

Christians. She delighted in Bible and Missionary Societies, of which she speaks with peculiar pleasure in her diary ; considering the former as forming a remarkable epoch in the history of the church. Her benevolence and hospitality appeared to have been limited only by her means ; and she was often the messenger of consolation to the widow and orphan, the sick and dying. She was the founder and patroness of the Female Sunday School in this town, an institution which has already been attended with the most beneficial effects upon the minds and morals of the ignorant poor, who have been taught, and even in many instances also clothed by her exertions. She was a lover of the discipline as well as the doctrines of the *Methodist Church*, was a consistent and useful member of it, and wished to see others so. Notwithstanding her respectable rank in life, by birth and marriage, her dress was plain ; she never, not even in youth, loved finery, which was considered by her as the mark of a weak mind, and not consistent with the Christian character. She was a person of a good natural understanding, which she improved by reading, for which she had both *taste and opportunity*. She was a most valuable friend, and that too when a friend is most necessary, when the body labours under severe affliction, or the mind is cast down and discouraged by the perplexities of life. In a word she was "*a gracious woman* ; and that God, in whom was her confidence and hope did not forsake her in the last painful conflict, but supported her by his grace and the prospect of a glorious immortality.

BUT had she no faults you will say ? That question is answered by herself, when I told you that her sense of being a lost sinner led her by repentance and faith to lay hold upon Jesus as her "wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption," and her daily confessions at a throne of grace discover the humbling views she had of herself ; which are conspicuous in her diary. Her infirmities (and that mere mortal is free from infirmities) were constitutional, and sometimes sprung from her very virtues, from her hatred of sin, her love of order and her zeal for the truth itself. But I never could discover that she indulged herself in any known sin, or neglected any known duty ; so fully was her soul under the influence of divine grace, in a faithful and conscientious use of every gospel ordinance, and a steady and uniform discharge of every Christian duty.

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