

Truro Veau Terrace
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Dear Cousin Kitty,

how don't stare too much, you wonder who I am who thus calls you "Cousin Kitty". It is all right and if you 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 Seedstown with cousin Betsy's who kept running out into the yard and coming in with dirty shoes and such a trouble to everyone. Well I am that same troublesome boy, cousin Betsy's son Hugh Phillips Vivian I have been unwell for the last 14 months, not able to attend to business. I came over here on a visit. Both cousin Mary & Grace have pressed me into their service to write you for them. They feel quite ashamed that Edmund's letter has not been answered before but they themselves say that they are poor scriblers and so they have put it off upon me. I hope I shall please them and that you will not find it unacceptable.

Cousin Peter has just come in, it is four weeks fair to-day. I cannot say how the cattle etc have gone but you shall have a West Briton which will give you all the particulars. He & his wife are quite well. Cousin William Truro he is getting on quite well. He is a mine broker and Public accountant, the children are in good situation. Mary is at Mr Barrett's in the Boot & Shoe warehouse Sarah at Mr Kethesters the stationers, Emma is at Mr Heard's Stationers. William is still abroad. The eldest is a dressmaker who with ~~the~~ the youngest is at home.

Mrs Margless (?) is very delicate but able to move out a little when the weather is fine. Mrs Reed lives with her and her eldest girl keeps school. Mrs Chadlaw (?) is still living at Mawla we have heard that we have heard that she is unwell. Emma James is still keeping school at Pool, Jane is here in a stationer's shop a Mr Hoskins from Helston. He bought Miss Brokenshaw's business so Jane stayed with him after Miss B. left and since then they have become engaged - he is a very nice young man and has a growing business but does not enjoy good health. They had 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 etc.

Mr & Mrs Harris are still living at North Country. Louisa is keeping school still at Redruth & a very good one she has. Emily as you are perhaps aware is married to a Mr Rickard a very nice young man & is living south of France (?). Ellen is engaged in teaching music and is courted by a young man of Redruth called League a Draper but whether it will come to anything or not we don't know. Jane who was married to Dr Marten 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 with her but the Lord took her and she is not, yet in far brighter worlds her happy spirit is basking in the sunshine of God's ineffable glory.

when she beholds the face of her Father and is transformed into the likeness of his dear son her Elder Brother, dwelling in his empire for evermore, escaped from the evils to come.

This August Cornwall has been quite in a move as we have had the Wesleyan Conference here, the Conference town was at Camborne but the Ministers stayed (that is dined and slept at St Austle, Luro, Redruth, Falmouth, Helston, Camborne, Hayle, Penzance St Ives & St Just, going to Camborne every morning and returning every evening. The ministers liked Cornwall very 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 Cock must be sure to answer this and tell them all the news. How are you 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 Hugh Phillip. They were very glad to hear from Edwin that he was so steady and industrious and they feel sure he will get on for if one thing doesn't do he can try another. They want you to make haste and get enough money to be able to come home live independent.

You please 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 power if 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, dear cousin Kitty that you have an especial claim on your heavenly father. He is emphatically stating God and his dominion is to be with, help succour and defend the stranger in a strange land. He 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 ^{israele} in egypt & delivered them will hear your cry, will succour you in all your difficulties. Yea, he who delivered the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace and Daniel from the Lion's den will deliver you, yes, their God is our God and we will trust Him

"This, this is the God we adore
 Our faithful unchangeable Friend
 Whose love is as great as his power
 It neither knows measure nor end.

Therefore will we abide under the shadow of his wings knowing that he is able (willing) to do for us exceeding abundant, above all we can ask or think. And now with Christian love to self and family.

I remain,
 Yours in Christ Jesus.
 H. P. Vivian.