

The little Girl Mary Mortimore,

was born at Tattenham June 3^d 1753, where

her Parents were at that time in the service
of the Cong^r, & she & her B^r Peter were brought by
her Father into the Economy here at the same
time on the 25th of Dec^r. 1755. It was a little hard
for her to settle & be at home in the Economy, but
hearing that her B^r Peter whom she also loved much
was likewise here, ~~she~~ it was a great satisfaction
to her, & in a little time she became quite chearfull
& satisfied among her Companions, and she became
a lively & chearfull little girl who often spoke with the
rest of our d^r Saviours Love to the Child^m - and used to
go often into a corner, Reproy our Sa^r to make her a happy
child, and frequently wished that she might see him. She
loved singing & learnt many pretty songs. In the Y^r 60
she moved with some other Child^m out of the little into
the middle Girls Room, she was at first very glad of
this alteration, but soon found that she had a new hard Lesson to learn with
~~which~~ she was before unacquainted ~~at~~ - her work was
also burthenome to her. She was naturally of a hot dis-
position & apt to be hasty in speak^d. but when it was
the case, it caused her smart, was a finner & begged both
her^r & Chd^m to forgive her. as she grew in years, she
grew more acquainted with her poverty & often said, that she
was the worst child in the Room & gave our Sa^r & the S^r more
trouble than any of the rest. she was upright & open-
hearted in all her matters, & thus she gained the love of all the
S^r. - May 29 1763, she moved out of the middle Girls Room
into that of the greater Girls, here she retained her simple
upright disposition, and whenever she committed a fault
~~she~~ or was not in ^a finnerlike connection with our
Sa^r. she could ^{not} be easy or satisfied till she felt that our
Sa^r & her S^r had forgiven her. - she frequently wrote
a hand like

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bandlike Letter to her Labourers in which the tendernesses of her Heart was very perceptible; before ^{the last} Child's Festival she wrote as follows: "As this is the Day when so many Children made a Covenant with our Saviour, that they would be His entirely, it is my Heart's desire to do so too, as I think it will be the last Festival which I shall enjoy in the Child's Choir. Twifft may not go out of the Hall, till my Covenant is sealed between Him & me, for I know that if I do not make a good use of the few Monthes which I have yet to spend in the Child's Choir, it will be always a grief to me. but if ^{I spend} the Day for the rest of my Days ^{I spend} in the Nearness of my d^r. Law. then I shall take the blessing along with me, throughout all the ^{this} Day of my life." — The Child's Long Days were always dear & weighty to her, and when she was once not allowed to be present at one of them, she shed many Tears, and prayed earnestly to our Lord that it might never be the case again.

This last Y^r. she with some others began to learn to play on the Spinnet & to sing, which was a great Joy to her, and as she was one of the Comp^t. of Singers among the Girls, & she sometimes ~~had~~ sung for the long or her Choir, it was a great Grace to her, & she said it was a blessing for her own Heart. — She enjoyed a particular blessing for her Heart on the last memorable 13 of Nov. mentioned it often & said she should never forget it. abt. the middle of Dec^r. she began to be sickly, and tho' all possible means were used, she grew more & more sick so that on the 24th she moved into the sick room, and her fever increased so that she was from that time confined to her Bed. — when the rest of the Childs went to the Night Watch she said "Our Law knows that I cannot go with them, & therefore He will bless me & be near me on my Bed". on the 26th she desired to be left alone as she wanted to keep a bander with our Saviour, which she did in a very low & tender manner desiring him to make her soon ready, and take her

to herself, and afterwards sung: I feel & know it well
yea I do truly feel, that one drop of thy Blood, to me
so very good for this poor Heart of mine, yet still
for more Spines. and this she sung with such a
feeling that it will not be soon forgot by those who
heard her. - from that time she was steadfast in
her point, that she should go home. the same day in the
afternoon she fell into a soft sleep, and said in her sleep
with a loud voice: "Yes, I will come!" and this awoke
her. Mrs. who was with her said asked her where she w^d
go, she replied: "to our S^r. - she was sure of it, it was
no fancy, for, continued she, "when I spoke of our S^r.
and was thinking of those who are already with Him. it
was as if somebody said to me, you shall come also, and
it rejoiced me exceedingly." then she sung w^t a clear voice
Amen come Lord Jesus! do not long tarry us thus she
spent her selfs nights & days in tender conversation
with her best Friend, telling him what a poor worthless
creature she was, & as such she w^d go to him, for one Drop
of his precious Blood could heal both good & bad, and what
she enjoyed here was worth a thought. Besides, when her
pain was very extreme, & she was reminded of what
our d^r S^r. felt & suffered for her, she was directly as patient
as a lamb & said, "our Saviour felt pain out of Love to
me, but my pain is not out of Love to Him, but because
I am a poor creature, & as it is his good pleasure that
I should feel it, I am satisfied. Jan^r 1st she affered: What
Day is it? bet told: It was New Year Day. have I
made every thing up w^t every Body. being told that
every one was satisfied with her, she said: Our S^r. has
forgiven me every thing & I am quite ready whenever
He pleases to take me ^{the constantly offered} ^{the particular love & thankfulness}
which she showed to every One who did any thing for her
and often affered, whether every one was satisfied w^t her
sayd. I know that I am a poor creature, but when I come
to our S^r. I will lay his wounded feet at his knees
for all the S^ro. - her chearfull & serene countenance
was the effect of her constant conversation w^t our S^r.

was agreeable & edifying to everyone that came near her. In the evend she was seized w^t convulsions, but they went off & she came to herself again tho' she had frequent returns of them as long as she staid in the Body. the 3^d she desired once more to see her Brethren & her^t they were brought to her, she asked them to sing for her which they did, and she herself gave out the verses wh^t they shoud sing, and then she took a tender & moving leave of them. She spoke often of her d^r. Parents & deince B.^r. Miller when he wrote to give her wondercloue to them & tell them addde she "that I am gone happily to our Sa". She thus continued speakd & singd. night & day to the very last. on the 5th she wanted to be washed & dresst in white for she said: "Our Law will soon come." She asked who was in the Room? being answered: "nobody but thee". who is with thee." she said: "Yes, our Law is here, do you not see him, He is coming." There was indeed in that a moment a particular feeling of his Presence in the Room. in the evend tho' she would willingly yet her falter^g ^{Tongue} could scarcely utter the words, and it was soon plain that her dissolution doew nigh, which accordingly came to pass a little before 10 o'clock in the evening when she fell softly & hap- pily asleep & flew into the Arms & Bosom of her eternal Bridgroom with the Blessing of her Choir, while these lines were sung: Pale Lips, kiss her upon her Heart. Open Arms, take her, havd spent in this mortal Life 11 Years 7 M^os & 2 Days.