

Mr. Sam'l Lythes.

The suddenness of the call from time into eternity of one of the most active members of the Congⁿ who had long resided in our midst, renders a sketch of his character almost unnecessary. And yet too soon to think of the dear departed and to trace some of the more striking ^{of his} features. There was a frankness freedom from pride, in his character; but the strongest trait was active sympathy and kindness of feeling towards all - ever willing to aid and assist others at the expense of his own ease and comfort. His energies, his talents, and his time, as far as his own duties allowed, were at the service of everyone. He will be a missed man in future. His charity made him blind to the defects of others. And even at times, led him to countenance
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² by his friends
that what some would consider an
outrageon.

He possessed a buoyancy of spirit, and
considering his age, a cheerful hilarity which
has often astonished us. He delighted
to witness and assist in any gathering
of the young, to give expression to feelings
of either national or social joy. And
his cheerful voice was heard encouraging
and prolonging expressions of delight and
joy.

At the Christmas season especially
it was his yearly custom to collect a
number of his old friends to meet the
family circle. And also at this
season, he invariably devoted one evening
to gather together his aged friends,
chiefly females, whom with his own happy
countenance, beaming with delight,
he encouraged them to speak of the
goodness of God in the days past - and
closed the evening with prayer and

Praise.

Our late Br^r was born at
Linthwaite Hall near Huddersfield,
Sunday 11th 1796. His parents both
his parents were members of the Free
Methodist Ch^ych, and his good and
pious Mother was very anxious that
he should be trained up under the fos-
tering care of that church she so
much loved.

Many years previous to his
birth, Mr. Pyne had occupied the old
Hall as an out-preaching place attached
to Hellhouse Chapel; and every
month one or more of the Pyne
visited and preached there to a small
flock, several of whom were in society
fellowship with the church. Their
periodical services were blessed to
^{continues & good} which were blessed to many
many were confirmed during the
youthful years of our late Br^r and
made a deep impression on

"The young heart of our late now
safely departed Mr.

The frequent visits of young
ministers and students of the church,
who soon failed in their journeys to the
Yorks & Lancashire Convents to call
at this hospitable abode, afforded oppor-
tunities for him to hear of the love of
Christ and the Lord's dealing with his
people.

Moreover he was blessed in having
a most affectionate Christian Uncle
whose gentle spirit was ever ready to
counsel and advise him, and by his wise
and godlike walk and conversation was
a bright example. Of this, his old Uncle
James, he often spoke with affectionate
regard. And truly he was a man
of God, an Israelite in whom was no
guile. An humble follower of the
Sant, simple and unaffected as a
child - for he lived very near to his

Saviour. He talked with God, and his eyes overflowed with tears, while his lips spoke of the love and mercy of his Jesus.

Thus our late Mrs' early years spent in the bosom of an affectionate family who were exceedingly careful of their dear only child.

In 1808 his parents sent him to the boarding school at Wellhouse, & he often spoke of this period of his life with unfeigned gratitude.

The year following he was bound apprentice to Mr. Thos Lykes of Ashton. Here his uprightness, diligence and faithfulness, won for him the esteem of his master, and the warm hearted and enduring love of his Christian mistress. With her he attended the services at Dukinfield, and here also he attained to further privileges in the church, and was confirmed.

At the close of his apprenticeship

ships he returned home, and soon
began business for himself
but he longed for a master closer in
touch with the members of the
long, and as soon as a better he
determined as soon as a situation was
vacant, he would embrace the oppor-
tunity. He had not long to wait
for in Aug 1818 he was called to fill
the assistant to W. Hanniman in the
shop at Fulmer. This he considered
a providential leading, and to his
dying day, he thanked his dear Saviour
that he had been led to this place to
work among his own people.

On 9th he was married to the Rev.
Lydia Verity, overseer of the audience book
in the 1st House. They before their
marriage determined from the con-
sideration of their married life that
all their doings should be influenced
by the love and fear of God. And in
accordance with this practice they

prevailing in the Congⁿ he invited all
the married persons to a cheerful love-
feast. Throughout life, he continued
to value and enjoy all the peculiar
customs and usages of the church.

On Oct 1st 1830 he was called to
serve the church as Diacony Master in
the shop and soon after was ^{elected} called to
fill the offices of Committee Member &
first Chapel Servant. In all these his
faithfulness & activity gained him the
love and esteem of his Pym Hrs.

Feb 4th 1842. our dear Mr. was
called upon to bear a heavy affliction in
the loss of his dearly beloved & faithful
wife. — This was indeed a sore trial,
but his confidence was in the Lord of
hosts, it was not put to shame. He
was thus left a widower with 7 dear
children, for whose welfare spiritual &
temporal he ever showed the most
unwearied care and affectionate soli-
citude. His children gave him great

Psalms, And up to the time of his
happy departure, was favoured to be
near him and to enjoy his fatherly
care. At any time he gave expression
to his anxious concern for them it
would be in these or similar words
"With my boys may keep in the way
and be delivered from the evils of this
world. I should have more pleasure
in thinking of them if they joined the
congregation. This trust will be the last
sentence." Doubtless his prayers and
tears have been treasured up in the book
of God's remembrance and will not be
forgotten. See before

His Christian course was even, for
thoughts ^{He did not often speak of} he had little of his experience
what he did say testified that he was
no stranger to the happiness which
a sense of peace and reconciliation
through the blood of Jesus produced.
With humility he would sometimes
deplore his coldness of heart, and
that he suffered the cares of this

life to engross so much of his attention,
which delight we believe was in the
service of his God. The writer of this
short account has had, especially
of late, many edifying conversations
with him satisfactory to the mind
that the one thing needful was
not forgotten. This was especially
the case during an alarming illness
in the beginning of this year. Death
was near, eternity at hand which
called forth deep searchings of heart,
but his faith was fixed on the
Rock of Ages. "Nothing," he said,
nothing but my Saviour's blood and
death will do for me now." No hope
no plea but this atonement he made
for sinners I am. I have been an
unworthy and sinful creature,
but he knows that I have loved
him. And can you trust him now?"
asked his visitor. With a firm voice
he answered yes, adding "I know
he will receive me." A few minutes
after he said, "I should like to know
if it pleased the Lord for the sake
of my family; but if not, into
his hands I commit my spirit."

Since the illness referred to, hem-
morage from the nose, from which
he recovered he often occasionally
complained of languor and weak-
ness; but there were no symptoms
to cause alarm that (death) departure
was no near at hand. On Christmas
day finding himself not well, at
the request of his children he called
on the doctor to consult with him,
and then was present at the latter
part of the morning service. Feeling
at dinner he assured his family that
he felt much relieved, and more
than once expressed this great
pleasure in seeing his children
around him. After dinner he
lay on the sofa and conversed
freely with his eldest son. Contrary
to the entreaties of his children, he
determined to go to the Christmas
lovefeast at 5 o'clock and desired all
his children to go before him that
he might himself see all safe
and lock up the house. One
daughter however determined to
wait for her father ^{while} he went
up stairs to secure the windows.

and the doors of the rooms. More
than once she heard his voice
calling to her to hasten her
departure lest she should be
too late saying "I will soon follow"
Again she heard his voice from
the top of the stairs in a mourn-
ful tone saying "I am very ill"
She assisted him down stairs
and onto a chair in the kitchen.
Fortunately at that moment his
son William and son-in-law George
entered the house and assisted him
onto the sofa in the parlour where
he spoke but once repeating the
words "Oh my dear Saviour". He
lay unconscious but unable to articulate
though he made many attempts,
and before the lovefeast was over
his ransomed spirit had joined
the congregation of the redeemed
before the throne.

"Happy soul thy days are ended,
All thy mourning days below
Thou by angel guards attended
Didst to Jesus presence go."
We mourn our loss yet rejoice in
his eternal gain, and now we

to that for his honoured remains
which he often did for others.
Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, due
to dust, in sure and certain hope
of a glorious resurrection, remain
bearing the apostle's words "we shall
meet again and so shall we be
ever with the Lord whencefore
comfort one another with these
words."