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PREFATORY NOTES

FROM its foundation in 1767 until 1809 the Brick Church was an integral part of the First Presbyterian Church of New York City. The records for that period are all in the custody of the "Old First Church." The material in this volume is taken wholly from the records in the possession of the Brick Church, and covers, therefore, only the period 1809-1908, almost exactly a century.

For a proper understanding of the material here presented, a few facts should be known in regard to the manuscript volumes in which the original records are contained.

These volumes are seven in number, as follows:

1. Register of Marriages and Baptisms, in use from 1809 to 1875. It contains apparently a very complete record. In the middle of page 217 is written, "The following records, where the date of the marriage has been given me, contains (*sic*) it, though in irregular order as to time." This entry seems to apply to marriages from 1825 to 1834, and will account for some doubtful dates of marriages in that decade. It should be noted that in the handwriting in which most of this volume is written, the letters *o* and *a* are practically indistinguishable.

2. Register of Marriages and Baptisms, begun in

1902 and still in use. This volume contains, however, a considerable number of entries for the years between 1877 and 1902, copied from a private record-book of Dr. van Dyke and from the stubs of marriage certificates preserved at the church; but very few records for the years 1877 to 1883 have been preserved.

3, 4, and 5. The first three volumes of the Session Minutes, from which have been taken admissions to membership and dismissions, with a few deaths, down to the year 1844. In the case, however, of persons whose records appear in the volume to be next mentioned, the record from the Session Minutes has been omitted, except where there is a variation in spelling. There both forms are given. See, for example, Fidelca and Fidelia Porter.

6. Roll of members, in use 1844 to 1888. In this roll are entered the names and dates of admission; dates of dismissal, if subsequently dismissed; and, with less regularity, maiden names of married women, marriages subsequent to admission, and deaths. *It should be particularly observed* that in this Roll-book the entries under any given name frequently refer to events subsequent to the time of the person's admission to membership. For example, the record, "Baldwin, Charlotte, mem. June, 1815, widow of Jesse, dism. Oct., 1893," does not indicate that she was necessarily a widow when she became a member, nor indeed that she was necessarily married at that time. It is even possible that she was not a widow when the Roll-book was started in 1844.

This caution applies also to records from the volume to be next mentioned; in short, to all entries

here printed which begin with a record of membership ("mem.").

7. Roll of Members, in use from 1888 to the present time. See the remarks in the foregoing paragraph.

It should be noted that, through a curious oversight, the names of the original members of the Brick Church, at the time of the separation in 1809, are nowhere recorded, and are therefore unknown to us unless the members in question were elected to the office of elder or deacon, or were dismissed to other churches, or were still members in 1844, the date of the earliest existing "Roll." That is, the names of those original members who died in the fellowship of the Brick Church before 1844 do not appear in the records.

The following facts should also be noted:

The spelling of names in the original records has been preserved throughout.

The full record of a marriage will usually be found under the name of the man.

Names of churches from which members were received, or to which they were dismissed, have been omitted.

Excommunications are omitted, together with the record of the membership of the persons excommunicated.

Names of parents of bride and groom in marriage records, and of the place of the ceremony, and of the name of the officiating clergyman, all of which are commonly included in the more recent entries, are here omitted.

Some valuable information not recorded in the manuscript records of the church, and therefore not

to be found in this volume, relating especially to the residences of members and their grouping in families, may be found in the early printed Catalogues or Manuals of the church, published in 1828, 1832, 1833, 1866, and 1869, copies of which are contained in the church's historical library. In the more recent Year Books of the church will be found lists of deaths of members of the congregation as well as of the church.

The special abbreviations used in this volume are as follows:

- b. = born.
- bef. = before.
- betw. = between.
- bpt. = baptized.
- conf. = admitted by confession of faith.
- d. = died.
- dau. = daughter of.
- dism. = dismissed to the fellowship of another church.
- let. = admitted by letter from another church.
- mar. = married.
- mem. = became a member.

The addition of the word "mission" to the record of a member indicates that he or she worshipped at the Mission Chapel (now Christ Church).

The word "retired" indicates that the person in question, having moved to parts unknown and not having been heard from for several years, was, in accordance with the Directory for Worship, removed from the roll of active members and placed on the retired list.

S. K.

March, 16, 1908.

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SURNAMES NOT RECORDED

- , Abby Harriman, bpt. (1824?).
- “ Albert Sedgewick, son of —, bpt. Apr., 1845.
- “ Alburdis, bpt. (1836?).
- “ Alice, b. June 17, 1826, bpt. (1826?).
- “ Almyra Louise, b. Nov. 9, 1827, bpt. (1827?).
- “ Angeline, bpt. (1828?).
- “ Anne, b. May 31, 1841, bpt. July 9, 1841.
- “ Anthony, bpt. (1830?).
- “ Benjamin Montgomery, bpt. (1822?).
- “ “ Theodore, bpt. (1832?).
- “ Caroline Elizabeth, b. Oct. 24, 1820, bpt. (Jan. 28, 1821?).
- “ “ Matilda, bpt. (1822?).
- “ “ Virginia, bpt. (1836?).
- “ Catharine, b. July 5, 1815, bpt. (1821?).
- “ Charles Gardner, b. Apr. 28, 1819, bpt. (1821?).
- “ Charlotte Cordelia, bpt. Apr. 3, 1818.
- “ Christopher, b. Apr. 7, 1817, bpt. (1821?).
- “ Clinton, bpt. (1826?).
- “ Cyrus, bpt. (1836?).
- “ Delia, mem., dism. betw. Apr., 1818, and Apr., 1822, wife of —.
- “ Edward Lewis, b. May 2, 1842, bpt. Oct. 7, 1842.
- “ Elisabeth, b. Mar. 4, 1817, bpt. Apr. 5, 1822.
- “ “ — (?), b. Dec. 28, 1831, bpt. (1837?).
- “ “ Ann, bpt. (1834?).
- “ Eliza Hooker, bpt. Oct. 7, 1842.
- “ Elizabeth, bpt. July 1, 1816.
- “ Elmira, b. June 11, 1837, bpt. (1837?).
- “ Emily Theresa, bpt. (1855?).
- “ “ Van Auden, dau. of —, bpt. Jan. 10, 1845.
- “ Frances Julia, bpt. Oct. 20, 1831.
- “ “ Marion Pamela, bpt. (1849?).
- “ Frederic Henery, b. June 6, 1856, bpt. (1857?).
- “ Frederic Lockwood, bpt. (1824?).
- “ George, bpt. (1836?).
- “ “ Brewer, b. May 29, 1824, bpt. (1824?).