ANNALS

OF THE

CHURCH IN BRIMFIELD.

BY THE PASTOR OF THE CHURCH.

"We have heard with our ears, O God: our fathers have told us what work Thou didst in their days, in the times of old." Psalm 44.

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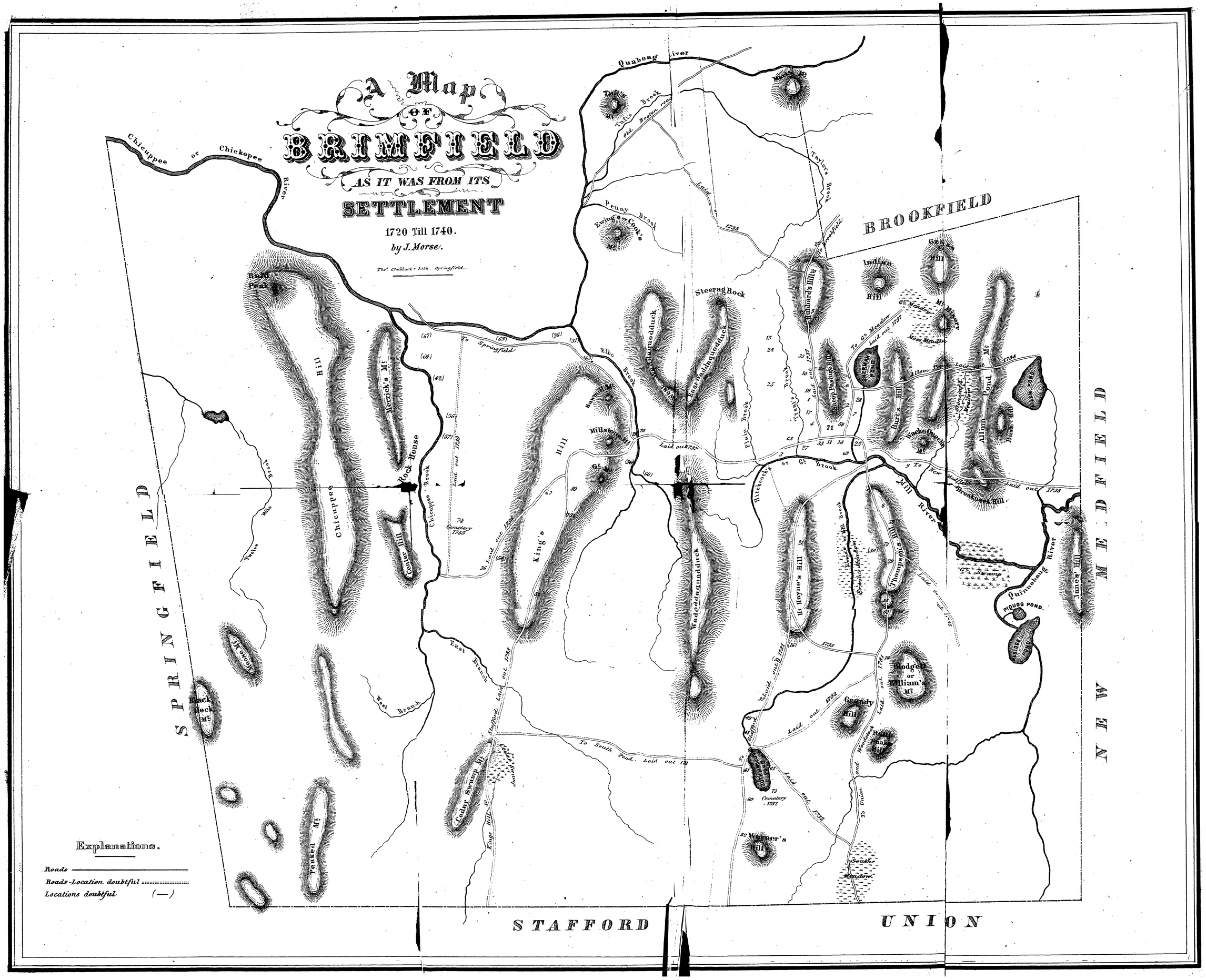
A Map of BRIMFIELD
AS IT WAS FROM ITS SETTLEMENT
1720 Till 1740.
by J. Morse.
Thos. Chubbuck's Lith. Springfield.
Quaboag River
Chicuppee or Chickopee River
Tufts Brook
Taylor's Brook
Penny Brook
Ewing's or Cook's Mt.
Steerad Rock
Elbo Brook
Rock House
Chicuppee Brook
Center Hill
King's Hill
Millstone Hill
Sawmill Mt.
Gt. Mt.
Ricketson's or Gt. Brook
Plain Brook
Trask's Brook
Silver Pasture Hill
Burr's Hill
Allom Pond
Allom Brook
Mill River
Thompson's Hill
H. Hayden's Hill
Wadeddnquoduck
Quinnebaug River
Piquog Pond
James Hill
Indian Hill
Gt. Meadow
Mt. Misery
Mem. Meadow
Merry Pond
Bodge's or William's Mt.
Grandy Hill
Rocky Hill
Cemetery 1732
Weaver's Hill
South Meadow
Cedar Swamp Mt.
Cedar Swamp
East Branch
West Branch
Twelve Mile Brook
Arcoon
Black Rock Mt.
Peaked Mt.
Kings Rd.
To Springfield
To South Pond. Laid out 1732
To New Westfield
To Union
Laid out 1733
Laid out 1734
Laid out 1736
Laid out 1737
Laid out 1738
Laid out 1739
Laid out 1741
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SPRINGFIELD
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STAFFORD
UNION
NEW MEDFIELD
Explanations.
Roads
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INTRODUCTION.

In 1829 Rev. Joseph Vaill published a Sermon relating to the civil and ecclesiastical history of Brimfield. The Sermon contains much valuable information, but being largely devoted to the incidents of his own ministry, is necessarily brief in its account of earlier times. A year since an able and interesting paper upon the same subject was prepared by J. W. Foster Esq., and published in "Holland's Western Massachusetts." But the author of this paper, was appropriately led by the purpose he had in view, to give special prominence to the civil affairs of the town. The interest which he threw around these, awakened a desire in the mind of one reader, to bring out more distinctly the religious aspect of our history; to gather up facts relating thereto, which live only in the memories of some who are passing away, and to identify, as far as possible, the farms and dwelling places of those worthy men, whom as choice seed, God planted in this wilderness almost a century and a half ago. Hence, these "Annals," with the notes and accompanying map. The orthography and phraseology of the old records have been followed in the main, and only altered in some cases to secure a degree of uniformity.

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THE CHURCH IN BRIMFIELD.

THE Church of Christ includes all, of every name and age, who are united to him by a living faith. Its precise limits can be determined only by its Omniscient Head. We may regard as its members, some who at heart, are strangers to his grace, but he discerns the true from the false "He is the good shepherd and knows his sheep." Those who truly know him and are known of him, dwellers in heathen or civilized lands, now living, or long since departed, are "the church which He hath purchased with His own blood."

"All the servants of our king
In Heaven and earth are one."

But this invisible church has its visible representative in the world. The disciples of Christ, have ever counted it their duty and privilege to associate themselves, for the better observance of his commands, and the extension of his kingdom. Like everything human, these associations have been imperfect. Some have gained admission to them, who have added nothing to, but rather detracted from, their purity and power. From them, some have been excluded who might have been their strength and ornament. Still, in essential respects, the visible church is a real exponent of the true Church of God. The main incidents in the history of the one, may be reasonably supposed to indicate the character and progress of the other. Wisely, therefore, may one attentively examine the outward life of the visible church, since, when he has

fully acquainted himself with it, he has learned with onsiderable exactness the highest lessons which it is possible for man to learn, those derived from God's dealings with his redeemed people.

A complete history of the visible church, would require a delineation of the aggregate christian life within its limits at successive periods of its existence, with a just description of those agencies on the one hand, which have ministered to this life, and on the other, of those influences, human or otherwise, which have opposed and retarded it. In its true and native character, the church is antagonistic to the world. Any just account of its progress must therefore, make large and accurate mention of the aid it has received in its conflicts, and of the nature and number of the forces it has met.

The history of a *local* church would hold to such an account of Christ's visible kingdom, the relation which an individual holds to its species. Incidents and characters would become prominent, which in a more general survey would not be deemed worthy of notice. The helps and the hindrances to a christian life would assume a "local habitation and a name." Just as in the description of a garden—a minute delineation of a shrub would be appropriate, while in a broader survey of the landscape, that shrub would wholly disappear from the sight.

Regarding the religious life of a church as the proper *subject* of its history, and proceeding to speak first of the AIDS to this life, we should need to make prominent mention of the *ministry* with which that church had been favored. Doubtless there may be genuine piety, and for a time, rapid growth with a company of believers while they have no teacher and pastor. Still, the ministry of the word is an important agency in the defence and progress of true religion. Christ himself appointed it. It has always proved itself powerful in shaping the experience and practice of christians. They do not as much as they should, take God's truth from his own lips. They too often accept it, not ever

fresh and glowing as they may find it in the lively oracles, but as it comes to them through some human medium. They will tell you of their minister. They dwell with delight upon divine truth, but divine truth as they heard it from his mouth. Among the original appointments of our Lord, the ministry had a prominent place. In the actual experience of the church, it has become relatively yet more prominent. No justice could be done therefore, to the history of any church, if reference to its ministry were omitted. Its character is interwoven with the christian life of a people, and can no more be separated from it, than the woof can be separated from a web. Numberless experiences of mutual joy or grief on the part of the pastor and his flock, render the relation sacred, and invest it with a power peculiarly its own.

Next, proper account would need to be made of the *permanent members* of a church—those who in their childhood frequented its sanctuary—in their middle life, shared its trials and successes, and in their declining years, were solaced by its ministrations. These are the subjects upon which the ministry has chiefly wrought. It has to some extent made itself felt upon most, who though but for a limited time, have come within its reach. But its chief influence has been upon these who have for years been the objects of its care. These have been most influential. Others may have seemed for a time more efficient, but in the long course of events the power of these has been by far the greatest. Others have come and gone like ripples on the surface of a stream. These have been like its permanent and steady current. Moreover, aside from the relative importance of such permanent elements in a church, there is a singular interest in observing those who from childhood to old age, have identified themselves with the religious welfare of a single people. We look upon such as having had but one home, and one place of worship, and as having given to these the undivided energies and affections of their being.

Next in the line we have indicated, it would be in

place to speak of *transient members*—those who for a time have held connection with a church, and made their influence felt in its deliberations and efforts. Of some churches, these constitute the more numerous part, adding greatly to their spirituality, or detracting from their power. An exact estimate of this element would be hardly possible, yet it could not be altogether overlooked.

Further, it would need to be borne in mind, that influences favorable to the progress of religion, may have emanated from *some who have never been connected* with the visible church. They have freely given of their substance, and influence, and perhaps of their prayers, to sustain the institutions of the Gospel.

Lastly, because of a different nature from the foregoing, we should need to speak of favoring and refreshing influences from the Holy Spirit. Piety is an exotic in this world and at best, will not thrive without the care and training of a divine Hand. The agency of the Holy Spirit is vitally connected with the life and growth of every church. When His power is exerted, christians are quickened and sinners converted. When He withdraws His presence, the graces of the church languish, and effort and prayer for her extension diminish. Separate and prominent mention of *revivals* with which a church has been favored, must therefore make a part of its history.

Under the head of HINDRANCES, reference would need to be made to man's *native aversion* to the claims of the Gospel, and some account taken of the particular form in which that aversion had manifested itself; whether in mere indifference, or in fierce and organized opposition. Attention would also be required to the efforts of errorists and their success or failure, in enticing men from a love of the truth, and an experience of its saving power.

Nor could the question be avoided, how far the errors of the church herself, had hindered her progress and quenched her life. Any want of fidelity on the part of her ministry; any neglect of wholesome dis-

cipline among her members; any unwarrantable excess of discipline in times of threatened defection, entailing its consequences upon succeeding generations; any deficiency of earnest piety, leaving error and vice to revel unrestrained—these would be among the saddest and not least instructive items in her records.

Such in outline, would be a proper train of remark, should one attempt to sketch the history of any local church. For such a sketch, the church in Brimfield might furnish sufficient materials. It has for the most part, had an honored ministry. In some families it can count as members, five or six generations of sterling christian men. Some, temporarily connected with it, have left a good name and influence. It has lived and become venerable in the midst of an intelligent and well disposed community. It has been signally favored with refreshings from the presence of the Lord. It has sometimes encountered opposition from without, and experienced the perils of division and strife within. Perhaps it will not be denied that it has sometimes erred in its discipline, nor questioned, that such errors have to some extent, diminished its power. These facts judiciously treated, would be rich in instruction to the church itself, and possibly might have some interest for others.

It is not proposed now, to attempt so arduous and delicate a task. It would require the free discussion of questions in the adjustment of which, the strongest feelings of some now living, were enlisted. Those feelings, laid to rest, ought to slumber until they are reviewed from a higher tribunal. We have no other purpose than the simple one, of transferring to these pages such records, and facts otherwise ascertained, relative to the church in Brimfield, as shall enable the reader to see for himself, what the main features of its history have been. These records are quoted as written, that it may be the more clearly seen how our fathers felt and talked upon the great themes and duties of christianity. There is the greater propriety in now gathering up these records of the *remote* past, because, owing to the

loss or decay of manuscripts, the possibility of so doing, is every year becoming less. The points which have been indicated as most vital in the history of a church, will not receive separate mention, but each shall seem blended with every other, as in actual experience it was.

The first settlers in Brimfield, were for the most part, christian men. This is apparent, not so much in their so soon erecting a meeting house, since this was required by the terms of their grant, as in the fact, that though few in numbers, and scattered over an area of eight miles square, including Brimfield, Monson, Holland, Wales, and a part of Warren, they weekly resorted to their sanctuary, and out of their limited means gave the institutions of religion a cordial support. The settlement of the town was fairly begun as early as 1717. A house of worship was built on the spot where the present house stands in 1721–2.[1]

It is probable that the people did not remain without preaching long after the erection of their meeting house. One Mr. Fuller, is the first minister whose name we find anywhere mentioned in connection with Brimfield.[2] Whether he labored here for a time, or was indebted for his connection with the place, to its being the residence of relatives, we have no means of deciding. The former is more probable. The Fuller family became residents in town, it is thought, at a little later period.

Rev. Richard Treate, or Treat, commenced his labors here sometime in 1723, or the early part of 1724. The organization of the church and his ordination as its Pastor, occurred both on the same day, Nov. 18th, 1724.[3]

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1 See Historical sermon by Rev. Joseph Vaill, then Pastor of the church, 1823. The manuscript of the first settlers, from which this and some other facts were learned, was destroyed at the burning of the old Williams House, 1837.

2 "Rev. Mr. Fuller of Brimfield, was here and preached for me. I am glad of his help, and rejoice to observe ye spirit of ye man. August 25th, 1723." Diary of Dr. Williams, Longmeadow.

3 From a subsequent record we find that Mr. Treat's year of service began November 18. This unquestionably indicates the date of his settlement. That it was November 18th, of 1724, rather than 1725, is shown by the following:

The original members of the church, were probably fifteen or twenty in number. In the absence of early Church Records, it is impossible to designate them all. The names of such, as nearly as they can now be determined, are placed first in the list of members, upon the last pages of this pamphlet.

Respecting Mr. Treat's ministry, not much can be said with certainty. The first mention of him upon the records of the town, is prophetic of the shortness of his ministry, inasmuch as it shows that the people through inability or neglect, had failed to meet their engagements with him.

[1] Nov. 1731. Voted, that a tax be raised on ye Inhabitants of £85, to pay Mr. Treat's sallery, which shall be Raised forthwith.

Yet he found among the scattered families of the District many warm christian friends, who labored with commendable self-denial and zeal to sustain their Pastor, and complete their Meeting House. It would seem that for the first eight or ten years, the house had only loose boards for a floor, if it had any floor at all.

Nov. 9, 1731. Voted that ye floor of ye meeting house Be laid, and ye Body of Seates be Made, and allsoe ye gice of ye gallery Be put in, as soone as may be, and allsoe Bords to lay on ye gice be Provided, and all soe materials suitable for ye Pulpit.

Efforts to finish the house were made from time to time, as the people had means. They were settlers in new homes, and dependant for subsistence, mainly upon the proceeds of their imperfect and toilsome agriculture. They procured lumber for building, with extreme difficulty. We cannot therefore attribute the long unfinished state of their house of worship, to intentional neglect. Their enterprise will compare favorably with that of any later day.

"Voted to dismiss John Stebbins and wife, Sarah Nichols and Margaret Cooley, and recommend them as suitable persons for the gathering of a church in Brimfield, September 15th, 1724." Church Records, Longmeadow. It can hardly be supposed that these persons, already resident in town, procured this letter and retained it more than a year before using it. Procuring the letter in September, they would naturally present it to a council in the following November.

[1] These extracts are from the Records of the town, except such as are otherwise designated.

Dec. ye 28th, 1731. Voted that there Be fifty pounds Raised for ye finishing of ye meeting house. All soe

Voted that ye women sitin ye west end of ye meeting house.

One reason why the work proceeded so slowly, was a want of "nailes." Repeatedly is the duty of providing this necessary article, devolved upon the selectmen.

March 27th, 1732. Voted that ye select men take care, that there Be nailes provided to finish ye meeting house soe far as ye town formerly voted to finish s'd house.

Mr. Treat had now been settled about eight years. He probably found it difficult to support himself upon his salary; which, small as it was, must necessarily have sometimes been delayed. The following vote seems like a rallying of the people anew, as though they had suffered his dues to pass unpaid.

Oct 16, 1732. Voted that ye select men Make a rate to Pay Rev. Mr. Treat's salary of £85, for this year, *which terminates ye 18th day of Nov. next.* All soe,

Voted that ye pulpit & Ministry Pew, & Deacon's seate be Built when ye Body of seates are Built.

March 12, 1733. Voted that there Be no alley Made through ye middle of ye meeting house.

Up to this time, they were only "seates" for the accommodation of the people. But then, as now, men had a passion for new things. We do not see how it could ever have been pretended that the old square and high pews were an improvement upon seats. They were however, of one piece, with the high pulpit. Both were monstrous, either as matters of taste or comfort. Nevertheless, "Pews" were destined to have their day, in the place of "seates."

June 8, 1773. Voted that Joseph Blodgett,[1] William Nilson[2]

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1 Father of Lieut. Jonas Blodgett, who was the last clerk and surveyor of the Proprietors, of Brimfield, and died 1839, aged 95. The father resided a little south of Calvin Polley's, now in Holland.

2 Resided on the highway to Stafford, north of what is now the centre of Wales.

Dea. John Stebbins,[1] be a Committee to make provisions for Pews in ye meeting house.

Either the vote of the previous year respecting Mr. Treat's salary, proved a promise unperformed, or the sum did not meet his necessities; for at this meeting it was,

Voted that Ebenezer Graves,[2] Dea. Stebbins, Wm. Nilson & John Russel,[3] goe and Discourse with our Minister concerning his uneasiness.

The "Discourse" of the Committee does not appear to have had the desired effect. Mr. Treat addressed a letter to the town, whereupon at their next meeting,

Sept. 19, 1733. Voted, to send for Mr. Treat to ye meeting.

This conference was no more satisfactory, for at the same time it was

Voted to call a Counsel to hear ye Difficulties betwixt Mr. Treat & ye town, & act thereon.

Voted that Mr. Williams of Hatfield with two messengers, Mr. Chauncey of Hadley with two Messengers, Mr. Williams of Springfield, Mr. Hopkins of said Springfield, & Mr. Ball of Westfield with two Messengers from each of ye churches, & if anye one of said ministers failes, then Mr. Reynolds with two Messengers be ye Counsel.

Voted that ye time of ye Counsel's setting at Brimfield, be ye 3d Tuesday of October next.

Meanwhile the people endeavored to render their minister "easy," at least while occupying his place in the meeting house.

Voted to raise £25 for schooling, *and for a cushoon for ye pulpit.*

The result of the "Counsel" can only be inferred from a vote of the town taken soon after.

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1 Grandfather of Abijah Stebbins and his sisters, who within the memory of some now living, resided on the old place half a mile north of Simeon Coy's.

2 Lived on the road leading north from the town street somewhere near Abishai Townsley's; his house lot joining Dea. David Morgan on its south side, and Wm. Warriner on its north line.

3 Assignee and probably son-in-law of Daniel Hubbard, early deceased. He occupied the house lot and other lands first granted to Mr. Hubbard, on Hubbard's Hill, west of the road, where Harvey Fenton now resides.

Dec. 31, 1733. Voted to give Mr. Treat £20 for ye year ensuing towards his support in ye ministry, more than his stated sallery. Then sent Wm. Nilson & David Shaw [1] to Inform Mr. Treat what was granted. Wm. Nilson returned answer from Mr. Treat, that he accepted of what ye town had granted him, Provided ye People were easy & Contented.

But the people now became dissatisfied. Whether they had any cause for disaffection aside from the above addition to their expenses, does not appear. Mr. Treat was dismissed on the 27th of March, 1734; but no record exists, of the doings of the Council called at the time. How long he remained here after his dismission, is not known. In the following year he was living in Glastenbury, his native place. He was the oldest of a family of eight children, of "Thomas Treat, of Nayaug." He was born May 14th, 1694, and graduated at Yale, in 1719.[2] He was ordained in Brimfield at the age of 30 years. Beginning his ministry with the settlement of the town, he shared with the settlers in the division of the land. His house stood where Calvin Ward now resides, in the midst of a home lot of 47 acres.[3] He received five other lots in different parts of the town—making in all, a seventieth part of the proprietors' land, as agreed upon in the grant of the town. His ministry of nine years and a half, was attended with the trials incident to a new settlement. How much, and precisely what he accomplished, cannot now be determined. The records of his ministry (if any were kept) with most of those of his successor, were burned in 1748. But he was the author of a good work, even if he did no more than gather the people of God into a church and prepare them for the long and prosperous ministry of his successor. One son, Thomas, was born to him while he lived here. Of his subsequent history nothing is known.

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1 His residence was on the north side of the old Springfield road, not far from Mr. Noyes, as nearly as I can determine.

2 Centennial Discourse and appendix, relative to the history of Glastenbury, published 1854, pp. 185, 216.

3 He conveyed this lot to Benj. Morgan in 1735, and he to his son Noah, in 1756, and Noah to Timothy and Nathaniel Danielson.

For about two years after the dismission of Mr. Treat, the church was destitute of a pastor; though they had not a few candidates for the place. As we read their names, and guess at the results of their preaching here, we are reminded of the experience of many churches now-a-days. Only we observe this noticable difference; that in the "olden time" candidates were *sought for and procured* at no little cost of time and labor, of which fact, the following votes will be deemed sufficient proof.

April 18, 1734. Voted to Provide a minister to Preach ye word of God unto ye people in Brimfield, for one quarter of a year.

Voted to get Mr. Noah Mirick to preach six weeks.

May 22, 1734. Voted to hire Mr. Mirick another six weeks.

July 5, 1734. Voted to send for Mr. Perley How to preach & if he cannot be obtained, to try Mr. Williams of Lebanon, & if he cannot be obtained, then to goe to Mr. Medcalf of said Lebanon.

Voted that Capt. John Sherman [1] be ye man to seek after ye aforesaid ministers.

Voted that ye select men Provide a place for to keep a minister when he is procured.

We conclude that the search for a minister thus authorized was not successful; since, the next town meeting gives us the following vote, equally characteristic of the times and the perseverance of the people in procuring a pastor.

Sept. 12, 1734. Voted to hire Mr. Daniel Bliss for to preach four months.

Voted that Leonard Hoar [2] goe to Mr. Bliss, for to get him, & if Mr. Bliss failes, then to get Mr. Noah Mirick, & if Mr. Mirick failes, then to get Mr. Williams, & if Mr. Williams failes, then to get some other meet person, taking good advice.

We should hardly suppose it possible, for one with

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1 Great Grandfather of Orson Sherman, and resided on the same place. He was the first clerk of the Proprietors, and held the office till 1766, when his son Bezaleel, was appointed in his stead.

2 Great Grandfather of Linus Homer, and lived where Timothy Bliss now lives.

such instructions to have "failed" of getting somebody. But the next vote shows that neither the ample powers with which Mr Hoar was invested, nor any "good advice" which he may have taken, enabled him to secure a "meet person" for minister.

Oct. 7, 1734. Voted to get a minister that has not Preach'd here, for Six weeks or two Months, as he can Be agreed with.

Nov. 13, 1734. Voted to Raise £50 to carry an End preaching.

Voted to choose a Committee to supply ye Pulpit.

This delay in securing a pastor was not without its appropriate fruit. We now for the first time, discover a disposition on the part of some to withdraw from the support of the established ministry of the town. Some, perhaps most of those whose names follow, were conscientiously Anabaptists. And probably some of these had but just become residents in the town. They formed a nucleus, around which gathered others, who, had become dissatisfied with the unsettled state of ministerial affairs. There were moreover, local reasons for the secession. The seceders resided in that part of the town subsequently called South Brimfield, and thus had a personal interest in the organization of a religious enterprise there.

Nov. ye 22d, 1734. We whose names are Underwritten Do own & Acknowledge Our Selves to Be of that persuasion commonly Called anababtists.

[1] Nath'l. Munger,
Dorothy Munger,
Elnathun Munger,
[2] Robert Moulton,
Ebenezer Moulton,
[3] Anthony Needham,
Humphrey Needham,
[4] John Bullen,
John Bullen, Jr.,
[5] Thomas Green,
Thomas Green, Jr.

Meanwhile, efforts to procure an acceptable minister were continued.

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[1] The original Munger place is east of South Meadow, Wales.

[2] The Moultons lived on the road to Stafford, near the centre of Wales.

[3] The Needhams lived south of the Moultons, on the way to Stafford.

[4] John Bullen and son, lived on the way from South Pond to South Meadow.

[5] The Green family lived south of the Needhams, on the way to Stafford.

Jan 13, 1735. Voted for one of ye ministers y^t have Preached here.

Mr. Noah Mirick was chosen by a Majority of votes to settle in ye work of ye ministry.

Voted to give Mr. Mirick £300 settlement in Bills of credit. All soe,

Voted to give him £100 sallery during ye continuance of his ministry.

April 24, 1735. Dea. John Stebbins was chosen to regulate ye meeting.

Mr. Noah Mirick Did not accept of ye proposals of ye town of Brimfield in order to settle there, but gave answer in ye Negative.

Sept. 18, 1735. [1] Voted to give Mr. Sampson Stoddard £300, in bills of credit for settlement, Provided he will settle in ye work of ye ministry in Brimfield. All soe,

Voted to give M. Stoddard £100 Sallery yearly, he accepting & settling in ye work of ye ministry in said town.

Sept. 30, 1735. Mr. John Russel, one of ye Committee appointed to treat with Mr. Stoddard, returned answer y^t he utterly Refused to accept ye offer.

Oct. 6, 1735. The Inhabitants being Mett by a majority of votes Did concur in ye church's voice of Mr. Caleb Rice.

The terms of settlement proposed to Mr. Rice, were the same as above.

Nov. 3, 1735. Received Mr. Caleb Rice's answer, wherein he gave ye town a Denial of settlement.[2]

At length came the man appointed of God to be a faithful and successful pastor to the church, for a period of forty years.

Jan. 29, 1736. Voted to give Mr. James Bridgham a call to settle in ye work of ye ministry in ye town of Brimfield.

Voted to give Mr. Bridgham £300 settlement in bills of credit as now passes between man & man.

Voted to give Mr. Bridgham £120 yearly Sallery.

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[1] It is presumed that these votes of the town, were in concurrence with previous votes of the church, but in the absence of church records this cannot be verified.

[2] Mr. Rice settled the next year in New Medfield, or Sturbridge, and continued pastor of that church until his death.

Joseph Blodgett, Benjamin Morgan[1] & Ezra King[2] were chosen to Joyn with Dea. John Stebbins, Nath'l. Hitchcock[3] & Benjamin Cooley,[4] chosen of ye church, to treat with Mr Bridgham relating to his principles, and all soe, relating to ye proposals made by ye town in order to settlement & Sallery.

March 23, 1736. Voted to raise Mr. Bridgham's Sallery something more.

The addition proposed, was £5 each year after the fourth from his ordination, until the sum should amount to £140; which was to be the permanent yearly salary. It appears that two-thirds of this were to be paid in the products of the farms. Hence, the need of establishing the prices of such products.

April 13, 1736. Viz: First, at ye time of Mr. Bridgham's call and soe then ye particulars following and as ye prices are stated. Indian Corn, 5 s. per. bush. Wheat, 10 s. Rye, 7 s. 6 d. Peas. 8. s. Oats, 3. s. Mault, 6. s. Flax, 4. d. per. pound from ye swingle. Pork, 6. d. per. pound. Beef, 4 d. do. Day's labor, one half the year, 3 s. & one half 5s. Accepted that ye above be ye market prices at Brimfield.

To these proposals Mr. Bridgham returned the following answer, so brief, modest and trustful, that we at once begin to revere and love the man.

GENTLEMEN;

It is with Satisfaction & Gratitude I have Received your call to be your pastor; a Work which I acknowledge My Self to be employed In. But depending upon ye Assistance of Christ, both to Qualifie me for it & to Enable me faithfully to Discharge it I Do with fear & trembling, accept your Call, Depending upon Christ to Enable me to be faithful in his service; and all soe, desiring your prayers to God, that I may Come amongst you in ye fullness of ye Blessings of ye Gospel of Christ & yt we may be mutual Helps to one Another in ye way to ye Heavenly world. And Further, I do

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1 Resided on the Treat place, where Calvin Ward now lives.

2 Resided first on Elbow Brook, (nigh to) where he had a saw mill; afterwards on King's Hill, in Monson.

3 Great grandfather of Jesse Hitchcock, and is said to have been the first man who came with a family to the town. His house, probably the first erected in town, stood on the west side of the way to Hubbard's Hill, just north of Braman Sibley's. The house now occupied by H. F. Brown, and sometimes spoken of as Hitchcock's first dwelling, was built at a subsequent period, on a lot surveyed to said Hitchcock, in his son's right. See book of surveys pg. 12-13.

4 His house stood where B. Sibley's house now stands.

Depend that while I am among you, I may Be supported & Maintained as a minister of ye Gospel of Christ ought to be, yt I may not be Discouraged or hindred in your service, but may wholly Give my Self up to ye Work whereunto I am Called. Soe Gentlemen, Commending you to ye grace of God I am yr humble serv't.

JAMES BRIDGHAM.

April 29, 1736. Voted to have ye ordination on ye ninth day of June next.

Voted to concur with ye church's choice of ministers to ordain Mr. Bridgham, to ye work of ye ministry (viz) Mr. Baxter of Medfield, Mr. Devotion of Suffield, Mr. Williams of Springfield, Mr. Cheeney of Brookfield, & Mr. Peabody of Natick, with their messengers.

Voted to do something more to ye meeting house for Conveniency for setting ye People in ye Ordination.

Voted yt John Mighill,[1] William Warriner[2] & Benjamin Morgan, get ye gice & Boards for ye gallerrys, & put them Into their places.

While the town was thus liberal in providing for their new minister, individual members of the church made a still further effort in his behalf. The people of Brimfield have from the first, been noted for donations to their ministers. We doubt however, whether they have ever made one of more *substantial* nature than this to which we now refer.

April 20, 1736. To ye Proprietors Assembled, Humbley Sheweth.

That we ye subscribers, whose names are Underwritten, humbly pray, that, whereas we have subscribed to give Mr. James Bridgham the number of acres of Land Set against each particular man's name for ye Encouraging ye said Mr. Bridgham in settling in ye work of ye Ministry in said town, that ye Proprietors give a Liberty that ye number of Acres given as abovesaid, may Be laid out in one Intire piece as may be convenient for ye use of said Mr. Bridgham, in any of ye common & undivided lands in said town, Provided we Deduct as many acres out of our Divisions.

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1 Resided a little west of Harvey Russel's, at the turn of the road; his land joining that of Peter Haynes, who lived on the hill south-west.

2 Resided on the road leading north from the town street, near Benj. Sherman's; his land joining that of Ebenezer Graves on the south.

Ichabod Bliss,[1]	5 acres.	John Stebbins,	10 acres.
John Russel,	6 "	John Stebbins, Jr.,[6]	10 "
Saml. Bliss,[2]	7 "	Joseph Blodgett,	4 "
Nathl. Hitchcock,	10 "	Benj. Mun,[7]	5 "
Henry Burt,[3]	10 "	David Morgan,	10 "
Timothy Colton,[4]	10 "	Daniel Burt,[8]	10 "
Sam'l. Hubbard[5]	5 "	Joseph Frost,[9]	5 "

William Warriner, 5 acres.

Voted & allowed, &c.

These 105 acres were surveyed and laid out by Mr. Joseph Blodgett, and are described as follows:

"Said land lyeth Situate in ye Northerly part of ye town, Joyning in part by Nath'l. Miller's 2d Division lot, & partly by Sam'l. Bliss's 1st Division lot, & partly by Leonard Hoar's land; beginning at a white oak tree marked N. M., thence to a stake & stones, &c c."

At the same time, Samuel,[10] Seth,[11] David and Joshua Shaw,[12] Moses, Aaron, John and William Nilson,[13] John Danielson,[14] Micah Townsley,[15] George Erwin and Frustrum Davis,[16] subscribed 47 1-2 acres of land, asking

"that it Be laid in one Intire piece, in order to a Settlement for ye first minister of their Persuasion & of their own choosing, yt God in his good providence & In his own good time shall Settle among them in ye work of ye ministry for their Edification in religion & true christian faith."

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1 Lived about 50 rods west of Harvey Fenton's.

2 Lived where William Brown lives—sold to Mr. Bridgham, and removed to the north part of the town.

3 Lived where John Wyles now lives.

4 House lot in the west part, not far from Chicuppee River.

5 Great grandfather of N. S. Hubbard, and resided on the same farm.

6 Lived with or near his father, north of Simeon Coy's.

7 Lived on King's (east) Hill, Monson District.

8 Grandfather of Julius Burt, and lived first where the Pastor now lives, but sold to John Post, Inn-holder, and removed to east part, Abm. Charles.

9 Lived near the Elbow of Chicuppee River.

10 Lived "easterly of and joyning to Chicuppee River."

11 "Said Shaw's land lyes near to the meadow called Shaw's meadow."

12 Lived "betwixt the mountains, his land lying both sides of Elbo. Brook."

13 The Nilsons resided in the south part of the township, on the way to Stafford.

14 Danielson's house stood in the orchard, 30 or 40 rods north of Dea. Paige's.

15 Lived at the Elbo. of Chicuppee River.

16 Lived some distance south of Darius Shaw's.

The land thus given, and laid out in one piece, "lyeth on both sides of one of ye branches of Chicuppee Brook,[1] soe called, beginning at a stake, &c."

In 1784, a part of this same land was surveyed and laid out to Nicholas Groves, "the men called Churchmen to whom it was originally surveyed having never fulfilled the conditions, and it now lying common." The "Persuasion" of these men is here indicated. They were not Puritans of the congregational order, but probably Scotch Presbyterians, in sympathy with, perhaps companions of, those who settled Palmer.[2]

The meeting house had now stood nearly sixteen years, but was unfinished.

May 23, 1738. Voted to finish ye Pews & make ye Staires up Into ye Gallery & laye ye Gallery floors & finish ye Seates in ye Gallery.

While thus diligent, according to their ability in providing conveniences and comforts for themselves, the people were not less mindful of their beasts of burden. The example now quoted is worthy to be imitated. Some one has called "horse sheds" an important means of grace. Certain it is that for the want of them, not a few among us, absent themselves from the public services of the Sabbath.

March 12, 1739. We ye subscribers humbly pray, that whereas we Live some Distance from meeting & are Obliged to have our horses Stand all ye Sabbath day at ye meeting house, let ye Weather Be never soe cold & stormy or whatsoever, Therefore we humbly request of ye town a Liberty to build and set a stable in some convenient place near ye meeting house to set our horses In, on ye Sabbath days, & if you please to grant our request you will oblige yr Humble Petitioners.

Sam'l. Bliss,	Joseph Blodgett,
Joseph Hoar, [3]	James Thompson, [5]
Dan'l. Burt,	Leonard Hoar, Jr., [6]
Nicolas Groves, [4]	

1 The Brook that runs through the centre of Monson.

2 The first settlers of Palmer were Scotch Presbyterians. See Cen. Discourse by Thomas Wilson.

3 Lived where Solomon Homer now lives.

4 Lived on King's Hill, Monson.

5 Lived on Thompson Hill, *i. e.* Dea. Paige's Hill.

6 Lived where now lives Alured Homer.

The following denial of petition with the reasons assigned, throws some light upon the ecclesiastical condition and prospects of the town at that time.

Aug. 15, 1740. Sundry Inhabitants of ye Westerly part of Brookfield[1] some of Brimfield & Kingstown[2] Soe Called, having Petitioned to be set off as a Separate town.

Voted in ye Negative & all soe for reasons following, (viz:) the meeting house in Brimfield is set in ye Easterly part of said town & within a mile & half or two miles of Brookfield, sou-west corner[1] & ye Westerly part of our Town lyeth, yt is, ye Westerly inhabitants live Soe distant yt they when Able, will, of Necessity be sett off from us & in ye Southerly part of said town there is a number of Anabaptists, that are freed in ye law from paying for ye support of ye ministry amongst us, Soe that if ye Northerly part of our town be taken off it will Disenable us to support ye ministry amongst us."

The meeting house having now been furnished with "Pews and Seates,"

March 16, 1746. Voted to choose nine persons to Seate ye meeting house and in Doing of it, to have Regard to age & estate.

Voted that Leonard Hoar, John Mighill & Joseph Blodgett, be a Committee to Dignifye ye Pews & Seates in ye meeting house.

The report of this committee assigned the following rank to the "Pews & Seates." 1. The pew next the pulpit.[3] 2. The pew near the fore door.[4] 3. The fore seat and the N. E. corner pew equal.[5] 4. The pew next the corner pew. 5. The pew at right hand of east door: the second seat below and the fore seat in the gallery equal. 6. The pew at left hand of east door. 7. The pew under the stairs. 8. The third seat below. 9. The fourth seat below, and the fore seat in side

1 Brookfield then included the easterly part of Warren, south of the Chicuppee River.

2 That part of Palmer joining Chicuppee River, and settled by the King family.

3 In this were seated John Sherman, Nathl. Hitchcock, David Hitchcock, Leonard Hoar, Benj. Cooley and Nathan Collins.

4 Joseph Haynes, Joseph Blodgett, James Mirick, Samuel Hubbard, Joshua Shaw, Thomas Stebbins, Benj. Morgan, James Thompson, John Keep and Daniel Graves.

5 George Erwin, Peter Haynes, Deliverance Brooks, Eben. Scott, John Nilson, William Nilson, John Stebbins, John Charles, John Webber, William Warriner, John Mighill, Joseph Davis, Daniel Burt, Nicholas Groves, Thomas Ellinwood, Nathl. Clark, Benj. Mun and Saml. King.

gallery. 10. The fifth seat below. 11 The sixth seat below.

It appears that there were pews around the wall of the house, and "seates" in the centre. And while the men were assigned their places on the east section of the house, their wives occupied corresponding places on the other section; in accordance with an early vote, "that ye women sit in the west end of ye house.

April 13, 1748. Voted to goe on further to finish ye meeting house.

Voted to Laith & plaster from ye Pews on ye side upwards and over Head on ye gice. Subsequently

Voted, to make two sash windows on ye Back side of ye pulpit, on each side of ye Post there.

The first entry on the church books under the hand of Mr. Bridgham, intimates the value of his early records, while it tells us of their destruction.

"N. B. *All* was lost at ye burning of my house in ye year 1748."

Mr. Bridgham wrote out anew the faith and covenant of the church, and probably gathered again most of the names of church members, though it is certain that some were forgotten. From this time his records are brief and not of great value.

Those persons, who in 1734 had declared themselves Anabaptists, now received large accessions, chiefly, if not wholly, of residents in the south part of the town. The declaration was in 1756, signed by about twenty others, many of whom had but recently settled in town. These, were, Eben'r. Healy, Israel Walker, Thomas Watson, Gideon Dimmuck, Nath'l. Cooley, Edward Cob, Jehiel Munger, Archibald Graham, Thos. Watson, Jr., Sam'l Allen, Benj. Perrin, Joel Rogers, John Park, Nathan Park, Sam'l. Moulton, Enoch Hides.

March 14, 1757. In answer to a petition of Anthony Needham, Enoch Hides & others, in ye south part of the town Baptists, praying a liberty to erect a meeting house in ye highway yt leadeth to Stafford, near ye dwelling house of Ebenezer Moulton. Granted by vote of ye town.

The house was erected previous to 1764; probably about 1760 or 1762, near where the present Baptist meeting house in Wales now stands. For further account of this church, see App. A.

The people of the town were surely though slowly, making progress. As one indication of this, we quote the following:

Sept. 12, 1757. Voted to seate ye meeting house again.

Voted to seate *men and their wives* in ye Pews *together*.

The following also illustrates the same remark, and further indicates that the zeal of the strong-minded women of that day, expended itself in an appropriate direction. We cannot say but that it also implies the popularity of the preacher.

BRIMFIELD, March 12, 1759.

We ye Petitioners, Do send greeting to ye Honorable town for several Reasons. We do humbly beg leave of your Honors that you would give us ye place over ye women's Staires to build a pew upon our own cost. One reason we give is that We are Soe crowded at Sundry times that we Cant hardly get a seate to set in, & ye other Reason is that Whereas there is a Pew on ye other side, we think reasonably that it will Beautifie ye house.

Ruth Russel,	Easter Hoar,
Margarett Bliss,	Sarah Mighill,
Rose Blashfield,	Elizabeth Sherman.

Voted & allowed &c.

In 1761, a petition was presented from the inhabitants of the south-east part of the town, to be set off as a separate district. The west line of the district petitioned for, was the present town line of Holland. Its north line began at Joseph Davis',[1] and ran east to the Quinabaug. The limits petitioned for, included the Janeses.[2] The reason assigned in the petition, was the inconvenience of attending meeting on Sabbath.

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1 The Joseph Browning place.

2 Elijah the father of Cyrus, and occupying the same place. William, living where Wm. J. Sherman now lives, and Jonathan residing on Parson Allen's place, all sons of William Janes, who came from Lebanon.

Though they failed in their petition, they began to hold meetings in that part of the district, and to procure preaching, they sought assistance from the town.

Nov. 16, 1761. Voted to give ye Sou-east part of ye town three pounds, ten shillings to help them Hire preaching.

No further aid was sought or given in consequence of the erection of the whole of the south part of the town into a separate district, during the following year, 1762.

The inhabitants of the west part having been constituted a district (1760), and having erected a meeting house (1762), were now ready to have a church organized among them.

[1] June 20, 1762. Voted to dismiss Thomas Stebbins, Saml. King, Benj. Mun & Josiah Keep, & to recommend them to ye council to be convened att Monson, as proper persons to be Embodyed with others in ye formation of a new church.

[1] Aug. 22, 1762. Dismissed ye Widow Hitchcock, ye Widow Keep & ye wives of Thomas Stebbins, Benj. Mun, Eben'r Merrick, Francis Sykes, Josiah Keep & Edmund Hoar, to ye church in Monson.

For further account of this church, see App. B

It is presumed that Mr. Bridgham had now become too much enfeebled for the full discharge of the duties of his place. In 1766, a council was called to adjust difficulties which had arisen probably from the unwillingness of the people to continue his salary, while he was unable to attend to his appropriate work. Of the doings of this council, no mention is made in the Church Records. The warrant for a town meeting, dated Feb. 20, 1766, had these articles.

To see if ye town are Satisfied with ye Result & advice of ye late council, in regard to Mr. Bridgham, & if not, then

To see if ye town will come into any Methods to remove ye present Dissatisfaction.

At the meeting thus warned, it was,

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Voted that we are Satisfied with ye Result & advice, &c.

In Oct. and Dec. of this year, similar articles were acted upon with like result.

The occasional meetings in the south-east part of the town had now become regular, a church having been organized in 1765.

[1] Jan. 19, 1776. Ye wives of Moses Lyon,[2] Robert Dunklee, Isaac Foster, John Bishop, Trenance Webber, John Webber, Henry Webber & Ann Bishop, were dismist to ye church in South Brimfield. Also, Robert Dunklee, & Silas Smith & wife.

For further account of this enterprise, now the church in Holland, see App. C.

Meanwhile dissatisfaction with the ministrations of Mr. Bridgham increased.

Sept. 17, 1767. Voted to Desire Mr. Bridgham to lay down preaching in town, & that a copy of this vote be laid before him.

This vote, indicates we presume, not any diminution of respect and affection for Mr. Bridgham as a man, but rather a discontent with his diminished and enfeebled labors. The people had become impatient for some arrangement by which their wants could be more fully met.

March 14, 1768. On motion of Nathan Hoar, & others praying that Mr. Worcester, now preaching at South Brimfield, be admitted into ye Pulpit to preach a lecture to ye people,

Voted that ye prayer be granted.

During the summer of 1768, another council was called.

Sept. 20, 1768. Voted that ye town are satisfied with what ye Late counsel did in respect to Mr. Bridgham.

Jan. 19, 1769. The question Being whether the town would hire another minister,

Voted not to Hire another.

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[1] Church Records.

[2] Grandfather of Horatio Lyon, and lived on the Church place, so called.

Voted not to allow the aggrieved part of ye town their proportion of ye ministerial tax.

Other attempts to secure a change of ministers proved unavailing, Mr. Bridgham performing his duties as well as his feeble health would allow, until the close of 1773.

Dec. 14, 1773. Voted to choose a committee to treat with Mr. Bridgham concerning hiring preaching this winter, while he continues in his present feeble state, (and inquire) whether he will Relinquish any part of his Sallery to hire preaching.

Dec. 21. The committee reported that Mr. Bridgham was willing the town should Hire preaching, but would not Relinquish any part of his Sallery for that purpose.

Voted not to hire preaching.

Voted not to continue Mr. Bridgham's sallery any longer at £85.

April 15, 1774. Another committee having been sent to discourse with Mr. Bridgham, he returned the following written answer:

To the Moderator of Town Meeting now assembled.
Being appealed to by a committee of the town to know if I am willing ye town should Hire Preaching, this is to Desire you to let ye town know, I have not ye slightest objections to their hireing preaching if they think Proper so to do.

Your humble Servant,

JAMES BRIDGHAM.

The first man employed in accordance with the above proposal, was so happy as to unite the hearts of the people.

Sept. 13, 1774. Voted to enjoin the committee for supplying the pulpit to engage Mr. Williams, who is now preaching for us, to preach on Probation.

Oct. 27, 1774. Voted to give Mr. Nehemiah Williams a call to settle in the work of the ministry.

Voted to give Mr. Williams £200 lawful money for settlement. Allso the sum of £70 yearly, soe long as his pastoral connection shall be continued.

This offer was not accepted, therefore,

Dec. 23, 1774. Voted to add £10 to Mr. Williams salary, to com-

mence six years from his ordination, and continue so long as he shall continue to preach in town.

Voted to concur the vote of the church in the ordination of Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams was ordained Feb. 9, 1775. Thus ended the active ministry of Mr. Bridgham. He retained his place as senior pastor until he died, Sept. 17, 1776, aged 69; having accomplished a ministry of forty years in connection with this church. It may be proper here to refer for a moment, to the labors of this worthy man, and their probable results. How many he was instrumental in gathering into the church cannot be told. He made no parade of names upon the Church Records. Some of those admitted under his ministry, cannot now be distinguished from those who originally constituted the church. But it was no small success to have preached the humbling truths of the Gospel so long with no serious dissatisfaction on the part of the people, except such as arose from his inability to labor. That he preached the Gospel in its purity may be inferred from the records of the church, of which the following indicates the faith of the church from its organization, and the spirit of Mr. Bridgham's ministry. It has no date, but was probably the faith and covenant of the church from the first of his ministry.

We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, being Called of God into ye chh. state of ye Gospel, Do, first of all, confess our Selves unworthy to Be soe highly favored of ye Lord, & admire ye free & rich grace of His, which triumphs over soe great unworthiness, & then with an Humble reliance on ye aid of grace therein promised for them, that in a sense of their Inability to do any good thing, Do humbly wait on him for all, we thankfully Lay hold on his Covenant and would choose ye things yt please Him.

We declare our serious Belief in ye Xn religion as contained in ye Sacred scriptures, heartily resolving to conform our Lives unto ye rules of ye holy religion as long as we Live.

We give up our Selves to ye Lord Jehovah, Father, Son & Holy Ghost, & vouch him to be our God, Father & Leader, & receive him as our portion forever.

We give up our Selves to ye Blessed Jesus, who is ye Lord Jehovah, and adhere to him as ye Head of his people in ye covenant

of grace, & Rely on him as our Prophet, Priest & King, to bring us to eternal Blessedness.

We acknowledge our everlasting obligation to glorify our God in all ye duties of a Godly, Sober & righteous life, & very particularly in ye chh. state, and a Body of people associated for an obedience to him in all ye ordinances of ye Gospel.

We Desire, & intend, & engage to Walk together as a chh. of Jesus Christ, in ye faith & order of ye Gospel soe far as we shall have ye same revealed unto us, Conscientiously attending ye Public worship of God, ye sacraments of ye New Testament, ye Discipline of his kingdom & all his holy institutions in common with one another, & watchfully avoiding sinful stumbling Blocks & Contentions, as becomes a people whom ye Lord hath Bound up together in ye Bundle of Life.

Att ye same time we do allsoe present our offspring with us unto ye Lord, purposing with his help to do our Part in ye method of a religious Education yt they may be ye Lord's.

And all this we Do, flying to ye Blood of ye everlasting covenant for ye pardon of our many errors & praying yt ye glorious Lord who is yt Great Shepherd, will prepare and strengthen us for every good Work to do his will, to whom Be glory forever. Amen.

In such terms, as definite as those times required, did the fathers of this church express their faith. In the love and practice of such a faith Mr. Bridgham lived, until called to his heavenly rest. He died and was buried among his own people, and his memory was embalmed in their best affections. He resided on the place where Mr. Wm. Brown now lives. The garden attached to his premises was reputed the finest in the region. An old grape vine, and a species of white strawberry, said to have been planted by him, are still growing in it. He was twice married, and had nine children; five of whom lived to mature age—James, who continued to reside on the old place some time after his father's decease, Ebenezer, Jonathan, Thomas and Mercy, who married Rev. Josiah Dana, Oct., 1768.

Mr. Williams began his ministry by securing anew the signature of most of the members of his church to the above covenant. The following, also indicates his desire to promote the religious good of his people.

[1] March 17, 1775. Whereas, many persons hold a relation to this

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[1] Church Records.

church, (a relation designated by the term Half-way covenant,) and the church has been in doubt as to their duty towards such, after due deliberation,

Voted unanimously, that in the opinion of this church, such persons are members of the church, and consequently under the same watch and care with those who come up to the Lord's table. And,

Whereas, there has been neglect in watching over such persons,

Voted, to overlook and forgive such persons as have behaved themselves amiss, and to be more watchful over one another for the future.

This action of the church, though well meant, was a source of trouble; as will appear in the sequel.

So heartily and acceptably did Mr. Williams enter upon and prosecute his ministry, that little is found on the town records respecting him, save the yearly appropriation of his salary. He began his labors here in troublous times. The attention of the people was engrossed in their controversy with Great Britian. The finances of the colonies were becoming sadly embarassed. The salary which they had agreed to pay their pastor, became almost valueless. To remedy the evil, they endeavored to supply in quantity what was wanting in value.

Nov. 29, 1779. Voted to give Mr. Williams £1500 for present and back services.

As indicating the same depreciation of currency £1000 were at the same time voted for schools.

The methods of public worship, especially of singing, were in those days the subject of much controversy.

[1] Aug. 31, 1781. Voted that an advisory address be presented to the singers, the purport of which is, "that the Psalm to be sung be read, line by line in the forenoon, but not in the afternoon, and that no repeating tune be sung in the forenoon but may be in the afternoon, Provided no part be repeated over more than is necessary.

[1] July 3, 1785. Voted to make use of Dr. Watts' version of the Psalms & also his Hymns, in public worship.

This subject of singing was frequently up for discussion. The town and church were not always agreed respecting it.

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Oct. 19, 1789. Voted (town meeting) that the singers for the future shall sing without reading.

Again the church took action which betrays the laxity of their views respecting church membership, though in this particular their position was that of most other churches of the Commonwealth.

[1] June 1, 1789. Voted to renew the first vote, passed March 17, 1775, that such as have owned and received the Baptismal Covenant, and received Baptism for themselves or children, are members of this church and under its watch and care, and that it is the duty of each to come to the communion.

A committee was appointed to inquire into the case of such and urge them to come to full church privileges.

The meeting house had now become so dilapidated as to be hardly fit for use. It had always been small and inconvenient. The first movement towards the erection of a new house is found in the following article of a warrant for town meeting:

Feb. 25, 1792. "To see if the town will enter into a free conversation relative to building a new meeting house."

This article was passed over without action:

March 9, 1795. Voted to build a new meeting house at some future period.

Mr. Williams appears to have been incapacitated for preaching early in the Summer of the following year.

June 20, 1796. Voted to hire preaching and raise £20 for that purpose.

He died on the 26th of the following November, aged 48. The town voted to continue his salary to his widow for four months, she meanwhile supplying the pulpit probably through the kind offices of neighboring clergymen. Death called Mr. Williams from his work while he was in the vigor of his days and at the height of his usefulness. Had his life been spared, there was no reason why he might not have retained

1 Church Records.

his place as long as did his worthy predecessor. His character and influence were such as did not soon wear out. Of respectable talents, of earnest piety, and more than usual industry, he kept the church united and growing through a period of twenty years, the most unfavorable to piety of any that our country has seen. The times immediately succeeding his settlement were revolutionary. From the close of the revolution till the close of the century, the churches did not recover from the disastrous effects of the war Intercourse of Americans with foreign troops, and a general neglect of the Sabbath, lowered the tone of public morals and rendered the preaching of the Gospel in a great degree powerless. Brimfield, though inland and quiet, did not escape these irreligious influences. Yet in the face of such difficulties Mr. Williams made progress. One hundred and twenty-five were added to the church during his ministry. Nor did any serious defection occur to furnish materials for strife in subsequent years. To those who become familiar with his character, this will not appear strange. He was eminently judicious in his preaching and practice. While an acceptable preacher, he probably gained his greatest influences as a wise and reliable Christian pastor. After his best efforts in the pulpit, his hearers felt that there was more in the man to be revered and loved than they had seen or heard in the sermon. After his decease a volume of his sermons was published, some copies of which still exist. These sermons, fourteen in number, may perhaps be regarded as a fair index of the spirit of their author and his ability in the pulpit. They are simple in plan, full of wholesome truth expressed with directness and sometimes with considerable power. Mr. Williams was the son of Rev. Chester Williams of Hadley, and graduated at Harvard in 1769. He resided where Mr. James H. Brown now lives, the old house having been consumed by fire in 1837. He had ten children, some of whom became prominent citizens in town.

It is not supposed that any records, however full,

could reproduce before us the exciting scenes in church and town which transpired during the eight or ten years succeeding the peaceful ministry of Mr. Williams. More ample records might, however, throw light upon some things which now seem strange.

May 1, 1797. Voted that the committee for supplying the pulpit hire and procure Rev. Clark Brown to preach upon probation.

[1] Nov. 20, 1797. After due consideration the church voted to give Rev. Clark Brown a call to take charge of this church as a Gospel minister.

On the same day the town voted to join in this call, and give Mr. Brown $400 yearly. These proposals Mr. Brown accepted on condition that the relation be dissolved by council when either party desired it, provided the other party could show no sufficient reason for its continuance. In concluding his letter Mr. Brown says, "the call is accepted under a full persuasion that the gentlemen of the town are convinced of the absolute necessity of erecting a new meeting house, for they must be sensible that this house is not only inconvenient for those who attend, and excludes many who would attend when the weather is suitable, but it must be, and certainly is, highly injurious to the health of a speaker of the best constitution, much more so to one whose constitution is naturally feeble and delicate."

Meanwhile, even before his installation, he set himself to alter the terms of admission to the church.

[1] Dec. 31, 1797. After church service Mr. Brown read a confession of faith which he wished to have adopted, if he should settle in the ministry in this place. Its adoption was moved and voted.

This confession is found on the church records. It is objectionable as *deficient*, rather than as positively erroneous.

March 12, 1798. Voted to choose a committee to make provision for the council who are to be called to instal Rev. Clark Brown.

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[1] Church Records.

[1] The council consisted of pastors and delegates from Brookfield, Western, Sturbridge, Monson, Palmer, Holland, and Stonington, Ct. They met Feb. 27, 1798. After organization and examination of papers, they

Voted, That the proceedings of the church and town have been regular. Adjourned till the next day.

Feb. 28. Proceeded to consider objections to Mr. Brown's installment.

It is not necessary here to enumerate these objections, nor to speak of the action of the council upon each. The most important had respect to the sentiments of Mr. Brown, chiefly to his views of the divinity of Christ and future punishment. In conclusion it was *unanimously*

Voted, That the council do not see their way clear to proceed to the installation of Rev. Clark Brown.

This unanimous result of council is noteworthy, inasmuch as the church in Stonington, Mr. Brown's native place, was represented in it by pastor and delegate.

While the question was pending, the people had assembled for the services of installation. After much delay, Mr. Brown foreseeing the result, informed the council that they had been invited out of respect to the churches, but that he and the town had legal powers which they should use. He then formally withdrew his case from the decision of the council.[2]

March 12, 1798. Town voted to renew the call to Mr. Brown.

[3] March 13. The church voted *not* to renew the call, 11 to 9.

Also, voted to accept the doings of the late council, 11 to 9.

Also, voted to let matters rest, no members to be admitted until the church agree on some method to proceed.

April 2, 1798. Town voted to direct the committee previously

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[1] Result of Council: Pamphlet.

[2] See "Emigration of Popery" and other pamphlets, evidently "*Tracts for those Times.*

[3] Church Records.

appointed for making preparations for a council, to ask the advice of some clergyman as to the manner in which it will be proper to proceed in the installation of Mr. Brown, giving them a true statement of the case from the first.

Now was seen the error of the vote passed by the church under the ministry of Mr. Williams, to which reference has been made. By the aid of some who were connected with the church only by the "half way covenant," that is, who had received baptism for themselves or children, but had not come to the Lord's table, in full communion, it was

[1] May 21, 1798, Voted, to receive Mr. David Bugbee and wife, as members of the church.

This addition, with the aid above mentioned, changed the position of the church towards Mr. Brown. At the same meeting,

Voted to renew the call to Mr. Brown. Also,

Voted to choose a committee to join with the committee of the town in calling a council.

This renewal of the call Mr. Brown accepted. After explaining the conditions which he had specified in a former note, he pays the following just tribute to the memory of his predecessor, uttering at the same time doubtless his sincere wish for the harmony of the people:

"Having thus accepted your invitation, I would observe that with pleasing emotions I have noticed the respect with which you have spoken of your worthy pastor now gone down to the silent grave, no more to return to his family and people. Judging from the attention and respect paid to him during a course of above twenty years, I have reasons sufficient, provided I follow his amiable and virtuous example, to promise myself much pleasure and peace and happiness among you. May we study the things that make for peace, and that will advance the Redeemer's kingdom."

Mr. Brown was installed June 9, 1798. The installing council was selected from those who would not be expected to object to his doctrinal views. No records of the council remain.

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[1] Church Records.

The scanty records of Mr. Brown's ministry contain occasional references to the "aggrieved," and seem to express surprise and impatience on his part that any of the church should be so bigoted as to withdraw from his communion. Possessed of considerable self-esteem, and perhaps elated with the flattering attentions of the town, he fell into the error of supposing that doctrines which *he* lightly esteemed were of no consequence to any one. There were not a few in the church, however, who had become warmly attached to those evangelical sentiments, which had been preached from the settlement of the town. As a matter of principle, to say nothing of feeling, they could not consent that these doctrines, some of which furnished the life-blood of their piety, should be denied or overlooked. They tried various expedients to secure a redress of grievances. They urged that some who voted to renew the call to Mr. Brown were not in any proper sense members of the church. They made a free use of reports in circulation, affecting Mr. Brown's ministerial character. Imprudences on his part, of which there were not a few, were magnified. This provoked crimination in return. Upon the sad particulars of the controversy it is not needful to dwell. The whole town was on fire with it. Words were uttered on both sides which were afterwards bitterly regretted. And saddest of all, the minister was as deeply involved in this bitterness of feeling and expression as any of the people.

Jan. 2, 1800. The town voted *not* to refer the difficulties to a mutual council.

The church had previously passed a similar vote. The "opposition," finding all their efforts to recover their rights vain, next petitioned the General Court to be incorporated as a separate parish. Previous and subsequently to this time they held their meetings in private houses, chiefly at Mr. Noah Hitchcock's. The probability of their petition being granted, brought the majority to reflection.

Aug. 20, 1800. Voted to choose a committee to make a true and fair representation of the situation of the town and of the "opposition," who have petitioned the General Court to be incorporated as a parish.

Chose Abner Morgan, Aaron Morgan, and Joseph Browning, as the committee.

When the petition came before the General Court's committee for the incorporation of parishes, remonstrance was made by the town through their agents. As a compromise it seems to have been agreed before the committee that the matters in dispute should be referred to a mutual council. The "aggrieved" evidently understood that the proposed council were to have full jurisdiction in the case, and with this understanding withdrew their petition.

March 9, 1801. Voted that the town are willing that Rev. Clark Brown and the "aggrieved" should settle their difficulties by a mutual council at their own expense.

The council was convened by letters missive from Rev. Clark Brown on the one part, Issachar Brown, Alexander Sessions and Bartholomew Brown, on the other. [1] It consisted of the following clergymen with their delegates: Rev. Eliab Stone of 2d church in Reading, Rev. Dr. Parsons of Amherst, Rev. Samuel Kendall of Weston, Rev. Samuel Austin of Worcester, Rev. Dr. Morse of Charlestown, Rev. Mr. Goodrich of Rutland, and Rev. John T. Kirtland of South Boston. Most of these were men who, for ability and integrity, had few superiors in the State. They were, moreover, strangers to the difficulties which they were called to settle. They met in council March 12, 1801, and continued by adjournment till the 18th.

[2] The first question before them had respect to the parties in controversy. The "aggrieved" affirmed that Mr. Brown and his adherents were one party and themselves the other. The adherents of Mr. Brown

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1 See "Doings of an Ecclesiastical Council holden in Brimfield, March 12, 1801."

2 See Result of Council: Pamphlet.

contended that they had nothing to do with the council. It was decided that "the town having chosen a committee to confer with any committee of the 'aggrieved' for the adjustment of difficulties, also to oppose the petition of the 'aggrieved,' and their agent having consented, agreeably to advice of the Court's committee, to submit the matter to a mutual council, and the selectmen having consented to this mode of terminating an unhappy controversy, therefore, the council have a right to consider the town as united with Mr. Brown in the determination and issue of the council." This preliminary question being thus disposed of, the council proceeded in their investigations. Charges were preferred against Mr. Brown, of "denying the divinity of Christ," "of a disposition to defame his opposers," "of not keeping the Sabbath," and "of irregular introduction to the ministry in this place." The council decided that, in respect to the first charge, 'the "aggrieved' had cause for complaint;" also, "that Mr. Brown had suffered himself to indulge in ungenerous and defamatory reproaches of the council first invited;" also, "that his conduct in regard to keeping the Sabbath, amusements, &c., had been such as to give reasonable offence to the friends of order and piety;" also, "that the proceedings of the installing council were irregular and ought to be considered ecclesiastically null and void."[1] The council declare it as their solemn opinion that there is but little prospect of peace, while the cause of difficulty remains. They therefore advise Mr. Brown to seek a dissolution of his connection with the people, and advise the people to consent to the measure. They subjoin the following observations, which are so finely expressed, that we may be excused for quoting in part:

"It is with sincere regret that the council see a respectable town, favorably situated, enriched with the bounties of nature, and once happy in its religious order and enjoyments, under the ministrations of an amiable servant of Christ, now sleeping with his fathers, dis-

[1] The call to Mr. Brown was made out, it will be remembered, by the votes of several "Half way covenanters."

tracted with divisions, and miserable from the want of a will to be happy. Long experience hath taught you christian bretheren and friends, more forcibly than any verbal description can communicate, the sad detail of infelicities which are inseparably attached to the heat of controversy and the obstinacy of passion. Will you not retire from this tempest into the calm haven of a settled and friendly repose. Meet on Christian principles and under the influence of a Christian spirit, and you will meet to be cordial and happy. The demon of discord will vanish from your public and domestic circles, and every countenance will gladden into joy. The council do not suppose that their result will meet with the approbation of both parties. One at least will probably be disgusted. It may terminate in the displeasure of both. But they claim a right to the best interpretation of their course, and calculate upon the honorable performance of stipulated duty." [1]

To Mr. Brown, they address themselves as follows:

"We most sincerely sympathize with you in the affliction into which you are plunged, and the unpleasant prospects which our decisions may not improbably open to your view. But to exonerate you from great blame, as the voluntary cause of them, would be to alter the complexion of our result and trifle with the most deliberate sentiments of our minds." [1]

To this result Mr. Brown published a bitter reply. On the 23d of March, he presented a request for dismission, agreably to advice given. In making his request, he reviewed all the proceedings, re-affirming his own integrity, and, throwing out a hint, (whether designed or not I cannot say,) respecting the continuance of his ministrations to such as would still adhere to him. Neither town or church yielded to his request for dismission until Sept., 1803. In the interval he continued his labors, and his opponents renewed their petition for an act of incorporation.

April 6, 1801. Voted that this town did not authorize the late council to make them a party with Rev. Clark Brown in his controversy with the aggrieved; that said council had no right to make themselves guardians of the town, and that their attempting to do so is for the want of information, or a desire to extend their power beyond its due limits.

May 4, 1801. Voted that Rev. Clark Brown be our representative for the ensuing year.

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[1] See Result of Council.

May 25, 1801. Voted that those persons who have petitioned the General Court to be incorporated as a parish may be so incorporated, on condition they will build a meeting house and settle a minister, or be in a condition to settle one.

While thus engaged in strife, the people must have often thought of those peaceable and amiable men who had ministered to their fathers and to them for sixty years.

March 8, 1802. On petition of Enos Hitchcock, voted that the town will procure grave stones for the grave of Rev. Nehemiah Williams. Also,

On petition of Joseph Browning, voted to purchase stones for the grave of Rev. James Bridgham.

May 3, 1803. Rev. Clark Brown chosen representative to go to General Court.

The "opposition" had already commenced a suit against the town for damages, in being assessed to pay the ministerial tax. Therefore,

Voted to choose a committee to defend the town in this action, or any that may be brought against the town or assessors.

The town gained their case in this suit, but it begun to be apparent to them that longer persistence in their course would only be detrimental to themselves and their minister.

Sept. 2, 1803. Voted that the town will dispense with the services of Rev. Clark Brown after the third Sabbath in Oct. next.

Voted that a committee of five be appointed to express the good will, wishes and opinions of the town respecting Mr. Brown, and give the same to him in writing in behalf of the town.

[1] Oct. 3, 1803. Church voted to join with Mr. Brown in calling a council to dismiss him.

Voted to invite 1st church in Boston, the church in Lancaster, 2d church in Worcester, 2d church in Brookfield, and the church in Springfield.

Pastors from some of these churches, met Nov 2, 1803. It does not appear that they organized themselves as a council. They perhaps did not wish by a

[1] Church Records.

regular and formal dismissal of Mr. Brown to set aside the decision of the previous council respecting the irregularity of his installation. The following is the record of the action of the church:

[1] Nov. 2, 1803. Church met and chose Rev. Aaron Bancroft moderator for the day.

Voted unanimously that the pastoral relation between Rev. Clark Brown and this church be dissolved.

AARON BANCROFT, Mod.

Thus ended the ministry of Mr. Brown in Brimfield. He was a native of Stonington, Ct. He was ordained at Boston, Oct. 7, 1795, as pastor of the church in Machias, Me. "He there reformed the articles of faith, abrogating the doctrines of the Trinity and total depravity, and admitting persons to the communion without any evidence of regeneration. About half of the church refused to unite with it in its new form, and were suspended from church privileges."[2] Dismissed from Machias, he was installed here June, 1798. He married a daughter of Dr. Joseph Moffat, of this town.

[1] Dec. 1, 1799. Lord's day afternoon, Clark Brown and Tabba Moffat married in the meeting house by Rev. Joel Foster of New Salem."

He resided where Elijah Tarbell now lives, and had two sons while a resident in town. He subsequently preached in Swanzy, N. H., and Orange, Mass., but was never again settled. "He died in Maryland, Jan. 12, 1817, aged 45."

Mr. Brown had a mind of considerable strength, and more than usual activity, but he needed for its most happy and useful development, a more rigid course of discipline than it was ever his fortune to enjoy. His manners were popular, and his preaching highly entertaining to those who sympathised with his religious views. A few published discourses indicate

1 Church Records.

2 Hampden Pulpit.

that he was remarkable for fluency, but wanting in accuracy and directness.

In respect to the unhappy controversy, which his ministry here occasioned, perhaps the following positions will commend themselves to all as just:

1. It seems clear beyond dispute, that Mr. Brown's religious sentiments afforded just ground for opposition to his settlement. The church, from its organization had been strictly evangelical. No open attempt was made to change its name and character. Had such a purpose been plainly avowed and carried by a majority of its members, the proceeding could not have been chargable with injustice, however much it must have been regretted by the friends of true piety.

The attempt was to install as pastor of an evangelical church, a man who had little or no sympathy with its creed. It was because of the laxity of his sentiments, that the first council refused to install him. His indiscretions would probably have never been so marked, had he found tolerance and sympathy in his faith.

2. It appears that the proceedings of the council which installed Mr. Brown, were of questionable legality. The church had not renewed their call to him, unless they were to be regarded as members in full, who had merely received the rite of baptism for themselves or their children. It was only by the aid of such, that his call by the church was carried.

3. It does not seem strange, all things taken into the account, that the town persisted in their attachment to Mr. Brown. Of affable manners, he made many friends. Such as were not offended by his peculiar sentiments, regarded him as generous, well-disposed, and fitted to do good. A majority of the voters in town were in his favor. To them it seemed especially unjust, that their preferences should be overruled by the wishes of the church, and the decision of a council. They thought themselves entitled to have a voice in the selection of a minister to whose support they were required by law to contribute. We can

readily see a reason for the ardor and persistency with which they contended for their supposed rights. The wiser method of leaving the institutions of religion to be supported by the voluntary efforts of its friends was then unknown.

4. The action of the town in continuing to employ Mr. Brown after an able and impartial council had advised his dismission, and the course of Mr. Brown in replying to the council and refusing to abide by its decisions, only tended to prolong the strife, which had already consumed the better feelings of the people.

5. Finally, both parties carried their animosities to an unwarrantable extent. The "opposition" were not always judicious in the measures which they took to prevent Mr. Brown's settlement and effect his removal. On the other hand, the friends of Mr. Brown, and he himself did much to add fuel to the flames of contention. The feelings of both were greatly exasperated, and they subsequently found in the review, abundant occasions for confessions and regrets.

It was fortunate for the people that an occasion so soon presented itself, for them to forget their disputes and unite in a common and important enterprise. The meeting house had now stood more than eighty years, and was no longer sufficient for the accommodation and comfort for the people.

April 2, 1804. Voted to build a meeting house by the sale of pews, as far as they will go towards that object.

March 18, 1805. Voted to proceed to build a meeting house during the ensuing summer.

Voted to give Elias Carter two thousand pounds for building the house, out of which, he his to deduct $400, for the town to raise the house.

[1] March 25. 1805. Church voted to give Mr. Wesson [2] a call to settle in the ministry.

April 15, 1805. Town voted the same. Also,

Voted to sell the old meeting house to Thomas Bliss, Jr., Barthole-

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[1] Church Records.

[2] Mr. Wesson settled in Hardwick.

mew Brown, John Gardner, Sam'l W. Brown, Jacob Bishop, Jona. Brown, Ichabod Bliss, Jesse Hitchcock, Zenas Halbrook and Sylvanus Thompson, for the sum of $100, they to remove it before the 1st of May. Also,

Voted to dispose of all the trees on the common around the meeting house, at auction, they to be cut down within four inches of the ground, within two months from this date. They were bid off by Nath'l Parker, for ten dollars.

Thus passed away the old, rude meeting house of the settlers, and at the same time fell those venerable oaks, which for eighty years, had stood as sentinels around it. We mourn for those old trees. What stories of the times when they were young, would they tell us, if now standing. Their sturdy, yet scarred forms would remind us of the hardships, courage and faith of the early settlers. The storms of winter, howling through their branches, would speak to us of the conflict of resolute hearts with the wilderness and the savage foe. Long will it be, ere the mistaken zeal for improvement which laid them low can be atoned. A generation must pass before others can take their places.

[1] Sept. 3, 1807. Voted to give Mr. Elisha Rockwood a call to settle in the ministry.

Nov. 9, 1807. Voted to join the church in the above call.

The call was accompanied with an offer of $500 salary.

April 4, 1808. Voted that the highway surveyors or the people, work out the $200 raise some time since, for removing rocks around the meeting house.

[1] April 28, 1808. Church voted to invite Mr. Newton Skinner to settle in the ministry.

[1] May 9, 1808. Town voted to unite in this call.

[1] Aug. 17, 1808. Church voted to call Mr. Warren Fay.

Aug. 29, 1808. Town voted to join in the call.

Voted to give Mr. Fay twenty-five cords of wood yearly, in addition to his salary.

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[1] Church Records.

Mr. Fay was ordained Nov. 2, 1808. Rev. Dr. Austin preached the sermon. Previous to his ordination, a considerable number in the church met, and after reviewing their past differences, voted to forgive and forget all injuries. Mr. Fay was a man of commanding abilities, and entered upon his work with commendable zeal. But it was not in his power to heal the breach between church and town. The latter remembering the action of the case of Mr. Brown, moved for Mr. Fay's dismission.

Sept. 14. 1810. Voted that the town are not satisfied with Mr. Fay as their minister, and that a copy of this vote be laid before him.

May 16. 1811. Voted that the church may agree with Mr. Fay, and appoint a council to dismiss and recommend him.

Mr Fay was dismissed June 26, 1811, the council entering their deliberate protest against the summary and unchristian proceedings of the town. An effort was made to re-settle Mr. Fay over this church, but it did not succeed. "He was installed at Harvard, in 1814, and dismissed thence on receiving a call to the church in Charlestown, in 1820. In 1839, the fellowship of the churches was withdrawn from him, and he has since resided upon a farm in Northboro."[1]

After the dismission of Mr. Fay, the church was destitute of a pastor nearly two years.

[2] Nov. 19, 1813. Church voted to invite Rev. Joseph Vaill to settle in the Gospel ministry.

Nov. 19, " Voted to join with the church in a call to Mr. Vaill.

Voted to give him annually, $550, provided the contract close when he on the one hand, or a majority of the town on the other, become dissatisfied, a year's notice being given.

Mr. Vaill was ordained Feb. 2, 1814, his father preaching the sermon, a brother also being a member of the council. He entered upon his duties at the age of twenty-three, and by his social qualities and

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1 Hampden Pulpit.

2 Church Records.

judicious zeal in the ministerial work, so gained the respect and affection of the people, that contentions ceased, and the way was prepared for those wonderful seasons of revival which, at the same time, attested the faithfulness of his own labors, and the usefulness of those worthy pastors, who years before, amid many discouragements, had sown their seed in hope.

It is not to be deemed strange, that after so much division and strife, there were some who dissented from his preaching, and sought to bring in other religious teachers.

Nov. 6, 1818. Voted that the town are willing that any number of inhabitants that wish a religious meeting in the meeting-house, on a day when it is not occupied by Mr. Vaill or the town, may have such a meeting, and bring in a minister that suits their persuasion.

Such effort however, met with very little success. The youthful pastor had taken too strong a hold upon the affections of the people to be easily disturbed. In the autumn of 1818, his ministry was blessed with a refreshing from the presence of the Lord, as the happy result of which, more than one hundred were gathered into the church.

In 1824, the present articles of Faith and Covenant of the church were unanimously adopted; the same having previously been drawn up and agreed to, by committees of Hampden and Brookfield Associations.

In 1825, there occurred another season of religious awakening—less general than the former, and more confined to the young. As the result of this, forty-five were added to the church. There can be no doubt that these were seasons when the spirit of God was present with unusual power. Many instances of conviction and conversion occurred, a minute narration of which would be rich with instruction and encouragment to the church of this day.[1]

In 1832-3, still another revival of religion began to be experienced among christians, which, however, resul-

[1] For a more particular account of these revivals then it is possible to give here, see Dr. Vaill's Historical sermon, 1829.

ted in a separation from the church of some, who had been known as among her most active and influential members. In 1832, the Parish was formed, and the town as such ceased to have jurisdiction in religious matters. While the results of the religious movements of 1832-3 were pending, Mr. Vaill sought and obtained dismission in order to accept a call from the church in Portland, Me. He left with the regrets and best wishes of his people, having ministered to them with singular success for a period of twenty years.

Rev. Joseph Fuller, of Vershire, Vt., a graduate of Middlebury, and student of Andover, was installed here March 11, 1835. He was dismissed June 7, 1837. He settled again in Ridgfield, Ct., 1838, and remained there till 1841. He is now laboring with the church in his native place.

In Nov. 1837, Mr. Vaill returned to Brimfield and remained three years. He has since held an important agency in behalf of Amherst College, and received the degree of D. D. from that institution. For ten years he was pastor of the church in Somers, and is now settled over the 2d Cong. Church in Palmer.

During his second ministry here, (1838,) the Parish, as the first, organized in town, became possessed of the meeting house, agreeably to a law relating to religious societies, and fitted it up in a convenient and tasteful manner.

Rev. George C. Patridge succeeded Dr. Vaill. He graduated at Amherst in 1833, was installed here in 1842, and dismissed in 1846. He is now a resident of Rockford, Ill. During the year following his dismission, Feb 21, 1847, the meeting house was burned. The present house was erected the same year, and dedicated January 19, 1848.

The present pastor, Rev. Jason Morse, was born at Southbridge, March 9, 1821. Grad. Amherst 1845; Andover 1849, and ordained in Brimfield Dec. 12, 1849.

Dec, 13, 1852. In town meeting voted, that such of the inhabitants as may associate themselves together to improve the common lands around the meeting house, be allowed to enclose said lands with a

fence, set out shade and ornamental trees, and otherwise improve the same as they may deem proper.

Practical suggestions which might be appropriately drawn from the foregoing narrative, we leave to be presented on some suitable occasion to the church and congregation for whom they will have a more special interest than for others. In conclusion we may only express the hope that whoever in some future year shall attempt to trace the history of this church from the point where we leave it, may find no less ample evidences of faithfulness on the part of her ministry; of self-denying zeal on the part of her members, and of the presence of the converting and sanctifying Spirit.

NAMES OF CHURCH MEMBERS.

NOTE.—Great pains have been taken to perfect the following list of church members. It is too much to suppose however, that it is altogether free from errors. The earlier names are recorded without much order; that of husband on one page, and that of wife joining the church at the same time, on another. The christian names of married women are rarely given in the church records, and had to be sought among the town records of marriages, births or deaths. It is believed that the list is about as complete as these difficulties admit of. Most of the early members brought letters from other churches, and are so designated. Of others this is doubtful; until we come to 1848, when the record of Mr. Bridgham begins.

DATE OF ADMISSION.	NAMES.	HISTORY.
1724. (a.)	l. David Morgan, Dea.,	died 1760.
"	l. Henry Burt, Dea.	
"	l. John Stebbins, Dea.,	died 1765, aged 79.
"	l. Patience, wife of John Stebbins,	died 1761.
"	l. John Sherman.	died 1774, aged 91.
"	l. Abigail, wife of John S.,	died 1772, aged 91.
"	l. Joseph Blodgett.	
"	l. Sarah, wife of Joseph B.,	died 1735.
"	l. Thomas Stebbins,	dis. to form a ch. Monson, 1762.
"	l. ———, wife of Thomas S.	dis. to form a ch. Monson, 1762.
"	l. Daniel Burt,	
"	l. Experience, wife of Dan'l B.,	died 1775.
"	l. James Thompson,	died 1776, aged 82.
"	l. ——— wife of James T.	
"	l. William Warriner,	died 1765.
"	l. Sarah, wife of Wm. W.	
"	l. Nathaniel Hitchcock,	died 1761.
"	l. Abigail, wife of Nath'l H.,	
"	l. Benjamin Cooley.	
"	l. Elizabeth, wife of Benj. C.	died 1743.

(a.) Original Members, (probably.)
l. Stands against those received by letter.
p. Those received by profession.

DATE OF ADMISSION.	NAMES.	HISTORY.
1724. (a.)	l. Joseph Haynes,	died 1775, aged 87.
"	l. Mary, wife of Joseph H.	
"	l. David Hitchcock.	
"	l. ———, wife of David H.,	dis. to ch. Monson, 1767.
"	l. Wid. Sarah Nichols,	died 1750.
"	l. Margarett Cooley.	
"	l. Luke Blashfield, Dea.	
(1765.)	l. ———, wife of Luke B.,	
	l. Thomas Ellingwood,	died 1772.
	l. Abigail, wife of Thomas E.,	died 1761.
	l. Leonard Hoar,	died 1771, aged 87.
	l. ———, wife of Leonard H.,	
	l. Deliverance Brooks.,	died 1759.
	Samuel Hubbard.,	died 1749.
	———, wife of Samuel H., mar. Isaac Bliss.,	died 1757.
(1734.)	l. James Bridgham, Pastor,	died 1776, aged 69.
	l. Martha, wife of James B.,	died 1760, aged 41.
	l. Mary, wife of James B.,	died 1774, aged 50.
	l. Benjamin Morgan,	died 1756.
	l. Mary, wife of Benj. M., mar. Eber. Hitchcock,	dis. Springfield, 1763.
	l. John Keep,	died 1757.
	l. ———, wife of John Keep,	dis. to form a ch. Monson, 1762.
	l. Thomas Mighill,	dis. Killingly, Ct. 1750.
	l. ———, wife of Thomas M.,	" " " "
	l. Benjamin Mun,	dis. to form ch. Monson, 1762.
	l. ———, wife of Benj. M.,	" " " "
	l. Samuel King,	" " " "
(1736.)	l. Benoni Atchison,	
(1737.)	l. Josiah Keep,	dis. to form ch. Monson, 1762.
	l. ———, wife of Josiah K.,	" " " "
	l. Hannah, wife of Edmund Hoar,	" " " "
	l. ———, wife of Francis Sikes,	" " " "
	———, wife of James Merrick,	" " " "
	Nathan Collins,	died 1767, aged 85.
	———, wife of Nathan Collins, Jr.,	died 1763.
	Nathaniel Collins,	
	Wid. ———, Russel,	died 1782, aged 70.
	Wid. ———, Miller,	died 1754.

DATE OF ADMISSION.	NAMES.	HISTORY.
	Mary Hoar,	
	Elizabeth Keep,	dis. Bolton, Ct., 1750
	John Burt,	died 1756.
	———, wife of John B.,	
	John Nilson,	dis. N. Braintree. 1767.
	———, wife of John N.,	" " "
	Joseph Davis,	died 1778.
	———, wife of Joseph D.	
	Adonijah Russel,	died 1775, aged 62.
	———, wife of Adonijah R.	
	Bezaleel Sherman,	died 1779.
(1756.)	Abigail, wife of Bezaleel S.	
	Ichabod Bliss,	died 1766.
	Mehitable, wife of Ichabod,	died 1790.
	Joseph Hoar, Dea.	
(1736.)	1. Deborah Colton, wife of Joseph H.,	died 1800.
	Reuben Townsley,	died in the army 1776.
	Jonathan Morgan,	died 1796, aged 85.
(1752.)	Ruth, wife of Jonatha M.	
	Joseph Hitchcock.	
	Joseph Blodgett, Jr.,	died 1819.
	———, wife of Joseph B., Jr.	
	Samuel Nichols,	died 1808.
	Bathsheba, wife of Samuel N.,	
	Charles Hoar,	died 1790.
	———, wife of Charles H.,	
	———, wife of David Hoar,	dis. to form ch. Monson, 1762.
	———, wife of John Charles, Jr.,	dis. Fryburg, 1775.
	———, wife of Joseph Lumbard,	died 1763.
	Margarett Burt,	dis. Longmeadow 1750.
	Wid. Townsley,	dis. Somers, 1778.
	———, wife of George Colton,	dis. Longmeadow 1755.
	———, wife of John Bond,	dis. Dorchester, 1751.
	Robert Dunklee,	dis. S. Brimfield, 1766.
	Sarah, wife of Robert D.,	" " "
	———, wife of John Bishop,	" " "
	———, wife of John Webber,	" " "
	———, wife of Trenance Webber,	" " "
	Ebenezer Bishop,	dis. S. Brimfield,
	———, wife of Ebenezer B.,	" "
	———, wife of Noah Hitchcock.	

DATE OF ADMISSION.	NAMES.	HISTORY.
	Benjamin Warner,	died 1759.
	James Draper.	
	John Draper.	
	Williams Nichols.	
	Phinehas Sherman.	
Sept., 1748.	Keziah Burt, Morse,	dis. Sturbridge, 1756.
Nov., 1749.	———, wife of Jona. Brown,	dis.
April, 1750.	Jonathan Burt,	dis. Westminister 1767.
" "	———, wife of Jonathan B.,	" " "
Feb., 1751.	———, wife of Stephen Morgan,	dis. Springfield, 1763.
" "	———, wife of Stephen Lumbard.	
Oct., 1751.	Silas Smith,	dis. S. Brimfield, 1766.
" "	———, wife of Silas Smith,	" "
" "	Nathan Hoar,	dis. Monson, 1787.
" "	———, wife of Nathan H.,	" "
" "	Mary, wife of Benj. Trask,	
Dec. "	Jonathan Janes,	dis. Monson, 1783.
" "	Irene, wife of Jona. J.,	" "
July, 1752.	William Janes.	
" "	Timothy Janes.	
Feb. 1753.	———, wife of Isaac Bliss,	dis. Western, 1760.
July "	———, wife of John Blashfield.	
Aug., "	Moses Nilson,	dis. Sheffield, 1755.
" "	———, wife of Moses N.,	" "
Oct., "	Mary Stebbins Varhum,	dis. Springfield, 1754.
April, 1751.	Jonathan Thompson.	died 1824, aged 97 1-2.
" "	———, wife of Jona. T.,	died 1804.
May, "	Ebenezer Scott,	died 1750.
(1750.)	Mary, wife of Ebenezer S.	
July, 1754.	———, wife of Abraham Charles.	
Sept., "	Daniel Burt, Jr.,	died 1812.
(1753.)	———, wife of Daniel B., Jr.,	died 1818.
July, 1755.	———, wife of Benj. Blodgett.	
" "	Rachel, wife of Wm. Dady.	
Aug., "	James Thompson, Jr.,	dis. Monson, 1785.
" "	———, wife of James T., Jr.,	" "
" "	William Nilson, Jr.,	died 1759.
" "	Isabel, wife of Wm. N., Jr.	
Nov.	Thomas Ellingwood, Jr.,	died 1804.
	Rebecca, wife of Thos. E., Jr.,	died 1779.
Mar., 1756.	———, wife of Jona. Hitchcock.	
July, "	Benjamin Merrick,	died 1775.

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Aug., 1756.	Ann Bishop,	dis. S. Brimfield, 1766.
Oct., "	Elisha Wales,	dis.
April, 1757.	William Janes,	died 1810.
" "	David Haynes.	
June, "	Widow Mary Haynes,	dis.
	Samuel Killum,	dis. Wilbraham, 1775.
	———, wife of Samuel K.,	" "
Aug., "	Daniel Morgan.	
	———, wife of Wm. Walbridge,	dis. Monson, 1766.
Sept., "	———, wife of Henry Webber,	dis. S. Brimfield, 1766.
May, 1758.	Isaac Forster,	" " "
" "	———, wife of Isaac F.,	" " "
May, 1759.	Jonathan Ferrel,	died 1809.
" "	———, wife of Jona. F.	
" "	Timothy Danielson,	died 1791, aged 58.
Nov., "	Mary Scott,	died 1814.
" "	Sarah Scott,	died 1780, aged 50.
May, 1760.	———, wife of Moses Lyon,	dis. S. Brimfield, 1766.
July, "	Eunice Colton,	dis. Longmeadow, 1763.
Nov., "	———, wife of Nathan Smith,	dis. Williamstown, 1766.
" "	Mercy Warriner Barrister,	died 1825, aged 87.
Feb., 1762.	Thomas King,	dis. to form a ch. Plantation No. 7.
Oct., "	———, wife of Thomas K.,	" "
1764.	———, wife of Abraham Whipple.	
May, 1766.	Jacob How.	
" "	———, wife of Jacob H.	
July, "	Benjamin Stebbins.	
" "	Jerusha, wife of Benj. S.,	died 1830, aged 90.
June, 1768.	Abner Blodgett.	
" "	Elizabeth, wife of Abner B.,	died 1761.
1770.	———, wife of John Harris.	
Sept., 1771.	Nicolas Groves.	
	Joseph Hitchcock, Jr., Dea.,	died 1811.
	Hannah, wife of Jos. H., Jr.,	died 1818.
1771.	Daniel Livermore,	dis. Wilmington, Ct. 1783.
	———, wife of Daniel L.,	" " "
Feb., 1775.	James Bridgham, Jr.,	
	p. Abigail, wife of Jonathan Brown, Jr.	died 1803.
Mar., 1775.	p. Joseph Browning,	died 1813.
" "	p. Lois, wife of Joseph B.,	died 1781, aged 46.
" "	p. Joseph Morgan, Jr.,	died 1816.

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Mar..	1775.	p. Sarah, wife of Jos. M., Jr.,	died 1821.
May,	"	p. Joseph Hoar, Jr.,	died 1816.
	"	p. Simeon Hubbard,	died 1804.
	"	p. Lydia, wife of Simeon H.,	died 1808.
	"	p. Lois, wife of Samuel Nichols, Jr.	
	"	p. Eunice, wife of Zerah Stebbins,	died 1823, aged 62.
July,	"	p. Benjamin Trask,	died 1776, aged 61.
"	"	p. Jona Morgan, Jr.,	died 1816.
"	"	p. Elizabeth, wife of Jona. M., Jr.	
"	"	p. Mary, wife of Joseph Hitchcock,	died 1807.
"	"	p. Margarett, wife of John Stebbins,	died 1813.
"	"	b. Esther, wife of John Bliss,	died 1781.
Sept.,	"	p. Mary, wife of Joseph Hoar, Jr.	
"	"	p. Sarah, wife of Mark Bond	
"	"	p. Thankful, wife of Eber Frost,	died 1838.
Oct.,	"	p. Ruth, wife of Nath'l Hitchcock,	died 1803.
Jan.,	1776.	p. James Bacon,	died 1816.
"	"	p. Martha, wife of James B.,	died 1838.
		p. Anna Smith,	died 1808.
March,	"	l. Percy, wife of Neh. Williams.	
May,	"	p. Ephraim Bond	
"	"	l. Issachar Brown, Dea.,	died 1836, aged 91.
	"	p. Sarah, (wife of Thomas Bliss,) Brown,	died 1839, aged 91.
	"	l. Rachel, wife of Phinehas Sherman.	
	"	p. Louisa Janes.	
June,	"	p. Eleanor, wife of Ephraim Bond.	
"	"	p. Silence, wife of Noah Hitchcock, Jr.,	died 1808.
"	"	p. Solomon Russel.	
"	"	p. Anna, wife of Solomon R.	
July,	"	p. Temperance Worthington.	
Aug.,	"	p. Mary Worthington.	
July,	1776.	p. Abigail, wife of Adonijah Russel.	
"	"		
		p. Margarett Mighill,	dis. Conway, 1791.
Dec.,	"	p. Abigail, wife of Reuben Townsley,	died 1838, aged 90.
Feb.,	1777.	p. Abijah Hitchcock,	died 1804.

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Mar.,	1777.	p.	Rebekah Bond.	
May,	"	p.	William Warriner.	
"	"	p.	Lois, wife of Wm. W.	
	"	l.	Caleb Bascome,	dis.
	"	l.	———, wife of Caleb B.,	dis.
July,	"	p.	Wid. Lydia Bond.	
"	"	p.	Phebe, wife of Nathaniel Collins,	dis. Worthington, 1784.
Sept.	"	l.	Ebenezer Bugbee,	
"	"	l.	———, wife of Ebenezer B.,	died 1830, aged 90.
"	"	p.	Wid. Cooley,	dis. Deerfield, 1779.
"	"	p.	Nathaniel Hitchcock,	died 1816.
"	"	p.	Abigail, wife of Jonathan Nutting,	died 1835, aged 89.
"	"	p.	Margarett Browning.	
Nov.	"	p.	Mercy Hitchcock.	
"	"	p.	Miriam (Huntley,) Stebbins. wife of Benjamin S.	
May,	1778.	p.	Ruth (Morgan,) Philips,	dis. Charlton, 1785.
June,	"	p.	Sarah, wife of John Earl.	
July,	"	p.	Obed Hitchcock.	
"	"	p.	Mary, wife of Aaron Mighill.	
Oct.,	"	p.	Sarah, wife of Benjamin Lumbard,	died 1836, aged 71.
Jan.,	1779.	p.	Mercy, wife of Abner Mighill.	
May,	"	l.	Elisha Hitchcock.	
"	"	l.	———, wife of Elisha H.	
Sept.	"	p.	Sarah Hitchcock.	
Nov.,	"	p.	Stoddard Cady,	dis. Brookfield, 1785.
"	"	p.	Abigail, wife of Stoddard C.,	" "
"	"	l.	Mary, wife of Dan'l Haynes,	died 1838.
"	"	p.	Rufus Fairbanks.	
Sept.,	1780.	p.	———, wife of John Bolter Hubbard,	died 1805.
March,	1781.	p.	John Chandler.	
"	"	p.	Elizabeth Blashfield.	
July,	"	p.	Tryphena (Hitchcock,) Adams.	
Sept.,	"	p.	Lucy, wife of Oliver Mason,	dis. Sturbridge, 1801.
Oct.,	"	p.	Mary, wife of Joseph Lumbard, Jr.,	died 1824, aged 79.
July,	1782.	l.	John Sheddon.	
"	"	l.	Susannah, wife of John S.	
May,	"	p.	———, wife of Daniel Burt.	
June,	1783.	p.	Dr. Israel Trask,	died 1808.
March,	1784.	l.	Julius Colton,	dis. 1787, Vershire Vt.

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Sept.,	1784.	p. Eleazer Fairbanks.	
"	"	p. ———, wife of Eleazer .F	
April,	1785.	p. John Brown,	dis. Holland, 1793.
"	"	l. Levina, wife of John B.,	" "
May,	1786.	l. John Carpenter.	
"	"	l. Joseph Holmes.	
"	"	l. ———, wife of Joseph H.	
April,	1787.	p. Thomas Cooley.	
May,	1787.	p. Mary, wife of James Nutting,	died 1833, aged 79.
March,	1788.	p. Hannah, wife of Joseph Browning	
April,	"	p. Jona. Brown, Jr.	
"	"	p. Nabby, wife of Jona. B.,	died 1809.
May,	"	l. Richard Bishop,	died 1806.
"	"	l. Peggy, wife of Richard B.,	died 1823, aged 77.
March,	1789.	p. Esther, wife of Simeon Tiffany	
May,	"	p. ———, wife of Calvin Danielson.	
July,	"	p. Jona Hubbard.	
"	"	p. Mary, wife of Jona. H.	
"	"	p. ———, wife of Wm. Webber.	
Sept.,	"	p. Wid. Bathsheba Burt, m. Blashfield.	
"	"	p. Lois Browning.	
Feb.,	1790.	p. Sarah Carpenter, wife of Wm. C.	
"	"	p. Tabitha, wife of David Morgan.	
May,	"	p. Stephen Nichols.	
Nov.,	"	p. John Warriner Thompson,	
"	"	p. Wid. Martha Haynes.	died 1815.
"	"	p. Elizabeth Charles, wife of Aaron C.	
March,	1791.	l. Abel Smith,	died 1804.
"	"	l. Sarah, wife of Abel S.,	died 1831, aged 93.
July,	"	p. Alexander Sessions.	died 1823.
"	"	p. Sarah, wife of Alex S..	died 1829, aged 85.
"	"	p. Sylvanus Thompson,	died 1833, aged 75.
"	"	p. Betty, wife of Sylvanus T.	
"	"	l. Hezekiah Fiske.	
"	"	l. Elenor, wife of Hezekiah F.,	dis. to form a ch. Wales, 1819.
"	"	p. Chloe, Foskit, wife of Daniel F.	
Sept.,	"	p. Samuel Haynes,	died 1824, aged 66.

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Nov.,	1791.	l. Ruth Hitchcock, wife of Peter H.	
"	"	l. Polly Stebbins, wife of Abijah S.,	died 1825.
March,	1792.	p. Mercy Russell, wife of Daniel R.	
May,	"	l. Deborah Coy, wife of Jona. C.	
"	"	l. Nathaniel Adams,	
Sept.,	1793.	l. Ebenezer Fairbanks,	
"	"	l. Elizabeth Fairbanks, wife of Ebenezer F.,	dis. 1815, Monson, died 1818.
Jan.,	1794.	l. Samuel Sessions,	dis. 1802.
"	"	l. ———, wife of Samuel S.,	" "
July,	"	l. Jemima Nichols, wife of Samuel N.	
Sept.,	"	l. Abigail Dearing, wife of Theodore D.	
May,	1798.	p. Peter Groves.	
	"	p. Samuel Bates,	died 1825, aged 48.
	"	p. Jona. Fay.	
	"	p. Hannah, wife of Jona. F.	
	"	l. David Bugbee.	
	"	l. Anna, wife of David B.	
July	"	p. Thomas Lumbard.	
"	"	p. Abner Morgan.	
"	"	p. Nathaniel Parker.	
"	"	p. Rebecca, wife of Nath'l P.,	died 1834, age 71.
"	"	p. Uriah Fay.	
"	"	p. Hepsibeth, wife of Uriah F.,	died 1838, aged 86.
"	"	p. Esther, wife of Thomas Fay,	died 1837, aged 86.
"	"	p. Anna, wife of Dr. Guthrie,	dis. Providence, 1827.
"	"	p. Mary, wife of Stephen Nichols,	died 1835, aged 83.
Oct.,	"	p. Bethia Groves, wife of Stephen G.,	died 1810.
"	"	p. Tabby Stebbins, wife of Uriah S.,	died 1808.
Jan.,	1799.	p. Daniel Blodgett,	died 1823, aged 53.
"	"	p. Betty, wife of Daniel B.	
July,	1800.	p. Thomas Stone.	
"	"	p. Jona. Morgan, Jr.	
"	"	p. Caleb Sherman.	
"	"	p. Samuel Guthrie, Jr.	

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July,	1800.	p. Nancy (Sessions,) Comstock,	dis. Lyme, Ct., 1801.
"	"	p. Tabby (Moffat,) Brown, wife of Clark B.	
Aug.,	"	p. George Sessions,	dis. 1802,
"	"	p. Laura, wife of George S.,	" "
Sept.,	1801.	p. Lois Moffat, wife of Dr. M.	
"	"	p. Persis Morgan, wife of Abner M.	
"	"	p. Thomas Sherman,	died 1844.
"	"	p. Sally, wife of Thomas S.,	died 1811.
Nov.,	"	p. Persis Hitchcock.	
"	"	p. Frederick Patridge.	
"	"	p. Betsy, wife of Frederick P.	
"	"	p. Alfred Blashfield.	
"	"	p. Dorcas, wife of Alfred B.,	died 1851, aged 75.
Aug.,	"	p. Rhoda, wife of Simeon Charles.	
Sept.,	"	p. Jona Nye.	
	1806.	l. William Eaton,	died 1811.
March,	1809.	l. Daniel Hitchcock,	died 1838, aged 78.
"	"	l. Lucy, wife of Daniel H.,	died 1844.
July,	"	l. David Brown,	died 1829, aged 77.
"	"	l. Molly, wife of David B.,	died 1834.
Sept.,	"	l. Wid. Mary (Burt,) Ives,	died 1828, aged 72.
Nov.,	"	l. Betsy Fay, wife of Rev. W. Fay,	dis. Harvard, 1802.
"	"	l. Sarah, wife of Sam'l Patrick.	
May,	1810.	l. Sarah, wife of Noah Hitchcock,	died 1814.
		p. Lois, wife of Nathaniel Hitchcock,	died 1818.
		p. Nabby Cummings.	
		p. Sally, (Hubbard) Griggs.	
		p. John Sherman,	died 1825, aged 87.
		p. Amasa Park,	died 1813.
		p. Lucy, wife of Amasa P.,	died 1817.
		Aaron Bliss,	died 1848.
		Rachel, wife of Aaron B.,	died 1849.
		Hannah Tarbell,	died 1851.
		Mary Brown, wife of Samuel B.	
		Solomon Hoar,	died 1844.
		Abigail, wife of Solomon H.,	died 1839, aged 59.
		Joseph D. Browning,	c. c. 1832, died 1856.
		Bashna, wife of Joseph D. B.,	died 1837, aged 67.
		Jesse Hitchcock,	died 1836, aged 76.

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	Elijah Tarbell.	
	Submit, wife of Elijah T.,	died 1848.
	Elias Tarbell,	died 1848.
	Hannah, wife of Elias T.,	died 1843.
	Samuel Tarbell, Dea.,	c. c. 1835.
	Alice, wife of Samuel T.,	" "
	Daniel Hitchcock, Jr.	
	Lucy, (Hitchcock,) Durfee,	dis Meth. ch., Wales.
	Dr. Moffat,	died.
	Polly, wife of Dr. M.,	died.
	Olive, wife of Jason Gleason,	died 1849.
	Simeon Hubbard,	died 1850.
	Chloe, wife of Simeon H.,	died 1852.
	Margarett Fairbanks, wife of Henry F.,	died 1843.
July 3, 1814.	p. Jacob Bishop,	died 1847.
" "	p. Artemas Hitchcock,	c. c. 1845.
" "	p. Abigail, wife of Artemas H.,	" "
" "	p. Betsy Fairbanks, wife of Levi F.,	died.
" "	p. Esther, wife of Nathan Hitchcock,	died 1830, aged 43.
	p. Jacob Hitchcock,	dis.
" "	l. Anna, wife of Rev. Joseph Vaill,	died 1829, aged 35.
	l. Nathan Hitchcock,	died 1853.
" "	l. Joseph Smith,	dis. Deerfield, 1822.
" "	l. Sally, wife of Joseph S.,	" " "
" "	l. Orral (Smith,) Homer,	dis. Hardwick, 1817.
Sept. 4, "	p. Issachar Brown, Jr.,	c. c. 1832, died 1855.
	p. Gratis, wife of Issachar B.,	c. c. 1832.
	p. Rhoda Coy, wife of Simeon C.,	died 1846.
	p. Candace, wife of Benjamin Sherman,	died 1831, aged 61.
" "	p. Miriam, wife of Samuel Hitchcock.	
" "	l. Wid. Lydia Lyon.	
" "	l. Leonard Upham,	died 1825, aged 59.
" "	l. Abigail, wife of Leonard U.,	died 1832, aged 70.
" "	l. Abigail, wife of Wm. Brown,	died.
Nov. 6, "	l. Israel E. Trask,	dis. Springfield, 1821.
" "	l. Betsy, wife of Israel T.,	" "
Jan. 1, 1815.	p. Samuel Hitchcock,	died.
Jan. 1, 1815.	p. Susannah (Chapman.) Alexander,	died 1849.

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Mar. 2, 1815	p. Elisha Fay,	dis. Ware Village, 1842.
May 6, "	p. Joseph Fairbanks,	dis. St. Johnsbury, Vt., 1816.
" "	p. Orral (Norcross,) Burt,	dis. Monson, 1825.
" "	p. Keziah, wife of Gad Hitchcock.	
" "	p. Prudence, wife of Abel Burt,	dis.
" "	p. Laura Hitchcock,	died.
July 2, "	l. Ambrose Kirtland,	died.
" "	l. Mabel, wife of Ambrose K.,	died.
Sept. 3, "	p. Stephen Pynchon,	died.
" "	p. Sally, wife of Stephen P.,	died 1856.
	p. Daniel Bliss,	dis. Groton, N. Y 1819.
Nov. 12, "	p. Bathsheba, Stedman, wife of John S.,	dis. Ware Vill., 1828.
" "	p. Marcia Sherman,	died 1832, aged 40.
Feb. 4, 1816.	p. Lucy (Morgan,) Matthews,	dis. Antwerp, N.Y. 1823.
March, 3 "	p. Samuel Patrick,	died 1831, aged 73.
" "	p. William Brown,	c. c. 1835.
" "	p. Asenath, wife of Thomas Bliss,	died 1847.
" "	l. Sarah, wife of Christopher Ward,	died 1832.
May 2, "	l. Daniel Haynes,	died 1846.
" "	l. Hannah, wife of Daniel H.,	died 1838.
" "	p. Mehitable Dearth, wife of Thomas D.,	died.
" "	p. Emily, wife of Bela Welch,	dis. 1827.
July 7, "	p. Wid. Sarah Hitchcock,	died 1835, aged 93.
Sept., 1, "	p. Wid. Anne Lumbard,	died 1832, aged 90.
" "	p. Lydia Bruce, wife of Lyman B.,	dis. Sturbridge, 1836.
" "	p. Phepe L. Belknap, wife of Moses B.,	died.
Nov. 3, "	p. Joseph Griggs,	died 1839.
" " "	p. Rachel Morgan (Ward,) Nutting,	dis.
" "	p. Harriet Morgan Trask Pitney,	dis. Auburn, N.Y. 1831.
Dec. 8, 1816.	l. Hannah Hitchcock,	died.
May 4, 1817.	p. Samuel Brown,	dis. Richland, Mich., 1832.
" "	p. Marquis Converse,	died 1841.
" "	p. Sophia, wife of Marquis C.,	died 1853.
" "	p. Orra Hubbard Brown,	dis. Homer, N.Y., 1827.
" "	p. Chauncy Buel,	dis. Sangerfield, N. Y., 1818.

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May 4, 1817.	p. Benj. Sherman,	died 1845.
July 6, "	p. Mary, wife of Solomon Dunham,	dis. S. Brimfield, 1827.
" "	p. Wid. Catherine Brown Perry.	
" "	p. Lucy Hubbard Hitchcock,	dis. Homer, N.Y., 1827.
" "	p. Cynthia, wife of Orlando Griggs,	died.
" "	p. Lucy, wife of Levi Thompson,	dis. S. Brimfield, 1819.
" "	p. Mary Richardson,	died 1829.
" "	p. William Tarbell,	c. c. 1835.
" "	p. Betsy, wife of Wm. Tarbell,	" "
" "	p. Calista, D. Nichols,	dis. Palmer, 1854.
" "	p. Bathsheba (Stebbins,) Moon,	died 1843.
Sept. 7, "	l. Hannah, wife of Joseph Griggs,	died.
Jan. 4, 1818.	p. Zenas Holbrook,	
" "	p. Sarah, wife of Zenas H.,	died.
" "	p. Charles Barrows,	died 1846.
" "	p. Mary (McIntyre,) Eaton,	dis. Monson, 1821.
" "	p. Rebecca McIntyre,	died.
" "	p. Mary F. (Morgan,) Brewster,	dis. Peru, 1826.
July 4, "	p. Sarah Blodgett Patrick,	dis. Ware 1823.
" "	p. Rosetta Lyon,	dis. Endfield, 1822.
" "	p. Mahalath (Griggs,) Peckham,	dis. Westminster, 1844.
" "	l. Lucy, wife of Bartholomew Brown,	died.
Nov. 1, "	p. Azubah Chapin,	dis. Ludlow, 1825.
Jan. 3, 1819.	p. Christopher Ward,	died 1840.
" "	p. Lyman Bruce,	dis. Sturbridge, 1836.
" "	p. Jona. Brown.	
" "	p. Ebenezer Cadwell,	dis. Brookfield, 1821.
" "	p. Margarett, wife of Elijah Groves,	died.
" "	p. Wid. Anne Bond,	died 1854.
" "	p. Lucy Bishop,	died.
" "	p. Mary, wife of James Johnson,	dis. Africa, N.Y., 1838.
" "	p. Hannah Kimball Durfee,	dis. Palmer, 1849.
" "	p. Laura Abbott,	dis. Cortland, N.Y. 1838.
" "	p. Rachel Harvey, wife of J. M. Warren,	died 1845.
" "	p. Persis (Holbrook,) Lee,	dis. Dr. Spring's ch., N. Y., 1825.

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Jan. 3, 1819.	p. Sarah Tarbell Sherman.	died 1846.
" "	p. Mary E. Hubbard Goss,	dis. Mendon, 1828.
" "	p. Princis Clapp,	dis. Southampton, 1821.
" "	p. Betsy, wife of ——— Bond,	dis. Wales, 1819.
March 7, "	p. Josiah Hayward,	died 1845.
" "	p. Anne, wife of Josiah H.,	died 1826.
" "	p. Thomas Hubbard,	died 1855.
" "	p. Mary, wife of Thomas H.,	died 1853.
" "	p. Ebenezer Williams,	died.
" "	p. Eliza, wife of Ebenezer W.,	died 1827.
" "	p. Nehemiah Williams,	dis. Vernon, Ct., 1846.
" "	p. Nabby H., wife of Neh. W.,	died.
" "	p. Lorin Baker.	
" "	p. Lucy, wife of Lorin B.	
" "	p. William Upham,	died.
" "	p. Nancy, wife of Wm. U.,	died 1842.
" "	p. Cheney Solander.	
" "	p. Mary, wife of Cheney S.	
" "	p. Persis, wife of J. Whitwell,	died.
" "	p. Joseph Blodgett,	died.
" "	p. Amariah Holbrook,	dis. Hadly, 1821.
" "	p. Orlando Griggs.	
" "	p. Lucina Griggs.	
" "	p. Annis Griggs Stebbins,	dis. Springfield, 1823.
" "	p. Polly Austin, wife of ——— Austin,	died.
" "	p. Anne H., wife of Joshua Upham.	
" "	p. Betsy H. Bascome,	dis. Warren, 1824.
" "	p. Horace Hayward,	dis. Ware Vill., 1826.
" "	p. Marcia Upham Allen,	dis. Sturbridge, 1831.
" "	p. Joshua Upham,	
" "	p. Lyman Upham,	
" "	p. Augusta Smith,	
" "	p. Persis Haynes Russell,	died 1834.
" "	p. Adeline Baxter Bigelow,	dis. Paxton, 1826.
" "	p. Malina Hitchcock Wales.	
" "	p. Alice Walker,	
" "	p. Sophrona Tarbell Abbey.	dis. Belchertown, 1829.
" "	p. John C. Baldwin,	dis. Ashfield, 1826.
" "	p. Alvin Upham,	dis. Warren, 1822.
" "	p. Theodore Barrows,	dis. Hinsdale, 1827.
" "	p. Austin Janes,	died.
" "	p. Clara, wife of H. Simons, Jr.,	dis S. Hadley, 1837.
" "	p. Sally Parker.	
" "	b. Huldah, wife of Charles Barrows,	died.

DATE OF ADMISSION.	NAMES.	HISTORY.
May 2, 1819.	p. David Hoar,	dis. Warren, 1831, rec'd 1834, died 1848.
" "	p. Catherine, wife of David H.,	died.
" "	p. Orsamus Janes,	died 1847.
" "	p. Ruth, wife of Orsamus, J.,	
" "	p. Elkanah, Spring,	
" "	p. Phebe, wife of Elkanah S.,	
" "	p. Lemuel Lumbard.	
" "	p. Lucina, wife of Lemuel L.,	died 1833.
" "	p. Betsy, wife of Justin Keyes,	died 1826.
" "	p. Lucretia, wife of Jonathan Brown,	died 1849.
" "	p. Mary, wife of Charles Bugbee,	dis. Palmer, 1834.
" "	p. Olive, wife of Asa Nutting,	died.
" "	p. James Brown.	
" "	p. Emily, wife of James B.	
" "	p. Polly Hitchcock Lovett,	c. c. 1835.
" "	p. Lucy Sherman, wife of Nathan Prouty,	
" "	p. Lucy Salsbury Allen,	dis. Sturbridge, 1826.
" "	p. Sophronia W. Wheeler,	dis. 1832, rec'd again 1840.
" "	p. Susan W. Emmons.	dis. Hinsdale, 1840.
" "	p. Velina Janes Tucker.	
" "	p. Lucy Hitchcock Bliss.	dis. Warren, 1833, died.
July 4, "	p. Daniel Burt,	died.
" "	p. Linus Hoar,	died 1853.
" "	p. Lucy, wife of James Moore,	died.
" "	p. Media, wife of Jesse Miller,	died.
	p. Margarett, wife of Timothy Bliss,	died 1838.
	p. Betsy B. Philips,	dis. Monson, 1827.
	p. Amanda Hoar,	dis. Granby, 1822.
" "	p. Emma (Hoar,) Tyler,	dis. Warren, 1823.
" "	p. Abigail (Upham,) McClentic,	dis. Sturbridge, 1831.
" "	p. Salome Morgan,	dis. Rochester, N. Y., [1823.
" "	p. Hannah (Cadwell,) Fay,	
" "	p. Mary (Brown,) Daniels,	dis. Prescott, 1830.
Sept., "	p. Benjamin Sherman, Jr.	
" "	p. James Nutting,	dis. Palmer, 1847.
" "	p. Vashti, wife of Jesse Hitchcock,	died 1841.
" "	p. Jesse Miller,	ex. 1824.
" "	p. Elbridge Philips,	dis. Monson, 1828.
" "	p. Celynda Mason,	dis. Douglass, 1828.
" "	p. Marcia (Stebbins,) Hyde,	dis. Monson, Me., 1820.

DATE OF ADMISSION.		NAMES.	HISTORY.
Sept.,	1819.	p. Lectana Hatch.	
"	"	p. Mercy Morgan,	c. c. 1825, died 1854.
"	"	p. Mary Anne Moore,	dis. Rochester, N. Y., 1828.
"	"	p. Mary (Barrows,) Abby,	dis. Belchertown.
"	"	p. Abiallon Janes,	
"	"	p. Mary, wife of Abiallon J.	
"	"	p. Lydia (Carter,) Williams,	died.
"	"	p. Orson Sherman.	
"	"	p. Asa Hitchcock,	dis. Dwight, Ark. Ter., 1823.
"	"	p. Emma, wife of Oliver Blair.	
Sept. 3,	1820.	l. Betsy, wife of Linus Hoar,	
"	"	p. Sarah P., wife of James Anthony,	dis. Providence, R. I.
May,	1821.	p. Sarah B. Doolittle,	dis. Malta, N. Y., 1823.
"	1822.	p. Thomas, Fay, Jr.,	dis. New Prospect, N. Y. 1825.
"	"	l. Electa, wife of Cyrus Janes,	died 1836.
Jan.,	1823.	p. Hannah, wife of Wm. Brown,	c. c. 1835.
"	"	l. Ruth, wife of Benj. Sherman.	
April,	"	l. Elias Carter,	dis. Worcester, 1831.
"	"	l. Endosia, wife of Elias C.,	" " "
June,	"	l. Katy, Salsbury,	dis. Stafford, 1833.
Sept.,	"	l. Typhena (Stedman,) Potter,	dis. Southbridge, 1825.
Oct.,	"	l. Wid. Elizabeth Eaton,	dis. Auburn, 1830.
"	"	l. Almira (Eaton,) Hayden,	" " "
Feb.,	1824.	l. Elizabeth, wife of Lyman Upham.	
		p. Anna, wife of Calvin Hoar,	died.
		p. Nathan Brownell,	dis. Windham, Ct., 1830.
May,	1825.	l. Joel Fuller,	dis. Cooperstown, N.Y., 1834.
"	"	l. Lydia, wife of Joel F.,	" " "
"	"	p. Bathsheba Nichols,	died 1829.
Aug.,	"	l. Wm. Fay,	died 1850.
"	"	l. Mary, wife of Wm. F.	died 1853.
Nov.,	"	p. Hannah (Allen,) Briggs,	dis. Coleraine, 1830.
Jan.,	1826.	p. Eudosia Janes.	
"	"	p. Harriet Janes.	
"	"	p. Susan Farrar,	dis. Barre, 1827.
"	"	p. Sophia Janes.	
"	"	p. Nancy (Janes,) Ross,	dis. Warren, 1849.
"	"	l. Harrison Bishop,	" " 1832.
"	"	l. Margarett, wife of Harrison B.,	" " "
March,	"	p. Wid. Elvira Lyon.	died.

DATE OF ADMISSION.			NAMES.	HISTORY.
March.	1826.	p.	Betsy W. Robinson.	dis.
"	"	p.	Mary Watson,	died.
"	"	p.	Orvil (Janes,) Sherman.	dis.
"	"	p.	Eliza(Sherman,)Sigourney,	dis. Oxford, 1840.
"	"	p.	Lamira Tarbell.	c. c. 1835.
"	"	p.	Washburn Lumbard.	dis. Oxford, 1830.
"	"	p.	William E. Hitchcock.	dis. Ellicotville, N. Y. 1836.
"	"	p.	Mary (Hubbard,) Gamwell.	dis. Palmer 1832.
May.	"	p.	Harvey Lumbard,	
"	"	p.	Abner Hitchcock, Dea.,	dis. Belchertown, 1842.
"	"	p.	Marcus Hitchcock,	dis. & rec'd
"	"	p.	Neial Charles,	died.
"	"	p.	Sylvester Hitchcock,	dis. Ware Vill., 1842.
"	"	p.	Celynda (Janes,) Emerson.	
"	"	p.	Hannah Hunn,	died.
"	"	p.	Mary C. (Tarbell,) Paige,	
"	"	p.	Peggy Nutting.	died.
"	"	p.	Emily Moore.	
"	"	p.	Lucy(Hubbard,)Fairbanks,	dis. & rec'd.
"	"	p.	Lydia (Hubbard,) Keep,	dis. Monson, 1839.
"	"	p.	Sally (Hitchcock.) Upham.	dis. Brookfield, 1855.
		p.	Ruth (Janes,) Moon.	
		p.	Lucinda Crouch,	dis. Genoa, N.Y., 1829,
		p.	Lucy Brown,	dis. Richland, Mich., 1832.
July,	"	p.	Wid. Phebe (Bates,) Foster,	dis. Palmer, 1838.
"	"	p.	Vashti, wife of Ezra Perry,	died 1827.
"	"	p.	Caphira, wife of John Bond.	
"	"	p.	Lucy, wife of John Dunbar,	dis. Brimfield, O., 1833
"	"	p.	Amanda Cole,	dis.
"	"	p.	Elizabeth H. Bruce.	
"	"	p.	Lucy E. (Hitchcock,) Gilderoy.	
"	"	p.	Sarah Reed Nutting.	dis.
Sept.,	"	p.	Eli Barrows.	
"	"	p.	Warren Lumbard.	died.
"	"	p.	Martha (Hitchcock,) Ferry.	
"	"	p.	John Toohanee.	died.
Jan.	1827.	p.	Harvey Goodale.	c. c. 1845.
"	"	p.	Eliza (Blair,) Bishop.	dis. Verona, N.Y., 1832.
"	"	l.	Nelson Works.	
"	"	l.	———, wife of Nelson W.	
July,	"	l.	Amherst Robinson.	dis. Ware Vill., 1830.
"	"	l.	Belila, wife of Amherst R.,	dis. " " "
Sept.,	"	p.	Andrew Ferrel.	ex.
"	"	p.	David H. Daniels,	dis. Prescott, 1830.

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Jan.,	1828.	p.	Lucinda Browning,	died.
"	"	p.	Mary (Austin,) Smith,	dis. Chicopee, 1853.
May,	"	p.	Jedidah, wife of Abner Brown.	
"	"	l.	Eli Hoar,	dis. Chicopee, 1832.
Jan.,	1829.	p.	Martin Richardson.	
"	"	p.	Moses H. Baldwin,	dis. Pautucket, R. I. 1831.
Sept.,	"	l.	Susan (Ellis,) Upham,	dis. Sturbridge, 1833.
"	"	l.	Mehitable Sumner.	
Nov.,	"	l.	Marcia, wife of Wm. Nichols.	
Jan.,	1830.	l.	Gratia, wife of Ebenezer Williams,	ex. 1835.
Nov.,	"	p.	Mary (Fenton,) Chandler,	dis. Belchertown, 1845.
"	"	p.	Marcia (Fenton,) Alexander	dis. Homer, N. Y., 1839.
Mar.,	1831.	l.	Nancy P. wife of Rev. Joseph Vaill,	dis. Somers, 1845.
"	"	p.	Martha (Williams,) Puffer.	
May,	"	p.	Abner Hitchcock.	
"	"	p.	Philip Hubbard.	
"	"	p.	Lamon Richardson,	died.
"	"	p.	Creusa, wife of Joseph Fay,	dis. Hartford, Ct., 1842
"	"	p.	Eliza Tarbell,	c. c. 1835.
"	"	p.	Annes (Holbrook,) Brown.	
July,	"	p.	James S. Smith,	dis.
"	"	p.	Orvil Fletcher Griggs.	
"	"	p.	Martha (Griggs,) Corey,	dis. Sturbridge, 1838.
Aug.,	"	p.	Dauphin Brown.	dis. Bloomingville, Ill., 1837.
"	"	p.	Sila, wife of Dauphin B.,	dis. " "
"	"	p.	Alvin Janes.	
"	"	p.	Mary, wife of Alvin J.	
"	"	p.	Albigenee Waldo Griggs,	c. c. 1845.
"	"	p.	Ledocia, wife of A. W. G.,	" "
"	"	p.	Polly, wife of Elias Snow,	dis. & rec'd.
"	"	p.	Amos B. Dunbar,	dis. Dudley, 1835.
"	"	p.	Persis (Dearth,) Pepper.	
"	"	p.	Mary Mack.	
"	"	p.	William K. Vaill,	dis.
Nov.,	"	p.	Ezra Perry,	died 1848.
"	"	p.	Hannah, wife of Philemon Warren.	died 1850.
"	"	p.	Moses Tyler,	dis. Chagrin Falls, 1844.
"	"	p.	Cyril R. Brown, Dea.	
"	"	p.	Mary, wife of C. R. B.	
"	"	p.	Nabby, wife of Orlando Griggs,	died 1853.

DATE OF ADMISSION.		NAMES.	HISTORY.
Nov.,	1831.	p. Lydia, wife of Albigence Griggs.	
"	"	p. Lydia, wife of Harvey Fenton.	
"	"	p. Lorin Clark,	dis. Monson, 1849.
"	"	p. Mary, wife of Lorin C.,	dis. " "
"	"	p. William J. Sherman.	
"	"	p. Joanna, wife of Wm. J. S.	
"	"	p. Solomon Homer, Dea.	
"	"	p. Edwin Adams.	
"	"	p. Elenor C. Chapin,	dis. Sturbridge, 1833.
"	"	p. Asa Sherman.	
"	"	p. Aaron Bliss,	dis.
"	"	p. Thomas Dearth, Jr.,	dis. Charlestown, Iowa, 1842.
"	"	p. Marcia (Goodale,) Webber,	dis. Holland, 1840.
"	"	p. William L. Hitchcock,	c. c. 1835.
"	"	p. Joseph L. Bruce.	dis.
"	"	p. Eliza Bruce,	dis. Sturbridge, 1836.
"	"	p. Electa Caroline Bruce.	" " "
"	"	p. Roxana Bruce,	" " "
"	"	p. Charlotte Bruce,	" " "
"	"	p. Abigail Hitchcock,	c. c. 1845.
"	"	p. Nancy C. (Perry,) Merrick,	dis. Sturbridge, 1842.
Jan.,	1832.	l. Lucy, wife of Otis Sessions,	c. c. 1835.
"	"	l. Moses Underwood,	dis. North Coventry, Ct. 1834.
"	"	l. Clarissa, wife of Moses U.,	" " " "
"	"	p. Mercy, wife of Thomas Sherman.	
"	"	p. Persis, wife of Ira Hitchcock.	
"	"	p. Justin Morgan,	died 1843.
"	"	p. Sarah, wife of Justin M.,	c. c. 1846, died 1856.
"	"	p. Lydia L. Wyles, wife of John W.,	dis. & rec'd.
"	"	p. Susan, wife of Sam'l Patrick,	dis. Bloomingville, Ill., 1838.
"	"	p. John Dunbar,	dis. Brimfield, O., 1833.
"	"	p. Catherine (Brown,) Quinn,	dis.
"	"	p. Mary Griggs Monson.	
"	"	p. Rhoda (Stebbins,) Blanchard,	dis.
"	"	l. Betsy, wife of Neh. Williams,	dis. Vernon, Ct., 1846.
March,	"	p. Lousia (Janes,) Tarbell,	died 1847.
"	"	p. Sophia (Prince,) Sherman,	
May,	"	l. Elenor, wife of Solomon Homer,	died 1853.

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Sept.,	1832.	l. John Puffer,	dis.
"	"	p. Joseph G. Fay,	c. c. 1835.
Nov.,	"	l. Lois (Morse,) Goodale.	
Jan.,	1833.	p. William Webber.	
March,	"	l. Lucy, wife of Sylvester Hitchcock,	dis. Ware Vill., 1842.
July,	"	p. Ebenezer Knight.	
"	"	p. Thirsa, wife of Ebenezer K.	
"	"	p. Prudence, wife of Barnard Dean.	
"	"	p. Flavilla Ward,	
"	"	p. Sarah Bond Holbrook,	dis. Columbia, Ct.
"	"	p. Sarah (Blair,) Merrick,	dis. Monson, 1839.
"	"	p. William Downing,	dis. Chagrin Falls, O., 1839.
"	"	p. Joseph Hitchcock,	dis. Cabotville, 1842.
Sept.,	"	l. Patty, wife of Marcus Hitchcock.	
"	"	l. Louisa Nichols.	
Jan.,	1834.	l. Luthera, wife of Lemuel Allen.	
May,	"	l. Flavilla Hayward Dibble,	c. c. 1852.
"	"	l. Lucretia, wife of Eli Barrows.	
Aug.,	"	l. Sophia, wife of Sullivan Alexander.	
Sept.,	"	l. Sybil, wife of Christopher Ward.	
"	"	p. Ruby Blanchard.	
July,	1835.	l. Mary Remington.	
Sept.,	"	l William Ward,	dis. Warren, 1852.
"	"	p. Hezekiah Ferry,	
"	"	p. Anne, wife of Hezekiah F.,	died 1849.
"	"	p. Laura (Spring,) Winter,	dis. Shutesburry, 1855.
"	"	p. Lydia C. Foster.	
"	"	p. Mary Bliss Downing,	dis. Chagrin Falls, O., 1839.
Mar.,	1836.	l. Susan Williams,	dis. Chilicothe, O., 1843.
"	"	l. Augusta Wheeler.	
April,	"	l. Martha wife of Alfred Hitchcock.	
June,	"	l. Luke Parsons,	dis. Westboro, 1837.
"	"	l. Tryphena, wife of Luke P.,	" " "
Sept.,	"	l. Eliza M. Tyler,	dis.
Nov.,	"	l. Elizabeth, wife of Philip Hubbard.	
"	1837.	l. Pamelia, wife of David Hoar,	dis. Monson, 1852.

DATE OF ADMISSION.		NAMES.	HISTORY.
Jan.,	1838.	p. Solomon Bond.	
"	"	p. Amos Hitchcock,	dis. AnyEvan.ch.,1851.
"	"	p. Hezekial D. Perry,	dis. Am. Coll. 1840.
"	"	p. Calvin W. Nutting,	dis. Palmer, 1847.
"	"	p. Susan, wife of Abner Hitchcock,	dis. Belchertown, 1842.
"	"	p. Chloe (Hubbard,) Fuller,	dis. Palmer, 1842.
"	"	p. Louisa Hubbard.	
May,	"	p. Mary Ann Homer.	
"	"	p. Harriet N. Hitchcock.	
July,	"	l. Joseph Vaill, Rev.,	dis. Somers, 1845.
"	"	l. Lucina, wife of Solomon Homer.	
"	"	p. Hannah Smith Avery,	dis. Springfield, 1843.
"	"	p. Delia Bliss Pierce,	dis W. Boylston, 1839.
Sept.,	"	l. John Paine,	dis. Woodstock, 1843.
		l. Mary Ann wife of John P.,	" " "
		l. Paul W. Paige, Dea.	
"	"	l. Samuel A. Hitchcock.	
"	"	l. Sarah G. (Wyles,) Brown,	died 1849.
"	"	p. Phebe C. Spring.	
Jan.,	1839.	l. Calvin Marsh,	died 1850.
"	"	l. Lydia, wife of Calvin M.,	died 1856.
"	"	l. Wid. Sarah Bond,	died 1854.
"	"	p. Eliza Ann(Solander,)Whitney.	
"	"	l. Emory Pierce,	died.
"	"	l. Eliza, wife of Emory P.	
"	"	l. John C. Draper,	dis. Brookfield, 1842.
"	"	l. ———, wife of J. C. D.,	" " "
"	"	l. Rachel M.wife of Otis Lane,	dis. Ware Vill, 1844.
"	"	l. Lucinda, wife of George Puffer.	
"	"	l. Delia Chandler,	dis. Belchertown, 1842.
Jan.,	1840.	l. Alfred E. Pierce.	
"	"	l. Margarett, wife of Alfred P.	
March,	"	p. Eliza, wife of Wm. Ward,	died 1845.
"	"	p. Augusta,wife of Simon Ward,	dis. S. Boston, 1845.
May,	"	p. Phila, wife of Oliver Perry.	
July,	"	l. Anna H. wife of Lewis Stebbins.	
"	"	l. Caroline, wife of William Needham,	dis. Southbridge, 1843.
"	"	p. Wid. Rebecca Bliss.	
"	"	p. Esther, wife of Lemuel Lumbard.	
Nov.,	"	l. Chloe, wife of Elias Smith,	died 1840.

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Nov.,	1840.	l. Elizabeth, wife of Jeremiah Burt.	
Jan.,	1841.	l. Dauphin Brown, Dea.	
"	"	l. Abby, wife of Dauphin B.	
March,	"	l. Phebe, wife of William S. Nichols,	dis. Monson, 1844.
Oct.,	"	l. Stillman Eastabrook,	dis. Rutland, 1842.
"	"	l. ———, wife of Stillman E.,	" " "
April,	1842.	l. Ward Davis,	dis. Ware, 1844.
"	"	l. Sarah, wife of Ward D.,	" " "
June,	"	l. Sophia, wife of Rev. G. C. Patridge.	
"	"	l. Asa M. Knight.	
Sept.,	"	p. Newton S. Hubbard.	
"	"	p. William Upham,	dis. Spencer, 1850,
"	"	p. Simon B. Ward,	dis. S. Boston, 1845.
"	"	p. Clark R. Griggs,	c. c. 1845.
"	"	p. Susan, wife of Timothy Bliss.	
"	"	p. Lydia A. Griggs,	died 1854.
"	"	p. Sarah Upham.	
"	"	p. Mary (Hubbard,) Tower,	dis. & rec'd.
"	"	p. Jane (Hubbard,) Fenton,	died 1852.
"	"	p. Josephine (Howard,) Sumner,	dis. Any Evan.ch. 1851.
"	"	p. Laura (Fenton,) Spaulding.	
Dec.,	"	l. Sarepta, wife of Harvey Janes.	
March,	1843.	p. Submit Browning.	
"	"	p. Lydia, wife of Samuel Hubbard.	
"	"	p. Anne Johnson.	
May,	"	l. Mary, wife of Aaron Lyman.	
June,	"	l. Sarah, wife of Newton Hubbard.	
Aug.,	"	l. Eunice Knight.	
"	"	l. William Cady,	dis. Warren, 1844.
"	"	l. Lucinda Haynes.	
"	"	l. Harriet Burnham,	dis. Palmer, 1854.
Sept.,	"	p. Sophia, wife of Pennel Parker,	died 1856.
"	"	p. Sarah, wife of John Prouty.	
"	"	p. Sarah Bliss.	
"	"	p. Sarah D. (Lincoln,) Hale.	
"	"	p. Eudosia (Converse,) Flynt,	dis. Monson, 1852.
"	"	p. Adeline (Brown,) Kendall,	died 1847.
"	"	p. Calvin L. Upham.	
July,	1844.	l. Lucinda, wife of David Lawrence.	

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Mar.,	1845.	l.	Owen Griffith.	
"	"	p.	Catherine Brown.	
May,	"	p.	Margarett Fairbanks.	
Mar.,	1846.	l.	Clarissa, wife of Wm. Ward,	dis. Warren, 1852.
May,	"	l.	Horace Nichols.	
"	"	l.	Sarah, wife of James Blair.	
Mar.,	1847.	l.	Luther Walker,	died 1855.
"	"	l.	Experience, wife of L. W.	
"	"	l.	Jairus Walker.	
"	"	l.	Lucy, wife of Jairus W.	
"	"	l.	Tyler Childs,	dis. Chicopee, 1850.
"	"	l.	Nancy, wife of Tyler C.,	" " "
"	"	l.	Rebecca, wife of Amasiah Robinson.	
"	"	l.	Lucinda, wife of Abner Hitchcock.	
	1849.	l.	Azubah, wife of Aaron Johnson.	
	"	l.	Hannah, wife of Wilson Homer.	
Jan.,	1850.	l.	C. R. Warren, wife of J. M. Warren.	
"	"	p.	Mary, (Sherman,) Stebbins,	dis. 1856, Scott. Wis.
Feb.,	"	l.	Jason Morse, Rev.	
"	"	l.	Abbie Parsons, wife of Jason Morse,	died 1852.
April,	"	l.	Ednah, wife of Henry Lyman.	
May	"	l.	Betsy Drury.	
"	"	l.	Mary Drury.	
July,	"	p.	Harriet (Homer,) Arnold,	dis. Cleveland, O., 1855.
"	"	p.	Elizabeth (Parker,) Spear,	died 1855.
"	"	p.	Ursula J. Shaw.	
"	"	p.	Henry E. Hitchcock.	
"	"	p.	Calvin A. Marsh.	
Sept.,	"	l.	Perlinsa, wife of Elias Smith.	
Feb.,	1851.	l.	Catherine (Morse,) wife of Orson Sherman.	
July	"	p.	Ruth C. Sherman.	
"	"	p.	Minerva B. Walker.	
"	"	p.	Charles M. Barrows.	
"	"	p.	Edwin B. Allen.	
Jan.,	1852.	p.	Sarah J. Warren.	
"	"	p.	Sarah S. Brown.	
"	"	l.	Elias L. Snow.	
May,	"	l.	Lovan, wife of Elias Snow.	
Nov.,	"	p.	George B. Hitchcock.	

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Nov.,	1852.	p. George W. Paige.	
"	"	p. Mary L. Paige.	
Jan.,	1853.	p. Elijah Allen.	
"	"	p. Sarah, wife of Elijah A.	
"	"	p. Elisha C. Marsh.	
		l. Catherine, wife of James T. Brown.	
		p. James T. Brown.	
		p. Wilson Homer.	
		p. Emory Livermore.	
		p. Almira, wife of Alfred Converse.	
		p. Lucy, wife of Henry F. Brown.	
Mar.,	1853.	p. Eliza (Knight,) Wilcox,	died 1824.
"	"	p. Martha H. Bliss.	
"	"	p. Emily J. Brown.	
"	"	p. Fidelia L. Alexander.	
"	"	p. Frances M. Howard.	
May,	"	p. Hannah, wife of George Wight.	
"	"	p. Mary, wife of David Moulton.	
"	"	p. Harriet (U.) Marsh, wife of C. A. Marsh.	
"	"	p. Sarah J. Blashfield.	
"	"	p. Albert S. Prouty.	
"	"	p. George H. Le'doyt.	
"	"	p. David W. Janes.	
Mar.,	1854.	p. Olive, wife of J. W. Browning.	
"	"	p. Chloe, wife of Elliot Alexander.	
"	"	p. Mary Tarbell.	
May,	"	l. Sophia Parsons, wife of Jason Morse.	
May,	1855.	l. Salina, wife of Edwin Allen.	
"	"	p. Alured Homer.	
"	"	p. Ruth, wife of Alured H.	
"	"	p. Charlotte A. A. Homer.	
"	"	p. Heli W. Howard.	
"	"	p. Candace, wife of Heli H.	
"	"	l. Marionette, wife of Solomon Homer.	
June,	1856.	p. Mary Lawton Brown.	

APPENDIX A.

From records already referred to, it appears that in 1734, certain persons residing in the south part of the town, declared themselves Anabaptists. In 1736, these with some others were organized as a church, with Rev. Ebenezer Moulton as their Pastor. In 1756, others were added to their number. Their first meeting house was erected between 1757—when they petitioned the town for liberty to build—and 1764, when the house is spoken of as already built. The cost could not have been defrayed by the town, and was probably paid by private subscriptions. The following are the ministers, who down to the present time have succeeded Mr. Moulton. Rev. James Mellon, ordained 1765; Rev. Mr. Erving, ordained 1771; Rev. Elijah Codington, ordained 1773; Rev. Joshua Eveleth, ordained 1826; and from that date to this, Rev. John M. Hunt, Rev. T. Wakefield, Rev. G. Mixter, Rev. W. Cooper, Rev. V. Church, Rev. S. K. Allard, Rev. H. H. Hazleton, Rev. S. Barrows, Rev. A. A. Robinson and Rev. Wm. S. Philips.

[1] Dec. 15, 1795. The town of South Brimfield, (Holland having been sett off in 1784.)

Voted to purchase the old meeting house of its owners and repair it.

Voted to raise $350 for the purpose of repairing it. Chose John Munger, Darius Munger and Oliver Wales, a committee to superintend repairs.

This vote was subsequently reconsidered.

May 2, 1799. Voted to buy the meeting house of the owners and chose a committee to report a plan for its repairs.

The committee reported a plan for the house, and numbered the pews, prospectively. These were sold at auction and deeds given. But,

Sept. 7, 1799. Voted to reconsider all that had been done.

In Nov. 1800, the town purchased the old house of its owners.

At the meeting of the town Feb. 9, 1802, a committee was chosen to report a plan for building a new house. The committee reported that it be built by sale of pews, and that each denomination buying pews, have the use of the house for such a part of the year as the money they contribute shall be of the whole cost. In accordance with this plan, a house was begun at the south end of the old one in 1802, and completed during the following year. The old house was sold at auction, by sections, Oct. 3, 1803.

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[1] Town Records of South Brimfield.

In the first apportionment, the Baptists had the use of the house thirty-five Sabbaths of the year, Restorationists twelve, and the standing order (Congregationalists) eight. The relative numbers in these different denominations, varied in different years. In 1805, the Baptists occupied the house twenty-five Sabbaths. Res. nine, Cong. fifteen. The arrangement continued until 1819, the Baptists only, having an organized church. During that year a Congregational church was organized. They never had a settled pastor, but continued their organization until they sold their rights in the house to the Baptists. They, having purchased all the rights of other denominations in the house, altered it to its present form.

APPENDIX B.

Monson was set off from Brimfield as a "district," in 1760; there having been at that time forty-nine families within its limits. About the same time, these families began to hold religious meetings alternately, at Benj. Mun's, two miles south-east from the centre, and at Thomas Stebbins,[1] two miles north.[2]

In May, 1762, the meeting house was raised, and in June following, Mr. Abishai Sabin was ordained, a church being organized at the same time. A larger part of the original members of the new church were from the church in Brimfield. Most of these made no change of residence, having from the first lived in the west district.[3] Mr. Sabin was dismissed July, 1771, after a ministry of nine years. Rev. Jesse Ives was installed June, 1773, and contined pastor until his death 1805, a period of thirty years. In Dec. 1806, Rev. Alfred Ely was ordained in the place of Mr. Ives. In 1441, Rev. Samuel Bartlett was ordained his colleague. In 1846, he was dismissed to accept of a Professorship in Western Reserve College. Rev. Charles B. Kittridge was installed colleague pastor with Dr. Ely, Oct. 1846, and dismissed June, 1853. Rev. T. G. Colton, is the present Junior Pastor of the church.

The old meeting house was taken down in 1803, it having stood forty-one years. The present structure was erected in 1802—completed and dedicated Nov. 1803.

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1 Thomas Stebbins, probably a brother of Dea. John Stebbins, at first lived on the other side of the way from his brother, half a mile north of Simeon Coy's. He removed thence to Monson. He was the great grandfather of Lewis and Abner Stebbins.

2 See Historical Sermon by Rev. Dr. Ely.

3 There were some exceptions to this remark, among them, Mr. David Hitchcock.

APPENDIX C.

In 1762, the south part of the town became a separate district. A Baptist church had existed in the west part of this district for nearly thirty years, and at about this date a Baptist meeting house was erected nearly on the spot where the present meeting house now stands in Wales. But this was regarded as a private enterprise. Only a minority of the people were Baptists. The district, therefore, as soon as incorporated, proceeded to procure a minister of the standing order, (Congregationalist.)

[1] Oct. 19, 1762. Voted to hire preaching.

Voted that preaching be kept at the house of Isaac Forster, in the east part, and at the house of Dr. James Lawrence,[2] in the west part.

Voted to choose a committee to agree with Mr. Benjamin Conchelin to Preach with us.

Now followed a controversy of two or three years, as to the location of a meeting house. It was first "voted to build at the N. E. corner of Edward Webiber's land." Afterwards chose the N. W. corner of John Danielson's farm." These votes were both reconsidered.

March, 14, 1763. Voted that preaching be kept at Capt. Joseph Blodgett's house.

April 19, 1763. Voted William Ayres, Edward Davis, and Jacob Dresser, Esqrs., be a committee to fix upon a place to set the meeting house.

The site which this committee selected is not known, but probably near Dr. Dean's, where the house was afterwards built.

June 10, 1763. Voted not to build on the place fixed by the committee.

Oct. 17, 1763. Leave being desired to build on Moses Lyon's plain,

Voted in the negative.

Feb. 16, 1764. Voted to build in the centre of the district, and chose John Morse of Sturbridge, Joseph Colton and Joseph Crafts of Monson, to say where the centre is.

Voted that Jona. Burk, Joseph Blodgett and Robert Brown, be a committee to see said house built."

The frame of a house was accordingly put up on the old county road, a mile and a half south of Joseph Blodgett's, between Grandy and Rattlesnake Hills. It was afterwards sold and removed to Westford, Ct.

[1] Voted to go after Mr. Ezra Reave, to get him to preach on probation.

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1 Records of South Brimfield.

2 Just east of the Baptist Meeting House in Wales—the other side of the way.

Feb. 23, 1764. The vote locating the house in the centre, was reconsidered by the voting of three Baptists, who have no right to vote in this matter. Then by the same three voting, Joseph Belknap, John Belknap and Benjamin Perrin, voted to build where the stuff now lies, (that is, where a committee had previously located it, near Dr. Dean's, I suppose.)

Benjamin Perrin, and probably the Belknaps, had in 1756, declared themselves separate from the standing order, and so were not entitled to vote in its affairs.

The legality of this vote was therefore contested, but the house was meanwhile so far completed as to be opened for use.

May 2, 1765. Voted to give Mr. Ezra Reave a call to settle in the ministry.

Voted to give Mr. Reave £200 settlement, and £60 yearly salary.

A church was organized and Mr. Pease settled Sept. 13, 1765. He graduated at Yale, 1757, and continued his ministry in South Brimfield—afterwards Holand, till 1818, when he died in the 85th year of his age.

Oct. 9, 1769. Voted that the meeting house which has been set up in the east part, be the meeting house for the future, and that money be raised to finish it.

[1] June 8, 1792. Voted that Col. Lyon have liberty to remove the meeting house to the plain, at a stake set up, and there finish it, on condition that he give to the district of Holland, a sufficiency of land on the plain for all conveniences of Roads, Training-field and other accommodations necessary for a meeting selves the house.

[2] Rev. Enoch Burt, was installed in 1821, and dismissed in 1821. He now resides in Manchester, Ct. During Mr. Burt's ministry, the question arose as to the right of the Baptists in the meeting house, and they in 1819, built for themhouse which now stands unoccupied.

Rev. James Sanford, supplied the church with pastoral labor most of the time from 1832 till 1846. In 1835, the present meeting house was built, and in 1839, the old one taken down.

Rev. C. C. Paige was installed Dec. 3, 1851, and dismissed in Feb., 1853.

APPENDIX D.

INDEX TO THE MAP.

RESIDENCES OF THE FIRST SETTLERS.

N. B. The figures before the names refer to the place of residence, as indicated on the Map. The exact location of those enclosed in brackets, (—) is doubtful. Such are, for the most part in the west section of the town. The figures following the names, refer to the Book of Surveys.

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1 Holland Town Records.

2 Hampden Pulpit.

1. Nathaniel Hitchcock,[1] 12, 13. Hubbard's Hill road, West side about 40 rods of north of B. Sibley's.

2. Ebenezer Graves, 14. Pond road—not far from the Townsley place.

3. David Hitchcock, 15. Road west from Meeting house, near John Lumbard's—sold to Mr. Treat, and removed to the west part of the town, near Chicuppee Brook.

4. Benjamin Cooley, 16. At B. Sibley's, joining the Treat farm on its north line.

5. Leonard Hoar, 18. On Hubbard's Hill, at Timothy Bliss'.

6. John Sherman, Esq., 19. Pond road, at Orson Sherman's.

7. David Morgan, Dea., 21. do do a little north of Elijah Tarbell's.

8. Peter Haynes, 23. East side of the road to Woodstock, on the hill north of Dea. Paige.

9. John Mighill, 25. On the way to New Medfield, a few rods west of Harvey Russel's, at the corner.

10. Nathan Collins, 28. Road to Hubbard's Hill, west side, south of Wm. Brown's.

11. Deliverance Brooks, 27. At Alfred Hitchcock's (said to have sold and removed to east part, Elijah Lumbard's.)

12. John Russel and Daniel Hubbard, 28. On Hubbard's Hill, west side, at or near Harvey Fenton's.

13. John Atchinson, 29. On King's Hill, south of Ezra King's house lot. Exact location doubtful.

14. Joseph Blodgett, 30. On the South Meadow Road, at Calvin Polley's.

15. John Stebbins, Dea., 30. On the road to Hubbard's Hill, against Harvey Griggs'. His house was located at the west end of his lot, ¼ mile north of Simeon Coy's.

16. William Nilson, 31. On the road to Stafford, (ex. loc. doubtful.)

17. John Charles, 33. 20 rods north of Sibley's.

18. John Lumbard, 35. At J. T. & G. A. Brown's.

19. David Lumbard, 36. 80 rods north of Sibley's.

20. Samuel Hubbard, 37. At N. S. Hubbard's.

21. Joseph Haynes, 37. At Walter Haynes'.

22. Peter Montaque, 38. North of Hubbard's Hill—east side of the way, and south side of the road to Brookfield.

23. Henry Burt, Dea., 39. At John Wyles.

24. Thomas Stebbins. 40. Near his brother, north of Simeon Coy's—sold and removed to Monson district.

25. William Nichols, 41. House located on the west end of his lot, at the Daniel Nichols place.

26. Micah Townsley, 42. "At the Elbow of Chicuppee River," (ex. loc. doubtful.)

27. Eleazer Foot, 43. West of John Post, i. e. at the Lincoln place.

28. William Warriner, 45. Near Benjamin Sherman's.

29. James Thompson, 46. On Thompson's, or Danielson's Hill.

30. George Erwin, 48. South of Penuel Parker's, (ex. loc. doubtful.)

31. Joseph Frost, 49. "On Chicuppee River, south of Micah Townsley's," (ex. loc. doubtful.)

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1 The house now occupied by H. F. Brown, is of later date, and was built on a lot of 34 acres, surveyed to said Hitchcock, in the right of his son Moses.

32. David Shaw, 50. Road to Springfield, near Mr. Noyes'.
33. Daniel Burt, 51. At J. Morse's, sold and removed to east part.
34. Joshua Shaw, 52. "Between the mountains on Elbow Brook," (ex. loc. doubtful.)
35. Samuel Bliss, 53. At Wm. Brown's—sold to Rev. Mr. Bridgham, and removed to the north part, (Warren.)
36. John Keep, 54. Westerly side of King's Hill—Daniel Carpenter place.
37. Samuel Allen, 55. North of Robert Moulton's, centre of Wales.
38. Nathaniel Miller, 56. At or near Alured Homer's. See Town Records, also Road No. 6.
39. Ezra King, 57. House and Grist Mill on Elbow Brook; also a house on King's Hill, south of the Grout School House.
40. Samuel King, 57. Near his brother, Sylvanus King place.
41. Anthony Needham, 58. At west side of South Pond.
42. John Miller, 59. On Chicuppee Brook, (loc. doubtful.)
43. 44. 45. 46. 47. Non-residents.
48. Robert Moulton, 60. Road to Stafford, west side—Wales centre.
49. Robert Moulton, Jr., 61. A little north of his father.
50. John Nilson, 62. Road to Stafford, north of Wales centre, (loc. boubtful.)
51. Benjamin Mun. 63. On King's Hill.
52. Benjamin Warner, 63. On Warner's Hill road to Stafford.
53. Joseph Davis, 64. Road to South Meadow—Lovell place.
54. Daniel Groves, 65. On King's Hill, joining John Keep, (loc. doubtful.)
55. John Danielson, 66. South of Peter Haynes. North of Dea Paige.
56. Daniel Fuller, 67. On Chicuppee River, (loc. doubtful.)
57. Nathaniel Clark, 68. " " (" ")
58. Ebenezer Scott, 68. Near John Lyman's Pond road.
59. Samuel Munger 70.
60. Thomas Green, 71. Road to Stafford, west side of South Pond.
61. John Bullen, 72. East side of South Pond.
62. Samuel Allen, Jr. Sold to Nathan Collins, included in his.
63. Thomas Mirick, 74. (loc. doubtful.)
64. Joshua Olds, 74. Near Chicuppee River, (location doubtful.)
65. Samuel Shaw, 74. On Chicuppee River, (loc. doubtful.)
66. Seth Shaw. Near Shaw's Meadow, (loc. doubtful.)
67. Daniel Killum. On Chicuppee Brook, (loc. doubtful.)
(68.) Rev. Richard Treat, 76. At Calvin Ward's—sold to Benjamin Morgan.
(69.) Burial place, 89. Laid out January, 1730, but used previously.
(70.) First Grist Mill, 89.
(71.) Meeting House. Also Common. Described as road—Town Records, 1734.
(72.) Traces of a Smith's Shop.
(73.) Cemetry, south part.
(74.) Cemetry, west part.

Respecting the generation succeeding, much less can be said. Usually the sons erected dwellings upon out-lots belonging to their fathers, but to this there were some exceptions. Others from older towns, were constantly becoming residents by purchase of the proprietors. The following list indicates all that we have learned respecting these who by inheritance or purchase, became associated as citizens with the first settlers previous to 1748.

1	Bezaleel Sherman, son of John S.,	res. Benjamin Sherman's.
	Beriah " " "	" Ledoyt's.
	James " " "	" West of Capt. Charles'.
	Phinehas " " "	" David Lawrence.
	Thomas " " "	" Homestead.
	Leonard Hoar, Jr., son of Leonard H.,	" Alured Homer's.
1	Joseph " " "	" Sol. Homer's.
	Charles " " "	" Gleason place.
	Edmund " " "	" NearCol. Hoar's place, Monson.
	Nathan " " "	" Rodolphus Hoar's place.
1	Joseph Morgan, son of Dea. David M.,	" Mrs. S. Alexander's.
	Jonathan " " "	" Grigg's place, (East Hill.)
	Benj. " " "	" Calvin Ward's.
1	John Charles, son of John C.,	" Solander's.
	Abraham " " "	" Darius Charles'.
	Jona " " "	" Where the School House now stands.
	Aaron " " "	" Sumner Parker's.
1	Moses Hitchcock, son of Nath'l H.,	" H. F. Brown's.
	Nath'l, Jr. "	" Removed from town.
	Noah "	" Nathan H. place.
1	Paul Hitchcock, son of David H.,	" (Uncertain.)
1	John Stebbins, Jr., son of John S.,	" Homestead.
1	Moses Nilson, son of William N.,	" (Uncertain.)
1	Nathaniel Collins, son of William C.,	" "
	Joseph Blodgett, Jr., son of Joseph B.,	" Near Calvin Polley's.
	Other sons lived in the same vicinity.	
	Jonas, the youngest,	" Near Frost place.
	Daniel Burt, Jr., son of Daniel B.,	" Homestead.
	Simeon Hubbard, son of Samuel H.,	" "
	Ichabod Bliss,	" West of H. Fenton's.
	Ebenezer Scott,	" Near A Lumbard's.
	Enoch Hides,	" (Uncertain.)
	John Webber,	" "
	Nicolas Groves,	" Bradney place, East Hill, M.
	Thomas Ellenwood,	" Sumner Parker's.
	Jabez Warren,	" (Uncertain.)
	Humphrey Gardner,	" H. Gardner place.
	William Janes,	" Janes Hill.
	Jona Burk,	" (Uncertain.)
	Francis Sikes,	" "
	Robert Dunklee,	" "
	Adonijah Russell,	" "
	John Bishop,	" " South part.
	Robert Brown.	" " "
	Ebenezer Wallis,	" Wallis place.
	Jonathan Brown,	" "
	Luke Blashfield,	" Patty Charles'.
	John Draper,	" Lemuel Lumbard's.
	James Draper,	" " "

1 Had a share in the original division of the land.

(69.) The present Cemetry in Brimfield, has been in use from the earliest settlement of the town. The original lot contained about one quarter of an acre at the north-west corner of the present enclosure. It was doubtless selected when the first occasion for it occurred, because of its convenient location. In 1732, the proprietors of the town by vote, enlarged it to two acres, and adopted it as their place of burial. It falling within lots already surveyed to Henry Burt and John Lumbard—six acres on the east side of Burt's Hill were given them in compensation. A right of way to the cemetry from the town street, near the present road, was granted, but the usual way of access was from the east across the brook.[1]

Nothing now remains to show the precise resting-places of the earliest residents, save a few crumbling head-stones with half legible inscriptions. The following are all that can be made out. David Hitchcock, Jr., died 1726, aged 18. Thomas King, died 1738, aged 37. Samuel Hubbard, died 1750, aged 53. Hannah, his wife, died 1781, aged 81. John Keep, died 1758, aged 59. Abigail, his wife, died 1767, aged 87. Elenor Nilson, died 1753, aged 9. Mrs. Margaret Morgan, died 1754. Eleazer Foot, died 1758, aged 75. Wm. Warriner, died 1765, aged 68. Ichabod Bliss, died 1766, aged 61. Leonard Hoar, died 1771, aged 87. Joseph Davis, died 1778, aged 77. Adonijah Russel, died 1775, aged 62. Luke Blashfield, died 1813, aged 91. Thomas Ellenwood, Wid. Eliz. Hoar, Daniel Burt, Jr. All the rest lie undistinguished; the mounds that once covered them, worn to a level with the plain.

As the south part of the town became more thickly settled, a necessity arose for a burial place there.

[1] Att a meeting of ye Proprietors on ye 5th day of Sept., 1732, voted 1 and ¼ acres of land for a Burying place at ye south-easterly part of ye South Pond, where Robert Moulton, Sen., now dwells.

(73.) This ground, in which the venerable fathers of the south part of the township sleep, has fallen into neglect—been appropriated by adjoining residents, and is now planted with potatoes, only a single grave being visible, and that in the border of the field, marked by rude stones, with the initials "C. D.," and the date "1753." Shame on the sons, in so broad a land as this, to till the soil above the graves of such worthy sires.

Brimfield, March 19, 1755. Wee ye subscribers being Inhabitants of ye West part of ye town Humbly Sheweth. Whereas we, living a great Way from town & soe from ye Present Burying place, by reason of the Badness and length of ye way cannot Bury our Dead with that Convenience and Order, which such solemnities require It being no matter to the Body where it lies when Dead. Therefore we request the town would be pleased to grant us a Burying place among Our Selves, that we may bury our Dead out of our sight with less Difficulty & Trouble.

Thomas Stebbins,	David Hitchcock,
James Shaw.	John Keep,
James Mirick,	Nathaniel Mun,
Samuel King,	Nath'l Mun, Jr.,
Joseph Colton,	Benj. Mun,
Thomas King,	Edmund Hoar,
Francis Sikes,	Ebenezer Mirick.

(74.) The lot granted to this request was probably not laid out until about 1760. Capt. Hitchcock the first person buried in it—died 1763. It lies half a mile

1 Book of Surveys, pg. 89.

from the meeting house in Monson, east of the Chicuppee Brook. When located, it was near to a road that ran from Chicuppee river, (Palmer,) on the east side of the Brook as far south, as the road leading down the hill from John Keep's, (Daniel Carpenter's.) This lot is now overgrown with brush, and lies unenclosed. Not a single inscription is legible on its few and fallen headstones.

ROADS AND BRIDGES, PREVIOUS TO 1740.—The first roads were merely paths indicated by marked trees. It is doubtful whether any highways were authoritatively located previous to 1730. At that time the town began to take action in the matter.

Sept., 1731. A road was laid out from the meeting house and John Post's, (Morse,) east to Henry Burt's, (Wyles,) thence to Peter Paynes, John Danielson's (Paige,) Joseph Davis, Joseph Blodgett's, (Polley) to So. Meadow and Colony line towards Union, Ct.

Sept., 1731. Laid out a road from Stafford bounds N., to Thomas Green's, Anthony Needham's, Robert Moulton's, Robert Moulton, Jr., Samuel Allen's, John Nilson's, Wm. Nilson's to Joseph Haynes', (Walter Haynes.)

June, 1732. A road from Robert Moulton's, (N. end of So. Pond,) east to the road that leads from Meeting to So. Meadow, coming into it N. of Joseph Blodgett's.

June, 1732. A road from Anthony Needham's, (W. side of So. Pond,) west to the road that leads from King's Hill to Stafford.

June, 1732. A road from N. end of So. Pond, east by John Bullens' to So. Meadow.

Oct., 1733. A road from Nath'l Miller's, and Leonard Hoar's corner, (Hubbard's Hill,) W. N. W. to the old Springfield and Brookfield road.

Sept., 1733. A road from the Stafford road near John Nilson, east to the Saw Mill, (Shaw's,) and thence to the So. Meadow road.

March, 1734. The road from the meeting house E. S. E. to Union widened and further described, especially the Common. Book of Surveys, pg. 147.

March 1734. A road from the Stafford road at Joseph Haynes, (Walter Haynes,) N. down the hill, and N. E. to the So. Meadow road.

March, 1735. A road coming into the Union road on Thompson's, or Danielson's Hill, from the south east, marked on the map—doubtful.

March, 1737. A road from John Post's, (Morse,) by the W. end of the meeting house N. to Leonard Hoar's, thence to Leonard Hoar's, Jr. to the road leading west.

March, 1737. A road from the town street N. to John Sherman's, then by the side of the Pond to Joseph Morgan's, (Alexander's,) thence to John Charles, Jr., (Solander's,) thence to the great Meadow.

March, 1737. A road from the Meeting house west, across the plain, and still west to Benj. Cooley's, Jr., house, (near the Luke Charles place,) thence to David Shaw's, thence down the hill to the saw mill, thence to Micah Townsley's, James Mirick's, and so on to Chicuppee Brook.

March, 1737. A road from Joseph Haynes, (Walter Haynes,) west N. west to the Springfield road.—doubtful.

March, 1738. A road from New Medfield line west to the road that leads out of the town southerly to Union.

March, 1738. A road from the Pond road near Capt. Sherman's, west, up the hill to Ensign Hoar's road.

March, 1738. A road from Capt. Sherman's east over the hill to the N. end of Allom Pond.

March, 1738. A road from the Springfield road at the going down of the hill, across Elbow Brook, up the hill west over to the west side near Chicuppee Brook.

March, 1738. A road from this at the top of King's Hill, south to Benjamin Mun's.

March, 1738. A road from Benjamin Mun's, south to the Colony line.

March, 1739. A road lying along Chicuppee Brook on the east side. (location doubtful.)

BRIDGES.

1732. (1.) At Mr. Treat's, (Ward's.) (2.) At the Plain Brook. (3.) Near Benj. Cooley's, Jr., (Luke Charles.) (4.) Over Elbow Brook, near the Saw Mill, So. of Wight's. (5.) Over Chicuppee Brook, near Robert Old's. (6.) Near Henry Burt's, (Wyles.) (7.) At Cooley and Scott's fields, (near W. Upham's.) (8.) Between Thompson's and Warriner's Meadows, (doubtful.) (9.) Near Samuel Allen's, (Wales centre.) (10.) Near Robert Moulton's, (South Pond.) (11.) ——————. (12.) Near John Sherman's.

BROOKS AND RIVERS.

Is it not due to our worthy fathers that these hills and vales and flowing streams should continue, for all times to be called by the names which they bestowed or found in use among the Indians and adopted? Are not the links which connect us with honored ancestry too few and too precious for us to allow any of them to be broken?

Sherman's Pond—near Orson Sherman's. pp. 162, 165.

South, or Moulton's Pond, Wales. pp. 60, 378.

Kesioge, and Piquog Ponds, Holland. p. 105.

Allom Pond—so called now. pp. 22, 197, 91, 106.

Deer Pond, or Mark Ferry's Pond—W. part on Twelve Mile Brook. pp. 213, 276, 282, 403.

Hitchcock, or Great Brook, running into Willis Mill Pond. pp. 32, 172.

Erwin's, or Mill Brook, running through Erwin's Meadow. pp. 45, 47, 63, 66, 117, 167.

Stoneiard Brook and Meadow—as now. pp. 35, 40, 69, 91.

Taylor's Brook—near John Prouty's. pp. 37, 147.

Tuft's Brook and Meadow—near and north of Wilson Homer.

Elbow Brook—near George Wight's. pp. 52, 70.

Chicuppee Brook, runs through centre of Monson. p. 57.

Twelve Mile Brook—W. part of Monson, W. of Chicuppee Hill. pp. 100, 101, 180, 190.

Broad Brook, or Mill River—S. of Alfred Lumbard's. pp. 172, 223.

Penny Brook—N. side of Cooks Mt. p. 194.

Pond Brook—running into and out of Sherman's Pond.

MEADOWS AND MOUNTAINS.

1 Chicuppee Hill—W. S. W. of Palmer Depot. pp. 77, 78, 101, 132, 213, decisive.

1 It is a mistake to call the Hill between Monson and Brimfield by this name. Possibly the few who first came out from Springfield so called it, but in all the surveys it is known as King's Hill. "Chicuppee," is the name which belongs to the high grounds west of Palmer Depot, and near to Chicuppee River.

Sheep Pasture Hill—N. of meeting House—W. of B. Sherman. pp. 19, 21.
Allum Pond Mt.—W. of Allum Pond. pp. 22, 91, 197, 105.
Hubbard's Hill—now Tower Hill. pp. 27, 28, 37.
Thompson's Hill—Dea. Paige's Hill. pp. 46.
Burt's Hill—back of J. M. Warren. pp. 156, 160.
Blodgett's, or Williams Mt.—S. E. of Calvin Polley. pp. 140, 294.
Hayne's Hill—S. of Absolom Lumbard. pp. 71, 76, 161.
Rattle Snake Mt.—E. side the old South Meadow Road. pp. 140, 287, 305.
Grandy Hill—W. side the old South Meadow Road.
Warner's Hill—half mile S. of South Pond. p. 63.
Pisgah Mt.—W. of Wales centre. pp. 97, 114, 236.
Wottagnottuck, or Woddagnottuck range—W. of Brimfield centre—east W. and west W. p. 19, comp. Blodgett's hand book. 95, 96, 107, 116, 144, &c.
Steerage Rock, on Watt. p. 252.
Erwin's or Cook's Mt.—so called now. pp. 151, 159, 194, 196.
Tuft's Mt.—N. W. of Tuft's Meadow. p. 343.
Mark's Mt., on the old Brookfield line. pp. 115, 137, 163, 194.
King's Hill—East Hill, Monson. pp. 57, 62, 130. This Hill is never called "Chicuppee Hill," in the old Surveys.
Great Mt.—S. of Capt. Nichols. p. 141.
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