

Feb 13/42

Mary Abille died July 16

Born with twin S. Sarah in Antigua the  
 & July 9/16. - came to Port. in 1821 first  
 to Coimbra; - then to Falm. She with elder  
 S. Esther; remained here till Oct. 28, when  
 went first to London, - where confirmed in  
 the of Engl. in 1829 went back to Antigua  
 where rem. till 1836; after residence of  
 5 yrs. in London came to live in 8<sup>th</sup> house  
 here in Feb. - Admitted com. members  
 in summer 1843.

In the course of last year certain circum-  
 stances occurred which convinced our late  
 S. in a painful manner but most affec-  
 tually of the emptiness & deceitfulness of  
 this world; & showed her that, however ~~the~~  
<sup>great</sup> ~~blinded~~ from worldly vanity & pleasure  
 our settlements may be - they are at the  
 same time screened from much evil  
 & unvisited by many & the plucking  
 may bitter & heart-rending cares & sor-  
 rows; & that true peace & lasting en-  
 joyment are to be found only in the  
 ways of ~~these~~ <sup>genuine</sup> piety; in a word, that  
 "godliness with contentment" is great  
 gain. - The consequence was that  
<sup>on</sup> after returning, after an absence of  
 about 8 mos. to our 8<sup>th</sup> house & to the  
 church of the B<sup>n</sup>; - she evidently lived  
 in much more comfort than before,  
 set a higher value on her privileges  
 temporal & spiritual, seemed to enjoy  
 the means of grace & grew, we trust,  
 in the inward man - in knowledge &  
 in grace.

Her health was always delicate & in  
 the course of last Winter, began to fail  
 more & more, so that, in spring years began



to be entertained of the result. - <sup>from that month</sup> ~~she~~ she went to Burlington to try the  
effect of sea-air; but all was in vain &  
she returned in abt. a fortnight <sup>after</sup> ~~from~~  
worse than when she left us. After  
her arrival here, however, she seemed to  
really very much <sup>improve</sup> ~~improve~~ <sup>so that we</sup> ~~we~~  
<sup>entertained</sup> hopes of her recovery; but she  
soon sank again, & very rapidly; & a  
physician being called in, at once de-  
clared that there was not a shadow of  
hope - It fell to my lot to inform our  
late sister of this, which I did in as gentle  
a manner as I could devise. - From the  
commencement of her illness, she had  
expressed a very great anxiety to recover;  
& tho' she seemed ~~well~~ aware how well  
founded were the many hints given her  
of the danger of her case, & of the necessity  
of preparing to meet her God - & tho' she  
certainly did not neglect the one thing  
needful - yet she flattered herself with  
hopes of ~~recovery~~ <sup>getting better</sup> & hung to life until  
the interview I had with her above men-  
tioned to which took place in the evening  
of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> day before her birth day. - She  
certainly seemed both alarmed & distressed  
when she at length learned there was no  
hope; but she listened most eagerly, &  
believing with childlike faith, to my ear-  
nest admonitions to turn to Jesus, the  
Sav. from sin & death; - & to the ever  
renewing & endeavoured to give her by  
highlighting in scripture - phrases the  
infinite compassion & tender mercy  
of that Sav<sup>r</sup>; but needing to pardon  
& to receive every one that believeth.  
Before this period she had often been heard  
to say as well as to the friends I spent up by in cells



praying very fervently in the night time  
for acceptance in the <sup>Beloved</sup> for pardon  
heavy sanctification & redemption  
from the day just now mentioned,  
July 8th. I found her, at each subsequent  
visit, more & more comfortably  
perceiving peace of mind & continually  
increasing; she was evidently delighted  
to hear of Jesus, & to listen to the prayers  
offered up on her behalf & was, no doubt,  
very grateful to her choir - labours &  
other friends for all spiritual & civil bene-  
volence, as well as for other proofs  
of kindness & various attentions.  
I saw her last on Saturday 18th inst.  
about noon; she then told me that she  
felt quite happy & had no fear of death,  
because she was persuaded that, tho she  
knew herself to be a poor miserable  
sinner, her Lord had pardoned her hatred  
out all her sins, & would receive her  
in mercy to himself. - In this peace-  
ful frame she continued until 5  
o'clock on Sunday morning when after  
having suffered some violent convul-  
sions she fell asleep in Jesus, aged  
32 years.

Our late sister's conduct was gene-  
rally speaking regular, strictly moral,  
& unblemished, generally speaking, by  
uprightness & conscientiousness.  
yet we will not deny that there were  
not many decided manifestations, in  
her character, of spiritual life, until  
her last illness. The good Providence  
of God led her, thro' heavy trials which  
were blessed for her instruction in  
righteousness, & prepared her, we believe



for those life-giving operations of his  
spirit, which finally issued, ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~  
~~belonging~~ in her full salvation & in her  
being needs meet for the inheritance  
of the saints in light. - - May the  
Lord be the consolation & support of  
her surviving twin sister, & <sup>for</sup>  
both her & of <sup>young</sup> ~~all~~ young members  
you of all us, pray - to give diligence  
to make our calling & election sure  
& to work while it is called to. Lay  
seeing the right course, in which  
man can work.