

history of that Institution, would require a separate article for its presentation, but it is clear that even before Counsels' opinion had been taken and legal difficulties settled, arrangements were well in hand for the establishment of the Workhouse.

The decease, in the early years of the eighteenth century, of the parents of Frances, wife of John Bellers,⁸ required him to give closer attention to his wife's estate at Coln St. Aldwyns, of which place he became Lord of the Manor. The property was held on lease from the Dean and Chapter of Gloucester.

The death of John Bellers took place in London on the 28th of Second Month, 1725. A full transcript of his will was printed on pages 103 to 108.

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⁸ Mary Fettiplace died on the 4th of First Month, 1700/01, and Giles Fettiplace on the 20th of Ninth Month, 1702.

The Preacher and his "Tools"

On the return voyage of Isaac T. Hopper [1771-1852] from a business visit to Europe, there was among the passengers a clergyman, whose acquaintance he made. At the Custom House in New York this clergyman was in some perplexity about a large quantity of books he had brought with him, on which it was proposed to charge high duties.

"Perhaps I can get them through for thee," said Friend Hopper. "I will try."

He went up to the officer and said, "Isn't it a rule of the Custom-house not to charge a man for the tools of his trade?" He replied that it was.

"Then thou art bound to let this priest's books pass free," rejoined the Friend. "Preaching is the trade he gets his living by, and these books are the tools he must use."

The clergyman, being aware of Quaker views with regard to a paid ministry, seemed doubtful whether to be pleased or not with such a mode of helping him out of difficulty. However, he took the joke as good-naturedly as it was offered, and the books passed free, on the assurance that they were all for his own library.

L. MARIA CHILD, *Life of Isaac T. Hopper*, 1853, p. 313.