



him up as his disciple. As a youth, he always  
endeavored to yield strict obedience to his par-  
ents, & thus endeared himself ~~very much~~ to them  
This early opportunity afforded by the Schools frequen-  
ted by him, for <sup>the cultivation</sup> ~~the improvement~~ of his intellectual faculties  
were well improved, and the progress which he made  
in the elementary branches of Education, plainly shew-  
ed, that his mind was susceptible of the highest im-  
provement. When he was ten years of age it pleased  
his heavenly Benefactor to call his father to  
the rest proposed for the righteous. Being thus bereft  
of his pious parent, whose help he much lamented, the  
prospect of prosecuting his studies in future was  
in a great measure blighted, in as much as his neces-  
sary sources ceased with his father's departure. But  
these opponent difficulties were soon removed by  
some of his <sup>friends</sup> ~~relatives~~, who afforded him all the means  
necessary for the prosecution of his studies. He spent  
several years in the schools of Ascherleben, Hal-  
berstadt & Magdeburg. At this time his attain-  
ments ~~became~~ highly respectable & his prospects  
flattering. After having made some progress  
in general science, a predilection for the study  
of medicine induced him to turn <sup>his attention</sup>  
to it, & he prosecuted this <sup>at present</sup> ~~to him~~ delightful study  
with the greatest ardor. From this course he  
was however afterwards diverted by disease. He who reigns on





one of his pupils, to plunge himself into the  
river & save him by his skin & thus proved his  
deliverer in this critical moment.

After ~~Smith~~ had finished his studies ~~in~~  
at the above mentioned universities, & being fully  
prepared for the work <sup>for which</sup> ~~the~~ Lord had designed him.  
He found a door open at Ballenstadt in his native  
country, for his ministerial labor. This took place  
1583, in the 28<sup>th</sup> year of his age. Here he evinced a great zeal  
in the cause of his divine Master; his sole object ever was  
to glorify God in all what he undertook, by leading & directing  
sinners to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world.  
But here he was also soon to experience many & severe trials.  
Opposition was excited against him, by some advocates of  
the peculiarities of Colomanism. These ~~parties~~ he felt it his  
duty to oppose, by maintaining the universality of divine  
grace. This controversy brought him to such extri-  
mities, that he, together with his family, by ~~came~~  
an exile from <sup>his</sup> native land, <sup>which</sup> ~~after~~ <sup>he had</sup> served  
it as a faithful servant of his Master for the space  
of seven years. About this time he received several  
calls; one from Mansfeld & another from Lued-  
lingburg, the latter of which he accepted. ~~He~~  
~~there~~ ~~he~~ discharged his ministerial duties  
thence with fidelity & zeal. For nine years, till his  
widespreading reputation procured him a call to Beromun-  
schweig. Here he must again resign persecution,





his writings now extend sufficiently testify. They show  
to every candid reader that he was not only theoretically,  
but practically acquainted with the whole plan of  
salvation, as revealed in the oracles of God. (Yes, not only  
his own writings, will testify to the truth of the asser-  
tion just made, but no doubt hundreds of thou-  
sands of immortal spirits, who are now sur-  
rounding the eternal throne of heaven & beseech  
God that he ever raise & send up, an Ananias who  
in his true Christianity pointed them a whilst or longer  
to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.  
After having laboured about 10 years amongst the people  
of Baaruse, having, he received, & he kindly accepted a  
call from "Eisloben" a place so dear to every Lu-  
theran, being the birth place of the venerable Father  
of our Church. This occurred in the year 1608. & 53<sup>rd</sup>  
of his age. Although his residence was again changed  
his persecutions & trials still followed him, of him  
it may truly be said he was a man of much sorrow &  
grief. He could however say as one of old, "we glory in  
tribulation, for tribulation worketh patience, & pa-  
tience experience, & experience hope, & hope maketh not  
ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our  
heart, by the holy Ghost which is given unto us". He knew  
that all these things work together to the good of them that  
love God. He well knew that these light afflictions,  
to which he was subject would work out for him  
"a more exceeding weight of glory". Having spent three  
years at Eisloben, his ~~residence~~ <sup>residence</sup> for fifty to end





true Christian! And how often has it proved the source  
of life unto life to those who <sup>have</sup> read it! And yet only <sup>how</sup>  
how <sup>many</sup> <sup>thousands</sup> more may yet be awakened from their <sup>spiritual</sup>  
slumber & be induced to flee from the wrath to  
come & accept of the offers of salvation so freely made to  
all.

During the winter of 1620-1 his physical strength began  
rapidly to decline, so that towards the Spring he became  
very weak. He was however still able with a few ex-  
ceptions to discharge his duties, until May when he be-  
came confined to his bed. On the 17th of this month he  
preach'd his last sermon, on the words "When they shall  
turn again the captivity of Zion we were like them that  
dream'd." In some part he came out of the Church when  
he told his wife that he had now preach'd his final  
sermon; & that it prov'd, for he liv'd then two weeks  
on the 11 of May in 1621. & 67th year of his age he was sur-  
rounded by his divin' master to the upper sanctuary, to  
join the blood wash'd souls, in ascribing honor & glo-  
ry & power to him who made <sup>them</sup> King, & priest to God.

It is his now to realize the truths of the language of  
the Poet when he said;  
"As well when Jesus calls,  
From earth & sin, arise  
Join with the host of virgin souls,  
Made to salvation wise."