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Deceased Jan. 2^d 1761.

Christ. Oxley, ~~was born~~ at the Son of our Br. & S^r W^m Oxley in the North of J^{es}.
was born at Scoales Sept. 28th 1752. He came into the Child^{ren} Economy here
May the 6th 1755, when he could scarcely speak a word. He was a
pretty agreeable Child, but of a very tender and weakly Constitution,
so that when he got the least cold, it immediately affected his
breast, and had often a bad cough attending it. In this weakly
disposition he remained till he was 5 Years old, however he spent
his time among his companions in a childlike and pretty manner.
As he was in those Years a little bashfull when speaking with
the M^{rs} about his heart, we did not rightly know how he stood
in this respect, but wished often that he might get a more lively
feeling of our Saviour. Thus he continued till in 1759,
when a thorough Alteration was wrought in him. He began
to be more lively, brisker and chearfull, he had also learn'd
to read, so that he got a liking to learn Verses both German
and English, and in his Schools made a pretty progress.
In short he became quite another Boy as well with respect
to his heart as to his whole behaviour, he lost by degrees his
reservedness, so that he became free and Openhearted~~ness~~ in
his Class, or when he at any time was spoken with by the M^{rs}.
This made him at the same time so active, that his M^{rs}
could make use of him in some small Matters, (he being
the oldest in the Room), wherein he shewed great faithfulness,
and would have been in time an exact and faithful Ser-
vant. He was beloved by all, and every M^{rs} rejoiced at seeing
their happy change in him. In the Spring of the Year 1760
he lost his hearing to such a degree, that he could not hear
what was spoken in a common way, but recovered again
in a few Weeks, and went on in a pretty lively course till
in November, when he became deaf again, and was rather
worse than before. In the middle of Dec^r he was seized
with a bad Cold, together with the greatest part of the other
Child^{ren}, but he went on in his usual course, kept to all

his School till Christmas, and learned a good many of the choicest Verses about our Saviours Birth. At Christmas Nightwatch he was very happy, and extremely pleased with their little Wastapers, and thanked our Saviour for blessing them with his sweet nearness. On Christmas Morning he was very much rejoiced on account of the little Christmas Decoration, which they had made in their Room, and said that he loved our Saviour in the Manger above all things, and joined with the other Boys in singing many agreeable Verses in those happy Days. On the 27th He got a bad Hoarseness, that he could hardly speak or whisper any thing; we applied to the Doctor, who gave him some Physic, but no alteration was perceived. At seeing him growing weaker on the 31st we determined to keep him Night & Day in the Room and watch with him, tho' this seemed also a little hard to him, for when the Child^{ren} were going in the Hall to conclude the Old Year he could not without Tears stay away. At night the Doctor gave him some Medicine, which had a good effect and gave us hopes of his recovery, but on New Year day he was however no better, sometimes he crept to his Bed and sometimes he walked about in the Room, ^{at night he was removed into the sick Room} and some how or other got such a violent Fit, that we thought his Dissolution was near at hand, but he recovered so vivibly ^{that} at night that at the next Morning his sickness seemed to take a turn, but towards Noon his sickness returned again, and much Pain, which moved the Hearts of the ~~18^m~~ who stood about him, he was no more sensible of any thing that occurred about him, in the mean time he endured much pain, which moved the hearts of the ~~18^m~~ who stood about him, but a very agreeable feeling attended it, that one could not look at him without loving and pitying him. In this manner he continued till between 6 and 7 o'clock at Night, when a quarter before 7 his Mouth grew pale and his Soul took flight into his Bridegrooms Bosom with the blessing of the whole Deconomy and during a happy Liturgy of those 18^m about his Bed, who could not forbear shedding some Tears by the precious nearness of the Childrens Friend.

He spent in this dying Life 8 Years 3 Months & 5 Days