

to the church the care it required, in 1791 requested the appointment of a successor; but before the request had been complied with, he was stricken with apoplexy and his useful life ended July 29, 1791, in the fifty-third year of his age.

Thus Rev. Mr. Miller's pastorate was blessed of God, not only in the building up of this church, and in the establishing of three other churches; but in the raising up of men who became lights in both the literary and religious world.

Mr. Miller served the church about thirty-four years, and died on the 14th day of November, 1781, and was buried by the loving hands of his people in the burying ground which surrounded the church edifice where he had so long and so earnestly preached the gospel. His sepulchre is with us to this day, and it is and ought to be held by the church as a sacred trust of all that is mortal of him who in the providence of God was the pioneer pastor of our beloved Zion. He left one son and four daughters who resided in the homestead on the farm now owned by our honored townsman, A. D. Sheperd, Esq.

For more than four years after the death of Mr. Miller the church was without direct pastoral oversight. Mr. Runi Runyon supplied the pulpit half of the time for a few months and Mr. Benjamin Coles upon invitation of the church, became a stated supply. He served the church faithfully for about two years, but no marked display of the divine favor, seemed to attend his labors. The church were much discouraged, as is apparent from their letter to the Association at Philadelphia Oct. 5, 1784, in which they request "Counsel, Assistance and Supplies as the Association in their