

## Distribution of Literature in Cornwall.<sup>1</sup>

Austle, y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>mo</sup> 1734.

DEAR FRDS.

The Books you wear soe kind to order to be sent down to our County J Reциued, and J have distrebetted them amongstt the inhabetane in seuarall parts of our County, and the people Reциud them very Thankfully and Likes them very well, and if J had had as many more thay would all a been gone, for many hath come to ask for a Book and J had none for them.

Y<sup>e</sup> young people J gave you a Leitle acc<sup>tt</sup> of w<sup>n</sup> J was at Lastt yearly meetting holds itt very well, and is hopefull; aboue 30 coms constantt to our firstt day meetings at Austle, and sauerall of them to our week day meetting, and J may say w<sup>th</sup> thankfullness of heartt to the Lord the convincement still spreads, and the openess amongstt the inhabtance increaseth.

We have had y<sup>e</sup> company of our frd, W<sup>m</sup> Pigott<sup>2</sup>; he had very good saruis amongstt the peple. We are very glad of the visitts of faithfull frds.

Soe if you think well to send any more,<sup>3</sup> hear is Room to Reциue them. One Reason thatt maks me disirous of Books is y<sup>t</sup> sum preistts hear hath been preaching against y<sup>e</sup> Quakers and thear princpells, soe J toke sum Books of a markitt day, and gaiue them to thee people, and told them thay mightt see for themselves how disferantt our principles was to whatt the priestts had Represented them; and one of thee preistts stood Looking whill J was doing itt; soe J Leauē itt to your concideration to doe as you

<sup>1</sup> D. Portfolio 26.

<sup>2</sup> William Piggott appears to have been a Minister of London. His travels in America were recorded on the minutes of London Y.M. in 1728. The following probably refers to this Friend:—

“ At a Two Weeks Meeting held at y<sup>e</sup> Bull and Mouth in London, y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>th</sup> 11 mo. 1727 :—William Piggott, of y<sup>e</sup> Parish of Stepny in Middlesex, Mariner, son of W<sup>m</sup> Piggott, late of Mitcham in the County of Surry, Coppersmith, Deceased, and Mary Poddy, Relict of George Poddy, late of y<sup>e</sup> Parish of Stepny aforesaid, Cooper, Proposed their Intentions of taking each other in Marriage, y<sup>ey</sup> have no Parents. Its Referred,” etc. The marriage was passed on the 5th prox. and took place in due course. William Piggott died in 1746, aged fifty seven years.

<sup>3</sup> The mind of the writer is still running on the subject of books.

think fitt. Our frds hear desired me to give you a Leitell acc<sup>tt</sup> how its w<sup>th</sup> us.

W<sup>th</sup> dear Love to you, and the whole heratadge of god,  
J remaine, your frd and Bro<sup>r</sup> in the unchangabe truth,

SAM<sup>ll</sup> HOPWOOD.<sup>4</sup>

To the meetting for Sufferings in London

Endorsed : To Joseph Cross at the fox in Cannon Street, or John Baker, sen<sup>r</sup>, London.

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William White, M.D., F.R.S., of York.

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In Davies's *Memoir of the York Press*, 1868, p. 335, we read :—

“ Dr. White was a member of the Society of Friends. He practised as a physician for many years at York, and died there in 1790, at the early age of forty-seven. He was the author of *An Essay on the Diseases of the Bile*, York, 1771 ; and of *Observations on the Use of James's Fever Powder*, 8vo, London, 1774 ; and of two papers printed in the *Philosophical Transactions* : 1. Experiments on Air and the Effects of different kinds of Effluvia on it, made at York, 1778 ; and 2. Observations on the Bills of Mortality at York, 1782. Dr. White was also a contributor to some of the medical journals. A *Treatise on Consumption*, from materials left by Dr. White, edited by Alexander Hunter, M.D., was published at York in 1792.”

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Every man may esteem the Value of his Religion in proportion to the Love he finds towards God and his Neighbours, for on those depend all true Religion, and one of the greatest Marks that we sincerely love God is, when we use our Endeavours for the good and happiness one of another. From *Epistle to Friends*, by John Bellers, 1724.

<sup>4</sup> For Samuel Hopwood see THE JOURNAL, vols. i. and iv. ; Minutes of London Y.M., vol. ix. ; Robson MSS. T. R. 1. ; *Record of Friends travelling in Ireland*, 1664-1765.