

Our late Vth Rachel Brook was
born Apr. 28th 1744 at Bristol.
Her Parents, who loved the Lord
directed her from her earliest
years to the friend of children,
and took her, when a child to the
Chapel at Gamersal, where she at-
tended the childrens meetings, and
and used to be delighted to hear
of our Saviours love, and when
coming home she would some-
time kneel down in a corner
and pray to him to bless her
and form her to his mind.
But when she grew older she found
that tender childlike love to our
S^{us} growing cold, she wished to enjoy
the world, and its vain pleasures,
but always felt a monitor within,
warning her from going the broad
road, which leadeth to destruction;
she spent some time in great

Trouble

trouble of mind, not willing to follow the Lord, and full of fear to be lost eternally; during this period, which was in her 16th year, she had a very remarkable dream: it was to her as if she saw our Saviour on the Cross, in the most lovely attitude, saying to her, "all my sufferings, wounds and bruises were for thee, to save and redeem thy sinful soul." This made a deep impression on her mind, and she turned in earnest prayer to the Lord, that he would pardon her sins and transgression and renew a right spirit within her; & once when walking in a field by herself, with tears and prayer lifting up her hands to him, she got an assurance that her guilt should be done away, and that he would prove her good Shepherd who

who seeks that which was lost with unsparing faithfulness. This has followed ^{her} all her life and often thro' grave has been renewed. She now felt a desire to be closer united with the ~~Mass~~ Cong^a and to enjoy the privileges of the same. Oct 4th 1800 she moved into the ~~the~~ House here in Dulwich, May 11. 1801 she was rec^d into the ~~the~~ Cong^a and May 8th the following year partook for the first time of the H. Com^a. She often spoke with great pleasure, of the time of her first coming, how happy she was in communion with our Saviour, and how comfortable the ~~the~~ were together in the so called spinning days, and how they delighted amidst great poverty in singing the praises of the Lord. — She was soon employed in sewing as an over

was with the girls, and afterwards
with Sisters. In 1790 she was accepted
at school, and for 18 years she held
the Office of House-servant, she
showed much faithfulness in what
was committed to her, and looked
upon it as a favour, which
made her Office a pleasant duty
to her. The last few years, she
was not able to do as formerly,
but enjoying the love of the Ps.
they were willing to lend her a
helping hand whenever required,
particularly those in her room
showed her much love & attention.
Tho' nothing very striking seemed to
distinguish her course, we are sure
that she lived in communion with
our Saviour, and with childlike
confidence and humble faith looked
to him for help and support in
every time of need.

Oct.

Oct 4th 1810 she called to mind that
it was 60 years since she moved
into this house, she expressed
herself that she could not suffi-
ciently thank our Saviour, for all
his love and care, his long suffering,
and forbearance, and for all his
mercy towards her, and looked back
with gratitude and amazement how
he had proved her true friend in
all her spiritual and temporal
concerns, that she had sinned
nothing; and she renewed her
covenant to cleave to him, to
trust his Shepherd care, till
hope and faith shall cease, and
Love prevail alone.

Further to she had enjoyed an un-
interrupted good state of health, but
now she began to feel the infir-
mities of age, and for these last 3
years, she was not able to attend

the meetings as she used to do,
which was a great trial to her.

She was however able to go about
in the house, tho' at last with
great difficulty, till the 6th
of this month, when she had to
be confined to the sickroom, her
weakness increased rapidly; tho'
she did not think that her de-
parture was so near, she felt
resigned to our Saviours will,
saying: "My times are in his hands
I can ~~say~~ do nothing but pray
"to him to receive me, a poor
"and worthless sinner, in mercy,
"and I am sure he will".

On the 13th she called to mind the
blessings she had often enjoyed on
that great memorial day, and
particularly what she had felt the
first time, when she celebrated it
55 years ago, during the singing of
that verse:

O Church, how many hast thou yet
Who do not love the Saviour?
Who do not think his burden light
Nor his sweet Yoke a favour!
O ye, who don't stand well with him,
Do ye long for redemption?
Now, now, is for you the right time
Come all without exception.

She spent the following days mostly
in a slumber, and when she awoke
between, she only complained on
great weakness, she often folded
her hands, as being engaged in
prayer, when she lips no more
could say; and on the 16th it
pleased the Lord to call her to
himself in a gentle and happy
manner. Aged 41. 6 1/2 Months.

Among the saints in light;
Behold our Sister seated:
Her faith now lost in sight
Her happiness completed:

With cheerful voice she joins
The blessed company,
Ascribing to God's grace
Her heavenly destiny.

At home she rests in peace
With her beloved Saviour,
All her afflictions cease,
Each tear wip'd off for ever:
Her longing gratify'd
She views her Bridegroom, Friend,
Who graciously supplied,
Each need unto the end.

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