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Rev. William Staughton, D.D., (1770-1829)

WITH the help of Bristol Baptist College it has been possible to microfilm some material relative to the life and work of the Rev. William Staughton, D.D. This means that much new source material is available in this country for a study of the life and work of this man, who was "the student" present at the founding of the Baptist Missionary Society, in 1792, and who went the following year to the United States where he became an influential Baptist leader in the cause of Foreign Missions.

The first reel of microfilm contains the Minutes of the Sansom Street Church, Philadelphia, where Staughton was minister from 1811 to 1824. The second reel contains 12 manuscript sermons of Staughton. All this material is deposited with the American Baptist Historical Society and has been microfilmed by them.

The third reel of microfilm contains nine printed works of Staughton, a circular letter he wrote in 1815 for the Philadelphia Association, and part of his abridgement of Gill's *Body of Divinity*. This material has come from the American Antiquarian Society, Park Avenue, Worcester 9, Massachusetts, U.S.A., where the originals are kept. The contents of this reel are appended in the list below.

There is one other important addition to our material regarding Staughton. Mr. Howard D. Williams, the archivist of Colgate University, Hamilton, New York, has kindly given to Bristol Baptist College a copy of the only biography of Staughton ever published. This was by Staughton's son-in-law, S. W. Lynd, and it was printed in Boston in 1834. The only other copy of this known to exist in this country is in the British Museum.

Material on Microfilm from the American Antiquarian Society

1. *The Baptist Mission in India: Containing a narrative of its rise and present condition: A statement of the physical and*

moral character of the Hindoos: their cruelties, tortures, and burnings: with a very interesting description of Bengal, intended to animate to Missionary Co-operation.

Philadelphia: Published by Hellings and Aitken, 1811.

(Author's name given only in his preface: most of the work is taken direct from the *Periodical Accounts*.)

2. *An Address* delivered October 1807 at Mrs. Rivardi's Seminary, on the occasion of the examination of the First and Middle Classes.
Philadelphia: Printed by Kimber, Conrad & Co., 1807.
3. *Compassion to the poor recommended*: A sermon in the First Baptist Meeting House, Philadelphia, February 4th, 1810, and published at the request and for the profit of the Female Baptist Benevolent Society in the said city: by William Staughton, D.D.
Philadelphia: Printed by Bartholomew Groves, 1810.
4. *A discourse occasioned by the death of three young people by drowning*: Delivered on 28th May, 1797, at the Baptist Meeting House in Bordentown, New Jersey. By the Rev. William Staughton, D.D., Principal of Bordentown Academy. To which is annexed an oration, delivered the preceding evening at the interment of the bodies by the Rev. Burgiss Allison, A.M.
Philadelphia: Printed by Stephen C. Ustick, 1797.
5. *Divine Condescension, and the Pleasures of Religious Worship*: the substance of two sermons by William Staughton at the opening of the Baptist Meeting House, Near Trenton, 26th and 27th November, 1803.
Burlington, New Jersey: Printed by Stephen C. Ustick, 1804.
6. *An Eulogium: in memory of the late Dr. Benjamin Rush, Professor of the Institute and Practice of Medicine and Clinical Practice in the University of Pennsylvania*. Delivered and published at the request of the Graduates and Students in Medicine in the said University, in the second Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, on Thursday, 8th July, 1813. By Rev. William Staughton, D.D.
Philadelphia: Published by request of the Graduates, 1813.
7. *A sermon*: delivered in the Baptist Meeting House in Sansom Street, Philadelphia, on the decease of Mr. Richard Pearse, a young member of the Church. By Rev. William Staughton, D.D. ("The importance of an early and habitual preparedness for death.")
Philadelphia: 1813.
8. *Missionary Encouragement*: A discourse delivered on Wednesday evening, 16th May, 1798, before Philadelphia Missionary Society, and the congregation of the Baptist Meeting House,

Philadelphia. By the Rev. William Staughton, Principal of Bordentown Academy.

Philadelphia : Printed by Stephen C. Ustick, 1798.

9. *The Servant of God concluding his labours*: A sermon on the death of the Rev. Samuel Jones, D.D., delivered before the Pennepek Church and Congregation, of which he had been the beloved and affectionate pastor upwards of 51 years. By Rev. William Staughton, D.D.
Philadelphia : Published by R. P. and W. Anderson, 1814.
10. The Minutes of the Philadelphia Association 1815, containing the Circular Letter written by Rev. William Staughton, on "Not Living to ourselves" (which ends with a fine plea for the Missionary cause).
Philadelphia : 1815.
11. *Gill's Complete body of Practical and Doctrinal Divinity: being a system of evangelical truths deduced from Sacred Scriptures*. Abridged by the Rev. William Staughton, D.D.
Philadelphia : Printed for Delaphine and Hellings, by B. Groves, 1810.

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