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By Mrs. Anna Price

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FOR SALE AT FRIENDS' BOOK STORE,
No. 304 ARCH STREET.
1859.

INTRODUCTION.

BEING desirous that my near friends and relations should be gratified in the wish, expressed by many of them, to possess a copy of the little journal kept by his sisters, of the illness and death of my dear son, EDWIN, we are induced to have a few copies printed for their use;* particularly for those who so nearly participated with us in the close trial, and by every tender attention sought to soften the affliction to his family; five of whom, with another dear friend, were his imme-

* The first edition was printed solely for gratuitous distribution, as here described; but it being thought desirable for the account to have a wider circulation, leave was obtained to print an edition for sale.

diate attendants, and witnesses of his sufferings, and of the consolation which, through unmerited mercy, was vouchsafed at that awful season. Thankful shall I feel, if the dying testimony of this interesting and upright-hearted young man, may prove a stimulus to us who remain, to stand ready for the same awful summons, whether in a protracted or more sudden manner.

When a child, he manifested much religious thoughtfulness, and a strong conviction of the unlimited goodness and power of the Almighty, the sense of which, I trust, was never so effaced as to permit him to think or speak lightly of the Christian Religion, and the instructions afforded to us in the Holy Scriptures; although, from the liveliness of his disposition, and a high spirit, he was, at one time, in considerable danger of departing from the simplicity and plainness of that religious profession in which he had been educated.

In the year 1816, he attended the Yearly Meeting in London, with which he was much interested, and expressed his design never to omit attending future solemnities of this sort if in his power.

Of the awful circumstances which occurred to him soon after his return from this journey, and the gradual progress of religious care to walk acceptably in the Divine sight, we find some account in a diary, which he was induced to keep as an incitement to more watchfulness over his thoughts and actions; from which many of the following remarks are extracted.

It was commenced in the 7th month, 1816, soon after his recovery from the effects of an injury he received, by an explosion of fire-damp in a Colliery, whilst attending to a part of his business there; and by which he narrowly escaped

instant death. The danger to which he had been exposed, and the preservation of his life under circumstances so perilous, awakened in his breast devout gratitude to the Great Author of all our mercies, and induced increased solicitude, that, in his future progress, he might give the more earnest heed to the right regulation of his heart and conduct, and so learn to number his days that he might apply his heart unto wisdom.

ANNA PRICE.

NEATH ABBEY, 3d month, 1819.

EXTRACTS, ETC.

25th of 7th month, 1816. Rose and I read a chapter in my Bible, as usual. Felt pleased and affected with the picture of Abraham's willingness to offer up his only darling son a sacrifice to his God: What a pattern of obedience to the Almighty does his whole life exhibit!

26th. I now go under ground at the Colliery, for the first time since the accident that occurred to me there on the 12th of 6th month, two days after my return from the Yearly Meeting. Every time I go down, I think reflection on the great uncertainty of time is brought more completely home to me; although I feel

nothing like fear. I firmly believe, that whilst I am engaged in paying attention to necessary business, if I exercise prudence and care, no accident will befall me; at least none but such as are designed by a merciful God, to bring about some good effect; and if such should be permitted to occur, I trust He will enable me to bear them with resignation and fortitude. On my return from the Colliery, I could but feel thankful to the great Dispenser of all good, for having once more permitted me to see the face of the sun.

On a retrospect of this day, I feel comfortable, having been preserved in a degree of watchfulness. [He remarks, on reading the Testament]: The more I read this book, the more does it appear to contain; scarcely a paragraph, but some instruction may be derived from it; and great comfort and consolation to the mind which is sincerely desirous of being benefited.