

It was as if every drop of blood within me was crying
for me to be saved.

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Memoirs

of our much beloved late Sister Henriette
Mary Louise V. Hayn, who on the 27th
of Aug: 1782. at Herrnhut entered into
the Joy of her Lord.

She left the following Account concerning
herself, & longed that poor Sinner would
rather lie weeping at the feet of Jesus, than say
any thing touching her Pilgrim age here below.
But ah! In Love to my Soul he has been very
gracious to me and therefore I cannot keep
Silence, but am moved in Simplicity of heart
to give to my dearest Brethern & Sisters a
Narrative of what He hath done to my Soul.

I was born May 22nd 1724 at Pfeilstein a Town
in Nassau. My Father was George Henry V.
Hayn Cheif Forester in all the Principality
of Nassau, born in Lower Lusatia, where my
Grand Father had his Estates. My Mother was
Ernestine V. Laßberg from Dettingen in Serbia
Her Father when a Child of 7 Years, emigrated
with his Mother out of Austria for the sake
of Religion forsaking all their Relations and
Estates. Poor I, and indeed one of the meane
of God's Creatures, as far as I can recollect felt
my Saviours Love from my tenderest Infancy.
When a little Child I frequently had such a
tender Sensation of his Love, that I sometimes
retired to a corner and cry'd, and no body knew
why? The lovely Work of Grace, which the Holy
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carried on in my tender heart is still new to me
to this very hour. By occasion of learning the
first Verses by way of Prayer, as, the Saviour's
Blood & Righteousness &c. I felt and tasted already
something of that dear & precious Blood, and re-
ceived such lively Impressions of the dear suff-
ering Lamb of God, which continued with me through-
out my whole Life. Once in quite an miraculous
manner a Herrnhutish or Moravian little Doctrin-
al Book for Children happened to come into my
hands. It was just the thing that suited my taste,
when I was reading it. I frequently kissed this
little Book, carried it about me by day & night
for fear of its being taken from me. When I
grew bigger, and was then under continual Inspecti-
on, my constant Study was, how to contrive to
slip away for a little while, in order so think on
Jesus or to pray to him. When I could not succeed
in the day-time, I got up in the Night when
all was fast asleep, and spent many an hour
upon my knees; for my heart was verily burn-
ing ^{with} love toward Jesus. When we went a walk-
ing; I sometimes contrived it, to stay a little
behind, prostrated quickly on the ground, as if I was
wanting to pick flowers, and kissed the Ground,
thinking child like that was the spot where
my dearest Jesus spattered Bloody Sweat.

In my 13. year I went for the first time to the
H. Sacrament in a Lutheran Church, and received
this highest Good with deepest Reverence &c. After
this, according to the custom of the World,
they began to introduce me more into company;

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and as particularly some sensible persons and people of quality did very pretty with me and courted me, it proved a great hurt to my heart, for I also strove to render myself agreeable, and the good Understanding I was in with my dear Saviour, gradually faded; instead of this fear and Shyness took place in me, so that I no more so childlike could apply to him. My thoughts were accusing, or else excusing one another, and I came into Distress & misery on account of the Loss of the happiness in my Soul. I knell'd down a hundred times, entreating our Saviour with tears to have Mercy on me again, and telling him, that I neither could nor would love anything in this World but him alone; but a hundred times I was made sensible again, that it was not true, & that so easily something else could engage my unsteady Soul and mind. Thus I went on for several Years in a continual lamentation about myself, and the loss of my former Familiarity with our dear Saviour. Every thing in the World that commonly yields pleasure to young people, became disgusting to me. About this time I got to read the Berlin Discourses, which as proved a great comfort to me. I heard also a great deal of talk about a new Place in Hellerau called Herrnhut, which the Herrnhutters were building on account of which I felt an inexpressible joy. Notwithstanding the accounts that were given me concerning the Brethren's Congregation, were very the most contemptible, I always believed the contrary, and was fully assured within my heart, that this very People was my People, with whom I

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I wanted to live and to die; tho' I never yet had seen
a Brother or Sister. My only anxious concern
was how can it possibly be brought ~~about~~^{to bear} of
that I should get my place among them? Mean
while I neglected no opportunity where I could
disclose to my Parents my thoughts about the
new Phenomenon & appearance of the Kingdom
of God on Earth, and how much my heart was
drawn towards it; but I perceived plain enough
that I never could expect such a thing as to
obtain their consent for my going to the Brothers
Congregation, without grieving them to the utter-
most, and yet I loved them as much as my
own life. However one Morning, as I
usually did, was reading to my Father out of the
New Testament, and I happened to come to the words
of our Saviour's able that loveth Father or Mother
more than me, is not worthy of me. I was so
struck, that I laid down the Book, as if I was
obliged to go about some business, hastened to my
room and wrote a letter to my Father upon
the subject of the above words, declaring to him
with many tears in a most moving & submissive
manner, that I now was no longer able to resist
the divine calling in my heart, and therefore was
obliged to rise and to set out directly for Sternag.

I did so, and set off immediately, without look-
ing after anything, took the letter with me, and
when I got into the first Village, sent it back to
my Parents house. - Tho' such a step appeared
very extraordinary and bold to a high degree, and
tho' it caused me a great deal of trouble (for my
Parents sent directly after me and fetched me
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of my being set at liberty, for some penitent
Persons advised my Parents, to send me only
for a short time to Herrnhag, being confident,
that I there would soon be convinced of my error,
and thus be cured of it forever. In consequence
of this good advice I was expeditiously and very
lovingly conveyed to Herrnhag for a Vigil. Nov.
the 5th 1782. was that to me ever blessed day, when
I arrived at Marienborn and saw for the first
time Brothers and Sisters, such a Peace of God
and feeling of the congregation-Spirit directly pur-
eoured and pervaded me, as is always need to me,
whenever I think on it. The Pilgrim's congregation
happened then to be there, and our Saviour let me
find favour with all the Br. & S. but especially
with the late dear Disciple, tho' I was yet such a
great Stranger. I had forsaken a couple of dear
Parents, but here it was so one as if I had found at
once hundred Fathers & Mothers, so loving did I
feel the hearts of all the Brothers & S. towards
poor me; and I was indeed like a Child, that is
arrived from abroad in its own Mother's house,
and among its kindred. After having been over-
poured with Grace & Love for several Weeks in that
dear House Marienborn, and the dear Disciple
taking all pains on my account, and willing
himself to my Father, offering himself to take me
as his own child, I got leave to move into the
Sing. Sisters House at Herrnhag. I was not
long there before the Holy Ghost began a Work
of Grace in my heart. I was very simple and
upright in telling every thing that was cleared up
to me at that time, and whatever I could gather
to accuse myself for, for I allowed that I was went
ing in point of Sinnership, & felt a longing

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longing desire for it. I fought with many tears
for Forgiveness in his Blood with regard to every
thing that had occurred in my Life and that
was not good. I got also the assurance of his
Pardon, and was richly comforted. However the
true Self knowledge, and radical cure of Soul
and Body were reserved to me for another period.
According to the insight which I have at present
into my case at that time, I was then carried
away directly with the Stream of Grace & had
not time rightly to reflect on myself. It was
just then the Period of the Litany of the Wounds
of Jesus, and of the Hymns concerning his
Wounds. Who ever did ~~experience~~ experience it at that
time, will know best how powerful Grace then
was. I pass over all the great difficulties
arising between my Parents & me, for half a
Year after I had left them, they demanded me
back again, and as the late Disciple himself
was apprehensive of various disagreeable Conse-
quences, I was obliged by his own positive Order
to return once more to my Parents; however he
assured me at the same time, that I should soon
come back again, which actually came to pass. Our
dear Saviour helped me in a most wonderful manner
so as to be entirely set at liberty, and brought me joyful
and happy back again to my dear Herrnhag. In the
Year 1768 on the 30.th of Jany. I became Partaker of the
Body & Blood of the Lord in the H. Sacrament for the
first time with the Brethrens Congregation, with
a right hungry soul, but so abashed, that it seemed
to me, as if this Grace and Favour was much too
great. In the same Year I moved into the girls house
for the Instruction of Childrens and lived with the girls,
then I moved with the Economy to Marienborn, and
in the Year 1767 came with ^{the} same back again to Herrnhag
unto the various Periods, which in a kind of constant
Transport I passed through with the dear congregation
at Herrnhag, I dare not venture to say any thing
particularly upon that Topic. Thus much I

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I know with respect to myself, that I frequently
felt powerful Grace, but for want of a Sinner
Foundation I could not improve it rightly. Our
Saviour be praised eternally! who in Love and
Mercy to his poor Sheep did them from back to the
wholefome Pasture of his Bounds, without harm &
loss to any one, whose heart at that time kept him
in view. In the Year 1750 the Girls house lost their
Dear Justines Schweiiniz, who had the Care of that
house for several Years, and I was put into her
place, after having been received an Acoloth, and
elected a Deaconess of the Brethrens Church already
in the Year 1748. In the Year 1750 I emigrated
with the Girls Economy to Upper Lusatia, and our
first Place of abode was the Castle at Hennersdorf
till the Year 1751 in March we moved to dear H. Hill,
into that blessed House where I might fall prostrate
and adore, whenever I enter into it and call to mind
what unspeakable blessings were ~~granted~~ given for me,
that I might enjoy them in that House. The繁重
brace of a thousand Cares & Sorrows attending the
Office I was intrusted with among such a large
number of Children, ~~as~~ indeed as if they were wiped
away out of my mind. So much I recollect still,
what a painful and distressing thing it was, to see
so many Children hurt in their constitutions in
consequence of the violent Draught of air prevailing
in that house &c.

What blessed Spirit the H. Ghost had in the hand in
the preceding Years his delight with our dear little
Children, and perfected out of the Mouth of these
Babes powerful Praise to our dear Saviour. or
However this is a thing very well known, & there is
nothing left such an indelible Impression upon that
my heart, as deeply humbling Sensation, which I
had of my Insufficiency, Defects & Mistakes, notwithstanding
my best Intention and good Will.
But what at that time during the ^{songs} Praise of
his Babes, was done, to the Soul of his unworthy
Hand maid I cannot pass over in silence, but will give

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to give a simple Narrative of it. Notwithstanding
all the Grace and Mercy, which hitherto I had ex-
perienced and enjoyed, there remained yet in the bottom
of my heart an insistant longing for attaining to a
nearer Connexion with our Saviour, and I got into
a state of Mourning, which in the beginning I could
not understand; till in the year 1758 the late Disciple
began to keep separate Conferences with some of us,
which our Saviour made a means of promoting
in my eternal Felicity. He spake to us, as it appear-
ed to me, with extraordinary clearness concerning
the New Birth of the heart, the purifying of our
Souls, the Necessity of becoming one Spirit with the
Lord, the Sanctification, without which none shall
see his Face. During his speaking upon these
Subjects a light began to shine in me, whereby
I discovered clearly what was still wanting in me,
and what the Holy Ghost had already broken about to
my heart for a considerable time. Now a new
Work of God commenced in my heart, I got clearly
to see the State which my Soul was in, the fall of Man
was appropriated to me in such a manner, as if
I myself personally had committed the Crime. I
got to feel it most sensibly, how both Soul & Body
were mortally wounded, and that there was no
soundness in the whole Man. All former Ex-
periences of our Saviour were as if taken away
from me, and I beheld myself like one on the
brink of Destruction, full of dread and horror.
This was the condition I was in, till once during
a Night Watch, which in those days I kept several
times, the Holy Ghost presented to my mind the
Marrowful Creator, bemoaning his fallen creature
Man, grieving on account of his spiritual death
and then at once fixing upon that noble Deter-
mination to become Man. Then it was to me
as if all the Angels in Heaven were proclaiming
Peace to me. That was an important hour when
for the first time again I got confidence to call upon
Jesus and to weep for him. It was as if every

It was as if every Drop of Blood within me was crying after my Redeemer, my Advocate, to justify me before the Throne of God, and to declare me as his reconciled Child. These were indeed unsufferable groanings which the Holy Spirit himself made within me. But I discovered to no Body, even not to my most intimate Friends about me, what was carrying on within me, except to the late Disciple, to whom I thought it my Duty to disclose my heart. Meanwhile I was able to transact my business uninterrupted, and under this Godly Sorrow I felt in the inmost recesses of my heart a happiness already. Once being quite at a loss, not knowing what to do, having even no Strength to weep or to pray, I retired to a lonely place, prostrated myself to the ground, and cried aloud like a little Child after its Mother; when at once a Sabatian Rest entered into my Soul. It was to me as if I was ^{soothed to quiet} dipped & sunk in Jesus Blood, and all my sorrows were hushed. Then the bright day-spring arose in my heart, like the sun in his brightness breaking thro' the clouds. There was Peace, Peace, unutterable Peace! I felt just like a new born Child, which by its Parents after hard Labour is tenderly embraced, kissed, suckled, fed, and lulled to sleep. O ye heavenly Moments! No human Comparison can ever come up to you! It was indeed to me as if every drop of blood in my veins, and all the Tears which were trickling down plentifully from my Cheeks were calling out, I am atoned for! I am reconciled! All that time I studiously shun'd all Company, lest any Body should discover that something extraordinary happened to me; for I appeared to myself in all respects like a new creature and from a Deep Sense of my Unworthiness and low estate wanted to hide myself like a Worm on the ground.

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This was of a truth entering into the Kingdom
of Heaven, to the enjoyment of the eternal Grace
of the Lord Jesus Christ, and of the most tender Affection
of my dear Father in Heaven; and admission into
the most intimate Fellowship of the Holy Ghost,
an access to the Will of Father springing up
into everlasting Life, to the Vine whose Sap
penetrates the whole Man of God, both as to Soul
and to the body. This I gradually got used to
this new way of being happy, and the dear H. Ghost
was early & late employ'd with me in admonishing,
warning, comforting, and especially in imprinting
it deeply upon my heart, that all my Happiness
and Felicity, is a very dear Purchase, even the
Purchase of the Blood of Jesus Christ; in teaching
me how to preserve this treasure in earthly vials
in sinful Vessels. Yea all the Divine Truths
were laid before me so fresh & lively, as taken
out of the first hand, and set in such a clear
light, that I am not able to express it sufficiently,
especially our Father in Heaven, my & my dearest
Jesus Abba, was felt & worshipped by this Reborn
child with tender Affection beyond all ex-
pression. My dear Saviour revealed himself to
my soul by degrees, and previous to each new
manifestation, there was always a new contrition
of the heart, a new sensation of Depravity, and a
weeping after his soul. For his part, he was
from year to year more gracious, more tender,
and more condescending, and for my part,
I became poorer & poorer and more beggar
like. To proceed farther in my Narrative,
I think it neither needful nor profitable
His Passions, ah! his Passion! his bleeding
and his dying, and that I poor little Norton
am redeemed & saved from sin and death

by that precious innocent Blood, is so great
to one, that it transcends every thing in time
and in Eternity.

So much this dear Handmaid of Jesus
has left us in her own hand writing, of what
the Lord had done to her Soul. How much might
she still have said concerning those many evidences
of Grace, by which her Labour has been so remark-
ably distinguished, to the Blessing of so many
hundred Souls, and concerning those precious
Gifts where with she was adorned by her God &
Creator. But she was one that walked humb-
ly with her Lord, did not please herself, and
wanted no Praise & Honour from Men; but
found her greatest happiness in the Lowliness
of the heart, and in the true Poverty of the Spirit,
looking upon every thing as unmerited Grace.
Therefore He who bestowed every good gift on
her shall receive Praise and Thanks & Praise
from us, for her beautiful Course of Grace, and
for all which he thro' her service has imparted
to us. Her noble Character, and the Grace and
Unction that rested upon her, as also the hap-
piness of her heart, which lived wholly in our
Saviour, is sufficiently known, not only by her
delightful Hymns, but also her whole Discourse,
her Words & Difying Walk & Conversation.

After she had laboured for 16 years in the Girls
Choir with unrearied motherly Care & faithfulness
as their Helper, she moved October 6th 1766 into
the Choir House, to supply the Place of our dear
late Caretas then going to Ziehl, as Helper of the
Single Sisters Choir here. In the Years 1764 & 1769
she was present at the Brethrens Synods at Marion-
burg, & on her road visited the Sister Chours at Ebels-
dorf & Neudietendorf much to her satisfaction. In the

In the preceding Years she likewise paid some
Solemn Visits to the Choir Schools of the Single Sisters
at Nüfels & Gradenfrey, excepting those Excuse
for one, her dear Choir in Olten had her in their

most ¹⁶ Years uninterruptedly, & enjoyed

her faithful Motherly Care in a manner, as is

beyond all Description, and as it never can be
forgotten by us. At the same time the Propriety of

the whole Brothers Unity, of the Congregation here, &
especially of all the Single Sisters Choirs lay far near

in her heart, that in her Prayre she not only frequent
was recommending them to our Lord, but also ex-

ceedingly studious what might be conducive to the

existing of his Counsel of Grace in the Congregation
and Conference also she communicated her Ideas and

Sentiments according to that Insight, which our

Saviour had given her into his Cause. She frequently

had a very troublesome Cough, occasioned by

catching cold, which continued increasing from year

to year, and on account of which her strength was

impairing. However she discharged her Office always

with uncommon Cleaness, thinking little on her

bodily Weakness; at the same time she tender longing

of her heart to be soon with that Friend, with whom

she was so intimately connected, was increasing

more & more, on account of which our Saviour

himself had to pacify her Soul, and to grant her

Patience. Upon this Head she frequently expressed

herself in a moving manner both in writing &

by word of mouth. In a letter, which she has writ-

ten already three years ago to her own Sisters,

she says among other things, "I perceive that I

soon shall depart to my dear Saviour; for not

only bodily strength is wasting fast, but I feel

also an extraordinary longing desire in my Soul,

to be at home ^{with} the Lord, and this is accompanied with

such lively & joyful hope. Amen. I shall have the

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always could profit and be improved. She happened to light on the Subject of going home and of the Church made perfect; She was quite in her Element, and cheerfully recollecteth those dear hearts that were gone thither before her, especially the late dear Disciple and Mr. Caritas Ebbing.
At the beginning of this Year she gave plainly to understand that she was pretty弱, that it would be the last of her Life. Her Weakness was perceptibly increasing & she declined using any means as those which she hitherto had used, proved to be without effect. But during this sickness the faithful Physician of her Soul was in a quite peculiar Manner occupied with her heart, concerning which she expressed herself to an intimate Friend of hers, "To the following purport, I am at present in a very important season; our Saviour is schooling me, and wants to discover still to me the last Dust, that in me is not well pleasing to him. I have been minutely considering my whole course of life and found, that our Saviour indeed has bestowed upon me abundance of Grace & Mercy, but that I by far have not made such use of it, as I might have done; I am ashamed at my Indolence & Negligence in discharging that precious trust committed to me by our Saviour, out of mere Grace; and especially also on this account, that I have not always received his Love, quite blowly melted & worm like. In the light of his wounds he has discovered to me still many a selfishness, which his Blood must cleanse me from; therefore I am craving from the bottom of my heart, to receive once more a thorough Absolution from our Saviour". When the illness was beginning and she was no more able to go out, she wished that in this view the Pedilavium.

Pilaviam might be administered to her in her room; which accordingly was done the night before Maunday-Thursday after she once more had a tender & sinerlike hearts Conversation accompanied with many Tears, and during a Confession of our Saviours most intimate Nearness, concerning which she afterwards declared, that our Saviour upon this occasion expressed once more his seal upon her as his happy & redeemed Sinner. May the 1st. She enjoyed the body & blood of our Lord once more in fellowship with her Choir. May the 22^d. She celebrated her birth day very weak indeed, however cheerful like a child, and was particularly happy on account of the fine Watch Word on that day. They shall not hunger, nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them; for he that hath Mercy on them, shall lead them, even by the Springs of Water shall he guide them Job. 10.

Where the Seraphs shine most brightly,
Singing in eternal light,
Holy, Holy, Holy! God,
Father, Son, & Spirit good!

And when at night it was charmingly sung by the Sisters in the Passage before her room, and accompanied with delightful Music, she slept out and let her Voice be heard for the last time, and in her Choir, with singing some Verses, which as her Farewell Blessing the Sisters joined in with Devotion. June the 19th. when she called to mind the happy Departure of the late Countess Fingendorf she stirred herself up out of her greatest Weakness, and kept the usual Conference with the Overseers of the Rooms; upon which occasion she had a very comprehensive and sinerlike Conversation with that Company, & charged the young Sisters to render thanks to our Saviour, and to be always joyful

joyful in fellowship with her for her important
lot. Her farewell words then were, "We abide
unseparated I go to our Saviour to see him
bodily; and ye, my dear Sisters, continue ~~in~~^{the} ~~not~~^{not}
fearing to leave quite close to him, till one after
another shall follow me". When in the succeeding
Weeks the dear Brothers & Sisters of the U. S. Coniur
and so many other dear acquaintances from other
Congregations arrived here, and upon this occasion
came to see our dear Louisa, she rejoiced heartily
to see them once more and expressed her love very
fervently. She took still special share in the
Synod of the Brothers Unity, and surely Diligent
ely blessed this Assembly in her heart. tho' her
cough and her great weakness seemed to prove
more & more troublesome to her yet she made
no complaints on that account, but was al-
ways thankful, that our Saviour made
everything bearable to her, and how time pass-
away swiftly.

Some times she broke out in these words,
"Ah! the delightful living hope of eternal life,
which renders one superior to all difficulties
and to every fear, which upon this occasion so
readily shews itself in human nature."

She looked upon this likewise as a special
Blessing, that she was not confined to her bed.

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ed, on account of which she clapped her hands
for joy. In the following days the swelling in
her Legs increased more & more, and contrary
to her custom hitherto she had sleepless nights
during which she prayed a great deal to our
Saviour. As soon as she entered upon the

Last Week of the Month of Aug: viz, the 25th
on a Sunday, she rejoiced uncommonly & wanted
every body to rejoice with her, being confident
that it was the last Week of her Life. Since that
day she had scarce any rest, till on the 27th when
at Noon a great Change was observed in her.
From that time she lay very quiet like in a
Slumber, and only now & then uttered a few Words,
But her amiable Looks continually testified to
those that were standing round about her, how
tenderly she loved; tho' at the same time it was
painful to behold her Sufferings. In the Evening
half an hour after 9 o'Clock that day
she so fervently wished for Moment came, when
her happy Soul, reconciled by the Blood of Jesus
and pervaded by his Love, was carried home into
his Arms to rest forever at his Wounds. Thus
with the Blessing of the Congregation, and of her
Choir she entered happily into the joy of her
Lord, during a fuling, tho' painful on account
of her Departure, yet thro' the Grace of our Lord
only blessed & happy, when at the same time we
received the comfortable Assurance, that her Blessing
will rest upon us, and that our dear Lord will
cause her faithful Labour to be productive of
fruit, to his own Glory. May he grant us the
grace to follow her beautiful Example, till
we be also completed.

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