

Some Particulars of the gracious
leading of our Lord & Saviour
with the happily departed Sister
Elizabeth Crepwell who entered
into her eternal Rest Dec^r 18th
1808 aged 20 yrs & 6 Months.

The deceased having left no
written Memorial of her short
but happy course through
time, what is now offered is the
Knowledge of her leading by
an affectionate Relative narra-
ted, partly as the most plea-
sing Relief to a deeply affec-
ted Mind, having also in

view the benefit especially of
those of her own age, who
may discover something in her
example to follow, in her expe-
rience to instruct, &c in her
enjoyments to comfort & strengthen
them, in their spiritual course.

She was born in Fairfield

June 21st 1788 of Parents living
in the bosom of the congregation,
whose primary concern it was,
to bring up all their children
in the nurture & admonition
of the Lord; & who found in this
their important & weighty —
Duty, much to pray for, much
to weep over, under a sense of
their manifold defects, and
much indeed to be thankful

for, in the comfort they have had with this precious Charge.

The Education of this Sister was strictly regulated by a regard to her Happiness with her Saviour, designing in the cultivation of her Mind to unite the brighter Ornaments of the true Christian Character. Of her it may be said She was in the true meaning of the word a Congregation Child. Her pursuits & enjoyments, her happiness were found in it, with as little of desire after the Vanities & Allurements of the World as is generally found in what She was by nature, a fallen depraved sinfull creature.

At an early age she was placed under the care of Sister Syrett, for her Education & with her older Sister, one of the number in the beginning of a Seminary for Education, out of which small beginning hath arisen a prosperous Boarding School where many children with herself have enjoyed the advantage of liberal and religious Instruction; She always spoke of this with gratitude in having the pleasure of instruction without rigour to make it irksome, or laxity to defeat the purpose.

In her early years the work of grace through the Means, found

entrance to her Heart and -
particularly so in the Childrens
Meetings &c. Meetings for In-
struction in Divine Truths. She
was a hearer of the Word with
abiding Effect, finding in the
Manifestations of the Love of
Christ, that He was made unto
her as a Child, Wisdom, Righteous-
ness, Sanctification & Redemption.

On the 22nd of April 1797 it
pleased God to visit her family
with a very afflicting dispensa-
tion in the affecting but truly
happy departure of her Dear
Mother leaving her disconsolate
Father encompassed with a
heavy weight of temporal

concerns & charged with the care
of eight very young children this
painful Bereavement was in
its nature attended with distress-
ing consequences to so large a
Family & if there was any per-
iod more than another when
our D^r Sister with the other
branches of the Family did
not fully enjoy that watchful
unremitting care, which is a
Parents' province, and faithful
parents joy, it was during the
interval of their Fathers widow-
hood, when many circumstan-
ces combined to interrupt this
most pleasant of all Duties
With gratitude and

thankfulness to the Lord it must
be said that on the second-
Marriage of their Father, all
that was lost to the children
in their first parent, was re-
stored in the second, in whom
have been enjoyed all Mothers's
tenderness, & Fidelity & with a
harmony so undisturbed, that
it has often been remarked by
the children, that in affection &
careful attention they had -
every thing that could promote
Domestic Happiness.
This was strikingly experienced
during the edifying sickness
and happy departure of Sister
Farewells only Daughter Deborah

Shepley, when every part of the
Family from motives of pure love
were concerned to soften the acute
distress of their Parents.

When she was added to the
great girls choir she felt the
propriety of attending to its
meaning & this enquiry led to
much solid reflection as to the
aim of congregation's privileges,
experiencing with increasing
clearness, her special fall to this
people of God, not because they
were the people she had been -
brought up with only but from
a conviction that it was the Lord's
intention to make her happy
in his own Flock and

Hold it that without constraint,
Complexity or doubt, Her soul should
be the Bliss, to be a sheep of Jesus,
& to be guided by his Shepherds
Voice.

On the first of January 1801 She
had the favor to be received into
the congregation, & in the latter
part of the same year her choir
Labourer kindly disposed to
further her progress in congregaⁿ
privileges, & thinking probably
more favorably of her hearts
course, than she herself experienced
proposed her as candidate for
the holy communion which was
granted her Oct 10th 1801. She has
often remarked with much

concern that the long interval
between her being a spectator &
partaker of this Sacrament, was
of all the periods in her life, the
most humbling to her recollection,
the most barren in enjoyment,
wherein a deeper knowledge of
herself was wanting, & true
experience, where her preservation
from Evil of every kind was to be
found. But thanks to the in-
ternal care of the good Shepherd,
She was not left a heedless stranger
to his voice, but was graciously led
to more humbling views of her
sinfulness & great depravity, and
more comforting discoveries of the
riches of sovereign grace, & of the
meaning of that precious gospel
truth, that He was made sin
for us who knew no sin, that

we might be made the
Righ^teousnes^s of God in him
How particularly she felt the unspeakable value of private prayer, in the observance of which she had been carefully led from her earliest years; How more than ever she felt the enlightening, quickening influence of the Spirit of God, & as a needy suppliant was brought to the Mercy Seat, not in the formal unaffected expression of what the heart felt not, but in the pouring out her wants as they existed, & this with a conscientious and scrupulous faithfulness, that she could not excuse herself in the omission of this sweet privilege during Morning & Evening in her Life.

Thus in the School of the Holy
ghost she was prepared for that
enjoyment which awaited her
when on the 4th of May 1805
she partook for the first time of
the Lord's body & Blood sacrament
with her favored choir, & as a
needy sinner sat down at the
Table of the Lord, there to enjoy
this heavenly repast there to be
strengthened with increasing
evidences of her election of grace
On the 4th of May 1806 she was
received into the Single P. Choir
entering into this covenant of love
with her whole heart, and
esteeming it her highest honor
to be numbered with a people

of God whose privilege it is, to
live for and to him, who gra-
ciously accepts so mean a Sa-
crifice. Her unchanged mind
respecting this her Call was
further manifested on the 2^d
of November when with three
other young sisters she was
seen by a Deputation from the
College of Overseers & solemnly
gave her Hand to abide thro'
our Saviors grace faithful to
the Congregation and its
Statutes.

Her naturally open and
cheerful disposition obtained
her many Friends. In the
Sisters of her own Choir she

found a corresponding influence
of impressions like her
own, more improved by
experience & matured judgement.
In this she was particularly
favoured by the closest ties of
affection with her Cousin,
S. Mary Lees, who watched her
growing years, & growth, in
grace, with a partial fondness,
and on many occasions
approved herself a discreet
and prudent adviser. The
pleasure and benefit she
had in numerous little acts
of love from this valued Sister

rendered her removal to a
heavenly inheritance a pain-
ful trial, and was one of the
salutary Mementos which
shewed that whilst we are -
indulged to cherish & justify to
estimate the worth of Social
affections when sanctified
by Grace, yet not the Creature
but the Creator is the Supreme
Good

2^o Will it not be remarked,
that this detail exhibits too
much of a perfect rather than
what she was, a sinfull
unworthy creature! Should

language; When a sense of
her innate Misery, humbled
her in the Dust, & when reti-
ring from the Family to her
Chamber she had to cry to
him who will not but use the
broken Reed nor quench the
smoking Flax, but waiteth
that he may be gracious to
all that seek him in Sinc-
erity & truth.

The latter part of the year
1807 was a season of trial
in this way, when the
work of God was powerful
by operating until the
work of Righteousness
was peaceably the effect of it
quietness & assurance for ever

Experiencing) at this time, demands upon her she had never felt before, in a Renunciation of every thing to the Supreme Will. She was led in conversations with her Choir Labourers with whom she was very confident to express her desire for usefulness in the Lord's Service, & was encouraged to that Surrender of herself to her & Saviour so justly due, whose demands upon his Children are inseparable from their Happiness and who was never yet a hard task Master to the weakest of his creatures.

Early in this year her inclinations were indulged in going to the newly begun Boarding School in Duck, as an assistant teacher, tho' her delicate state of health made her parents scrupulous of her engaging in a service. She was scarcely equal to it: In a few weeks their apprehensions were painfully realised, but tho' her continuance was of short duration, it was remembered with pleasure, & he who regards the motive rather than the value of the service itself & who so highly estimated that act of love

in Mary's Tribune; accepted
with complacency the fee-
ble offering of this his Dear
Child.

A Severe illness in
its first approaches from
cold rendered her removal
necessary to her paternal
Home, and in the course of a
few weeks her Disorder assumed
the appearance of a fixed
Decline. All Medical efforts
throughout the Spring &
Summer continuing ine-
fected to relieve, change
of air was recommended
by the faculty, & her own
inclinations according

therewith, her. Mammal &
Sister Catharine were her com-
panions to the Sea Coast in
Kent, where she was most ten-
derly cared for with a fidelity
and solicitude that could
not be exceeded for near 3
months & where she re-
tired for a time from the
Congregatⁿg means of Grace
the Lord's presence was with
them & his Help & Comfort
vouchsafed.

After spending a short
time in London with her
Dear Bel^r Wright who
had recently become resi-
dent there, she returned

home under increasing weakness but filled ^{the} with thankfulness
for all the kindness shewn her.
Still under all discouraging
symptoms, she felt a love of
life, a cleaving to her dear
relatives, & desire if it was the
Lord's Will to be spared a little
longer, & this desire which
her soul's beloved would ten-
derly bear with prevailed
during her sickness evidently
concern'd to enjoy
all in the way of comfort,
support, and affection, from
those she so dearly loved, without
out losing anything of the
Divine support and

confidence sonichly manifested
Her tedious sickness was
in no part of it embittered
by any thing like repining
She had always a smile for
every visitor, The expression in
Mord and look of the serenity
with which she was blessed,
in her was fulfilled that
declaration of the Psalmist
Goodness & Mercy shall
follow me all the Days of
my life.

The day before her de-
parture She was visited
by a number of kind
Friends and to some of
them I was enabled with

striking energy to testify
of her interest in her Sa-
vior & Redeemer, that his
bitter Sufferings his meri-
torious Death were the
foundation of her Faith,
that on which she relied
to carry her in Safety
through the Valley of the
Shadow of Death into his
Presence. This Parson was
granted her undeviating
and fearless feeling of the "Peace"
of God when her immor-
tal part was translated
into its Heavenly Inheri-
tance, where through all
Eternity to join with

the redeemed lost in songs
of praise to the Lamb slain.

Her choir adds the following:

The above narrative of our late
Dear Sister's course through time
will, we believe, strike all, who had
the pleasure of her acquaintance,
as giving a just testimony of her
real character: and as a grateful
acknowledgment of those blessings
which our Saviour was pleased to
manifest in so particular a manner
to this highly favored soul! "Not
unto me, not unto me, O Lord," would
be the language of her heart, "but
unto thy name be all the glory."

Those who have been more
intimately connected with our late
Sister, have rejoiced to observe the peculiar
grace and gifts, which were vouchsafed
unto her, in early life; it may truly
be said that she lived in close com-
munion with that Friend who had
loved her, and given himself for her

and her delight was to testify of
the unbounded love of Jesus; and what
he had done for her soul.

All opportunities for conversations
of this kind, were evidently agreeable
seasons to her. She certainly knew
herself, as a sinner, and Jesus Christ
as her Redeemer and Saviour, on
whose all-atoning death alone she
grounded her hope. Her surviving
friends will long remember, with
heart-felt satisfaction, the many
proofs she gave, in health, as well
as sickness, that she was indeed a
child of God; whose walk and conver-
sation was becoming the gospel of
Christ. We flattered ourselves with
the hope that this flourishing
plant, in the Lord's vineyard, might
soon become a useful handmaid of
him, whom he was preparing to serve
in his church militant below;
but we now clearly perceive that
he had still far more gracious views
with this his favored child: namely,

To remove her from this wilderness
of woe, and to transplant her,
while in the bloom of youth, into
that blessed kingdom, where sin and
sorrow can never enter: where she
now beholds face to face him whom
her soul loved; and who had washed
her from her sins in his own
most precious blood.

He who survive cannot but
regret the loss of this宝贵
promising young St but we know
that He, whose prosperity she had,
had early prepared her for himself,
and had taken her to his arms & bosom.
Therefore submit to his all wise
dispensation: and sincerely wish
those who remain below, (youth
in particular) may follow her
example, in cleaving to the last
with full purpose of heart; and
may her departure deeply impress
this awful moment in every breast
Be ye also ready!

Poem

On the happy departure
of our beloved Sister,
Elizabeth Crepwell;
who entered into the joy of
her Lord,
at Fairfield:
Dec^r 18th 1808.

She's gone! 't unbody'd spirit is fled,
The mortal tabernacle—dead;

Till Jesus, who hath pow'r to save,
Shall raise it, glorious, from the grave.

She's gone! to mingle with the blest;
Enjoying now eternal rest.

"You her to live was Christ; — while her
"To die is gain;" — to see him there.

She's gone! to give unceasing praise
To Him; her voice in hymns to raise,
Of gratitude, to Christ, her King;
And joyful hallelujahs sing.

She's gone! nor wishes to return;
But sweetly says to those who mourn
Her loss —

— "Weep not my friends, for me."
"I'm happy, in eternity.

"Happy, beyond all human thought,

"I see Him, whom my soul hath sought;

"I view His wounds, which He endured;

"Those wounds, which all my bliss pur-

"My body to the grave convey,
To moulder in its fellow clay;
I'll called forth by Christ, to rise,
And join my Soul, above the skies.

Farewell! th' appointed hour will come,
When you will be, with me, at home;
In heavenly mansions we shall meet,
Adoring at the Saviour's feet.

By faith walk in the narrow way,
Which leads to that eternal day,
Resplendent,- where there is no night-
Bright with the Lamb's majestic light."

This legacy she left to all:
"Be ready, at ~~the~~ your Saviour's call!"

"He'll come, before you are aware:
For your Lord's coming, now prepare!

We at thy happy lot rejoice,
Blest Soul! With united voice,
The Saviours praise, who thee, in love,
Removed to Himself above.

Our Will, we to his Will, resign;
Nor at his ways would we refine:
Tho' nature drops the parting tear,
We yet His ways with thee, review.

Perhaps we understand not now
Fully, what he hath done; yet bow
Submissive, to his wise decree,
In all, which He hath done, with thee
Thou'dst mount happy with thy God,
Wash'd in the Lamb's most precious blood,
Adorned with those garments white,
Which make thee precious in His sight.
We too, have hope, that we shall see
Our Jesus, in eternity;
Rejoicing in this hope, we move,
Till we shall join the hosts above.
In singing to the Lamb once slain,
For all His wounds, his griefs & pain
His agony, his cross, his blood,
Which brought us, sinners, night to day.
Vain world adieu! our world is above,
We'll cherish here, no other love,
Then love to Him, who loved us
and for us dy'd upon the cross.
Now, crucify'd to all, below
May Christ this grace on us bestow:
In fellowship with Him to be,
Till we're with Him eternally.