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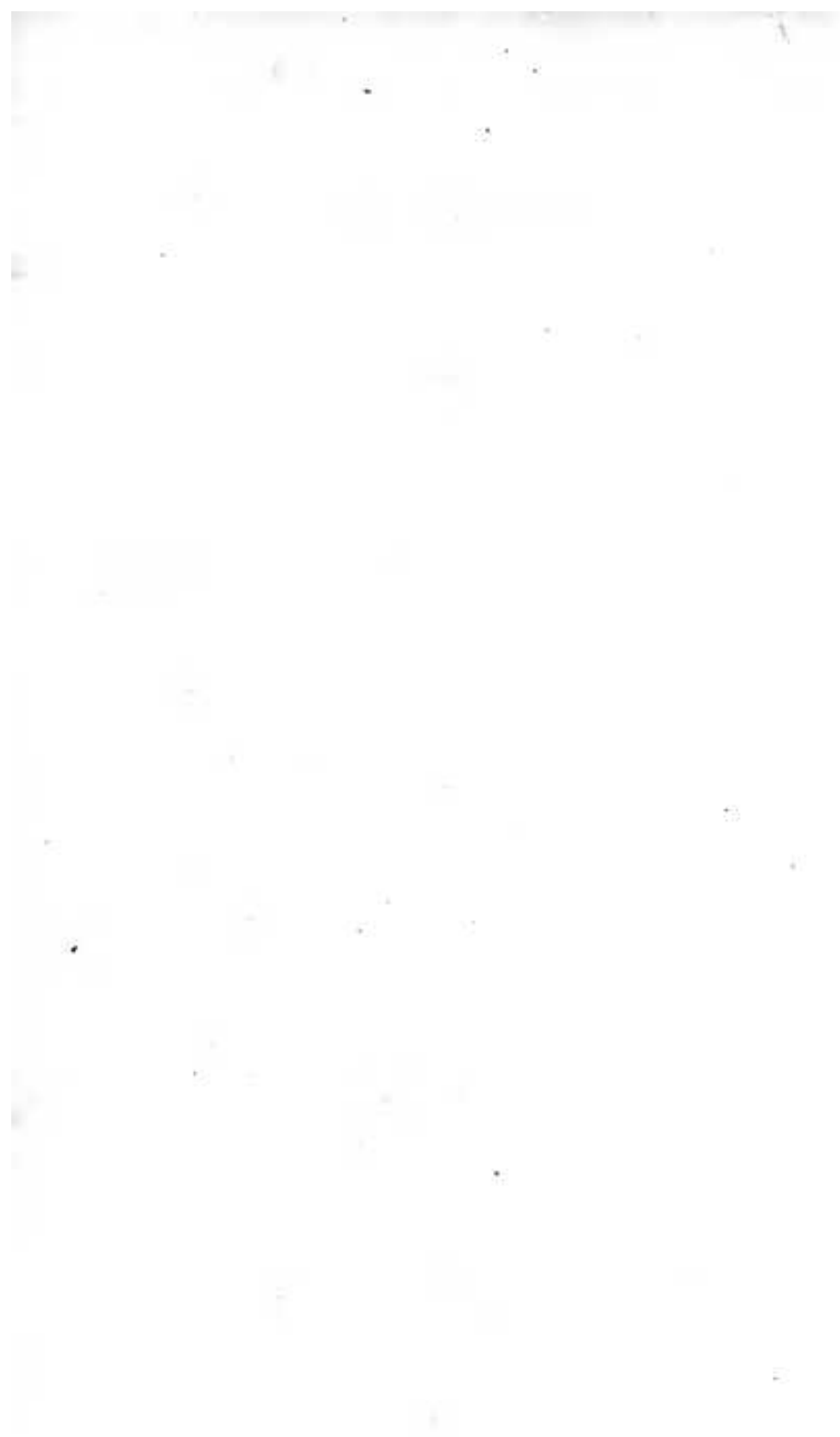
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PREFATORY NOTE. MAIN

THE first printed Manual of the South Church in Andover bears the date of December, 1812. It contained the Form of Admission, and the names of 268 members. A second Manual was issued May 12, 1834. It contained the names of 528 members, two pages of Historical Items, some account of the Church Order, the Answer of Rev. S. Phillips to the question, "What shall we do that we may keep in mind our Covenant?" and the Questions for Self-Examination. The Manual published in 1848 included nearly the same matter; its Catalogue numbered 447 names.

The present enlarged Manual has been prepared after protracted labor. The records of the church, and parish, and town have been painfully searched. Free use has been made of the memories of old and young inhabitants, and of former residents. Abbott's History of Andover, and the Genealogical Register of the Abbott Family, have been of constant

service. For the notices of the first three pastors, *The Annals of the American Pulpit*, *Alden's Epitaphs*, *Hallock's Life of Dr. Edwards*, *Taylor's Memoir of Judge Phillips*, and the *Memorial of the Semi-Centennial Celebration of the Founding of the Theological Seminary*, have furnished largely both facts and language. The Deacons of the church have, from the beginning, been often consulted, and have fully coöperated, as far as possible, in the work.

The compiler, not presuming that there are no mistakes, suspicious of numberless ways in which mistakes may creep in, does yet put the work to press in the belief that some useful facts have been rescued from oblivion, and in the hope also that some new interest may be excited in the not unimportant matter of order in the Lord's House.

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ANDOVER, AUGUST 1, 1859.

FORM OF ADMISSION.



ADDRESS.

Beloved Friends,—

You have presented yourselves before God, and his people, and the world, to make a solemn profession of your religious faith, and to take upon you the bonds of the everlasting Covenant. We trust you have well considered the nature of this transaction — the most solemn and momentous in which a mortal can ever engage, and that you are prepared, by divine grace, to give yourselves away, as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

You will now attend to the

CONFESSION OF FAITH.

1. You believe in one only living and true God—the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; and that it is the duty of all intelligent creatures to love and obey Him.

2. You believe that the Bible is the Word of God; that it was given by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost; and is the sufficient and only rule of faith and practice.

3. You believe that God created man upright; you believe the fall of man, the depravity of human nature, and that men, unless they are born again, can never see the kingdom of God.

4. You believe in the incarnation, obedience, suffering, and death of Christ; his resurrection and ascension; that he alone, by his suffering and death, hath made atonement for sin; and that he ever liveth to make intercession for us.

5. You believe that Christ hath appointed two special ordinances — Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

6. You believe in the future existence of the soul; that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked — a day of final judgment; that all will receive according to their works; that the wicked will go away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into life eternal.

Thus, you profess to believe.

[Those who have not been baptized, here receive the ordinance of Baptism.]

You will now enter into solemn Covenant with God and with this Church.

COVENANT.

You now, humbly and penitently asking the forgiveness of all your sins, through the blood of the great Redeemer, give up yourselves to God, in an everlasting Covenant, in our Lord Jesus Christ; and as in the presence of God, angels, and men, you solemnly promise, that by the assistance of the Holy Spirit, you will forsake the vanities of this present evil world, and approve yourselves true disciples of Jesus Christ, in all good carriage toward God, and toward man.

And you likewise promise, so long as God shall continue you among us, to walk in communion with the Church of Christ in this place; to watch over other professing Christians among us; to submit to the power and discipline of Christ in his Church, and duly to attend the seals and the censures, or whatever ordinance Christ has commanded to be observed by his people, so far as the Lord, by his Word and Spirit, has revealed, or shall reveal

to you to be your duty ; adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things, and avoiding the appearance of evil ; and by daily prayer to Almighty God, in the name of his Son Jesus Christ, you will seek for grace to keep this Covenant.

Thus, you covenant and promise.

We, therefore, the members of this Church (*all the members of the Church here rise*), affectionately receive you to our communion and fellowship ; and on our part, engage to watch over your spiritual interests, and walk with you, in all the ordinances of the gospel as becometh saints. And may God of his infinite mercy give us grace to be faithful to him, and faithful to each other, while we live ; that we may be admitted, at last, through the merits of Christ, to the everlasting fellowship of saints and angels, in the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.