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ALSO, DRAWN UP BY HER,

*A Brief Sketch of an Elder Sister.*

"WE ALL DO FADE AS A LEAF."

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W. & F. G. CASH, 5, BISHOPSGATE STREET WITHOUT.

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1857.

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## PREFACE

IN compliance with the wishes of a few friends of my late beloved Sisters, I have printed this little volume for private circulation, trusting that it may find a welcome in many a home where the beloved subjects of these brief sketches have often formed a part of the social circle. In drawing up the Memorial of dear Rebecca, I have endeavoured, as much as possible, to let it be in her own language, only adding a few words, or a sentence or two occasionally, as connecting links. That of dear Eliza was drawn up by her Sister Rebecca soon after Eliza's decease. Their early removal seems to renew the admonition to us who survive, "Be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises."--HEBREWS vi. 12.

PECKHAM,

5th Month, 1857.

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## A SISTER'S MEMORIAL.

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"ABSENT IN THE BODY, AND PRESENT WITH THE LORD!"

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It may be that some who knew and loved the subject of this brief memorial will feel interested and instructed in tracing some of the Christian experience of one who earnestly desired to be a true follower of Christ her Saviour and Redeemer, and that some who oftentimes go heavily on their way, may be encouraged to press forward in the heavenly race.

My beloved sister was born on the 4th of the 2nd Month, 1821, and from her infancy was of a delicate constitution. She was naturally of a diffident, retiring disposition, and many, who only knew her slightly, thought her high and distant; but, when known, she was a sincere and true friend. Her character was marked by great mental energy, which often carried her beyond her strength, so that of later years she would frequently return from visits of benevolence and love completely prostrated. Earnest

were her desires to serve her God and Saviour; and this desire increased as she neared the end of her earthly course. Oh! may we who are left a little longer in this the Lord's earth—where the harvest is so plenteous and the labourers so few—use the talents that are committed to our trust, few though they be, to the glory of that Saviour who hath done so much for us; and, in the end, being cleansed from all sin in the blood of Christ our Redeemer, join our loved ones in that city that hath “no need of the sun neither of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God doth lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.”

The following extracts from some of her letters show the deep interest she took in her younger sister, and how earnest were her desires for her advancement in best knowledge:—

MY DEAR SARAH ANN:                   10th Month, 1840.

Accept, beloved girl, the affectionate wishes and kind remembrance of an absent sister. I can desire nothing better for thee, than an increase of peace and virtue, a growth in grace, and in the knowledge of our Saviour and Redeemer. Length of days are only in the hands of the Creator: nevertheless, I wish thee many happier returns than this one, and desire that as thou ripens for maturity thou mayest be made meet for the kingdom of heaven.

And now, dear girl, adieu! May happiness commence thy natal day, and no sorrow cloud it. With

the best wishes that sisterly affection can prompt, I  
am, as ever, Thy attached sister,

REBECCA.

TO THE SAME.

MY DEAR SISTER: *4th Month, 1842.*

However happy our lot may be, yet there must ever be moments when the heart clings fondly to bygone days, and friends far away; we must not expect continued, constant felicity in this state of being, but happy, thrice blessed, are those who can look forward with the eye of faith and hope to those joys which are enduring. I often think of thee, my dear girl, and long that thy youthful days might be more devoted to the service of our Maker than mine have been; and I sometimes wish thou hadst a companion near thy own age, who might prove a friend of real worth, to treasure thy virtues and admonish for failings, as well as afford the delight of friendship by improving society. Let us remember, my beloved Sarah Ann, that the object of our existence here is not merely to gratify our wants, but to be one of those who—though they may feel they have no influence—yet may be daily studying to promote the best happiness of their fellow creatures, thereby letting “their lights so shine before men” that they may glorify the doctrines of Christ their Saviour.

Adieu! beloved girl, and believe me sincerely,

Thy affectionately attached sister,

REBECCA.