

adjoining to the houses called the Almshouses ; the Deed is endorsed " Surrender of y<sup>e</sup> back side of the Almshouses."

The Friends' Register of Burials at Nottingham shows that Elizabeth Heath of Mansfield died 24 ii. 1693. She was buried in the Hospital Graveyard at Mansfield, 26 ii. 1693, where her tombstone is still to be seen, though the ground which is now the garden of the Almshouses has, of course, long ceased to be a burial ground.<sup>4</sup> There is nothing to show she openly joined Friends, and it is fair to suppose she did not, as her name does not appear in the ancient Book of Sufferings belonging to Mansfield Meeting. It is evident, however, that she sympathized with Friends and held them in high esteem.

EMILY MANNERS.

*Mansfield, Notts.*

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## Letters to Daniel Wheeler in England from his Family in Russia, 1832;3

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A SERIES of letters addressed to Daniel Wheeler by members of his family, copied into a book, has been presented to D. by Francis Fox Tuckett, of Frenchay, near Bristol. The book was sent to him in August, 1911, by Frances Pumphrey, of Stocksfield-on-Tyne, who found the letters among the papers of her aunt, Margaret Tanner. The book bears the name of Elizabeth Tuckett, who died in 1845. It passed from this Friend into the possession of Margaret Tanner, the sister-in-law of Sarah Tanner, *née* Wheeler.

The following *résumé* has been prepared by the donor:—

" This book contains copies of letters addressed to Daniel Wheeler, then in England, preparing for his Missionary Journeys, by his daughter Sarah and his son William, with some notes from the younger daughter Jane. They are dated from the farm at Shoosharry

<sup>4</sup> See illustrations.



*Photo by R. L. Manners.]*

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**ELIZABETH HEATH'S TOMBSTONE.**



*Photo by G. S. Ellis, Mansfield.]*

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**HEATH'S HOSPITAL, MANSFIELD.**



(marked Schouschari in Stieler's Atlas) between St. Petersburg and Tsarskoe-Selo, in Russia, where he had settled—a place described as 'on the edge of a vast bog, where he bored in vain for water'—evidently a most unhealthy position, as the sequel shewed.

“The letters describe in a graphic and truly pathetic manner, the terrible time through which the family was passing, in the absence of the father and two of the brothers (Joshua and Daniel).

“The earliest letter is dated 12mo. 10, 1832 'o.s.' and the latest 2mo. 9, 1833. The troubles begin with an attack of inflammation of the lungs to the son Charles, and he remains an invalid all through, but this is followed by the serious illness of Jane and her mother with fever. Jane recovers after a time of great suffering, but in the meantime the mother dies, and the difficult question arises where she is to be buried. William then falls ill for a time, and as he was the head of the establishment, farm as well as house, the position must have been doubly anxious for Sarah, who seems to have kept in health, although, as she herself says, a complete wreck from the strain. Many of their workpeople are down with fever, and a kind neighbour, 'E. G.,' who had nursed Mrs. Wheeler with great devotion, herself falls ill and dies.

“Sarah Wheeler's letters are remarkable for genuine submission to the Divine Will and an acknowledgment of all the mercies experienced in the midst of such great and complicated trials. She rejoices that Jane, who appears to have been somewhat thoughtless and vain, experiences a decided spiritual change, and Charles shows evidences of deeper thoughtfulness (in November of that year he started as his father's companion in his long Missionary voyage).

“Sarah Wheeler married William Tanner of Bristol, and survived her father. Those who remember her speak of the beauty of her character.

“The deadly climate of Shoosharry did its work only too well, on those who remained there, for William died in 1836 and Jane in 1837.”

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They that act not *from* Religion can never act rightly *for* Religion.  
W. PENN, *Address to Protestants*, preface.