

Truro Veian Terrace, Truro Nov 20th 1862

Dear Cousin Kitty.

Now dont stare too much, you wonder who I am, who thus calls you "cousin Kitty," it is all right, and if you will have a little patience, I will tell you who I am. Do you remember a little boy coming over to you (when you lived near here) with cousin Betsy, who would keep running out in the yard, & come in with dirty shoes, and such a trouble to everyone - well I am that same troublesome boy, cousin Betsy's son, Hugh Phillips Veian, I have been unwell for the last 14 months, not able to attend to business, I came over here on a visit, and both cousins Mary and Grace have pushed me into their service to write you for them. They feel ashamed that Edwin's letter has not been answered before, but they themselves say, that they are poor writers, and so they thus have it off upon me. I hope I shall please them, and that you will not find it unacceptable. Cousin Peter has just come in, is for weeks fair today, I cannot say how the cattle do have gone but you shall have a West Briton which will give you all the particulars, he, and his wife are quite well. Cousin William is in Shrewsbury, he is getting on well. He is a Mining Engineer and a public accountant, the children are in good situations, Mary is at Mr Barrett's in the Boot and Shoe Warehouse, Sarah is at Mr Nethertons, the Stationer, Emma is at Mr Steards, Stationer, William is still abroad. The eldest is a sheep maker, who with the youngest, is at home. Mrs Myles is very delicate but able to move out a little when the weather is fine, Mrs Reed is with her mother, and her eldest girl accepted, Mrs Chubb is still living at Praeger, we have heard that she is unwell.

Emma James is still keeping school at Pool, Jane is here in
a Stationers Shop, a Mr Hoskins from Helston, he bought Miss
Brokenshins business so Jane stayed with him after Miss
left, and since then they have become engaged - he is a very
nice young man, & has a growing business, but he does not
enjoy good health - they did fair for a happy couple if
his health should get better or even continue just as it is
Joseph has returned from Australia & has returned to the
same business which he carried on before he left, that of
buying and selling mine materials &c, Mr & Mrs. James
are living at North Country, Louisa is keeping school still
at Redruth and a very good one she has, Emily as you are
perhaps aware is married to a Mr Richard a very good
young man & is living in the South of France, Ellen
engaged in teaching music and is courted by a young
of Redruth called Leage a Draper - but whether it will
come to anything or not we dont know. Jane who was
married to Mr Martin has lost her eldest little girl about
6 years old - she was a sweet little creature - they feel the
loss very much - they were quite bound up in her -
The Lord took her, and she is not yet in far bright
worlds but habitation in the ~~light~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~eternal~~
sunshine of Gods ineffable glory - where she carries the
face of her Father - and is transformed into the likeness
of His dear Son her dear Brother - dwelling in His love
for evermore - escaped from the evils to come - in this
August Cornwall has been quite in a snow, as we have
had the Wesleyan Conference here, the Conference took
place at Camborne but the Ministers stayed, that is did
and slept at St Austle, Looe, Redruth, Falmouth, Helston

Camborne, N. York. Penzance does not go to
Camborne every morning and turning every evening
the Ministers like Cornwall to well, and have promised
to come again as soon as they can, which will be about
10 years perhaps. Cousin Mary & Grace say that you
or Mr Cook must be sure to announce this, and tell them
the news. How you are getting on in the world? How many
are married? to whom - where they live - and how they are
getting on - also how your youngest son is. Aunt Phillis
they were very glad to hear you Edwin that he was so
steady and industrious and they feel sure that he will
get on for if one thing do not do, he can try another
they want you to make haste and get enough money
to be able to come home and live independent.

Can you send a plan if you can and say with whom
you meet in class - whether you have good meetings
or not, and if the word is preached with powers of
any of your family have given their hearts to God
and are fighting the good fight of faith endeavouring
to lay hold on eternal life. Never forget cousin
Mary that you have an especial claim on your heavenly
Father. He is ever ready to help you.

He is, to be with - help - in our and deferred those
who are strangers in a strange land - one who was with Abraham will
be with you, He who was with Joseph will help you -
He who heard the cry of the children of Israel in Egypt
& delivered them, will hear your cry - will succour
you in all your difficulties. Yea, He who delivered
the 3 Hebrew children from the fiery furnace, and
Daniel from the Lions den will deliver you - yea

Enos, my

this God, or our God, and will trust in Him.

This, this is the God adore.

Our faithful, unchangeable Friend.

Whose love, is as great his power

It neither knows a name nor end.

For you will be abiding in the shadow of His wings
knowing that he is abounding to do for us, exceeding,
abundant, above all we can ask or think. And not
with Christians love to thy & family.

Remain

Yours in Christ Jesus

H. P. Johnson

My dear, Betty

Although dear Philip has said all that need be said
I cannot allow it to prevent that adding a few lines
to request you will write as soon as you can and let
us know all about your party and how you are getting
on we were glad to find by your 20th letter that he had
so far as seeing in it a letter, and it takes me where he will
want to go to God more frequently, and one on my mind and
you have been the better for it, I pray you feel assured you
found the Lord has been your refuge and strength a power
in the day of trouble. If your husband escaped to the sea
resting in the same place and I have had an accident
you have one I said. This illness was rather short
Mrs. Loring is coming on, she has been the
of her sons and a daughter. The children's death was a
since I suspect she will get well. The third son is well
and is able to walk. The eldest is in health and
the youngest is well.