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OUR BELOVED DAUGHTER

SUSAN S. REEVE,

Who Departed this Life Tenth month 4th, 1866,  
in the thirty-fourth year of her age.

BY HER PARENTS,

J. R. and M. S. Reeve.

*"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in  
the first resurrection: on such the se-  
cond death hath no power."*

Rev. 20th chap. 6th verse.

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IN preparing this little memoir of our beloved daughter, SUSAN S. REEVE, it is with a desire that that grace may be magnified, which enabled her to triumph in the prospect of death, and that others through the medium of her testimony, may be afresh encouraged to press toward the attainment of the same blessed hope; which can only be arrived at through submission to the grace of God, whereby is experienced repentance unto life and true and saving faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

May the ardent desire expressed on her death bed, that God might be glorified, be realized in the perusal of this record; and while her memory is sweet to her surviving friends, may the impression produced by the

touching incidents of her close not lightly pass away, but remain as a salutary incitement to diligence in the all important work of the salvation of the soul. ✓

She was born First mo. 24th, 1833, and early gave evidence of a vigorous intellect, and a disposition remarkable for its sweetness and delicacy, with an originality of thought and expression which were peculiar to herself, and made her childhood very attractive.

At a very early age she was impressed with the great importance of yielding implicit obedience to the secret manifestations of the spirit of grace upon her heart, and was remarkable for her strict adherence to the truth in all her statements, and carefulness to impress upon others this important duty.

As she advanced she manifested increasing desire for intellectual improvement, and was careful to embrace the opportunities afforded by a liberal education and access to several public as well as private libraries.

From these she uniformly selected standard works calculated to enlarge and elevate her mind, which became well stored on many subjects, and her conversation being cheerful and animated, occasioned her society to be much valued by a large circle of acquaintance, many of whom have borne precious testimony to her lovely life and character.

Tenderly affectionate and considerate of the comfort and pleasure of all around her (regardless of position,) she was greatly esteemed and beloved; and as she matured was not only the sweet and loving sister, but also the wise and able counsellor of her beloved and devoted brothers and sister, to whom with her deeply afflicted parents, her loss is indeed irreparably great.

The expressive language of one who knew and loved her well, may, perhaps, be quoted here. "For her there needs no written eulogy. She was so sweet, so pure, and so unselfish, that so long as any one lives who ever knew her, so long shall her memory be kept *warm*; and to her is fulfilled the pro-



mise, 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.'

But while thus gifted with many personal and mental attractions, she was deeply sensible of the necessity of experiencing the work of regeneration; and though evidently from year to year witnessing an advancement in the way of life, manifested by the increased simplicity and purity of her whole character, and also by her earnest desire that a standard of pure christianity might be maintained, her sentiment in regard to her own religious attainments, was ever most humble and modest; and though much in the practice of religious reading and conversation (in which she took increasing interest,) with her beloved parents, to whom she was a most precious companion, she rarely spoke of herself, except to express her sense of her own shortcomings and deficiencies.

Her brother, Dr. J. Reeve, (who resided with his uncle and aunt at Medford,) was taken suddenly ill with diptheria on the night of the 15th of Ninth mo. 1866, and the

next morning being First day, on her accompanying the family to meeting, finding him suffering very much, and her mother detained at home by indisposition, she remained with him till evening.

For the ten days which preceded her illness, during which she was frequently with him, her tenderly affectionate heart was wrung with anguish at witnessing his extreme suffering, and also in the fear that he would be taken from us without witnessing that preparation of heart which she felt to be of more importance than anything else.

She often retired to an adjoining room where she could weep freely, saying, "Oh, mother, does thee think he will *die*?" adding several times, "but if I take it, I *shall die*!" On the night of the 26th she sat up with him till after midnight, having expressed a particular desire to do so, and which proved her last interview with this beloved and cherished brother, to whom her heart was bound in the strongest ties of affection.

Taking a hasty leave of him in the morning at an early hour, she rode home and entered with her accustomed energy upon the duties of the household till about 10 o'clock A. M., when she was seized with a heavy chill and retired to her chamber.

Fearing to alarm her parents, she wrote a cheerful note by the messenger who went for her uncle, Dr. Ely, to say she thought "it was only a nervous chill, and her throat was not at all sore."

Her symptoms continued very much lighter than her brother's, and we were hopeful of a favorable result for several days.

From what we have since learned, she was early impressed with the belief she should not recover, but with her wonted consideration for her tenderly beloved mother she carefully concealed it, fearing, doubtless, that in her exhausted state it might prove more than she could bear.

Her much loved and long tried friend, E. H., having most kindly come to us in our deep distress, was with her almost constantly,