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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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would form the most perfect model of church government that the state of things on earth admits of." The errors which afterwards carried away Barton W. Stone and the New Lights in one direction, and Thomas B. Craghead in another, received countenance, in some measure, from Patillo. He was inclined to assume the pre-existence of the human soul of Christ, and the peccability of his human nature.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON

WAS born in Egremont, near White Haven, in England, and, coming to America, became a resident in the family of Samuel Davies, and studied with him. Davies speaks* of him to his correspondents in Scotland as though he were known to them: he was then under his roof, and would assist him in distributing among the negroes the books sent out by the Glasgow Society. He was taken on trials, by Hanover Presbytery, June 9, 1757, and was licensed in the next January, and was ordained, July 13, 1758, in Cumberland county, as a missionary† to the Cherokee towns in North Carolina. Davies preached, on the occasion, on the love of souls a necessary qualification for the sacred office. Todd gave the charge. The Indians taking up arms, the mission was abandoned on the breaking out of the French War. In 1761, he connected himself with the South Carolina Presbytery; and, in 1763, he was the minister in the Waxhaw settlement. Having no children, he adopted his nephew, William R. Davie,‡ a distinguished officer of the Revolution, Governor of South Carolina, and minister to France in 1799. Governor Davie died in 1820, aged sixty-three.

* Gillies. † Brown's History of Missions. ‡ National Portrait Gallery.