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"Show them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof; and write it in their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them."—Ezekiel 43: 11.  
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THE ORIGINAL FOUNDERS

OF THIS CHURCH,

AND TO

ITS PRESENT AND FUTURE MEMBERS,

THIS WORK

IS RESPECTFULLY AND AFFECTIONATELY

DEDICATED.

ADVERTISEMENT.

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The compiler of this volume has aimed to set forth the order and beauty of the house of God,—to connect the

most deeply solemn and interesting events of life with a few simple and enduring forms,—to exhibit a true history of the early beginnings of this Church, and, in a word, to impart all that information which is so desirable to those who connect themselves with any Society. It is hoped that the publication will not only be acceptable to those, under whose direction it has been prepared, but prove the means of promoting the true worship of God among their children, in their successive generations, by fostering in their hearts an enlightened attachment to the religion of their fathers, and binding the future to the past, by associations that shall grow more venerable and sacred with the lapse of years.

Boston, April, 1846.

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