

The single sister Martha A. Hedson who spent
this life thro' the means of an application
left has left nothing in writing rather
communicated herself further than what
can be gathered by the relation of her friends
& class sisters, she was born into the
parish of Bristol June 10. 1743, & has been in
connection with the ~~Bristol~~ ^{Bristol} Church from her birth
= had as her parents belonged there, & it was
perceptible that she had drawings of grace
in her heart when she belonged to the girls
choir. Therefore had the privilege of
all the opportunities belonging to that choir
yet she drew no particular connection nor
discovered any real concern for the prosperity
of her heart till about the year 60, having
been at her class in which she spoke of some
particular happiness & the enjoy of her heart
at that time ^{was very critical} ~~thro' her years~~ ^{but she was} ~~was very critical~~ ^{in her}
of her ^{in her} ~~was very critical~~ ^{in her} ~~was very critical~~ ^{in her}
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had not the approbation she expected, therefore
she was greatly affronted, & made a resolution never
to come more amongst the ~~Bristol~~ ^{Bristol} people, but
turn into the world & make the best she could to
her advantage; but this Lady not long found
strong conviction seized her that utter ruin would infer
instead of putting her worldly resolution into practice
she was obliged thro' the transparency of her own heart
to declare into her parents, that she must go to live

in the Northampton or she would have no rest. They were
surprised to hear such a declaration & told her perhaps
the Northampton Society would not have her, but she took
the resolution to speak with her Aunt ^{not then} ~~about~~ ^{regarding} it
who according to her desire communicated her intention
to the Labourers, & in a little time she got her degree
granted, & Nov^r. 1761 she came ^{remained} ~~came~~ ^{into} ~~to~~ ⁱⁿ the Northampton
Society received into the congregation the following ^{year} 1762
He did not seem to give any real testimony of
a thankful heart amongst us till the beginning of
the year of the 1st word of our 2nd Law "believe in
the General Agency" These brought her to a strict
examination of her self seeing many of her
former companions go to the Communion from time to time
& she still left behind, it was a real Tryal to her
when the accounts belonging to the General Agency
was communicated our deceased sister came under
a strict Examination in her own heart & by the
operation of the feeling which then possessed her in the
thought she also stood in need of our 2nd Law's
abolition, this conviction seized her more & more & led
her to retire into the woods, by a real drawing in her
heart that our Law would absolve her there for she
had never felt before such need of grace & pardon
what she could done with her dear sister was a
comfortable & unobtruding helping to her heart,
Jan^y. 30 1767 she became a sister part of the Lady Jane
Don'ton following, she was appointed by our Lords
directors to serve as Cook in the Prison at Littleton
After leaving the Northampton became a great
Tryal to her, all within some month before
her departure, having thro' grief got to see that
the whole perplexity was her own Mothering

more cheerful, dear and comforted
and like a child sang ~~hallelu~~ praises
to the ~~Lord~~ ^{Heavenly Father} When she was about her
business to every one's satisfaction,
on the 28th she had her birthday, and came
in the choir house to celebrate it with
the ~~rs~~ ^{rs}, was extraordinary cheerful
and happy for her election of grace-
expressed herself very innerlike and
thankfull, sensible of her great ~~infirmities~~
and that she had the favour to leave
her ~~room~~ ^{room} & ready to our saviour — and
felt herself with soul & body devoted
to him who hath so much forgiven her,
on the 30th she ~~for~~ breakfasted with
her ~~rs~~ ^{rs} was quite well & extraordinary
cheerful with them, after which she
went ~~in~~ About her usual business
had scarce time to call one of the ~~rs~~
before she was taken in an fit and soon
after had the favour to kiss those
dear hands & feet who have absolved
her slave, with the blessing of her
choir — the sudden unexpected departure
left the most affecting ~~tears~~ ^{tears} impression
of those present — and in the choir the
~~was the first~~.

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in No^o last she was by our Lord's
direction appointed to move ~~with~~ to little
more to serve as Cook in that occupation.
~~At~~ which was ^{for some time} a great trial to her to leave
the choir House, within this few months, she
came more clear in her heart that ~~that~~
it had proved a real blessing to her
~~heart~~, and a school in which she had
learned to know herself, ~~and the point~~
~~our dearest~~ ~~care~~ ~~had~~ ~~been~~
which she with a melted & thankful
heart told her labourers - she was naturally
of a close disposition ~~which made~~
but thro the grace of our Saviour she
became open hearted and had a tender
connection with her wounded friend,
this made her much belov'd among
the ~~no~~, it was perceived that she
particularly ~~was~~ ~~the~~ ~~belov'd~~
within this few months ~~was~~

which she in a dinnerlike band confided with a melted
& a thankful heart told her labourers, that now it
was all turn'd to grace & blessing & she would not
be seen with but remain by her lot of grief for all the
she naturally was of a close disposition, but thro the
connection which our ^{dr} ~~dr~~ ^{had} brought her into ^{with}
himself she became more open hearted, which made her
much beloved amongst her sisters,
within these few months past she became so cheerful
& delighted her self a midst all her business to sing to her
be loved, ~~one~~
on the 20 she had the birthday & came to celebrate it
in the choir House & was childlike, thankful for her
freedom of grace & that she ~~could~~ ^{was} as a poor grateful
one eleven years dearer ^{to} her, from whom she would
devote soul & body eternally to be, for he had forgiven
her much;
on the 30 she breakfasted with her sisters was
extraordinary cheerful & well, & occupied her self
immediately in her usual business, sleeping &
doing what was necessary to be done - she had
scarce time to call one of the ^{sr} to tell them she
was not well, but was directly in a fit by post she
~~was~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~fit~~ ~~by~~ ~~post~~ ~~she~~
who all possible means was used for her relief
without any effort for she soon had the pleasure
to kiss those hands of feet which had absolved
her her, thus with the blessing of her choir
singing an effecting impression to all present
she happily went over into health, happy bound
in the 25 year of her age