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An abstract of a letter containing some remarkable passages and dying speech, of Mrs. Tribbick, Sister who departed this life in Octbr. 1707.

After the Lord was pleased to visit her with a lingering distemper, he conferred also some signal graces upon her, which appeared the more conspicuously upon the nearer she drew to her end. It was, about a day and a half before she departed this life, when she expressed to our no small satisfaction a greatness of the joy, that was upon her mind, it appearing very sensibly, that the Lord bestowed upon her a foretaste of the bliss and glory of the other world. Three days before she dyed some piously disposed women came to see her, to whom she gave an account, with a great many tears in her eyes, that the Lord had appeared unto her the night before, holding a cup in his hand, with very bitter water in it, and said to her: Be not afraid to drink it will do you no harm. Upon which she took a good draught of it. and from that very minute, she said this, which was very remarkable, she was attacked by most violent and almost insupportable pains in soul and body; Being under this terrible conflict she desired in the middle of the night that a certain pious minister might be sent for, which was done immediately. After some discourse and prayer the said minister read unto her, the two last chapters

of the Revelation, with a shew, but very moving, para-
phrase upon it. However her weakness was then so
great, that she could say but little. The minister
going to take his leave, addressed himself at last parti-
cularly to her, and endeavored to rouse her sinking
spirit by some powerful application of the word
of G.D. It is wonderful that during this exhor-
tation all her pains were in a sudden gone,
and she had the vigor and natural warmth
of her body, with the very beating of her pulse,
restored her to that degree, that she was able to sing
in company with those that attended her some spiri-
tual hymns, which she herself chose, as most fit for
her circumstances, which she could not do before in
all the time of her sickness. Thus she enjoyed a great
deal of calmness and quietness about an hour,
and did live like one in a very penitence and thoughtful
frame of mind, though without any sleep. All on
a sudden starting up she sprang to the stand by.
O praise the Lord with me, that this poor soul is
come off a conqueror. O Joy: O Glory: O wonder-
ful Cry: I am now no more with you upon earth,
I have been with my Saviour, I shall now no more
return unto you, but take up my eternal dwelling
place where my Saviour is. O Dear Souls continued
she, if you did know what a weight of glory follows
those innumerable trials, we meet with here, you
would be apt to break out, more of the Praise of Lord

more of the cross. Likewise, he was heard to say: I am exceedingly joyful, my spirit in truth is gone to the Lord, though you see my poor body lying as yet before your eyes. I stand now in the kingdom of glory. O day. O bliss. O overflowing goodness, I shall see the glory of God. This sense of joy that was upon her, caused tears plentifully to trickle down her cheeks, she gave also several expressive signs of that inward satisfaction she enjoyed, nay her very body was affected therewith even to a great degree. I put her husband in mind of that passage of 1. John. 1. Ep. iii. 2. Now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, she replied: ay but it hath appeared unto me, it is revealed unto us. I am able and should be willing too to enlarge upon this matter, but the purity and the glory of the Lord restrain me at present. We feed upon the heavenly manna, the bread of angels, how ready should we be to send you some of it, but you are not qualified yet to receive it, it is only given to such, as are thoroughly tried and refined under the cross laid upon them. She continued thus to talk for some hours, and then her wonted pains returned again, all these sensations were now expired, and now her prayer was only for having her inward man strengthened. However her pain was tolerable for this day. When upon this occasion I put her in mind of the former day she answered, that it is all gone, but expect its return in a little while, and it fell out accordingly. For about ten o'clock

at night the Lord returned to her with his former consolation. Now her joy was exceedingly revived in her, and the very body had such a share in it, that she was lead to say several times. Thanks be to God my sickness is quite gone of, I am fully recovered. However she ordered those that were about her to sing several hymns proper for a dying person. And in this manner two hours were spent. about midnight when her joy was wonderfully encreased, and not the least pain left upon her, she burst out into these her last words: Lord now hast thou removed from me trials, crosses and afflictions, and while I was surrounded with so many temptations in this deplorable time thou hast been pleased graciously to work upon me and powerfully to support me. After which she quietly expired, resigning up her soul into the hand of the Lord, and shutting both her mouth and her eyes herself.

Her very funeral was attended with a great blessing, some thousands of people and some of the Court too being powerfully wrought upon, when after the funeral sermons those unknown passages about her death were read, some of them readily confessed, that the rousing words dropping from her mouth, and expressing so profound a sense of the other world had made deeper impressions upon them, than perhaps a hundred sermons were ever able to do. For this infinite goodness, the Lord hath been pleased to bestow upon the deceased and for all the blessings attending it his name be blessed and magnified now and for ever.