

The Course of Life, of the great Boy Rich^d Lenton.
 who departed Dec: 29, 1772.

Rich^d Lenton, Son of our B^r Rich^d Lenton was born the 16th of May 1757 at Pudsey, in the Parish of Calverly, As a Child he went to the B^r... School at Lane-End where he learn'd till he was 12 Years old. In June 1769 he was bound Apprentice to B^r John Spicer, to learn the Glover's Business, & came at the same time to live in the Choir-House, where he went on, ⁱⁿ a still & quiet Course to the satisfaction of his B^r. In the following Year he began to be sickly, & as all endeavours for his recovery, proved ineffectual, he grew weaker & weaker from time to time, & as his Parents liv'd near, it was propos'd to him to go and live with them, whereby he might enjoy more of their Parental Care & Nursing; but he declin'd it; However as he grew more helpless, he, in the beginning of last July, agreed to go & be with his Parents, where he has enjoy'd a happy & sabbatical Time, waiting with Patience & Resignation when it would please our Saviour, to take him into his eternal Joy & Security. He was now & then visited by the B^r to whom he declared that altho' he was resign'd to our Saviour yet he knew that it would be better for him to be with Christ, than to recover his

his Health, & live here still longer. He had an Im-
pression of our Saviour's love towards him, which made
him look & pray to our Saviour with Confidence. When
he was visited by Bⁿ whom he was acquainted with,
he desired that they might ~~sign~~ sing some Verses with
him, & several Times he mentioned in particular that
the following should be sung: I am a poor Sinner, yes
tis true I am &c. He came here to the Meetings as long
as he was able to walk, or ride, which always seemed
to be a refreshment to him, & when he was no more able
to come to the Meetings, he was ^{very} sorry for it, especially
when he thought that he should not have the pleasure
to attend the Meetings on Christmas-Eve, on which
account he proposed that a couple of Bⁿ should carry
him to the Hall in a Sedan; But on the 19th of Dec^r
in the Night, he had such a gracious visit of our
Sav^r that he became quite satisfied, with his not
being able to come to the Meetings on Christmas-Eve,
for when he got up in the Morning & dressed himself
he began to speak to his Mother about it & told her there
had happened an Alteration with him last Night,
when she asked what way, he told her that our Sav^r
had

had been very ^{near} to him & he had kept a band with him
about every thing, & our Sav^r had forgiven him all & he
would take him soon to himself. He also said: "I gave
myself quite anew to our Saviour, & he accepted me as
his own Child, Believing his time would be short, he
desired that his S^{rs} in the Choir House might be
sent for, to tell them how happy our Saviour had
made him, & that he would soon take him to himself
to be happy & to live with him for ever. Since this
time he grew weaker so fast, that one could see the
time of his Departure came on very quickly. Some
Days before his going home, his Master came to
see him, & when he was going to leave him, he reached
his hand to his Master, & thanked him for all the
love & favours he had shewn to him, telling him:
he very likely might never see him any more in this
World, & so it came to pass, for on Dec^r 29th 1772
in the Morning, his Soul took its Flight, to that
God, who had created & redeemed him, & made him
so happy by his precious Nearness, in the 16th
Year of his Age."