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Our late S^r. Mary Bonnycastle
was born in Ireland Jan. 1893
She was taken, when a child of 8 or 9 years
of age, to our Ladies' Boarding School
at Gracehill then under the superinten-
dence of our S^r. Montgomery at first.
Visiting Rev. While at school she showed
excellent abilities & made great progress in
learning. In 1810 she went with P^s: H^t:
Mortgomery to ~~Accrington~~ Okbrook, where
she lived in the Sisters' house 1 year. She
then accepted an appointment as Teacher
in our Ladies' Boarding-School at B-d
ford & remained in that situation 10
yrs. In 1821 she went to Gracehill as
Governess of the Ladies' School there;
from thence in 2 or 3 years to Wyke, in
the same capacity. She then lived a
short time in a gentleman's family
in Leicestershire; &, after spending
a few months with her much estim-
ed friends P^s: & T^s: Montgomery at
Okbrook ^{intended upon} ~~accepted~~ the office of First
Teacher in our Girls' Boarding-School
very ^{which} ~~hated~~ ^{the idea of} total situation, till
midsummer last year. - About
that time her health began to fail; &
in the course of last summer she gra-
dually grew worse, her complaint an
other complication of ^{complaints} ~~illnesses~~ baffling
all medical skill. In Sept^r: last
she went first to Kirkdale, then to
Kerry City ^{for} ~~her disease~~ the effect of change of
air; but the steps gained ground.

The returned much weaker than she went
in but towards the end of October she
now grew rapidly worse & her sufferings
were often severe. At length on the
morning last about 8 o'clock am. it
pleased the Lord to put a period to her
trials & afflictions & her soul gentle
& happily asleep in Jesus at the age
of 55 years & 11 mo. (—)

The good seed which was sown in
her education heart at first gave
no body sprout up to bear good fruit to
out her life. — (The ministry of God
word — the means of grace public &
privately — & the faithful & judicious
training of her much revered go-
verness while she was at school in
Graceville — very ^{greatly} nated regard to
our late sister's soul &) the best
her peculiarities; but she was, beyond
all doubt a true, conscientious &
faithful Slave — she read the scrip-
tures diligently & regularly — & met
only ~~reg~~ but studied them, sub-
mitting a high value for them
~~valuing~~ & ~~enjoying~~ ^{them} daily delighting to mark
etc. ~~from~~ Her views of ~~wide~~ truth
were very clear & her convictions deep
& decided, & she doth not lose ~~feel~~ of
the vast importance of ~~wide~~
time & a prayer. In the important
business of educating youth & where
life she was honest, ^{useful} & ~~affidious~~, de-

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as to her belief & hope in a清算
noting her fine talents & varied knowl-
edge with faith & fervor,
& concern to the performance of her duty
but no doubt many of her past life
but a few of whom she now present
feel deep gratitude for her temporal
instruction - but for her a voice came
inviting her to God illus-
trating every affliction & trial great & small
in a very delightful & inspiring manner & spirit
while at her call others called me a physician
who candidly told her he saw no
hope whatever of her recovery. This led
her to expect herself in a little while
a friend to exercise herself more stout-
ly as to her robes for eternity; the con-
sciousness of the serious gravity of her
own self she sted to be this, that she
was led on the one hand to mourn
deeply over her unprofitable life; but
that on the other hand was surely
comforting her sins & imploring for
mercy - she found it had peace
in the prospect of death.

It is a remarkable feature in one of
the complaints from which she suffers
that it leads the patient almost to
the last to flatter himself with hopes
of recovery; & in case he is a true
believer this is not a little singular to
hear him, one moment speaking of
his trust in the Saviour & his good hope of
acceptance thro' grace - of death being
a gain to himself as a child of God -
the next deluding his expectation that
he will soon ^{rejoice} ~~die well~~. The writer has
met with many instances of this singular
symptom of consumption in

the course of his ministry - How
 late sister was not the least striking
 among them; for frequently after
 conversing in such a way, that it
 was clear she not only expected
 death but rejoiced in the prospect
 of it, - she suddenly turned the talk
 just to her hope of soon being well
 again. But she said to me then in
 Ottimo foreign "If I die it will be a happy
 easter - for my - I shall go to the happy
 land. On our occasions, ~~despairing~~^{secular} ~~of~~^{for} her
 sister, she added: I should wish to live
 a few years longer if it were ~~the last~~^{the last} year
 will, for reasons you know; but for
~~me~~ ^{it} to write letters if I go. If another
 consequence of her complaint was ex-
 officio nervousness so that she had a
 dread of seeing other her friends. Hence
 her minister did not see her until it
 became apparent ~~that~~^{but} ~~she~~^{she} after which could not
 be very distant; in this event he always
~~at all~~^{at all} ~~spare~~^{spare} & ~~happily invited us~~^{invited us}, was gladly
 welcomed & had a satisfactory conver-
 tier with her in which she stated that
 she had ~~with~~^{the} ~~prophetic~~^{prophetic} doubt of her
 safety - & concluded with a prayer
 on her behalf - she frequently said
 Amen to the petitions. Her choir &
 labour also frequently saw her & had
 pleasing conversations with her. Now
 too, she admitted other Ottimo friends
 as well as her minister & Labour
 more frequently. The medicine she
 took caused her to ramble a good deal
 yet she was almost always collected
 when spiritual subjects were bro. to be
 poor her, & answered every question
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as to her belief & hope in a dear Name
guiseless manner. To our friend she
declared on being asked that her only
trust was in her Lord & Sav. Jesus, &c.
To another, that she felt her last - pri-
service, not uninterrupted indeed -
but often - & that she stepped & chased
her most rickly. She rejoiced to see her
sister & nieces arrive from Dublin on
the day of her entry. - The same afternoon
a prayer having ^{been} offered up with her, a
few words were said, in which she
joined as well as she could; & in
the lines "Here comes a sinner who
would gain - O do! the Lamb's entrance
gave; - she made a strong effort
to sing with us. - She had visited
twice after the last time her nieces
arrived. Her was Tuesday morning.
She was more collected than in great
pains; & she ejaculated a fervent
Amen! at the close of the prayer.
In the afternoon she attempted to
give some directions respecting her
worldly affairs to a friend, who was
~~unpleasantly~~ unwillingly. He
offered up the last prayer with her
shortly the moment of release
came, & her redeemed spirit took
its flight; she was sensible to the last.
She added, that her sweet friend
Boggs was well copposed in that
verse of Toplody's beautiful hymn: "No
thing in my hand I bring &c. (See No. 960)
Already in a conversation she had with
a dear friend shortly after her return
she repeated the same verse, the last

flooring down her cheeky Hadley's I have
your poor physician - & their language
hurts my ears - but I know, too, that
I am physician & reconciled ther' grace!