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RECTOR OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, NEW-YORK,

THE HISTORIAN, SCHOLAR, AND DIVINE;

THIS LITTLE VOLUME

IS MOST RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED,

BY HIS HUNSLE PRIEND,

THE AUTHOR.

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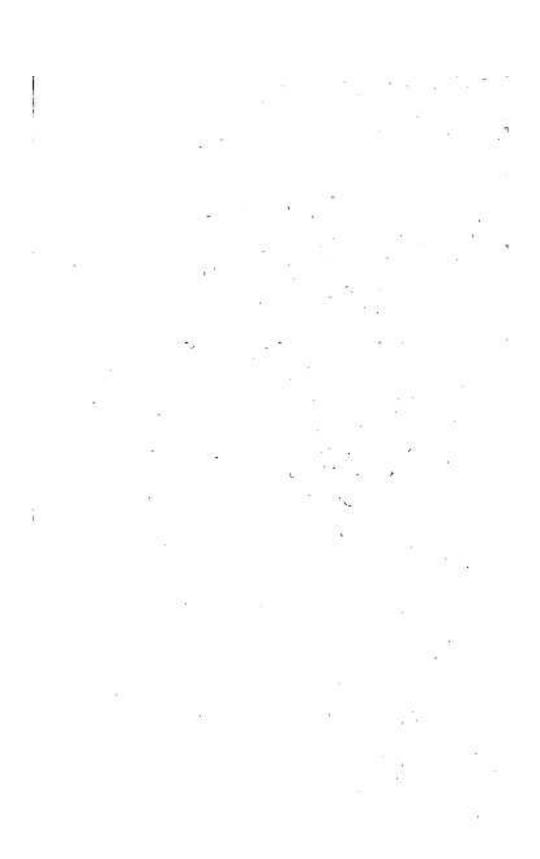
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THE HISTORY

OF THE

CHURCHES OF NEW-YORK.

CHAPTER FIRST.

INCIDENTAL HISTORY OF THE CHURCHES, WHILE THE CITY WAS UNDER FOREIGN GOVERNORS.

[The Interlocutors are, on UNCLE, and his two Nephones, HENRY and JOHN.]

Uncle. Well, Henry, did you make out to get a view of the ruins of the old church to-day, or was the appearance of things in Gardenstreet so altered by the fire, that you could hardly

find your way?

Henry. Oh no, sir; we succeeded in finding the object of our search, although the great fire has indeed made astonishing changes in that part of the city. John and I, after having gone around the whole ruins left of the fire, and clambering over one continued heap of rubbish, from South to Broad streets, at last found ourselves standing before the bare and blackened walls, of what so lately was the Garden-street

Church. But, uncle, did I understand you, this morning, to say, that that was the spot where the first church ever built in New-York city stood?

John. Perhaps you did, Henry; but I understood uncle to make a distinction between the first churches built in this city. If I recollect aright, he said that the Garden-street Church was the third built within the precincts of the city, but the first one that was erected by the will and contributions of the people, indepen-

dently of the government.

Uncle. You are right, John; the government, very soon after the settlement of the colony here, caused a chapel for divine worship, to be built within the walls of the fort; which you may note down as the first church in New-York; the second was built by Peter Stuyvesant on his farm, or "Bowery" about the year 1660; and, then, not many years after this, the people procured a license to build a church in Garden-street, which you see was the third in the city.

Henry. But was it called Garden-street along

there in those early days?

Uncle. No. There was not much of a street there then, when the church was first built; it was merely a lane on which the church stood, which ran up back of the parsonage-garden, where the minister lived, and from this came the name, in after days, of Garden-street.

John. But you are not done, I hope, uncle?