

CERTIFICATE
OF
CHURCH-MEMBERSHIP.

This is to Certify, That John Washington Yaker
after having sustained an approved examination, and made a credible profession of
his Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, was received into the communion of the German
Reformed Church, on the 17th day of December in the
year of our Lord, 18 54

G. H. Martin

Pastor of the German Reformed Congregation,

At Loxethville Va

HYMN

On the first approach to the Lord's Table.

Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow thee;
Naked, poor, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought, or hoped, or known;
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Saviour too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not, like them, untrue:
And whilst thou shalt smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me;
Show thy face, and all is bright.

Go then, earthly fame and treasure,
Come, disaster, scorn, and pain;
In thy service pain is pleasure;
With thy favour loss is gain.
I have called thee Abba, Father,
I have set my heart on thee:
Storms may howl and clouds may gather;
All must work for good to me.

Man may trouble and distress me,
'Twill but drive me to thy breast;
Life with trials hard may press me,
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh! 'tis not in grief to harm me,
While thy love is left to me;
Oh! 'twere not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmix'd with thee.

Soul, then know thy full salvation:
Rise o'er sin, and fear, and care;
Joy to find, in every station,
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee;
Think what Father's smiles are thine;
Think that Jesus died to win thee;
Child of Heaven, canst thou repine?

Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and wing'd by prayer;
Heaven's eternal day's before thee,
God's own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days;
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.