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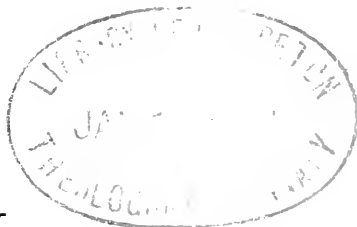
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A

SKETCH OF THE HISTORY

OF

BRIERY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

THE first Presbyterian Minister who ever preached in the counties of Charlotte and Prince Edward, was, probably, the Rev. William Robinson, of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, in the year 1743.

In 1755, the Presbytery of Hanover was organized, with *six* ministers, viz: Messrs Samuel Davies, John Todd, Alexander Craghead, Robert Henry, John Wright, and John Brown. There was then no Presbytery South or West of Virginia.

Between 1755 and 1760, most probably, the church of Briery was organized by the Rev. Robert Henry. The number and names of the first members are not known. The first ruling Elders were Joseph Morton, and George and Sherwood, Walton.

The congregation was irregularly supplied with monthly preaching, by Messrs Henry, Patillo, David Rice, Leak and others until 1775. In the absence of a preacher, it was the custom, for a number of years, to have a sermon read, accompanied with the usual exercises of public worship, by Mr Morton, or Mr George Walton.

In 1766, a plan was adopted for establishing a permanent fund for the support of the gospel. About three hundred pounds was obtained by subscription and appropriated to the purchase of servants.

In the appropriation of their funds many will think they erred; but it was the error of the age in which they lived, and their names and motives should be respected by their descendants. Their names are as follows:

	£	s.	d.
George Walton, - - - -	50	00	00
Joseph Morton, - - - -	25	00	00
John Pettus, - - - -	15	00	00
Henry Watkins, - - - -	12	00	00
James Venable, Hezekiah Jackson, Josiah Morton, Matthias Flournoy, Sherwood Walton, Clement Read and William Watkins, each £10,	70	00	00
James Wimbish, - - - -	7	10	00
Christopher Billups, Henry Isbell, Benja- min Wimbish, Robert Walton, Thomas Flournoy, Samuel Cobbs, Baker De Graffanreid and Samuel Taylor, each, 5 pounds,	40	00	00
Joshua Blanton, - - - -	4	00	00
Bryan Ferguson, William Booker, Thom- as Read, John Sullivan, £3 each,	12	00	00
Obadiah Claybrook, Isaac Read, Thomas Bedford, Samuel Comer, Philip Brew- er, John Crenshaw, Adam Calhoon, John Williams, John Foster, £2, 10s. each,	22	10	00
William Jameson, - - - -	2	05	00
Sion Spencer, William Purnal, William Dabbs, Henry Cox, Warsham Easley, Al- exander Kean, William Russell, Thos. Carter, James Speed, James Cole, Jo- seph Friend, £2 each,	22	00	00
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<i>Carried up,</i>			£282 05 00

	£	s.	d.
<i>Brought up,</i>	282	05	00
William Baily, Robert Williams, Thomas Murrell, £1 10s. each,	}	4	10 00
John Popham, James Foster, Thomas Blackstock, Samuel White, William Barksdale, John Mullin, Nathaniel Williams, A. Cunison, William Rivers, Robert Breedlove, John Morton, Thos. Green, William Nowlet, James Zackary, Elizabeth Rowlet, Richard Rivers, William Martin, Benjamin Watkins, £1 each,		18	00 00
John Lunderman, Little Joe Morton, Matthew J. Williams, each 15s.	}	2	05 00
Sherwood Pierson and Richard Hill, each 10s.		1	00 00
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	£308	00	00

The first Trustees of the church were Joseph Morton, George Walton and Henry Watkins.

The first installed Pastor of Briery, was the Rev. Samuel S. Smith, D.D. His installation took place at Prince Edward C. H. Nov. 9th, 1775. He had been ordained on the 27th Oct. previous, at Rockfish, Amherst Co. Mr Smith resided at the Seminary, since Hampden Sydney, of which he was the first President, and preached at Briery, *half-monthly*, for 4 years. In 1779, he accepted the professorship of Moral Philosophy, in Princeton College, and on the 28th Oct. of that year, his pastoral connexion was dissolved.

Mr John B. Smith, who had been ordained at Hampden Sydney, the day before, Oct. 27th 1779, immediately succeeded his brother, and preached at Briery, *half-monthly* for 12 years. In 1786—1788 the congregation enjoyed, what may be denominated, **THE FIRST REVIVAL OF RELIGION IN BRIERY.**

This interesting work of grace commenced in Cumberland, and soon after in Briery, and was extended to most of the Presbyterian churches in Virginia. The number added, as the fruits of this revival, was about 60, almost all of whom evinced the reality of their conversion by a life of consistent and growing piety.

In 1791, Mr Smith accepted a call to the third Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, and, on the 29th October, his pastoral union with the Briery church was dissolved.

In 1792 and '93 the church was partially supplied by the Rev. Drury Lacy, pastor of Cumberland.

In 1793, Mr Archibald Alexander preached, in connexion with Mr Lacy, and in 1794, June 7th was ordained at Briery Church. The Ordination Sermon by Mr Lacy. The charge by Mr McRoberts.

In the same year, Mr Mathew Lyle began to preach stately at Briery and Buffalo. His ordination followed, at Buffalo, Feb. 13th 1795. The sermon by Mr Alexander. The charge by Mr Lacy.

Mr Alexander, and Mr Lyle continued collegiate pastors of Briery. Mr Alexander preaching monthly, and Mr Lyle half-monthly, for 12 years.

In 1806, Mr Alexander was called, as Mr Smith had been before, to the third Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia. He accepted the call and, on the 13th November, was released from his obligations to Briery.

In 1807, the Rev. William S. Reid succeeded Mr Alexander, as a supply for 6 months.

In 1808, Mr Reid was succeeded by the Rev. Moses Hoge, who preached in connexion with Mr Lyle, until 1820, when he resigned. He died about six months afterwards whilst on a visit at Philadelphia.

From the resignation of Dr. Hoge to the year 1827, Mr Lyle was the sole pastor.

In 1822 and 1823 the church enjoyed **THE SECOND REVIVAL OF RELIGION.**

It commenced, visibly, at Charlotte Courthouse, during the Sessions of the Hanover Presbytery at that place, and extended to this and other surrounding neighborhoods. The number added to the church, in those two years, was 33, all of whom, thus far, it is believed, "have proved their faith sincere."

In March 1827, after an illness of some months, Mr Lyle was removed, by death, from a stewardship which he had held for *thirty-three* years. He was a man of strong feelings, great energy of character, a sound theologian, an interesting preacher, and so conscientiously observant of his engagements as scarcely ever to have disappointed a congregation. He was remarkably attached to the "doctrines of *grace*." "He sowed *good* seed in his field," as was proved by the character of the accessions to the church, during his life-time, and, very soon after his decease, this seed "sprang up and brought forth *plentifully*."

Occasional supplies filled up the year 1827.

In January 1828, Mr James W. Douglas began to preach, as a stated supply, engaged for six months. In this year the church was blessed with THE THIRD REVIVAL OF RELIGION.

The first case of decided awakening was on the 13th of January. Conversion followed, as it is hoped, in the same week. Instances of hopeful conversion multiplied, and the hand of God became more visible. Nor was it soon withdrawn. The spirit blew *gently*, and continued *gently* and *steadily* to blow through his garden, until now, at the close of the year, 128 persons have been added to the church on examination, and 4 on certificate. Of these 52 received adult baptism and 56 were heads of families.

The church now, Dec. 31st, 1828, numbers in her communion 198 members.

A list of the OFFICERS and PRIVATE Members of Briery Church.

I. MINISTERS.

NO.	MINISTER'S NAMES.	SETTLED.	SABBATHS PER MONTH.	REMOVED BY DEATH OR DISMISSION.	OVER THIS CHURCH.
1	Rev. Robert Henry.	about 1760.	1	about 1766.	* 6 years
2	Samuel Stanhope Smith, D.D.	November 9, 1775.	2	October 28, 1799.	d* 4
3	John Blair Smith, D.D.	October, 1779.	2	October 29, 1791.	d* 12
4	Drury Lacy,	1792 and '93.	1		d* 2
5	Archibald Alexander, D.D.	June 7, 1794.	1	November 13, 1806.	d 12
6	Mathew Lyle,	February 13, 1795.	2	March, 1827.	* 33
7	William Shields Reid.	1806.	1	1806.	d 6 mths.
8	Moses Hoge, D.D.	1808.	1	1820.	d* 12 years
9	James Walter Douglas,	January 1, 1828.	all	December 28th, 1828.	d 1

* , denotes *died*, d, *dismissed*.



Officers.

II. RULING ELDERS.

NO	NAMES.	ORDAINED.	DEATH OR REMOVAL.		SERVED YEARS.
1	Joseph Morton,	About 1760.	1782.	*	22
2	George Walton,	do. do.	About 1774.	r	14
3	Sherwood Walton,	do. do.	do.	r	14
4	James Venable,		say 1796.	r	
5	Bryan Ferguson,		" 1782.	r	
6	Josiah Morton,		" 1778.	d	
7	Charles Allen,		" 1796.	r	
8	Joseph Trueman,		May, 1803.	*	
9	William Purnall,		December, 1808.	*	

10	Obadiah Claybrook,	August, 1803.	*
11	William Womach,	February, 1819.	*
12	James A. Allen,	November, 1808.	*
13	Thomas Coles Spencer,	March 31, 1804.	
14	Samuel F. Spencer,	March 28, 1807.	
15	William Scott,	do. do.	
16	Adam Calhoon,	Sept. 25, 1819.	
17	Henry N. Watkins,	March 29, 1828.	
18	James W. Womach,	do. do.	

* , denotes *died*, —r, *removed*.

Officers.

III. TRUSTEES.

NO	NAMES.	ELECTED.	DEATH OR RESIGNATION.		SERVED YEARS.
1	Joseph Morton,	7166.	1782.	*	
2	George Walton,	do.		*	
3	Henry Watkins,	do.		*	
4	James Venable,			*	
5	Bryan Ferguson,			*	
6	William Booker,			*	
7	Jacob Morton,			*	
8	Charles Allen,			*	
9	Obadiah Claybrook,			*	

10	Thomas Spencer,		1806.
11	Samuel F. Spencer,		1819.
12	Thomas C. Spencer,	1806.	
13	James W. Womach,	1813.	
14	Henry N. Watkins,	1819.	

IV. MEMBERS.

N. B.—R. E. denotes Ruling Elder.—Tr. Trustee.—W. Wife.—H. Husband—Wid. Widow.—S. and G. S. Son and Grandson.—D. and G. D. Daughter and Grand Daughter.—B. Brother.—Sis. Sister.—C. Cousin.—d. or *, Died.—w. Withdrew.—r. Removed. The names of those who were received from other Churches, are, so far as known, printed in *Italics*.

NO	NAMES.	REMARKS.	RECEIVED.	REMOVED BY DEATH OR DISMISSION.	AGE.	'HO SIHL NI
1	Joseph Morton,	R. E.—Tr.		d June 28, 1782.	* 72	22
2	Agnes W. Morton,			d March 10, 1802.	* 91	42
3	George Walton,	R. E.—Tr.		w 1774, d 1780.	*	
4	Martha Walton,		Received	w " d	*	
5	Sherwood Walton,	R. E.		w " d 1770.	*	
6	Ann Walton,			w " d	*	
7	James Wimbish,			d	*	

8 Mrs. Wimbish,	See No. 9.	d	*
9 Wm. Craghead,	2nd H. of Mrs. W. 8	d	*
10 Ben. Wimbish,		d	*
11 Eliz. Wimbish,	See No. 63.	r to Cub. 1815.	*
12 John Pettus,		d	*
13 Mrs. Pettus,		d	*
14 Temperance Watkins	W. of Henry.	d May 7, 1798.	* 52
15 William Watkins,		d	*
16 Stephen Morton,	B. of Joseph. 1.	d May, 1793.	* 83
17 Samuel Morton,	Same. See 60.	d 1764.	* 53
18 John Morton,	Same.	d 1804.	*
19 Eliz. Morton,	W. of John.	d 1818.	*
20 Will. Dabbs,		d	*

by

21	Cath. Dabbs,		d	1813.	*
22	Jane Morton,	{ D. of 1—W. of Carter —W. of D. B. 63.	d	Nov. 29, 1820.	* 75
23	Agnes Watkins,		d	1814.	*
24	Judith Venable,	Same. W. of Col. Joel.	r	to Kentucky, d 1826.*	*
25	James Venable,	Same. W. of James.	r	to Kentucky, d 1824.*	*
26	Will. Morton,	R. E. Tr.	r	to Cub. d Nov. 1821.*	*
27	Josiah Morton,	S. of Jos. I. R. E. Cub.	d	Nov. 28, 1785.	* 47
28	Eliz. Morton,	Same. R. E.	d	1778,	*
29	Little Joe Morton,	w of Josiah,	r	to Cub. d,	*
30	Thomas Vernon,	s of Jos. I, R. E. Cub.	d		*
31	Mary Booker,	w of William,	d		*
32	Math. Jackson,		d		*

Mr.

33	Eliz. Jackson,	w of M.	d	*
34	Thomas Clark,	Of Sandy River,	d	*
35	Mrs. Clark,		d	*
36	Joel Tanner,	Of Amelia,	d	*
37	Mrs. Tanner,		d	*
38	Eliz. Breedlove,	d of W. W. 15, w of John,	r to Geo. 1803,	*
39	Mary Breedlove,	same, w of Ben.	d	*
40	Chris. Billups, Col.		d 1788,	* 85
41	Ruth Billups,	w of C. See 66,	r to N.C. 1803, d 1819,	* 88
42	Eliz. Rowlet,	wid.	d	*
43	Hezekiah Jackson,		d	*
44	Eliz. Jackson,	w of H, w of Mitchell,	r to Ken. d,	*
45	Matthews Flournoy,		w d,	*

Henry.

46	Eliz. Flournoy,	w of M.		d	*
47	Thomas Morton,	e of J. M. 1,		d	*
48	Cecilia Morton,	w of Th.		d	*
49	Lucy Blanton,	w of Joshua,		d	*
50	William Cowan, Ned, Will, Yarma, and others, servants,	Of Lunenburg,	1767	d Dec. 16, 1806,	* 55
51	Eliz. Morton,	d of Jos. 1, w of Daniel,	1770	r to Cub. d 1828,	* 74
52	Philip King,	From Louisa,		d	*
53	Ann King,	w of Ph.		d	*
54	Frances Watkins,	{ d of T. 14, w of Walton, w of Pope,	Between Henry	r to Ken.	*
55	Mary Read,	w of Col. Clem.		w, d,	*
56	Eliz. Read,	w of Col. Thom.		d	*

57	Charles Allen, Col.	From Hanover,	r to Cumberland, d,	*
58	Mary Allen,	w of Ch.	r to C. d,	*
59	Bryan Ferguson,	R. E. Tr.	r to Ken. d 1784,	*
60	Ann Ferguson,	w of B. wid. of S. M. 17,	same,	
61	Joseph Trueman,	From Henrico, R. E.	d May 24, 1803,	* 69
62	Mrs. Trueman,	w of J.	d	*
63	Dudley Barksdale,	2nd h of E. W. 11,	r to Cub. 1815, d,	*
64	Thos Flournoy, Col.		d	*
65	Ann Flournoy,	w of Th.	d June, 1814,	*
66	Thomas Scott, Col.	2nd h of R. B. 41,		*
67	Jacob Morton, Maj.	s of Joseph, 1, Tr.		
68	Jane D. Morton,	w of J.		
69	Jeremiah Meadows,		d Sep. 28, 1800,	*

and Smith.

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70 Sarah Meadows,	w of J.	d May, 1818,	*
71 Thomas Green,		d	*
72 Joseph Moore,		d	*
73 Sarah Moore,	w of J.	r to Geo.	
74 John Watkins,	sof Wm. 15,	d	*
75 Mary Watkins,	w of J. d of J. M. 72,	d Feb. 21, 1810,	*
76 Adam Calhoon,		d	*
77 Vilet Calhoon,	w of A.	d Jan. 19, 1814,	*
78 William Purnall,	R. E.	d Dec. 10, 1808,	*
79 Ann Purnall,	w of W.	d Sep. 6, 1814,	*
80 Thomas Clark,		r	
81 Martha Watkins,	d of John, 74, w of Ragland	r to Halifax,	
82 Reuben Johnson,		d	*

By the Messrs Smith's

d	*
w	*
W	*
d	*
d	*
d 1804,	*
d	*
d	*
d Nov. 28, 1808,	*
d	*
d	*
r of Pittsylvania,	

before the

83 Mrs. Johnson,	w of R.
84 Richard Dabbs,	b of Will. 20,
85 Eliz. Dabbs,	w of R.
86 Thos. Spencer, Col.	w of Th.
87 Eliz. Spencer,	
88 James Fears,	w of J.
89 Keziah Fears,	
90 Sarah Read,	w of Isaac, w of Cap. Th. Scott,
91 James A. Allen,	R. E. see No. 130,
92 Judith Allen,	w of J.
93 Jane Baily,	w of David,
94 Mary Baily,	d of Jane, w of Robinson,

95	William Womach,	R. E.		d Feb. 17, 1819,	* 83
96	Mary Womach,	w of W.		d June 5, 1816,	* 78
97	Obadiah Claybrook,	From Hanover, R.E. Tr.		d Aug. 2, 1803,	*
98	Sarah Claybrook,	w of O.		d 1813,	*
99	Ann Watson,	w of Samuel,		d July, 1818,	*
100	Mildred Watkins,	w of Benjamin,		d 1826,	*
101	Betsey Ann Watkins	w of Thomas,	revival	d Dec. 1, 1826,	* 66
102	George Dabbs,	s of Richard, 84,		r to Alab. 1824, d 1826*	
103	Sarah Dabbs,	w of G.		same,	*
104	Joseph Morton,	s of Josiah, 27, see 133, 150,		r to Pitts.—d,	*
105	Ann Frazer,	d of John M. 18, see 166,	1780		
106	Scipio,	serv. of J. M. 1,		d	*
107	Susan Watkins,	d of Agnes, 23, w of Dr Hoge		r to College,	

During the revival of

108	Jane Watkins,	same, w of Col. Carrington,
109	Frances Booker,	d of Mary, 31, w of N. Price,
110	Frances Venable.	d of James, 25, w Robinson,
111	Jane Venable,	same,
112	Mary Venable,	same, 2nd w N. Price,
113	Agnes Venable,	same, w Rev. W. Mahan,
114	Eliz. Venable,	same,
115	Ann Venable,	same, w Dr. Lynn,
116	George Lynn, M.D.	
117	Lucy Green,	d Thomas, 71, w Wade,
118	Sarah Watson,	w Joseph,
119	Mary Purnall,	d of Flournoy, 64, w General
120	Thomas King,	s Philip, 52,

r to Char. C. H.			
d Jan. 1793,	*	22	4
r to Ken. 1796---d,	*		8
same, 1796---d,	*		8
r to Buf. 1793,			5
r to Ken. 1796---d,	*		8
same, 1796---d,	*		8
r to Newtown, 1798,			10
same,			10
d Feb. 14, 1816,	*		28
r to Ken.			

121	Eliz. King,	d P. 52, w Baker,				
122	Peter Claybrook,	s of Obad. 97,			d July 25, 1828,	67 40
123	Sarah Claybrook,	d same W. Dabbs,			r to Char. C. H. 1825	37
124	Ann Claybrook,	d same W. Cayce 232,			d Jan. 1822,	51 34
125	Eliz. Claybrook,	d same W. Jackson,			r Cub.	
126	William Calhoon,	s Adam, 76,	1786		Pres. Preacher,	
127	James Calhoon,	same,			d April 29, 1816,	58 28
128	Martha Calhoon,	w James, d Claybrook, 97	1787		d Jan. 4, 1806,	38 18
129	Ann Calhoon,	d Adam, w Glenn,			r Buff.	
130	Marg. Calhoon,	same 2d w Allen 91				
131	Rebecca Calhoon,	same W. Bell,			d July 20, 1822,	66 34
132	Clement Read,	s Sarah 90,			Pres. Preacher,	

133	Mary Morton,	d Thomas 47, w Jos. 104
134	Agnes Morton,	same, W. Spencer 140,
135	Icy Morton,	same,
136	Ann Womach,	d William 95, W. Rain,
137	Tignal Womach,	s 95,
138	John Foster,	
139	Thomas Spencer, Col's	Thomas 86, Tr.
140	Sam. F. Spencer, Maj	same, R. E. Tr.
141	Judith Spencer,	d same, w Pearce,
142	Lucy Spencer,	w Thomas 139,
143	Cath. Spencer,	1st w Gideon 205,
144	Mary Spencer,	w Sion,
145	Mary Dupuy,	d A. W. 23, W. John,

under J. B. Smith.

d	*
d	*
d	*
r Rough Cr.	
r Ken. 1818, d 1827,	*
d	*
d July 1806.	*
r College.	
d	*

146	Paulina Read,	w Rev. N. Legrand,	r Char. C. H. 1828,	40
147	Eliz. Watkins,	w Richard,	r Tenn. 1810,	22
148	John Allen,	s James 19,	w Bap. Pr.	
149	Rebecca Allen,	w John,	w	
150	Ann Morton,	d M.S.169,2dwJ.M.104,	d Nov. 9, 1828, *	5840
151	Ann Allen,	d C.B.40,wJudge Baker,	r N. C. 1796,d.Oct 25 * 1828,	8
152	Ann Jackson,	d Matthew 32,	d *	
153	Francis Spencer,	d Mary 144,	d *	
154	Julia Spencer,	same, w Read,	d 1804, *	16
155	Eli. Venable.	w Joseph,	r Ken. 1810,	22
156	Eliz. Watkins,	d Mildred 100, w Rev. M. Brooks,	r Campbell,	
157	Sarah Dickson,	w John,		

158	Marg. Tatum,	w Thomas 167,			
159	Josiah Legrand,	w Josiah,			
160	Eliz. Legrand,	d M. W. 100, w John,			
161	Sally Clark,	s Reuben 82,			
162	Reuben Johnson,	sis T. C. S. 183, w Winfrey,			
163	Francis A. Spencer,	serv. J. M. 1,			
164	Gloster,	serv. of Briery,			
165	Agnes,	H. Ann 105,	1790	d 1821	* 60 31
166	Hugh Frazer,	H. Marg. 158,	"	d Oct. 26, 1815,	*
167	Thomas Tatum,	R. E.	1791		
168	Wm. Scott,	w Will.	"	Jan. 21, 1826.	69 35
169	Mary Scott,		"	r Ken. 1809.	
170	Ed. Sadler,				

171	<i>Will Burnett,</i>		1793	r Tenn. 1795,	2
172	<i>Sarah Burnett,</i>	w Will.	"	same.	2
173	<i>Sarah Lyle,</i>	w <i>Rev. M. Lyle,</i>	1795		
174	Lazarus Webb,		"	r Cub. 1823,	
175	Sarah Webb,	w Laz.	"	same.	
176	Priscilla Scott,	sis. C. R. 132, w s 190,	"	same, 1808.	
177	Mary Breedlove,	d Eliz. 38, w Childers,	"	r Geo.	
178	Mary Holloway,		"	r	
179	Lucy Mitchell,	d Eliz. 44, w Hamlet,	"	w 1808.	
180	Agnes W. Spencer,	d E.M. 51, 2d W. Spencer 140,	1798		
181	Ann Claybrook,	w Peter 122,	1801		
182	Frances Spencer,	w Th. C,	"	d Aug. 17, 1817,	* 4316

183	Thomas C. Spencer,	s John, R. E. Tr.	1802		
184	Mary Tatum,	d Thomas 167,	"		
185	Josiah Foster,	w Josiah,	1803	d July 1817,	* 14
186	Eliz. Foster,	d Fears 88, w Ed. 170,	"	d	* 6
187	Kezziah Sadler,	w Isaac 191,	Aug. 1804	r Ken. 1809, d	
188	Ann Read,	d James 88, w Hines,	"	w	
189	Sarah Fears,	s Thomas 66,	Ap. 21, 1805	r Cub. 1808, d	* 3
190	Charles Scott, Cap.	b P. S. 176	"	d	* 9
191	Isaac Read,	w Samuel,	Sept. 14	r Ken. 1814, d 1826,	
192	Rachel Booker,	d Hezziah 187,	Ap. 6, 1806	r Ken, 1809,	* 3
193	Sarah Sadler,	From Buf.	Mar. 1804		
194	<i>Sarah Matthews,</i>	d Clay'k. 97 w.	Ap. 1806	r Char. C. H. 1828,	22

196 Susan Spencer,	d Thos. 139 w Col. W. 311,	Sep. 1806	r Buck'm. 1807,	1
197 William Dillan,	w Will.	"	same,	1
198 Mrs Dillan,	s Betsy Ann 101, R.E.Tr.	Sep. 1807	Pres. Pr.	
199 Henry N. Watkins,	From Rockbridge,	"		
200 James C. Wilson,	d John 18, w Foster,	"		
201 Agnes Morton,	s John 18,	Ap. 17, 1808	d April 5; 1809,	* 38 1
202 Stephen Morton,	d Will 26, w John 224,	"		
203 Eliz. W. Morton,	d Saml. 140, w Campbell,	"	w 1811,	3
204 Sophia W. Spencer,	s Thomas 86,	"	d May, 1822,	* 14
205 Gideon Spencer, Col.	w Abner,	"	r Lynch'g. 1811,	3
206 Matilda Nash,	d Womach 95, w Baker, D.	" 1809	d Nov. 1817,	* 39 8
207 Eliz. Davidson,	w Dr W. 213,	"	r Coll. 1813.	4
208 Eliz. Wilson,				

209	Eliz. Walton,	w Thomas, (Bap.)	Mar. 3, 1810	d 1815,	5
210	Mary Meadows,	d James,	June, 17	"	
211	Frances Watkins,	d W. M. 26, w Robert,	Aug.	d Nov. 1822,	57 12
212	Betsy Julia Spencer,	d Saml. 140, w Rev. Mr S.	"	r Mr Silliman, 1819,	9
213	G. Wilson, M. D.		Oct.	r College, 1813	3
214	Ann V. Watkins,	{ d Betsy Ann 101, w Dr Allen,	"	r Buff, 1815,	5
215	Mary W. Fowler,		Ap. 1811		
216	Ann Jackson,	w Nat.	Aug	w 1826,	15
217	Ann Spencer,	2d w Gideon, 205	"		
218	Mildred Watkins,	d W.M.26, w Henry N. 199	"		
219	Ann C. Flournoy,	w John J. 241,	"		
220	Robert Walton,	s Eliz. 209, G.S. George 3,	1814	d 1814,	0

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221	Mary Cayce,	d Ann, 124,	Ap. 1815	r Mar. 1830	
222	Eliz. Williams,	w Matthew 251,	"	r Cub. 1824, d	*
223	T. H. Hundley,	d F.W.211, w B.H.Price,	Aug. 20	r Coll. 1817,	2
224	John Morton,	s Jacob, 67	Aug. 18, 1816	d Mar. 1818,	* 40
225	Martha Bell,	d Allen, 91, w, Bell, 275,	"		
226	Frances Craghead,	d S. M. 194, w Thomson,	"		
227	Phebe Mathews,	same, w Cayce, 246,	"		
228	Rich. Dabbs, jr.	s Geo. 102		1817 r Alab.	
229	Adam Calhoun,	s Adam 76, R. E.	May 1818		
230	Mary Spencer,	d Cath. 143, w Price,	Sep. "	r Coll. 1828,	10
231	Harriet Spencer,	same, w Price,	"	same,	10
232	<i>Pleasant Cayce,</i>	H. Ann 124,	Mar. 1819	r Char. C. H. 1825,	6
233	James Bigger,		"		

234	Paulina C. Lytle,	d Sarah 173, w Dr Lacy,	June "	r Cum'd	
235	Eliz. F. Henderson,	d J. M. 67,	Oct. 2, "		
236	Daniel Hankins,		Aug. 26, 1821		
237	Austin Meadows,	s James,	"		
238	Lucy Legrand,	d Rev. Nash,	July 7, 1822	d Aug. 1822,	lmo
239	Marg. Calhoun,	d James 127, w S. Allen,	"		
240	Mary Morton,	d Quin,	"	r Char. C. H. 1825,	3
241	John J. Flournoy,	s Thomas 64,	"	r Coll. 1828,	6
242	Sarah H. Lytle,	d Sarah 173,			
243	Jane D. Morton,	d John 224,	Nov. 17 "		
244	Agnes Morton,	d Jacob 67, w Spencer 229,	"		
245	Martha E. Spencer,	d Sam. 140, w Richardson,	"		
246	Newton Cayce,	s Pleasant 232,	"		

247	Ann N. Watkins,	w Major Frank,	"	r Alab.	
248	Mary S. Spencer,	w Sion 260, Sis E. W. 222,	20		
249	Lucy Waddell,	d L. G. 117, w Joseph,	Nov. 25	d Dec. 1822,	*
250	Sarah Morton,	g d A. W. 23, w Anderson C.	"	r Char C. H. 1823,	1
251	Matthew Williams,	s Rev. Mr W. Bap. Pr.	"	r Cub. 1824, R. E. there	2
252	Susan W. Edmunds,	d J. M. 67, w John F. 319	"		
253	Jane B. Spencer,	d Saml. 140,	Nov. 25, 1822		
254	Rebecca Dabbs,	d Geo. 102, w Tooms,	"	r Alab. 1824,	2
255	Fayette Morton,	g s Josiah 27,	"	r Coll. Ch.	
256	Tazwell Morton,	same,	"	r same,	
257	Mary A. Morton,	g d,—w Douglas Morton,	"	r Char. C. H. 1825,	3
258	Eliz. Morton,	same, w S. Venable,	"	same,	3
259	James W. Womach,	s Will. 95, R. E. Tr.	Mar. 23, 1823,		

260	Sion Spencer,	s Thom. 139,	“		
261	Arch. A. Lyle,	s Sarah 173,	“		
262	James D. Wood,	w James,	“	r Col. 1826,	3
263	Frances A. Wood,	w James,	“	same,	3
264	William Baily,		“	r Ch. C. H. 1828,	5
265	Mrs W. Baily,		“	same.	5
266	Eliz. Richardson,	d Th. S. 139, w Cap. R,	Aug. 10		
267	Sarah Womach,	w James 259,	“		
268	William Hatchett,		“		
269	Mary Hatchett,	d T. W. 137, w Wm.	“		
270	Elvira Spencer,	d Th. C. 183,	“		
271	Baker Davidson,	s Eliz. 207,	Sept. 26, 1824	r Buck. 1828,	4
272	Martha Booker,	w John,	June 12, 1825		

273	<i>James H. Lacey, M.D.</i>	<i>s Rev. Drury,</i>	Dec. 23, 1825
274	<i>Paulina C. Lacy,</i>	w Dr. L.	"
275	Nathan Bell,	s Reb. 131,	Nov. 1826.
276	Eliz. Daniel,	d same,	"
277	Will. Calhoun,	s James, 127,	"
278	Drury W. Calhoun,	same,	"
279	Pamelia P. Booker,	d M, 272,	"
280	Martha F. Spencer,	d Th. C. 183,	"
281	Mary Ann W. Bell,	d M. B. 272, w Bell, 313,	April 1827.
282	Thornton W. Morton,	s Stephen, 202	Nov. 11, "
283	<i>Daniel Lindly,</i>	s Rev. Mr L. Ohio,	Feb. 10, 1288.
284	Mary C. Allen,	sis. S. W. 267, w James,	"
285	Lucy S. Bell,	w Geo. W. 290,	"

286	Janetta Cayce,	d Pleasant 222,	"
287	Harriet B. Booker,	d M. 272,	"
288	Edocea,	serv. Mrs. Lyle,	"
289	Charlotte,	serv. Th. C. S.	"
290	Geo. W. Bell,	s Reb, 131,	April 6 "
291	Lillius D. Womach,	s Will. 95,	"
292	Sam D. Morton,	s Jacob 67,	"
293	Eliz. W. Morton,	w Sam. g d W. M. 26,	"
294	Wm. H. Venable,	g s W. M. 26,	" r Coll. immediately,
295	John B. S. Spencer,	s Sam. 140,	"
296	Sam F. Spencer,	same,	"
297	Eliz. F. Spencer,	w Sam, g g d J. T. 61,	"
298	John D. Calhoon,	s Adam 229,	"

299	Robert Allison,		April 6, 1828
300	<i>Marg. Merriman</i>	w Tho.	"
301	Sally Scott,	d Will. 168,	"
302	Janetta P. Allen,	g d James 91, w	"
303	Jane P. Spencer,	d Th. C. 183,	"
304	Ann Eliza Spencer,	wid. Th. I.	"
305	Louisa R. Richardson	d Eliz. 266,	"
306	Eliz. M. Booker,	d M. 272,	"
307	Martha Jane Booker	same,	"
308	Janetta Ann Lyle,	d Sarah 173,	"
309	Eliz. S. Bell,	d N. 275,	"
310	Frances,	serv. G. W. Bell,	"
311	Will. B. Watkins,	s Mildred 100,	May 25 "

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312	Eliz. G. Bell,	w David,	"
313	Will C. Bell,	s Reb. 131,	"
314	Jane W. Edmunds,	d M. D. 145, w Nic. 362,	"
315	Eliz. G. Dupuy,	same w James H. 342,	"
316	Will. McCormic,	From Penn.	"
317	Ann McCormic,	w Will.	"
318	Sally S. Bigger,	d J. C. 127, w Will.	"
319	John F. Edmunds,	th Susan 252,	"
320	Harriet S. Spencer,	d Th. 183,	"
321	Ann V. Wills,	d E. B. 121, w James,	"
322	Edocea W. Wilson,	d Eliz. 337,	"
323	Jane S. Watkins,	w Geo.	"
324	Sally C. Womach,	d A. C. 229, w L. D. 291,	"

325	Jacob Morton, Jr.	s John, 224,	May 25, 1828
326	John B. Morton,	same,	"
327	Eliz. W. Morton,	d same,	"
328	Susan W. Morton,	same,	"
329	Ann E. Flourney,	d John J. 241,	"
330	Martha J. Cayce,	d Pleas, 232,	"
331	Ann Eliza D. Bell,	d Eliz. 312,	"
332	Nancy,	serv. W. C. Bell,	"
333	Eley,	— E. W. Morton,	"
334	Maria,	— same,	"
335	Nice,	— same,	July 20, "
336	Caesar,	— Col. Watkins,	"
337	Eliz. Wilson,	wid.	"

338	Jane Calhoun,	w Adam, 229,	"
339	Eliz. Hamlet,	wid.	"
340	Sinai D. Hankins,	w Dan. 236,	"
341	Thomas Waddill,		"
342	Dan. S. McCormick,		"
343	Mary J. McCormick,	w Dan, g d F. W. 211,	"
344	James H. Dupuy,	g s W. P. 78,	"
345	Eliz. N. Foster,	w Mastin,	"
346	Eliz. Foster,	sis. Mastin,	"
347	Tabitha W. Wynn,	d Peter,	"
348	F. E. A. Calhoun,	w Will. 277,	"
349	Eliz. W. Breedlove,	g d Eliz. 38, w Hankins,	"
350	F. W. Throgmorton,		"

351	Edwin Edmunds,	s M. W. 218,	July 20, 1828
352	Ann Eliza Cayce,	d Pleas. 232,	"
353	Ann V. Cayce,	same,	"
354	James L. Dupuy,	s Mary 145,	"
355	Joseph T. Dupuy,	same,	"
356	Mary E. Dupuy,	g d same,	"
357	Maria E. Richardson,	d Eliz. 266,	"
358	Martha L. Daniel,	d Hez'k,	"
359	Lucy Ann Morton,	d John, 224,	"
360	Mathew Lyle,	s Sarah, 173,	"
361	Mary D. Edmunds,	d Jane, 314,	"
162	M. W. B. Watkins,	g d M. 100,	"
363	Betsy Ann Watkins,	d H. N. 199,	"

364	Nicholas Edmunds, b John, 319,	Aug. 23, "
365	Lewis Clark,	"
366	Henry Clark,	"
367	Cath. R. Clark, w Henry,	"
368	Judith Tatum, d Thomas, 167,	"
369	Asa Colley,	"
370	Mary Ann Waddill, w Th. 341.	"
371	Mary J. Foster, sis. Eliz. 346,	"
372	Eliz. S. Dupuy, g d G. W. 3, w W. D.	"
373	Uriah W. Hankins, s Dan. 236,	"
374	Susan W. Richardson d Eliz. 266,	"
375	Sam. D. Booker, s Martha, 272,	"
376	Sarah A. E. Craghead d F. 226, g d W. C. 9,	"

377	Ann P. Meadows,	g d Jer. 69,	Aug. 23, 1828
378	Susan M. Lyle,	d Sarah, 173,	"
379	Eliza W. Daniel,	d Eliz. 276,	"
380	Eliz. Jane Morton,	g d John, 18,	"
381	Hannah,	serv. W. Cardwell,	"
382	Lucy,	same	"
383	Littleberry Watson,	s Ann, 99,	Oct. 12, "
384	Mary Ann Watson,	w L.	"
385	Will. B. Cowan,	s Will. 50,	"
386	Cath. G. Cowan,	w Col.	"
387	John H. Morton,	g s John, 18,	"
388	<i>Ann N. Morton,</i>	w John H.	"
389	Eliz. Foster,	wid. sis. M. M. 210,	"

390	Thomas Hervey,				
391	Ed. F. Booker,	s	Martha, 272,		
392	Marg. Ann Calhoon,	d	Ad. 229,		
393	Jane E. Watkins,	g	d M. D. 145,		
394	Eliz. D. Watson,	g	d Ann, 99,		
395	Molly,	serv.	Col. Watkins,		
396	Jenny,	—	E. W. Morton's,		
397	Eliz Julia,	—	Briery,		
398	Rosetta,	—	Mrs Lyle,		
399	Betsy Holmes,	free	black,		
400	Meeky Scott,				
401	Eliz. Ann Thaxton,	d	Nat.		
402	John B. Dupuy,	s	Eliz. 372,		

403	Watkins Dupuy,	H. same,	Dec. 25, 1828
404	<i>Sarah W. Smith,</i>	d Thomas C. Spencer, 183,	"
405	Matilda C. Wilson,	d same, w James,	"
406	Eliza Ann Royall,	sis. T. W. W. 347, w,	"
407	Mary Williamson,		"
408	Louisianna Watson,	sis. Eliz. 394,	"
409	Eliza T. Dejernet,	c L. W. 408,	"
410	Thomas Flourney,	g s J. M. 67,	"
411	Frances M. Flourney,	w Thomas, 410,	"
412	Milton P. Cayce,	s Pleasant, 232,	"
413	Vilet D. Calhoon,	d Adam 229,	"
414	Lucy W. Spencer,	d Sion, 260	"

FORM OF COVENANT

USED AT THE ADMISSION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNION OF THE CHURCH.

After introducing the subject in such way as he may think best, the minister addresses himself to the candidates standing before him, as follows :

Do you believe in the only living and true God, infinitely excellent and glorious; and that there is a trinity of persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, in this divine essence?

Do you believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

Do you believe that you are sinners, and as such deserve the wrath of God forever?

Do you believe in Jesus Christ as the Savior of sinners, the only Mediator between God and man?

Do you believe in the necessity of the renewing and sanctifying operations of the Holy Spirit; and that you must be holy in order to be happy?

Do you believe in the resurrection of the dead; and in a general judgment? Do you believe these things?

(Here the candidates bow assent.)

And, now, do you take this God the Father, to be your Father, the Son to be your Saviour, and the Holy Spirit to be your sanctifier; and to this glorious Trinity, one God, do you heartily and wholly give yourselves away, and all you have?

Do you receive these scriptures as the rule of your faith and practice?

Do you as far as you know your own heart, unfeignedly repent of all your sins; and, especially your enmi-

ty to God, and your rejection of the Savior so long; and do you now look and trust for salvation to the righteousness of Christ, received by faith in him?

Do you engage to walk with God in the ways of new obedience, and to strive after eminent attainments in christian knowledge, piety and usefulness? And in order to this, do you engage to be diligent in the use of the means of grace, such as reading the scriptures, prayer, self-examination, and attendance on the public worship and ordinance of God's house?

Do you promise subjection in the Lord to the constituted authority of the Church to which you belong, and to walk in brotherly love with its members?

And thus, through the grace of God strengthening you, you engage to act until death?

(Here again the candidates bow assent.)

The minister then says. In consequence of the professions which you have now made, and the engagements into which you have now entered, I do, in the name of the Lord Jesus, receive you to the communion of this church, and give you a right to all its privileges.

This is followed by a suitable exhortation to the new members, and the congregation. The above form should be read by the communicants frequently, and with careful self-examination, particularly before every sacramental occasion.

NATURE OF THE COVENANT ENTERED INTO AT THE BAPTISM OF CHILDREN. *Addressed to Parents.*

Baptism was instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ, to be a seal of the covenant of grace, and the ordinance of admission to a visible standing in his church; and in presenting your children for baptism, you do publicly give them away to God, and to his church, and you bind yourselves to bring them up accordingly. The

water, in this ordinance implies guilt and pollution, and represents to us justification by the blood of Christ, and regeneration and sanctification by his spirit. But remember "No *outward* FORMS can make you clean." The procuring the efficient, and the instrumental cause of sanctification, can be nothing else than the blood, the spirit and the word of Christ: and to him you must ever look for your own salvation, and for the salvation of your children. As soon as your children are capable of receiving instruction, it becomes your duty to have them taught to read God's Holy Word; to instruct them in the principles of the Christian religion, of which there is an excellent summary in the Confession of Faith, and Catechisms of our Church; to pray for them and with them; to set an example of piety and godliness before them; and, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

These duties, and whatever others you may discover from the word of God, to be binding on you, as Christian parents, you do promise and covenant, in the presence of God and his church, that you will endeavor to perform and do.

It is recommended to parents, who have offered children to God in baptism, frequently, and with careful self-examination, to peruse the above explanation of their baptismal engagement.

NOTES.

1. It is a rule of the session of Briery, that Presbyterians from other churches, on removing into our bounds, may commune with us for one year; but, that after the expiration of a year, they must either produce a certificate from the church to which they have belonged, and connect themselves with this church, or give to the pastor or session a reason why they do not.

2. Members removing within the bounds of other churches, ought to procure certificates of dismissal, and connect themselves with the church within the bounds of which they reside. The neglect of this duty deranges the order of Christ's house; is sometimes greatly injurious to the members so acting; and almost always prevents the church, into whose neighborhood they have gone, from enjoying the full benefit of their influence, counsel and support.

3. Members dismissed are always considered under the watch, and subject to the discipline of the church dismissing them, until they are actually received by the church to which they are dismissed. See Confession of Faith, under the head of Discipline, chap. 10, sec. 1.

4. "No certificate of church membership shall be considered valid testimony of the good standing of the bearer, if it be more than one year old, except where there has been no opportunity of presenting it to a church." See Discipline, chap. ii, sec. 2.

5. Children should, ordinarily, be baptized in the congregation to which they belong. When they are not, the parents should carry a certificate of their baptism to their own pastor or session, that the proper record may be made in the church book.

6. Good order requires that candidates for church membership should offer themselves to the session of

their own church, and not to a session at a distance. When, however, for any special reason, they have been admitted to the communion of a church, which is not properly their own, they should immediately carry a certificate of the fact to their own session, and have their names recorded at home.

7. The session meets statedly, in the session house, on the first Sabbath of every month, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Persons wishing to be received into the church, or having other business, should be present at that hour.

8. The Lord's Supper is administered on the second Sabbath in *March, June, September* and *December*. The services commence at half-past 10 o'clock. Sermon on the Saturday preceding at eleven.

9. The Sabbaths immediately succeeding the communion Sabbaths, are appropriated for the administration of Baptism. Parents should present their children on those days, if possible.

10. On communion occasions contributions are made. (1) In *March* for the Commissioners Fund, and for the Missionary Society of Briery Congregation. The first named is established, by an assessment on the congregations, to defray the expenses of commissioners to the General Assembly. The Missionary Society assists in sending the gospel to feeble churches, and destitute places, within the bounds of Hanover Presbytery. Ten dollars are given to the Commissioners Fund, and the rest to the Missionary Society.

(2) In *September*, for the education of pious young men, who have not funds of their own, for the gospel ministry.

At other times according to notice.

11. Public worship throughout the year commences at 11 o'clock, A. M. except in December and January, when the services is half an hour later.

MEMENTOS.

“MY FIRST GREAT BUSINESS UPON EARTH IS THE
SANCTIFICATION OF MY OWN SOUL.”

Henry Martyn.

“WHENEVER WE BECOME UNWATCHFUL, AND SELF-
CONFIDENT, WE ARE NEAR SOME HUMILIATING FALL.”

Dr Scott.

QUESTIONS

FOR SELF-EXAMINATION.

1. Do you sincerely desire to know and to do your duty, and how do you evince your sincerity?

2. Do you endeavor to keep the Sabbath? Do you regularly and seasonably attend on the public worship of the congregation? Do you endeavor to BE STILL; to be attentive; frequently to lift up your heart to God during the service; to sing with the spirit, and the understanding, making melody in your heart?

3. Are you always in your place at the Lord's table? Have all your children been baptized? How are you fulfilling your covenant engagements?

4. Do you daily worship God in your family?

5. Have you a Bible of your own? Do you daily read it? How often have you read it through? Do you assent to every part that it is good?

6. Do you stately pray in private? Why do you pray? For what? What is the general character of your prayers?

7. What good book are you reading? What is your object? Have you thought of the influence of the press upon public morals? Do you support the *religious* press?

8. What are you doing to support and spread the Gospel? What is the state of religion in different parts of the world?

9. Do you speak evil of none? Do you suppress evil reports? Do you promote peace and friendly feelings in your neighborhood? Do you speak the truth? Do you keep your word? Do you pay your debts? Are you strictly honest? Do you relieve the poor? Do you vote at elections, and for good men?

In all companies and places do you give and get all the benefit you can?

10. Do you pray for your brethren in the church? Do you rejoice in their spiritual and temporal welfare? Do you give and accept christian reproof? Do you wish to correct your faults?

11. What station do you hold in the family? How do you discharge the duties of your station?

12. Do you guard against pride, selfishness, covetousness, anger, moroseness, levity, discouragement? Against a contentious, censorious, unforgiving, discontented temper? Against improper companions, books, songs, sights, amusements? Against intemperance, idleness, impurity? Would fasting assist you in mortifying the flesh? How have you profited by afflictions? How do you bear prosperity?

13. What value do you put upon time? What is the great end of life? What is the great end of your's? For what will any fellow creature have reason to bless you in eternity? How would you, a hundred years hence, wish you had spent your present life?

14. Are you doing any thing, of the lawfulness of which you are not satisfied?

15. In conclusion, what evidence have you that you are a christian? Do you love all christians? Do you desire to requite evil with good? When you see others transgressing the divine law, does it give you pain? Are you more afraid of displeasing God than man? Would you rather suffer than sin? Does your sorrow for sin continue even after you hope you have been forgiven? Are you willing to have your sanctification promoted *by any means?*

16. How do you know that you are growing in grace? Do you feel more deeply your need of Christ? Do you confide in him? Have you more of a child-like spirit? Do you live near to God? Do you feel

an increasing interest in the prosperity of his church? Do you find a growing thirst for divine truth? Have you a greater longing after holiness? Do you groan more painfully under the burden of indwelling sin? Is your devotion to God more fixed and entire? Are you conscious of an increasing willingness to sacrifice even the dearest things to his will?

A PRAYER,

For a church member after reading the foregoing Covenant, and Questions.

Most Holy and ever blessed God. With all humility and reverence would I approach thee, through Jesus Christ. Compose and prepare my heart, that I may worship thee with acceptance and profit.

To thee I have devoted "myself a living sacrifice." I have chosen thee for my portion: and I have resolved in the strength of the Lord Jesus, that I would endeavor henceforward, to keep all thy commandments. I thank thee for putting the resolution into my heart.

But alas! when I would search and try my ways, I find that in all things I come short. I am not filled with the *knowledge* of thy will; and often when I have known my duty, I did it not; or I did it not in a right manner, or from a right motive. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness; according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me *thoroughly* from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Lord be gracious unto me. Lift up thy countenance upon me, and give me peace.

Against my will, my sins prevail;
O Saviour! purge away their stain.

And now, for the time to come, I would go and sin *no more*. But my springs are in thee. Lord, teach me thy statutes, and enable me to keep them. Restrain and remove the evils of my heart, and influence me, by the most speedy and effectual means, to a life of holiness. Help me to remember that to glorify thee is the great end of my existence; that to save my soul from sin and hell is my most important business

on earth; that to spend and be spent for Christ, is my highest duty, honor and privilege; and that I have no more time, no more health and strength, no more substance, influence or talents than are *demande*d for this service. Make it one of my daily reflections that I have but one life to live; that my eternal destiny is taking its character from my present every day course of conduct, and that the destiny of many others may depend on mine. May I, therefore be habitually solicitous that every day do its full part towards fitting me, and all, whom I can influence, for a holy heaven. Help me to lay aside every hindrance, whether it be in my business, my habits, my companions, or whatever else, and to labor for eternity with my *whole might*.

And in order to this, do thou daily increase my faith, elevate my affections, and excite my desires after christian knowledge, holiness, and usefulness, until I shall have finished my work in thy vineyard, and am myself prepared unto glory, and presented, faultless in thy presence.

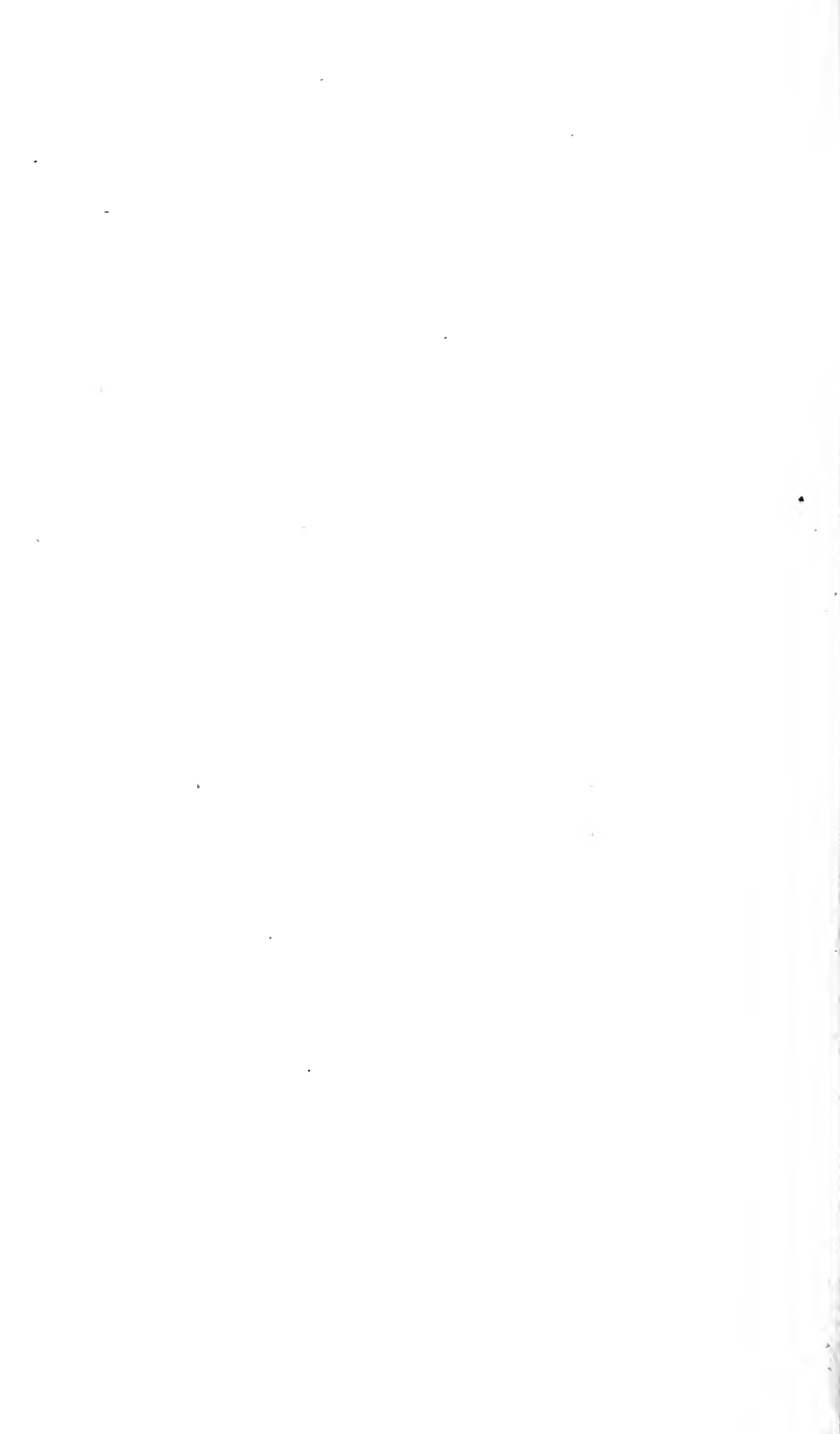
HYMN.

MAY I resolve with all my heart,
With all my pow'rs to serve the Lord;
Nor from his precepts e'er depart,
Whose service is a rich reward.

Oh, be his service all my joy!
Around let my example shine,
'Till others love the best employ,
And join in labors so divine.

Be this the purpose of my soul,
My solemn, my determin'd choice,
To yield to his supreme control,
And in his kind command rejoice.

Oh, may I never faint, nor tire,
Nor wand'ring leave his sacred ways;
Great God, accept my soul's desire,
And give me strength to live thy praise.





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