

Our late S^r Eli^s ^{the} Coffin was born
near Ellesmere, on the borders of Wales,
her father being an extensive farmer.

Of her earlier years, very little is
known to us; as our late S^r left
no memoranda of her course thro'
time. It appears however that
her religious impressions were
received early in life; & she was accustomed
to refer to one youthful experience
as a turning point in her ^{course} experience.

Whilst attending the parish Church,
some particular evidence in the morning
prayer, came home to her heart with
such power, that she felt the love of
Christ as accomplishing her redemption.

She was ^{thus} persuaded of her interest in
his atonement, & it is remarkable
in the religious experience of our
late S^r, that her course was not so
subject to change & deviation as

that of the majority of the Lord's children. As far as her X^{th} experience is known to us, she has always spoken of his life of faith as a happy one; she knew no periods of gloom & tasted not the bitterness of the soul from whom the Lord's comforts are withdrawn.

At the age of 17 or 18, she removed to London, and entered the family of our late S^{r} Vaucl, with whom she lived till that lady's death. It was during her residence there, & during B^r Montgomerie's service of the Corps, that she joined the Church of the B^m, of which she has been so many years a consistent member.

After S^{r} Vaucl's departure, she remained with the S^{r} M^r Youngs, the ^{of the deceased} nephews, till ^{her} health began to fail.

About the year 1820, she removed to Bristol, where she became an inmate of the sisters' house, during

S^{r} O'Kelly's ministry. Her stay in Bristol was but short, & the subsequent years of her life, up to her last removal to Fulneck, appear to have been somewhat unsettled as to her abode. She lived in Fulneck S^{r} House for a few years; & also spent some time again in London, & with more than one family of her relatives - In July 1831 ^{i.e. about} ~~March~~ 24 years ago she settled finally in Fulneck, a place which seems about others to be that of her choice. Her

walk among us here, her peculiarities, her cheerful nature, her activity, & especially her great love for the meeting, for family & public worship, these are well known to many who this day see her mortal remains consigned to their last resting place.

Being so long an invalid, her thoughts were often busied ^{concerning} upon her own

health whilst she inquired sympathizingly after the welfare of others.

About a year ago, when speaking of a recent attack of illness, she remarked "I had sometimes the feeling that the Lord would take me to himself." Being asked whether she felt herself prepared for the last change she replied in her quick characteristic manner & quite cheerfully - "It would be a great shame if I were not ready for it; for it is now 50 years since I first knew the Lord; & since that time he has enabled me to serve Him. It would be ungrateful in me to think he would not accept me at the last."

For the last twelve months ~~her~~ health was perceived to be failing considerably tho' she would not, till near the last, hear of seeking medical advice. Tho' she most often gave been suffering from weakness & pain she was still seen at her

place in the Prayer Hall & Chapel where the meetings were always a source of spiritual enjoyment. ^{as long} as I can, I must go, she would say, "for soon I may not be able."

Towards the close of last week, a perceptible change was noticed in her & it became evident to her friends, tho' not at first to herself, that her time here below was drawing near its close. When her labours were alluded to the approaching end, & asked her whether she felt ready for our Saviour's coming, if it should please Him to take her now, - she answered, that she would like to feel Him near, but she had no fear.

On Sunday, the last day of her life, tho' growing very feeble, she retained a clear consciousness & an unshaken faith. In reply to a question as to her spiritual support in this trouble she answered with energy "I will trust Him tho' he slay me." And again she said - "I care not what pain

I have, if I have only him with me.

For the attention of the Sisters & friends to her in her illness, she was truly grateful, & expressed herself surprised at the display of love which she witnessed.

On Sunday evening when her Labours told her ~~that~~ ^{that} our Sav^g ^{would probably} ~~might~~ ^{very soon} come & take her to himself, she seemed still somewhat surprised that her end should be so near; but was free from all apprehension of the event. Her feeling appeared to be that of the conviction & confidence expressed in the Hymn 1184. 2. Thou know'st &c.

* The same evening she received the blessing of the Cong. imparted by B. Okey after a fervent prayer for the nearness & support of Jesus in this hour of trial - She was not only perfectly conscious during this transaction but expressed also the enjoyment & benefit she had derived from it.

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the sisters the hour of her departure came; the silver cord was loosed, & she gently breathed her last, her ransomed spirit departing to be with that Lord whom she had long here followed in faith his in fullness & with the sense of ^{her age was 77 years -} ~~much~~ imperfection. Many and true as to tranquil & happy, & as full of confidence in our merciful but present & faithful Redeemer!

* Incont.

She regretted B. Libbey's absence from the Cong. at this time, much wishing to live to see him again; just at the first, she appeared not right to have understood him in his Comment. with her.

When asked if she wished to see him of the H. Carn^g again, she replied somewhat doubtfully - I do not rest on that - You know he is my Priest of Life -