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To Miss Mary Lee with kind
regards from S. C. March 9, 1857

DEAR ANNIE.

A Brief Memorial

OF

ANNA MARIA DRUMMOND WALSH,

WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE JANUARY 31st, 1855,

AGED 22.

"ACCEPTED IN THE BELIEVED."

SECOND EDITION.

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1856.

To the deeply cherished Memory

OF

ANNA MARIA WALSH,

THE PURE, THE PURE, THE LOWLY-MINDED,
EMINENTLY GRACED
WITH CHASTE TALENT AND ARDOUR IN STUDY,
(VEILED, NEVERTHELESS, BY HER MODESTY :)
THE DELIGHT OF HER HOME AND ITS INMATES,
A FAVOURITE
WITH ALL OF EVERY RANK,
AS ONE, WHO, CARING LEAST TO PLEASE HERSELF,
LOVED AND SERVED WITH HOLY AFFECTION
GOD IN CHRIST FIRST, AND, NEXT TO HIM, HER NEIGHBOUR.
HER READY GOOD-WILL TOWARD ALL
GLOWED WITH SURPASSING WARMTH
UPON THE POOR OF CHRIST'S FLOCK,
ESPECIALLY THE YOUNG,
ON WHOSE INSTRUCTION AND BELIEF
IT WAS HER HABIT TO EMPLOY
HER THOUGHT AND TOIL, INTENSELY.
IT EVIDENCED
THE ARTLESS SIMPLICITY OF HER MIND,
THAT HER INTEREST IN BOTANICAL PURSUITS
WAS MARKED BY A FOND CLEAVING TO FLOWERS,
AS TO COMPANIONS NEAR AND DEAR.

STRICKEN SUDDENLY BY DISEASE,
WITH JOY IN GOD AND IN PERFECT PEACE,
SHE CLOSED A LIFE SHORT IN YEARS,
BUT LONGER IN HER CHRISTIAN USE OF IT,
WITNESSING TO THOSE AROUND HER
THAT, THOUGH
FOR THEIR SAKES SHE WAS NOT UNWILLING TO LIVE,
SHE HAD RATHER DEPART AND BE WITH CHRIST.

Memoriae Dilectissime
ANNÆ Mariæ WALSH

VIA, PROPE, ANIMO DEMISSA,
SALIBUS INGENUIS, ET LITERARUM STUDIIS
(SED PRÆ VERECUNDIA ABSCONDITIS)
INSIGNITE,
DOMI SUÆ AC DOMESTICORUM DELICIÆ,
APUD OMNES CUIUSCUNQUE ORDINIS
GRATIORE,
UT QUÆ, POSTERATA SEIPSA,
DEUM IN CHRISTO PRIMUM, DEINDE PROXIMUM
FURO AMORE COLERET:
CUIUS IN CÆTEROS PROPENSA VOLUNTAS
REGA PAUPERES CHRISTI,
PRÆCIPUE JUNIORES,
MIRO QUODAM ARORE FLAGRABAT,
IN QUIBUS DOCENDIS AC SUBLEVANDIS
PLURIMUM OPERÆ CURÆQUE
PONEBAT.
INGENII PORRO SIMPLICIS FUGOQUE CARENTIS
INDICIUM,
QUOD, BOTANICÆ STUDIOSA,
FLORES INSUPER SOCIALI QUASI AFFECTU
COMPLECTERETUR.
SUBITO MORBO CORREPTA
VITAM SPATIO BREVEM, HÆC VIVENDO PRODUCTAM
LETA AC TRANQUILLA MORTE FINIVIT;
CIRCUMSTANTIBUS TESTATA
SE, ETSI SUORUM CAUSA ULTERIUS VIVERE NOM RECUSABAT,
DISSOLVI TAMEN, ET HÆC CUM CHRISTO MALLE.

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DEAR ANNIE.

AN apology is perhaps due for reproducing, on the title page of this little volume, the original superscription. No objection would be felt to its adoption in an edition specially intended for those to whom "DEAR ANNIE" was a familiar sound. But this second edition has been called for with a different object. It is confessedly designed to take a wider range, and to several readers will be ANNIE'S first introduction. An apology, then, is found in the kindly regard which she has been observed to conciliate from some, who scarcely knew her name, till they read her unpretending Remains. That reception warrants the hope that yet again many who meet her as a stranger, will soon feel towards her as a youthful friend; and will more than tolerate an appellation, to which affection clings, as being so thoroughly identified with every remembrance of her.

In her life time, ANNIE certainly possessed, to an eminent degree, the power of making herself beloved, and her Christian profession attractive. Her

religious bearing had nothing austere, ostentatious, or dictatorial; it was not spoiled by her following the eccentricities of the day, or inventing others for herself; it was calm, feminine, dignified, deferential, pains-taking, and affectionate. Her discharge of the duties of daughter, sister, pupil—of the next nearest relationships, as well as of friend and of neighbour, was warm-hearted and persevering. She has left behind her “the unmistakable evidence of a tender, sympathising, self-denying spirit, a thoughtfulness for others, a reverence for, and attention to, her elders, as beautiful as it was striking,” while she charmed her equals, and kindly encouraged her juniors; fostered unanimity in the home circle, and shared in its cheerfulness; seldom was known to blame, and often to commend. The poor—especially the invalided, the youthful, and the pious poor—found in her an indefatigable, feeling, generous friend. Time was hoarded by her as if its fragments were golden; and attention to the minutiae of life, even if not quite to her taste, yet was successfully cultivated as a duty. Graces and excellences, which we often admire singly, met in her in happy combination; but amidst them all, her humility kept her proof against the mischiefs of adulation. She has unconsciously set before us, so that it beamed in her very countenance, a beautiful realization of St. Paul’s own description of charity.

To a stranger this, which is copied from the

earlier edition, might seem a highly coloured picture. But, to attest its truthfulness, appeal has been made to the memory of those who best knew the original ; and it seems to have been their feeling, that, from a solicitude not to overstate her worth, justice had scarcely been done to it in her Memoir. Either in the very words, or with the meaning of the Queen of Sheba, several have responded, that "the half was not told."

ANNIE was born Nov. 1st, 1832, at Warminster. It was here that she spent (with the deduction of a few weeks in most years, for change of scene) her peaceful life. Here too she closed it. It was the thankful and uniform belief of her parents that genuine religion had influenced her from the very dawn of life. This view she confirmed both on her dying bed and previously ; confessing, in answer to a question put to her, that she had loved God "as long as she could remember." She recollected that, when very young, she used in illness to be "afraid of dying." In later years, she evidently, with gentle confidence, was kept "looking unto Jesus ;" her self-acquaintance, and consequent self-abasement, being (as abundant evidence shews) of a deep character. The more outward profession of religion she made at the early age of fourteen, by sharing the rite of Confirmation. A paper, still extant in her minister's hands, attests her then clear perception of Divine Truth. She at once became a regular