

Friend & Savior." At times he had expressed to me a strong desire to get an education & preach t[he] gospel, but God had otherwise determined, & without doubt he is now serving his divine Lord & Master in a higher & more glorious manner than he could had he been permitted to attain t[he] object wh[ich] seemed to lay near his heart.

There has been a number of cases of discipline & suspension for a while from the church but none of excommunication; and the ch[urch] now consists of sixty two members in regular standing with t[he] exception of some individuals who are under discipline; and in addition to t[he] nineteen wh[o] have been admitted to t[he] ch[urch] I have baptised eleven children.

At times I see very convincing proof that God is carrying on the work of sanctification in the hearts of many of my ch[urch] by the deep heart searching wh[ich] t[he] truth occasions, & the godly jealousy which is maintained over their hearts lest they should be deceived. Early one morning Bartholomew Calvin (whose name I have before mentioned) called upon me and I inquired of him how he did, "Well" he replied "in body but not in mind. Yesterday I was reading that chap. in the Memoirs of David Brainerd<sup>1</sup> where he speaks of his supposed good frame &c. before it pleased God to show him his situation & exposedness to the wrath to come; and I thought it very possible that I might be in the same situation. The preaching of David B. was the means of awakening & converting my poor mother & now I thought he was speaking to me." I inquired of him how long he had been in this darkness of mind & he said ever since the communion wh[ich] was a few weeks previous. "I am afraid," says he, that I partook of the memorials of the Saviors dying love unworthily because it seems to me so great & solemn a thing to come to the table of the Lord." After removing some difficulties in

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<sup>1</sup> *An abridgment of Mr. David Brainerd's Journal among the Indians. Or, the rise and progress of a remarkable work of grace among a number of the Indians in the provinces of New Jersey and Pennsylvania* (London and Edinburgh, 1748).—Ed.