

Feb 13/66

The Course of Life of the Single Sist^r Sar^a Cough
Concerning which she has left the following,

I was born ^{Aug^r 13th} in the Year 1794, in the Parish of Burstol, in Yorkshire
and Baptiz^d in the Church of England. My Parents being
in Consession with the Brethren in my Infancy, I in consequence
have been under their care from a Child. I frequented the
Meetings kept for the Children with great pleasure, till I grew
up to be a great girl. When my natural depravity began to
show itself, I got a taste for the pleasures of this World,
in which I could not gratify my self by reason that my Parents
belong'd to the Brethren, which I heartily wish had not
been the case. But our Saviour soon overcame my heart again, by
means of a Meeting which B^r Acworth held one Sunday, in
Humersall Chappel, wherein I was fully convinced of my wrong way
of thinking, and could never rest till I came into a nearer Consession
by Reception into the Society. In 1762 on the 19 of September
I obtained Leave to live in the Sist^rs Economy at Humersall
which rejoiced me very much, and the 4 of May, following
was rec'd into the Single Sist^rs Choir, to a real Blessing for my Heart.
Aug^r 13 1763 I had the Grace to be rec'd into the Congregation
which was quite a peculiar Grace and Blessing to me, tho' I
soon came ~~off~~ ^{from} it, and came into a more dry and indifferent way
in my self, in 1765. Feb^r 22 I removed from Humersall
into the Choir House at Fullneck, where I spent ~~some time~~
without much Concern about my self or any thing, till our Saviour
tho' His Holy Spirit brought me to Recollection over my Course
in General. I grew upon this very Miserable, and thought our
Saviour could never forgive me, for so mispending my time. Being of
a close disposition, it was some time before I could speak this
My Concern, but frequently intreated our Saviour to help me,
which he accordingly did, so that I could speak of my Distress
quite Openheartedly with the Choir helper, as also my thoughts
Concerning the H^l Communion, she comforted me about every thing,

and

assuring me that I should be thought on, June y^d 20. 1767
I had the grace to be Spectator at the H^l Comⁿ to my unspeakable
abasement, My Choir Helper encouraged me to believe that
Our Sav^r would bestow this grace upon me in his own good time
and on the 3^d of Nov^r y^d same year I became a participant
of the Lords Body and Blood Sacramentally to an inexpressible
and abiding Blessing to my poor heart, which has in a lively
Manner been renewed to me every time I have had the favour to
partake with the Congⁿ of that Highest Good; Thus for our Late Siff^r

Our happily departed Siff^r, was naturally of a still dejected turn
on which account it was often needfull to comfort & encourage her
Yet it was discernible in her that her heart was closely atatched to
Our Sav^r as a poor Sinner who had no other dependance then
his allsufficient Merits, her still and inoffensive Course, gained
the Love and esteem of all who were acquainted with her,
her Disolution Commenced by means of a lingering Consumption
Under which she has laboured 4 years, during which time she
shewed great patience, & Resignation to Our Sav^rs will,
Concerning her, she spent near 5 months in the sick room in a
tender longing soon to be at home with her Redeemer, whose
Comforting Wordes was her Support, under her long and painfull
illness, which towards the later part was very acute,
she long desired for the enjoyment of the Holy Communion
which ~~was~~ she enjoyed for the last time Oct^r y^d 31 to her
great Refreshment & Consolation, she often expressed her
Longing to be with our Sav^r by calling on him in the most tender
to come and take her to himself, which he accordingly did
Nov^r y^d 3 between 10 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon During a sweet
feeling of the Peace of God, and the Blessing of her Choir in
the 29 year of her Age The watchword for the Day
being

The bruised Reed Shall be not break, and the
Smoking flax Shall be not quench