

F. 13/49 The Course of Life of our Br. John Clarke from Holbeck. Departed June 13. 1761.

Our Br. In^o Clarke Was born in of Year 1693. at Busling-
thorp in the Parish of Leeds Yorkshire; His Parents were Religious
Presbyterians & brot. up their Son in of same Way, he was bound an
Apprentice to a Cloth-maker of of same Profession who had a strict Eye
over his Course in Genl. During his Apprentiship; he was usd to go
with some others to of Ministers House at Leisure times to sing
Psalms &c, & was beloved by his Minister. In of Year 1716 he enterd
into of Mar^d State & had a very agreeable Helpmate, this pair durg
38 years they livd together, were so free from domestic broils that he
was never observd to be Angry with ~~with~~ ^{together} his wife; they had
3 Children - viz 1 Son & 2 Daughters, one of of Daughters after having
heard of Gospel & been rec^d into of Society went happily to our
Sav^r, the Surviving Son & Daughter are amongst of N^o of our
Com^{ts} (both Sing^g!) & are beloved by their respective Churches - When
the Preaching began in this Country, our Br. thro of Prejudice of his Edu-
cation was for ^{some} time prevented from going to hear, because as he said of
Common pray^r was read, & likd best to hear Ministers who Prayd by
Heart & not by Book, when Br. Browne came to assist Mr. Ing-
ham he was told that there was a man come to ~~preach~~ ^{time} who both
prayd & pr^d extemporary, he went to hear, & from that ^{he} came a
constant ~~of~~ follower; when of Society was first settled at
Holbeck he & his Family were rec^d. into it, & after of Departure
of Utley the Meetings were kept at ^{their} Br. & House which is, near
8 years ^{ago} since with ^{time} they have taken care to make all things as
convenient & pretty as possible for of Brⁿ who went to keep of Meets

of also for of People who frequented them. The 12 of May 1754 he was rec^d. into of Cong^o. with was a particular fact for him, he said it was of happiest Day he had enjoy'd in his ^{life}, his Wife lay up-
-on her sick bed & because she was not able to come ^{to} she was rec^d. into of Cong^o. ^{at their own House}, she continued waiting for of hour of her release till of 6 of Dec^r. when of happy hour came & she ^{went} to her Bridgroom & was inter'd in our Burying Ground. Our Dr. B^r. in his Wid^d. State was stay'd of solid & also always cheerful & contented; he was approv'd of by our Dr. Sav^r. as a candidate for of holy Comⁿ. & went towards Lamb's Hill but was oblig'd to return after having gone apart of of way on Acc^t. of his Painfull Disorder (the stone & gravel) with he lab^d. under & bore it with Patience till of end of all Dishep, on this Acc^t. he was depriv'd of of enjoyment of of Corps & Blood of our Lord in of holy Sacrament, so that he did not partake of it till he went to of Cong^o. above. He & his Family had a desire for along time to move nearer Lamb's Hill, & obtain'd leave, they w^d. have mov'd last May had it not been for of Difficulty of getting a convenient place in of place to keep of Meet^g, on that Acc^t. they consented to stay contrary to their Inclinations. Thursd. 4th. Instant when B^r. Bugh went to Halbeck to keep of Meet^g he found him upon of Bed & when he enquir'd how he was he said he had a little blister upon his Leg & he was lying down to ease it as it was troublesome when he sat up he w^d. not be satisfy'd with ^{out} chewing of Vore part, with when ven appear'd as of means appointed for his dissolution, when he was ask'd about going to our Sav^r. he said he w^d. gladly go when our Sav^r. time came & w^d. be glad to see him & be for ever with him. When his Lab^r. visit'd him on of 7th he was cheerful & said he wish'd for of happy Moment when our Sav^r. take him to

to his Eternal Rest. of 8th he was visit'd again & a feeling Liturgy kept by him. Frid. 12th. his Lab^r. paid him of last visit, he was quite sensible; of night before he had a shaking fit like to an Ague fit, he d^d. scarcely bear it & finding himself perplex'd said Lord thou slay me yet will I trust in Thee. When he was ask'd how he was he answer'd, I am now easy but very faint, I wait for our Sav^r. to come & take me out of all pain & misery - I go to him as a poor old Sinner I have confidence in him he is my Sav^r. & best Friend & were it not for him what e^d I do. he said to his Children you are my Loves, but I have a better Love give me up to him & don't detain me let him take me home to himself. As to of manner of your living when I leave you I will confine you to nothing (but I think you will do best to live together as you are both sickly, & so often in capable of working, you can help & nurse one another) but I'll leave ^{you} to him who is our best Friend. B^r. Bugh stay'd with him till about 10 a'clock at night & having recom-
mended him to our Sav^r. took leave of him to see no more here below, he continued still till Saturd. afternoon about 3 a'clock of then grew pale in of mercifull Arms of Jesus in of 68th year of his Dying Life -

F The Sund. Morn^g before acute when he felt his Pain acute he said he thought to make his rest & Master when he came to our Sav^r. he was to King comes frequently especially that grant me to lean on a shaken, & of the Lord said I want to go to our Sav^r.