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The single S^r Rachel Bradley who happily departed this life Aug. 30th 1809. has left the following short account:

I was born in Gower in the parish of Raddesfield Oct 15th 1742. Shortly before I was born, my Mother began to attend the meetings of the B^{rs}, and as soon as she possibly could she took me to the meetings too, the first time I remember having any serious thoughts concerning our Saviour was in my 6th year, when B^r Hauptman was keeping us a Childrens meeting:

He spoke so movingly about the sufferings & death of our Saviour that it made a deep impression on my mind. It being Good Friday, he told us that this was the day when the Lord died to redeem us out of the hand of the destroyer, telling us to pray to our Saviour to make us good & happy Children, and give us a Heart to love him.

I prayed & thought, so I will, & prayed fervently, so that I felt him very near

several rest.
11 days.

to my heart. Going to bed at night I thought I was our Saviour, he showed me his hands & his feet, and I felt such a love to him, that I beg'd of him to take me to himself. In my 8th year my Parents being in very low circumstances, my Uncle and Aunt payed us a visit, and offered to take one of us Children to their house, my Aunt fixed her choice on me, to my great grief, because she had no liking for the Brⁿ. As my Parents insisted upon me going I went out of obedience, but spent 2 very unhappy years. My Brⁿ Richard coming from Dulwich about that time gave me an opportunity to acquaint him with the uneasiness of my mind, I told him that I should never go to Heaven if I remained here. He asked me where I should wish to be? I answered any where among the Brⁿ. My inclination was to live with the S. S^{es}, but could not see

how it was possible to be brought about. Being one Night very uneasy, I had, ed down by my bed, and prayed to our Saviour with many tears, that if it was his mind for me to live with the S^{es} he would make it known to me, by putting it into my Mothers heart, to come and see me, that I might tell her all the trouble of my mind; to my great surprise she came next morning, I was struck, and thanked the Lord, because I knew it was his doing. When she asked me how I did I answered; very well; she said she was glad to hear it, for she suffered much on my account the last night & could have no ease of mind till she knew what was the matter with me. I inquired about her return, she told me in the afternoon, I took no further notice, but dropped myself to go with her, on seeing what I was about she wished me not to

eternal rest.
11 days.

do it, saying my Father would be much
displeased, not withstanding I set
out, but my Mother using all manners
of persuasion for me to remain where
I was, I told her that I could not
return, unless she spoke with Mr
Pipkins concerning me, which she faith-
fully promised to do, & I returned to my
Uncle & Aunt who rec'd me gladly, telling
me that I was beloved by them as
their own Child. I thanked them for
their kindness towards me, but acquaint-
ed them with nothing farther. My
Mother fulfilled her promise, spoke
to the Brethren & they soon found a place
for me, my Father came to fetch me
& I felt very thankful to the Lord
for what he had done for me.

The next day we came to Little town
where I remained for a short time,
from thence I obtained leave to live
in Gummersall Free House, and after
living 2 years there, I removed to
Bulnech. Now indeed my heart was
melted before our Saviour, seeing with

what unwearied kindness & patience our
Saviour he has followed me, I shed
sinner tears before him, and intreated
him fervently to keep & protect me
during my pilgrimage here below;
& I must own to his praise that he has
never left nor forsaken me, I feel my-
self a very great sinner, but hope thro'
his enabling grace I shall give joy to
our Saviour & his Cong.^{re}. I my 15th
year I had the favour to be rec'd
into the Cong.^a which proved a great
blessing to my heart. But now the
depravity of human nature began to
show itself more & more. I felt a great
inclination to enjoy the pleasures of this
world & after thought of going back &
leave the Cong.^a; I grew also very re-
serv'd, so that I could not open
my heart to any one. But my ever
faithful Saviour, ^{followed} me his poor Child
with unwearied kindness & made it
clear to me that it was his will that
I should live in the Cong.^a. One day
I took a walk with a full determi-

eternal rest.
4 days.

nation not to return till our Saviour
had manifested himself to me in his
bleeding & dying form, he as the best
friend of sinners granted my request,
covering me at the same time of the
forgiveness of all my sins. I now
returned home happy and comfort-
able, in the mercies of my merciful
Saviour, he also gave me grace that
without reserve I could open my
mind to my Choir. Labours, desiring
to keep noting hid which might hin-
der my course of grace. I felt now
a great desire to enjoy the Holy
Commⁿ and this great favour was gran-
ted to me in my 22^d years. — And now
I wish for nothing else, but to re-
main sitting at his thro' pierced feet
& greeting them for my election of grace.
I own and feel myself as the poorest
of sinners, and have nothing to plead
but his mercy. With patience immense
With love most intense — Hark he led
me on, — I'm lost in amazement.
When thou king thou'rt on, —

This for her own Account, which she dictated
to a friend in the year 1805. and added
at the same time, that this short ac-
count of her early life had been the
most remarkable to her, and the period
in which she sought & found real
happiness, & tho' more than 40 years
had elapsed since, during which time
much had occurred yet she could say
nothing more, but thank and praise our
our Saviour for all his love & care &
forbearance, midst all her ailments and
shortfallings. We can add to this,
that she was devoted with soul & body
to the Lord, his suffering Saviour had cap-
tivated her heart, to read & speak about that
subject was her greatest delight, she was also
useful in several ways, & served with a willing
& cheerful heart. Tho' she had a very sickly
tabernacle, and was several times so ill that
no hopes was left for her recovery, yet she
was resigned to our Saviours will, and could
never express her gratitude sufficiently for his
help & support both internal & external.
Of late years she was much troubled with an

as matut^l complaint, but she bore it with great patience, & sought comfort with him who has been her refuge in all trouble.

As she loved & was beloved it was a pleasure to her to be in her room with the ^{fire} as long as she was able to go down, but about 3 weeks before her departure she was obliged to confine herself to the sickroom. She expressed herself on that occasion, to the following effect:

"I have now done with all things in this world
and am waiting for our Saviour to take me
to my eternal home, I am lost in wonder when
I think on his love & faithfulness, to me the
poorest among the needy, & what a blessed thing
that he has given me that assurance ^{it is} that I deserved
hell / that he will receive me in the blessed
mansions above, I will then greet his feet with
sinner tears & say to him; This Lord Jesus is
my only plea, Here is a sinner who would
gain - Thro the Lamb's ransom entrance gain.

With these happy meditations she spent her time,
[tho' she suffered much of shortness of breath] till
May 30th when it pleased our Saviour in a
happy & gentle manner to take her home to him,
self. ^{and} 66 years 10 Months 15 days.