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OF THE
Presbyterian Church in America,

FROM ITS ORIGIN UNTIL THE YEAR 1760.

WITH
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF ITS EARLY MINISTERS.

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things.' I imagined, in a sermon on such a text, we could not miss of having some morality. He confined himself to five points only, as meant by the apostle:—Keeping holy the Sabbath day, Being diligent in reading the Scriptures, Attending duly the public worship, Partaking of the sacraments, and Paying due respect to God's ministers. These all might be good things; but, as they were not the kind of good things I expected from that text, I despaired of ever meeting with them from any other, was disgusted, and attended his preaching no more. On Hemphill's defeat, (in 1735,) I quitted the congregation, never attending it further, though continuing my subscription many years for the support of its ministers."

NATHANIEL TAYLOR

WAS probably ordained in Scotland in 1702 or '3, and came immediately to Marlborough, on the Patuxent. The settlement was made in 1690, by Col. Ninian Beall, who purchased a large tract on the Potomac and drew thither his friends and neighbours from Fifeshire.

The mouth of Patuxent was a great commercial emporium;—There George Fox and Edmundson anchored in 1651; and there Chalkley and Richardson, who followed them as Public Friends, left the ship.

Taylor was a punctual attendant on every meeting of presbytery till his death in 1710. His elder in 1707 was William Smith; and, in 1708 and '09, James Bell (Beall?)

Mr. Foot, of Port Penn, supposes him to have been related to the Taylors,* who, as early as 1683, settled at Drawyers. He may have been a brother of Elias Taylor, who married Makemie's sister-in-law, Comfort Anderson.

GEORGE McNISH

CAME to Maryland with Makemie and Hampton in 1705. Dr. Reid says that he was from Ulster; but Mr. Poyer,† of Jamaica, calls him a North Briton. He preached at Monokin and Wicomico; but, being poorly supported, he declined their call in 1710. The presbytery left it to himself to determine the affair between

* Historical Discourse at Drawyers.

† Albany Documents.