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THE VICARAGE,  
ASHBY ST LEDGERS,  
RUGBY.

58 York Road  
Brighton.

My dear Rev. Sir,

Do you know that you  
can quote no less an authority  
than Johnson for the "Female  
Ministry", if not in the "Successes",  
at least in the "Traditions"  
English form? When he was  
at Inckpeneth Ministry  
Mr. Lane read the Evening



Review of the Prayer Book - Bowell  
reading "Oxford's second & ninth  
Sermons on Prayer, which, with  
their other distinguished excellences,  
have the merit of being short.  
Dr. Johnson said it was the  
most excellent homily he  
had ever found" - & with  
a very good copy of elegiacs  
on it, in which are  
three lines -

"Quid prodest sacrificia vases ut femina  
libros,  
Legitima faciant pectora pura precum"

I hear that the Penik magazine  
for May is a great success!  
I am anxious to hear Mr.  
Mason on the subject: which,  
however, I shall not have  
a chance of doing at present -  
as I go to Brighton  
tomorrow till June 1<sup>st</sup>.

I hope you are settling in  
to the house: a hot evening



promise will be St. George's.

Heman has read my Handbook;  
which he seems to approve  
of: which, I hope, guarantees  
its sound Protestantism!

Very sincerely yours

Alfred Finkner.