

This narrative relating to the Plague is interesting. It was notorious that the Anglican clergy generally fled from London with the rest, while many of the long-suffering ejected ministers remained in town to assist the stricken and distracted people with their ministrations. Other instances are recorded of those who survived the Plague, in spite of their care of the sick and dying, trusting in God for their deliverance, as was the case, no doubt, with Margaret Meakins.

As a striking contrast to the action of the London clergy, is that of the rector of Eyam, in Derbyshire, the Rev. William Mompesson, who to his eternal honour, together with the ejected rector, Thomas Stanley, laboured in that plague-stricken village of 1666, under the most tragic circumstances one can imagine. The narrative of their heroic labours is one of the most interesting upon record, and we may rest assured will never be forgotten.

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Quaker Sermons in the Pumproom at Bath

“REMARKABLE OCCURRENCE.—Yesterday, between two and three o’clock in the afternoon, when the Pump-room was full of fashionables, a Mr. Fox, attended by several other Quakers, addressed the company for some time; after which Mrs. PRISCILLA GURNEY, a Quakeress, commenced an oration, but was prevailed upon by some Gentlemen to desist.”—*Bath Chronicle*, 17—.¹

Dr. R. Hingston Fox, of London, thinks that “Mr. Fox” may have been Francis Fox of Falmouth. “He was a valued Minister and had a strong voice and solemn manner. He attended London Y.M. in 1794 and might have taken Bath *en route*. He died, young, next year of fever. He is the only Fox, Minister, that I know of in this period (a man).” Priscilla Hannah Gurney (1757-1828) was daughter of Joseph and Christiana (Barclay) Gurney. “She was of the old school; her costume partook of this, and her long retention of the black hood gave much character to her appearance.” (Hare, *Gurneys of Earlham*, i. 104.) She “was small in person, beautiful in countenance, elegant in manner, delicate in health and almost fastidiously refined in habit” (*ibid.* p. 303). P. H. Gurney visited Bath frequently.

¹ Another copy of this newscutting in D. is dated, in writing, 1817. If this date was correct, “Mr. Fox” was *not* Francis Fox.