

Church History of New England from 1620 to 1804: Containing a View of the Principles and Practice, Declensions and Revivals, Oppression and Liberty of the Churches, and a Chronological Table. With a Memoir of the Author; Isaac Backus; 1844; American Baptist Publ. and S.S. Society, 1844

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