

The ~~former~~ ^{life} of the single Sister Susable Prender who departed
to our Savⁿ July 25th 1777 in the Economy at Littlemore, and has left
the following account of herself.

I was born at Leeds Sept^r 9th 1756, and baptiz^d by the Bⁿ my Parents took
me frequently with them to the meetings kept by the Bⁿ where I had the opportunity of
hearing of our Sav^r and his love to poor Sinners, which I lik'd very much at first: but as I
grew older, I grew ashamed of belonging to the Bⁿ, and would rather have gone to other
meeting places, that I might have more time to spend with my Companions, but my Parents
who were resolute (if possible) to bring me up for our Sav^r, carefully prevented every thing
which might have been hurtfull to me, as much as laid in their power. In my 12th year
I got the small pox, and as I was likely to die, I was fill'd with great fear thinking I shou^d
not be valu'd if I did, but I pray'd to our Sav^r that I might get better at this time, and
promis'd that I wou^d live for him, and he own'd me in a particular manner, and gave me the
assurance that I shou^d get better, and that he wou^d make me happy in him, ever after
that time, I lik'd very much to attend the meetings at Fulneck and always when I got
home, and recollected how I had seen the S^{rs} there; I felt a great desire to go and live with
them. March 26th 1763 I was rais'd into the G^l Girls Choir, at which time I was very
happy, thinking I shou^d soon go and live with that S^r, which I did Apr^l 29th following
when I came here to the Economy at Littlemore, where I was soon at home and in my
element, August 13th that same year, I had the unexpected pleasure to be rais'd into the Song
which bound me before our Sav^r and I rejoic'd at my elevation of grace to be number'd
with his People, I went on cheerfully for sometime, but when our Sav^r shou^d me my
natural depravity in some measures, I was a little surpris'd, that after I had experienced
his love in my heart, I shou^d still find things arise in me which was contrary to his love
and mind, but he gave me the grace to speak openly with my S^r which always
prov'd a comfort, and an abiding blessing to me; and I learn'd to know myself as a poor
sinner; yet as one that find^s grace in the sight of my S^r shou^d who's comforts were never
a wanting, when I turn'd to him in my distress, May 19th 1770 I was a spectator at the
St. Communion for the first time, the impression of what I then felt did not soon leave
me: the time of my being Candidate was a particular time of schooling for my poor heart
but I lost in a great measure the blessing of being openhearted, which together with
what I felt of my own misery, made me very uneasy; I wanted very much to feel my
Sinner forgiven by our Sav^r but as I constantly strove in my own way for it, I was
kept dark a good while, and did not know what to do: once I thought, it made no
matter me staying any longer with the S^r I might as well go from ~~offence~~ ^{whence} I came
for our Sav^r was no more to me as he had been, I went on thus

heavy for some time; but on New-Years Night-watch following, our Sav^r drew near
to my h^{rt} and let me feel that he wou'd yet bring me to a closeness in him, if I did
but keep close to him, this comforted me, and I grew more chearfull, and now my
longing to enjoy him unvarmentally increas'd, which desire was granted me Oct^r 6th 1774
after which time I was very happy and chearfull in my h^{rt} and liv'd in a close communion
with our Sav^r daily rejoicing at my happy lot of grace, to be in fellowship with his
People; and what added to my happiness was, that many of my Choir companions enjoy'd
the same blessings with me, with whom occasionally I kept many hearty bands about
my own h^{rt} and our Sav^r kind dealings with me, such opportunities were a real strength-
ning and support to me, and that time I shall never forget; when many of my companions
entered into the S. J^{rn} Choir, I was very much pain'd, as I thereby lost the nearest
fellowship with them, which had been of so great importance to me, but our Sav^r let
me feel that my greatest interest was in him, and that he wou'd never feel me.
Now, tho' I had enjoy'd so much from our Sav^r yet it never rightly kept my mind
that I had not as yet experienced his Pardon and Forgiveness so clearly as I wish'd
to do, which when I consider'd, it made me very uneasy, yet as I had often strove for
it, and made myself miserable, I was resolv'd to leave it intirely to our Sav^r to do it
in his own way, and when he pleas'd, for I had that confidence in him that he knew
my desire, and also how to grant it when he thought best; and one day during the
preaching I was led to cast my eyes upon our Sav^r as bleeding and dying on my
account, and what an interview I then had, can never be express'd in words, I felt
full pardon was merited for me, and everlasting peace and happiness in the blood of
my redeemer. — May 4th 1774 I was rec'd into the S. J^{rn} Choir, which
was a particular day of blessing for me, especially when I feasted myself upon his
Corps and Blood in the Christ-Communion, and I devoted myself anew to him, that
he might fit and prepare me according to his own heart and mind, and pray'd him
to give me his blessing in this Choir also, that he might have some pleasure in me
for all what he had undergone on my account, and it has always been my prayer to
him that he wou'd rather take me to himself, than suffer me to be unfaithfull to him.

So far her own Words.

Since her reception into the S. J^{rn} Choir our Sav^r has been very busy in
discovering to her, her innate corruption, which, for want of confidence in him made
her at times very heavy, and as she pondered over it in herself a good while

before she disclosed the state of her Heart to her Labourer, she was thereby greatly
assisted, some of her companions perceiving it, would gladly have comforted her, to whom
she said: that who felt more than she knew how to come this wish, and if she did not
soon find ease, her burden would be greater than she could bear; but as length our she
gave her grace to cast herself at his feet just as she was, and she again was com-
forted then the merits of her bleeding Redeemer, after which she was, she enjoyed a
truly Sabbath time for her own Heart. last December she got a bad cold and Cough
from which she never rightly recovered, the several means were made use of for that
purpose, which proved ineffectual, when in April last, symptoms of a Consumption
appeared, she was at first not willing to think of going home so soon, but said, she
would be glad to get better at that time. it was very painful to her, when on account
of the cold weather she was obliged to miss the meetings in the passion weeks, but on the
last Choir Festival she said that every thing was made up to her, what she had enjoyed
from her best friends on that day, would never be forgot by her: and after that time it
was very perceptible that it was our Sav^r's intention soon to hasten his work with her
which she herself also began to think, and expressed herself concerning it, to this purpose
I have had many talks with our Sav^r about going home, and I believe if he takes me
at this time, his act of love to me, in order to preserve me for himself, perhaps
he foresees if I remain below, that I shall prove unfaithful to him, and because
I believe he will do with me what he thinks best, I have therefore resign'd myself to
him, he has already done much for me, and I believe he will help me thro' till my end,
in this happy abode, till her last, and often spoke about the happiness
of her heart, a few days before her departure she grew a little anxious for fear her
time would be long, and was desirous to converse with our Sav^r on that head, and pray
him to give her patience to wait his time, and that he would also bring it soon to pass, after
which she told those about her, that our Sav^r had given her an intimation that he would
soon fetch her to himself, for which (said she) I am very thankful. in the night of the 23^d
of July a great Alteration was perceiv'd in her, and in the morning finding herself
worse she ask'd the S^r who attended her, if she was not alter'd, being answer'd in the
affirmative, she said, our Sav^r be pleas'd for it, now I shall soon see him face to face,
which she repeated to all who went to see her, she was throughout the whole day so uncon-
-cerned cheerfull that it was a pleasure to be near her: once, seeing a good many standing
by her, she said, don't you see how happy and cheerfull I am? and don't you feel how near
our Sav^r is? O how gracious is he to me, that he is now going to take me to himself to
secure me from all harm, he has now taken away all old things, and between her and me
there is nothing remaining, she farther added, I love you all very much, and when
my last moments come, I shall like some of you to be present, and help to keep the

Singing at my departure, what a moment with that be. You will then feel how near
our "Sav" will be, and many more such declarations were given by her, too many to insert
here; so much we can say with thankfulness to our "Sav" that his peace was so devoutly
felt, that it was accompanied with blessings to all who were near her, who has already
told us, that she thought to day would be her last, if not to day (said she) tomorrow,
which accordingly came to pass: early in the morning on the 25th she desired to have the
watchword and Childrens verse read for that day; at hearing the latter, she would and
wanted to hear it again, the verse was, Altho unable to express — the tender
feelings of my heart — by love constrained I'll sing and praise — my bleeding friend
till I depart, she said, its very suitable for my going home to day. Those who watch with
her the last night, ask'd her to tell them if she knew when she was going, which she promised
she would, accordingly about 4 in the morning, she said, I am now going, and signify'd that
she wanted to be blest for her departure, which was done by her Choir-helpers during
a fasting-liturgie according as she desired, when that Verse was sung — Now thou
Soul — hold clear and tender — You her heart displaying thy splendor, she herself join'd
in the last lines, Draw it in that race came made for it — Soul and Body there
be buried. being ask'd if the singing should be continued, she answer'd, O Yes, and soon
after she said, how is it that I am here yet, but was soon gone, it was when she was told, that
in a few moments all would be well; and soon after 8 she expired softly and happily
on the 25th Year of her Age.