

Elizabeth Fry's last Yearly Meeting

AN account of the Women's Yearly Meeting of 1845, recently presented to **D.** by William F. Wells, contains the following touching incident :

“ 5th sitting 6 day p.m. 20th of Fifth Month, 1845. This sitting was marked with the acceptable company of one greatly endeared and valued, who has been long sequestered from assembling with her friends, many of whom believed they would see her no more—our dear friend E. Fry. At the commencement of the meeting she was led in by her brother S.G. [Samuel Gurney] and placed in a chair facing the meeting, below the desk. The circumstance seemed to bring a feeling of chastened pleasure over many minds, to see her whom we had long loved but considered as lost to our sight, once more take her seat among us, with the same benign dignity and love even more elevated than before still resting on her brow—to hear her well-known voice with scarce less power and sweetness advocating the best of causes, seemed so like a message direct from heaven.”

“ Dear E. Fry was again with us at this sitting [held one week later]. She addressed us very sweetly towards the latter part, beseeching to abide in the vine to bring forth fruit unto righteousness. The meeting gathered into great silence whilst she spoke.”

Elizabeth Fry's death took place on the 13th of the following Tenth Month.

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