

B474-86 Philip Oakden & family 1828 - 1852

Oakden's letters to Leake: Samuel Jackson, Leake's love of God, remembrances to "Sally", his business and partnership with Gilles (1 Aug. 1828 letter incomplete); left Hamburg and is general commission merchant, Daniel and Frederick Falconer (from Liverpool, U.K. 16 Feb. 1833); from Launceston: druggist business available for John T. Leake (20 Dec. 1833); orange and lemon trees sent by Mr Small received and forwarded, not seen anything of "John the doctor" but his name in paper amongst arrivals, introduction of brother in law [Philip] Wigan, Oakden family had holiday at George Town and enjoyed the sea bathing (14 Feb. 1846); letters from Georgiana, wife of Oakden: P.O.'s visit to Melbourne (22 Oct. 1846); visits from Sarah Leake and Mrs Wigan, Oakden had severe attack "with violent pain", Philip Wigan's death (8 Feb. 1851); Philip poorly and to recruit his strength before his return to school Mrs O. would accept Mrs Leake's offer of hospitality, and Georgiana too as Leake's spare bed "so capacious"(1852). Also letters concerning board and education of August Oakden from Samuel and Elizabeth Horton and Rev. J. Mackersey (31 May - 2 Sept. 1836, 3 Jan. 1837). Letter from J.W. Gleadow: Oakden's death, request for information on him and his business for a memorial (31 July 1851).

See also financial correspondence: Sarah Leake's holiday, Mrs Jennings (7 Dec. 1836); John T. Leake's business disposed of (1 Mar. 1837); has a farm (28 May 1838); carriage to be painted, bedsteads (16, 22, 27 Dec. 1841); Leake's robbery (18 July 1845); unwell, tried John T. L.'s medicine but it did him no good, brother in law (13 Nov. 1845); wife will furnish preserves (currant, raspberry and gooseberry) for Mrs Lewis Gilles, opening at Deloraine for a doctor if John T. Leake interested (1 Feb. 1847); Robert L. dined, Mrs O. and their four little ones at their farm at Bentley (25 Mar. 1847); grass growing, country green, Jackson's letters in *Examiner* (18 Sept. 1847) L.1/E. 22, 23, 45, 59, 63. (13 docs.)

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ever blessed redeemer it is there and there only we can
 have true happiness - a happiness that will sweeten every
 bitter in the cup of this life - and cause us to enjoy - in a
 higher degree every temporal blessing.

My dear and beloved friend Mr. Samuel Jackson (son of
 one from Antwerp where he now resides) an extract from
 your letter of August last which gave me heartfelt pleasure
 you say in one part - "There is however one question I
 " can answer with sincerity, should the Lord put to
 " me the same question he put to St. Peter, Lovest thou me?
 " I could say with truth, Lord thou knowest all things
 " thou knowest that I love thee" If this be your experience
 my dear friend you are happy. if we so love him he will
 be the grand motive and spring of every action and instead
 of self being the hinge on which they all turn it will be
 love to God through him. when we experience this love we
 have something of that new nature, that being born again;
 without which no one shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven
 let us not deceive ourselves without holiness no man shall
 see the Lord. unless we are made meet for Heaven and
 have some enjoyment of it here we cannot enter into it

hereafter let us always bear in mind our sinful nature, that
 the heart is deceitful above all things & that trust is the ^{gate}
 that leadeth to life and few there be that find it. Those who
 have found the pearl of great price the world appears to them in
 comparison to it as nothing. I have lately put my hand upon
 a single volume of Sermons. which are short clear and scriptural
 the value is trifling but will you permit me present them to you. I
 presume you read a discourse to your family on the Sabbath day,
 Remember me affectionately to Sally and tell her I had
 intended to have sent her a few books - but had no opportunity
 of ~~sending~~ ^{procuring} them to send by this ~~opportunity~~ vessel.

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 seen her for six years. time has made some alteration in
 her appearance so is no doubt has with us all - but it has
 not diminished her kindness, she is more settled, but her happiness
 is fixed upon what she would see neither give nor take
 away. She takes great interest in your welfare - she frequently mentions
 you and Mr. Leake in her letters which occasionally pass between us
 and desires to kindly remember.

Our old friend Mr. John Jackson is writing you by this opportunity
 who will no doubt give you all the Hamberg news. There is

no probability of your attaining the scud's garment - from either
 of us - tho he has been latterly joking me in consequence of
 last ^{my} having raised a new watch - he is becoming a such Man
 he remains the same steady honest friend as ever - Mary
 is grown a very fine girl -

The kindness you have always expressed towards me evidenced
 me to inform you of the circumstances that has lately occur'd to me

In a Partnership I was in previous to my joining Mr. Gilles
 in consequence of heavy losses in the year 1811 were oblig'd after
 hard struggles to compound with our creditors - which we
 did by assignment - all debt under 100£ were paid in
 or the Remainder the Estate paid fifteen Shillings in the
 pound which I was owing a considerable sum - individually bonded
 which I paid some years since - and on my last trip to England
 I paid the creditors my share of the balance with interest
 In consequence of which a few ^{months} since I received two superb pieces of
 Plate worth about one hundred pounds - with an inscription on the
 plate and a letter accompanying of which the annexed one expresses
 As I was only performing a common act of justice & the present was
 quite unexpected - and you may easily conceive under the circumstances of
 which and the handsome manner they were given - was much more
 gratifying than the value

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