit] & tryell¹³⁵ with woods is meny times to my admerataty to think any person in wholl world would hau done so much for any Rellation for J am uery senceball his care & manidgettmen was greater many ffould then my huspand could hau taken in it if hee had bene & J doe Relly beeleve was much more then if it had bene my Brother owne Consarne J am shuer hee hath answered my Deare Mother Desier to the ffull for shee wouldd many times say shee hopted her sonn Lowr would take care of it & manidgid for shee Knewe my husband was not aman ffitt for shuch things & her Desiers in this mater is ffully answered : Bllesed bee the lord for truly if the tryall had gone otherwise it would hav bene hard for us to haue Continued hear for the Woodburns¹³⁶ & a Deall of wicked peopple to would haue had this Estatt sqandered amongst them if so combinded together that if they could haue there Ends aboutt they would still Endeuer it but this tryell going contrary to ther minds it mightally collse[?] them : Jo Enmonson was hear yesterday & tould us yourg gibson was com Downe & had tould him wee had goott the [*paper torn*] tryell but woull make it as well as hee coull Jo : Edmonson mad an a[p]pollidge for him

¹³⁴ Cousin = niece. Loveday, daughter of Thomas and Mary Lower, married William Swan, of Halstead, Essex, in 1699. (Maria Webb gives the date, 1690, but the London Registers record the marriage 6 xii. 1699.) There were two sons, William and Thomas (Webb, *Fells*, p. 368).

¹³⁵ In chapter xxix. of *Fells* (second English and American edd. only) there are references—1699-1701—to “expensive law proceedings and much perplexity to the family,” to which this letter also, doubtless, refers.

¹³⁶ In a letter from G. Fox to his wife, in 1681, there is mention of “M. Woodburn,” who broke into the barns at Swarthmoor, seized corn and drove away cattle (*Fells*, p. 349).

selfe that hee should bee a comisnisher for woods & sad hee coull not helpe it being hee was chush by the Cortt but Kneue well whatt wood was & seed to bee glad & sad Dotcher Lower was a most manidging man & had great Jntrestt & that hee should thus far prockuer my Husbans liberty was a great mater.

This letter is written on the inside of the sheet on which no. xxiii. was penned. It is difficult to give a reason for its position. It looks like a draft epistle, being without either place of writing, date or signature.

XXV.

SARAH MEADE TO MARGARET FOX, 1694.

We do not find any record of this letter having been previously in print—a chatty communication between daughter and mother, interspersed with the expression of earnest spiritual desire.

Gooses¹³⁷ ye 18th of ye 2^d moth 1694 :
 Deare & Honoured Mother
 Haueinge the Conveniency, to send this, by the bearer, doe hereby giue thee my duty and deare Respects, being greatly Refreshed and comforted in the particular Acc^t shee gaue us, of thee & thy welbeing and of thy continueinge soe chearfull & hearty consideringe thy years, w^{ch} giues us occasion to blesse the Lord, for his great goodness, and Continued preservation to thee ; w^{ch} is to the Joy and comfort of all thy Children ; also the account wee had, of Brother & sist^r Abraham & their Children,¹³⁸ did much glad our hearts ;—And sist^{rs} time being pretty neare,¹³⁹ wee are not wantinge in earnest supplications to the great God in her behalfe, who is ye deliuerer & helpe

¹³⁷ The estate of Gooseyes was situated near Romford in Essex ; part of the house still stands.

¹³⁸ Daniel and Rachel Abraham had three children, according to the Lancashire Registers—Margaret (b. 1685, d. 1686), John (b. 1687, d. 1771), and Thomas (b. 1689, d. 1695), the two last-named being the children here mentioned.

¹³⁹ There is no record of any child of Daniel and Rachel Abraham born in 1694.

of all his Children, in euery needfull time and neuer failes those who putts their trust & confidence in him;—and will J doubt not, be graciously pleased, to afford her, his helping hand, who is all sufficient:—wee shall bee glad to heare how it is with her.—And D^r Mother wee are all well here euery way, praised bee y^e Lord, (as this ffriende cann informe thee, who came downe to Gooses to see us, and was at our Meettinge) and truely wee haue cause to say, the Lord is uery good & gracious to us, & affords us his blessed & sweett presence, in our litle Country Meettinges, to the comforting & Refreshinge of our soules;—And our gracious God is very universall & large in his mercies, in Generall, for it is & hath been a sweett & fruitfull springe, as hath been knowne this seuerall yeares, in these parts:—w^{ch} is A Confirmation that his mercifull hand is still Extended in Loue & goodwill, to the Creation, the workes of his hands;—Notwithstandinge the forward speeches, of some froward brittle spirited men, who doth not rightly know their owne spiritts;—But God is the same as euer hee was & changes not, his wayes are not as mans ways, nor his thoughts as mans thoughts, but is abundant in mercy and Loueingkindness;—ffor y^e Lord will not forsake his people, for his great names sake, neither will hee forsake his Jnheritance;—But will giue strength unto his people, & will blesse them with peace Psal: 29: 11:—Therefore, it behooues us, and a cry runns thorow the hearts of the ffaithfull, that all y^e Lords people may bee kept Low & humble before him, and kept neare him, in atrue sence of his goodness and mercies to us euery way, with thankefull hearts to him;—Soe may wee Expect the Continuance of his goodness to us,—and that none may bee Num or unsencible, or like y^e barren heath that knows not when good comes; But that wee may bee a thankefull, sencible people, with which the Lord is well pleased. This [day reaches us¹⁴⁰] the good Newes of Bro: Rous his safe arrivall in Barbados;¹⁴¹ for which my heart & soule returnes hearty thanks to the Lord;—Who is the Preseruer of his people, at sea & at Land, & thorow many dangers and difficulties;—w^{ch} will be Joyfull newes,

¹⁴⁰ The sheet is torn here and the wording is not clear.

¹⁴¹ See page 176.

to his poore wife, who was in much Concerne for him.—all our Relations in these parts, are well, (for any thinge J know) Bro : Lower is fallen into Considerable practise, & is like to doe good service to many, (ye Lord giueing him success,) and w^{ch} will also bee of service to his owne family. Cousin William Yeamans¹⁴² is like to have a good Trade;—And my Dr Husband failes not to continue like a ffather to him, in his constant care & assistance, of w^{ch} the younge man is uery sencible; & J hope will grow in sobriety, w^{ch} will bee a comfort to all his Relations.—Sistr Jngram is now here, & hath been here some dayes, to bee in ye Country aire, her Husband thinks to come downe tomorrow;—they are both well;—and truely they liue in much loue & tenderness to each other; w^{ch} much rejoyces my heart;—Hee is a tender spirited man;—and tender of the Lord his Truth & hoñour;—and it greiues him, to see any ffriend, appeare in any thinge, y^t is out of ye spiritt of Truth. hee writt to his wife, (w^{ch} shee Receiued this day) y^t hee had Recd a lett^r last post from Bro : Abraham, giueing an Acc^t of all your welfare at Swarthmore,—w^{ch} wee are uery glad to heare.—and soe Dr Mother haueing beene more large then J intended, J shall conclude;—with ye Rememberance of my Dr Husbands duty, & mine to thee, with Sistr Jngrams, & Nathanaells¹⁴³ and Richards;¹⁴⁴ with all our deare & tend^r Loue, to Bro: & Sistr Abraham & their Children.—J Remaine, who am

Thy truely Loueinge and
dutifull daughter

S.M.

My Husband hath contracted with a friend to come into the House, to teach our sonn Nathanaell & his Cousin Richard¹⁴⁴ the frensh tongue; his name is Peter

¹⁴² For Sarah Meade's nephew, William Yeamans (d. 1697), see *Camb. Jnl.*

¹⁴³ For Nathaniel, only child of William and Sarah Meade, see *Camb. Jnl.*

¹⁴⁴ That is, Richard Lower (b. 1681), son of Thomas Lower and first cousin of Nathaniel Meade.

Johan,¹⁴⁵ & is y^e same man y^t our D^r ffather advised us to, in his life time hee comes this weeke or next.

[Addressed]

To My Hoñoured Mother
Margarett Fox These deliue^r
at Swarthmore in
Lancashire.

This is the original letter in Sarah Meade's writing. It occupies a page and a quarter of folio paper. The sheet has parted at several of the creases.

XXVI.

MARGARET ROUS TO MARGARET FOX, 1695.

This short letter is partly printed in *Fells* (p. 388). The omitted portion is as follows :

My Dea^r Bro : & sist^r Abraham J hope will not take it amiss y^t we desire alittle of thy company & y^t is all J beleeu y^t anyone hath in their eye in this thinge ; not seeking any thing y^t is thine but to Jnjoy thee alittle if it pleas y^e lord soe to order it.

This is *apropos* of a visit to London of the aged lady of Swarthmoor. The letter is addressed :

ffor Rachell Abra-
ham at Swarthmore
these
Leaue this wth Thomas
Green at Lancast^r
to be sent as above
Lancashire.

XXVII.

NATHANIEL ROUS TO MARGARET FOX, 1700.

We believe that this letter is now printed for the first time. We now come to a letter of another genera-

¹⁴⁵ Peter Johan, or Jahan, is mentioned in Besse's *Sufferings* : " 1682. In this year Peter Jahan, a Frenchman, was imprisoned at Northampton for refusing to pay towards the Repairs of the Steeple-house " (i. 540). The name, Peter Jahan, occurs also among those of Friends of Horsham in 1695 (THE JOURNAL, viii. 135).

tion and are introduced to a man of about thirty years old (Nathaniel Rous, 1670-1717), desirous of doing the right in some time of family trouble and dispute. We do not know why his first cousin, John Abraham, seventeen years his junior, should write of him as "pore" as well as "Dear."

London 28th 1th m^o, 1700.

D^r & Honored Grand Mother

J some time since recd^d thine, wth y^e Inclosed paper, relateing unto my Sisters¹⁴⁶ Portions, w^{ch} J shall carefully keep as a Testimony for y^e justness of mine intentions towards y^m, I hope y^e Lord will close y^e covetting Eye in them, & open y^e Eye w^{ch} sees things as they are, & judges righteously—Mine Heart rejoiced at y^e reading of itt, & y^e Truth contained in it, was so cleere, y^t I expected all further disputeings would haue been at an End. But I find Bro^r Dykes¹⁴⁶ continues in his old story, & told me he beleevd I had wrote something, w^{ch} occasioned y^e papers Comeing—I haue none to trust in, but y^e Lord alone, whose power & Mercy has supported me, through many other Difficultys, & my ffaith is will carry me thorow y^s also—Though it is much more Excer-siseing to find these dealeings from so neare relations then from others—the Lords will be Done. I had Advise from my D^r Mother from Colchester, Yesterday, y^t Sister Dykes was brō : to Bed of a Daughter, & both then Like to Doe well.¹⁴⁷ My Deare Babe¹⁴⁸ through y^e Lords goodness, thrives finely, and is a very fine child, y^e Lord spare him for our Comfort, if it be his will—which wth mine & Wifes Duty thy Selfe & kind respects to Unckle & Aunt Abrams, & Cozⁿ Desireing thy prayers may be continued for our preservation I rest—

Thy Dutifull Gr^d : Son,

NATH : ROUS.

¹⁴⁶ N. Rous's sisters were Bethiah, wife of David English, of Pontefract (*a quo* Hoyland of Sheffield and Waterford), Anne (d. 1709, aet. 38), wife of Benjamin Dykes and Margaret (who became [?] Manwaring, see *Camb. Jnl.*). The will of John Rous may be seen in *THE JOURNAL*, vol. iv.

¹⁴⁷ This was Anne, b. 24 i. 1700, d. 1718. Maria Webb tells us that Anne Dykes "left no child behind her who attained years of maturity" (*Fells*, p. 392).

¹⁴⁸ Nathaniel Rous married, 1696, Hannah (d. 1714), daughter of Caleb Woods, of Guildford. This child was Nathaniel, b. 17 ix. 1699.

This letter occupies one page. It is written in a good flowing hand. It is addressed :

To Margt Fox
att Swarthmore
Neare

Lancaster

and endorsed by John Abraham : " This is a Letter of my pore and Dear Cousin Nathane^{ll} Rous to my Dear and Honourd Grand Mother."

XXVIII.

MARY LOWER TO MARGARET FOX [1701].

This long and chatty letter has been printed in part in *Fells* (pp. 401-403). The omitted portion here follows :—

J haue bene not uary well of late J think it is y^e Janas but shall tack sume thing for it J had great experiance of y^e goodness of y^e Lord to mee & Loueday in her great Exersise & perrall in Childbearing w^{ch} J desier J may neuer forgitt ; we had auary good sensabell letter from my sun Richard Lower y^e last 4th day, w^{ch} we weare glad of we expect my sister Moris in toune this day weeke ; y^e last 3 day was Mary Lancishier that was Mary Webb of Kingston Daughter Married to my Cousin Yeomans printas almost aboy.¹⁴⁹ Marabellow Thornbora¹⁵⁰ desiers & [*sic*] be Remembered to thee, she is my next nightbor & hath bene lamely in her foot y^e feuer fell into it & she hath kept her Chamber J think aboue halfe ayeare ; my Brother & sister Meade Coums to toune ons in to weeks mostly & goeth to see thear sun at y^e tempell prety often but y^e hasard of his contuning thear J think the[y]

¹⁴⁹ The Surrey Registers record that Mary Lancaster, of Kingston, married Richard Webb, of the same, 1673, and that Sarah, daughter of Richard and Mary Webb, married John Langley, in 1701.

¹⁵⁰ Though clearly written *Thornbora*, Mariabella *Farmborough* (c. 1626-1708) is, doubtless, intended. She was born at Warminster, Wilts, and married, c. 1662, Thomas Farmborough, of London. She was convinced about the year 1682, and " was a tender & servisable woman . . . and in hir old age (by y^e hardships she met with in prisons &c.) she was afflicted with lameness " (Howard, *Eliot Papers*, 1894, ii. 3). Her daughter of the same name married Peter Briggins (1666-1717) and the unusual name Mariabella has descended through nine generations to the present time in the Eliot, Howard, Fry and Lloyd families.

operahend not soe well as peopell thinks the[y] might but thear is noe Rome for aduise.

There is the following postscript: "A feue lins to Richard lower might doe him good if it be in thy hart to write."

The letter occupies two folio pages, and is in good condition. The date, "y^e 2th day of y^e 3 moth," has been added later. The letter is addressed:

To

Rachel Abrams
att Swarthmore
to be sent from
the post hous
in

Lancaster.

XXIX.

E[RICH] P[HILIPP VON] PLOENNIES TO FRIENDS, 1720.

Scant information only, respecting the writer of this letter, is at present at hand. From 1701, Von Ploennies was Professor of Mathematics at the University of Giessen and later he was "Nassau-Siegenscher Landbau-Director" at Wesel. He died probably at Wesel. We hope to supply our readers with further information in a future issue of THE JOURNAL.

On the day in which this letter was under the Editor's hand he received a visit from Pfarrer Theodor Sippell, of Schweinsberg, Germany, who kindly interested himself in it as he was personally acquainted with members of the Ploennies family, and he has supplied a copy of the original Latin, as also a translation into English. Pfarrer Sippell's work has been supplemented by Alfred Kemp Brown, M.A., B.D.

Dilecti Fratres,

Suavis odor Doctrinae vestrae
vere Christianae (Rob^u Barclay
nempe Apologi[a] et W^m
Shewen Libello de Fide et
Experientia Christiana) non
Solum [*edge torn*] usqz ad me

Beloved Brethren!

The sweet smell of your truly
Christian doctrine (as it is
expounded in the Apology of
Robert Barclay and the tract of
William Shewen on [Christian]
faith and experience) has not

pervenit, Sed etiam veritas ejus mee ad plenum Consensum compellere potuit, Lumen hoc doctrine vestree et in Tenebris Seculi nostri Lucens amplexus Sum magno cum gaudio mihi enim Lumen internum illud nempe quod omnes homines in hunc mundum venientes illuminat Testimonium dedit firmum, et Salvatorem intus nos habere et verbum omnium cordibus inscriptum esse; hinc miratus sum hactenus homines Christum anxie sed externe querentes, cum tamen proprius sit ipsis; vos autem Fratres Dilecti, qui estis populus Electus et verbum Dei aeternum agnoscitis quodque vobis familiare quasi est, et cui obedientiam praestare studetis, admoneo in amore ergo Deum et proximum magis atque magis calescere vestra et summa sit cura: hic amor est totius Christianae Religionis Summa et signum unicum veri Christiani: hic amor nos compellet ad humile vitae genus eligendum quodque humilitatem Salvatore Serio comendatum pre se fert: hic Amor Imbecillitates proximis patienter ferre animat: hic amor humanis proximo grato verbis respondere suadet: hic amor Fratri Egeno Summovere jubet hic amor nullam cordis acerbitem admittit, sed in dictis et factis amenitatis suavitatisque Radios semper Emittit, Fratres Dilecti, quo profundius nos descendimus ad Fundamentum Aedificii nostri ponend[um] Christiani eo altius assurgere potentiam ad Colo-

only) [*margin torn*] reached me, but its very truth availed to compel me to full approval. This light of your doctrine shining in the darkness of our age I have embraced with great joy; for that inward light, which enlightens all men coming into this world gave me a sure testimony that we have a Saviour within us and that the word is inscribed in the hearts of all. Hence I have wondered that till now men have sought Christ earnestly but afar off while nevertheless he is near to them. But you, beloved brethren, who are the elect people, who acknowledge the eternal word of God which is as it were familiar to you, who strive to show obedience to it—I counsel to grow warmer and warmer in love towards God and your neighbour and to let this be your greatest care. This love is the sum of the whole Christian religion and the only mark of a true Christian. This love compels us to choose a humble way of life which manifests the humility earnestly commended by the Saviour. This love disposes us to bear patiently the foolishness of our neighbours, this love urges us to answer a friendly neighbour with kind words. This love commands us to support an indigent brother, this love allows no bitterness of spirit, but radiates continually in words and deeds the beams of pleasantness and sweetness. Beloved brethren, the deeper we descend in laying the found-

phonem imponend[um] hoc est Egregium Fundamentum Egregium Aedificium ferre potest ad tantam enim altitudinem nos assurgere possit ut possumus exclamare quid potest amorem destruere [*edge torn*] ergâ Deum et proximum; certe neque Calamitas neque Anxietas neque persecutio neque vite amissio neque potestas externa neque interna nos deducere ab Amore, qui est in Christo nostro Salvatore quia in his omnibus nossumus victores, victoriamque semper obtinemus, ad tale autem perfectionis Fastigium: Fratres Dilecti ut nos omnes mox perveniamus et ut extraneis nomen Dei omnium in Frontibus inscriptum legere possint; ex toto corde exoptare vester addictus servus

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ation of our Christian edifice the higher shall we be able to rise in order to lay the topstone of it; that is, an excellent foundation can bear an excellent edifice. For it can raise us to such a height that we cry aloud: what can destroy our love towards God and our neighbour; surely neither calamity nor anxiety, neither persecution nor loss of life, neither force external nor internal can separate us from the love which is in Christ our Saviour, because we are in all these conquerors and always gain the victory. But that we all, beloved brethren, may soon reach such a height of perfection and that strangers may read the name of God inscribed on the foreheads of all, this wishes from his whole heart your devoted servant

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The letter is endorsed by John Abraham: "A Person who was convinced of Truth In Germany, his Letter to friends at their Yearly Meeting at London An^o 1720." There is no address on the letter.

No record of the receipt of this letter has been found among the minutes of Y.M. 1720.

There appear to be several slips or inaccuracies in the original Latin.

In *Country Life in America*, for May 15th, there is an article by Mary M. Vaux, daughter of George Vaux, of Philadelphia, on "The Exhilaration of Mountaineering—One Family's Experiences among the Glaciers and Peaks of the Canadian Rockies." For at least a dozen times since 1887 have visits been paid by members of the Vaux family to the Canadian Rockies. One of the beautiful illustrations accompanying the article shows "Miss Vaux at the summit of Mt. Stephen, in July, 1900, marking the highest point reached in Canada by a woman up to that time. Altitude 10,485 feet."