

or pains to increase their wealth ; and so subtle and inventive, that they would, if possible, extract gold out of ashes. I know none that excel them in these characters, but the Jews and the Banians : The former being the craftiest of all men, and the latter so superlatively cunning, that they will over-reach the devil.

But these are no signs of a pure religion ; for that only prescribes the methods of withdrawing and separating the soul from the contagion of earthly things, and of uniting it to the Diety, which is its source. . . .

Paris, 15th of the 11th Moon,
of the Year 1659.

Dr. Thomas Lower to Sir Hans Sloane, 1703.

Doctor Sloane¹

I woulde request thee to meeete mee at ye white Swan & Crabbe In Martyns Streete by three or neere it this afternoone to Consider & Consult with mee of ye best method for a younge man lately Come uppe out of ye Country yt lyes sicke there of ye Small pox : w^{ch} will oblige thy reall ffriende & well wisher

THO. LOWER.²

Bartholomew close this 28th of ye 9th 1703.

(addressed) for my much esteemed friende
Doc^{tr} Hans Sloane att his house in
great Russell Street neere Blooms-
bury Square these present.

Sloane MSS. 4039, fo. 191, in British Museum.

¹ Hans Sloane (1660-1753), Fellow, Secretary and President of the Royal Society ; President of the Royal College of Physicians, 1716 ; created Baronet 1716. "His various collections were purchased by the nation and placed in Montague House, 1754 (afterwards the British Museum)." —(D.N.B.)

² Thomas Lower (1633-1720), Quaker, son-in-law of Margaret Fell, brother of the noted Court Doctor, Richard Lower, M.D., F.R.S., and himself a physician.