

a Delaware by nation, who is now 70 years of age. In 1771 or 2 at the solicitation of the Soc. in Scotland I believe for Propagating Christian Knowledge he was selected by the Rev. John Brainerd, brother of David B.<sup>1</sup> in order to give him a liberal education; but in his second year in college, the funds failed in consequence of the revolutionary war and he was obliged to abandon his studies. For many years afterwards he taught school and about 25 years ago united with a (baptist) church, but became intemperate & at times drank excessively, still from time to time the upbraidings of his conscience were very severe & sometimes he would resolve on reformation, yet so strong was the habit, that he as often broke his resolutions & ruin seemed inevitable. But God in the riches of his grace & mercy saw fit to rescue him when he seemed ripe for an aggravated destruction after he had drunk of the intoxicating cup until reason & intellect were almost destroyed. In the way above mentioned he lived until about 3 years ago when the revival commenced under the Rev. Mr. M[iner]r preaching, he was then awakened and is now an eminent example of temperance & sobriety. Seldom have I seen one who appears to possess more of the grace of humility, this is manifest in all his deportment, but especially in prayer, here he seems a suppliant indeed. His humility seems to arise from a deep sense of the sinfulness & depravity of his heart by nature and of the greatness & holiness of God. When inquiring of him at a certain time respecting his feelings, "Sometimes," he replied, "my sins rise so high before me and appear so great, that I inquire is it possible that such a sinner as I am ever to be saved?" At another time, at a church meeting when the members were expressing their feelings in turn "I have," says he, "a great many doubts (about myself) that I am not a christian, because I see so much sin in my heart. Still I find something within which hates those very thoughts & feelings which arise there, so that I am encouraged still to

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<sup>1</sup> David Brainerd was a celebrated missionary among the Stockbridges, in Massachusetts. He commenced his work in 1743.— Ed.