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Memoir
of
the late Sister Anna Stock
who
departed this life April 23rd 1848.

Owing to the unconsciousness of our dear departed parent during her illness, we have been unable to elicit from her any facts relative to her past life. The brief memoir therefore, which it is customary to communicate on such an occasion must necessarily be brief & incomplete and in some measure ~~gathered~~
by conjecture.

But if the death of his saints be precious in the sight of the Lord their memory surely will be precious in the sight of his people however ~~short~~ brief and imperfect be the memorial.

Our late parent was born at Blackley near Manchester, of parents unconnected with the Bon's Church, but certainly religious people, from whom she first received those impressions which eventually ~~brought~~
proved so lasting — But hearing of a

people in the neighbourhood, who made
religion more their daily employment,
she was inspired with the earnest desire
to join that people and to make their
God her God. With this intent she visited
Fairfield and met so kind a welcome
that she at once applied for and obtained
a connection with the Boys' Church.

In taking this step she knew she was
robbing her parents of ~~their~~ ^{a dutiful daughter} first joy
~~kind parents and~~ ^{kind parents and} &
and herself of worldly advantage, but
none of these things moved her, for she
saw other ~~parentage~~ & brighter emoluments
opening to her.

About the year 1808 she removed from
Fairfield to Falmouth where she was
engaged as teacher in the Ladies school.
Here her devotion to the cause of Christ
assumed a higher cast, for from this place
she accompanied our late Father

to the altar, determining with him
to follow the fortunes of the cross & the church
live and die if necessary under its banner.

Their first call to missionary labour
was to Antigua about the year 1812,
from whence, after a service of about
seven years they returned to England
bringing a son with them. Him, the
object of so much solicitude they placed
in the boys school at Fulneec, and left
for Jamaica little dreaming of the
melancholy sequel - the boy died!

Bitterly they felt the bereavement, but
found strong consolation in the God they
served, to whom they knew he had gone.

Two other losses of the same kind followed -
another son & a daughter! On their
subsequent return to England for the
purpose of recruiting their health they
left two other sons in Fulneec and

and departed for St. Kitts in 1826.
Here another son was born whom in
due time they also brought to the school
in this place and then rested from their
missionary labours.

In the year 1840 her beloved partner
departed this life, since which she has
made it her constant employment to
benefit the spiritual & bodily condition
of the poor in the neighbourhood, who will
feel her loss greatly. In 1854 she undertook
a journey to Switzerland for the purpose
of affording her youngest son suitable em-
ployment in a country more congenial
to his health; & after a stay of about a
year she returned to Fultne invigorated
both in body and mind. She still continued
her labours among the poor and lent her
aid in behalf of the Bible Society in the
neighbourhood to which she devoted
herself most faithfully till illness

compelled her to keep to her room.
Several weeks before she was confined
to her bed, her memory had begun to fail,
but later she found it impossible to re-
member even the names of her visitors -
still however she had a blessed perception
of the presence of her Saviour, whom
she constantly extolled, and whose
name she often lipid when labouring
under the effects of delirium.

Till April 20th she was favoured with
lucid intervals and enjoyed at such
times the chapters from the Holy Scriptures
read to her and the prayers offered up
at her bedside by the minister of the
place and another kind friend who
visited her. She likewise partook
of the Holy Communion with great
edification to herself.

On Friday and Saturday she slept
nearly the whole time labouring under
a great difficulty of breathing &
at half past four on Easter Sunday
morning her ransomed spirit took
its flight without a struggle to
the mansions of the Blessed.

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Our late S's; as appears from his
memory, has spent many years of
her life in Falmouth in the singly mar-
ried & widowed state; & though lost the
whole of that long period & in all
these & other different relations has
approved herself a child of God anxious
to be useful serv to sat. & to
be useful in her day & generation;
a faithful & devoted wife a very
affectionate mother anxious to bring
up her sons in the fear of the Lord &
to inculcate Christian principles &
good habits, - & an active & zealous
handmaid of the Lord - not only
when she was engaged in his ser-
vice in the W. India miss; but
during her residence here as a
Teacher in our Girls' Boarding-
School & after her return with
her late husband in private life.
Her ^{esp} active & useful in visiting
the sick & poor in the neighbourhood
Has a collector for our Bible-oppini-
tions never growing weary in that
good work. &

The disease which terminated
in her happy departing by principally
in the brain; whence she
was very often more or less delirious;
yet even her ramblings clearly
showed that her soul was intent.

by engaged with the best things &
her affections fixed on him whom
her soul loved. She had tried inter-
nally however & then expressed in
the most distinct terms not
only a firm unswerving assurance
of salvation but a sweet & dignified
resignation to her Saviour's
perfect will, being as ready to
return into her beloved actuary
in his service, as to depart & to
be with him. About a fortnight
before her end, she asked, if it was
Easter Sunday morning? when
told it was not, she replied: "C
what a glorious morning will
that be! - It is remarkable that
she fell gently asleep in Jesus
~~on that~~ early on that ^{great forward friend} day.

During the few remaining days she
frequently spoke of the Lord &
expressed a wish to enjoy it
one more, when she was sensible
~~as~~ she was perfectly collected
on Monday morning 17th inst.
it was administered to her dur-
ing a powerful sense of our
Sav's presence & afterwards
the blessing of the Lord & the boy:
for her departure was pronounced
over her. She was very weak, she said
she had had a ^{only} blessed enjoy-

ment; it appeared to be to be an
anticipation of the Lamb's feast above
of course she was very desirous
& often insisted in prayer & supp-
lication, that her sons might be
true children of God & devoted
servants of the Lord, ready to aiding
in their parents' footstep. doubt-
less the most fervent of her last
petitions were for them; may
they in grace & abundantly
answered!

The likewise faithful instruc-
ted in her theory, the senior class
in our girls' Sunday-school, the
scholars in which have just shown
their love & gratitude for the pains
she took to lead them to the great
Friend of children by attending the
funeral & following her remains
to the grave.