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TO THE MEMBERS  
OF THE  
SUFFOLK NORTH ASSOCIATION;  
TO THE  
CONGREGATIONAL CLERGYMEN OF NEW-ENGLAND;  
AND TO ALL  
PARENTS IN COVENANT WITH GOD;  
THIS VOLUME  
IS MOST RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED  
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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that this is crucial for ensuring transparency and accountability in the organization's operations.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods and tools used to collect and analyze data. It highlights the need for consistent data collection procedures and the use of advanced analytical techniques to derive meaningful insights from the data.

3. The third part of the document focuses on the role of technology in data management and analysis. It discusses how modern software solutions can streamline data collection, storage, and processing, thereby improving efficiency and accuracy.

4. The fourth part of the document addresses the challenges associated with data collection and analysis. It identifies common pitfalls such as data quality issues, incomplete data, and the complexity of large datasets, and provides strategies to overcome these challenges.

5. The fifth part of the document discusses the importance of data security and privacy. It emphasizes the need for robust security measures to protect sensitive information and ensure compliance with relevant regulations and standards.

6. The sixth part of the document concludes by summarizing the key findings and recommendations. It stresses the importance of a data-driven approach in decision-making and the need for continuous monitoring and improvement of data collection and analysis processes.

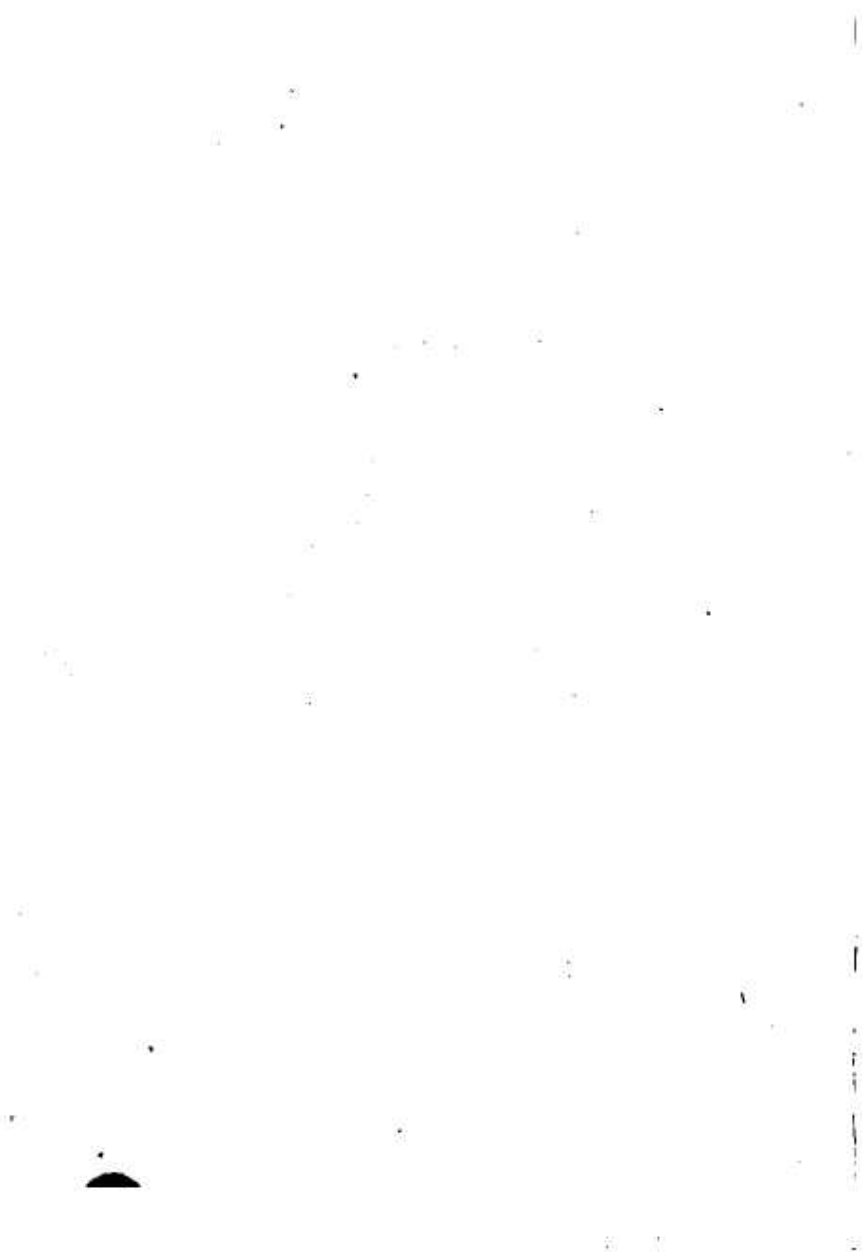


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If temporal estates may be conveyed  
By covenants, on condition,  
To men and to *their heirs*, be not afraid,  
My soul, to rest upon  
The covenant of grace, by mercy made.

Do but thy duty and rely upon't,  
Repentance, Faith, Obedience,  
Whenever practised truly will amount  
To an authentic evidence—  
Though the deed were *antidoted* at the font.

SYNAGOGUE.



## P R E F A C E .

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THIS treatise is presented to the churches under a deep sense of religious responsibility. It was not prepared in a controversial spirit. Nor was it intended as an attack upon that large and respectable denomination of Christians who differ most widely from the leading sentiments it contains. It has been the author's design simply to reaffirm and establish one of those great doctrines of puritan and primitive Christianity on which he believes, the perpetuity, stability, and progressive piety of the New-England congregational churches greatly depends.

He was led to the undertaking by providential circumstances, and without the most distant expectation of making his views public. Infant baptism, and the relation of baptized children to the church had been exciting increased attention for several years. Pastors and parents deplored the fact, that "the seed of the church" should be accounted, and educated, in so many instances, as those who are confessedly