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*The following Account of the late*  
*SAMUEL FOTHERGILL*  
*Is extracted from the Gentleman's Maga-*  
*zine, for 1773, page 220.*

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TO commemorate the virtues of great and eminent men, who have been honorable in their day, is a tribute due to their memory:— a tribute which sensible men pay from emotions of respectful gratitude, and from a hope that it may prove an incentive to the living to emulate their virtues.

Of this class the late Mr. *Samuel Fothergill*, of Warrington, an eminent preacher among the Quakers, and brother to Dr. Fothergill, of London, may with great justice be ranked. I knew him well, and had the happiness of his occasional acquaintance; I call it the happiness, because I never enjoyed the company of any person from whom I received more real satisfaction; and, however diversified with affliction the future part of my life may prove, I shall never remember those hours I have spent with him but with peculiar pleasure. He was a happy compound of the Gentleman and the Christian; the virtues and amiable qualities

qualities of each character being admirably blended in him. Graceful in his person and deportment, easy and affable in his manner, he commanded both respect and love. He possessed natural abilities far superior to the generality of mankind, and improved them to the utmost of his power. Well read both in books and men, his studies did not terminate in barren speculation, but the great truths of religion were deeply implanted in his heart, and beamed forth illustriously in a benevolent Christian conduct.

As a member of civil society, he was exceedingly useful, filling up the social and relative duties of life with great propriety. Blameless in his manners, kind, charitable, and ready on all occasions to devote his time and talents to promote the best of all causes, the good of mankind, he lived beloved, and his loss is deeply deplored by all who had the happiness of knowing his worth.

As a Preacher, he was far superior to most that fill that station : found in important doctrines of the Christian Faith, he endeavoured to promote them universally, with the greatest energy of language, and the most persuasive eloquence. In this capacity he was, indeed



deed, truly great; and his greatness received additional lustre from his humility. Although followed by numbers, and courted by persons of superior rank and station, and admired by those of all persuasions, the applause, which his eminence justly acquired, did not exalt, but evidently tended to make him humble. He was a person of an enlarged mind, zealous without bigotry, and a steady promoter of universal charity. In his sermons, it was evident to all his intelligent hearers, that he deeply felt the force of those solemn truths he delivered; and his manner of displaying them was so justly emphatical, that none but the insensible or obdurate could withstand their force, or remain unaffected by them. He travelled much, from the most disinterested motives, among his friends in Great Britain, Ireland, and the American Colonies, for the promotion of piety and Christian virtue, and for the advancement of that faith and religion in which he most surely believed, and was so eminent an example.

During the latter part of his life he was much indisposed in his health; but (as I have heard from the best authority) perfectly happy and easy in his mind, having an evidence  
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in himself, that he was approaching that state of felicity which is prepared for the righteous.

This evidence supported him through the remains of a painful life, and was his un-failing hope in the awful hour of death, which (when near his end) he declared “ had “ no terrors, nor would the grave have any “ victory:” and also added, “ that as he “ had lived, so he should close with the most “ unshaken assurance, that he had not fol- “ lowed cunningly-devised fables, but the “ pure living and eternal substance.”—Such was his exemplary life!—Such his triumphant death!—A life so spent is truly honourable,— and such a death unspeakably glorious!

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## DISCOURSE

*Delivered at the Meeting-House of the People  
called Quakers, at Bradford,*

The 17<sup>th</sup> of the 8<sup>th</sup> Month, 1770.

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By S. FOTHERGILL.  
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ALTHOUGH there is (unhappily for themselves) a spirit of dissipation, and of incredulity with respect to matters of the highest importance, too visibly prevalent in many; yet it is pleasing and comfortable to me to have reason to believe, that in many others, an inquiry is raised after the way to life and salvation.

“O Lord! who shall shew us any good?”

An inquiry worthy of being inculcated with sincerity and impartiality; and I have