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After becoming a deacon, Milner served as afternoon lecturer at Holy Trinity in Hull and as curate of North Ferriby. He experienced an evangelical conversion around 1770. As Milner’s authority grew within Hull, the town became known as a center for evangelicalism. He became vicar of North Ferriby in 1786 and was offered the living of Holy Trinity in 1797. Milner died on November 15, 1797 after catching a cold en route to New York.

Milner was known for his works of ecclesiastical biography. His published works include *Gibbon’s Account of Christianity Considered* (1781) and *Essays on Several Religious Subjects* (1789).


**Scope and Content Note**
This collection is comprised of a single bound volume containing transcriptions of sermons by Joseph Milner. The transcripts were prepared by James Fawcett. Fawcett’s introduction indicates that the transcriptions were made directly from Milner’s original manuscripts.