

Brief Notices concerning the life and
happy departure from this world into eternity
of the P. P. Marianna Spencer who fell asleep
in Christ on Monday Evening, June the 18th 1866,
at Fulneck.

Our late Sister was born on October the 10th 1844 at the Mission
Station of Bethabara in the Island of Jamaica, where her parents
laboured in the Lord's Vineyard as esteemed and useful ser-
vants of the Brethren Church. From her very birth, and more
especially on the day of her baptism, on November the 28th she
was by them dedicated unto the Shepherd and Bishop of our
souls as His redeemed property with the fervent prayer that
He himself would tend and keep her as one of His sheep. -
This prayer was answered; for the Lord our Saviour was ever
mindful of her and through the days of her childhood & youth
and to the very end of her sojourn here below manifestly led
her with His rod and staff. - The blessed name of Jesus she
learned to know and to love from her earliest years. Brought up
as a little child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord
under the parental roof she early learnt to love the house and
the word of the Lord, and to pray. She was naturally not of a
robust constitution, a weakness in her chest was perceptible
even in her youngest years, tho' as far as I can hear, she never
materially suffered from this cause at that time. - In the
year 1851 her late father brought her and her older sister here
to Fulneck for education. She remained for 8 years a pupil
of the Ladies Boarding School here and throughout the whole
period, approved herself a well conducted, obedient, & attentive
scholar, who by her gentleness, and amiable, peaceful disposition
gained the love alike of her superiors and companions. - Her
natural abilities although not of a very striking and superior
character, were such as to render her aided by her diligence
and perseverance, a very efficient scholar. - Her health was
upon the whole, pretty good, during this period, although she
never was very strong and her rapid growth and tall slender figure
often made her an object of notice to those who knew her best.
This was particularly the case when she was received into
the Girls Choir in the year 1859. - She was of a very placid
disposition, and did not freely speak about herself and her
spiritual life, but it was very evident that she grew in grace
as well as in stature, and with the lessons of secular wisdom
diligently learnt the lessons of heavenly wisdom that made
her wise unto salvation. Those to whom her spiritual culture
was more especially entrusted, often observed with much plea-
sure her serious deportment and manifest relish for eternal
truths and heavenly pleasures. - She ever meekly & thankfully
received the spiritual advice of her labourers towards whom

she always cherished feelings of grateful esteem and sincere affection. In the autumn of 1837 she removed to the Ladies School at Newwood, where she remained for two years. - There she enjoyed the faithful and efficient instructions of B^r Mungel preparatory to her confirmation at Easter 1839, on which occasion she surrendered herself anew to the Lord her Saviour who had been the God of her childhood, imploring him to be with her throughout her youth and even for ever. - From the School at Newwood she proceeded to Montclair in autumn 1841, where after another years instruction she completed her school days and at once was engaged upon her return to England to enter into the Ladies School at Somerset. - She had previously at Montclair been received into the choir of Single Sisters - & soon forthwith began to trade with the talents her Saviour had entrusted to her keeping. - For above three years she faithfully discharged the important duties of a teacher of the young. How her services were appreciated may be best learnt from the following letters received by me from B^r K. and B^r H. - () At Easter this year she came home for a few days to her mother. - A severe cold prevented her from returning immediately, after the Easter vacation to her sphere of duty. - She hoped a few days rest and careful nursing at home might restore her health. - But when this hope was blighted her desire was to return upon her duties at any rate at the middle of the quarter, and when this also was denied her, she at first greatly felt her inability to return to her post where she was so happy and so beloved. - But as she had been a willing and useful teacher, she now once again was willing to be an attentive and obedient scholar. - The Lord wished her to learn how to give up all for Him and die happily. - It was truly edifying to witness the perfect resignation with which our dear Sister acquiesced in the will of the Lord and how calmly and contentedly she submitted her wishes and her will to His over ruling, gracious Providence. - It was not the natural placidity of her temper nor apathy which enabled her thus to be resigned and quiet. - For she herself heartily felt the pang of separation from her beloved mother and other dear relatives and friends, and her affectionate dispositions made her anticipate the grief her mother would have to endure by her early removal. - But she knew her Saviour, who had given her a heart to know him that she is the Lord, and she believed that He did all things well, she trusted Him and therefore could confidently commit herself and her dear friends into His most faithful hands. - It soon became manifest that rapid consumption would speedily terminate her career through life, and as the complaint gained ground from week to week she opened more and more for heaven and eternal glory. She bore her sufferings with spiritual patience; her desires occasionally caused her sorrow, casting a momentary gloom over

her bright hopes of eternal joys. - In general her mind was kept in perfect peace, stayed upon the Lord. - Moreover asked respecting the ground of her hope or her prospects for eternity, she expressed little doubt like confidence in her beloved Saviour. - He was near to her, His childlike confidence in her, the hope of glory. - There was no triumphant even Christ in her, the hope of glory. - There was no triumphant rejoicing in her last illness and death, but there was the work of righteousness, peace, and there was the effect of righteousness, even quietness and assurance for ever, and there was joy, the joy unspeakable and full of glory. Her sun set on the serene horizon of Gods love after a calm bright day of genial summer. - We do not here dwell at length upon those allurances of her last days and hours, which are the sacred property of her sorrowing mother and will no doubt cheer her often in the remembrance of the past when the loss of her beloved child would otherwise overwhelm her with grief. - But we magnify the grace of God that enabled our late Sister even to depart and be with Christ which is far better than the possession and enjoyment of all temporal treasures here below. - Her Saviour was very gracious unto her, sparing her the conflict of a painful separation of soul and body. - She literally fell asleep in Jesus and slept herself away into eternity. - Her ransomed spirit flew from the past tabernacle, early on Monday Morning last, to join the spirits of just men made perfect. Her child was peace - Her age was 21 years, 8 months and 5 days.

Christ's sufferings have delivered her
From misery, woe, and death.
His word He promised proved to be,
The triumph of his faith. -

Happy soul! thy days are ended
All thy mourning days below
Now by angel guards attended
Wait to find presence go.

Resting on thy Saviours merits
Thou hast seen thy Lord above
Waiting to receive thy spirit
Reaching out a crown of love.
For the joy He set before thee
Thou didst bear a moment's pain
To live a life of glory
Suffer, with thy Lord to reign.

Pelreuch June 21st 1846.