

the Society, was presumably chiefly spent in good works and to defray the cost of her numerous journeys for religious objects.

This is perhaps the place to mention that in a collection of letters "written by Divers Friends Deceased," published in 1805 by John Kendall of Colchester (Letter xxxi. vol. ii.) there is a short letter, which, though the name of the recipient is not given, was evidently meant for Fanny Henshaw during the time of her persecution by relatives. (T. Edmund Harvey was apparently the first to notice the letter.) It was written from Balby by Thomas Smith (already mentioned above) and is quite clearly worded, with considerable skill, so as to pass the "censors" and possibly to have some effect upon them—for we know from John Byrom's *Journal* that Fanny's family at this time opened all her letters. Thus the writer begins, "The reading of thy letter gave me much satisfaction, as it informs me thou art treated with less severity than hitherto"; and he goes on to express a hope that her relations shall be led "to think that no one's conscience ought to be forced," and that everyone should be free to choose their own religion, and so on, ending with exhortations to Fanny, in the characteristic "quietist" doctrine of the period, to be "as passive clay in the hand of the potter" and to "save nothing alive in thee, which God hath appointed for death."

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There are notices of Fanny Henshaw (Paxton, Dodshon), in *Jnl. F.H.S.* xxi. xxiii. xxv-xxviii.

"Elder Tea"

11 mo. 15, 1850.

DEAR FRIEND,

I do not regret that I missed the cup of Elder tea that thou thinks might have been administered to my advantage; to the best of my recollection it is not a very palatable drink. Elder flower-water is often used as an agreeable Cosmetic by those who are anxious to keep up a nice appearance, but at best it is only a superficial application. For my part I much prefer thy glass of Elder wine, and it being sweetened with love and spiced with kindness, I can take it readily and it warms my heart, and I hope it will have the effect of making my voice louder and clearer at a future time.

With love.

Thy oblig^d frd, J.B.