

The Single Sist^r Ann^h Fordoff. has left the following
concerning her course of Life.

I was born at Houme, in
the Lordship of Tong Dec^{er} 10th 1789 baptiz^d by
the Brⁿ, in my Childhood I frequented the Childrens
meetings which proved a great blessing to my heart &
I often pray'd our Dr^r Savⁿ to make me quite happy,
the Sist^rs Economy was then in Houme Lane, where I enjoy'd
the Love of the Sist^rs and had also our classes there,
which were blest to my heart. March 25th 1790, I
was taken into the great girls Choir, which I lookt ~~on~~
upon as a great favour, and got a desire to live with
the Sist^rs which was granted me, and July 15th 1791.
I went to live in the Sist^rs Economy at Gomersal, for
which I was very thankfull to our Dr^r Savⁿ, but
finding many things to ^{go} come thro ~~with~~ which I did not
expect, it went very hard with me for some years, I had
not my health very well, and having now to feel more & more
every day, how poor and sinfull I was by nature I stood
in need of the love and forbearance of the Sist^rs and
sometimes thought I felt more then it was possible to come
thro' with, which ~~I~~ would have been, ^{had not my Dr^r Lord}
stept in, & thro his tender loving and kind heart towards
me help'd me thro, which he ~~had~~ ^{has} often done and always
proved my friend; my forward and hasty Temper often caus'd me
and the Sist^rs pain, and as I now began to feel the natural
corruption and deep depravity which lay in me, ^{and} being very
reserved, I did not like to tell it, and was afraid any Body

should see it in me, I kept it as I thought undiscovered as long as I possibly could, but at last resolved to keep it no longer, but tell it without reserve just as it ^{was}, I did so and found by degrees ^{that} became more chearfull, and had more confidence to our Dr. Laoⁿ. I had a great desire to be received into the Congⁿ, which favour was granted me Feb 2nd 1776 to my great abasement; it was an inexpressible grace and favour to me, ^{and} I went on for sometime chearfull, and was happy in the nearness of my Dr. Laoⁿ. I thought then to be sure I should never feel ^{myself} so bad as before, but alas, this did not hold long, our Laoⁿ had many things to shew me, that I had not known before, he let me see and feel my self in such a manner, ^{to be} as undone with out ^{his} aid, and entirely lost, but without him; and it ^{appeared} on all sides so dark & gloomy, as if I could not be help'd, and in this sad state I went on for sometime, till on Nov^r 10th I was Spectator at the Holy Comⁿ for the first time, this bowed me in the dust, and gave me a little encouragement, that still our Laoⁿ shewed me mercy, and granted me this favour amidst all my Poverty, I felt a longing to enjoy this highest good, but found that I was far from being dear, that my Lord had forgiven me every thing, that there was something between him and me caused me great pain; in this situation I had many heavy days & hours, and could not come rightly to the Point, I would gladly have done something in my own strength, but the more I strove the darker I became, till at length I could no longer

it out, I went alone into a room, where I fell on my knees before our Laoⁿ, as an undone wretch, when he was pleas'd ^{to} ^{draw} near in so particular a manner, that all my distress left me in a moment, and my heart was enliven'd with the sweet nearness of my best friend, and now I felt, that he had blot't out all my sins and iniquities, but at the same time it was as if some one said to me. What thou now hast received, thou hast still to carry in an earthen Vessel; thou must not lean alone on this, thou must have it renewed every day and hour out of my wounded heart. This grace I shall never forget and must thank our Dr. Laoⁿ for it even in eternity; May 9th 1776. I was received into the single Sist^r Choir; and on the 25th of the same month was Spectator the ^{at the H. Communion} last time, for which I was very thankfull, and on the 19th of June. partook for the first time of the Lords Body and Blood, in the H. Sacrament; what I felt then, is inexpressible; therefore I must remain silent; since that time I have seen and felt many things that are not to the mind of my Dr. Laoⁿ, but thro' his grace I have been able to come to him with every thing as a needy sinner, who, tho' I was many times ~~not~~ heavy and cast down on account of my innate corruption; yet found I had a mercifull Laoⁿ, who could bear with all my infirmities; In the beginning of May 1778. I was seized with a bad Cold which increasing in its effects made me think, I might perhaps at this time go to our Dr. Laoⁿ; with which our late Sist^r closes her own account. Her thoughts concerning going home, led her to a more

Solid reflection & particularly on the last moments ~~approach~~
which caused her some anxious concern as she was naturally
timorous; but it was evident, that the Holy Ghost was
carrying on his work in her heart, in order to prepare
her for her happy end; and as her weakness increased
daily, it was thought proper for convenience's sake
to remove her to the Choir house here, where she came
Sept^r 3rd into the sickroom, where she enjoyed the frequent
visits of the Sist^{rs}, particularly her Choir Lab^{orers} with
whom she kept many hearty conversations about her
poverty & deficiency, on account of which she shed
many Sinner tears before our Sav^r, accounting herself
the poorest of all, tho' it was perceptible, that our Sav^r
at the same time did more on her than she was able to
express, as she was of a still turn of mind, about
a week before her departure, she spoke with great
clearness how she felt concerning going to our Sav^r,
that she now could go to him, whenever he was pleased
to take ^{her}, which she longed very much for, since he had
taken every thing away that caused fear, and there was
nothing left that could hinder her from resigning
her self intirely into his hands, whenever the happy
moment came, which she waited for with tender
Longing, till ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ the forenoon of Nov^r 6th, when
she went over into the Arms of her Redeemer, with
the Blessing of her Choir, in the 19th year of
her Age