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died May/45

Our late V. E. Eliza M. Procter was born just outside the settlement Sept. 10th /19 & expired on the 19th by B. Kem. Filler. In Aug. 426 her mother departed this life happily. On her deathbed she was much distressed at the thought of leaving her husband with 6 living children, but she fearfully commended him & them to the Lord & we have every reason to believe that He graciously heard & answered all her prayers for them; four of her children have now joined her happy spirit, we may confidently say in the realms of bliss; & the other 2 are true & believe, earnestly desirous to follow them. In her childhood our late V. attended the Day School for girls held in our sister's house, & ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~early~~ ^{early} ~~made~~ ^{made} the H. Spirit early commenced a work of grace in her soul, impressing her with a sense of her sinⁿ-ness & a desire to live to Him; this manifested itself in a hatred of all evil, & ~~these~~ ^{other} good fruits of the Spirit which are produced even in childhood. She was always of a very amiable disposition, & beloved by the superiors & equals by old & young. She has for several years kept her father's house, in ~~which~~ ^{that} capacity shown great prudence & management, & indeed in all respects been a most affectionately dutiful & valuable daughter. — She was confirmed & admitted to the Holy Commⁿ in Dec. 1837, being desirous to enjoy all the means of grace which St. has established in his

Church, & to make a public profession
of her faith & love to ^{our} ~~the~~ ^{God} ~~her~~ ^{and} ~~us~~ ^{us} & we
rejoice to ~~remember~~ ^{praise} magnify the grace of
God that was ~~shown~~ ⁱⁿ her by saying that
she walked worthy of her high calling &
~~abundant~~ ^{was} by her meek & quiet spirit,
her spiritual frame, & her blameless
conduct, that she walked humbly with
her God & cleaved to Jesus with purpose
of heart. In the 4th May / 41 her elder
sister Agnes departed this life of con-
sumption at the age of abt. 24; in April
43 her brother Joseph, aged 19, followed
her into eternity - & in May last year
George - aged 22 - all dying of the same
disease & all falling asleep in Jesus.
The latter indeed was a brand snatched
from the burning: yet he was no belated
a true penitent & died a pardoned &
regenerate believer: his ^{late} ~~sister~~ ^{sisters}
conversation & evangelical ^{especially during his late illness} counsel was
probably none of the least efficacious
means employed by our Ser. for bring-
ing abt. this blessed change in her.
Elizabeth nursed all these patients
~~and~~ through long & tedious ^{complaint} ~~illness~~ & at
last painful ~~illness~~ ^{complaint} with exemplary
tenderness & patience; to make them
as comfortable as possible, & to direct
their thoughts to spiritual things, seem-
ing to be her study & delight; nor did she
ever appear to think highly of herself for
her exemplary conduct in this respect.
^{far} ~~And~~ ^{And} ~~she~~ ^{she} ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~she~~ ^{she} ~~ever~~ ^{ever} ~~heard~~ ^{heard} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~murmure~~ ^{murmure}
& complain. - When her brother George

did last May she was already very
unwell, ~~the~~ symptoms of the same com-
plaint that had brot her to 46 to an
early grave developed themselves in her
new home. She was well aware of
this herself & said more than once that
she believed she should follow them at
no great distance of time. In the
course of the late severe winter she
grew rapidly worse & it was soon evi-
dent that her days were numbered, &
that the spring of the present year would
^{probably} put an end to her sufferings & her
earthly existence. She continued how-
ever to come down stairs as long as she
possibly could, & was not many weeks
confined to her sick-chamber. Until
the disease had nearly consumed her
lungs & her strength was well nigh
spent, she did not suffer much pain,
her principal ailment being increasing
breathlessness; but, when the pulmonary or-
gans were nearly destroyed, & her
bodily powers all but exhausted, she
suffered acutely chiefly from diffi-
culty of breathing & a sense of suffo-
cation; this increased most distressingly
on Monday ^{last} at 10 o'clock & continued
for 7 or 8 hours; at length, however, the
disease seems to have exhausted its
^{violence} power, & she lay quiet & apparently
easy till 12 o'clock on Monday
morning when the happy moment came
that delivered her from all pain & fear
here & sorrow - her spirit ascending to
him who made & redeemed her.

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The writer of these lines brief memoir
can truly say that he never witnessed a
more satisfactory peaceful & happy
death & deathbed than that of our late
she manifested a truly meek & quiet spirit
which is in the sight of God of great price
a deep humility arising from a sense of
her own sinfulness, yet at the same time
an habitually peaceful & even cheerful
frame, so that even when her sufferings
were above described even at the highest, the
smile that constantly lit up her counte-
nance was still beaming there; not a
word ~~bit~~ of murmuring ever escaped her
lips; on the other hand, she spoke con-
stantly & with deep gratitude of the
many & various mercies she enjoyed, &
of her being spared acute pain, saying:
"How graciously I am carried on!
What cause have I for thankfulness!"
She was most grateful to all who showed
her any attention & especially for spiri-
tual conversation, ~~in~~ ^{being} for spiritual
& heavenly things ~~was~~ now her element
& her chief joy; she was delighted when thank-
sgiving & prayer were offered up by her
bedside. Twice, during her illness, the
Holy Communion was administered to her in
the presence of a few friends, & both times
she was ~~quite~~ overcome with feelings of
peace, love & joy, in the sense of her saving
dying love & of his pardon & mercies.
Indeed, it may truly be ^{the writer} said - & the
circumstance is the more remarkable
as it is somewhat uncommon even in
the case of the most established & expe-
rienced Christians, - that he never once on any

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occasions when her sufferings were
most severely heard a word of complaint
from her lips ~~was~~ saw even a transient
cloud ^{darken} ~~obscure~~ her mind which was con-
stantly serene & cheered by the light
of her Redeemer's countenance. - She
was most affectionate to all around
her & spoke in a very instructive &
encouraging strain to her young friends
& relatives of the things that make
for peace, begging them to continue ear-
nestly to seek that one ^{thing} needful &
everlasting portion which now made
her so blessed - tho' hastening to the
grave in the bloom of youth. - And
whence all these striking & lovely fruits
of righteousness, so richly reaped in
her? - Whence but from her ^{fully} simple, child-
like, unwavering faith in Jesus; - her
placing all her trust in him - looking
to him & him alone - & keeping fast
hold of him as her all; - in ~~an~~ ^{one} word "holding
the beginning of her confidence fast unto
the end." Often did she declare that
she had no hope but in her Saviour - but
that she knew that he was ^{her} Lord & she
knew; & that ^{she} had now no other desire but
to go to him, knowing assuredly, that
he would receive her. - One Sunday
between 1 & 2 o'clock the rec^d. The blessing
for her departure, during a sweet time
of our Saviour's presence & peace. - On
Monday evening as our Sunday-schoolers
were perambulating the place with music
etc & singing it was suggested that a voice
or two should be sung under her window.

Accordingly the 1st & 2nd Verses of N.
were sung & played there with. The Lord's
blood &c. &c. - And when my father shall see
the afterwards said to a friend who called
to see her that she had heard & considered
the verses, & enjoyed it greatly. - - She
lived about 5 hours after this, was sensible
to the last, & expired without a sigh or a
groan, aged 25 1/2 years, - receiving the end
of her faith, even the salvation of her
soul.

X When she first saw that her recovery
was impossible she felt much, indeed
at the thought of leaving her father, as
she knew what a severe trial her loss
would be to him; but it is doubtless
& fears of a spiritual nature that
are here alluded to, & from which
she was most mercifully preserved.

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