
My dear Sir,

I have just received proposals for publishing by subscription, the History of our Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ, with the Lives of the Apostles, and their successors for 300 years after the Ascension, by Ebenezer Thomson D.D. and William Charles Price L.L.D. Your high station in life, and literary character naturally pointed you out to me, as most likely to patronise so interesting a work.

The History of great and good Men, in all ages, has been justly considered, as highly worthy the attention of Mankind, and surely none so much so, as the Divine Messiah, his self, and his first followers, who had much difficulty how to, the way for the glorious Gospel, to shine with its benign influence on our guilty globe.

The work is to be printed in a handsome duotone volume, with a general index, on superfine paper, embellished, with an elegant copper plate, frontispiece, neatly bound and lettered, and subscribers names added, and delivered at $4.50 per copy.

Should I be so fortunate as to have permission to add your name to the list, I am well aware the great advantage I shall derive from the patronage of so illustrious a character, and if I flatter myself you will never have cause
cause to urge the promotion of the work proposed, of which I should think it my duty to say more, if I did not believe, the compiler, and the work, both familiar to you.

I hope Sir, you will pardon this intrusion, as well as the liberty I take of mentioning myself to be, a Minister of Christ, (this perhaps among the unworthy as who bear the sacred name) in the Protestant Episcopal Church in this state, who will not cease to address God's Throne of Grace, "that the High and mighty Ruler of the Universe may continue to behold and bless you: and so replenish you with the Grace of his Holy Spirit, that you may always incline to his will and walk in his ways. That He may crown you with Health and happiness here below; finally after this life, bring you to everlasting joy and Eternity. This Jesus Christ our LORD."

Yours Sincerely,

William Byrce

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