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ABOUT THIS TIME A YOUNG MAN CAME INTO OUR VICINITY FROM PENNSYLVANIA--ONE SAMUEL PARKER--A MAN OF RARE ABILITIES. NATURE HAD DONE MUCH FOR HIM AND HIS MIND WITH HIGHLY IMPROVED BY EDUCATION; AND, WITHAL, HE WAS A MAN OF DEEP PIETY, AND ONE OF THE SWEETEST SINGERS I EVER HEARD. HE HAD BEEN WELL TRAINED IN ALL THE PECULIARITIES OF METHODISM. HE WAS SOON APPOINTED CLASS LEADER; AND, INDIRECTLY, HAD CHARGE OF ALL THE CLASSES BELONGING TO THE SOCIETY. HE TOOK ME UNDER HIS SPECIAL CARE AND TOOK GREAT PAINS TO PUT MY MIND UNDER PROPER TRAINING. DURING THE FIRST WINTER OF HIS RESIDENCE NEAR NEWCASTLE I SPENT MOST OF MY TIME IN HIS SHOP: HE WAS MY PERCEPTOR, AND I WAS A WILLING STUDENT. THE WINTER SOON PASSED OFF, SPRING CAME ON, AND I WAS COMPELLED TO GO TO WORK TO MAKE AN HONEST LIVING. I WAS ENGAGED IN BUILDING BRICK HOUSES; LABORED HARD THROUGH THE DAY, AND STUDIED IN THE EVENING.

DURING ALL OF THIS TIME MY MIND WAS PAINFULLY EXERCISED ON THE SUBJECT OF PREACHING. MR. PARKER, AND MANY OTHERS, URGED ME CONTINUALLY TO "TAKE UP THE CROSS", SOMETIMES COAXING, AND SOMETIMES TELLING ME THE FEARFUL CONSEQUENCES IF I CONTINUED TO RESIST THE HOLY SPIRIT. BUT I ENDEAVORED TO TURN A DEAF EAR TO ALL THEIR ENTREATIES. SOMETIMES, WHEN PARKER CROWDED ME HARD I WOULD RETALIATE AND ASK HIM: "WHY DO YOU NOT PREACH YOURSELF? I KNOW YOU CAN PREACH, AND I KNOW I CANNOT." TO THAT QUESTION HE NEVER GAVE ME ANY ANSWER, BUT WOULD TURN AWAY AND LEAVE ME. AMIDST ALL OF MY TRIALS I WAS VERY ATTENTIVE TO SECRET PRAYER, READING THE HOLY ~~SEX~~ SCRIPTURES AND GOING TO MEETING. I RARELY MISSED MY CLASS MEETING AND WAS OFTEN GREATLY BLESSED.

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IN 1804 I FIRST WITNESSED THAT STRANGE EXERCISE, THE JERKS, ALTHOUGH I HAD HEARD MUCH ABOUT IT A FEW MONTHS PREVIOUS. IT PREVAILED TO A GREAT EXTENT, ON EVERY PART OF THIS CIRCUIT, BUT WAS MORE COMMON AMONG THE PRESBYTERIANS THAN ANY OTHER PEOPLE. IT WAS, HOWEVER, NO RESPECTOR OF PERSONS. SOME OF ALL DENOMINATIONS AND ALL CLASSES IN SOCIETY, BECAME ITS SUBJECTS. I WILL GIVE A FEW INSTANCES:

A REV. MR. DUKE A PRESBYTERIAN CLERGYMAN OF GOOD STANDING, HAVING CHARGE OF A CONGREGATION IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD ON JONESBORO WAS THE FIRST MAN OF EMINENCE IN THIS REGION, THAT CAME UNDER ITS INFLUENCE. IT ALARMED HIS FAMILY AND CONGREGATION. THE AFFECTION WOULD OFTEN SEIZE HIM IN THE PULPIT WITH SO MUCH SEVERITY THAT A SPECTATOR MIGHT FEAR IT WOULD BREAK HIS NECK AND DISLOCATE HIS JOINTS. HE WOULD LAUGH IMMODERATELY, STAND AND HALLOO AT THE TOP OF HIS VOICE FINALLY LEAP FROM THE PULPIT AND RUN TO THE WOODS, SCREAMING LIKE A CRAZY MAN. WHEN THE EXERCISE WAS OVER, HE WOULD RETURN TO THE CHURCH AS RATIONAL AND AS CALM AS EVER. SOMETIMES, AT HOTELS, IT WOULD VISIT PERSONS AND CAUSE THEM IN THE VERY ACT OF RAISING THE GLASS TO THEIR LIPS, TO JERK AND THROW THE LIQUOR TO THE CEILING-- TO THE MERRIMENT OF SOME AND THE ALARM OF OTHERS. I HAVE OFTEN SEEN LADIES TAKE IT AT THE BREAK-FAST TABLE AS THEY WERE POURING TEA OR COFFEE. THEY WOULD THROW THE WHOLE UP TOWARD THE CEILING, AND SOMETIMES BREAK BOTH CUP AND SAUCER. THEY WOULD THEN LEAVE THE TABLE IN GREAT HASTE, THEIR LONG SUITS OF BRAIDED HAIR HANGING DOWN THEIR BACKS, AT TIMES, CRACKING LIKE A WHIP. FOR A TIME IT WAS THE TOPIC OF CONVERSATION, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE CHURCH. VARIOUS OPINIONS PREVAILED. SOME SAID IT WAS THE WORK OF

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THE DEVIL, AND STROVE AGAINST IT. SOMETIMES, IT ALMOST TOOK THEIR LIVES.

A YOUNG GENTLEMAN, FOR INSTANCE, SOME YEARS BEFORE THE JERKS AND BEFORE HIS CONVERSION, HAD BEEN A DANCING MASTER. HE JOINED THE CONFERENCE AND WAS STATIONED ON THIS CIRCUIT. WHEN HE CAME ON THE JERKS WERE AT THEIR HEIGHT. HE SAID IT WAS THE WORK OF THE DEVIL AND HE WAS DETERMINED TO PREACH IT OUT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH. HE COMMENCED THE WORK WITH GREAT ZEAL AND HIGH EXPECTATIONS; BUT BEFORE HE HAD GONE ONCE ROUND, HE TOOK THE JERKS--OR THEY TOOK HIM. WHENEVER HE BEGAN HE WOULD SAY, "AH YES; O NO." AT EVERY JERK HE BEGAN TO USE HIS HANDS AND ARMS AS IF HE WERE PLAYING THE FIDDLE. ONE MORNING, BEING SEIZED AS HE WAS GOING TO HIS APPOINTMENT HE LET GO HIS BRIDLE, AND THE HORSE RAN OFF TILL HE CAME TO A GATE. THE RIDER DISMOUNTED, LAYING HOLD OF THE YARD PALINGS TO STEADY HIMSELF; BUT, NOT BEING SECURELY FASTENED, THE PALINGS GAVE ~~XXX~~ WAY. THE LADY OF THE HOUSE CAME TO THE DOOR TO SEE WHAT WAS THE MATTER. THIS MORTIFIED HIM, ~~MORE~~. HE ATTEMPTED TO HIDE HIMSELF BY RUNNING INTO THE ORCHARD, HIS LONG GOWN-TAIL FLYING IN THE WIND. THIS ATTRACTED THE ATTENTION OF SOME HOUNDS LYING IN THE YARD AND THEY TOOK AFTER HIM. BEING AFRAID OF DOGS HE TURNED AND WENT INTO THE HOUSE; THEN, RUNNING UPSTAIRS, HE JUMPED INTO BED AND LAY THERE TILL THE FIT WAS OVER. HIS PROUD HEART WOULD NOT SUBMIT; AND THE DISEASE, AS HE CALLED IT, GREW WORSE AND WORSE. HE GAVE UP THE CIRCUIT AND RETIRED; AND HIS SUN WENT DOWN UNDER A CLOUD. POOR MAN. I LOVED HIM. THE ENTHUSIASTIC PART OF COMMUNITY COURTED IT AND OFTEN DECLARED IT TO BE THE "POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION". IT DID THEM NO KIND OF HARM. THEY WERE HAPPY WHEN THEY HAD IT AND HAPPY WHEN IT PASSED OFF.

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THE WISE ONES OF THE DAY, SUCH AS WILLIAM M'KENDREE AND THOMAS WILKINSON, SAID BUT LITTLE ABOUT IT; BUT PREACHED, EXHORTED AND PRAYED AS THOUGH IT WAS NOT IN THE COUNTRY.

I ATTENDED A CAMP MEETING AT CARTER'S STATION, AT WHICH ABOUT TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE ATTENDED. A LONG CONTROVERSY HAD BEEN GOING ON BETWEEN THE PRESBYTERIANS METHODISTS. THE PRESBYTERIANS USED TO SAY SOME BITTER THINGS ABOUT THEIR METHODIST NEIGHBORS, CALLING THEM HYPOCRITES, AND SAYING THEY COULD REFRAIN FROM SHOUTING IF THEY WOULD. THEY WERE THE ARISTOCRACY, AND WE THE POOR PEOPLE. ON MONDAY MORNING I PREACHED. I WAS PRECEDED BY THE VENERABLE VAN PEET WHO, HAVING PREACHED A SHORT AND PITHY SERMON, SAT DOWN WITH THE CONGREGATION BATHED IN TEARS. THERE WAS NO APPEARANCE OF JERKS. I TOOK THE STAND LIKE MOST OF MEN WHO KNOW BUT LITTLE AND FEAR NOTHING, AND UNDERTOOK TO ACCOUNT FOR THE JERKS. THE PREACHERS BEHIND ME LOOKED AS IF THEY WERE ALARMED, THE AUDIENCE SEEMED ASTONISHED AT THE YOUNG MAN. I VIEWED IT AS A JUDGMENT ON THE WICKED COMMUNITY. THIS LED ME TO TAKE A COMPENDIOUS VIEW OF NATIONS, TO SHOW THAT GOD'S PROVIDENCE WAS JUST, AS WELL AS MERCIFUL. THOUGH HE BORE LONG, HIS JUDGMENTS WERE SURE TO COME.

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FOR THE FIRST TIME I SAW REV. DAVID YOUNG. HE WAS TALL AND ELEGANTLY BUILT, WITH LONG YELLOW HAIR HANGING OVER HIS SHOULDERS, A HIGH FOREHEAD, AND COMMANDING COUNTENANCE. ANYONE, WELL SKILLED IN PHRENOLOGY, WOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT SUCH A FINE FORM CONTAINED A NOBLE SOUL. MY BELOVED FRIEND, S. PARKER, OCCUPIED AN ENVIABLE POSITION IN THIS CONFERENCE. THIS WAS, EMPHATICALLY, CALLED THE GREAT WESTERN CONFERENCE. IT EXTENDED FROM THE MUSKINGUM RIVER TO NEW ORLEANS. THESE

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WERE DAYS OF THE RIGHT HAND OF OUR GREAT REDEEMER IN THE  
WESTERN VALLEY.

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I STARTED WITH MY PRESIDING ELDER TO CONFERENCE, WHICH WAS HELD  
THAT YEAR IN CHILICOTHE, OHIO. WE TRAVELED ABOUT 100 MILES, AND STOPP-  
ED AT A CAMP MEETING ON WAYNE CIRCUIT IN WHAT WAS THEN CALLED THE  
GREEN RIFER COUNTRY. I HAD FORMED THIS CIRCUIT ABOUT FIVE YEARS BE-  
FORE. HERE I HAD MANY SPIRITUAL CHILDREN. THEY HEARD THAT I WAS  
COMING TO THEIR CAMP MEETING, AND THEY FLOCKED FROM EVERY PART OF THE  
LARGE CIRCUIT. WE SPENT ABOUT A WEEK ON THIS CAMP GROUND. OUR ELDER  
SEEMED ON THE ALERT AND PREACHED LIKE AN EVANGELIST. HE HAD A MAN  
WITH HIM BY THE NAME OF ABBOT GODDARD WHO WAS ONE OF THE BEST EX-  
HORTERS I EVER HEARD. M'KENDREE DID THE PREACHING AND ABBOT THE  
EXHORTING. THERE APPEARED TO BE NOT MUCH ROOM FOR ANYONE ELSE;  
AND IF THERE WAS A VACANT PLACE DAVID YOUNG WAS THERE IN HIS BEST  
DAYS, READY TO MOUNT THE PULPIT AT A MOMENT'S WARNING; AND WITH HIS  
CLEAR, SMOOTH, SILVERY VOICE, CHARM, AND PERFECTLY ASTONISH THE  
CONGREGATION. I HAD LITTLE TO DO BUT SING, PRAY, AND COMFORT MOURN-  
ERS. M'KENDREE PREACHED THE CLOSING SERMON, WHICH PRODUCED THE MOST  
INTENSE INTEREST AND EXCITEMENT.

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LITERATE GREEN HORNS, AS THEY WERE CALLED; FOR THE METHODIST PREACHERS OF THAT DAY READ THEIR BIBLES INCESSANTLY WITH MUCH PRAYER AND COULD GIVE BOOK, CHAPTER AND VERSE, THE TEXT WITH THE CONTEXT, ON EVERY DISPUTED POINT, AND THEY KNEW HOW TO WIELD THE POWERFUL ARGUMENTATIVE WEAPONS FURNISHED BY THE FELLOW OF LINCOLN COLLEGE, OXFORD. AND THE VICAR OF MADELEY. IN THIS WAY THEY OFTEN SILENCED THEIR OPPOSERS, PUT TO FLIGHT THEIR ADVERSARIES AND MADE PROSELYTES NOT A FEW. SEVERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE, IN ALL OF WHICH METHODISM LOST NOTHING BUT GAINED MUCH; FOR THEREBY PUBLIC ATTENTION WAS WAKED UP AND INQUIRY TOOK PLACE, AND THE SYSTEM OF DOCTRINES TAUGHT BY THE METHODISTS HAD NOTHING TO BEAR FROM THE MOST RIGID INVESTIGATION."

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IN SPEAKING OF THOSE WHO WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN PLANTING METHODISM IN THE WEST, I HAVE MADE NO MENTION OF THEM FROM MY OWN KNOWLEDGE; FOR HERE WAS I FROM THE BEGINNING. MY FATHER AND MOTHER WERE MARRIED IN A FORT, AND I WAS BORN IN A CABIN NOT FAR FROM A BLOCK HOUSE WITHIN THE SETTLEMENTS FLED UPON AN ALARM OF INDIAN DEPREDAATION. HERE I WAS CONVERTED; HERE I RECEIVED MY RELIGIOUS AND THEOLOGICAL TRAINING, AND HERE HAVE I EXERCISED MY MINISTRY FOR FORTY YEARS--EXCEPT ONE YEAR THAT I SPENT IN FREDERICK, BERKLEY, AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES, VIRGINIA. I, THEREFORE, CLAIM TO BE A WESTERN MAN, AND LET NO GOOD BROTHER ATTEMPT TO ROB ME OF THIS HONOR. THE NUMBER IN SOCIETY IN 1800, AS THE FRUIT OF SIXTEEN YEARS' LABOR, WAS ONE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED, FORTY-SEVEN; BUT MANY HAD REMOVED TO KENTUCKY AND THE NORTH-WESTERN TERRITORY. IN 1803 THERE WERE RETURNED TWO THOUSAND, SEVEN

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NINETY-FOUR: THIS YEAR CLOSED MY LABORS IN THAT SECTION OF THE COUNTRY AND I WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE BALTIMORE TO THE WESTERN CONFERENCE".

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THE FOLLOWING LINES WERE COMPOSED BY DR. WILLIAM H. HOLLINGSWORTH, ON SEEING A LOCK OF HAIR TAKEN FROM THE REVEREND MAN'S HEAD TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AFTER HE HAD JOINED IN MARRIAGE HIS ~~XXXX~~ PARENTS AND NEARLY TWENTY-THREE YEARS AFTER HE HAD DEDICATED HIM TO GOD IN BAPTISM. THE HAIR ACCOMPANIES THESE LINES IN A BOOK OWNED BY THE MOTHER OF THE AUTHOR, IMMEDIATELY UNDER THE NAME: "REV. JAMES QUINN:"

"AGED ONE, THESE SILVERED LOCKS,  
THAT STREW THY TEMPLES OVER,  
TELL PLAINLY THAT THE WATCHMAN KNOCKS-  
THAT DEATH IS AT THE DOOR.

"SOON, THEY CAREER OF TRUST AND LOVE,  
OF LABOR AND OF CARE  
SHALL CLOSE, AND THOU SHALT MOVE,  
A SPIRIT, PRE AND FAIR.  
SOON SHALL THY LAST GOOD ACT BE DONE,  
THY LAST GOOD WORD BE SAID:  
SOON THOU SHALT HAVE THE LAURELS WON,  
THAT CROWN THE RIGHTEOUS DEAD.

WHEN THOU ART GONE, THY NAME SHALL LIVE,  
THY MEMORY DEAR TO ALL,  
AND THOSE THAT KNOW THEE NOW WILL GRIEVE  
IN SORROW ROUND THY PALL.



-JAMES QUINN, SKETCHES, &C-

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YET MAY THY DAYS BE LENGTHENED OUT,  
AND BLESSINGS RICH BE GIVEN;  
AND, CONQUERING DEATH, LOUD VICTORY SHOUT,  
A VICTORY GAINED IN HEAVEN."

WITH THESE LINES THE FOLLOWING NOTE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE MOTHER OF DOCTOR HOLLINGSWORTH, NOW THE WIFE OF REV. Z. CONNELL:

"I FURNISH YOU WITH A COPY OF THE LINES ACCOMPANYING THE LOCK OF HAIR WHICH I WAS KINDLY PERMITTED TO TAKE FROM THE HEAD OF REV. JAMES QUINN THE LAST TIME I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF SEEING HIM. THE HAIR IS PLACED IN THE MIDST OF MANY, TO ME, PRECIOUS MEMORIES. WHEN I LOOK UPON THIS 'SILVERED LOCK' THE SUNNY DAYS OF MY LIFE APPEAR BEFORE ME IN ALL THEIR VIVIDNESS. INDEED A WHOLE LIFE OF MANY VICISSITUDES RUSHES UPON MY RECOLLECTIONS. AND NOW THAT HIS SAINTED SPIRIT HAS JOINED MANY OF MY DEAR FRIENDS WHO REST FROM THEIR SORROW, I AM REMINDED OF THE FUTURE AS WELL AS THE PAST. BROTHER QUINN WAS ONE OF THE MOST SCRIPTURAL, PLAIN AND POINTED PREACHERS. 'CHRIST CRUCIFIED' WAS HIS THEME. HIS VOICE WAS FULL OF SWEETEST MELODY. IN HIS YOUNGER DAYS HE WAS A SWEET SINGER. HE WAS A GREAT LOVER OF GOOD POETRY. HE QUOTED MUCH, AND WITH GREAT ACCURACY AND FORCE.

"RIPLEY, FEBRUARY 9, 1848."



--JAMES QUINN, SKETCHES, &C--

WHO WAIT TO WELCOME HIM TO HIS INCORRUPTIBLE INHERITANCE IN HEAVEN".

I CANNOT USE HIS WORDS VERBATIM, BUT HAVE GIVEN THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS ILLUSTRATION. I FIND IT HAS SUFFERED IN MY HANDS; AND IN THE COLD TYPE IN WHICH IT IS PRESENTED TO THE READER IT HAS LOST MUCH OF ITS FIRE AND POWER OF ELOCUTION, AND NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO APPRECIATE IT CORRECTLY UNLESS HE HAS HEARD IT FROM HIS LIVING LIPS.

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THE EDIFICATION OF THE HEARERS WHO ASKED FOR BREAD AND GOT A STONE. THEY WERE GREATLY DISAPPOINTED, BUT THERE WAS NO REMEDY. FORTUNATE WOULD IT BE FOR THE CHURCH IF EXAMPLES OF THIS KIND WERE MORE FREQUENT. THEN WHEN THE PEOPLE SAW THAT WE HAD FIRMNESS ENOUGH TO PROTECT OURSELVES, THEY WOULD RESPECT US.

"EVERY DEPARTURE FROM THE RULES IN RELATION TO CLASS MEETINGS AND LOVE-FEASTS MUST WEAKEN US. A RIGID ADHERENCE TO RULE MADE US WHAT WE ~~WERE~~ WERE; A SINFUL NEGLECT OF RULE HAS MADE US WHAT WE ARE,

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MR. QUINN'S MANNER OF SETTING FORTH AND ILLUSTRATING THE PRACTICAL TRUTHS WHICH HE INCULCATED IN HIS DISCOURSES WAS ALWAYS INTERESTING AND STRIKING AND WELL CALCULATED TO MAKE A VIVID AND LASTING IMPRESSION ON THE MIND AND HEART. THE FOLLOWING ARE FURNISHED AS SPECIMENS OF HIS HAPPY METHOD IN THIS RESPECT: "IN OUR ADMONITIONS AND EXHORATIONS TO DELINQUENT PARENTS WE ARE OFTEN MET WITH THE OPPOSING DECLARATION, 'I CANNOT GIVE MY CHILDREN RELIGION.' TO SUCH WE SAY, YOU CAN DO MORE IN THIS MATTER THAN YOU ARE AWARE OF, PERHAPS MORE THAN YOU ARE WILLING TO KNOW. YOU CAN DO AS MUCH TOWARD GIVING YOUR CHILDREN RELIGION AS YOU CAN TOWARDS RAISING A CROP OF CORN. IN THE LATTER CASE YOU CAN CLEAR THE GROUND; BREAK THE SOIL, PLANT IN DUE TIME, IMPROVE THE SEASON OF CULTURE; THEN LOOK, AND PRAY FOR DEW AND THE GENTLE RAINS OF HEAVEN. NOW, BY EDUCATION, AN EDUCATION FAVORABLE TO MORAL AS WELL AS INTELLECTUAL CULTURE, CLEAR AND PREPARE THE SOIL. PLANT OR SOW THE SEEDS OF PURE EVANGELICAL TRUTHS IN THEIR HEARTS; THEN CULTIVATE BY PRECEPT AND EXAMPLE. TEACH THEM BY THEORY AND SHOW THEM BY PRACTICE HOW TO BE RELIGIOUS.

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ALL THE WHILE OFFERING UP FOR THEM IN THEIR HEARING, AND OUT OF THEIR SIGHT, THE EARNEST, CONTINUED, AND FERVENT PRAYER OF FAITH, AND LEAVE THE REST WITH GOD." WHAT CARELESS AND UNFAITHFUL PARENT COULD WARD OFF THE FORCE OF THIS? AND MAY WE NOT SUPPOSE THAT MANY, THROUGH THE INFLUENCE OF THE POWERFUL APPEALS OF THIS MINISTER OF GOD, WERE EXCITED TO GREAT DILIGENCE AND CAREFULNESS IN REARING THEIR CHILDREN FOR GOD AND HEAVEN? AND WHO CAN TELL BUT THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE DAY OF JUDGMENT WILL ATTRIBUTE TO HIS APPEALS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO PARENTS UNDER GOD, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, THE SALVATION OF MANY ENTIRE HOUSE-HOLDS? THE OTHER SPECIMEN ~~WHICH~~ WHICH WE GIVE WAS INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE THE TIMID AND THE FEARFUL WHO TREMBLE AT THE NEAR APPROACH OF DEATH. SPEAKING OF THE DEATH OF THE SAINTS, HE SAID: "THERE WAS A NATURAL FEAR OF DEATH TO THE CHRISTIAN. SUPPOSE A FATHER TO HAVE BEEN NECESSARILY DETAINED LONG FROM HOME; AND ON HIS ARRIVAL IN SIGHT OF HIS RESIDENCE HE SHOULD SEE THE STREAM WHICH ROLLS BETWEEN SWELLED TO A MIGHTY FLOOD. NOW, THE HUSBAND AND FATHER MIGHT FEAR TO THE MUDDY AND COLD WATERS OF THE STREAM; BUT HE WOULD HAVE NO FEARS OF ENTERING THE BOSOM OF HIS FAMILY AND OF BEING AT HOME. SO OF THE CHRISTIAN WHEN HE COMES TO THE JORDAN OF DEATH. LOOKING UPON ITS DARK, COLD WATERS, HE MAY FEAR TO ENTER. DEATH'S STRUGGLES, THE AGONIES OF DISSOLVING NATURE SEPARATING SOUL AND BODY MAY FRIGHTEN HIM FOR A MOMENT; BUT RECOLLECTING THE PROMISE OF HIS LORD, 'FEAR THOU NOT FOR I AM WITH THEE; BE NOT DISMAYED, FOR I AM THY GOD,' HE DASHES IN WITH STRONG CONFIDENCE, KNOWING THE PASSAGE IS SHORT AND HE IS GOING HOME. HE HAS NO FEARS THEN, NO FEARS OF BEING AT HOME WITH HIS FATHER AND WITH HIS FRIENDS

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IN 1818 HE WAS STATIONED IN CINCINNATI. HIS FAMILY, WHICH HAD BEEN STATIONARY FOR SIXTEEN YEARS, HAD NOW, OF COURSE, TO BE REMOVED TO THE CITY. THE STATION FURNISHED THEM A HOUSE AND AMPL PROVISION FOR FUEL AND TABLE EXPENSES.

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"TWO CIRCUMSTANCES OCCURRED DURING THE YEAR THAT I WAS WITH HIM, AS JUNIOR PREACHER ON STRIGHT CREEK WHICH SHOWS SO STRONGLY HIS LOVE OF SYSTEM THAT I DESIRE TO SEE THEM RECORDED IN HIS LIFE; ESPECIALLY AS WE THINK OUR FATHERS WERE NOT LIBERAL ENOUGH IN MANY THINGS. SOME TIME IN JULY, 1832, HE APPOINTED A TWO DAYS MEETING IN WINCHESTER, ADAMS COUNTY, WHICH HE INVITED ME TO ATTEND. REV. JOHN MEEK WAS ALSO PRESENT. OUR PEOPLE HAD JUST PUT UP A FRAME CHURCH LAID THE FLOOR TEMPORARILY, AND OTHERWISE PREPARED IT FOR THE ACCOMODATION OF THE MEETING. THE PUBLIC HAD BEEN LIBERAL IN ASSISTING THEM, AND AN OBLIGATION WAS RESTING UPON THE CHURCH TO BE LIBERAL IN RETURN. THERE WAS TO BE LOVE FEAST AT NINE O'CLOCK SUNDAY MORNING. THE DOOR KEEPER WAS AT HIS PLACE AT THE APPOINTED TIME; THE BREAD AND WATER WERE ON THE TABLE; BUT THE DOOR KEEPER DETERMINED TO 'MEND OUR RULES AND NOT KEEP THEM,' SO THAT BY NINE O'CLOCK THE HOUSE WAS FULL OF ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE. JUST THEN FATHER QUINN CAME IN HIS EYE RANGED ALONG THE CROWDED SEATS. SADNESS SPREAD OVER HIS FACE AND, WALKING UP TO ME HE SAID, 'JOHN, YOU MUST PREACH.' 'WHAT' SAID I, ARE YOU GOING TO DISPENSE WITH LOVE-FEAST?' 'YES', HE REPLIED, 'I NEVER HAVE HELD A LOVE-FEAST CONTRARY TO THE DISCIPLINE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, AND I NEVER WILL. SO, GET UP AND PREACH.' I DID SO, PREACHING FROM THE PARABLE OF THE SUPPER, LUKE 14: 16-20, BUT NOT TO



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BUT SOON AFTER THE COMENCEMENT OF THE PRAYER-MEETING, PRAY-  
ING AND SINGING GROUPS AND CIRCLES WERE SEEN AND HEARD THROUGH-OUT  
THE ENCAMPMENT, EVEN TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CONGREGATION; AND  
THERE WAS NO GREAT DIFFICULTY IN KEEPING PRETTY GOOD ORDER, FOR  
AN AWFUL SENSE OF THE MAJESTY AND GLORY OF GOD OFTEN APPEARED TO  
PERVADE THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY.

AS AN EVIDENCE OF THE GREAT GOOD RESULTING FROM CAMP MEET-  
INGS, IT IS A FACT THAT A LARGE PROPORTION OF THE MEMBERS AND  
MANY EMIJENTLY USEFUL MINISTERS IN THE WESTERN COUNTRY HAVE BEEN  
BROUGHT TO A KNOWLEDGE OF SALVATION AT THESE MEETINGS. AN OPIN-  
ION NOW PREVAILS, TO SOME EXTENT, THAT THESE MEETINGS SHOULD BE  
DISCONTINUED AND THEIR PLACE SUPPLIED WITH WHAT ARE CALLED 'PRO-  
TRACTED MEETINGS.' THESE, HOWEVER, ARE NOT SO CONVENIENT FOR  
COUNTRY PLACES AS ARE CAMP MEETINGS AND WOULD BECOME MORE OP-  
PRESSIVE ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE THEY MIGHT BE HELD, EXCEPT THE PEO-  
PLE FROM A DISTANCE SHOULD BRING THEIR PROVISIONS, BOTH FOR MAN  
AND BEAST, WITH THEM; AND THIS WOULD BE ATTENDED WITH MORE INCON-  
VENIENCE THAN AN OUT-FIT FOR CAMP MEETING, SO THAT IN MY OPIN-  
ION, WELL-PROTECTED, WELL-DIRECTED CAMP MEETINGS HAVE THE PREF-  
ERENCE.

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IF CHENANGO CIRCUIT, FORMED IN 1800 BY PETER B. DAVIS, , GAVE THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH HER SENIOR BISHOP, GUY-ANDOTTE, FORMED IN 1803 BY WILLIAM STEEL AND TRAVELED IN 1804 BY ASA SHINN HAS FURNISHED HER WITH A JUNIOR BISHOP; AND IF KANAWHA, MUSKINGUM, HOCKHOCKING, &C. HAVE NOT SENT OUT BISHOPS, THEY HAVE SENT OUT SCORES OF DEACONS AND ELDERS, AND AMONG THEM, A GOODLY NUMBER OF SCHOLARS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN; BUT THE PREACHER MAKING PREROGATIVE STILL BELONGS TO CHRIST. OH, METHODISTS, NEVER FORGET THIS.

"BUT IT IS TIME FOR ME TO BEGIN TO DRAW TO A CLOSE. I WILL, FIRST, HOWEVER, NOTICE CAMP MEETINGS AS A MEANS APPROVED OF GOD, AND RESULTING IN A VAST AMOUNT OF GOOD. I MAY HAVE ATTENDED, AND ~~SUPERVISED~~ ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY, OR FORTY OF THESE MEETINGS AND WITNESSED MOST POWERFUL DISPLAYS OF GOD'S AMAZING GRACE, IN THE CONVICTION AND HAPPY CONVERSION OF SOME THOUSANDS OF BLOOD-BOUGHT SOULS.

"AT FIRST, WE USED TO ERECT TWO STANDS WITH SEATS AT EACH ONE IN THE ENCAMPMENT; AND THE OTHER SOME TWENTY OR THIRTY RODS DISTANT, AND NO ALTER AT EITHER. AT THESE WE HAD PREACHING, ALTERNATELY, THROUGH THE DAY; BUT ONLY THE ONE IN THE ENCAMPMENT WAS WAS ILLUMINATED AND OCCUPIED AT NIGHT. EACH PUBLIC SERVICE WAS FOLLOWED BY A PRAYER MEETING WHICH WAS NOT TO BE BROKEN OFF TO MAKE WAY FOR PREACHING; BUT THE TRUMPET WAS SOUNDED AT THE OTHER STAND, WHITHER ALL WHO WISHED TO HEAR PREACHING WERE WONT TO REPAIR. HERE ALSO, A PRAYER MEETING ENSUED, AND SO, ALTERNATELY THROUGH THE DAY. THERE WERE NO ALTERS, NO MOURNER'S BENCHES, OR ANXIOUS SEATS IN THOSE DAYS; NOR WERE ANY INVITATIONS GIVEN TO SEEKERS OF SALVATION TO PRESENT THEMSELVES FOR PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH -T-

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ENDLESS PERDITION. THEN, ELEVATING HIS VOICE TO ITS UTMOST EXTENT, THROWING HIS WHOLE SOULD INTO THE SUBJECT, AND AT THE SAME TIME, BRINGING HIS FOOT WITH ALL ITS MIGHT, DOWN UPON THE FLOOR OF THE STAND, HE EXCLAIMED WITH FEARFUL ENERGY: "AND IN HELL HE LIFTED UP HIS EYES, BEING IN TORMENT, AND SEEETH ABRAHAM AFAR OFF, AND LAZARUS IN HIS BOSOM." COLD CHILLS RAN OVER US, THE HAIR SEEMED TO RISE UPON OUR HEADS AND THE FLESH TO CRAWL UPON OUR BONES; WHILE GROANS OF PITY AND SHRIEKS OF HORROR COMMINGLED AROUND US, LIKE THE STARTLING TONES OF A SWEEPING TEMPEST, ATTENDED WITH A SHOCK OF DIVINE POWER AS SENSIBLY FELT AS IF IT HAD BEEN THE TREAD OF AN EARTH-QUAKE. AND, AFTER ALL, HIS ORATORY WAS NOT THE RESULT OF A STUDIED ART, BUT OF NATURE, INSPIRED BY GRACE, LEAVING A CONVICTION THAT THAT HE WAS NOT ONLY ONE OF NATURE'S NOBLEMEN WITH A CLEAR HEAD AND A WARM HEART; BUT THAT HE WAS AN ABLE MINISTER OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, COMMISSIONED FROM HEAVEN AS AN AMBASSADOR OF CHRIST, BESEECHING SINNERS TO BECOME RECONCILED TO HIM. THOUGH I WAS BUT A YOUTH WHEN THE SCENE TRANSPIRED, ALL THE CHANGES OF THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO OBLITERATE FROM MY MEMORY THE IMPRESSION WHICH IT PRODUCED. THE NAME OF THAT DISTINGUISHED INDIVIDUAL WAS JAMES QUINN, OF PRECIOUS MEMORY."

DURING THE FOUR YEARS MR. QUINN PRESIDED ON THIS DISTRICT, THE WORK WAS GREATLY EXPANDED, AND AT THE CLOSE SIXTEEN CHARGES WERE FORMED IN PRETTY MUCH THE SAME TERRITORY. TWO DISTRICTS WERE CONSTITUTED--ONE CALLED "OHIO", AND ASSIGNED TO JACOB YOUNG, PRESIDING ELDER; THE OTHER RETAINING THE OLD NAME OF WHICH DAVID YOUNG HAD THE CHARGE.

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EARNESTLY PERSUADING THE PEOPLE TO EMBRACE AND PRACTICE WHAT THEY HAD HEARD. THE SLOWLY MEASURED, BUT FULL TONED ACCENTS OF HIS MANY VOICE FELL LIKE HEAVENLY MUSIC UPON THE EARS AND HEARTS OF THE ENCHANTED AUDITORS; WHILE THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION AS BORNE BY HIM CAME TO THEM AS WATERS TO A THIRSTY SOUL, AND AS GOOD NEWS FROM A "FAR COUNTRY". AS HE PROGRESSED, HE BECAME INSPIRED WITH HIS THEME; AND RISING FROM ONE POINT OF INTEREST TO ANOTHER, HE CARRIED THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY WITH HIM. AMONG THE MOTIVES URGED TO LEAVE OFF SINNING AND COMMENCE PRAYING, WAS THAT OF AVOIDING FUTURE MISERY AND SECURING HEAVENLY BLISS. OF THE CONTRASTS BETWEEN THE FINAL END OF SAINT AND SINNER HE FURNISHED A SCRIPTURAL EXAMPLE WHICH, THOUGH FAMILIAR TO ALL, WAS SO PRESENTED AS TO APPEAR NEW, AND FIX A POWERFUL IMPRESSION. WITHOUT CIRCUMLOCUTION, HE RECITED THE HISTORY OF THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS. WHILE PORTRAYING THE SUFFERINGS OF THE BEGGAR HIS MANNER WAS PLAINTIVE AND MOVING; BUT WHEN INTRODUCING HIM BY THE MINISTRY OF ANGELS TO THE SOCIETY OF REDEEMED AND GLORIFIED SPIRITS IN THE ABODES OF BLISS, HE BECAME ANIMATING AND INSPIRING, AS IF HE SAW THE LIGHT OF HEAVEN, ~~HE~~ HEARD THE MUSIC OF ANGELS, AND FELT THE STREAMS OF CONSOLATION FROM THE RIVER OF LIFE. BUT, SUDDENLY HE RECALLED HIMSELF AND HEARERS TO ATTEND TO THE CASE OF THE ONCE WEALTHY AND POMPOUS, BUT NOW DECEASED AND LOST SINNER: 'THE RICH MAN ALSO DIED, AND WAS BURIED.'

RECITING THESE SOLEMN WORDS, THE COUNTENANCE AND MANNER OF THE SPEAKER WERE CHANGED FROM JOYFUL TO SAD; HIS TREMBLING ACCENTS EXPRESSED THE WEIGHT OF ANGUISH WHICH PRESSED HIS HEART; HIS EYES, WHICH HAD JUST GLOWED WITH DELIGHT, NOW LOOKED TERRIBLE THINGS, AS HE SAW THE LOST SOUL TAKING ITS DOWNWARD PLUNGE TO



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AND THE POPULATION SPARSE; YET THE PEOPLE POURED FORTH FROM FARM AND HAMLET, HILL AND HOLLOW, TILL A MULTITUDE HAD ASSEMBLED, SOME TO OFFER THE SACRIFICE OF THE HEART TO GOD IN THE WILDERNESS, BUT PROBABLY MANY MORE FOR MERE RECREATION. THE GENERAL APPEARANCE OF THOSE PRESENT WAS WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED---THAT OF RUSTIC SIMPLICITY PECULIAR TO NEW COUNTRIES; YET THEY EVIDENTLY FELT, AS I DID, MYSELF, AWED BY THE SACREDNESS OF THE OCCASION, AND CONFORMED RESPECTFULLY TO THE ORDER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE. THE SINGING, THOUGH NOT SCIENTIFIC, WAS DEVOTIONAL AND STRICTLY CONGREGATIONAL SO THAT THE MINGLES, VOICES OF THE MANY REVERBERATED THROUGH THE SHADY BOWERS LIKE THE ROAR OF A MIGHTY CATARACT, AND WERE SOLEMNLY IMPRESSIVE. AFTER PRAYER AND PRAISE, WE HEARD A COMMON-PLACE DISCOURSE, OF BARLY SUFFICIENT INTEREST TO SECURE RESPECTFUL ATTENTION.

WHEN THE SPEAKER HAD TAKEN HIS SEAT, ANOTHER OF A VERY DIFFERENT APPEARANCE ROSE UP IN THE OPEN STAND, FROM WHOSE REMARKS ON THE ARRANGEMENTS OF THE MEETING, WE SOON LEARNED THAT HE WAS THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE DISTRICT. HIS FEATURES WERE COMELY, HIS FORM WAS SYMMETRICAL, AND HIS MOVEMENTS WERE GRACEFUL. HE WAS IN THE VIGOR OF LIFE, OF MEDIUM HEIGHT, SLIGHTLY CORPULENT, AND WORE A LOOSE, FLOWING ROBE. HIS COUNTENANCE INDICATED HEAVENLY SERENITY; AND TAKEN ALTOGETHER, MADE AN APPEARANCE AT ONCE IMPOSING AND ATTRACTIVE. HAVING FINISHED HIS BRIEF AND WELL TIMED ANNOUNCEMENTS, HE REFERRED TO THE SERMON, SUMMING UP ITS PARTS IN A FEW WORDS, LIKE A WISE MASTER BUILDER; AND EXPLAINING THE USE OF EACH, HE ASSUMED THE STYLE OF EXHORTATION

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THE VENERABLE JACOB YOUNG, IN A COMMUNICATION BEFORE ME, MAKES HONORABLE MENTION OF MR. QUINN IN THIS, AND OTHER PARTS OF HIS MINISTRY; AND BEARS UNEQUIVOICAL TESTIMONY TO THE HIGH ESTIMATE IN WHICH HE WAS HELD, BOTH BY PREACHERS AND THE PEOPLE OF HIS CHARGE.

HE ALSO SETS FORTH IN THE CLEAREST LIGHT, HIS GREAT STRENGTH IN THE PULPIT, AS WELL AS THE HOLY UNCTION, MIGHTY POWER, AND GREAT SUCCESS WHICH ATTENDED HIS LABORS. MR. YOUNG WAS LONG HIS COTEMPORARY

AND WAS ASSOCIATED WITH HIM IN QUARTERLY, ANNUAL, AND GENERAL CONFERENCES; LABORED IN HIS DISTRICTS WHEN HE WAS PRESIDING ELDER, AND WAS ALSO HIS PRESIDING ELDER. HE, THEREFORE, KNEW HIM LONG AND INTIMATELY IN ALL THE RELATIONS WHICH A METHODIST PREACHER SUSTAINS; AND HIS TESTIMONY IS: "AS A THEOLOGIAN, HE HAD BUT FEW EQUALS AND NO SUPERIORS IN THE OHIO CONFERENCE."

I HAVE THE PLEASURE TO PRESENT THE READER WITH THE FOLLOWING SKETCH FROM THE PEN OF BISHOP MORRIS WHICH FURNISHES WITH OTHER INTERESTING ITEMS, A CONSPICUOUS AND JUST REPRESENTATION OF MR. QUINN'S ELOQUENCE AND POWER IN THE PULPIT. HE HAS ALSO SET FORTH, IN A VERY FORCIBLE MANNER, THE BLESSED EFFECTS WHICH ACCOMPANIED HIS EFFORTS AT THAT PERIOD OF HIS MINISTRY:

"IN THE SUMMER OF 1812, WHEN I WAS BUT A YOUTH, AND BEFORE I HAD ANY INTEREST IN METHODISM, THERE WAS A CAMP MEETING NEAR WHERE I RESIDED IN WESTERN VIRGINIA; AND, ATTRACTED BY THE NOVELTY OF THE OCCASION AND IN COMPANY WITH SEVERAL ASSOCIATES, I REPAIRED TO IT. THE ENCAMPMENT WAS IN A SEQUESTERED PLACE, AWAY FROM ALL PUBLIC THOROUGHFARES OF TRAVEL, IN A LONELY WOOD, WHERE NAUGHT BUT THE VOICE OF PRAYER, THE SONG OF PRAISE, AND THE MESSAGE OF MERCY BROKE THE IMPRESSIVE STILLNESS OF THE FOREST. THE COUNTRY WAS NEW AND THE

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IT WOULD GIVE ME GREAT PLEASURE TO KNOW AND TO STATE, FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE READER, HOW MANY HAVE BEEN ADMITTED INTO THE TRAVELING CONNECTION WHOSE RECOMMENDATIONS HE BROUGHT TO CONFERENCE AND REPRESENTED THEIR CLAIMS FOR ADMISSION; BUT THIS IS NOW IMPOSSIBLE. I SHOULD SUPPOSE THEY WOULD NUMBER MORE THAN FORTY. I HAVE KNOWN MANY OF THEM WHO WERE DISTINGUISHED AND ABLE MINISTERS. HOW MANY LOCAL EXHORTERS AND LOCAL PREACHERS HAVE RECEIVED LICENSE WITH HIS SIGNATURE ATTACHED DURING HIS LONG LIFE, WHO CAN TELL?

THIS LANGUAGE OF MR. QUINN IS NOT TO BE CONSTRUED INTO AN APPPOSITION TO A COLLEGIATE EDUCATION FOR A MINISTER. HE ADMIRERD SOUND LEARNING IN THE MINISTERS OF CHRIST. BUT HE WISHED TO SEE THEIR BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE COMMENSURATE WITH THEIR ATTAINMENTS IN OTHER BRANCHES. HOW DISGUSTING IT MUST BE TO ALL SENSIBLE PEOPLE TO WITNESS IN A MINISTER AN EFFORT TO DISPLAY HIS LEARNING IN LATIN AND GREEK, WHEN IT IS APPARENT HE IS INCAPABLE OF QUOTING WITH ACCURACY AND APPROPRIATENESS THE PLAIN LANGUAGE OF THE BIBLE. THIS IS THE PEDANTRY AT WHICH HE AIMS IN HIS JUST REBUKE.

I HAVE SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE BEFORE ME THAT, ALTHOUGH THE ~~BOX~~ FOUR YEARS MR. QUINN WAS PRESIDING ELDER ON MUSKINGUM DISTRICT EERE YEARS OF TIL AND SUFFERING; YET WERE THEY TO HIMSELF AND FELW LOW LABORERS YEARS OF SPECIAL GRACE AND GLORIOUS PROSPERITY. THOUGH THEY WRRE "ABUNDANT IN LABORS" YET THEY ABOUNDED IN THE WORK OF THE LORD. SOME SEWED THE GOOD SEED OF THE KINGDOM, OTHERS WATERED, AND GOD GAVE THE INCREASE; SO THAT A HARVEST OF MANY SOULS WAS REALIZED.



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AT NIGHT THE WHOLE SCENE WAS AWFULLY SUBLIME. THE RANGES OF TENTS, THE FIRES REFLECTING LIGHT AMIDST THE BRANCHES OF THE TREES, THE CANDLES AND LAMPS ILLUMINATING THE GROUND; HUNDREDS MOVING TO AND FRO, WITH TORCHES, LIKE GIDEON'S ARMY; THE SOUND OF EXHORTATION, SINGING, PRAYING, AND REJOICING RUSHING FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THE ENCAMPMENT, WAS ENOUGH TO ENLIST THE FEELINGS OF THE HEART AND ABSORB ALL THE POWERS OF THOUGHT.

THE LABORS PERFORMED AT THOSE MEETINGS WERE WELL CALCULATED TO WEAR OUT PREACHERS. THEIR EFFORTS IN THE PULPIT, IN THE OPEN AIR, SOMETIMES AFFECTED THEM UNKINDLY; BUT THEIR LABORS IN THE CROWDED PRAYING CIRCLE AND IN HOT TENTS DID THEM FAR GREATER INJURY. WHEN WE HAVE WITNESSED THE ASTONISHING PRESERVATION OF THE HEALTH OF THE MINISTERS WHILE EXPOSED TO THE NIGHT AIR, A DAMP ATMOSPHERE, WET GROUND, AND OFTEN HAVING TO LIE ON DAMP BEDS AT THOSE MEETINGS, WE HAVE BEEN READY TO SAY TRULY: "THEY ARE IMMORTAL TILL THEIR WORK IS DONE".

THE LABORS OF THE PRESIDING ELDER WERE USUALLY GREATER THAN ANY OTHER PREACHER, BECAUSE HE HAD TO BE NEARLY ALL THE TIME EMPLOYED AT CAMP MEETINGS THROUGH THE WHOLE OF THE WARM SEASON. FOR MONTHS TOGETHER HE ALMOST LITERALLY LIVED IN THE WOODS IN ATTENDING THE NUMEROUS CAMP MEETINGS ON HIS DISTRICT. THE READER MAY NOW HAVE SOME IDEA OF THE AMOUNT OF LABOR PERFORMED AND THE FATIGUE AND EXPOSURE ENDURED BY MR. QUINN, WHILE HE SERVED AS PRESIDING ELDER OF A DISTRICT.

THERE IS WHAT MAY PROPERLY BE DENOMINATED A BUSINESS FEATURE IN THE WORK AND OFFICE OF A PRESIDING ELDER: THIS MR. QUINN WAS CAREFUL, DILIGENT, AND PUNCTUAL TO ATTEND TO EVERY PART. HE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL IN PROCURING CANDIDATES FOR THE ITINERANT MINISTRY.

POSE OF COOKING. HOURS WERE FIXED UPON AT WHICH IT WAS EXPECTED THAT ALL THE FAMILIES WOULD BREAKFAST, DINE, AND SUP SIMULTANEOUSLY. THE WHOLE SYSTEM OF RULES WAS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE THE CONVENIENCE, HARMONY, AND ENJOYMENT OF ALL IN ATTENDANCE, AS WELL AS THE GOOD ORDER OF THE MEETING.

THE SOUND OF THE TRUMPET AROUND THE ENCAMPMENT, A SHORT TIME AFTER DAY-LIGHT, WAS THE SIGNAL FOR ALL TO ARISE AND PRXPARE FOR FAMILY DEVOTION. AFER A SUFFICIENT TIME ALLOWED, ANOTHER SIGNAL OF THE TRUMPET WAS GIVEN FOR PRAYER IN EACH TENT, PRECEDED BY SINGING TWO OR THREE VERSES OF A HYMN. A SHORT TIME AFTER SUNRISE THE TRUMPET WAS AG, IN SOUNDED FOR PRAYER MEETING AT THE STAND, AT WHICH MANY ATTENDED, WHILE BREAKFAST WAS BEING PREPARED.

IT WAS USUAL TO HAVE PREACHING AND EXHORTATION AT EIGHT AND ELEVEN, A.M. AND AT THREE, AND AT "CANDLE-LIGHTING", P.M. THE INTERVALS WERE OFTEN OCCUPIED WITH PRAYER MEETINGS AT THE STAND OR IN SEVERAL OF THE TENTS WHERE MOURNERS OR EARNEST SEEKERS OF SALVATION WERE EMBRACED IN THE PDAYING CIRCLE--CARED FOR AND POINTED TO THE SAVIOR OF SINNERS. THE NOISE AT SUCH TIMES WAS FREQUENTLY VERY GREAT; PENITENTS WRITHING IN ANGOUSH, CRYING ALOUD TO GOD FOR MERCY; SOULS JUST BORN INTO THE KINGDOM SHOUTING IN ECSTASIES AND TELLING THEIR RAPTURES ALL ABROAD; AND THEIR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHO HAD, PERHAPS, LONG PRAYED FOR THEM, REJOICING OVER THEM AS THOSE RECOVERED FROM THE DEAD.

NOW, ADMITTING THE TRUTH THAT EACH ONEE GIVES OF HIS, OR HER STATE, WHO WOULD WONDER THAT THE NOISE SHOULD BE "LIKE THE SOUND OF MANY WATERS<sup>2</sup>, AND HEARD A-FAR OFF. INDEED, WE SHOULD BE GREATLY SURPRISED IF, UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THERE WAS NO NOISE.

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HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY OF WITNESSING ONE OF THOSE USEFUL MEETINGS, IT MAY NOT BE AMISS TO FURNISH IN THIS BIOGRAPHY, A DESCRIPTION OF SUCH AS WERE HELD IN THE WEST DURING THE EIGHT YEARS MR. QUINN WAS PRESIDING ELDER ON THE MUSKINGUM AND SCIOTO ~~XXXXXXXX~~ DISTRICTS.

WHEN HELD ON EVERY CIRCUIT THE TIME WAS USUALLY FIXED TO SUIT THE QUARTERLY VISITATIONS OF THE ELDER DURING THE WARM SEASON. IF A NEW GROUND WAS SELECTED A DAY WAS APPOINTED, SOME TIME PREVIOUS TO THE MEETING WHEN ALL MIGHT COME TOGETHER TO DO THE PUBLIC WORK FOR THE ACCOMODATION OF THE CONGREGATION. THE GROUND WAS USUALLY LAID OFF TO THE BEST ADVANTAGE SO AS TO SECURE THE BEST SHADE, &C. REFERENCE WAS HAD, IN THE SELECTION, TO A SUPPLY OF GOOD, SPRING WATER AND A RUNNING BROOK FOR THE USE OF HORSES---A GOOD GROVE, ACCESSIBLE FROM VARIOUS ROADS, AND IN A CENTRAL POSITION FOR THE CIRCUIT. THE STAND WAS USUALLY ELEVATED SOME FOUR FEET FROM THE GROUND, AND IN FRONT OF THE PREACHER'S TENT. THE SEATS WERE ARRANGED, SEPARATED BY AISLES, INTO DIFFERENT SECTIONS, THAT THEY MIGHT BE EASY OF ACCESS. A BROAD AISLE WAS IN FRONT OF THE STAND, EXTENDING THE WHOLE DISTANCE OF THE SEATS. ONE SIDE OF THIS AISLE THE SEATS WERE APPROPRIATED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE FEMALES, AND THE OTHER TO THE MALES. THE INNER CIRCLE OF TENTS WAS ARRANGED SO AS TO FURNISH ROOM WITH-IN FOR THE CONGREGATION AT ITS LARGEST SIZE; BUT THE SPACE WAS FREQUENTLY FOUND INSUFFICIENT, AND ON THE SABBATH PREACHERS WERE OFTEN CALLED TO SERVE CONGREGATIONS WITH-OUT WHO COULD NOT HEAR FROM THE PRINCIPAL STAND. SOMETIMES, THERE WERE MANY CIRCLES OF TENTS DIVIDED BY NARROW STREETS AND ALLEYS, ALLOWING ROOM FOR A VAST MULTITUDE TO PASS, AND SPACE FOR SMALL FIRES FOR THE PUR-



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THE REPORT OF THESE MEETINGS AND THEIR WONDERFUL RESULTS SPREAD WITH ASTONISHING RAPIDITY AND EXCITED THE MOST INTENSE INTEREST AMONG ALL CLASSES. THEY WERE SOON ADOPTED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF KENTUCKY AND EXTENDED OVER TO THE NORTH-WESTERN TERRITORY, NOW STATE OF OHIO. THESE MEETINGS WERE CALLED "GENERAL". IT WAS PERHAPS IN 1801 THAT GENERAL CAMP MEETINGS WERE HELD AT CABIN CREEK, ABOVE MAYSVILLE, KY.; CONDORD, BOURBON COUNTY; POINT PLEASANT; AND ONE ON INDIAN CREEK, HARRISON COUNTY. THEY USUALLY CONTINUED FOUR OR FIVE DAYS AND NIGHTS; BUT THE MOST CELEBRATED OF ALL THE MEETINGS WAS THE ONE HELD AT CANE RIDGE, SEVEN MILES FROM PARIS, KY., WHICH COMMENCED ON THE 6TH OF AUGUST AND CONTINUED A WEEK. THE NUMBER ATTENDING THIS WAS ESTIMATED AT TWENTY THOUSAND; AND IT WAS SUPPOSED THAT THREE THOUSAND FELL TO THE GROUND UNDER THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD. HERE THE ERUNKARD, THE DEIST, THE NOMINAL PROFESSOR, INDEED ALL CLASSES OF SINNERS, WERE PROSTRATED ON THE EARTH TOGETHER AND CONFESSED WITH EQUAL FRANKNESS THAT THEY HAD NOT THE TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD. AND MANY AROSE RELEASED FROM THE BURDEN OF SIN, BEING MADE "NEW CREATURES IN CHRIST", THEY MINGLES THEIR VOICES TOGETHER IN PRAISE TO GOD FOR PARDONING MERCY. SOME OF THE SUBJECTS OF THIS GLORIOUS REVIVAL STILL LINGER ON THE EARTH; BUT MANY OF THEM, BOTH METHODISTS AND PRESBYTERIANS HAVE LONG SINCE PASSED AWAY TO THEIR HOME IN HEAVEN.

ON ACCOUNT OF OUR PRESENT DENSE POPULATION AND CONSEQUENT DIFFICULTY IN MAINTAINING GOOD ORDER AT OUR CAMP MEETINGS THEY HAVE GIVEN WAY IN GREAT MEASURE, TO "PROTRACTED" MEETINGS HELD IN CHURCHES, AND CHIEFLY IN THE WINTER SEASON. HENCE, THERE ARE MANY NOW IN THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH WHO NEVER SAW A CONGREGATION WORSHIPING AT CAMP MEETING. AND AS IT NOW APPEARS PROBABLE THAT COMPARATIVELY FEW OF THE NEXT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL HAVE AN

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OF ITS HISTORY, AS THE OFFSPRING OF HEAVEN, REARED UP AND EXTENDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPENINGS OF PROVIDENCE AND THE FORCE OF CIRCUMSTANCES.

IT HAS LONG BEEN SAID, "NECESSITY IS THE MOTHER OF INVENTION;" HENCE THE INVENTION OF CAMP MEETINGS, TO MEET THE EXIGENCIES OF THE CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE WEST. THEY ORIGINATED IN THAT GREAT REVIVAL OF RELIGION WHICH COMMENCED AMONG THE METHODISTS AND PRESBYTERIANS IN THE YEAR 1799 THROUGH THE INSTRUMENTALITY OF TWO BROTHERS--M'GEE--ONE OF EACH DENOMINATION AND WHO FREQUENTLY HELD THEIR MEETINGS TOGETHER, IN THE SOUTH PART OF KENTUCKY. THE HOUSES COULD NOT ACCOMODATE THE MULTITUDE THAT ATTENDED, AND ON THE APPROACH OF WARM WEATHER THEY WORSHIPPED IN GROVES. THE PEOPLE, MANY OF WHOM ATTENDED IN WAGONS, FROM A DISTANCE, BROUGHT WITH THEM PROVISION FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND HORSES. TENTS WERE SOON ADDED AS A MATTER OF CONVENIENCE FOR LODGING; AND THE PEOPLE CONTINUED SEVERAL DAYS TOGETHER WORSHIPPING GOD, IN PREACHING AND HEARING THE WORD OF LIFE, SINGING APPROPRIATE HYMNS AND SPIRITUAL SONGS, AND IN FERVENT PRAYER. THUS ORIGINATED WHAT WAS AFTERWARD CALLED CAMP MEETINGS--SOMETHING LIKE THE ANCIENT "FEAST OF TABERNACLES".



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James Quinn  
From "Sketches of the Life and  
Labors of James Quinn". - John F. Wright.

1857.

Unfortunately, Mr. Quinn's biographer had great difficulty in writing this biography because of the fact, that Mr. Quinn was physically unable to assist because of age & infirmity, and because he had not kept either a diary or sketches of his life except in <sup>his</sup> early years. He commenced writing these sketches, with the "earnest request of his many friends at" '68.

"I was born in Washington Co., Pa., April 1, 1775. Son of John Quinn who was son of James Quinn, of the co. of Armagh, Ireland. He left his father and came to America about the year 1769. My mother was Sarah Henthorn, dau. of John & Fanny Henthorn. Her parents were from Ireland; but she was born and raised in the state of Maryland. Her father was one of the first adventurers to the Redstone country, and was associated with the Beesons and others, who built

a fort, for the protection of themselves and families where Lemontown now stands. I think they were there when Braddock met his defeat, in 1756."

"My mother was married young, and with her husband settled near Washington, then called Catfish, after an Indian captain, or chief, who had his camp and wigwam near, or at that place. My mother's first husband died young, and left her a widow with one or two small children — all dead, long since. My father came to that country with Col. John Cannon, the proprietor of Camonsburg, where he became acquainted with and married my mother. She lived to give birth to four sons and three daughters, and on the day that her eldest son — myself — was fourteen years old, closed her eyes, in death. Ah, never shall I forget that scene."

My parents were members of the Church of England, and brought us up in the fear of the Lord.

Parents had a pretty good English education, but lacked opportunity to give it to the children. I got 8-9 mos. schooling. Read Testament and Hilworth's (Speller?) Books read were: New Testament, Book of common prayer, which my father brought with him from Ireland. Aesop's fables, — "I thought it came near lying". Parents wanted us baptized but Presbyterians & Covenanters wouldn't do so, unless they would give up their attachment to the Church of England and take the Westminster Confession. They wouldn't do this. Only an old drunken Parson M. was left, and mother said she would rather trust to the mercy of God, without baptism, than to have the children baptized by such an unworthy man.

About 1784, father sold his farm in Washington Co., intending to move to Kentucky with his neighbors Frazier, Rankin, etc., but mother and her people objected, & he moved to Fayette County, & settled near Uniontown. Mr. Frazier lived in Washington County.



my mother died in peace, April 1, 1788. Father turned back again, & was only reclaimed late in life, after two of his sons were in the ministry, and most of the children in the church.

Parents joined the church in 1786, set up family worship, had children baptized in the M.E. Church. Four sons & one daughter were presented for baptism. The pastor, Enoch Malson, addressed the parents and expressed a wish that it might be the will of God "to call some of the sons to preach the gospel". and prayed to that effect. I was baptized. Rev. Linn commenced writing these in 1842.

First An. Conf. of M.E. Church west of the Alleghenies, was held at Uniontown, Pa., July 22, 1787. These solemn and impressive services made good and lasting impressions on James Linn, a boy of 13.

On her death bed, the mother expressed a wish that some of her sons would be called to preach the gospel.

After his mother died, young Linn, by consent of his father who had married again, left home & worked for other farmers.

In 1792, when about 17, he joined the Methodist church & was soon afterwards converted.

"Few young men, professing godliness, were ever more grave, exemplary, and uniformly pious than was James Duim; and few ever shared more largely of the confidence and love of their acquaintance than he did!"

"He was duly recommended to the Baltimore Conference, held in Baltimore, May 1, 1799," & admitted as an itinerant. He remained at home and awaited the decision - did not attend.

He was appl. to Greenfield Circuit. He hesitated.

His first sermon was preached from the seventy-first psalm, verse 16, which reads, "I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only".

He adopted and used this Text as his constant motto through life.

His circuit (Greenfield) lay in parts of Green, Washington, and Fayette Counties, in western Pennsylvania.

It appeared first on the minutes 1796, but was distributed among other circuits, we infer, as it appeared no more till 1804

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He was appl. to the Pittsburg circuit, in 1800.

"Jeremiah Lambert was the first Methodist preacher that was ever appointed to the western waters. He stands for Holston, 1783. Lambert, I never knew."

"I was born and raised in western Pennsylvania, and traveled all over the country called Redstone" Wheeling to Pittsburg, then up the Monongahela and Youngbuckeny almost to their sources, during the first three years of my itineracy" - In fact, those east of the mountains called all the country settled by the whites west of the mountains Redstone. The first settlers called a creek that name.

This country "was not a moral waste; for there were laws, courts, judges, and magistrates. And in those days, they whipped, cropped, branded, and hung men for stealing, and fined and imprisoned for swearing, Sabbath-breaking, etc."

Speaking of his wife, Inum said: "Here she was born in Zions, under the ministry of Valentine Cook, in 1786, and fell asleep in Jesus in the Town of Chulicotte January 1, 1823. She was a woman of an excellent spirit."



spirit, and truly pious. She left her father's house and accompanied me in all the toils and privileges of an itinerant life in a new country, patiently and submissively, without a murmur or complaint, nineteen years and eight months. Precious saint, well might the heart of thy husband safely trust in thee, and thy children rise up and call thee blessed! May they possess and cherish her graces as she did those of her mother!"

Some fifteen or twenty miles further up toward Clarksburg, a door was opened, and a good society formed, at the house of Mr. J. Shinn, father of <sup>Rev.</sup> Asa Shinn. This man was of Quaker origin, but he believed and was baptized, and his household. Forty years have passed away since I preached and met the class in this good man's house. At that time, Asa was seeking salvation with a broken spirit - a broken  
n. 46-7 and a contrite heart; we prayed together in the woods, and I have loved him ever since. Would that he were yet with us. This young man was admitted on trial in 1801, although he had never seen a meeting house or a pulpit before he left his father's house to preach.

Asa  
Shinn

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"Having only a plain, English education, yet, in 1809 we find him, by the appointment of the venerable Asbury, in the Mountinental City, as colleague of another backwoods youth, R. R.

n. 47. Roberts, now Bishop Roberts. So much for a diligent attention to the course of theological reading and training, laid down by Wesley for his preachers, and carried out by Asbury and his ~~coadjutors~~ coadjutors."

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"METHODIST ITINERANCY, AS A SYSTEM, HAS HITHERTO HAD NO PLACE FOR LOUNGERS, AND MAY HEAVEN FORBID IT EVER SHOULD, AND LET ALL THE PEOPLE SAY, AMEN. THIS PLAN CALLS FOR MEN TO CUT LOOSE FROM THE WORLD AND CAST IT BEHIND. LET US HAVE THE MEN WHO ARE CONSTRAINED BY THE LOVE OF CHRIST, MOVED BY THE HOLY GHOST--MEN WHO CAN WALK HAND IN HAND WITH POVERTY, FOR TWICE TWENTY YEARS; THEN LEAVE THEIR WIDOWS TO TRUST IN THE LORD, AND THEIR FATHERLESS CHILDREN TO BE PROVIDED FOR AND PRESERVED ALIVE BY HIM." - *Quinn*

*n. 56* "A FEW MILES DISTANT FROM RAGAN'S, ON THE YOUGHIGHENY RIVER, AND NEAR THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAIN, THEY OBTAINED A PREACHING PLACE, AT ONE FLAUGHERTY'S AND HAINS', ON A FARM BELONGING TO ZACHARIAH CONNELL, GRANDFATHER OF OUR ZACHARIAH CONNELL. HERE A SOCIETY WAS ~~RAISED~~ BY JACOB LURTIN WHICH MR. CONNELL AND HIS NUMEROUS FAMILY ATTENDED, AND BECAME MEMBERS. AND THE FARM ITSELF BECAME THE SITE OF THE TOWN OF CONNELLSVILLE; AND CONNELLSVILLE IS NOW THE EMPORIUM OF METHODISM IN AN EXTENSIVE TRACT OF COUNTRY".

*n. 77* "BEFORE LEAVING BALTIMORE, MR. QUINN MADE KNOWN TO BISHOP ASBURY HIS INTENTION TO MARRY, WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING HIS COUNSEL IN SO IMPORTANT A MATTER. THE MARRIAGE OF A MINISTER IS A MOMENTOUS EPOCH IN HIS HISTORY. IT IS NOT ONLY OF GREAT INTEREST TO HIMSELF AND THE LOVED ONE TO WHOM HE MAY PROPOSE HIS HEART AND HAND, BUT IS OF MUCH INTEREST TO THE MINISTRY AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH TO WHICH HE BELONGS; HENCE<sup>e</sup>, THE PROPRIETY OF THAT RULE: "TAKE NO STEP TOWARD MARRIAGE, WITHOUT FIRST CONSULTING WITH YOUR BRETHREN." THE INTERVIEW WITH THE BISHOP RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING DIALOGUE. THE BISHOP FIRST PLEASANTLY INQUIRED, "HOW OLD ARE YOU?" "TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS." "THAT IS THE PROPER AGE FOR A METHODIST PREACHER TO TAKE THAT IMPORT-

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"ANT STEP. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN THE WORK?" "FOUR YEARS."

"THEN YOU HAVE ELDER'S ORDERS?" "YES, SIR". "ALL THIS IS PROP-

ER. WHEN MEN ENTER THEIR PROBATION, THEY HAVE MINISTERIAL CHARACTERS TO FORM AND MINISTERIAL TALENTS TO EXHIBIT, TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE CHURCH. PRUDENCE SAYS THAT THEY OUGHT TO FORM THAT CHARACTER AND EXHIBIT THOSE TALENTS BEFORE THEY TAKE THAT IMPORTANT STEP.

BUT FEW NOVICES HAVE HAVE MINISTERIAL WEIGHT SUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY THEM IN BRINGING THE EXPENSE OF A WIFE AND FAMILY ON THE CHURCH.

THE PEOPLE WILL FEEL AND THEY WILL MAKE THE MEN FEEL; AND DEAR SISTER OF SIXTEEN WILL FEEL, TOO. BESIDES, IN GREEN AGE, MEN DO NOT ALWAYS SELECT SUCH WOMEN AS THE APOSTLE SAYS THE WIVES OF DEACONS AND ELDERS MUST BE--SUCH AS MAY BE WHOLESOME EXAMPLES FOR THE FLOCK OF CHRIST.

"WELL, HOW NOW?--LOCATE?"

"No, SIR; THAT IS NOT MY INTENTION."

"VERY WELL; I SHOULD SUPPOSE YOUR CALL WAS NOT OUT. SOME MEN MARRY FORTUNES, AND GO TO TAKE CARE OF THEM; SOME MEN MARRY WIVES, AND GO TO MAKE FORTUNES FOR THEM; AND THUS, WHEN FOR THE TIME, WE SHULD HAVE AGE AND EXPERIENCE IN THE MINISTRY, WE HAVE YOUTH AND INEXPERIENCE; AND SUCH HAVE CHARGE--THIS NOT OF CHOICE, BUT NECESSITY. WE MUST DO THE BEST WE CAN."

SOON AFTER THIS CONVERSATION WITH BISHOP ASBURY; MR. QUINN LEFT BALTIMORE FOR THE FIELD OF LABOR ASSIGNED HIM. WE HAVE AMPLE EVIDENCE THAT MR. QUINN'S CONDUCT TOWARDS FEMALES WAS ALWAYS MARKED WITH PRUDENCE, WELL BECOMING THE CHARACTER OF A CHRISTIAN AND THE DIGNITY OF A MINISTER. AND WHEN HE CONSIDERED IT HIS DUTY TO ENTER INTO THE HOLY AND HONORABLE ESTATE OF MATRIMONY, HE DID IT NOT ONLY ADVISEDLY, BUT REVERENTLY, DISCREETLY, AND IN THE FEAR OF GOD. ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 1803, HE AND PATIENCE TEAL WERE UNITED IN MARRIAGE IN A CHRISTIAN

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MANNER--THEIR PRESIDING ELDER, REV. THORNTON FLEMING, PERFORMING THE SOLEMN SERVICE. MISS TEAL, WHO WAS A PIOUS YOUNG WOMAN AND A MEMBER OF THE SAME CHURCH, WAS CONSIDERED A VERY SUITABLE HELPMATE FOR MR. QUINN; AND, IT APPEARED, SHE MADE HIM AN EXCELLENT WIFE. SHE WAS THE DAUGHTER OF EDWARD AND SARAH TEAL, WHO REMOVED FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF BALTIMORE, WHERE THEY WERE CONVERTED AND METHODIZED UNDER THE MINISTRY OF ASBURY, BEFORE THE REVOLUTION. THEIR BELOVED PATIENCE EXPERIENCED RELIGION UNDER THE MINISTRY OF VALENTINE COOK, WHEN PRESIDING ELDER IN THE WEST IN 1796.

AT THE TIME OF MR. QUINN'S MARRIAGE NO PROVISION HAD BEEN MADE, OFFICIALLY, IN THE CHURCH TO MEET THE HOUSE RENT, FUEL, AND TABLE EXPENSES OF MARRIED PREACHERS; AND IT IS PRESUMABLE THAT MRS. QUINN WAS ACCOMMODATED WITH A HOME IN HER FATHER'S HOUSE FOR THE PRINCIPAL PART OF THIS CONGREGATION YEAR, WHILE MR. QUINN TRAVELED AROUND AND PERFORMED THE LABORS OF HIS EXTENSIVE CIRCUIT.

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SOME TIME EARLY IN THE YEAR 1804 MR. EDWARD TEAL REMOVED TO OHIO AND SETTLED IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY. AT THE CLOSE OF MR. QUINN'S TERM OF SERVICE ON REDSTONE, BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE WESTERN CONFERENCE, HE REMOVED HIS WIFE INTO THE VICINITY OF HIS FATHER-IN-LAW'S. HERE HE BUILT A SMALL CABIN, JUST SUFFICIENT TO CONTAIN THEIR LITTLE PLAIN FURNITURE. ITS DIMENSIONS WERE NOT MORE, PERHAPS, THAN TWELVE FEET BY FOURTEEN. SOON AFTER FITTING UP THIS LITTLE HABITATION FOR HIS WIFE HE LEFT TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE, WHICH WAS HELD AT MOUNT GERRIZIM CHURCH, NEAR CYNTHIANA, KY. OCTOBER 2, 1804. BOSHOPS AASBURY AND WHATCOAT BOTH FAILED TO REACH THE SEAT OF THE CONFERENCE, ON ACCOUNT OF AFFLICTION, AND WILLIAM MCKENDREE WAS ELECTED TO PRESIDE OVER THEIR DELIBERATIONS. THEY OCCUPIED AN UPPER ROOM IN THE HOUSE OF MR. COLEMAN, WHO WAS A TRUE FRIEND TO THE CHURCH. MR. QUINN SAYS, "I NEVER ATTENDED A CONFERENCE WHERE MORE OF THE DIVINE PRESENCE WAS REALIZED."

AT THIS SESSION THIRTY-SEVEN PREACHERS WERE STATIONED; AND JAMES QUINN AND JOHN MEEK WERE APPOINTED TO HOCKHOCKING. THIS CIRCUIT EMBRACED A VAST TERRITORY; NOT ONLY THE VALLEY OF THE STREAM BY THAT NAME, BUT THE SETTLEMENTS OF THE MUSKINGUM AND ON THE SCIOTO FROM THE HIGH BANK BELOW CHILICOTHE UP TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE COLUMBUS NOW STANDS, AND THE SETTLEMENTS ON MANY OTHER STREAMS. IN ATTENDING TO HIS WORK AT THOSE DISTANT POINTS HE HAD, OF NECESSITY TO BE A GREAT DEAL FROM HOME; AND WAS OFTEN COMPELLED TO LEAVE HIS WIFE WITH NO OTHER COMPANY THAN THAT OF A LITTLE NIECE, WHEN HE KNEW ~~HE~~ HER VISITORS WOULD LIKELY BE MORE FREQUENTLY INDIANS THAN WHITE PERSONS. HE, HOWEVER, COMMITTED HER TO GOD AS TO A FAITHFUL CREATOR, AND SHE PUT HER TRUST IN THE LORD JEHOVAH, AND ALL WAS SAFE.

THIS HUMBLE CABIN WAS THE BIRTH-PLACE OF THEIR FIRST BORN.



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IN VISITING THAT DAUGHTER, NOW MRS. CLARK, OF CHILICOTHE, HE SEEMED TO TAKE MUCH PLEASURE IN DESCRIBING TO HER FRIENDS THE SIZE OF THE CABIN, AND THE LITTLE FURNITURE IT CONTAINED, IN CONTRAST WITH HER PRESENT SPACIOUS AND CONVENIENT DWELLING, AND OTHER FAVORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES, AND HE WOULD ALWAYS CLOSE BY SAYING, "I HOPE MY SARAH WILL NEVER BECOME ASHAMED OF HER HUMBLE BIRTH." NEAR THE CLOSE OF LIFE HE SEEMED TO HAVE A SPECIAL DELIGHT IN RELATING THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS PRIVATEONS, HARD LABORS, AND CONSEQUENT SUFFERING, LIKE THE OLD MARINER, WHO NEVER DESCANTS ON THE CLEAR SKY AND SMOOTH SEA, BUT ALWAYS TALKS OF THE STORMS, AND OTHER PERILS OF THE DEEP; OR, LIKE THE OLD SOLDIER, WHO DELIGHTS TO TELL OF THE HARDSHIPS OF HIS CAMPAIGN, AND SHOW HIS SCARS. TALES OF WOE ARE SOFTLY PLEASING, THOUGH THEY MAY SADDEN THE SOUL.

I HAVE HEARD HIM SAY THAT THE FIRST WHEAT FLOUR THEY EVER HAD IN THEIR HOUSE, AND WHICH WAS SOME TIME AFTER THEY REMOVED TO OHIO, HE BROUGHT HOME ON HIS HORSE FROM A DISTANCE OF MORE THAN FORTY MILES. IT FORMED A MATTER OF SOME INTEREST, AND WHEN HIS GENEROUS WIFE HAD TAKEN OF THE FINE FLOUR AND BAKED MANY "CAKES", SO UNCOMMON IN THAT REGION, SHE HAD SEVERAL INVITED GUESTS PRESENT TO PARTICIPATE WITH THEM IN THE GREAT RARITY.

ALTHOUGH MR. QUINN REFERS TO BUT TWO CAMP MEETINGS, YET HE NO DOUBT PRESIDED AT MORE THAN TWELVE, ANNUALLY, WHILE ON A DISTRICT. THOSE MEETINGS WERE COMMON AT THAT PERIOD IN THE WEST THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE WARM SEASON OF THE YEAR; AND MR. QUINN USUALLY HELD ONE IN EACH CHARGE EVERY YEAR, AND FREQUENTLY--TWO. THESE MEETINGS WERE A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO THE SCATTERED POPULATION OF THE WEST AT A PERIOD WHEN CHURCHES OR HOUSES OF WORSHIP WERE FEW, AND VERY SMALL. WE CONTEMPLATE METHODISM IN THE VARIOUS FEATURES

James Zimm

Had 5 daus by first wife.  
Had at least one brother Mr.

Isaac Zimm

his eldest—?

Two of his daus. were ~~Helen~~<sup>of Chellicothe, O.</sup>  
who m. James Clarke and Susan  
and another one, Mary and another  
Helen, & Sarah, (later a son Mr. Isaac H. Zimm

A brother Matthew H. Zimm

Zimm's home was about five  
miles N. W. of Hillsboro, O.

It is fully described on p. 276-278 of  
his life. He had children by both wives.

p. 292-301 - Zimm gives his own  
story shortly before his  
death.

p. 310 He had a half brother, David  
Zimm.

p. 311 - He died Dec. 1, 1847, "half an  
hour after midnight.

Buried at Auburn Chapel -

3 mi. ? from his home.

Aged 72 yrs. & 8 mos.

The grave is described as being  
at Auburn Church, "on the road  
leading from Hillsboro to Jamestown five  
miles north, on the line between Hillsboro & Jamestown

- LIFE OF BASCOM -

HAD DR. BASCOM LEFT A RECORD OF THE PRINCIPAL EVENTS OF HIS EVENTFUL LIFE, THE TASK OF HIS BIOGRAPHER HAD BEEN COMPARATIVELY EASY, AND HIS POSTHUMOUS FAME MIGHT HAVE BEEN WELL GUARDED; BUT, AS HE KEPT NO DAIRY--EXCEPT DURING TWO OR THREE BRIEF PERIODS--NO COPIES OF THE NUMEROUS LETTERS WRITTEN BY HIMSELF, AND ACTED AS IF HE INTENDED TO PREVENT HIS BIOGRAPHY FROM BEING WRITTEN, RATHER THAN TO AFFORD ANY FACILITIES FOR THE COMPILATION OF HIS PERSONAL HISTORY, HIS BIOGRAPHER HAS BEEN LEFT TO GATHER UP MATERIAL FOR THE WORK FROM MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES AND BY PIECE-MEAL; BUT, CHIEFLY HE HAS BEEN COMPELLED TO DEPEND ON HIS OWN PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE AND RECOLLECTION OF THE EVENTS OF DR. BASCOM'S LIFE. THIS STATE OF THINGS HAS RENDERED THE EXECUTION OF THE WORK DIFFICULT; AND THE WORK ITSELF, DOUBTLESS, IN SOME DEGREE, IMPERFECT. THERE WERE, IN THE LIFE OF BASCOM NUMEROUS INCIDENTS OF DEEPLY INTERESTING CHARACTER WHICH WOULD HAVE GREATLY ENRICHED HIS BIOGRAPHY; BUT AS THE KNOWLEDGE OF THEM WAS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, AND IN THE KEEPING OF PERSONS WHO DID NOT CHOOSE TO FURNISH THEM AT THE CALL OF HIS WIDOW AND HIS BIOGRAPHER, THE WORK HAD TO PROCEED WITH SUCH MATERIAL AS COULD BE RENDERED AVAILABLE. BUT EVEN UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DISADVANTAGE, THERE HAS BEEN COLLECTED SUCH A FUND OF VALUABLE MATTER RESPECTING THE LIFE AND CHARACTER OF THIS GREAT MAN, AS OUGHT NOT TO BE LOST.

DR. BASCOM WAS A CHARACTER--ORIGINAL, DISTINCT, SUI GENERIS--EXHIBITING POINTS OF IMPERFECTION OF COURSE; BUT AT THE SAME TIME POSSESSING MANY AND EXTRAORDINARY ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ EXCELLENCIES;--A MAN WHOSE BIOGRAPHY OUGHT TO BE GIVEN TO THE WORLD FOR THE GRATIFICATION OF HIS NUMEROUS FRIENDS, AND THE PROFITING OF ALL WHO READ. IN THE WONDERFUL POWERS AND CHIEVMENTS OF HIS GREAT INTELLECT, HE IS AN OBJECT OF ADMIRATION AND ASTONISHMENT.

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AND IN HIS UNTIRING INDUSTRY AND PERSEVERANCE IN THE PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE,--IN HIS BURNING ZEAL AND DEVOTION TO THE CAUSE OF GOD,--IN HIS AGGIVE BENEVOLENCE, HIS FILIAL AFFECTION, AND HIS PIOUS AND CONFIDING TRUST IN THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD, HE PRESENTS AN EXAMPLE WORTHY OF UNIVERSAL IMITATION. IF HE HAD FAULTS, OBSTINATE PERSISTENCE IN THE WRONG WAS NOT ONE OF THEM; FOR THOUGH HE WAS A GIANT IN INTELLECT, HE WAS A CHILD IN DOCILITY AND READINESS TO RECEIVE CORRECTION FROM HIS FRIENDS.



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YOUNG HENRY WITH THE REST."

REV. LORING GRANT, IN A LETTER TO ME UNDER DATE OF MARCH 14, 1851, GIVES THE FOLLOWING AS HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE MATTER: "IN THE SPRING OF 1811 MR. GILMORE AND YOUNG BASCOM CAME INTO THE WATERS OF SUGAR CREEK, IN WHAT IS NOW BEDFORD COUNTY, PA. I KNEW BUT LITTLE OF HIM UNTIL THE TIME REFERRED TO BY BROTHER BURCH, WHEN PREACHING AT CAPT. CLARK'S, AT OLD SHESHEGOIN. THE YOUNG MAN CAME TEN MILES ON FOOT TO ATTEND THE MEETING. WHILE PREACHING I NOTICED HIM IN DEEP FEELING; AND IN THE CLASS MEETING HE TOLD US THAT DURING THE MEETING, OR UNDER THE SERMON HE HAD FOUND PEACE WITH GOD, AND OFFERED HIMSELF FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCH, AND WAS RECEIVED."

THIS SEEMING DISAGREEMENT IS RECONCILABLE BY SUPPOSING THAT NO CHURCH ORGANIZATION EXISTED ON THE EXTREME FRONTIER WHERE HENRY WAS REALLY CONVERTED, AND THIS IS NEARLY CERTAIN FROM THE STATEMENTS OF MR. GILMORE; AND THAT WHEN THE YOUNG STRANGER APPEARED IN MR. GRANT'S CONGREGATION UNDER "DEEP FEELING", AND IN CLASS MEETING PROFESSED TO HAVE RECEIVED A GREAT BLESSING, AND THEN OFFERED HIMSELF FOR MEMBER-SHIP IT WAS VERY NATURAL THAT MR. GRANT SHOULD CONCLUDE THAT THIS WAS HIS FIRST PUBLIC PROFESSION OF RELIGION. THAT THIS WAS A MISAPPREHENSION, HOWEVER, IS EVIDENT, FOR BEFORE THIS TIME MR. GILMORE HAD BECOME SATISFIED WITH THE SOUNDNESS OF HENRY'S RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE, AND HAD CALLED ON HIM TO EXHORT IN PUBLIC, AS WE SHALL SEE PRESENTLY, FROM MR. GILMORE'S VERY INTERESTING NARRATIVE OF THE EVENTS OF THAT SPRING AND SUMMER.

IN MY MIND, THEN, IT IS SETTLED THAT YOUNG BASCOM WAS CONVERTED IN LITTLE VALLEY IN THE YEAR 1810; AND THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY HE HAD OF UNITING WITH THE CHURCH WAS IN THE SPRING OF 1811, AT OLD SHESHEGOIN, UNDER THE MINISTRY OF REV. MR. GRANT.

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THREE MONTHS IN THE YEAR." IF THEN, WE ASSUME THAT THE ACTUAL TIME OF HIS ATTENDING THE FIRST SCHOOL WAS SIX MONTHS AND THE SECOND THE SAME; SAY TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS AT MOST WITH MR. SIMPSON, AND ONE YEAR WITH MR. EVANS, THE WHOLE SUM WOULD BE LESS THAN FIVE YEARS. PAUL S. PRESTON, ESQ., A SCHOOL MATE OF MR. BASCOM, SAYS THAT ONE OF HIS TEACHERS DECLARED TO HIM THAT HENRY BASCOM WAS THE MOST APT STUDENT THAN EVER CAME TO ~~THIS~~ SCHOOL."

MR. BASCOM'S PARENTS REMOVED FROM HIS NATIVE PLACE, WHERE THEY HAD RESIDED NINETEEN YEARS, TO LITTLE VALLEY ON THE ALLEGHANY RIVER BELOW OLEAN, OLEAN POINT, IN WESTERN NEW YORK, IN 1808. THIS MUST HAVE BEEN THE DATE OF THEIR REMOVAL, FOR HE TELLS US EXPLICITLY THAT IT OCCURED WHEN HE WAS TWELVE YEARS OLD, WHICH, AS HE WAS BORN IN 1796, WAS IN 1808. "IT IS TRUE," HE SAYS IN A LETTER TO HIS OLD FRIEND, MR. PRESTON, WRITTEN IN 1824, "MY FATHER REMOVED TO THE WEST IN 1812," BUT THIS MUST BE UNDERSTOOD OF HIS REMOVAL FROM WESTERN NEW YORK TO THE FURTHER WEST--TO KENTUCKY, AND THEN TO OHIO; FOR WE SHALL PRESENTLY FIND POSITIVE EVIDENCE THAT HE WAS IN WESTERN NEW YORK AT AN EARLIER DATE THAN 1812, AND THAT IN THAT YEAR HE REMOVED TO KENTUCKY.

EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND TEN OR ELEVEN APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN THE DATE OF HIS CONVERSION; BUT THERE IS NOT PERFECT HARMONY AMONG THE WITNESSES AS TO THE EXACT TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THAT EVENT. REV. JAMES GILMORE, WHO WAS INTIMATE WITH MR. BASCOM FROM THE AGE OF TEN YEARS SAYS THAT ON HIS RETURN TO LITTLE VALLEY IN 1811 HE LEARNED THAT LITTLE BEFORE THIS "A METHODIST EXHORTER FROM THE EAST HAD MOVED TO THE LITTLE VALLEY, AND THROUGH HIS INSTRUMENTALITY ALMOST ALL OF THE FAMILIES OF THE VALLEY HAD EMBRACED RELIGION,

FEW MONTHS WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE PRIMEROLGY OF THE TIMES AND NEIGHBORHOOD. BEYOND THIS, HOWEVER, I COULD BE TAUGHT NOTHING IN THAT SCHOOL. WHEN ABOUT SEVEN YEARS OLD I WAS PLACED AT A SOMEWHAT BETTER SCHOOL, TAUGHT BY A MR. MAY. HE WAS, JUDGING FROM MY RECOLLECTIONS, A GOOD COMMON SCHOOL TEACHER, AND ADVANCED ME CONSIDERABLY IN READING, WRITING, &C. HE WAS, HOWEVER, VERY SEVERE IN HIS DISCIPLINE, AND CHASTISING ME MOST UNMERCIFULLY UPON A TIME, AFTER I HAD BEEN WITH HIM SEVERAL MONTHS, I FLED FROM HIM IN GREAT ANGER AND RAN SEVERAL MILES HOME TO MY FATHER'S HOUSE WITHOUT STOPPING."

WHEN HE WAS ABOUT EIGHT AND A HALF YEARS OF AGE, AS IT APPEARS, MR. BASCOM'S PARENTS WERE VISITED BY A RELATION ~~XX~~ OF THE FAMILY, HENRY BIDLEMAN, ESQ., WHO BEING PLEASED WITH HENRY HE PROPOSED THAT AS THE BOY HAD HIS NAME IN PART, IF THEY WOULD ADD THE BIDLEMAN, GIVING HIS NAME IN FULL, HE WOULD TAKE HIM HOME AND SEND HIM TO SCHOOL.

THE PROPOSAL WAS AGREED TO AND HENRY WENT HOME WITH MR. BIDLEMAN, WHO RESIDED AT EASTON, PA. AT THAT PLACE HE WENT TO SCHOOL FOR SOME TIME, OR RATHER AT GREENWICH, FOR IT APPEARS FROM HIS OWN STATEMENT THAT THE SCHOOL WAS ON THE JERSEY SIDE OF THE RIVER.

"THE COUNTRY ACADEMY AT WHICH I WAS NOW PLACED WAS TAUGHT BY MR. JOHN T. SIMPSON, A MOST ESTIMABLE MAN, AS WELL AS ADMIRABLE TEACHER. HERE I REMAINED UNTIL I WAS ABOUT ELEVEN YEARS OLD, AND MY PROGRESS IN THE RUDIMENTAL LEARNING OF THE SCHOOL WAS, I BELIEVE, ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY TO THOSE INTERESTED IN MY WELFARE. FROM THIS DATE UNTIL I WAS TWELVE YEARS OLD I WAS THE PUPIL OF MR. HENRY EVANS, OF WHOM I HAVE EVER CHERISHED THE MOST GRATEFUL RECOLLECTIONS. AFTER MY SEPARATION FROM THIS EXCELLENT TEACHER I WAS NEVER AT SCHOOL AGAIN."

HERE, WE HAVE THE WHOLE AMOUNT OF MR. BASCOM'S SCHOOL EDUCATION. BUT EVEN FROM THIS AMOUNT A DEDUCTION MUST BE MADE. MR. HOUK INFORMS US THAT THOSE FIRST SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY HIM, WERE KEPT UP ONLY "TWO OR

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I MET RESTRAINT WITH GREAT IMPATIENCE, AND WAS TOO MUCH INCLINED TO RELY UPON MY OWN IMPULSES AS CORRECT. FEARFUL AND STARTLING WERE MY STRUGGLES WHEN A MERE CHILD, BETWEEN MY OWN SENSE OF WHAT WAS RIGHT AND ALLOWABLE, AND THE VERY DIFFERENT DECISIONS OF PARENTAL AUTHORITY. TO MY PARENTS I WAS NEVER DISOBEDIENT; MY AFFECTION FOR THEM ALWAYS HELD ME MORE THAN THE STRENGTH OF LAW."

MR. HOUK, WHO KNEW HIM FROM INFANCY, SAYS: "HIS CHARACTER IN BOYHOOD WAS IRREPROSCHABLE; HE WAS EVER KIND AND FORGIVING TO HIS PLAYMATES AND FAITHFUL TO ANY TRUST COMMITTED TO HIS KEEPING; BUT HIS GREAT DELIGHT WAS IN RAFTING SMALL FLOATS AND SPORTING IN THE CLEAR WATERS OF THE DELAWARE."

OF HIS EARLY YEARS AND HABITS, I FIND THE FOLLOWING REMINISCENCE ON A LOOSE SCRAP OF PAPER, DATED AUGUST, 1814: "WHILE SICK I REVIEWED THE SCENES OF MY CHILDHOOD. I WAS BORN ON THE BANKS OF THE DELAWARE, WHERE MY PARENTS LIVED NINETEEN YEARS. THE BEAUTIFUL RIVER ROLLED DOWN IN FRONT OF MY FATHER'S DWELLING, OFFERING A THOUSAND SCENES FOR RECREATION AND AMUSEMENT--HIGH ROCKS OF ALL FORMS AND MAGNITUDES, BEAUTIFUL PEBBLES OF VARIOUS COLORS AND QUALITIES WITH WHICH TO AMUSE MYSELF, THE PRIVILEGE OF WADING, BATHING, PLUNGING, SPORTING IN THE CLEAR WATERS OF THE DELAWARE, OR CATCHING THE FINNY TRIBES WITH HOOK AND LINE; OR, CASTING THESE ASIDE, I CLIMBED THE CRAGS AND PLUCKED THE WILD CHERRIES, THE HAW, THE FRAGRANT PLUM; THEN TO THE FIELD TO SEEK THE LUSCIOUS MELON; AND THEN, TO CROWN ALL, RETURNED PRESSED DOWN WITH MY MELLOW LOAD TO PRESENT IT TO MY PARENTS, AND THEIR LITTLE PRATTLERS."

"WHEN ABOUT FIVE YEARS OF AGE", SAYS MR. BASCOM "I WAS PLACED AT A SCHOOL TAUGHT BY A MISS LEONARD, A MAIDEN LADY. HERE I SOON LEARNED TO READ, SO AS TO TAKE GREAT DELIGHT IN JUVENILE BOOKS, AND IN A



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NEAT, IN HER MANNERS ~~EASY~~ AND AFFABLE, EXACT IN HER DOMESTIC DUTIES, A KIND AND GENTLE WIFE, AN AFFECTIONATE MOTHER, EVER READY TO ADMINISTER THE BALM OF COMFORT TO THE CAST DOWN AND AFFLICTED,-- AND MANY A HUNTER AND RAFTSMAN, WEARY AND HUNGRY, HAS HAD ABUNDANT REASON TO IMPORE THE BLESSING OF HEAVEN ON MRS.BASCOM; THEIR RECEPTION WAS ALWAYS CORDIAL AND WELCOME; AND THE WEARY TRAVELER WAS SURE OF A HOME UNDER HER ROOF. HER CHARACTER WAS WITHOUT SPOT OR BLEMISH THROUGHOUT HER LIFE."

MR. AND MRS. BASCOM HAD EIGHT CHILDREN,---ELIZABETH, HENRY BIDLEMAN, CLARA, SYLVANUS, GEORGE, ALPHEUS, HIRAM BAXTER, AND LEWIS. BY A SECOND WIFE MR.BASCOM, SR. HAD ONE CHILD--JOHN ELLIS; AND BY A THIRD WIFE, THREE---JAMES, SAMUEL, AND HANNAH HOUK---IN ALL TWELVE.

YOUNG BASCOM GIVES THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF HIS JUVENILE YEARS:

"MY PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS EXTEND FAR BACK. I HAVE DISTINCT AND VIVID RECOLLECTIONS OF NUMEROUS OCCURRENCES CONNECTED WITH FOURTH YEAR OF MY LIFE. DURING INFANCY AND CHILD-HOOD MY HEALTH WAS PERFECT AND MY PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT, RAPID AND STEADY. I CAN NEVER FORGET THAT THE EARLY ELEMENTS OF ENJOYMENT WERE SOUGHT AND FOUND IN PERPETUAL ACTIVITY; RUNNING, LEAPING, CLIMBING, AND LIKE WERE MY DAILY TACTICS MY MEAT AND DRINK. THE LOVE OF ADVENTURE WAS A PASSION, AND ITS CHANCES ALWAYS LED ME INTO TEMPTATION. MY ADVENTURES WERE RARELY SHARED BY ANOTHER; AN ENTHUSIASTIC LOVE OF NATURE LED ME TO SEEK SOLITUDE AND TO SHUN SOCIETY. SOCIAL MISCHIEF I NEVER WAS ADDICTED TO. I WAS FROM NATURE, ADVERSE TO IT; THE USUAL PETTY OR MORE SERIOUS CRIMES OF CHILDHOOD I RARELY EVER COMMITTED. BUT I WAS NOT WITHOUT FAULTS, BY ANY MEANS--I WAS PASSIONATE AND INDOCILE. I MET

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NEW ENGLAND AS THE LAND OF HIS ANCESTORS, BUT AS HIS OWN NATIVE PLACE. SPEAKING OF A CONTEMPLATED TOUR OF HIS SON, HE SAYS TO HIM: "I HOPE YOU WILL GET TO NEW ENGLAND, AND SEE MY NATIVE COUNTRY--I NEVER EXPECT TO SEE IT," &C.

OF HIS MOTHER MR. BASCOM GIVES THE FOLLOWING GENERAL ACCOUNT: "MY MOTHER WAS A GERMAN OF THE BIDLEMAN FAMILY, OF GREENWICH, N.J. HER EDUCATION, TRAINING, LANGUAGE AND HABITS, HOWEVER, WERE ENGLISH. SHE WAS NATURALLY SENSIBLE AND SPRIGHTLY; A WOMAN OF ARDENT FEELINGS, BUT OF STRONG AND INGENUOUS PURPOSE, COMBINING IN NO ORDINARY DEGREE NATURAL VIVACITY AND PLAYFULNESS OF TEMPERAMENT, WITH GREAT RESOLUTION AND DECISION OF CHARACTER. MY MOTHER OWED NOTHING TO THE PHILOSOPHY OF MODERN REFINEMENT, AND WAS TOO AMBITIOUS NOT TO REGRET IT; YET I HAVE KNOWN FEW WOMEN WHO POSSESSED A LARGER SHARE OF THE POETRY OF FEELING."

MR. HOUK, THE AGED RELATIVE REFERRED TO BEFORE, GIVES A FULLER AND MORE DETAILED ACCOUNT OF HER: "HANNAH HOUK, THE MOTHER OF H.B. BASCOM, WAS BORN IN GREENWICH, SUSSEX COUNTY, N.J., OPPOSITE EASTON, PA. IN 1772. HER FATHER'S NAME WAS GEORGE HOUK. AND THE MAIDEN NAME OF HER MOTHER, ROSANNA BIDLEMAN. IN 1788, THEY REMOVED TO SULLIVAN COUNTY, N. Y., AND ABOUT THREE YEARS AFTERWARDS TO HANCOCK, DELAWARE COUNTY, N. Y., (THE PLACE DESCRIBED ABOVE AS MR. BASCOM'S BIRTH-PLACE). SOON AFTER SETTLING IN THE LAST NAMED PLACE HANNAH WAS MARRIED TO ALPHAEUS BASCOM, AND THEY SETTLED ON THE SAME FARM WITH ~~XXXXX~~ <sup>HER</sup> PARENTS, NOT MORE THAN A STONE'S THROW DISTANT, WHERE THE LATE BISHOP BASCOM WAS BORN. A LARGE PILE OF ROUGH STONES, THE RUDE REMAINS OF THE FALLEN CHIMNEY, STILL MARKS THE SPOT WHERE THE NOBLE AND ELOQUENT H. B. BASCOM FIRST BREATHED THE VITAL AIR.

"TO KNOW HANNAH HOUK BASCOM WAS TO LOVE HER. IN DRESS SHE WAS

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--LIFE OF HENRY B. BASCOM--

HENRY BIDLEMAN BASCOM WAS THE SON OF ALPHAEUS AND HANNAH BASCOM, AND WAS BORN MAY 27, 1796. AS TO HIS BIRTH-PLACE, A NUMBER OF CONFLICTING STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED SINCE HIS DEATH, SOME OF WHICH ARE SINGULARLY APOCRYPHAL AND ABSURD. ON THE AUTHORITY OF FOUR OR FIVE OF HIS NEAR RELATIONS AND EARLY SCHOOL MATES, AND PARTICULARLY OF A VENERABLE RELATIVE WHO IS INTIMATE WITH HIS FAMILY HISTORY, WE ARE, HOWEVER, ABLE TO SETTLE THIS MATTER CORRECTLY AND WITH CERTAINTY.

HE WAS BORN ON THE EAST BANK OF THE EAST BRANCH OF DELAWARE RIVER, IN THE TOWN OF HANCOCK, DELAWARE COUNTY, NEW YORK, TWO MILES FROM THE JUNCTION OF THE EAST AND WEST BRANCHES OF THE DELAWARE, AND TWO FROM (THE NOW) CHEHOCTON VILLAGE, ON THE NEW YORK & ERIE RAILROAD.

RESPECTING HIS PATERNAL ANCESTORS, HE SAYS:

"IT WOULD SEEM FROM FAMILY RECORDS AND TRADITIONS, THAT I AM PATERNALLY DESCENDED FROM A FRENCH HUGUENOT FAMILY, WHICH, DRIVEN FROM FRANCE BY THE REVOCATION OF THE EDICT OF NANTZ, SETTLED IN ONE OF THE BORDER COUNTIES NEAR THE CLYDE. IT APPEARS, FURTHER, THAT THREE BROTHERS DESCENDANTS OF THIS FAMILY, DURING THE CIVIL DISTURBANCES AND RELIGIOUS OPPRESSION WHICH DROVE SO MANY OF THE ENGLISH PURITANS FROM THE LAND OF THEIR BIRTH, EMIGRATED TO THE THEN NEW AND FEEBLE COLONIES OF NORTH AMERICA. TWO OF THE BROTHERS REMAINED; THE THIRD, BEING DISSATISFIED, REMOVED TO ONE OF THE ENGLISH WEST INDIES ISLANDS. THE REMAINING TWO SETTLED IN MASSACHUSETTS. SUBSEQUENTLY, A DIVISION OF THE FAMILY REMOVED TO NEW YORK; OF THAT BRANCH OF THE FAMILY I AM A DESCENDANT."

I HAVE BEFORE ME A GENEROLOGICAL TABLE OF THE BASCOM FAMILY, GOING BACK TO THE YEAR 1650, IN WHICH YEAR "THOMAS BASCOM CAME FROM THE NORTH OF ENGLAND AND SETTLED IN NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS;" AND A LETTER FROM THE FATHER OF H.B. BASCOM TO HIS SON, DATED 1825, NOT ONLY RECOGNIZES

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"I EXPECT ON TOMORROW AND NEXT DAY, TO COMPLETE MY LABORS ON THIS CIRCUIT, AND IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD. SINCE NOGEMBER, 1814, I HAVE TRAVELED THREE THOUSAND MILES, AND PREACHED TO FOUR HUNDRED CONGREGATIONS; AND FROM THE PUBLIC, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A FEW PRIVATE GIFTS, I HAVE RECEIVED \$12.10". THINK OF A GIFTED YOUNG MAN PREACHING ELOQUENT SERMONS AT THE RATE OF THREE CENTS EACH, AND THEN SEVEN OR EIGHT MILES OF ROUGH TRAVEL THROWN IN WITH EACH SERMON. WAS HE NOT DISHEARTENED UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES AND TEMPTED TO ACCEPT OFFERS OF LUCRATIVE POSITIONS WHICH WERE OPEN TO HIM? HIS OWN NOBLE RESPONSE TO THIS INQUIRY IS WORTHY OF THE MAN, AND WORTHY OF THE HOLY CAUSE IN WHICH HE WAS ENGAGED. HEAR IT: 'BUT NONE OF THESE THINGS MOVE ME.' I POSSESS A SETTLED CONSCIOUSNESS THAT I DID NOT ENGAGE IN THE MINISTRY TO ACCUMULATE WEALTH, AND WHEN I MEET WITH TRIALS AND DISPARAGEMENTS, I AM NOT AT ALL DISAPPOINTED, BUT MEET WITH FIRMNESS WHAT I HAD ANTICIPATED, NOT WITH FEAR. I CAN GET, AS SOON AS I PLEASE \$500.00 PER ANNUM FOR MY SERVICES. BUT NO, I'LL TRAVEL, AND TRY TO POSSESS THE SPIRIT OF GOODNESS AND UNIVERSAL BENEVOLENCE." SO FAR WAS HE FROM REGARDING THIS TOILSOME AND UNCOMPENSATED WORK AS UNWORTHY HIS ALREADY POPULAR TALENTS HE RATHER MOURNS HIS WANT OF QUALIFICATION FOR THE HONORABLE VOCATION OF A GOSPEL MISSIONARY. "MY MORTIFICATION IS GREAT," HE ADDS, "UNDER THE CONSIDERATION OF MY INCAPACITY TO SERVE PUBLIC AS I OUGHT, IN ORDER TO ATTRACT ATTENTION AND EXCEL IN PREACHING BUT WHILE I FEEL ANIMATING ~~POWER~~ FIRES IN MY VEINS I'LL PREACH HIS GOSPEL WHO GAVE ME POWER TO PREACH." TO APPRECIATE THESE NOBLE SENTIMENTS, IT MUST BE KEPT IN MIND THAT THEY WERE UTTERED BY A POPULAR AND ATTRACTIVE YOUNG MAN OF NINETEEN SUMMERS, AT THE PERIOD OF CLOSING HIS LABORS, PRIVATIONS, AND PERILS IN HIS MOUN-



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BY THE CLOSE OF THIS CONFERENCE YEAR BASCOM HAD NOT ONLY EXTENDED HIS RANGE OF KNOWLEDGE BOTH OF BOOKS AND MEN, BUT BY CONTACT WITH THE MORE INTELLIGENT OF SOCIETY, HE HAD BEEN ENABLED TO CAST OFF THE BASHFULNESS OF THE INEXPERIENCED BOY AND TAKE ON THE APPEARANCE AND POLISH OF CULTIVATED MANHOOD. HE HAD RISEN RAPIDLY AND HAD ALREADY BECOME VERY POPULAR WITH A LARGE AND INFLUENTIAL PORTION OF SOCIETY. OF ALL THIS HE COULD NOT BE UNCONSCIOUS, AND AS HE HAD LABORED MOST DILIGENTLY THROUGH-OUT THE YEAR--IN THE WORK ASSIGNED HIM, PERFORMED LONG RIDES, ENDURED SEVERE HARDSHIPS, PREACHED MUCH, AND ATTENDED TO ALL THE DETAILS OF PASTORAL WORK, HE FONDLY HOPED THE CONFERENCE WOULD REJOICE IN HIS PROSPERITY AND CHEER HIM ON WITH AN ENCOURAGING "WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT;" BUT MOST OF THE VERY CAUSES WHICH TENDED TO GIVE HIM POPULARITY WITH THE GREAT WORLD, WROUGHT IN THE MINDS OF MANY OF HIS PLAIN, PIOUS, OLD-FASHIONED BRETHREN OF THE CONFERENCE A RESULT ENTIRELY DIFFERENT.

WHAT WERE THOSE CAUSES? HIS PERSONAL APPEARANCE WAS EXCEEDINGLY ATTRACTIVE--HIS FORM WAS IN ALL RESPECTS ONE OF THE MOST PERFECT THAT NATURE EVER MOULDED, AND IN HIS FEATURES WAS AS MUCH OF MANY BEAUTY AS CAN CONSIST WITH THE HIGHEST EXPRESSION OF MENTAL POWER. HIS MOVEMENTS WERE RATHER ELASTIC AND GRACEFUL, THAN STAID AND PREACHER-LIKE. HIS APPAREL WAS NEAT, AND IN FASHION DIFFERED LITTLE FROM THE STYLE OF THAT WORN BY SECULAR GENTLEMEN OF RESPECTABILITY; AND THEN, AS HAS BEEN REMARKED, HIS STYLE WAS HIGHLY ORNATE. HE WAS, TO BE SURE, VERY ZEALOUS IN HIS APPEALS, POINTED IN REBUKING SIN AND ALMOST HARSH IN DENOUNCING THE TERRORS OF THE LAW

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AGAINST THE IMPENITENT AND INCORRIGIBLE; YET THE THUNDERINGS OF SINAI AS THEY CAME FROM HIS FLUENT TONGUE, SOUNDED EQUALLY EVEN IN THE EARS OF THOSE AGAINST WHOM THEY WERE HURLED; AND WHILE THEY TREMBLES BENEATH THE POWER OF HIS TERRIBLE WORDS, THEY BUT ADMIRERD AND LOVED HIM THE MORE FOR THE FERVOR AND FORCEFULNESS OF HIS APPEALS.

SUCH A MAN--A YOUTH OF EIGHTEEN SUMMERS, OF ELEGANT PERSON, APPAREL AND ADDRESS, AFTER WHOM THE LEARNED, THE WEALTHY, AND FASHIONABLE WERE RUNNING, AND WITH WHOM HE WAS BECOMING AN IDOL, WAS NOT THE MAN TO GET ON WITHOUT SOME DIFFICULTIES AMONG THE METHODISTS AND METHODIST PREACHERS OF PIKE-STIFF PLAINNESS OF THAT DAY, AND ON THE STILL SPARSELY SETTLED FRONTIER. ACCORDINGLY, ON GOING TO CONFERENCE, THOUGH HE HAD MADE SOME FAST FRIENDS, HE YET MET COLDNESS IN MANY FROM WHOM HE LOOKED FOR CORDIALITY AND ENCOURAGEMENT. THIS HE FELT ACUTELY, FOR HIS SENSIBILITY WAS EXQUISITE.

AS HE HAD SERVED IN THE REGULAR WORK BUT ONE YEAR, THE ONLY QUESTION IN HIS CASE WAS AS TO HIS CONTINUANCE ON TRIAL FOR ANOTHER YEAR; YET THERE WERE OBJECTIONS, EVEN TO THIS. WHAT OBJECTIONS WERE URGED AGAINST HIM IN CONFERENCE I DO NOT KNOW WITH CERTAINTY, BUT IN , AND OUT OF DOORS, THERE WERE MANY. IT WAS SAID: "HE GETS HIS SERMONS FROM BOOKS, AND MEMORIZES THEM;" BUT WHEN THEY COULD NOT BE FOUND IN BOOKS, IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT HIS DISCOURSES WERE WRITTEN OUT AT LENGTH AND COMMITTED TO MEMORY. THIS, HOWEVER, WAS AS TOTAL A MISTAKE AS THE OTHER: HE DID NEITHER. BUT, WORSE STILL, IT WAS SAID "HE IS PROUD"--"A CLERICAL FOP"--"AMBITIOUS AND ASPIRING," AND THE LARGER PART SEEMED TO TAKE IT FOR GRANTED THAT HE WOULD NOT REMAIN LONG A METHODIST PREACHER

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THAT HE WOULD TURN LAWYER, OR "TAKE THE GOWN"--THAT HE HAD NOT PRINCIPLE AND FIRMNESS TO WITHSTAND THE CARESSES OF THE GREAT AND THE TIDE OF POPULARITY FLOWING IN UPON HIM FROM THE WORLD, AND THAT THE MATTER HAD BETTER BE PUT TO THE TEST AT ONCE. AND, SO IT WAS. THAT REGION OF WESTERN VIRGINIA LYING ALONG AND BETWEEN THE GUYA DOTTE AND GREAT KANAWHA RIVERS AND THEN BELONGING TO MUSKINGUM DISTRICT, WAS EMBRACED IN ONE CIRCUIT, CALLED "GUYANDOTTE" IT WAS A WILD, ROUGH COUNTRY, NOT INAPPLY SYMBOLIZING THE GENERAL CHARACTER OF ITS POPULATION AT THAT TIME. THIS CIRCUIT WAS FREQUENTLY STILES THE BOTANY BAY OF THE CONFERENCE, TO WHICH THE REFRACTORY OR UNCOMPROMISING WERE SENT TO "BREAK THEM IN," OR "DRIVE THEM OFF" IF INCURABLE. TO THIS CIRCUIT BASCOM WAS SENT, AND WITHOUT ASSISTANT OR COLLEAGUE; AND MANY WERE THE PROUD PREDICTIONS THAT HIS PROUD SPIRIT WOULD NOT SUBMIT.

(NOTE): BASCOM, IT APPEARS, DID NOT ATTEND THE CONFERENCE, OWING PROBABLY TO HIS STILL VERY FEEBLE STATE OF HEALTH; AND WHEN CONFERENCE WAS ENDED NO ONE TOOK THE TROUBLE TO INFORM HIM WHAT DISPOSITION WAS MADE OF HIS CASE, NOR WHERE HE WAS TO LABOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR. IN THIS STATE OF SUSPENSE HE REQUESTED A RUSTIC TO MAKE INQUIRY OF ONE OF THE PREACHERS FOR THE DESIRED INFORMATION; AND HIS PAINFUL SUSPENSE WAS TERMINATED BY THE RECEIPT OF A LETTER FROM HIS UNPOLISHED FRIEND, THE LITERATURE OF WHICH SEEMED IN ADMIRABLE KEEPING WITH THE INTELLIGENCE IT CONVEYED. IT IS A LITERARY CURIOSITY, AND AS SUCH IS HERE INSERTED:

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AGREEABLE TO YOUR REQUEST I HAVE INQUIRED FOR YOUR OPPOINTMENT BR QUINN INFORMS ME THAT YOU ARE APPOINTED TO GIONDOT CURCIT AND IN ORDER FOR YOU TO FIND IT YOU MUST GO DOWN HOWKEN (HOCKHOCKING)) TO ATHENS AND THEN INQUIRE THE RODE FOR GALEPELECE (GALLIPOLIS) AND YOU WILL THERE FIND YOUR CURKET".

NOW, "GALEPIECE" WAS NOT IN HIS "CURKET" AT ALL, NOR EVEN IN THE SAME STATE WITH IT, YET WITH THIS CARD OF DIRECTIONS BASCOM HAD TO START IN QUEST OF HIS FIELD OF LABOR, AND FIND HIS "CURKET" AS BEST HE COULD.

NOT A FEW EXPECTED, AND EVEN HIS FRIENDS FEARED, THAT HE ~~WAS~~ WOULD REFUSE TO GO, AND WOULD WITH-DRAW FROM THE CHURCH, OR AT LEAST FROM THE CONFERENCE. LITTLE DID THEY KNOW OF WHAT STUFF HE WAS MADE. NO DOUBT HE WAS ONE OF THE LAST MEN IN THAT CONFERENCE--IF INDEED NOT THE VERY LAST, WHO COULD HAVE BEEN DRIVEN TO SUCH A STEP. HE TOOK LEAVE OF HIS FRIENDS, MOUNTED HIS HORSE; AND WAS, IN DUE TIME, ON HIS WAY TO THE MOUNTAINS AND VALLEYS OF GUYANDOTTE AND ~~KENHAWA~~ KENHAWA. HERE HE FOUND LONG RIDES, ROUGH ROADS, DIFFICULT STREAMS, HARD LABOR, COARSE FARE AND LEAN COMPENSATION. YET, NOTHING DAUNTED, HE PRESSED THROUGH ALL DIFFICULTIES AND PERFORMED WITH DIDEITY THE ARDUOUS LABORS ASSIGNED TO HIM.

ON THIS CIRCUIT BASCOM'S LABORS WERE SO ABUNDANT THAT HIS TIME FOR READING AND STUDY, AS WELL AS HIS GENERAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT, WERE VERY LIMITED; YET, SUCH A MAN AS HE WILL ALWAYS MAKE OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT WHEN POSSIBLE. IN WINTER THIS WAS DIFFICULT, AS IN MANY OF THE FAMILIES WHERE HE



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TARRIED, PROBABLY IN MOST OF THEM, THERE WAS BUT ONE ROOM FOR ALL USES AND FOR ALL PERSONS; AND THEREFORE THE CHANCES FOR QUIET STUDY WITHIN DOORS WERE SMALL; BUT WHEN GENIAL SPRING AND WARMER SUMMER GAVE TO THE LOVER OF NATURE AND OF STUDY THE FREE RANGE OF THE FOREST, HE HAD A WIDE WOODLAND CHAMBER FOR STUDY, WHICH HE PREFERRED TO ALL OTHERS. HE WAS INDEED, AN ENTHUSIASTIC VOTARY OF NATURE, AND DEARLY LOVED HER WILD AND WOODY HAUNTS. WHEN HE HAD DONE THE TRAVELING, PREACHING, AND CLASS-LEADING FOR THE DAY IT WAS HIS CUSTOM TO TAKE A BOOK AND WANDER INTO THE WOODS, WHERE HE NOT INFREQUENTLY REMAINED UNTIL THE FALL OF DUSKY TWI-LIGHT, OR THE HOOTING OF THE MOUNTAIN OWL ADMONISHED HIM THAT IT WAS TIME TO RETURN.

ON ONE OF THESE OCCASIONS, HAVING FINISHED THE REGULAR WORK OF THE DAY, AND PARTAKEN OF HIS FRUGAL REPAST WITH THE HOSPITABLE FAMILY WHERE HE SOJOURNED, HE TOOK HIS BOOK, "BEATIE ON TRUTH" AND SOUGHT THE WOODS. SOON, HE ENTERED A SWEET, WILD VALLEY THAT NESTLED DOWN BETWEEN TWO LOFTY MOUNTAINS WHICH ROSE ON EITHER SIDE, AS IF TO GUARD HIS SACRED RETREAT; HE FOLLOWED UP THE LOVELY DELL UNTIL HIS EYE RESTED ON A LARGE, SPREADING THORN TREE, WHICH, IN ADDITION TO HIS OWN DENSE FOLIAGE, WAS ALL INTERWOVEN AND MANTLED OVER WITH A THOUSAND TENDRILS, AND BROAD LEAVES OF A LUXURIANT GRAPE VINE, PRESENTING A SHADE OF INVITING COOLNESS, AND A SWARDED CARPET OF REFRESHING GREEN. THITHER HE WENT; AND, DELIGHTED, CAST HIMSELF UPON THIS COOL LAP OF NATURE TO ENJOY UNDISTURBED ITS DELICIOUS LUXURY.

BUT, SCARCELY HAD HE OPENED THE VOLUME IN HIS HAND WHEN A

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WHEN A SENSE OF INQUIETUDE CAME OVER HIM, AND HE COULD NOT COMPOSE HIS MIND TO READ IN VAIN HE ATTEMPTED TO REASON HIMSELF INTO COMPOSURE; IN VAIN HE ASSURED HIMSELF THAT MORE CHARMING SPOT COULD NOT BE FOUND IN THE WIDE FOREST THAN HE THEN OCCUPIED; HIS RESTLESSNESS BUT INCREASED UNTIL IT AROSE TO NERVOUS EXCITEMENT; AND SELF-REPROACHINGLY, HE ROSE UP AND WALKED FROM THE SPOT. JUST AS HE DID SO, THE FRIEND WITH WHOM HE TARRIED, STARTING ON A GUNNING EXPEDITION, APPROACHED HIM, AND THEY MET A FEW PAGES FROM THE TREE. AT THIS CONJUNCTURE, THE PRACTICED EYE OF THE HUNTER DISCOVERED WHAT BASCOM'S HAD FAILED TO DETECT; IN A MOMENT HIS PIECE WAS LEVELED, THE SHARP CRACK OF THE RIFLE RANG UP THE VALLEY, AND AS ITS ECHO CAME BACK FROM THE ADJACENT HILLS, A HUGH, FEROCIOUS PANTHER DROPPED FROM ITS CONCEALMENT AMONG THE VINE-COVERED BOUGHS OF THE THORN TREE AND FELL DEAD ON THE VERY SPOT FROM WHICH BASCOM HAD BUT A MOMENT BEFORE, ARISEN, UNDER THE PROMPTINGS OF THAT STRANGE RESTLESSNESS. SHUDDERING AT THE HAIR BREAD ESCAPE HE HAD PASSED, AND OFER-WHELMED WITH A SENSE OF GRATITUDE TO GOD, HE HUMBLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT WAS THE LORD'S<sup>89</sup> DOING AND MARVELOUS IN HIS EYES. AND NOT LONG BEFORE HIS DEATH, HE EXPRESSED TO THE WRITER A MOST FIRM CONVICTION THAT THE MYSTERIOUS AND APPARENTLY CAUSELESS INQUIETUDE WHICH DROVE HIM FROM BENEATH THE TREE, PERHAPS AT THE MOMENT WHEN THE FEROCIOUS BEAST WAS ABOUT TO POUNCE UPON HIM, WAS THE WORK OF A SPECIAL PROVIDENCE OF GOD.

ONE OF HIS REGULAR APPOINTMENTS WAS ON ELK RIVER, ABOUT EIGHT MILES ABOVE CHARLESTON, AND HIS NEXT PREACHING PLACE WAS AT THE MOUTH OF LINN'S CREEK. TO CROSS THE MOUNTAIN THE DISTANCE WAS SHORT; BUT TO GO AROUND BY CHARLESTON IT WAS ABOUT TWENTY

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ON ONE OCCASION HE DETERMINED TO PASS OVER BY THE SHORT ROUTE, AND SO SAVE TIME AND TRAVEL. THERE WAS ONLY A "BLIND TRACE" TO GUIDE HIM. BUT AS THIS ~~W~~AS VERY DIM AT LAST, AND NOW COVERED WITH FALLEN LEAVES, HE SOON LOST IT, ENTIRELY. HE THEN HOPED, BY KEEPING ON THE PROPER COURSE, TO REACH HIS DESTINATION WITHOUT A PATH; BUT AFTER TRAVELING MANY HOURS HE FOUND NO TRACE TO FOLLOW, AND NO SIGN OF HUMAN HABITATION. NIGHT APPROACHED, AND STILL HE SAW NO WAY OF ESCAPE. HOPING THAT HE MIGHT BE HEARD BY SOME DWELLER IN THE MOUNTAIN OR BY SOME WANDERING HUNTER, HE SHOUTED WITH ALL HIS MIGHT, AND THEN LISTENED FOR AN ANSWER; BUT THE DEEP ECHO OF HIS OWN VOICE COMING BACK FROM THE CAVES AND CRAGS, WAS THE ONLY RESPONSE. THE SHADES OF EVENING ~~W~~ERE SETTLING DOWN ON THE MOUNTAIN, YET NO RELIEF APPEARED, AND MR.BASCOM BEGAN TO CAST ABOUT FOR SOME WAY OF PASSING THE NIGHT IN SAFETY IN THOSE DREARY SOLITUDES.

AT LENGTH HE DISCOVERED A FALLEN TREE IN WHICH WAS A HOLLOW LARGE ENOUGH TO ADMIT HIM; HERE HE SECURELY TIED HIS HORSE, AND THRUSTING HIS BODY INTO THE HOLLOW DREW HIS SADDLE IN AFTER HIM TO CLOSE THE ENTRANCE FOR PROTECTION AGAINST COLD AND THE WILD BEASTS. COMMENDING HIMSELF TO THE PROTECTION OF HEAVEN, HE PASSED THE NIGHT IN THE BEST WAY HE COULD, SURROUNDED BY THE HOWLING OF WOLVES AND THE WINTRY WINDS. THE MORNING FOUND HIM CHILLED FROM THE COLD, WEAK FROM HUNGER, AND BUT LITTLE REFRESHED BY HIS ROMANTIC NIGHT'S REST. BUT IT WAS NO TIME FOR INACTION; SO HE ADOPTED HIS PLAN OF OPERATION, AND THEN PROMPTLY SET ABOUT ITS EXECUTION. THAT PLAN WAS, INSTEAD OF WANDERING ABOUT AT RANDOM AS ON THE PRECEDING DAY, TO, DESCEND WHEREVER HE COULD, AND TAKING THE FIRST STREAM HE COULD FIND

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FOLLOW IT TO ITS CONFLUENCE WITH A LARGER; AND SO, ON, UNTIL HE SHOULD BE CONDUCTED EITHER TO THE ELK OR THE KANAWHA RIVER. THIS HE DID, AND ABOUT SUNSET REACHED THE KANAWHA AT THE MOUTH OF WITCHE'S CREEK, AND SOON AFTER THE HOSPITABLE ABODE OF MR. LINN MORRIS, WHERE HE WAS CORDIALLY WELCOMED AND ENTERTAINED.

HUNGER, COLD, FATIGUE AND EXCITEMENT BROUGHT ON AN ATTACK OF FEVER WITH WHICH HE WAS CONFINED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS; BUT MOST KINDLY NURSED BY THE HOSPITABLE FAMILY OF MR. MORRIS.

WILD BEASTS WERE NOT RARE IN THAT REGION AT THE DATE OF OUR NARRATIVE; THEY SUPPLIED EVERY TABLE IN A GREATER, OR LESS DEGREE, WITH MEAT, AND EVERY MAN WAS A HUNTER--OCCASIONALLY, IF NOT PROFESSIONALLY; AND IF THE MINISTER OF THAT DAY DID NOT HAVE TO 'FIGHT WITH BEASTS AT EPHESUS' HE AT LEAST STOOD A GOOD CHANCE TO ENCOUNTER THEM IN SOME FORM ON GUYANDOTTE. AND WHILE IN THIS LINE, I WILL RELATE ANOTHER ADVENTURE OF MR. BASCOM WHEN ON THIS CIRCUIT IN WHICH A WILD BEAST WAS A PARTY. I AM NOT SURE OF THE STRICT CORRECTNESS OF MY RECOLLECTION AS TO ALL THE DETAILS, BUT CAN VOUCH FOR THE SUBSTANCE.

FAR BACK FROM THE RIVER, IN A SEQUESTERED DELL UNDER THE MOUNTAIN SPURS, BASCOM HAD A REGULAR PREACHING PLACE. THE INHABITANTS WERE NOT HUDDLED TOGETHER IN DENSE SETTLEMENTS, BUT SCATTERED AT WIDE INTERVALS AMONG THE FASTNESSES AND VALLEYS OF THE MOUNTAINS. WHEN PREACHING DAY ARRIVED, THE MOUNTAINEERS MIGHT BE SEEN GATHERING IN FROM DIFFERENT LOCALITIES AT DISTANCES VARYING FROM TWO TO TEN MILES, AND BY MODES OF CONVEYANCE SUFFICIENTLY UNIQUE TO EXCITE THE ATTENTION OF THE UNINITIATED. HERE MIGHT



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BE SEEN, APPROACHING THE RUSTIC PLACE OF WORSHIP, A MAN ON HORSE BACK, CARRYING HIS WIFE BEHIND HIM ON THE SAME HORSE. THERE YOU MIGHT SEE A FEMALE DRESSED IN NEAT HOME SPUN, MOUNTED ON AN INDIFFERENT HORSE, AROUND THE NECK OF WHICH HUNG A BELL, THE CLATTER OF WHICH WAS TEMPORARILY HUSHED BY THE WISP OF LEAVES--BEHIND HER RIDES A CHILD, WHILE SHE CARRIES ANOTHER ON HER LAP--HER HUSBAND IN A BLUE HUNTING SHIRT WITH POUCH AND GUN LEADS THE WAY DOWN THE STEEP WINDING PATH; TWO OR THREE LARGER CHILDREN, WITH SUN BLEACHED HAIR AND SUN-BROWNED FACES FOLLOWING BEHIND AS A "REAR GUARD": A GROUP OF FIVE OR TEN, COMPREHENDING THE MEETING- GOERS FROM ONE GLEN OR GORGE MIGHT BE SEEN APPROACHING ON FOOT IN INDIAN FILE, THROUGH THE MOUNTAIN PASSES, TO THE RUSTIC TEMPLE.. AND THOUGH A STRANGER WOULD JUDGE THAT HALF A CORE OF SOULS COULD NOT BE MUSTERED AT ONE PLACE, AND ESPECIALLY ON A CALL OF RELIGIOUS DUTY, WHEN THE APPOINTED TIME ARRIVED THEY CAME POUR- ING IN FROM THEIR INVISIBLE HABITATIONS LIKE THE CLANSMEN OF SOME HIGHLAND CHIEF AT THE WELL KNOWN SIGNAL FOR A GRAND RALLY. AND HE WHO EXPECTED TO FIND THESE PEOPLE BARBOURSLY IGNORANT OF THE VALUE OF TRUTH AND THE BENEFITS OF PREACHING, WOULD FIND HIS MIS- TAKE. THESE MOUNTAIN CHRISTIANS WERE PEOPLE OF ONE BOOK; AND HOWEVER LITTLE THEY KNEW OF GRECIAN OR ROMAN CLASSICS, FEW PEOPLE WERE BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH THE DOCTRINES OF THE BIBLE, AND FEW BET- TER PREPARED TO DETECT ERRORS IN THE GREAT ELEMENTS OF THEOLOGY THAN THEY. IF A PREACHER ADVANCED ANYTHING NOVEL, EVEN HYPO- THETICALLY, IT WAS WELL TO BE PREPARED FOR DEFENDING IT; FOR HE WAS SURE TO BE CALLED ON FOR SUCH DEFENSE BY THE FIRST OLD LADY IN WHOSE COMPANY HE HAPPENED TO FALL.

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BUT I WAS ABOUT TO REPORT AN INCIDENT. ON ONE OF BASCOM'S PERIODICAL VISITS TO THIS PLACE, THE PREACHER HAD ARRIVED, MOST OF THE CONGREGATION HAD ASSEMBLED AND MANY WERE EXCHANGING SALUTATIONS ABOUT THE DOOR. OTHERS WERE STILL DROPPING IN; AND THE PREACHER WITH HIS SADDLE BAGS ON HIS ARM, WAS CONVERSING WITH ~~XXXXXX~~ A BROTHER FROM ANOTHER NEIGHBORHOOD ABOUT MAKING AN APPOINTMENT AT A NEW PLACE, WHEN THE REPORT OF A GUN WAS HEARD BUT A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE PLACE. THIS WAS TOO COMMON AN OCCURRENCE TO EXCITE MUCH INTEREST UNTIL A SHOUT, AND THEN THE YELP OF A DOG WERE HEARD IN THE DIRECTION FROM WHICH THE REPORT PROCEEDED; AND THE NEXT MINUTE A BEAR WAS SEEN RUNNING BY THE PLACE OF MEETING, PURSUED BY A DOG. INSTANTLY TWO OR THREE RIFLES WERE DISCHARGED AT HIM, BUT HE WAS TOO DISTANT FOR THE BALLS TO TAKE EFFECT. TWO OR THREE OTHER DOGS JOINED IN THE PURSUIT, AND DIRECTLY NEARLY EVERY MALE ON THE GROUND FOLLOWED IN THE CHASE. THE PREACHER, SEEING HIS CONGREGATION GONE, DROPPED HIS WHIP AND SADDLE BAGS WHERE HE STOOD; AND BEING EXCEEDINGLY SWIFT ON FOOT HE WAS SOON AHEAD OF ALL HIS PEOPLE AND BUT LITTLE IN REAR OF THE DOGS. THE WOODS WERE DENSE, AND IN A VERY SHORT TIME BEAR, DOGS, AND PREACHER WERE OUT OF SIGHT OF THE FOLLOWING CROWD. THE LATTER PURSUED BY THE CRY OF THE DOGS AND DRIPPINGS OF BLOOD OF THE WOUNDED BEAR; BUT EVERY MINUTE THE SOUND BECAME MORE FAINT AND DISTANT, AND OLD BEAR HUNTERS BEGAN TO FEAR THAT THE FLEETNESS OF THE PREACHER MIGHT BRING HIM INTO SERIOUS PERIL SHOULD THE BEAR MAKE A STAND AGAINST HIS PURSUERS WHILE AT SUCH A DISTANCE IN ADVANCE OF THE COMPANY AS TO PUT HIM BEYOND THE REACH OF IMMEDIATE HELP.

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THIS FEAR CAME NEAR TO BEING REALIZED; FOR THE BEAR, UNABLE TO CLIB BY REASON OF THE WOUND IN HIS ARM, AND ALIKE UNABLE TO ELUDE HIS ENEMIES BY FLIGHT, PLANTED HIMSELF AGAINST A TREE AND PREPARED TO DEFEND HIMSELF TO THE UTMOST. THE DOGS WERE INSTANTLY AROUND HIM, AND AT ONCE A FURIOUS FIGHT BEGAN. PRACTICED DOGS WILL NOT CLOSE WITH A BEAR BUT BY COM-PULSION OR WHEN THEY HAVE A VERY DECIDED ADVANTAGE; BUT WHILE SOME MAKE A FEINT AT FRONT, THE OTHERS SNAP HIM IN THE REAR AND THEN FLY OFF BEFORE HE CAN TURN ON THEM, AND SO ON, ALTER-NATING THE ATTACK AS HE CHANGES FRONT; BUT OF THE THREE DOGS ENGAGED IN THIS CONFLICT, ONE ONLY HAD LEARNED THE NECESSITY OF THESE CAUTIONARY MOVEMENTS. WHEN BASCOM CAME UP WITH THE COMBATANTS, WHICH WAS IN A VERY FEW MINUTES, THE TRAINED DOG WAS PLAYING AROUND FOR AN OPPORTUNITY OF A REAR CUT TO HIS ENEMY, WHILE THE OTHERS WERE FIERCELY BAYING IN FRONT, APPARENTLY DEBATING THE EXPEDIENCY ~~XXXX~~ OF RUSHING UPON HIS KNASHING TEETH AND THREAT-ENING CLAWS. BASCOM SAW THE POSTURE OF THE PARTIES, AND, CUTTING A STOUT BLUDGEON, INSTANTLY BUT RASHLY DECIDED ON INTERVENTION, IF NECESSARY. ADVANCING NEARER, HE ENCOURAGED THE HESITATING DOGS TO THE ONSET, AND THEY RUSHED ON THE FOE; THE THIRD DOG SAW HIS OPPORTUNITY TO ATTACK FROM BEHIND, AND FOR A FEW MOMENTS THE FIGHT WAS FURIOUS; BUT SOON THE BEAR GAVE ONE OF THE DOGS SUCH A BLOW AS SENT HIM AWAY HOWLING WITH PAIN AND DEEPLY GASHED; ANOTHER HE SEIZED IN HIS TERRIBLE EMBRACE, AND APPEARED AS IF HE ~~WXX~~ WOULD CRUSH EVERY BONE IN HIS BODY IN A MOMENT. BY THIS TIME BASCOM HAD GOT WITHIN A FEW FEET OF THE ENEMY, AND HE RAISED HIS CLUB TO BRING IT DOWN ON THE HEAD OF THE FOE WITH CRUSHING ENERGY. THE BEAR HAD TAKEN A SORT OF SITTING HALF-ERECT POSTURE, WITH

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HIS BACK AGAINST THE TREE; BUT AS THE CLUB DESCENDED HE MANAGED TO EVADE THE FORCE OF THE BLOW; AND, CATCHING THE BLUDGEON IN HIS MOUTH HE STRUCK HIS FANGS THROUGH IT AND HELD IT FAST, STILL HOLDING THE DOG IN HIS AGONIZING HUG. UNWILLING TO BE THUS FOILED, BASCOM, HAVING DRAWN HIS KNIFE TO CUT AND TRIM HIS CLUB, AND HAVING NO TIME TO RETURN IT TO HIS POCKET, STILL HELD IT IN HIS HAND, AND NOW STRUCK IT INTO THE BEAR'S SIDE. IT WAS HOWEVER TOO SMALL TO PRODUCE INSTANT DEATH, BUT GREATLY EXASPERATED THE WOUNDED ANIMAL. EITHER PROBABLY REGARDING THIS AS FOUL PLAY, OR THINKING THE PREACHER A MORE WORTHY ENEMY THAN THE DOGS TO ENGAGE HIS POWERS--I AM GLAD TO SAY HE DID NOT LIVE TO TELL WHICH--BRUIN DROPPED THE DOG FROM HIS EMBRACE AND MADE A PLUNGE AT HIS NEW ENEMY. A FEW SECONDS BEFORE THIS THE HUNTER WHOSE RIFLE HAD WOUNDED THE BEAR, HAVING OUTFRAN HIS FELLOW, EMERGED FROM THE THICKET A FEW RODS FROM THE SCENE OF ACTION. AT A GLANCE HE SAW BASCOM'S DANGER, CAST DOWN HIS GUN AS HE FLEW TOWARDS THE SPOT WITH THE SPEED THAT TERROR IMPARTS, AND DREW FROM ITS SHEATH HIS LONG HUNTING KNIFE. AS THE BEAR MADE A PLUNGE THAT MUST HAVE BROUGHT THE PREACHER FULLY WITHIN HIS POWER TWO OF THE DOGS SEIZED HIM BEHIND AND BROKE THE FORCE OF THE MOVEMENT; BUT YET HE CAUGHT THE LEG OF BASCOM'S PANTALOONS IN HIS TEETH; AND IN SPITE OF THE EFFORTS OF THE FAITHFUL DOGS, WOULD HAVE DRAWN HIM WITHIN THE GRASP OF HIS KILLING EMBRACE, BUT THAT AT THIS PERILOUS JUNCTURE THE HUNTER PLUNGED HIS LONG, KEEN BLADE TO THE VERY HILT INTO THE HEART OF THE FURIOUS BEAST; AND WITH A GROAN HE SANK DOWN, DEAD, STILL HOLDING THE PREACHER'S PANTALOONS BETWEEN HIS CLENCHED TEETH.

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THE REST OF THE COMPANY CAME UP, THE ADVENTURE WAS TALKED OVER, COMMENTS WERE PLEASANTLY MADE ON THE PREACHER'S FLEETNESS AND COURAGE. THE BEAR WAS DRAGGED BACK TO THE MEETING-PLACE, SKINNED AND HUNG UP. THE CONGREGATION COLLECTED IN THE HOUSE. THE NEW-MADE YOUNG BEAR FIGHTER PREACHED WITH UNCOMMON LIFE, AN UNCOMMONLY INTERESTING PRAYER-MEETING FOLLOWED, AND A LARGE PROPORTION OF THE CONGREGATION DINED TOGETHER THAT DAY ON THE "PREACHER'S BEAR".

I HAVE YET ANOTHER INCIDENT OF THE SAME CLASS TO RELATE, THE SCENE OF WHICH IS LAID IN THIS SAME CIRCUIT. IT IS FURNISHED ME BY PROFESSOR M. WHO WAS A STUDENT AT AUGUSTA COLLEGE, WHERE IT WAS RELATED BY BASCOM TO HIS CLASS. "HE WAS", SAYS PROF. M., IN THE HABIT OF FREQUENTLY AMUSING AND DELIGHTING THE CLASS DURING THE UNEXPIRED HOUR AFTER RECITATION, BY DETAILING INCIDENTS AND ADVENTURES WHICH OCCURRED IN THE EARLY PART OF HIS CAREER AS AN ITINERANT PREACHER. AMONG THE REST, HE RELATES THE FOLLOWING:

"DURING ONE OF THE YEARS OF MY EARLY MINISTERIAL CAREER, I WAS SENT TO ONE OF THE MOUNTAINOUS CIRCUITS OF WESTERN VIRGINIA. THE FACE OF THE COUNTRY, GENERALLY, WAS EXCEEDINGLY RUGGED AND PRECIPITOUS, SO MUCH SO THAT FREQUENTLY FOR MILES, IN GOING FROM ONE APPOINTMENT TO ANOTHER, THERE WAS NO ROAD EXCEPT A NARROW BRIDLE-PATH. IT SO HAPPENED ON ONE OCCASION, WHILE WINDING ALONG ONE OF THESE MOUNTAIN PATH-WAYS ON A DARK AND DREARY AFTER-NOON IN MID-WINTER THAT, BEFORE I WAS AWARE OF THE LATENESS OF THE HOUR, NIGHT WAS UPON ME. I HAD BUT AN IMPERFECT

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KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOCALITIES OF THE COUNTRY, AND CONSEQUENTLY, ENTERTAINED SOME DOUBT AS TO WHETHER I SHOULD BE ABLE TO REACH ANY HOUSE WHERE I MIGHT LODGE FOR THE NIGHT. WHILE I WAS REFLECTING UPON MY VERY UNPLEASANT CONDITION, SUDDENLY THE STARTLING OF WOLVES IN THE DISTANCE, REACHED MY EAR. IN A FEW MOMENTS THE SOUND WAS NEARER, AND MORE DISTINCT. I WAS AT ONCE CONVINCED THAT THEY WERE ON MY TRACK; AND MY ONLY HOPE OF SAFETY AND OF LIFE WAS IN MY HORSE. I ACCORDINGLY QUICKENED SPEED AND HURRIED ON AS RAPIDLY AS THE NATURE OF THE BLIND AND RUGGED PATH WOULD ALLOW. NEARER AND LOUNDER, AND MORE APPALLING WERE THE HUNGRY HOWLS OF MY PURSUERS, UNTIL I BEGAN TO BE PAINFULLY SUSPICIOUS THAT I WAS THE DOOMED VICTIM OF THEIR SAGAGE FEROCITY. YET I HURRIED ON WHILE THE WOLVES WERE APPROACHING NEARER AND NEARER. AT LENGTH MY HAT WAS KNOCKED OFF BY A LIMB AND WAS TORN TO ATOMS IN AN INSTANT BY THE WOLVES. THEY WERE NOW SO NEAR ME, THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING THE DARKNESS, I COULD SEE THEM QUITE DISTINCTLY. IN THIS MOMENT OF EXTREMITY I DISCOVERED A LIGHT JUST BEFORE ME, AND HASTENING ON TOWARDS IT, I DISMOUNTED AND LEAPED OVER THE FENCE, JUST AS THE WOLVES HAD COME UP WITHIN A FEW FEET OF MY HORSE. DISAPPOINTED OF THEIR PREY, THEY RETURNED TO THE WOODS; AND I PASSED THE NIGHT IN THE HOSPITABLE CABIN OF THE RUDE MOUNTAINEER. MANY YEARS AFTER THIS I PREACHED IN CHARLESTON, VA. WHEN I DESCENDED FROM THE PULPIT A GRAY-HEADED MAN APPROACHED ME AND, OFFERING HIS HAND, HE SAID, 'DO YOU REMEMBER ME MR. BASCOM?' I REPLIED THAT I DID NOT. "THEN," SAID HE, 'DO YOU RECOLLECT THE NIGHT YOU WERE CHASED BY THE WOLVES?' I REPLIED, 'I DO REMEMBER IT WELL.' 'I AM THE MAN,' SAID THE OTHER, 'AT WHOSE CABIN YOU

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STAYED DURING THE NIGHT OF YOUR ADVENTURE WITH THE WOLVES.'

I HAVE GIVEN YOU THE INCIDENT IN THE PROFESSOR'S OWN LANGUAGE AS I CAN RECOLLECT.

WHILE ON THIS CIRCUIT, A MISUNDERSTANDING OCCURRED BETWEEN MR.BASCOM AND A CHIEF OFFICIAL MEMBER OF HIS CHARGE, AND THEY APPEAR TO HAVE SEPARATED IN THIS STATE OF FEELING. SOME TIME AFTER HE LEFT THE CIRCUIT, HE RECEIVED A LETTER OF HUMBLE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM THIS BROTHER. HE SAYS: "YOU CANNOT TELL WHAT I HAVE SUFFERED. WHEN I THOUGHT OF THE MANY GOOD SERMONS YOU PREACHED TO US, AND THAT ELOQUENT ONE AT GUYANDOTTE, AND AT H.S AND AT F.'S OH, HOW I HAVE FELT. GREAT GOD, PITY AND FORGIVE ME, FOR I KNOW I LOVE YOU." FROM THIS MAN'S LETTER WE LEARN THAT HIMSELF WAS THE CHIEF OFFENDER; AND YET HE INFORMS US THAT BASCOM, THE INJURED PARTY, WAS FIRST TO SEEK A RECONCILIATION. "WHEN I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER, SORROW FILLED MY WHOLE SOUL." HERE IS AN EXAMPLE OF FORGIVING GOODNESS.

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THIS WAS MR.BASCOM'S SECOND YEAR IN THE REGULAR ITINERANT WORK AND AT ITS CLOSE HE WAS LEGALLY ELIGIBLE TO ADMISSION INTO FULL CONNECTION IN THE CONFERENCE, AND TO DEACON'S ORDERS. OF HIS PERILS AND SUFFERINGS WE HAVE SEEN SOMETHING; OF THE EXTENT OF HIS LABORS DURING THIS YEAR, AS WELL AS HIS PECUNIARY COMPENSATION, WE WILL HEAR HIS OWN REPORT MADE AT THE END OF HIS TERM OF SERVICE, IN A LETTER TO P.SCALES,ESQ., DATED "CABELL COUNTY, VA. AUGUST 25, 1815." BY A CHANGE IN THE TIME OF THE MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE, THE YEAR ~~XXX~~ APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN SHORTENED TO NINE OR TEN MONTHS. HE SAYS:

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TAIN FIELD, IN WHICH HE HAD PREACHED FOUR HUNDRED SERMONS, AND TRAVELED THREE THOUSAND MILES ON HORSE-BACK WITHIN THREE HUNDRED DAYS; FOR ALL OF WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED TWELVE DOLLARS AND TEN CENTS, WHILE TEMPTING OFFERS OF LUCRATIVE EMPLOYMENT WERE MADE HIM, ON CONDITION OF HIS EXCHANGING A SACRED FOR A SECULAR VOCATION.

BUT ANOTHER CONSIDERATION MUST NOT BE OVER-LOOKED IN MAKING THIS ESTIMATE; A YEAR EARLIER THAN THIS, AS WE HAVE SEEN, HE WAS INVOLVED IN DEBT, AND PARTLY BY CONTRIBUTING TO AID HIS DESTITUTE FATHER. THESE DEBTS STILL HUNG OVER HIM AND MUST NOW BE INCREASED BY THE PROCUREMENT OF CONVENIENCES NOT TO BE HAD FOR HIS TWELVE DOLLARS; AND THAT FATHER WAS STILL DESTITUTE, AND OH, HOW THE SON'S HEART YEARNED TO ADMINISTER RELIEF. BY ABANDONING THE LABORIOUS WORK OF THE ITINERANT MINISTRY HE COULD HONORABLY PAY HIS DEBTS AND AID HIS FATHER; BUT NO; THERE BURNED A "FIRE IN HIS VEINS" THAT WOULD NOT ALLOW HIM TO CONSULT WITH FLESH AND BLOOD.

HIS WORK FOR THE YEAR BEING COMPLETED, HE WENT WITH A GOOD CONSCIENCE AND A CHEERFUL HEART, TO MEET HIS BRETHREN IN THE CONFERENCE, AND TO CONVICT THEM BY THE EVIDENCE OF HIS ABUNDANT AND FAITHFUL LABORS THAT HE WAS WORTHY OF THEIR CONFIDENCE AND FRIENDSHIP AND TO "TAKE PART OF THE MINISTRY" WITH THEM. BUT HOW IMPERFECTLY WERE HIS VIRTUES AND REAL WORTH KNOWN, EVEN BY HIS MINISTERIAL BRETHREN. HE HAD LABORED FAITHFULLY: NO NEGLECT OF DUTY; NO CRIME OR HERESY WAS CHARGED AGAINST HIM. YET, IN THE OPINION OF SOME OF THE SENIORS OF THE CONFERENCE, HIS DRESS, HIS GAIT, HIS GENERAL UNMETHODIST-PREACHERLIKE APPEARANCE AFFORDED STRONG



CHAP. 6. P 83.

INDICATIONS THAT HE WOULD NEVER MAKE AN HUMBLE ITINERANT MINISTER. THE INFLUENCE OF THIS CLASS CARRIED WITH THEM ENOUGH OF THE YOUNGER MEMBERS OF THE BODY TO MAKE UP A MAJORITY; AND THE RESULT WAS, THAT WHEN THE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON ADMITTING BASCOM INTO FULL CONNECTION A MAJORITY WAS OPOSED TO HIM AND HE WAS REJECTED. THIS OFFICIAL EXPRESSION OF DISTRUST, COMING AS IT DID IMMEDIATELY IN THE WAKE OF HIS SEVERE LABORS AND PRIVATIONS IN THE MOUNTAINS DEEPLY WOUNDED HIS SPIRIT. HE HAD LABORED ON THE ROUGHEST WORK THEY COULD ASSIGN AT THE RATE OF THREE CENTS A SERMON BUT HIS BRETHREN HAD NOW DECIDED THAT HE WAS NOT WORTHY, LONGER TO ENJOY SUCH A PRIVILEGE. ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS DECISION HE AROSE AND WALKED FROM THE ROOM WITH THE CALMNESS OF DESPAIR, TO COLLECT HIS THOUGHTS AND SETTLE HIS PURPOSES FOR THE FUTURE. PERHAPS IF HEAVEN HAD NOT PROVIDED A KIND FRIEND TO SOOTHE AND SUPPORT HIM IN THIS EXTREMITY HE MIGHT HAVE SUNK BENEATH THE BURDEN, AND FELT AUTHORIZED TO ABANDON A WORK IN WHICH HIS BRETHREN WERE UNWILLING THAT HE SHOULD TAKE PART; BUT BEFORE THE TEMPTER HAD TIME TO SEW SEEDS OF DISAFFECTION OR RASH RESOLVE IN HIS HEART, HE FOUND HIMSELF IN THE ARMS OF HIS FAITHFUL FRIEND McMAHAN, WHO HAD FOLLOWED HIM OUT TO ADMINISTER COMFORT AND FORTIFY HIS RESOLUTION OF STEADFASTNESS. IF HE WAS SENSITIVE TO WRONGS AND INJURIES, HE WAS QUICKLY ALIVE TO THE SOLACE OF SYMPATHY AND WOULD READILY YIELD HIS OWN PREFERENCE OR OPINIONS TO THE COUNSELS OF HIS FAITHFUL FRIENDSHIP. ACCORDINGLY, "HE SOON CONSENTED TO HEAR HIS UNJUST PUNISHMENT WITHOUT A MURMUR;" AND THE CONFERENCE AGREEING TO GIVE HIM ANOTHER YEAR OF TRIAL, HE WAS APPOINTED TO LABOR AS JUNIOR PREACHER ON MAD RIVER CIRCUIT, WITH

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REV. MOSES CRUME AS HIS SENIOR MINISTER, AND REV. JOHN SALE,  
HIS PRESIDING ELDER.

THIS APPOINTMENT, THE READER WILL RECOLLECT, WAS MADE IN THE AUTUMN OF 1815, AND AT THAT DATE THREE CIRCUITS COVERED THE WHOLE DISTANCE FROM THE OHIO RIVER ON THE SOUTH, INTO THE INDIAN TERRITORY ON THE NORTH. THESE WERE CINCINNATI CIRCUIT, FOR THERE WAS THEN NO STATION, UNION CIRCUIT, EMBRACING DAYTON, LEBANON, XENIA, &C., AND MAD RIVER CIRCUIT, EXTENDING FROM THE FRONTIER SETTLEMENTS, WEST OF THE GREAT MIAMI, EASTWARD ON TO THE SCIOTO, AND NORTHWARD INTO THE INDIAN COUNTRY. TROY, PIQUA, SPRINGFIELD, URBANA, AND SEVERAL INDIAN TOWNS WERE EMBRACED IN THIS CIRCUIT.

IN SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR MR. BASCOM WAS CALLED TO SUFFER THE MOST SEVERE CALAMITY HE HAD EVER ENDURED, IN THE DEATH OF HIS EXCELLENT AND MUCH BELOVED MOTHER.

HENRY WAS EVIDENTLY A GREAT FAVORITE WITH HIS MOTHER, AND MOST TENDERLY DID HE LOVE HER. AFTER SHE HAD BEEN DEAD MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS, HE WOULD FREQUENTLY WEEP WHEN SPEAKING OF HER. IT APPEARED TO AFFORD HIM PLEASURE TO THE END OF HIS LIFE THAT IN HER CLOSING SCENE, TURNING FROM ALL OTHERS SHE BADE HIM KNEEL AT HER BED SIDE, AND DIED WITH HER HANDS CLASPED IN HIS.

SHE WAS A WOMAN OF HIGH ORDER OF INTELLECT AND MOST BENEVOLENT AND AFFECTIONATE HEART.

THE FOLLOWING FROM HIS PEN APPARENTLY DESIGNED AS AN EPITAPH, IS DATED MAY, 1819:

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"MRS. HANNAH BASCOM, WHO DIED IN PEACE SEPTEMBER, 1815, IN THE  
FORTY-SECOND YEAR OF HER AGE:

"WAS ROMANTIC AND GAY WHEN YOUNG,  
JOINED WITH GENTLEMENSS, INDUSTRY AND AFFECTION  
WHEN MORE ADVANCED WAS FRUGAL, THOUGHTFUL AND GRAVE,  
IN UNION WITH SENSIBILITY, TRUTH AND COMPLACENCY.  
AT MATURE AGE SHE BECAME PIOUS AND PRAYERFUL.  
POSSESSED OF THE RELIGION OF CHRIST IN HER PREMATURE DECLINE,  
HEAVEN BENIGNLY SMILED AND GAVE HER FORTITUDE,  
IN AFFLICTION, UPRIGHTNESS AND INTEGRITY SUPPORTED HER;  
IN DEATH THE HOPE OF HEAVEN CHEERED,  
AND THE CHRISTIAN BRAVED HIS TERRORS WITHOUT FEAR."

THIS CIRCUIT, THOUGH A FRONTIER ONE, WAS IN A RICH AND DE-  
LIGHTFUL COUNTRY, A LARGE PROPORTION OF THE POPULATION OF WHICH WERE  
INTELLIGENT AND IN A GOOD DEGREE REFINED, AND, AMONG THEM, A LARGE  
NUMBER OF LOCAL MINISTERS OF HIGH STANDING. HERE AGAIN, BASCOM  
GOT INTO A COUNTRY OF BOOKS, AND SOCIETY, FROM WHICH HE COULD LEARN  
MUCH BY PERSONAL INTERCOURSE; AND NO SUCH ADVANTAGE WHEN THROWN  
IN HIS WAY, WAS NEGLECTED BY HIM. IT WAS INDEED, A MUCH BETTER  
FIELD, BOTH FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF HIS TALENTS AND FOR THEIR IM-  
PROVEMENT, THAT THAT OCCUPIED BY HIM THE PRECEDING YEAR. HERE  
HIS ELOQUENCE SOON ATTRACTED ATTENTION AND DREW CROWDS TO HEAR HIM.  
INDEED NO MAN, YOUNG, OR OLD, HAD COMMANDED SUCH CONGREGATIONS IN  
THAT DISTRICT OF COUNTRY.

ON THIS CIRCUIT, IT WAS THE WRITER OF THIS BIOGRAPHICAL  
SKETCH FIRST SAW THE YOUNG ORATOR. I WELL REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME  
I HEARD HIM PREACH. IT WAS IN THE OLD FRAME CHURCH IN SPRINGFIELD SOON  
AFTER HIS ARRIVAL ON HIS WORK. THE HOUSE WAS FILLED TO VER-FLOW-  
ING, AND MANY PERSONS STOOD ON THE OUTSIDE DURING THE SERMON, FOR,  
ALREADY HIS FAME AS AN ORATOR HAD SOUNDED ABROAD. IT IS BUT CANDID  
TO CONFESS I FELT MORE INTEREST IN HIS ELOQUENCE THAN IN THE IM-  
PORTANT TRUTHS HE DELIVERED TO THE MULTITUDE; YET, HIS ORATORY  
ALONE SO CAPTIVATED MY MIND AND FEELINGS THAT I STOOD OUTSIDE

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OF A WINDOW DURING THE ENTIRE SERVICES WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST SENSE OF WEARINESS; AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN LIFE, REGRETTED THE ENDING OF A SERMON. I RECOLLECT THAT THERE STOOD BY MY SIDE A GENTLEMAN WHO WAS NOT A CHURCH-GOER, AND WHOM I HAD NEVER BEFORE SEEN AT A PLACE OF WORSHIP. AFTER LISTENING TO THE SERMON WITH ATTENTION AND EVIDENT INTEREST, HE ADDRESSED ME AT THE CLOSE IN NEARLY THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE: "THAT IS THE SORT OF PREACHING TO DO GOOD: IF ALL PREACHING WERE LIKE THAT, EVERY BODY WOULD GO TO CHURCH." AND YET IT WAS A SEARCHING SERMON, ABOUNDING IN TERRIBLE TRUTHS AND DENUNCIATIONS THE MOST SOLEMN AND TERRIBLE.

CHAP. 12. P 150. (NOTE):

THE FOLLOWING ANIMATED DESCRIPTION OF THAT SERMON WAS WRITTEN AT THE TIME BY A LADY OF BALTIMORE IN A LETTER TO HER FRIEND, AND APPEARED IN SOME OF THE PERIODICALS OF THAT DAY:

"THE HORN BLEW, THE NOISE CEASED, THE GATHERING CROWDS DISPERSED, AND EACH ONE SOUGHT A SEAT. AN AWFUL STILLNESS REIGNED, EVERYTHING SEEMED TO GIVE MAGIC AND GRANDEUR TO THE SCENE. THE WINDS OF HEAVEN WERE LULLED AND SCARCE A BREEZE RUFFLED THE TREES, THE VERY BIRDS CEASED THEIR VOCAL MELODY, EXPECTATION SAT ON EVERY FACE, WHEN, LO, THIS WONDER FROM THE WEST ~~XXXXXXXX~~ AROSE. EVERY EYE BRIGHTENED, AND EVERY EAR WAS ATTENTIVE. DIGNITY MARKED HIS DEPORTMENT, AND INTELLIGENCE FLASHED FROM HIS KEEN EYE. HE APPEARED LIKE THE GENIUS OF THE FOREST WHOSE, LOWERING OAKS OVER-SHADOWED HIM--COME TO HUNT INFIDELITY FROM THE EARTH AND TO EXTIRPATE DEISM FOREVER. NEVER, PERHAPS, WAS THERE A MORE INTELLIGENT DISPLAY OF ORATORY. ON THE MISSIONSHIP AND REGAL DOMINION OF CHRIST HE WAS SUBLIMELY GRAND BEYOND DESCRIPTION.



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HIS STYLE AND LANGUAGE ARE ENERGETIC AND VEHEMENT. HE IS LIKE A MIGHTY TORRENT, IMPATIENT OF RESTRAINT AND ROLLS WITH SUCH IMPETUOSITY THAT YOU ARE COMPELLED TO FOLLOW. IN HIS FLIGHTS HE MOVES WITH THE VELOCITY OF A WHIRLWIND; IN THE SAME MOMENT HE WILL TAKE YOU TO HEAVEN, AND DIVE WITH YOU, TO HELL. HE TRIUMPHANTLY ANSWERED EVERY ARGUMENT A "PAINE" OR A "VOLTAIRE" COULD ADVANCE. HE DEFIED THE INFIDEL TO TRACE TIME AND SEARCH THE CHRONICLES OF ETERNITY AND FIND A PARALELL TO THE SACRIFICE OF THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD. HE BADE THE PHILOSOPHER TO GO ON CONTEMPLATION'S TREMBLING WING AND REASON, WITH HER GLIMMERING LIGHT, ASSIST, AND WHAT COULD THEY DO AGAINST THE GOSPEL? THOUGH FOUNDED BY A JEWISH PEASANT, PROPOGATED AND HANDED DOWN BY A FEW POOR FISHERMEN SELECTED FROM A GALILEAN SHORE. YET, EVEN THESE MEN HAD SHAKEN IMPERIAL ROME TO HER CENTRE, AND CONFOUNDED GREECE WITH ALL HER LEARNING. THIS GOSPEL WAS NOW RIDING THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IN TRIUMPH, AND PAGAN TEMPLES OF THE EAST WERE FALLING, AND THE MOSQUE OF THE MUSSLEMEN WAS CRUMBLING; AND THE ROSE OF SHARON SHOULD YET BLOOM IN THE DESERT AND BLOSSOM ON THE MOUNTAINS OF ETERNAL SNOW. HIS DESCRIPTION OF WHAT A FAITHFUL MINISTER OUGHT TO BE, EXCEEDED EVEN COWPER ON PAUL. HE MUST HAVE HAD AN EYE THAT NEVER WINKED, A JUDGMENT THAT NEVER ERRED, AND A WING THAT NEVER TIRED. HE WAS TO GO WHEREVER MISERY WAS TO BE FOUND, OR MAN RE-CLAIMED: HE WAS TO CONSIDER THIS EARTH AS HIS BIRTH-RIGHT, THE WORLD AS HIS PARISH, AND THE UNIVERSE AS HIS DIOCESE; HE WAS TO FREEZE UNDER THE POLE OF THE NORTH AND BURN UNDER THE LINE OF THE SOUTH; HE WAS NOT TO SHRINK FROM THE PALACE OF INFIDELITY NOR TREMBLE AT THE CHAIR OF MAGISTRACY, FOR HE HAD THE PROM

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ISE OF THE SAVIOUR: "AND, LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS."

HE PREACHED UNTIL HE WAS EXHAUSTED, AND WAS COMPELLED TO CEASE.

THE WORDS LAST UTTERED WERE RESPONDED BY MANY, AND VIBRATED ON

THE LISTENING MULTITUDE: "GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST." NEVER

COULD HE HAVE BEEN MORE GRATIFIED THAN ON THAT DAY, HUNDREDS AND

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, AMONG WHOM WERE BEAUTY AND TALENTS, ALL

GAZING IN MUTE ASTONISHMENT AT THIS STAR FROM THE WEST, THIS

KENTUCKY ORATOR, THIS AMERICAN CICERO."

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NOW I AM IN THE BOUNDS OF MY OLD HOCKHOCKING CIRCUIT, TO WHICH I WAS APPOINTED IN 1804, AND ALSO IN THE BOUNDS OF MUSKINGUM DISTRICT, TO WHICH I WAS APPOINTED BY BISHOP ASBURY IN 1809. THE CIRCUIT EMBRACES THE PRINCIPAL PART OF THE TERRITORY LYING, AND BEING, IN THE COUNTIES OF FAIRFIELD, PICKAWAY, PART OF FRANKLIN, PART OF ROSS, HOCKING, PERRY, MUSKINGUM, LICKING AND KNOW. THROUGH THIS TERRITORY WE RANGED ONCE A MONTH, PREACHING NEARLY EVERY DAY. OF COURSE, WE HAD BUT FEW REST DAYS. THE DISTRICT EMBRACED THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES IN OHIO: GALLIA, MEIGS, ATHENS, WASHINGTON, MONROE, BELMONT, JEFFERSON, HARRISON, TUSCARAWAS, COSHOCKTON, KNOW, LICKING, MUSKINGUM, GUERNSEY, MORGAN, PERRY, HOCKING, AND THE EAST HALF OF FAIRFIELD; AND CABEL, KANAWHA, MASON, AND WOOD COUNTIES IN VIRGINIA.

THROUGH THIS DISTRICT I RANGED ~~XXXXXXXX~~ REGULARLY ONCE A QUARTER FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, AND TRULY THEY WERE YEARS OF PRIVATION AND MUCH TOIL. OFTEN HAVE I BEEN ABSENT FROM MY FAMILY FROM THREE TO SIX WEEKS AND ON MY RETURN FOUND THAT DISEASE, AND ONCE, THAT DEATH HAD BEEN THERE IN MY ABSENCE, BUT 'THE LORD OF HOSTS WAS WITH US; THE GOD OF JACOB WAS OUR HELP.'

(ABOVE WERE MERELY REMINISCENCES).

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FOR MORE THAN FORTY YEARS I HAVE BEEN IN THE HABIT OF RECEIVING MY APPOINTMENT AT CONFERENCE TO A CIRCUIT, DISTRICT, OR STATION AND THEN HASTENING WITH PLEASURE TO MY FIELD OF LABOR, NEVER ASKING FOR AN EASY PLACE, NOR REFUSING TO GO TO A HARD ONE. BUT NOW, I HAVE RECEIVED AN AGENCY TO SOLICIT DONATIONS FOR THE 'PREACHER'S RELIEF SOCIETY! I FEAR I SHALL DO A POOR BUSI-

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NESS, BUT I SHALL TRY. SOME SAY: "YOU WILL DO WELL, FOR YOU HAVE VANTAGE GROUND WHICH CAN BE OCCUPIED BY YOURSELF, ONLY'. IT IS TRUE, I AM ONE OF THOSE WHO FIRST BROUGHT SALVATION'S JOYFUL SOUND TO THE LOG CABINS OF THE FATHERS AND GRANDFATHERS OF MANY WHO ARE NOW BLESSED BY THE GIVER OF ALL GOOD, AND WHO ARE ABOUNDING IN WEALTH. SURELY, TO THESE I SHALL NOT APPEAL IN VAIN.

"THERE ARE ALREADY SEVERAL WELL QUALIFIED AGENTS IN THE FIELD SOLICITING AID FOR VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS. THERE IS SEHON: IT IS WELL KNOWN WHAT HE CAN DO. I TRUST NONE WILL TURN HIM AWAY EMPTY, FOR HE IS ENGAGED IN THE BLESSED BIBLE CAUSE. THEN THERE IS MALEY: THERE IS NO GETTING OFF FROM HIS SOLICITATION--HE HANGS ON TO THE LAST. THERE IS LIKEWISE GADDIS: NO ONE CAN GET OUT OF HUMOR WITH HIM. THE CAUSE OF LEARNING IS GOOD AND I HOPE IT WILL BE LIBERALLY SUSTAINED. BUT OUR PEOPLE SHOULD NEVER FORGET THE MEN WHO HAVE WORN THEMSELVES OUT IN THE WORK; NOR THE LONELY WIDOWS AND HELPLESS ORPHANS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN THE CAUSE. THOSE MEN COUNTED NOT THEIR LIVES DEAR TO THEM, SO THAT THEY MIGHT FINISH THE MINISTRY WHICH THEY HAD RECEIVED FROM THE LORD, IN PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL OF ~~XXXXX~~ THE GRACE OF GOD. THEY WERE POOR THROUGH LIFE: THEY LAID NOT UP TREASURE ON EARTH, YET MADE THEY MANY RICH. AND ARE NOT SOME TO WHOM THIS APPEAL IS MADE, AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BENEFITED IN A PECUNIARY POINT OF VIEW, THROUGH THE INSTRUMENTALITY OF THOSE MEN?

I AM VISITING DIFFERNT PLACES AS RAPIDLY AS I CAN, AND I INTEND TO PREACH AS OFTEN AS I AM ABLE AND TO MEET CLASS AS OFTEN AS I SHALL GET OPPORTUNITY; FOR I SHOULD THINK I WAS BACK-SLIDDEN FROM GOD IF I DID NOT LOVE THE CLASS MEETING.



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I WAS THINKING THE OTHER NIGHT THAT IN MORE THAN FORTY YEARS SPENT IN THE ITINERANT FIELD, MY DEFICIENCY IN THE DISCIPLINARY ALLOWANCE AMOUNTED TO ABOUT TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS. NOW, HOW EASY IT WOULD BE FOR FOR SOME FIFTY OR A HUNDRED OF THE CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF THOSE AMONG WHOM I HAVE LABORED THESE MANY EARS, PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM TO UNITE AND MAKE UP AND HAND ME OVER THE SUM. AND WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH IT? BUY A FARM? PUT IT OUT AT USURY AT TEN, TWELVE, FIFTEEN OR TWENTY PER CENT.? NO, NO, I WOULD DROP THE INTEREST AND DEPOSIT THE PRINCIPAL IN THE FUNDS OF THE PREACHER'S RELIEF SOCIETY. THIS WOULD DOUBTLESS BE THE MEANS OF GLADDENING THE HEART OF SOME WAR-WORN VETERAN OR DRYING THE TEAR OF SOME LONELY WIDOW WHEN I SHALL BE SLEEPING IN THE GRAVE. I TRUST NONE WILL TURN ME OFF QUITE EMPTY. ONLY LEND THE LORD A FEW DOLLARS AND HE WILL PAY YOU GOOD INTEREST--YEA, A HUNDRED PER CENT."

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THE RELIGIONISTS OF THE DAY, HOWEVER DIVIDED AMONG THEMSELVES IN SOME THINGS, APPEARED TO THINK IT THEIR DUTY TO UNIT IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE METHODISTS, WHOM THEY REGARDED AS HERETICS AND A COMMON ENEMY, CALLING FOR THE UNITED STRENGTH OF ALL TO KEEP OUT, OR COUNTERACT THE RUINOUS TENDENCY OF THEIR DOCTRINES, AS CALCULATEE TO DEDEIVE AND RUIN, IF IT WERE POSSIBLE, THE VERY ELECT. THEY OFTEN ATTACKED THEM IN PUBLIC AFTER PREACHING, AND ASSAILED THEM IN PRIVATE, AND SOMETIMES PUT THEM UP TO ALL THEY KNEW; BUT OFTEN FOUND THEM BETTER PREPARED TO DEFEND THEMSELVES THAN THEY HAD ANTICIPATED, AND NOT UNFREQUENTLY FOUND THEMSELVES FOILED BY THE IL-