

only twenty two years, three churches were organized directly from this church, and yet the Scotch Plains Church numbered One hundred and five happy united efficient members, who probably presented an array of moral and pecuniary strength not excelled by any church at the time.

During Rev. Mr. Miller's pastorate several periods of special gathering were enjoyed, among which was a revival in the year 1768 when the names of forty-eight persons are recorded as being baptised into the church fellowship. This result seems to have been accomplished by the use of the ordinary means of grace, as the minutes make no mention of any foreign aid to the pastor, nor of any extra religious services.

Among those who were baptised by Rev. Benjamin Miller were several who became prominent in the service of the Master, and eminently useful in the upbuilding of our denomination in this remote period of its history. One of these was James Manning, who was the son of Isaac Manning, one of the constituent members of this church. About the age of eighteen years he went to Hopewell, N. J. to prepare for college, under the instruction of Rev. Isaac Eaton. In 1758 he was baptised into the fellowship of this church, and in the same year entered the College of New Jersey now Princeton University, where he graduated with honors in 1762. Shortly after his graduation he was ordained to the ministry at Scotch Plains. Rev. John Gano of New York, preached the ordination sermon, Rev. Isaac Eaton of Hopewell gave the charge, and Rev. Isaac Stelle of Piscataway offered the ordaining prayer. He then spent a year in travelling extensively through the country having previously mar-