

F.W. 13/113
The youth - I last seen Oct 1st 1826 & died May 8.
1827 at Butcher's.

My dear Brother was born at Wyke in the year 1809. His early life may be well known to any young man, who has been educated in the bosom of the B. & R. Church. The latter portion of his short experience existence, is well known to his instructors & companions, and, by them, is allowed, I believe, to be uniformly pleasing. He had, however, some opportunities of seeing the ways of the world, and then it was that we particularly had the means of observing his state of mind.

He invariably manifested the most determined abhorrence of the wickedness of which he might be an unintentional spectator. Indeed his sensibilities were sometimes painfully acute, so much as to affect his bodily health.

In his family, he was dutiful & affectionate, although possessed of an independent & active mind; and he took the most unequivocal and lively interest in the affairs of every branch of it. It might have been expected, perhaps, that one so amiable & christianlike in his conduct would, when thrown upon a bed of sickness, have been an example of resignation, and still

ed with bright hopes of a glorious eternity.
But this was not the will of the Lord.
His conduct on his death-bed, was to prove
that we all are alike sinners, and equally
stand in need of repentance & forgiveness,
and that it is not because, thro' his mercy,
we are preserved from the temptations of
this world, we are better than those around
us.

For this point of view his con-
versations with his dear Mother & Sister
were very edifying. On Tuesday, May 1st
his sister asked him if he would like to see
the Test. "Yes," he said, "very much. I have
neglected those things too much."

Upon being reminded, that attention in
itself, even to spiritual things, is no recom-
mendation for acceptance with God, our Savior,
but that the more sinner-like we feel, the
more willing he is to receive us, he appeared
comforted. Upon her giving him the Test
Book, he expressed how much he feared what
he had to look forward to, and how weak
he felt.

She left the room & when she
returned, he was sobbing violently.

After gaining a little breath, he said, "I must
not cry. It will not do for me, my
breath is almost spent; but that Test is so
very striking; it is too good for me, alluding

to the words, "Fear none of those things which thou wilt suffer." She told him he must look forward, but he assured our Saviour would fulfil his promise, and give him strength according to his day.

Offering to read to him from the Bible, he was pleased.

From this time, until the arrival of his mother & brother, he could not bear much conversation, altho' the visits of Mr. Reichel & Lebby, gave him much pleasure.

On the morning of the day of his departure, he was not able to bear reading, having passed a suffering night. His brother, who sat by his bed-side, being affected by the expectation of his approaching dissolution, he said, firmly fixing his eyes on him, "I can't cry, I am past crying." Talking of the night he had spent & the struggle he had gone thro', he turned to his mother & said, "I was wonderfully supported, was I not dear Mamma?"

Owing to his course thro' life being easy, and without many of those unpleasant circumstances, miscalled

misfortunes, which fell to the lot of man, he clung to it with more tenacity than was wished. This was likewise increased, by his being devoid of pain, and his possessing, with unusual clearness, his mental faculties.

He frequently said, "I am not so near my end as you think; I have too much strength left." B. Reichen, who visited him early this morning, spoke to him with reference to his approaching dissolution, asking him whether he felt easy.

He replied, "I wish to feel more assurance of forgiveness, but if I had that given me, I am afraid I should feel too impatient to go."

About mid day, alarming symptoms of stupor, showed themselves, and it was thought advisable to bethink him for his departure.

When he was acquainted with the resolution, he roused himself, as it were from a lethargy, saying, "Do you think the time is so near?" Upon being told by B. Reichen that that was the opinion, "Well," he said, "let it be so." He joined, as well as he

would, in the verses, and when the blessing
was pronounced, repeated it, as well as his
strength would permit. The mental strug-
gle which he went thro' in the afternoon
of this day, can only be understood by
those who witnessed it. He cried aloud
with earnestness for mercy, his prayers
for ^{for} ~~for~~ ^{for}
mercy were frequent & affecting.

In his anxiety, he would frequently
turn to his mother & sister, asking them
if he was pardoned, whether he was ear-
nest enough in his cries, at the same
time entreating them not to buoy him
up with false hopes. This painful state
lasted for about an hour, when he appear-
ed to have obtained comfort. He lay very
quiet. A short time before his end, he
exclaimed, "What a sweet dream I have
had!" After this he spoke but little, his
breathing becoming very difficult. About
1/4 after 10 o'clock, his breath stopped, and,
without a struggle, he passed into the
arms of that Saviour, whose love he
could not too often dwell upon.