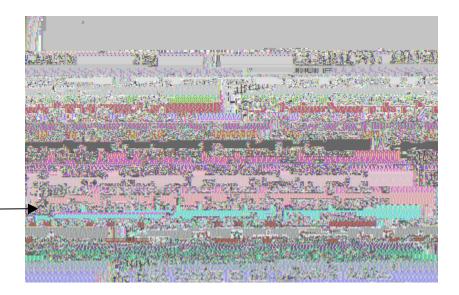
The Connection with John Bumpus

John S. Bumpus (1861-1913), scholar, author, and antiquarian was the leading writer on church music and musicians of his time. His work, sometimes superseded by modern scholarship, is



Bumpus was under the impression that the service music was composed by Dr. Henry Aldrich, owing to an attribution on the manuscripts title page added in a different hand to that of the manuscript, apparently at a later date. Other than that, there is no other evidence in support of this contention. The overwhelming evidence suggests that the compositions as well as the manuscript are entirely the work of Turner.

After Bumpus's death, his collection was auctioned off and dispersed. A number of items from his collection came to North America. Nothing further is known of the manuscript until it arrived at WIU in November, 2010.