

A HISTORY
OF THE
BRICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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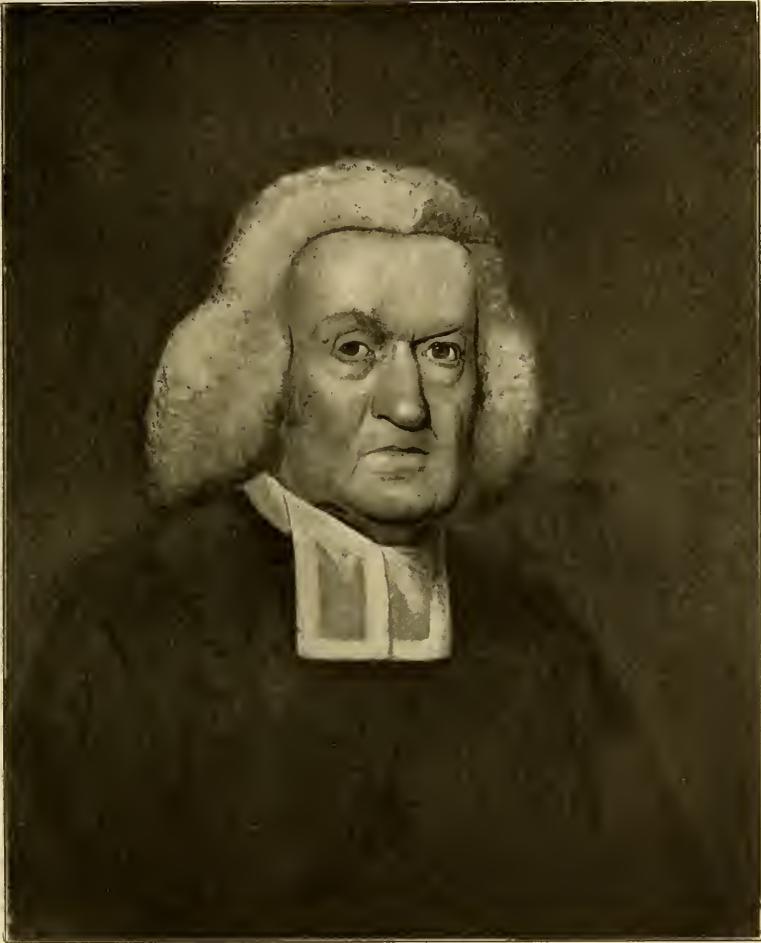
"Inquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to the search of their fathers. . . . Shall not they teach thee and tell thee, and utter words out of their heart?"—Job 8 : 8, 10.

"The Brick Presbyterian Church has, from its origin, occupied a position sufficiently prominent to justify, even in the eyes of the men of the world, some historical notices, which may perhaps be viewed with interest by others as well as ourselves."
—GARDINER SPRING, 1856, *Brick Church Memorial*, p. 7.

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JOHN RODGERS

From a painting in the possession of the church

New York, Feb 26th 1805.

My dear Sir,

I have but a few Minutes to thank
You for the Sermons, You were so kind as to send me by
the Bearer - Some Weeks ago I rec^d a Letter from Mr. Kirk,
-land, accompanied by a Journal of some Weeks, expressing
an anxious Wish to be employed by our Missionary Socie-
-ty - These I laid before the Board of Directors at their last
Meeting - but they were afraid to accept his offer, till they could
be better satisfied respecting his moral Character, which
You know has laboured for some Time past - Pray what was
the State of that Mission when You & Dr. Bellknop visited it?
what was the Result of your Enquiries respecting his moral
Character? Is he likely to be useful among those People?
If our Board of Directors could be satisfied on these Sub-
-jects, they would willingly employ him - He complains of

P.S. I wish an opportunity to visit upon at convenient

I am able, thro' Divine Goodness, to preach on my Lord's
Day, & do my full share of parochial Duty, & my People express
full Satisfaction with this - They have it in Contemplation
to call another Minister, which I hope they will be able to do,
in the course of a few Months - They have their Eye on a Mr. Brad-
ford, a Nephew of Dr. Green's - a young Man of handsome Talents
& Piety - I hope they will unite in him.

But I must have done - when I have told you that Mr. Rodgers,
as well as my self, enjoys good Health - and that she joins in sincere
regards to you & Mrs. Morse, with, Dear Sir, y^r affectionate friend &
don't be in the Gospel of a precious X^t
John Rodgers

Dr. Morse
The Rev. Dr. Morse,

Charlestown, near

Boston