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Our late S.<sup>r</sup> Alice Cotton was  
 born at Hathera in? Keddoff. in  
 Nov. 1767, her parents being members in  
 connection with the W<sup>est</sup> Church & mem-  
 bers of our Cong<sup>regation</sup> at Mirfield who enjoyed  
 the grace of God in their l<sup>ives</sup>. & bro<sup>ught</sup> up their  
 children in the nurture & admonition<sup>ing</sup> of J<sup>esus</sup> & L<sup>ord</sup>  
 that our late S.<sup>r</sup> knew the truth & doubtless  
 full powerful drawings of divine love from  
 her early childhood. When abt. 16 yrs. of age  
 she came to reside in the sisters' house at  
 that time existing at Littlemore in the  
 house now tenanted by M<sup>rs</sup>. Parkinson. While  
 there she grew in grace & in the knowledge  
 of our L<sup>ord</sup> & S<sup>avior</sup>. J<sup>esus</sup> Ch<sup>rist</sup>. as her occasional  
 references, in conversation, & that period  
 of her life as a happy & profitable one proved  
 In the y<sup>ear</sup> 1783, the establishment at Littlemore  
 being broken up, she removed with most of  
 her companions to our sisters' house let-  
 ting having spent 8 years in the other institu-  
 tion, & having been, during that time, re-  
 ceived into the Cong<sup>regation</sup> & admitted to the Sac<sup>rament</sup>. She  
 did not ~~reside~~ <sup>remain</sup> in this sisters' house for  
 the whole of her remaining <sup>time</sup>, but lived  
 some yrs. with her late father, nursing him  
 faithfully until his end in his native place  
 as a short time at J<sup>ames</sup> - lived with  
 a friend in a private house in Frelwell  
 & likewise occupied <sup>another</sup> a house by herself  
 she was for some time cook in the sisters'  
 house, & spent, after they upwards of 50  
 years either in this or that at Littlemore.  
 The fact, that throughout the whole of her  
 lengthened pilgrimage of 80 years she  
 maintained a consistent Ch<sup>ristian</sup> character  
 proves that she knew whom she believed  
 to be the love of Ch<sup>rist</sup>. contrived her, & that  
 she walked humbly with her God. She was  
 so communicative & open as some followers  
 of the Lamb on spiritual subjects but it



of temper, as well as her walk conformable to  
the gospel, showed that she was in it. & that  
her spirit dwelt in her. Being, moreover, of  
a very cheerfully lively & amiable disposition  
she was generally beloved & respected wherever  
she dwelt, & by old & young. - Her course  
temporal & spiritual, was remarkably  
uniform & even; she led an excellent & most  
statutory & enjoyed very good health not  
feeling much even of the infirmities of  
old age, & being able often to attend the means  
of grace in which she delighted finding in  
them pasture for her soul. - Her husband  
many trials, of an external nature, to  
cope with; perhaps the heaviest was the loss  
of her little property by the failure of a  
bank in Halifax, at a time when such  
a calamity must be peculiarly dis-  
treasing viz. when old-age was approaching.  
Yet she submitted to this dispensation  
as from the hands of God, & believing that  
he would know how to provide for her, nor  
was her confidence put to shame; he, who  
clothes the lilies & feeds the ravens, found  
her food & raiment, & what adds so much  
to those blessings a contented & cheerful mind  
until he took her to where the Lord himself  
shall feed her sheep & guide them to living  
fountains of water. - She was attacked  
by the same prevailing influence abt. 2  
mo. ago, & was so much reduced, that she  
quite expected to be called home to her  
Saviour; she recovered, however, & was now so  
strong, as to have almost regained her wonted  
strength; but on Friday Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> she  
was taken ill of another complaint, which  
presently reduced her so rapidly, that no  
hopes could be entertained of her recovery.  
Through out the whole of her illness she was  
much pleased to converse with spiritual com-  
municants with our <sup>believing</sup> spiritual friends, - always  
welcoming her labourers & her ministers, -  
whom she had known from a little boy with  
joy & affection, & loved to have a prayer offer-  
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ed up at her side. When it became  
evident, that her days were numbered,  
she was asked if she herself thought our Lord  
would at that time take her to himself.  
She said at first with the utmost calm-  
ness, "It is not clear to me," but after  
a day or two she said decidedly, "I know  
now that I am going," - adding that she  
knew her Lord, in whom she had so long be-  
lieved, who had led her from her youth  
up & shown her never-varying loving  
kindness, would now complete her work  
on earth & grace - for that, tho' she was  
a poor worthless sinner in herself, he had  
washed her from her sin in his own blood.  
Therefore she assuredly believed fully for  
her Lord, by his Spirit, for entering into  
his Kingdom & seeing him face to face.  
She spoke with true humility of herself  
as of one who had not a crumb of merit,  
no, not one righteous work to plead;  
but she extolled the all-sufficiency of  
grace, the tender loving kindness of her  
Lord, as Rev. Mr. A. friend observing to her  
one day, in conversation ~~that~~ "You have  
had a smooth & even course tho' times!"  
she replied: "Indeed I have, tho' not quite  
without troubles which we must all  
~~share~~, I have indeed been most gently  
led even to hoary hairs!" - Her very words  
beamed forth the calm serenity of her  
soul, - & whenever she was asked if  
she still felt our Lord's peace in her  
soul, she felt her reply was an over-  
ture "Yes!" - She stated too that no <sup>glorious</sup> ~~dark~~  
as gloom, even so transiently disturbed her  
peace & joy in believing. Up to last Sa-  
turday, tho' occasionally troubling she  
was able to consideration & renewed plea-  
sure, but on Lord's day morning all was



seizures seemed to be gone & she  
lay perfectly quiet till abt. 6 o'clock  
the evening when she breathed her  
last in the most gentle manner &  
without even a sigh at the age of 80  
years & about 10 weeks. - Thus her last  
end was peace, & she sleeps in Jesus.