

The Course of Life of Martha Fawcett

Martha Fawcett was born in Wike in the year 1704
May 21st and Baptized June 4th at Scholes by Br Labrous
He was a Child that from her earliest years took great delight in learning
Verses and this was one great reason why she had such pleasure in
going to the Childrens School which was at that time kept by Sister
Betty Haddonworth she had a particular love for her inasmuch that when
the Sister went away it cost her many Tears, in the time of her going to
School she had two Texts, but grew better, in the year 1763 March
the 25th she was taken into the great Girls Chori which was a new
School to her she was of a very lively disposition which when she
began to feel a little of her self she was some times concerned about
it and one night in particular she wept to her Mother and said
said she wished it could be made possible for her to go and live
some where among the Sisters, her Mother comforted her telling her it
would be made possible and that she should only give her Heart to
our Saviour and she would take care about that, and thus for the
present she was made satisfied, the first time after that she
came to Fulneck she desired her Labrous to give her leave to go
and live at the little Oconomey with the Sisters Mary Wright
~~Jan 1st 1765~~ ^{soon after} ~~Jan 1st 1765~~ she was rejoiced with the News that she had
now leave to go and live with them Sisters where upon she went
with great Satisfaction Jan 30. 1765 and became soon satis-
fied and quite at home and was very chearfull among the Sisters
tho' her uncommon lively turn some times occasioned the others
to reprove her yet not with standing it was very perceptible that
that she had some times very serious reflections, one time in
particular as the Sisters was conversing together in a band like way
she put the question to them if they thought that the Angels had
the same share ⁱⁿ ~~with~~ our Saviours redemption as the human

creature had, and when they answered her that he did not dye
for the angels for they was not fallen as we was for they was
no sinners, and when they repeated that verse.

Glory be unto that heart so bloody that I poor and sinfull
thing, Not adapted to an angels body But a human with its
fling. Go on smelling tasting feeling gazing &c she was almost
as in an Extacy, some time after it was perceived that she began
to be more thought full and would say do let us give our selves
entirely up to our Saviour and then we shall all be happy
and she began to have great pleasure in going to her bands
and clasps and all her short opportunities which otherway she
according to her own declaration us'd to have a little fear for
because she found that with all she still got not such an
intire heart as our Sav^r and her Labours could have wished
her, but in this respect she became quite altered for she hard-
ly could wait the time when she was to go to her choir meeting
at Fulneck and many time as she returned home with the Sisters
she us'd to say O I wish I could always feel as I do on these days
I always think that I will give every thing to our Sav^r but
yet my lightmindedness comes again but yet for all that
I know I am our Saviours and he will accept me just so as
I am the 10th of March being Congregation Day in Fulneck
she with the rest of the Sisters went to the same and got such
an impression there from that she never never lost and when it
was given out that the B^{orn} and So^{ns} would soon receive the Acts of the
Son of Man she not have a right understanding what was said
she understood that our Saviour was soon to come which put
her in such uncommon joy that she hardly knew how to contain

her self and simply told her thoughts to the Sisters and how she
felt about it soon after she began to complain that she felt
sick but did not think that her Despolution was so near but
she grew worse and worse that we at last could think no other
ways than that our Sav^r would soon take her to him self her
Desorder began to grow very strong on her tho' as long as she
was able she she did not keep her bed she was often heard
speaking when alone with our Saviour and tho' she her
self did not think that he would soon take her to him self
yet she was heard some time saying to him thy will be done
she at last began to grow very weak but to the very last
she never kept her bed the day before her desolution it was
perceptible that she would not continue long the Sister that
waited on her asked her if she felt our Saviours nearness
and if she did not think that ~~she would soon get to him~~ ^{he would soon fetch her} to which
she answered that she desired him often to let her feel his
nearness and that if it pleased him to take her to him self
that he would not delay the time too long the Morning after
she desired that her Labours might be fetched and as the Sister
who waited on her was going to call one of the Sisters to her
she heard her speak to our Saviour but could not tell any thing
The next when she came to her she perceived she was departing
and to our great surprise she got her last breath and thus was
her joy now completed in him whom she so desired having lived
in this dying life 15 years 99 Weeks