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PREFACE.

It may perhaps be desirable in bringing out the present volume of the ANNUAL MONITOR, to state, that the late Editor having, within the past year, left England for Madagascar, the editing of this twenty-sixth number has fallen into fresh hands. Care has, however, been taken, to preserve as much as possible the character of the work, which has so generally commended itself to the approval of Friends.

The obituary of the past year contains a larger number of deaths, than any of the *previous twelve years*: at the same time the average age is high, being 55½ years. Of the 367 deaths, no fewer than 210 were between the ages of 60 and 80. We have received an unprecedented number of memorials of deceased Friends;—not merely describing their last hours, but exhibiting the various stages of their religious progress, and illustrating that variety of administrations, by which the Holy Spirit works in the souls of believers, and finds for all their place and service in the church and in the world. We have not dwelt on the frailties of any, though doubtless all were more or less “encompassed with infirmity;” but have rather sought to trace the leadings of the Divine finger, and those gifts and graces which the Lord is pleased to bestow on those who love Him.

We may add, that from the press of matter so largely contributed by our friends, it was found impracticable to include six or seven other memoirs, which we should have been glad to have comprised in the present volume. An *index* or list of those names, to which larger or shorter notices are attached, is added; which it is believed will be found useful for reference.

Ackworth, 12th mo., 1867.

J. N.

LIST OF NAMES WITH MEMOIRS.

Rachel Albright.	Sarah Jacob.
Harry Armour.	Elizabeth James.
Ann Barlow.	Russell Jeffrey.
Grace Bellman.	Henry King.
William Birkett.	George Frederick Linney.
Sarah Burgess.	Maria Mellor.
John Cass, Sen.	Margaret Newsom.
Elizabeth Charleton.	Mary Nicholson.
Joseph Clark (<i>Doncaster</i>).	Sarah Ord.
Hannah A. Cross.	Benjamin Penney.
Albert Fox.	John Priestman.
Robert Moline Giles.	Louisa Radley.
Mary Grimshaw.	Frank Rawlings.
Thomas Hall.	William Ridgway.
Eleanor Harrison.	Michael Satterthwaite.
Annis Hartas.	Elizabeth Smeal.
John Hipsley.	Joseph Sutcliffe.
William Holmes.	William Tanner.
Mary Hunter.	Sarah Tanner.
	Benjamin Barron Wiffen.

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OBITUARY.

	Age.	Time of Decease.
HENRY ACKROYD, <i>Batley, near Dewsbury.</i>	65	2 10 mo. 1866
MARY ALICE ALBRIGHT, <i>Bootle, near Liverpool.</i> Daughter of Henry Albright.	6	20 12 mo. 1866
EDWIN ALBRIGHT, <i>Southport.</i> Son of the late William Albright.	8	27 5 mo. 1867
RACHEL ALBRIGHT, <i>Charlbury, Oxfordshire.</i> Widow of William Albright. An Elder.	91	26 7 mo. 1867

She was a daughter of William and Hannah Tanner of Woodborough, Somerset, and a member of Sidcot meeting until her marriage with

William Albright, of Charlbury, in the year 1801. Although we have not to speak of those strongly marked vicissitudes, and searching trials that attend the lot of many, she had yet her share from time to time (in the loss of children, &c.) of the chastenings of the Divine Hand, which she bore with Christian resignation.

To great simplicity and openness of heart, was joined much mental energy, resulting through Divine grace in constant and unselfish effort for the welfare and comfort of those around her; and she was diligent in her attention to the wants of the poor, by whom she was much respected and beloved. With a large family of her own, she was a true mother to others, who, at different times, resided under her roof, and to some friendless and destitute girls, who came under her notice; one of whom (at least) to the end of life, retained for her a most grateful love. She worked zealously with her dear husband and others in the establishment of a British School at Charlbury in the year 1815, which has continued to be an important benefit to the town to the present time.

Of her religious care for her children, the following extracts from her letters will show how it sometimes found expression. "I seem to want

to hear from thee, and to say something to thee every two days, and should be right glad if I could see thee, but I trust we are each in her right place; so I must exercise patience, and hope in the mean time that thou art under the especial care and guidance of our Heavenly Father. When entering into feeling with thee this morning, I was favoured with what I thought was an assurance, that His goodness was extended to thee;—and very sweet it was."

To her younger son, then a youth of eighteen, she writes, Fourth month 24th, 1833; "Here, my dear J——, let me offer thee a word of advice on this *meeting subject*, which is one of vast importance to thee,—to strive to keep thy heart, with all diligence, when assembled with thy friends;—then mayest thou be a help and comfort to them, and blessed will be the result to thy own mind; for out of it are the issues of life. I am often led to desire for thee, that thou mayest be preserved in the fear of God to such a degree, as that thou mayest fear to offend Him in thought, word or deed; that thy heart may be lifted up to Him morning by morning, in prayer for his protecting and preserving care, and in thankfulness for the many favours thou art receiving from His bounteous hand."

When in her sixty-ninth year, she had a severe attack of pleurisy; from the effects of which, and the reducing means employed, much nervous prostration followed. The long-continued pressure of this infirmity obscured the brightness of her Christian hope; yet she never lost an earnest desire after it, and kept up a lively interest in the concerns of the society, of which she had, for many years, been a prominent and esteemed member. Of this period of her life, it might be said she was often "tossed with tempest and not comforted;" but He who had "not forgotten to be gracious, nor in anger shut up His tender mercy,"—who keepeth covenant with the night as well as the day,—was pleased eventually to "lift up the light of His countenance" upon her, and restore peace to her soul.

A friend much associated with her, writing since her decease, says:—"She was an old and most truly valued friend of our family, whose many good qualities are now before my mind in sweet remembrance, and whose sound judgment, in the brightness of her meridian life, was often appealed to by many, who could form a just estimate of her character." Her faculties remained clear to the last, and her life-long habit of thoughtfulness for others was strikingly mani-