

## Too Many Books Published

The following outcry against a super-abundance of Quaker publications is taken from the original in **D**. It shows incidentally the sale-price of Friendly tracts:

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J have Rec<sup>d</sup> some bookes this weeke & J send some of them to amongst you 1 doz. of Francies Howgills<sup>1</sup> att 1s. 9<sup>d</sup> three of ye Answer to gilpins booke<sup>2</sup> att 9<sup>d</sup> & 3 of ye answers to salles Earand<sup>3</sup> att 10<sup>d</sup> & 3/s 6<sup>d</sup> before is [?in] all 6/s 10<sup>d</sup>, these of Gilpins & sales Earand is Reprinted,<sup>4</sup> but by whose order J doe nott know, but he hath sent me fittie of ether sortt, and J doe nott know wheare to putt any of them of, for theier is noe friends heare y<sup>t</sup> J can putt anie of them tow, & they are wearie of Receivinge any of the new ones & ye people of ye world att psent will nether looke of bookes nor papers, J would know whether thou hast Rec<sup>d</sup> the letter w<sup>ch</sup> was dated 28<sup>th</sup> of ii<sup>th</sup> mo<sup>th</sup> which had y<sup>t</sup> paper in of an account, soe w<sup>th</sup> my love to all that are faithfull w<sup>th</sup> ye J Rest

thy deare Brother in  
his measure

Kendall ye 1<sup>th</sup> of  
the 12<sup>th</sup> month 54/

THO : WILLAN

Addressed :—ffor  
Margrett ffell att  
Swarth moore  
this ddd

<sup>1</sup> This was, doubtless, *A Woe against the Magistrates, Priests and People of Kendall*, etc., and signed F.H. Eight pages, printed in 1654.

<sup>2</sup> Christopher Atkinson, of Westmorland, wrote *The Standard of the Lord Lifted up against the Kingdom of Satan, or, an Answer to a Book Entitled "The Quakers Shaken,"* written by one John Gilpin, with the help of the Priest of Kendal. Edward Burrough contributed a Preface and a Postscript was signed by seventeen Friends who were prisoners at Kendal.

<sup>3</sup> George Fox wrote *Saul's Errand to Damascus*, etc., first printed in 1653. The "Answer" is entitled *A Brief Reply to some part of a very scurrulous and lying Pamphlet called Saul's Errand to Damascus*, etc. It forms an addendum to Francis Higginson's *Brief Relation of the irreligion of the Northern Quakers*, etc., printed in 1653; the whole piece occupies 80 quarto pages.

<sup>4</sup> Gilpin's book was reprinted in 1653. George Fox's *Saul's Errand* was reprinted several times in 1654 and 1655.