

Obituary.

Emily Jane Hart died at Scalby, Yorkshire, 9th of Third Month, 1908, aged fifty years. She was a keen student of Quaker History, although never a member of the Society of Friends.

One of her first pieces of historical work was the transcription of the Hackness Parish Registers, which involved a knowledge of mediæval Latin. These Registers contained several Quaker references, which were brought to the notice of the late J. Wilhelm Rowntree. This led to a further acquaintance with E. J. Hart's literary work, with the result that in 1903 she was engaged by J. W. Rowntree as his librarian.

She at once set to work to arrange and catalogue, on J. W. Rowntree's plan, the large collection of books and pamphlets comprising the Scalby Library.

The proof sheets of *Essays and Addresses* and *Palestine Notes* all passed through E. J. Hart's hands, and the index to the former book, which so greatly enhances its value, was largely prepared by her.

She entered with great enthusiasm into J. Wilhelm Rowntree's proposals for his History. Her insight into the intended arrangement and scope of the work, together with the knowledge which she had been patiently and earnestly acquiring, made her help invaluable, and her death a great loss.

Not much of her writing has appeared in print, but her article on "Samuel Fisher" in *The Young Friends' Review* for February and May, 1906, and her articles in *The American Friend* for 1907, pp. 552, 585, 649, 680, entitled "Historical Sketch of Congregational Singing," are examples of her thoroughness and accuracy in detail. She possessed great skill in searching out and accumulating information from which others could draw.

Be nothing terrified at their threats of banishment, for they cannot banish you from the coasts and sanctuary of the living God.—MARGARET FOX to Friends.