

The pulmonary disease which had long threatened her, assumed a serious form in January, and continued its ravages gradually, yet uninterruptedly, in spite of every effort which domestic care and medical skill could employ to arrest it, until the last thread of life parted asunder early in June. We have seen consumption proceeding as rapidly to a fatal termination in some cases in which the patients alone seemed insensible of their rapid progress to the grave. And with an insensibility to the approach of death or an aversion to think of it; preparation for it is not to be expected. But it was otherwise with the subject of this notice. At an early period of the disease, she anticipated her dissolution, and throughout its progress, through the grace and power of the Saviour she was sustained in peace. Though in a great measure exempted from pain, she yet knew something of "the nights of wearisomeness" of which Job complained—for sleep long fled from her eyes. The Saviour, however, gave her "songs in the night," and in his own time gave repose to her weary body in the sleep of death, to that blessed region where the refreshment of sleep is not required. The memoranda which have been already quoted thus mention the closing scene of her life:—"When her last illness came on, the reality of the approach of death seemed to startle her for a little at first: but a recurrence to the promises and engagements of Christ in the Gospel soon restored her confidence on him. Throughout her illness she felt a sweet degree of comfort in staying herself on the Redeemer and trusting to his promises, and assurances. On these she cast herself with an unwavering faith, convinced that he would perform what he had promised, and that he would in no wise cast out those who came to him by faith. She was a humble but a most sincere believer on him, and she found in her happy experience that he

was good and gracious. She was never allowed to sink into any thing like despondency or despair; on the contrary, her comforts sometimes amounted to a high degree of joy. Often did she speak of Jesus as lovely and precious, for such she discerned, and proved him to be; and often did she extol his amazing love, for she felt that it had been great towards her. On the 2nd day of June, the first day of the week very early in the morning she breathed her last in the midst of a gentle sleep which had come upon her, literally falling asleep in Jesus, and entering, as we doubt not, into the rest that remaineth for the people of God. While our earthly Sabbath was soon to end and our toils to be renewed, she entered on that Sabbath which no labours or troubles shall ever interrupt or terminate. Those of us who watched over her dying bed, felt an additional consolation in the thought, that the morning on which her earthly sorrows ended, was that of the day which itself called our thoughts to contemplate and adore the Son of God as the Conqueror of death—the first fruits of all who sleep in him."

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints. May her removal be yet overruled for good to the children she has left behind her, and may it tend to quicken her surviving partner and kindred; yea, all of us who feel affected by the event to follow, more diligently those who through faith and patience are now inheriting the promises. And longing to furnish even one awakening consideration to our young readers we would say to them—Be taught from the early death we have thus recorded, to consider that **ONE THING IS NEEDFUL**; and, that, that **ONE THING** is the care of the soul—a preparation for heaven—an interest in the Saviour.

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MEMOIR OF THE REV. JOHN MACLAURIN.

This distinguished man was born in October, 1693, in the parish of Glenderuel, Argyleshire, of which his father was minister.* He was the eldest of three brothers, of whom the second,

Daniel, died young, after giving ample proofs of an extraordinary genius; and Colin, the youngest, is well known as one of the most celebrated mathematicians of the age. Having attended the usual course of philosophy and divinity in the college of Glasgow, John MacLaurin went, according to the custom of many of his countrymen at that period, to the university of Leyden in Holland, and studied there for some time, under some of the most eminent professors. Having returned to Scotland, and gone through the usual preparatory trials, he was licensed by the Presbytery of Dumbarton to preach the gospel, and, in 1719, he was ordained to the office of the holy

* Mr. MacLaurin of Glenderuel of Kilmodan, was an excellent parochial clergyman, and known as one of the translators of the Gaelic version of the Psalms in metre, by the Synod of Argyle, which was long used in the churches of the West Highlands, but which has of late years, we believe, been superseded by Dr. Smith's version, and more lately by the authorised version of the General Assembly.