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# THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION

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1901

# MINUTES

OF THE

# NINETY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

ANDOVER, MAY 21-23

WITH THE STATISTICS

BOSTON
MILLS AND KNIGHT COMPANY
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# THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL AID

This Board had its origin in action taken by the General Association of the Congregational churches of Massachusetts in 1868, and was incorporated by an act of the Legislature in 1869.

G. Henry Whitcomb, of Worcester, is now its president; Arthur G. Stanwood, Esq., 701 Sears Building, Boston, is treasurer, to whom all contributions should be sent.

Rev. Joshua W. Wellman, Rev. Charles B. Rice, and Rev. Edwin B. Palmer, are the executive committee.

Applications for aid should be sent to Rev. Edwin B. Palmer, at Room 609, Congregational House. A small contribution is greatly needed annually from each church. Donations are also solicited from individuals. Should any one desire to leave a legacy in aid of the benevolent work of this Board, the following form of bequest will be sufficient:—

I give and devise to the Board of Ministerial Aid, incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts, for the charitable uses and purposes of said Corporation.

No officer of this Board receives any compensation for his services. No other board, society, or organization in this Commonwealth contributes anything for the support of needy Congregational ministers. Our country gives large pensions to her needy soldiers. Why should not our churches give something for "the aid, support and comfort of their aged, disabled, superannuated, or needy ministers," and of "the widows and children of such ministers"?

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# OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION

MEETING OF 1902.

The one hundredth annual meeting of the Association will be held with the Church of the Pilgrimage, Plymouth, May 20-22.

# APPORTIONMENT OF EXPENSES

The churches are requested to contribute through the treasurers of their Conferences for the expenses of the General Association a sum equivalent to four cents for each member, and for the Board of Pastoral Supply a sum equivalent to two cents for each member, based upon the *total* membership of January 1, 1901 (as found in the Statistics of the Churches, on pages 130–159); and the treasurers of the Conference are requested to forward the amounts, if possible, before December 1, 1901, to the treasurer of the Association,

HENRY P. EMERSON,

33 Kingston Street, Boston, Mass.

# BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY

Rev. Charles B. Rice, Secretary; Room 610, Congregational House.

DIRECTORS.

Term expires in 1902.

Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, of Salem.

Henry E. Cobb, of Newton.

Rev. Edward M. Noyes, of Newton Centre. Henry H. Proctor, of Boston.

Term expires in 1903.

Herbert N. Ackerman, of West Medford.

George E. Keith, of Brockton.

E. W. Chapin, of Holyoke.

Arthur E. Gray, of Worcester.

Term expires in 1904.

John L. Brewster, of Andover.

Rev. Fred'k E. Emrich, of South Framingham.

Rev. Doremus Scudder, of Woburn.

Rev. William L. Tenney, of North Adams.

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# COMMITTEES OF THE ASSOCIATION, 1901-1902

Provisional committee for 1902.—Rev. D. Melancthon James, of Plymouth; Rev. Frederick B. Noyes, of Plymouth; Rev. Francis J. Marsh, of Boston; John W. Herrick, of Plymouth, Henry Stigmaire, of Plymouth.

Publishing committee.—The secretary, the registrar, the treasurer, Rev. Warren P. Landers, of Somerville; Leonard A. Treat, of Chelsea.

Auditing committee. - Daniel W. Wilcox, of Medford; Frank P. Shumway, of

Melrose.

Members of executive committee of Massachusetts Home Missionary Society.— FOR ONE YEAR: Hamilton S. Conant, of Boston; FOR TWO YEARS: Timothy Smith, of ROXbury; FOR THREE YEARS: Rev. Doremus Scudder, of Woburn; FOR FOUR YEARS: F. H. Kidder, of Medford; FOR FIVE YEARS: Rev. William Knight, of Fall River. On statistics. - The secretary, the registrar, and Rev. Doremus Scudder, of

Woburn.

On Ministerial standing.—Rev. Albert E. Dunning, of Brookline; Rev. Merle A. Breed, of Weymouth; Rev. John A. MacColl, of New Bedford; Rev. William A. Bartlett, of Lowell; Rev. William C. Gordon, of Westfield.

On the nomination of candidates for corporate membership in the A.B. C. F. M.—Rev. Willard Scott, of Worcester; Rev. John H. Lockwood, of Westfield; Rev. Bartlett H. Weston, of Centreville; George N. Webber, of Northampton; Daniel W. Wilcox, of Medford.

On Sunday observance. — George D. Chamberlain, of Springfield; John J. Pew, of Gloucester; Rev. Addison P. Foster, of Auburndale; Rev. Charles L. Noyes, of Somerville; Rev. Ellsworth W. Phillips, of Worcester.

On gambling.—Rev. Charles H. Hamlin, of Easthampton; Rev. Charles M. Southgate, of Auburndale; S. H. Woodbridge, of Boston; Rev. Edward M. Noyes, of Newton Centre; Rev. Isaac Pierson, of West Medford; Arthur H. Wellman, of Malden; Rev. Payson W. Lyman, of Fall River.

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On the work of the churches. — Rev. Frank L. Bristol, of Uxbridge; Rev. Austin B. Bassett, of Ware; George H. Shaw, of Middleboro.

On temperance. — Rev. Eugene C. Webster, of Jamaica Plain; Rev. Burke F. Leavitt, of Melrose Highlands; P. B. Southwick, of Peabody; Rev. Albert P. Davis, of Wakefield; Francis M. Bundy, M. D., of Boston.

On labor organization. — Rev. Daniel Evans, of Cambridge; Rev. William H. Allbright, of Roxbury; Rev. Parris T. Farwell, of Wellesley Hills; Rev. Frank W. Merrick, of West Roxbury; J. G. Buttrick, of Lowell; Charles A. Williamson, of Brockton. Brockton.

On revision of the Rules of the Association. — Rev. Philip S. Moxom, of Springfield; Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, of Salem; W. T. Forbes, of Worcester; A. G. Cumnock, of Lowell; Rev. William L. Tenney, of North Adams.

On church extension .- Rev. James F. Brodie, of Salem; Rev. William L. Ten-

ney, of North Adams; Amos Armsby, of Millbury.
On relation of the M. H. M. S. to the Association. - Rev. John R. Thurston, of On retation of the M. H. M. S. to the Association.—Rev. John R. Indisco, of Whitinsville; Rev. Ross C. Houghton, of Chelsea; Eleazar Boyuton, of Medford.

On proposing temperance legislation.—W. T. Forbes, of Worcester; S. B. Capen, of Boston; Rev. P. S. Moxom, of Springfield; Rev. W. R. Campbell, of Roxbury; M. F. Dickinson, of Brookline.

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On missionary work.— Rev. Frank R. Shipman, of Andover; Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of North Falmouth; Rev. Raymond Calkins, of Pittsfield; Bennett T. Gale, of Lee; Rev. John Sewall, of North Brookfield; Rev. Calvin M. Clark, of Haverhill; Rev. Arthur J. Covell, of Lynn; Rev. Edward A. Robinson, of Buckland; Rev. Herbert P. Woodin, of Chicopee; Rev. Arthur B. Patten, of South Hadley; Rev. Isaiah W. Sneath, of Franklin; Rev. Frederic E. Sturgis, of Natick; Rev. Robert M. Woods, of Hatfield; Rev. George A. Tewksbury, of Concord; Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Milton; Rev. Richard G. Woodbridge, of Middleboro; Rev. D. Melanethon James, of Plymouth; Rev. Robert A. MacFadden, of Chelsea; Rev. Samuel L. Loomis, of Jamaica Plain; Amos Andrews, of Waltham; Rev. T. Clayton Welles, of Taunton; Rev. Doremus Scudder, of Woburn; Rev. David C. Reid, of Leicester; Rev. Burton S. Gilman, of Gardner; Rev. George P. Eastman, of Millbury. of Millbury.

[This committee organized with Rev. George A. Tewksbury, of Concord, chairman; and Rev. George P. Eastman, of Millbury, secretary.]

Rev. George P. Eastman, of Millbury, secretary.]

Delegates to the National Council.—PRIMARIES: Rev. Albert E. Dunning, of Brookline; Professor George F. Moore, of Andover; Rev. Charles M. Southgate, of Auburndale; Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, of Salem; Rev. Edward A. Reed, of Holyoke; Rev. Francis J. Marsh, of Boston; Henry M. Moore, of Somerville; William Shaw, of Ballardvale; William T. Forbes, of Worcester; W. Murray Crane, of Dalton; Charles A. Denny, of Leicester; Rev. George A. Tewksbury, of Concord.

ALTERNATES: Thomas J. Borden, of Fall River; Rev. John R. Thurston, of Whitinsville; Rev. Calvin M. Clark, of Haverhill; Rev. Willis A. Hadley, of Southbridge; Rev. Alexander Lewis, of Worcester; Rev. John H. Lockwood, of Westfield; Augustus R. Smith, of Lee; Preston B. Keith, of Brockton; Daniel O. Marshall, of Gloucester; F. A. Fosdick, of Fitchburg; A. G. Cumnock, of Lowell.

# MINUTES

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS met for its ninety-ninth annual session with the Seminary Church, Andover, Tuesday, May 21, 1901.

# ROLL OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION

# DELEGATES FROM THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	LAY DELEGATES.
Abington	Rev. DeMont Goodyear	Dea. Isaac C. Howland
Agawam	Rev. Walter Rice	
Amesbury, Union	Rev. George W. Christie	
Amherst, College	<u> </u>	Prof. Ed. A. Grosvenor
" North		Dea, Edmund Hobart
	Rev. John F. Gleason	Mrs. John F. Gleason
Andover, South	Rev. Frank R. Shipman	
" West	Rev. Geo. A. Andrews	James B. Smith
" Free	Rev. Fred'k A. Wilson	George W. W. Dunn
	Rev. Edwin Smith	William Shaw
" Seminary		Dea. Warren F. Draper
	Rev. Nathan T. Dyer	Mrs. Nathan T. Dyer
Ashby	Rev. Herbert W. Boyd	
Ashland		Mrs. Susie E. Adams
Attleboro, Second	Rev. J. Lee Mitchell	
Auburn		Charles M. Pierce
Barnstable, West	Rev. Edgar B. French	
Barre	Rev. Chas. H. Talmage	
Bedford	•	Rev. Elihu Loomis
Belmont, Plymouth	Rev. Elbridge C. Whiting	Miss Bertha Macurdy
Berlin	Rev. Arthur P. Pratt	
Boston, 2d, Dorchester	Rev. Arthur Little	Rev. Alfred E. Colton
" Union		John Porteous
" Phillips, South	Rev. Chas. A. Dinsmore	1
" Berkeley Temple .	Rev. William S. Kelsey	
" Brighton	Rev. Adolph A. Berle	
" West Roxbury	Rev. Frank W. Merrick	
" Maverick, East .	Rev. Oren D. Fisher	Dea. J. Willard Brown
" Mt. Vernon		Sanford Keith
" Shawmut		Benjamin F. Dewing
	,Rev. Chas. L. Morgan	
	Rev. Charles H. Beale	
" Highland, Roxbury	Rev. Frank H. Allen	Edward Enslin
" Walnut Ave., Rox'	Rev. Albert H. Plumb	Dea. Wm. L. Greene
" Harvard, Dorch'r,	Rev. William T. Beale	
" Central, Dorch'r	Rev. George H. Flint	

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	LAY DELEGATES.
Boston, Roslindale		
" St. Mark's	. Rev. Samuel A. Brown	Dea. Will. II. Wallet
Boxford	. Rev. Emery L. Bradford	W Herbert Howe
"West	Rev. Chas. L. Hubbard	Alonzo J. Henley
	Rev. Elbert S. Porter	Alonzo 5. Hemey
Brockton, South, Campello	Rev. Albert F Pierce	James E. McLeod
" Porter	, Rev. Albert F. I leice	Daniel G. Hill
	. Rev. Reuen Thomas	Rev. Erastus Blakeslee
Cambridge, First	. Hev. Retten Phomes	George E. Mackintire
" Prospect Stree	et.	Dea. R. L. Snow
	Rev. Daniel Evans	John Le Bosquet
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Chelmsford, North	. Rev. Robert W. Dunbar	7,1-110 121 2 100000
Chelsea, First	. Rev. Ross C. Houghton	
" Central	. Rev. Rob'tA. MacFadden	Dea. Leonard A. Treat
Cohasset		Dea. Ziba C. Small
C - 1	. Rev. Geo.A. Tewksbury	
	. Rev. Harry C. Adams	Dea. George Tapley
	. Rev. C. J. Hawkins	3 1 0
Dunstable	. Rev. Harry L. Hartwell	
Easthampton, Payson .		Rev. Joseph H. Sawyer
	. Rev. Edw'd A. Lathrop	· .
Everett, First	. Rev. William I. Sweet	Chas. W. Greenwood
	. Rev. William Knight	
" Fowler	. Rev. Payson W. Lyman	
	. Rev. Ezra N. Smith	
	. Rev. A. Frederic Dunnels	
Georgetown, First	. Rev. Frank P. Estabrook	
" Memorial .	. Rev. C. Julian Tuthill	
Gloucester, Trinity	. Rev. Rufus P. Hibbard	
" Lanesville .	. Rev. Frank H. Reed	
Granby	. Rev. Robert C. Bell	1 1
Greenfield, Second	•	Dea. Emil Weissbrod
Groton		Dea. Nelson N. Torrey
Groveland	Rev. Charles F. Clarke	
	Rev. Edw'd D. Disbrow	Classics DI III.
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	Rev. John W. Lowell	Dea, Isaac N. Carleton Dea, Eben Webster
	Rev. Calvin M. Clark	Dea. Hazen M. Chase
	Rev. Jas. S. Williamson	Doa. Hazen M. Onase
"Union	Rev. Albert F. Newton	
" Ward Hill	Rev. Charles Clark	
	Rev. Arthur Truslow	
Holyoke, Second	· 1007. 211 bildi 11 disto w	Dea. George A. Clark
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	Rev. Edward Constant	
	Rev. T. Frank Waters	
Lawrence, South		Frank Emerson
" Riverside	Rev. Chas. P. Marshall	
" Trinity United	. Rev. Frederick H. Page	Miss Clara F. Prescott
" United	Rev. Herbert G. Mank	Dea. Geo. S. J. Hyde
	Rev. Lyman S. Rowland	
	Rev. David C. Reid	Charles A. Denny
	Rev. Lawrence Phelps	Rev. G. R. W. Scott
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CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	LAY DELEGATES.
	Rev. Charles F. Carter	
Littleton	Rev. Charles E. Havens	
Longmeadow		William F. Emerson
Lowell, Pawtucket	Rev. William G. Poor	
" First	Rev. Franke A. Warfield	Mrs. Charles O. Hall
	Rev. Geo. F. Kenngott	Dea. O. A. Brigham
" Eliot	D 13 177'   D' 1	Asa C. Russell
" John Street	Rev. Geo. H. Johnson	Dea. John A. Osgood
" Kirk Street		Dea. A. G. Cumnock
" High Street	Rev. C. W. Huntington	Dea. Joshua Clark
" French	Rev. T. G. A. Coté	A. Sarre
	Rev. Theod'e J. Holmes	Dea. D. R. Wallace
	Rev. David Wallace	
	Rev. William C. Merrill	7 GI I G III I
" Central	Rev. Charles F. Weeden	
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Lynnfield, Centre	D	Dea. G. E. Herrick
Malden, First		James Donovan
" Maplewood Manchester	Rev. C. S. Macfarland Rev. Walter H. Ashley	Dea. Joseph A. Torrey
Marblehead	itev. Waiter it. Eshiey	Nathan P. Sanborn
Marlboro		Dea, Elmer D. Howe
	Rev. C. H. Washburn	Mrs. C. H. Washburn
	Rev. Elijah Horr	Dea. D. W. Wilcox
" West	Rev. Judson V. Clancy	Mrs. J. V. Clancy
" Union	Rev. Isaac Pierson	
	Rev. George E. Sweet	
	Rev. R. W. Drawbridge	Mrs. R.W. Drawbridge
	Rev. Thomas Sims	Moses S. Page
nightanus	Rev. Burke F. Leavitt	Dea. Chester Shepard
	Rev. Chas. H. Oliphant	Miss Bessie C. Sargent
Middleboro, Central	Rev. R. G. Woodbridge	George H. Shaw Dea. Asa A. Westcott
Millbury, Second	Rev. George P. Eastman	Amos Armsby
Milton	Rev. H. S. Huntington	John A. Tuckee
	Rev. Charles F. Hersey	0 0 111 111 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 1
Newbury	Rev. Charles S. Holton	
Newburyport, North	Rev. E. E. Shoemaker	Rev. Charles P. Mills
	Rev. Frank G. Alger	
Newton, First, Centre	Rev. Edward M. Noyes	Rev. Geo. M. Boynton
" Eliot	D H 70	Joseph Byers
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Newtonville	Pour Poton McMillon	Mrs. G. W. Auryansen
North Andover	Rev. Peter McMillan Rev. Henry E. Barnes	
North Attleboro, Trinity	Rev. Henry C. McComas	Mrs H C McComas
Northbridge, Whitinsville	Rev. John R. Thurston	Mis. II. O. McCollins
North Brookfield, First.	Rev. John L. Sewall	
" Union	Rev. Laird Wingate Snell	
North Reading	Rev. J. H. Hoffman	J. E. Turner
	Rev. Fosdick B. Harrison	
Peabody, South	Rev. George A. Hall	Peter J. Frye
" Second, South	Rev. Lewis J. Thomas	
" West	. Rev. Owen E. Hardy	Dea. F. K. McIntire
Pepperell	Don Hoim Adadassis	Rev. John E. B. Jewett
Plymouth, Manomet	Rev. Haig Adadourian	nes
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CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	LAY DELEGATES.
Quincy, Bethany	Rev. Edwin N. Hardy	Dea. Cyrus T. Sherman
Randolph	Rev. Charles A. Hilton	M. Wales Baker
Reading	Rev. Fr'k S. Hunnewell	
Rockport, First	Rev. Israel Ainsworth	
Rowley	Rev. David Fraser	William S. Foster
Salem, Tabernacle	Rev. DeWitt S. Clark	Joseph H. Towne
	Rev. James F. Brodie	Dea. John P. Tilton
	Rev. John W. Buckham	
	Rev. Almon J. Dyer	
Somerville, First		Dea. Chas. F. Sewall
" Broadway		Rev. W. P. Landers
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rrospect mm.	Rev. Edward S. Tead	Mrs. Sarah E. Fielding
winter Hill.	Rev. Charles L. Noyes	Dr. Henry H. Piper
Springfield, First	Don Dhilin C Morrow	James L. Johnson Dea, G. D. Chamberlain
" South	Rev. Philip S. Moxom	Clinton W. Stebbins
MOLUI	Rev. Newton M. Hall	Clinton W. Stebbins
" Emmanuel " Park	Rev. David L. Kebbe	W. S. Hawkes
Stoneliam	Rev. B. Alfred Dumm	Mrs. B. Alfred Dumm
Sunderland	Rev. Edward P. Butler	MIS. D. AIIICU DUMM
Swampscott		Rev. George A. Jackson
Taunton, Winslow	75 57 63 : 777 33	den deorge III suomen
	Rev. J. Herbert Yeoman	Dea. George Pillsbury
	Rev. Herbert J. Wyckoff	
	Rev. Benj. A. Willmott	
	Rev. Alexander Wiswall	
	Rev. Frank L. Bristol	George M. Rice
Wakefield		
	Rev. John L. Keedy	Mrs. M. M. Allen
	Rev. Benj. F. Perkins	A. F. A. Perkins
Waltham	D. A (1 D D )	Amos Andrews
Ware, East	Rev. Austin B. Bassett	Des Cos Could
Wellesley Hills	Rev. Parris T. Farwell	Dea. Geo. Gould Charles A. Aiken
		Charles A. Alken
West Brookfield	Rev. J. Howard Gaylord	William W. Curtis
West Springfield, Park St.,		Ethan Brooks
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" East	Rev. Francis A. Poole	I. N. Colby
	Rev. Vernon H. Deming	
Wilmington	70 TIT 1: TT 70 II:	
Winchendon, First	Rev. Gustavus W. Jones	
Winchester		Rev. S. W. Adriance
,	Rev. Doremus Scudder	John Jameson
Worcester, First	Rev. Arcturus Z. Conrad	Charles F. Reed
" Central	Rev. Eldridge Mix Rev. A. W. Hitchcock	
" Plymouth		Rev. Rufus M. Taft
" Pilgrim		Arthur E. Gray
	Rev. Inman L. Willcox	
" Hope	Rev. E. W. Phillips	
Adams Square.	Rev. J. Addison Seibert	
	Rev. Melvin J. Allen	Ednia Eldnidas
Yarmouth		Edric Eldridge

# DELEGATES FROM THE ASSOCIATIONS.

Berkshire North		. Rev. James H. Laird Hinsdale
Berkshire South		. Rev. Lyman S. Rowland Lee
Cape Cod		. Rev. Edgar B. French West Barnstable
Essex North .		. Rev. Frank G. Alger Newburyport
Franklin		. Rev. Charles E. Beals Greenfield
Hampden		
Hampshire		
Hampshire East		. Rev. John W. Lane North Hadley
Mendon		. Rev. Leroy M. Pierce Medfield
Middlesex South		. Rev. Merle A. Breed Weymouth
Middlesex Union		. Rev. W. W. Campbell Concord
Plymouth		. Rev. Frederick B. Noyes Plymouth
		. Rev. Chas. H. Williams Cambridge
Snffolk South .		. Rev. Perley B. Davis West Roxbury
Woburn		. Rev. D. A. Newton Winchester
Worcester North		. Rev. Albert B. House New Salem
Worcester South		. Rev. Frank L. Bristol Uxbridge

#### DELEGATES FROM THE CONFERENCES.

Andover			Dea. Jacob Emerson	Methuen
Barnstable			Rev. Edgar B. French	West Barnstable
Brookfield			Dea. F. M. Prouty.	
Essex South			Rev. Charles B. Rice	Danvers
Franklin			Rev. Charles E. Beals	Greenfield
Hampden			Ethan Brooks	West Springfield
Middlesex South			Dea. Elmer D. Howe	Marlboro
Old Colony			Rev. Geo. W. Stearns	Middleboro
Suffolk South .			Rev. Cyrus P. Osborne	Jamaica Plain
			Mrs Helen P Kambour	

# DELEGATES FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Charles E. Swett			Winchester
Rev. Joshua Coit			Winchester

# MEMBERS, EX-OFFICIIS.

Henry M. Moore Somerville	Moderator
Rev. Eugene C. Webster , Jamaica Plain	Acting Secretary
Rev. Elbridge C. Whiting . Belmont	Asst. Sec'y, pro tem
Rev. Francis J. Marsh Boston	Registrar
Rev. Almon J. Dyer Sharon	Assistant Registrar

#### ORGANIZATION.

At 2 P.M. the Association was called to order by the moderator, Henry M. Moore, of Somerville. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Perley B. Davis, of West Roxbury.

### COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:—
On credentials.—Rev. Henry E. Barnes, of North Andover; Rev. Charles L. Morgan, of Jamaica Plain; Rev. Frank L. Goodspeed, of Springfield; Joseph H. Sawyer, of Easthampton; C. F. Sewall, of Somerville.

On nominations.—Rev. Elijah Horr, of Malden; Rev. Austin B. Bassett, of Ware; Rev. William O. Conrad, of Fitchburg; G. H. Shaw, of Middleboro; C. A. Denny, of Leicester.

#### ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

Rev. Elbridge C. Whiting, of Belmont, was elected assistant secretary, pro tem.

#### ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

An address of welcome was delivered by Professor George F. Moore, of Andover, followed by a response, given in an address by the moderator.

# PROGRAM ADOPTED.

Voted, That the printed program presented by the provisional committee be adopted, except as otherwise ordered.

# TELLERS APPOINTED.

The moderator appointed the following persons as tellers:—
Rev. Henry E. Oxnard, of Newton; Rev. Herbert G. Mank, of Lawrence; Rev. Haig Adadourian, of Manomet; Rev. Robert W. Dunbar, of North Chelmsford.

# ACTING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The acting secretary, Rev. Eugene C. Webster, of Jamaica Plain, presented his report, which was referred to the business committee.

# TREASURER'S AND AUDITOR'S REPORTS.

The report of the treasurer,<sup>2</sup> Henry P. Emerson, of Lynn, was presented by Eleazar Boynton, of Medford, chairman of the auditing committee. The auditor's report<sup>3</sup> was also given through their chairman, and both reports were referred to the business committee.

#### Later it was

Voted, To take the auditor's report from the business committee, and to accept and adopt it with its recommendations.

It was also

Voted, To reconsider the reference of the treasurer's report to the business committee, and to accept it, and refer it to the publishing committee.

#### THE WORK OF THE CHURCHES.

The general report of the committee on the Work of the Churches was presented by Rev. Frank L. Bristol, of Uxbridge.

Voted, That the special recommendation of the committee, with reference to the meeting of the Home Missionary Society be referred to the committee on Revision of Rules.

# BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

. The following committee of arrangements (business committee) was then elected:—

Prof. George F. Moore, of Andover; Rev. William E. Wolcott, of Lawrence; Rev. William Knight, of Fall River; Charles E. Swett, of Winchester; James L. Johnson, of Springfield.

#### REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE CHURCHES REFERRED.

*Voted*, To refer the general report of the committee on the Work of the Churches with reference to church extension to a special committee of three.<sup>2</sup>

### REPORT ON THE Y. P. S. C. E.

A special report of the committee on the Work of the Churches on the Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor, was given by Rev. John R. Thurston, of Whitinsville, and was accepted, and referred to the publishing committee.

#### REPORT ON FEDERATION OF CHURCHES.

Voted, That the report of the committee on Federation of Churches, be accepted and referred to the publishing committee.

#### REPORT ON LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.

*Voted*, That the report of the committee on Labor Organizations,<sup>5</sup> except the last clause, be accepted and referred to the publishing committee.

Voted, To discontinue the committee on Labor Organizations.

#### OTHER REPORTS ACCEPTED.

Voted, That the reports on Sunday Observance, 6 on Gambling, 7 and on Temperance, 8 be accepted and referred to the publishing committee.

 $\it Voted, \, That \, the \, recommendation ^9$  of the committee on Gambling be adopted.

Voted, That the report of the committee on Ministerial Standing <sup>10</sup> be accepted, and referred to the business committee.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See page 32. <sup>2</sup> See page 15. <sup>3</sup> See page 33. <sup>4</sup> See page 44. <sup>5</sup> See page 46.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See page 48. <sup>7</sup> See page 52. <sup>8</sup> See page 52. <sup>9</sup> See page 52. <sup>10</sup> See page 56.

# REQUEST OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Rev. Austin B. Bassett, of Ware, asked that the committee on Ministerial Education be excused from making a formal report, and this request was granted.

#### REPORT ON MISSIONARY WORK.

The report of the committee on Missionary Work was then given by Rev. George A. Tewksbury, of Concord, and it was *Voted*. To refer the report to the business committee.

#### COMMITTEE ON LABOR ORGANIZATIONS ORDERED.

A motion was made by Rev. William Knight, of Fall River, that the nominating committee be instructed to nominate a committee on Labor Organizations, to take the place of the one discontinued, but without the instruction concerning legislation to secure one day's rest in seven.

This motion was laid on the table.

# COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S REPORT ELECTED.

The following committee on the treasurer's report was elected:— Leonard A. Treat, of Chelsea; Rev. L. S. Rowland, of Lee; D. R. Wallace, of Lowell.

# COMMITTEE ON RELATION OF M. H. M. S. TO THE ASSOCIATION APPOINTED.

The following committee on the recommendation of the committee on the Work of the Churches in regard to the relation of the Home Missionary Society to the Association was named and elected:—

Rev. John R. Thurston, of Whitinsville; Rev. Ross C. Houghton, of Chelsea; Eleazar Boynton, of Medford.

#### DEACONS APPOINTED.

The following deacons were appointed to serve at the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the evening service:—

W. F. Draper, of Andover; D. W. Wilcox, of Medford; I. C. Howland, of Abington; B. T. Thompson, of South Framingham.

#### COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL STANDING ORDERED.

 $\it Voted,$  That the nominating committee name a committee on Ministerial Standing.  $^2$ 

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE COMPLETED.

The moderator appointed Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, of Salem, to serve on the nominating committee in place of Rev. William O. Conrad who was not present.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See page 58. <sup>2</sup> See pages 15 and 27.

#### AUSTRALIAN BALLOT.

The following resolution was presented and referred to the business committee:—

Resolved, That in all elections requiring a ballot the Australian system shall be used as follows: The nominating committee shall place upon said ballot the name of any candidate proposed in writing by any five members of this body; and said ballot shall be presented to the Association at the session preceding the one in which the election takes place.

### RESOLUTION ON TEMPERANCE LEGISLATION.

A resolution, presented by Rev. P. S. Moxom, of Springfield, in regard to temperance legislation, and referred to the business committee, was as follows:—

In view of the fact that the present "License" system of the Commonwealth allows the sale of intoxicating liquors to be stimulated by the motive of individual gain, which is clearly contrary to public policy;

and the inaction under such conditions is discreditable: -

Resolved, That this Association appoint at some time, during the present meeting, a committee of five to devise some plan which may serve as a proposal for legislation hereafter to be sought, by which the stimulus of private interest may be withdrawn from the sale of alcoholic beverages; by vote of the citizenship in municipalities which have voted to license the sale of intoxicating liquors for the last five consecutive years.

Be it further resolved, That in view of the pauperism and crime inseparable from the sale of alcoholic beverages, even under the best terms, that moneys accruing from such sale, above expenses, a low rate of interest upon capital employed, and the present license fees, shall be employed in the relief of pauperism, and for the prevention and correc-

tion of crime.

Resolved, That the draft of this measure after it has been prepared by the committee, shall be printed, and forwarded to the churches two weeks before the next annual meeting of this Association, and shall be discussed at that meeting with a view to its acceptance and endorsement by the Association.

Prayer was offered by William Shaw, of Ballardvale, and at 5.35 o'clock the Association took a recess until 7.30 P.M.

# TUESDAY EVENING.

The evening session of the Association opened at 7.30 o'clock.

### DEVOTIONAL SERVICE.

A devotional service was led by Rev. James S. Williamson, of Haverhill.

# ASSOCIATIONAL SERMON.

Rev. Reuen Thomas, of Brookline, preached the sermon from the text, Matt. v. 17.

<sup>1</sup> See page 21 and 27.

#### BOARD OF MINISTERIAL AID.

Rev. Charles B. Rice, of Danvers, spoke on behalf of the Massachusetts Board of Ministerial Aid, after which an offering of \$83.91 was made for that Board.

#### THE LORD'S SUPPER.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered, Rev. F. E. Emrich, of South Framingham, and Rev. William Knight, of Fall River, officiating, after which the Association took a recess until 8.30 o'clock, Wednesday morning.

# WEDNESDAY

# MORNING SESSION.

At 8.30 o'clock devotional services were led by Rev. George A. Hall, of Peabody, and at nine o'clock the Association was called to order by the moderator.

#### MINUTES APPROVED.

The minutes of the previous day's sessions were read and accepted as corrected.

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY.

The report of the Board of Pastoral Supply was presented by its secretary, Rev. Charles B. Rice, of Danvers, and was accepted.

#### METHOD OF BALLOTING ADOPTED.

The business committee presented a substitute form of resolution on balloting for the one previously presented by Dr. Moxom. This was accepted as follows:—

Resolved, That in all elections in which a ballot is required the nominating committee shall cause to be placed, in alphabetical order, on a printed ballot, the names of all candidates for any office, who shall have been proposed in writing by not less than five members of this Association; and that the names of these candidates shall be announced to the Association at the session preceding that at which the balloting takes place.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS ADOPTED.

The business committee also recommended that at 10.15 o'clock the Association proceed to the printed order of the day; that action upon the report of the committee on Ministerial Standing be taken at once, and that discussion on the report of the Board of Pastoral Supply be put over as unfinished business.

It was so ordered.

# COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION ELECTED.

The following committee on Church Extension<sup>1</sup> was elected:—
Rev. James F. Brodie, of Salem; Rev. William L. Tenney, of North
Adams; Amos Armsby, of Millbury.

#### MEMORIAL ON MINISTERIAL STANDING.

Rev. John L. Sewall, of North Brookfield, presented the following "Memorial" from the Brookfield Conference, which was received and referred to the business committee:—

To the General Association of Congregational Churches of Massachusetts:

Dear Brethren,—In accordance with the recommendation of your body in the session of 1888, the Brookfield Association of Ministers has transferred to this body, the Brookfield Conference of Churches, the duty of certifying to the ministerial standing of Congregational ministers within our bounds. We have accepted this task, and have adopted rules which are in successful operation. For two successive years our scribe has accordingly made returns of our ministerial members for publication in the State Minutes and in the Year Book. We believe that the action of the State Association in 1888 was based upon principles of our polity which are vital, and upon arguments which have not been, and cannot be invalidated. We recognize that our practice, while differing from all the other local bodies of this State, accords with the specific vote of your body, and with the usage of nearly our entire denomination outside of New England. We therefore memorialize your body to take action which shall lead to similar procedure throughout our State; and we suggest that in accordance with the method recently and successfully tried in New Hampshire, the date of Jan. 1, 1903, be fixed as the time for such uniformity to begin.

# "MINISTERIAL STANDING" REFERRED TO COMMITTEE.

After a general discussion it was

Voted, That the subject of Ministerial Standing be referred back to the committee on Ministerial Standing, with instructions to report next year, and that time be given then for discussion.

# INVITATION FOR 1902.

An invitation was received through Rev. D. M. James, pastor of the Church of the Pilgrimage, Plymouth, for the Association to meet next year at Plymouth.

This invitation was accepted.

#### ADDRESSES.

Professor J. W. Platner, of Cambridge, then delivered an address on "An Historical Retrospect." 2

This was followed by an address by Professor H. P. Smith, of

Amherst, on "The Opening of the Bible." 3

Following this was an address by Professor J. F. Genung, of Amherst, on "A Century with Versions and Editions." 4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See page 11. <sup>2</sup> See page 75. <sup>3</sup> See page 82. <sup>4</sup> See page 90.

#### REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

On recommendation of the business committee it was

*Voted*, First. That the first recommendation of the committee on Missionary Work be adopted, and that, accordingly, the nominating committee be instructed to name a committee on Missionary Work, consisting of one member from each conference.

Second. That the second recommendation of the committee on Missionary Work be adopted,<sup>2</sup> viz., That the tabulation of benevolences in the "Year-Book" be so modified as to show the exact sum of money which has gone into the treasuries of the six societies, and that the other States be memorialized to make like revision of their system of tabulating the benevolences of the churches.

This vote was later reconsidered, and it was

Voted, To lay the recommendation on the table subject to the order of the business committee.

It was also

Voted, To reconsider the vote whereby the recommendation of the committee on Ministerial Standing was recommitted; and then it was Voted, To lay the matter upon the table subject to the order of the business committee.

#### GREETINGS TO BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Voted, To telegraph greetings to the National Baptist Convention in session in Springfield.

#### NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

The nominating committee reported the following nominees as candidates for officers of the Association:

Moderator, Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, of Salem; Rev. William V. W. Davis, of Pittsfield. Alternate, Rev. Arcturus Z. Conrad, of Worcester. Secretary, Rev. Parris T. Farwell, of Wellesley Hills; Rev. John L. Sewall, of North Brookfield; Rev. T. Frank Waters, of Ipswich; Rev. Eugene C. Webster, of Jamaica Plain. Assistant Secretary, Rev. Frank L. Bristol, of Uxbridge. Auditors, Daniel W. Wilcox, of Medford, and Frank P. Shumway, of Melrose. Board of Pastoral Supply, for three years, Rev. William L. Tenney, of North Adams; Rev. Frederick E. Emrich, of South Framingham; J. L. Brewster, of Andover, and Rev. Doremus Scudder, of Woburn.

#### AUDITORS AND BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY ELECTED.

The auditors and members of the Board of Pastoral Supply were elected as nominated.

# COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY WORK.

The following were elected the committee on Missionary Work:—

Rev. Frank R. Shipman, of Andover; Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of North Falmouth; Rev. Raymond Calkins, of Pittsfield; Bennett T. Gale, of Lee; Rev. John L. Sewall, of North Brookfield; Rev. Calvin M. Clark, of Haverhill; Rev. Arthur J. Covell, of Lynn; Rev. Edward A. Robin-

son, of Buckland; Rev. Herbert P. Woodin, of Chicopee; Rev. Arthur B. Patten, of South Hadley; Rev. Isaiah W. Sneath, of Franklin; Rev. Frederic E. Sturgis, of Natick; Rev. Robert M. Woods, of Hatfield; Rev. George A. Tewksbury, of Concord; Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Milton; Rev. Richard G. Woodbridge, of Middleboro; Rev. D. Melancthon James, of Plymouth; Rev. Robert A. MacFadden, of Chelsea; Rev. Samuel Lane Loomis, of Boston; Amos Andrews, of Waltham; Rev. T. Clayton Welles, of Taunton; Rev. Doremus Scudder, of Woburn; Rev. David C. Reid, of Leicester; Rev. Burton S. Gilman, of Gardner; Rev. George P. Eastman, of Millbury.

Committee on the Work of the Churches.—Rev. Frank L. Bristol, of Uxbridge; Rev. A. B. Bassett, of Ware; George H. Shaw, of Middleboro.

#### MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS.

Voted, That the nominating committee name a committee of three 1 to prepare suitable memorial resolutions relative to deceased brethren: Rev. Edwin B. Webb, of Wellesley; Rev. Ezra H. Byington, of Newton, and Rev. Henry A. Hazen, of Auburndale.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Burke F. Leavitt, of Melrose Highlands, after which the Association took a recess until 4 o'clock P.M.

#### Wednesday Afternoon.

At 4 P.M. the Association was called to order by the moderator, after a temporary adjournment of the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society.

#### FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE M. H. M. S.

The following persons were nominated for membership upon the executive committee of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society:—

For one year: Hamilton S. Conant, of Boston; for two years: Timothy Smith, of Roxbury; for three years: Rev. Doremus Scudder, of Woburn; for four years: F. H. Kidder, of Medford; for five years: Rev. William Knight, of Fall River.

#### RECESS.

Recess was then ordered to allow the Home Missionary Society to elect its officers and committees.

ASSOCIATION REASSEMBLED; ELECTION OF OFFICERS ORDERED.

The Association reassembled at 4.10 o'clock, and it was

Voted, To proceed to the election of officers of the Association, and of nominees for corporate membership in the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Voted, That for officers of the Association a majority be required to

Voted, That for nominees for the American Board the four persons receiving the highest number of votes be declared elected.

<sup>1</sup> See pages 18 and 25.

#### ADDITIONAL TELLERS APPOINTED.

The moderator added George H. Shaw, of Middleboro, and Charles A. Denny, of Leicester, to the number of tellers, also Rev. George P. Eastman, of Millbury; Rev. Albert P. Davis, of Wakefield: and James G. Buttrick, of Lowell.

#### RESULT OF ELECTION DECLARED.

The following was the result of the ballot for officers: -Moderator, Rev. William V. W. Davis, of Pittsfield. Alternate, Rev. Arcturus Z. Conrad, of Worcester. Secretary, Rev. Eugene C. Webster, of Jamaica Plain. Assistant Secretary, Rev. Frank L. Bristol, of Uxbridge.

And they were declared elected.

#### NOMINEES FOR A. B. C. F. M.

For nominees for corporate membership of the A. B. C. F. M:— George W. Cable, of Northampton; Rev. Edward M. Noyes, of Newton Centre; Rev. Philip S. Moxom, of Springfield; Frank Wood, of Boston.

#### IN BEHALF OF CHURCH AT JACKSONVILLE.

It was

Voted, To give Rev. Angus M. McDonald, of Jacksonville, Fla., five minutes after the devotional services of the evening.

#### COMMITTEES ELECTED.

The following committees were elected:—

Publishing Committee. — The secretary, the registrar, the treasurer, Rev. Warren P. Landers, of Somerville; and Leonard A. Treat, of Chelsea.

Provisional Committee of 1902. - Rev. D. Melancthon James, of Plymouth; Rev. Frederick B. Noyes, of Plymouth; Rev. Francis J. Marsh, of Boston; John W. Herrick, of Plymouth; Henry Stigmaire, of Ply-

On Memorial Resolutions.\(^1\)— Rev. Albert H. Plumb, of Roxbury; Rev. Charles L. Morgan, of Jamaica Plain; Rev. Reuben A. Beard, of Cambridge.

### DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL AT PORTLAND.

Primaries. — Rev. Albert E. Dunning, of Brookline; Professor George F. Moore, of Andover; Rev. Charles M. Southgate, of Auburndale; Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, of Salem; Rev. Edward A. Reed, of Holyoke; Rev. Francis J. Marsh, of Boston; Henry M. Moore, of Somerville; William Shaw, of Ballardvale; William T. Forbes, of Worcester; W. Murray Crane, of Dalton; Charles A. Denny, of Leicester.

Alternates.—Rev. George A. Tewksbury, of Concord; Rev. John R. Thurston, of Whitinsville; Rev. Calvin M. Clark, of Haverhill; Rev. Willis A. Hadley, of Southbridge; Rev. Alexander Lewis, of Worcester; Rev. John H. Lockwood, of Westfield; Augustus R. Smith, of Lee; Preston B. Keith, of Brockton; Daniel O. Marshall, of Gloucester; Frederick A. Fosdick, of Fitchburg; A. G. Cumnock, of Lowell;

Thomas J. Borden, of Fall River.

At 6.15 o'clock a recess was taken till 7.30 p.m.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See pages 17 and 25.

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The Association reassembled at 7.30, with the moderator in the chair, and prayer was offered by Rev. Albert P. Davis, of Wakefield.

# APPEAL FROM JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Rev. Angus McDonald, pastor of the Congregational church of Jacksonville, Fla., was introduced, who spoke upon the loss sustained in the recent fire in that city and appealed for help.

# RESOLUTION OF ENDORSEMENT.

The following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That the General Association of Congregational Churches of Massachusetts sympathizes with the Congregational church of Jacksonville, Fla., in the loss of its house of worship and parsonage, by fire, in the recent disaster which left the families of the church homeless, and that we endorse its pastor, Rev. Angus M. McDonald, in his appeal to the Congregationalists of Massachusetts, with the understanding that the money contributed in Massachusetts shall go through our Congregational Church Building Society, and be secured by its mortgage.

Voted, To take an offering for the church at Jacksonville at once. The offering amounted to \$142.15.

An address on "Present Conditions and Prospects in China" was given by missionary Rev. W. S. Ament.

#### DR. AMENT HEARTILY ENDORSED.

The following resolution, presented by Professor Edwin A. Grosvenor, of Amherst, was adopted: —

The Congregational churches of Massachusetts, assembled in the ninety-ninth annual meeting of the General Association, pay their reverent tribute to the consecrated devotion, manifested by the American missionaries and native converts in China, during the year 1900. They acknowledge the common and equal Christian heroism, both of those who died the death of martyrs, and of those whom Death passed by, and who still survive to continue the work well begun. speaker of this evening, the Reverend W. S. Ament, the Congregational churches of Massachusetts extend a hearty and fraternal greeting, as to the honored representative of all those distant brethren. They recognize his life of faithful, fruitful service. They furthermore rejoice that, in the darkest hour which Protestant missions in the Chinese empire have ever known, Dr. Ament was able, by sagacious and energetic action, to mitigate the sufferings of many native converts, newly born into the family of Christ.

#### ADDRESSES.

An address on "The Preaching for the Times," was given by Rev. Lawrence Phelps, of Leominster. This was followed by an address by Rev. William T. McElveen, of Boston, on "The Enlistment of Men." 2

#### REVISION OF THE RULES.

The Association then took up the consideration of the report of the Committee on Revision of the Rules.

Voted, That, after the Association has finished its consideration of the report, it be recommitted to the committee, to be by them reported to the Churches, Conferences and Associations, according to the present rules, printing the present rules in parallel columns with it for the purposes of comparison.

Article I, was approved without change.

Article II. was approved, after inserting the following between clauses (b) and (c), viz.: The presentation and discussion of matters vital to our faith and the interests of our denomination.

Article IV. of the present rules was approved to be inserted

as Article III. of the report.

Article III. was made Article IV., and approved after the insertion, before the last clause of Section 1, of the following: "And two delegates from the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society."

Article IV. was made Article V., and approved with the addition in Section 4(a), before the last clause, of the words "Notify officers and committees of their election or appointment"; and

in (b) the words "Seven hundred and fifty dollars."

It was also voted that the secretary's salary be \$750.00 annu-

ally, and shall begin at the close of this session.

Article V. was made Article VI., and approved, with the addition of a second section, viz.: "In the practical administration of its home missionary work, the instrument of the Association shall be the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, a place for which shall be made in the program of the annual meeting."

Article VI was made Article VII., and approved.

Article VII. was made Article VIII., and, after substituting for the committee on Home Missions, a committee on Missionary Work, to consist of one member from each conference, dropping the committee on Pastoral Supply, to have it appear in a different form in another place, dropping committee (f), adding a committee to audit the treasurer's report, and making other minor changes, was approved.

Article IX. Board of Pastoral Supply.

1. The Association may create a Board of Pastoral Supply to consist of twelve members, four of whom shall be elected each year for a term of three years.

2. This Board may choose its own secretary, and through it

shall make an annual report to the Association.

A copy of this report shall be furnished to the secretary of the Association in time to be printed before the annual meeting.

Article VIII. was made Article X., and approved after striking out the last sentence of Section 3.

Article IX. was made Article XI., and approved.

Article X. was made Article XII., and with the substitution of the words "three months" for the words "one month," in Section 2, and other minor changes, was approved.

Voted, To approve the report as a whole with the changes approved. Voted, That the committee be given authority to make such verbal changes as may be found necessary, and that, when the new rules are adopted, the old rules shall become null and void.

After prayer by Rev. G. P. Eastman, of Millbury, at 11.15 o'clock, the Association took a recess until 8.30 A.M., Thursday.

# THURSDAY

### MORNING SESSION.

At 8.30 o'clock the devotional services were led by Rev. Charles F. Weeden, of Lynn.

At 9 o'clock the Association was called to order by the moder-

ator.

# MINUTES READ AND APPROVED.

The minutes of Wednesday's session were read and approved, as corrected.

# LETTER FROM REV. S. H. EMERY.

The business committee presented the following letter from Rev. Samuel Hopkins Emery, of Taunton:—

TAUNTON, Mass., May 20th, 1901.

Dear Brethren of the General Association of Massachusetts convened at Andover:—

The Taunton Association, of which I was first a member in 1837, very kindly appointed me its delegate to your meeting in Andover, and it was my purpose to attend, but a sudden death in the circle, where I am much needed, keeps me at home. I regret this the more, as the Association meets with the Seminary church, of which, in 1831, with an elder brother, afterward in the ministry, I became a member. This was in the time when Professors Porter, Woods, Stuart and Emerson, of blessed memory, were in their prime. Deacons John Adams and Samuel Farrar most worthily represented the lay element in the church. May the dear Seminary of our early love live and grow and prosper, as never before, and have a warm place in all our hearts, and may your present meeting, on that sacred hill, consecrated by the prayers and tears and devout lives of thousands of the elect of the earth, who have finished their work, fulfilled their mission, and been crowned as faithful servants of the Master, contribute largely toward this happy end.

Very sincerely yours, in Christian love,

SAMUEL HOPKINS EMERY.

 $\it Voted, \, {\it That \, a \, committee \, of \, two \, be \, appointed \, to \, respond \, to \, this \, communication.}$ 

Rev. T. Clayton Welles, of Taunton, and Rev. G. R. W. Scott, of Newton, were appointed.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE ORDERED.

On report of the business committee, with reference to a

resolution on temperance legislation previously presented 1 by Rev. P. S. Moxom, of Springfield, it was

Voted, That a special committee be appointed to consider the resolution, with Judge W. T. Forbes, of Worcester, as chairman.<sup>2</sup>

# REPORT OF PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

The report of the Publishing Committee<sup>3</sup> was presented by its chairman, Rev. Francis J. Marsh, of Boston, and it was

Voted. That the report be accepted, and its recommendations adopted.

# NUMBER OF DELEGATES PRESENT.

The report of the committee on credentials was then presented, as follows:—

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#### DEFECTIVE CREDENTIALS.

It was

Voted, That delegates to the next annual meeting of the Association, who bring defective credentials, be permitted to sit as voting members of that meeting only by vote of the Association, upon recommendation of the committee on credentials.

#### REPORT ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

The report of the special committee on the treasurer's report was presented by Rev. Lyman S. Rowland, of Lee, and its recommendation adopted as follows:—

Your committee, to whom was referred the report of the treasurer, beg leave to report:—

They have been unable, at this session of the Association, to find the cause for the non-payment of the apportionments by the several conferences named.

They would recommend that a committee be appointed who shall investigate the whole matter of apportionments, and non-payments thereof, and report at the next annual meeting.

#### COMMITTEES ORDERED.

Voted, That a committee be elected for the ensuing year to report nominees for corporate membership of the A. B. C. F. M.

Voted, That a committee on Sunday Observance be chosen. Voted, That a committee on Temperance be chosen.

#### ADDRESSES.

Rev. Ozora S. Davis, of Newtonville, delivered an address on "The Organization of the Church." 1

"The Care of the Church for its Young People" was discussed in an address by Rev. Newton M. Hall, of Springfield.2

An address on "The Modern Church Prayer-Meeting," was given by Rev. George F. Kenngott, of Lowell.3

# COMMITTEE ON LABOR ORGANIZATIONS ORDERED.

On motion of Rev. William Knight, of Fall River, it was

Voted, That the subject of appointing a committee on Labor Organizations be taken from the table.

Voted, To appoint such a committee.

The following committees were then elected:—

On labor organizations.—Rev. Daniel A. Evans, of Cambridge; Rev. William H. Allbright, of Roxbury; Rev. Parris T. Farwell, of Wellesley Hills; Rev. Frank W. Merrick, of West Roxbury; J. G. Buttrick, of Lowell; Charles A. Williamson, of Brockton.

On nominees for corporate membership of the A.B. C. F. M.—Rev. Willard Scott, of Worcester; Rev. John H. Lockwood, of Westfield; Rev. Bartlett H. Weston, of Centreville; George N. Webber, of Northampton; Daniel W. Willcox, of Medford.

On temperance.—Rev. Eugene C. Webster, of Jamaica Plain; Rev. Burke F. Leavitt, of Melrose Highlands; P. B. Southwick, of Peabody; Rev. Albert P. Davis, of Wakefield; Francis M. Bundy, M.D., of Boston.

On gambling.—Rev. Charles H. Hamlin, of Easthampton; Rev. Charles M. Southgate, of Auburndale; S. H. Woodbridge, of Boston; Rev. Edward M. Noyes, of Newton Centre; Rev. Isaac Pierson, of West Medford; Arthur H. Wellman, of Malden; Rev. Payson W. Lyman, of Fall River.

On Sunday observance. — George D. Chamberlain, of Springfield; John J. Pew, of Gloucester; Rev. Addison P. Foster, of Auburndale; Rev. Charles L. Noyes, of Somerville; Rev. Ellsworth W. Phillips, of Worcester.

Special committee to propose temperance legislation, according to resolution presented by Rev. P. S. Moxom, of Springfield: W. T. Forbes, of Worcester; Samuel B. Capen, of Boston; Rev. Philip S. Moxom, of Springfield; Rev. W. R. Campbell, of Roxbury; M. F. Dickinson, of Brookline.

#### MINISTERIAL STANDING.

The subject of ministerial standing being brought up by the business committee, it was

Voted, To amend the recommendation of the Committee on Minis-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See page 107. <sup>2</sup> See page 112. <sup>3</sup> See page 119. 4 See page 13.

terial Standing, by striking out certain words, and adding others, so that the paragraph will read as follows:—

"Your committee recommends, therefore, that, before the first of September, 1901, this Association, through its secretary, address the several Ministerial Associations of Massachusetts through their scribes, the following letter: 'The General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts to the —— Ministerial Association, Greeting: In accordance with the advice of the National Council, it is recommended by the General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts at Andover assembled, that the —— Ministerial Association, at its next meeting, consider the subject of ministerial standing, in view of asking the —— Conference of Churches that it hereafter assume this responsibility. It is further desired by the General Association that the action which may result from this consideration be reported to the secretary of this body by all the Associations and Conferences through the State, before the meeting of the General Association to be held in May, 1903.'"

Voted, That the recommendation as amended be adopted.

#### FORM OF STATISTICAL BLANK.

The business committee reported the following form of Statistical Blank in response to recommendation of the committee on Missionary Work, and it was referred to a special committee, consisting of the secretary, the registrar and Rev. Doremus Scudder, of Woburn, with power to act:—

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS: How many dollars, OMITTING FRACTIONS, were given since your last report by your congregation, and by all its auxiliary organizations, including such donations of individuals as have come to your notice, to each of the following societies, through their treasuries, in no case including legacies or home expenses:—

- (1) The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and its Woman's Auxiliaries?
- (2) The Congregational Home Missionary Society, including the State Society and Woman's Auxiliary?
- (3) The American Missionary Association and Woman's Auxiliary?
- (4) The Congregational Church Building Society, and Woman's Auxiliary?
- (5) The Congregational Education Society and Woman's Auxiliary?
- (6) The Congregational Sunday-School and Publishing Society and Woman's Auxiliary?

#### Also for

- (7) Relief of aged or disabled ministers and their families?
- (8) All other charities, including money expended in furnishing missionary goods and boxes, and all gifts to objects not Congregational, but in no case church expenses?

# AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

A memorial from the American Bible Society, asking that a page in the annual "Minutes" of the General Association of Massachusetts be granted to it for its receipts, was received and referred to the special committee on statistics.

#### APPORTIONMENT FOR BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY.

The recommendation of the Board of Pastoral Supply that an apportionment of two cents a member be made upon the churches on its account was adopted.

#### APPORTIONMENT FOR 1901-2.

Voted, That the apportionment to the churches for the expenses of the Association be the same as last year.

#### COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION CONTINUED.

Voted, That the special committee on Church Extension be continued.

#### MEMORIALS.

The report of the committee on Memorials to our deceased brethren was presented, and adopted by a standing vote as follows:—

#### Memorial to Rev. Henry A. Hazen.

In the death of the Rev. Henry A. Hazen, the secretary of the Massachusetts General Association of Congregational Churches, that body desires to express its profound sense of loss, and to record its loving tribute of esteem. For many years Dr. Hazen served both this body and the National Council in the office of secretary, with rare fidelity and devotion. In his pastorates of earlier years, and in every relation to our churches, his tactful judgment, genial nature and spiritual fervor, were conspicuous. To his patient zeal and unwearying fidelity our Year Book chiefly owes its value, and not a few of our National Councils their effective work. Faithful in the preaching of the Word, ardent in every good work, loyal to every interest of our churches, keenly jealous of Congregational integrity, a useful citizen, and a humble disciple of the Master, the memory of our lamented brother will long be honored by the churches of our Commonwealth and nation, as well as by many of our faith and order beyond the seas.

Voted, That a copy of this memorial be sent to Mrs. Hazen.

#### Memorial to Rev. Ezra Hoyt Byington.

The sudden death of Rev. Ezra Hoyt Byington, D. D., on the 16th instant, impels the General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts to place on record its high appreciation of his useful services in the important pastorates he has held, and also by his various labors in the field of authorship, and in the general work of the Christian ministry. Always ready to serve, and unsparing in careful and painstaking endeavors for the promotion of righteousness, he was widely recognized as a generous and efficient friend of every good cause. His writings upon the history of the fathers have formed a permanent contribution to our literature, and for this, as well as for his consistent and devoted life as a Christian minister, he merits the grateful remembrance of the large numbers who have enjoyed his friendship, and been profited by his influential career.

Voted, To send a copy of this memorial to Mrs. Byington.

#### Memorial to Rev. Edwin B. Webb.

The General Association of the Congregational Churches in Massachusetts, at its annual meeting at Andover, May 22, 1901, desires to express its gratitude to God for the life and labors for many years among us of the late Rev. Edwin B. Webb. It bears, in tender memory,

its delightful association with him in all the varied and important public services he rendered to the great advantage of the kingdom of Christ. He was a man sent of God to preach the Word, and his speech and his preaching were in demonstration of the Spirit and in power. His ministries were owned of God to the salvation of many souls, and to the editying of the body of Christ, not only in the important pastorates he held, but also in later years in many of the leading cities of the land. His commanding presence, his melodious and powerful voice, and the overwhelming force of his utterance of the truth, gave him rank among the most acceptable and effective preachers of our denomination. His genial bearing, his sincere and cordial friendliness, and his irenic spirit, gave him great influence in the wise administration of our denominational affairs. Often called to act on a conspicuous arena, he invariably acquitted himself in a way to reflect honor on the Christian ministry, and powerfully to advance the interests he served. He will long be remembered as a loyal and conspicuously useful Congregationalist, an able preacher, a successful pastor, an excellent example of the true minister of the gospel, a faithful steward of the mysteries of God.

Voted, To send a copy of this memorial to the daughter.

# RECOMMENDATIONS IN SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The recommendations in the report of the acting secretary were considered, and it was

Voted, That the secretaries of the local Conferences be urged to complete their reports to the secretary, and forward them in January, and that February 15th be the "time limit," after which no church report

be received for use.

Voted, That, whereas, last year there was a wide variation between the figures obtained for the official report and those obtained by a special committee with reference to the membership in our Sunday schools; and as this difference often appears, our Association recommend to the Sunday-school superintendents and clerks that when they have once decided upon the proper enrollment of their school on January 1st of each year, and estimated the average attendance for the twelve months previous, that they record those results, so that the same identical figures may be given to other inquiring statisticians, and thus avoid all apparent discrepancies.

The recommendation of the secretary

"That hereafter, the "Year-Book" and State "Minutes" report the statistics as they stand on January 1st, as far as Massachusetts is concerned,"

was referred to the special committee on statistics.

The recommendation with reference to the enumeration of Young People's Societies which are connected with missions and chapels, was also referred to the special committee on statistics.

#### REPLY FROM THE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

The following reply from the National Convention of Baptist Churches, assembled at Springfield, was received:—

Springfield, Mass., May 23, 1901.

Massachusetts General Association, Andover:

Baptists assembled at Springfield cordially reciprocate greetings. See II. Thessalonians ii. 16, 17. [Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself,

and God our Father which loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and stablish them in every good work and word.]

(Signed) A. J. ROWLAND, Secretary.

Voted, That the Committee on Ministerial Standing 1 be continued.

### LETTER TO REV. S. H. EMERY.

The following reply to letter from Rev. S. H. Emery, of Taunton, was presented by the special committee, and ordered sent:—

To Rev. S. Hopkins Emery, Taunton, Mass.:

Our Dear Brother, - Your letter of greeting was presented to our

body, and listened to with responsive interest and affection.

We learn with regret of your great sorrow in the loss of the wife of your youth, and extend to you our heartiest sympathy, with the prayer that you may be abundantly sustained and comforted by the Spirit of God in the peace which passeth all understanding.

# COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE LEGISLATION NOT LIMITED.

 $\it Voted$ , To lay on the table a motion to instruct the special committee on temperance legislation.<sup>2</sup>

#### RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

On motion the following resolutions of thanks were passed:—

Resolved, That the General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts, at the close of its ninety-ninth annual meeting, express its hearty thanks to the churches of Andover for the warm welcome and abundant hospitality extended. We appreciate the favor granted by the railroads in providing round-trip tickets to the attending delegates.

We desire to make particular mention of our great pleasure in meeting in the auditorium of the Andover Seminary Church, and of having had the opportunity of coming to this mount of beauty and privilege, and of receiving at this memorable meeting of the Association so many Christian impulses impelling us to greater activity in our fields of labor.

Resolved, That we express to our moderator our hearty appreciation of the kind and courteous manner in which he has performed the duties of his office.

#### CONCLUDING EXERCISES AND ADJOURNMENT.

A word of response was spoken by the moderator, a final word of Godspeed by the chairman of the Business Committee, Professor George F. Moore, and, after prayer by Rev. Isaac Pierson, of Medford, the Association adjourned.

# HENRY M. MOORE, Moderator.

REV. FRANCIS J. MARSH, Registrar.

REV. ALMON J. DYER, Assistant Registrar.

<sup>1</sup> See pages 12 and 15.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACTING SECRETARY 1

REV. EUGENE C. WEBSTER.

Early in the month of August last came the announcement of the sudden death of Rev. Henry A. Hazen, who had been Secretary of this Association since 1888. The "Minutes" of last year had been printed and mostly distributed, when he went to visit his old home in Vermont. The day he went away he was, apparently, in the best of health, but on the following afternoon, without a moment's warning, he was summoned to his eternal home. Patient and easy, never distressed by delays chargeable to State or Conference secretaries, or to others, amiable and serene, he was a most delightful man with whom to be associated. Upon his death, I assumed the duties of the office as assistant secretary until appointed by the officers of the Association to be your acting secretary.

For several years, — ever since Dr. Quint's day, in fact, — the Secretary, although he has done most of the work at his home, has had the free use of a desk in the counting-room of the printing-house where the publications of the Association have been printed. Sometime last winter your Secretary established regular office hours at that place; but about a month ago, owing to the fact that the Publication Committee awarded the printing of the "Minutes" to another firm, as will be shown by its report, the Secretary made temporary arrangements for holding his office hours at the Congregational Library. This experiment has evidently been appreciated and proved itself of value, for hardly has a day gone by but that someone has called on Association business.

The Conference reports came in more promptly this year in view of the "time limit" that was set last year; nevertheless there is yet room for improvement. Of the first five Conferences to report this year, four of them were later than last year. Mendon was first as usual, and gained one day; Hampshire East came next, but was eight days later than before; then came Worcester South, Barnstable and Brookfield, although the last two were respectively thirteen and twenty-two days later than the year before. Suffolk South and Suffolk West arrived on the last day for receiving the reports, viz., February 15. On that day only eighteen of the twenty-five Conferences had reported. If the rule of the Association had been adhered to, Franklin, Berkshire North, Woburn, Norfolk, Essex North, Suffolk North and Middlesex Union, with their 186 churches, would have been omitted; but in the interests of a complete and accurate report, we waited even until February 21 for the last

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See page 10.

Conference report. Thirteen Conferences gained 116 days, and nine lost 77 days, a total gain of 39 days. But as the Massachusetts tables could not be made until the last Conference reported, the real gain this year was 17 days, for Middlesex Union reported this year on February 21, whereas the latest to come in last year arrived on March 3. Even then five churches had failed to report, but by our persistent efforts, you will receive *some* report, more or less complete, from every church in the Association.

The Swedish church at Campello has withdrawn from our sisterhood of churches, and the church at Heath, organized in 1892, and the recently formed church at Cotuit, in Barnstable, have been added, thus making a total of 601 Congregational churches in Massachusetts. The total membership of these churches is 113,235, a gain of 269. Absent members number 19,108, or about 17 per cent., an increase of 846; 3,385 joined the churches on confession (682 more than in 1899); 3,022 (303 more than in 1899) joined by letter; 1,969 were removed by death, 2,511 were dismissed by letter, 1,535 were dropped by discipline or revision of roll. One church, the Park Street, Boston, dropped 497 names, more than half its membership. Twenty-eight of the churches each report more than 100 absent members, one church still reporting 214.

The largest church in the State is Springfield, First, with 1,103 members. Worcester, First, comes next, with 1,037, and following closely are Holyoke, Second, with 966; Berkeley Temple, Boston, 931; Worcester, Union, 775, and Piedmont, 770; Cambridge, First, 772; Old South, Boston, 752; Chelsea, Central, 745; Worcester, Plymouth, 744; and Brookline, Harvard, 719.

There were 1,539 adults baptized (an increase of 314), and 1,810 infants (an increase of 36). For the two years previous to 1900 the Sunday schools reported a combined loss of 9,036. For 1899, 589 schools reported 115,211 members, and for last year 600 schools report 120,286 members, a gain of 5,075. The average attendance in 1900 was 69,121, or 57 per cent. of the membership; in 1899, 67,615, or 58 per cent.; 561 churches reported last year, 89,150 families, whereas 583 churches report this year 92,022 families, an increase of 2,872. A year ago there were reported 522 young people's societies, but this year a gain of 10 societies is shown.

The Association will receive a report this year on Benevolent Contributions from every church except one. Only 16 churches reported no benevolence; 153 contributed to the seven objects specified in the Year-Book; 129 others gave to all the objects except ministerial aid.

Six hundred churches report (as against 579 the year before) a total benevolence of \$673,945, an increase of \$13,906. The offerings for foreign missions, church building and Sunday schools, show the gain, while the other offerings fell off; 590 churches (15 more than reported in 1899) reported total home expenditures, \$1,711,020, an increase of \$56,054.

Two hundred and sixty-five of the churches have pastors installed by

council; 249 are with pastors otherwise inducted; 6 with supplies, and 81 (including 21 that are supplied by licentiates or ministers of other denominations) are vacant, Massachusetts reports 891 ministers, not all of whom, however, are settled within our borders, and only 520 of whom are actively engaged in pastoral work in this State. We also report 27 licentiates, and 12 ministers of other denominations, who are supplying our churches, making a total of 930.

In the circular letter which I sent out to the churches, I expressed the hope that every church would be represented here today by at least one person. Since issuing that letter, I have examined the rolls of the last nine meetings of the Association and find that only about one-third of the churches are represented at any given meeting, and that only about fifty churches have failed to be represented at any of these meetings. This is a better showing than I expected to be able to give.

I have recently made a card catalogue of the ministers reported by our Association, and I would recommend that thus a complete alphabetical record should be kept of all ordinations, installations, dismissions, beginning and closing of pastorates, marriages and deaths, which record should give at any moment a correct roll of our ministers and should be at the disposal of any person making inquiries. In order to keep this record up-to-date, each church and minister, the scribe of each Association and Conference, and the scribes of the various Councils must promptly notify the Secretary of all such items as are to be recorded.

I would likewise urge the adoption of a similar resolution as was passed last year, setting the "time limit" for receiving Conference statistical reports at February 15. We are not yet ready to shorten the time.

Last year there was a wide variation between the figures obtained for the official report and those obtained by a special committee with reference to the membership in our Sunday schools. This difference often appears. May I suggest that our Association recommend to the Sunday-school superintendents and clerks that when they have once decided upon the proper enrollment of their school on January 1st of each year, and estimated the average attendance for the twelve months previous, that they record those results, so that the same identical figures may be given to other inquiring statisticians, and thus avoid all apparent discrepancies.

Our Sunday-school statistics include the membership of Home De-

partments and Mission Schools, but no provision is made in the blanks for young People's Societies which are connected with missions and chapels. These should be included.

One more suggestion has come to me. These are, to be sure, minor matters; but some of the more important problems connected with the gathering of our denominational statistics should be considered at the National Council. The terms and abbreviations used in our "Minutes," defining the "employment" of ministers, ought to be more explicit. This year we have followed the old system of nomenclature; another year they could be greatly improved.

The Association has on hand 1995 "Minutes" distributed through the years from 1885 to the present time. A few of each year's issue should be kept in the archives of the Association; but most of them should find resting places on the shelves of church and Sunday-school libraries.

In conclusion, let me add that a large part of the next "Minutes" is already in type, and this fact promises an early publication and distribution. I desire to thank the scribes of the Associations and Conferences and all who have so kindly responded to my numerous inquiries, or in any way assisted me in securing the very complete returns that are reported.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

HENRY P. EMERSON, Treasurer, in account with the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY, 1901.

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HENRY P. EMERSON, Treas.

The Auditing Committee of the General Association of Congregational Churches of Massachusetts have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, Mr. H. P. Emerson, and find them correct with proper vouchers; showing a balance of \$183.23 in his hands and deposited in the Beacon Trust Company.

ELEAZAR BOYNTON. Auditing Committee.

Boston, May 8th, 1901.

Amount of the apportionments not received from the Conferences.

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HENRY P. EMERSON, Treas.

# REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK OF THE CHURCHES<sup>1</sup>

The committee on Work of the Churches would submit the following report:—

At the meeting held in Amherst, in 1900, it was voted that

"We recommend that the question of the relation between the General Association and the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society be referred to the committee on Work of the Churches for consideration, and report on the same at the next meeting."

Your committee having considered the matter would report: -

That it is the conviction of this committee that Wednesday afternoon is none too much time to give at the meeting of the General Association to the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, the churches having no more important work before them than that done by our home missionaries.

We therefore recommend that Article XIII., Section 2, of the Rules of the General Association be amended so that the closing sentence will read,—"The Wednesday afternoon session of the Association shall be given to the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society."

At the same meeting in Amherst the Association adopted a recommendation embodied in a "Memorial" from Norfolk Association, that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See page 11. <sup>2</sup> See "Minutes" of 1900, page 20.

the subject of church extension, as it applies to our churches individually and collectively, and also to various co-operating missionary societies, be assigned to the committee on Work of the Churches for investigation, the same to be reported upon at the next annual meeting.

Your committee has carefully considered the Memorial of Norfolk Association, relating to the formation of new churches and suggesting the inquiry whether new methods are needful. Correspondence with Associations and Conferences in every section of the State reveals these facts, viz.:—

- (1) There are very few places in the Commonwealth, where there is an opportunity for new churches.
- (2) There are a few places where mission work ought to be done, but in these places the work can best be done through the neighboring churches.
- (3) There is an almost unanimous belief in which your committee fully concurs that no new agency is called for in order to secure a larger number of churches, or the enlargement of our work.

Your committee recommends, therefore, that the local churches watch for every opportunity for enlarging and strengthening the work of God which is committed to our care.

We also recommend that the societies which are naturally interested in this work, viz., the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, the Sunday School and Publishing Society and the Church Building Society, be urged to increased interest in this matter, and that these societies have careful watch over all parts of the State and that they suggest to local churches opportunities, if such shall exist, for new work.

In behalf of the committee on Work of the Churches.

FRANK L. BRISTOL,

Scribe.

#### REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE Y. P. S. C. E.1

This Association at its last meeting at Amherst, passed the following resolution:—

"We recommend that the committee on the work of the churches be instructed to continue their study of church work for the young, by considering and reporting upon the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, as a practical working force in our churches."

This vote, it was said, does not imply criticism, but it does imply a feeling that we are not getting the best results from our use of this organization, and it has been said "the number of perplexed pastors increases."

The sub-committee, to whom the preparation of this report was committed, knowing the weariness of the pastors of long lists of questions, sent them a "Tentative Report," giving their own conclusions from their experience and observation, as to the Young People's Society movement. They requested that the brethren "send such modifications of the report, as their experience and observation suggest." They hoped thus to get from the pastors a free expression of their judgment of the movement, with the reasons therefor, but only seventy to eighty replies have been received. From the replies received, it is evident that the great majority have found the organization a real help in their They see imperfections, and [are seeking improvement, with good hope for its future. A few, while in hearty sympathy with its object, are greatly troubled with some defects in its methods and results, which must be mended to justify its continuance. A very few are opposed to its principles and methods. It is manifest that most of the pastors have given sympathetic and earnest effort to its use and have found help and success in it.

The committee feel that the dissent from its principles and methods is wider than is indicated by the small number expressing such dissent in the replies received. One remarks, - "Among clergymen I hear expressed more disaffection than commendation touching the Endeavor Society." Another, speaking of a recent discussion of the movement, in one of our largest Associations, adds that he "was the heartiest, not to say the only, supporter of the Endeavor movement." And it is believed this disapproval and dissatisfaction has increased of late rather than diminished. Here it should be remembered, that we have been, for several years, in a depressed religious condition, and none of our agencies have had their usual effectiveness, and we may have reason for growing dissatisfaction with our success in the use of other agencies as well as this. As one pastor writes, "The committee cannot too much emphasize the probability that defects in our church life are due not to the Christian Endeavor movement, but to the fact that something is the matter with us anyway."

There is evident need of examination of the principles and methods of the movement, and of an earnest effort to relieve the present disquiet or to find some new agency to secure the results for our young people, which we feel we must have.

In this examination we will confine ourselves to the senior society, as we understand the Association had this especially in mind, and as the principles and methods of the younger off-shoots are so different from those in the case of the senior, that they should have separate treatment.

There are some facts which should be kept in mind in such examination.

(1) This society is only a means to an end. The end is the supreme thing, the conversion of our youth and their training in Christian ser-

vice. This end we are bound to seek; we are equally bound to seek and use some means suited to secure this end. They may not always be the same in all conditions or times. The only question is not, are they old or new, but are they the best we can find? If not, we must seek new ones. The church has sought new means in the past. In the last century we revived the social meeting of apostolical days, in which the members of the church were the participants; also, we devised the Sabbath school, replacing the catechetical methods of earlier days. In the last half of the century, the Young Men's Christian Association was created for help of our young men in the cities and larger towns. In the last quarter of the century this Christian Endeavor movement has come into being in behalf of the youth in our congregations. Now, if we find we can use it with good results, we should do so. If, with our best efforts we fail in its use, then we should seek something else, as some have done. One pastor reports much better success in his new Seeing it is only a means, it has no inherent power to secure its own success. It is not a patent engine, which we can start and its work will be done automatically, any more than is the Sabbath school or the social meeting. It calls for our best wisdom, and much grace, more perhaps than any other of our church agencies, for it is a work with beginners and it calls for more skill and tact to guide successfully a company of beginners than a company of experienced workmen. We sometimes speak of its failure. Is it not rather our failure in its use. The cause of such failure may be in its principle or methods, or in our lack of wisdom.

Again, it is not a substitute for other means, such as the pastor has been in the habit of using, as classes for instruction in doctrine, or for reading the Word, or for preparation for church membership. There is a work he may thus do, which he cannot depute to others. But he may find great help in this society in his work for the young, as supplying a new influence he cannot secure in any other feasible way.

(2) This society is a growth, not a manufactured product put upon the churches by any organization.

Those of us who were in the pastorate before this movement began, remember how we were seeking some means, now this, now that, by which we could train our young Christians for better service, and for bringing the unconverted under more direct religious influences. The "young people's" meetings following revivals were transient, we wanted something to use all the time. Various methods were devised by different pastors, and some were successful. One pastor in brooding over the problem, conceived that embodied in the Christian Endeavor Society. He devised its methods to meet the needs of his own young people, especially those recently converted, and those who were interested, though not yet Christians, and with no more thought of its becoming world-wide in its use, than many another pastor who had his own scheme. This organization in its principles and methods did com-

mend itself to others, as promising to meet a need we all felt, and it was adopted by the pastors, one by one. There was no ecclesiastical authority to impose it on anyone. It spread by its own merit and success. When these were seen, Conferences and Associations commended it. But each pastor with his young people acted independently as to adopting it or not.

Some of us can remember how we tried some modification of it, not liking all its features, especially its pledge, which was thought to be too rigid, even "cast iron." We remember how we did not succeed, and at last adopted it in all its essential features. There was, it may be also, a public sentiment among our young people which exerted some pressure to adopt it. We came to it with some misgivings, but the great majority still feel that it was the "survival of the fittest," and that it has been largely successful.

Some, after trial, have come to a different conclusion, and this judgment should guide them in seeking what to their minds are better methods, and their right so to do should be respected in the court of public opinion, as sacredly as if they belonged with their new methods to "the international and copyrighted movement," as one pastor calls it. The wonder is that it has been so generally successful, not that it is not universally so.

In like manner "The United Society" is a growth. It was not devised in the beginning. Those prominent in the movement had little or no conception of what it would lead to, when they began to supply what they and others felt was a manifest need. Their help by suggestion and direction was sought by many, and they gave it. They were led on to the establishment of local and state "Unions" of the societies with their meetings, and to the holding of conventions in the interest of the movement, and to the establishment of a paper devoted to the cause. all which have contributed to its success. But this "United Society" has no authority save what the fathers used to admit of the Congregational Council, "simply the weight of the reasons given for its advice," and if the United Society should seek to use authority, we are not bound to heed, but rather to resist. But most of the pastors and societies feel no constraint from it, nor interference. They appreciate the wisdom and devotion which have characterized the action of its officers and the powerful influence they have exerted for good.

Remembering these facts, we ask how the society seeks to attain its great objects, namely, the training of young Christians in service, and the reaching of those not yet converted.

Its distinctive principle is to set these young Christians to Christian service among the young, in and by themselves and largely under their own direction. They are to choose their own officers from their own number. They are to conduct their own work in maintaining their meetings, and in committee work. The form of the organization is recommended in constitution and by-laws, suggestions are made as to

committee work. These they accept and adopt, just as far as they, in consultation with the pastor, see fit. It is not gymnasium practice to prepare for work by and by, but it is the actual doing for the Master, for the church and for themselves, what belongs to them as Christians to do, and they are to seek to win their unconverted friends to share in this work in an associate membership, so far as participation in it may be had without profession of faith in Christ, and they are to seek to win them to this and to full participation in all their work. By this service they are to be trained for a life of Christian usefulness.

In doing this work a "pledge" is made of specific religious acts. Now as to this "pledge" we find a decided difference of opinion among the pastors as indicated by their replies and in the committee. The majority approve the principle and use of the pledge, while some have strong objection to it in principle and practice. One pastor writes,—"It is the occasion of weekly perjury in every church in Massachusetts."

Those who approve of the use of the pledge, believe that the principle of promising specific acts is involved in our Lord's command for specific religious acts in the sacraments, in daily prayer, and the study of the Word, and in Paul's charge, "Forsake not," etc., and it is recognized in most of our church covenants, where we so usually find the promise "to give attendance to His word and ordinances, to family and secret prayer," and they believe that there is special need that we use it now for two reasons.

- (1) Because of the strong tendency, while the obligation of a general pledge of Christian life and service is admitted, to forget that the obligation of this inclusive pledge we make every time we renew our covenant at the Lord's table, belongs also to the parts of which the whole consists, and if the parts are not remembered and kept the inclusive promise fails. For this reason there is need that we specify and emphasize the parts, and
- (2) Because of the strong tendency of the present day to minimize the *religious* action we shall hold to belong to a Christian life, until the vanishing point is almost reached. It is felt that for a strong and fruitful life we should rather ask what action is essential to such a life, and then we should promise to do these things and hold ourselves to such action, we should pledge ourselves to strive for the highest attainable, and not be content with the lowest which shall not forfeit the Christian name.

The acts promised in the pledge, are, the first two (those of use of the Word and prayer) essential to the maintenance of the personal Christian life, the next of attendance on services of the church, is essential to the maintenance and efficiency of the public means of grace, and with the clause, "unless hindered by some reason, which I can conscientiously give to my Lord and Master," is of obligation for every Christian, and the keeping of it by the body of church members would add exceedingly to the fruitfulness of our church agencies. The promise of participation in every meeting, made with the same qualification as to the Mas-

ter's approval, is a useful element in a training school, which the society is, developing a sense and habit of responsibility for the service, leading to a preparation for the meeting which is of value, and as it requires no "talking" or "experience," has no necessary tendency to "superficiality and formalism," as is sometimes objected.

They believe that the use of the pledge helps to a more careful and earnest Christian life.

The influence of failure to keep it is not forgotten. This it shares with the failure to keep the covenant we renew each time we come to the communion. But because of this, we do not feel it is right to lower the standard, or to refuse to strive to attain it.

But while this appears to be the view of a large majority some dissent from it decidedly. Their objection cannot be stated better than in the words of a member of the committee, who writes, — "My objection is not to a general pledge, all associations and societies have some general assent to further the interest of the same. To such a pledge or avowal I should feel no objection. I do object to Y. P. S. C. E. pledge, for it takes the place of the one public profession every Christian ought to make when he joins the church. It leads some active members to think there is no need (for this very reason, that they have openly professed Christ) of uniting with the church.

"I object also to its detail, for the reason that specifying some duties—you make others of less account—any such list should be complete. One thing more, this pledge throws discredit on the church pledge. It implies either that it (the church pledge) is not kept, and so a new one is needed, or that being kept, it does not secure the things that are necessary to a Christian life, so a brand new one and a much better one is needed."

It is manifest that others sympathize with these objections, and some may have some beside these. What should be done by such? By all means modify the pledge, or possibly not use it at all, and let all respect the right of judgment of all others. The one essential is that we commit ourselves more and more earnestly to persistent effort, to train our young Christians to Christian work for the church, for themselves, and for their young companions, and hold up before them a high standard of a devoted religious life, and seek to help them to strenuous effort to secure it, in such organization or by such means as seem best.

Again there is objection on the part of some, to the relations of the United Society to the local societies. It is said "the United Society is too much in evidence." "It seeks to lead too much in matters of the Christian life, even suggesting a rule of proportion in giving. It is a power from without, doing what the church itself should do. It makes too much of conventions. It is uncongregational." When we remember that there is no authority in the United Society, and that its work is that of suggestion, not direction, it would seem as if each society could

protect itself from any harmful interference. The real difficulty comes from the charm of being a part of a great movement of our young people, helped possibly by the feeling that there is some lack of sympathy with them on the part of the church, which may give the United Society an undue influence. Against this we must guard.

The opinion of the committee is that the aims and efforts of the United Society have been wise, and on the whole very helpful, and its officers have shown an adaptation of means, a readiness to change in methods, which gives promise of abating all just reasons for this objection. Their decisions as to "the pledge" and "conventions," in their recent gathering in Portland, shows a desire to give due weight to the judgment of the pastors. They do put Christ and the church first, and not the Christian Endeavor movement. They wish to help the church and have done and are doing a work for which many feel greatly thankful.

It should be remembered that these objections we have considered, are made only by a small portion of those who have made reply to the request of the committee. It is believed that the most do not feel them.

But there are many more, though by no means a majority of those replying, who mention difficulties they experience in their work in the society. Some of them are such as we are all having, in this period of religious depression, in our use of other agencies in our religious work, such as "inconstancy," lack of spiritual power, deficiency in the spirit to seek the salvation of souls, and the like. These need no special consideration. Our only help is in a revival of religion, wide and deep, through the agency of the Holy Spirit.

Other difficulties are found in working of this special agency.

One says,—"Better without the pledge." One would lesson its promises. Another says,—"Do not lessen it, but make it more emphatic." Another,—"Separate it into its parts." "We do not hold the young men, but even repel them." One says,—"Keep it to young people alone, and insist on graduation." Another,—That "there should be some older ones in the society." One,—That "there is not educational work enough in it. Better study the Sabbath-school lesson." One,—"That it should do more work in other departments than that of the meetings and usual committee work." Some of these difficulties, we must believe, come from local causes, and some miss the object of the society and seek from it what belongs to other church agencies.

Several speak of a tendency to be satisfied with membership in the society as a substitute for membership in the church. Cannot the pastor and the church members in the society correct this by creating a public sentiment that such course is utterly at variance with the very ideal of the society. We know there is this sentiment in some societies, and almost an insistence that an active member must unite with the church, if he has not already done so. The pledge cannot be honestly taken by one who continues out of the church, and after a proper delay

he should not be looked upon as rightly a member of the society. But, some say, there is a kind of "aloofness" from the church, and a failure to be active in other parts of religious work. May not this "aloofness" be partly due to the lack of sympathy with the young on the part of older members of the church. As to failure to do their part in other departments of work, we may say they thus fail to keep their promise made when they came into the church, as well as the promise made when they came into the society. But may it not be due in still larger degree to a general trend in all our religious life to do less and less in religious activity, because of "the lust of other things"? Can we expect a relief until there is a more general acceptance of the true first place of the religious life and its work? While these difficulties may not all be overcome, it is believed they may, with loving faithfulness and tact, be greatly relieved. Nor should it be forgotten that we find difficulties in the use of every agency of our work in the church, and when we consider the peculiar and varied objects of this organization, we should expect to find some peculiar difficulties in its use.

Now we ask what is the testimony as to the organization? We have been using it for more than twenty years, long enough to test its value as an agency in the work of the church. What is the testimony as indicated by the replies received?

The following results are witnessed to:-

(1) We have seen the *proportion* of young people coming into the church increased.

The majority (three-fifths) report this, a few are in doubt, a few say "no." Yet we need a caution here not to attribute too large an efficiency to this one agency in this result. When it is said "so many have united with the church from the Christian Endeavor Society" in any year, we should remember that the same usually come from the Sabbath school, from the hearers of the preaching, from the Christian home, and give to each agency the credit due to it. This organization has helped in the work to which all have contributed, and we may believe has added to the numbers some who without it would not have been brought in.

(2) It has trained our young Christians in the conduct and maintaining of social services. They are doing their part in the mid-week services fully as well as the older members in attendance and participation, and in some cases there are signs that an undue portion is being left to them.

(3) It has brought a large number of unconverted young people every week into a religious and evangelistic meeting, of its associate members and others, who are, perhaps, one-third of those in attendance. They put themselves in the way of direct personal appeal by the pastor and active members. Without this society we should rarely see these in any religious service, except the preaching and the Sabbath school, except in times of general interest. This brings the material on which

Christians should work close at hand, and prompts them to such work. From these persons we are receiving a good part of our additions to our churches.

- (4) It has in many cases, and might have in all, awakened and developed an interest and participation in missionary work. Many a pastor who has mourned the loss of the old "missionary concert," has seen a new monthly missionary meeting conducted by the young people, with some participation and help by him. Regular contributions are made, perhaps supporting a native pastor, and the members are trained in "systematic giving." When the "missionary prayer cycle" is used, there comes into every meeting, prayer for missions, and the habit of concentrating all prayers on themselves gives place to that of praying for the Kingdom of God in the whole world, as the Master bids.
- (5) It brings the pastor into more intimate contact with his young people, in a religious way. Many a pastor can testify to a great change in this since this society was formed. It is a new and blessed experience and opportunity for him. He becomes younger with them and he gets a hold on them, which may be most helpful to them and to him. They love him more because they know him better, and he loves them more effectually because of this near contact. It does cost him time and thought. It is a "drain" on his strength, but no part of what he does has larger compensation, or returns more help to him. He can do his whole work the better for it.

It has proved of special value in uniting Christians of different denominations in maintaining religious services in small communities, where the members of the different churches were each too few to maintain such services, but in which all united can support preaching, Sabbath school and social meetings. We see instances of this in the older States, but especially in the small, new communities of the West, where a denominational or union *church* could not prosper, or even live. Of like kind is its influence in bringing together in a common work the members of churches of different localities and names, helping them to realize their real unity in the Lord, and thus helping to bring the day when His prayer that we all may be one, as he and the Father are one, shall be answered.

But are there no failures to secure such results? Yes, just as there are in our use of other church agencies. How many churches, and even Sabbath schools, languish, and some even die!

There may be some falling off in the attendance on the mid-week services or the Sabbath evening meeting. Here, however, it should be remembered that in many smaller churches the society includes all the church, old as well as young, and the advantage from the society is in the developing of a sense of the personal responsibility of all for maintaining the meetings and for the varied forms of church work. In such cases there is no competition between different meetings, but rather an infusion of new elements and life into all the meetings.

But most of the societies are really "young people's" societies, into which few older members of the church come. Here there is danger of the neglect of the regular church services. But investigation seems to show that the members of the society are fully as faithful to these other services as are the older members of the church, and in many instances much more so. But even if there is some loss in attendance on these other services, it should be remembered that there is a much larger attendance of different persons at the two meetings every week than there used to be at the one meeting before the society came into being, and especially should it be remembered that this gain is in the attendance of the unconverted, for whom there is given by such attendance hopeful opportunity for effort. How frequently do these become "associate" members, then "active," and soon members of the church. This fact much more than offsets any lessening of attendance at these other services. Besides, by loving insistence on the first part of the pledge, the difficulty may be largely if not entirely removed.

But with all that may be said of the good accomplished through this organization, we are not satisfied with present results. The ideal, as in every form of our church agency, is far in advance of our attainment, and the question comes to us all,—How may we make it more effective for

good?

Four suggestions only are made:-

- (1) Our great need in this and in all our forms of church work is not more or better machinery, but the power of God from on high in us who use it—"the spirit of the Living One in the wheels." Without this all our modifications of organization will be in vain; with this, wonders may be wrought with very imperfect organization.
- (2) Let the pastor continue to put his mind and heart into its work. If he feels it needs modification, let him seek this, but at any rate work in it with his whole soul. It may not be well for him to be a voting member, but he certainly should be an "active" one, present if possible in every meeting, and taking part, preferably at the close, gathering up the lessons of the topic, supplying any gaps in its treatment, and making the strongest appeal to all present. It is a precious opportunity for him which he cannot miss without great loss. He will often be consulted as to various measures, and he should be wise not to make too many suggestions, especially not to be critical, and not try to have everything perfect according to his own ideas. It is better that the young people make some mistakes rather than be guided too much. What is needed is grace, common sense, and much prayer, ever remembering and keeping before all the true relations of the society to the church. The pastor doing this will have all the influence in it he cares to be responsible for.
- (3) The older members of the church should give it a cordial, sympathetic help. It is the belief of the committee that many who had doubts in the beginning are seeing that these doubts were not warranted,

and are coming to feel that wisely used it may be an efficient helper in church work. There should also be given a warm-hearted encouragement and co-operation. Occasional attendance at the meeting, not a silent one, which may be construed as critical, but with words of cheer and approval of its design and endeavors, would be very helpful.

(4) The members of the society themselves must do their part that it may attain its highest usefulness. They may sometimes feel that they do not have the sympathy and co-operation of the older members of the church, and may be tempted themselves to stand aloof. They should remember that the relation and its obligation are mutual, and that if they keep in mind the object of the organization "For Christ and His church," and that they themselves are part of the church, and their first promises in the pledge are for the church, and then keep these promises, they will soon convince all the older members that the society is contributing a most important help to the common work, and will secure their sympathy and support. Let them also, in the mid-week meeting, be sure and do their part in the support of the meeting for which the society seeks to train them. When they cease to be active members, let them be sure to feel and act towards the society as they felt the members of the church should do when they were active members.

Let the pledge be studied often, and renewed honestly and kept faithfully in trust in Christ.

The preparation for taking one's part in every meeting is very valuable for every member, even if he is not able to be present, or even when present not able to take the part for which he has prepared.

Can we not have a *practical*, not a formal, incorporation of the society in the church-life and activity, such as we mean to have for the Sabbath school and this without desire or effort to control it, so as to make it cease to be a young people's society.

May we not look for a time, when we shall see all heartily helping this agency, as all others, and when a large portion of the church-membership, having been trained to Christian work in it, retaining an honorary membership in it, shall give it a helpful sympathy, and all shall give much loving prayer to its work, as they do to that of the Sabbath school, the social meeting, and the preaching, and when we shall see a new power and efficiency in our use of all the means at our command, now made complete by the new element in this organization, and the church receiving into its communion many—why not all—of the children and youth within its reach, and working with new power for the evangelizing of this world of ours? We have only begun to see the possibilities of achievement; may the near future have wonderful revelations of triumphant success for the gospel. It will, if we, the church, will it in faith in God.

JOHN R. THURSTON.

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FEDERATION OF THE CHURCHES<sup>1</sup>

Two members of the Committee on the Federation of the Churches having declined to serve, the chairman submits a unanimous report.

While the word used in the statement of the subject is churches, the meaning is understood to be denominations. The movement contemplated is a federation of churches of different denominations. Protestantism has been often criticised as the mother of numerous and warring sects. In point of fact, the sects have originated from a conjunction of three conditions. First, the vastness and many-sidedness of reality or of truth, especially of the great facts involved in religion -God, man and his destiny. Secondly, the diversity of mankind in mental aptitudes, modes of thought, constitutional and temperamental points of view and degrees of culture affecting comprehensiveness of Thirdly, the individual and social liberty, primarily responsible only to God, which Protestanism has always affirmed. liberty was secured, the diversity of minds which began to consider the manifold aspects of fact and truth, brought results of many and diverse religious organizations. They were a temporary necessity of spiritual life, when life, delivered from bondage, began to manifest itself in personal activities of thought and will.

The more important organizations represented the influence of some great leader, some commonly shared type of mind, or stage of development, or some predominant modes of conception resulting from experience and culture. At first the differing bodies were more or less antagonistic. Each properly regarded truth as sacred. Each was inclined to consider the forms of truth seen by itself as of superior importance, with a tendency to think that the sum of religious truth was well-nigh included in those forms, and that whatever was in any considerable degree different must therefore be a form of error or of sin.

The centuries of investigation, discussion and Christian experience, have brought many modifications of opinion and of spirit. Especially during the last half of the nineteenth century the trend of Christian life was toward comprehensiveness of thought and unity in brotherhood. A mutual leavening, one of another, was characteristic of most of the leading denominations of Protestantism. Endeavoring better to apprehend the many-sidedness of sacred reality, men were continually approaching harmony in Christian convictions. Seeking to grasp central realities in their simplest form, they came to distinguish between essential and subordinate, between substance and form, between per-

manent and mutable. The result has been increasing agreement respecting essential truths, with steady movement towards unity of spirit amid conceded diversity of form in minor matters of opinion, and in organization.

Under such conditions why should denominational separations continue? It is not surprising that comprehensive union in a common organization has been proposed. Evidently the time has not yet come for that, if indeed it will ever come. Unity of organization is contraindicated so long as inharmonious diversities of conviction or of spirit continue. The interests of humanity and of Christ's kingdom may be best served by organizations that are not so large as to be clumsy, not so comprehensive as to be indeterminate in quality. It has been plainly manifest that much of the alleged desire for organic unity is nothing other than a desire to secure enlargement of one's own denomination while retaining its distinctive peculiarities.

Federation is nearer and more practicable than organic union. But it is apparent that the word has different ranges of meaning for different minds. Some think of a federal union of bodies which, for subordinate purposes, retain their existing organizations and activities, somewhat after the manner of the union of States under the general government. In the opinion of the present writer the time has by no means come for such an organization, if indeed it ever come. The comprehensive body would be another organization, when confessedly we have too many already. In our day such a body would be an incoherent conglomerate, necessarily concentrating effort upon holding itself together. It would probably generate a multitude of frictions-between the larger body and the included ones, and between the smaller bodies in their relations to one another, because brought into a close relationship for which they are not yet prepared. One of the seriously harmful tendencies of our time is to multiply organizations, to increase the number of machines until life is overwhelmed by them. We do not need a new, big mechanism, requiring no little expense to maintain it, and the toil of many laborers merely to keep all its wheels in motion; calling also for general conventions at set times, and local conventions innumerable.

What then? Again in the opinion of the present writer, as regards the relation of different denominations to one another, only two needs are as yet urgent. First, a fuller coöperation in the general work of the Kingdom of God in each community, combining the financial ability and the practical activity of the whole brotherhood of disciples in carrying on the larger operations of Christian philanthropy, and of Christian transformation in social, civil and political life. A good beginning has been made in this style of federation, but its operations may be greatly extended. Secondly, a thorough-going comity in the evangelization of regions yet unevangelized, whether in the larger cities, in the extension of home missions or in foreign missionary work. It is idle to think of any kind of federal union if we cannot first have genuine comity. If

one denomination has prior occupation of a given field, and is fairly accomplishing the work which, at the time, needs to be done in it, let other denominations keep hands off, and especially let them vigorously exclude their own sectarian zealots. Here also a beginning has been made. Perhaps two or three denominations are in good degree governed by the spirit of brotherhood as children of one Heavenly Father and disciples of one Master; governed also by a due regard to financial economies and to the largest efficiency in the world of the Church universal. But certainly the spirit of the Master is calling for a more genuine regard for his cause, for the working unity of his Church and for a renunciation of the spirit of self-seeking sectarianism.

Beyond these two forms of practical federation there have been various informal modes of association in social fellowships, in union services of various types, in more abundant ecclesiastical recognitions of brotherhood, and in other modes of breaking down division walls. these are well whenever the union can be genuine, hearty and unforced. The great thing needful is true unity in Christ and in the Spirit. cannot be forced, cannot even be hastened by external forms which are in the least degree artificial or premature. That is a matter of life, not of organization. It is a result of spiritual growth, of a better understanding of Christ and his salvation, a fuller participation in his spirit, a greater devotion to his kingdom. Without unity there can be no union which is worth while, but with the coming of unity union will be spontaneous. It will need no pressure of argument, no urgency of hysterical entreaty, no constraint of organization. Conventions, general or local, will seldom greatly promote it. Its coming is not with observation, but with the true increase of Divine life in the soul.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM W. ADAMS, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LABOR ORGANIZATIONS<sup>1</sup>

The Committee on Labor Organizations the past year has consisted of James G. Buttrick (chairman), Rev. F. W. Merrick (secretary), Revs. William H. Allbright, Parris T. Farwell, David Evans and Doremus Scudder, and Mr. William Shaw. Acting under instructions given by the General Association at its annual meeting at Amherst last year, the committee has made another effort to secure by legislation one rest day in seven to the employees of our transportation companies. This effort has been unsuccessful.

The first move made by the committee was to put itself in touch with

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See page 11.

the American Federation of Labor, a body that for several years past has put itself on record at its annual meetings, as demanding a weekly rest day for all wage-earners, and instructing its various State organizations to coöperate with all religious bodies that were seeking to secure this God-given boon to the laboring classes. A letter was accordingly addressed by our committee to the Massachusetts Branch, offering its services in an effort to secure the necessary legislation. The Federation of Labor accepted the committee's offer in the same spirit in which it was tendered, empowering its legislative committee (Frank K. Foster, chairman), to prosecute the work. The Federation leading off, and the Boston Weekly Rest Day Union and our committee on labor organizations coöperating, we went promptly to work to attain this object.

The first step taken was to prepare for circulation a copy of the desired bill, and also a form of petition for signatures, to be presented to the Legislature. It was arranged to have an interview with Governor Crane, and request him to call attention in his inaugural address to the evils of continuous toil, - evils that are rapidly increasing among the employees of our transportation companies in consequence of the recent rapid growth of the electric roads. He was asked to recommend the subject to the favorable consideration of the Legislature. Accordingly, Messrs. Foster and George E. McNeill, on behalf of the American Federation of Labor, Rev. C. A. Crane, D. D., representing the Boston Weekly Rest Day Union and Mr. Buttrick of this committee, met his excellency by appointment. The Governor received us cordially, and patiently listened to our story, each member of our delegation presenting the subject from a different standpoint. As we were leaving, he requested us to put into writing the views we had presented, that he might have them to consider at his leisure, and this we agreed to do. Later, he notified us that, although the subject was of large importance and he fully sympathized with us in the object we were endeavoring to attain. he had decided (to our regret) not to mention it in his message to the Legislature, thereby depriving us of his aid in developing that public sentiment which he thought we should labor to create in favor of our reform.

In due time the bill was introduced into the House, and (as House Bill 195) was referred to the committee on probate and chancery, A. N. Frost, of Lawrence, chairman. Later, the committee gave the petitioners a hearing, when the enactment of the bill was advocated by Revs. Allbright, Farwell, Scudder, Evans and Mr. Buttrick of our committee, and Rev. A. A. Berle, Messrs. Geo. E. McNeill and Foster of the Federation of Labor; Messrs. Sweeney and Mulvey of the Building and Trades Council, and others. Those familiar with legislative hearings claimed that a very strong presentation of the case was made. A formidable number (forty to fifty) of employees of the Boston & Maine system, was present to antagonize the bill. The reasons urged by these men in opposition to it were substantially all based upon selfish considerations, and largely personal. And it was this opposition that de-

feated the measure. The committee reported to the House "leave to withdraw," and when we inquired of its chairman for the reason of this action, we received the following reply: "In the opinion of the committee (legislative) the passage of the one day in seven bill would be inexpedient, especially in view of the fact that it was evidently undesired by those who were most interested."

In view of the statements which have been made to different members of our committee since the "hearing," by railroad men in interviews sought by themselves, there is reason for believing that the men who appeared at the State House in opposition to our bill, were voicing the wishes of the railroad management, rather than the sentiments of the great majority of their brother workmen. The fact is, the meu who want a weekly rest day do not dare appear and declare their wishes at a public hearing.

The committee mailed blank petitions to all of the 600 Congregational churches in the State, or one to each of its pastors, accompanied with the request that after signatures were obtained to the same, it should be forwarded to his representative.

Forty-three of this number of petitions have been thus forwarded, containing 1299 signatures. We trust that the interest in this great work is deeper and more extensive than these figures would indicate.

In closing this report will you please allow the committee to suggest that the Association consider the expediency of its continuance.

By vote of the committee respectfully submitted,

JAMES G. BUTTRICK, Chairman.

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY OBSERVANCE<sup>1</sup>

The committee have not found it convenient to meet together, and their correspondence in regard to the duties imposed upon them has been limited. Interested, however, in the tendencies of the hour concerning Sunday observance and to some extent watchful of them, continually laboring also to produce in their own hearts, as in all the followers of Christ, and throughout the community generally, a more vivid appreciation of the high spiritual significance of the Lord's Day, they unite in presenting the following report:—

The messengers of the churches each year come up to this holy convocation fresh from the joyful celebrations of Easter, and naturally with clear apprehension and grateful emotion concerning the wonderful providence of God in leading his Church through the ages to com-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See page 11.

memorate on the first day of every week the great event which is the foundation of all our hopes, the resurrection of our Lord.

As redemption is higher than creation, so the day when Christ arose, that first day of the week when from the riven tomb he came forth to ascend up on high to lead captivity captive and to give gifts unto men, is entitled to stand forevermore as the first day of all days, for

"God in the gospel of his Son Hath all his mightiest deeds outdone."

It was the first day of the week that the risen Lord again and again unveiled himself in the presence of his assembled disciples, and said: "Peace be unto you." That epiphany, that benediction, have been repeated on innumerable first days ever since, and shall be till the end of time. That vision of the risen Christ, and the peace his recognized presence imparts to believers, powerfully promote the spiritual life. "For," Jesus said, "this is the will of my Father, that everyone that beholdeth the Son, and believeth on him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." It was written concerning the first Lord's Day, "Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord," and it is the eager anticipation of the renewed refreshment such blessed experiences afford that leads the devoted Christian to say:

"I hail thy kind return, thou day of sacred rest."

And it is the satisfaction which such exalted experiences furnish that prompts his plea.

"Sweet day, thine hours too soon will cease, But while they gently roll, Breathe, heavenly Spirit, source of peace, A Sabbath to my soul."

There are several hopeful indications which encourage Christians to renew their efforts to save the Lord's Day from the hostile influences, which abound in modern life.

The interest manifested in the efforts of the New England Sabbath Protective League has been cheering.

Devout souls in all ages, by all their higher experiences, have been led to "call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable." Having found it full of spiritual blessing, and realizing that it is absolutely indispensable to the welfare of society and the progress of mankind, they desire that everybody should come to appreciate its richly beneficent power. Hence there is a constant call for the aid of the indefatigable Secretary of the League, and his energetic addresses and wise counsels have met with a cordial response wherever he has gone. He has everywhere found multitudes of earnest Christians who have manifested the most loving regard for the Sabbath as a precious boon from God, whose lives furnish an inspiring example of glad and reverent observance of the Lord's Day, and who are eager to join in renewed efforts in its behalf, by the circulation of Sabbath literature, and by exerting their

influence through public meetings and in other ways, in favor of retaining and enforcing our Sunday laws.

The number of prominent laymen who come forward with their public testimony to the value of the Lord's Day, is an indication that its friends are in danger of yielding too readily to a popular clamor which falsely claims to represent the advanced thought of the day, but which is really allied to all the baser elements of society. The vicious classes have no Sabbath, nor do those who enrich themselves by promoting vice and crime. The more Sabbath observance can be broken down, the better their nefarious schemes will thrive. And it is playing into the hands of such enemies of the public good when persons in the Legislature or before legislative committees cry out against our Sunday laws as being out of place in the twentieth century, a relic of the dark ages, declare their purpose to sweep them from our statute books, and heap personal abuse on the clergymen and laymen who seek to retain those laws, calling them selfish and venal, enemies of progress.

On the contrary, it is in entire harmony with the claims of reason that the religious forces of the State, in common with those of other enlightened Christian commonwealths, have decreed that in so far as the claims of necessity and mercy allow, every man ought to be protected by law in his right to have one day in seven as a day of rest with a chance to worship. Such a rest day is a mark of advanced civilization. As men emerge from savagery, become intelligent and rise above the selfishness of sharks and shirks, they will keep the Sabbath, for the Sabbath was made for man by his Maker, as a necessity for wise living. More and more the benevolent Father of all men will see that his precious gifts are not trampled under foot. Just so far as men come to learn what wise living is, and desire to live wisely, they will enjoy the Sabbath.

Hence all friends of the Lord's Day ought to take a confident and aggressive tone, for, from the constitution of man, from God's revealed will, from the example of Christ, from the seal of divine approval on Sabbath observance, in the history of the Church, and in the elevation of social life, we learn that the keeping of one day in seven for rest and worship is the will of God. The Sabbath is a divinely ordained and permanent institution; not to observe it is to rebel against God, and that enfeebles and degrades one's character, making him a less helpful force in society, and in many ways working injury to his fellowmen. "Those long guns of the ten commandments" have never been dismounted, have never been spiked, so that whoever gets in their range—and they are long-range guns—will find the divine judgments thundering along his path.

Nearly a score of bills have been presented to the Legislature this season, all tending to break down the wholesome restrictions which have been deemed needful to guard the Lord's Day. It is a matter of sincere congratulation that nearly all of them have failed of enactment.

This result has been largely due to the numerous protests which Representatives have received from their constituents.

The Sabbath-keeping sentiment throughout the State has thus proved its strength, and shown that if it will arouse itself in each community, and bring its arguments to bear directly on its representatives in the General Court, it may defeat future endeavors to legalize Sabbath desecration. In this way in a neighboring State lately, a bill to authorize Sunday base-ball games was defeated.

Much good has been done by the watchful friends of good order who are on the alert to call attention to violations of the Sunday laws. By distributing copies of these statutes in leaflet form, and arousing public sentiment in favor of their enforcement, they have secured effective action by the proper authorities.

Further effort in this direction is encouraged by the remarkable success in some of the other New England States the past year, in closing up haunts of demoralizing Sunday dissipations, which for years have been a menace to the public peace.

The relation of the Lord's Day to the growth of religion and the promotion of national prosperity is manifest. This was set forth with great power in the recent oration of Senator George F. Hoar upon Robert Burns: "The whole secret of Scottish history, the whole secret of New England history," exclaimed the eloquent statesman, "is told in the 'Cotter's Saturday Night." And holding up that inimitably tender and pathetic picture of the humble worship of God, he said:

#### "' From scenes like these old Scotia's grandeur springs."

From scenes like these New England's grandeur springs. No race or nation will ever be great, or long maintain greatness, unless it holds fast to the faith in a living God, in a beneficent Providence, and in a personal immortality. Where this faith lives, are found courage, manhood, power. When this faith dies, courage, manhood and power die with it."

ALBERT H. PLUMB. GEORGE W. WINCH. HENRY M. TYLER. ISAIAH W. SNEATH. JOSEPH WILLETT.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GAMBLING 1

Your committee regret to be unable to report any gain during the last year in the enforcement of the statute against pool-selling. Nevertheless, the inability to sell pools in the greater part of the Commonwealth is felt to be such an inconvenience to some of those interested, that a bill was introduced into the Legislature of this year to legalize pool-selling at races.

Along with others your Committee opposed it, at a hearing before the Committee on Agriculture, and this opposition prevailed both with the Committee and the House.

Your Committee has also endeavored to secure a better enforcement of the law on the part of constituted authorities, and these efforts made toward the close of last season, although ineffective then, contain promise and hope of more results this year.

In view of the fact that the present degree of restraint upon the sale of pools has evoked attempts to change the law for three successive seasons, we respectfully recommend the appointment by the Association of a committee to work for the maintenance and enforcement of the statutes against gambling.

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ARTHUR H. WELLMAN.
CHARLES M. SOUTHGATE.
EDWARD M. NOYES.
ISAAC PIERSON.
S. HOMER WOODBRIDGE.
PAYSON W. LYMAN.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE 2

Your committee begs leave to present the following report:

At the meeting of the Association, held in Amherst last May, a vote was passed referring to this committee a petition to Congress in behalf of the so-called anti-canteen bill, with instructions to report at the next annual meeting of the Association. As is well known to the members of the Association, the prompt and emphatic action of Congress last December, by which the desired law was passed by a large majority, makes any further action on our part unnecessary. It is a matter of interest to note that nearly all the Massachusetts congressmen voted in favor of the bill.

The duty of your committee this year seems to be largely that of outlook.

While there have been no striking changes in the temperance situation, the past year has been by no means uneventful.

In our own State several facts should be noticed. In our Legislature, few bills of either widespread interest or great importance have been presented this winter. The "semi-colon" bill, permitting the sale of liquor to guests of hotels at all hours of day or night, excited much attention, but was defeated in the Senate.

A bill was presented to the committee on liquor laws ordering the payment of the money received for liquor licenses to the State and county on the grounds that the money thus received would then be used where it would meet most effectively the expenses caused by the drink habit, and would also remove the financial inducement which seems to lead many to vote for license. Such a law has commended itself to many as a move in the right direction. The liquor-law committee, however, reported leave to withdraw.

Favorable reports are being received from all parts of the State as to the way in which the teachers of our public schools are complying with the law requiring the teaching of hygiene and temperance. There seems to be an honest effort to conform to the law.

A fact which should be thoughtfully considered is the apparent increase of the no-license sentiment throughout the State. It is especially noticeable in the large cities. In the thirty-three cities there was a net gain of 11,448, and in the three hundred and eleven towns heard from at the time of writing this report, there was a net gain of 2059 for no-license. The causes that have brought about this gain are complex. Perhaps not all of them are philanthropic. But it can fairly be attributed in large measure to an increased determination to vigorously enforce the law.

Especially encouraging is the work being accomplished by our courts and penal institutions, under the probation laws. Your committee of last year referred to it. But your present committee wishes to again call the attention of the Association to this work, because it seems worthy the careful attention and endorsement of all who are interested in temperance reform.

This probation system has three general objects:—1. To stay the hand of the law whenever there is a well-founded reason to believe that the offender will reform if given another chance, and thus to save him at the beginning of the downward course instead of attempting his salvation amid the baneful influences of prison life, or perhaps, even later.—2. To give the released offender a friendly monitor and adviser in the person of a representative of the law, who shall supervise his conduct during the period of probation.—3. To secure a thorough investigation of the cases of all persons arrested, so that they may be dealt with, not on the basis of the offence merely, but on the basis of the character of the offender.

There are 67 probation officers in the State. During the year ending September 30, 1900, 6201 cases were taken on probation. Of these, 4357 were cases of drunkenness. Had these offenders been committed to prison, they would have served on the average at least three months each, which would have made their total sentence 1089 years. It is estimated that each year of such prison life would have cost the State at least \$50 additional, which means that the probationary treatment of drunkenness alone not only saved the State last year \$54,500, beside the cost of commitment, but nearly paid the expense of the whole probation service in the State. This is only the financial side. A much more important saving was in the self-respect of the offenders, the very great majority of whom were kept by this system from the degradation of prison service and from the habitual repetition of the offence.

By a law passed last year it is provided that the fines inflicted for drunkenness need not hereafter be paid at once, but may be earned during a period of several months, while the supervision of the probation officer continues. As soon as the fine is paid the officer dismisses the case. This provision will of itself keep many out of prison who hitherto could not have paid a fine at the time of sentence, and would therefore have had no alternative but to go to prison.

The extension of the probation system and the careful selection of the right persons for officers, will prove one of the most effective methods yet found of dealing with the vice of intemperance. Not only will it keep many out of prison; the watchful care of a kindly officer will be a constant deterrent influence, which is bound to show large results in the future.

Passing to matters of national and international interest, we should mention first the situation in the newly acquired territories of the United States. Certain newspaper reports concerning the situation in the Philippines have undoubtedly been gross exaggerations, yet the problem is evidently a serious one. The Taft commission deserves much credit for its wise administration, but it is earnestly hoped that Congress will soon enact stringent restrictive legislation.

While we cannot commend the recent movement in Kansas to suppress the saloon by violent methods, we may notice that this action has attracted the attention of the whole country to the difficulties in the way of enforcing the liquor laws, especially in States where the general sale of intoxicating liquor is prohibited. If this renewed agitation results in a more vigorous enforcement of the present laws, or in their modification along lines that will tend to greater success, it will not be altogether without good.

In other countries than our own, earnest workers are wrestling manfully with this great problem. An interesting movement in Russia is just attracting general attention. A commission consisting of very eminent men is carefully investigating the causes, effects and possible remedies for alcoholism. This committee has already submitted a plan for checking the ravages of drink in the Russian army. It includes the

suppression of all authorized selling of liquor in the army, and the providing of such harmless substitutes for the saloon as tea-houses, lecture-rooms and rational amusements. The government seems to have taken up this report heartily and vigorously. The committee proposes to extend its investigations still further. As it has the cordial support of the government it ought to accomplish much. It may be that from this eastern empire we shall learn some things of value in the practical working out of this world-wide problem.

It is a matter of congratulation to all interested in temperance that in the message of President McKinley at the opening of Congress last December, and in the recent speech of King Edward to Parliament reform temperance measures were urged. King Edward's words referred to the restriction of the evil in his own empire. President McKinley's had more immediate reference to the ratification of an international treaty placing a prohibitive tax on liquor sent to the unprotected belt of Africa. The latter recommendation was accepted by the Senate. It seems probable that similar action will soon be taken affecting all the uncivilized peoples.

One very encouraging feature of the temperance reform is the thoroughness with which the whole problem is being studied. The careful investigation being made by the committee of fifty in this country, by a similar body in England, and by the Russian commission already mentioned, indicates that the time is not far distant when we shall have a more scientific as well as a broader conception of the many elements, physiological, social, political and religious, that enter into the problem. The questions involved are far-reaching and perplexing. It is not strange that no practical method of meeting the evil has yet proven a complete success. One becomes almost appalled as he studies the many different attempts made in this country and others to secure the desired result by legislation. Prohibition, local option, company ownership, State monopoly, all fail in part, at least, in practical application.

We need not wonder that many excellent men and women differ widely as to the right methods with which to cope with the evil. In our own body of Congregational churches in Massachusetts we must expect decided differences of opinion. But we ought to frankly recognize this possibility of difference and work in harmony of spirit. Faithful agitation and judicious instruction of old and young alike are needed more than further legislation.

One factor makes the problem in States like Massachusetts peculiarly difficult, namely, the presence of a large population, many of them of foreign birth, who look with indifference or disfavor upon any efforts to materially check the sale of intoxicating liquor.

Work among such classes must be largely educational. A portion of this population the Congregational churches can reach directly. A large portion, however, is beyond our direct reach, except as we unite with those interested in temperance reform of other religious affiliations. These classes are by no means neglected. Besides the direct teachings of their Church there are active and successful total abstinence societies throughout the State, which are steadily growing in numbers and are becoming a powerful factor in the temperance work.

Just now our churches need more than almost anything else to encourage, and, as far as possible, coöperate with all other temperance organizations which are working for the same end. We should stand for breadth of sympathy as well as earnestness of purpose in this as in all other lines of Christian activity.

GEORGE P. EASTMAN. FRANCIS M. BUNDY, M. D. EDWARD H. CHANDLER.

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL STANDING 1

Your Committee on Ministerial Standing has found abundant materials for an interesting study of this problem, but can make merely a brief report here, and close with recommendations, which in its judgment are necessary if we are to be true to the underlying principles of our denomination.

At the Chicago meeting of the National Council, 1886, the following was passed: "Resolved, that Congregational ministerial standing should be lodged in our associations or conferences of churches, and that our local conferences and State organizations should make such modifications of constitution as may be requisite to the assumption of so grave a responsibility." (Minutes, page 319.)

In accordance with this advice the Rev. H. A. Hazen presented the following motion at the Pittsfield meeting of the General Association of Massachusetts, in 1894: "Whereas, The National Council of 1886 advised the transfer of the record and report of ministerial standing from the Associations to the Conferences, therefore, Resolved, that a committee of five be appointed by this Association to take the matter under consideration, correspond with the Associations of the State, and report to the next meeting of this Association." (Minutes, page 15.)

No record of the appointment or report of such a committee is found in the *Minutes* for 1894, or the years following.

At the Greenfield meeting, 1898 (*Minutes*, page 15), a committee was appointed to consider various memorials respecting ministerial qualifications, and reported the year following at Brockton (*Minutes*, 1899, page 109), as upon ministerial standing, but did not touch the matter in consideration, as recommended by the National Council in question.

No action has as yet been taken by this body upon that recommendation. Meantime the necessity for action has not passed away, but has become more imperative in view of the action of other bodies, and the very principles of Congregationalism.

The report of this committee is therefore limited to a consideration of the question, "What body or bodies should properly be responsible for the standing of a Congregational minister?"

The full answer to this question can be found only in the histories of the Congregational Church and its polity; in impartial presentations of the origin of the Christian Church and its ministry; in the proceedings of certain important councils; and in special papers on the principles of Congregationalism. A good brief account is found in the *Minutes* of the National Council for 1886, Chicago, pages 312–321. The question is brief but its answer is a chapter in Church history, as interpreted by the progress of the Congregational Church, a chapter which involves the entire polity and principles of Congregationalism.

In Congregational churches outside the United States, and in Congregational churches in the United States outside New England, ministerial standing is in the Conferences (or Associations, as the term sometimes is,) of Churches. In New England a peculiar condition of things exists, — in general ministerial standing is in the Associations of Ministers, which grant license, and hold that authority which is elsewhere assigned to the Conferences of Churches. In New Hampshire, however, and in the North Brookfield Association in our own State, this has seemed so discordant with conditions outside New England and so antagonistic to the Congregational conception of the Church and its ministry, that ministerial standing has been changed, as recommended by the National Council, from the Association of Ministers to the Conferences of Churches. There should be uniformity in this regard throughout the denomination. Not only in the interest of harmony with the large body of churches elsewhere, but in conformity with the historical polity and development of Congregationalism, your committee is agreed that this Association should make such changes and recommendations as will serve to bring the usage in this State into line with that prevailing outside New England.

Your committee recommends, therefore, that, before the first of September, 1901, this Association, through its Secretary, address the several Ministerial Associations of Massachusetts through their scribes, the following letter:—"The General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts to the——Ministerial Association, Greeting: In accordance with the advice of the National Council it is recommended by the General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts at Andover assembled, that ministerial standing be transferred from the Associations of Ministers to the Conferences of Churches. To this end we advise that the ——Ministerial Association at its next meeting consider the subject of ministerial

Signed, ——, Secretary of the General Association."

On receipt of these reports, we recommend that the General Association pass such motion as may be deemed advisable.

All of which we respectfully submit.

Signed by the Committee,

M. A. BREED.
A. E. DUNNING.
J. A. MACCOLL.
W. A. BARTLETT.
W. C. GORDON.

### REPORT ON MISSIONARY WORK

#### I. Basis.

At the meeting of The National Council in 1898, a committee on missionary work of fifteen members was appointed, whose duty should be "to use all possible efforts to secure the appointment of similar committees in the States and Conferences throughout our country, to devise plans for promptly paying the debt of every society and for such increased gifts as shall make it possible to enlarge our work at home and abroad."

The report of this committee, known as "The Report of the Committee of Fifteen," with the general title, "The Missionary Work of Congregational Churches," was published in the Congregationalist in May, 1899, and reprinted from that paper for general circulation. In it the committee say that the one thing to be held in view as the standard of effort is "to secure annually for each of our six societies an offering from every church, and a gift from every member." It urged the importance of a "forward movement," to the extent of a total increase in the gifts for these societies of \$400,000 above the former total of \$1,200,000; and recommended that committees on missionary work be chosen:—

"First, by each State Association, a committee composed of one from each Conference.

"Second, by each local Conference, a committee of such number that each member shall be responsible for not more than five churches.

"Third, by each church, a committee to make some plan, best suited to itself, for systematic giving."

At the meeting of this Association held at Brockton two years ago, due action was taken in approval of the report and in furtherance of its aims; and it was recommended that a sub-committee of one be appointed by each of the local Conferences to co-operate with the Committee of Fifteen in securing the proposed increase of gifts. The Congregationalist of the following week spoke editorially of the recommendation as follows:—

"The work of 'the Committee of Fifteen' is likely to be vigorously undertaken if the Conferences choose carefully the persons to lead in it. . . . No more important matter than this is now before our churches. Our benevolences may be systematized, enlarged and quickened for a generation if the right steps are taken now."

By this action, as well as by the recommendation of the report itself, the subject was referred to the local Conferences; and for the accomplishment of the ends proposed it was left—where it still is—in their hands.

#### II. WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.

What has been the record of these two years on the part of the Conferences in respect to the matter thus referred to them? What has been done in the way of practical compliance with the recommendations of the Committee of Fifteen, as indorsed by this body? This is the critical question.

The answer to it would seem to be on the whole fairly indicated by a campaign document somewhat largely circulated in Scotland during a certain election contest. The document was entitled, "Political Achievements of the Earl of Dalkeith." It was neatly gotten up, but when opened was found to contain thirty blank pages.

Either from failure in bringing the subject in definite form before the Conferences, or for some other reason, the achievements relative to the proposed plan seem to be conspicuous in a large degree by their absence. It does not appear that anything other than casual and exceptional has as yet been done. A meeting of the State Committee, made up, according to the design, of one from each Conference, was held in Boston, April 8; and up to that time there was no evidence that more than a small minority of the Conferences had taken any action whatever. But one or two of them were formally represented; and six or seven others by gentlemen bearing no official appointment. In fact, so far as then known, but three or four Conferences had initiated systematic effort toward the desired increase of support for the six societies; and this action had been introduced, without request or memorial, in a purely voluntary way, by individuals in those Conferences.

At a meeting of the State Committee held this afternoon, an improved state of thing was evidenced in the fact that since the meeting of April 8, a few Conferences had taken formal action.

### III. THE THINGS TO BE DONE.

The Committee of Fifteen suggested that in order to raise the \$1,600,-000 needed from the whole country for the six societies, Massachusetts increase her gifts ten per cent. Your committee find that in endeavoring to ascertain the proportion of this ten per cent. increase desired from each Conference and each church, the figures of the "Year-Book" are so misleading that no just calculation can possibly be made. We therefore submit the second recommendation appended to our report. Meantime, shall we not proceed to ORGANIZE EVERY CONFERENCE and every church in such a way as to secure an annual gift from every church member to each of the six societies?

We suggest therefore: -

(1) The appointment by each Conference of a committee of such number that each member shall be responsible for not more than five churches. The work of this committee would naturally be to awaken the churches to a sense of relative or proportional responsibility in the matter of giving, and to aid them in such ways as may be open toward the end in view.

Why may not such a committee, for such a service, be appointed by each Conference, in the spirit of the suggestion of this body two years ago, if this has not yet been done? Why may there not easily be found in each Conference the right man to lead in this matter?

(2) Let there be the appointment by each church of a committee to make some plan best suited to itself, for systematic giving; whereby to secure an annual offering, including a gift from every member, for each of the six societies.

#### IV. Conclusion.

We have thus endeavored simply to suggest in some measure our general relations to the report of the Committee of Fifteen. Can we at present do better than to follow in the path marked out by this committee? We emphasize this as a matter of proper and important esprit de corps. Even if it shall be to give less to miscellaneous causes which ask our help, let us make it a determined aim as Conferences and churches, to meet the needs of the six societies. In the name and spirit of a self-commending and commanding loyalty, why should we not respond heartily to the voice of opinion and recommendation uttered through its committee by the National Council?

We present the following recommendations:—

- (1) That the nominating committee at this meeting be instructed to present the name of one member from each conference, to constitute a committee on missionary giving, to co-operate with the National Council Committee of Fifteen.
- (2) That the State Association adopt the proposed change in the blank schedule for gathering statistics from the churches, and memorialize the National Council to take similar action.

Respectfully submitted, for the Committee,

GEORGE A. TEWKSBURY, Chairman.

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION 1

#### ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This body shall be called the General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts.

#### ARTICLE II.— OBJECT.

1. Its object is to promote (a) intercourse and fellowship between Congregational ministers and churches of the Commonwealth; (b) the co-operation of the churches with one another for their mutual comfort and development, and for the religious care of the home field; (c) the co-operation of this body with other ecclesiastical bodies for the general increase of Christian union and spiritual efficiency, and the advancement of Christ's kingdom in the earth.

#### ARTICLE III .- MEMBERS.

- 1. Each evangelical Congregational Church, Conference, and Association in this Commonwealth may choose one delegate, and these delegates, together with the pastors of the churches (who shall be members ex-officio), and the officers of this body, shall constitute the General Association.
- 2. Delegates from corresponding bodies, ministers appointed to preach before the Association, and chairmen of committees who attend to present reports, together with such other persons as the Association may vote to admit, shall be honorary members, with the privilege of speaking, but without vote.

### ARTICLE IV .- OFFICERS.

- 1. The officers shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, a Secretary, a Registrar, an Assistant Registrar, and a Treasurer. All members of Congregational churches in this Commonwealth shall be eligible to any of these offices. The officers shall be elected by ballot, the moderator and vice-moderator each to serve one year, the other officers each to serve three years, and until the election of their successors. The term of all officers, save when chosen to fill vacancies, shall begin at the close of the meeting at which they are elected.
- 2. The officers, together with three delegates annually chosen by ballot for this purpose, shall constitute an Executive Committee.
- 3. The moderator, or in his absence, the vice-moderator, shall preside over all the meetings of the Association and shall be chairman of the Executive Committee.
  - 4. (a) The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Asso-

ciation, collect and publish in connection with the Annual Minutes the statistics of ministers and churches, distribute the publications of the "Association, copies of which he shall preserve for permanent use, give suitable notice to the churches of the time and place of each annual meeting, and fulfil such other functions as the Association may from time to time direct.

- (b) The Secretary shall receive a salary of \$\\$, and by the authority and under the direction of the Executive Committee, he may, when necessary, employ an assistant, at a compensation to be fixed by the Executive Committee.
- 5. The Registrar shall keep a full record of each meeting, which he shall preserve as the permanent property of the Association, and he shall also keep the minutes of the Executive Committee.
- 6. The Assistant Registrar shall aid the Registrar in making the records; shall take his place during his absence; and, in the event of a vacancy in the Registrar's office, shall act as Registrar until the office shall be filled by the Executive Committee or by a regular election.
- 7. The Treasurer shall receive all money raised for the use of the Association, disburse the same as directed by the Executive Committee, and shall make an annual report, to be audited as the Association may direct.
- 8. The Executive Committee shall have charge of all the interests and business of the Association between the annual meetings, shall fill all vacancies occurring during the interim, and shall make an annual report to the Association through the Secretary.
- 9. The travelling expenses of the Secretary, Registrar, Assistant Registrar and Treasurer, in attending the annual meetings, shall be paid by the Association.

#### ARTICLE V .- ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting shall be held at the appointed place on the third Tuesday of May at two o'clock P. M., or at such other hour as the Executive Committee may find expedient.

#### ARTICLE VI .- ORGANIZATION.

The Moderator, or in his absence, the Vice-Moderator, shall call the Association to order. In the absence of both, any member of the Executive Committee may call the Association to order, and a Moderator pro tem. shall be chosen to serve during the absence of the proper officer.

# ARTICLE VII. - COMMITTEES.

- Immediately after the opening of the annual meeting the Moderator shall appoint.
- (a) A Committee on Credentials, to which all credentials shall be referred.
- (b) A Committee on Nominations, which shall nominate all the officers of the Association, all standing committees, as hereinafter provided, and all other committees raised by the Association.

- (c) A Committee on Business, of which two shall be chosen from the Provisional Committee. The duty of the Business Committee shall be to prepare and present the schedule of business for each session, and no business shall be introduced except through the hands or with the approval of this Committee; provided, however, that if the Business Committee shall decline to present any matter proposed by a member of this Association he shall have the right of appeal to the Association.
- (d) A Budget Committee of three, which shall report before the close of the meeting on the state of the treasury, the amount of money needed for the ensuing year, and ways and means for meeting the need.
- 2. The following Standing Committees shall be nominated by the Committee on Nominations: (a) a Provisional Committee, of which the Secretary or Registrar shall be a member. This committee shall prepare the program for the next annual meeting, selecting the preacher of the annual sermon, and the various speakers for each session.
- (b) A Publication Committee, of which the Secretary and Registrar shall be members, which shall make provision for the printing of such documents and papers as may be necessary in the work of the Association, or shall be ordered printed by the Association. Under the direction of this committee the Secretary shall have charge of all the printing of the Association.
- (c) A Committee on the Work of the Churches. This committee shall report on the work of the churches and the state of religion in the Commonwealth. The scribes of the local conferences shall be corresponding members of this committee.
  - (d) A Committee on Home Missions.
  - (e) A Committee on Pastoral Supply.
  - (f) A Committee on Ministerial Standing.
- (g) A committee to nominate candidates for corporate membership of the American Board.
- 3. Each of these committees, save as otherwise provided above, shall consist of five members, and shall be elected annually by *viva voce* vote, all, save those named by the moderator, to serve the ensuing year.
- 4. All reports of standing committees, except committees (a), (b), (f) and (g), shall be furnished to the Secretary on or before April 1st, of each year, and shall be printed and distributed to the churches not less than two weeks before the annual meeting.

These reports shall not be read to the Association save by special order; but the Provisional Committee may arrange for the adequate discussion of any or all of the topics presented in the reports.

#### ARTICLE VIII. - SPECIAL ORDERS.

- 1. Each session of the annual meeting shall be opened and closed with divine worship.
  - 2. On each morning of the annual meeting, after the first day, the

minutes of the preceding day shall be read; the minutes of the last day shall be read immediately before the final adjournment.

- 3. On Tuesday evening of each annual meeting, the annual sermon shall be preached, followed by the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The Church with which the Association meets, is requested to make provision for the latter service.
- 4. The place of the next annual meeting shall be recommended each year by the Business Committee and designated by vote of the Association.

### ARTICLE IX. - Rules of Order.

The Rules of Order shall be those of common parliamentary usage, subject to the following specifications:—

- 1. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave of the Association.
- 2. When a question is before the Association, the moderator shall entertain motions only as follows: to adjourn, to table, for the previous question, to postpone to a fixed time, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; these several motions shall have precedence in the foregoing order.

### ARTICLE X. - AMENDMENTS.

- 1. Any of the above rules, except the first three, may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted to the Association in writing on the day previous.
- 2. Either of the first three rules may be amended by a two-thirds vote, but only after the proposed amendment has been submitted to the Association in writing at the previous annual meeting, and notice has been sent to the several Associations, Conferences and Churches connected with this body at least one month prior to the meeting at which action is to be taken.

PHILLIP S. MOXOM.
DEWITT S. CLARK.
W. T. FORBES.
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# REPORT OF BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY 1

REV. CHARLES B. RICE, SECRETARY.

The Congregational Board of Pastoral Supply respectfully presents to the General Association of Massachusetts its seventh annual report:

The Board holds regular meetings on the first Monday of each second month beginning from February. Special meetings are held as occasion may require. The Directors give careful attention to all matters relating to the policy of the Board, and to the general methods of its administration. Questions of particular practical difficulty are brought before them for consideration and decision.

During the year ending at the first of May we have rendered service in matters connected with pastoral settlements to one hundred and sixty-six churches. Of these there were in Massachusetts 88, in Maine 10, in New Hampshire 14, in Vermont 14, in Rhode Island 4, in Connecticut 8, in New York 6, in Pennsylvania 2, in Maryland 1, in Florida 2, in Kentucky 1, in Tennessee 2, in Ohio 4, in Indiana 1, in Illinois 1, in Michigan 1, in Iowa 3, in California 1, in Washington 2, and in Nova Scotia 1.

The number is larger than in any former year. We count here nothing except that which has been done in direct response to requests from official representatives of churches. We do not include consultations held with members or friends of members of churches or societies without official positions, and we do not reckon here any furnishing of occasional or temporary supplies. It is not meant that pastoral settlements corresponding to the number of churches thus given have been directly brought about in connection with the work of our office; but distinct official consultations relative to the filling of the pastorate have taken place to the extent thus indicated.

The number of actual settlements in which we have had a direct and important share has been fifty-six. In very many additional cases our part in the work, though indirect, has been important, and has been recognized as valuable.

Many consultations have been had with ministers with respect to the acceptance of calls, or with respect to a change of pastorate, which have been followed by important results, but of which no reckoning has been made.

Opportunities for preaching have been furnished during the year directly from the office to 190 men; of these men 96 were candidates for settlement. In many cases the opportunities thus furnished were

several times repeated. The whole number of occasional supplies furnished amounts to 372. This does not include at all the preaching of candidates, nor the preaching of men who have supplied for a limited but considerable period of time in one place, which is an important additional item, and it does not include the preaching of the secretary. As thus defined, the average weekly number of occasional supplies has been about six and four-fifths. During the months from November to April, inclusive, it was but three and four-fifths. The number of men ready to preach has been many times greater.

It will thus be seen that as a means of support such occasional supplying offers but a scanty resource. It is intended that the distribution of these supplies should be made as widely and evenly as possible, and a preference is always given, whenever it may be, to ministers who are without regular employment. But many things hinder any absolute evenness of distribution. The churches themselves, in very many instances, indicate a preference of their own, or they give specific directions which exclude men who would otherwise be sent. Then the men who are directly at hand have, of necessity, and without any purpose on our part that it should be so, a certain advantage, since the calls for supplies come to us very often late in the week, and must be met at once. Yet it is important to observe, as bearing in a contrary direction, that ministers living at a considerable distance from Boston, and in centres of business and population, as at Worcester or Springfield, do undoubtedly find more frequent opportunities for preaching than they would find in the immediate neighborhood of Boston. The reason is that the number of men ready to furnish the preaching is relatively so much less.

The secretary has preached forty-eight Sundays of the year. The number last year was the same. The average pay for preaching has been \$10.28 for the Sunday. Last year it was \$10.68. It seems, therefore, that while the number or quantity of the sermons preached has been maintained, the value or quality has fallen off  $3\frac{3}{4}$  per cent.,—and many of these sermons are, in fact, old and much worn. The average distance from Boston of the places visited by the secretary was about  $47\frac{1}{2}$  miles, and the total distance travelled about 4,550 miles.

Of the whole number of churches conferring with us in matters relating to the pastorate there were 24 having a membership of over 300; 51 having a membership of from 100 to 300; and 91 with a membership of less than 100. Of these churches 19 pay a salary of over \$2,000; 53 a salary of between \$1,000 and \$2,000; and 94 a salary of less than \$1,000. The number of the smaller churches predominates; but these are the churches that stand most in need of such help as we endeavor to furnish.

It is to be noted that one-seventh of the whole number of Congregational churches in Massachusetts—considerably more than one-seventh of all the English-speaking Congregational churches—have been in correspondence with our office during this one year.

The number of churches in Massachusetts now without pastors is reckoned by us as 41. Of these there are 3 that have made no effort recently to secure pastors.

The account of Mr. Charles E. Swett, treasurer of the Board, is as follows:—

#### EXPENSES. Postage . \$80 26 Telegrams . . 5 36 Travelling expenses . 83 07 Stationery and printing $38 \ 08$ Rent and care of room . 288 60 Advertising . . . 31 20 Filing case 47 00 Telephone 16 75 Sundries 3 90 Salary of secretary's assistant 450 00 Salary of the secretary . . . . 2,000 00 \$3,044 22 Balance due April 30, 1900 . . . 639 25\$3,683 47 RECEIPTS. Preaching by secretary . . . . \$493 26 Office fees . . . 423 93Special gifts from the churches 44 47 Bequest of Mrs. Lucy Herrick 166 20 H. P. Emerson, treasurer . 2,139 29 Balance due April 30, 1900 416 32\$3,683 47

A part of the bequest of Mrs. Herrick was used in the purchase of a filing cabinet which was much needed, it being known that the furnishing of the office, as well as the whole work of the Board, had been a matter of interest to the maker of the bequest. Substantially the whole equipment of the office from the first has been provided for by individual gifts at an expense of more than \$450.

We appreciate fully the need of carefulness and economy in all expenditures. At the time of the establishment of the Board by the General Association the churches were asked to contribute, for its maintenance, a sum equal to three cents for each church member. This was afterward changed to what was reckoned an equivalent sum in the form of a percentage upon salaries. Last year the request was for two cents only from each church member. The cost of the Board has not been greater than was counted on at first, but much less. Except for the debt, and at the present rate of office expenditures and receipts, a sum less than two cents for each church member would serve the purpose.

But in view of the remaining debt, we recommend that a contribution of two cents for each church member be asked for for the coming year.

It is to be remembered that less than three years ago the Board was in debt to the secretary more than \$3,400. This debt has been embarrassing both to our treasury and to that of the General Association. It is now nearly paid.

Some further gain in receipts from office fees may be expected. The present rates, which were modified in accordance with the instructions of the Association a year ago did not go into effect in time to cover the entire year, which dated indeed from before the meeting of the Association.

At present a fee is charged to all ministers for all occasional supplying, and also for aid in securing pastoral settlements outside of Massachusetts, and for all opportunities to preach as candidates for settlement, and to all ministers living outside the State there is a charge for opportunities to preach as candidates in Massachusetts. But this charge is not made within the State to Massachusetts ministers. And no charge for settlement in Massachusetts is made to any minister.

The clear, original purpose of separating from all commercial considerations the recommendations of ministers for Massachusetts churches has been kept. The churches maintain the Board, and the churches, first of all, are served. Outside the State, although fees are taken from ministers for pastoral settlements effected, yet it is meant that the fixed Massachusetts usage of regarding first the churches should give tone to all that is done.

The fact remains, as it has been from the first, that the amounts received from outside the State are very inadequate as compared with the service rendered. Where men are distinctly and originally proposed from our office as candidates there is no difficulty in collecting whatever may be due. But very often inquiries are made of us concerning men whose names are already before the church, and, if a settlement follows, it is not easy to know what share in the result may belong to us, and it is not quite pleasant to enter into any such discussion. When men are sent to missionary fields — even important fields in the far West — we seldom collect the regular fee, partly because the negotiation passes from us into other hands, partly because the cost of reaching these fields is large, and it is difficult to find competent men ready to go, and partly because it is pleasant to aid in the missionary work, and it seems snitable to do it.

This matter has been referred to in former reports, and we have understood that you were not unwilling that we should be helpful to our brethren in other States to an extent beyond what might be covered by direct payments from them. Our large work beyond the lines of the State has been marked always by most pleasant features, and it certainly has been the occasion, at least, for the cherishing of many brotherly thoughts toward yourselves. Besides, it is to be remembered that

while the pay received for this work is proportionally small, yet the additional expense which it involves for us is not great, and it is clearly to our advantage to do the work.

Within the State, the collection of fees has not been without some embarrassments. The secretary is allowed some liberty in the remitting of fees chargeable to ministers who travel long distances and who receive very small sums and who are themselves in much need of whatever they may earn. The income of the Board might be somewhat increased by a stricter policy in this respect, if that were thought to be advisable and necessary. It has been often wished in the office that some considerate person would provide a sum equal to these remitted fees by which the revenues of the office might be maintained and these brethren relieved.

Many supplies have been furnished in behalf of ministers disabled by illness, and for this service, most pleasing to render, no charge has been made. There have usually been at hand ministers ready to give help to their brethren in such need for a sum much less than would ordinarily be paid, or frequently for their travelling expenses only, and sometimes for no return, even for the cost of the journey.

Our work could not be carried on effectively with less help. office is kept open by the assistant during the absence of the secretary on preaching trips and on other occasions, greatly to the public convenience. And her faithful and careful service in the keeping of the records and in many other directions is of indispensable value. The office is not for anyone a place of idleness. The correspondence is very large, and the daily calls for business are many. The secretary is in the office ordinarily for nearly eight hours of the day, with no absence at noon. takes, usually, an annual vacation extending from noon of Monday to the middle of the day on Saturday, or perhaps on Friday, of one week. In one year only has this absence reached to eight days. The average has not been six. Two Sundays only during the seven years have been distinctly withdrawn for purposes of rest. On the other Sundays - not many in number - when he has not preached, it has been only because the opportunity has not offered. The work has been with much variety and with many satisfactions, but not in such smallness of amount as would admit of any lessening of time to be bestowed upon it. The life of the secretary may be much cheered by dissipation, but it is not much soothed by idleness.

The advantages connected with the present method of support for the Board have been fully set forth in former reports. These advantages are in the lines of complete responsibility, of publicity, of thoroughness and of safety. The work done in some other States on a different basis has been observed with interest and with the utmost friendliness. There is nowhere, on either side, the shadow of rivalry. But this work has not thus far been largely developed except in the State of Illinois. It is too early to pronounce positively upon the bearing of these other experiments with respect to the form or forms that may finally be adopted. We believe that for purposes of helpful comparison, as well as for other reasons, our brethren in these other States would heartily wish that our own plan of support and work should be maintained and strengthened. In Vermont the State committee, by direct vote of the convention appointing it, is in close correspondence and co-operation with us. We make a report to the committee of whatever we do in that State. The general interest in our work is indicated by the large correspondence with us of committees in other States and of representatives of other denominations.

We are not suffered to forget the difficulty and delicacy of the work intrusted to us, and the mischiefs that might follow from carelessness or error. To officials of churches conferring with us respecting ministers we are obliged to speak, so far as we speak at all, with truthfulness; but we do not mean to speak in wantonness or unkindness. ters not pleasing or not hopeful, if they must be referred to, are touched upon as lightly as possible. Commonly they are not mentioned, and they appear only, so far as they appear at all, in the form of some tempering of the favorable statements made. Letters of a damaging nature, which we may have received, are never put into the hands even of church committees, nor, most assuredly, of any other person. ments, in any measure unfavorable, which we may be compelled to frame ourselves, never go from our office except in reply to direct inquiries from committees of churches having a right to the knowledge. They are never sent where they are not asked for. They are, in fact, seldom sent anywhere, though sometimes they must be sent. A far more frequent function of our office is to protect ministers from injurious and unjust reports. Hostile statements from some individual whom the minister has offended, or who, for some cause, does not like him, may often go widely about. If inquiry is then made of us, though we may have had the same report, yet having also the unlike, fairer and weightier judgments of other men, we can put aside the evil rumor. We do not think it can admit of the least doubt that, so far as the statements from our office reach, the general result is distinctly to lessen the effect of wilful or heedless reports of evil. While this is true, at the same time the course of ministerial adventurers, without standing, is shortened or held in check by our work.

Care is constantly taken to give aid to ministers of that large and most honorable class whose worthiness as pastors exceeds their showiness as candidates; and the record of such men is set forth with fulness.

It is understood that the office is expected to give, not the judgment distinctly of a minister's particular friends, nor still less the judgment of his enemies, if he has any, nor the secretary's merely personal judgment, but the general or average judgment of fair-minded persons, who have had opportunities of knowledge. Following this general testimony recommendations are often given of a favorable nature beyond

what the secretary's personal opinions or impressions would have justified; and recommendations have been held back or qualified in tone where the secretary, speaking from merely his own opinions or feelings, would have gone further.

In every case the welfare of the church conferring with the office is meant to be kept first in mind. No letter is ever written, and no statement is ever made with a purpose primarily of assisting any man to obtain a settlement. It may be altogether proper for others to do this, but it is not proper for us. This imperative rule of action, which requires that the churches should first be considered, is also, in the end, and in its general working, the best for our brethren themselves, the ministers of the churches. That the churches are recognizing the value of the impartial service thus attempted to be rendered would seem to be shown by the very large and increasing extent to which they make use of the office.

It is a matter of the first importance that the work of the office is subject, in every part, to responsible control. Every appointment for preaching that has ever been made, whether in the way of occasional supplying, or with reference to settlement, is entered upon duplicate records, easily and quickly traced. Except for a space at the opening of the office, every letter addressed to the committee of a church concerning any minister has been preserved exactly as it was sent. And letters have been sent wherever men have gone with thought of settlement. If the secretary has shown favor unfairly to his relations, or personal friends, or to the members of the Association to which he belongs, or to any clique or group of men about the Congregational House, or to any section or wing of the denomination anywhere, or if he has withheld opportunities fairly due to any man in comparison with others, or if he has spoken unfairly to the disadvantage of any man, the evidence of the wrong is at hand. If the secretary should be disposed to put aside, or put off, any proposed authoritative examination of the records and doings of the office, or if he should fail to give aid in any such examination, or if, while any such investigation was in progress. he should seem to be uncheerful and sullen, beyond what is natural to him, any of these things should be taken as signs of guilt, and another man should be set to do the business.

There is no thought at all that our work is free from mistakes. Mistakes must be many. But there is the claim of a desire to avoid them, and of intended and systematic openness to exposure and correction. And we are sure it will be understood that this openness to observation, and this subjection everywhere to obligation and responsibility, is, in reality, a main source of satisfaction and comfort in an office not wholly without its burdens.

It is understood that the directors are always ready to hear and to consider any matters that anyone may desire to bring before them affecting the administration of the office. The pointing out of errors of any sort, or the indication of better methods that may be followed, will be heartily welcomed.

It is probable that the secretary may sometimes lose from sight and from mind brethren whom he may suppose to have made engagements which have not in fact been made. It is hoped that in every case ministers will be free to notify the office of their wishes. These notifications are not at all to be looked upon as in the line of the asking of favors. They are in the exercise of a clear and important public right.

It is likely, too, that our Board may often be credited or discredited for more than it really does, or omits to do. The mysteries of Providence will not, we trust, be altogether attributed to the maladministrations of our office.

We have constant acquaintance with the trying conditions in which many of our brethren in the ministry are placed. And we have constant painful experience of our inability to afford any relief. We fear it must often appear to our brethren that we have been unconcerned or neglectful respecting them. It can scarcely be possible that anyone not actually conversant with the daily business of the office should adequately measure the difficulties that hinder the effort to serve these brethren according to what they deserve and properly desire. The desirable places open for settlement bear no comparison to the numbers of men ready to fill them.

The pressure upon us is due in part to the desire of ministers in other portions of the country to find settlements in New England. So far as the influence from our Board has reached, the effect has certainly been not to accelerate, but to hinder the drift in this direction. Discouraging statements are continually made to those who have in mind the coming to us, and little help, comparatively, has been given them. It may probably be true that we have failed to afford them the fair measure of assistance to which they have been entitled. Many of these ministers are as much the men of New England by birth or kinship or training as we who are now on the ground. If for any reason life here is reckoned as a privilege, and life elsewhere as in any measure a hardship in comparison, then the men who have had, thus far, at a distance, the years of hardship, might seem to be entitled at least to an equal chance with those who have had thus far the years of privilege only. But the practice of our office has scarcely followed these lines of apparent fairness.

The disparity between the numbers of men and the desirable places of settlement has increased in these recent years. The increase is chiefly due to the general fall in salaries, which has, by no means, come wholly to an end. The decline has been most marked with the smaller churches, or with those of a medium grade. It has thus fallen most heavily upon those least able to bear it. The general effect has been to bring discomfort upon those whose salaries have been reduced, and at the very same time to diminish the number of other places which might offer a

prospect of relief. The trouble is thus not so much that in this part of the country ministers are more numerous than churches, but it is that ministers are more numerous than desirable churches which offer a fair means of support.

With the smaller churches the conditions are reversed. And it is often difficult to find competent men who can be engaged for the inadequate sums that are to be paid. It is not easy to see how families can be maintained, and the appliances of study provided with resources so small.

The most earnest effort ought to be made to arrest, and, if possible, to reverse this downward movement in the payment of the ministry. In many cases some relief might be given by improvements in the condition and furnishing of the parsonages, or in the providing of parsonages where there are none. In many of our country towns there is a returning stream of wealth from the children of the place whose homes are now in the cities, showing itself in elegant summer residences, or in beautiful buildings for public libraries. Something of it might well be turned to the improvement and the permanent maintenance of the homes of the pastors of the churches, to which these children of the place owe, themselves, so much. The stronger churches, too, might fittingly furnish, through the missionary societies, more of help in the comfortable supporting of the churches that are weak.

It is a peculiar trial with the minister that when means of support fail in one field, or when serious dissatisfactions arise, he must so often change his place of life. This does not usually occur with men of any other calling. In the midst of misfortunes they keep their homes. But the minister moves with his wife and his children. Sometimes he goes out not knowing whither he is to go. There may be a ministerial unrest, which is to be deplored. But it is also to be inquired whether, on the other side, with more of patience, and more of kindness, and more of hopefulness, and more of helpfulness, there might often be spared to the pastor the depressing pains of removal. Wherever the exercise of these Christian graces may lead to such a result, the pastor and the church may prosper the more together. The work of our Board is much with pastoral changes, but the desires of our hearts are for pastoral rest and comfort and continuance.

## REPORT OF THE PUBLISHING COMMITTEE 1

Your committee in presenting its brief report desire to give expression to the sense of loss they have sustained during the year in the death of their chairman, the honored Rev. Henry A. Hazen.

In arranging for the printing of the "Advance Reports" of the various committees, as ordered by the Association, both money and time are saved by contracting for the publishing of the "Minutes" in connection with the printing of these reports. Your committee, therefore, secured bids for the whole work from several well-known printers of Boston and placed the contract with the lowest bidders, Messrs. Mills & Knight of that city, at a figure considerably below the cost of the work last year as well as below this year's bid of the firm who have had for several years the printing of both the "Year-Book" and the "Minutes."

The fact that thirty pages of both the "Year-Book" and the "Minutes" are identical—the pages of the "Statistics of the Churches,"—made possible, it seemed to your committee, another reduction of expense. Conferring therefore with the Publishing Committee of the National Council your committee secured from them permission to make such arrangement as we might be able to make with their printers for the use of the type of the thirty pages of statistics already set up for the "Year-Book." By this means we have saved another considerable item of expense, and it seems to your committee that, in the future, through co-operation on the part of the Publishing Committee of the National Council, a still larger amount may be saved the Association. The total sum which we expect to save this year over last is at least \$200.

Your committee have also made arrangements by which, if they are desired, *extra* copies of the "Statistics of the Churches" *simply*, can be furnished at the rates of \$20.00 per 1,000 or \$40.00 per 5,000.

Your committee would recommend, first, that this Association, through its delegates to the National Council, memorialize that body to consider the question of co-operating with the Publishing Committees of the various State Associations in printing the "Statistics of the Churches," to the end of reducing the expense of the publication of these statistics. Second, that this Association communicate its action in the matter, if favorable, to the several State Associations.

FRANCIS J. MARSH, EUGENE C. WEBSTER, HENRY P. EMERSON. LEONARD A. TREAT, WARREN P. LANDERS,

## AN HISTORICAL RETROSPECT 1

PROFESSOR JOHN WINTHROP PLATNER, OF CAMBRIDGE.

The close of the eighteenth century seems to mark an epoch in our ecclesiastical history chiefly because it follows so closely upon the readjustment of political and social conditions which the Revolutionary struggle rendered necessary. Under constitutional guarantees of religious freedom, with the certainty that no particular form of Christianity could ever gain the artificial advantage of establishment by the federal government, and with the natural consequence of the free church system already within sight, viz., the downfall of such quasi-state churches as lingered on for a few years longer in New England, the various denominations at once took on new life and put forth splendid energy. It is at this important period that the churches became organized, apart from that European dependence which some of them had hitherto been forced to maintain. They all awoke to the consciousness that vast tracts of new territory were open for their possession. No doubt they also felt the spur of sectarian competition, — but this is not always an evil. They girded themselves for a vigorous conflict with the demoralizing results of war, with the new problems arising from independence, and with that foreign importation of irreligion, which was one of the most striking gifts of France to American culture. Among the Protestants no other church responded more readily to the demands of the time than did that calling itself Congregational. Indeed, the churches of our order have more than once had occasion to felicitate themselves on what Leibnitz would call the "pre-established harmony" between their polity and the governmental structure of the republic. Congregationalism certainly felt at home in the United States.

Let us recall a few of our great names at the turn of the century. Joseph Bellamy had been dead some ten years. Jonathan Edwards, the younger, who shines largely by reflected light, died in Schenectady in 1801. In 1803 came the death of Samuel Hopkins, of Newport, who loved "being in general" too well to suffer the interference of any narrower love. Two highly honored theologians (to name no others) were in the prime of their usefulness: Nathaniel Emmons, of Franklin, the educator of nearly one hundred ministers, by the laboratory method, and Timothy Dwight, of New Haven, whose system of theology would bear preaching (a rare distinction), and who thereby also trained ministers. Nathaniel W. Taylor was a boy of fifteen, and Charles G. Finney only nine years of age,—both to become valiant soldiers of the Con-

gregational church militant, in what the shorter catechism would call their "several places and relations."

Party lines between conservative and liberal had already begun to be pretty clearly drawn, but there was as yet no schism of the Unitarians. W. E. Channing was installed as pastor of the Federal-street church, Boston, in 1803. The Monthly Anthology was started in the autumn of the same year. In 1805, J. S. Buckminster became pastor of the Brattle-street church, and Henry Ware was elected Hollis Professor of Divinity in Harvard College. On the Orthodox side, we may recall the establishment of The Panoplist (1805), the foundation of Andover Seminary (1808), the installation of a Trinitarian minister, Joshua Huntington, at the Old South Church (1808), and the organization of Park-street Church (1809), where Edward Dorr Griffin became pastor two years later.

Within the ranks of orthodoxy also there were differences of opinion. "Old Calvinists," whose theology Dr. Leonard Bacon properly called "Calvinism of a mitigated type," and "Hopkinsians," or new divinity men, were struggling for New England leadership. Their favorite watchwords have lost most of their vitality today, retaining chiefly a historic interest. But in this place it should never be forgotton that the two opposing interests united in the foundation of this school of sacred learning, which stands as a monument to their reconciliation. Among the Old Calvinists the names of Jedediah Morse, of Charlestown, and the Phillipses (clarum et venerable nomen!) spring to mind. While the Hopkinsians were well represented by Samuel Spring, of Newburyport, and Dr. Emmons, whom I have already mentioned.

The Congregationalists of one hundred years ago were on very good terms with their Presbyterian neighbors to the south and west. This year marks the centennial of that peculiar alliance commonly called the "plan of union," an anniversary which neither denomination is likely to wish to celebrate. For did not the Congregational churches lose much territory by the operation of this their self-denying ordinance? And did not the Presbyterians receive thereby a damnosa haereditas, a leaven of New England theology which leavened some sections of the lump until they rose and overflowed the Presbyterian bowl? Whence have come wars and fightings among them, "Old School" and "New School," schisms, heresy trials, et hoc genus omne, for "what fellowship hath light with darkness?"

Less friendly was the feeling of our churches toward the Methodists, those innovators upon a "standing order" already venerable. This communion which is now the most powerful numerically of the Protestant churches in the United States, was then finding it hard work to make head-way against the religious prejudices of the Puritans. As for a Christian welcome or the enjoyment of fellowship, that was out of the question. In the year 1800, the Hartford North Association voted that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Andover, the meeting place of the General Association.

it was "not consistent to dismiss and recommend the members of our churches to the Methodists." Today it is not unknown for a Congregational church to take a minister from the Methodist ranks. Apparently the old objections to the Arminian theology of the followers of Wesley have become less weighty with the lapse of time. And on the other hand the aversion which many felt to the extreme revivalist methods which had been pursued by these innovators, have passed into the background, along with the methods themselves.

The formation of the General Association of Massachusetts stands very near the beginning of the century, and this organization will soon be called upon to celebrate its hundredth birthday. We are somewhat surprised to read of the opposition which this simple and apparently advantageous project encountered. Being originally suggested by some of the evangelical wing, the liberal ministers opposed it. They objected to its doctrinal basis, which was the shorter catechism. They also said the older General Convention was enough. But the Hopkinsians also generally regarded it with disfavor, for they feared some interference with the autonomy of the churches, that crowning excellence of Congregationalism, according to Massachusetts opinion. Dr. Emmons's oracular utterance sets forth this fear: - "Associationism leads to Consociationism; Consociationism leads to Presbyterianism; Presbyterianism leads to Episcopacy; Episcopacy leads to Roman Catholicism; and Roman Catholicism is an ultimate fact." It really looks as though Dr. Emmons were more than half right. To illustrate:-

"Associationism leads to Consociationism,"—witness the Connecticut churches. "Consociationism leads to Presbyterianism,"—witness the "Plan of Union." "Presbyterianism leads to Episcopacy,"—witness Professor Briggs and Professor Shields. "Episcopacy leads to Roman Catholicism,"—witness Cardinal Newman and (magno intervallo) Dr. DaCosta. "Roman Catholicism is an ultimate fact,"—verily, it is!—witness the Vatican decree of papal infalliblity, and the inhibition of St. George Miyart.

It is curious that out of twenty-four Associations in the State of Massachusetts at the time the General Association was organized, only five, and they not among the most prominent, were willing, or cared to enter it. The Boston Association and others of importance in the eastern section held aloof. For several years the fate of the larger body seemed uncertain. But it finally made its way, and after the organization of the American Board, it may fairly be said to "boom." There were even found rash spirits, a few years later (1818), who so far forgot their principles as to suggest that all the associations in New England should join forces and become one body. But this most un-Congregational of proposals met its deserved fate. Perish the thought that Congregationalists are one church, is the ancient Massachusetts watchword. We are churches only. A considerable chapter in our denominational history might be written about the resistance to the centralizing tend-

ency, always present, but exhibiting increasing power amid the complex conditions of modern social life.

The opening of the nineteenth century was a revival period all through New England. In fact, the churches lived an intense religious life, with some interruptions, for nearly two generations, from about 1790 onward. Unlike the great awakening, this revival was carried on more by pastoral effort than by visits from travelling evangelists. You may read in the columns of the Massachusetts Missionary Magazine, or The Panoplist, or the Connecticut Evangelical Magazine, accounts of these spiritual out-pourings. From year to year the pendulum swings back and forth. Now we hear the tone of rejoicing, now that of disappointment. Some sections have received "copious effusions of the Spirit," others show only a "pleasing religious engagedness," while others still report that "an alarming stupor has seized the minds of persons of every description." Revivals are reported from Vermont, in Middlebury College in 1811, where about half the students are professing Christians, and from Williams college in 1812, when half the students are reported to have been converted. These, however, are only samples of many like bits of religious history. There is an archaic beauty in the descriptions, usually in Biblical language, of the condition of religion. Our hopes sink when we read that many of the churches are found "slumbering in Laodicean lukewarmness," but they mount high when "the presence of our divine Immanuel, walking in the midst of his golden candlesticks" is gratefully recognized. Again gloom and discouragement recur when we learn that the most hopeful feature of the New Hampshire work is that "no new errors have arisen."

From this same class of periodical literature we get valuable hints as to the general religious life and thinking of the day. Take, for instance, the Massachusetts Missionary Magazine, whose first volume bears the date of 1803. Its expressed aim was "to edify Christians and inform the rising generation." The early numbers contain a variety of contributed articles, besides the religious news proper; letters, usually about conversions, death-bed scenes, or devotional topics; religious poetry, like President Davies' apostrophe to his infant son, beginning, — "Thou embryo-angel, or thou infant fiend!" allegories, with some strikingly apparent moral; doctrinal discussions; dialogues on the subject of religion, etc., etc. The Connecticut Evangelical Magazine, which was begun a little earlier than that in Massachusetts, was conducted along the same general lines. It has a department of anecdotes, very much like that in modern religious newspapers, wherein one may find mild diversion. In the volume for the year 1800 we read this: "Mr. Heron, a minister of New England, when dying and leaving a family of many small children, his poor wife fell a-weeping and said, - 'Alas, what will become of all these children?' He presently and pleasantly replied, - 'Never fear; He that feeds the young ravens, will not starve the young Herons.'" And the anecdote adds, by way of clinching its

lesson of trust in Providence, that among the Marian martyrs it had been observed that "none went more joyfully to the stake than those who had the largest families to commit to the Lord."

I turned eagerly to one article in an early number of this *Connecticut Magazine*, for it was entitled "The Misconduct of Professors." Of course these "professors" turned out to be other than I at first had thought; the reference was to certain church members who had misbehaved themselves.

How the Massachusetts Magazine fulfilled its purpose to "inform the rising generation," we may infer from its very earliest efforts along this line. The opening number contains a list of "questions to exercise the minds of the children." Here are some of them:—

"1. Suppose a child, while walking the street, to find a five-dollar bill. What ought to be his first feelings?"

Note that question, and observe the abnormal development of the New England conscience. What "ought" a child to "feel"? The duty of feeling in a particular way, and the implied moral obliquity of feeling in another particular way, are here presented to the youthful mind as subjects for reflection. The list proceeds.

"2. Ought he first be sorry, or glad, because he has found the money?"

I confess I felt great sympathy for the child who was being "exercised" by that inquiry, for with such developed powers of conscience as I happen to possess, I am unable to say whether it would be one's duty to be glad or sorry first under the given circumstances. But this is not the worst. There is another question put by our Puritan casuist.

"3. Why ought he to be sorry, and why glad?" etc., etc.

Truly, this is stern stuff for infant minds.

It rather looks as if the *Magazine* had begun too seriously for some of the sensible mothers in Israel, for in the second number an anonymous letter appears, written by one who evidently appreciated the situation, and wished to block undesirable development at the start. She writes,—"We sincerely desire the Magazine may prove a family repository, rather than a system of metaphysics. . . . It is the opinion of our female circle [query: does she mean a women's club?] that if the editors will only reserve their strong meat, which is sufficiently salted, for polemic productions, and will devoutly feed us with the milk and honey of the gospel, that the Magazine will have an extensive and useful circulation. . . ."

The old habit of catechising children, and of watchfully directing their early religious training, appears not to have been so widespread in 1800 as in earlier days. It was found necessary to organize Sunday schools, especially for "poor, neglected children" (as in the town of Beverly, in 1811). Such undertakings are met with in various parts of New England at the time. It is the beginning of the modern Sunday school age. Tracts were also put forth, to attract the attention and fix the minds of

children upon religious things. For the special benefit of the children of New Hampshire, in 1812, there was "A Child's Memorial, exhibiting the happy death of Dinah Doudney, in a discourse by John Griffin." The "Religious Tract Committee" reported that it had printed for distribution 4,000 copies of this discourse, enough certainly to solemnize the mind of every child in New Hampshire. As a bait to the benevolent, the same association once voted to present half the value of each gift, in tracts, to anyone who would donate money for its work.

Another new form of religious activity was the organization of the women of the churches. There was good precedent for this, in Boston if nowhere else, in the person of Mrs. Anne Hutchinson of colonial fame. But the new societies did not follow the lines which that worthy woman laid down. Their avowed aim was not to discuss the sermon of the previous Sunday. The pioneer of these new organizations appears to have been the "Boston Female Society for Missionary Purposes," established in 1800. Within a few years they became sufficiently prominent to deserve a rather patronizing notice from the ministers. At the annual meeting of the General Association, in 1812, this item was entered upon the records:— "In some of our more compact and opulent towns we notice with high satisfaction female societies emulating the pious example of an ancient female disciple in making coats and garments for the poor."

This laudible form of activity was not the only one, however, in which the women engaged. A favorite kind of organization was the "Cent Society," "The Female Cent Society," or the "Ladies' Cent Society." The name seems to mean that the members each contributed one cent a week toward some benevolent object. Thus the "Reading Female Cent Society" contributed \$17.00 in this fashion toward the support of Indian schools among the Cherokees, in the year 1809, and \$43.00 the year following. If they adhered to their rule, there must have been about thirty-three members the first year, and eighty-five the second, which is certainly a very good showing.

There was much concern among the Congregationalists of one hundred years ago over the preparation of young men for the Christian ministry, and over ways of providing for their support. Theological Seminaries, familiarity with which—or shall I say unfamiliarity—has since sometimes bred contempt, were then almost unknown. The colleges had become to a large degree schools of secular education, and ministers were usually trained in private by pastors old in the service. But this meant no well-rounded theological instruction. Hence the foundation of Andover Seminary, with a plan of study remarkable for its breadth and insight. This school led the way for others, and long continued to be the leader. The "American Society for Educating Pious Youth for the Gospel Ministry" was organized in 1815. It was interdenominational at first, but finally became the Congregational "Education Society." Commendable zeal sometimes led benevolent men to do unprofitable things,

as when a Mr. Schermerhorn offered to present \$200 worth of copies of Owen's Exposition on the Hebrews to any association which would organize to help theological students. But in the main the efforts to aid the churches in this way bore fruit. If some of the methods employed have since become either obsolete or positively objectionable, we should not forget to give them credit for the valuable assistance they have rendered in the past.

In conclusion, permit me to call your attention to a few contrasts presented by the religious thinking, activity and life at the beginning and at the end of the nineteenth century. First, with regard to the temperance agitation, which increased with the passage of each decade. was in part a reaction from social customs in which church members and ministers freely shared previous to 1800, and to some extent after that date. Spirituous liquors were common at entertainments, and even at church gatherings. It would surely occasion surprise if a prominent minister today were known to be the proprietor of a brewery, for instance. But it is only a little more than a hundred years since the Rev. Nathan Strong, pastor of the First Church in Hartford, Conn., was part owner of a distillery near his church. And his eccleciastical standing remained unaffected. The General Association of Massachusetts cast the weight of its influence against the whole traffic in intoxicants, and one result was the organization of the "Society for the Suppression of Intemperance."

Secondly, we note a striking contrast in the parish work. Formerly the minister did about all that was done; now laymen are to be found in every place and office, except the pulpit,—and they sometimes invade even that. From being silent and inert, except in private theological discussion, they have become vocal and active. This change was partly due to the influence of Methodism, but largely also to the reflex influence of the "new awakening," which brought in its train so many new institutions, the prayer-meeting, the Sunday school, and the whole circle of parish societies.

In the third place, the changed theology of our time has produced a set of institutions, or allowed them to develop, which would have been inconceivable at the earlier period. Bear in mind, for instance, the older teaching regarding the iniquity of all "unregenerate doings," the condemnation of the "use of means," and the uselessness of any and every endeavor on man's part to secure salvation. Then contrast with that our Societies of Christian Endeavor, and of Junior Endeavor, with the encouragements they hold out to the young to participate in religious exercises, in the hope of leading them along the way of righteousness and Christian character-building, and ultimately of aiding in their conversion. What do you think would be Dr. Hopkins's judgment upon these "unregenerate doings?" Clearly, Horace Bushnell's Christian Nurture has intervened between these periods,—if nothing more has happened.

Finally, the contrast just noticed suggests another, whereunto it is well that our churches should take heed. New England Christianity a century ago was of a somewhat theoretical or intellectual type, whereas now it is practical and often unintellectual, not to say ignorant. Whatever we may think of the exact content of that faith which our fathers held, there is no doubt that they held it intelligently. I mean they knew what they believed and why they believed it. Every farmer and every housewife was a theologian. There was a precision in the religious thinking of the plain people, which, with all our boasted diffusion of popular knowledge, we must confess has been lost. We know more things, of course, but we do not know some of them so well. This is not the place to enter upon a discussion of reasons for this change. Let it suffice merely to point out the fact. While I would not be misunderstood as pleading for a return to the dogmatic faith of colonial New England, I think we may properly expect and demand of our people somewhat clearer notions of religious belief than they commonly possess in this easy-going age of ours. But this expectation can be realized only when our people again find a clear notion of religious faith presented to them by their chosen spiritual teachers, as they found it at the dawn of the nineteenth century.

## THE OPENING OF THE BIBLE 1

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What changes have taken place in the church's apprehension of the Bible in the last hundred years? To answer this question is the purpose of my address.

The apprehension of the Bible is closely connected with the apprehension of Christianity. A hundred years ago Christianity was conceived of as a system of doctrines. No doubt it would be easy to put this too strongly. The Protestant churches have always been more or less conscious that religion is a matter of the heart rather than the head. The principal acts of saving faith (says the Westminster Confession) "are accepting, receiving and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification and eternal life by virtue of the covenant of grace."

But while this view of faith was at the basis of church life a hundred years ago there can be no doubt that the intellectual acceptance of a doctrinal system was thought to go along with the faith, or to be a part of it. Christianity was called a system of revealed truth. The controversies of the eighteenth century tended to make prominent this intellectual view of religion.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See page 15.

The deists made the same identification of Christianity and theology. Admitting many of the truths affirmed by Christians, they tried to show that for these truths a revelation was not necessary; denying some of the things affirmed by Christians, they of course denied that these could be the content of a revelation. The defense of Christianity was made at the points at which the attack was directed. Hence the earnestness of the eighteenth century in formulating the evidences of Christianity. The treatises published under this title endeavored to show that all parts of the received theology were true and that they can be known only by supernatural revelation.

This shows the place given the Bible in the theory of the church or of her authorized spokesman, the theologians. In this theory, the Bible is a compendium of teaching concerning the being and nature of God, concerning man and his history, concerning the divine plan for the punishment of the race and the redemption of the elect. The theory is perhaps nowhere more distinctly stated than by Dr. Samuel Hopkins, at the opening of his lectures on theology, in a passage that I will quote:

"It is evident from reason, fact and experience, that mankind stand in need of a revelation from God in order to know what God is, what is their own true state and moral character, whether He be reconcilable to them who have rebelled against Him, and, if He be, what is the true method He has appointed in which He will be reconciled; and what man must be and do in order to find acceptance in His sight, wherein true happiness consists, whether there be another state, what are the favors that He will grant in a future state to those who serve and please Him in this life, what are His grand designs in creating and governing the world, etc. The ignorance and uncertainty, with respect to these most important points, in which all men have been and still are who have enjoyed no such revelation, is a constant striking evidence of this."

This quotation shows with perfect clearness the view I am describing. The ignorance and uncertainty of man makes the need of a revelation. The revelation is intended to give knowledge and certainty. No doubt the knowledge serves a practical end; man needs to know God in order to serve Him, to be informed that he can be reconciled to God in order that he may avail himself of the privilege. But when all is said, it remains true that the revelation is to meet and overcome the ignorance of man.

The need being thus shown, the author goes on to show that the needed revelation is contained in the Bible. "For while all other pretended revelations from God (he says) which have been or now are found among men are without all proper evidence of their being such, and carry evident marks of imposture which has been abundantly demonstrated by those who have examined them, this has stood the test of the severest scrutiny both of its friends and its enemies."

This quotation I suppose to represent the view commonly held a hundred years ago in all our churches. The view is logical and self-consis-

tent. It finds man in need of knowledge, it finds the knowledge supplied by the Bible and by the Bible alone. All other alleged revelations are impostures, so that the Bible can be sharply distinguished from them. If we ask for the proofs which established the unique character of this book we shall find them adduced in abundance, miracles, fulfilled prophecy, the nature of the truths declared, the unity and harmony of the different parts of the revelation, the testimony of the Jewish and Christian churches. This imposing array of proofs was supposed to establish the position of the Bible as "an instrument perfect and equally valuable in every part for giving an unquestionable judgment on all kinds of truth" (Ladd). If the theologians who held this view and defended it with such ingenuity were confronted by the spectacle of men who did not or could not accept their conclusion, they had a ready explanation in the innate depravity of human nature, a depravity which must blind the minds of some to a perception of the truth.

It is easy for us to see that the view I have been describing was received by tradition. It is, in fact, the view of the church of the Middle Ages, save only that it substitutes the Bible for the church as the source of doctrine. It strikes us with something like wonder to discover that no one of the New England theologians of the eighteenth century felt an impulse to go behind tradition. We should expect these scholars to begin their studies by an unbiassed inquiry into the nature of those Scriptures upon whose assertions they intended to build so much. search their works in vain for such an inquiry. It would be possible for us to plead in their defense that, as dogmatic theologians, they had a right to assume the results of Biblical science wrought out by men who were specialists in that department. But where are these specialists? We do not find them. So far as appears, the theologians were content with the exegesis formulated a hundred years earlier; while the questions which we treat under the head of Biblical Introduction simply had no existence for them. This is the point I am making - the science of a century ago was dogmatic. The mind of the church was dominated by a theological system. In this system the Bible was treated as a supernatural revelation of certain truths.

The nineteenth century made immense advance in all lines of investigation, and if I were to characterize the work done during the century I should say first, that it was critical, and secondly, that it was comparative. The students to whom the nineteenth century owed its progress were first of all critical—they resolutely set themselves to re-examine the foundations of knowledge; they would take nothing for granted. And then these students were comparative in their method—they discovered how to make one department of knowledge throw light on another. In both ways they have influenced our conception of the Bible. For the Bible as an object of study has been subjected to the same methods which have been applied to other objects of study.

The nineteenth century was critical and it was comparative. Of

course I do not mean that either tendency is confined to a particular century. Our divisions of time are arbitrary. The tendencies I have in mind were already active before the year 1800 and they continue powerful now that we have passed into the twentieth century. But the tendencies which only began to assert themselves in the eighteenth century may be said to have dominated the nineteenth. It was in 1781 that Kant published the "Critique of the Pure Reason." This work marks an epoch in human thought, because it attempted just what I have in mind-it attempted to re-examine the foundations of our knowledge in the powers of the human mind. Of the influence of this work in the century that followed its publication I need not speak. Another example of the critical tendency is seen in Niebuhr's "History of Rome" (1812). The epoch-making importance of this book was due to its criticism of the sources. It was another case in which the foundations of knowledge were subjected to a fresh examination in order to discover their real nature and their real strength. Wolf's Prolegomena, which applied the critical method to the most famous book of classic literature, are a third example of the same tendency (1795). All these books show the determination to go back to the sources of our knowledge, to build on no foundations whose nature and whose strength had not been thoroughly tested.

In Bible study this determination made itself felt (as we should expect) and the century was a century of Biblical criticism. In the first place may be mentioned the vast work which has been done in the last hundred years in the settlement of the Biblical text. It has long been known that the conditions of transmission of ancient documents were such as to require special care to recover the original wording out of the mass of varying copies that may have come down to us. That this was true of the Bible - at least of the New Testament - was realized before the commencement of the nineteenth century. But a certain hesitation in acting according to this knowledge is visible in earlier times. The great polyglot of Walton, which contained a critical apparatus, was sharply attacked by John Owen, the Puritan theologian, because it unsettled men's confidence in the Word of God. The great divine saw, more clearly than some of his successors, that the dogmatic system requires a certified text if it is to build upon isolated affirmations of Scripture. This hesitation has discovered itself often when men endeavored to treat the text of Scripture like the text of other ancient documents. But the last hundred years have overcome the reluctance. Men have now made a thorough collation of the New Testament manuscripts in our possession; they have patiently worked out the rules by which the original reading may be determined, and they have substituted a really critical text for the one which had by accident been adopted as authoritative in the church. Whatever new developments this science may have in store for us, one period of its successful prosecution is marked by the century just closed. We cannot say as much for the Old Testament where the problem is peculiarly complicated, and where the prejudice to be overcome was much stronger. But the latter part of the nineteenth century shows at least an awakening to the real nature of the problem presented by the Old Testament text, shows also the commencement of a solution.

Textual criticism is a science for the experts, and its influence in the church at large might be supposed to be small. But our own time shows that the church at large has some appreciation of the work done in this department. It is not a small matter that the church appreciates the nature of the process by which its Bible has come down from former times. This knowledge must be counted part of the equipment with which we start upon the new century.

The change wrought by the last hundred years is much more plainly seen in what we call the higher or historical criticism. This is the science which examines ancient documents with a view to their date, integrity, and method of composition. It is a science which has existed as long as ancient documents have been an object of study. Even in its application to the Bible it is not of recent date. Spinoza, Richard Simon and Astruc all wrote before the commencement of the period we have under review. Several German scholars were deep in these inquiries in the latter part of the eighteenth century. But the nineteenth century saw a thorough development of the science and its vigorous application to the Bible. Moreover, the science and its method are beginning to be known and appreciated in the church at large. It is this which makes the great difference between our view and our grandfather's view of the Bible.

This difference is not so much in specific affirmations or denials as it is in the whole point of view. We, the most conservative of us, appreciate that the Bible is the result of a historical process. Our grandfathers would have found it hard to comprehend what we mean by the phrase, result of a historical process. To them the Bible was something certified and accredited in special ways from the beginning. It was written by a few men who were duly authenticated to their contemporaries as prophets. Their books were adopted as the Word of God at once on publication, and the growing corpus was always the unique and inerrant standard of doctrine. This view of the Bible was not so much avowed, as it was unconsciously held. It put the Bible into the class of public documents, along with the decrees of Councils or the constitutions of kingdoms.

Now, the higher criticism has shown the impossibility of this theory. It has discovered a long and complicated process through which the books went in their making, and through which the Bible went in becoming one codex. Instead of a few certified amanuenses of the Holy Spirit writing down truths otherwise inaccessible to human reason, we discover a multitude of believing and hoping souls, tried, tempted, oppressed, steadfast, worshipping, praying, adoring, in whose experience

the Holy Spirit has made himself known and who have put that experience into words.

I may illustrate the difference of view of which I am speaking by the first case that comes to hand-say the prophet Amos. To the older view Amos was an inspired organ of revelation to Israel. He was intellectually enlightened and strengthened for the declaration of certain truths. He informed Israel of the justice of God, rebuked their iniquity, predicted their captivity in the immediate future, and in the remoter distance the coming and triumph of Christ. Now critical study has revealed to us much more—if also in some respects less—than this. What we now discover is a man aflame with indignation at the injustice, oppression and debauchery of his contemporaries; a man who cries out upon the stupidity of a people that cannot read the signs of the times; a man who hurls at a self-complacent generation, confident in the electing grace of God, the message: - "You only have I known of all the families of the earth, therefore, will I visit upon you all your iniquities;" a man in whom religion is a living experience, in whom faith in God burns as a fire, in whom love of God works sympathy with the poor and indignation at their oppressors. Of course I do not say that nothing of this was seen by Christians a hundred years ago. But I am convinced that the clear vision of it has come only to our own time. No doubt when judged by the rigid theological affirmations of the earlier time the results of the higher criticism are negative. But its main result—the substitution of a vital for a mechanical conception — is in the highest degree positive and constructive.

So far, we have noticed the critical impulse of the nineteenth century applying itself to the Bible. But besides the critical, we have also the comparative work of the century to consider. It was inevitable that the immense increase in intercourse between all parts of the world should stimulate comparative studies. New materials came to hand for the study of man and of nature, and a new method was needed for using these materials. As the various races of men were more carefully studied the underlying unity of man's development came into view. It was found that the history of any one country cannot be studied by itself; it can be understood only by taking into view the history of all those nations with which this one was in contact. Nor is it always possible to understand a single nation aright without using a broader vision. It is found that institutions remote in space and time throw a surprising light upon each other, so that in a sense we cannot understand the history of a single people without studying the history of all mankind. It need not be pointed out that the effect has been to break down the isolation in which Israel - the people of the Bible - have heretofore been kept. The theological view, which we found prevalent a hundred years ago, made Israel the one exception to the history of the race. All mankind were in alienation from God, their progress was to be a progress in iniquity until the fulness of times. Israel alone was an exception to the rule. By the divine election this people was chosen out of the mass of corruption. In order to their preservation this people received a special divine discipline. Their history was under the direct action of superhuman forces. Their institutions were as exceptional as their history. They alone were the recipients of divine revelation. To preserve this revelation was the object of the separative legislation which was given at the beginning of their history. So far as the separation was an end, it was accomplished by the legislation. Israel was separate from the other nations, who were classed together as heathen, whose religions were altogether false, whose tendencies were altogether evil. This theory was the one held by the Jews themselves, and it easily passed into the church. In accordance with it the Bible was unique among books, because Israel was unique among the nations. As all other religions were false, so all other alleged revelations were impostures.

The work of the last century, I say, has been to a considerable extent the breaking down of this exclusive theory. We have seen with increasing clearness, that the history of Israel can be understood only as it is studied in connection with the history of its neighbors. language of Israel is to us not the language of the Garden of Eden, but one of a well marked group of languages which developed along similar lines. The institutions of Israel are seen to be not peculiar to that little nation, but parallel to those found in other quarters of the globe. Many features of Israel's religion, even, can be explained as survivals from a period when the people worshipped objects sacred to their heathen neighbors. The faith of Israel in the electing grace of their God is quite like the faith of other nations in the special care and favor of their divinities. The Kings of Israel are no more positive in affirming their election by Yahveh than are the Kings of Assyria, claiming the similar favor of Ashur, Nebo or Merodach. Even the phenomena of the Bible itself are not without analogies in other religions. We find that it is only by a violent assumption that we can stigmatize all other sacred books as impostures.

The outcome of the comparative method is the theory of evolution. The isolation in which Israel was placed by the theologians was analogous to the separation in which the older science viewed the separate fields of knowledge, or the separate epochs of time. Instead of finding in nature a series of breaks made by separate creative acts, we have learned the organic connection of the present with the past, under the law of steady progress. This view could not exclude the Bible from its field. We, of today are beginning to see in our religion something that has grown. As we look back to the beginnings of Israel's faith, we see how crude those beginnings were. As we look at the idea of God held by the nomads of the desert, we see that it was little elevated above the idea of a Chemosh or a Moloch. The popular religion of the tribes settled in Palestine easily confounded Yahveh with the Baal, whose

sanctuaries He had adopted. But as we go on in the history we see the idea of God clarified and enriched. Yahveh becomes the God of righteousness and of mercy. His providence comes more clearly into view as the worshippers go through the experience of conflict, persecution and exile. In proportion as his inheritance in Israel shrinks in importance, the conviction grows that he is the God, not of one nation only, but of the whole earth. When his earthly kingdom vanishes from view he is the more clearly seen as Ruler of the universe. The culmination is reached when he is revealed as the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the God who so loves the world as to give his beloved Son to the faith of those who seek salvation.

The perception of this growth of revelation is the mark of our age. I do not mean that there had not been anticipations of this view in an earlier time. I suppose the federal theology of Cocceius was an endeavor to do justice to the gradual character of divine revelation. But the time was not ripe for the full development of this idea. In truth, if men are saved by the communication of a system of truth, the essentials of the system must be always the same. Adam and Abraham must have had a view of the scheme of redemption in substantial completeness, and that they had such a view was generally held by the earlier theologians. It is only within the last century that a more historical conception has made its way. Evidence that this historical view has established itself in the new science of Biblical Theology, whose work it is to trace the growth of our religion through the various stages recorded for us in the Bible.

The church of today looks upon the Bible as the record of the growth of our religion. This is a great change from that view of the Bible which made it an inerrant revelation of a system of philosophy. It seems at first sight that the change diminishes the importance of the Bible. An infallible source of doctrine to which all controversies must be brought for settlement, which teaches with authority what we must believe concerning God, as well as what duties God has laid upon man, seems a greater and more commanding object of study than the record of any development, however important. The contrary is the case. For one thing the Bible never was the sole and infallible source of Christian doctrine. Christian doctrine has always been made up from many sources, mental science, metaphysics, church tradition, axioms of the schools. No one familiar with the facts will pretend that any of the earlier systems of theology did justice to the whole Bible, or even made a serious attempt to do justice to the whole Bible. Now that we have removed the Bible from the isolated grandeur in which it had been placed, we discover that it is a richer object of study than our ancestors ever dreamed. Now it is the centre of a whole group of sciences, it touches humanity, history, religion, at a thousand points. To understand it, is to understand the history of our race. The constantly broadening curriculum of our theological seminaries testifies eloquently to the prominence of the Bible in the thought of the church.

## A CENTURY WITH VERSIONS AND EDITIONS 1

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A scholar's book our Bible indeed is; a book to study; a book that never shuns and never disappoints study. Such it has been ever since Jesus coming set his people searching the Scriptures for eternal life; such it is proving itself increasingly to be, in the way it responds to our age's fierce light of scientific research. Its real distinction, however, is deeper than scholarly. The Bible is first of all a folk's book, a book to live and walk by. It came to the plain people originally; was intended for them and adapted to their capacities. Curious and recondite inquiries may indeed gather round it; but these, after all, are by the way. Its large and vital truths, its weightiest secrets, are for all who can read and hear. The focal point of our interest, therefore, is in the vernacular Bible, the Bible as it comes forth finished, from the workshops of textual inquiry, translation, interpretation, ready to make its appeal to plain men, and in a language—as the old phrase puts it—"understanded of the people."

As soon as we think of the Bible as a folk's book we must needs think also of the folk; we cannot wholly disengage our inquiry of what the Bible is in itself from the question of what it is to them. There is a folk's attitude to reckon with; it is the variable element, so to say, of the equation. The modern versions and editions that we have to notice have been in part, but only in part, called forth by the demands of modern scholarship; in part, also, they have been the mute answer to a great upheaval in the people's mood and sentiment, whereby the Book itself has gradually become another thing from what it was a century ago. Another thing—is it also less? Never, in all the ages of the world, has the Word of life been so universally accessible as now; has it grown correspondingly as a savour of life unto life? and among the versions that we can count in this new century's dawn, can we reckon, as could have been done a century ago, the version written in the heart?

It is in the answer to this question, which answer is a chapter of literary history, that we find the proper setting and significance of our theme; we are to consider modern versions and editions as they emerge, so to say, from the nebulous background of a people's life and mind.

Ι.

A hundred years ago the Authorized Version, which had been in our fathers' hands for nearly two hundred years, was no longer a version.

It had come to have all the significance of an original book. Outside the pulpit and the university no one dreamed that it was translated from another language. The rugged simplicity and meatiness of its thought had smitten themselves into our thought-forms as a prime elemental literary power. The Hebrew idioms and turns of phrase, nay, even the awkward straits of translation, which once must have had a strange alien sound, had become English idiom; or rather, we may say, the English-thinking mind, in all its religious phrase and syntax, had become Hebrew. To a profounder extent than any were aware the language of Canaan was a western people's mother-tongue; and this largely because the Authorized Version had naturalized it into a mould for men's every-day thinking. When our fathers, as they did, stoutly maintained the doctrine of verbal inspiration, the inspired words they really had in mind were not Hebrew or Greek, but English words; the words of that version which Selden called "the best translation in the world," and of which the late Master of Balliol once remarked, "In a certain sense, the Authorized Version is more inspired than the original." Their English Bible had wrought itself into the inmost texture of their minds and speech.

All this, so far forth, as we well know, is a purely literary fact; and yet our fathers had as little sense of being controlled by the subtle power of literature as we have of the power of air and light in which we move. To them it would have been a profanation to call the Bible literature; their very idea of inspiration barred out the notion of composing and elaborating implied in that term. Nor was their sense of its contents in the smallest degree that flexible realization which we apply to works of human literature. It was not printed and bound like other books. It was not read like other books. A big leather-bound copy of it was brought forth in solemn mood at family prayers, and one chapter read — as a chapter, not as a living, breathing message; and the solemn mood of reception was accorded impartially to the Beatitudes, the furniture of the Tabernacle, and the catalogue of the Dukes of Edom. All belonged to the inviolable Word of God; and attributed to the perusal of it, if not consciously felt then occult, was a mysterious effect called edification. Only a step beyond such attitude to it, and hardly more superstitious, was the oft-obeyed impulse to open the Bible at random, as the ancients opened their Virgil, as a magic book to tell fortunes by. In the pulpit, too, the Bible was as little like other books as elsewhere. There, with its arbitrary division into numbered chapters and verses, it revealed little of that lighted and shaded continuity which we associate with a book's line of story or thought; rather it was an assemblage of texts, nuclei of sermons and proofs of theological doctrines, all well-nigh equal in weight, and the lightest of them of such value that a man's unchangeable destiny beyond death could be deduced from the fact, oracularly affirmed by Ecclesiastes, that when a tree falls in one or another direction it stays there.

On the realistic side, moreover, in pulpit and pew alike, it is not too much to say the Bible was becoming an impossible book, -in the sense deliberately affirmed by an old theologian, that it was all the more credible for being impossible. Verbal inspiration on the one side, the uncritical acceptance of the miraculous on the other, had combined to create a fairy world of ancient record and history, wherein the laws that we see operative around us are not to be counted on at all. event could be untied by the interposition of miracle. Any seeming contradiction could be resolved, or at least dismissed, by the all-covering potency of inspiration. Science, the sense of ordered natural fact, had no business between the covers of that Book, except as the Book granted a reluctant franchise from the tract it had left over. Nay, even reason itself, dubbed rationalism - as we give a dog a bad name in order to hang him, - was sternly crushed under a faith which on its side was hardly distinguishable from sheer credulousness. Thus, in a word, the Bible, in its Authorized Version, dissociated from literary thought and made an absolute unchangeable oracle of God, was becoming to the pious a sublime tyrant whom they must needs follow out of the world, and therefore into another hemisphere of a divided life; while to the worldly it was becoming a fossil, with, for life, merely some vegetable growth of superstition still adhering to it. If we are apprehensive about its vitality in the people's mind now, still this glance back through a century may do something to reassure us. That absolute reign of the Authorized Version, attractive as in one aspect it was, had another and less toward side.

One tribute, however, we must not neglect to pay; the implication of our review would be only half true without it. The Bible was read in those days, as it is not read now; it was committed to memory by the children, and trodden in by catechizing, as is not done now; and one mental treatment of it prevailed then, the very capacity for which, we are tempted to think, is almost atrophied in these hurried days—I mean pondering, leisurely meditation. We shall have to think a good deal into the newer conditions that now prevail, to offset this.

#### II.

Meauwhile, from the dawn of that nineteenth century was rising unperceived the power of those great upheaving movements of mind which have made that century notable beyond all preceding time. I must not trace these in any detail; I will merely name two, which yet are aspects of one. It was the century of the scientific movement, which with its deepening spirit of accurate, cautious observation and its readjustment of all phenomena to the evolutionary theory, has revolutionized men's thinking from its foundations. It was also the century of diffusion; wherein, by the enormous activity of the press, and by the accessibility of the best education, not only the influence of scientific thought but the subtle appreciation of literature entered, to unprecedented degree,

into the fibre and tissue of the common mind. In such a tremendous onward current no Bible held as the Authorized Version was held could remain untouched. It must either go under, like folk tales, or prove in some new way its fitness to survive. Until some vital bond was found to bind it anew to men's common thinking, it must become increasingly unreal, the gap between it and life must widen.

Of these great age-movements the earlier to make its effect felt on forms and versions of the Bible was the scientific. I do not refer now to those discussions of Genesis and geology, or to those questionings of the supernatural, whereby science so disturbed men's faith two generations ago; that belongs to the scholarship side, and mine is a folk subject. I refer rather to the changed attitude engendered in a scientific atmosphere, the increasing sense of concrete fact, of accurate conception, of exact statement, which must needs take increasing possession of the common mind and create new demands. We may, in a word, call it scientific honesty. The commentaries felt it; Scott and Matthew Henry, with their devout embroidery of Scripture, ceased fully to satisfy; some view was needed which should seek first of all just what Scripture said and meant, and abide by that. So commenting, though it became infinitely dryer, kept itself much more scrupulously to book; nor was it long before it reached the type it has since retained, becoming rigidly grammatical, lexical, textual, like the commentaries of Ellicott and Meyer. Nor could scientific conscientiousness stop there. Soon it began to be hinted that in this and that place the text was corrupt; that this or that passage was a later interpolation; that here and there the translation was wrong; that ancient manuscripts had been discovered which compelled changes of rendering and interpretation; that old versions were founded on a different original from ours. Interpreters felt it increasingly necessary to make their own translation of the book on which they were commenting. All these things gradually wrought in the ordinary religious mind a feeling of unrest not unlike what those experience who in an earthquake first realize that even the great planet may tremble from its place. Even the Authorized Version, men discovered, had its imperfections; it was but a version, a translation, after all; and both it and its original must be brought to the tribunal of reckoning. A disquieting discovery to make of so divine and so seeming stable an object. And who could conjecture what shapeless torso would be left when all these wanton demands of alteration were met? If the foundations are destroyed, what will the righteous do?

Still, the thing must be done, audendum tamen; and it was with the keen interest of all English readers upon them that those sittings in Jerusalem Chamber from which came eventually the Revised Version were carried on. Of this revision the controlling spirit was more scientific than literary; a spirit made faithful and ardent by the claims of the new task, yet made reluctant by the unapproachable excellence of the version they were to change. This shows itself in the Revisers'

avowal of their object, which latter was, as they said, first, "to give to modern readers a faithful representation of the meaning of the original documents"; secondly, to give a revision simply, altered as little as may be in language and idiom, not a new translation. Here speaks, we may say, the voice of an age which, spurred by scientific conscience, will deal honestly with its heritage of divine truth; but as yet it is awake rather to the substance than to the form. So little is the literary form, indeed, a spontaneous thing with the revisers that they will admit no word or idiom in their new version which is not as old as 1611; thus compelling themselves to write with one finger in the dictionary, and in a manufactured idiom two and a half centuries older than their day. praiseworthy tribute of veneration to the Authorized Version, but whether the result can be a limpid current of idiom, welling up as it were unbidden, and with no signs of artificial forcing, is a grave question. A mended article - can it ever be like a new one, or like the old one either?

To call the Revised Version a patchwork, however, would be to do it great injustice. It is a monumental work, faithful, wise both to alter and to retain, and as homogeneous, doubtless, as a revision could well be. It came at a time, too, when revision rather than new translation would best meet the age's foremost demand, and it fulfilled its primary From it the apprehensive common reader could know the worst: could ascertain what residuum was left after all the longrumored claims of text, inclusion, readings and construal had been met. This was much; was, in fact, the one needed forward step. It enabled that folk's mind in which the scientific spirit of the time was creating a hunger for solid verifiable fact to readjust that body of truth which for centuries had been the world's most sacred possession. If a halo had gathered round the Authorized Version, making it unapproachable, men would by no means tear away that halo, but now they could be sure it encircled a real thing, a thing that could stand the test that men apply to other things, not a fiction or an idol. This, I think, is the service that the Revised Version preëminently rendered. And it was a great steadying element in the faith of the early eighties, when men, comparing the new with the old, found that the changes were only minutiæ after all—that the great essential body of revelation remained intact, unscathed.

#### III.

A comparatively simple problem of the age was thus faced and solved; but now as we follow the history of the versions onward from that point, the plot thickens. When, nearly three centuries ago, the Authorized Version was first published, it had such a self-evidencing rightness and fitness that it speedily supplanted all others. Such has not been the fortune of its successor. If it be asked how the two now stand as related to each other, I think I am not wrong in saying that while

the Revised Version stands on the library shelf as a much-valued commentary, the book that gathers the dog's-ears, that is read and cherished as a closet companion, is still the venerable version of King James. Nor can I see signs of its displacement. Why is this?

Not because the revision is poor; not because it goes too far, or does not go far enough. For all purposes of fact-to keep men from banking on a particular turn of phrase, or leaning on a passage like that about the three holy witnesses—it is adequate. But also as men read it they became aware, through the little jolts it was continually giving to the old flow of idiom, of a subtle truth hitherto unsuspected, namely, that man does not live by facts alone. Away down underneath the stratum where fact controls is a region of hidden sentiments, vital associations, subtle harmonies of imagination, feelings which twine mysteriously round the music of word and phrase; of whose very existence men are hardly cognizant until something comes in to disturb them, and yet which are so potent that the whole life is swayed by them. For centuries the Authorized Version, both by its own noble music and by the way all literature had been imbued with it, had been weaving a veritable spell of this kind about the hearts of men, and they knew not what it meant. We know; it was the power of a consummate work of literature; it was literary power. Here is a book that is more than a version; it has risen far above the wooden shifts of translation from an alien tongue; it divides honors with Shakespeare for the supreme place among the world's works of literature. Such a book, version though it be, the world cannot let die or be superseded. Its vitality, its spell, is too great. Now it was the ungracious lot of the Revised Version to break the spell. As men read it the old atmosphere was strangely gone; their moulds of vital association were constantly invaded by those little turns of amendment; it was like revising Shakespeare or Milton or Bunyan and taking out the flavor of their personality. And so, having availed themselves of its practical aid, they turned with renewed zest to their King James. The flavor of the home and of the centuries was there, it was like a familiar tune. No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new; for he saith, the old is better.

Thus by breaking a certain subtle spell the Revised Version did something to precipitate a deep literary consciousness, or sentiment, which was already gathering head; the second great movement of which I spoke a few minutes ago was beginning to assert itself. Along with the craving for scientific matter-of-fact men were also getting, as other centuries had not done, a sense for ideas, for the imaginative elements, the inner potencies of thought. It was not for nothing that novelists and poets, orators and essayists, had poured out the wealth of their minds for every humblest man to read. A book ceased to be that mysterious thing it once was; its author lived in the next street, and had wife and children and debts as other men had; and somehow his personality so got into his books that in reading them one also got acquainted with

him. This very domestication of literature was a potent influence to disintegrate men's iron-bound views of the Bible. A severe blow the theory of verbal inspiration had already received, when it was seen that the long-accepted form of words must be opened to the chances of revision and even rejection; and now that the common mind was entering into the springs and motives of literary thought, how could that theory maintain itself unchanged? Nay, human hands must have wrought at that Bible, too; it was not a table of stone, an oracle of thunder; it was — what was it but a work of genuinely human literature? Whatever more it was, this at least could be traced there, with all that it implies. Thus a second spell was broken, the spell by which it was becoming an impossible book; and men are learning to come close to it and talk with it, to walk with its ideas and expressions as with any others, to approach it with the comrade spirit they would accord to any author's work.

That the Bible is literature, with the forms, the artistry, the hidden vitalities of word and figure and rhythm involved in literature — this, strange to say, is a very recent discovery; and this idea it is which the latest versions and editions are engaged in naturalizing. To do so is a gradual process, for there are many sides to it. The most obvious initial step to it is to print the Bible like another book — to work the text clear of that exceeding fineness of print, those double columns, and that clutter of verse-numbers, italics, and numberless marks of marginal reference. A step toward this result was taken by the Revised Version by dividing into paragraphs instead of verses; though its paragraphs are hardly determined as real literary divisions—they are too long and cumbrous. The Cambridge Paragraph Bible is, I think, better in this regard.

When a new idea like this of the Bible as literature is introduced, it has to go through a certain stage of coltishness before it finds its true pace and place. It is apt to exploit phases of the subject which turn out to be side ideas rather than the main issue. As part illustration of this I must regard Professor Moulton's Modern Reader's Bible, which I think were better entitled The Modern Literary Student's Bible, an edition of the Revised Version in little handy volumes, with the text printed according to its literary forms, prose and poetic. As a commentary on forms it is suggestive and interesting; not always convincing; sometimes, it seems to me, what I may call twiddling. main service to the common reader is in helping him realize that the Bible is really a book like other books. But it does not take very far in assuring him he is reading a sonnet, or in arranging the Bible phrases like an inventory. Another aspect of this same literary coltishness, valuable as a commentary rather than as a constant companion, is seen in two versions now in process of publication: The Twentieth Century Testament, and Ferrar Fenton's New Testament in Modern English: versions in the idiom of the modern novel and business item —

as it were a translation into United States. I do not wish to disparage them; they are seriously intended, and especially on such books as St. Paul's epistles give considerable elucidation. But it seems to me they have conjured up a bogey to fight when they launch their colloquial version in the melancholy conviction, as expressed by Ferrar Fenton, "that unless the Sacred Scriptures were translated afresh into current spoken English, a belief in the Christian Religion as a Faith would perish." Surely we are not at that pass yet; have we not the Authorized Version, the sweetest, purest English in the world, a Book that has smitten itself into the mind-tissue of the centuries, as the body of Christ is fabled to smite itself into the sacrament? No rattle of colloquialism can permanently replace that, with its associations sacred and esthetic; it is the form of sound words which underlies and survives the commentary.

Here, I think, is where, after our excursions and experiments, we are likely to rest. I am speaking now for the common folk, the rank and file, who must get their Bible from a version. When the question what the Bible means as literature is answered and they have become adjusted to the recognition therein implied, they will still twine their affection round the Book that comes to us from the spacious age of Shakespeare and has been seasoned along with him. To all its quaintnesses and naïve archaisms their deepened sense of literature will easily adapt itself. These others, Revised Versions and new translations, will stand on the shelf for consultation; but the book of the home and heart will continue to be the Authorized Version. Only, I hope to see it in the every-day form and print of other books; to relegate those verse numbers and italics and marginal references to the occasional volume of the shelf. I do not deny that it would cause a pang to see the limber-jacket Bible go; but if along with it that smug, high-buttoned-coat, Sunday suggestion should likewise take itself away, I could survive the loss. My ideal of a Bible to read, as a weekday and workday book, with its idea free to make its way, is most nearly answered in the so-called Eversley Bible, an edition of the Authorized Version in eight convenient volumes, neither bulky or diminutive, printed with fair, open page, the chapter and verse notation omitted, italics wholly banished, paragraphs and punctuation carefully determined, and spoken words in quotation marks. seems to be almost a symbol of the classic Bible that is to be; that shall be read as a comfort and not as a duty; that shall come into man's heart not only through the religious sense but through all the channels of taste and beauty and eloquence and imagination, as well as through the instincts of practical sense and sturdy soundness which the nineteenth century has done so much to open.

A Bible so held and so published implies another way of reading, another kind of tenure in the human heart. I dare not say it will be learned so much by rote, or that the literal accuracy of particular phrases will play so large a part as it has since the days of the homo-

ousians and the homoiousians. I dare not count overmuch on such a prevalence of the soaking-in process of meditation as we find in the good old days. Still all that desirable excellence could consist with a mere appreciation of the letter; and when the spirit of the Bible enters at every pore, and such subtle elements as made themselves felt when the jolting of revision disturbed them, there may still be something very vital left there. The version may be written deep in the heart of man, deeper even than word or dogma, just as it has proved itself to be inwoven deeply with history and literature. Let us not gather too gloomy an outlook from the seeming lack of Bible knowledge, or deplore it more than it deserves. The spirit of seventy-six and sixty-one inspired, even to supremest sacrifice, many a man who could not quote the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. And when today every public measure, every national or neighborhood enterprise, must from every corner of the land encounter a stern plea for the spirit of Christ; when aid and sympathy leap forth unstinted to meet disaster, and schools, asylums, hospitals, parks, libraries are devised for the humble and helpless; when even in far islands wars for humanity, and plans for justice, education and industrial expansion are conceived in veritable missionary spirit; we can forgive much ignorance of the letter, much short-coming in theological doctrine; there is vital Bible there, not a fetich; a version is there that he who runs may read. To make that version more legible, a power that shall take into its swell and sweep the whole man and the whole corporate life, becoming as it were a new Word made flesh - this we may hail as the duty and the glory of the time to come.

## THE PREACHING FOR THE TIMES 1

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Mr. Moderator, Fathers and Brethren, Ladies and Gentlemen: -

Nearly four months ago a courteous invitation was received from your committee of arrangements, inviting me to speak upon the Preaching for the Times. Permit me to express publicly my appreciation of the honor conferred and to remind you all of a scene in the Holy Land.

Our Lord returns home near the close of a missionary tour in Galilee. The village folk do not care to give the young preacher a welcome. Jesus is evidently surprised, and learns a lesson in the psychology of the neighbor. The adage has become historic, and by your kind permission will be repeated in its most modern garb, as translated or paraphrased by our ablest twentieth century scholars, — a prophet is not acceptable in his own fatherland, or a prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house. So deeply ingrained in our own con-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See page 19.

sciousness has this idea become, that our first instinct is to feel that one will not be understood in the home of one's childhood. Your graceful welcome comes to me in nature of a helpful surprise. We are assembled on sacred soil. The memories of yesterday almost overwhelm me. Only yesterday the preacher of preachers was expected to supply the pulpit. Of course the chapel was crowded to hear Professor Park. We waited not in silence, for the academy boys were there. Waited to see a venerable man with emaciated form and white hair, but the face alive with Hebrew roots, enter the pulpit, explain the unavoidable absence of the learned logician, and, forgetting the boys, give as his text: "What dost thou hear, Elijah?" We boys did laugh, for we wondered why Professor Elijah Barrows chose that verse for that occasion. I have wondered ever since, but presumed it was the "preaching for the times." Like a speck in the sky forming into a cloud, gathering, contracting, breaking, so do the memories of yesterday haunt me. Only yesterday, and a minister, noted for his scholarship and long prayers, entered the The twenty minutes had lengthened to the half hour. modern language we would say the time was up. So thought a young boy sitting on the front seat, who, in boy fashion, found the tin popgun and the bean and his own mouth and very irreverently forced the bean through the tin pop-gun in such a way as to hit Professor Stowe on the nose, and thus cause a very abrupt amen. I assume the "preaching for the times" necessitated the long prayer, and the young boy was simply a little too progressive. We must not linger over mere memory, for an honored instructor in this seminary was accustomed to say to the senior class in homiletics, that reminiscence was a sign of age. should, however, be guilty of lack of loyalty to my dear and honored father, who was so kind and gentle to his children, and whom I miss and need more today than ever before, if I did not take this opportunity to thank his pupils for the many kindly words spoken to me of his work. To think of attempting to speak about the "preaching for the times" seems as impossible as it is incongruous, in view of the life's work of Professor Austin Phelps on Andover Hill. I doubt not that the same criticism will be passed on this paper that my good father gave after hearing me read a sermon especially prepared for an occasion similar to this, - "My son, how could you be so foolish as to forget that your audience knew a great deal more about that subject than you did."

These memories become to me translated incentives, infusing new life, transforming the yesterday and today with the forever of the "foolishness" of preaching. These memories are pardonable, because they resurrect into modern garb the ideals of yesterday. We live in a modern age, with a modern faith and a modern Christ. True also that preaching always must imply the thoroughness, thoughtfulness and thankfulness of a brain that has worked its best upon the theme, a heart that has loved its best to illustrate the thought, and a soul that has lived its best to experience the truths embodied.

Preaching is character. Preaching any time, anywhere, is life. Life both in the cloister and the street, life in the tenement and the palace, life in the peculiar half truth in modern Christian Science, and the modern struggle whereby the weakest can go to the wall, but rebound with the interrogation marks of God's goodness or the inevitable law of supply and demand. Life is found wherever humanity exists, and to preach is to touch humanity. Preaching is conduct. The three sins of self-exaltation, self-promotion, self-will, are more diabolical in their tenacity than the devils of Holy Writ, and accountable for any diminution of the power of thought, or weakness of influence in the pulpit, if such exist. This three-headed monster seems to convey, convert and contract these tendencies until the distinction between the true knowledge of the prophet and his easily acquired egotism is lost. Preaching is life touching life. Egotism is the I, conscious of its own self-importance. To touch humanity means the ability to live effectively. A few years ago I entered this chapel for the purpose of greeting the newly installed Bartlett Professor. I shall never forget the hand-clasp or those eyes filled with tears, as that true friend, Professor Churchill, met me and said, -"Thank you, I shall try to teach my pupils to become true preachers of the life of self-sacrifice." An old idea was thus expressed in a new form. Our only question is this, -"What sort of preaching touches life?" Life is touched by magnetism and a much-abused idea called spirituality. Dr. Smith, in his able lectures at Yale University (no one anxious to touch life can afford to be without this book as a constant companion to the Bible), states in the introduction that "it is upon Christ's Bible and the church's Bible, Christ's fatherland and the church's fatherland, that we are called to estimate the effect of one of the most thorough intellectual processes of the time," and ends the work, as you will remember, with that beautiful wisdom vision of vice and virtue, with the forces of the universe on the side of the will that chooses virtue. "Given one pure spot and God's heart comes forth to teach, to lift, to restore." Dr. Smith thus defined spirituality for me. We shall speak in brief sentences of the magnetism and spirituality required in the preaching of the day. Above them all, like the upholding arms of the Almighty, underneath them all, like the restful presence of the Man of Galilee, must come the desire to touch the heart of God, to touch God, not in sentiment nor in bigotry, not in mere Bible reading nor in the mystery of repeating the Lord's Prayer, but in a brain able to think God's thoughts, in a mind willing to keep pace with the inevitable law of progress, in a soul competent to study constantly and thoroughly and create or recreate genuine thought, thought filled with power, because God himself lives and restores it. The preaching of the times must be magnetic. An illustration should illustrate, not arouse a sleepy audience or pander to the mental inertia of a half truth. Magnetism is power that must attract. To understand this term study again your chemistry, entering the

laboratory, analyzing Milton, Cowper or Burke, or, if suffering from insomnia, Edwards on the Will. Learn to touch life as the loadstone attracts iron. The lesson mastered will be that of quality as distinct from quantity. Pass from the study to the street, read the quack advertisements of "cures for all diseases," then some of the equally disagreeable bulletins of revival services. Enter both office and church and you will notice clergyman and physician use the same mesmeric power. One says so and charges a fee of \$5.00, and the other speaks incoherently of the Holy Ghost and takes up a collection. Discern between the magnetism of the modern bar-tune gospel hymn, the wave of the hand, the hypnotism of the call to the altar and the genuine power of thought. Real life is touched by thought alone. The inactive mind may be placed into a sleep by the mesmeric clap-trap. Modern Christian Science is an evidence of the abuse of magnetic force. Many minds are too refined to be influenced by emotionalism and too exhausted for pure intellectualism, therefore yield to a peculiar psychological state that is so soothing and peaceful and restful and happy. The power of the preacher should in some way touch life as it thus becomes dormant by its own genuine-The scientific advance along the lines of thought-transference and the biological laboratories,—yes, into the very holiest of holies of biblical lore, - has resulted in the demand for magnetic force in the pulpit; a power that implies steadiness, sturdiness and scientific stubbornness. This force is not bombastic nor autocratic nor indelicate. This influence avoids the erratic or eccentric or pugilistic. The power needed today is like the restfulness of a gentleness of demeanor that marks the true gentleman, the cultivation of brain and heart that will endure all things until the work is completed, and when finished is thorough and effective. This power is acquired by a courtesy, not in attire or demeanor alone, but in the choice of themes, the finish of our style and refinement of thought. The way to touch life is to make our people remember that we did say something, and be able to understand just what we said. To do this we must, by hard work, say something worth saying.

In closing, notice the demands of a genuine spirituality in the preaching for the times. Spirituality is so delicate and difficult a power to define or acquire that in dealing with it we cannot separate the preacher from the preaching. The two are for the moment, synonymous in thought. Spiritual preaching means a spiritual preacher. Spirituality implies candor, justice, frankness and freedom of expression. A preacher of the times must keep pace with the times in order to preach for the times. Modern spirituality never calls names, nor is the peace disturbed, or are the feelings hurt. Spirituality is deferent, reverent, loving. The saints of yesterday are honored, and the lives of yesterday are held sacred. "You wish to know if I am a Christian—then ask my bookkeeper." Thus did a successful business man define true spirituality of the day, and give us all an idea of the character of

the preaching for the times. The ideals of the Sermon on the Mount seem to some to be changed after the explosion of the Maine. The preacher for the times must obtain that breadth of view, depth of feeling, and height of power that enables him to recognize these changes and to adapt both thought and life to the demands of the day. preacher's thought must meet the hearer's need. The Bible itself is an ever-changing panorama of God's plans, for it enables its readers to become changed from glory to glory. The people of today believe in and need a Christ as they never did before. The spiritual preaching for the times requires more of the genuine literature of faith and life. Mr. Howells spoke recently of modern writers as dealing in splutterature rather than literature. We have too much of the splutterature and too little of the literature, because we fail to fully grasp the meaning of the twentieth century spirituality. Our hobo friends are wiser than the children of light in calling ministers the "tiresome." We are prosy and do fall into ruts. There is a humdrum monotony about our thought and an unpardonable repetition of ideas. We acquire mannerisms that lack in good taste and good breeding. These faults can be remedied by acquiring the power of a progressive spirituality that is the preaching for the times. Spirituality is studiousness. The apostles' ten days waiting was not a protracted prayer-meeting. The disciples must have experienced the intensity of deep thought, the golgotha of logical doubt and selfish ambition. The apostles by study were made ready for Pentecost. Spirituality is thought, not merely emotion; a judicial mind that becomes constantly prayerful. Spirituality is the ingenuity of genius in its power of adaptation and application. The age of thought demands the artist's touch. A style of expression is required that is like a fortress that cannot be shaken. A literary fastidiousness of taste is not out of place. The preacher for the times will soon acquire the dignity of expression that makes people think, not laugh, and the beauty of humility in every word that affects character, if it does not draw a curious crowd. There is such a thing as good taste in the thought of the pulpit. Good taste, like good breeding, is ever attractive and attracting. The preaching for the times is the consciousness of the presence of Christ, the Son of Man, walking like a man in the fiery furnace, or standing by the broken-hearted, the Son of Man cooling the fevered brow and helping the perplexed brain. Spirituality is the handclasp of the Son of God, the divine transference of divine thinking, the ability to work as our Lord did, when he spent so many wakeful nights in thought and prayer. The preaching for the times is the realization of the Kingdom of God on earth. The preacher of the times, to repeat what we have said, becomes magnetic, like the loadstone, and is imbued with the power of a spirituality that implies deep thought, hard work, constant study, good breeding, refined taste, and a literary fastidiousness. The preaching for the times will place over all these accomplishments, like an "angel over the right shoulder," a consciousness of the

presence of that loveliest man who ever lived,—that noblest man who ever died,—that ablest mind that ever rose again,—that sweetest, dearest friend that ever returned with "My peace give I unto you."

Gentlemen, I thank you for remembering so kindly that Andover was the place of my birth, and listening so courteously to these words. You may be prompted to repeat to me this quotation from a Turkish nobleman addressing an inquisitive traveller. "My lamb, seek not after those things that concern thee not; thou camest unto us and we welcomed thee. Go in peace. Of a truth, thou has spoken many words and there is no harm done, for the speaker is one and the listener is another."

### THE ENLISTMENT OF MEN 1

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The topic assigned me is not of my, but of the committee's choosing. It may mean several things.

It may refer to the recruiting of men for the ranks of the gospel ministry. The church of today needs and must have the best men. A cheap grade of preacher and pastor will not meet the stern demands of our day. What's wanted are men not only of pure and unsullied characters and deep and clear Christian experiences, but men of steady mental poise, full and harmonious academic preparation, genuine and cosmopolitan culture and sympathy and broad and thorough theological equipment. We are told that our better college graduates are not attracted to the ministry, that they do not hear the divine voice calling them to this holy service, or if they do they are not willing that the hands that were pierced for the world's redemption should be laid upon their heads in holy ordination.

How shall we enlist such men? Not by telling them that the ministry is an easy, genteel vocation and that it affords a fine field for the development of their native powers. Such an appeal invites the selfish and the indolent, the very men we don't want. Tell the man about to graduate that the work is arduous, that there are problems innumerable to solve and that there is no task that requires greater versatility of gifts or stronger powers of endurance, or more thorough preparation. The young men of our day desire not the easy, but the difficult tasks. They know that life has few gratuities; that everything good and great must be paid for, that they must pay dearly for all they get and that they will receive well for all they pay out. And it is men who are willing to pay the price that the church needs and wants.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See page 19.

How shall we enlist such men? Tell them that the church does not look with favor upon the cut-across-lot-learning-made-easy methods of entering the ministry, that it will refuse to license a man who has not had a complete theological education, and that in the case of non-graduates of college who appear to have ministerial gifts the church will insist that full ministerial standing shall be withheld until the would-be member shall satisfy the local association that he has the equivalent of a college course. In days gone by our denomination stood for a learned ministry. But today the pathways to the Congregational pulpit too frequently used are the Y. M. C. A. secretaryship, the lay college and the other denomination that does not insist upon a thorough preparation. Brethren, let us build a high fence across those pathways, let us exercise greater care in commending men to the colleges and seminaries, and do everything possible to discourage the entrance into our ministry of the incapable, unsuitable and unqualified.

How can we enlist the best men? Not by bribing them with promises of financial aid. Has not the time almost arrived when we can do away with all financial aid? Instead of aid let us give college and seminary students the opportunity to earn the necessary wherewithal by service in our down-town city churches. Except aid be carefully given it may put a premium upon incompetency; and the incompetent the church does not want. The brooding hen does not facilitate the hatching process by pecking at the shell. The young man who has got the right stuff in him will get there. His wrestling with difficulty and his struggles for a livelihood is part of his preparation. The youth who can put difficulty under assessment and convert obstacles into stepping-stones is the very one the church needs to help solve her problems.

How can we enlist the best men? Not by denouncing English and German universities as breeding-places of heresy, not by putting a prohibitive tariff upon imported thought, not by sneering at thoroughgoing scholarship, not by talking in terms of contempt of higher criticism, but by encouraging a broad, sympathetic attitude toward a painstaking and unwearied investigation of all truth. Tell the young men that the church is neither afraid for the truth or afraid of it, that it will freely recognize and appreciate truth wherever found, and by whoever taught, that it does not believe in the forcible suppression of any idea, and that it holds the truth of infinitely more value than any opinion that may be entertained regarding it.

How can we enlist the best men? Tell the young men that whatever other denominations may do, our denomination will not tolerate sensational clap-trap and kindergarten methods in its pulpit, that the Congregational ministry is neither a sensationalist, a showman, or a common scold. And that when the church degenerates into an entertainment bureau and the minister into a professional entertainer, that there are a number of us that will hand in our credentials and refuse to trifle with a sacred calling. Tell them that we distinguish between emotional

twaddle and the quickening truth of the gospel. Any verbal tinker can, by pulling out the tremolo stop of his voice, so tell a tearful story about a baby's pair of shoes that it will moisten the lachrymal glands of his audience. But the preaching of foolishness is not the foolishness of preaching. God did once call upon an ass—Balaam's ass, you remember, to preach—but he doesn't repeat the experiment when He can get better material.

If, in addition to thus safeguarding our sacred calling, we tell the young men of the many-sidedness and nobility and joy of it all, that there is no art that compares with that of the cure and care of souls, and that there is no service that compares with the making and mending of men, the best young men of our day will gravitate to the ministry as naturally and as easily as the magnetic needle turns to the polar star.

The topic assigned me may refer to the disproportion between the sexes in the membership of our churches. In our own denomination the proportion of women to men is a little more than two to one; in the Methodist and Baptist churches it is significantly a little larger. In the last report of the Suffolk West Conference it is reported that the churches of that conference have 2,779 male members and 5,633 female members; that is, there are twice as many women as men in the churches of the conference. It is noticeable that in many of our churches the work is performed in the main by the women. God bless the women! we cannot get along without them, even if sometimes we cannot get along with them. If Paul were alive he would not write, "help these women," but get these women to help you. Too frequently it is true that

In the world's broad field of battle, in the bivouac of life, You will find the Christian soldier represented by his wife.

Various reasons have been given for this disproportion. It is said that the industrial pressure is such that men have little time and strength for church work and worship. But the industrial pressure does not prevent the remarkable growth in number and in membership of clubs, lodges, benefit and insurance orders, in which men only are members. It is also said that the men are out of sorts with the church because of her indifference to the social, political and economic problems of the day. There may be just a grain of truth in that statement, but the chief cause of this much-to-be deplored disproportion must be sought elsewhere.

Is it because women are more religious than men? No. We cannot but believe that God created as much religious capacity in one sex as the other, though he may have lodged that capacity in different faculties in men than in women. It is sometimes said that women are more impressionable; that woman being the finer and more delicate organism she was more suggestible than man. But by that statement it is not meant that she is more inherently religious than man, but that she responds more feelingly than man to the religious appeal. Man's nature is stirred

just as deeply, and his spiritual possibilities are just as infinite, when the gospel is preached unto him, but it is not the same faculties and powers that are stirred. Professor Starbuck in his Psychology of Religion says: "While the desire for the better life is equally prominent in both sexes, feelings play a larger part in the religious life of females, while males are controlled more by intellection and volition; females are controlled more from without, while males are controlled from within." Professor Coe in his Spiritual Life says: "Religion seems to be a sort of atmosphere in the life of women - something all-pervasive and easily taken for granted; with men it is more sharply defined, brings greater struggles and tends more to climacteric periods. Women respond more feelingly and in some respects more continuously, but men more energetically and with a higher potential of self-conscious reflection and choice." Now the charge made by the psychologists against the ministry is, that in large measure our methods, and in some measure our message, are adapted to reach and influence the woman rather than the man. And the charge, I think, is true. Take the matter of pastoral work. Among what class is that work almost altogether done? Is it not among the women, the class that needs it least? Among what class do we do little or no pastoral work? Among the men, the class that needs it most, For if experience, observation and psychology have made anything clear it is this - six times as many females as males experience conversion in public gatherings, while twice as many males as females are converted in the quiet of the home. Men, as a rule, desire to see their way clearly, they are handicapped by doubts, the fight is a long one and the surrender, when it comes, is not so much affectional as volitional; it is a matter of choice and decision, and a tactful, resourceful pastor can help the man make the right choice. How can we enlist men? Psychology says, more pastoral work among men.

Take the matter of the prayer-meeting. We are fond of saying that the prayer-meeting is the thermometer of the church's spiritual life. The ordinary view of a successful prayer-meeting is one in which a large number of persons take part, and the more personal the testimony, the Now, I believe in witness-bearing and I believe there is great helpfulness in the redeemed telling one another what the Lord has done in and for them. But we all know substantial, influential men; men of irreproachable character and moral earnestness, who will not wear their hearts on their sleeves and who will not give any expression of their inner personal life before others. They have neither time or liking for the cultivation of religious moods. They write holiness unto the Lord upon all their business practices, but would feel out of place in a holiness meeting. The church, where every mid-week meeting puts a premium upon personal experience, makes no appeal to such men, and the men make no response to the church. They believe in the church, attend and support it, but they are a not part of it. How can we enlist such men? Give opportunity for the discussion of practical questions

as well as for the expression of personal experience at the social and devotional meetings of the church. Organize the men for definite service. It is said that there are twenty times as many organizations of women as men in our churches.

Professor Coe, in the exceedingly suggestive book to which I referred, as much as says that the pulpit has been preaching a one-sided gospel - a feminine gospel. It has appealed to those qualities in which women excel and which are not prominent in men. It has held up as worthy of imitation a type of sainthood which would appeal to women and to which women could respond. Feeling, sensibility, contemplation, self-analysis, prayer and ecstasy are the traits it has said compose spirituality, but again, these are traits that exist more in women than in men. Professor Coe's study of the Methodist Hymnal is most interesting. Of eighty-one hymns on the subject of Christ, only eight have to do with his life and character. But even these speak of his passive virtues. Not one hymn speaks of Christ's energy, strength, courage, forcefulness - traits that make up what Thomas Hughes calls "the manliness of Christ." Brethren, is this charge true? Have we been placing sufficient emphasis upon the masculine and practical aspects of the religion of Jesus? Have we been insisting upon all possessing traits that can be possessed only by a part of humanity? Christ is the universal man. He is strong and virile, as well as gentle and tender. He is forceful and brave, as well as patient and meek. In him, all the virtues are correlated. His character is a harmony of blended opposites. In him every soul quality is balanced and harmonized with every other. Everything is faultlessly tempered together, energy with patience, dignity with tenderness, forbearance toward the guilty with indignation at the wrong, the fortitude and courage of a martyr, with the fineness and sensibility of a woman, the ripe experience of the sage, with the artlessness of the child.

How can we enlist men? Preach him in his fulness, richness, beauty and power. Preach a masculine gospel.

### THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH 1

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The limited time at the writer's disposal for the consideration of a very large theme, makes necessary the selection of only one or two of the many possible points of view from which the organization of the church may be surveyed. I shall, therefore, attempt no treatment of the philosophy of the matter, but approach the subject from the prac-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See page 23.

tical standpoint and endeavor to make certain suggestions from the results of limited experience.

The church must be organized. The minister must be an organizer. In the time not long gone by, the minister, we are told, was a good man in dressing-gown and slippers, who spent his placid hours in his study pondering high themes of predestination and the atonement, or else pursued his leisurely perigrinations among the people, where he was always a welcome guest. I never saw this man. He is in the books now, but in the parishes no longer. His successor does these things, but he is also the platform speaker at conventions, the champion of civic righteousness, and the ecclesiastical Napoleon in the art of organizing his parish.

But when we speak of the working church as an organized body, and the minister as an organizer, let us seek to safeguard ourselves from a serious error at the outset. We must remember that the word we are using is only an analogy. We can speak of the body of the fish as an organism and we are in no danger of being misunderstood. But the group of persons who make up a church belong in another category. And, while we may venture to carry our analogy from the lower to the higher, we must not allow ourselves to apply the laws of the natural organism to the organized church without careful discrimination. Professor Henry C. King has said recently upon this very point, "It is the most adequate analogy that nature furnishes us. . . . But, after all is said, it is still only an analogy from nature, and quite inadequate to set forth all the life of the spirit in itself and its personal relations. We are spirits, not organisms, and society is a society of persons, not an organism."

I wish to emphasize this. *Personal* relations displace *organic* relations in the church to such an extent that we dare not carry over the laws of the lower sphere into the higher without we observe this distinction.

Therefore personality is greater than organization. Indeed, time after time the organization is the man. A pastor said to me, only recently, "My Young People's Society is working and growing now, for we have found a leader." The pastor who is the most successful organizer is not he who inaugurates a new society or discovers a novel method; it is really he who enlists a man, inspires a person, and makes someone a leader. The person is of supreme importance.

But now, using the analogy with a full sense of the limits in its application, what is an organism? It is a "body composed of different parts performing special functions that are mutually dependent and essential to life." The point to be kept clearly in mind at the outset is the supremacy of life. The vital force is the essential thing. Just as the rose-life, every bit as mysterious as the divine life in the soul of man, reaches outward and downward and takes from the earth and atmosphere the elements which it needs to build up the rose organism; so,

we learn from the analogy, the divine life in the Christian people, working to social expression, takes the elements which are necessary for that expression and builds them into the church organization. The truly organized church has organized spontaneously. The pastor who would organize his church in the true sense will therefore begin back at the point of inspiration; he will endeavor to lead his church into a new apprehension of vital relations to the living Christ, and thus evoke the force that builds. The organized church does not have institutions imposed upon it; it creates institutions answering the nature of its own life. The pastor's problem is not to discover a new method; it is to lead his church to a new vision.

Since, therefore, the personal spiritual life of each congregation determines its organization, there is no one scheme of plans or societies which is suited to the needs of all congregations. Institutions which are thus designed and adopted partake of the nature of ready-made clothing, which is made to fit everybody and does not fit anyone. It is necessary to alter and refit, and even then it is true in the matter of organizations, as in the matter of clothing, that the only satisfactory suit is the one that is made according to the need and measure of each subject. The ready-made system has brought blessings with it. But it is not the ideal. I believe that the pastor will work out his own plans and make his own adaptations according to the special needs of his own field. It takes wisdom and patience, but it is the only true way in which to organize a church.

Let us endeavor now to outline three marks of an organized church, using the analogy for suggestion. Once more, the definition:—the organized church is a systematic union of individual Christian people in a body, whose officers and members work together for a common end.

The first note of the truly organized church, therefore, is its unity in purpose and work. The unity of purpose is most fundamental. This underlies unity in endeavor and inspires it. Both are essential.

It may be that the outward signs of the true life of the church may display here and there a break and a discord. But the point to be kept uppermost in the pastor's thought and plan is the inner unity of purpose on the part of the people. I have little hope for objective church unity in organizations; I believe in the denominations; I am a Congregationalist and am not ready to be absorbed, assimilated or otherwise unified on the basis of any Lambeth articles or anything else. The church of Brewster and Robinson had a work to do at the beginning of the seventeenth century and that work is not yet completed. But, while I am convinced that external unity of institutions is a name only, I believe in the true unity of the Christian people in the Kingdom of God. The unity of the spirit in the bond of peace is a mighty reality.

So in the individual congregation we must hold fast the essential thing—the spiritual unity of a common purpose. So long as this persists, dim or clear, the organization is true.

But it must not remain an ideal. It must pass into a rule of life; it must become a law of conduct. The common purpose must result in a common practice. There must be unity of aim and unity of effort.

Every sermon, therefore, is a part of the pastor's organizing enterprise. We have been accustomed to speak of a minister as a good organizer according to the number of new societies that he inspires or the variety of the institutions which he can dominate. But this is only the objective and superficial side of his work. Whenever a sermon stirs the common life of the people to greater unity in aim and effort, the pastor has performed definite and precious organizing work.

Naturally the resulting institution will be a unity. But not because any pastor or representative of any society has made it so. The objective unity of the institution is the simple manifestation of the inner unity of purpose.

The second note of the truly organized church is the realization of that mutual dependence on the part of all the units or members which compose it. How true it is that we are "many members, but one body"; that we are "members one of another"! The ideal of an individual in society, of unity in diversity, holds in the organized church. The sense of personal responsibility is the lost note in our church organizations. We are in bondage to committees. We are suffering from the paralysis of delegated responsibility. One clear-headed, consecrated worker, who sees the thing to be done, feels that he ought to do it, and then goes ahead and does it—one such man in any church is worth a dozen committees gone to sleep.

Sometimes I think the committee is the greatest mischief we have to contend with. We evoke it, organize it, pass over our personal tasks to it, and that is all.

In the truly organized church this sense of mutual dependence and responsibility is keen and persistent. There is no shirking, no dallying, no delay. Each member sees the thing to be done and goes ahead to do it.

The number and complexity of societies has nothing to do with this note which we are now discussing. A church could be a true organization, and have no societies at all, if it were alive to this matter of unity and mutual dependence. The church is not over-organized; it is over-institutioned. The way out of our troubles is through a stronger emphasis upon personal responsibility for independent action. Elbert Hubbard's "Message to Garcia" needs to be read in our churches as well as in our schools.

And so I pass to the third mark of the truly organized church—the simplicity and adjustment of its institutions. I believe that this is true,—the simpler the institution through which the ideal is expressed, the more perfect and satisfactory will be the result. We tend to undertake too much and to make our organizations too elaborate. May I illustrate from the use of a mechanism? The most desirable reel for a fisherman

is the one which has the fewest number of parts, but with each part built upon honor and running with the least possible friction. Otherwise, with too many parts to rust, clog or to be thrown out of adjustment, the fisherman is likely to find that his tackle plays him false just when he has fairly hooked his finest trout or largest bass.

The purpose of the pastor and of the working church is to catch men. It needs to have the means which it uses trustworthy at every point. Too many agencies are fatal; the work falls undone between them.

Take this matter of maintaining meetings. It requires time, strength and great wisdom to carry on a meeting well. And we have somehow gained the idea that there is a special virtue in meetings to such an extent that we have lost our true sense of proportion. When a Woman's Missionary Society, a Young Woman's Mission Circle, a Boy's Mission Band, and a Missionary Committee of the Y. P. S. C. E. are all struggling in one church to hold meetings and keep up "interest in missions," it is time for the advent of a Congregational Pierpont Morgan to form a missionary meeting trust in that church, relieve the congestion and reduce the expenses. One society, one meeting, alive and aggressive, is worth more than all this struggling effort on the part of from two to four organizations.

Let us strive to return to a greater degree of simplicity, to the end that we may attain a greater efficiency, in our church life and work.

In conclusion, let us attempt to outline a test by which we may perhaps determine the place and value of the institutions which we either find or establish in the churches. There are four great functions in the church which may be differentiated under its comprehensive purpose to save men or to realize the Kingdom of God. They are worship, instruction, fellowship and work. Each of these must be performed freely and constantly. They are mutually dependent. Sometimes they are united. But sometimes they must be discharged by different organs.

The great function of worship is discharged through the public services of the church.

Instruction is carried on by means of preaching, pastor's class and mission study.

The fellowship of the church is realized by means of the social meetings and fraternal gatherings.

The practical work of the church is done through the benevolent societies and all the agencies which have for their purpose the practical illustration of the gospel.

By these four functions I have been accustomed to test the value of church institutions. In this test it is also necessary to consider the ages of the members of the congregation, according to the great epochs which mark the changes in the spiritual life. With such a plan of classification it is possible to avoid the conflicts and fill up the gaps which we find in our churches.

The limit of my time makes it impossible for me to present such a

classification of our common church organizations. But it can be made quite easily.

Thus I have sought to make only these points. Let me resume them:

- 1. The danger in the use of the analogy and the supremacy of personal, spiritual forces in the church.
- 2. The emphasis upon life and the weakness of attempting to use, without adjustment, the scheme of any general society.
- 3. The unity in purpose and effort; the diversity and mutual dependence; the simplicity of parts in the truly organized church.

And, finally, we proposed a test of institutions according to the functions of worship, instruction, fellowship and work which the church must discharge.

And in all that I have said I have had before my mind constantly that ideal of all true churchmanship, that common thought which we hold with catholic Christendom,

"The Church, which is His body."

## THE CARE OF THE CHURCH FOR ITS YOUNG PEOPLE<sup>1</sup>

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The measure of care which the church will bestow upon its young people, will depend upon the theory of the significance of human life which it holds. In former years the supreme effort of the church was directed toward rescue. It is related that the bishop of the diocese addressed Phillips Brooks' first confirmation class in Boston to this effect:— "Your situation, young men and women, is that of writhing worms in the middle of a great circle of unquenchable fire, which every moment threatens to consume you. Your doom is sealed; but today a great hand reaches down from the skies and draws you to a place of safety." Not unnaturally this conception often produced a depressing effect upon the rescued. He was saved indeed, but he could never forget the horrors of the pit from which he had been drawn. The dolorous plea of the redeemed saint was to be made only "a broken and an empty vessel."

If it is true that the duty of the church toward humanity is fulfilled in snatching the individual from a dreadful doom and in setting the soul in passable order to meet its God, by a kind of spiritual house-cleaning, then very little care beyond the great initial effort will be necessary. I do not say that the duty of the church is not that of rescue. I believe

profoundly that Jesus Christ died on the cross to save a sinful world from terrible loss. No Calvinist of the old school could be more emphatic upon this point. But I believe that this is only a small part of the work of the church for humanity. The church has today, thank God, a new and splendid conception of the significance of human life, a new conception of the importance of service in the Kingdom of God, of the utilization of personal character, of the conservation of the divine energy of life. The appeal today is less to self-consciousness, and more to world-consciousness. A man is saved, but saved to what? - not to a life of introspection and repining and gloom, nor to a complacent satisfaction in his own salvation. He is saved to manhood and to power, to stand upon his feet in God's sunshine and rejoice in the work which God has given him to do.

Especially important is this new view in regard to the young people of the church. We no longer make one class of lumanity outside the church, and place the mark of Cain upon the forehead of the infant as well as upon the brow of the murderer in the dock. We believe in a salvation to righteousness as well as in a salvation from sin. We do not neglect a child until he is lost and then expect him to be saved by a miraculous interposition of divine grace. We believe that the child of the church is God's child by divine birthright. We watch over him with anxious solicitude, lest he stray from the fold. We train him carefully from the earliest years, and send him out at maturity upon the king's highway, equipped for service, ready for battle, with such a brave song in his heart as Browning: -

> "Look not thou down, but up! To uses of a cup, The festal board, lamp's flash and trumpet's peal, The new wine's foaming flow, The master's lips aglow! Thou. heaven's consummate cup, What needst thou with earth's wheel?"

No change in human thought is more important than the return to Christ's conception of the significance of life and the value of a man. What God's training may be in heaven we do not know. Our duty is to make the most and the best of every life which comes within the circle of our influence here and now. Our duty is to see that every life approaches as nearly as possible to the ideal of life which Christ sets before us: which is the greatest individual perfection with the largest measure of service for others. Our problem with our young people is like the problem of the ship-builder. He has a certain amount of raw material which he must convert, with the least waste, into power. Think of the miracle of human energy and skill which changes iron ore into triple expansion engines, and sends the ship out at last, to be the shuttle of steel which weaves the fabric of commerce between continent and continent. Now, we are to take the raw material of human life and

convert it, with the least waste, into the spiritual enginery which shall weave the great shining garment of spiritual life in the looms of God.

The most serious defect in the old system was the appalling waste of personal energy in a purely subjective religious experience. The soul sometimes literally burned itself out in the fires of its own morbid speculation and self-examination. Self-examination is a good thing, but a perpetual gazing at one's self in a spiritual looking-glass is good for neither body nor soul. It is true that there must be a personal religious experience, but that experience should not end in spiritual melancholia.

The type of character which we wish to produce in the church is one which is strong, tender, resolute, resourceful, rich in all those varied elements which made up the character of Jesus. In order to produce this type there must be the most careful education of the child, both as an end in itself and to secure the greatest results in the Kingdom of This training must extend throughout all the period of growth. I do not attempt to distinguish between the care of the church for the child and its care for the young people. There must be a continuous and progressive training from the hour in which the child is entrusted to the care of the church on to maturity.

Every method which we use, every organization which we employ should be tested with reference to the results which we expect to attain. The superintendent of a cotton mill is expected to produce certain definite results in quantity and quality of goods at the lowest cost, consistent with good workmanship. The law applies equally well to spiritual values. God expects the church to produce certain definite reresults in character and service; our theories and our theologies must be reconstructed, if necessary, to this end. If results are not attained, then something is wrong, and we must know the reason for the failure.

It seems to me that the training which we give our young people is top-heavy, on the purely intellectual side. We expect too much from a mechanical study of the Bible. I do not mean to intimate that we can have too much study of the Bible of the right kind, but the Bible is much more than the historical data which it contains. It is life and light, and somehow that life must be made to vivify, and that light to illumine, human life. A child may learn the lessons in its carefully prepared "Quarterly" to perfection; it may submit to catechetical instruction until it can repeat the Westminster Catechism with parrot-like accuracy, and emerge from the process a little barbarian at heart. Somehow we must interpret the Bible for the child in terms of character, somehow we must furnish a spiritual motive which is adequate and comprehensible. We must mould and shape the character during the years of adolesence, as the sculptor moulds his clay. This involves more than the hearing of stated lessons once a week, with such mild morals as the teacher may be pleased to add. In the old New England families there used to be made a mysterious decoction of various herbs,

sulphur and molasses, which was given to each child indiscriminately, as a spring medicine. If a child was sick it was good for what was the matter, if the child was well, it was given against the time of need. That is the way in which we instruct our children in the church. makes no difference what the mental capacity or the physical environment, or the spiritual attainment of a child may be. Each child must pass through the same mechanical course of Bible study, and we expect the result to be beautiful and holy and symmetrical characters. While the public school is moving as rapidly as possible toward diversity of teaching and individuality of instruction, we continue to make a fetich of uniformity. I believe that the human life which beats with mighty pulse beneath the Bible story, which struggles and fears, and sins and hopes, and hates and loves, is of far more importance than the letter of the narrative. Let the child study the Bible and memorize the great passages of its literature, until the beauty of its diction sings itself into the memory, until the matchless poetry of its utterance stimulates and awakens the imagination, until the inspired fervor of its faith colors the warp and woof of the spiritual and intellectual life. That is right and important. But you must do more than that. You must study the personal needs of the growing life. You must know the perplexities and sorrows and hunger of the sensitive heart, and by the power of your own Christ-filled personality you must stamp the image of Jesus upon the plastic soul-material before you. You must never forget that the child is infinitely precious in the sight of God, that the loss of its influence on the side of right, if lost it be in later years, will make You must feel that the potential hero, prophet, humanity poorer. martyr, are perhaps wrapped up in that unfolding soul-seed, and you are allowed only brief time at best to give those latent possibilities, the direction which shall permit them to reach full fruition, for this world and the world to come. In general, the training of the child should be less after the pattern of the school and more after the pattern of the home, less general, more personal, less mechanical, more spiritual. The great aim must be to discover individual tendencies and needs, to prevent waste, to supply deficiencies, to encourage virtues, to develop a healthy, sane, well-balanced, resourceful, Christian character.

Such character must be trained not alone for the activities of the church, but for definite service in the kingdom of God. At the present time the church gives little or no such training to its young people. There has been in recent years a reconstruction of theology, but there has been no general recognition of the fact that a reconstruction of society is demanded by the return to the simplicity of the teaching of Jesus, and the emergence of the broader conceptions of human brother-Our ideas of the meaning of personality have splendidly broadened, but we are apparently not quite prepared to carry the new ideas of the worth of a man to their logical conclusion in the life of society.

Under the old conception of the relation of the Christian to the world

no training except in preparedness to die was necessary. The idea was that of separation. "Come ye out." "Be ye separate." The church was an intrenched camp in the the midst of a hostile world in arms. There were two worlds, the religious and the secular. A man could live in both, or rather he could pass from one world to the other, but there was to be no mingling of the two. The religious experience was one thing, the life of business, politics, society, quite another. There were

there was to be no mingling of the two. The religious experience was one thing, the life of business, politics, society, quite another. There were beautiful characters in spite of this theory, but it also often resulted in a terrible breaking down of the moral fibre, a deadening of the conscience which was nothing short of appalling. Lowell's picture of the deacon in "Fitz Adams Story" is not overdrawn:—

"His store looked righteous, should the Parson come, But in a dark back room he peddled rum; And eased Ma'am Conscience, if she e'er would scold, By christening it with water ere he sold."

This theory enabled the New England merchant of fifty years ago to sit in his pew on Sunday with a perfectly easy conscience, while his slaveship was crossing the Atlantic, her stiffling hold packed with a thousand negroes, suffering the horrors of hell, in the middle passage.

It is needless to say that no such duality of life is taught by Jesus. Life is one and indivisible. The ethics of the church must be the ethics of the market-place. No hocus-pocus of a perverted philosophy can ever make the same deed both right and wrong. No such thing is possible as one standard of morality for the individual and another for the nation.

This principle means more than the development of a passive morality. It involves the active participation of the Christian in all the forms in which life manifests itself, with the avowed purpose to destroy and reconstruct, until the City of God rises out of the ruins of selfishness and paganism.

This view of life places a new responsibility upon the church in its relation to its young people. The church is no longer a place for the exhibition of peculiar virtues, a museum of mummified morality. The church, to use that splendid figure of Milton's, is the workshop of God, the central point of power in the community from which shall be radiated light and love. But we must have special training for special service. Which is really of more importance, that a child should know the exact dimensions of Noah's Ark or the fundamental ethical distinctions between right and wrong in relation to the life of the community in which he lives? We must get all the wisdom we can from the past, but we must not forget that "new occasions make new duties." You cannot teach the child of today the geography of the United States from a map published at the close of the Revolution. We have our own problems to face and something besides ancient history must go into their solution. The God who inspired Abraham waits to inspire us, but his leading will

be in a new direction, in accordance with the progressive development of his purpose.

Let us consider this necessity for a special training of our young people in its broadest aspect; in the field of missions. The motive for missions is not now simply to save a few brands from the burning. The obligations of brotherhood send us out to redeem, yes, but also to lay broad and deep the foundations of Christian society. We are entering upon a critical period in the history of missions; a period in which there is danger that the glamour of romance may be lost in the difficulties of construction. But we cannot abandon the work. The missions in China must not be abandoned. The blood of its martyred saints must not make its appeal in vain. But the work will require years of reconstruction and reconciliation. How shall we maintain the interest in this difficult task? How better than by the education of the young people of the church, upon a broad and constructive basis.

I should like to take that picture of Deacon Wau of the First Congregational church in Pekin and his quaint little family, with the account of their escape from the Boxers recently published in the Congregationalist, as the text of a Sunday-school lesson with a class of young people. Listen to the words of that father to his children:—

"My children, your father would suffer for you if he could, but he cannot. The Boxers will ask you if you are Christians; if you say no, they they will let you off; if you say yes, they will kill you; but that only means suffering for a little and then we will be with Jesus." The children one after the other said,—"I will say I am a Christian. I love Jesus. I am not afraid to die."

Do you know anything finer than that in all the long history of Christian heroism? I think that it would be at least as edifying to Christian young people as the account of the campaigns of Joshua. Again let me emphasize the necessity of Bible study, but can we not make such selection of our material and so improve our methods that we shall have time for instruction in the divinely significant life of today as the glory of Christ's Kingdom broadens and expands in human experience?

Missions are but one department of the Christian activity of today; the work at home is no less important and significant. Thy Kingdom come we pray, but we are beginning at last to realize that the only way in which it can come is by active participation in the struggle for the betterment of society. This is the age not of theology but of the social question. The church is at the parting of the ways. The time has come for us to decide whether we shall continue to teach our children that the best that they can do is to make their own lives little garden spots in the midst of the desert, or whether we shall put tools into their hands and tell them to go out in God's name and for the sake of humanity to reclaim the desert and make it to blossom like the rose.

I think that no one would be willing, today, to go back to the old monastic principle of separation from the world, but if we accept the 118

broader principle of a universal accountability on the basis of brotherhood, of an indivisible Kingdom of God, then we must be prepared to accept the consequences. We cannot begin too soon that elementary instruction in practical righteousness which is the basis of all social prog-We need catechetical instruction in civic righteousness quite as much as in metaphysical distinctions. We seem to think that in a democracy there is some vast, vague, evolutionary force which makes for righteousness. The only force which ever makes for righteousness is incarnated in the personalities of men and women who are living after the pattern of Jesus. We talk about the duties of Christian citizenship, but where is the child to learn Christian citizenship if he never has any instruction in its principles? What is Christian citizenship except the application of the teachings of Jesus to life, and where better can that be taught than in the church which professes to be the living exemplification of the spirit of the Master? This is the age of utility, of power. What is the church for? What can it do? This is the challenge which the world makes, and makes with perfect propriety. Unless the church can do more than develop the sickly flower of a self-centered and effeminate type of emotional religion it does not justify its existence; it is no worthy successor of that valiant company of saints and heroes "who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens." Professor Peabody in his Jesus Christ and the Social Question says: "Never before has the world seen the mechanism of the social order adapted as it now is for the conveyance of social energy. The ample channel thus provided waits for the power of the Christian life, and as the sufficient stream leaps forth into the varied activities of the world, it sings as it flows, 'I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly.'"

This is the opportunity of the church of today. The lives which God has given to us in our young people constitute a reservoir of power. It is the duty of the church to develop that power and to use it for Christ and the church. We are to fill these lives with devotion to Jesus, and then send them out into the world to redeem it, to destroy the evil, to conserve the good, to rescue the fallen, to turn darkness into light, until the prophecy of the ages is fulfilled in a new heaven and a new earth.

### THE MODERN CHURCH PRAYER-MEETING 1

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It is not necessary here to discuss theories of prayer. It is sufficient for the disciples of Christ to know that he prayed, alone, with his disciples, and before the multitude; that he encouraged his disciples to pray, in secret and unitedly, promising large spiritual rewards to those who assembled in his name. The promise of Jesus holds for the modern church: "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them."

The early church, whose membership had been in personal touch with Jesus, needed after his ascension to retire to an upper room for protracted prayer. There Peter addressed the brethren (the number present being about a hundred and twenty) on the facts of Christ's life; and an apostle was chosen by the church, and as they were all with one accord in one place, they were filled with the Holy Ghost. The church prayer-meeting is still the place of power and the college for apostles. We should not, therefore, forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is.

Furthermore, Jesus has given us warning, precept, and example as to the nature of the prayer that prevails in his Sermon on the Mount, the parable of the Pharisee and the publican, and at the institution of the Lord's Supper. Prayers should not be too long, indirect, indefinite, and circumlocutory. It is a good thing for the modern church prayermeeting to rid itself as soon as possible of the Pharisees and hypocrites, the traitors and spies, of the formal, perfunctory and ceremonious elements; and make it a place of freedom, light and joy, of Christian conversation, holy meditation, and unrestrained prayer and praise, a place of the largest possible Christian freedom to speak, or pray, or sing, as the Spirit directs and gives utterance.

The church needs today the spirit of prayer and time for prayer. With the increase of activities, the multiplication of societies, and the rapidity of transportation, the members of the church need to meet oftener for prayer, praise, testimony, and edification, for united prayer and Christian fellowship.

There are several circumstances worth noting in the modern church prayer-meeting:—

(1) As to the place. — The church prayer-meeting should be in the

meeting-house, which has been consecrated not merely by the formal service of dedication but by the prayer and praise of the church; and it should be held in the most convenient, commodious and attractive room, apart from the auditorium, preferably on the ground floor, to avoid descending to an underground vestry or ascending to a sky-parlor. room or vestry, should be beautiful and attractive in color and design, thoroughly ventilated, well lighted by electric lights if possible; for gas or kerosene heats, stifles and stupefies. The minister and congregation may speedily be asphyxiated by gas and foul air, while an electric shock may wake them up. The room should be comfortably warm in winter and cool in summer. If a church can afford coal for winter, it ought to afford electric fans, ice water and lemonade for summer, so that the room may be kept at such a normal temperature that the attendants at the services may be unconscious of heat, cold, or draughts. The janitor should be an expert, a Christian gentleman — the pastor's associate who will have the room well ventilated, lighted and cleaned.

This room should have beautiful religious pictures on the walls, not only reproductions of the masters like Raphael and Rubens but also good portraits of some of the saints of the local church, both living and dead. It may well have some potted plants, comfortable chairs, and everything to make it seem like a well-furnished home, neither rich nor gaudy, but comfortable. There is no more virtue in straight-back settees, uncomfortable seats, dingy walls, dirty floors, poor light, and foul air for modern Christians than hair-shirts and dark cells for ancient Christians. "That is not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural."

This room should be furnished with a good piano, in tune, and played by an expert pianist who neither drags, races, nor spurts, and the singing should be led by one or more of the best singers that can be found in the church who will keep time with the pianist. And it should be abundantly supplied with the best hymn-books, containing not only the old hymns of the church but the best and brightest modern music, without too many selections in a minor strain. These books should be clean, well-bound, and complete; and should be discarded when they have ceased to be neat and complete, cleanliness is next to godliness in all the appointments of the modern church prayer-meeting.

This room should also be abundantly supplied with Bibles, preferably the Revised Version, well-bound, typographically attractive, so that in the clear light of this well-appointed room, where the church committee is not afraid to spend money for light, all may read the Word of Light.

This room should be open for those who come early and should not have the lights turned out immediately after the benediction. It will be a place where people will love to come early to greet one another, and will linger even after the last "Amen" to encourage one another.

And if a church-stable is needed in the country to accommodate the horses of those worshippers who come by horse and carriage, the modern

church should have a convenient bicycle-room, where the bicycles will be safe without lining up the vestry walls with the silent steed; and men and women may safely be encouraged to come a-wheel to church.

In addition to the use of the church vestry for the prayer-meetings, it will be wise frequently to have prayer-meetings in the church which is in the home of some Priscilla and Aquila who may belong to the Home Department and cannot attend church. In many of our cities and towns, where the members of the church are widely scattered, weekly or fortnightly meetings might profitably be held in the homes in different sections; so that the church with its spiritual uplift could go to those who are shut in and unable to attend the prayer-meeting in the church. The church must not, cannot, confine its services of worship to its own walls; but should go, through its living membership, with its cheer and help, to the weary and worn business men, the tired and busy mothers, the discouraged and helpless invalids, in the home; that the church may know that it is not confined in its worship, work, or power to the church building or its frequenters. The church is larger than any place, more than any room; and its prayer-meetings must not be confined to one place, however sacred, nor to one time, however convenient. The church which is in the home needs to be magnified and glorified, and a wise use of the church prayer-meeting in the homes will arouse the spirit of family worship and deepen the spiritual life of the church.

(2) As to the time.—The church should have as many prayer-meetings each week as it can afford, without religious dissipation or neglect of other duties. There should certainly be a church prayer-meeting on the Lord's Day, where the church members and others interested may express the thoughts which have impressed them during the day, and where the fruits of the day may be gathered up in testimony, prayer and conversation.

A profitable prayer-meeting may be held in the morning before the regular service of worship. Let all come who will. It will be a good preparation for pastor and people. The morning service may not properly be called a prayer-meeting, though with profit this service may occasionally be turned into a prayer-meeting. The Sunday school can hardly be called a prayer-meeting, though occasionally with great profit the whole Sunday school may be turned into a prayer-meeting; and during the meeting, or at the close of the meeting, opportunity should be given for "decision" for Christ.

The Christian Endeavor Society in most churches holds its prayer-meeting on Sunday, though some other day would be better in order to impress in every possible way upon the young people that prayer-meetings and religious services are not to be confined to, or limited by, Sunday. It will be difficult later to get young people to a mid-week service who have always been allowed or encouraged to have their meetings on Sunday, because they have so many engagements and so many dates fixed for the week-nights. The Junior Endeavor Society, or Christian

Nurture Society, or Pastor's Class of Children and Youth from the public schools, may be held some week-day after school, so that the boys and girls may realize that the church and school co-operate, and that the church is to train them up in the knowledge and fear of God. This, too, is a church prayer-meeting. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, the Junior Endeavor Society, and kindred organizations are not to be lightly esteemed by pastor or church. The Junior Endeavor Society is the prospective church at prayer and study.

But, after all this has been said, there ought to be on the Lord's Day, preferably as the last service of the day, a church prayer-meeting. In this important meeting, which should be short, each one should be encouraged to express some thought which has impressed him during the day, in the services of worship, the Sunday school, or in his private devotions. The pastor may take the last few minutes in gathering together these random thoughts and driving home one thought at least. In the distractions of our modern life, in the diversity of thoughts presented at the various services of the day, it is good to fix one thought securely. This service will give the people an opportunity to express their thoughts of the day, and will show the pastor where he has failed and succeeded in his message. The sermon, Sunday school, and lecture should not crowd out the free and unrestrained expression of the serious thoughts, earnest purposes, and good resolutions which the Lord's Day ought to arouse and stimulate.

And whenever the church celebrates the Lord's Supper, this Sunday evening prayer-meeting may be used with great profit as an anniversary service for those who have united with the church at that communion in former years. The power of the testimony of children, youth and adults who one after another rise and say: "I am one year old in the Lord to-day," or "I gave my life to Christ ten years ago, and am glad," or "I am sixty years old in this church to-day,"—the power of such joyous testimony cannot be over-estimated. Union with the local church means something. The celebration of the Lord's Supper, with such a memorial anniversary service, where the whole family of the church meet, is of incalculable service. A pastoral letter during the week preceeding this service to those who are thus to celebrate their anniversary will be a helpful reminder to the careless.

Most churches should have a church prayer-meeting at least once during the week. It is difficult for many to live from Sunday to Sunday without the good cheer of a mid-week prayer-meeting. With the multiplicity of organizations, the social activity of the churches, the increasing number of sociables, fairs, festivals and "rummage sales," the church needs at least one evening for the social service of prayer, praise and Christian conversation. The time of this service should be such as to accommodate the largest number of the members of the church and congregation; and when the hour is fixed, it should begin and close promptly. Promptness, as well as cleanliness, is next to godliness; and

time is just as valuable in a church prayer-meeting as in the stock exchange. People who are prompt at their work and in their business engagements are dilatory, irregular and unreliable often in attendance at church services, committee meetings and church engagements. If bad ventilation will stifle a prayer-meeting, a poor clock, an "untimous" leader, and a regularly irregular attendance will kill it.

The church should provide a time for a prayer-meeting during the week which will accommodate women and children who cannot come to a mid-week evening meeting. There is a large company of mothers with small children, boarding-house keepers, the aged and infirm, who for one reason and another cannot attend an evening meeting. This service may be under the auspices of the Maternal Association, or the King's Daughters, or the Women's Missionary Society, or the church directly; but all of the organizations of the church are, after all, the church in its living membership at work. We are too prone to separate the church from its various organizations, which the church makes possible and through which it works. The great heart of the church sends its blood into the Junior Endeavor Society, its little finger, as into its board of deacons, the great head; and sometimes the little finger scratches the head to wake it up.

The Congregational Church should learn a lesson from the Roman Catholic Church and the Protestant Episcopal Church which give to their membership the largest opportunity for devotional services; and if the already heavily burdened pastor of a busy city church thinks himself unequal to more services, let him cut down on social functions, post-prandial speeches, bean suppers and gossiping visitations, and have an open-door church where the old men and the old women gather at convenient times, where the boys and girls of the city may play in its children's vestries, and be trained in their child-religion by the church more than one short hour in the Sunday school.

(3) As to the Leader.—Ordinarily the pastor of the church should be the leader of the mid-week church prayer-meeting; and very much depends upon him for the success of this service. (He should certainly not be the church's hireling nor any deacon's hired man.) He must himself be a Christian gentleman, true to himself, with a real Christian experience, a man of prayer, a lover of the truth, and a faithful student of the Word of God. In his thought and plan for the services of Sunday, he should not be unmindful of his own soul's nurture and the spiritual help which he himself will receive from the communion of the saints at the mid-week prayer meeting. He should not think so deeply nor study so persistently on the day of that meeting that he comes tired in mind to it. He must bring his best, freshest and freest thought to it, endued with power from on high.

He should not be so tired physically with his running hither and thither on foot, on bicycle, or electrics, that he cannot stand squarely on both feet, have the clear eye, the keen ear, and the courage which comes from prime physical condition. The worshippers will come weary with the day's work, the men still perplexed by business cares and physically exhausted by the long hours behind the counter, at the desk, by the looms and the whirring wheels; the women will come well-nigh distracted with their household cares and social functions. It is important that one man at least should be fresh and free in body and mind, with good, rich blood in his veins, that virtue may go out from him to the weary and worn.

Above all, he should make ample spiritual preparation by secret prayer and holy meditation. He should give himself unreservedly to the meeting, with openness of mind and soul to be helped in his own spiritual life as he communes with God and his brethren.

He should be at the place of meeting promptly, if possible before any one else comes, to greet those who come with his word of cheer. He should select his hymns and Bible readings beforehand, that he may join with his whole heart and mind in the prayers and testimony of his fellow worshippers, not so intent upon the next hymn that is to be sung, the next thing he is to do, the next word he is to speak, that his own soul may not be fed by the devotion of others. He is not to be so much a master of ceremonies to announce a program as primus interpares in the worship of the Lord.

Here he comes closest to the real heart of the church, and knows its spiritual life in the ordinary pursuits of its members. Knowing when and what to speak by the Spirit that witnesses with his spirit, he will not be afraid of silence so long as it is not due to restraint or formality; but will use it for the free and unhindered communion of soul with soul, without the restraint or friction of speech, and will thank God for the true Quaker element, for the silence that fills all space and for the eloquence and power that fill all unrestrained silence. Strangers or chance acquaintances may have to keep up a flow of conversation, and like the babbling brook may chatter, chatter as they go to join the brimming river, and talk, talk forever, until one wishes for a lodge in some vast wilderness where the talkers cease from talking and the chatterers are at rest, and words, words, words cease to flow, while all the earth keeps silence before him. Many a church prayer-meeting has been talked to death by an eloquent preacher or a gifted layman. The prayermeeting is a good place for quiet, rest, silence, which is not due to laziness or restraint but to the desire of weary men to be rid of the friction and clatter of words.

The pastor should invite and welcome all, old and young, men and women, whether members of the church or not; and should put every one, so far as possible, at his ease. No one should be cudgelled, coaxed or frightened into making a public prayer or a speech. Any cringing feeling should be removed and there should be no back seats for the scorner, the cringer, or the coward. Indeed, to get rid of the back-seat Christians it may be advisable to arrange the chairs occasionally in a

circle, or like a drawing-room. A pastor who is true-hearted, well-prepared, at his ease will do much to make the prayer-meeting a place of abundant life, joy and rest. He should not scold anyone, and certainly not those faithful souls who do attend because of those who do not attend. He should not berate his church or people for their lack of spirituality; but with God's help, let him arouse, awaken, inspire, and having done all, let him stand, "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." The trouble is, some are too unmovable as to spirit and method, and never abound. The pastor should be full of courage and patience, the last man to lose heart in the prayer-meeting.

(4) As to the People. — If it is the business of the pastor to arouse and awaken, it is theirs to respond. Then they will express their spiritual life in the simplest and most natural forms, as the Spirit gives them utterance. The power of speech cannot be over-estimated, "yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue." There is danger that some will speak in a tongue, which no man, not even the speaker, understands. Here the members may properly express their difficulties, doubts, questionings, their fears and hopes. Here is the place to talk with God, to weep with those that weep, to rejoice with those who rejoice, to bear each other's burdens, to give the oil of joy for mourning, the spirit of praise for the spirit of heaviness, to look up and not down, and to lend a hand. Here is the place for the heartiest and most unrestrained expression of genuine Christian sympathy, brotherliness, fellowship—the place to rejoice in the Lord and one another, to laugh and sing, as well as to cry and mourn.

Prayer is always in order; but testimony, discussion, holy conversation, should be encouraged. The prayer-meeting may well be a religious conversazione, which should not degenerate, as too many such do into a monologue or a soliloquy. Everyone should be encouraged and helped to take some part. The very expression of a thought, a doubt, a hope may be helpful. Frequently, some who are not "gifted" in prayer may utter a prayer that makes glad the heart of God and man. Let the timid, the shrinking, the sensitive souls who live much in the hopes and sympathies of others, find here a solace; and, while no unwilling service is required, be encouraged by the stronger and more reliant to take an active part. The church needs in every possible way to call out its silent majority, its rank and file, who can say at least, "I give my testimony for Christ." The wise use of the method of the Methodist classmeeting may be encouraged, though it must be understood that there is always a place for the silent member.

It is always to be remembered by the few or many that may be present in the body that there is a large number, often many more than can be counted in the prayer-meeting room, who are present in spirit, whose prayers rise for those who are privileged to meet together in Christ's name. We believe in the communion of saints.

(5) As to the Topics. — What costs little is worth little; and a readymade set of topics, good for all churches and at all times, however excellent, is probably not the best for any church. It is important that there should be a unity, which is real and apparent, in all of the work of the church and pastor. Instead of one topic for the prayer-meeting, another for Sunday services, another for the Sunday-school; it would be better to adopt the Roman motto: "Non multa, sed multum."

For the past year we have adopted a method for our Friday evening church prayer-meeting which has been every way pleasant and profitable. The meeting begins promptly at 7:30, sometimes with silent prayer, sometimes with hearty singing, followed by the reading in concert or responsively of the chapter in the Bible containing the Sunday-school lesson for the coming Sunday. The topic of the meeting is some particular subject of present, practical importance in the life of the church or its members, selected from the Sunday-school lesson by the pastor and a committee, with a series of three or four pertinent questions of practical value, printed on the church calendar and distributed on the preceding Sunday. There is then a conversazione, under the direction of the pastor, on the topic suggested along the lines of the printed questions, which open the minds to think and the tongues to speak, and other questions are suggested. The result is a free, easy, unrestrained Christian conversation on the important themes of the Christian life. Almost everyone takes part and the time is all too short. Before and after this conversation there is opportunity for prayer, which is definite, brief and to the point.

This meeting closes promptly at the end of fifty minutes, and after an intermission of five minutes is followed by a meeting of the Sundayschool teachers and any others who wish to remain for the close and earnest study of the Sunday-school lesson for the coming Sunday, under the direction of the pastor. The children and older members who desire to get home before nine o'clock, are excused after the prayer-meet-The Bible-class closes promptly at nine o'clock. The prayermeeting topic has so stirred the people to think and ask questions that a thirst is created for the Bible-class, for which about two-thirds of the prayer-meeting attendants remain. Thirty-five minutes without preliminaries are spent on Bible study, by question and answer. The Sunday-school teachers who come for the Bible-class come to the prayer-meeting. The attendants at the prayer-meeting, not teachers, remain to study the Bible. Teachers are recruited from the reserve force, and the superintendent finds here his substitutes for Sunday. The service is a unit in its diversity. The prayer-meeting and the Sunday-school, prayer and Bible study, should be closely allied; for almost every revival of religion has begun in the prayer-meeting or the Sundayschool. "The Bereans were more noble than the Thessalonicans, in that they received the Word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether these things were so."

I believe this method of prayer, meditation, conversation, Bible study, has no limit to its power for good. We have not fully learned the power of Christian conversation in a world of wordy small talk. With the multiplicity of books and magazines, we need a prayerful, intelligent, united study of the Bible. Half an hour on Sunday in small classes is not sufficient. The pastor cannot reach the church there. The evenings of the week are so fully occupied it is difficult to get an evening for a normal class. The home has its demands and should be respected and exalted. The prayer-meeting gives the very best opportunity for the exposition of the truth, where pastor and people may be fellow-students.

This meeting may properly be varied once a month by the missionary concert, which ought to find a place in every modern prayer-meeting, with light from the world-wide field, and once in two months by the preparatory lecture by the pastor.

Whatever the method may be, the topics should be carefully selected by the pastor himself, or by a committee from the church, including the pastor; and should have a close relation to the present life and needs of the church. It is not necessary that all churches should have the same subjects. It is necessary that at any cost the church should preserve its individuality, develop its own resources, and think for itself.

And I know not why occasionally church sociables may not be turned into prayer-meetings, or why at the regular prayer-meeting there may not be the breaking of bread together, and a revival of the ancient agapæ. It is a good time for the best kind of family worship, when all the family are together at the table for breakfast or dinner, as Christ and his disciples had their best prayer-meeting in connection with their Passover Supper. The church has been too much inclined to have its sociables, which may be made very helpful for the spiritual life of the church, altogether for eating and drinking and making merry and money; and frequently neglects even the blessing of the bread, in the hurry of the crowd to eat. The church sociable may become the agapæ, or love-feast; and it may lead to enlightened Christian conversation, instead of the church small talk and gossip.

We close with the proposition with which we began, that the church needs today the spirit of prayer and time for prayer; and its members should meet often for praise, prayer and testimony, for united prayer and Christian fellowship, for the breaking of bread together, holding all things, especially their spiritual life, in common.

### STATISTICAL TABLES

### EXPLANATORY.

The tables which follow comprise: -

1. The statistics of the churches, giving the ministers, church membership, additions, removals, baptisms, Sunday schools and families; the statistics of the Young People's Societies; the amounts of benevolences and expenses. These tables, in accordance with the vote of the Association, in 1887, are made to conform to those in the Year-Book.

2. The Conferences of the Churches, with the names of officers and the

times of meeting.

3. The Associations of Ministers, giving the date of ordination of each minister, the date of membership, the residence and his "employment." The abbreviations, "P." and "P. C." are explained below. "W. C." means without church; "Prof." means professor; "C. M." church missionary; "Tea." teacher; other abbreviations are self-evident. "W. C.," however, includes many who have retired from active service, and some who are in business.

4. The Ministerial Record, containing lists of ordinations, installations,

dismissals, marriages and deaths.

The tables of the first part contain the names of all the Congregational churches in Massachusetts, the towns and cities being arranged alphabetically; churches in each town according to age.

The column specifying ministers is corrected up to the time of printing. Church members and families are reported as numbered on the morning of Jan. 1. 1901. Admissions, removals, and baptisms cover the year 1900. "Absent" are not additional to "males," "females," and "total," but included in them. "Sunday school" includes total membership of officers, teachers and scholars, Jan. 1, 1901, or when the school is in operation (if not at that date), covering "branch schools" and "mission schools," so far as maintained by the reporting church. "Av." means the average attendance during 1900.

The months and days in the dates of the organization of churches are omitted. They will be found in the publication of 1873, those of churches since organized being given in the "Minutes" of each year. Also the months and days in the dates of ordination and installation of ministers are omitted. The former may be found in the lists of the local Associations, pages 173–193.

"Ordained" denotes the date on which the person was orignally set apart to the ministry by the "laying-on of hands." "Installed" denotes

the date of the beginning of his present pastorate.

In accordance with the recommendation of the National Council, pastors installed or recognized by council are marked "p. c."; pastors duly called by their churches and recognized by some "definite act of the

church," but not by council, are marked "p."; others in service are not marked, but in tabular summaries are counted as "supplies."

Blanks in any column of figures are never equivalent to "none," but mean "no report"; but blanks in the column of *ministers* do mean that the church has no pastor or acting pastor, and the blank is left for the convenience of those who note changes.

All post-office addresses are to be found in the "List of Ministers," and NOT IN THE TABLES.

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CHANGES from last Year-Book's list of churches: Added, — Barnstable, Cotnit; Heath. Omitted, — Brockton, Swedish, Campello. CHURCHES: 265 with pastors installed by council; 249 with pastors otherwise inducted; 6 with supplies; 81 vacant (including 21 supplied by licentiates or ministers of other denominations). Total, 601.

Ministers: 271 pastors installed by council; 243 pastors otherwise inducted; 6 supplies; 371 others. Total, 891.
Church Menbers: 35,471 males; 77,764 females. Total, 113,235, including 19,108 absort. (3an, 269.
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SUNDAY SCHOOL.	Superintendent.	William A. Rogers,	Franklin A. Park.	William R. Freethy,	Curtis B. Goodell,	Mrs. J. L. Larrabee,	-	Dea. Benjamin F. Kimball,	Rev. Ludwig Akeson,	Dea. William H. Huber,	Waldo Lewis,	D. M. Wheeler,	Charles E. Burbank,	Fred P. Good,	Paul B. Morgan,	Elmer C. Potter,	Eric Ljungquist,	C. W. Dodge,	Charles M. Smith,	Jerome M. Stone,	Ernest R. Maylott,	Rev. John H. Matthews,	Mrs. Albert G. Todd,	Stephen P. Proodian,	Edwin Batty,	Carl Norgren,	Eugene Van De Mark,	Milo Bates, Ringville,	Nathan H. Fales,	A. H. Eldridge, Y. Port.,	Miss Dora H. Baker,
CHURCHES.	Place.	Wilmington, Winchendon 1st.	"North.	(a)	Windsor,	Winthrop,	Woburn, 1st,	" North,	" Scand.,	" Montvale,	Worcester, 1st,	" Central,	" Union,	" Summerst.,	" Plymouth,	" Piedmont,	" Sred., 1st,	" Pilgrim,	_	" Covenant,	" Hope,	" LakeView,	" Bethany,			" Swed., 2d,	" Adams Sq.,	Worthington,	Wrentham,	Yarmouth,	" West,

REMOVALS: 1,969 by death; 2,511 by letter; 1,535 by discipline (and revision of the roll). Total, 6,015.

Berrisms: 1,539 adult; 1,810 interpression of the roll). Total, 6,015.

IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Members, 130,286. Gain, 5,075. Average, 69,121. Hown Young People's Societies: Number, 532; 34,849 members. Brokens reporting (561 last year); Benevolewy Contraderrows: 600 clurches reporting (579 last year): Foreign, \$155,361; Education, \$44,312; Church Building, \$27,302;

Home, \$159,782; A. M. A., \$36,376; Sunday School, \$14,876; Ministerial Add, \$4,708; Other, \$230,728. Totlal, \$673,945. Increase, \$13,906. Bent volent Lordachers: \$114,63. Decrease, \$113,033. Home Expenditures: 590 churches reporting (575 last year), \$1,711,020.

Increase, \$56,054.
ORGANIZATION: Twenty-five Conferences, united in The General Association of Massachusetts.

TABLES OF SUMMARIES: I. CHURCH STATISTICS

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BENEVOLENCE AND HOME EXPENDITURES

Conferences.	A.B.C.F.M.	Educa- tion.	C. B. S.	Home Missions.	A. M. A.	Sunday School.	Minis- terial Aid.	Other.	Total.	Legacies.	Home Expendi- tures.
Andover, Barnstable	\$4,516 596	\$1,743	686\$	\$8,546	\$1,586	\$440	£95	\$16,652	\$34,564	\$5,720	\$128,942
Berkshire North.	256.2	1.858	294	4.818	1 165	301	971	067 T	10,260	2,500	23,080 49,840
South,	2,423	187	149	1,629	616	184	2 25	0.013	7,459	10,570	94,340
Brookfield,	3,247	1,672	433	3,427	1,054	275	47	1,605	11,760	375	34,084
Essex North,	3,781	333	506	4,620	1,042	393	8	22,173	32,704	770	57,417
South,	5,440	1,007	430	4,765	1,880	524	161	8,175	22,385	1,500	90,436
Franklin,	1,938	326	317	1,619	853	291	65 65	1,623	6,999	120	40,725
Hampden,	9,360	6,024	6,541	13,388	3,428	1,021	487	49,781	90,030	20,095	150,065
Hampshire,	3,007	446	338	3,782	1,553	270	53	2,204	11,653	3,900	36,653
East,	4,020	250	151	1,784	795	134	84	1,417	8,602	2,000	18,708
	1,456	5.E.	120	<del>1</del> 86	383	992	70	2,552	6,299	C	23,746
Middlesex South,	2,971	588	376	3,243	1,257	273	104	3,229	12,041	725	52,034
Union,	2,824	9+9	425	2,896	1,051	534	99	2,330	10,772	1,550	57,074
Norfolk,	5,171	306 6	1,856	4,731	1,438	<del>1</del> 69	606 606	9,425	24,426	1,793	101,120
Old Colony,	5,08±	153	127	2,318	352	195	201	4,868	10,598	5,000	30,833
Pilgrim,	520	£	02	200	103	833	18	양	2,071	50	15,994
Suffolk North,	8,574	269	540	8,230	2,135	250	128	12,868	33,564	13,695	148,742
South,	14,603	2,919	1,551	15,958	2,347	1,181	368	5,234	14,061	1,571	140,893
" West,	40,037	0,349	4,121	42,360	5,062	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	760	28,800	132,711	26,121	149,815
Taunton,	5,123	7,814	925	7,547	1,274	992	30	21,114	44,593	3,639	54,534
	8,398	1,055	889	4,931	2,264	687	279	6,405	54,604	1,100	96,315
Worcester Central,	11,113	3,405	5,362	12,427	1,797	1,626	334	17,469	53,533	7,200	140,466
	1,468	108	164	925	909	157	0	2,253	5,681	0	24,673
" South,	6,893	2,874	820	3,600	2,636	<del>1</del> 66	492	2,056	20,395	1,000	27,272
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	\$155,361	\$44,312	\$27,302	\$159,782	\$36,876	\$14,876	\$4,70s	\$230,728	\$673,945	\$111,453	\$1,711,020

# III. THE S. S. AND Y. P. S. C. E. STATISTICS

	SUNDAY	Всноог.	Families	Y. F	. S. C. E.
Name of Conference.	Members.	Average Attend- ance.	in the Congre- gation.	No.	Members.
Andover	6,837	3,918	4,967	26	2,081
Barnstable	1,738	970	1,618	17	679
Berkshire North	3,353	2,140	2,666	15	999
" South	1,549	1.011	1,542	14	566
Brookfield	3,304	1,722	$\frac{1,542}{2,575}$	19	1,035
Fagor North	5,139			$\frac{19}{25}$	
Essex North		2,927	5,134		1,588
Franklin	8,407	4,789	6,026	33	2,595
	3,727	2,214	2,721	29	1,140
Hampden	9,273	5,429	7,504	36	2,376
Hampshire East.	2,826	1,738	2,349	17	848
	1,915	1,150	1,490	13	643
Mendon	2,040	1,156	1,889	10	623
Middlesex South	3,303	1,919	2,804	18	987
"Union	3,318	1,937	2,296	22	1,248
Norfolk	8,292	4,678	6,230	31	2,508
Old Colony	2,496	1,342	2,075	15	751
Pilgrim	1,226	759	1,479	13	452
Suffolk North	10,479	5,788	6,616	27	2,224
" South	10,152	5,605	6,667	26	2,626
West	6,665	4,411	4,807	21	1,843
Taunton	4,065	2,253	3,129	22	1,270
Woburn	7,433	3,886	5,470	23	2,133
Worcester Central	8,258	4,661	6,209	30	2,017
" North	1,914	1,127	1,616	14	712
" South	2,512	1,551	2,113	15	873
Associated with Rhode Island	65	40	30	1	32
Totals	120,286	69,121	92,022	532	34,849

# IV. SUMMARY OF CHANGES DURING THE YEARS MENTIONED

		Сни	RCHES			٠		Mı	NIST	ERS.			Sur	ıday	Benevolent	
ω, °	Nur	nber.	Mem	bers.	Th	e Pa	stora	ıte.	ith-		Death	ıs.	Sch	ools.	Contr	ibutions.
YEARS.	New.	Dropped.	Gain.	Loss.	Ordained.	Installed.	Dismissed.	Died.	Ordained with- out Installation.	Pastors. by Council.	Pastors.	Others.	Gain.	Loss.	Increase.	Decrease.
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Note.—The "year" means what changes were comprised in the twelve months preceding January 1 of the year mentioned. The table was begun in 1866, all preceding years now given being compiled from past Minutes,—the number of churches in some years varying from the Minutes as they were to what they should have been.

The changes in list of churches, ordinations, installations, etc., for the past year, condensed in the above table, are given in detail in their proper place.

<sup>\*</sup>Prior to 1876 "acting pastors" are included in "others" in columns of deaths of ministers.

# V. CONTINUED TABLE OF SUMMARIES

Benevolent	Contribu- tions.	\$673,94 660,039 660,039 660,413 660,413 675,524 675,534 677,535 677,537 677,53
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Baptisms.	Adult Infant	1,038 1,
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	Death	1,986 1,987 1,888 1,888 1,888 1,188 1,177 1,177 1,177 1,178 1,188
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In the above table, the columns of "Additions," "Removals," "Baptisms," "Sunday School Average," and "Benevolent Contributions" cover the twelve months next preceding January 1 of the year mentioned in a given line. The number of churches, members, and of Sunday Schools was enumerated January 1 of the year mentioned. The number of churches "Vacant" includes all churches supplied by licentiates, or ministers of other accountations.

### THE CONFERENCES OF THE CHURCHES

### 1. ANDOVER. — Organized, June 8, 1859.

Andover	, South,	Lawren	ce, Lawrence St.,	Lowell,	Kirk St.,
"	West,	6.6	South,	6.6	High St.,
44	Free,	"	Riverside,	44	French,
"	Ballardvale,	4.4	Trinity,	"	Highland,
**	Seminary,	"	United,	"	Swedish,
Chelmsf	ord, North,	Lowell,	Pawtucket,	"	Norwegian,
4.6	Central,	66	First,	Methue	n,
Dracut,	First,	4.4	First Trinitar'n,	North A	Andover,
"	Central,	"	Eliot,	Tewksh	oury,
		6.6	John Street,	Tyngsb	oro.

Albert W. Burnham, Lowell, scribe and treasurer.

John L. Brewster, Andover, statistical secretary.

Conference meets on the last Tuesday in April, and the second Tuesday in October.

### 2. BARNSTABLE. — Organized, October 28, 1828.

Barnstable,	West,	Falmouth,	East,	Provin	cetown,
"	Centreville,	"	North,	Sandw	ich,
"	Hyannis,	"	Waquoit,	Truro,	First,
"	Cotuit,	"	Woods Hole,	"	North,
Chatham,		Harwich,		Wellfle	et, First,
Dennis, Sou	ıth,	" ]	Port,	44	South,
" Un	ion,	Nantucket	,	Yarmo	uth, First,
Falmouth,	First,	Orleans,		4.6	West.

Rev. Charles A. Breck, Cotuit, scribe and treasurer. Conference meets on the second Tuesdays in May and November.

### 3. BERKSHIRE NORTH. — Organized, December 3, 1867.

Adams,	Peru,		Williamstow	n, First,
Becket, North,	Pittsfiel	d, First,	6.6	College,
Dalton,	"	Second,	"	South,
Hinsdale,	"	South,	"	W. Oaks,
Lanesboro,	4.6	Pilgrim Mem'	l, Windsor,	
Middlefield,	Richmo	nd,	(Canaan, N.	Y.)
North Adams,			(New Leban	on, N. Y.)

Deacon George French, North Adams, secretary and treasurer.

Annual meeting on the second Wednesday in November; semi-annual on the second Wednesday in May.

### 4. BERKSHIRE SOUTH. — Organized, August 29, 1860.

Becket,	Centre,	Monte	erey,		Sandisfield	l, First,
Egremon	it, South,	Moun	t Wash	ington,	4.6	New Boston,
Great Ba	rrington, First,	New M	Iarlboi	ro, First,	Sheffield,	
4.4	" Housatonic,	4.4	6.6	Southfield,	Stockbridg	ge,First,
Lee,		4.6	44	Mill River,	"	Curtisville,
Lenox,		Otis,			West Stock	kbr'ge, Centre,
					44 44	Village.

Bennett T. Gale, Lee, scribe and treasurer. Rev. Walter W. Curtis, West Stockbridge, statistical secretary. Annual meeting in November.

### 5. BROOKFIELD. — Organized, June 13, 1821.

Barre,	Hardwick, Gilbertville, S1	pencer,
Brimfield,	Holland, St	arbridge,
Brookfield,	New Braintree, W	are, First,
Charlton,	North Brookfield, First,	" East,
Dana,	, " Union,	" French,
Dudley,	Oakham, W	arren,
Hardwick, First,	Southbridge, W	est Brookfield.

Rev. Allen A. Bronsdon, Oakham, scribe and treasurer.

Annual meeting, first Tuesday in May, two days; semi-annual, third Tuesday in September, one day.

### 6. ESSEX NORTH. — Organized, April 30, 1828.

Amesbury, First,	Haverhill	, Centre,	Newbury,	First,
" Union,		North,		Byfield,
Boxford, West,	6.6	Riverside,	Newburyp	ort, North,
Georgetown, First,	4.4	Union,	4.4	Prospect St.,
" Memorial,		St. John's, Fre	ench, "	Belleville,
Groveland,	4.4	Ward Hill,	4.4	Whitefield,
Haverhill, Bradford,	Ipswich,	First,	Rowley,	
" West,	66	Linebrook,	West New	bury, First,
" Fourth,	Merrimac			' Second.

Rev. David C. Torrey, Byfield, scribe.

Rev. John N. Lowell, Haverhill, statistical secretary and treasurer. Conference meets on the second Wednesdays in May and October.

### 7. ESSEX SOUTH. — Organized, May 8, 1827.

Beverly,	Second, North,	Ipswie	ch, South,	Peabody,	Second, South,
4.4	Dane Street,	Lynn,	First,	44	West,
4.4	Washington St.,		Central,	Rockport,	First,
Boxford,		4.6	Chestnut St.,	44	Pigeon Cove,

### 7. Essex South (Continued).

Danvers,	First, Centre,	Lynn, North,	Rockp't, Swed., P. Cove.
**	Maple Street,	" Scandinavian,	Salem, Tabernacle,
Essex,		Lynnfield, Centre,	" South,
Glouceste	r, West,	" Second,	" Crombie Street,
	Trinity,	Manchester,	Saugus, First,
	Lanesville,	Marblehead,	" Cliftondale,
"	Magnolia,	Middleton,	Swampscott,
Hamilton.	,	Peabody, South,	Topsfield,
		- '	Wenham.

Rev. T. Frank Waters, Ipswich, scribe and treasurer. Rev. Arthur J. Covell, Lynn, statistical scribe. Conference meets on the second Wednesdays in May and October.

## 8. FRANKLIN. — Organized, October 10, 1843.

Ashfield,	Gill,	Northfield, East,
Bernardston,	Greenfield, First,	Orange, Central,
Buckland,	" Second,	``Swedish,
Charlemont, First,	Hawley, East,	Shelburne, First,
" East,	" West,	" Falls,
Colerain,	Heath,	Shutesbury,
Conway,	Leverett, Moore's Cor's,	Sunderland,
Deerfield, South,	Montague, First,	Warwick,
" Orthodox,	" Miller's Falls,	Wendell,
Erving,	" Turner's Falls	, Whately.

Rev. EDWARD P. BUTLER, Sunderland, scribe and treasurer. Conference meets on the second Wednesday and Thursday in September.

### 9. HAMPDEN. - Organized, December 4, 1850.

Agawam, Feeding Hills,	Huntington, Second,	Springfield, French,
" Second,	Longmeadow,	" Eastern Av.,
Blandford, First,	Ludlow, Centre,	" Emmanuel,
" Second,	" Union,	" Park,
Chester, First,	Monson,	" St. John's,
" Second,	· Palmer, Thorndike,	" Swedish,
Chicopee, First,	" Second,	" Faith,
" Second, Falls,	" Three Rivers,	Tolland,
" Third,	South Hadley Falls,	Westfield, First,
East Longmeadow,	Southwick,	" Second,
Granville, East,	Springfield, First,	West Springfield, First,
" West,	" Olivet,	" " Mittineague,
Hampden,	" South,	" " Park Street,

### 9. Hampden (Continued).

Holyoke, First, Springfield, North, Wilbraham, Centre,
"Second, "Indian 0'd, "North.
"French, "Hope,

Rev. Collins G. Burnham, Chicopee, scribe.

FRANK P. SEARLE, Westfield, treasurer.

Conference meets on the last Tuesday in October; semi-annual meeting in April.

### 10. HAMPSHIRE. - Organized, February, 1865.

Chesterfield, Hatfield, Southampton, Huntington, 1st, Norw'h, Westhampton, Cummington, West. Northampton, First, Williamsburg. Easthampton, First, Haydenville, Edwards, " Florence, Worthington. Payson. Goshen, Plainfield,

W. M. Purington, Haydenville, scribe and treasurer.

Rev. John Pierpont, Williamsburg, statistical secretary.

Conference meets in the spring and fall at the call of the executive committee.

### HAMPSHIRE EAST. — Organized, December 13, 1860.

Amherst, First, Enfield, Leverett, ٤. Pelham, First, Second. Granby, 66 " Pack'dville, Enfi'd, College, Greenwich. 44 North, Hadley, First, Prescott, 44 South. Second, North, South Hadley.

Belchertown,

Deacon M. B. Kingman, Amherst, registrar and treasurer.

Rev. George E. Fisher, North Amherst, statistical secretary.

Semi-annual meeting on the last Tuesday in April; annual meeting on the third Tuesday in October.

### 12. MENDON. — Organized, April 12, 1858.

Foxboro, Medway, Second, West, Millis, Franklin, "Village, Norfolk, Mansfield, "Third, West, Walpole, Medfield, Milford, Wrentham.

Rev. Isaiah W. Sneath, Franklin, scribe and treasurer. Conference meets on the third Wednesdays in April and October.

### 13. MIDDLESEX SOUTH. — Organized, August 20, 1828.

Ashland,		Hudson	,	Northbor	ю,
Dover,		Lincoln	,	Sherborn	,
Framinghan	n,Plymouth,	Marlbor	o, First,	Southbor	о,
"	Saxonville,	"	French,	"	Southville,
"	South,	Maynare	d,	Sudbury,	South,
Holliston,		Natick,	First,	Wayland.	,
Hopkinton.		44	South.	Wellesley	· .

Rev. NICHOLAS VAN DER PYL, Holliston, scribe and treasurer. Conference meets on the third Wednesdays in April and October.

### 14. MIDDLESEX UNION. — Organized, May 8, 1853.

Acton, First,	Fitchburg,	Calvinist,	Leominster,	Centre,
" South,	"	Rollstone,	"	North,
Ashby,	" "	German,	Littleton,	
Ayer,	"	Swedish,	Lunenburg,	
Boxboro, West Acton,	Groton, Fi	rst,	Pepperell,	
Concord,	" W	est,	Shirley,	
Dunstable,	Harvard,		Townsend,	
	Lancaster,		Westford.	

Rev. Joel D. Miller, Leominster, scribe and treasurer.

Annual meeting third Wednesday in October; spring meeting in April.

### 15. NORFOLK. - Organized, June 14, 1827.

Abington First Cohasset Evangelical Onincy Swedish

Abing ton,	rust,	Сопавае	t, Evangenear,	Quincy;	, sweatsn,
44	North,	"	Beechwood,	Rando	lph,
Braintree,	First,	East Br	idgewater,	Rockla	ind,
"	South,	Easton,	Centre,	Sharon	١,
Bridgewat	ter,	44	Swedish, North,	Stough	iton,
66	Scotland,	Hinghar	m, First,	Weymo	outh, First, Hghts,
Brockton,	First,	44	Beth'y, Nau't,	66	Old South, South,
"	South, Ca'p'lo,	Holbroo	ok,		& Braintree, E.B.,
44	Porter,	Milton,		"	Union, South,
44	Waldo,	4.4	East,	6.6	Pilgrim, North,
"	Wendell Ave.,	Quincy,	Bethany,	"	East,
"	Lincoln,		Washington St.,	Whitm	ian.

Rev. Augustus H. Fuller, Easton Centre, scribe.

Deacon Sanford Waters Billings, Sharon, treasurer.

Rev. Frank E. Butler, South Weymouth, statistical secretary.

Conference meets on the first Tuesday in May, and on the last Tuesday in September.

### 16. OLD COLONY. Organized, September 23, 1856.

Dartmouth, South,	Midd	leboro, I	First,	Rochester, First,
Edgartown,		" (	Central,	" North,
Fairhaven,	New	Bedford	, Acushnet,	" East, W. Wareham,
Marion,	"	6.6	North,	Wareham,
Mattapoisett,	"	"	Trinitar'n,	Westport,
				West Tisbury

Rev. WILLIAM CARRUTHERS, Box 283, Holyoke, scribe and treasurer. Conference meets for a two days' session on the third Tuesday in April, and the last Tuesday in October.

### 17. PILGRIM. — Organized, April 27, 1830.

Carver, North,	Hanson,	Plymouth, Pilgrimage,
Duxbury,	Kingston,	" Chiltonville,
Halifax,	Marshfield, First,	Plympton,
Hanover, West,	" – Hills,	Scituate.
" Four Corners.	Plymouth, Manomet.	

Rev. Ernest M. Bartlett, Kingston, scribe and treasurer. Rev. Edward D. Disbrow, West Hanover, statistical secretary. Conference meets on the third Tuesdays in April, July and October.

### 18. SUFFOLK NORTH. — Organized, May 23, 1861.

Arlingt	on, First,	Cambrid	ge, North Ave.,	Revere, Fi	rst,
4.4	Heights,	4.6	Port, Pilg'm,	" Be	eachmont,
Boston,	First, Charlest'n	, "	" Wood M	emorial,	
4.4	Winthrop, "	"	" Hope,	Somerville	e, First,
6.6	Maverick, East,	Chelsea,	First,	"	Broadway,
"	Mount Vernon,	4.6	Central,	4.6	West,
	Seamen's,	4.6	Third,	66	Prospect Hill,
	Baker, East,	Everett,	First,	4.6	Winter Hill,
Cambri	dge, First,	"	Courtland St.,	6.6	Highlands,
	Prospect St.	, ,,	Mystic Side,	Winthrop.	
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HARRY W. JEFFERS, Chelsea, scribe and treasurer.

W. H. HILLING, Somerville, statistical scribe.

Conference meets on the second Wednesdays in April and in October.

### 19. SUFFOLK SOUTH. — Organized, May 23, 1861.

Boston, 2d, Dorchester, Boston, Pilgrim, Dorch., Dedham,

- " Union, " Highland, Rxby, Hyde Park, First,
- " Phillips, S. B., " Walnut Av. " " Clar'don Hills,
- " Village, Dorch., " Olivet, Norwood,
- " Eliot, Roxbury, " Harvard, Dorch. Quincy, Atlantic,

### 19. Suffolk South (Continued).

Boston, West Roxbury, Boston, Central, Dorch. Quincy, Wollaston, Roslindale, Park & Downs,

Central, J'a P'n, 66 "

66 Boylston, St. Mark's, East Walpole,

Immanuel, Rxby, Canton, Westwood, Islington.

Trinity, Nepon't,

Rev. WILLIAM T. BEALE, Dorchester, recording secretary.

E. S. HATHAWAY, Hyde Park, treasurer.

HARRY G. DIXON, Neponset, statistical secretary.

Conference meets on the third Wednesdays in April and October.

### 20. SUFFOLK WEST. — Organized, November 17, 1873.

Belmon	t, Waverley,	Boston,	Norwegian,	Newton,	North,
- "	Plymouth,	· · I	Allston,	"	Newtonville,
Boston,	Old South,	Brookline	e, Harvard,	"	Highlands,
"	Park Street,	44	Leyden,	Waltham	, First,
66	Berkeley Te'ple,	Needham	1,	"	Swedish,
	Brighton,	Newton,	First, Centre,	Waterto	vn,
"	Central,	"	Second, West,	Wellesle	y Hills,
• •	Shawmut,	"	Eliot,	Weston.	
4.6	Swedish,	"	Auburndale,		

Rev. HENRY E. OXNARD, Newton, scribe.

Rev. John O. Haarvig, Allston, recording and statistical secretary. Benjamin F. Dewing, 11 Milford Street, Boston, treasurer.

Conference meets on the second Wednesdays in April and October.

### 21. TAUNTON. — Organized, Oct. 2, 1849.

Attle	eboro	,	Freetown,	Asson	et,	Raynham	, North,
Berk	ley,		Lakeville,			Rehoboth	1,
Digh	ton,		Middlebor	o, Nor	th,	Somerset	,
Fall	River	r, First,	North Att	leboro,	Oldťn,	Taunton,	West,
"	"	Central,	66	"	Falls,	"	Trinitarian,
"	"	Fowler,	"	66	Trin'y,	"	Winslow,
	"	French,	Norton,			4.6	East,
"	"	Broadway,	Raynham,	First,		"	Union.

Rev. Frank L. Luce, Taunton, scribe.

THOMAS CHEW, Box 460, Fall River, treasurer.

Conference holds two sessions annually, of one day each, in the spring and fall.

### 22. WOBURN. - Organized, Sept. 5, 1848.

Bedford,	Malden, Linden,	Stoneham,
Billerica,	Medford, Mystic,	Wakefield,
Burlington,	" West,	Wilmington,
Carlisle,	" Union,	Winchester,

### 22. Woburn (Continued).

Hancock,	Melrose, First,	Woburn,	First;
Lexington,	" Highlands,	"	North,
Malden, First,	North Reading,	"	Scandinavian,
" Maplewood,	Reading,	"	Montvale.

Rev. ISAAC PIERSON, Medford, scribe and treasurer.

Conference meets on the last Tuesdays in April and October.

### 23. WORCESTER CENTRAL. - Organized, April 28, 1852.

Auburn,	Shrewsbury,		Worcester,	Pilġrim,
Berlin,	Sterling,		44	Park,
Boylston,	West Boylston,		6.6	Covenant,
Clinton, First,	Worcester	, First,	6.6	Норе,
"German,	٤ د	Central,	6.6	Lake View,
Holden,	66	Union,	4.6	Bethany,
Leicester,	4.6	Summer St.,	66	Armenian,
Oxford,	"	Plymouth,	66	Immanuel,
Paxton,	4.6	Piedmont,	44	Swedish, 2d,
Princeton,	44	Swedish, 1st,	6.6	Adams Sq.
Rutland.				

Rev. J. Addison Seibert, Worcester, scribe and treasurer.

Rev. Thomas E. Babb, Holden, statistical secretary.

Conference meets on the Tuesday following the second Monday in May, and on the Tuesday following the third Monday in October.

### 24. WORCESTER NORTH. — Organized, Nov. 24, 1827.

Ashburnham, First,	Orange, North,	Templeton, Trinitarian,
" North,	Petersham,	" Baldwinsville,
Athol,	Phillipston,	Westminster,
Gardner,	Royalston, First,	Winchendon, First,
Hubbardston,	" South,	" North.
New Salem		

Rev. Gustavus W. Jones, Winchendon, scribe and treasurer. Conference meets in October and May.

### 25. WORCESTER SOUTH. — Organized, June 17, 1828.

Blacksto	ne, First,	milloury,	First,	Sutton,
"	Scand., Millville,	4.4	Second,	Upton,
Douglas,	First,	Northbrie	dge, <b>Centre,</b>	Uxbridge,
"	East,	46	Whitinsville,	Webster,
Grafton,	First,	4.4	Rockdale,	We stboro.

Saundersville,

Rev. John R., Thurston, Whitinsville, scribe.

Deacon Amos Armsby, Millbury, treasurer.

Conference meets on the fourth Thursdays in April and October.

# THE ASSOCIATIONS OF MINISTERS

# 1. Andover, Organized, July 5, 1763.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. Emple	oyment.
S. Winchester Adriance,	'79, May 22.	'84, Dec. 2.	Winchester.	W. C.
George A. Andrews,	'99, June 14.	'99, Dec. 5.	Andover.	P. C.
Ernest L. Baker,	'94, Sept. 18.	95, Feb. 26.	Center Harbor, N.	
Cecil F. P. Bancroft,	'67, May 1.	'90, Sept. 23.	Andover.	Prof.
Henry E. Barnes,	'62, May 28.	'94, Feb. 27.	North Andover.	P. C.
Ernest C. Bartlett,	'96, Mar. 12.	'96, Dec. 8.	Chelmsford.	P. C.
William A. Bartlett,	'86, Jan. 4.	'96, Feb. 23.	Lowell.	P. C.
James M. Blue,	'96, July 14.	'96, Sept. 29.		Ρ.
Francis H. Boynton,	'64, Oct. 20.	'89, May 28.	New Braintree.	P.
Park A. Bradford,	'79, July 30.	'94, Sept. 25.	Lowell.	W. C.
Charles C. Carpenter,	'60, May 9.	'91, May.	Andover.	W. C.
Clark Carter,	'68, Feb. 13,	'73, June 3.	Andover.	C. M.
Thomas G. A. Coté,	'71, April 9.	'82, April 11.		Ρ.
George R. Dickinson,	'95, Oct. 9.	, <u>-</u>	Zanesville, O.	W. C.
Sarah A. Dixon,	'97, June 16.		Tyngsboro.	Ρ.
Robert W. Dunbar,	'99, Feb. 8.	'99, Feb. 28.	North Chelmsford.	
Hohannes B. Garabedian	,'88, Sept. 18.	'99, Dec. 5.	Lawrence.	M.
John M. Greene,	'57, Oct. 20.	'71, June 28.	Lowell. P.	C. Em.
Daniel W. Hardy,	'74, Oct. 20.	'95, Dec. 3.	Billerica.	Р.
David P. Hatch,	'86, July 1.	'00, Feb. 27.	Lawrence.	P. C.
Edward Y. Hincks,	'70, Oct. 18.	'85, Dec. 15.		f. Sem.
Charles W. Huntington,	'81, Sept. 6.	'88, June 5.	Lowell.	P. C.
Francis H. Johnson,	'61, Oct. 15.	'83, June 5.	Andover.	W. C.
George H. Johnson,	77, July 6.	'92, Dec. 6.	Lowell.	P. C.
George F. Kenngott,	'90, Oct. 8.	'92, Dec. 6.	Lowell.	P. C.
David Kilburn,	'84, April 20.	'90, Sept. 23.	Alleghany, Pa.	W. C.
Willis D. Leland,	'80, Jan. 23.	'93, Sept. 26.		W. C.
Herbert G. Mank,	'89, Jan. 15.	'98, Dec. 6.	Lawrence.	P. C.
Charles P. Marshall,	'98, July 26.	'00, Dec. 4.	Lawrence.	P. C.
Selah Merrill,	'64, Nov. 1.	'74, Oct. 20.	Jerusalem.	W. C.
Charles L. Mitchell,	'71, June 28.	'84, June 19.	Winchester.	W. C.
George F. Moore,	'78, Feb. 2.	'95, May 28.	Andover. Pro	f. Sem.
Lewis W. Morey,	'82, Sept. 6.	'93, Sept. 26.	Malden.	W. C.
Andrew P. Nelson,	'94, Mar. 1.	'98, Feb. 22.	Lowell.	P. C.
Charles H. Oliphant,	'76, July 12.	'84, Oct. 28.	Methuen.	P. C.
Frederick H. Page,	'93, Nov. 23.	'96, May 26.	Lawrence.	P. C.
William G. Poor,	'85, May.	'01, May 14.	Lowell.	P.
Edward W. Pride,	'69, June 10.	'92, June.	Andover.	W. C.
John P. Richardson,	'80, May 4.	'99, Dec. 5.	Dracut.	Ρ.
William H. Ryder,	'69, Dec. 14.	'88, Dec. 4.		f. Sem.
Hovhannes K. Santikian,	'97, Feb. 2.	'97, Dec. 7.	Cambridgeport.	M.
Frank R. Shipman,		'94, June 5.	Andover.	P. C.

#### 1. Andover (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
John Phelps Taylor,			Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Charles C. Torrey,	'99, May 15.	'99, May 29.	New Haven,	Ct. Prof.
Charles C. Torrey,	'55, Sept. 7.	'00, May 22.	Andover.	W. C.
Franke A. Warfield,	'71, June 10.	'99, Feb. 28.	Lowell.	P. C.
Charles H. Willcox,	'84, Nov. 6.	'84, Dec. 2.	Lawrence ville	, N. J. Tea.
Frederick A. Wilson,	'82, Oct. 6.	'90, April 8.	Andover.	P. C.
William E. Wolcott,	'81, Sept. 21.	'82, Feb. 26.	Lawrence.	P. C.
Frank E. Woodruff,	'83, Sept. 6.	'85, Nov. 3.	Brunswick, M	e. Prof.
J. Herbert Yeoman,	'77, Jan. 25.	'00, Dec. 4.	Tewksbury.	Р.

Licentiates.—Licensed, May 22, 1900, for two years: Henry J. Bennett, Andover, Mass.; Edward Carey, Princeton, Ill.; George Haines, Paterson, N. J.; William M. McNair, Providence, R. I.; Lucius F. Reed, Weeping Water, Neb.; Fred P. Ensminger, Sanford, Fla.; February 26, 1901 (for two years): J. H. Bennett, Crete, Neb.; Arthur E. Hartwell, Dunstable, Mass.

STATED MEETINGS. — First Tuesday in December, and fourth Tuesdays in February, May and September.

Rev. Robert W. Dunbar, North Chelmsford, scribe.

# 2. Berkshire North (Berkshire, 1763), Organized by division, October 14, 1852.

George W. Andrews,	'82, June 7.	'84, Dec. 1.	Dalton.	P.		
Lewis P. Atwood,	'55, Apr. 12.	'00, June 26.	Pittsfield.	W. C.		
John Bascom,	'59, Dec. 18.	'61, Jan. 28.	Williamstown.	W. C.		
George A. Beckwith,	'62, May 26.	'99, Oct. 17.	Saratoga Spgs,	<i>N.Y.</i> W. C.		
Henry M. Bowden,	'86, June 30.	'99, June 13.	Middlefield.	Р.		
Raymond Calkins,	'96, Oct. 19.	'98 Mar. 8.	Pittsfield.	P. C.		
Edson L. Clark,	'59, Nov. 30.	'92, Mar. 8.	Dalton.	W. C.		
Silas P. Cook,	'70, Mar. 23.	'00, Nov. 22.	Pittsfield.	Co. Miss.		
William V. W. Davis,	'77, Sept. 12.	'93, Dec. 19.	Pittsfield.	P. C.		
John H. Denison,	'70, Jan. 30.	'85, Sept. 16.	Williamstown.	W. C.		
Charles O. Eames,	'97, Dec. 14.	'99, Jan. 30.	Rochester, N. 1	r. P.		
Nathaniel H. Egleston,	'45, Feb. 19.	'77, Dec. 3.	Boston.	W. C.		
Edward H. Griffin,	'68, Feb. 6.	'73, Dec. 1.	Baltimore, Md.	Dean Coll.		
Alpheus C. Hodges,	'81, Nov. 16.	'00, June 26.	Canaan Four Co	or. N.Y. P.		
Owen James,	'94, Sept. 16.	'00, Nov. 22.	Lanesboro.	Ρ.		
James H. Laird,	'64, Dec. 21.	'85, Sept. 16.	Hinsdale.	P. C.		
T. Claire Luce,	'85, Dec. 2.	'90, Dec. 2.	Richmond.	P. C.		
Alford B. Penniman,	'83, Apr. 10.	'94, June 12.	Adams.	P. C.		
Albert H. Plumb, Jr.,	'99, May 11.	'00, June 26.	Peru.	P.		
James C. Seagrave,	'51, Dec. 1.	'87, Dec. 6.	Hinsdale.	W. C.		
Isaac C. Smart,	'85, June 9.	'85, Sept. 16.	Pittsfield.	P. C.		
George Sterling,	'74, Dec. 8.	'99, Jan. 30.	Windsor.	Р.		
William L. Tenney,	'88, Sept. 20.	'95, Dec. 20.	North Adams.	P. C.		
Licentiate Councit V Studion Williamstown						

Licentiate. — Garrett V. Stryker, Williamstown.

STATED MEETINGS. - In March, June, September and December.

Rev. Henry M. Bowden, Middlefield, scribe and treasurer.

# 3. Berkshire South (Berkshire, 1763), Organized by division, October 14, 1852.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. Empl	oyment.
Arthur J. Benedict,	'75, May 25.	'93, Jan. 31.	South Natick.	P.
Leon D. Bliss,	'89, Oct. 31.	'96, Oct. 27.	Great Barrington.	P. C.
Walter W. Curtis,	'72, Mar. 20.	'83, Oct. 29.	West Stockbridge.	Р.
John Dooley,	'72, May 6.	'98, April 26.	Monterey.	Р.
Edwin C. Gillette,	'98, Oct. 7.	'98, Nov. 1.	Southfield.	P.
Samuel Hopley,	'55, Sept. 19.	'90, Jan. 28.	Lee.	W. C.
John B. Lewis,	'95, Sept. 25.	'97, Oct. 26.	Mill River.	Ρ.
Stephen T. Livingston,	'91, July 8.	'91, Nov. 10.	Williamstown.	W. C.
Frederick Lynch,	'99, Mar. 27.	'99, Jan. 31.	Lenox.	Р.
R. DeWitt Mallary,	'76, Oct. 12.	'80, July 12.	Housatonic.	Ρ.
Evarts W. Pond,	'95, May 2.	'97, Oct. 26.	Sheffield.	P. C.
Charles S. Rich,	'96, Sept. 29.	'96, Oct. 27.	Stockbridge.	P. C.
Lyman S. Rowland,	'64, Nov. 16.	'77, Oct. 29.	Lee.	` P. C.
George T. Washburn,	'59, Mar. 22.	'59, July 25.	India. A. B.	C. F. M.

Licentiate.—Edward J. Ruliffson, West Wareham, licensed, Jan. 31, 1899, for four years.

STATED MEETINGS.—Last Tuesdays in January, April, July and October. Rev. Leon D. Bliss, Great Barrington, scribe and treasurer.

# 4. Brookfield, Organized, June 22, 1757.

The Brookfield Association has ceased to report its members, having transferred that function to the Brookfield Conference, which names the following ministerial members: —

Austin B. Bassett,	'87, Sept. 15	'00, May 8.	Ware.	P. C.
Oscar Bissell,	'56, May 14.	66	Brimfield.	W. C.
Edward B. Blanchard,	'92, June 29.	"	Brookfield.	P. C.
Allen A. Bronsdon,	'97, Dec. 2.	"	Oakham.	P. C.
Benson M. Frink,	'63, Jan. 9.	66	West Brookfield.	W. C.
Sereno D. Gammell,	'68, Sept. 9.	"	North Brookfield.	W. C.
Joseph F. Gaylord,	'67, Nov. 7.	"	Barre.	P. C.
J. Howard Gaylord,	'99, Nov. 21.	"	West Brookfield.	P. C.
Silvanus Hayward,	'61, Oct. 9.	"	Globe Village.	P. C.
George O. Jenness;	'61, Feb. 8.	"	Charlton.	P.
James G. Knotter,	'96, Apr. 21.	"	Ware.	P.
William B. Oleson,	'77, Dec. 4.	"	Warren.	P. C.
Harlan Page,	'83, Feb. 6.	"	Hardwick.	P.
Augustus M. Rice,	'73, Dec. 17.	66	Sturbridge.	P.
John L. Sewall,	'82, July 19.	44	North Brookfield.	P. C.
Dwight C. Stone,	'88, May 22.	"	Chester, Ct.	P.

STATED MEETINGS.—Second Tuesdays in January, April, July and October. Rev. J. Howard Gaylord, West Brookfield, scribe.

# 5. Cape Cod (Barnstable, 1792; Brewster, 1832; Vineyard Sound, 1836), Organized by union, October 16, 1866.

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Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. Emplo	yment.
Jeremiah K. Aldrich,	'63, Feb. 17.	'82, Jan. 31.	Hyannis.	W. C.
Charles A. Breck,	'94, Sept. 25.	'97, Aug. 4.	Cotnit.	Р.
Henry K. Craig,	'55, Jan. 24.	'73, April 15.	Falmouth.	W. C.
Sidney Crawford,	'70, Dec. 8.	<sup>2</sup> 01, Jan. 15.	Provincetown.	P.
Ernest W. Eldridge,	'93, April.	'00, May 6.	Montague.	P.
Fred. K. Ellsworth,	'98, June 2.	'00, Oct. 23.	Sandwich.	Ρ.
Washington H. Forbes,	81, July 1.	'00, Oct. 23.	South Dennis.	P.
Edward T. Ford,	'97, May 25.	'97, Oct. 19.	Tacoma, Wn.	P.
Edgar B. French,	'97, Sept. 7.	'97, Oct. 19.	West Barnstable.	Ρ.
John W. Hayley,	'64, Sept. 23.	'95, Jan. 15.	Lowell.	W. C.
Joseph B. Long,	'90, July 25.	'00, Oct. 23.	Woods Hole.	P.
Sampson Nicholls,	'78, Aug. 1.	'01, Jan. 15.	Harwichport.	P.
John H. Quint,	'98, May 18.	'01, Jan. 15.	Falmouth.	P. C.
E. Irving Rackett,	'94, May 9.	'94, July 17.	East Orleans.	P. C.
John T. Rea,	'73, Aug. 8.	'79, Jan. 28.	Exeter, N. H.	W. C.
Daniel W. Richardson,	'62, Aug. 14.	'96, Aug. 4.	$Ossipee\ Centre,\ N.H$	. W.C.
Ezra J. Riggs,	'79, July 10.	'91, Nov. 10.	Fitchburg.	W. C.
Ezra N. Smith,	772, June 12.	'92, April 19.	North Falmouth.	$\mathbf{P}$ .
Rufus B. Tobey,	'80, Nov. 30.	'81, Jan. 25.	Boston.	W. C.
John J. Walker,	'94, Dec. 11.	'97, April 20.	Yarmouth.	P. C.
Bartlett H. Weston,	'90, May 29.	'99, Aug. 8.	Centerville.	P.
Edgar C. Wheeler,	'96, Sept. 22.	'00, April 17.	Hyannis.	Ρ.
Chas. H. Whitney,	'71, Aug. 31.	'72, Jan. 16.	Cambridge.	W. C.
William H. Woodwell,	'73, June 12,	'89, June 11.	Washington, D. C.	Р.

STATED MEETINGS.—Third Tuesdays in January, April, July and October. Rev. Edgar B. French, West Barnstable, scribe.

# 6. Essex North, Organized, September 6, 1761.

Frank G. Alger,	'86, July 22.	'98, Dec. 20.	Newburyport.	P. C.
Charles L. Charron,	498, June 22.	'00, Oct. 16.	Haverhill.	Р.
George W. Christie,	'73, Dec. 11.	'93, Feb. 21.	Amesbury.	P.
Calvin M. Clark,	'90, Dec. 30.	'93, Dec. 19.	Haverhill.	P. C.
Charles Clark,	'94, Dec. 12.	'98, April 26.	Ward Hill.	P. C.
Charles F. Clarke,	'92, Dec. 7.	'98, April 26.	Groveland.	P.
Chalmer H. Coolidge,	'83, May 24.	'98, Dec. 20.	South Woodbury	, Vt. P.
F. Lincoln Davis,	'93, Nov. 8.	'94, April 17.	New Bedford.	P.
James D. Dingwell,	'95, July 12.	'00, Dec. 18.	Amesbury.	P. C.
Leonard Dodd,	<sup>1</sup> 78, May 5.	<sup>2</sup> 99, Oct. 17.	$Atkinson\ Depot,$	N. H. P.
John W. Dodge,	'60, Dec. 6.	'92, April 19.	Newburyport.	W. C.
Frank P. Estabrook,	'93, Feb.	'00, Dec. 18.	Georgetown.	P. C.
Daniel T. Fiske,	'47, Aug. 18.	'47, Dec. 29.	Newburyport.	P. C. Em.
David Fraser,	'95, Dec. 5.	'98, Oct. 17.	Rowley.	P. C.
George L. Gleason,	'66, Feb. 1.	84, May 20.	Haverhill.	P. C.
Charles S. Holton,	'92, Nov. 30.	'97, Dec. 21.	Newbury.	P. C.
Charles L. Hubbard,	'68, Sept. 2.	'80, April 20.	West Boxford.	P. C.
	Charles L. Charron, George W. Christie, Calvin M. Clark, Charles Clark, Charles F. Clarke, Chalmer H. Coolidge, F. Lincoln Davis, James D. Dingwell, Leonard Dodd, John W. Dodge, Frank P. Estabrook, Daniel T. Fiske, David Fraser, George L. Gleason, Charles S. Holton,	Charles L. Charron, George W. Christie, Calvin M. Clark, Charles Clark, Charles F. Clarke, Chalmer H. Coolidge, F. Lincoln Davis, James D. Dingwell, Leonard Dodd, John W. Dodge, Frank P. Estabrook, Daniel T. Fiske, David Fraser, George L. Gleason, Charles L. Charron, George M. Charles (12, 20, 20, 20), 78, May 24. 78, May 24. 78, May 5. 60, Dec. 6. 93, Feb. 947, Aug. 18. 95, Dec. 5. 666, Feb. 1. 92, Nov. 30.	Charles L. Charron, George W. Christie, Calvin M. Clark, Charles Clark, Charles F. Clarke, Chalmer H. Coolidge, F. Lincoln Davis, James D. Dingwell, Leonard Dodd, John W. Dodge, Frank P. Estabrook, David Fraser, George L. Gleason, Charles S. Holton, George W. Charron, 198, June 22. 100, Oct. 16. 193, Feb. 21. 194, Dec. 12. 198, April 26. 198, May 24. 198, Dec. 20. 198, May 24. 198, Dec. 20. 198, May 24. 198, Dec. 20. 196, Dec. 6. 197, April 197, Dec. 188. 197, Feb. 198, Oct. 177, 198, June 22. 198, Pec. 198, April 26. 199, July 12. 190, Dec. 18. 190, Dec. 19. 190, Dec	Charles L. Charron, George W. Christie, Calvin M. Clark, Charles Clark, Charles F. Clarke, Chalmer H. Coolidge, F. Lincoln Davis, James D. Dingwell, Leonard Dodd, John W. Dodge, Frank P. Estabrook, Daniel T. Fiske, David Fraser, George L. Gleason, Charles S. Holton, 198, June 22. 100, Oct. 16. Haverhill. Haverhill. 93, Feb. 21. 94, April 26. 95, April 26. 97, April 17. 98, April 26. 97, April 17. 98, April 27. 98, April 28. 99, Oct. 17. 99, Oct. 17. 99, Oct. 17. 99, April 19. 900, Dec. 18. 900, Dec. 1

#### 6. Essex North (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. Employment.
Joseph Kimball,	'83, June 15.	'86, April 20.	Hampton Falls, N. H. P.
John D. Kingsbury,	'56, Sept. 24.	'66, Oct. 17.	Bradford. P. C. Em.
Charles E. Lord,	'44, May 8.	'90, Dec. 16.	Newburyport. W. C.
John N. Lowell,	Y77, Nov. 21.	'81, Feb. 21.	Haverhill. P. C.
Charles P. Mills,	'80, Sept. 23.	'80, Dec. 21.	Newburyport. W. C.
Vincent Moses,	'87, Oct. 2.	'92, Dec. 20.	South Granville, N. Y. P.
Albert F. Newton,	'77, Sept. 5.	'98, Dec. 20.	Haverhill. P. C.
Edwin B. Palmer,	'59, Sept. 20.	'76, June 20.	Winchester. Tr. H.M. Soc.
Manasseh G. Papazian,	'90, May 28.	'90, Oct. 21.	Aintab. Prof.
Myron O. Patton,	'94, May 29.	'95, Dec. 17.	Newburyport. P. C.
Eugene L. Raiche,	'97, Oct. 19.	'98, Feb. 15.	Boston. W. C.
George L. Richmond,	'87, Oct. 10.	'90, April 15.	East Orange, N. J. W. C.
Francis W. Sanborn,	'78, Dec. 18.	'85, Dec. 16.	Marblehead. W. C.
George H. Scott,	'73, Sept. 8.	'88, Feb. 21.	Atkinson, N. H. P.
Elmer E. Shoemaker,	'94, Feb. 27.	'01, April 16.	Newburyport. P. C.
Egbert C. Smyth,	56, July 23.	'67, April 19.	Andover. Prof. Sem.
George L. Todd,	'87, April 13.	'93, April 18.	Havana, Cuba. P.
David C. Torrey,	'92, June 1.	'92, Dec. 20.	Byfield. P. C.
C. Julian Tuthill,	'94, May 1.	'95, Dec. 17.	Georgetown. P.

Licentiate. - Prof. Isaac N. Carleton, Bradford, licensed, April 19, 1887, renewed April 16, 1901, for three years.

STATED MEETINGS. - Third Tuesdays in February, April, June, October and December.

Rev. Calvin M. Clark, Haverhill, scribe.

# 7. ESSEX SOUTH AND SALEM (ESSEX SOUTH, September 3, 1717; SALEM, October 15, 1840), Organized by union, December 1, 1885.

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Harry C. Adams,	'89, Oct. 22,	'98, Jan. 11.	Danvers.	P. C.
Israel Ainsworth,	'80, April 11.	'89, May 14.	Rockport.	P. C.
William P. Alcott,	'68, Feb. 18.	'81, Sept. 13.	Boxford (Linebroo	k). P.C.
Walter H. Ashley,	'78, Mar. 19.	'98, Nov. 8.	Manchester.	P.
S. Linton Bell,	'76, Jan. 5.	'81, April 1.	Marblehead.	P. C.
Emery L. Bradford,	'92, July 1.	'94, Jan. 9.	Boxford.	P. C.
James F. Brodie,	'82, Feb. 21.	'89, Nov. 12.	Salem.	P. C.
John W. Buckham,	'88, Aug. 9.	'91, Jan. 13.	Salem.	P. C.
Daniel E. Burtner,	'90, Sept. 25.	'98, Sept. 13.	Swampscott.	P. C.
Edwin H. Byington,	'87, May 26.	'00, Nov. 13.	Beverly.	P. C.
DeWitt S. Clark,	'68, Nov. 11.	'79, June 2.	Salem.	P. C.
Edward Constant,	'83, Aug. 30.	'92, Mar. 8.	Ipswich.	Ρ.
Arthur J. Covell,	'90, Oct. 21.	'98, Nov. 8.	Lynn.	P. C.
Daniel L. Crafts,	'76, July 19.	'99, Mar. 14.	Lynn.	W. C.
Temple Cutler,	'61, Feb. 20.	'86, Sept. 26.	West Gloucester.	P.
Hugh Elder,	'68, Jan. 29.	'68, April 7.	Fowes, Scotland.	P.
Edward C. Ewing,	'63, Nov. 5.	'83, Nov. 1.	Roxbury.	W. C.
George E. Freeman,	'58, Oct. 6.	'96, Mar. 10.	Boston.	W. C.
Curtis M. Geer,	'90, June 25.	'95, Mar. 12.	Lewiston,Me.	W. C.

#### 7. ESSEX SOUTH AND SALEM (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Iembership.
Leslie C. Greeley,	'98, Dec. 20.	'99, Sept. 12.	Middleton.	P.
Willis A. Hadley,	'78, Aug. 21.	'94, May 9.	Southbridge.	P. C.
George A. Hall,	'86, April 13.	'86, Dec. 1.	Peabody.	P. C.
Owen E. Hardy,	'94, Oct. 2.	'00, Mar. 13.	West Peabody.	Р.
Chauncey J. Hawkins,	'99, May 19.	'00, Sept. 11.	Danvers.	P. C.
Rufus P. Hibbard,	'68, Aug. 4.	'88, Sept. 11.	Gloucester.	P. C.
George A. Jackson,	'72, Sept. 26.	'79, Jan. 14.	Swampscott.	W. C.
John A. Johnson,	'92, Aug. 6.	'95, Mar. 12.	Lynn.	P. C.
Frederic I. Kelley,	'89, Dec. 30.	'90, Mar. 11.	Dracut.	P. C.
John C. Labaree,	'63, Feb. 4.	'96, Nov. 10.	Saugus.	Р.
Warren P. Landers,	'91, Dec. 2.	'92, Mar. 8.	Somerville.	Journalist.
Frank A. Lindholm,	'98, Oct. 6.	'00, Jan. 9.	Danbury, Conn	. P.
Carl A. Lundgren,	<sup>2</sup> 93, Aug. 17.	'94, May 9.	Waltham.	Р.
William C. Merrill,	'84, May 17.	'97, Nov. 9.	Lynn.	Р.
Albert W. Moore,	'73, Jan. 22.	'84, Mar. 11.	Lynn.	W. C.
Jesse G. Nichols,	'94, Sept. 13.	'95, Jan. 8.	Hamilton.	P. C.
George W. Osgood,	'78, Jan. 26.	'96, May 26.	Lynn.	W. C.
Albert B. Peabody,	'60, May 24.	'98, Nov. 8.	East Boxford.	W. C.
Arthur H. Pingree,	'98, Nov. 16.	'99, Mar. 14.	Pigeon Cove.	Р.
Aaron Porter,	'60, Nov. 20.	'88, Sept. 11.	Salem.	W. C.
Frank H. Reed,	'86, June 24.	'86, Dec. 1.	Lanesville.	P. C.
Charles B. Rice,	'59, Dec. 7.	'64, May 1.	Danvers.	Secretary.
Edward F. Sanderson,	'99, June 27.	'99, Mar. 14,	Beverly.	P. C.
Jotham B. Sewall,	'55, Feb. 28.	'95, Mar. 12.	Boston.	W. C.
J. Henry Thayer,	'59, Dec. 29.	'60, Mar. 6.	Cambridge.	Prof.
Lewis J. Thomas,	'78, June 18.	'98, Sept. 13.	South Peabody	
W. Sherman Thompson,	'91, Oct. 14.	'97, Mar. 9.	Cliftondale.	P. C.
Morris H. Turk,	'98, Sept. 22.	'00, Jan. 9.	Wenham.	Р.
Arthur N. Ward,	'79, Feb. 25.	'92, Jan. 12.	Somerville.	W. C.
T. Frank Waters,	'76, Oct. 23.	'79, Feb. 4.	Ipswich.	P. C.
Charles C. Watson,	'67, July 2.	'94, Jan. 9.	Lynn.	W. C.
Will C. Wood,	'68, Oct. 15.	'69, Jan. 12.	Boston.	W. C.
Herbert J. Wyckoff,	'98, Sept. 15.	'00, Sept. 11.	Topsfield.	P. C.

Licentiate. — Markham W. Stackpole, Magnolia, Nov. 13, 1900, for one year. Stated Meetings. — Second Tuesdays in January, March, May, September and November.

Rev. T. Frank Waters, Ipswich, scribe.

# 8. Franklin, Organized, September 20, 1803.

'95, Jan. 2.	95, Feb. 12.	Burlington, Vt.	$\mathbf{P}_{\cdot}$
'95, Oct. 1.	'00, Feb. 13.	Shelburne Falls.	P. C.
'94, April 8.	'01, Feb. 12.	Greenfield.	P. C.
'94, Nov. 15.	'96, Feb. 11.	East Poultney, Vt.	P.
'74, Oct. 20.	'90, June 12.	Sunderland.	P. C.
'94, Jan. 3.	99, Nov. 14.	Orange.	P. C.
'97, Feb. 2.	'97, Sept. 14.	Colerain.	P.
	'95, Oct. 1. '94, April 8. '94, Nov. 15. '74, Oct. 20. '94, Jan. 3.	95, Oct. 1. '00, Feb. 13. '94, April 8. '01, Feb. 12. '94, Nov. 15. '96, Feb. 11. '74, Oct. 20. '90, June 12. '94, Jan. 3. '99, Nov. 14.	'95, Oct. 1. '00, Feb. 13. Shelburne Falls. '94, April 8. '01, Feb. 12. Greenfield. '94, Nov. 15. '96, Feb. 11. East Poultney, Vt. '74, Oct. 20. '90, June 12. Sunderland. '94, Jan. 3. '99, Nov. 14. Orange.

#### 8. Franklin (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. E	mployment.
George L. Dickinson,	'76, Sept. 20.	392, April 11.	East Northfield	d. W. C.
William H. Dowden,	'63, Nov	'01, Feb. 12.	Gill.	Р.
Joseph A. Goodrich,	'96, Sept. 9.	'96, Sept. 15.	Shelburne.	P.
Edward O. Grisbrook,	'93, May 17.	'98, Nov. 8.	South Deerfield	
Horace F. Hallett,	'91, July 10.	'99, Nov. 14.	Ashfield.	P.
William Harris,	'76, June 10.	'00, May 8.	Warwick.	Р.
Dorr A. Hudson,	'91, Sept. 9.	'94, May 8.	Miller's Falls.	P.
Eugene F. Hunt,	'84, Nov. 18.	'96, Sept. 15.	Conway.	P.
'Thomas C. Kinne,	'75, June 28.	'93, Dec. 12.	Montague.	W. C.
Frank N. Merriam,	'92, Feb. 24.	'98, Sept. 13.	Turner's Falls.	P. C.
Horace E. Morrow,	'86, May 11.	'00, May 8.	Deerfield.	P.
John A. Pogue,	'96, Jan. 28.	'96, May 12.	Erving.	P.
Martin L. Richardson,	'61, Mar. 7.	'98, Nov. 8.	Montague.	W. C.
Thomas S. Robie,	'59, Oct. 25.	'99, Sept. 12.	West Hawley.	Р.
Edward A. Robinson,	'83, July 11.	'98, Sept. 13.	Buckland.	₽.
Theophilus H. Root,	'92, Sept. 9.	<b>'</b> 00.	Alton, R. I.	P.
C. Ingerson Scofield,	'83, Oct. 18.	'00, May 8.	East Northfield	d. P.
Edward P. Seymour,	'92, Oct. 25.	'97, Sept. 14.	Wendell.	P.
Ira A. Smith,	'82, Sept. 27.	'88, <b>F</b> eb. 4.	Holden, Me.	P.
Frank R. Snowden,	'97, Sept. 22.	'98, Nov. 8.	Heath.	P.
Hohannes T. Torosyan,	'99, June 1.	'99, Sept. 12.	Hawley.	P.
Carey H. Watson,	'91, Dec. 30.	'93, July 5.	Greenfield.	P.
Joseph Wheelwright,	'98, Aug. 29.	'01, Feb. 12.	Greenfield.	W. C.
Lyman Whiting,	'43, Jan. 11.	'90, May 13.	East Charlemo	nt. P.

Licentiate. — John C. Wightman, Northfield, renewed Feb. 20, 1899, for three years.

STATED MEETINGS. — Annual, second Tuesday in May. Other meetings, second Tuesdays in September, November, and February.

Rev. Charles M. Crooks, Colerain, scribe.

# 9. HAMPDEN (HAMPDEN WEST, June 11, 1844; HAMPDEN EAST, June 12, 1844), Organized by Union, February 13, 1894.

Simeon O. Allen, Samuel B. Andrews, William G. Ballantine, Stephen G. Barnes, Harlan P. Beach, Henry J. Bruce, Collins G. Burnham, Hanford M. Burr, Gardner S. Butler, Luther H. Cone, Lyndon S. Crawford,	'68, June 20. '80, Aug. 20. '81, April 25. '83, July 19. '62, Sept. 11. '79, Dec. 10. '88, Oct. 24. '77, Jan. 7,	'98, April 12. '00, Feb. 13. '92, Nov. 7. '93, Feb. 14. '62, Nov. 11. '89, May 14. '90, May 13. '99, Feb. 21.	West Springfield. W. C. Salem, Ct. P. Springfield. Teacher. Nashville, Tenn. Teacher. Montclair, N. J. Teacher. Satara, India, A.B.C.F.M. Chicopee. P. C. Springfield. Teacher. Union, N. H. W. C. New Haven, Ct. P. C. Em. Southwick.
	'79, Aug. 20. '92, Dec. 29.	'97, Nov. 9.	Southwick. P. Springfield. P. C.

# 9. Hampden (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. Employment.
Henry A. Dickinson,	'63, Oct. 16.	'68, Feb. 11.	Huntington. W. C.
Myron S. Dudley,	'71, Sept. 28.	'87, Feb. 8.	Boston. W. C.
Aaron W. Field,	'72, Nov. 13.	'81, Feb. 8.	New Marlboro. W. C.
G. Walter Fiske,	'98, Oct. 25.	'99, Feb. 21.	South Hadley Falls. P. C.
Albert E. Fitch,	'96, Nov. 11.	'97, Nov. 9.	Rensselaer, N. Y. P.
Everett D. Francis,	'95, Nov. 20.	'97, Feb. 9.	Ludlow. P. C.
Frank L. Garfield,	'93, Feb. 21.	'93, April 11.	Feeding Hills. P. C.
Lewis F. Giroux,	'89, April 17.	'89, Nov. 12.	Springfield. Teacher.
Frank L. Goodspeed,	'87, June 29.	'95, April 9.	Springfield. P. C.
Edwin H. Hadlock,	'93, April 23.	'00, June 26.	Springfield. P. C.
Newton M. Hall,	'91, July 8.	'00, Feb. 13.	Springfield. P. C.
Fosdick B. Harrison,	'94, June 13.	'99, July 11.	Palmer. P. C.
Franklin S. Hatch,	'76, May 7.	'89, Feb. 12.	Madras, India. Y.P.S.C.E.
Winfield S. Hawkes,	'68, Nov. 12.	'00, April 10.	Springfield. W. C.
Theron H. Hawks,	'55, Mar. 5.	'88, July 10.	Springfield. W. C.
Timothy A. Hazen,	'54, Oct. 11.	'95, Feb. 12.	Springfield. W. C.
Martin S. Howard,	'56, Nov. 20.	'69, Feb. 2.	Wilbraham. P. C.
George H. Hubbard,	'84, Sept. 13.	'97, July 13.	Enfield. P. C.
William T. Hutchins,	'76, Dec. 20.	'92, Nov. 7.	Indian Orchard. W. C.
David L. Kebbe,	'91, June 17.	'91, July 14.	Springfield. P. C.
Edward H. Knight,	'83, July 25.	'83, Nov. 13.	Springfield. Teacher.
Gerald Stanley Lee,	'88, Oct. 23.	'95, Feb. 12.	Northampton. W. C.
Samuel H. Lee,	'62, Sept. 17.	'90, Nov. 11.	Springfield. Pres. Coll.
John H. Lockwood,	'71, Nov. 5.	'79, Nov. 11.	Westfield. P. C.
Clarence C. Lyon,	'90, Dec. 17.	'94, Nov. 13.	Plainfield, Ct. W. C.
Samuel V. McDuffie,	'69, May 12.	'00, June 26.	Springfield. W. C.
Harry C. McKnight,	'85, Oct. 7.	'98, July 12.	East Longmeadow. P.
Henry C. Meserve,	'94, Mar. 14.	'94, Nov. 13.	Indianapolis, Ind. P. C.
Philip S. Moxom,	'71, Sept. 19.	'96, Feb. 11.	Springfield. P. C.
Egbert N. Munroe,	'81, May 4.	'89, Nov. 12.	Wellfleet. P.
Charles Olmstead,	'83, Sept. 27.	99, July 11.	Three Rivers. P.
Charles Pease,	'96, Oct. 20.	'97, Nov. 9.	Long Beach, Cal. W. C.
Harvey G. Pillsbury,	'82, Sept. 28.	'95, July 9.	Chicopee Falls. P. C.
Paul H. Pitkin,	'66, Sept. 11.	'82, May 9.	Springfield. Teacher.
Abram J. Quick,	'64, Mar. 7.	'91, Nov. 10.	Baltimore, Md. W. C.
David A. Reed,	'81, June 7.	'81, June 12.	Springfield. Pres. S.C.W.
Edward A. Reed,	'71, June 14.	'88, Feb. 14.	Holyoke. P. C.
Franklin P. Reinhold,	'98, July 26.	'99, Feb. 21.	Holyoke. W. C.
Walter Rice,	'65, July 25.	'92, Nov. 7.	Agawam. P. C.
James B. Sargent,	'97, Sept. 15.	'98, April 12.	
Alpheus M. Spangler,	'88, June 22.		Mittineague. P. C.
Frank M. Sprague,	'75, Sept. 22.	'82, May 9.	Tampa, Fla. P.
Thomas S. St. Aubin,	'93, Oct. 1.	'98, Feb. 8.	Springfield. P. C.
Wallace H. Stearns,	'97, July 14.	'99, Feb. 21.	Blackstone. P.
William J. Tate,	'92, Nov. 16.	, .	Higganum, Ct. P.
John L. R. Trask,	'67, Dec. 4.	'95, Feb. 12.	Springfield. W. C.
James Tufts,	'44, Sept. 23.	'54, Feb. 2.	Monson. W. C.

# 9. Hampden (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership	Residence.	Employment.
Rufus S. Underwood,	'67, Nov. 19.	'98, Feb. 8.	Longmeadow	Evan.
Josiah G. Willis,	'76, Oct. 10.	'88, Nov. 13.	Holland.	P.
George W. Winch,	'75, Oct. 6.	'91, Nov. 10.	Holyoke.	P. C.
Herbert P. Woodin,	'92, June 26.	'99, Feb. 21.	Chicopee.	P.
Samuel H. Woodrow,	'88, Aug. 30.	'99, April 11.	Springfield.	P. C.

Licentiate. — James C. Greenough, Westfield, licensed July, 1897, for four years.

STATED MEETINGS.—In Springfield, second Tuesdays in February, April, July and November.

Rev. Collins G. Burnham, Chicopee, scribe.

# 10. Hampshire, Organized before 1735.

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Melvin J. Allen,	'82, Nov. 8.	'01, Feb. 12.	Worthington.	P.
John E. Bowman,	'95, Feb. 14.	'97, June 8.	South Killingly	, Ct. P.
George H. Buck,	'94, July 5.	'94, Oct. 16.	Crown Point, N	7. Y. P.
Solomon Clark,	'41, June 13.	'61, Aug. 6.	Chicago, Ill.	W. C.
Elisha G. Cobb,	'60, June 20.	'67, Feb. 5.	Florence.	P. C.
John Cowan,	'75, May 25.	'98, Feb. 8.	Southampton.	P.
Harlan Creelman,	'89, Sept. 17.	'90, Feb. 11.	Montreal, Can.	Prof.
Henry L. Edwards,	'57, July 12.	'85, Feb. 17.	Northampton.	W. C.
Charles H. Hamlin,	'76, Sept. 19.	'85, Oct. 27.	Easthampton.	P. C.
Calvin Keyser,	'75, Dec. 28.	'99, <b>Feb</b> . 21.	Goshen.	P. C.
Wm. J. Parmelee, M. D.,	'84, Feb. 26.	'92, Feb. 2.	Worthington.	W. C.
Cyrus Pickett,	'67, Feb. 28.	'96, Oct. 20.	Northampton.	W. C.
John Pierpont,	'88, July 26.	'98, June 7.	Williamsburg.	P. C.
Harvey Porter,	'80, Aug. 3.	'80, June 1.	Beirut, Syria.	Prof. Coll.
Wilbur Rand,	'83, May 9.	'95, June 11:	Bangor, N. Y.	P.
Lewis T. Reed,	'99, Aug. 23.	'00, Dec. 11.	Cummington.	P.
Henry T. Rose,	'70, May 29.	'95, Feb. 5.	Northampton.	P. C.
Joseph H. Sawyer,	'88, Sept. 3.	'80, June 1.	Easthampton.	Prof.
William C. Scofield,	'51, Oct. 15.	'95, June 11.		P.
L. Clark Seelye,	'63, Jan. 20.	'75, Feb. 2.	Northampton.	Pres. Coll.
Samuel T. Seelye,	'46, June 17.	'64, Feb. 2.	Easthampton.	W. C.
Henry H. Smith,	'73, Sept. 7.	'94, June 5.	Huntington.	W. C.
Henry P. Smith,	'75, June 8.	'99, Feb. 21.	Amherst.	P.
Hanson E. Thygeson,	'87, Nov. 2.	'95, Oct. 29.	Chesterfield.	P.
Henry M. Tyler,	'72, May 6.	'84, Feb. 12.	Northampton.	Prof.
George N. Webber,	'55, Dec. 5.	'90, Oct. 28.	Northampton.	W. C.
Irving F. Wood,	'94, Mar. 6.	'96, June 2.	Northampton.	Prof. Coll.
Sumner G. Wood,	'80, Dec. 30.	'89, Feb. 9.	Blandford.	Р.

STATED MEETINGS.—Second Tuesday in February, first Tuesday in June, fourth Tuesday in September, and second Tuesday in December.

Rev. Elisha G. Cobb, Florence, scribe.

#### 11. Hampshire East, Organized, November 16, 1841.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. Employment.
Robert C. Bell,	'69, Nov. 3.	'92, Dec. 6.	Granby. P.
Daniel Bliss,	'55, Oct. 31.	'74, Sept. 22.	Beirut, Syria. Pres. Coll.
William E. Dickinson,	'60, Dec. 19.	'97, Feb. 3.	Amherst. W. C.
Henry Fairbank,	'86, May 27.	'85, May 26.	Ahmednagar, India. F. M.
George E. Fisher,	'50, Feb. 27.	'67, Dec. 17.	North Amherst. W. C.
Eber W. Gaylord,	'73, May 13.	'90, Dec. 2.	North Amherst. P. C.
John F. Gleason,	'73, Jan. 7.	'95, May 28.	South Amherst. P.
Edwin A. Grosvenor,	'72, July 30.	'96, Feb. 4.	Amherst. Prof. Coll.
Chester W. Hawley,	'61, May 2.	'99, Feb. 7.	Amherst. P.
William D. Herrick,	'60, Jan. 18.	'84, Sept. 16.	Amherst. W. C.
Edward E. Keedy,	'94, Oct. 16.	'94, Dec. 4.	Hadley. P.
John W. Lane,	'60, Oct. 16.	'61, Jan. 9.	North Hadley. P. C.
George Lyman,	'51, Nov. 12.	'70, Dec. 20.	Riverside, Cal. W. C.
Henry R. McCartney,	'87, June 25.	'98, Dec. 6.	Amherst. W. C.
George J. Newton,	'97, July 22.	'98, Feb. 6.	Hampden. P.
Arthur B. Patten,	'94, Feb. 1.	'97, Dec. 7.	South Hadley. P. C.
Lawrence Perry,	'94, May 10.	'96, May 26.	Worcester. Pastor's Ass't.
Richard Scoles,	'80, April 21.	'00, May 29.	Leverett. P.
Charles S. Walker,	'71, Aug. 1.	'81, Sept. 20.	Amherst. Prof. of Ag.Coll.
Robert M. Woods,	'77, Nov. 21.	'77, Dec. 4.	Hatfield. P. C.

Licentiates. — Edward P. Crowell, Amherst, re-licensed, Sept. 21, 1897; William L. Montague, Amherst, re-licensed, Dec. 6, 1898; Levi H. Elwell, Amherst, re-licensed, Dec. 4, 1900. Term of licensure is four years.

STATED MEETINGS.—First Tuesdays in February, June and December, and third Tuesday of September.

Rev. George E. Fisher, North Amherst, scribe.

#### 12. Mendon, Organized, November 8, 1751.

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John F. Crosby,	'92, Mar. 30.	'94, Dec. 4.	Dover, N. H.	W. C.
Robert W. Drawbridge,	'97, Oct. 5,	'00, Nov. 21.	Medway.	P. C.
Nathan T. Dyer,	'78, July 31.	'90, Dec. 9.	Ashburnham.	P.
Joseph M. R. Eaton,	'45, Jan. 9.	'71, Mar. 14.	Redlands, Cal.	W. C.
James W. Flagg,	'82, Oct. 25.	'93, June 13.	Merrimac.	Р.
Rufus K. Harlow,	'68, Oct. 15.	'72, June 11.	Medway.	P. C.
Edward C. Hood,	'74, May 8.	'96, Dec. 1.	Hingham.	W. C.
Alexis W. Ide,	'59, July 7.	'72, June 11.	West Medway.	W. C.
Ephraim O. Jameson,	'60, Mar. 1.	'72, June 11.	Boston.	W. C.
Franklin C. Jones,	63, Feb. 4.	'96, April 7.	Westfield, N. 1	W. C.
John L. Keedy,	'94, Aug. 28.	'01, April 2.	Walpole.	P. C.
Charles W. Longren,	'87, Aug. 24.	'95, Feb. 12.	Longmont, Col.	Р.
Francis J. Marsh,	'76, Mar. 26.	'82, Mar. 14.	Boston.	Secretary.
William J. Minchin,	'96, June 10.	'99, Oct. 10.	Wrentham.	P.
Edson J. Moore,	'61, April 1.	'86, Sept. 21.	Norfolk.	Ρ.
Benjamin F. Perkins,	'65, Nov. 22.	'98, Oct. 4.	East Walpole.	Р.
Leroy M. Pierce,	'70, Feb. 4.	'98, Apr. 5.	Medfield.	P.
William L. Ropes,	'53, Sept. 14.	'53, Oct. 11.	Andover.	Librarian.

### 12. MENDON (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Isaiah W. Sneath,	'84, Feb. 27.	'99, April 19.	Franklin.	P. C.
Herman F. Swartz,	'98, July 27.	'98, Dec. 6.	Mansfield.	P. C.
George E. Sweet,	'90, June 30.	'99, Oct. 10.	West Medwa	ay. P.
Albert H. Wheelock,		'94, Mar. 13.		Р.
Webster Woodbury,	'68, Sept. 29.	'88, June 13.	Milford.	W. C.
George F. Wright,	'75, July 14.	'98, Oct. 4.	N. New Por	tland, Me. P.
STATED MEETINGS. —	First Tuesda	ays in Febru	ary, April,	October and

December.

Rev. Isaiah W. Sneath, Franklin, scribe.

# 13. MIDDLESEX SOUTH, Organized, June 7, 1830.

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Daniel E. Adams,	'60, Dec. 5.	'86, Dec. 7.	Wellesley Hills.	W. C.
George M. Adams,	'51, Sept. 18.	'73, Sept. 9.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Edward E. Bradley,	'93, June 20.	'94, Dec. 4.	Lincoln.	P. C.
Merle A. Breed,	'93, Nov. 21.	'97, May 4.	Weymouth.	W. C.
S. Ingersoll Briant,	'68, April 22.	'99, Feb. 7.	Westboro.	W. C.
George A. Brock,	'91, June 29.	'92, May 3.	Lockport, N. Y.	Ρ.
Charles S. Brooks,	'69, Sept. 15.	'01, Feb. 5.	Wellesley.	W. C.
Edward H. Chandler,	'92, Nov. 9.	'97, Sept. 21.	Salem.	W. C.
Daniel W. Clark,	'82, June 22.	'99, Dec. 5.	Ashland.	W. C.
Edmund Dowse,	'38, Oct. 10.	'39, Feb. 5.	Sherborn.	P. C.
Horace Dutton,	'68, Jan. 21.	'75, Sept. 21.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Lucius R. Eastman,	'62, May 1.	'71, Dec. 2.	Framingham.	P. C.
Frederick E. Emrich,	'75, Sept. 16.	'90, Sept. 16.	So. Framingham.	P. C.
Prescott Fay,	'56, Feb. 27.	'96, Feb. 4.	Saxonville.	W. C.
Lincoln B. Goodrich,	'93, June 29.	'97, Sept. 21.	Marlboro.	P. C.
Robert F. Gordon,	76, May 12.	'90, Feb. 4.	Boston.	Р.
Theodore J. Holmes,	'59, Oct. 5.	'94, Sept. 18.	Portsmouth, N. H.	W. C.
Thomas C. Jackson,	'82, Aug.	'95, Sept. 17.		P. C.
James B. King,	'84, July.	'99, Sept. 19.	Hopkinton.	P. C.
George W. Lawrence,	'88, Feb. 14.	'99, Sept. 19.	Willsboro, N. Y.	Ρ.
William E. Locke,	'68, Mar. 15.	'00, Dec. 4.	Wellesley.	W. C.
Martin F. Mevis,	'93, Sept. 18.	'94, May 1.	Southboro.	Р.
Francis N. Peloubet,	'57, Dec. 2.	72, Feb. 6.	Auburndale.	W. C.
William G. Puddefoot,	'88, Jan. 29.	'98, Dec. 6.	South Framingham.	
Almon J. Rackliffe,	'82, June 11.	'00, Sept. 18.	Hudson.	Ρ.
Clarence W. Rouse,	'90, Dec. 4.	'95, Dec. 3.	South Sudbury.	P. C.
Albert D. Smith,	'88, Oct. 4.	'97, Feb. 2.	Northboro.	P. C.
Frederic E. Sturgis,	'68, Oct. 1.	'86, May 6.	Natick.	P. C.
Arthur Titcomb,	'88, Oct. 31.	00, Feb. 6.	Saxonville.	Р.
Nicholas Van der Pyl,	'93, Sept. 13.	'96, May 5.	Holliston.	P. C.
Benjamin C. Wood,	'94, July.	'97, May 2.	Wayland.	P.
Harvey Woodward,	'74, April 20.	'98, Sept. 20.	Natick.	W. C.
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STATED MEETINGS. - First Tuesdays in February, May and December, third Tuesday in September.

Rev. Daniel E. Adams, Wellesley Hills, scribe.

# 14. MIDDLESEX UNION, Organized, January, 1827.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Herbert W. Boyd,	'86, Nov. 5.	'98, Nov. 15.	Ashby.	P. C.
Walter W. Campbell,	'90, Nov. 12.	'90, Nov. 18.	Concord.	P.
William O. Conrad,	'90, June 18.	'98, May 24.	Fitchburg.	P. C.
Bernard Copping,	'79, Sept. 3.	'96, Nov. 17.	Acton.	P. C.
George S. Dodge, M. D.,	'93, June 6.		West Acton.	W. C.
A. Frederic Dunnels,	'84, Oct. 2.	'01, Jan. 15.	Fitchburg.	P. C.
Amelia A. Frost,	'94, Feb. 14.	'94, Nov. 20.	Rutland.	W. C.
George B. Frost,	'83, June 7.	'94, May 22.	Rutland.	P.
Henry H. Gay,	'89, April 16.	'92, Mar. 15.	Groton.	W. C.
Edward L. Gulick,	''89, Dec. 3.	'91, Sept. 15.	Lawrenceville,	N. J. Tea.
John C. Handy,	'96, April 7.	'00, June 21.	Ayer.	Р.
H. Linwood Hartwell,	'95, Aug. 28.	'99, Nov. 21.	Dunstable.	Р.
Charles S. Haynes,	'94, May 23.	'97, Sept. 21.	Fitchburg.	W. C.
George R. Hewitt,	'86, June 4.	'95, Mar. 19.	Lowell.	Р.
Henry M. Holmes,	'65, May 10.	'79, Jan. 7.	Provincetown	. W. C.
Alfred S. Hudson,	'67, Dec. 19.	'84, Dec. 30.	Ayer.	P.
John E. B. Jewett,	'51, Sept. 10.	'61, May 7.	Pepperell.	W. C.
Fritz W. Martini.	'97, May 14.	'00, Nov. 20.	Fitchburg.	P. C.
William C. Martyn,	'98, Nov. 29.	'99, Mar. 21.	West Acton.	P. C.
Jason G. Miller,	'99, Sept. 12.	''99, Sept. 19.		P. C.
Joel D. Miller,	'66, April.	71, July 5.	Leominster.	Editor.
Frank E. Mills,	'78, Nov. 13.	'98, Mar. 15.	Pepperell.	W. C.
Horace Parker,	'61, May 31.	'64, Mar. 1.	West Tisbury	
Elijah H. Roper,	'97, Oct. 27.	'98, Jan. 17.	Westford.	Р.
Charles H. Rowley,	'81, Feb. 23.	'86, Mar. 2.	Harwich.	P.
George R. W. Scott,	'68, Sept. 17.	'81, Jan. 11.	Newton.	* W. C.
George A. Tewksbury,	'63, Dec. 21.	'95, Sept. 17.		Р.
Nathan Thompson,	'65, Sept. 13.	, ,	Cheltenham, M	
Ole O. Thorpe,	'94, Mar. 1.	'96, Jan. 21.	Concord.	W. C.
J. Brainerd Thrall,	'78, Dec. 8.	'98, Sept. 20.		Р.
Joseph Torrey,	'60, May 30.	'94, Jan. 16.	Shirley.	P.
Louis B. Voorhees,	'71, Dec. 6.	'94, May 22.	Groton.	P. C.
David Wallace,	'94, Aug. 22.	'97, Sept. 21.		P.
Charles H. Washburn,	'85, Dec. 2.	'99, Nov. 21.	Maynard.	P. C.
Benjamin A. Willmott,	96, July 1.	'01, Jan. 15.	Townsend.	P.
Franklin P. Wood,	`71, July 24.	'73, May 6.	Acton.	W. C.

STATED MEETINGS. — Third Tuesdays in January, March, May, September and November.

Rev. William J. Batt, Concord Junction, scribe and treasurer.

#### 15. NORFOLK ASSOCIATION, Organized, May 11, 1811.

Henry Clay Alvord,	'79, Sept. 10.	'87, Feb. 15.	South Weymouth.	P. C.
Edward Anderson.	'58, Oct. 13.	'98, Dec. 20.	Quincy.	P.
Andrew W. Archibald,	'76, Aug. 24.	'91, June 15.	Brockton.	P. C.
George Benedict,	'83, Oct. 9.	'98, Dec. 20.	North Abington.	Р.
E. Victor Bigelow,	'91, Sept. 24.	'91, Dec. 15.	Lowell.	P. C.

#### 15. NORFOLK ASSOCIATION (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership	Residence. Empl	oyment.
Henry E. Bray,	'89, Jan. 30.	'99, Dec. 19.	Stoughton.	P.
Frank E. Butler,	'87, June 22.	'96, Dec. 15.	South Weymouth.	P.
Edward C. Camp,	'94, Oct. 10.	'99, April 18.	Whitman.	P. C.
Almon J. Dyer,	'86, June 4.	'98, Feb. 15.	Sharon.	P. C.
Augustus H. Fuller,	'78, Oct. 17.	'95, Feb. 19.	Easton Centre.	Р.
DeMont Goodyear,	'00, Jan. 31.	'00, April 17.	Abington.	P. C.
Edwin N. Hardy,	'90, Nov. 6.	'95, Dec. 17.	Quincy.	P. C.
Calvin G. Hill,	'72, Sept. 5.	'84, June 10.	Milton.	W. C.
Charles A. Hilton,	'71, June 9.	'94, Feb. 20.	Randolph.	P. C.
Alan Hudson,	'92, Dec. 28.	'93, April 18.	Brockton.	P. C.
Henry S. Huntington,	'66, Jan. 31.	'91, Oct. 17.	Milton.	Ρ.
Robert R. Kendall,	'78, Jan. 30.	'92, Dec. 20.	Weymouth Height	s. P. C.
Joseph Kyte,	'62, Sept. 25.	'96, Feb. 18.	North Anson, Me.	Ρ.
John M. Lord,	'51, Dec. 21.	'93, Dec. 19.	Weymouth.	W. C.
Warren F. Low,	'94, Sept. 4.	'95, Feb. 19.	Boston.	W. C.
Samuel Morrison,	'65, Oct. 24.	'90, Oct 28.	Braintree.	W. C.
Andrew H. Mulnix,	'98, Feb. 3.	'99, Oct. 31.	East Milton.	P. C.
Edward Norton,	'64, Dec. 28.	'75, Jan. 26.	Quincy.	P. Em.
Frank H. Palmer,	'80, Sept. 28.	'86, April 20.	Braintree.	W. C.
Frank Park,	'95, July 16.	'99, April 18.	Beechwood.	P.
Albert F. Pierce,	'77, Sept. 3.	'99, April 18.	Campello.	P. C.
Francis A. Poole,	'93, July 12.	'00, April 17.	East Weymouth.	P. C.
Elbert S. Porter,	'83, Dec. 19.	'89, Oct. 29.	Bridgewater.	P. C.
Roland D. Sawyer,	'00, Mar. 13.	'00, June 25.	Hanson.	P.
Henry S. Snyder,	'85, Oct. 28.	'98, Feb. 15.	Weymouth.	W. C.
Arthur Truslow,	'96, Sept. 30.	'99, Oct. 31.	Hingham.	P.
Thomas H. Vincent,	'89, Feb. 6.	'97, Dec. 28.	North Weymouth.	P.
Isaac C. White,	'50, Oct. 23.	'90, June 10.	Plymouth.	W. C.
Granville Yager,	'76, June 20.	'98, Dec. 20.	Braintree.	W. C.

Stated Meetings. — Last Tuesday in October, third Tuesdays in December, February and April, and second Tuesday in June.

Rev. Almon J. Dyer, Sharon, scribe and treasurer.

# 16. OLD COLONY, Organized, August 18, 1810.

Harry L. Brickett,	'83, May 23.	'96, Feb. 12.	Marion.	P. C.
George P. Byington,	'68, Mar. 11.	'00, Feb. 14.	Westport.	P.
William Carruthers,	'58, June 16.	'92, Feb. 10.	Holyoke.	C. M.
John Graham,	'90, Jan. 17.	'90, Feb. 12.	Sheldon, Vt.	Ρ.
Henry M. Grant,	'63, Nov. 17.	'79, Oct. 22.	Eau Claire, Wis.	W. C.
Charles F. Hersey,	'93, Jan. 25.	'94, Nov. 14.	New Bedford.	W. C.
Robert Humphrey,	'83, July 17.	'97, Feb. 10.	Mattapoisett.	P.
Matthew C. Julien,	'72, Dec. 11.	'78, July 30.	New Bedford.	P. C.
John A. MacColl,	'83, Jan. 31.	'90, Feb. 12.	New Bedford.	P. C.
Charles B. Mitchell,	'98, July 6.	'.00, Feb. 14.	Wareham.	P.
Benjamin W. Pennock,	'88, June 27.	'00, May 9.	New Bedford.	W. C.
Robert L. Rae,	'89, Oct. 14.	'90, Feb. 12.	Brockton.	P. C.

# 16. OLD COLONY (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership	Residence.	Employment.
Caleb L. Rotch,	'79, Oct. 9.	'00, May 9.	North Roche	ester. P.
George W. Stearns,	'83, Aug. 1.	'95, Nov. 13.	Middleboro.	Р.
Richard G. Woodbridge,	'81, April 6.	'94, Nov. 14.	Middleboro.	P. C.
STATED MEETINGS S	Second Wedn	esdays in Fe	ebruary, May	and Novem-
ber.				

Rev. Robert L. Rae, 12 Argyle avenue, Brockton, scribe.

### 17. PLYMOUTH, Organized, May 18, 1858.

Haig Adadourian,	'97, Nov. 3.	'97, Nov. 16.	Manomet.	Р.
Ernest M. Bartlett,	'97, Oct. 19.	'00, Sept. 25.	Kingston.	Р.
Charles S. Bates,	'90, June 6.	'97, Nov. 16.	Otis.	Р.
John W. Brownville,	<sup>7</sup> 73, Dec. 18.	'85, Nov. 17.	Waquoit.	Ρ.
Austin S. Chase,	'76, Dec. 14.	<sup>2</sup> 93, May 8.	East Hartford, Ct.	W. C.
Alfred DeBarritt,	'95, May 31.	'97, Nov. 16.	Cienfuegos, Cuba.	Р.
Jesse H. Jones,	'61, May 19.	'99, March 7	. Halifax.	Ρ.
Frederic W. Manning,	'91, Dec. 31.	'92, Aug. 16.	Andover.	W. C.
Henry B. Mason,	<sup>2</sup> 92, June 28.	'00, Nov. 20.	Duxbury.	Ρ.
Solomon G. Merrick,	'86, Sept. 2.	'96, Nov. 17.	Cocoanut Grove,Fla	. W.C.
Francis Moon,	'80, July 2.	'89, Nov. 19.	Chiltonville.	W. C.
Frederick B. Noyes,	'90, Oct. 28.	'00, Sept. 25.	Plymouth.	Ρ.
Piero Petacci,	'00, Feb. 14.	'00, Nov. 20.	Plymouth.	M.
Ernest W. Shurtleff,	'89, Nov. 16,	'92, Aug. 16.	Minneapolis, Minn.	P. C.
John Wild,	'92, April 20.	'92, Aug. 16.	Hanover.	Ρ.
George W. Wright,	'77, Dec. 5.	'93, Nov. 21.	Boston.	W. C.

Licentiates.— James T. Thomas, Halifax, license renewed on May 8, 1893, without limit of time; Oscar F. Stetson, North Carver, license renewed Feb. 19, 1901, for one year.

STATED MEETINGS.—Third Tuesdays in February, May, August and November.

Rev. Haig Adadourian, Manomet, scribe.

#### 18. Suffolk North, Organized, July 2, 1822.

Milan C. Ayres,	'74, May 30.	'85, Feb. 15.	Roxbury.	Editor.
David N. Beach,	'76, June 15.	'85, Feb. 17.	Denver, Colo.	P. C.
Reuben A. Beard,	'79, Sept. 10.	'98, Jan. 25.	Cambridge.	P. C.
Joseph P. Bixby,	'62, April 30.	'79, Sept. 16.	Revere.	W. C.
Howard A. Bridgman,	'90, Nov. 19.	'87, Dec. 13.	Brookline.	Editor.
G. Wolcott Brooks,	'77, Oct. 10.	'85, April 21.	Dorchester.	Р.
Samuel C. Bushnell,	'79, June 4.	'90, May 28.	Arlington.	P. C.
Samuel M. Cathcart,	'96, Dec. 1.	'97, May 25.	Chelsea.	P. C.
C. F. Hill Crathern,	'86, Sept. 1.	'93, Dec. 6.	Braintree.	P.
George Darling,	'50, July 12.	'93, June 7.	Cambridge.	W. C.
William C. Detling,	'97, Mar. 3.	'95, Oct. 30.	Ashburnham.	W. C.
M. Angelo Dougherty,	'69, June 15.	'87, June 7.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Walter S. Eaton,	'91, April 26.	'94, Feb. 7.	Revere.	P. C.

### 18: Suffolk North (Continued).

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Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. Empl	oyment.
Robert E. Ely,	'90, Dec. 11.	'88, Nov. 20.	Cambridgeport.	W. C.
Daniel Evans,	'91, May 26.	'00, Jan. 30.	North Cambridge.	P. C.
Oren D. Fisher,	'75, Sept. 28.	'99, May 31.	East Boston.	Р.
William B. Forbush,	'92, Feb. 17.	'98, Sept. 27.	Charlestown.	P. C.
George H. Gutterson,	'78, Dec. 3.	'95, June 10.	Winchester.	Sec'y.
Samuel E. Herrick,	'63, Oct. 13.	'65, Feb. 21.	Boston.	P. C.
John V. Hilton,	'60, July.	'77, Dec. 18.	$Boulder,\ Colo.$	W. C.
Elijah Horr,	'67, April 21.	'97, Nov. 30.	Malden.	Р.
Ross C. Houghton,	'69, April 18.	'95, June 10.	Chelsea.	P. C.
Frank H. Kasson,	'79, Nov. 13.	'83, Sept. 18.	Boston.	Editor.
Horace H. Leavitt,	'73, June 19.	'95, Feb. 6.	Somerville.	P. C.
Duncan McDermid,	'86, Oct. 28.	'93, Feb. 8.	Boston.	W. C.
Robert A. MacFadden,	'96, June 16.	'98, Sept. 27.	Chelsea.	P. C.
Alexander McKenzie,	'61, Aug. 28.	'67, April 16.	Cambridge.	P. C.
Peter McQueen,	'91, May 8.	'93, Oct. 4.	Somerville.	W. C.
William J. Murray,	'79, April 28.	'00, Mar. 27.	Beachmout.	Р.
Sylvester S. Nickerson,	'76, Dec. 26.	'89, Sept. 25.	Boston.	P. C.
Charles L. Noyes,	'81, Mar. 29.	'83, Feb. 20.	Somerville.	P. C.
Leonard S. Parker,	'38, Dec. 16.	'87, Feb. 8.	North Cambridge.	A. P.
Lawrence Phelps,	'78, Sept. 5.	'92, April 5.	Leominster.	P. C.
Eddy T. Pitts,	'82, Feb. 8.	'00, Nov. 27.	Somerville.	P. C.
Charles H. Pope,	'65, July 27.	'97, Mar. 30.		Ρ.
Edward K. Rawson,	72, Oct. 9.	,	Annapolis, Md. Cl	naplain.
James H. Ross,	78, Feb. 22.	'88, Nov. 20.		W. C.
Everett S. Stackpole,	'82,	'00, Nov. 27.	Cambridge.	W. C.
P. Thomas Stanford,	'78, Sept. 26.		North Cambridge.	
Alfred E. Stembridge,	'92, Mar. 28.		Wilmington.	W. C.
William I. Sweet,	'87, April 19.		Everett.	P.
Charles H. Talmage,		'99, Nov. 28.	Barre.	Р.
John G. Taylor,	'73, Jan. 9.	'00, Jan. 30.	Arlington Heights	
Edward Sampson Tead,	'78, Sept. 17.	'86, Feb. 12.	Somerville.	P. C.
Edward P. Tenney,	'58, Oct. 19.	'00, Jan. 30.	Cambridge.	W. C.
C. A. G. Thurston,	'77, Oct. 17.	'00, Mar. 27.	Somerville.	W. C.
Charles F. Thwing,	'79, Sept.	'79, Dec. 16.	Cleveland, O.	Pres.
Robert W. Wallace,	'72, May 26.	'97, Nov. 30.	Somerville.	W. C.
George Washburn,	'63, July 29.	'78, Oct. 13.	Constantinople. Pr	
George Y. Washburn,	, .	'00, Jan. 30.	Everett.	Р.
Aguilla Webb,	'99, Feb. 9.	'99, May 31.	Los Angeles, Cal.	Р.
Charles H. Williams,	'99, Oct. 19.	'00, Jan. 30.	Cambridge.	P. C.
Albert E. Winship,	75, Mar. 17.	·		Editor.
James C. Young,	,		East Boston.	P. C.
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Licentiates. — Charles R. Blood, 1898; George E. Kinney, 1898. STATED MEETINGS. — Last Tuesdays in January, March, May, September and November.

Rev. Samuel M. Cathcart, Chelsea, scribe.

# 19. Suffolk South, Organized, January 27, 1829.

Members,	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. Employment.
William H. Allbright,	'79, June 6.	'91, Mar. 11.	Roxbury. P. C.
Charles H. Beale,	'80, April 5.	'95, Jan. 16.	Roxbury. P. C.
William T. Beale,	'82, June 7.	'99, May 10.	Dorchester. P.
Warren F. Bickford,	'76, June 20.	'92, May 11.	Islington. P.
George M. Boynton,	'63, Oct. 28.	'80, Nov. 10.	Newton Center. Sec'y.
Samuel A. Brown,	'00, Dec. 27.	'01, Mar. 13.	Boston. P. C.
Seelye Bryant,	'90, Oct. 1.	'00, Mar. 14.	Canton, P. C.
William R. Campbell,	'81, Oct. 12.	'81, Nov. 9.	Roxbury. P. C.
Edward A. Chase,	'84, May 28.	00, Jan. 24.	Wollaston. P. C.
Francis E. Clark,	'76, Oct. 19.	'84, Jan. 16.	Auburndale. Y. P. S. C. E.
Alfred E. Colton,	'84, May 28.	'99, Nov. 8.	Dorchester. Sec'y.
Perley B. Davis,	'62, Jan. 29.	'63, July 7.	West Roxbury. W. C.
Morton Dexter,	'73, April 30.	'84, Mar. 12.	Boston. Editor.
Charles A. Dickinson,	'79, Sept. 27.	'99, Nov. 8.	Brookline. P. C.
Charles A. Dinsmore,	'85, July 20.	'96, Mar. 18.	South Boston. P. C.
Albert E. Dunning,	'70, Sept. 29.	'71, Jan. 2.	Brookline. Editor.
Percy H. Epler,	'98, May 26.	'98, Sept. 14.	South Boston. Asst. P.
Solomon P. Fay,	'49, Sept. 6.	'82, Mar. 8.	Dorchester. W. C.
George H. Flint,	'94, Oct. 22.	'96, Jan. 15.	Dorchester. P.
Addison P. Foster,	'66, Oct. 3.	'86, May 4.	Aub'nd'le. Sec'y, A.S.S.U.
William Gallagher,	'74, Dec. 1.	'98, Jan. 12.	South Braintree. Prin.
Richard B. Grover,	'81, Oct. 4.	'92, May 11.	Cambridgeport. P.
Benj. F. Hamilton,	'65, June 28.	'72, Mar. 12.	Roxbury. W. C.
John A. Hamilton,	'61, Jan. 29.	'85, May 13.	Sharon. Sec'y, A. E. S.
Harry O. Hannum,	'96, Sept. 16.	'00, Mar. 14.	Boston. Asst. P.
Henry N. Hoyt,	'76, May 22.	'98, May 11.	Hyde Park. P. C.
Albion H. Johnson,	'65, Oct. 13.	'83, May 9.	Hyde Park. W. C.
William S. Kelsey,	'85, May 27.	'99, May 10.	Allston. Assoc. P.
John L. Kilbon,	'89, June 28.	'92, Sept. 14.	Newton Centre. Editor.
Frederick T. Knight,	'97, Oct. 5.	'97, Nov. 10.	Wollaston. W. C.
Arthur Little,	'63, Mar. 16.	'89, Sept. 18.	Dorchester. P. C.
Achilles L. Loder,	'77, May 8.	'91, Nov. 5.	Hyde Park. W. C.
Samuel L. Loomis,	'80, Oct. 14.	'97, Sept. 29.	
Charles D. Lothrop,	'54, Dec. 14.	'93, Mar. 15.	Dorchester. W. C.
Ellis Mendell,	'79, June 4.	'80, May 12.	Roxbury. P. C.
Frank W. Merrick,	'91, Oct. 12.	'91, Nov. 5.	West Roxbury. P. C.
Charles L. Morgan,	'76, Mar. 15.	'95, Jan. 16.	Jamaica Plain. P. C.
Edwin L. Noble,	'96, May 18.	'01, Mar. 13.	Neponset. P.
Cyrus P. Osborne,	'65, Nov. 2.	'00, Jan. 24.	Jamaica Plain. Sec'y.
Charles A. Perry,	'82, Nov. 16.	'96, Jan. 15.	Falmouth. W. C.
Albert H. Plumb,	'58, Nov. 10.	'85, Jan. 14.	Roxbury. P. C.
Winfred C. Rhoades,	'99, May 17.	'00, Sept. 19.	
Joseph B. Seabury,	'75, Sept. 8.	'85, May 13.	Wellesley Hills. W. C.
Charles B. Smith,	'48, Nov. 12.	'79, July 9.	West Medford. W. C.
Judson Smith,			
	'66, Oct. 17.	'85, Mar. 11.	Roxbury. A.B.C.F.M.
George F. Stanton, Herbert W. Stebbins,	'66, Oct. 17. '66, June 6. '83, Aug. 28.	'85, Mar. 11. '90, Jan. 15. '97, Sept. 29.	Boston. W. C.

#### 19. Suffolk South (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
A. C. Thompson,	'42, July 27.	'42, Nov. 1.	Roxbury.	P. C.
J. Spencer Voorhees,	'84, July 9.	'00, Mar. 14.	Roslindale.	P. C.
Eugene C. Webster,	'90, May 28.	'94, Sept. 19.	Jamaica Plair	n. Sec'y.
Charles F. Weeden,	'88, April 4.	'96, Jan. 15.	Lynn.	P. C.
John H. Whitaker,	'93, Dec. 19.	'98, May 11.	Atlantic.	Р.
Cyrus L. D. Younkin,	'93, April 8.	'92, Mar. 9.	Boston.	М.

Licentiate.—Edmund M. Wylie, Beverly, licensed Oct. 22, 1900, for one year. STATED MEETINGS.—Second Wednesdays in January, March, May, September and November.

Rev. George H. Flint, Dorchester, scribe and treasurer.

#### 20. Suffolk West, Organized, January 8, 1867.

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James L. Barton,	'85, June 29.	'97, Feb. 8.	Newton Cen. A.B.C.F.M.
Adolph A. Berle,	'87, Sept. 14.	'91, Dec. 14.	Brighton. P. C.
Erastus Blakeslee,	'80, Feb. 17.	'94, Feb. 12.	Brookline. Editor.
Ezra H. Byington,	'59, Feb. 23.	'91, Feb. 9.	Newton. W. C.
George H. Cate,	'79, April 2.	'94, June 11.	Boston. Sec'y.
Edward L. Clark,	'61, Aug. 8.	'93, April 11.	Boston. P. C.
William H. Cobb,	'72, April 18.	'88, June 11.	Newton Cen. Cong. Lib.
Calvin Cutler,	'62, Mar. 12.	'68, Feb. 4.	Auburndale. P. C. Em.
Charles H. Daniels,	'73, Nov. 20.	'95, Feb. 25.	Newton. Sec. A.B.C.F.M.
Ozora S. Davis,	'96, Sept. 14.	'00, Oct. 16.	Newtonville. P. C.
William H. Davis,	'77, July 5.	'96, Oct. 12.	Newton. P. C.
Samuel W. Dike,	'69, Feb. 8.	'87, Oct. 11.	Auburndale.Sec. N.D.R.L.
Parris T. Farwell,	'83, Oct. 23.	'95, Dec. 9.	Wellesley Hills. P. C.
Bradford M. Fullerton,	'68, Feb. 12.	'81, Dec. 18.	Brockton. W. C.
George P. Gilman,	'72, Aug. 28.	'85, Oct. 6.	Waverley. P.
George A. Gordon,	'77, Jan. 20.	'86, April 20.	Boston. P. C.
John O. Haarvig,	'83, Oct. 13.	'95, Dec. 9.	Allston. P. C.
Harris G. Hale,	'91, Sept. 3.	'97, April 12.	Brookline. P. C.
Charles E. Harrington,	'74, Oct. 27.	'95, Dec. 9.	Waltham. P. C.
Ralph J. Haughton,	'91, Nov. 24.	'99, Oct. 9.	Needham. P.
Charles E. Havens,	'81, Sept. 15.	'94, April 9.	Littleton. P.
George A. Hood,	'69, Sept. 30.	'96, Feb. 10.	Boston. Sec'y, C. C. B. S.
Edwin Leonard,	'52, Mar. 25.	'93, Dec. 11.	Melrose Highlands. W. C.
Oscar Lindegren,	'93, Dec. 7.	'00, June 11.	East Boston. Miss.
William T. McElveen,	'90, May 15.	'00, Dec. 12.	Boston. P. C.
George A Matthews,	'95, April 3.	'98, Dec. 19.	Auburndale. W. C.
Darius A. Morehouse,	'65, June 18.	'90, Dec. 3.	Newton Centre. W. C.
Edward M. Noyes,	'83, Sept. 26.	'95, Feb. 25.	Newton Centre. P. C.
Henry E. Oxnard,	'94, Nov. 13.	'00, Feb. 13.	Newton. P.
Henry J. Patrick,	'54, Nov. 16.	'67, Jan. 8.	Newtonville. P. C. Em.
George G. Phipps,	'68, Jan. 23.	'78, Dec. 10.	Newton Highlands. W. C.
Edward C. Porter,	'84, June 24.	'90, Feb. 10.	Watertown. P. C.
Theodore P. Prudden,	'74, Dec. 22.	'94, Dec. 10.	West Newton. P. C.
Isaac O. Rankin,	'80, July 21.	'96, June 8.	Peekskill, N. Y. W. C.

#### 20. Suffolk West (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. E	Employment.
Oliver D. Sewall,	'92, Sept. 27.	'97, Oct. 11.	Brookline.	Ass't P.
William S. Smith,	'54, April 27.	'74, Dec. 8.	Worcester.	W. C.
Charles M. Southgate,	'70, Dec. 15.	'96, Feb. 10.	Auburndale.	P. C.
S. Lewis B. Speare,	'74, Jan. 30.	'96, Dec. 14.	Newton.	W. C.
E. Ellsworth Strong,	'59, April 10.	'67, April 8.	Auburndale.	Editor.
Reuen Thomas,	'58, Dec. 7.	'76, Feb. 8.	Brookline.	P. C.
Alexander S. Twombly,	59, Feb. 10.	'93, April 11.	Newton.	W. C.
Avery S. Walker,	'57, June 15.	'95, Dec. 9.	Wellesley Hill	s. W. C.
Edwin B. Webb,	'50, Sept. 11.	'67, Jan. 8.	Wellesley.	P. C. Em.
Elbridge C. Whiting,	'91, Sept. 30.	'00, June 11.	Belmont.	Р.

Licentiates.—Arthur W. Kelly, Auburndale, license renewed Feb., 1900, for three years; Edward P. Kelly, Auburndale, renewed, April 10, 1899, for three years.

STATED MEETINGS.—Second Wednesdays in February, April, June, October and December.

Rev. Elbridge C. Whiting, Belmont, scribe.

#### 21. Taunton, Organized, November 21, 1826.

William W. Adams,	'60, Jan. 26.	'64, Nov. 29.	Fall River.	P. C.
James A. Anderson,	'89, Oct. 10.	'00, Jan. 17.	Somerset.	Р.
Samuel V. Cole,	'89, Oct. 29.	'89, Nov. 13.	Norton.	Pres. Sem.
Zenas Crowell,	'77, Dec. 19.	'01, Jan. 9.	Attleboro Falls.	P.
S. Hopkins Emery,	'37, Nov. 23.	'75, Nov. 9.	Taunton.	P. C. Em.
James E. Enman,	'95, Dec. 31.	'00, Jan. 17.	Fall River.	P. C.
Francis A. Fate,	'94, Nov. 1.	'98, Nov. 9.	Taunton.	P. C.
Avery K. Gleason,	'86, Dec. 14.	'00, Nov. 14.	Raynham.	P.
Charles E. Harris, Jr.,	'94, Oct. 9.	'98, Nov. 9.	Brooklyn, N. Y.	W. C.
William R. Joyslyn,	'64, Feb. 4.	'00, Nov. 14.	Berkley.	Р.
William Knight,	'86, Sept. 4.	'98, Nov. 9.	Fall River.	P. C.
Dorrall Lee,	'74, Sept. 16.	'99, Nov. 8.	North Dighton.	P.
Halah H. Loud,	'97, Dec. 16.	'98, Jan. 12.	East Taunton.	P. C.
Frank L. Luce,	'95, Nov. 6.	'98, May 11.	Taunton.	P. C.
Payson W. Lyman,	'71, May 10.	'89, May 8.	Fall River.	P. C.
Henry G. Megathlin,	'96, Dec. 19.	'97, Jan. 13.	Wollaston.	P.
Sidney K. B. Perkins,	'60, Jan. 11.	'88, Jan. 11.	Perry, Me.	P.
Edward N. Pomeroy,	'68, Nov. 11.	'82, May 10.	Wellesley.	W. C.
Charles A. Ratcliffe,	'91, April.	'97, Mar. 10.	Norton.	P.
Samuel P. Rondeau,	'92, Nov. 22.	'98, Mar. 9.	Fall River.	P.
Charles L. Tomblen,	'77, Aug. 30.	'01, Mar. 20.	North Middlebo	ro. P. C.
William F. Warren,	'78, Oct. 13.	'98, Nov. 9.	Freetown.	P.
Charles B. Wathen,	'83, June 14.	'98, Mar. 9.	Rehoboth.	P.
T. Clayton Welles,	'72, Oct. 25.	'92, Nov. 9.	Taunton.	P. C.
John Whitehill,	'61, Dec. 11.	'69, Nov. 10.	Oldtown.	Р.
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STATED MEETINGS.—Second Wednesdays in January, March, May and November.

Rev. Payson W. Lyman, Fall River, scribe and treasurer.

# 22. Woburn, Organized, September, 1833.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership	Residence. Emp	loyment.
Charles Anderson,	'74, Sept. 2.	'74, Sept. 15.	Constantinople.	Robt. C.
A. Herbert Armes,	'89, Dec. 18.	'99, Oct. 31.	Carlisle.	P.
William F. Bacon,	'67, Sept. 26.	'90, Feb. 4.	Medford.	W. C.
John Barstow,	'87, June 29.	'95, Feb. 19.	Ontario, Cal.	W. C.
William J. Batt,	'59, Sept. 29.	'59, Nov. 15.	Concord June. C	haplain.
Theodore P. Berle,	'93, Oct. 3.	'93, Oct. 17.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Wolcott Calkins,	'62, Oct. 22.	'98, Nov. 15.	Newton.	Р.
Charles F. Carter,	'83, Sept. 13.	'97, Feb. 17.	Lexington.	P. C.
Judson Van Clancy,	'87, Sept. 7.	'96, Mar. 17.	West Medford.	P. C.
Joshna Coit,	'60, Nov. 13.	'89, Jan. 29.	Winchester. H.	M. Sec.
Eugene E. Colburn,	'75, Sept. 18.	'98, Nov. 15.	Broad Brook, Con	n. P.
Marshall M. Cutter,	'68, Dec. 29.	'74, Nov. 17.	Boston.	W. C.
Albert P. Davis,	'94, Nov. 22.	'95, Feb. 19.	Wakefield.	P. C.
Walter A. Evans,	'86, June 29.	'95, Dec. 17.	Forest City, Iowa.	W. C.
James L. Fowle,	78, July 3.	'98, Nov. 15.	Turkey.	F. M.
Henry H. French,	'86, April 25.	'98, Nov. 5.	Malden.	P. C.
Henry H. Hamilton,	'72, Sept. 1.	'98, Nov. 15.	Lexington.	W. C.
Elijah Harmon,	'67, Oct. 17.	'86, Mar. 16.	South Braintree.	W. C.
Robert W. Haskins,	'72, Oct. 19.	'98, Nov. 8.	Reading.	W. C.
James L. Hill,	'75, Sept. 15.	'87, June 13.	Salem.	W. C.
Frank S. Hunnewell,	'88, June 27.	'99, Feb. 21.	Reading.	P. C.
Burke F. Leavitt,	'73, May 7.	'95, Jan. 29.	Melrose Highland	s. P. C.
Elihu Loomis,	'51, Oct. 22.	'98, Nov. 15.	Bedford.	W. C.
George E. Lovejoy,	'73, July 16.	'94, May 9.	Pittsfield, N. H.	P. C.
Thomas MacBriar,	'90, Jan. 15.	'98, Nov. 15.	Melrose.	W. C.
Daniel March,	'45, April 25.	'77, May 15.	Woburn. P	. C. Em.
Truman A. Merrill,	'58, July 14.	'98, Nov. 5.	Malden.	W. C.
Robert D. Miller,	'56, July 2.	'98, Nov. 15.	Malden.	W. C.
D. Augustine Newton,	'82, Sept. 21.	'85, Dec. 16.	Winchester.	P. C.
Isaac Pierson,	'70, Mar. 30.	'96, Oct. 8.	South Medford.	P. C.
Doremus Scudder,	'85, June 17.	'95, Dec. 17.	Woburn.	P. C.
Thomas Sims,	'75, June 9.	'98, Nov. 1.	Melrose.	P.
Azro A. Smith,	'64, Feb. 11.	'00, June 5.	Reading.	W. C.
Edwin Smith,	'65, Jan. 11.	'88, May 1.	Ballardvale.	P.
George H. Tilton,	'73, June 4.	'98, Nov. 15.	North Woburn.	P.
Peter Vincentius,	'88, Aug. 19.	'89, Jan. 29.	East Boston.	P.
Joshua W. Wellman,	'51, June 18.	'74, Mar. 17.	Malden.	W. C.
William H. Willcox,	'50, Mar. 5.	'58, Jan. 19.	Malden.	W. C.
J. Christopher Williams,	'90, Feb. 23.	'99, Feb. 21.	Linden.	P.

Licentiate.—Albert V. Fisher, Derry, N. H., renewed Nov. 9, 1897, for three years.

STATED MEETINGS. — Third Tuesdays in February, April, September and November.

Rev. Albert P. Davis, Wakefield, scribe and treasurer.

# 23. Worcester Central, Organized, November 4, 1823.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership	Residence.	Employment.
August L. Anderson,	'86, June 28.	'98, Feb. 8.	Orange.	P.
Thomas E. Babb,	'69, Jan. 19.	'94, April 3.	Holden.	P.
Orange C. Bailey,	'85, Oct. 13.	'94, Nov. 13.	Worcester.	P.
Albert Bryant,	'65, Sept. 20.	'86, Feb. 2.	Scituate Cen	ter. P.
Charles M. Carpenter,	'90, Apr. 22.	'01, Apr. 9.	Oxford.	P.
Arcturus Z. Conrad,	'85, June 2.	'90, Feb. 3.	Worcester.	P. C.
Amos H. Coolidge,	'57, Apr. 21.	'67, July 7.	Worcester.	W. C.
Samuel B. Cooper,	'87, June 19.	'99, Feb. 7.	Boylston.	P.
Joseph W. Cross,	'34, Oct. 1.	'41, Jan. 5.	Worcester.	$W. \in$ .
William N. T. Dean,	'75, Feb. 3.	'89, Feb. 5.	Whately.	P.
Austin Dodge,	'66, Oct. 6.	'90, Feb. 4.	Burlington.	P.
George S. Dodge,	'72, Aug. 16.	'78, May 7.	Worcester.	P. C.
John E. Dodge,	'83, Sept. 25.	'84, Feb. 5.	Worcester.	P.
Henry C. Fay,	'58, Dec. 28.	'81, May 2.	Somerville.	W. C.
Walcott Fay,	'84, Feb. 20.	'90, Feb. 4.	Nantucket.	Р.
Dwight Goddard,	'94, July 17.	'00, Nov. 13.	Lancaster.	P.
Samuel A. Harlow,	'82, Oct. 15.	'96, Feb. 4.	Grafton.	P.
Joseph N. Haskell,	'00, June 22.	'01, Feb. 5.	Sterling.	P. C.
Albert W. Hitchcock,	'91, Dec. 15.	'01, April 9.	Worcester.	P. C.
John E. Hurlbut,	'75, Mar. 24.	'97, Feb. 15.	Wapping, Ct.	Р.
William W. Jordan,	'84, Oct. 9.	'94, Nov. 13.	Clinton.	P. C.
Edward A. Lathrop,	'95, Nov. 26.	'97, April 6.	Essex.	P.
Alexander Lewis,	'90, May 28.	'96, April 7.	Worcester.	P. C.
Joseph F. Lovering,	'60, June 17.	'88, April 3.	Somerville.	W. C.
Archibald McCullagh,	'71, May 2.	'91, April 27.	Worcester.	W. C.
Henry F. Markham,	'80, Sept.	'95, Nov. 12.	Portis, Kan.	W. C.
John H. Matthews,	'91, May 5.	'97, Nov. 9.	Worcester.	P.
Daniel Merriman,	'68, Sept. 30.	'78, Nov. 12.	Worcester.	P. C. Em.
Lyman Mevis,	'91, Oct. 1.	'01, April 9.	Worcester.	Р.
Eldridge Mix,	'60, Dec. 6.	'94, April 3.	Worcester.	C. M.
Ellsworth W. Phillips,	'91, Oct. 19.	'92, Feb. 9.	Worcester.	P. C.
Charles M. Pierce,	'63, Sept. 2.	'91, Feb. 3.	Auburn.	P.
George H. Pratt,	'60, Oct. 11.	'94, Nov. 13.	Charlemont.	P.
David C. Reid,	'84, July 29.	'96, April 7.	Leicester.	P. C.
Casper F. Scherff,	'76, April 9.	'90.	Muscatine, Io	. P.
Willard Scott,	'79, Oct. 29.	'99, Feb. 7.	Worcester.	P. C.
Arthur H. Sedgwick,	'90,	'01, April 9.	Shrewsbury.	· P.
William T. Sleeper,	'54, June 29.	'54, Sept. 5.	Newton.	W. C.
Rufus M. Taft,	'93, June 16.	'94, Feb. 6.	Worcester.	Evan.
Albert G. Todd,	'90, June 10.	'97, Feb. 15.	Worcester.	P.
John E. Tuttle,	'83, May 22.	'97, Nov. 9.	Worcester.	W. C.
John Udd,	'96, July 2.	'98, Nov. 15.	Worcester.	P. C.
Charles A. White,	'73, Sept. 3.	'96, Nov. 10.	Princeton.	P.
Inman L. Wilcox,	'89, Oct. 18.	'90, Feb. 4.	Worcester.	P. C.

STATED MEETINGS.—First Tuesdays in February and April, and second Tuesday in November.

Rev. Albert G. Todd, Worcester, scribe.

### 24. Worcester North, Organized, June 18, 1818.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment,
James A. Bates,	'60, Sept. 19.	'99, April 25.	South Royalst	on. P.
Rolla G. Bugbee,	'76, Nov. 8.	'98, Jan. 25.	Athol.	P.
Irving A. Burnap,	'92, Sept. 15.		Phillipston.	P.
Joseph S. Cogswell,	'68, Nov. 14.	'94, Jan. 23.	Ashburnham.	W. C.
Preston R. Crowell,	'90, Sept. 4.	'98, July 12.	Petersham.	Р.
Francis J. Fairbanks,	'64, Aug. 31.	'95, July 9.	Royalston.	P. C.
Robert J. Floody,	'87, Sept. 7.	'98, April 26.	Boston.	W. C.
Davis Foster,	'55, Nov. 1.	'69, Nov. 27.	Winchendon.	P. C.
John H. Garman,	'47, Nov. 3.	'66, Oct. 2.	North Orange	. W. C.
Burton S. Gilman,	'97, May 16.	'97, April 26.	Gardner.	P. C.
Edwin S. Gould,	'73, Oct. 1.	'94, Jan 23.	Providence, R	. I. W. C.
John W. Hird,	'79, Mar. 19.	'91, April 28.	Baldwinville.	P. C.
Milan H. Hitchcock,	'57, Aug. 25.	'63, April 28.	Hubbardston.	P.
Albert V. House,	'94, June 20.	'95, April 23.	New Salem.	Р.
Gustavus W. Jones,	'69, May 27.	'91, April 28.	Winchendon.	P. C.
Gabriel B. Kambour,	'93, Apr. 5.	'93, April 25.	Templeton.	P. C.
Francis B. Knowlton,	'65, Aug. 29.	'86, Jan. 26.	Athol.	W. C.
John W. Lees,	'70, Nov. 16.	'96, April 28.	Westminster.	P.
George J. Pierce,	'72, Aug. 8.	'82, April 25.	Worcester.	W. C.
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STATED MEETINGS. - Fourth Tuesdays in January and April; second Tuesday in July; and last Tuesday in September. Rev. Francis B. Knowlton, Athol, scribe.

#### Worcester South, Organized in 1818. 25.

Frederic A. Balcom,	'82, Jan. 9.	'95, Sept. 17.	Franklin, N. H.	P.
William A. Benedict,	'49, June 27.	'76, Oct. 10.	Newton Centre.	W. C.
Frank L. Bristol,	'75, Oct. 25.	'88, Oct. 9.	Uxbridge.	P. C.
Andrew Campbell,	'96, Sept. 24.	'00, Jan. 19.	Webster.	Ρ.
James H. Childs,	'75, Oct. 7.	'85, Jan. 13.	Northbridge Cent	tre. P.
Edward W. Clark,	'50, Jan. 1.	'00, Jan. 19.	Westboro.	W. C.
David M. Didriksen,	'92, July 13.	'92, Oct. 11.	Roxbury.	W. C.
George P. Eastman,	'91, May 12.	'92, Jan. 12.	Millbury.	P. C.
John C. Hall,	'90, May 20.	'92, Jan. 12.	Sutton.	P. C.
David Howie,	'89, Feb. 27.	'94, Oct. 9.	Saundersville.	Р.
Frank A. Lombard,	'00, Aug. 9.	'00, Sept. 11.	Kioto. A. B.	C. F. M.
Augustine P. Manwell,	'00, Sept. 18.	'00, Dec. 11.	Northbridge.	P.
Aaron B. Peffers,	'55, May 29.	'93, April 11.	Stoneham.	W. C.
Charles P. Pierce,	'98, Nov. 15.	'98, June 14.	East Douglas.	Р.
George A. Putnam,	'60, Nov. 14.	'71, Oct. 17.	Millbury.	P. C.
Walter H. Rollins,	'98, Aug. 26.	'99, Mar. 14.	Wilmington.	P. C.
John R. Thurston,	'59, Jan. 20.	'72, Jan. 9.	Whitinsville.	P. C.
Alexander Wiswall,	'79, Sept. 24.	'94, Jan. 9.	Upton.	P. C.

STATED MEETINGS. - Second Tuesdays in March, June, September and December.

Rev. James H. Childs, Northbridge Centre, scribe.

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Beals, Charles E., Greenfield, Second ch., i., Oct. 11, 1900. Brown, Samuel A., St. Mark's ch., Boston, o. p., Dec. 27, 1900. Byington, Edwin H., Dane Street ch., Beverly, i., Oct. 31, 1900. Deming, Vernon H., North Wilbraham, i., Oct. 30, 1900. Dingwell, James D., Main Street ch., Amesbury, i., Oct. 2, 1900. Drawbridge, Robert W., Medway, i., Nov. 21, 1900. Dumm, B. Alfred, Stoneham, i., March 20, 1901. Fiske, G. Walter, South Hadley Falls, i., Oct. 9, 1900. Hitchcock, Albert W., Central ch., Worcester, i., Dec. 21, 1900. Hogberg, Adolph F., New York, o., Oct. 13, 1899. Lombard, Frank A., First ch., Sutton, Aug. 9, 1900. Loud, Halah H., East Taunton, i., Dec. 19, 1900. Lyman, Frederick B., Fairhaven, o., Oct. 9, 1900. Manwell, Augustus P., Rockdale ch., Northbridge, o. and r., Sept. 18, 1900. Marshall, Charles P., Riverside ch., Lawrence, i., Nov. 13, 1900. McComas, Henry C., Trinity ch., North Attleboro, o. p., Oct. 26, 1900. Parker, Frederick, Chatham, o. p., Dec. 14, 1900. Pratt, Arthur P., South Evangelical ch., W. Roxbury, o., March 13, 1901. Pratt, D. Butler, Faith ch., Springfield, i., Oct. 30, 1900. Quint, John H., Falmouth, i., Oct. 24, 1900. Rollins, Walter H., Wilmington, i., Nov. 7, 1900.

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Beals, Charles E., Stoneham, Sept. 25, 1900. Bigelow, E. Victor, Cohasset, Jan. 31, 1901. Ellsworth, Alfred A., First ch., Braintree, Sept. 18, 1900. Ferrin, Allen C., Blandford, Sept. 19, 1900. Fiske, G. Walter, Second ch., Huntington, Aug. 27, 1900. Freeman, George E., Lynnfield, Dec. 26, 1900. Hatch, Franklin S., Monson, Dec. 5, 1900. Hitchcock, Albert W., Belleville ch., Newburyport, Dec. 8, 1900. Low, Warren F., Holbrook, Dec. 18, 1900. Manning, Federick W., Marshfield, Dec. 19, 1900. Merriam, Charles L., Highland ch., Lowell, Nov. 27, 1900. Sterns, Wallace H., Granville, Dec. 31, 1900. Todd, George L., Merrimac, Sept. 19, 1900. Weeden, Charles F., Norwood, Dec. 19, 1900. Woodbury, Webster, Milford, Oct. 30, 1900.

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Beaman, Warren H., w. c., Amherst, Feb. 26, 1901.
Bell, James M., p., North Leominster, Jan. —, 1901.
Blake, Lyman H., p., Essex, Nov. 13, 1900.
Bliss, Charles R., w. c., Wakefield, Feb. 26, 1901.
Brown, Sherman W., p. c., Spencer, March 1, 1901.
Chittenden, Albert J., w. c., Mill River, Feb. 4, 1901.
Green, Daniel, p., Stratham, N. H., Oct. 27, 1900.
Hamlin, Cyrus, w. c., Lexington.
Harrison, Samuel, p., Pittsfield, Aug. 11, 1900.
Hazen, Henry A., Secretary National Council, Aug. 4, 1900.
Merrill, Samuel L., w. c., Springfield, Sept. 28, 1900.
Robie, Benjamin A., p., Grafton, Sept. 16, 1900.
Smith, Thomas S., w. c., Easthampton, Dec. 16, 1900.
Terry, Calvin, w. c., North Weymouth, Dec. 12, 1900.

#### MARRIAGES.

- Bliss, Edwin M., and E. Theodora Crosby, at Brockton, Nov. —, 1900.
- Eames, Charles O., of Becket, and Miss Lou B. Ballou, Dec. 13, 1900. Loud, Halah H., of East Taunton, and Miss Julia Dean, of Taunton, at
- Taunton, Jan. 14, 1901. Oxnard, Henry, of Newton, and Miss Evelyn S. Fletcher, of Lawrence, at
- Lawrence, April 17, 1900. Pierce, Charles P., of East Douglas, and Laura H. Bowles, at Auburn, Jan. 23, 1900.
- Sedgewick, Edward C., of Curtisville, and Florence E. Barnes, of Williamsville, at Williamsville, May 23, 1900.
- Smith, William S., of Auburndale, and Mrs. Ellen M. Gould, of Worcester, at Worcester, April 18, 1900.
- Swartz, Herman F., of Mansfield, and Omega Kinsell, of Elmhurst, Cal., Jan. 1, 1901.
- Wheeler, Edgar C., of Hyannis, and Cornelia D. Robertson, of Tacoma, Washington, at Cambridge, Aug. 7, 1900.

#### RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION

- I. NAME.—This body shall be called THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS.
- II. OBJECT.—Its object is to secure Christian union, fellowship, and intercourse among the ministers and churches; promote spirituality, and to co-operate with one another and with other ecclesiastical bodies in advancing the Redeemer's kingdom.
- III. DOCTRINAL BASIS.—This Association agrees to the Declaration of Faith adopted by the National Council of Congregational Churches in the year 1865, the doctrines therein set forth being understood by us to be distinctly those which, from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the gospel.
- IV. Denominational Basis.—Being based exclusively upon Congregational principles, this Association shall, under no circumstances, exercise ecclesiastical authority over churches or individuals, or interfere with the government or discipline of the churches, or consent to hear appeals, or give advice in ecclesiastical causes of any kind.
- V. Members.—Each evangelical Congregational church in this State may send to the Association one delegate, and each Conference and each Association in the State may appoint one delegate each year, which delegates, with the pastors of the aforesaid churches, two delegates from the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, the secretary, assistant secretary, registrar, assistant registrar, and treasurer, shall compose the General Association. Delegates from corresponding bodies, ministers appointed to preach sermons, and chairmen of committees attending to present reports shall be honorary members, together with such other persons as the Association may vote to admit.
- VI. Officers.—1. A secretary, an assistant secretary, a registrar, an assistant registrar, and a treasurer shall be chosen by ballot, each to serve three years from the close of the session at which the choice was made; to these offices any member of any Congregational church connected with this body shall be eligible. In case any of these offices become vacant between the annual meetings of the Association, the vacancy may be filled until the next following meeting by vote of the remaining officers.
- 2. A moderator and alternate shall be elected by ballot at each annual session, to serve from the close of that session and until the election of their successors.

- 3. The secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association, collect the statistics of ministers and churches, and have charge of the printing thereof; distribute the publications of the Association and preserve, for the permanent use of the Association, copies of all its publications.
- 4. The registrar shall make the records of each meeting, and preserve them as the permanent property of the Association. He shall give suitable notice to the churches of the time and place of each session.
- 5. The treasurer shall receive all money raised for the use of the Association, disburse the same as directed by the auditing committee through its chairman, and present an annual report, to be audited as the Association may direct.
- 6. The secretary, assistant secretary, registrar, assistant registrar, and treasurer shall be, *ex officio*, members of the Association. Their travelling expenses in attending the several sessions shall be paid by the Association.
- VII. Annual Meeting.—The annual meeting shall be held on the third Tuesday of May, at two P. M. (or at some other more convenient hour), at such place as shall have been duly designated.
- VIII. HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The Massachusetts Home Missionary Society may annually elect two delegates to be members of this body, while it consents that this body may nominate two persons for membership in the Executive Committee of that society.

The two persons thus nominated shall be from the membership of the Association at the time, and shall not be eligible for nomination for more than two years in succession, and shall, if required, make report concerning the work of the society at the next meeting of the Association.

- IX. Correspondence.— Official fraternal intercourse with the several State Congregational organizations, and with other denominations, is sufficiently had by the representation of this body in the National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States.
- X. Organization.— The moderator, or in his absence, the pastor of the church of the place of meeting, or the secretary, may call the Association to order, and preside in the meeting until it be properly organized. The Association shall then be organized by the choice of a moderator and the session shall be opened with prayer.
  - XI. COMMITTEES.— The following committees shall be chosen:—
- 1. A Committee on Credentials, which shall be appointed by the moderator immediately after the opening of the session, to which all certificates of membership shall be referred.

- 2. A Committee on Nominations, to nominate the following and any other committees referred to them, except as hereinafter provided.
- 3. A Committee of Arrangements for the session, consisting of five, of whom two shall be from members of the Provisional Committee, to prepare the business of the session, and no business shall be introduced but through the hands or with the approval of the committee; but if said committee decline presenting any item of business proposed by any member, he shall have the privilege of appeal to the Association.
- 4. A Provisional Committee of five, of whom the secretary or registrar shall be one, to prepare the schedule for the next annual meeting, to select a preacher for the Associational sermon, and persons to prepare such written papers as they shall deem desirable.
- 5. A Committee of Publication to consist of the secretary, registrar, treasurer and two other persons to be appointed at the session, which shall make provision for the printing of such documents and papers as may be necessary in the work of the Association.
- 6. A Committee on the Work of the Churches, which shall make report to this body at the next annual session upon the work of the churches and state of religion. This committee shall consist of nine members, three to be chosen each year, to serve for three years. The scribes of the local conferences shall be corresponding members of this committee.
- 7. A Committee to Audit the Accounts for the next annual meeting, which shall report the state of the treasury and the sum, in its opinion, necessary to be asked from the churches for the next ensuing year, and, through its chairman, approve all bills presented for payment.
- XII. EXERCISES.—The time of the annual session shall be occupied by devotional services, the consideration of the state of religion, the wants and methods of home evangelization, addresses, and discussions of practical religious interest, and attention to the objects of benevolent enterprise sustained by the churches.
- XIII. SPECIAL ORDERS.—1. At the opening of the session, on the mornings of Wednesday and Thursday, the moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned; shall open the meeting with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read; and the sessions of each day shall be closed with prayer or hymn.
- 2. The Associational sermon and Lord's Supper shall be assigned to Tuesday evening. Wednesday evening shall be devoted to exercises having special reference to the people of the place of meeting, or a sermon may be preached, the preacher to be selected by the Provisional Committee. One session of the Association, or a part thereof, shall be given to the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society.

- XIV. Place of Meeting.—Previous to the close of each meeting, the General Association shall specify the place of meeting for the next year; and the church of the place of meeting selected is requested to make preparations to celebrate the Lord's Supper in the course of the service. The Lord's Supper shall be administered generally without remarks.
- XV. Rules of Order.—The rules of order shall be those found in common parliamentary practice, subject, however, to the following specifications:—
- 1. That all reports of committees other than those named in Rule XI, shall be printed and distributed to the churches not less than two weeks before the regular meeting, and furnished to the secretary on or before April 1st. They shall not be read at the meeting, but one hour of the session may be devoted to the discussion of these topics.
- 2. That no committee other than those named in Rule XI. shall be continued without a definite yearly vote of the Association, and no member of any special committee shall serve for more than two consecutive years without an enabling vote of the Association.
- 3. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave of the Association.
- 4. When a question is under debate, the moderator shall entertain motions only as follows, viz.: to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone to a time certain, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the foregoing order.
- XVI. AMENDMENTS.—1. Any of the above rules, except the first five, may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote, the proposed amendment having been submitted in writing on the day previous to that of the action.
- 2. Amendments to either of the first five articles shall not be made except upon their proposals in writing at the annual meeting next prior to that of action, and after notice has been sent to the several Associations, Conferences, and Churches, and by a two-thirds vote.

#### NAMES OF MINISTERS

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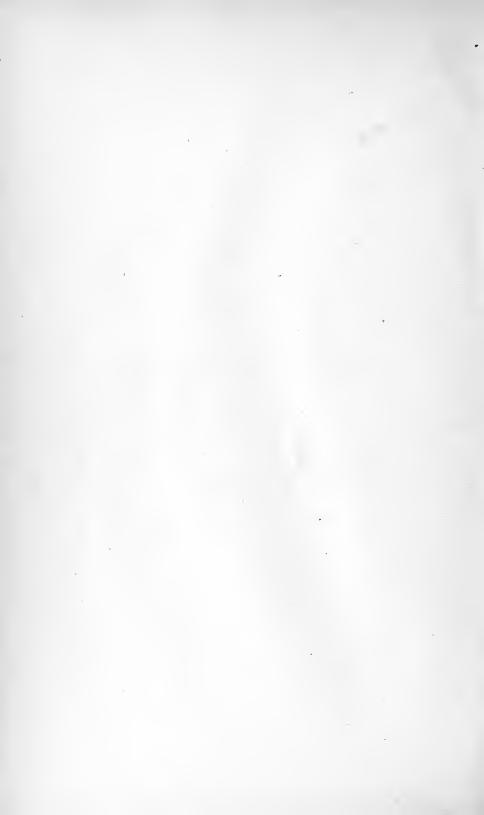
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# MASSACHUSETTS CONVENTION OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS

Dates from the earliest times of the Colony. Annual business meeting in the court-room of the Supreme Judicial Court in Boston, at 5 p.m, on the last Wednesday in May. Sermon at 11 A.M., on the day following. At this service a collection is taken, which, with the income of the Convention fund, is distributed to the widows and daughters of deceased Congregational ministers. For 1902, Rev. C. A. Staples, of Lexington, is the appointed preacher, with Rev. Frank L. Goodspeed, of Springfield, as alternate.

Every minister of a Congregational church in Massachusetts (whether Trinitarian or Unitarian) is ex-officio a member of the Convention.

There is a reporting committee of twenty-five, selected by counties throughout the State, by which recommendations are made to a central committee of seven, which decides on all applications for aid.

PERMANENT OFFICERS.—Rev. Benjamin F. Hamilton, Boston (Roxbury), scribe, and Rev. Henry F. Jenks, Canton, treasurer; to either of whom applications for aid may be addressed.

# MASSACHUSETTS CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY

Incorporated in 1786. Organized to hold the funds of the Convention. Composed of fifteen clergymen and fifteen laymen, elected from both branches of the Congregational body. Aids the widows and orphans of deceased Congregational clergymen who have died while holding the pastoral office in Massachusetts.

Alexander S. Wheeler, Boston, president; Rev. Henry F. Jenks, Canton, secretary; Arthur Lincoln, Boston, treasurer; Rev. Henry F. Jenks, Rev. Alexander McKenzie, Rev. James DeNormandie, committee on appropriations.

Applications for aid should be made to Rev. Henry F. Jenks, Canton, Mass.

# IMPORTANT NOTICES

## MEMBERSHIP.

The special attention of the churches is called to the following Rule of the Association:—

V. Members.—Each evangelical Congregational church in this State may send to the Association one delegate, and each Conference and each Association in the State may appoint one delegate each year, which delegates, with the pastors of the aforesaid churches, two delegates from the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, the secretary, assistant secretary, registrar, assistant registrar, and treasurer, shall compose the General Association.

The following Resolution was also adopted: -

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that churches sending delegates to the Annual Meetings of the General Association of Congregational churches of Massachusetts shall be recommended to pay the expenses of the delegates whom they send.

A DELEGATE FROM EVERY CHURCH, with the Pastors, would give a membership of about twelve hundred.

# DISTRIBUTION OF "MINUTES."

The "Minutes" are sent to the churches by direction of the General Association. It is suggested that one copy, annually, be preserved with the records of each church, and that the remaining copies be distributed among the officers and members in the way most likely to promote an intelligent interest in the condition and prosperity of the churches.

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## THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL AID'

This Board had its origin in action taken by the General Association of the Congregational churches of Massachusetts in 1868, and was incorporated by an act of the Legislature in 1869.

G. Henry Whitcomb, of Worcester, is now its president; Arthur G. Stanwood, Esq., 701 Sears Building, Boston, is treasurer, to whom all contributions should be sent.

Rev. Joshua W. Wellman, Rev. Charles B. Rice, and Rev. Edwin B. Palmer, are the executive committee.

Applications for aid should be sent to Rev. Edwin B. Palmer, at Room 609, Congregational House. A small contribution is greatly needed annually from each church. Donations are also solicited from individuals. Should any one desire to leave a legacy in aid of the benevolent work of this Board, the following form of bequest will be sufficient:—

I give and devise to the Board of Ministerial Aid, incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts, for the charitable uses and purposes of said Corporation,

No officer of this Board receives any compensation for his services. No other board, society, or organization in this Commonwealth contributes anything for the support of needy Congregational ministers. Our country gives large pensions to her needy soldiers. Why should not our churches give something for "the aid, support and comfort of their aged, disabled, superannuated, or needy ministers," and of "the widows and children of such ministers"?

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## INTRODUCTORY ·

The scribes and statistical secretaries of the various Conferences are due this public recognition for their faithful services and honest endeavors to get the Church and Sunday school statistics into the hands of the State secretary at an early date. Only three Conferences delayed this year beyond the time limit, viz., February 15. Not until the last Conference reports can the material be collated and the totals added. On February 15, 1902, eight States had already reported to the "Year Book".

It is the intention of the secretary to make the State "Minutes" a pamphlet convenient for reference, and more and more a manual of Congregationalism for Massachusetts Congregationalists. The list of ministers' names at the end serves at once as the official list, with correct addresses, and also as an index. A general index increases the value of the "Minutes".

Several new features will be noticed in the following pages. A careful analysis of the membership of the last annual meeting will be found on page 4. A list of the past annual meetings since 1859, together with the moderators and preachers, is given on page 6. Additional statistical information is shown on page 180, where the number of persons admitted to membership in our churches is given in groups of 10, 25 and 50; also the number which did not receive any. A second paragraph gives an enumeration of the churches with respect to membership. And a third paragraph shows what amounts were received by the treasurers of our Benevolent Societies and their auxiliaries, as compared with what are reported in the Tables on pages 112–143.

This year, as last, we have printed (page 182) the donations to the American and Massachusetts Bible Societies, the figures having been furnished for this report by Rev. A. E. Colton, Field Agent for New England.

Another valuable feature is added this year in the list of our National and State Benevolent Societies on page 181, where are given the home offices and the names of the secretaries and treasurers.

The committee appointed by the last General Association to determine what papers and reports should be published in the "Minutes" selected the historical address and the three addresses on the Constructive Church. All these manuscripts were solicited, but only those of Dr. Clark and Mr. Carter were offered.

The report of the Committee on the Work of the Churches and that of the Publishing Committee were mislaid and are printed out of their natural order.

EUGENE C. WEBSTER, Secretary.

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## OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, 1902-1903

William B. Plunkett, of Adams	MODERATOR.
Seba A. Holton, of Falmouth	VICE-MODERATOR.
Rev. Eugene C. Webster, of Jamaica Plain	SECRETARY.
Rev. Francis J. Marsh, of Boston	REGISTRAR.
Rev. Almon J. Dyer, of Sharon	ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
Henry P. Emerson, of Lynn	TREASURER.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Moderator, the Vice-Moderator, the Secretary, the Registrar, the Assistant Registrar, the Treasurer, ex-officiis, and Rev. Edwin N. Hardy, of Quincy; Rev. Calvin M. Clark, of Haverhill; Rev. Andrew W. Archibald, of Brockton.

## APPORTIONMENT OF EXPENSES

The churches are requested to contribute through the treasurers of their Conferences for the expenses of the General Association a sum equivalent to five cents for each member, based upon the *total* membership of January 1, 1902 (as printed in the Statistics of the Churches, on pages 112–142); and the treasurers of the Conferences are requested to forward the amounts as soon as possible to Mr. Henry P. Emerson, 69 Bedford Street, Boston, the treasurer of the Association.

## NUMBER OF DELEGATES AT PLYMOUTH

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## COMMITTEES OF THE ASSOCIATION, 1902-1903

Provisional Committee for 1903. — Rev. Francis J. Marsh, of Boston; Rev. Leon D. Bliss, of Great Barrington; Rev. R. DeWitt Mallary, of Housatonic; Dea. E. J. Van Lennep, of Great Barrington; Dea. A. W. Selkirk, of Great Barrington.

Publishing Committee.—Rev. Eugene C. Webster, of Jamaica Plain; Rev. Francis J. Marsh, of Boston; Hamilton S. Conant, of Boston; Rev. Erastus Blakeslee, of Brookline; Leonard A. Treat, of Chelsea.

Committee to Audit the Treasurer's Report.—Harry G. Dixon, of Boston; Franklin P. Shumway, of Melrose; E. C. Rawson, of Holliston; Rev. E. Irving Rackett, of East Orleans; Rev. Edward P. Butler, of Sunderland.

On Ministerial Standing.—Rev. Albert E. Dunning, of Brookline; Rev. Merle A. Breed, of Weymouth; Rev. John A. MacColl, of New Bedford; Rev. William C. Gordon, of Westfield.

On the Nomination of Candidates for Corporate Membership in the A. B. C. F. M. — Rev. Frank L. Goo Ispeed, of Springfield; Rev. Alford B. Penniman, of Adams; Rev. Rufus P. Hibbard. of Gloucester; Prin. W. A. Baldwin, of Hyannis; Frederick Fosdick, of Fitchburg.

Committee to Co-operate with the Committee of the Church of the Pilgrimage on the Proposed Memorial Church.—Samuel B. Capen, of Jamaica Plain; Rev. William H. Davis, of Newton; G. Henry Whitcomb, of Worcester.

On the Work of the Churches. — Rev. John R. Thurston, of Whitinsville; Rev. Joshua Coit, of Winchester; George H. Shaw, of Middleboro; Rev. William E. Strong, of Amherst; Charles Lifflen, of Roxbury.

On Gambling.—Rev. Charles H. Hamlin, of Easthampton; Rev. William T. McElven, of Boston; Arthur H. Wellman, of Malden; Rev. Charles M. Southgate, of Auburndale; Rev. Richard G. Woodbridge, of Somerville; Rev. Payson W. Lyman, of Fall River; William Shaw, of Ballardvale.

On Temperance Legislation.—Judge William T. Forbes, of Worcester; J. W. Fairbanks, of Amherst; Rev. William A. Knight, of Jamaica Plain; Rev. Edwin H. Byington, of Beverly; John Albree. Jr., of Swampscott.

On Labor Organizations.—Rev. Daniel Evans, of Cambridge; Rev. Parris T. Farwell, of Wellesley Hills; Rev. Frederick H. Page, of Lawrence; Rev. Frank S. Hunnewell, of Reading; Rev. Ernest M. Bartlett, of Kingston.

On Terms or Methods of Pastoral Installation.—Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, of Salem; Rev. William R. Campbell, of Roxbury; Rev. George W. Winch, of Holyoke; Hon. Robert R. Bishop, of Newton; Prin Joseph H. Sawyer, of Easthampton.

On Sunday Observance.—George D. Chamberlain, of Springfield; Rev. Adolph A. Berle, of Brighton; Rev. William H. Allbright, of Dorchester.

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Board of Passforal Supply.—Term expires in 1908: Charles E. Swett, of Winchester; George E. Keith, of Brockton; E. W. Chapin, of Holyoke; Arthur E. Gray, of Worcester. Term expires in 1904: John L. Brewster. of Andover; Rev. Frederick E. Emrich, of South Framingham; Rev. John H. Lovewood, of Westfield; Rev. William L Tenney, of North Adams. Term expires in 1905: Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, of Salem; Rev. Ozora S. Davis, of Newtonville; J. W. Fairbanks, of Amherst; Henry H. Proctor, of Boston.

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On Missionary Work.— Rev. Frank R. Shipman, of Andover; Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of North Falmouth; Rev. Raymond Calkins, of Pittsfield; Bennett T. Gale, of Lee; Rev. J. Howard Gaylord, of West Brookfield; Rev. Calvin M. Clark, of Haverhill; Rev. Arthur J. Covell, of Lynn; Rev Edward A. Robinson, of Buckland; Rev. Herbert P. Woodin, of Chicopee; Rev. Arthur B. Patten, of South Hadley; Rev. Isaiah W. Sneath, of Franklin; Rev. Frederic E. Sturgis, of Natick; Rev. Robert M. Woods, of Hatfield; Rev. George A. Tewksbury, of Concord; Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Milton; Rev. George W. Stearns, of Middleboro; Rev. D. Melancthon James, of Plymouth; Rev. Robert A. MacFadden, of Chelsea; Rev. George H. Flint, of Dorchester; Amos Andrews, of Waltham; Rev. Charles A. Ratcliffe, of Norton; Rev. Frank S. Hunnewell, of Reading; Rev. David C. Reid, of Leicaster; Rev. Burton S. Gilman, of Gardner; Rev. George P. Eastman, of Millbury.

## THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

The one hundred first annual meeting of the Massachusetts General Association will be held with the church in Great Barrington, May 20-22, 1903.

# PAST ANNUAL MEETINGS

YEAR.	PLACE.	MODERATOR.	PREACHER.
1859	Pittsfield	George W. Blagden	Joseph C. Bodwell
1860	Holliston	Samuel G. Buckingham	
186)	Springfield	Seth Sweetser	Eli Thurston
1861	Ware	John P. Cleveland	Aaron M. Colton
1861	Newburyport	Samuel G. Buckingham	
1862	New Bedford	Emerson Davis	William S. Tyler
1862	Newton	Dea. William Thurston	
1863		Abijah P. Marvin	Lewis Sabin
1863	Worcester	Charles Demond	Julius H. Seelye
1864	Springfield	Nahum Gale	Martin S. Howard
1864	Fall River	George F. Homer	Zachary Eddy
1865	Westfield	John Pike	Elbridge G. Little
1865	Haverhill	Andrew L. Stone	Andrew L. Stone
1866	Newburyport	Alonzo H. Quint	Erastus Maltby
1866	Northampton	Samuel T. Seelye	Augustus C. Thompson
1867	Greenfield	Edward Strong	George R. Leavitt
1867	Fitchburg	CI 1 M D II	Edwin B. Webb
1868	Lowell	Charles T. Russell	Nahum Gale
1869	Woburn	Ariel E. P. Perkins	John L. Taylor
1870	Taunton	Samuel T. Seelye	George T. Dole
1871	Easthampton	Joshua W. Wellman	Joshua Coit
1872	Pittsfield	Joshua T. Tucker	John W. Dodge
1873	Natick	James H. Means	Samuel J. Spalding
1874	Lynn	William C. Plunkett	Edward S. Atwood
1875	Amherst	Paul A. Chadbourne	Charles S. Brooks
1876	Lowell	Washington Gladden	Bradford M. Fullerton
1877	Chelsea	Joshua N. Marshall	Henry Hopkins
1878	Fall River	Samuel J. Spalding	John H. Bisbee
1879	Worcester	James White	Alexander McKenzie
1880	Salem	William Hyde	B. Franklin Hamilton
1881	Springfield	Daniel T. Fiske	Reuen Thomas
1882	Fitchburg	Alonzo H. Quint	William H. Tucker
1883	Roxbury	Ezra A. Stevens	Julius H. Seelye
1884	North Adams	Charles B. Rice	Daniel Merriman
1885	New Bedford	Charles A. Richardson	Joseph T Duryea
1886	Westfield	Lyman S. Rowland	William E. Griffis
1887	Brockton	Ariel E. P. Perkins	David O. Means
1888	Spencer	Edward J. Thomas	Charles A. Dickinson
1889	Newburyport	J. L. Jenkins	Arthur Little
1890	Holyoke	Alonzo H. Quint	Wolcott Calkins
1891	Marlboro	Gilbert E. Hood	Edward G. Seldon
1892	Springfield	DeWitt S. Clark	Samuel E. Herrick
1893	Boston	Thomas Weston	Paul Van Dyke
1894	Pittsfield	Elijah Horr	George A. Gordon
1895	Lynn	Elijah A. Morse	Philip S. Moxom
1896	Fall River	Smith Baker	DeWitt S. Clark
1897	Worcester	Thomas Todd	Charles E. Jefferson
1898	Greenfield	G. R. W. Scott	Arcturus Z. Conrad
1899	Brockton	John L. Brewster	Edward L. Clark
1900	Amherst	Philip S. Moxom	William H. Davis
1901	Andover	Henry M. Moore	Reuen Thomas
1902	Plymouth	Charles H. Beale	George A. Gordon
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## RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION

## ARTICLE I. - NAME.

This body shall be called The General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts.

## ARTICLE II. - OBJECT.

Its object is to promote (a) intercourse and fellowship between congregational ministers and churches of the Commonwealth; (b) the co-operation of the churches with one another for their mutual comfort and development, and for the religious care of the home field; (c) the presentation and discussion of matters vital to our faith, and the interests of our denomination; and (d) the co-operation of this body with other ecclesiastical bodies for the general increase of Christian union and spiritual efficiency, and the advancement of Christ's kingdom in the earth.

## ARTICLE III. - DOCTRINAL BASIS.

This Association agrees to the Declaration of Faith adopted by the National Council of Congregational Churches in the year 1865, the doctrines therein set forth being understood by us to be distinctly those which, from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the gospel.

## ARTICLE IV. - DENOMINATIONAL BASIS.

Being based exclusively upon Congregational principles, this Association shall, under no circumstances, exercise ecclesiastical authority over churches or individuals, or interfere with the government or discipline of the churches, or consent to hear appeals, or give advice in ecclesiastical causes of any kind.

## ARTICLE V. - MEMBERS.

- 1. Each evangelical Congregational Church, Conference, and Association in this Commonwealth may choose one delegate, and these delegates, together with the pastors of the churches (who shall be members ex-officio), the officers of this body, and two delegates from the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, shall constitute the General Association.
- 2. Delegates from corresponding bodies, ministers appointed to preach before the Association, and chairmen of committees who attend to present reports, together with such other persons as the Association may vote to admit, shall be honorary members, with the privilege of speaking, but without vote.

#### ARTICLE VI. - OFFICERS.

- 1. The officers shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, a Secretary, a Registrar, an Assistant Registrar, and a Treasurer. All members of Congregational churches in this Commonwealth shall be eligible to any of these offices. The officers shall be elected by ballot, the moderator and vice-moderator each to serve one year, the other officers each to serve three years, and until the election of their successors. The term of all officers, save when chosen to fill vacancies, shall begin at the close of the meeting at which they are elected.
- 2. The officers, together with three delegates annually chosen by ballot for this purpose, shall constitute an Executive Committee.
- 3. The Moderator, or in his absence, the Vice-Moderator, shall preside over all the meetings of the Association and shall be chairman of the Executive Committee.
- 4. (a) The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association, collect and publish in connection with the annual Minutes the statistics of ministers and churches, distribute the publications of the Association, copies of which he shall preserve for permanent use, give suitable notice to the churches of the time and place of each annual meeting, notify officers and committees of their election or appointment, and fulfil such other functions as the Association may from time to time direct.
- (b) The Secretary shall receive a salary of seven hundred and fifty dollars, and by the authority and under the direction of the Executive Committee, he may, when necessary, employ an assistant, at a compensation to be fixed by the Executive Committee.
- 5. The Registrar shall keep a full record of each meeting, which he shall preserve as the permanent property of the Association, and he shall also keep the minutes of the Executive Committee.
- 6. The Assistant Registrar shall aid the Registrar in making the records; shall take his place during his absence; and, in the event of a vacancy in the Registrar's office, shall act as Registrar until the office shall be filled by the Executive Committee or by a regular election.
- 7. The Treasurer shall receive all money raised for the use of the Association, disburse the same as directed by the Executive Committee, and shall make an annual report, to be audited as the Association may direct.
- 8. The Executive Committee shall have charge of all the interests and business of the Association between the annual meetings, shall fill all vacancies occurring during the interim, and shall make an annual report to the Association through the Secretary.
- 9. The travelling expenses of the Secretary, Registrar, Assistant Registrar and Treasurer, in attending the annual meetings, shall be paid by the Association.

## ARTICLE VII. - ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting shall be held at the appointed place on the third Tuesday of May at two o'clock P. M, or at such other hour as the Executive Committee may find expedient.

2. In the practical administration of its home missionary work, the instrument of the Association shall be the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, a place for which shall be made in the program of the annual meeting.

## ARTICLE VIII. - ORGANIZATION.

The Moderator, or in his absence, the Vice-Moderator, shall call the Association to order. In the absence of both, any member of the Executive Committee may call the Association to order, and a moderator pro tem. shall be chosen to serve during the absence of the proper officer.

## ARTICLE IX. — COMMITTEES.

1. Immediately after the opening of the annual meeting the Moderator shall appoint:—

(a) A Committee on Credentials, to which all credentials shall be

referred.

(b) A Committee on Nominations, which shall nominate all the officers of the Association, all standing committees, as hereinafter provided,

and all other committees raised by the Association.

(c) A Committee on Business, of which two shall be chosen from the Provisional Committee. The duty of the Business Committee shall be to prepare and present the schedule of business for each session, and no business shall be introduced except through the hands or with the approval of this committee; provided, however, that if the Business Committee shall decline to present any matter proposed by a member of this Association he shall have the right of appeal to the Association.

(d) A Budget Committee of three, which shall report before the close of the meeting on the state of the treasury, the amount of money needed for the ensuing year, and ways and means for meeting the need.

2. The following Standing Committees shall be nominated by the Committee on Nominations: -

(a) A Provisional Committee, of which the Secretary or Registrar shall be a member. This committee shall prepare the program for the next annual meeting, selecting the preacher of the annual sermon, and

the various speakers for each session.

(b) A Publication Committee, of which the Secretary and Registrar shall be members, which shall make provision for the printing of such documents and papers as may be necessary in the work of the Association, or as shall be ordered printed by the Association. Under the direction of this committee the Secretary shall have charge of all the printing of the Association.

(c) A Committee on the Work of the Churches. This committee shall report on the work of the churches and the state of religion in the Commonwealth. The Scribes of the Local Conferences shall be correspond-

ing members of this committee.

(d) A Committee on Missionary work, to consist of one member from each Conference.

(e) A Committee to nominate candidates for corporate membership of the American Board.

(f) A Committee to audit the Treasurer's report.

- 3. Each of these committees, save as otherwise provided above, shall consist of five members, and shall be elected annually by *viva voce* vote, all, save those named by the Moderator, to serve the ensuing year.
- 4. All reports of Standing Committees, except committees (a) and (e), shall be furnished to the Secretary on or before April 1st of each year, and shall be printed and distributed to the churches not less than two weeks before the annual meeting.

These reports shall not be read to the Association save by special order; but the Provisional Committee may arrange for the adequate discussion of any or all of the topics presented in the reports.

## ARTICLE X. - BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY.

- 1. The Association may create a Board of Pastoral Supply to consist of twelve members, four of whom shall be elected each year for a term of three years.
- $2. \;\;$  This board may choose its own secretary and through it shall make an annual report to the Association.

A copy of this report shall be furnished to the Secretary of the Association in time to be printed before the annual meeting.

## ARTICLE XI. - SPECIAL ORDERS.

- 1. Each session of the annual meeting shall be opened and closed with divine worship.
- 2. On each morning of the annual meeting, after the first day, the minutes of the preceding day shall he read; the minutes of the last day shall be read immediately before the final adjournment.
- 3. On Tuesday evening of each annual meeting the annual sermon shall be preached, followed by the celebration of the Lord's Supper.
- 4. The place of the next annual meeting shall be recommended each year by the Business Committee and designated by vote of the Association.

#### ARTICLE XII. - RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order shall be those of common parliamentary usage, subject to the following specifications:—

- 1. No members shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave of the Association.
- 2. When a question is before the Association the Moderator shall entertain motions only as follows:—To adjourn, to table, for the previous question, to postpone to a fixed time, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; these several motions shall have precedence in the foregoing order.

## ARTICLE XIII. - AMENDMENTS.

- 1. Any of the above articles, except the first five, may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted to the Association in writing on the day previous.
- 2. Either of the first five articles may be amended by a two-thirds vote, but only after the proposed amendment has been submitted to the Association in writing at the previous annual meeting, and notice has been sent to the several Associations, Conferences and Churches connected with this body at least three months prior to the meeting at which action is to be taken.

# MINUTES

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS met for its one hundredth annual session with the Church of the Pilgrimage, Plymouth, Tuesday, May 20, 1902.

## ROLL OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION

## DELEGATES FROM THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	DELEGATES.
Acton	Rev. DeMont Goodyear Rev. Bernard Copping Rev. Alford B. Penniman Rev. William E. Strong	William S. O'Brien Mrs. Bernard Copping Francis E. Mole Joseph W. Fairbanks George H. Atkins
Andover, South	Rev. Frank R. Shipman Rev. Edwin Smith Rev. Egbert C. Smyth Rev. Herbert W. Boyd Rev. Frederick M. Cutler Rev. Rolla G. Bugbee Rev. J. Lee Mitchell	John L. Brewster William Shaw Prof. E. G. Hincks Dea, Walter J. Smith
Barnstable, West	Rev. Wayland Spaulding Rev. Edgar B. French Rev. Bartlett H. Weston Rev. Frank B. McAllister	Rev. John W. Norris
Belchertown Belmont, Waverley Berlin Bernardston	Rev. George P. Gilman Rev. Arthur P. Pratt Rev. Edwin H. Byington	Miss Edith L. Towne George P. Armstrong Alonzo Alford Dea. J. H. Baker
" Union	Rev. William A. Knight Rev. Adolph A. Berle Rev. Winfred C. Rhoades Rev. Frank W. Merrick Rev. Oren D. Fisher Rev. Wm. T. McElveen	John Porteous Theodore O. Cornish Dea. G. A. Fuller
" Central, Jam.Plain		Rev. Cyrus P. Osborne F. J. Ward

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	DELEGATES.
Boston, Trinity, Neponset.		Harry G. Dixon
" Pilgrim, Dorch'r .		Emery G. Plummer
" Highland, Roxb'y	Rev. Wm. C. Campbell	U
	Rev. Albert H. Plumb	William L. Greene
" Boylston, J. Plain		George W. Fowle
	Rev. J. Spenc'r Voorhees	
Braintree, First	Rev. Fred'k W. Burrows	John Barbour
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	Rev. Albert F. Pierce	Herbert Holmes
" Waldo	2007. 2225010 27. 2 10100	Bradford H. Nash
	Rev. James Lade	Mrs. Thomas Brooks
" Lincoln	Rev. Sebastian D. Turner	
Brookline, Leyden	Rev Harris G Hale	Rev. H. A. Bridgman
Cambridge, First		
	Rev. Reuben A. Beard	George B. Caswell
	Rev. Daniel Evans	Charles H. Shute
" Pilgrim	Rev. William H. Spence	Charles II. Share
" Wood Memorial	Rev. Charles H. Williams	Dea Ahijah R. Buck
	Rev. Richard B. Grover	20th Holjan II. Back
	Rev. Oscar F. Stetson	Benjamin W. Robbins
	Rev. Ross C. Houghton	Dea. Edgar H. Pray
	Rev. Rob't A. MacFadden	
" Third		Alonzo C. Tenney
Chicopee, Second, Falls .		N. P. Ames Carter
"Third	Rev. Herbert P. Woodin	
Clinton		Dea. F. P. Breed
	Rev. Geo. A. Tewksbury	
	Rev. Eugene F. Hunt	
Dalton	Rev. George W. Andrews	Mrs. S. I. Parker
Danvers	Rev. Harry C. Adams	George H. Peabody
Dedham	Rev. Edward H. Rudd	Charles B. Botsford
Douglass, East	Rev. Charles P. Pierce	
Duxbury	Rev. Henry B. Mason	Mrs. W. S. Freeman
East Bridgewater	Rev. W. S. A. Miller	George M. Keith
	Rev. Augustus H. Fuller	
	Rev. Chas. L. Woodworth	
Essex	Rev. Edward A. Lathron	
	Rev. William I. Sweet	Dea. H. P. Parkhurst
	Rev. Charles II. Perciva	1
Fall River, Fowler	Rev. Payson W. Lyman	
" French		Joseph M. Adam
	Rev. James E. Enman	TO 01 1 TT 11
Falmouth, First	Rev. John H. Quint	Dea. Seba A. Holton
	Rev. Ezra N. Smith	
	Rev. A. Fred'k Dunnels	0.37.77
	Rev. William O. Conrad	
	Rev. Fred'k E. Emrich	Dea. B. T. Thompson
	Rev. Isaiah W. Sneath	
Gardner	Rev. Burton S. Gilman	Miss Many Prople
Gloucester, Trinity	D P 1 II D 1	Miss Mary Brooks
Authoritie	Rev. Frank H. Reed	Joseph K. Dustin
magnona	Dor Dohout C. Doll	Mrs. Arthur M. Lycett
Granby	Rev. Robert C. Bell	Mrs David I. Kabba
Granville, East	Rev. David L. Kebbe	Mrs. David L. Kebbe
Great Barrington	Rev. Leon D. Bliss	

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	DELEGATES.
Greenfield, Second		Dea. Emil Weissbrod
	. Rev. Edward D. Disbrow	
	Rev. John Wild	H. B. Barstow
Hanson	Rev. Roland D. Sawyer	Miss Joseph'e P. Estes
Hardwick	. Rev. Harlan Page	D 4 T 3T 0 T
Haverhill, Bradford		Prof. Isaac N.Carleton
	Rev. John N. Lowell	TO 411 4 TO
Centre	Rev. Calvin M. Clark	Dea. Albert Emerson
North	, n n 110 m	Leonard W. Smith
	Rev. Daniel B. Wyman	3r 0 70 rr 1 11
Hingham	Rev. O. E. Van Slyke	Mrs. Geo. E. Kimball
	Rev. W. W. Dornan	Farrington Holbrook
Holden	Rev. Thomas E. Babb	7 77 777 11 7
Holyoke, First	Des Cosses W Winsh	James H. Wylie, Jr.
" Second	Rev. George W. Winch	E. P. Bagg
	Rev. James B. King	Harry D. Name
	Rev. Henry N. Hoyt	Henry D. Noyes
	Rev. Edward Constant	Miss C E Water
	Rev. Ernest M. Bartlett	Miss G. F. Waterman
Lawrence, Irinity	Rev. Frederick H. Page	
	Rev. Herbert G. Mank	Charles H. Bean
Lee	Rev. David C. Reid	Edward S. Rogers Rev. Albert Warren
	Rev. Lawrence Phelps	nev. Ameri warren
	Rev. Charles F. Carter	Edward P. Merriam
	Rev. Henry L. Bailey	William F. Emerson
Lowell, Kirk Street	. Rev. Henry E. Daney	Henry A. Smith
	Rev. Thomas G. A. Côtè	Mrs Emma S E Côtà
	Rev. Thomas D. McLean	
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" Central	Rev. Charles F. Weeden	
" North	Rev. Arthur J. Covell	
Malden, First	Rev. Henry H. French	Dea. Ezra A. Stevens
" Maplewood	Rev. Chas. S. Macfarland	
Manchester	Rev. Walter H. Ashley	Joseph H. Torrey
Mansfield		Mrs. Wm. M. Macnair
Marblehead		Nathan P. Sanborn
Marion	Rev. Harry L. Brickett	Dea. Wm. A. Andrew
Marlboro		George L. Patterson
Marshfield, First	Rev. Burton A. Lucas	Dea. John H. Bourne
" Hills		Israel H. Hatch
Maynard		Mrs. Helen B. Curtis
Medfield	Rev. Leroy M. Pierce	Miss B.C.Chamberlain
Medford, Mystic	Rev. Elijah Horr	Daniel W. Wilcox
" West	Rev. Judson V. Clancey	
	Rev. R. W. Drawbridge	Mrs. R.W.Drawbridge
Melrose	Des Develop B. J	Dea. Moses S. Page
mightanus	Rev. Burke F. Leavitt	Dea, Sam'l Thurston
	Rev. Chas. H. Oliphant	Harry E. Moore
North	Rev. George W. Stearns	A. H. Soule
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## DELEGATES FROM THE ASSOCIATIONS.

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Berkshire		
Berkshire South	. Rev. Leon D. Bliss	Great Barrington
Cape Cod	. Rev. Ezra N. Smith	North Falmonth
Essex North		
Essex South and Salem	. Rev. George A. Hall	Peabody
Hampshire		z omo o mj
Hampshire East	. Rev. Robert C. Bell	Granby
Mendon	Pay Enhraim O Inmason	Poston
Middlesex South	Rev. William E. Locke Rev. Geo. A. Tewksbury	Wellesley
Middlesey Union	Rev. Goo. A Towkshipm	Concord
Norfolk	. Rev. Albert F. Pierce	Concord
Old Colony	Rev. Harry L. Brickett	Campello
Plamouth	Des Dela ID	Marion
Cuffolls North	. Rev. Roland D. Sawyer . Rev. Robert W. Wallace	Hanson
C-f-ll-C	. Rev. Robert W. Wallace	East Somerville
Sunoik South	. Rev. Benj. F. Hamilton	Roxbury
Sunoik west	. Rev. Wm. T. McElveen . Rev. Francis A. Fate	Boston
Taunton	. Rev. Francis A. Fate	Taunton
Worcester	. Rev. Burton S. Gilman	
Worcester North	. Rev. Burton S. Gilman	Gardner
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Barnstable	. Dea. Seba N. Holton	Falmouth
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Norfolk	. John E. Bradley	Randolph
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Sunoik North	. Samuel Usher	Cambridge
Suffolk South Suffolk West	. Rev. Perley B. Davis	West Roxbury
Suffolk West	. Rev. Ozora S. Davis	Newtonville
Taunton	•	
Woburn	. Dea. H. N. Ackerman	West Medford
Worcester Central	. Dea. John E. Kimball	Oxford
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S. B. Carter		Brighton
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Rev. Francis J. Marsh .	. Boston	Registrar
Rev. Almon J. Dyer	. Sharon	Assistant Registrar
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#### ORGANIZATION.

The Association was called to order by Rev. D. Melancthon James, pastor of the entertaining church, at 2.45 p. m., Tuesday, May 20. The hymn, "Ye Servants of God," was sung, and prayer was offered by Rev. Burke F. Leavitt, of Melrose Highlands.

As the moderator and alternate elected at the last annual meeting were both unable to be present, Rev. Charles H. Beale, of Roxbury, was elected moderator for the session.

## COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Tellers were appointed by the moderator as follows: —

Rev. George P. Eastman, of Millbury; E. A. Baldwin, of Upton; Rev. Cyrus P. Osborne, of Jamaica Plain; Rev. Willis A. Hadley, of Southbridge; Rev. Edgar C. Wheeler, of Rockland; Rev. Arthur J. Covell, of Lynn.

The committee on credentials was appointed as follows:—

Rev. James F. Brodie, of Salem; Rev. Oren D. Fisher, of East Boston; Rev. Albert F. Pierce, of Brockton; William Shaw, of Ballardville; Thomas Todd, of Concord.

The following brethren were appointed as nominating committee:—

Rev. David C. Reid, of Leicester; Rev. John J. Walker, of Westboro; Rev. Walter H. Ashley, of Manchester; Rev. William R. Campbell, of Roxbury; Rev. G. Walter Fiske, of South Hadley Falls.

The following business committee was appointed:—

Rev. D. Melancthon James, of Plymouth; Rev. Frederick B. Noyes, of Plymouth; Rev. Burke F. Leavitt, of Melrose Highlands; Timothy Smith, of Roxbury; Rev. Charles H. Oliphant, of Methuen.

## PROGRAM ADOPTED.

The program of the provisional committee was adopted as printed.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The report of the secretary was then read and referred to the business committee.

## TREASURER'S AND AUDITOR'S REPORTS.

The report of the treasurer was read by Daniel W. Wilcox of the auditing committee. To this was appended the report of the auditors and both reports were referred to the business committee.

## ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

Hamilton S. Conant, of Boston, was elected assistant secretary, pro tem.

#### CHANGES IN NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Rev. Frank W. Merrick, of West Roxbury, was substituted by the moderator for Rev. William R. Campbell, and Harry G. Dixon, of Neponset, for Rev. David C. Reid, of Leicester, on the nominating committee.

#### ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

An address of welcome was then given by Rev. D. Melancthon James, and response by the moderator.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES REFERRED.

The printed reports of the committees on Ministerial Standing, Temperance Legislation, and Gambling, were referred to the business committee.

Mr. George D. Chamberlain, of Springfield, chairman of the committee on Sunday Observance, presented the report of that committee. The report was referred to the business committee with instructions to bring in suitable resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the body on the subject.

The report of the committee on Temperance was presented by its chairman, Rev. Eugene C. Webster, its recommendation adopted and the report referred to the business committee.

The committee on Publication reported through its chairman, Rev. Francis J. Marsh, of Boston, and the report was received and referred to the business committee.

The printed reports of the committees on Missionary Work, on Church Extension, and on the Relation of the General Association to the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, appointed for 10.20 A. M., Wednesday, were referred to the business committee, to be by them reported on at the Wednesday morning session.

## THE REVISION AND ADOPTION OF THE RULES.

The Revision of the Rules of the Association was then taken up, and Rev. Adolph A. Berle, of Brighton, moved that Article III. of the present rules be inserted as the first paragraph of Article III. of the proposed rules.

It was voted to amend Rev. Mr. Berle's motion by making Article III. of the present rules Article III. of the proposed rules, and setting the following articles of the proposed rules forward.

The original motion was then carried as amended.

Article XII. of the proposed rules was amended by substituting the word "five" for the word "four" in the first lines of Section 1 and Section 2.

The proposed rules were then adopted as amended.

#### THE BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY.

A resolution that the Board of Pastoral Supply be requested to transfer to the treasurer of the Association all moneys received by it, in order that the treasury reports of the two bodies may make the same showing in that department, was referred to the business committee.

At 5.45 o'clock, after benediction by the moderator, the Association took a recess until 7.30 o'clock.

TUESDAY EVENING SESSION.

The evening session began at 7.40 o'clock with devotional service led by Rev. Samuel H. Woodrow, of Springfield.

#### ASSOCIATIONAL SERMON.

The Association sermon was preached by Rev. George A. Gordon, of Boston, from the text, I. Chron. 29:15; the subject being, "The Essential Principles of the Pilgrim-Puritan Faith."

## BOARD OF MINISTERIAL AID.

After the sermon the Rev. Charles B. Rice made a brief statement concerning the work of the Massachusetts Board of Ministerial Aid, which was followed by an offering of \$120.01.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. Perley B. Davis, of West Roxbury and Rev. Charles H. Oliphant, of Methuen.

The following persons served as deacons: —

Dea. Richard McLean, of Plymouth; Dea. S. B. Carter, of Brighton; Dea. D. W. Carney, of North Andover; Dea. Albert Emerson, of Haverhill; Dea. S. A. Holton, of Falmouth; Dea. William Leonard, of Salem.

The hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," was sung, and with the benediction by Rev. C. H. Oliphant, of Methuen, the evening session closed.

## WEDNESDAY

MORNING SESSION.

At 8.30 o'clock devotional services were led by Rev. Isaiah W. Sneath, of Franklin.

## MINUTES APPROVED.

Promptly at 9 o'clock the moderator took the chair and the records for the sessions of Tuesday were read and approved as corrected.

## RECOMMENDATIONS OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

The following recommendations were offered by the business committee and approved by the Association:—

That on account of the absence of Rev. Frank L. Bristol, of Uxbridge, who was to have given the report on the Work of the Churches, the report of that committee be given by Rev. Austin B. Bassett, of Ware;

That the address on "The Constructive Church: Her Doctrinal Teaching," be given by Rev. Charles F. Carter, of Lexington, instead of Rev. Charles A. Dinsmore, of Boston, who was unable to be present; and

That the address of Rev. Alexander McKenzie, of Cambridge, be transferred to Thursday morning and that in its place the Association listen to the address on "The Constructive Church: Her Relations to Industrial and Social Life" by Rev. I. Chipman Smart, of Pittsfield, and the report of the committee on Labor Organizations by Rev. Daniel Evans, of Cambridge.

We also suggest that the report of the committee on Ministerial Standing be adopted with its recommendation that "provision be made for discussion of this subject at the next annual meeting of the General Association with a view to the recommendation of practice which shall be uniform among our churches."

This suggestion was adopted.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE RECONSIDERED.

It was voted to reconsider the action by which the Association ordered instructions to be given to the committee on Temperance. The original motion was then lost.

## COMMITTEES AUTHORIZED TO APPEAR AT THE STATE HOUSE.

*-Voted*, That all committees of this Association that are to appear at the State House to ask for legislation be hereby given the authority of the Association to represent it.

## RESOLUTION ON SUNDAY LAW REFERRED.

A resolution concerning the bill before the Legislature, relative to Sunday sales of soda water and candy, was received and referred to the business committee.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY OBSERVANCE ORDERED.

The recommendation of the business committee that a special committee of three be appointed to express the sentiment of this Association on Sunday Observance, this committee to include the chairman of the committee on Sunday Observance, was adopted.

## MEMORIAL CHURCH AT PLYMOUTH.

The following resolution was received and referred to the business committee:—

Whereas, It is proposed by the Church of the Pilgrimage, Plymouth, Massachusetts, representing in direct lineal descent the doctrinal faith

of the Mayflower Pilgrims, to erect, within the next four years, a house of worship, as a Ter-Centennial Memorial of the church gathered in Scrooby, England, in 1606; and

Whereas, The object itself, the church proposing it, the place, and the time suggested for the completion of the building, all combine to

give to the project an eminent and peculiar worthiness; and

Whereas, In view of the national significance of this project; and the appeal it naturally makes to all the churches of our faith and order throughout the country, a circular has been sent to these churches, asking such gifts in its behalf as they are able to make; be it therefore,

Resolved, In grateful recognition of the "goodly heritage" of Christian Doctrine, ecclesiastical polity, and of civil and religious liberty, which we have received from our Pilgrim Fathers, that we most heartly approve and indorse this plan, and commend it to our churches, both within and without the State, as worthy of their prompt and most generous aid, and express our hope, that, by the gift of such aid, the memorial building may be completed within the time proposed.

#### DELEGATE TO GAINSBOROUGH.

The following resolution was unanimously passed without reference to the business committee: --

Whereas, The Ter-Centennial celebration of the John Robinson Memorial Church in Gainsborough, England, in which, in 1602, the Separatist movement took initial form, and "from which the Mayflower Pilgrims subsequently went forth to become the founders of American Congrega-

tionalism," is soon to occur; therefore,

Resolved, That we appoint and request the Rev. D. Melancthon James, the pastor of the Church of the Pilgrimage, Plymouth, Massachusetts, to represent us on that occasion, and extend to the church in Gains-

borough our fraternal greetings and congratulations.

## REPORT OF BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY.

The Board of Pastoral Supply then presented, through its secretary, Rev. C. B. Rice, of Danvers, its eighth annual report, which was accepted and referred to the budget committee.

## SUPPORT OF BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY,

Memorials from Essex North and from Suffolk North Conferences, protesting against the present method of collecting money for the support of the Board of Pastoral Supply, were received and referred to the budget committee.

## REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE CHURCHES.

The report of the committee on the Work of the Churches was presented by Rev. Austin B. Bassett, of Ware, and was accepted.

## COMMITTEES ELECTED.

The Association elected the following committees as named by the nominating committee: -

Special Committee on Sunday Observance.—George D. Chamberlain, of Springfield; Rev. Adolph A. Berle, of Brighton; Rev. William H. Allbright, of Boston.

Budget Committee.—Rev. Albert F. Pierce, of Campello; William Shaw, of Ballardvale; Rev. George W. Winch, of Holyoke.

Nominee for Membership in the Executive Committee of Massachusetts Home Missionary Society for Five Years. — John L. Brewster, of Andover

Committee on the Work of the Churches.—Rev. John R. Thurston, of Whitinsville; Rev. Joshua Coit, of Winchester; Rev. Austin B. Bassett, of Ware; S. E. Bridgman, of Northampton; Albert Bacheler, of Gloucester.

Committee to Audit the Treasurer's Report.—Harry G. Dixon, of Boston; Franklin P. Shumway, of Melrose; E. C. Rawson, of Holliston; Rev. E. Irving Rackett, of Orleans; Rev. Edward P. Butler, of Sunderland.

Committee on Missionary Work.—[The committee recommends that the chairmen of the committees appointed by the several Conferences be the committee of the Association on Missionary Work, and that the member of the committee from Andover Conference be the chairman protem. for the purposes of organization.]

## REPORT ON SUNDAY LEGISLATION RECOMMITTED.

The report of the business committee on the resolution on Sunday Legislation was recommitted.

# RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY WORK ADOPTED.

Rev. Geo. A. Tewksbury, of Concord, of the committee on Missionary Work, presented recommendations in addition to those embodied in the printed report and these, together with the others, referred to the business committee, and favorably reported by them, were adopted to be printed.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION REFERRED.

The Association approved the report of the business committee that the report of the committee on Church Extension be referred to a special committee of three, to report later in the session.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

The special committee, to which was referred the report of the committee on Church Extension, was appointed as follows:—

Rev. Samuel H. Woodrow, of Springfield; Rev. Edward C. Ewing, of Roxbury; Rev. Elbert S. Porter, of Stockbridge.

## VACANCIES IN COMMITTEES.

Voted, That vacancies occurring in any committee may be filled by the remaining members of the committee.

#### ADDRESS.

An address on the subject, "The Constructive Church: Her Doctrinal Teaching," was given by Rev. Charles F. Carter, of Lexington.

#### ADDRESS.

This was followed by an address on the subject, "The Constructive Church: Her Relations to Industrial and Social Life," by Rev. I. Chipman Smart, of Pittsfield.

## REPORT ON LABOR ORGANIZATIONS AND ADDRESS.

An address in connection with the report of the committee on Labor Organizations was given by its chairman, Rev. Daniel Evans, of Cambridge.

## RESOLUTION ON THE SUNDAY LAW.

The following report of the business committee on the resolution regarding the Sunday bill was adopted and ordered to be telegraphed to the General Court, and also to His Excellency, the Governor:

Whereas, The bill sent to His Excellency, the Governor, permitting the indiscriminate sale of soda water, ice cream and confectionery on the Lord's Day has been recalled by the Senate, in which fact we rejoice;

therefore, be it

Resolved, That the General Association of Congregational Churches of Massachusetts, in Centennial Session assembled at Plymouth, expresses its appreciation to His Excellency, Gov. W. Murray Crane, for withholding his signature from the bill, and respectfully petitions the honorable General Court so to amend the bill as to prevent the further encroachment of business on the Lord's Day.

## COMMITTEES ELECTED.

The following report of the nominating committee was then approved: -

Committee on Publication. — Rev. Eugene C. Webster, of Jamaica Plain; Rev. Francis J. Marsh, of Boston; Dea. Hamilton S. Conant, of Boston; Rev. Erastus Blakeslee, of Brookline; Leonard A. Treat, of Chelsea.

Board of Pastoral Supply. — (For three years) Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, of Salem; Rev. Ozora S. Davis, of Newtonville; J. W. Fairbanks, of Amherst; H. H. Proctor, of Boston; (for two years) Rev. John H. Lockwood, of Westfield.

Committee on the Nomination of Candidates for Corporate Membership in the American Board.—Rev. Frank L. Goodspeed, of Springfield; Rev. Alford B. Penniman, of Adams; Rev. Rufus P. Hibbard, of Gloucester; W. A. Baldwin, of Hyannis; Frederick Fosdick, of Fitchburg.

## ON PROPOSED MEMORIAL CHURCH.

Rev. B. F. Leavitt, of Melrose Highlands, for the business committee reported favorably on the resolution regarding the proposed memorial church in Plymouth, recommending further that a committee of three be appointed to cooperate with the pastor of the church. This report was adopted.

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

The following report of the special committee on Sunday Observance was adopted and referred to the publishing committee to be printed:—

The General Association of Congregational Churches of Massachusetts re-affirm their conviction that the preservation of the Lord's Day as a day of rest and worship is vital, not merely to the interests of religion and morality, but not less to the physical and social health of the people at large, a question which has to do not only with the spiritual well-being of the institutions of religion, but equally with the maintenance of the rights of all who labor for their daily bread, we therefore wish to urge upon the churches of the Commonwealth the serious consideration

of the following propositions.

The obligation and privilege of maintaining the Lord's Day in accord with the spirit of the Scriptures rests primarily upon the members of the Christian church, who by precept and example should be instant in season and out of season to see to it that they do not nullify the teachings of the Word of God by their personal habits on the Lord's Day, whether these be for the gratification of personal tastes, or the indulgence of private pleasures. No more serious harm can be done to the Sabbath day than its constant and careless violation by Christian people themselves. The chief work of the Christian church is to preach, teach and practice those things which are likely to arouse men to their duty, rather than to seek relief by legislation. We fear that the principal difficulty experienced in enforcing Sunday laws grows out of the indifference and selfishness of church members.

We especially urge upon the attention of the churches a more general presentation of the need of the more strict observance of the Lord's Day in the interests of the laboring masses of the Commonwealth; whose interests and well-being are constantly menaced by the greed and rapacity of organizations which are governed purely in the spirit of commercialism, and we call the attention of the laboring masses of the Commonwealth to the fact that their hope of immunity from the grasping avarice of money-seeking, Sunday-breaking corporations, lies chiefly in their active alliance and cooperation with the church of Jesus Christ, always the friend and helper of the struggling masses; and we advise the various Conferences to lose no opportunity to cooperate with labor organizations in the spirit of cordial fraternity, to bring about an end

so vital to the welfare of both.

Finally, we ask the churches and ministers to discuss the whole question of Sunday observance, not with reference to any minor or passing phase of legislative enactment, but in the larger spirit of its human interest and influence, keeping steadily to the teaching and spirit of Jesus Christ, that "the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath."

With the benediction by Rev. John R. Thurston, of Whitinsville, the Association took a recess to meet at 4.30 o'clock.

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 4.30 o'clock, at the close of the Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, the Association was

called to order by the moderator, and the following recommendations of the business committee were adopted:—

#### RECOMMENDATIONS OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE ADOPTED.

That the report of the committee on Gambling be adopted, and that

for next year a committee of three be appointed.

That in harmony with the publishing committee's report a committee of three be appointed to decide what papers and reports shall be printed, and also that a copy of the "Minutes" be sent annually to every Congregational minister of recognized standing in the State.

That the report of the Board of Pastoral Supply be adopted and

printed as read.

That the treasurer's and auditor's reports be referred to the budget committee.

That the report of the committee on Missionary Work be adopted,

and a committee of three be appointed, as last year.

That the request of the General Theological Library be complied with, and that some official be designated to represent this body in the management of the General Theological Library Corporation.

## MEMORIAL ON ABSENT MEMBERS.

A memorial presented by Rev. Perley B. Davis, of West Rox bury, from the Suffolk South Conference, relating to absent members of churches, was referred to the business committee.

## NOMINEES FOR A. B. C. F. M.

The committee on Nominations for Corporate Membership in the American Board reported and the Association proceeded to ballot, with the following result:—

Rev. Samuel L. Loomis, of Boston; Pres. L. Clark Seelye, of Northampton; Charles H. Hutchins, of Worcester; Herbert A. Wilder, of Newton.

After benediction by Rev. Robert W. Wallace, of Somerville, the Association took a recess until the hour of the evening session.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

The evening session was held in the armory, where the exercises began at 7.45 o'clock, with the singing of the hymn "Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty."

## DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

Devotional services were led by Rev. William E. Strong, of Amherst.

#### ADDRESS.

An historical address, "Some Leaves from the History of One Hundred Years of the Massachusetts General Association," was delivered by Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, of Salem.

#### CHORUS.

A chorus sang Mrs. Heman's hymn, "The Breaking Waves Dashed High."

## GREETINGS FROM THE COMMONWEALTH.

In the absence of His Excellency, W. Murray Crane, Governor of Massachusetts, Hon. J. J. Myers, Speaker of the House of Representatives, presented the greetings from the Commonwealth.

## GREETINGS FROM ENGLAND.

Greetings from the Congregational Union of England and Wales were given by Rev. William Garret Horder, of England.

## GREETINGS FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

Greetings from the National Council of Congregational Churches were presented in an address by Rev. Amory H. Bradford, of Montelair, N. J.

#### CLOSING EXERCISES.

The hymn, "O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand," was sung, and the evening session was closed with the benediction by Rev. Mr. Horder.

## THURSDAY

MORNING SESSION.

Devotional services at 8.30 o'clock were led by Rev. Albert F. Pierce, of Brockton.

## MINUTES APPROVED.

At 9 o'clock the moderator called the Association to order, and the records of the previous day were read and approved.

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE ADOPTED.

The committee on Nominations rendered the following report, which was accepted:—

Committee on Gambling.—Rev. Charles H. Hamlin, of Easthampton; Rev. William T. McElveen, of Boston; Arthur H. Wellman, Esq., of Malden.

Special Committee on Publishing.—Rev. Charles H. Beale, of Boston; Rev. Henry L. Bailey, of Longmeadow; Rev. Almon J. Dyer, of Sharon.

For Representative in the General Theological Library Corporation.—Rev. Francis J. Marsh, of Boston.

Special Committee on Temperance (to report at this session).—Rev. Frank E. Butler, of South Weymouth; Rev. William H. Davis, of Newton; Benjamin T. Thompson, of South Framingham.

Committee to Cooperate with Committee of the Church of the Pilgrimage on the Proposed Memorial Church.—Samuel B. Capen, of Jamaica Plain; Rev. William H. Davis, of Newton; G. Henry Whitcomb, of Worcester.

Committee on the Form for the Report of Benevolences. — Rev. Frank R. Shipman, of Andover; Rev. Nicholas Van der Pyl, of Holliston; Rev. John H. Quint, of Falmouth; Rev. Eugene C. Webster, of Jamaica Plain; Rev. Francis J. Marsh, of Boston.

Nominations for Moderator for 1903. - William B. Plunkett, of Adams; Augustus R. Smith, of Lee.

Nominations for Vice-Moderator for 1903.—Seba A. Holton, of Falmouth; Prof. I. N. Carleton, of Bradford.

Nominations for Members-at-large of the Executive Committee of the Association.—Rev. Edwin N. Hardy, of Quincy; Rev. Calvin M. Clark, of Haverhill; Rev. Andrew W. Archibald, of Brockton.

## PLACE ON NEXT MEETING.

The business committee recommended Great Barrington as the place for the meeting of the Association in 1903, and their recommendation was adopted.

## RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE ADOPTED.

The business committee made these further recommendations, which were also adopted: —

That the report of the committee on Labor Organizations be adopted. That the Memorial of the Suffolk South Conference concerning absent church members be referred to the following committee of five to report at this session: -

Rev. Arthur B. Patten, of South Hadley; Rev. Edward C. Camp, of Whitman; Rev. Isaiah Ainsworth, of Rockport; Rev. Charles S. Brooks,

of Wellesley; Rev. Herbert P. Woodin, of Chicopee.

## NEW FORM FOR STATISTICS ADOPTED.

It was voted to accept the report of the special committee on Statistics in accord with the recommendations of the committee on Statistics.

## TIME FOR DISCUSSION AT 1903 MEETING.

It was suggested that special effort be made to give time for discussion at the meeting in 1903.

#### TELEGRAM.

The following telegram was received:—

Buffalo, N. Y., May 22, 1902.

Rev. Eugene C. Webster, Church of Pilgrimage: -

General Association New York, in annual meeting assembled at First Congregational Church, Buffalo, sends cordial greetings to General Association Congregational Churches, Mass., in centennial session and invokes divine blessing on all our churches in Old Bay State.

N. W. BATES, Scribe.

In reply to the above the following message was sent: -

The Massachusetts General Association assembled in Plymouth receives the greetings of the New York Association and cordially reciprocates.

"Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father which loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and stablish them in every work and word."

> REV. CHARLES H. BEALE, Moderator. REV. EUGENE C. WEBSTER, Secretary.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers was then ordered, with the following result:—

Moderator, William B. Plunkett, of Adams; Vice-Moderator, Seba A. Holton, of Falmouth; Members-at-large of Executive Committee, Rev. Edwin N. Hardy, of Quincy; Rev. Calvin M. Clark, of Haverhill; Rev. Andrew W. Archibald, of Brockton.

#### AMENDMENT TO RULES PROPOSED.

Rev. A. A. Berle, of Brighton, presented the following proposed amendment to the Rules to take the regular course and be voted upon at the meeting of the Association in 1903:—

This Association approves the Declaration of Faith adopted by the National Council of Congregational Churches in the year 1865, and the subsequent Declaration of the Commission of 1883; the system of belief therein set forth, being understood by us to be a summary of the Historic Doctrines held by the Churches of New England as the teachings of the Gospel.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL INSTALLATION.

It was voted to appoint a committee to take into consideration the matter of the Terms or Methods of Pastoral Installation to report at the next annual meeting.

#### REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

The budget committee presented the following recommendations, which were adopted:—

1. That the treasurer be authorized to secure temporary loans such as may be necessary to meet bills for printing.

2. That the treasurer be instructed to cancel all claims against the several Conferences up to the year beginning May 1, 1901.

3. That inasmuch as the Board of Pastoral Supply is the agent of the General Association, all its funds should pass through the hands of the treasurer of the Association.

4. That the executive committee be instructed to prepare each year an itemized statement of the probable expense for the following year and place it in the hands of the budget committee for their consideration.

5. That the treasurers of the local Conferences be authorized to make such representations to the budget committee respecting deficiences that may occur in the collection of the apportionments among the churches, with a view to the abatement of such amounts by that committee, so that they shall not be considered as claims against the Conferences or individual churches.

6. That the treasurer be authorized in transmitting the amount of apportionments to the local Conferences to send a copy of the estimated expense and income, as presented by the budget committee.

7. The following is presented as an estimate of probable sources of

expense and income for the year beginning May 1, 1902:-

#### ESTIMATED EXPENSE.

Assessment of the National Council			\$1,710	67
Estimate for Board of Pastoral Supply .			2,100	00
Salary of the state secretary			750	00
Printing, postage and expressage (estimated	) .		950	00
Stationery and incidentals			50	00
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SOURCES OF INCOM	ישר		\$5,560	01
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Cash on hand			\$353	97
Balance due from Conferences for 1901 .			832	63
Five cents per member for 114,045 members			5,702	25
			\$6.888	05

8. We therefore recommend that the treasurer be instructed to request the churches through the local Conferences to pay five cents per member for the total enrollment of members reported in each church, Jan. 1, 1902.

#### REPORT ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

The special committee on Church Extension recommended the following, and the Association

Voted, That the chairmen of all the Conference committees be constituted into a permanent committee on Church Extension, and that arrangement be made for stated meetings of this committee with the executive committee of the Home Missionary Society, at least once a year, for dealing with demands that may arise for new work.

### ABSENT CHURCH MEMBERS.

The following resolution presented by the committee on Absent Members was adopted:—

Resolved, That we recommend that all our churches enter into correspondence with their absent members, urging them to transfer their fellowship to some sister church in the locality where they reside; and that, if after they have been communicated with and sufficient time has elapsed, they fail to do so, or to give reasonable excuse, their names be dropped from the roll or fellowship be withdrawn from them; and we further recommend that the copies of this resolution be sent to the churches.

### COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The committee on Nominations reported: -

Committee on Labor Organizations.—Rev. Daniel Evans, of Cambridge; Rev. Parris T. Farwell, of Wellesley Hills; Rev. Frederick H. Page, of Lawrence; Rev. Frank S. Hunnewell, of Reading; Rev. Ernest M. Bartlett, of Kingston. Provisional Committee for 1903.—Rev. Francis J. Marsh, of Boston; Rev. Leon D. Bliss, of Great Barrington; Rev. R. DeWitt Mallary, of Housatonic; E. J. Van Lennep, of Great Barrington; A. W. Selkirk, of Great Barrington.

Committee on the Terms or Methods of Pastoral Installation.—Rev. De Witt S. Clark, of Salem; Rev. William R. Campbell, of Roxbury; Rev. George W. Winch, of Holyoke; Robert R. Bishop, of Newton; J. H. Sawyer, of Easthampton.

These committees were elected as nominated.

Nomination for Treasurer for Three Years.—Henry P. Emerson, of Lynn.

### ELECTION OF TREASURER.

The Association balloted for treasurer, electing Henry P. Emerson, of Lynn.

#### FORM OF REPORT OF BENEVOLENCES.

The following report of the special committee on the Form for Report of Benevolences was adopted:—

Your committee recommends that the columns in the statistical tables devoted to the Sunday-school superintendents, and to the "Legacies," be omitted from the tables, and that the names of the superintendents and the amounts of the Legacies be printed elsewhere in the "Minutes;" and that six new columns be added, which will show the amounts of the benevolent contributions which each church makes directly to the treasuries of the denominational societies.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE LEGISLATION ORDERED.

The following recommendation of the special committee on the report of the committee on Proposing Temperance Legislation was adopted:—

That a special committee of five be appointed, two of whom shall be members of the bar, to act at their discretion during the coming year upon the recommendations of this report.

The following resolution was also adopted:—

Resolved, That the special committee on Temperance Legislation be instructed to secure, if possible, legislation which shall lessen the abuses connected with the sale of cider and native wines, as set forth in the report of the committee on Proposing Temperance Legislation.

### RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

The following vote of thanks, presented by Rev. Frank S. Hunnewell, of Reading, was unanimously adopted:—

Voted, That we, the members of the General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts, assembled at Plymouth for its Centennial Meeting, extend their hearty thanks to the officers and members of the Church of the Pilgrimage for opening to the Association its house of worship, and providing so liberally for the comfort and conve-

nience of the delegates; to the pastor of the church and to the efficient committee of Arrangements for their tireless labors in our behalf; to the people of Plymouth for their generous hospitality; to the hotels and railroads for reduced rates; to the Hotel Pilgrim for so graciously opening its doors for the special accommodation of the Association; to the Electric Street Railway Company for providing special cars; to our Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society for their generous loan of the individual Communion service and also of copies of "the Chapel Hymnal" for use at these sessions; and to all who have helped to make this Centennial meeting a joy and a blessing.

A special vote of thanks was also extended to Mrs. James, wife of the pastor of the entertaining church, for her efficient services on the committee of Entertainment.

#### COMMITTEES ENLARGED.

Voted, To increase the committees on Temperance and Gambling to seven each.

It was suggested that the committee on Gambling investigate social gambling in high circles.

#### ADDRESS.

Rev. Alexander McKenzie, of Cambridge, then delivered an address on the subject, "The Constructive Church: Her World Opportunity."

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES ELECTED.

The nominating committee reported the following additional members of committees, which were elected:—

Committee on Gambling. — Rev. Charles M. Southgate, of Auburndale; Rev. Richard G. Woodbridge, of Somerville; Rev. Payson W. Lyman, of Fall River; William Shaw, of Ballardvale.

Committee on Temperance Legislation. — Judge William T. Forbes, of Worcester; J. W. Fairbanks, of Amherst; Rev. William A. Knight, of Boston; Rev. Edwin H. Byington, of Beverly; John Albree, Jr., of Swampscott.

*Voted*, To authorize the registrar to complete the Minutes.

# CONCLUDING EXERCISES.

Farewell words were spoken by Rev. D. Melancthon James, a brief response was given by the moderator, and, after benediction by Rev. Alexander McKenzie, the Centennial Session of the Association was adjourned.

CHARLES H. BEALE, Moderator.

FRANCIS J. MARSH, Registrar. A. J. DYER, Assistant Registrar.

#### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Soon after the annual meeting last year, your Secretary secured desk room in the Congregational House and established office hours on three days of the week, which hours were lengthened in the winter to the regular working hours of every day in the week. His office has been not only the place where the work of the Association was done, but also where frequent meetings of the Association's committees have been held.

In another year we shall probably be ready to set the "time limit" for receiving the Conference statistical reports a week or ten days earlier. Unless the Association votes to the contrary, your Secretary will regard February 15 as the latest day on which he may receive these reports for publication. Some gain has been made this year; whereas seven Conferences reported late last year, only three were overdue this year, although the latest this year was four days later than the latest last year. It is usually one church in each Conference that holds the report back, and in no way is it the fault of the Conference Statistical Secretaries.

The secretaries and scribes of your Conferences are hard-worked men, and in most cases, if not in every case, they earn all they receive. It is no small task to attend to the correspondence of a Conference, to arrange for two meetings each year, to look after the printing, to send out the statistical blanks, and collate and compile the statistics. novelty of the work wears off in two or three years, yet it is almost indispensable that each Conference should find a man most naturally adapted to the work and to keep him at it. It is the changes that retard the gathering of the reports. An experienced secretary soon finds out the habitually delinquent churches, he comes to know the best man in the individual church to whom to send the blank with the best assurance of receiving a prompt reply, and he learns not to be afraid to send repeated notices requesting immediate returns. Such a man, to use the words of Dr. Quint, written in 1859, must be "persistent, industrious, obstinate, energetic, good-natured, imperturbable"; and, to repeat a suggestion made by Dr. Hazen a few years ago, he should be compensated for his services. Most conferences have adopted Dr. Quint's suggestion and chosen men of such characteristics; a few Conferences have already adopted Dr. Hazen's suggestion.

Two new churches have been added this year, the Finnish in Quincy and the Scandinavian in Malden, — making the total, 603. The total membership is 114,045, a gain of 1,125; 19,231, or 16.8 per cent., are non-resident church members, there being 123 more this year than last. The additions by confession were 3,589, an increase of 204; by letter,

2,728, a decrease of 294: the dismissions by letter were 2,345, a decrease of 224; by death, 1,978, an increase of 9; by discipline and revision of roll, 869, a decrease of 666. The baptisms of adults numbered 1,579, an increase of 40; baptism of infants, 1,874, an increase of 64. The Sunday-school membership decreased 649 and now numbers 119,637. The families reported number 91,693, a decrease of 329. There are 3 more young people's societies reported than last year with a membership of 33,419. 588 churches report \$721,773 for benevolence, which is \$47,828 more than 600 churches gave last year. 581 churches report \$1,614,247 for home expenditures, which is \$96,773 less than 590 of the churches reported last year.

Of the 603 churches, 265 have pastors installed by council, 267 have stated pastors, one has a stated supply, and 70 are "unsupplied." In this latter enumeration, it must be noted that churches supplied by licentiates, or by ministers of other denominations, are *counted* as vacant or unsupplied; only ordained Congregational ministers are reckoned as pastors or supplies. There are about 900 Congregational ministers resident in Massachusetts, nearly 16 per cent. of all in the United States; whereas there are only 10.4 per cent. of the country's churches in this State.

To be of greatest value, the reports from the churches must be made on a uniform basis. For example, some churches report their Sundayschool membership, including the mission schools and home department, but give the average attendance of only the former. It is now well understood that members of the home department who study their lesson a certain length of time during the given week are marked "present" and should be so reported. In this way the average attendance of the home department should be included, if the enrolled membership is reported with that of the main school.

Some churches find difficulty in estimating the number of families for the purposes of this report. When asked about this your Secretary has always replied that the column headed "families" includes not only the families composed of parents and their children, but also all individuals in the parish not in families; in other words, that column should indicate the number of separate calls a pastor would have to make to reach his whole parish once. By some such figures as these, one can receive a more accurate idea of the relative size of each church, for the church membership does not always show it.

During the year 1901 87 churches elected new clerks, and 161 Sundayschools made a change in their superintendents.

Attention is again called to the fact that more than 1,500 back numbers of the "Minutes" since 1885 are on hand, and ready for free distribution. The edition of 1899 is exhausted, and the Secretary solicits the return of two or three dozen copies.

The Rules of the Association prescribe that all reports to be submitted at the annual meeting, which are not excepted under another provision,

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must be in the hands of the Secretary on or before April 1. portant reports were delayed until after May 1, which fact must account for the tardy publication of the "advance reports."

In accordance with the vote of the Association at Andover, your Secretary addressed the several ministerial associations of the State with reference to the subject of ministerial standing. The replies thus far received are embodied in the report of the committee on ministerial standing.

At the meeting of the National Council held in Portland, Me., last October, the Association was represented by Rev. Albert E. Dunning, Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, Judge William T. Forbes, Rev. Alexander Lewis, Rev. George F. Moore, Henry M. Moore, Rev. Francis J. Marsh, William Shaw, Rev. Charles M. Southgate, Henry H. Proctor, and Rev. George A. Tewksbury.

Early last month the assistant secretary, Rev. Frank L. Bristol, upon his removal from the State, resigned his office, and the vacancy was filled, in the manner prescribed by the Rules, by the election of Rev. Warren P. Landers. Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE C. WEBSTER,

Secretary.

### REPORT OF THE TREASURER

HENRY P. EMERSON, Treasurer, in account with the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1902. DR.

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HENRY P. EMERSON, Treasurer.

The Auditing Committee of the General Association of Congregational Churches of Massachusetts have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, Mr. Henry P. Emerson, and find them correct with proper vouchers; showing a balance of \$353.97 in his hands and deposited in the Beacon Trust Company.

DANIEL W. WILCOX, FRANKLIN P. SHUMWAY, Auditing Committee.

Boston, May 12, 1902.

Amount of the apportionments not received from the Conferences.

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#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY WORK

The Second Annual Report of the Committee on Missionary Work is respectfully presented.

At the meeting of the General Association a year ago the following recommendation of your committee was unanimously adopted: —

"That the nominating committee at this meeting be instructed to present the name of one member from each conference, to constitute a committee on missionary giving, to co-operate with the National Council Committee of Fifteen"; and a committee of twenty-five, one from each conference in the State, was appointed. (Minutes, 1901, pp. 16, 17.)

#### RESULTS.

All forms of Christian activity have, we may say, two poles - that of the initial effort made, and that of the response to it on the part of the person or body of persons toward whom it is addressed.

Taking this order we may first outline our work during the year. Whatever the results, we have at least not been idle. The work has not failed or faltered on unwilling or indifferent hands. The members in their respective conferences have labored earnestly to promote the objects contemplated. One has spoken more than twenty times in behalf of these objects. Some have been asked to give addresses outside the bounds of their own conferences.

The committee has held four meetings during the year, at which a very gratifying number of the members was present, including some from distant parts of the State. An Executive Committee of five, consisting of the chairman and secretary, Rev. D. Scudder, M. D., Rev. D. M. James and Rev. T. Clayton Welles, has held three meetings. Dr. Scudder, at the request of the Executive Committee, prepared a leaflet embodying practical working suggestions for the use of pastors and committees, of which two thousand copies were printed. This was entitled "A Twentieth Century Epistle." Copies were sent to the pastors and clerks of all our churches in the State, with the suggestion that they be brought to the immediate attention of the conferences and churches, and urging especially the appointment of local conference committees to co-operate with the State committee. At the request of the committee the Congregationalist published the leaflet in its issue of September 28. Many requests have been made from local conference and church committees for additional copies of the leaflet, showing general interest in the movement. Nearly five hundred copies have thus been called for. The committee urged the giving of a half hour to the subject of this advance in missionary work at the fall sessions of the local conferences; and this was done in many cases.

Four vacancies have occurred in the committee during the year. One of these was that caused by the return of Dr. Scudder to work among the Japanese. Much credit is due to him for his efficient service with us in preparing the "Twentieth Century Epistle" and in other ways; and for his equally valuable efforts as Chairman of the Missionary Committee in the Woburn Conference. He has been succeeded on our committee by Rev. F. S. Hunnewell, and on the Executive Committee by Rev. Samuel L. Loomis. The other vacancies are those made through change of pastorate by Rev. John L. Sewall of the Brookfield Conference, Rev. R. G. Woodbridge of the Old Colony Conference, and Rev. T. Clayton Welles of the Taunton Conference, whose places have been filled, respectively, by Rev. J. H. Gaylord, Rev. G. W. Stearns, and Rev. C. A. Ratcliffe.

II. What the conferences have done in co-operation with the committee.

This may perhaps best be indicated by allowing the conferences to speak for themselves. The following statements are therefore given from reports received in response to a circular letter of February 24. Responses have been received from twenty-four out of the twenty-five conferences. Of these twenty-four all but two (Hampden and Suffolk North) have conference committees.

Andover. We have a Missionary Committee whose first report was made in April, 1901. Our work has shown chiefly in a quickened general activity in missionary matters. Several churches have appointed Missionary Committees, in two or three others women's auxiliaries have been organized, in three the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has adopted the two-cent-a-week plan. In regard to securing a contribution from every church to each of the six societies our churches have made a little—only a little—progress. It is clear that we must adopt stronger, more hand-to-hand measures than we have used hitherto.

. . . I am sorry that the plans are still larger than the performances.

Barnstable. The conference is well organized and the several members of its committee have urged upon the pastors the endeavor to secure the desired contributions from the churches. They have also freely distributed missionary literature. The result thus far has been that ten churches—five more than the year preceding—gave to the six societies

churches — five more than the year preceding — gave to the six societies last year, and several of the other churches have enlarged the list of societies receiving their gifts. Accordingly, the gifts last year showed a large increase. This leads to the inference that none of the societies to which the gifts of the churches were formerly limited have suffered

to any great extent by the more general contributions.

Our weak spot lies in the fulfillment of the plan of securing an annual gift from every member for each society. Some of our committee have felt that it was not wise to press this too fast. Our pastors generally have pledged their best efforts in this direction this year. The advisability of appointing a committee from each church to canvass its membership to this end will be discussed at the next meeting of our committee.

Berkshire North. In reply to questions sent, to which answers came from nearly all the churches, it was learned,—

- 1. That only five churches make a special point of giving to each one of our six national societies.
- 2. That only four of those answering have the envelop or pledge system for benevolent contributions. Other methods vary from occasional or monthly collections for specified objects or a special canvass to dependence merely upon Sunday-school or Christian Endeavor collections.
- 3. That only three of the churches make an effort to have each church member make a missionary contribution. Of these two plainly indicate that they fail in the effort.
- 4. Only two of the replies favor effort by a special canvass to secure a contribution from each church member to each one of the boards.

It is added that instead of indicating an indifferent interest in missionary contributions the replies indicate a conscientious effort on the part of both pastors and churches to meet so far as possible the call of the time for the financial support of our missionary boards.

The committee make the following recommendations to the conference:—

- 1. That a conference committee on benevolence be a permanent committee to keep in communication with the State and National Committees.
- 2. That so far as possible each church have a committee on benevolence to co-operate with the pastor in educating the church into habits of giving and into a larger understanding of the missionary work of the church.
- 3. That all of our churches should regularly give something, not to three or four, but to all six of our missionary boards.
- 4. That increased efforts be made to train the children and young people to regard missionary interests as an integral part of the work of the church and of a Christian disciple.

Berkshire South. I can report progress. A committee has recently been appointed, and I understand plans are being made to present the matter to our churches at the earliest possible date and in the best possible way. I am sure the interest in the matter is good, and I doubt not will result in larger support of our missionary societies.

Essex North. We have a conference committee of five, among whom the churches of the conference are divided for visitation and supervision. The pastors have all been visited or written once in regard to the purposes in view. Local committees have been appointed in several of the churches. At the last meeting of the conference the usual missionary hour was given to an outside speaker, who presented the need of the work of rousing greater missionary enthusiasm in the churches. Removals and resignations from the committee have necessitated new appointees, and the work has been much retarded for that reason.

Brookfield. We have a conference committee which has taken the "Twentieth Century Epistle" as the basis of its work. Copies have been sent to each church, and each member of the committee has had certain churches in charge, to urge the adoption of suggestions in it. In general these suggestions are being carried out, though the work advances slowly. Most of the churches have some committee to whom this work by itself, or with other interests, is assigned.

The interest of pastors is good, and solicitation for all our societies, together with education through regular services, literature and study classes is maintained. Pastoral vacancies and problems of home expenses have probably lowered somewhat the total result of our contributions, though the interest in missions is as strong as ever. One church has increased its contribution to the American Board eighty per cent., and is supporting workers in the foreign field. Another has increased its total benevolences about one hundred per cent., and is now

interested in the new plan of the forward movement to connect smaller churches with the foreign missionary work; the first, it is thought, to do this.

Essex South. Our committee on missionary work was appointed last October. It has had several meetings, at which the situation and methods were discussed. The churches have been assigned in due proportion to the members of the committee, and we hope to reach definite results in the near future. We can report progress only at present.

Franklin. The effort for increased benevolence has been carried on mainly along two lines. (1.) As a county we are very markedly a home missionary dependency. We have worked, therefore, to create a county spirit of concern over the situation, and to secure a greater measure of self-support on the part of the aided churches. (2.) We have also tried to secure a more general recognition on the part of all the churches of all the regular societies and to increase the gifts to each one by increasing the number of churches giving.

We mean to keep at work along these lines. We cannot give much quantitatively. We would fain be great givers sacrificially.

Hampden. The churches are doing good work. Several of them are supporting missionaries on the field. I think our pastors are pushing the work as much as they feel that they can wisely. The conference has appointed no missionary committee, because the utility of such a committee did not appear. The three large societies receive contributions from all of our forty-seven churches, except six or seven foreign or mission churches. A representative of some one of the societies appears on nearly every annual or semi-annual conference program. Candidates for license or installation have always been questioned regarding their knowledge of, and interest in, the denominational benevolences.

Hampshire. We have made a beginning on rallies, having had the help of missionary speakers from outside. With the church where the rally was held, we have left a special missionary library. Churches in the conference have begun to make special efforts to secure contributions to each of the six societies from each member of the church.

Through the efforts of the committee, delegates from most of the churches met Mr. Wishard in Northampton, last October, and some permanent results of missionary interest have followed.

Hampshire East. The matter has been twice brought before our churches at conference meetings in the last year and a half. There are virtually but thirteen churches in our conference. Of these, in 1901, twelve gave to foreign missions, twelve to home missions, thirteen to the American Missionary Association, ten to the Education Society, nine to the Church Building Society, nine to the Sabbath School Work, seven to ministerial aid.

Mendon. A conference committee was appointed. The committee, however, has held no meeting, and thus far nothing definite has been done. Some of the churches have been putting forth special efforts and trying new methods to increase the amount of gifts.

Middlesex South. In consequence, probably, of the illness and absence of Dr. Sturgis, no response has been received.

Middlesex Union. The recommendations of the National Council Committee of Fifteen were introduced to the conference in October, 1899, and a committee was then appointed to further them in our churches. That committee has been continued and has been actively at work ever since. Reports of their work have been made at every meeting of the conference, and the results reached have shown a continued increase of interest and endeavor. Nearly all of our twenty-three churches have a missionary committee, and in nearly all a warm spirit of co-operation has been manifest. The one aim has been to establish by voluntary action the standard of an annual gift to each of the six societies, not merely from every church, but from every member of every church, if only a dime or a nickel; and so to deepen a sense of individual responsibility in giving. Toward the realization of this aim, there has been a gratifying gradual advance, giving good promise that it will ultimately be reached.

Norfolk. Under date of December 2, 1901, the committee issued a circular addressed to the pastor of each of the churches in the conference, asking replies to the following questions:—

- 1. Has your church a missionary committee? If so, please give their names. If not, by whom are your plans for aiding missionary work made?
- 2. What methods do you use for the missionary education of your congregation? Please specify methods used to interest the men, the women, the Sunday-school, and the Endeavor Society.
- 3. What missionary literature is circulated among your people? For instance, how many subscribers are there to the various missionary periodicals? Has your Sunday-school a missionary library? How much are the books read?

Replies from every church but two have already been received. At the coming meeting of the conference three-quarters of an hour has been assigned to a report and discussion on this subject. The method of questions is a good one and is doing good in our conference. The questions indicate the warm reciprocal action with which our efforts have been seconded in this conference.

Old Colony. At its last meeting (October, 1901), the conference was thoroughly organized for missionary work. A permanent committee was created to take the matter in charge, the churches were committed

to the members of that committee for cultivation, and reports were to be submitted at every conference. Substantial gains were reported from several churches. The aim kept before the churches is in accord with the suggestions of the Committee of Fifteen.

Pilgrim. The letter on missions was made the subject of discussion at the last meeting of the conference and meets with general favor. A committee has been appointed and work has been done in several churches to increase an interest on the lines suggested. It will receive further attention at the April meeting.

Suffolk North. I regret to say that the conference has done nothing concerning the special committee, but at the spring meeting I hope to have action taken.

Suffolk South. The missionary committee of the conference has recently sent to the pastor and missionary committee of each church a letter inclosing the report of the Committee of Fifteen at Portland, which is just printed; also a second copy of the "Twentieth Century Epistle." Our own letter calls attention specially to the suggestions of the Committee of Fifteen regarding methods of work in the churches and emphasizes what is there said. This, with a former personal letter sent by one of the committee to each pastor and a series of questions sent to each church seeking information on missionary matters and activities, together with missionary addresses at the conference by the chairman of the committee, is all that we have done.

Suffolk West. A committee of five was appointed in April, 1901, and the twenty-six churches were divided among its members; each member of the committee working in his group of churches as seemed best to him. An effort has been made to have each church make an annual contribution to each of the six societies. This was done by fourteen of our churches in 1900; and presumably, also—the report not being at hand—in 1901. . . . I hope some seed has been sown that will bear fruit in the future. . . . The committee has talked with some of the church committees about a gift from each church member, but, so far as I know, no other effort has been made to secure such a gift. A report will be presented to the conference in April, and we hope in this way the matter may be brought to the attention of the churches, as it cannot be through the church committee.

Taunton. This conference was one of the first to appoint a missionary committee. The churches are divided among the members of this committee, who have done effective work. As the result, nearly all our churches, including some that had not previously done this, have contributed the last year to each of our six great benevolences.

We have made up our minds that the goal to aim at for the present is an annual offering from every member to each society. We have not yet reached this goal in any church, but the motto has done good in our conference. More individuals have given in the different churches.

Woburn. Early in the fall a meeting of our committee was held, and the following plan of action, pursued last year with much success, was agreed upon, and has been carried out:—

- 1. The churches of the conference were divided into groups, and a member of the conference committee was placed in charge of each group. . . .
- 2. The missionary committees of the churches were advised of the issue of the leaflet, "A Twentieth Century Epistle," and its circulation urged.
- 3. A missionary conference has been held with each group of churches, presided over by the chairman of the conference committee. At these conferences reports were received of the status of missionary interest in the local churches; suggestions were made as to methods for arousing missionary enthusiasm, and increasing the benevolent gifts of the churches, and difficulties were freely discussed. These conferences have been well attended, and have been entirely informal in character.

The conference committee has been careful not to dictate any policy to the churches, having been content to hold before them the ideal, "A gift from every member to each of the Congregational societies," and to leave each church free to use such methods as seemed best adapted to local conditions.

The committee is about to make a careful investigation as to the cash missionary gifts of the churches during the last two years, as compared with previous years, and will report to the conference at its spring meeting.

I am confident that the reports for the current year will show a gift from each of our churches to each of our six societies, and will also show an encouraging gain in the number of givers and the amount contributed. Our report for the year 1900 showed a net gain in excess of the ten per cent, increase asked of us by the National Council Committee of Fifteen.

Worcester Central. A conference committee was appointed, but no work has been done, except that the matter has been urged upon all the ministers on all occasions and at all seasons. They have largely responded, and adopted the proposed plan in whole or in part. The larger churches, having their missionary work well organized, do not feel the need of any great changes, but the smaller churches are making an earnest attempt to realize the plan. We have made a hopeful beginning.

Worcester North. We have a conference committee, but the committee has held no meeting, and nothing has been done. We are interested

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in missionary work, and special interest has been aroused the last year in the forward movement for foreign missions. But no concerted movement has been made to secure individual contributions from every member in all our churches. We aim for that in our own church, and it has been our custom to give each member a chance in the form of a personal invitation, but our success is not very inspiring. I know that the missionary interest in our churches is real and the ministers are doing what they can. Undoubtedly much interest might be aroused by a thorough canvass of the conference.

Worcester South. The district has been studied by the committee and answers received as to the kind of work done. Several of the churches have missionary committees and are pushing the matter.

#### REMARKS

The report thus presented is simply one of progress. It at best describes, not the final and complete, but the initial stage of the work.

Not extending beyond April 1, 1902, it would, without doubt, as some of the responses lead us to think, have included additional marks of progress and reasons for encouragement could it have been delayed un til after the spring meetings of the conferences.

We are deeply grateful, however, for the encouragement already received, and for the large and promising measure of co-operation which the conference committees generally and, through them, the churches have given. It is most clearly evident that the divine blessing has thus far rested, and will continue to rest, upon the efforts made.

We are prompted to re-affirm with new emphasis the ideal or standard of our work: An annual contribution from every one of our churches, including a gift from every member, to each one of our six societies. The general consensus of assured belief with us is that this is practicable, not alone for the larger but also for the smaller churches, and that the principle underlying it is the same for all. Also, that for all, some plan or system of giving that shall compass this result is possible. Why should any one of our six societies be Ishmaelized or cast out by any church of our Lord as unworthy of an annual offering? Does not every church, as a part of the general body, hold a relation, parental and responsible, to every one of them? It is not easy in these days—the more's the pity—to find any Protestant family containing six children in dependent years. But if such a family can be found, is it easily supposable that the parents would care to part with, or leave unprovided for, any one of them. If so,—"Which shall it be?" (1 Tim. 5: 8.)

And does not this relation graduate and distribute itself in its principle to every member? What really is the meaning of church membership if it is not responsibly related to every agency found to be required, whereby the great missionary work of our Divine Lord is carried

on, — let the personal gift be what it may by which this relation shall be honored?

In this connection we are led to indorse most heartily the four recommendations with which the report from the Berkshire North Conference closes; and, in particular, that which refers to the training of children and young people in a right regard for missionary interests.

We cannot help looking with regret upon a tendency reported in some churches to relegate benevolent contributions wholly or mainly to the Sabbath School and the Christian Endeavor Society, inasmuch as it limits a responsibility which belongs to the church as such and cannot really be shifted.

In regard to the general subject of beneficence, we are constrained to feel that the pastors hold very largely the key of the situation. As they lead, the churches will follow; and they will follow if led. In a measure not small, it is given to them to open and none shall shut, to shut and none shall open.

To them and to the churches and to Him whose the churches and the personal members are, and whom they are to serve, we commit the continuance of the work, knowing that the work is His and therefore will not fail; and waiting in the patience of hope for its full accomplishment.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

- 1. Your committee calls attention to the following resolutions, adopted by the National Council at Portland, Me., in 1901, which were presented in the report of the Committee of Fifteen on Missionary Work, and recommends that they be indorsed:—
- "Resolved, first, That we urge upon all our churches the importance of laying added emphasis upon the great missionary work at home and abroad, to which, as Congregationalists, we are pledged.
- "Resolved, second, That each church be requested, by a personal canvass, to reach, so far as possible, every one of its members with a direct personal appeal for some gift to each of our six missionary societies.
- " "Resolved, third, That our churches, so far as practicable, make the month of October a missionary month.
- "Resolved, fourth, That all our churches should make some provision in their Sunday schools and young people's societies for educating our young people in every department of our missionary work.
- "Resolved, fifth, That as the pastors are the great leaders of the Church, we urge that in all ordinations and installations the missionary knowledge and interest of the candidate should be a matter of faithful inquiry."
- 2. Your committee recommends the appointment of a committee on missionary work.

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HENRY S. HUNTINGTON, Milton, (Norfolk Conference).

D. MELANCTHON JAMES, Plymouth, (Pilgrim Conference).

SAMUEL LANE LOOMIS, Jamaica Plain, (Suffolk South Conference). ROBERT A. McFADDEN, Chelsea, (Suffolk North Conference).

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Committee on Missionary Work of the General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts.

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

The Committee on Labor Organizations has met regularly once a month to confer on matters concerning the relation of the Church and the workingmen. It instructed one of its members, the Rev. F. W. Merrick, to bring to the attention of the National Council at Portlanp

the wisdom of having a National Committee on Labor, which suggestion was adopted. The committee has concerned itself primarily with the question of the relation of the church to the workingmen. To get information on this subject it has read the relevant current literature; it has corresponded or had conferences and interviews with men at the head of labor organizations, with professors who have made this subject their life study, with social settlement workers, with ministers whose parishes are in the great industrial centres, and with leaders of other churches.

In presenting the results of its study it confesses that because the field is so vast specific knowledge of conditions throughout the whole country is difficult, yet it believes that its statement is not far from the truth.

The workingmen, in their relation to the church, may be classified as follows: Some are in deadly antagonism to it and to the whole theological interpretation of life for which it stands. This class is largely under the influence of the German Social Democracy, or under the sceptical influence of the science of yesterday.

Others are in full fellowship with the church. There are churches composed almost entirely of laboring people, and others that have a larger proportion of them. The Protestant Churches, thus blessed, are the Baptist and the Methodist, and in some large cities, the Episcopal. The churches, composed almost entirely of foreigners, especially of the Germanic peoples, have a large majority of workingmen. It is, however, in the Roman Catholic Church that the laboring men are found in the largest numbers.

There are others who are related to the church in a loose or indirect way. Their wives and children have a more or less direct relation, but the men themselves do not go at all, or only once in a while, as on Christmas or Easter.

The far larger number of laboring men, however, are indifferent to the church. This is the testimony coming to us from all sources, and the feeling is that this number is daily growing larger. The church, as a religious institution, plays no part in their life. It must be said, too, that a very serious problem confronts some of the churches that have large numbers of working people—notably the Roman Catholic Church,—for the second and third generations of foreign-born parents tend to revolt from the church, from religion and from the customary standard of morals.

The explanation of this antagonistic or indifferent relation between the church and the laboring men is to be sought in three directions:

First, in the industrial situation. The movement of workingmen in search for employment is constant and is largely toward the great cities. Removed from their old environment, they no longer feel the same motives impelling them to seek the churches. Again, the strenuousness

of modern industrial life is so great and the workers are so fatigued, that there is little energy left for the higher things. Then, too, the social contrasts of our modern life, as a direct result of our industrial organization are so great and so glaring that what moral sense men have is shocked. The whole social problem is created by the moral sense that the ideals of life and the social conditions are in conflict.

And, secondly, in the church.

It is felt that the church is not in full sympathy with the working people; it does not recognize and appreciate their aspirations. It is for the well-to-do, for those who can afford the luxury of rented pews—the atmosphere is too rare for breathing purposes. It has departed from the social teachings of the Master. The fraternal spirit is not found in it between the classes; indeed the class distinctions are not only recognized but emphasized by pew, dress and conduct. The low spiritual condition of the church makes it impotent to stir the spiritual depths of society.

And, thirdly, in the workingmen.

They give the impression that they care more for rest than for spiritual refreshment, for pleasure than for mental and moral profit. Some of them believe that the fundamental forces of life are industrial rather than spiritual; they are unduly sensitive to clothes distinctions; they are prejudiced against the church because the more well-to-do are in it, ignoring the fact that often the church is the very cause of their better condition. They are ignorant of the new fraternal spirit in many churches. They ignore almost wholly the aspect of worship for which the temples and churches in every land and age have stood and now stand, for it is the mission of the church to worship God as well as to serve man.

What can the church do to remove whatever hinders the proper relation between it and the working people? The first thing the church can do is to remove from within itself all hindrances. It can do away with all that tends to emphasize class distinctions by having, where possible or necessary, free pews, more simplicity in dress and the fraternal recognition of all within it. It can give itself more to the actualities of life. It must be more devout and worshipful and make its appeal to the soul. It must demonstrate through its members by their lives out in the world that religion is the great force working for the redemption of men and the christianization of society.

The church can put itself on record as being concerned first, last and always with the entirety of Christian ethics. The church has done well to create, to cherish and to commend the spirit of charity and the glory of giving—the church has a right to rejoice in large gifts to philanthropic agencies and educational institutions. It must always have a "Gospel of Wealth." But the church cannot and must not forget that there is also a Gospel for Wealth—the Gospel of Social Justice. It

must ask, not only where a man's money goes, but also how it comes to him. God's first requirement is to do justly, then to love mercy. A prominent educational leader has said "that the gifts of a certain rich man has debauched the conscience of his denomination." There is enough truth in this remark to suggest that there is need of a new kind of temperance reform.

The church can do much by the appreciative study of the life of the workingmen. It needs to recognize the great struggle they have to live and the hard work they do. It must appreciate the signs of the new life in the working masses, their demand for a living wage, for shorter hours, for half holidays the 'year round, for the recognition of their labor unions, and for a larger share in the heritage of culture.

The church must distinguish between their mistakes and their great hopes and aspirations, between the methods to which they sometimes have recourse and the great labor movement which is interracial and international. When the church becomes once more the prophet of the working masses and gives utterance to their deepest longing and highest aspirations, a new day will dawn in the social life of man.

The church can do much if it is willing to minister without expecting direct and immediate returns for itself. If it can forego the pleasure of increased enrollment; if it can deny itself the delight of a fine showing in its "Year Book," and just serve the working men and their families as human beings who may or may not come to church, it can do more to remove hindrances than it dares imagine. If it could go to them and serve them disinterestedly, without thought that they are possible candidates for ecclesiastical relations, it would win their faith, their love and their loyalty.

One of the best things the church can do is to enter on a new kind of missionary work — social settlement work. This work is already being done by some of the best young men and women in the land and Christians of every church support them, and in a few instances these settlements are carried on by denominations. This line of effort is full of promise.

The churches of every order should have a social settlement in every large city. Here we could come into touch with the working people and there would be no ecclesiastical spirit in our intercourse. Here our college students, and especially our theological students, could get admirable training for their future work, and ministers and laymen could find a common centre for meeting the laboring people and a common platform for the free interchange of views.

Finally, the committee would suggest as something immediate and practical for ministers and churches that there be a study of local conditions, and would offer the following suggestion: The study of the number of workingmen in the town or city, their nationality, their wages, their standard of living, their amusements, their social life in labor

organizations, clubs and benefit orders, their relation to the church their hopes and aspirations, their conventions, reports and journals, their sense of the solidarity of labor interests.

The committee is convinced that the Congregational churches must recognize that a well-equipped church must have more than one minister. It is simply impossible for one minister to do all the work the average city church requires. He cannot at present come into direct personal relations with the working people and their families, for he has neither the time nor the strength. The churches that are doing noble service for the working people in our large cities have a large staff of workers. Our present policy is suicidal.

The committee feels that the Congregational churches need some acknowledged official way of expressing themselves to the public on these great social problems. Individual ministers and local churches express themselves, but there is no denominational expression. We refer the social utterance to President Tucker or Dr. Gladden, not to the Congregational denomination. Some denominations have special organizations to work for the laboring people and special journals to express their sympathy and inculcate their principles. We sorely need some such method of showing our interest in the workingmen. Let us hope that the new committee of our National Council, in co-operation with the State committees, will meet this need and accomplish this end.

Respectfully submitted,

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(Mr.) JAMES G. BUTTRICK,

(REV.) FRANK W. MERRICK.

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RELATION OF THE M. H. M. S. TO THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION

Your committee on the relation of the Home Missionary Society to the Association would respectfully report that they have considered the subject on which they were chosen to report and have concluded that, as subsequently to their appointment, this subject was brought before the Association by the "Report on revision of rules," and as no final action was reached and the whole matter is before us in our adjourned action on that report, it is not wise to make another report at this meeting in reference to the same subject.

JOHN R. THURSTON, ROSS C. HOUGHTON, DANIEL W. WILCOX.

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATING CANDIDATES FOR CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP IN THE A. B. C. F. M.

Your committee appointed to bring in "nominations of candidates for corporate membership in the A. B. C. F. M." respectfully proposes the following persons for such vacancies as may occur:—

Rev. Calvin M. Clark, Haverhill; Rev. Charles H. Hamlin, Easthampton; Charles H. Hutchins, Esq., Worcester; Frank N. Look, Esq., Florence; Rev. Samuel L. Loomis, Boston; Pres. L. Clark Seelye, Northampton; Rev. William L. Tenney, North Adams; Herbert A. Wilder, Esq., Newton.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLARD SCOTT, JOHN H. LOCKWOOD, BARTLETT H. WESTON, DANIEL W. WILCOX.

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL STANDING

The General Association of 1901 discussed the report of your committee, recommending that the responsibility for ministerial standing in this State should be assumed by the churches through their conferences, as is the case with most of the States in which organized bodies of Congregational churches exist.

The General Association voted to ask the Ministerial Associations, in accordance with the advice of the National Council, to consider the subject of ministerial standing, in view of asking the local conferences with which they are connected to assume this responsibility. The request was made that the result of this consideration be reported to the secretary of the General Association before its meeting to be held in May, 1903.

In accordance with instructions, the secretary sent out to all the local Ministerial Associations the vote of this body with its request. Manifestly, a full report of your committee will not be possible until next year.

From returns thus far received by the secretary of the General Association we learn that the Cape Cod Ministerial Association voted to ask the Barnstable Conference to assume the responsibility for ministers now enrolled in the Cape Cod Association and for examining candidates for the ministry seeking credentials of approbation to preach.

Similar votes to the above have been passed by the Essex North, Middlesex South and Hampshire East Associations. The Hampshire East Conference has voted to accede to the request of the Association and to assume responsibility for the standing of all ministers within its bounds.

The Hampden Association voted that it would not ask the Hampden Conference to assume the responsibility for ministerial standing.

Similar votes were passed by the Suffolk Associations, North, West, and South, Hampshire, Worcester North, and Berkshire North Associations.

Your committee present this report of progress, and foreseeing from the action thus reported that confusion may follow in this important matter of the ecclesiastical standing of ministers, request that provision be made for discussion of this subject at the next annual meeting of the General Association, with a view to the recommendation of practice which shall be uniform among our churches.

A. E. DUNNING, M. A. BREED, W. C. GORDON, JOHN A. MACCOLL.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GAMBLING

The frequently repeated attempt to persuade the Legislature to relax the law against gambling upon racetracks recurred before the present Legislature. It seemed to lack sincerity. The petitioner asked leave to withdraw, and so the measure lapsed.

No gain has been made during the present year by public officers in the enforcement of the law against racetrack gambling.

Accordingly, the only noteworthy change in the situation is the reported action of the National Trotting Association in expelling the New Westfield Driving Association for neglect to observe the rules of the National Trotting Association.

Should races fail from Westfield, pool-selling is likely to fail also. Improvement, however won, is welcome; but what a regret for Westfield that it should be indebted for such a betterment to the National Trotting Association and not to local public opinion and its town officers. The New York Sun, in reporting this affair, enters into detail which indicates that the Westfield incident is simply one illustration more where there were already enough of the demoralizing tendencies inseparable from racing when associated with gambling.

Your committee have made the best appeal they know how to make to proper authority for the enforcement of the law throughout the State for two years without making headway. We have persisted in the same line of action this year also, because the best advice open to us does not yet allow us to think that present law will prove unequal to restrain present lawlessness.

But enforcement cannot remain partial. Presently there will be gambling everywhere or nowhere. It is incredible that gambling should become universal. England, so long indifferent upon this matter, this very winter has been rendering evidence before the Select Committee of the House of Lords on betting. Public gambling is suppressed throughout Massachusetts except upon a few racetracks. The set of the current is for this righteousness, not against it.

Should the law against racetrack gambling be generally enforced during the coming season, it would be blind to ignore the fact that such enforcement would provide a motive to array the united racing and gambling interests in a final, desperate appeal to the next Legislature to relax the law against gambling in their favor.

Should the law against gambling upon racetracks fail of wider enforcement during the coming season, it were equally blind to ignore the fact that it would be incumbent upon us to make further efforts to complete the enforcement of the law.

For either issue your Association will need a committee upon the subject.

It may become advisable, should the present laws against gambling fail of larger enforcement during the coming year, that the next Legislature should be asked for such further restrictions as may appear to be necessary to make the enforcement already secured complete and general throughout the State. Your committee, therefore, recommend that this Association appoint a committee to care for this matter and authorize that committee, if it shall deem best, to ask the next Legislature for such further restrictions against gambling as the committee may deem necessary, in order to secure a better enforcement, by the regularly-appointed officers of the people, of the laws against gambling, especially upon the racetracks of this State.

CHARLES H. HAMLIN, CHARLES M. SOUTHGATE, S. HOMER WOODBRIDGE, EDWARD M. NOYES, ISAAC PIERSON, ARTHUR H. WELLMAN, PAYSON W. LYMAN.

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION

The Committee on Church Extension, appointed at the meeting of the General Association in Andover, 1901, that it might get full information upon the matter committed to it, published for two successive weeks in the Congregationalist an invitation to all persons desiring to be heard on the matter, to appear before the committee for a hearing, on Monday, March 3, 1902, in Room 108, Congregational House. Several persons answered the invitation, from whom, and from other sources, the committee ascertained a number of pertinent facts.

Among these, the fact that the General Association, at its meeting in Spencer, 1888, took action upon this very matter. The following recommendation, by a Committee on Co-operation of the Churches in Conference, was adopted:

"Resolved, That the General Association, to the intent that the object of the Committee on the Work of the Churches may be realized, the Home Missionary service assisted, and the wants of the whole field brought out and met, suggests the appointment of a single committee in each conference, charged with the oversight of the various parts of associated work in their churches as expressed in the foregoing considerations."

At its meeting the next year, 1889, in Newburyport, the Association reaffirmed this action as recorded in the following minute:

"That the General Association renew the recommendation of last year with respect to the appointment by each conference of a single committee, to be charged with the oversight of the various parts of associated work in the churches, as expressed in the report of the Committee on Church Work in Conference, on pages 41 and 42 of Minutes of General Association for 1888."

In the "foregoing considerations," to which the first of these minutes refers, the purpose of this action is defined as a "simplifying and strengthening of the agencies already in existence, and defining more broadly and clearly the bounds of their duties and responsibilities." And the bounds there set to the duties and responsibilities of these conference committees are thus described.

"This committee should receive and advise upon all applications for aid from the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society; it should make a careful survey of the field covered by the conference, to determine whether new churches might wisely be planted in any localities, or any steps taken in that direction, or whether any new Christian appliances have need to be made use of. It should consider any questions that may arise in relation to the union of neighboring churches, holding

itself in readiness to offer counsel with respect to the formation of any such union, whether temporary or permanent or organic in its nature, and it should report on any such matters to the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, or to the State Committee upon the Work of the Churches, according as the nature of the case shall require."

Such is the policy for Church Extension to which the General Association committed itself and which it commended to the conferences, fourteen years ago, reaffirming the same one year later. In part this policy seems to have been fairly well carried into effect. So far as this present Committee on Church Extension has been able to learn, the conferences have complied with the recommendation of the General Association in constituting a single committee in each conference to have charge of associated work within its bounds. And these committees have served with some good measure of faithfulness in reviewing and advising upon applications by the churches within their bounds for aid from the Home Missionary Society.

But when it comes to the church extension part of the work, which it was intended that these committees should have in charge, the plan has not worked effectively, indeed can hardly be said to have worked at all.

And to the committee now reporting, the reason for this failure seems largely to be that provision was not made for properly articulating those conference committees to the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society. They were like so many cogged wheels, each a part by itself, not gearing into each other or into a central wheel. As pieces of machinery they were well enough, but they were not duly assembled.

So far as was revealed by the hearing which this committee held, the procedure has been, that when need for church extension within any conference arose, it was taken in hand by individuals near to it, instead of being made the business specifically of the conference committee, and the Secretary of the Home Missionary Society was waited upon by said individuals and invited to set going the work of church extension there. Failure to respond to such invitations on the part of the Home Missionary Society have occasioned dissatisfaction and grievance, resulting in the call for, and appointment of, this present committee on church extension.

In the judgment of this committee, the proper procedure, with the machinery now in existence, is for the conference committee to canvass thoroughly the local need for a new church, and then in its capacity as a committee make its appeal, not to the Secretary of the Home Missionary Society, but to its Executive Committee. By such procedure the machinery already in existence might easily be made to work much more effectively than it has been working,

But this committee is satisfied that a little wholesome tinkering may be done upon the old machinery, so as to secure a much higher degree of efficiency from it. The tinkering suggested will be largely in the nature of bringing the present parts of it into gear with each other, rather than by way of proposing the introduction of new machinery.

Accordingly, the committee begs leave to submit to the General Association two alternative plans, either of which, it believes, would do much to remedy present inefficiency. The first is very moderate in its character, a kind of chain gear between the conference committee and the Home Missionary Society. The second is more radical, a sort of chainless, bevel-pinion gear.

As a first alternative plan it is recommended that the chairmen of all the conference committees be constituted into a permanent committee on Church Extension, and that arrangement be made for stated meetings of this committee with the Executive Committee of the Home Missionary Society, at least once a year, for dealing with demands that may arise for new work.

The second more radical plan alternatively recommended would involve still more of arrangement with the Home Missionary Society. At the last meeting of that society its constitution was amended in the article relating to the election of Executive Committee. If a still farther step in that direction could be taken, in the judgment of this committee, it would most effectually solve the church extension problem. As now provided there are fifteen members of the Executive Committee, serving for five years, three elected each year, one of the three nominated by the General Association. As it is, conference representation is entirely disregarded in the make-up of the Home Missionary Executive Committee. Of its present membership, exactly one-third is from the Woburn Conference.

The alternative recommendation which this report submits to the General Association is that arrangement be effected with the Home Missionary Society, by which its Executive Committee shall have twenty-five members, as many as there are conferences, and that each conference have representation on that executive committee by one member who shall at the same time be chairman of the Committee on Associated Work in his conference.

This would at once simplify and compact and thoroughly articulate the organism for carrying on our home missionary and church extension work in Massachusetts. It would be strictly Congregational in principle as recognizing the function and initiative of the local conference of churches in carrying on associated work. And it is not an untried innovation, as it is substantially the method in successful working with the churches of our order in Connecticut.

JAMES F. BRODIE, WILLIAM L. TENNEY, AMOS ARMSBY.

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS

The special Committee on Statistics, to which the General Association referred several important matters, begs leave to report as follows:—

At the meeting of the Association held in Andover, the Business Committee, in response to a recommendation of the Committee on Missionary Work, reported the following form for a statistical blank, and it was referred to a committee consisting of the secretary, the registrar and Rev. Doremus Scudder, with power to act:—

"BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS: How many dollars, omitting fractions, were given since your last report by your congregation, and by all its auxiliary organizations, including such donations of individuals as have come to your notice, to each of the following societies, through their treasuries, in no case including legacies or home expenses:—

- "(1) The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and its Woman's Auxiliaries?
- "(2) The Congregational Home Missionary Society, including the State Society and Woman's Auxiliary?
  - "(3) The American Missionary Association and Woman's Auxiliary?
- "(4) The Congregational Church Building Society and Woman's Auxiliary?
  - "(5) The Congregational Education Society and Woman's Auxiliary?
- "(6) The Congregational Sunday-School and Publishing Society and Woman's Auxiliary?"

Also for

- "(7) Relief of aged or disabled ministers and their families?
- "(8) All other charities, including money expended in furnishing missionary goods and boxes, and all gifts to objects not Congregational, but in no case church expenses?"

After consultation with the Executive Committees of the six missionary societies, it was decided by your committee to memorialize the National Council, requesting it to authorize its Publishing Committee to devote two columns in reporting the benevolent offerings made for the work of each society and kindred work. In order to do this it was suggested that the names of the Sunday-school superintendents might be omitted from the tables and printed elsewhere.

Your committee has received the following reply from the secretary of the National Council:—

Rev. Eugene C. Webster, Secretary Massachusetts General Association, Boston, Mass.:—

Dear Sir, — With reference to a memorial from Massachusetts respecting Year Book changes, your attention is called to the following as quoted from the "Minutes of National Council, 1901."

Page 18.—"It was voted, That the question of changes in the Year Book be referred to a committee, who were later appointed as follows: Rev. Edward F. Williams, of Illinois; Thomas Todd, of Massachusetts; Rev. Alexander Milne, of Minnesota; Rev. James Dean, of New York; Rev. Homer W. Hildreth, of Vermont."

Page 33.—"The committee to which was referred the memorial from the general Association of Massachusetts, having carefully considered its requests, begs leave to report:—

- "(1) That in its judgment the names of the Sunday-school superintendents should not be dropped from the Year Book, but a place be found for them in a list arranged alphabetically by States at the end of the returns.
- "(2) That inasmuch as the Secretary of the Council has a plan for presenting the benevolence of the churches which covers the request contained in the memorial, the committee needs only to suggest that the working out of the plan in its details be left to him.
- "(3) That the proposal to secure reports from the treasurers of our various societies being experimental in its character, the future alone can determine its value, and that the registrars of the associations of the different States be therefore advised to employ such measures in obtaining their reports as in their judgment may seem wise and necessary.

  Respectfully submitted,

"E. F. WILLIAMS,

"THOMAS TODD,

"Rev. ALEXANDER MILNE,

"Rev. JAMES DEAN,

"Rev. H. W. HILDRETH,

"Committee.

"Yours very truly,

"ASHER ANDERSON.

"Secretary of National Council."

By vote of the Association several years ago, the tables printed in the Massachusetts Minutes have been made to conform to those printed in the National Council's Year Book; but this is no longer necessary. Therefore, in accordance with the suggestion of the National Council, your committee suggests that a committee of five, of which the secretary and registrar shall be members, be appointed early in this session to consider the advisability of recommending to the Association the following resolution, viz.:

That on January 1, 1903, the statistics of the benevolent contributions be gathered in such a way that they will show, first, the contributions received from each church by each Society, and, second, the amount of benevolent contributions made by each church for the work kindred to each society.

The recommendation referred to your committee "that hereafter the 'Year Book' and State 'Minutes' report the statistics as they stand on January 1st, as far as Massachusetts is concerned," was adopted and the Secretary so instructed.

By vote of your committee to which the matter was referred, the Secretary was instructed to secure the statistics of Young People's Societies which are connected with missions and chapels.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE C. WEBSTER, FRANCIS J. MARSH.

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROPOSING TEMPERANCE LEGISLATION

At the last meeting of the General Association at Andover, the following resolution on temperance legislation was introduced by Rev. P. S. Moxom, of Springfield.

"In view of the fact that the present 'License' system of the Commonwealth allows the sale of intoxicating liquors to be stimulated by the motive of individual gain, which is clearly contrary to public policy; and the inaction under such conditions is discreditable:—

Resolved, That this Association appoint at some time, during the present meeting, a committee of five to devise some plan which may serve as a proposal for legislation hereafter to be sought, by which the stimulus of private interest may be withdrawn from the sale of alcoholic beverages, by vote of the citizenship in the municipalities which have voted to license the sale of intoxicating liquors for the last five consecutive years.

Be it further Resolved, That in view of the pauperism and crime inseparable from the sale of alcoholic beverages, even under the best terms, that moneys accruing from such sale, above expenses, a low rate of interest upon capital employed and the present license fees shall be employed in the relief of pauperism, and for the prevention and correction of crime.

Resolved, That the draft of this measure after it has been prepared by the committee shall be printed and forwarded to the churches two weeks before the next annual meeting of this Association and shall be discussed at that meeting with the view to its acceptance and indorsement by the Association."

Your committee was appointed to consider this resolution without instructions and to propose to this body needed temperance legislation.

Laws restricting or prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage cannot be enacted and enforced in a democracy where every criminal is entitled to jury trial, unless heartily supported by a substantial majority of the voters. We shall confine our recommendations to such legislation as seems both desirable and attainable in the not distant future.

No attempt has ever been made to entirely prohibit the manufacture and sale of all intoxicants in this Commonwealth. Under our present system of high license with local option, the sale of intoxicating beverages in no-license cities and towns has been as effectually suppressed as under any other system. The success attained has depended largely on local public sentiment. Public officials in general represent and carry out the will of the average citizen.

In many no-license municipalities where the people earnestly desire to suppress the saloon and sale of intoxicants, the almost unrestricted sale of cider and native wines by farmers and manufacturers allowed under existing laws has produced the "cider joint" resorted to by those determined to get drunk on anything available.

Our legislators have assumed that the brewer and habitual beer drinker will vote "yes" on the liquor question while the farmer will generally vote "no" if the sale of his product is not interfered with. In such cities and towns farmers, cider and wine makers should be required to sell their cider and wine before they become intoxicating or to licensed liquor dealers in the places where the sale of intoxicating liquors is permitted by law.

We think that a large majority of farmers will sustain us in this recommendation.

A government monopoly of the liquor traffic has been widely established in the Russian empire — not so much for the purpose of promoting temperance as to divert the large profits of the business from private individuals to the public treasury. The end sought has been accomplished, the net profits of the sale of liquors during the past year being reported as in excess of \$400,000,000.

Private individuals and corporations in Great Britain, generally in small places, have met with a moderate success in eliminating some of the evils of this business by conducting inns and other places for the sale of liquor so far as possible with some regard for the welfare of the community. Only pure liquors are sold, and within reasonable hours, while generally unsuccessful efforts are made to push the sale of temperance drinks as a substitute for alcoholic beverages.

The profits in excess of fair interest on the capital and a small contribution to a sinking-fund are applied to public and charitable purposes.

The so-called dispensary system of selling liquors, first adopted in the State of South Carolina and with certain modifications in North Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, South Dakota and possibly in other States, has advantages well summed up in *Zion's Herald* by Rev. Charles Parkhurst.

#### THE SOUTH CAROLINA DISPENSARY LAW

#### THREE FACTS: -

- 1. Only pure liquors are provided. All liquors are chemically assayed by an expert and nothing is allowed to be sold unless it is pure.
- 2. There is no appeal to the selfishness or avarice of those who are employed in the business. The greed of gain, the desire to receive the largest returns for money and time and strength put into the business, is the loadstone which draws many a saloon-keeper among us to the business and which tempts him, when once engaged in it, to make men drunken, and to teach minors and women to drink. But all this is entirely taken away by the Dispensary Law. Everybody employed in the business receives a salary, which is in no case based upon the amount of liquors sold. It makes no difference in any way to the manager of a dispensary whether he sells a half pint per day or several gallons.
- 3. The significant fact which has already been suggested that with no open saloon and no enticements, no evening and no night sales, and no sale to minors, the great business of drunkard making, which is so largely the accursed feature of our saloons, is eliminated.

#### SEVEN PROVISIONS

- 1. The law establishes a State board, which has entire control of the liquor traffic, said board having power to draw on the State treasury for all sums required in carrying on the business, and all moneys received from sales are turned into the State treasury.
- 2. All officials are salaried men and have no interest in the sales. They also must be known as temperate men.
- 3. A petition signed by a majority of the voters of any town or township is required to get a local dispensary. It must be plainly fitted up, open during the day time, closed on Sundays, holidays, and election days. No liquor can be drunk on the premises, nothing sold less than one-half pint of strong liquors, each package to be sealed and a certificate of purity attached. In each case the buyer must make out an application, giving name, etc. Not less than a bottle of beer is sold.
- 4. No liquor is sold to minors, intoxicated persons, known drunkards, or to one whose family has entered a protest against selling to him.
- 5. All the profits from the sale of liquors,—about \$480,000 per year,—goes to the several counties of the State for public purposes and is expended without discrimination.

- 6. There are less than one hundred dispensaries in the State, whereas under license there were were more than a thousand legal places for the sale of liquor.
- 7. Public sentiment heartily supports the execution of the law and the summary effort to abolish the low dive, called in South Carolina the "Blind Tiger".

The unquestioned success attained under the law should commend it to the study of temperance people of all shades of opinion.

The principal objections to this system in South Carolina where the liquor business is conducted directly by the State, and not as in other States by counties or local communities, are as follows, viz.:—

- 1. The people of the State conduct a business in its very nature promoting immorality, poverty and crime.
- 2. The State Board of Control, with its numerous appointees under salary, constitutes a great political machine which can be used to promote the interests of the party in power.
- 3. As there are no licensed liquor dealers, who have paid large fees for the privilege of selling intoxicants, there is no one having any pecuniary interest in stopping illegal sales.

The weight of evidence from South Carolina and still more from North Carolina, where the dispensaries are under local control and management, is that in States having a largely rural population, this system is the best yet devised for curtailing the evils of the liquor traffic, when local prohibition cannot be enacted and enforced. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts seems definitely committed to the policy of public sharing in the profits of the liquor traffic in some form.

Many of the most vigorous advocates of the "no license" propaganda advocate legislation to require all license fees to be paid into the State treasury, instead of one-third to the State and two-thirds to the city or town as at present.

We fail to see any difference in principle between using for public purpose the profits of this business when conducted by the State, as in South Carolina and Russia, and using the license fees which are paid out of such profits. So long as the profits of liquor selling are paid into the public treasury, in whole or in part, and applied to the support of any municipal department which must be otherwise provided for by direct taxation, the taxpayer is to that extent relieved. The dispensary system in no way provides a substitute for the social attractions of the saloon. It does not permit the use of alcoholic beverages in connection with food in hotels and restaurants. It would not in our judgment be sustained by public opinion in a metropolitan city like Boston, where the demand for beer, wine and liquors to be drunk on the premises comes not only from voters of foreign birth and education in the metropolitan district, but from the patrons of innumerable hotels and lodging places

frequented by travellers from all parts of the United States and other countries.

It is probable that there are a considerable number of towns and cities in this Commonwealth, which have voted continuously for licensing the sale of intoxicants for a number of years, in which a majority of the citizens desire a revenue in some form from the liquor traffic, which they look upon as inevitable, and yet wish to avoid as far as possible the dangers of the saloon.

We recommend, therefore, that the experiment of authorizing the introduction of the dispensary system in some form be tried in Massachusetts in municipalities which have voted continuously for license for not less than five years, when the approval of the local licensing authorities or the voters can be obtained.

The necessary details of such a measure are too lengthy to be included in our report, and too technical for the determination of a temporary body like this Association.

For the Committee,

WILLIAM T. FORBES, Chairman.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

Your Committee on Temperance was appointed without instructions to act in any direction; therefore its work has been mainly that of an outlook committee.

Early in the summer, upon coming together, we found that we must accept the resignation of one whom the Association had honored with a place upon this committee, and the vacancy thus caused was filled by vote of the remaining members of the committee.

On October 1, 1901, your committee sent the following communication to all of the pastors in the State:—

#### "Dear Brother: -

"The members of the Temperance Committee of the General Association, upon coming together, find that no special instructions have been extended to the committee, and they do not understand that it devolves upon them to take the initiative in legislative matters in behalf of the General Association. Therefore, it seems that the duty of the committee this year also is mainly that of outlook.

"However, it may be within the province of this committee to aid the churches in any way possible to increase their interest in the cause of temperance. To this end we urge that you preach on the subject of the suppression of the liquor traffic, dealing with local issues, before your town or municipal election.

"We would also suggest that an active temperance committee be appointed in your church, if such a committee does not already exist. The Temperance Committee of last year urged the churches to co-operate with all other temperance organizations which are working for the same ends. We recommend the same course.

"Finally, we take the opportunity of asking for suggestions with reference to all forms of temperance work. How may the Temperance Committee of the Association be of greatest service to the churches? How much shall it undertake? Can the General Association unite on any proposed method of legislation."

To the last two or three questions, there have been received only two or three replies; and these are the questions that the next committee on temperance will want to have answered before it sets out on its next year's work.

One of the significant events of the year is the outcome of the work which has, for more than two years, been quietly but persistently carried forward by the Committee of Twelve, appointed in January, 1900, at the meeting held in the vestry of Park Street Church. This committee consists of six from the educational and six from the temperance forces of the State, and one of the special lines of work undertaken has been the preparation of an outline Course of Study in Physiology and Hygiene, with special reference to the nature and effects of alcoholic liquors and other narcotics for the public schools. While it seemed at first, in view of the wide divergency of opinions entertained by several members of the committee, as if no unanimous action could be reached, the difficulties have been patiently and steadily overcome by a spirit of mutual concession till at the meeting held on May 8 a suggestive outline course covering the first four school years was adopted without a dissenting vote, and will very soon be given to the public. This cannot fail to do great good; indeed, the fact that unity of action as to method has been secured by such a committee, is of greater moment than the specific method decided upon, since it marks another mile-stone passed on the high road of mutual tolerance and mutual co-operation in a reform which has, so frequently, brought into prominent play the opposite characteristics.

The new problem about the use of alcohol in mechanics is of much importance. In France and Germany the national administration si committed to the policy of vastly increasing the price and decreasing the cost of alcohol. The beet and potato industries are being fostered to this end, and the fact gives rise to the most extravagant prophecies. Mechanical exhibitions for exploiting the fuel use of alcohol are now frequent and notable. When alcohol can be made at a commercial

profit for fifteen cents a gallon or less, our own national financiers will be compelled to face the demand for a reduction of the tax, now yielding in its various forms more than one-fourth of our entire revenue. This question must in the near future bear very strongly on the conditions of the temperance problem, for all alcohols will be involved.

It will be of interest to note the increase in the liquor business since 1890. The chief statistician of the United States census office has given out a preliminary report on the manufacture of liquors.

STATISTICS	on	MANUFACTURE	$_{ m OF}$	LIQUORS
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	1900.	1890.	Per cent. of increase.
Number of establishments Capital Wage-earners, average number. Total wages Miscellaneous expenses Cost of materials used Value of products * Decrease.	\$28,005,484 183,099,796 70,512,042	1,924 \$269,270,249 \$6,067 \$23,258,900 113,726,594 80,230,532 289,775,639	48.1 70.0 23.2 20.4 61.0 * 12.1 17.5

This summary includes all the liquor manufacturing establishments, and shows an increase of 48 per cent. The capital invested has increased 70 per cent., and the value of the products has increased 17 per cent.; but the lack of uniformity in reporting internal tax accounts renders the latter figure somewhat doubtful. The cost of materials has actually decreased 12 per cent. This clearly indicates that the brewers have found something with which to make their beer besides the products of the farm.

Several pages of a report like this could be filled with some account of the temperance movement in Russia, France, Great Britain, Canada and throughout the United States. Such a narrative would show the effort that is being made in Mississippi in behalf of prohibition, and in New Hampshire in behalf of the enforcement of her State law; but Massachusetts in the main commands our chief attention.

The recently published reports of the prison commissioners of the State of Massachusetts throws interesting light upon the question of drunkenness as related to nationality. The report, on page 163, gives the birthplaces of the prisoners committed for drunkenness to all the penal institutions of Massachusetts for the year ending September 13, 1901. By this it appears that Massachusetts leads, far and away, in numbers. Out of a total of 17,962, 6,974 were born in that State, while 2,475 were born in the other States of the Union. The only foreign

countries that figure to any appreciable extent are the British provinces, that is to say, Canada, and Ireland. Poor Ireland is credited with 5,012. The following is the table in full:

Massachusetts	6,974
Other States	2,475
British Provinces	1,581
Ireland	5,012
England	956
Scotland	337
Germany	76
Sweden	178
Norway	23
Austria	41
Russia	31
Poland	41
Finland	94
Italy	41
Denmark	21
Wales	16
Miscellaneous	45
Unknown	3
Total	17,945

In studying this table it should be noted that of the population of Massachusetts—by the last census—1,959,022 are native-born Americans and 846,324 of foreign birth. The native population furnishes 9,449 of the commitments for drunkenness, and the foreign population 8,513.

The rate per thousand among native-born citizens is thus shown to be 4.8. The rate among those of foreign birth is 10. It is to be kept in mind, however, that commitments in default of fine are probably more frequent among the foreign born than among native Americans.

Field for another valuable study is furnished in the same recently published annual report of the prison commissioners of this State. Massachusetts has 33 cities. During the last official year 18 of these cities granted liquor licenses, while 15 were under no-license. The report mentioned tabulates the number of arrests for drunkenness and the number of arrests for other offenses in each of these cities. We have taken the figures thus furnished and prepared separate tables of the no-license cities and of the license cities, showing the arrests in each class, the number of arrests for drunkenness and the number of arrests for other offenses per each thousand of the population in each city, and the average of each class of cities.

From these tables which are presented herewith, it will be seen that while the license cities average THIRTY ARRESTS FOR DRUNKENNESS for every thousand of population, the no-license cities average BUT THIRTEEN, and that while the arrests for other offenses average SEVENTEEN PER THOUSAND IN THE LICENSE CITIES, the similar average in the no-license cities was BUT ELEVEN per thousand.

### LICENSE CITIES

CITIES.	Popula- tion.	Arrests for Drunken- ness.	Arrests for Other Offenses.	Drunks per 1,000.	Other Arrests per 1,000.
Boston	560,892	19,556	13,530	34	24
Chicopee	19,167	307	231	16	12
Fall River	104,863	2,215	2,086	21	19
Gloucester	26,121	775	333	29	12
Haverhill	37,175	1,029	609	27	16
Holyoke	45,712	814	537	17	11
Lawrence	62,559	1,326	895	21	14
Lowell	94,696	3,510	1,031	35	10
Lynn	68,513	2,646	1,139	38	16
Marlborough	13,609	209	128	15	9
New Bedford	65,442	1,107	797	16	10
Newburyport	14,478	618	246	42	16
North Adams	24,200	683	492	28	20
Northampton	18,643	511	106	27	5
Pittsfield	21,766	834	249	38	11
Springfield	62,059	1,448	1,722	23	11
Taunton	31,036	832	349	26	11
Worcester	118,421	3,485	1,434	29	12
Average	77,201	2,322	1,384	30	17

### NO-LICENSE CITIES

CITIES.	Popula- tion.	Arrests for Drunken- ness.	Arrests for Other Offenses.	Drunks per 1,000.	Other Arrests per 1,000.
BeverlyBrockton	13,884	157	91	11	6
	40,063	571	505	14	12
	91,886	1,497	1,628	16	17
Chelsea Everett Fitchburg Malden	34.072 24,336 31,531 33,664	349 271 668 270	572 198 322 274	10 11 21 8	16 8 10 8 7
Medford Melrose Newton Quincy	18,244	160	133	8	7
	12,962	67	76	5	5
	33,587	479	293	13	8
	23,899	153	276	16	11
Salem	35,956	680	349	18	9
	61,643	719	660	11	10
	23,481	424	238	18	10
	14,254	327	158	22	11
Average	32,897	454	384	13	11

For the correct interpretation of all these figures certain facts will need to be remembered.

First. In the no-license cities practically every case of drunkenness appearing upon the streets is followed by an arrest. This arises from two causes; first, that public sentiment will not tolerate public drunkenness, and second, that the officials of almost all the no-license cities are not in sympathy with prohibitory law, and make arrests for drunkenness for the purpose of discrediting the law.

Second. That many of these cities, like Cambridge, are situated so close to license cities that they receive what might be called the overflow from the liquor-selling of their neighbors. The police of Cambridge have made the public statement that the greater part of all the arrests for drunkenness in that city take place along the streets that come out of Boston.

Third. That at best the local no-license in force in Massachusetts cities is no-license with only half a chance, since the no-license territory is under constant siege by the united liquor interests of the country, abetted by local, state and national officers.

About thirty bills were referred by the Legislature this year to its Committee on Liquor Laws. Many have been the complaints in the past that the temperance people are all the time deluging the Legislalature for liquor-law amendments and changes in the statutes; but this year all but two or three of the acts that have been petitioned for were proposals for modifications of existing laws in the interest of liquor sellers. A partial enumeration of these measures will serve to show that the saloons are not in the least diffident about letting their wants be known.

As has been the case for several years, the so-called "abutter's law," under which the owners of adjoining property are allowed to object to the granting of saloon licenses, was one of the chief objects of attack. Four bills were introduced to weaken the force of that law; but the law was not changed.

There was another group of bills intended to enlarge the privileges of licensed innholders. One of these provided that a licensed innholder "may at any time" supply liquor to guests for food or lodging. Two other bills sought to confer upon licensed innholders the coveted privilege of selling liquor for twenty-four hours in the day and seven days in the week. These bills failed of passage.

House bill No. 468 proposed to take away from the citizens of Boston the right of voting upon the license question, and directed that Boston "shall always be considered as voting 'yes.'" On this the committee voted "leave to withdraw." Another bill favored a biennial vote on the license question in Boston. These proposals, however, by no means exhaust the list of things which the saloon interests want. But from them we may derive additional argument in favor of instructing the

temperance committee that may be appointed by this body for next year, as to their duties in legislative matters.

At the last elections in Massachusetts four cities have been added to the no-license column, and one has been lost. There was a net loss of sixteen towns, but a gain for no-license in the popular vote of about five thousand.

A revival in attention to civic order in various portions of the Commonwealth is quite noticeable, and acts favorably on the saloon problem.

A federation of the local no-license leagues and kindred organizations in this State has been formed this spring and may prove helpful to the cause in many ways.

The most important move that has been made this year is the organization of the Boston Temperance Federation with Mr. Samuel B. Shapleigh of Allston as president. This Federation seeks to combine the temperance forces of the whole city, and its first public work was the introduction into the Legislature of a bill which asks for the extension of the right of local option to the eight natural geographical districts of Boston.

Only they can understand the force of the urgent appeal for local option in the residential districts of Boston, and why that appeal is to the whole Commonwealth, who realize the situation, population and character of these districts. Of the eight districts now comprising the City of Boston, all but one were once distinct towns, and separated, as they still are in large degree, by natural barriers from the old City, now known as the commercial centre. Charlestown, with its forty-one thousand population, lying north of the Charles River, is a community by itself, quite as distinct as Cambridge. East Boston, with its forty-five thousand, lies still farther removed across the harbor. South Boston, with its seventy thousand, lies beyond Fort Channel. Roxbury, with its one hundred and five thousand, formerly connected with the city only by a narrow neck a mile long, and with a single street, has been brought closer by the Back Bay filling, but is still a wholly distinct community, with residential interests quite separate from the business interests of the centre. Still farther removed, and beyond Roxbury, lie Dorchester, with its eighty thousand, and West Roxbury, with its forty thousand. Then lying as a peninsular more than three miles from old Boston, and surrounded by the no-license communities of Cambridge, Brookline, Newton and Watertown, and only united to the city by one long avenue, is Brighton, with its almost twenty thousand population. Now, these are all residential districts to a far greater degree than most towns or cities of equal population. Yet under the special license legislation for the City of Boston these districts come under the ratio of one license for each five hundred population, whereas the ratio for all other localities of the State is but one for every thousand population. If it be granted that liquor must be sold in the commercial centre of Boston

vet there is far greater reason why these outlying residential districts should be free from the bane of the saloon than for most other towns or cities. Now, what is asked for these districts is first, that they be released from the special legislation which now controls Boston, and be placed in precisely the same status as the remainder of the State. They ask for the same privilege possessed elsewhere of voting for their own district on the question of the saloon, instead of being compelled to couple a decision for that district and for the whole city in a single vote. • Under present conditions thousands of temperance men, who would gladly banish the saloon from all these residential regions, but who believe that the inevitable sale in the commercial centre should be regulated and restricted, now vote for what they deem a restrictive measure in the license tax. But what these thousands would do when privileged to vote for their own district was amply proven when at the last election the Brighton district, urged to show its sentiment at the polls, reversed the last five years three-fifths vote for license by a three-fifths vote for no-license.

It is reasonably certain that within a brief period a majority of these districts would vote out a nuisance which does more than all else to debar the best class of residents. Indeed, it is within easy probability that every one of these districts will refuse to tolerate the worst foe to every economic, as well as moral, interest. But the injury done under present conditions is to the State as well, since the moral health of Boston is a matter of utmost importance to every other town and city. The addition of an area with three hundred and seventy thousand population to the present no-license territory would carry to the legislature each year a body of men whom no liquor interest could control. It is well known to-day that though Massachusetts is by a large majority a no-license State, yet the Legislature persists each year in resisting temperance measures, and that every liquor committee for years has been distinctly adverse to every appeal in the interest of farther restriction. The bestowal of local option on the districts of Boston will inaugurate not only a new era for Boston but for the entire Commonwealth. But the chief injury wrought by present conditions is to the old city, where more than half the eight hundred licenses to which the population of the seven residential districts give title are now crowded into the centre, or thrust upon the helpless poor of the North or West Ends.

One objection urged against this bill is the supposed danger that the granting of district option to Boston will be the opening wedge for a ward option for all other cities and towns and a possible loss of present no-license gain. But our contention is that no such sequence can be justly urged. Boston, with these great outlying towns for its component districts, stands in an entirely separate category. Just as Chicago has given to Hyde Park this right of local option, so it is fit that Massachusetts should restore to these districts of Boston the only

weapon of the ballot whereby they can protect themselves from the saloon evil.

The Committee on Liquor Law reported on the District Option Bill, leave to withdraw, but upon motion of Representative Edward H. Keith of Brockton the bill was substituted for the report of the committee. The "referendum" was attached to the enacting section and the bill ordered to a third reading, when this paragraph was written. Your committee had hoped to report the passage of the bill.

In conclusion, your committee recommends to the Association that it instruct its Temperance Committee as to its duties and powers, and in case the recommendation to instruct the Temperance Committee is adopted it further recommends that a special committee be appointed to draft such instructions and to report thereon at a later session of the Association.

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

The question what should be the attitude of the church, of Christian people, and all good citizens toward the problem of Sunday Observance is challenging the attention of men both in and outside the church.

It is not the purpose of your committee to enter into a discussion as to the authority for the observance of a stated day of the week for a legal Sunday. The change from the seventh day to the first day of the week following the resurrection of Christ is a very logical one, and needs neither argument nor defence.

Taking the three dispensations as found in the Bible, we recognize the Patriarchal Sabbath, as commemorating God's rest from creation, the Jewish Sabbath, commemorating deliverance, and celebrated as a day of feasting and thanksgiving, and the Christian Sabbath, a product of the Christian Church commemorating the resurrection of Christ.

We accept the Fourth Commandment as belonging to the greatest code of moral laws the world has ever known,—laws fundamental and abiding.

It was the Fourth Commandment which the Christian Church took as the basis for Sunday observance. Into it was breathed the spirit with which Christ interpreted the law. He gave a new meaning to it, and

made men understand as they never had understood before, how God would have His laws kept.

There are three classes of people between whom we must discriminate, when we discuss this subject.

First. We have those who are distinctly Christian, who are dominated by Christian conceptions.

Second. The non-Christian, who resent Christian conceptions and are irritated by Christian restrictions, and

Third. That class who are illiterate, sensual, and greatly lacking in those attributes to be found in the normal healthy men, however poor or uneducated he may be.

The first class -

The Christians, dominated by Christian principles, believe in the Sabbath as a day of privilege, a day of opportunity for doing service to others. It brings spiritual refreshment and affords the needed time in the week for taking fresh hold upon the things that make for righteousness. It is a day to be made different from all other days of the week, because "it enshrines some of the most precious promises of God, and bears some of the deepest blessings to individual and nation".

The second class —

The non-Christians, care little for religion, although it may be many of them are what they are, because of the religion they reject. Their early lives have perhaps been influenced by nothing so much as the Sabbath, which is now so irksome to them. But they have forgotten all this, and while kind, benevolent and philanthropic, they are opposed to Sunday laws in general. The restrictions placed upon them by the present Sunday laws are burdensome, and from their standpoint encroach upon their liberty. This class comprises many of high intelligence, of good character, influential, often of large means, and consequently a power in the community. This class, in many respects, is the most difficult class to deal with.

The third class -

The anti-Christians, are indifferent to all that stands for religion, the humanities, culture, rest and quiet, yes, even law and order. They cry, "away with Sunday, we do not want it, but instead we want a holiday on which we can go where we please, and do as we please".

These three classes are found in every community, and they are all to be reckoned with in reaching a solution of this most difficult problem.

Other considerations entering into the right settlement of the Sunday problem are, the rule of the majority, and the highest material, moral and spiritual good to the greatest number or to the whole.

Taking the conditions as we find them throughout the State, Massachusetts is distinctly Christian in its character, laws, customs, and institutions.

The Christian men and women of this Commonwealth canuot afford to

have any element eliminated that shall make the State less Christian in order to appease the non-Christian element. What is the history of the Christian Sabbath during the past nineteen centuries? Its influence upon our own national life cannot be estimated, while the finest and best growth of all civilized nations has advanced or receded, as those nations have recognized or failed to recognize the day.

As to the other considerations involved, one of the fundamental prin ciples of our democracy is the civic law of the rule of the majority. Even should our religious differences prevent the peaceful solution of the Sunday problem on moral grounds, the law of the rule of the majority would solve the difficulty, for no one will for a moment doubt that a large majority of the people of this State still believe in the American Sabbath. The last consideration namely, the greatest good to the greatest number, is incorporated into the fabric of our national, State, and municipal life. Here again we must concede the settlement of the problem without involving the denominational or religious question. At a meeting recently held in New York City for the discussion of the Sunday saloon question, Mr. Jerome made a strong plea for the open saloon on Sunday, in the interests of men who must have their beer on that day. In the same address he entered his protest against the referendum, with the statement that if left to the people to vote upon, the movement would be defeated by sixty thousand majority. When men holding high office seek to force upon a community something which only a minority wish, we cannot close our eyes to the danger that threatens. This does not concern us in Massachusetts, you may say. We believe the danger is in no wise confined to the State of New York. Take for instance, the bill legalizing in our own State Sunday entertainments under the name of "Sacred concerts", and the bill passed in 1900 legalizing the sale of tobacco in any form. Is there any doubt as to who wished these bills enacted? Certainly not the majority of the people of our Commonwealth. The last-named bill when held up to the careful scrutiny of the individual voter, is shown to be the work of the cheap politician. It permits the sale of tobacco in any form by licensed innholders, common victualers, druggists and news dealers. Immediately upon the passage of this bill confectionery dealers by the hundreds put a few tables in their stores, and with a small supply of sandwiches, announced themselves as "common victualers", and were licensed as such, while a still greater number of cigar and tobacco dealers by putting on their counters a few daily papers, were able to keep open store as "news dealers".

To all Christian people the protection of Sunday should make a most powerful appeal, for to-day as never before, pressure is being brought to bear to secularize the day. Many excuses are given for this, the chief one being a desire to meet the needs of the workingman. A very practical problem confronts the church, and in an attempt to get light upon

it, that we might better serve you, a list of questions was prepared and sent to every Congregational clergyman in the State.

The request was made that we be given, first, the attitude of the clergymen themselves, and then that of the most thoughtful people of their congregation, and what they judged to be the attitude of the community in which they lived. There have been returned to us one hundred and eighty blanks, the majority of which are filled out complete.

The questions asked were as follows:

- 1. What do you consider to be the right and wise stand for the church to take in the matter of Sunday observance?
  - 2. Are the present laws satisfactory?
- 3. Should any of the present laws be modified? if so, which, and in what way?
- 4. Is it desirable to permit the playing of golf, and similar recreations on private and public grounds on Sunday?
- 5. Should the opening of museums, reading rooms, and libraries, and like places on Sunday be encouraged?
- 6. Should the opening of school buildings for social purposes, and the yards for playgrounds on Sunday be encouraged?
- 7. Should we encourage Sunday concerts in public parks and squares, supported by private subscriptions or town or city appropriations?
- 8. Pending the modification of the present laws, should their enforcement be insisted upon?
- 9. Would a general observance of the Saturday half-holiday help in any way to solve the Sunday problem and increase church attendance?

We quote from a few of the many answers received:

1st Question. "What do you consider to be the right and wise stand for the church to take in the matter of Sunday observance?"

"The church should teach people the reason for church attend. ance, the value of it, and the necessity of it. The church should stand firmly against the secularization of Sunday. And yet the church must realize the terrible conditions of city life, and stand for such Sundays as will be of real rest and refreshment to the multitude of the poor. The church should stand against the opening of business, shops on Sunday, and against theatrical entertainment, even when called 'benefits'."

"As to legislation — Retain just such laws as we have and strengthen them as we can. Our safety is not in legislation, but Christian conscience and consistency. Church must do better or die, as it ought. Church membership is a big farce in numberless instances."

"To insist that the Sabbath is a divine institution, and should be so employed as to yield the highest development. It should serve man's threefold nature, body, mind, spirit. Neither exclusively."

"To discourage all entertainments and sports, all park concerts, and all needless travel, together with the Sunday newspaper."

"So far as possible the day should be reserved for 'rest, worship and deeds of love and mercy'. But the traditional observance, which forbids taking walks on Sunday or any healthful exercise during a part of the day, does more harm than good."

"Condemnation of Sunday newspapers; rest at home; worship; holding the day sacred, with reverence, but not superstition, nor with rigidity of our Puritan fathers; make it 'Day of all the week the best'."

"Not to be too prudish or puritanical in unessential matters. To leave much in those respects, to individual judgment and conscience. Teach about this as other things, that personally, we must not undertake to be conscience for others."

"Recognize the sanctity of the day without making it offensively puritanical."

"The stand our Saviour took. 'The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.' I do not believe in the 'continental' Sabbath, neither do I believe in the 'Blue Laws' Sabbath. I believe in a common sense Christ-dominated Sabbath. Obligatory labor or traveling on Sunday is not Sabbath descration."

"That it is a day of rest and worship. That modern methods of life have made necessary much work that formerly could be dispensed with, but necessity should be the law. We should emphasize the positive side of the question."

"Insist strongly on Sunday as a day for the spiritual betterment of man. Freed from labor and mere pleasure. The church should unite with any agency (labor unions, etc.,) which tries to reduce the amount of labor performed on that day. But also insist that it be not turned into mere holiday."

"Should make its observance a joy and not a burden. 2. Should be a rest day,—too much church service is not beneficial. 3. Should urge men to make it a time for getting near to God, through,—(a) church service, (b) family life, (c) study of natural world."

"The same as to any other good or right thing. We have no right to force men to do right for their own sakes. That is putting our conscience in the place of theirs. But I should teach and practice strict observance and enforce it, where the Sabbath breaker offend against others."

"One which will impress the world as a position of sweet reasonableness, not austerity, by no means indifference, but an affectionate and Christian interest in the general welfare; an interest enlightened by prayer and study, and free from prejudice."

"To develop the sentiment that regards the economic value of Sunday as a social provision for the culture of man's spiritual nature; also as a day whose essential value is manifest in the history of civilization."

"It seems to me the first duty of the church is to preach Sunday as a day of privilege — privilege to worship, to sing, to rest, to rejoice in all high beautiful things, to grow one's soul, commune with God and nature, and read good books. The church's official attitude ought to be to protest against anything that would keep others from this privilege. She should also see that present laws are enforced."

"The church should explain from the pulpit and through the press the sacredness of Sunday as a divine institution. Not sacred in itself, but sacred in that it is a day for rest and spiritual meditation. We should try to stimulate a sense of true appreciation for the Sabbath."

"I am in doubt about the desirability of the church in its organized capacity doing much to directly influence or control legislation. There is always the danger of coming to rely upon external rather than internal forces, and of a reaction in the community against the church if there is an attempt to control public affairs. This should be the work of individual citizens and of organizations formed for this purpose."

"Stand for that use of the Sabbath that will conserve man's religious welfare. This includes all other interests. Those who ignore this trample upon man's well-being and all that promotes it. The demands of our day are not that we observe Sunday less religiously, but every day more religiously. Religion is life. Our mistake is distinguishing between religion and life."

"To itself observe the Sabbath as it would have others observe it, and teach men so. To support laws that provide for a Sabbath rest from all labor and business."

"To do what will best carry out the spirit of Christ, but irrespective of hard and fast rules."

"Recognize the existing situation, and seek to retain its leadership by such an attitude as will compel respect."

2d Question. Are the present laws satisfactory?

Yes, 58. No, 55. Not posted, 60.

- "They are mostly a disgrace."
- "They allow too much buying and selling."
- "They are better than their observance by the people."
- "You can't make a man decent by law."
- "No, why should the newspaper business be especially favored."
- "The laws are not satisfactory, because too weak, not strong enough."

3d Question. Should any of the present laws be modified? if so, which, and in what way?

- "Let well enough alone; statute tinkering would prove a boomerang."
- "Modify laws against railroad and steamboat excursions and freighting."
- "Modification has already gone too far."
- "Laws forbidding sports on Saturday evening should be changed; also law against traveling."
- "A stricter law governing the sale of liquor by innholders."

4th Question. Is it desirable to permit the playing of golf, and similar recreations on private and public grounds on Sunday?

- "It is sheer profanation of the day so to use it."
- "No, emphatically, from experience in England and on the Continent."
- "It is significantly sad that such a question can be seriously asked."
- "Given a Sunday holiday, and it will not be long before we shall have a Sunday work-day."
- "What right have we to stop it?"
- "If a man live on a desert island, he can claim absolute freedom, but not as a part of society."
- "Do not attempt to forbid them by law, but discourage by the practice of Christian people."
- "I do not see how churches can prevent this if people wish to do so."
- "No, especially because not in the interest of the class of people who need time for recreation."
- "The welfare of children and youth demands its suppression, independent of the actual sin."
- "It is a choice of occupation. Open air recreation is certainly preferable to some other forms of amusement."
- One would have the church "use influence against golf," but "would not favor legislation."
- "Such freedom tends to check other evils. Better than loafing and worse things which people would otherwise do."
- "Legislation has nothing to do with such matters except when these things interfere with the rights of others."

A prominent worker among labor unions (a clergyman) gives as his judgment a most emphatic "yes" to the question. He would have public grounds established where working men and women may have free access under proper restrictions and supervision from, say, 2 P. M. until evening.

5th Question. Should the opening of museums, reading rooms, and libraries, and like places on Sunday be encouraged?

### Yes, 95. No, 44.

- "Yes, because their influence is elevating."
- "Better than beer gardens and saloons."
- "I would not work library attendants."
- "When the spirit of the Lord's Day pervades society as well as the church every innocent thing will contribute to its proper observance."
- "Yes, when not involving loss of a rest day to custodians."
- "Nothing should be allowed to be open with paid admission."
- "It would hardly be worth while to oppose such a movement."
- "Not to be encouraged by Christian people, but tolerated, if others work up a demand."
- "Largely to be determined by the character of the community."
- "See no reason why the city or town need supply pleasure, or means of obtaining it."

6th Question. Should the opening of school buildings for social purposes, and the yards for playgrounds on Sunday be encouraged?

- "It seems as if the Church might use such buildings and grounds to promote morality and truth."
- "All that sort of thing weakens the Sabbath as a holy day."
- "It might be helpful in tenement district, but not elsewhere."
- "No more than we should open the factories and mills."

7th Question. Should we encourage Sunday concerts in public parks and squares, supported by private subscriptions or town or city appropriations?

Yes, 50. No, 92.

- "Yes, if the quality of music can be kept right."
- "Believe we should avoid getting great crowds of people together on Sunday, except for worship."
- "It often results in general junketing."
- "The law in favor of Sunday concerts should be revoked."

8th Question. Pending the modification of the present laws, should their enforcement be insisted upon?

"A law should not be on the statute books if it does not mean business."

- "If we regard a law as bad or obsolete, we ought-not to condemn officials too severely for non-enforcement."
- "The spirit of the law should be enforced, with large wisdom and prudence as to the letter."
- "No anarchy is more to be feared than non-enforced laws."

9th Question. Would a general observance of the Saturday half-holiday help in any way to solve the Sunday problem and increase church attendance?

Yes, 104. No, 55.

- "It would doubtless help, but the greatest difficulty is with the individual, rather than his environment."
- "After two and one-half years experience among the mill operatives of my city who are slaves to the factory whistle, I am convinced this is the best solution offered."
- "I do not think half-holidays help much, church going depends upon disposition and will."
- "Experience in England proves that the half-holiday does help."

A business man of New York City whose name is familiar the country over has replied to our series of questions. We quote a few sentences: "The day is God's gift to man to make more of a man of him, and his activity on the Sabbath should be given only to those things which will launch him into the week on Monday morning a better man than he was on Saturday night; that is, better fitted to work out the Christian ideal of manhood. This will certainly secure the place for at least one public service of worship, and will also give opportunity for a change from daily grind — to those whose lives are pretty well filled with strenuous labor. It will afford the chance for bodily rest and for mental and religious development. Every man and woman will be the better on Monday for having given their Sunday to some consideration for those who are sick or distressed, and to deliberately entering into their lives and helping them bear their burdens. Music, good reading (not by any means confined to the so-called religious reading), kindly social intercourse, both within the home and in the larger friendly circle, the enjoyment of the beauty God has spread all about us in nature (in reasonable ways having for their purpose that enjoyment, and not making a "spree" of it). All these can be used in right ways to tremendously advantageous results."

We hear a great deal said these days about the growth of our national life. Men boast of our having surpassed all other nations in commerce, public education and finance. We not infrequently point with pride to the fact that we have come to be a somewhat superior people, disregarding those things that retard growth and development, and having the keenness and good sense to hold to the essentials that make for

righteousness and the higher civilization. Lest there be danger of our casting away as no longer necessary to the highest growth what has been the very backbone of our national life, let us lose no opportunity to remind ourselves and those about us of what this nation owes to the Christian Sabbath. We are proud of our schools and colleges, our public institutions and our laws, but they have been made possible only by these Christian ideals, which as some one has said "have been nursed on the Lord's day." All we have that is fine and enduring can be traced to these same Christian ideals, and they must continue to dominate our religious, social, civic and national life, if we would mount to the heights before us. Your committee would emphasize the importance of uniting upon Sunday as the national rest day for all classes. In the first place men meet with less temptation on that day than they would on a weekday. They have greater opportunity for intercourse with their families than would be the case were they given their rest day during the week when their children are in school, and the mother busy with her house-Moreover, a rest day on any other day of the week than Sunday precludes the benefit to be derived from attendance at church. assuming that many would wish to avail themselves of the privilege.

With few exceptions the Lord's day can be made the accepted day of rest, and no effort should be spared by Christian people to make it as general as is possible under the changed condition in which we live. Many men who pride themselves on being "practical men", will argue that a man to be successful must keep his hand on the lever seven days in the week. They will say, "other men employ the day planning the week's work, why should not we?" "Other men run their factories and open their stores, and we must do the same or go out of business." Let us meet them with the practical statement that it has been demonstrated over and over again that a piece of machinery.cannot be run continuously much more than a week without showing disastrous results. To those who have had occasion in manufacturing to work a night shift, it is a well-known fact, that it is impossible in a run of twenty hours to get from help double the results of a ten hour day. Do not these facts seem to furnish a physical basis for the Sunday rest day?

That the church-going people are not doing their duty in the matter of Sunday observance there can be no doubt. It is safe to say that many of the churches here represented, have on their rolls the names of men more or less active in supporting the movement for Sunday golf playing. And right here let us enter our earnest protest against this movement. The class of men constituting 90 per cent. of the golf players, are able to command more leisure than are any other class in the community.

It is useless to point out the fact that golf is unlike most sports in that it can be enjoyed without the congregating of crowds. With the right to play golf established by law, how long will it be before all kinds of sports are legalized? Who would undertake to argue that it is right to play golf, and wrong to play baseball and football? If these games are allowed, nothing can prevent the legalizing of all sorts of games and sports for stormy and winter weather, such as pool, billiards, polo, etc. There are many who are sincere when they say they cannot see anything wrong in a quiet game of golf on Sunday, but these same people would condemn the legalizing of games and sports in general.

On the petitions that have come before the Legislature from time to time asking for a more open Sunday, are found the names of prominent church members. The petitions circulating in connection with what is known as the "soda bill" bore the signature of a large number of Christian people. A gentleman holding a prominent office in one of our leading cities when questioned as to why he signed this petition said, "if the law allowing the sale of cigars is annulled, I will lend my help to a movement to prevent the sale of soda, confectionery and ice cream." If the facts were known, no doubt many of those who signed the petition, would if questioned make the same reply. But "two wrongs never made a right."

Brethren, we are sadly in the wrong when we argue in this way, or listen without protest to such arguments on the part of our fellow church members. Emerson has said, "Those who are in the wrong cannot cure evils."

If we believe in the American Sunday, let us *live* as though we believed in it, for not until we are right ourselves can we hope to set others right.

It has been said that last year the municipal election in the City of New York turned upon the question of Sunday legislation and its relation to the liquor traffic.

If it is true that the Reform Party now in power in New York City won on election day on the issue of Sunday legislation, it is quite likely the next election will be won or lost on the same issue. As in the past the national election has been determined by the Empire State, so in the next election we may find the question of Sunday legislation determining who shall be the next President of the United States. Thus it will be seen the Sunday question is one that demands our most thoughtful consideration.

Opinions differ so widely among thoughtful and conscientious men as to what shall be done in meeting the issues now forcing to the front, that there is no longer any doubt as to the need of a study of the whole question of Sunday legislation, such as never has been made by the American people.

Is it not possible for us to return to our homes determined to do our utmost to check the tendency towards a Continental Sunday? Is it

practicable for the clergy of this convention immediately on their return to their work to call together their brother clergymen of all denominations and plan for careful, sane, energetic work upon this problem? Surely there are in every community strong, influential and consecrated laymen who can be drafted into service and who will lend willing hands to the work.

One of the first things we must do is to give to men something to take the place of those things that degrade and ruin their manhood. Leading everything else in its destructive power is the saloon. What does it furnish the man who goes in and out of its doors? A brilliantly lighted room, warm in winter and, as a rule, cool in summer, with abundant toilet conveniences, a free lunch, and every guarantee of good comradeship. This is offered to men six days out of seven in every community here represented, and who shall say how long it will be before the men, who have it in their power to dictate, by virtue of their vote, will include the seventh day? What is the Church doing in the way of a counter attraction? Nothing, absolutely nothing. Through the Y. M. C. A. we are doing good work, but we have not yet touched the man who frequents the saloon. If we are in earnest about this, we can command the means and the men with which to operate club rooms that shall be attractive as the best saloon. We can do but little with men until we win their confidence, and we cannot hope to do that until we show by our works that we are sincere. These club rooms should be centrally located, convenient, and open as long as any bar-room in the community, and to insure the proper running of them a competent man should be put into each one as manager. These managers should be men, and not weaklings, such as have generally been found in the coffee and reading rooms that have in the past come into existence, flourished. and ceased to be. While what is served should be good, there need be no elaborate menu, but the system of operating the rooms must be above reproach. It should be possible to provide tea, coffee, milk and bouillon at five cents a glass, the price to include something from the These drinks served hot in winter, and hot and cold in summer, would win thousands of men from the saloon habit. social atmosphere which permeates a bar-room should here be felt, and the work should be started with the idea of its never being stopped. Convenient and abundant toilet facilities should be provided. Here would be the natural place for a thorough-going, business-like employment bureau.

Having in some such way shown our interest in men and put ourselves in the way of being believed in, we would have a right to urge upon them the demands of the church, and our chances of interesting them would be far greater than they could otherwise possibly be. A better observance of the Sabbath will be brought about if the church people themselves will do their duty. This is one of the reforms that must

work from the top down. If we keep the Sabbath in a sane, wholesome way, we are going to do much to bring about that state of things for which we pray.

What think you would be the effect upon the communities in which we live, were Christian men and women to adopt some such Sunday rules as the following?

- 1. Go to church at least once a day.
- 2. Stop reading the sensational Sunday newspaper, and use your influence against its circulation.
  - 3. Give to servants as much of the day as possible.
  - 4. Discourage, and take no part in games and sports.
- 5. Give of your time and means, to furnish legitimate entertainment for the masses.
- 6. Use some portion of the day in which to do service for others, less fortunate than yourselves.
- 7. Give nothing in the way of dinner parties, receptions, etc., and take no part in public or private entertainments.
  - 8. Do not patronize stores for anything other than medicines.
  - 9. Identify yourselves with some church, when away in summer.
  - 10. Work against all classes of Sunday excursions.

Here is a code of morals, which if adopted by church members alone, would greatly help to solve the Sunday observance problem. Their adoption would mean the deprivation of some physical comforts, but on the other hand it would tend to the creation of a Sabbath atmosphere sadly needed in most communities.

Having studied this subject with results more or less unsatisfactory to ourselves, but with deep conviction that it is worthy the earnest attention of the church, your committee begs to submit the following conclusions:

1st Question. What do you consider to be the right and wise stand for the church to take in the matter of Sunday observance?

The church should be courageous in preaching her own right to the day as a day of worship, beyond this she should be careful not to antagonize those she would save. With a recognition that times and conditions are rapidly changing, she should with great patience, still teach the sacred observance of the day, and the necessity of divine worship for making men strong and the nation great.

The church may well teach that every Christian should restrict his own conduct with respect to his influence upon others.

It is the privilege and duty of the Church to remind men that every Christian church is an organization within the State, and entitled to the same protection that is given other organizations.

The record of the church as an inspirer to noble manhood and good citizenship entitles it to freedom from all hindrances in the prosecution of its work. Sunday being the day granted by law to the church for its

special work, nothing should be allowed to make that day other than conducive to the best results in character building.

She should emphasize the necessity of making the day different from other days. She should preach, teach, and practice the kind of Sunday observance practiced by Christ, who went about doing good, enjoyed His friends, nature and all beautiful things, and thought the day none too holy in which to do service for others.

2d Question. Are the present laws satisfactory?

Not entirely, for the reason that many of them were framed to meet conditions that no longer exist.

3d Question. Should any of the present laws be modified? Some of them should be, for reasons stated above.

4th Question. Is it desirable to permit the playing of golf, and similar recreations on private and public grounds on Sunday?

The church should do everything in its power to prevent the making of the day a holiday. The legalizing of golf and similar recreations would strongly tend to secularize the day, in that it would make it impossible to prevent the playing of baseball, football, and other games on the Lord's day.

5th Question. Should the opening of museums, reading rooms, and libraries, and like places on Sunday be encouraged?

The opening of such places should be encouraged, and an effort made to meet all legitimate demand. Anything that tends to educate may well receive the earnest support of all thoughtful men.

Objection is made by many on the grounds that such opening involves the labor of attendants, and should therefore not be allowed. So does the opening of our churches and Sunday schools. We employ ministers, singers, and janitors, and some are advocating paid superintendents and teachers in our Sunday schools. The object is the same in both cases, and we believe the results would alike be beneficent. If the aim is to educate and elevate, why is not the employment of the necessary custodians fully justified?

6th Question. Should the opening of school buildings for social purposes, and the yards for playgrounds on Sunday be encouraged?

In the congested parts of large cities this might well be done. It is our belief that this class of public property is not earning for the community and State the returns we have a right to demand. When it is considered that with the exception of their being used for night schools, the school buildings of the State are not occupied but six months of the year (we deduct vacations and two days each week), we feel warranted in the conclusion reached. The schoolhouses could be opened for lectures and good music, the lectures to take the form of

illustrated talks with the aid of the stereopticon and scientific apparatus. As regards the music, most schoolhouses have one or more pianos, with the aid of which Sunday afternoon or evening "sings" could be conducted (if nothing more ambitious were attempted), with results not to be questioned.

7th Question. Should we encourage Sunday concerts in public parks and squares, supported by private subscriptions or town or city appropriations?

We do not believe in encouraging anything that tends to bring together out of doors, a great crowd of people, except for public worship. We are convinced that the typical Sunday concert is that only in name. We are disposed to the belief that public music on Sunday can be made inspiring, helpful, and educative if care be exercised. Unless this is done, the Sunday concert is of little value to any community. We believe the church should co-operate with the general public to the end that where these concerts are allowed, the character of the music shall be good. We do not mean religious music exclusively, but that which elevates and educates, while it pleases.

8th Question. Pending the modifications of the present laws, should their enforcement be insisted upon?

The surest way for the public to rid itself of a bad law is to enforce it. Laws are simply the expression of the judgments of men; no man is infallible, and we are bound to have some laws that are neither wise nor just. When the people are made to feel the results of unwise and unjust laws, the remedy is close at hand; they will repeal them. This suggests the only way to deal with this phase of the Sunday problem. The continued disregard of many of the laws on our statute books by all classes of men has a tendency to destroy the respect for law. The enforcement of the laws are frequently winked at by town and city officials who are on the church rolls. This is a recognized fact, and is costing the church influence and vital force.

9th Question. Would a general observance of the Saturday half-holiday help in any way to solve the Sunday problem and increase church attendance?

The adoption of the Saturday half-holiday is well worth a thorough trial. We believe it would prove a great help in solving the problem of Sunday observance. With a half-holiday for recreation and a general good time we believe men would come up to the Sabbath in better physical condition for devoting themselves to a proper use of the day. It would remove in most cases all grounds for excuse from church attendance on the plea of being physically unable, too tired, etc. It is claimed by many that such a holiday would offer the opportunity for general lawlessness and drunkenness. We do not believe this claim can be substantiated. As a matter of fact, the class of men

most needing the holiday, mechanics and all manual laborers, and among whom would be found those who would be the most inclined to abuse the privilege, have not as yet been given the holiday to any extent. Judgment should therefore be withheld.

"A world without a Sabbath would be like a man without a smile, like a summer without flowers, and like a homestead without a garden. It is the joyous day of the whole week", said Beecher, and he voiced the convictions, we believe, of a large majority of thoughtful people.

The evidence is all about us of the value the Sunday rest day has been to this nation. In the light of what it has done for us, we cannot afford to take a backward track. With the pressure being brought to bear to make the day a holiday, we should hold it as a goodly heritage that is worthy our best endeavor to preserve.

The responsibility resting upon us to set the standard is brought home with great force, when we look at the report of the Committee on Immigration for the first four months of this year. 178,000 immigrants arrived at the port of New York alone. These people have come here to become part and parcel of us.

They bring with them habits and customs that tend to do away with our American Sunday. It rests with us more than with them, to determine whether their influence is to be cast on the side of the Sunday that makes for righteousness. There is no point of view that does not reveal to us the high use of this day, the useful ideals of which have been crystallized not only in the life of all America's past, but in the very enactments of her present laws.

Let that ideal Sunday as woven into American life remain.

We have held two meetings during the year, besides doing individual work in the interests of Sunday observance.

It is our belief that the church should not, except in emergencies, have anything to do with legislation.

We have therefore done nothing, in our official capacity, as regards the Sunday legislation of the past six months, confining ourselves to such individual efforts as seemed wise and desirable.

We regret not having received a larger number of returns from our series of questions, for an understanding as to the feelings of the clergymen on this subject is important if the investigation is to be continued (as we believe it should be), to include all classes of laymen. The recommendations respectfully submitted by us are, we believe, in the interests of earnest and wise consideration of a problem vitally affecting the church.

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# REPORT OF THE CONGREGATIONAL BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY

REV. CHARLES B. RICE, SECRETARY.

The Congregational Board of Pastoral Supply herewith respectfully presents to the General Association of Massachusetts its eighth annual report.

The removal of Dr. Doremus Scudder to an important post in the Pacific Islands has taken from us a member of the Board who was greatly interested in its work and prosperity. The place has been filled by the election to membership of Rev. Calvin M. Clark. Eight meetings of the Board have been held during the year. Questions relating to the policy and administration of the office have received careful consideration.

Miss Mudge, the Secretary's assistant, has been under disability from ill health for a considerable time. She was in the office with the first day of its opening. She had full knowledge of all the details of its working. She was in a marked degree faithful, careful and thorough in the duties of her position. The Board appreciates her service and trusts that her health may soon be restored.

Early in the year the Directors passed an act restraining the Secretary from preaching for more than three-fourths of the time—that is, for more than three-fourths of the Sundays of the year. This act the Secretary feared flatly to disobey, and was not able to any very great extent to evade. He has preached on forty-two Sundays instead of forty-eight, as on the two preceding years. This restriction has indeed secured some measure of relief to the churches, but with a corresponding loss to the treasury of the Board.

During the year ending at the first of May we have furnished aid in matters connected with pastoral settlement to 167 churches. Of these there were in Massachusetts, 73; in Maine, 16; in New Hampshire, 25; in Vermont, 14; in Connecticut, 2; in New York, 16; in North Carolina, 1; in South Carolina, 1; in Florida, 2; in Illinois, 1; in Michigan, 1; in Missouri, 1; in North Dakota, 1; in Oklahoma, 3; in New Mexico, 1; in Idaho, 1; in Arizona, 1; in Colorado, 2; in Washington, 1; in Alaska, 1; in Canada, 2; and in New Brunswick, 1. We have also had official communication from one Methodist church, presumably with leanings toward independency, which we do not count. The number is larger by

one only than last year, which was the largest number to that time. We reckon here nothing except that which has been done in direct response to requests from persons officially representing the churches. The number would be largely increased if we were to include, as we do not, inquiries from members, or friends of members of churches, having no official authority. Business in the line of occasional or temporary supplies is not included. It is not meant that pastoral settlements answering to this number of churches have been directly brought about through the work of our office; but that official consultations relative to filling the pastorate have been had to the extent stated.

The number of actual settlements in which we have had a direct and important share has been 64. This is five more than in any preceding year. In very many other cases our share in the work of settlement, while indirect, is believed to have been of essential value.

The occupants of the office have never lacked employment. The correspondence carried on is large. The consultations held are on many days almost continuous; and there is never any day or any hour when there is not pressing work to be done.

Of the whole number of churches thus conferring with us there were 21 having a membership of over 300; 57 having a membership of from 100 to 300; and 89 with a membership of less than 100. Seventeen of these churches pay a salary of more than \$2,000; 53 a salary of between \$1,000 and \$2,000; and 97 a salary of less than \$1,000. The disproportionate number of the smaller churches has not arisen because the larger churches do not confer with us in fair proportion when vacancies actually occur with them, but it is due to the fact that the vacancies themselves appear less frequently with the larger, and more frequently with the smaller churches, as might be expected.

On the first of May the number of churches in Massachusetts without pastors or regular supplies, was 32; this includes two churches that are not likely to look at all for pastors, and one double field, making the actual pastoral vacancies 29. The list is shorter than ever before, and is less by more than 45 per cent. than it was eight years ago. Other causes have certainly been in operation, but we believe that the work of our office has had much to do with this result.

Opportunities for preaching have been furnished directly from our office to 168 men; and of these men 92 were candidates for settlement. The whole number of occasional supplies furnished was 289. This does not include the preaching of candidates, nor of men who have supplied for a limited but considerable period of time in one place, nor the preaching of the Secretary. As thus defined the average number of weekly supplies has been a little more than five and one-half. During the months from November to April, inclusive, it was only about three and one-fourth.

The number of occasional supplies called for from the office has for several years been diminishing. The reason is found in the diminishing number of churches not supplied with pastors. The result with respect to the churches themselves is gratifying; but it lessens the resources of ministers who depend in whatever measure upon the finding of such employment. The diminution referred to does not appear at all during the summer months, when the calls for supplies are mainly to take the place of pastors absent on their vacations, — these calls remaining fully as numerous as ever.

The account of Mr. Charles E. Swett, Treasurer of the Board, is as follows:—

### TREASURER'S REPORT, 1901-1902.

#### EXPENSES. Postage \$70 85 77 93 Travelling expenses . Telephone and telegraph . 20 50Books and stationery 31 91 Advertising 46 20 Printing 13 47 Rebinding Year Books (15 vols.) 10 50 8 60 Assistants' salary (11 months) . 412 50Additional office help 50 10 Rent and care of room 301 02 Secretary's salary 2,000 00 Balance due April 30, 1901 416 32 \$3,459 90 RECEIPTS. Preaching by Secretary \$450 00 Office fees . 457 97 Special gifts from churches . . 15 78 Received from Treasurer of General Association 2,536 15 \$3,459 90

For the first time the Board has no debt. Three years and one-half ago the indebtedness was \$3,420.19. The balance of \$416.32, which was due one year ago, has disappeared. The treasury of the General Association will hereafter be relieved to this extent, — not to speak of the larger sums that had been paid in previous years for the extinguishing of the debt. Setting aside this expenditure, which will not need to be repeated, the amount received from the treasury of the Association during the last year was \$2,119.83. We recommend that provision for

about this sum be made for the ensuing year. We hope that increasing receipts from office fees may lessen somewhat the amount that will be needed. We are grateful to the churches for their considerate kindness in removing this burden of debt which has so long rested on us.

We have in our office constant knowledge of the straitened financial conditions in which very many of our brethren in the ministry are placed. This is a most painful feature of our work. We do most earnestly whatever we can in relief; but the difficulties of the general situation are too great.

Of the twenty-nine pastoral vacancies in Massachusetts on the first of May, there are five in which the salary is likely to be \$3,000 or more; eight, or perhaps but six, where it may fall between \$1,000 and \$2,000; four between \$800 and \$2,000; and twelve where it will be \$800 or less. In the three States at the north where our business is large, there were, taking them altogether, not more than six or seven churches without pastors and paying a salary of \$1,000 or more. One can judge of the numbers of men ready to fill and able to fill these places. The anxieties and difficulties involved can also, perhaps, be imagined.

We have made some computations as to the range of salaries in our Massachusetts churches. It is not possible to be exact. Reductions in salary have not always been reported to the "Year Book". Large contributions by pastors themselves have not been deducted. Parsonage rentals have sometimes been included where they should not have been with cash payments. We have corrected the figures wherever we could, but the amounts must still in many cases be too high. We have estimated and added the value of parsonage rentals, using a sliding scale of values, rough, but not far aside from the facts. We have reckoned none but English-speaking churches, and have counted double fields as one. Thus reduced we have 534 pastoral fields. Making up the total of all salaries and dividing by this number, the quotient is \$1,529, which might be called the average salary. But this term is very misleading. If four men have salaries of \$700, \$800, \$900 and \$2,600, the average salary will be \$1,250, while three of the four men get less than \$1,000 each. This so-called average Massachusetts salary of \$1,529 is not probably the salary of the average man, if there is such a man. This term "average" appears, indeed to be unbecoming and noxious as applied to ministers. It has long been wholly eschewed in our office. No church wishes for an average man. The men whom we recommend are all in some way peculiar men. They are in certain directions marked, with dispositions or endowments, capacities, accomplishments, habits or humors distinctively their own, and shedding individual interest on They are not average men. The average man is worse than the man fifty years old. But the average salary, as just figured, is little more than a bare mathematical result, without enlightening significance.

There are 48 Massachúsetts pastors having a salary of \$3,000 or more; 83 have between \$2,000 and \$3,000; 107 between \$1,200 and \$2,000; 154 between \$900 and \$1,200; and 142 have less than \$900. It appears thus that 298 men, or much more than one-half of the whole, have salaries of less than \$1,200, which sum itself is more than \$300 below the above-figured average. A little less than one-fourth have over \$2,000. Almost exactly one-fifth have from \$1,200 to \$2,000. Twenty-nine per cent.—well toward one-third—have from \$900 to \$1,200,—a large proportion within so short a range; and considerably more than one-fourth have less than \$900, house rent being in all cases included. The stress of life falls on these last men.

Our office uses diligently every proper means in the effort to check reduction and to encourage increase in these salaries. There is reason to believe that these efforts have often had some effect. Yet it is always to be borne in mind that, even at the present rate of expenditure, the strain upon the *giving members* of these smaller churches is often great. Many of these churches and these ministers deserve admiration as much as they deserve sympathy and aid.

The parish system brings discomforts to many pastors and shortens their term of service. With many of the smaller churches, perhaps especially, the life of the church almost and the soul of the minister are cast into the hands of worldly men, who think more of the comfortable raising of money than of any spiritual good to be wrought.

In many cases a better mode of pastoral settlement would greatly lighten the wear of ministerial life and prolong happily the terms of service. It is not well that the minister should be hired barely for such a time and for so much money, - an arrangement full of many anxieties and sinkings of heart. It does not seem best either that he should be hired with liberty to close the engagement upon a brief notice only, with no accompanying and dignifying public forms. The ancient method of settlement by council is shunned largely for the fear that such a relation may be hard to bring to an end, since the ministers may decline to join in the call for a mutual council; and it may not be reasonable that an engagement should bind the church and not the pastor. The method originally suggested by Dr. Quint, providing a guarantee that upon due notice by either party a mutual council should be called, to which the question of the continuance of the pastoral relation should be referred, seems to offer a fair solution of the whole difficulty. The pastorate would then begin and end with publicity, dignity and responsibility, and the tie on both church and pastor would be elastic but not brittle. The subject is commended to your consideration. If our brethren cannot all be paid appropriately, their official lives should at least be fittingly appointed, cherished and sustained.

We wish to renew the statements of former years to the effect that

our office is essentially public in all its obligations and responsibilities. The work of the Secretary is regulated and recorded in every practicable detail, to the intent that it may be open to authorized inspection and control in every particular. It may be added that the Secretary does not regard this obligation and control resting on him as in any wise a grievance, but far contrary, it is to him a main ground of safety and a chief source of comfort.

Criticism from any Congregational quarter is welcomed and carefully regarded. If anything does not seem to be done in fairness and justice, we earnestly wish that the matter might be brought to our attention, that the error, if it has occurred, may, if possible, be quickly corrected.

We are grateful to the churches and brethren for the patience which they have exercised towards us, and for the confidence shown by their entrusting to us the very large measure of work which comes continually to our hands. We hope that the quality of the service rendered by our office may improve as its extent enlarges. And we pray that it may not miss its aims, and that it may be guided and approved of God.

### SOME LEAVES FROM THE HISTORY OF ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL ASSOCIATION

REV. DEWITT S. CLARK, SALEM.

In his introduction to Mediæval Church History, Dean Trench says, "The Church Militant, if in all ages a success, is also in all ages a failure. Some may dwell almost exclusively on one of these aspects. We shall do well not to hide our eyes from either." It is but of a small division of the Church Universal, and for only a brief period of its life, that I am proposing to speak. One hundred years is but a moment in the Lord's sight, though what occurs in that stretch is full of meaning to His kingdom. That is long enough to discover signs both of the triumph and defeat of His church, though, on the whole, proofs of its growth and progress are abundant. Some of these, which, however they appear to the Infinite mind, seem to us to be of supreme import, are to be noted in the time allotted to this review.

It is perhaps fitting that a successor in office of Rev. Roger Williams, pastor of the First Church in Salem — that very uncomfortable advocate of "soul liberty"—should be called to tell the story of an organization formed for the very purpose he most distrusted, and which movement, through his influence, was arrested for nearly two hundred years.

"The ministers of the Bay and Sagus," writes Governor Winthrop, "did meet once a fortnight at one of their houses by course, where some question of moment was debated. Mr. Skelton... and Mr. Williams... took some exception against it, as fearing it might grow in time to a presbytery or superintendency, to the prejudice of the Church's liberties."

But "wisdom is justified of her children." It is my pleasant duty to bear witness to the excellent workings of a scheme whose full operation was not revealed to his keen vision. I am called to repeat a five-fold tale, yet I am persuaded it is hardly a household one. Of its particulars, it still seems proper that

"Our lips shall tell them to our sons And they again to theirs."

In 1818 a historical account of the Association — its rise and doings was prepared by the Secretary, Rev. Enoch Hale. This was read and ordered to be inscribed in the "Minutes." It is cause for regret that this, with the Records of the first fourteen years of the Association's life, was lost in a fire which destroyed the house of the Secretary. In 1838 a historical sketch of the body was published in the American Quarterly Register (Vol. II.), by the then Secretary, Rev. Thomas Snell, D.D. In 1851 Rev. Emerson Davis, D.D., printed in the "Minutes" of that year, a similar account. In 1859 Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, D.D., made a careful study of its history, which appeared in the first volume of the Congregational Quarterly. In 1876 Rev. I. N. Tarbox, D.D., read a scholarly and comprehensive paper upon the same subject, which may be found in the Report of that year - its seventy-fifth meeting. The mention of these names is sufficient guarantee to the fidelity and ability with which this work was done. A later and unskilled annalist can do little more than rehearse the facts they so carefully and exhaustively collected and so felicitously stated.

Gatherings of ministers to discuss religious and ecclesiastical matters were in existence, as we have seen, in the Bay Colony so early as 1635. After a time these appear to have been discontinued, for some twenty-five years, when in 1662 there were proposals for a form of Consociation—a standing council of the neighboring churches and pastors to hear and judge in ecclesiastical controversies. This met with little favor and was rejected by the churches, which thought themselves fully equal to self-government.

In 1690 an Association held its first meeting at Cambridge, whose outcome in 1705 was a definite proposal to organize both Associations and Consociations through the Colony. The discussion over the prefixes "ad" and "con," with the radical difference in church life and administration turning upon the adoption of either, almost paralleled that in

the early church over the "Homöousion" and "Homœousion," as defining the relation of the Son to the Father. The Association advocates, however, prevailed in the most of New England, though in Connecticut, a modified Consociation was instituted which still exists. Cotton Mather says, in the Magnalia (1725), "The country is full of Associations formed by the pastors in their several vicinities, for the prosecution of evangelical purposes," and he describes the general character of their meetings. The Boston Association seems to have been the first of these which gradually multiplied, in their county lines, so that there were a considerable number in Massachusetts at the beginning of the last century. The sense of isolation, the lack of opportunities for conference, the need of mutual inspiration and encouragement, was much felt by the ministers in the remoter and more sparsely-settled parts of the State. The movement toward a closer union naturally originated with them.

In 1802 the Brookfield Association invited the others (twenty-four in number, several with a very small membership) to confer as to the expediency of forming a General Association. We have no copy of the text of that invitation, but in 1809 we find this maxim published "that mankind were formed for society, and that the social bond contributes immeasurably to the comfort of individuals and the welfare of the world," in accordance with which principle, the following statement from the Constitution outlines the object of the new organization: "To promote brotherly intercourse and harmony and our mutual animation and assistance and usefulness as ministers of Christ, to obtain religious information relative to the state of our particular churches and the general state of the Christian Church in this country and through the Christian world, and to co-operate with other similar institutions in the most eligible measures for building up the cause of truth and holiness."

Only eight of the Associations responded to this call, but these determined that it was best to organize such "General Association," and appointed the first regular meeting at Northampton, in June, 1803, to which each district body was requested to send two delegates. The basis of Union recommended was the Assembly's Shorter Catechism. Their purpose was declared to be "to cherish, strengthen, and transmit the pure principles of Congregationalism." They entirely disavowed "ecclesiastical power over the churches or the opinions of individuals." At this meeting only five of the associations and those from the rural sections were represented. It is almost pathetic that these yearnings of lonely, fervent, needy spirits should have had such feeble and grudging answer by their brethren in other and more favored regions.

At the next annual session, only five appeared through their delegates, while the following year only three. In 1806 and 1807, six. A larger

number responded in 1808; more in 1809, at which Rules were adopted, which, in the main, have been the working order of the body to the present day. The organization of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions at the meeting in Bradford, in 1810, gave an impetus and prominence which gradually drew into alliance and support the reluctant Associations. Those holding orthodox views, one after another connected themselves with it. The last to come in was the "Mendon," which held aloof till 1841. The strong personality of Dr. Emmons was the restraining cause. He saw in the whole tendency a frightful bogey, which he anathematized in this striking rhetorical "descensus," "Associationism leads to Consociationism; Consociationism leads to Presbyterianism; Presbyterianism leads to Episcopacy; Episcopacy leads to Roman Catholicism, and Roman Catholicism is an ultimate fact." The "ultimate fact" was such a horror to the ordinary minister of less courage that he dare not enter into the path leading straight thereto, till the hand of the Master was lifted from his shoulder; that was not till death relaxed its hold and the liberty of which he himself was so jealous was granted these, his associates. But now, for sixty years, each District Association in the State has had membership in the larger body called "The General Association of Massachusetts Proper," till Maine became a separate Commonwealth, when the latter limiting word was dropped.

Some of the reasons alleged for their slow endorsement of this Union were, the fear lest the clergy assume power over the churches; lest there be a lowering in the doctrinal tone through compromise; while some who inclined to Unitarian views were loth to accept the Assembly's Catechism as a ground of faith and effort. Some thought it altogether unnecessary, since the General Convention of Congregational Ministers would amply serve the interests of the churches in that direction.

Dr. Quint has well stated the real situation: "Advantages and disadvantages were lost in one fact, viz., that the Association, with the Catechism as its basis, served as a bond to the defenders of that faith; while its opposition was found in that section which soon openly avowed itself Unitarian. Both parties evidently saw, distinctly, that a movement basing itself on the Old Calvanistic theology would speedily separate friends and foes, as the event proved. It was on this account that the organization was reprobated by the seaboard clergy and upheld by the Associations located in those rugged localities, which are never favorable to a loose and effeminate theology."

So Evangelical Congregationalism then lifted its eyes unto the hills, whence came its help; and Andover was then in the "hill country."

It is not easy to picture those earlier assemblies. The photographer with his camera, for instant impression, was not. Tradition has it that

the ministerial office was a sort of magisterial one as well, and that the incumbent bore himself in a lordly manner. If the shaven face gradually was fringed with beard, and the wig gave place to nature's covering, and the gown and bands to the high-collared coat and lofty stock, and the knee-breeches and stockings and shoe-buckles to the trousers and boots of the present, the change was so slow that the priestly garb hardly lost its distinctive character. Greetings were formal and conversation was measured while the profound consciousness of being "the parson," never escaped the wearer of that title. The gathering of the "Reverends" and "Doctors" anywhere, was occasion of universal interest and the hospitality of the community where they met was unstinted. It was a great event for any church or town to entertain the General Association as its members came by the Parochial chaise or the imposing stage-coach to the appointed place. There was much dignity in all the proceedings, which seem to have been more devotional than deliberative. The main feature was the Associational sermon, usually assigned to one of the most prominent ministers in his locality. It was expected to be and was received as his supreme effort. It was, commonly, a lengthy and elaborate disquisition on some doctrinal theme - frequently a controversial one - with introduction, definition, proposition, argument - much divided and fortified by scriptural quotations in full measure — improvement and conclusion. The accompanying prayer, too, was no less a stately, expansive, informing theo. logical and unliturgical exercise in which the gift of utterance had full play, to the edification of critical listeners. The discussions and proposals in the business sessions never were allowed to degenerate into the loose and familiar manner of later times. All was so regulated as to further the impression of a season of intellectual and spiritual refreshing, from which the participants returned to their labors quickened in soul and intensified in holy purpose.

This has been a peripatetic body, determined to ignore no part of its territory. It has camped in the great city and the country village—generally alternating between East and West. It has been five times entertained at the "Heart of the Commonwealth," our most representive Congregational City; four times each at Springfield, New Bedford, Westfield and Pittsfield. Once before in 1839, in this historic place, whither it would have been supposed the loyal sons of the Pilgrims would have oftener come to do homage at the shrines of their ancestors. But we are not—after the Chinese fashion—worshippers at tombs. Rather do we turn where the calls of the present are loudest, and where living problems confront us. These may be great in the country where a foreign population supplants the native New Englander and degenerates into as gross heathenism as prevails in the metropolis. In the former, the decay of religious life is more noticeable, and the deserted

meeting-house a more depressing object than in the busy streets of the town.

Dr. Tarbox affirms that our most profitable and enthusiastic meetings have been in the smaller places, where there was less to divert the attention of the delegates. Their conscientiousness in this respect may be illustrated by a vote passed at the session in Salem in 1856, "That every member of the Association may have leave of absence at ten o'clock this morning, for half an hour, to visit the museum in this Doubtless they were aware of the subtle witchery of the City." locality and set a double guard over the unwary, but the excellent habit of those times were well revived by those who are responsible for the action of the churches in this their representative capacity. They came up to the feast to tarry till its close, and not after the present fashion, when distinguished ministers - birds of passage - remain long enough to deliver an address and then haste on to more important duties elsewhere. A mere glimpse at prodigies may be pleasing, but they of the humbler sort should have the chance to perfect acquaintance with their more gifted brethren. The true, loyal denominationalist longs to lift his special standard and bring up the whole order to his own higher level, and will devote both time and strength and heart

The Association has been fortunate in its servants—the men with the inkhorn and the bag. It has had seven Scribes or Secretaries: Rev. Enoch Hall, 1804-1824; Rev. Thos. Snell, D. D., 1824-1850; Rev. Emerson Davis, D. D., 1850-1858; Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, D. D., 1858-1881; Rev. Marshall M. Cutter, 1881-1888; Rev. Henry A. Hazen, D. D., 1888-1901; Rev. Eugene C. Webster, 1901——.

In the office of Registrar, created in 1868: Rev. James P. Kimball, 1868-1881; Rev. Albert G. Bale, 1881-1897; Rev. Francis J. Marsh, 1897——.

In the office of Treasurer, as distinct from Secretary: George E. Clark, 1872-1881; William L. Greene, 1881-1884; Nathan Mosman, 1884-1887; Edward I. Thomas, 1887-1891; William A. Paine, 1891-1899; Henry P. Emerson, 1899——.

These offices have become more burdensome with the growth of the Association and the increased work it attempts. The collection of the Statistics of the Churches would more properly merit their disparaging classification with "black lies and white lies," if we consider their earlier form. In 1812 a committee was appointed to devise and report a mode to preserve the facts contained in the returns of the State of the Churches. In 1816 one member of each Association was instructed to collect and forward the returns in his district to the Secretary, and for this a blank schedule was prepared. In 1819 these were first attempted under the same general divisions as at present. In 1826, the first abstract

of the Reports was published in the Minutes — which showed one hundred and twenty-nine churches with a membership of 14,046. no mention of benevolences. For years, however, these Reports were most incomplete and fragmentary. They were little more than the blade which matured into a starveling ear, and not till 1856 did the full corn of information, under the culture of that master of tables and figures, Dr. Quint, appear. Gradually a better approximation to the facts concerning all our churches is made, but it still remains and perhaps will remain true, that only the least valuable results of the faithful preaching of the Word of Christ can be tabulated. We have gained enough to excite a rivalry-possibly a healthy one-between the several churches as to which is the "greatest," and certainly have taken care to inform our left hand what our right is doing. little Benjamin among the denominational tribes, plainly enough, has the cup in his sack, and has no terrors in finding it there. His "divining" with it, is in putting it at the service of the thirsty throughout the world. Else, what mean his large donations as compared with those of his sturdier brethren?

His expenditures for himself in the beginning were becomingly modest. In the first published accounting of his steward for the year 1829, there was the report of \$104 raised, with an unexpended balance in the treasury of \$56.78. The years of growth have witnessed to his larger necessities, till in our last Annual Report we learn he has paid \$6,414.64, while his income has been \$1,701.93 short of the amount asked for his legitimate clothing, housing and feeding. Certain parts of this body have withheld their due proportion and have defied any officials to collect it. It would be improper to specify them or call attention to their superior prudence or inferior ability, or unbrotherly bearing. For the good judgment of the rest, in this particular, these have only contempt. For their request, these have only refusal. Hence the unseemly exhibition of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts owing faithful servants, and the children of this world, a debt, which common righteousness demands shall be immediately cancelled. Some others, too, might well ponder the ancient precept, "say not unto thy neighbor go, and come again and to-morrow I will give, when thou hast it by thee." That surplus in the Treasury in 1829, speaketh far better things than the deficiency of 1901!

In no other company of believers has the Christly command to call no man your master on the earth been more readily complied with. The attempt to impose a system of doctrine, or levy a tax, or force a policy has always been met with stout resistance. While holding that the individual church is the unit, in which the majority rule is sacred, they have signally refused to abide by it, when the whole body of churches is concerned. Independency has been their boast, and none have been

able to bring their necks under any edict which, in their united capacity, they have themselves issued. They have tolerated advice, received recommendations, voted what is expedient, and then every one done as seemed good in their own sight. That, with such liberty, so great a degree of unity has been maintained, is a marvel, and argues strongly for their heavenly genesis. They have survived, in spite of themselves, for that God had some high mission for them in the earth.

The Association was - be it remembered - for more than half its life, only representative of the churches, through their pastors. It was far more than some would admit, a hierarchical organization. clergy - vigorous protestants against Romish methods - were yet a law unto themselves and their rule had not a little of the autocratic about The more democratic spirits grew jealous of this authority -- so presuming - and repeatedly tried to introduce a lay element into the membership. But we find, in 1845, and again, in 1853,— at the instance of the Essex North Association — the first definite proposals to that end. These revolutionary suggestions were conveniently smothered in committee, till reviving after eight years of uneasy sleep, it was voted to "recommend that no further agitation of the matter be had." But the irrepressible was at work, and, after seven years, in the Union with the "General Conference" - an organization of both ministers and laymen formed in 1860 - the new rule of membership was adopted, whereby "each .Association might appoint annually two delegates and each District Conference of Churches three delegates, who shall be laymen, who, with the Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer and Pastor of the Church, with which the Annual Session is held, shall constitute the General Asso-

This surrender on the part of the ministry—as a special and infallible order in such administration as is possible among associated churches—was a proper acceptance of our Congregational theory of the perfect equality of Christian believers. The distrusted layman at last won his right to sit with the ordained elders in consultation concerning the interests of the Church of God, though the *Ecclesiastical* Declaration of Independence followed the Political, after more than half a century had elapsed. It may be that the happy and effective conduct of the National Council in 1865, whose Declaration of Faith as a Doctrinal Basis was, in 1867, substituted for the Assembly's Catechism, had much influence in this liberation of the clerical mind and heart.

Through its whole history the Association, unfettered by tradition, unhampered by rubrics, unsworn to human interpretations of the Infinite will and way, slowly and even toilsomely advanced in knowledge of eternal methods and revelation as these concerned the practical life of the person, the community, the nation. The Spirit of all wisdom originated movements which in due time permeated the whole body. The

common conviction of a Divine summons led to the establishment of societies and agencies which have blessed not simply the State, but the World. Its first and most illustrious creation was the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, which, upon being incorporated, passed beyond its supervision; but that memorable ride of Drs. Worcester and Spring, in the former's chaise from Salem to Bradford, was in company of the Unseen One, on whose errand they went, and whose gospel of salvation they were thus inspired to herald to the uttermost parts of the earth. In this evolutionary process, the separated has far exceeded in size and weight the original body, and its orbit is vastly wider, as it sweeps grandly and blessed along its holy path among the nations. The Domestic Missionary Society, having for its aim the aiding of feeble churches within our borders, was another of its early and timely children whose adoption by the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, ten years later, was both proper and profitable. The Monthly Concert of Prayer was of its initiation, whose fruits, both at home and abroad, have richly adorned the Tree of Life. The Society for the Promotion of Temperance had a wide and urgent field, and many a heroic champion from its ranks, while as yet zeal in this cause, was pronounced "fanaticism." Christian education, as Mt. Holyoke Seminary offered it to women, received its cordial endorsement. At almost every session after 1832, some measures were adopted, if possible, to abate the shame and crime of African slavery. The Association never was a silent witness of this "sum of all villainies," but longed and prayed for the day of its overthrow. When the nation was in a death grapple with that malign power, this body was alert and, as with a single soul, pledged, through its membership, to those in authority, if need be - as did their fathers "their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor." Overtures were repeatedly made to other branches of the Christian Church, in the hope of closer union of effort in behalf of the unevangelized. In 1868, the attention of the churches was turned to those who, disabled after years of faithful service in the ministry, were in actual poverty or need. This duty of providing for our own household, less spectacular, but more Christlike than bestowing on those they had not seen, was eloquently enforced by Dr. John Pike, and the "Board of Ministerial Aid" was formed, with an appeal to the churches for its generous support. For a long time they had thus been practically "denying the faith," unaware that "the infidels" had them at a disadvantage.

One of the most distinctive and natural acts of these associated churches was the inauguration of the "Board of Pastoral Supply," now in the ninth year of its operation. Preceded by much debate and watched carefully lest it usurp the office of a judge and a divider over God's heritage, it has proved a most helpful and discreet servitor of

both churches and ministers. Indeed, some wonder why this remedy for the sad strangerhood of those who ought to have been joined together in the Lord's work was not earlier discovered. It is both "presbuteros" and "episcopos," without the officiousness of either, and in its delicate and responsible trust has installed the one man whom the Lord plainly raised up for to set the solitary parties, not skilled in the arts of ecclesiastical wooing, in families.

No small part of the time at the annual meetings of late years has been devoted to the best means of reaching and bringing all classes of people, within and without our parishes, under the influence of the Gospel. The problems have been carefully studied and stated by those qualified to speak and what is, and what may and should be, in our widely differing communities, have been forcefully presented. Many a stirring and heart-searching address has been given on this subject, the echoes of which, though faint, have been heard throughout our borders. These have wrought perceptible results in more definite and careful labors by not a few pastors. Certain stock subjects have regularly come before the meetings; African Colonization - formerly evoking as visionary and enthusiastic schemes as (latterly) the condition and possibilities of the Freedman; Sabbath desecration—as pressing an evil, when quiet non-church-goers disturbed the preachers, as now when the wholesale excursioning grieves them; Intemperance - when liquors were pure and indulgence general, as before the use of "the forty rod" distillation; Bible instruction—as sadly neglected when there was but the "one book" in the household, as now when it is buried beneath the mass of transient publications; Papacy — as dangerous and pestilent a foe then, as now, when our own philanthropists subscribe for the erection of churches under the control of "the man on the Tiber"; the Public School - liable then to become a fountain whence flow baneful waters of unbelief, just as now many bewail its godlessness; Immorality—whose prevalence then alarmed as now, when the shocking violations of the laws of purity are so manifest; Benevolence - when men pinched a quarter quite as hard as now they do the dollar, and experienced an equal pang in parting with it; Dull Sermonizing — as intolerable an infliction then, though outwardly sanctified, as now, when the layman is less long-suffering under the discipline; Councils - then, as now, a puzzle, while our denominational unfolding has been slow and unable to explain to the earnest inquirer its own secret method of progress. What Congregationalism is, remains almost as great a mystery as when Robert Browne found himself espousing it, or John Robinson (according to Dr. Dexter) was expecting "more light" concerning it, "to break forth from the Word," or the Puritan settlers at old Naumkeag were stumbling upon it as the normal order of a Christian Church. Yet, we have numerous

"manuals" expounding its principles and contending that no other system so well answers the necessities of associated religious life. In the ever-new circumstances and emergencies of our modern civilization, its advocates have been in our hearing eloquently rallying the churches to appreciate its marvelous adaptability and sufficiency, as they remind us that—

"New occasions teach new duties; Time makes ancient good uncouth; They must upward still and onward, who would keep abreast of Truth; Lo, before us gleam her camp-fires! we ourselves must Pilgrims be, Launch our Mayflower, and steer boldly through the desperate winter sea, Nor attempt the Future's portal with the Past's blood-rusted key."

What is that but an Apotheosis of Congregationalism?

More and more it has been borne in upon our churches that they are not appointed simply for their own conservation, and that no interest of humanity anywhere is foreign to them. Therefore the great variety of questions which have come before these annual gatherings. They have "Resolved," — in season, out of season — on all sorts of subjects, from filial piety to Asiatic cholera; from the use of tobacco to the observance of Good Friday; from Sunday mails to the conflagration of a parsonage in Florida; from prison reform to ministerial hypocrisies. The brethren have seemed to suppose that firing these cartridges — so often blank - would be effective in scaring away the genii of iniquity ever hovering over and preying upon the people. After having solemnly "resolved," they went, with a light conscience, home to their work. But the giddy youth and the deadly microbe, the greedy farmer and the rigid non-conformist, the Post Master-General and the "third primal element," the turn-key and the "wolf in sheep's clothing" went on their way, too, not much disturbed nor changed in purpose or conduct. Now and then a heavy shot sped from the mouth of this ponderous ordnance and struck down the offender, but the beneficent results of such random gunnery have probably been much overrated. "moral impression" is mostly realized by the offerer, whose faith is quickened by the adoptive vote of the multitude. The maxim, "the way to do things is to do them," applies with much force to such deliberative bodies as this and might well call a halt to the tendency to general memorializing, ineffective and profitless, save as it gives vent to some one with "a burning fire shut up in his bones, who is weary with forbearing and cannot contain."

The Association, however, has been far from saying and doing not. From an early date a "narrative as to the state of religion among the churches" was annually given. This gradually broadened in its scope, and (in 1868), was entrusted to a committee, with Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, D. D., as secretary. He developed its inquiries and made most voluminous reports, valuable to those who cared to listen to or peruse them. With notable persistency, he wrought at this task till his death twenty years later. Since that, a large committee has—through some one of

its members — annually presented a summary of the several reports, with pertinent inferences, conclusions and recommendations. making many of the latter, there seems, as with books, to be "no end" and much study of them is a weariness to the clerical and diaconal flesh, for it may be feared that few of either class carefully "read, ponder and inwardly digest" these copious suggestions. It was also a custom from 1815 till 1866 to have a Pastoral Letter sent in the name of the Association to each church. Consecrated ministers spoke through these, words of affectionate counsel and admonition, which were doubtless humbly and gratefully received. They dwelt much upon the need and efficacy of Revivals; the importance of knowing and contending for our faith and polity; the duty of catechetical instruction; of more careful study of the Scriptures; of practising the Christian virtues at home and in business; of Sunday observance and prayerfulness, of patriotic and benevolent effort. If there was something of the professional about such communications, it was no more than obtained in social life generally, but their words, sensible and sincere, we may believe, are still inciting to holier lives and larger charities as they go on down the years. Through the formal phrases of the schools, the heart - loyal to Christ and His Church - cannot be altogether stifled, while its aspirations and satisfactions will transform even "cant" terms into vital appeal and incite to wholesome meditation. The value of Epistles to the churches did not all lapse with those sent out under the seal of the Apostles.

Could we flash upon the screen the faces of those who have been leaders and participants in the meetings of this body, it would be a most imposing array. To name Woods and Worcester and Edwards and Wisner and Cooke and Codman and Blagden and Beecher and Shepard and Humphrey and Field and Storrs and Blanchard and Todd and Stone and Manning and Dexter and Park and Anderson and Clark and Phelps and Hopkins and Stearns and Quint and Seelye, is to call the roll of masters of Assemblies, of valiant champions of the truth, of eminent scholars, of godly and zealous pastors, of exalted patriots whose record is plainly written in the life of the churches they served and the communities where they dwelt.

And with them we should recognize, in fit companionship during these later years—those eminent citizens bearing financial and official burdens—Washburn and Walker and Aldrich and Bradford and Dennison and Boynton and Plunkett and Dodge and Ropes and Stowe and Hyde and Sawyer and Chapman and Whitin and Marsh and Swan and Russell and Child and Richardson and Hardy and Taylor, and a multitude of equal rank, who have made the name of Christian, a synonym for everything that is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely and of good report.

With such wise and capable counsellors how could it be that theory should not be reduced to practice and vagary put to the test of sense!

These all being dead still speak to us, to lift higher the standard of the Christ, whom they now behold with open eye; to contend earnestly for the faith once, and still, being delivered unto the saints; to lose no heart in the battle which raged as fiercely about them as now it does about the most hardly bestead, since they fully believed it was the Father's good pleasure to give them the Kingdom—yes, and to us, their successors.

Far sighted, firmly girded by the Eternal Word and successful in its application to every need of the individual and of the multitudes, we do well to honor them, whose monument we behold in the six hundred and one churches throughout the Commonwealth, wearing our Congregational name, exponents of the Gospel they loved and which they devoutly received from our adorable Lord and Master.

So we unitedly join in the ascription, -

- "For all thy saints who from their labors rest Who Thee by faith, before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
- "O blest Communion! fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine."

It is a comfort to every soul, ambitious to make some worthy contribution to the world's progress, that each person and each generation has its unique opportunity, and mission. We cannot think that all the problems which face the people of God, have been presented to any one age or class. If only the leaders in religious thought and effort keep pace with their fellows in the secular sphere—as these have advanced almost with giant stride—they will have grandly fulfilled their mission.

These whom we honor met their obligation. Ours, with even greater demands, appall us. Many a brave heart falters at the sight, but with united purpose, larger sympathy and a more burning zeal, we shall be equal to them and make this new era fuller of triumphs than of failures.

The Ark of God advances!

Let the several tribes of our Israel strike their tents and, in their appointed order, with firm step move on after it, toward the land promised to our fathers for a possession!

The Old Bay State has been in the van hitherto! May she maintain her position, so long as the march lasts, while the Centuries come and go!

## THE CONSTRUCTIVE CHURCH: HER DOCTRINAL TEACHING

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The church feels the practical impulse of the time in the demand that her work be constructive. She is to build men up in the faith, to establish them in the divine life and show the structural lines on which they may attain fullest development in conformity to Christ. Theology is responding to this impulse and beginning to make the practical consideration paramount.

This venerable science may be broadly and simply defined as the interpretation which the mind gives to the facts on which spiritual experience rests. It takes us into the realm of man's life as a child of God, and seeks to give a reasonable account of this relationship. It is not a science about God alone, but about God in His relation to man and man in his relation to God. Theology that is worthy of its name springs out of life. The play of the mind upon problems merely intellectual will never yield constructive teaching. Debating clubs may be quickened by it, but not churches. It is because man has met God that he thinks about Him, and thinking about Him he wants to meet Him again and know Him better. The divine touch has aroused him to wonder and contemplation, and the earnest thinker aims to give a report of what he has inwardly felt. The deeper the experience the truer will be the resulting theology.

Since this inner sense of God is the prime condition of effectual religious teaching, its object is manifestly similar. A man feels the touch of God upon his soul, the thrill of divine life within, and tries to tell his friend about it. Herein is the genesis of all true theology. It is the endeavor to beget life by the medium of truth, and the circuit of a vital theology is from life to life through the instrumentality of the discerning and communicating mind. If the teaching of the church shall keep close to the spring of this native impulse it will be saved from many obscurities and futile forms.

Under this conception we may face the conditions which the church is called to meet. It is commonly agreed that the past generation has witnessed a change in the prevailing attitude toward the traditional doctrines. There is less insistence on earlier forms of thought. Doctrinal preaching is not in vogue, the people rarely demanding it and ministers not feeling strongly impelled to it. Venerable positions not infrequently have been assailed. To be mildly heretical is, in the eyes of the public, more nearly a sign of honor than of reproach. The

secular press sympathizes with the man who is on trial for his liberal views and the popular presumption holds that the future is with him. This general situation some deplore, some are indifferent and some hail it as holding signs of promise. Assuredly it is a situation to be reckoned with. We have already passed into this transition period, and the obvious word of counsel seems to be that the attitude of the church toward theology, on which her doctrinal teaching rests, in order to be constructive must be avowedly reconstructive.

This carries with it some definite obligations, indicating the spirit of such reconstruction. Chief among them is the requirement that the church, in order to be understood, must speak the language of the thinking that is fundamental to its own time. This has been true of every constructive period. Clement, of Alexandria, Origen and Athanasius, that distinguished intellectual triumvirate, who successively fathered the Nicene theology, were themselves under bonds to Plato and thought in the modes of the Greek and Alexandrian philosophy. Without this intellectual sympathy they could not have brought the new experience of the Christian faith home to the minds of the deep thinkers of their own day. The ruling philosophy conditioned theology then as it has ever since and as it will. By its defects and limitations the spokesmen of the church have been hampered, indeed, but they have, also, been immeasurably aided by these modes of thought that provided vehicles of expression, natural, inevitable and desirable. Without them the church would have been out of touch with the mind of its age.

A similar necessity rests upon us of to-day. Conceptions that are ruling within men's minds cannot be ignored. The one influence that has most strongly affected the thinking of our day is not difficult to The principle of evolution, irrespective of its precise formulation as a theory of biology, has fundamentally affected the point of view of the modern mind and its methods of investigation have become It deals with vital forces, seeking to trace the processes of their activity and to understand the laws of their operation. Its central word is organism and it strives to know the functions of life as related to its organic unity. This one signal instance makes emphatic the requirement resting upon the church to translate its meaning into current terms, instead of compelling men to think in formulas that to them seem out-worn. An antiquated doctrine is like a nut that is hard to crack. Its kernel would feed you, if you could get at it. The business of the church is not to make theological nut-crackers, but to feed men with the kernels of truth. I plead for a wide sympathy with the earnest, thoughtful men outside the church for whose sake we are to tell of the things of the spirit. We cannot afford to speak a foreign language nor to use terms with double meanings that mislead. impression needs to be dispelled that the church is retained for a

defensive theology, by the espousal of a teaching contemporary with the mind of its age, direct and sincere.

Akin to this requirement is the need for a frank avowal of the legitimacy of human reason in connection with matters of faith. such a man as Mr. Kidd puts religion in the class of what is ultrarational, there needs to be a counter-affirmation holding the entire reasonableness of Christianity. A thorough-going Protestantism will keep us alive to the fact that the human mind in its power of spiritual apprehension is the divinely accredited and invariable medium of revelation. Indeed, revelation is not so much a deposit of truth made by exceptional method, as it is a process of creating the spiritual organ through which God becomes known to man. The desire for external authority has too often been the parent of dogmatism that would make the impression of theology as a closed science, a body of truth once delivered in final form. In contrast to this, there is need to assure men that all questions of religion, as of every other science, are open questions, not because they are in doubt, but because the foundations are sure and therefore are subject to perpetual testing and re-examination. In fact, it is only through testing by the spirit of man, that the truth in which the universe is established becomes availing to settle and establish him.

Resolute use of the reason will have a clarifying effect by dismissing and sifting out assumptions that have long been associated with religious teaching, though they have lost standing in the schools of thought. The limitations brought over from early thinkers need to be newly examined and avoided, for what is bad philosophy can never be good theology. A naive, yet vicious dualism persists in much religious teaching, which is as baneful concerning fundamental questions as it is natural to the ordinary mode of expression. It does no great harm in ordinary conversation to speak as though God were outside the world and the world were apart from Him, just as no one takes exception when the sun is said to rise and set; yet the natural notion, in either case, becomes exceedingly misleading when applied to fundamentals. The astronomer cannot bear the one nor the theologian the other.

One practical outcome of scrutinizing the traditional assumptions will be a change in the mode of putting certain questions. There is hope that we may escape from the tyranny of the false dilemma sorproductive of controversy and schism. When the terms,—human and divine, natural and supernatural, reason and revelation,—are set over against each other as mutually exclusive, we are seriously embarrassing our search for truth. There are indeed distinctions here, but they are between members related to each other and not between objects separate and diverse. Assuredly the natural has within it a supernatural element, if we are to admit the contrast, for it is all God's world, while from the divine standpoint the supernatural must be divinely natural,

and it is His standpoint that we are trying to arrive at. The relation between reason and revelation has already been intimated. It is similar to that between the eye and the light, the organ of vision and the condition that makes it possible. The two are not to be disjoined when the nature of sight is in question. Similarly there is a source and an organ of revelation, a purpose and a method by which God makes Again, between man and God there is a constitutional relationship out of which religion springs and there must be in thought no absolute sundering of this tie. There is no "mere man" who can be accounted for without God. Peculiarly unfortunate is it to ask whether Jesus Christ is human or divine, forcing a false issue, since the harmonious union and evident congruity of these two elements made the consummate glory of His person. Such are the questions that should never be asked, or, being asked, should never be answered, for the answer must be partial, misleading and inadequate. Yet how often has the seamless garment of truth been rent on the horns of a false dilemma!

With the acceptance of life as an ever-expanding gift and of mind as a lens through which the purpose of God is becoming clearer, we shall be willing to see our thought of this marvelous experience change with the changing fact, —yes, enlarge with the enlarging fact. If life is growing richer, as it must while God is God, then our interpretation of it must be commensurate with its advance, and it will not be surprising, but rather to be expected, that certain forms of religious thought fall into disuse. The doctrine that shall spring from life, and match life, will be kept subservient to life. Hence the spirit of this age will re-assure itself by holding that no doctrine is to be maintained for its own sake, simply because it is true. The consideration of co-ordinate importance will raise the question whether the truth so expressed is also fitted to life.

The force of this principle may be felt by reference to such an established doctrine as that of the Trinity. It is an instance where the teaching-value of the doctrine has been largely diminished, while its historic truth remains unimpaired. One reason for this is found in the altered conditions. The early Greek fathers rendered inestimable service to the cause of Christianity by casting the content of the new faith into the molds of what was best in current philosophy. Yet they were subject also to the limitations of this mode of thought, while the necessity that gave impulse to their work and the vehicles of expression which they inevitably used are not the same as those of to-day. The background that gave to the original form of this doctrine its timeliness and power was due to the pictorial metaphysics of Platonic thought, coupled with the temptation to polytheism on the one hand, and a bald deism on the other. This background has been entirely shifted, and the conditions which historically necessitated the early statements have largely passed away. Hence it is impossible that they should impinge on men's minds as they did at first.

In affirming that this doctrine has declined in practical power one

may also confidently appeal both to ministers and church members. It is no easy matter to give or to get a simple and vivifying idea of its meaning. The formulated expression tends to puzzle men more than to illumine them. To say that God is "triple in His unity and one in His triplicity" does not make straightway for a vital thought of God, nor does it readily nourish the soul. It is true that a man of virile mind, keen in the historic sense and also spiritual in his appreciations of truth, can vivify this doctrine by interpreting it in its historic setting and then showing its essential truth as applicable to-day. But the mind untrained in subtleties of thought finds it difficult to associate these expounded meanings with the doctrine itself. There is an accommodation of terms that does not strengthen his confidence. Thus the vital forces of this doctrine seem largely to be spent.

This leads directly to the further consideration that the passing of a form of doctrine need not occasion alarm while its truth is going over into other and ampler forms. To set aside an outworn machine is not to discredit the principle of the original invention. The morning papers that we hold in our hands were none of them printed on a Franklin press, yet every one of them came from a machine that embodied the principle of the Franklin press. Again we may call to witness the doctrine of the Trinity. It has been the parent stock of much vital thought and its influence has been potent throughout the Christian centuries. Ideas have sprung from it or been fertilized by it that render it for all history one of the significant factors of religious thinking worthy of lasting veneration. Ideas that were germinant within the early formulation have become familiar and operative in men's minds to-day, and yet they are free from their historic envelope. The eternal Fatherhood of God; the representative nature of Jesus Christ and the divine humanity as disclosed in Him; God spiritually available to man in every time and place: these are truths the church is teaching and realizing with constructive power, and there is no need to regret that they have fallen out from the wrapping that once partially enfolded Their history is secure, yet their history is not the same as their vitalizing power. Is it not manifestly true of some thought-forms, as it is of life-forms, that except the grain of wheat fall into the earth and die it abideth alone? Ceasing to use the original form of a doctrine is not the same as discarding its truth.

Never was an age so well equipped for re-constructive work as is the present, when the principle demanding new forms indicates so clearly the method of a genuine conservatism. The man who feels that progress requires us to throw overboard the antiquated doctrines, to denounce or lightly esteem them, has been caught only by the surface movement of his time. Mrs. Browning's words are as true as ever:—

"If we tried
To sink the past beneath our feet, be sure
The future would not stand."

The principle of evolution helps men to see more clearly than ever before how the present rests upon the past and grows out of it. The vital currents are not broken from one age to another. The modern study of history is concerned to trace the continuity of thought, it marks the suggessive stages, discriminates their value, notes their emphasis, and at the same time indicates the inner relations that make the movement an organic whole. The record of Christian thought is a training-school in the method of transition. Forms are continually passing away as the inherent truth passes on into ampler forms. Vital movements are not jealous for names and labels, nor need we be. Constructive forcefulness is the requisition that history lays on every truth to be proclaimed. Has it power? Is it vital to men's needs?

Out of the deepening consciousness of life the need arises for the presentation of truth increasingly in terms of personal relationships. In the spiritual range, the most significant word is personality. the unit of value that characterizes what is best in life's attainment. Personality in man has been rising to new heights of consciousness during these Christian centuries. The pronoun of self-hood means intensely more than it did before generations of men had begun to say. "Christ liveth in me." The ability to verify in one's own experience the essential truth of the person of Jesus Christ marks an era in the development of mankind. Men have come to terms of growing intimacy with God, as with deeper fervor and finer naturalness they call Him Father, and thus a new dignity is attaching to life because of what the living God hath wrought and still is working out in the process of continual, spiritual creation. Hence these personal terms, which touch the human organism at most sensitive and vital points, will be the vehicles of truth laden with the sustenance that men crave. To understand Divine Fatherhood, as it affects us, and the consequent relations of human brotherhood, will be the impelling motive of religious thought, corresponding to the two commandments that received the explicit sanction of Jesus as being the great commandments.

We may expect that the substance of this doctrinal teaching will center in three leading themes of co-ordinate importance yet of distinctive value. The church will be mainly concerned to persuade men of the reality of God as the Father of spirits, who has made us, and by the constant communication of His spirit continues to make us what we may become. We are to interpret God in terms of the life manifest, and to interpret life in terms of the divine thought and will. Goethe's lines are to find practical application:—

"Would'st thou with thy bounded sight, Make survey of the Infinite? Look right and left and everywhere Into the finite—thou'lt find it there." We shall never know God in the magnitude of His being, yet daily we may know Him in His qualities, and by this inner disclosure of His character our lives may be vitalized.

With this appreciation of God as the fundamental term, the church will point to the person of Jesus Christ as the historic demonstration of true religion, the reality of man and God in spiritual union, the concrete witness of life in its highest form and ultimate relationship. He who has been the most potent, constructive force in human history, will so abide, and men will want to know Him more and understand Him better because life as it was in Him, verified and reproduced in them, shall prove to be the life that satisfies.

Especially will the church have regard to the laws under which the spiritual nature of man operates. The fundamental necessity is to grow in consciousness of God and of one's self as a child of God. practical religion centres here. The laws of this inner life are subtle yet definite. They must be known in order that the growing soul may be trained and exercised under them. While many of them were stated by Jesus they have not yet been wrought out in the mind of His followers in a systematic way. The present generation should find in this opportunity a congenial task. Time was when astronomy that took man's thoughts away from his own littleness and made him aware of the boundless universe was deemed the divine science. To-day the divine science is psychology, that inducts man into the yet unbounded mysteries of his own capacity, and enables him in a new degree to know himself. Knowing himself as a spiritual being, dependent upon the infinite and universal life, he will appreciate that human life is intricate with God, and therefore at every point is sacramental, and feeling this he will study to know the nature of this life that he may realize his manhood.

From such considerations the conviction is at hand that the teaching of the constructive church will not consist of a series of propositions or a system of doctrine addressed mainly to the intellect, but rather a body of truths presented as certificates of spiritual reality, which men may verify for themselves. The form of it will be that of testimony and witness bearing, while its method will be not dogmatic but communicative and literally confidential. Its purpose will not be so much to convince by argument as to strengthen, illumine and build up in the faith. Denominational shibboleths and sectarian labels will not be eagerly attached to it, but it will be uttered in the simplicity of truth and with the winsomeness of love. May we, upon whom the light hath shined, have grace to reflect it; unto whom the truth hath come, have skill to communicate that truth; to whom life hath been given, have power to share that life.

### STATISTICAL TABLES

### EXPLANATORY.

The tables which follow comprise: -

1. The statistics of the churches, giving the ministers, church membership, additions, removals, baptisms, Sunday schools and families; the statistics of the Young People's Societies; the amounts of benevolences and expenses. These tables, in accordance with the vote of the Association, in 1887, are made to conform to those in the Year-Book.

2. The Conferences of the Churches, with the names of officers and

the times of meeting.

3. The Association of Ministers, giving the date of ordination of each minister, the date of membership, the residence and his "employment." The abbreviations, "P." and "P. C." are explained below. "W. C." means without church; "Prof." means professor; "C. M." church missionary; "Tea." teacher; other abbreviations are self-evident. "W. C.," however, includes many who have retired from active service, and some who are in business.

4. The Ministerial Record, containing lists of ordinations, installa-

tions, dismissals, marriages and deaths.

The tables of the first part contain the names of all the Congregational churches in Massachusetts, the towns and cities being arranged

alphabetically; churches in each town according to age.

Church members and families are reported as numbered on the morning of Jan. 1, 1902. Admissions, removals and baptisms cover the year 1901. "Absent" are not additional to "males," "females," and "total," but included in them. "Sunday school" includes total membership of officers, teachers and scholars, Jan. 1, 1902, or when the school is in operation (if not at that date), covering "branch schools," "mission schools" and "home departments," so far as maintained by the reporting church. "Av." means the average attendance during 1901.

The months and days in the dates of the organization of churches are omitted. They will be found in the publication of 1873, those of churches since organized being given in the "Minutes" of each year. Also the months and days in the dates of ordination and installation of ministers are omitted. The former may be found in the lists of the

local Associations, which follow the tables.

"Ordained" denotes the date on which the person was originally set apart to the ministry by the "laying-on of hands." "Installed" denotes

the date of the beginning of his present pastorate.

In accordance with the recommendation of the National Council, pastors installed or recognized by council are marked "p. c."; pastors duly called by their churches and recognized by some "definite act of the church," but not by council, are marked "p."; others in service are not marked, but in tabular summaries are counted as "supplies."

Blanks in any column of figures are never equivalent to "none," but mean "no report"; but blanks in the column of ministers do mean that the church has no pastor or acting pastor, and the blank is left for the

convenience of those who note changes.

All post-office addresses are to be found in the "List of Ministers," and NOT IN THE TABLES.

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NAMES OF CHURCHES ADDED: Quincy, Finnish; Malden, Scandinaminn.

NAMES OF CHURCHES CHANGED: None. NAMES OF CHURCHES DROPPED: None.

Churches: Supplied by, — pastors by council, 265; pastors otherwise, 267; licentiates, 8; supplies, 1; vacant, 60. Total, 603.
MINISTERS: Pastors by council, 270; pastors otherwise, 264; supplying churches, 1. Total, 535. Without charge, 392. Total, 927.
FAMILIES: 91,693.
SUNDAX SCHOOLS: Members, 119,637; average attendance, 68,272.

Home	Exp.	4,000	1,425	2,287	1,419	1,581	2,500	1,700	2,803	4,300	725	3,400	1,464	
Lega-	cies.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	
	TOTAL.	220	絽	451	8	146	8,	119	25	307	8	282	383	
	Other.	45	22	118	70	0	ଛ	8	14	9	0	118	48	
	Min. Aid.	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	2	0	
BENEVOLENCE	s. s.	20	0	17	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	∞	9	
BENEV	A. M. A.	15	0	12	13	0	0	10	0	22	0	8	20	
	Home M.	85 25	0	139	ಜ	128	0	40	0	130	0	41	243	
	Ch. B'd'g.	70	0	98	0	0	0	0	0	ນ	0	2	9	
	Ed'n.	2	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	14	
	For-	20	0	119	42	18	2	20	20	25	8	74	œ လ	
Y.P.S.	Mem- bers.	115	16	115	8	45	22	55	32	104	45	8	91	0
	Fam.	250	150	225	100	100	53	165		200	100	200	140	22
	Αν.	165	83	223	82	68	<u>ස</u>	112	200	133	9	92	43	18
	Mem.	275	150	331	150	170	32	160	270	231	130	165	62	88
SUNDAY SCHOOL.	Superintendent.	Charles M. Smith,	Rev. Lyman Mevis,	Ernest R. Maylott,	Rev. John H. Matthews,	Mrs. Albert G. Todd,	Hagop Barakian,	Edwin Batty,	Carl Norgren,	Eugene Van De Mark,	Milo Bates, Ringville,	Horace J. Blake,	Miss Ruth Hall,	Isaiah Crowell,
CHURCHES.	Place.	Worcester, Park,	" Covenant,	" Hope,	" LakeView,	" Bethany,	" Armenian,	" Immanuel,	" Swed., 2d.	" Adams Sq.,	Worthington,	Wrentham,	Yarmouth,	" West,

Young Peoples's Societies: Societies, 535; members, 33,419.

Membership: No. of males, 35,802; No. of females, 78,243. Total, 114,045. Absent, 19,231. Additions.—on confession, 3,589; by letter, 2,728. Total, 6,131. Removals.—death, 1,978; dismission, 2,345; revision, 869. Total, 6,192.

Baptisms: Adults, 1,579; infants, 1,874.

CONTRIBUTIONS: No. of churches contributing, 588; Foreign Missions,

\$174,599; Education, \$57,788; Church Building, \$28,309; Home Missions, \$157,982; American Missionary Association, \$36,447; Sunday Schools, \$13,250; Ministerial Aid, \$4,778; Other, \$248,620. Total, \$721,773. Legacies, \$77,574. Home Expresses: No. of chirches reporting, 581; amount, \$1,614,247. Gains: Churches, 2; Members, 1,125; Benevolence, \$47,828.

Loss: Sunday Schools, attendance, 649; Home Expenses, \$96,773.

TABLES OF SUMMARIES: I. CHURCH STATISTICS

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REMOVALS	Letter.	54 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	2,345
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MEMBERS	Female.	4,907 1,137	78,243
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	With other Supplies.	нооооооооооооооо	1 9
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	Number	116 118 118 118 118 118 118 118 118 118	603
	Date of Or- ganization.	1879 1828 1867 1867 1873 1873 1873 1873 1873 1873 1873 187	
CONFERENCES.	Name.	Andover. Barnstable Berkshire North. South. Essex North. South. Franklin Hampelen Hampelen Hampelen Hampelen Hampelen Hangelen Ha	Total

# II. BENEVOLENCE AND HOME EXPENDITURES

Conferences.	A.B.C.F.M.	Educa- tion.	C. B. S.	Home Missions.	A. M. A.	Sunday School.	Minis- terial Aid.	Other.	Total.	Legacies.	Home Expendi- turds.
Andover,	\$4,024	\$10,022 65	\$661	\$7,021	\$1,980	\$421 154	\$138 38	\$13,528	\$37,795	\$6,937	\$90,156
	6.168	1.709		5.232	1.207	295	320	4.968	20,309	10	40.765
South.	2,523	243		1,623	579	186	68	2,983	8,409	7,721	32,518
Brookfield,	3,164	504		3,463	696	344	35	1,863	10,652	0	35,722
Essex North,	2,944	349		3,114	1,751	361	33	15,953	24,753	7,000	57,551
" South,	6,019	998		6,054	2,055	451	205	9,648	25,865	2,225	81,902
Franklin,	2,536	258		2,171	825	243	37	1,136	7,519	112	41,208
Hampden,	10,798	4,739		13,190	3,146	1,019	765 165	56,582	92,734	$\frac{7,119}{2}$	141,351
Hampshire,	2,936	768		2,495	1,239	12.1	<u> </u>	1,836	2,628	0,570 1,570 1,500	31,705
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Middlesev South	9,540	562		3.515	200	283	3 75	4,953	13,000	4.375	46,666
trium (frion)	602.5	809		2,783	933	358	125	3,039	11,102	200	45,818
Norfolk.	6,561	652		5,096	1,125	580	192	3,975	23,441	8,725	112,453
Old Colony,	2,098	201		2,244	366	228	157	6,598	12,016	1,669	29,680
Pilgrim,	501	83		459	89	99	21	889	1,875	110	15,123
Suffolk North,	8,712	450		10,412	1,856	1,034	176	9,163	35,305	4,080	119,523
" South,	14,261	2,179		14,036	3,031	1,209	443	6,917	43,341	200	133,180
" West,	42,195	5,036		40,493	5,152	1,918	611	36,247	135,560	С	152,118
Taunton,	4,919	17,881		5,752	1,096	654	14	41,820	72,566	1,525	59,901
Woburn,	8,124	1,186		5,693	2,051	678	369 369	6,624	25,783	11,716	84,589
Worcester Central,	14,936	7,321		14,883	1,391	952	1553	13,458	55,379	3,488	147,202
" North,	2,683	163		1,485	340	100	3	2,7 2,0 2,0 2,0 2,0 2,0 3,0 4,0 4,0 4,0 4,0 4,0 4,0 4,0 4,0 4,0 4	#65,7 6	90,1	24,400
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Last year,	155,361	44,312	27,302	159,782	36,876	14,876	4,708	230,728	673,945	111,453	1,711,020
* Gain. † Loss.	*19,238	*13,476	*1,007	†1,800	†429	†1,626	*20	*17,892	*47,828	133,879	†96,773
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### III. THE S. S. AND Y. P. S. C. E. STATISTICS

	SUNDAY S	Эсноог.	Families	Y. F	P. S. C. E.
Name of Conference.	Members.	Average Attend- ance.	in the Congre- gation.	No.	Members
Andover	6,474	3,691	5,178	26	1,790
Barnstable	1,776	988	1,600	16	585
Berkshire North	3,203	2,078	$\frac{1,600}{2,625}$	15	949
"South	1.531	904	1,478	16	675
Brookfield				19	913
	2,828	1,600	2,598	$\frac{19}{24}$	
Essex North	4,909 8,327	2,777	5,153	33	1,359
		4,426	5,875	29	2,216
Franklin	3,615	2,248	2,977	38	1,159
Hampden	9,151	5,403	7,736	38 17	2,312 819
Hampshire		1,621	2,239	13	
"East	1,961	1,132	1,552	10	657 743
Mendon Middlesex South	2,056	1,132	1,959	$\frac{10}{20}$	
	3,216	1,864	2,402		910
" Union	3,428	2,029	2,703	22 34	1,310
Norfolk	8,328	4,783	6,496	34 14	2,458
Old Colony	2,347	1,285	2,034	13	743
Pilgrim Suffolk North	1,259	748	1,479		412
	10,213	5,249	5,778	26	2,262
" South	10,907	6,313	6,870	25	2,840
West	7,344	4,497	4,529	21	1,643
Taunton	3,886	2,397	3,063	21	1,110
Woburn	7,573	4,059	5,350	23	2,069
Worcester Central	7,988	4,527	6,321	30	1,987 639
" North	1,903	1,060	1,495	14	833
" South Associated with Rhode Island	2,599	1,426	2,163	15	26
Associated with Knode Island	65	35	40	1	26
Totals	119,637	68,272	91,693	535	33,419

## IV. SUMMARY OF CHANGES DURING THE YEARS MENTIONED

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Note.—The "year" means what changes were comprised in the twelve months preceding January 1 of the year mentioned. The table was begun in 1866, all preceding years now given being compiled from past Minutes,—the number of churches in some years varying from the Minutes as they were to what they should have been.

The changes in list of churches, ordinations, installations, etc., for the past year, condensed in the above table, are given in detail in their proper place.

<sup>\*</sup>Prior to 1876 "acting pastors" are included in "others" in columns of deaths of ministers.

## V. CONTINUED TABLE OF SUMMARIES

Benevolent	Contribu- tions.		673,945															707	100,000	106,180	207,702	787,00e	477,440	349,839	391,716	346,485			384,611														
Š.	Av.		69,121																									62,290												20,05			
ŭ	Mem.	1,874 119,637	120,286	115,211	120,581	124.247	191,557	118 270	110,000	110,021	008,711	0/1/0/1	117,471	118,875	116,961	115,112	114,178	111 768	110,790	10,120	700,000	770,007	110,601	94,977	105,976	100,744	10,089	100,438	96,715	95,961	97.160	95,646	90,496	91,183	90,851	93,144	93,841	02 440	00,00	20,00	86 187	00,101	471,00
sms.	Infant	1,874	1,810	1,774	1,799	1.990	1,616	1,661	1000	700	1,004	704,1	1,543	1,674	1,377	1.258	1,999	961	1 005	000	000	000			842		954	1,353	1,078	1,153	-	ì			-	-	-	1 -	-	-	۳	1,020	Ť
Baptisms	Adult Infant	1,579	1,539	1,225	1,345	1.860	1,633	1 296	1,000	1,004	1,043	1,004	1,840	1,883	1,930	1.838	9,013	1,005	1,000	1,010	1,414	1,451	1,001	1,103	874	922	1,235	3,103	2,480	1,616	2,137	1,112	1.287	1,236	1,196	1.918	1,610	1,090	0 214	1,010	1,467	7007	200
	Total.	5,192	6,015	5,632	4,963	5,038	5,353	5,700	7,100	2,410	0,200	0,450	5,112	4,840	5,411	4,630	4.986	3 856	4,000	110,0	0,107	0,10	5,094 0,094	3,539	3,147	3,350	3,186	3,643	3,502	3,783	3,780	3,349	3,702	3,606	3,470	3.749	3 683	3 250	4 200	3,100	3 952	0,700	0,110
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Removals.	Dism.	2,345	2,511	2,455	2,383	2,462	9.590	9,650	0,000	200,0	2,700	2,500	7,77	2,604	2,744	2,513	9.313	9,114	9 170	1,10	1,919	1,9/3	1,801	1,724	1,592	1,745	1,669	2,066	1,807	2,163	2.295	1,902	2,159	2,177	9,049	9,308	9,337	9 199	0.51	1,703	1,675	1,769	00/1
	Death	1,978	1,969	1,967	1,740	1.898	1 848	1,010	1,010	1,010	1,935	2,0,4	1,916	1,757	1.754	1.780	1,788	1 597	1,007	1,000	1,003	1,587	1,585	1,682	1,410	1,454	1,401	1,418	1,517	1,531	1.391	1,380	1,483	1.350	1 348	1359	1 967	170	1,110	1,220	1 454	1,101	1,10±
	Total.	6,317	6,407	5,472	5,503	7,092	6.432	6.750	7,500	000	0,000	0,029	6,787	6,573	6,995	6,478	6.721	6,491	6,440	2,110	0,010	1,04	4,001	4,108	3,571	3,596	4,290	8,275	6,492	5,347	6,608	4,608	5,151	4.720	4.173	4.857	5 467	5,676	6,060	2,000	4 890	2,070	0,4,0
Additions.	Let.	2,728	3,055	2,719	2,656	3,180	3,050	9,064	2,00	7070	3,200	3,000	3,170	3,043	3,159	2,760	9.839	9,686	9,000	7,007	2,5003	2,071	2,180	7,001	1,940	1,835	1,869	2,577	2,085	2,244	2,739	2,279	2.438	2,151	9,009	9.476	9,400	9 162	9100	1,696	1,000	1,130	1,001
Ψd	Prof.	3,589	3,385	2,703	2,847	3.912	3,389	200.0	200	007,4	0,100	5,524	3,617	3,530	3,836	3.718	3.889	2 722	0,100	20100	6,019	2,800	7,8,7	2,153	1,631	1,761	2,421	5,698	4,407	3,103	3,869	2,329	2,713	2,569	9,164	9.381	9,001	2 2 2	4 644	9 152	2,100	2000	14/41
1.	Ab'nt.	19,231	19,108	18,262	18,255														15,000	10,001	10,703	19,077	14,872	14,392	14,399	14,584	14,764	14,100	12,833	18,177	12,777	12,506	13,305	13,874	12,517	11.983	11,920	11,500	11,605	11,000	11,706	10,10	10,114
Church Members, Jan. 1.	Total.	114,045	113,235	112,966	113,544	12,961	11,223	110 179	747	10110	105,024	02,320	05,314	03,659	099,10	00.470	207,76	96,419	0.4 0.07	00 400	00,100	20,000	087,280	31,238	89,962	91,439	91,787	91,468	87,473	84,954	84,167	82,479	81,464	81,453	80.583	80.066	80,057	70,596	77,027	74 955	75 918	76 271	10,01
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In the above table, the columns of "Additions," "Removals," "Sunday School Average," and "Benevolent Contributions" cover the tevere months next perceding January 10 fthe year mentioned in a given line. The number of churches, members, and of Sunday Schools was enumerated January 1 of the year mentioned. The number of churches "Vacant" includes all churches supplied by licentiates, or ministers of other denominations. For Churches, Membership, and Sunday School Membership, for 1830, 1835, 1840, 1845, and 1855, see "Minutes" of 1900.

### THE CONFERENCES OF THE CHURCHES

### 1. ANDOVER. — Organized, June 8, 1859.

Andover, South,	Lawren	ce, Lawrence St.,	Lowell,	Kirk St.,
" West,	4.4	South,	"	High St.,
" Free,	"	Riverside,	"	French,
" Ballardvale,	44	Trinity,	44	Highland,
" Seminary,	4.4	$\mathbf{United},$	"	Swedish,
Chelmsford, North,	Lowell,	Pawtucket,	46	Norwegian,
" Central,	4.6	First,	Methue	n,
Dracut, First,	44	First Trinitar'n,	North A	Andover,
" Central,	66	Eliot,	Tewksb	ury,
	"	John St.,	Tyngsb	oro.

ALBERT W. BURNHAM, Lowell, scribe and treasurer. Rev. Ernest C. Bartlett, Chelmsford, statistical secretary. Conference meets on the last Tuesdays in April and October.

### 2. BARNSTABLE. — Organized, October 28, 1828.

Barnstable,	West,	Falmouth,	East,	Province	etown,
	Centreville,	"	North,	Sandwic	h,
4.6	Hyannis,	4.6	Waquoit,	Truro, F	irst,
4.6	Cotuit,	"	Wood's Hole,	· · N	orth,
Chatham,		Harwich,		Wellflee	t, First,
Dennis, Sou	ıth,	"	Port,		South,
" Uni	on,	Nantucket	,	Yarmou	th, First,
Falmouth, I	First,	Orleans,		6.6	West.

Rev. Charles A. Breck, Cotuit, scribe and treasurer. Conference meets on the second Tuesdays in May and November.

### 3. BERKSHIRE NORTH. - Organized, December 3, 1867.

Adams,	Peru,	Williamstown, First,
Becket, North,	Pittsfield, First,	" College,
Dalton,	" Second,	" South,
Hinsdale,	" South,	" W. Oaks,
Lanesboro,	" Pilgrim Mem	'l, Windsor,
Middlefield,	Richmond,	(Canaan, N. Y.),
North Adams.	ŕ	(New Lebanon, N. Y.).

Deacon George French, North Adams, secretary and treasurer.

Annual meeting on the second Wednesday in November; semi-annual on

the second Wednesday in May.

### 4. BERKSHIRE SOUTH. — Organized, August 29, 1860.

Becket, Centre,	Monterey,	Sandisfield, First,
Egremont, South,	Mount Washington,	" New Boston,
Great Barrington, First,	New Marlboro, First,	Sheffield,

" "Housatonic, " "Southfield, Stockbridge, First,

Lee, " " Mill River, " Curtisville,
Lenox, Otis, West Stockbr'ge, Centre,
" " Village.

BENNETT T. GALE, Lee, scribe and treasurer.

Rev. Walter W. Curtis, West Stockbridge, statistical secretary. Annual meeting in November.

### 5. BROOKFIELD. — Organized, June 13, 1821.

Barre,	Hardwick, Gilbertville, Spencer,
Brimfield,	Holland, Sturbridge,
Brookfield,	New Braintree, Ware, First,
Charlton,	North Brookfield, First, " East,
Dana,	" Union, " French,
Dudley,	Oakham, Warren,
Hardwick, First,	Southbridge, West Brookfield

Rev. Allen A. Bronsdon, Oakham, scribe and treasurer.

Annual meeting, first Tuesday in May, two days; semi-annual, third Tuesday in September, one day.

### 6. ESSEX NORTH. — Organized, April 30, 1828.

Amesbury, First,	Haverhill, Centre,	Newbury, First,
" Union,	" North,	" Byfield,
Boxford, West,	" Riverside,	Newburyport, North,
Georgetown, First,	" Union,	" Prospect St.,
" Memorial,	" St. John's, French	, '' Belleville,
Groveland,	" Ward Hill,	" Whitefield,
Haverhill, Bradford,	Ipswich, First,	Rowley,
" West,	" Linebrook,	West Newbury, First,
" Fourth,	Merrimac,	" Second.

Rev. DAVID C. TORREY, Byfield, scribe.

Rev. John N. Lowell, Haverhill, statistical secretary and treasurer. Conference meets on the second Wednesdays in May and October.

### 7. ESSEX SOUTH. — Organized, May 8, 1827.

Beverly, Second, North,	Danvers, First, Centre,	Gloucester	Trinity,
" Dane Street,	" Maple Street,	6.6	Lanesville,
" Washington St.,	Essex,	"	Magnolia,
Boxford.	Gloucester, West.	Hamilton.	

### 7. Essex South (Continued).

Ipswich, South,	Manchester,	Salem, Tabernacle,
Lynn, First,	Marblehead,	" South,
" Central,	Middleton,	" Crombie Street,
" Chestnut St.,	Peabody, South,	Saugus, First,
" North,	" Second, South,	" Cliftondale,
" Scandinavian,	" West,	Swampscott,
Lynnfield Centre,	Rockport, First,	Topsfield,
" Second,	" Pigeon Cove,	Wenham.
	" Swed., P. Cove,	

Rev. T. Frank Waters, Ipswich, scribe and treasurer. Rev. Arthur J. Covell, Lynn, statistical scribe. Conference meets on the second Wednesdays in May and October.

### 8. FRANKLIN. — Organized, October 10, 1843.

Ashfield,	Gill,	Northfield, East,
Bernardston,	Greenfield, First,	Orange, Central,
Buckland,	" Second,	" Swedish,
Charlemont, First,	Hawley, East,	Shelburne, First,
" East,	" West,	" Falls,
Colerain,	Heath,	Shutesbury,
Conway,	Leverett, Moore's Cor's,	Sunderland,
Deerfield, South,	Montague, First,	Warwick,
" Orthodox,	" Miller's Falls,	Wendell,
Erving,	" Turner's Falls,	Whately.

Rev. EDWARD P. BUTLER, Sunderland, scribe and treasurer. Conference meets on the second Wednesday and Thursday in September.

### 9. HAMPDEN. - Organized, December 4, 1850.

Agawam, Feeding Hills,	Holyoke, First,	Springfield,	First,
" Second,	" Second,	4.6	Olivet,
Blandford, First,	"French"	66	South,
" Second,	Huntington, Second,	44	North,
Chester, First,	Longmeadow,	"	Indian 0'd,
" Second,	Ludlow, Centre,	44	Hope,
Chicopee, First,	" Union,	4.6	French,
" Second, Falls,	Monson,	44	Eastern Av.,
" Third,	Palmer, Thorndike,	46	Emmanuel,
East Longmeadow,	" Second,	44	Park,
Granville, East,	" Three Rivers,	44	St. John's,
" West,	South Hadley Falls,	4.4	Swedish,
Hampden,	Southwick,	"	Faith,

### 9. HAMPDEN (Continued).

Tolland,		West Spi	ringfie!	ld, First,	Wilbraham,	Centre,
Westfield,	First,	66	64	Mittineague,	66	North.
"	Second,	6 6	66	Park Street,		

Rev. Collins G. Burnham, Chicopee, scribe.

WILLIAM F. EMERSON, Longmeadow, treasurer.

Conference meets on the last Tuesday in October; semi-annual meeting in April.

### 10. HAMPSHIRE. — Organized, February, 1865.

Chesterfield	,	Hatfield,		Southamp	ton,
Cummingto	n,	Huntington,	1st, Norw'h	Westhamp	ton,
4.6	West,	Northampto	n, First,	Williamsb	urg,
Easthampto	n, First,	"	Edwards,	"	Haydenville,
44	Payson,	"	Florence,	Worthingt	on.
Goshen,		Plainfield,		Ü	

W. M. PURINGTON, Haydenville, scribe and treasurer.

Rev. John Pierpont, Williamsburg, statistical secretary.

Conference meets in the spring and fall at the call of the executive committee.

### 11. HAMPSHIRE EAST. - Organized, December 13, 1860.

Amherst,	First,	Enfield,		Leverett,
"	Second,	Granby,		Pelham, First,
6.6	College,	Greenwi	ich,	" Pack'dville, Enfi'd,
44	North,	Hadley,	First,	Prescott,
" "	South,	66	Second, North,	South Hadley.
Belcherto	wn,			

Deacon M. B. Kingman, Amherst, registrar and treasurer. Rev. George E. Fisher, North Amherst, statistical secretary.

Semi-annual meeting on the last Tuesday in April; annual meeting on the third Tuesday in October.

### 12. MENDON. — Organized, April 12, 1858.

Foxboro,	Medway, Second, West	t, Millis,
Franklin,	" Village,	Norfolk,
Mansfield,	" Third, West,	Walpole,
Medfield,	Milford,	Wrentham.

Rev. Isaiah W. Sneath, Franklin, scribe and treasurer. Conference meets on the third Wednesdays in April and October.

### 13. MIDDLESEX SOUTH. — Organized, August 20, 1828.

Rev. NICHOLAS VAN DER PYL, Holliston, scribe and treasurer. Conference meets on the third Wednesdays in April and October.

### 14. MIDDLESEX UNION. — Organized, May 8, 1853.

Acton, First,	Fitchburg, Calvinist,	Leominster, Centre,	
" South,	" Rollstone,	" North,	
Ashby,	"German"	Littleton,	
Ayer,	" Swedish,	Lunenburg,	
Boxboro, West Acton,	Groton, First,	Pepperell,	
Concord,	" West,	Shirley,	
Dunstable,	Harvard,	${\bf Townsend},$	
	Lancaster,	Westford.	

Rev. JOEL D. MILLER, Leominster, scribe and treasurer.
Annual meeting third Wednesday in October; spring meeting in April.

### 15. NORFOLK. — Organized, June 14, 1827.

Abington,	First,	Cohasset, Evangelical,	Quincy, Swedish,
66	North,	" Beechwood,	"i" Finnish,
Braintree,	First,	East Bridgewater,	Randolph,
	South,	Easton, Centre,	Rockland,
Bridgewat	er,	" Swedish, North,	Sharon,
"	Scotland,	Hingham, First,	Stoughton,
Brockton,	First,	" Beth'y, Nan't,	Weymouth, First, Hghts,
4.6	South, Ca'p'lo	Holbrook,	" Old South, South,
4.6	Porter,	Milton,	" & Braintree, E.B.,
"	Waldo,	" East,	" Union, South,
" "	Wendell Ave.	,Quincy, Bethany,	" Pilgrim, North,
"	Lincoln,	" Washington St.,	" East,
			Whitman.

Rev. Augustus H. Fuller, Easton Centre, scribe.

HEMAN HOWARD, South Easton, treasurer.

Rev. Frank E. Butler, South Weymouth, statistical secretary.

Conference meets on the first Tuesday in May, and on the last Tuesday in September.

### 16. OLD COLONY. — Organized, September 23, 1856.

Dartmouth, South,	Middl	eboro.	, First,	Rochester, First,
Edgartown,			Central,	" North,
Fairhaven,	New 3	Bedfor	rd, Acushnet,	"East, W. Wareham,
Marion,	4.6	"	North,	Wareham,
Mattapoisett,	4.6		Trinitar'n,	Westport,
				West Tisbury.

Rev. WILLIAM CARRUTHERS, Box 283, Holyoke, scribe and treasurer. Conference meets for a two days' session on the third Tuesday in April, and the last Tuesday in October.

### 17. PILGRIM. — Organized, April 27, 1830.

Carver, North,	Hanson,	Plymouth, Pilgrimage,
Duxbury,	Kingston,	" Chiltonville,
Halifax,	Marshfield, First,	Plympton,
Hanover, West,	" Hills,	Scituate.
" Four Corners,	Plymouth, Manomet,	

Rev. Ernest M. Bartlett, Kingston, scribe, treasurer, and statistical secretary.

Conference meets on the third Tuesdays in April, July and October.

### 18. SUFFOLK NORTH. — Organized, May 23, 1861.

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Arlington, First,	Cambrid	lge, Nortl	a Ave.,	Revere,	First,
" Heights,	4.6	Port,	Pilg'm	, " ]	Beachmont,
Boston, First, Charlest'n	, "	4.6	Wood	<b>Me</b> morial	,
" Winthrop, "	. 6	44	Hope,	Somervi	lle, First,
" Maverick, East,	Chelsea,	First,		6.6	Broadway,
" Mount Vernon,	66	Central,		4.6	West,
" Seamen's,	4.6	Third,		4.6	Prospect Hill,
" Baker, East,	Everett,	First,		4.6	Winter Hill,
Cambridge, First,	6.6	Courtlan	d St.,	"	Highlands,
" Prospect St.	, "	Mystic Si	ide,	Winthro	p.
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HARRY W. JEFFERS, Chelsea, scribe and treasurer.

W. H. HILLING, Somerville, statistical scribe.

Conference meets on the second Wednesdays in April and in October.

	19. SUFFOL	K SOU	TH. — Organized	, May 18	3, 1861.
Boston,	2d, Dorchester,	Boston,	West Roxbury,	Boston,	Pilgrim, Dorch.,
	Union,		Central, J'a P'n,	4.6	Highland, Rxby,
44	Phillips, S. B.,	"	Boylston, "	4.4	Walnut Av., "
4.6	Village, Dorch.,	4.4	Immanuel, Rxby	, "	Olivet,
44	Eliot, Roxbury.	6.6	Trinity, Nepon't	, "	Harvard, Dorch

### SUFFOLK SOUTH (Continued).

Boston, Central, Dorch., Dedham, Quincy, Wollaston, Roslindale. Hyde Park, First, Atlantic. 66 " Clar'don Hills. Park & Downs, St. Mark's, Canton. Norwood, East Walpole, Westwood, Islington.

Rev. Eugene C. Webster, Jamaica Plain, recording secretary. E. S. HATHAWAY, Hyde Park, treasurer. ROBERT H. MAGWOOD, Dorchester, statistical secretary. Conference meets on the third Wednesdays in April and October.

### 20. SUFFOLK WEST. - Organized, November 17, 1873.

Belmont, Waverley, Boston, Norwegian, Newton, North, Newtonville, Plymouth, Allston, Boston, Old South, Brookline, Harvard, Highlands, Park Street. Leyden, Waltham, First, 46 Berk'ley Temple, Needham, Swedish. .. Newton, First, Centre, Brighton. Watertown, 46 Central, Second, West, Wellesley Hills, 66 Shawmut. Eliot. Weston. 66 Swedish, Auburndale,

Rev. HENRY E., OXNARD, Newton, scribe. Rev. HARRIS G. HALE, Brookline, recording and statistical secretary. BENJAMIN F. DEWING, 11 Milford Street, Boston, treasurer. Conference meets on the second Wednesdays in April and October.

### TAUNTON. — Organized, October 2, 1849.

Attleboro, Freetown, Assonet, Raynham, North, Berkley, Lakeville, Rehoboth, Dighton, Middleboro, North, Somerset, Fall River, First. North Attleboro, Oldt'n, Taunton, West, . . " Central, Falls, Trinitarian, " " 44 Fowler, Trinity. Winslow, 46 " French. Norton, East. " Union. Broadway, Raynham, First,

Rev. Frank L. Luce, Taunton, scribe. Thomas Chew, Box 460, Fall River, treasurer.

Conference holds two sessions annually, of one day each, in the spring and fall.

### 22. WOBURN. — Organized, September 5, 1848.

Bedford,	Lexingte	on,	Medford,	Mystic,
Billerica,	Malden,	First,	6.6	West,
Burlington,	"	Linden,	"	Union,
Carlisle,	"	Maplewood,	Melrose,	First,
Hancock,	"	Scandinavian,		Highlands,

### 22. Woburn (Continued).

North Reading,	Wakefield,	Woburn, First,	
Reading,	Wilmington,	" North,	
Stoneham,	Winchester,	" Scandinavian,	
		" Montvale.	

Rev. Isa'ac Pierson, Medford, scribe and treasurer. Conference meets on the last Tuesdays in April and October.

### 23. WORCESTER CENTRAL. — Organized, April 28, 1852.

Auburn,	Rutland,		Worcester,	Swedish, 1st.,
Berlin,	Shrewsbur	У,	66	Pilgrim,
Boylston,	Sterling,	•	44	Park,
Clinton, First,	West Boyls	ston,	66	Covenant,
" German,	Worcester,	First,	6.6	Hope,
Holden,	"	Central,	4.6	Lake View,
Leicester,	"	Union,	66	Bethany,
Oxford,	66	Summer St.,	66	Armenian,
Paxton,	66	Plymouth,	66	Immanuel,
Princeton,	4.6	Piedmont,	6.6	Swedish, 2d.,
,			4.6	Adams Sq.,

Rev. J. Addison Seibert, Worcester, scribe and treasurer. Rev. Thomas E. Babb, Holden, statistical secretary. Conference meets on the Tuesday following the second Monday in May, and on the Tuesday following the third Monday in October.

### 24. WORCESTER NORTH. — Organized, November 24, 1827.

Ashburnham, First,	New Salem,	Royalston, South,
" North,	Orange, North,	Templeton, Trinitarian,
Athol,	Petersham,	" Baldwinsville,
Gardner,	Phillipston,	Westminster,
Hubbardston,	Royalston, First,	Winchendon, First,
		" North.

Rev. Gustavus W. Jones, Winchendon, scribe and treasurer. Conference meets in October and May.

### 25. WORCESTER SOUTH. — Organized, June 17, 1828.

Blackstone, First,	Grafton, Saundersville,	Sutton,
" Scand., Millvil	le, Millbury, First,	Upton,
Douglas, First,	" Second,	Uxbridge,
" East,	Northbridge, Centre,	Webster,
Grafton, First,	" Whitinsville,	Westboro.
	" Rockdale.	

Rev. John R. Thurston, Whitinsville, scribe. Deacon Amos Armsby, Millbury, treasurer. Conference meets on the fourth Thursdays in April and October.

### THE ASSOCIATIONS OF MINISTERS

### 1. Andover, Organized, July 5, 1763.

1. A.	NDOVER, Org	anized, July	9, 1700.
Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. Employment.
S. Winchester Adriance,	'79, May 22.	'84, Dec. 2.	Winchester. W. C.
George A. Andrews,	'99, June 14.	'99, Dec. 5.	Andover. P. C.
Ernest L. Baker,	'94, Sept. 18.	'95, Feb. 26.	North Weare, N. H. P.
Henry E. Barnes,	'62, May 28.	'94, Feb. 27.	North Andover. P. C.
Ernest C. Bartlett,	'96, Mar. 12.	'96, Dec. 8.	Chelmsford. P. C.
E. Victor Bigelow,	'91, Sept. 24.	'01, Sept. 24.	Lowell. P. C.
James M. Blue,	'96, July 14.		Epsom, N. H. P.
Francis H. Boynton,	'64, Oct. 20.	'89, May 28.	New Braintree. P.
Park A. Bradford,	79, July 30.	<sup>2</sup> 94, Sept. 25.	Coventry, Ct. P.
Charles C. Carpenter,	'60, May 9.	'91, May 26.	Andover. W. C.
Clark Carter,	'68, Feb. 13.	'73, June 3.	Andover. C. M.
Thomas G. A. Côtè,	'71, April 9.	'82, April 11.	Lowell. P.
George R. Dickinson,	'95, Oct. 9.		Zanesville, O. W. C.
Sarah A. Dixon,	'97, June 16.	'97, Dec. 7.	Tyngsboro. P.
Robert W. Dunbar,	'99, Feb. 8.	'99, Feb. 28.	North Chelmsford. P. C.
Hohannes B. Garabedian	,'88, Sept. 18.	'99, Dec. 5.	Lawrence. M.
John M. Greene,	'57, Oct. 20.	'71, June 28.	Lowell. P. C. Em.
David P. Hatch,	'86, July 1.	'00, Feb. 27.	Lawrence. P. C.
Edward Y. Hincks,	'70, Oct. 18.	'85, Dec. 15.	Andover. Prof. Sem.
Charles W. Huntington,	'81, Sept. 6.	'88, June 5.	Lowell. P. C.
Francis H. Johnson,	'61, Oct. 15.	'83, June 5.	Andover. W. C.
George H. Johnson,	777, July 6.	'92, Dec. 6.	Lowell. P. C.
George F. Kenngott,	'90, Oct. 8.	'92, Dec. 6.	Lowell. P. C.
David Kilburn,	'84, April 20.	'90, Sept. 23.	Alleghany, Pa. W. C.
Willis D. Leland,	'80, Jan. 23.	'93, Sept. 26.	Lowell. W. C.
Herbert G. Mank,	'89, Jan. 15.	'98, Dec. 6.	Lawrence. P. C.
Charles P. Marshall,	'98, July 26.	'00, Dec. 4.	Lawrence. P. C.
John A. McKnight,	'93,	'02, Feb. 25.	Dracut. P.
Selah Merrill,	'64, Nov. 1.	'74, Oct. 20.	Jerusalem. W. C.
Charles L. Mitchell,	'71, June 28.	'84, June 19.	
George F. Moore,	78, Feb. 2.	'95, May 28.	Andover. Prof. Sem.
Lewis W. Morey,	'82, Sept. 6.	'93, Sept. 26.	Malden. W. C.
Charles H. Oliphant,	'76, July 12.	'84, Oct. 28.	Methuen. P. C.
Frederick H. Page,	'93, Nov. 23.	'96, May 26.	Lawrence. P. C.
William G. Poor,	'85, May.	'01, May 14.	Lowell. P.
Edward W. Pride,	'69, June 10.	'92, May 9.	Andover. W. C.
William H. Ryder,	'69, Dec. 14.	'88, Dec. 4.	Andover. Prof. Sem.
Hovhannes K. Santikian	, '97, Feb. 2.	'97, Dec. 7.	Cambridgeport. M.
Frank R. Shipman,	'93, Dec. 27.	'94, June 5.	Andover. P. C.
John Phelps Taylor,	'68, Nov. 12.	'85, Nov. 3.	Andover. Prof. Sem.
Charles C. Torrey,	'99, May 15.	'99, May 29.	New Haven, Ct. Prof.

### 1. Andover (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Charles C. Torrey,	'55, Sept. 7.	'00, May 22.	Andover.	W. C.
William E. Walcott,	'81, Sept. 21.	'82, Feb. 26.	Lawrence.	P. C.
Frank A. Warfield,	'71, June 10.	'99, Feb. 28.	Lowell.	P. C.
T. Clayton Welles,	'72, Oct. 25.	'02, Feb. 25.	Lowell.	P. C.
Charles H. Wilcox,	'84, Nov. 6.	'84, Dec. 2.	Lawrence ville,	N. J. Tea.
Frederick A. Wilson,	'82, Oct. 6.	'90, April 8.	Andover.	Р. С.
Frank E. Woodruff,	'83, Sept. 6.	'85, Nov. 3.	Brunswick, M.	e. Prof.
J. Herbert Yeoman,	777, Jan. 25.	'00, Dec. 4.	Tewksbury.	Р.

Licentiates.—Licensed May 22, 1900, for two years: Fred P. Ensminger, Sanford, Fla.; May 28, 1901, for two years: L. M. Dean, Bridgeport, Ct.; E. C. Hayes, Burton Station, O.; F. J. Libby, Richmond, Me.; G. A. Swertfager, Boston.

STATED MEETINGS. — First Tuesday in December, and fourth Tuesdays in February, May and September.

Rev. Robert W. Dunbar, North Chelmsford, scribe.

### 2. Berkshire North (Berkshire, 1763), Organized by division, October 14, 1852.

George W. Andrews,	'82, June 7.	'84, Dec. 1.	Dalton.	P.
Lewis P. Atwood,	'55, April 12.	'00, June 26.	Pittsfield.	W. C.
John Bascom,	'59, Dec. 18.	'61, Jan. 28.	Williamstown.	W. C.
George A. Beckwith,	'62, May 26.	'99, Oct. 17.	Saratoga Spgs.,	<i>N.Y.</i> W.C.
Henry M. Bowden,	'86, June 30.	'99, June 13.	Middlefield.	P.
Willis H. Butler,	'98, Nov. 21.	'01, Nov. 12.	Williamstown.	P. C.
Raymond Calkins,	'96, Oct. 19.	'98, Mar. 8.	Pittsfield.	P. C.
Edson L. Clark,	'59, Nov. 30.	'92, Mar. 8.	Dalton.	W. C.
Silas P. Cook,	'70, Mar. 23.	'00, Nov. 22.	Pittsfield.	Co. Miss.
William V. W. Davis,	'77, Sept. 12.	'93, Dec. 19.	Pittsfield.	P. C.
Thomas W. Davison,	'99, Dec. 21.	'01, Nov. 12.	Becket.	Р.
John H. Denison,	'70, Jan. 30.	'85, Sept. 16.	Williamstown.	W. C.
Nathaniel H. Egleston,	'45, Feb. 19.	'77, Dec. 3.	Jamaica Plain.	W. C.
Edward H. Griffin,	'68, Feb. 6.	'73, Dec. 1.	Baltimore, Md.	Dean Coll.
Alpheus C. Hodges,	'81, Nov. 16.	'00, June 26.	Canaan Four Co	or., N. Y.P.
Owen James,	'94, Sept. 16.	'00, Nov. 22.	North Pownal,	Vt. P.
James H. Laird,	'64, Dec. 21.	'85, Sept. 16.	Hinsdale.	P. C.
T. Claire Luce,	'85, Dec. 2.	'90, Dec. 2.	Richmond.	P. C.
Alford B. Penniman,	'83, April 10.	'94, June 12.	Adams.	P. C.
James C. Seagrave,	'51, Dec. 1.	'87, Dec. 6.	Hinsdale.	W. C.
Isaac C. Smart,	'85, June 9.	'85, Sept. 16.	Pittsfield,	P. C.
William R. Stocking,	'71, June 20.	'01, Nov. 12.	South Williams	town.W.C.
William L. Tenney,			North Adams.	P. C.
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Licentiate. — Garrett V. Stryker, Williamstown, renewed Nov. 12, 1901, for one year.

STATED MEETINGS.—In March, June, September and December. Rev. Henry M. Bowden, Middlefield, scribe and treasurer.

3. Berkshire South (Berkshire, 1763), Organized by division, October 14, 1852.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. Emp	oloyment.
Leon D. Bliss,	'89, Oct. 31.	'96, Oct. 27.	Great Barrington	P. C.
Walter W. Curtis,	'72, Mar. 20.	'83, Oct. 29.	West Stockbridge	. P.
John Dooley,	'72, May 6.	'98, April 26.	Monterey.	Р.
Edwin C. Gillette,	'98, Oct. 7.	'98, Nov. 1.	Southfield.	Ρ.
Samuel Hopley,	'55, Sept. 19.	'90, Jan. 28.	Lee.	W. C.
John B. Lewis,	'95, Sept. 25.	'97, Oct. 26.	Mill River.	Ρ.
Stephen T. Livingston,	'91, July 8.	'91, Nov. 10.	Williamstown.	W. C.
Frederick Lynch,	'99, Mar. 27.	'99, Jan. 31.	Lenox.	Ρ.
R. DeWitt Mallary,	'76, Oct. 12.	'80, July 12.	Housatonic.	Ρ.
Evarts W. Pond,	'95, May 2.	'97, Oct. 26.	Stoneham, Me.	Ρ.
Charles S. Rich,	'96, Sept. 29.	'96, Oct. 27.	, Cal.	W. C.
Lyman S. Rowland,	'64, Nov. 16.	'77, Oct. 29.	Lee.	P. C.
George T. Washburn,	'59, Mar. 22.	'59, July 25.	India. A. B.	C. F. M.

STATED MEETINGS.—Last Tuesdays in January, April, July and October. Rev. Leon D. Bliss, Great Barrington, scribe and treasurer.

### 4. Brookfield, Organized, June 22, 1757.

The Brookfield Association has ceased to report its members, having transferred that function to the Brookfield Conference, which names the following ministerial members: —

S. Allen Barrett,	'88, Feb. 28.	'01, May 8.	Florence.	P.
Austin B. Bassett,	'87, Sept. 15.	'00, May 8.	Ware.	P. C.
Oscar Bissell,	'56, May 14.	66	Brimfield.	W. C.
Edward B. Blanchard,	'92, June 29.	"	Brookfield.	P. C.
Allen A. Bronsdon,	'97, Dec. 2.	"	Oakham.	P. C.
Edward L. Chute,	'80, July 20.	'01, May 8.	Ware.	Ρ.
Benson M. Frink,	'63, Jan. 9.	'00, May 8.	West Brookfield.	W. C.
Sereno D. Gammell,	'68, Sept. 9.	44	North Brookfield.	W. C.
J. Howard Gaylord,	'99, Nov. 21.	44	West Brookfield.	P. C.
Silvanus Hayward,	'61, Oct. 9.	44	Globe Village.	P. C.
George O. Jenness,	'61, Feb. 8.	66	Charlton.	Ρ.
James G. Knotter,	'96, Apr. 21.	"	Neuchatel, Kan.	Ρ.
William B. Oleson,	'77, Dec. 4.	"	Warren.	P. C.
Harlan Page,	'83, Feb. 6.	"	Hardwick.	Ρ.
Augustus M. Rice,	'73, Dec. 17.	"	Grafton.	Ρ.
John L. Sewall,	'82, July 19.	"	St. Albans, Vt.	P.
Laird W. Snell,	'00, June 27.	'01, May 8.	North Brookfield.	P. C.
Dwight C. Stone,	'88, May 22.	'00, May 8.	Chester, Ct.	Р.

STATED MEETINGS. — Second Tuesdays in January, April, July and October. Rev. J. Howard Gaylord, West Brookfield, scribe.

### 5. CAPE COD (BARNSTABLE, 1792; BREWSTER, 1832; VINEYARD SOUND, 1836), Organized by union, October 16, 1866.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. Empl	oyment.
Jeremiah K. Aldrich,	'63, Feb. 17.	'82, Jan. 31.	Hyannis.	W. C.
Charles A. Breck,	'94, Sept. 25.	'97, Aug. 4.	Cotuit.	P.
George E. Chapin,	'79, Aug. 20.	'01, Oct. 22.	Hatchville.	P.
Henry K. Craig,	'55, Jan. 24.	'73, April 15.	Falmouth.	W. C.
Sidney Crawford,	'70, Dec. 8.	'01, Jan. 15.	Provincetown.	P.
Ernest W. Eldridge,	'93, April 23.	'00, May 6.	Montague.	P.
Fred. K. Ellsworth,	'98, June 2.	'00, Oct. 23.	Sandwich.	P.
Washington H. Forbes,	'81, July 1.	'00, Oct. 23.	South Dennis.	P.
Edward T. Ford,	'97, May 25.	'97, Oct. 19.	Tacoma, Wash.	P. C.
Edgar B. French,	'97, Sept. 7.	'97, Oct. 19.	West Barnstable.	P.
John W. Hayley,	64, Sept. 23.	'95, Jan. 15.	Lowell.	W. C.
Joseph B. Long,	90, July 25.	'00, Oct. 23.	Woods Hole.	Ρ.
Sampson Nicholls,	78, Aug. 1.	'01, Jan. 15.	Harwichport.	Р.
Frederic Parker,	'00, Dec. 14.	'01, July 16.	Chatham.	P. C.
John H. Quint,	'98, May 18.	01, Jan. 15.	Falmouth.	P. C.
E. Irving Rackett,	'94, May 9.	'94, July 17.	East Orleans.	P. C.
John T. Rea,	'73, Aug. 8.	'79, Jan. 28.	Exeter, N. H.	W. C.
Daniel W. Richardson.	'62, Aug. 14.	'96, Aug. 4.	Ossipee Centre, N.	Н. Р.
Ezra J. Riggs,	'79, July 10.	'91, Nov. 10.	Kensington, N. H.	Ρ.
Ezra N. Smith,	'72, June 12.	'92, April 19	. North Falmouth.	P.
George O. Thompson,	'87, Sept. 15.	'01, April 16.	Truro.	P.
Rufus B. Tobey,	'80, Nov. 30.	'81, Jan. 25.	Boston.	W. C.
John J. Walker,	'94, Dec. 11.	'97, April 20.	Westboro.	P. C.
Bartlett H. Weston,	'90, May 29.	'99, Aug. 8.	Centreville.	Р.
Edgar C. Wheeler,	'96, Sept. 22.	'00, April 17.	Rockland.	P.
Charles H. Whitney,	'71, Aug. 31.	72, Jan. 16.	Cambridge.	W. C.
William H. Woodwell,			Hampton, Ct.	Р.

STATED MEETINGS. — Third Tuesdays in January, April, July and October. Rev. Edgar B. French, West Barnstable, scribe.

### 6. Essex North, Organized, September 6, 1761.

The record of ministerial standing has been transferred by the Essex North Association to the Essex North Conference, which reports the following members (Dec. 17, 1901):—

Frank G. Alger,	'86, July 22.	'98, Dec. 20.	Newburyport.	P. C.
Charles L. Charron,	'98, June 22.	'00. Oct. 16.	Haverhill.	Р.
George W. Christie,	'73, Dec. 11.	'93, Feb. 21.	Ossipee, $N. H.$	P.
Calvin M. Clark,	'90, Dec. 30.	'93, Dec. 19.	Haverhill.	P. C.
Charles Clark,	'94, Dec. 12.	'98, April 26.	Ward Hill.	P. C.
Charles F. Clarke,	'92, Dec. 7.	'98, April 26.	Groveland.	P. C.
F. Lincoln Davis,	'93, Nov. 8.	'94, April 17.	New Bedford.	Ρ.
James D. Dingwell,	'95, July 12.	'00, Dec. 18.	Amesbury.	P. C.
Leonard Dodd,	'78, May 5.	'99, Oct. 17.	$At kinson\ Depot,$	N. H. P.

### 6. Essex North (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. En	nployment.
John W. Dodge,	'60, Dec. 6.	'92, April 19.	Newburyport.	W. C.
Frank P. Estabrook,	'93, Feb. 7.	'00, Dec. 18.		Р.
Daniel T. Fiske,	'47, Aug. 18.	'47, Dec. 29.	Newburyport.	P. C. Em.
James W. Flagg,	'82, Oct. 25.	'01, Oct. 22.	Merrimac.	P. C.
David Fraser,	'95, Dec. 5.	'99, Oct. 17.	Rowley.	P. C.
George L. Gleason,	'66, Feb. 1.	'84, May 20.	Haverhill.	P. C.
Charles S. Holton,	'92, Nov. 30.	'97, Dec. 21.	Newbury.	P. C.
Charles L. Hubbard,	'68, Sept. 2.	'80, April 20.	West Boxford.	P. C.
Joseph Kimball,	'83, June 15.	'86, April 20.	Haverhill.	P.
John D. Kingsbury,	'56, Sept. 24.	'66, Oct. 17.	Bradford.	P. C. Em.
Charles E. Lord,	'44, May 8.	'90, Dec. 16.	Newburyport.	W. C.
John N. Lowell,	'77, Nov. 21.	'82, Feb. 21.	Haverhill.	P. C.
Charles P. Mills,	'80. Sept. 23.	'80, Dec. 21.	Newburyport.	W. C.
Vincent Moses,	'87, Oct. 2.	'92, Dec. 20.	South Granville.	, N. Y. P.
Albert F. Newton,	'77, Sept. 5.	'98, Dec. 20.	Haverhill.	P. C.
Edwin B. Palmer,	'59, Sept. 20.	'76, June 20.	Winchester.Tr.	H. M.Soc.
Manasseh G. Papazian,	'90, May 28.	'90, Oct. 21.	Aintab.	Prof.
Myron O. Patton,	'94, May 29.	'95, Dec. 17.	Newburyport.	P. C.
Francis W. Sanborn,	'78, Dec. 18.	'85, Dec. 16.	Marblehead.	W.C.
George H. Scott,	'73, Sept. 8.	'88, Feb. 21.	Atkinson, N. H.	Р.
Elmer E. Shoemaker,	'94, Feb. 27.	'01, April 16.	Newburyport.	P. C.
Egbert C. Smyth,	'56, July 23.	'67, April 19.	Andover. F	Prof. Sem.
Everett S. Stackpole,	'82, April 30.	'01, Dec. 17.	Bradford.	P. C.
George L. Todd,	'87, April 13.	'93, April 18.	Havana, Cuba.	Teaching.
David C. Torrey,	'92, June 1.	'92, Dec. 20.	Byfield.	P. C.
C. Julian Tuthill,	'94, May 1.	'95, Dec. 17.	Sanford, Me.	P.
James S. Williamson,	'90, May 15.	'01, Dec. 17.	Haverhill.	P.C.
Richard Wright,	'90, Nov. 4.	'01, Dec. 17.	Newburyport.	P. C.

Licentiate. — Prof. Isaac N. Carleton, Bradford, licensed April 16, 1887, renewed April 16, 1901, for three years.

Stated Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in February, April, June, October and December.

Rev. David Frazer, Rowley, scribe.

### ESSEX SOUTH AND SALEM (ESSEX SOUTH, September 3, 1717; SALEM, October 15, 1840), Organized by union, December 1, 1885.

Harry C. Adams,	'89, Oct. 22.	'98, Jan. 11.	Danvers. P	. C.
Israel Ainsworth,	'80, April 11.	'89, May 14.	Rockport. P	. C.
William P. Alcott,	'68, Feb. 18.	'81, Sept. 13.	Boxford(Linebrook). P	. C.
Walter H. Ashley,	'78, Mar. 19.	'98, Nov. 8.	Manchester.	P.
S. Linton Bell,	'76, Jan. 5.	'81, April 1.	Marblehead. P	. C.
Emery L. Bradford,	'92, July 1.	'94, Jan. 9.	Boxford. P	. C.
James F. Brodie,	'82, Feb. 21.	'89, Nov. 12.	Salem. P	. C.
John W. Buckham,	'88, Aug. 9.	'91, Jan. 13.	Salem. P	. C.
Daniel E. Burtner,	'90, Sept. 25.	'98, Sept. 13.	Swampscott. P.	. C.
Edwin H. Byington,	'87, May 26.	'00, Nov. 13.	Beverley. P.	. C.

### 7. ESSEX SOUTH AND SALEM (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
DeWitt S. Clark,	'68, Nov. 11.	'79, June 2.	Salem.	P. C.
Edward Constant,	'83, Aug. 30.	'92, Mar. 8.	Ipswich.	P.
Arthur J. Covell,	'90, Oct. 21.	'98, Nov. 8.	Lynn.	P. C.
Daniel L. Crafts,	'76, July 19.	'99, Mar. 14.	Lynn.	W. C.
Temple Cutler,	'61, Feb. 20.	'86, Sept. 26.	West Gloucest	
Hugh Elder,	'68, Jan. 29.	'68, April 7.	Fowes, Scotlar	
Edward C. Ewing,	'63, Nov. 5.	'83, Nov. 1.	Roxbury.	W. C.
George E. Freeman,	'58, Oct. 6.	'96, Mar. 10.	Boston.	W. C.
Curtis M. Geer,	'90, June 25.	'95, Mar. 12.	Hartford, Ct.	Prof.
Leslie C. Greeley,	'98, Dec. 20.	'99, Sept. 12.		P.
Willis A. Hadley,	'78, Aug. 21.	'94, May 9.	Southbridge.	P. C.
George A. Hall,	'86, April 13.		Peabody.	P. C.
Owen E. Hardy,	'94, Oct. 2.	'00, Mar. 13.	West Peabody	
Chauncey J. Hawkins,	'99, May 19.	'00, Sept. 11.	Danvers.	P. C.
Rufus P. Hibbard,	'68, Aug. 4.	'88, Sept. 11.	Gloucester.	P. C.
George A. Jackson,	'72, Sept. 26.		Swampscott.	W. C.
John A. Johnson,	'92, Aug. 6.	'95, Mar. 12.	Lynn.	P. C.
Frederic I. Kelley,	'89, Dec. 30.	'90, Mar. 11.	Dracut.	P. C.
John C. Labaree,	'63, Feb. 4.	'96, Nov. 10.	Saugus.	P.
Warren P. Landers,	'91, Dec. 2.	'92, Mar. 8.	Somerville.	Journalist.
Edward A. Lathrop,	'95, Nov. 26.	'01, Sept. 10.		P.
Frank A. Lindholm,	'98, Oct. 6.	'00, Jan. 9.	Danbury, Ct.	P.
Carl A. Ludgren,	'93, Aug. 17.	'94, May 9.	Waltham.	P.
William C. Merrill,	'84, May 17.	'97, Nov. 9.	Lynn.	P.
Albert W. Moore,	'73, Jan. 22.	'84, Mar. 11.	Lynn.	W. C.
Jesse G. Nichols,	'94, Sept. 13.	'95, Jan. 8.	Hamilton.	P. C.
George W. Osgood,	'78, Jan. 26.	'96, May 26.	Lynn.	W. C.
Albert B. Peabody,	'60, May 24.	'98, Nov. 8.	East Boxford.	W. C.
Arthur H. Pingree,	'98, Nov. 16.	'99, Mar. 14.	Pigeon Cove.	P.
Aaron Porter,	'60, Nov. 20.	'88, Sept. 11.	0	W. C.
Frank H. Reed,	'86, June 24.	'86, Dec. 1.	Lanesville.	P. C.
William E. Renshaw,	'84, June 14.	'01, Nov. 12.	Lynnfield.	P.
Charles B. Rice,	'59, Dec. 7.	'64, May 1.	Danvers.	Sect.
Edward F. Sanderson,	'99, June 27.	'99, Mar. 14.	Beverly.	P. C.
Jotham B. Sewall,	'55, Feb. 28.	'95, Mar. 12.	Boston.	W. C.
Lewis J. Thomas,	'78, June 18.	'98, Sept. 13.	South Peabody	y. P.
Morris H. Turk,	'98, Sept. 22.	'00, Jan. 9.	Wenham.	P.
Arthur N. Ward,	'79, Feb. 25.	'92, Jan. 12.	Somerville.	W. C.
T. Frank Waters,	'76, Oct. 23.	'79, Feb. 4.	Ipswich.	P. C.
Charles C. Watson,	'67, July 2.	'94, Jan. 9.	Lynn.	W. C.
Will C. Wood,	'68, Oct. 15.	'69, Jan. 12.	Boston.	W. C.
Herbert J. Wyckoff,		'00, Sept. 11.	Topsfield.	P. C.
Edmund M. Wylie,	'01, June 20.	'01, Nov. 12.	North Beverly	P. C.

Licentiate. — Markham W. Stackpole, Magnolia, Jan. 14, 1902, for one year. STATED MEETINGS. — Second Tuesdays in January, March, May, September and November.

Rev. T. Frank Waters, Ipswich, scribe.

### 8. Franklin, Organized, September 20, 1803.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. Emplo	yment.
G. Glenn Atkins,	'95, Jan. 2.	'95, Feb. 12.	Burlington, Vt.	P. C.
William A. Bacon,	'95, Oct. 1.	'00, Feb. 13.	Springfield.	P.
Charles E. Beals,	'94, April 8.	'01, Feb. 12.	Greenfield.	P. C.
Edgar F. Blanchard,	'94, Nov. 15.	'96, Feb. 11.	East Poultney, Vt.	P.
Edward P. Butler,	'74, Oct. 20.	'90, June 12.	Sunderland.	P. C.
Christopher W. Collier,	'94, Jan. 3.	'99, Nov. 14.	Orange.	P. C.
Charles M. Crooks,	'97, Feb. 2.	'97, Sept. 14.	Colerain.	P.
George L. Dickinson,	'76, Sept. 20.	'92, April 11.	East Northfield.	W. C.
William H. Dowden,	'63, Nov. 5.	'01, Feb. 12.	Gill.	P.
Joseph A. Goodrich,	'96, Sept. 9.	'96, Sept. 15.	Shelburne.	P.
Edward O. Grisbrook,	'93, May 17.	'98, Nov. 8.	South Deerfield.	P.
Horace F. Hallett,	'91, July 10.	'99, Nov. 14.	Ashfield.	P.
William Harris,	'76, June 10.	'00, May 8.	Warwick.	P.
Dorr A. Hudson,	'91, Sept. 9.	'94, May 8.	Miller's Falls.	P.
Eugene F. Hunt,	'84, Nov. 18.	'96, Sept. 15.	Conway.	P.
Thomas C. Kinne,	'75, June 28.	'93, Dec. 12.	Montague.	W. C.
Frank N. Merriam,	'92, Feb. 24.	'98, Sept. 13.	Turner's Falls.	P. C.
Horace E. Morrow,	'86, May 11.	'00, May 8,	$Philippine\ Islands.$	Tea.
John A. Pogue,	'96, Jan. 28.	'96, May 12.	Erving.	P.
Martin L. Richardson,	'61, Mar. 7.	'98, Nov. 8.	Montague.	W. C.
Thomas S. Robie,	'59, Oct. 25.	'99, Sept. 12.	West Hawley.	W. C.
Edward A. Robinson,	'83, July 11.	'98, Sept. 13.	Buckland.	Р.
C. Ingerson Scofield,	'83, Oct. 18.	'00. May 8.	East Northfield.	P. C.
Edward P. Seymour,	'92, Oct. 25.	'97, Sept. 14.	Wendell.	Р.
Hohannes T. Torosyan,	'99, June 1.	'99, Sept. 12.	Hawley.	Ρ.
Carey H. Watson,	'91, Dec. 30.	'93, July 5.	Greenfield.	Р.
Joseph Wheelwright,	'98, Aug. 29.	'01, Feb. 12.	Greenfield.	W. C.
Lyman Whiting,	'43, Jan. 11.	'90, May 13.	East Charlemont.	P.
Daniel B. Wyman,	'01, Nov. 7.	'01, Nov. 12.	Heath.	P.

Licentiate. - John C. Wightman, Northfield, renewed Feb. 20, 1899, for three

STATED MEETINGS. — Annual, second Tuesday in May. Other meetings. second Tuesdays in September, November and February. Rev. Edward O. Grisbrook, South Deerfield, scribe.

### 9. Hampden, Organized, February 13, 1894, by the union of Hampden West and East, which were formed June 11 and 12, 1844.

William G. Ballantine,	'80, Aug. 20.	'00, Feb. 13.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Stephen G. Barnes,	'81, April 25.	'92, Nov. 7.	Nashville, Tenn.	Teacher.
Harlan P. Beach,	'83, July 19.	'93, Feb. 14.	Montclair, N. J.	Teacher.
Henry J. Bruce,	'62, Sept. 11.	'62, Nov. 11.	Satara, India. A	B.C.F.M.
Collins G. Burnham,	'79, Dec. 10.	'89, May 14.	Chicopee.	P. C.
Edmund A. Burnham,	'00, Nov. 23.	'01, April 9.	Stafford Springs	, Ct. P. C.
Hanford M. Burr,	'88, Oct. 24.	'90, May 13.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Gardner S. Butler,	'77, Jan. 7.	'99, Feb. 21.	Atlanta, Ga.	Teacher.
Luther H. Cone,	'55, April 5.	'60, Feb. 7.	New Haven, Ct.	P. C. Em.

### 9. Hampden (Continued).

Date of Ordination				
Allen E. Cross, Edward Day, Edward Day, William N. DeBerry, Vernon H. Deming, Henry A. Diekinson, Myron S. Dudley, Aaron W. Field, G. Walter Fiske, Albert E. Fitch, Everett D. Francis, Frank L. Garfield, Lewis F. Giroux, Frank L. Goodspeed, Edwin H. Hadlock, 193, April 123. 193, April 11. Feeding Hills. P. C. 194, April 19. South Hadley Falls. P. C. 195, Nov. 20. 197, Keb. 9. Sanford, Fla. 195, Nov. 20. 197, Seb. 9. Sanford, Fla. 196, Nov. 11. 197, Nov. 9. Sanford, Fla. 196, Nov. 11. 197, Nov. 9. Springfield. P. C. 196, Nov. 11. 197, Nov. 9. Springfield. P. C. 196, Peb. 2. Springfield. P. C. 197, Nov. 197, No	Members.			Residence. Employment.
Allen E. Cross, Edward Day, Edward Day, William N. DeBerry, Vernon H. Deming, Henry A. Diekinson, Myron S. Dudley, Aaron W. Field, G. Walter Fiske, Albert E. Fitch, Everett D. Francis, Frank L. Garfield, Lewis F. Giroux, Frank L. Goodspeed, Edwin H. Hadlock, 193, April 123. 193, April 11. Feeding Hills. P. C. 194, April 19. South Hadley Falls. P. C. 195, Nov. 20. 197, Keb. 9. Sanford, Fla. 195, Nov. 20. 197, Seb. 9. Sanford, Fla. 196, Nov. 11. 197, Nov. 9. Sanford, Fla. 196, Nov. 11. 197, Nov. 9. Springfield. P. C. 196, Nov. 11. 197, Nov. 9. Springfield. P. C. 196, Peb. 2. Springfield. P. C. 197, Nov. 197, No	Lyndon S. Crawford,	'79, Aug. 20.	'01, April 9.	Southwick. P.
Edward Day, William N. DeBerry, Vernon H. Deming, Henry A. Dickinson, Myron S. Dudley, Aaron W. Field, G. Walter Fiske, Albert E. Fitch, Everett D. Francis, Frank L. Garfield, Lewis F. Giroux, Frank L. Goodspeed, Edwin H. Hadlock, Newton M. Hall, Fosdick B. Harrison, Franklin S. Hatch, Winfield S. Hawkes, Theron H. Hawks, Thero		'92, Dec. 29.		Brookline. Asst. P. C.
William N. DeBerry, Vernon H. Deming, Henry A. Dickinson, Myron S. Dudley, Aaron W. Field, G. Walter Fiske, Albert E. Fitch, Everett D. Francis, Frank L. Garfield, Lewis F. Giroux, Frank L. Goodspeed, Edwin H. Hadlock, Newton M. Hall, Fosdick B. Harrison, Franklin S. Hatch, Winfield S. Hawkes, Theron H. Hawks, Theron H. Hawks, Theron H. Hawks, Theron H. Hawks, Theron H. Hubbard, William T. Hutchins, David L. Kebbe, Edward H. Knight, Gerald Stanley Lee, Samuel H. Lee, John H. Lockwood, George W. Love, Clarence C. Lyon, Samuel V. McDuffie, Harry C. McKnight, Henry C. McKeserve, Philip S. Moxom, Egbert N. Munroe, Charles Olmstead, Charles Pease, Harvey G. Pillsbury, Paul H. Pitkin, David A. Reed, Franklin P. Reinhold, Walter Rice, James B. Sargent, 1997, Sept. 15. '98, April 12. Lisbon, N. H.	•	'86, Sept. 18.	'99, Feb. 21.	
Vernon H. Deming,   63, Oct. 16.   63, Feb. 11.   Huntington.   W. C.	ů,		,	
Henry A. Dickinson, Myron S. Dudley, Aaron W. Field, G. Walter Fiske, Albert E. Fitch, Everett D. Francis, Frank L. Garfield, Lewis F. Giroux, Frank L. Goodspeed, Edwin H. Hadlock, Parklin B. Hatch, Winfield S. Hawkes, Fimothy A. Hazen, Martin S. Howard, Ceorge H. Hubbard, William T. Hutchins, David L. Kebbe, Edward H. Knight, George W. Love, Clarence C. Lyon, Samuel V. McDuffle, Henry C. McKnight, George W. Love, Charles Olmstead, Charles Pease, Harvey G. Pillsbury, Paul H. Pitkin, David A. Reed, Franklin P. Reinhold, Walter Rice, James B. Sargent,				
Myron S. Dudley,         771, Sept. 28.         '87, Feb. 8.         Boston.         W. C.           Aaron W. Field,         72, Nov. 13.         '81, Feb. 8.         New Marlboro.         W. C.           G. Walter Fiske,         498, Oct. 25.         '99, Feb. 21.         South Hadley Falls. P. C.           Albert E. Fitch,         '96, Nov. 11.         '97, Nov. 9.         Sunford, Fla.           Lewis F. Giroux,         '89, April 17.         '89, April 17.         '89, April 19.         Springfield.         P. C.           Frank L. Goodspeed,         '87, June 29.         '95, April 19.         Springfield.         P. C.           Edwin H. Hadlock,         '93, April 23.         '00, June 26.         Springfield.         P. C.           Fosdick B. Harrison,         '94, June 13.         '99, July 11.         Palmer.         P. C.           Foranklin S. Hatch,         '76, May 7.         '88, Feb. 12.         Madras, India. Y.P.S.C.E.         Madras, India. Y.P.S.C.E.           Winfield S. Hawkes,         '76, Nov. 20.         '69, Feb. 12.         Springfield.         W. C.           Timothy A. Hazen,         '76, Oct. 11.         '95, Feb. 12.         Springfield.         W. C.           Martin S. Howard,         '76, Nov. 20.         '69, Feb. 2.         Wilbraham.         P. C.		,		
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Henry C. Meserve,       '94, Mar. 14. '94, Nov. 13. Indianapolis, Ind.       P. C.         Philip S. Moxom,       '71, Sept. 19. '96, Feb. 11. Springfield.       P. C.         Egbert N. Munroe,       '81, May 4. '89, Nov. 12. Newburyport.       W. C.         Charles Olmstead,       '83, Sept. 27. '99, July 11. Three Rivers.       P.         Charles Pease,       '96, Oct. 20. '97, Nov. 9. Long Beach, Cal.       W. C.         Harvey G. Pillsbury,       '82, Sept. 28. '95, July 9. Chicopee Falls.       P. C.         Paul H. Pitkin,       '66, Sept. 11. '82, May 9. Springfield.       Teacher.         David A. Reed,       '81, June 7. '81, June 12. Springfield.       Teacher.         Edward A. Reed,       '71, June 14. '88, Feb. 14. Holyoke.       P. C.         Franklin P. Reinhold,       '98, July 26. '99, Feb. 21. Windsor Locks, Ct.       P. C.         Walter Rice,       '65, July 25. '92, Nov. 7. Agawam.       P. C.         James B. Sargent,       '97, Sept. 15. '98, April 12. Lisbon, N. H.       P.		'69, May 12.		1 0
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Egbert N. Munroe, Charles Olmstead, Charles Pease, Charles Pease, Paul H. Pitkin, David A. Reed, Franklin P. Reinhold, Walter Rice, James B. Sargent,  281, May 4. 289, Nov. 12. Newburyport. W. C. Paul H. Pitkin, Ped, Cot. 20. 297, Nov. 9. Long Beach, Cal. P. C. Paul H. Pitkin, Ped, Chicopee Falls. P. C. Pit, June 12. Springfield. Pres. S.C.W. Pranklin P. Reinhold, Ped, July 26. 299, Feb. 21. Windsor Locks, Ct. P. C. Pames B. Sargent, P. C.	Henry C. Meserve,	'94, Mar. 14.	'94, Nov. 13.	
Charles Olmstead,       '83, Sept. 27. '99, July 11.       Three Rivers.       P.         Charles Pease,       '96, Oct. 20. '97, Nov. 9.       Long Beach, Cal.       W. C.         Harvey G. Pillsbury,       '82, Sept. 28. '95, July 9.       Chicopee Falls.       P. C.         Paul H. Pitkin,       '66, Sept. 11. '82, May 9.       Springfield.       Teacher.         David A. Reed,       '81, June 7. '81, June 12.       Springfield.       Pres. S.C.W.         Edward A. Reed,       '71, June 14. '88, Feb. 14.       Holyoke.       P. C.         Franklin P. Reinhold,       '98, July 26. '99, Feb. 21.       Windsor Locks, Ct.       P.         Walter Rice,       '65, July 25. '92, Nov. 7.       Agawam.       P. C.         James B. Sargent,       '97, Sept. 15. '98, April 12. Lisbon, N. H.       P.	Philip S. Moxom,	'71, Sept. 19.	'96, Feb. 11.	
Charles Pease,       '96, Oct. 20. '97, Nov. 9.       Long Beach, Cal.       W. C.         Harvey G. Pillsbury,       '82, Sept. 28. '95, July 9.       Chicopee Falls.       P. C.         Paul H. Pitkin,       '66, Sept. 11. '82, May 9.       Springfield.       Teacher.         David A. Reed,       '81, June 7. '81, June 12.       Springfield.       Pres. S.C.W.         Edward A. Reed,       '71, June 14. '88, Feb. 14.       Holyoke.       P. C.         Franklin P. Reinhold,       '98, July 26. '99, Feb. 21.       Windsor Locks, Ct.       P.         Walter Rice,       '65, July 25. '92, Nov. 7.       Agawam.       P. C.         James B. Sargent,       '97, Sept. 15. '98, April 12. Lisbon, N. H.       P.	Egbert N. Munroe,	'81, May 4.	'89, Nov. 12.	V 1
Harvey G. Pillsbury,       '82, Sept. 28. '95, July 9.       Chicopee Falls.       P. C.         Paul H. Pitkin,       '66, Sept. 11. '82, May 9.       Springfield.       Teacher.         David A. Reed,       '81, June 7. '81, June 12.       Springfield.       Pres. S.C.W.         Edward A. Reed,       '71, June 14. '88, Feb. 14.       Holyoke.       P. C.         Franklin P. Reinhold,       '98, July 26. '99, Feb. 21.       Windsor Locks, Ct.       P.         Walter Rice,       '65, July 25. '92, Nov. 7.       Agawam.       P. C.         James B. Sargent,       '97, Sept. 15. '98, April 12. Lisbon, N. H.       P.	Charles Olmstead,	'83, Sept. 27.	'99, July 11.	
Paul H. Pitkin,       '66, Sept. 11.       '82, May 9.       Springfield.       Teacher.         David A. Reed,       '81, June 7.       '81, June 12.       Springfield.       Pres. S.C.W.         Edward A. Reed,       '71, June 14.       '88, Feb. 14.       Holyoke.       P. C.         Franklin P. Reinhold,       '98, July 26.       '99, Feb. 21.       Windsor Locks, Ct.       P.         Walter Rice,       '65, July 25.       '92, Nov. 7.       Agawam.       P. C.         James B. Sargent,       '97, Sept. 15.       '98, April 12.       Lisbon, N. H.       P.	Charles Pease,	'96, Oct. 20.	'97, Nov. 9.	Long Beach, Cal. W. C.
David A. Reed,       '81, June 7.       '81, June 12.       Springfield.       Pres. S.C.W.         Edward A. Reed,       '71, June 14.       '88, Feb. 14.       Holyoke.       P. C.         Franklin P. Reinhold,       '98, July 26.       '99, Feb. 21.       Windsor Locks, Ct.       P. C.         Walter Rice,       '65, July 25.       '92, Nov. 7.       Agawam.       P. C.         James B. Sargent,       '97, Sept. 15.       '98, April 12.       Lisbon, N. H.       P.	Harvey G. Pillsbury,	'82, Sept. 28.	'95, July 9.	Chicopee Falls. P. C.
Edward A. Reed,       '71, June 14. '88, Feb. 14. Holyoke.       P. C.         Franklin P. Reinhold,       '98, July 26. '99, Feb. 21. Windsor Locks, Ct.       P. C.         Walter Rice,       '65, July 25. '92, Nov. 7. Agawam.       P. C.         James B. Sargent,       '97, Sept. 15. '98, April 12. Lisbon, N. H.       P. C.	Paul H. Pitkin,	'66, Sept. 11.	'82, May 9.	Springfield. Teacher.
Franklin P. Reinhold, '98, July 26. '99, Feb. 21. <i>Windsor Locks, Ct.</i> P. Walter Rice, '65, July 25. '92, Nov. 7. Agawam. P. C. James B. Sargent, '97, Sept. 15. '98, April 12. <i>Lisbon, N. H.</i> P.	David A. Reed,	'81, June 7.	'81, June 12.	Springfield. Pres. S.C.W.
Franklin P. Reinhold, '98, July 26. '99, Feb. 21. Windsor Locks, Ct. P. Walter Rice, '65, July 25. '92, Nov. 7. Agawam. P. C. James B. Sargent, '97, Sept. 15. '98, April 12. Lisbon, N. H. P.		71, June 14.	'88, Feb. 14.	Holyoke. P. C.
Walter Rice, '65, July 25. '92, Nov. 7. Agawam. P. C. James B. Sargent, '97, Sept. 15. '98, April 12. Lisbon, N. H. P.		*		Windsor Locks, Ct. P.
James B. Sargent, '97, Sept. 15. '98, April 12. Lisbon, N. H. P.		, .	'92, Nov. 7.	Agawam. P. C.
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	0 1	'88, June 22.	'88, Nov. 13.	Mittineague. P. C.

### 9. Hampden (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Franklin M. Sprague,	'75, Sept. 22.	'82, May 9.	Tampa, $Fla$ .	P.
Thomas S. St. Aubin,	'93, Oct. 1.	'98, Feb. 8.	Springfield.	P. C.
John L. R. Trask,	'67, Dec. 4.	'95, Feb. 12.	Springfield.	W. C.
Rufus S. Underwood,	'67, Nov. 19.	'98, Feb. 8.	Longmeadow.	Evan.
Josiah G. Willis,	'76, Oct. 10.	'88, Nov. 13.	Holland.	P.
George W. Winch,	'75, Oct. 6.	'91, Nov. 10.	Holyoke.	P. C.
Herbert P. Woodlin,	'92, June 26.	'99, Feb. 21.	Chicopee.	Ρ.
Samuel H. Woodrow,	'88, Aug. 30.	'99, April 11.	Springfield.	P. C.

Licentiate. — James C. Greenough, Westfield, licensed July, 1897, for four years; Alexander T. McWhorter, North Stoughton, licensed Nov. 12, 1901, for one year.

STATED MEETINGS. — In Springfield, second Tuesdays in February, April, July and November.

Rev. Collins G. Burnham, Chicopee, scribe.

### 10. Hampshire, Organized, before 1735.

Melvin J. Allen,	'82, Nov. 8.	'01, Feb. 12.	Worthington.	P.
John E. Bowman,	'95, Feb. 14.	'97, June 8.	Scotland.	P.
George H. Buck,	'94, July 5.	'94, Oct. 16.	Crown Point,	N. Y. P.
Solomon Clark,	'41, June 13.	'61, Aug. 6.	Chicago, Ill.	W. C.
Elisha G. Cobb,	'60, June 20.	'67, Feb. 5.	Northamptou.	W. C.
John Cowan,	'75, May 25.	'98, Feb. 8.	Southampton.	Р.
Henry L. Edwards,	'57, July 12.	'85, Feb. 17.	Northampton.	W. C.
Charles H. Hamlin,	'76, Sept. 19.	'85, Oct. 27.	Easthampton.	P. C.
Calvin Keyser,	'75, Dec. 28.	'99, Feb. 21.	Goshen.	P. C.
Wm. J. Parmelee, M. D.,	'84, Feb. 26.	'92, Feb. 2.	Worthington.	W. C.
John Pierpont,	'88, July 26.	'98, June 7.	Williamsburg.	P. C.
Harvey Porter,	'80, Aug. 3.	'80, June 1.	Beirut, Syria.	Prof. Coll.
W. Stanley Post,	'93, Dec. 12.	'01, June 4.	Westhampton.	P.
Wilbur Rand,	'83, May 9.	'95, June 11.	Bangor, N. Y.	P.
Lewis T. Reed,	'99, Aug. 23.	'00, Dec. 11.	Cummington.	P.
Henry T. Rose,	'70, May 29.	'95, Feb. 5.	Northampton.	P. C.
Joseph H. Sawyer,	'88, Sept. 3.	'80, June 1.	Easthampton.	Prof.
William C. Scofield,	'51, Oct. 15.	'95, June 11.	Westhampton.	P.
L. Clark Seelye,	'63, Jan. 20.	'75, Feb. 2.	Northampton.	Pres. Coll.
Samuel T. Seelye,	'46, June 17.	'64, Feb. 2.	Easthampton.	W. C.
Henry H. Smith,	'73, Sept. 7.	'94, June 5.	Huntington.	W. C.
Henry P. Smith,	'75, June 8.	'99, Feb. 21.	Amherst.	P.
Hanson E. Thygeson,	'87, Nov. 2.	'95, Oct. 29.	Chesterfield.	P.
Henry M. Tyler,	'72, May 6.	'84, Feb. 12.	Northampton.	Prof.
George N. Webber,	'55, Dec. 5.	'90, Oct. 28.	Northampton.	W. C.
Irving F. Wood,	'94, Mar. 6.	'96, June 2.	Northampton.	Prof. Coll.
Sumner G. Wood,	'80, Dec. 30.	'89, Feb. 9.	Blandford.	P.
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STATED MEETINGS.—Second Tuesday in February, first Tuesday of June, fourth Tuesday of September, and second Tuesday of December. Rev. Elisha G. Cobb, Northampton, scribe.

### 11. Hampshire East, Organized, November 16, 1841.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. Employment.
Robert C. Bell,	'69, Nov. 3.	'92, Dec. 6.	Granby. P.
Daniel Bliss,	'55, Oct. 31.	'74, Sept. 22.	Beirut, Syria. Pres. Coll.
Edward P. Crowell,	Licentiate.	'65, Sept. 19.	Amherst. Prof.
William E. Dickinson,	'60, Dec. 19.	'97, Feb. 3.	Amherst. W. C.
Levi H. Elwell,	Licentiate.	'80, Dec. 2.	Amherst. Prof.
Henry Fairbank,	'86, May 27.	'85, May 26.	Ahmednagar, India. F. M.
George E. Fisher,	'50, Feb. 27.	'67, Dec. 17.	North Amherst. W. C.
Eber W. Gaylord,	'73, May 13.	'90, Dec. 2.	North Amherst. P. C.
John F. Gleason,	'73, Jan. 7.	'95, May 28.	South Amherst. P.
Edwin A. Grosvenor,	'72, July 30.	'96, Feb. 4.	Amherst. Prof. Coll.
William D. Herrick,	'60, Jan. 18.	'84, Sept. 16.	Amherst. W. C.
Edward E. Keedy,	'94, Oct. 16.	'94, Dec. 4.	Hadley. P.
John W. Lane,	'60, Oct. 16.	'61, Jan. 9.	North Hadley. P. C.
George Lyman,	'51, Nov. 12.	'70, Dec. 20.	Riverside, Cal. W. C.
Henry R. McCartney,	'87, June 25.	'98, Dec. 6.	W.Stewartstown, N. H. P.
George J. Newton,	'97, July 22.	'98, Feb. 6.	Springfield. P. C.
Arthur B. Patten,	'94, Feb. 1.	'97, Dec. 7.	South Hadley. P. C.
Lawrence Perry,	'94, May 10.	'96, May 26.	Worcester. Pastor's Ass't.
Richard Scoles,	'80, April 21.	'00, May 29.	Leverett. P.
William E. Strong,	'85, July 15.	'01, Dec. 3.	Amherst. P. C.
Charles S. Walker,	'71, Aug. 1.	'81, Sept. 20.	Amherst. Prof. of Ag. Coll.
Robert M. Woods,	'77, Nov. 21.	'77, Dec. 4.	Hatfield. P. C.
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Licentiates. — Edward P. Crowell, Amherst, re-licensed Sept. 17, 1901; William L. Montague, Amherst, re-licensed Dec. 6, 1898; Levi H. Elwell, Amherst, re-licensed Dec. 4, 1900. Term of licensure is four years. STATED MEETINGS. — First Tuesdays in February, June and December, and third Tuesday of September. Rev. George E. Fisher, North Amherst, scribe.

### 12. Mendon, Organized, November 8, 1751.

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John F. Crosby,	'92, Mar. 30.	'94, Dec. 4.	Dover, N. H.	W. C.
Robert W. Drawbridge,	'97, Oct. 5.	'00, Nov. 21.	Medway.	P. C.
Nathan T. Dyer,	78, July 31.	'90, Dec. 9.	Ashburnham.	P.
Joseph M. R. Eaton,	'45, Jan. 9.	'71, Mar. 14.	Redlands, Cal.	W. C.
Edward Evans,	'75, Sept. 1.	'01, Sept. 30.	Foxboro.	P.
Rufus K. Harlow,	'68, Oct. 15.	'72, June 11.	Medway.	P. C. Em.
Edward C. Hood,	'74, May 8.	'96, Dec. 1.	Hingham.	W. C.
Ephraim O. Jameson,	'60, Mar. 1.	'72, June 11.	Boston.	W. C.
Franklin C. Jones,	'63, Feb. 4.	'96, April 7.	Norfolk.	W. C.
John L. Keedy,	'94, Aug. 28.	'01, April 2.	Walpole.	P. C.
William M. Macnair,	'01, Oct. 4.	'01, Nov. 19.	Mansfield.	P. C.
Francis J. Marsh,	'76, Mar. 26.	'82, Mar. 14.	Boston.	Secretary.
William J. Minchin,	'96, June 10.	'99, Oct. 10.	Wrentham.	Р.
Edson J. Moore,	'61, April 1.	'86, Sept. 21.	Norfolk.	Р.
Benjamin F. Perkins,	'65, Nov. 22.	'98, Oct. 4.	Hampton, N. H	ł. P.
Leroy M. Pierce,	'70, Feb. 4.	'98, April 5.	Medfield.	Р.
William L. Ropes, :	'53, Sept. 14.	'53, Oct. 11.	Andover.	Librarian.

### 12. MENDON (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Isaiah W. Sneath,	'84, Feb. 27.	'99, April 19.	Franklin.	P. C.
George E. Sweet,	'90, June 30.	'99, Oct. 10.	Boston.	W. C.
Albert H. Wheelock,		'94, Mar. 13.		Р.
Webster Woodbury,	'68, Sept. 29.	'88, June 13.	South Fran	ningham.W.C.
George F. Wright,	'75, July 14.	'98, Oct. 4.	Bingham, I	Me. P.
STATED MEETINGS	First Tuesda	ays in Febru	ary, April	, October and

December. Rev. Isaiah W. Sneath, Franklin, scribe.

### 13. MIDDLESEX SOUTH, Organized, June 7, 1830.

Daniel E. Adams,	'60, Dec. 5.	'86, Dec. 7.	Wellesley Hills.	W. C.
George M. Adams,	'51, Sept. 18.	'73, Sept. 9.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Arthur J. Benedict,	'75, May 25.	'01, Dec. 3.	South Natick.	Р.
Edward E. Bradley,	'93, June 20.	'94, Dec. 4.	Lincoln.	P. C.
Merle A. Breed,	'93, Nov. 21.	'97, May 4.		W. C.
S. Ingersoll Briant,	'68, April 22.	'99, Feb. 7.		W. C.
Charles S. Brooks,	'69, Sept. 15.	'01, Feb. 5.	Wellesley.	W. C.
Edward H. Chandler,	'92, Nov. 9.	'97, Sept. 21.	Salem.	W. C.
Daniel W. Clark,	'82, June 22.	'99, Dec. 5.	Ashland.	w. c.
Frederick M. Cutler,	'98, June 8.	'01, Dec. 3.	Ashland.	P.
Edmund Dowse,	'38, Oct. 10.	'39, Feb. 5.	Sherborn.	P. C.
Horace Dutton,	'68, Jan. 21.	'75, Sept. 21.	Auburndale.	W.C.
Lucius R. Eastman,	'62, May 1.	'71, Dec. 2.	Framingham.	P. C.
Frederick E. Emrich,	'75, Sept. 16.	'90, Sept. 16.	South Framingham.	P. C.
Prescott Fay,	'56, Feb. 27.	'96, Feb. 4.	Saxonville.	W. C.
Lincoln B. Goodrich,	'93, June 29.	'97, Sept. 21.	Marlboro.	P. C.
Robert F. Gordon,	'76, May 12.	'90, Feb. 4.	Boston.	P.
Theodore J. Holmes,	'59, Oct. 5.	'94, Sept. 18.	Richmond, Vt.	P.
Thomas C. Jackson,	'82, Aug.	'95, Sept. 17.	Ironton, O.	P. C.
James B. King,	'84, July.	'99, Sept. 19.	Hopkinton.	P. C.
George W. Lawrence,	'88, Feb. 14.	'99, Sept. 19.	Willsboro, N. Y.	Ρ.
William E. Locke,	'68, Mar. 15.	'00, Dec. 4.	Wellesley.	W. C.
Martin F. Mevis,	'93, Sept. 18.	'94, May 1.	Southboro.	Ρ.
Francis N. Peloubet,	'57, Dec. 2.	'72, Feb. 6.	Auburndale.	W. C.
William G. Puddefoot,	'88, Jan. 29.	'98, Dec. 6.	South Framingham.	W.C.
Almon J. Rackliffe,	'82, June 11.	'00, Sept. 18.	Hudson.	P.
Clarence W. Rouse,	'90, Dec. 4.	'95, Dec. 3.	South Sudbury.	P. C.
Albert D. Smith,	'88, Oct. 4.	'97, Feb. 2.	Northboro.	P. C.
Frederic E. Sturgis,	'68, Oct. 1.	'86, May 6.	Natick.	P. C.
Arthur Titcomb,	'88, Oct. 31.	'00, Feb. 6.	Saxonville.	Ρ.
Nicholas Van der Pyl,	'93, Sept. 13.	'96, May 5.	Holliston.	P. C.
Benjamin C. Wood,	'94, July.	'97, May 2.	Rochester, N. Y.	W. C.
Harvey Woodward,	'74, April 20.	'98, Sept. 20.		W. C.
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STATED MEETINGS.—First Tuesdays in February, May and December, third Tuesday in September.
Rev. Daniel E. Adams, Wellesley Hills, scribe.

### 14. MIDDLESEX UNION, Organized, January, 1827.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Herbert W. Boyd,	'86, Nov. 5.	'98, Nov. 15.	Ashby.	P. C.
Walter W. Campbell,	'90, Nov. 12.	'90, Nov. 18.	Concord.	W. C.
William O. Conrad,	'90, June 8.	'98, May 24.	Fitchburg.	P. C.
Bernard Copping,	'79, Sept. 3.	'96, Nov. 17.	Acton.	P. C.
George S. Dodge, M. D.,	'93, June 6.	'01, Mar. 19.	West Acton.	W. C.
A. Frederic Dunnels,	'84, Oct. 2.	'01, Jan. 15.	Fitchburg.	P. C.
Amelia A. Frost,	'94, Feb. 14.	'94, Nov. 20.	Rutland.	W. C.
George B. Frost,	'83, June 7.	'94, May 22.	Rutland.	P. C.
Henry H. Gay,	'89, April 16.	'92, Mar. 15.	Groton.	W. C.
Edward L. Gulick,	'89, Dec. 3.	'91, Sept. 15.	Lawrenceville,	N. J. Tea.
John C. Handy,	'96, April 7.	'00, June 21.	Indian Orchar	d. P.
H. Linwood Hartwell,	'95, Aug. 28.	'99, Nov. 21.	Dunstable.	P.
Charles S. Haynes,	'94, May 23.	'97, Sept. 21.	Peterboro, N.	H. P. C.
George R. Hewitt,	'86, June 4.	'95, Mar. 19.	Lowell.	W. C.
Henry M. Holmes,	'65, May 10.	'79, Jan. 7.	Provincetown	W. C.
Alfred S. Hudson,	'67, Dec. 19.	'84, Dec. 30.	Ayer.	Р.
John E. B. Jewett,	'51, Sept. 10.	'61, May 7.	Pepperell.	W. C.
Fritz W. Martini,	'97, May 14.	'00, Nov. 20.	Fitchburg.	P. C.
William C. Martyn,	'98, Nov. 29.	'99, Mar. 21.	West Acton.	P. C.
Jason G. Miller,	'99, Sept. 12.	'99, Sept. 19.	Harvard.	P. C.
Joel D. Miller,	'66, April.	'71, July 5.	Leominster.	Editor.
Frank E. Mills,	'78, Nov. 13.	'98, Mar. 15.	Pepperell.	W. C.
Horace Parker,	'61, May 31.	'64, Mar. 1.	West Tisbury.	W. C.
Elijah H. Roper,	'97, Oct. 27.	'98, Jan. 17.	Westford.	P.
Charles H. Rowley,	'81, Feb. 23.	'86, Mar. 2.	Harwich.	P.
Geo. R. W. Scott,	'68, Sept. 17.	'81, Jan. 11.	Newton.	W. C.
George A. Tewksbury,	'63, Dec. 21.	'95, Sept. 17.	Concord.	P.
Nathan Thompson,	'65, Sept. 13.	'77, Sept. 4.	Cheltenham, M	fd. W. C.
Ole O. Thorpe,	'94, Mar. 1.	'96, Jan. 21.	Concord.	W. C.
J. Brainerd Thrall,	'78, Dec. 8.	'98, Sept. 20.	Pepperell.	P.
Joseph Torrey,	'60, May 30.	'94, Jan. 16.	Shirley.	Р.
David Wallace,	'94, Aug. 22.	'97, Sept. 21.	Lunenburg.	Р.
Charles H. Washburn,	'85, Dec. 2.	'99, Nov. 21.	Maynard.	P. C.
Benjamin A. Willmott,	'96, July 1.	'01, Jan. 15.	Townsend.	Р.
Franklin P. Wood,	'71, July 24.	'73, May 6.	Acton.	W. C.

Licentiate. — Enoch F. Bell, April 17, 1901, for two years.
STATED MEETINGS. — Third Tuesdays in January, March, May, September and November.
Rev. William J. Batt, Concord Junction, scribe and treasurer.

### 15. NORFOLK ASSOCIATION, Organized, May 11, 1811.

Henry Clay Alvord,	'79, Sept. 10.	'87, Feb. 15.	South Weymouth.	P. C.
Edward Anderson,	'58, Oct. 13.	'98, Dec. 20.	Quincy.	Р.
'Andrew W. Archibald,	'76, Aug. 24.	'91, June 15.	Brockton.	P. C.
George Benedict.	'83, Oct. 9.	'98, Dec. 20.	North Abington.	Ρ.

### 15. NORFOLK ASSOCIATION (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. Empl	oyment.
Henry E. Bray,	'89, Jan. 30.	'99, Dec. 19.	Stoughton.	P.,
Frank E. Butler,	'87, June 22.	'96, Dec. 15.	South Weymouth.	Ρ.
Edward C. Camp,	'94, Oct. 10.	'99, April 18.	Whitman.	P. C.
Almon J. Dyer,	'86, June 4.	'98, Feb. 15.	Sharon.	P. C.
Augustus H. Fuller,	'78, Oct. 17.	'95, Feb. 19.	Easton Centre.	Р.
DeMont Goodyear,	'00, Jan. 31.	'00, April 17.	Abington.	P. C.
Edwin N. Hardy,	90, Nov. 6.	'95, Dec. 17.	Quincy.	P. C.
Karl F. Henrikson,	'96, Oct. 1.	'01, April 16	. Quincy.	Р.
Calvin G. Hill,	'72, Sept. 5.	'84, June 10.	Milton.	W. C.
Charles A. Hilton,	'71, June 9.	'94, Feb. 20.		P. C.
Alan Hudson,	'92, Dec. 28.	'93, April 18.	Brockton.	P. C.
Henry S. Huntington,	'66, Jan. 31.	'91, Oct. 17.	Milton.	Р.
Robert R. Kendall,	'78, Jan. 30.	'92, Dec. 20.	Winter Park, Fla.	Prof.
Joseph Kyte,	'62, Sept. 25.	'96, Feb. 18.	North Anson, Me.	Р.
John M. Lord,	'51, Dec. 21.	'93, Dec. 19.	Weymouth.	W. C.
Warren F. Low,	'94, Sept. 4.	'95, Feb. 19.	Boston.	W. C.
William S. A. Miller,	'96, June 25.	'01, Dec. 17.	East Braintree.	
Samuel Morrison,	'65, Oct. 24.	'90, Oct. 28.	Braintree.	W. C.
Andrew H. Mulnix,	'98, Feb. 3.	'99, Oct. 31.	East Milton,	P. C.
Edward Norton,	'64, Dec. 28.	'75, Jan. 26.	Quincy.	P. Em.
Frank H. Palmer,	'80, Sept. 28.	'86, April 20.	Braintree.	W. C.
Frank Park,	'95, July 16.	'99, April 18.	Beechwood.	Ρ.
Albert F. Pierce,	'77, Sept. 3.	'99, April 18.	Campello.	P. C.
Elbert S. Porter,	'83, Dec. 19.	'89, Oct. 29.	Stockbridge.	P. C.
Henry S. Snyder,	'85, Oct. 28.	'98, Feb. 15.	Weymouth.	W. C.
Arthur Truslow,	'96, Sept. 30.	'99, Oct. 31.	Baltimore, Md. Y.	M. C. A.
Thomas H. Vincent,	'89, Feb. 6.	'97, Dec. 28.	North Weymouth.	Р.
Isaac C. White,	'50, Oct. 23.	'90, June 10.	Plymouth.	W. C.
Granville Yager,	'76, June 20.	'98, Dec. 20.	Braintree.	W. C.

STATED MEETINGS. — Last Tuesday in October, third Tuesdays in December, February and April, and second Tuesday in June. Rev. Almon J. Dyer, Sharon, *scribe* and *treasurer*.

### 16. OLD COLONY, Organized, August 18, 1810.

Harry L. Brickett,	'83, May 23.	'96, Feb. 12.	Marion.	P. C.
George P. Byington,	'68, Mar. 11.	'00, Feb. 14.	Westport.	Р.
William Carruthers,	'58, June 16.	'92, Feb. 10.	Holyoke.	C. M.
John Graham,	'90, Jan. 17.	'90, Feb. 12.	West Newbury.	Ρ.
Henry M. Grant,	'63, Nov. 17.	'79, Oct. 22.	Eau Claire, Wis.	W. C.
Charles F. Hersey,	'93, Jan. 25.	'94, Nov. 14.	New Bedford.	W. C.
Robert Humphrey,	'83, July 17.	'97, Feb. 10.	Mattapoisett.	P.
Matthew C. Julien,	'72, Dec. 11.	'78, July 30.	New Bedford.	P. C.
John A. MacColl,	'83, Jan. 31.	'90, Feb. 12.	New Bedford.	P. C.
Charles B. Mitchell,	'98, July 6.	'00, Feb. 14.	New York, N. Y.	W. C.
Benjamin W. Pennock,	'88, June 27.	'00, May 9.	New Bedford.	W. C.

### 16. OLD COLONY (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. H	Employment.
Robert L. Rae,	'89, Oct. 14.	'90, Feb. 12.	Brockton.	P. C.
Caleb L. Rotch,	'79, Oct. 9.	'00, May 9.	North Rochest	er. P.
George W. Stearns,	'83, Aug. 1.	'95, Nov. 13.	Middleboro.	Р.
Richard G. Woodbridge,	'81, April 6.	'94', Nov. 14.	Somerville.	P. C.

STATED MEETINGS. - Second Wednesdays in February, May and Novem-

Rev. Robert L. Rae, 12 Argyle Avenue, Brockton, scribe.

### 17. PLYMOUTH, Organized, May 18, 1858.

Haig Adadourian,	'97, Nov. 3.	'97, Nov. 16.	Manomet.	P.
Ernest M. Bartlett,	'97, Oct. 19.	'00, Sept. 25.	Kingston.	P.
Charles S. Bates,	'90, June 6.	'97, Nov. 16.	Otis.	P.
John W. Brownville,	'73, Dec. 18.	'85. Nov. 17.	Waquoit.	Ρ.
Austin S. Chase,	'76, Dec. 14.	'93, May 8.	East Hartford, Ct.	W.C.
Alfred DeBarritt,	'95, May 31.	'97, Nov. 16.	Cienfuegos, Cuba.	Ρ.
Jesse H. Jones,	'61, May 19.	'99, March 7.	Halifax.	P.
Adoniram J. Leach,	'89, April 7.	'01, May 28.	Acton.	W. C.
Burton A. Lucas,	'97, Sept. 15.	'01, Dec. 20.	Marshfield.	P.
Frederic W. Manning,	'91, Dec. 31.	'92, Aug. 16.	Andover.	W. C.
Henry B. Mason,	'92, June 28.	'00, Nov. 20.	Duxbury.	Ρ.
Francis Moon,	'80, July 2.	'89, Nov. 19.	Chiltonville.	W. C.
Frederick B. Noyes,	'90, Oct. 28.	'00, Sept. 25.	Plymouth.	Р.
Roland D. Sawyer,	'00, Mar. 13.	'01, Dec. 30.	Hanson.	P.
Ernest W. Shurtleff,	'89, Nov. 16.	'92, Aug. 16.	Minneapolis, Minn.	Ρ.
John Wild,	'92, April 20.	'92, Aug. 16.	Hanover.	P.
George W. Wright,	'77, Dec. 5.	'93, Nov. 21.	Boston.	W. C.
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Licentiates. - James I. Thomas, Halifax, license renewed on May 8, 1893, without limit of time; Oscar F. Stetson, North Carver, license renewed Feb.

19, 1901, for one year.

Stated Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in March, May, October and De-

cember.
Rev. Haig Adadourian, Manomet, scribe and treasurer.

### 18. Suffolk North, Organized, July 2, 1822.

Milan C. Ayres,	'74, May 30.	'85, Feb. 15.	Roxbury.	Editor.
Reuben A. Beard,	'79, Sept. 10.	'98, Jan. 25.	Cambridge.	P. C.
Joseph P. Bixby,	'62, April 30.	'79, Sept. 16.	Revere.	W. C.
Howard A. Bridgman,	'90, Nov. 19.	'87, Dec. 13.	Brookline.	Editor.
G. Wolcott Brooks,	'77, Oct. 10.	'85, April 21.	Dorchester.	Р.
Samuel C. Bushnell,	'79, June 4.	'90, May 28.	Arlington.	P. C.
Samuel M. Cathcart,	'96, Dec. 1.	'97, May 25.	Chelsea.	P. C.
C. F. Hill Crathern,	'86, Sept. 1.	'93, Dec. 6.	Braintree.	P.
George Darling,	'50, July 12.	'93, June 7.	Cambridge.	W. C.
William C. Detling,	'97, Mar. 3.	'95, Oct. 30.	Ashburnham.	W. C.

### 18. Suffolk North (Continued).

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Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. Empl	oyment.
M. Angelo Dougherty,	'69, June 15.	'87, June 7.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Walter S. Eaton,	'91, April 26.	'94, Feb. 7.	Revere.	P. C.
Robert E. Ely,	'90, Dec. 11.	'88, Nov. 20.	Cambridgeport.	W. C.
Daniel Evans,	'91, May 26.	'00, Jan. 30.	North Cambridge.	P. C.
Oren D. Fisher,	'75, Sept. 28.	* .	East Boston.	Ρ.
William B. Forbush,	'92, Feb. 17.		Charlestown.	P. C.
George H. Gutterson,	'78, Dec. 3.		Winchester.	Sec.
Samuel E. Herrick,	'63, Oct. 13.	'65, Feb. 21.	Boston.	P. C.
John V. Hilton,	'60, July.	'77, Dec. 18.	Boulder, Colo.	W. C.
Elijah Horr,	, ,	'97, Nov. 30.	•	W. C.
Ross C. Houghton,		'95, June 10.		P. C.
Frank H. Kasson,	'79, Nov. 13.	'83, Sept. 18.		Editor.
Horace H. Leavitt,	'73, June 19.	·	Somerville.	P. C.
Duncan MacDermid,	'86, Oct. 28.	'93, Feb. 8.	Boston.	W. C.
Robert A. MacFadden,		'98, Sept. 27.		P. C.
Alexander McKenzie,	'61, Aug. 28.	'67, April 16.		P. C.
Peter McQueen,	'91, May 8.	'93, Oct. 4.	Charlestown.	P.
William J. Murray,	'79, April 28.	,	Beachmont.	P.
Sylvester S. Nickerson,	'76, Dec. 26.	'89, Sept. 25.		P. C.
Charles L. Noyes,	'81, Mar. 29.	'83, Feb. 20.	Somerville.	P. C.
Leonard S. Parker,	'38, Dec. 16.	'87, Feb. 8.	North Cambridge.	A. P.
Lawrence Phelps,	'78, Sept. 5.	'92, April 5.	Leominster.	W. C.
Eddy T. Pitts,	'82, Feb. 8.	'00, Nov. 27.		P. C.
Charles H. Pope,	65, July 27.	'97, Mar. 30.		P.
Edward K. Rawson,	72, Oct. 9.		Annapolis, Md. Ch	
James H. Ropes,	'01, June 18.	'01, Nov. 26.	Cambridge.	Prof.
James H. Ross,	'78, Feb. 22.	'88, Nov. 20.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Alfred E. Stembridge,	'92, Mar. 28.		Wilmington.	W. C.
William I. Sweet,	'87, April 19.	· -	Everett.	P.
Charles H. Talmage,	'82, Sept. 18.	'99, Nov. 28.	Taunton.	Р.
John G. Taylor,	773, Jan. 9.	'00, Jan. 30.	Arlington Heights.	
Edward Sampson Tead,	'78, Sept. 17.	'86, Feb. 12.		C. E. S.
Edward P. Tenney,	'58, Oct. 19.	'00, Jan. 30.	North Cambridge.	W. C.
C. A. G. Thurston,	'77, Oct. 17.	'00, Mar. 27.	Somerville.	W. C.
Charles F. Thwing,	'79, Sept.	'79, Dec. 16.	Cleveland, O.	Pres.
W. Sherman Thompson,	'91, Oct. 14.	'01, Nov. 26.	East Somerville.	P. C.
Robert W. Wallace,	'72, May 26.	'97, Nov. 30.	Somerville.	W. C.
George Washburn,	63, July 29.	'78, Oct. 13.	Constantinople. Pre	
George Y. Washburn,	'82, April 26.	'00, Jan. 30.	Everett.	Р.
Charles H. Williams,	'99, Oct. 19.	'00, Jan. 30.	Cambridge.	P. C.
Albert E. Winship,	'75, Mar. 17.	'76, June 13.		Editor.
Edward C. Winslow,	'81.	'01, Oct. 8.	Boston.	W. C.
James C. Young,		'97, Nov. 30.		P. C.
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Stated Meetings. — Last Tuesdays in January, March, May, September and November. Rev. John G. Taylor, Arlington Heights, scribe.

## 19. Suffolk South, Organized, January 27, 1829.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. Employm	ent.
William H. Allbright,	'79, June 6.	'91, Mar. 11.	Roxbury. P	. C.
Charles H. Beale,	'80, April 5.	'95, Jan. 16.		. C.
William T. Beale,	'82, June 7.	'99, May 10.	Dorchester.	P.
Warren F. Bickford,	'76, June 20.		Islington.	Ρ.
George M. Boynton,	'63, Oct. 28.	'80, Nov. 10.	Newton Centre.	Sec.
Samuel A. Brown,	'00, Dec. 27.	'01, Mar. 13.	Boston. P	. C.
Seelye Bryant,	'90, Oct. 1.	'00, Mar. 14.	Canton. P	. C.
William R. Campbell,	'81, Oct. 12.	'81, Nov. 9.	Roxbury. P	. C.
Edward A. Chase,	'84, May 28.	'00, Jan. 24.	Wollaston. P	. C.
Francis E. Clark,	'76, Oct. 19.	'84, Jan. 16.	Auburndale. Y. P. S. C	. E.
Alfred E. Colton,	'84, May 28.	'99, Nov. 8.		Sec.
Perley B. Davis,	'62, Jan. 29.	'63, July 7.	West Roxbury. W	. C.
Morton Dexter,	'73, April 30.	'84, Mar. 12.	Boston. Edi	tor.
Charles A. Dickinson,	'79, Sept. 27.	'99, Nov. 8.	Sacramento, Cal.	P.
Charles A. Dinsmore,	'85, July 20.	'96, Mar. 18.	South Boston. P	. C.
Albert E. Dunning,	'70, Sept. 29.	'71, Jan. 2.	Brookline. Edi	tor.
Percy H. Epler,	'98, May 26.	'98, Sept. 14.	South Boston. Asst	. P.
Solomon P. Fay,	'49, Sept. 6.	'82, Mar. 8.	Dorchester. W	. C.
George H. Flint,	'94, Oct. 22.	'96, Jan. 15.	Dorchester.	P.
William Gallagher,	'74, Dec. 1.	'98, Jan. 12.	South Braintree. P	rin.
Richard B. Grover,	'81, Oct. 4.	'92, May 11.	Cambridgeport.	P.
Benj. F. Hamilton,	'65, June 28.	'72, Mar. 12.	Roxbury. W	. C.
John A. Hamilton,	'61, Jan. 29.	'85, May 13.	Sharon. Sec. A. E	E. S.
Harry O. Hannum,	'96, Sept. 16.	'00, Mar. 14.	Boston. Asst	. P.
Henry N. Hoyt,	'76, May 22.	'98, May 11.	Hyde Park. P	. C.
Albion H. Johnson,	'65, Oct. 13.	'83, May 9.	Dover.	Ρ.
William S. Kelsey,	'85, May 27.	'99, May 10.	Allston. Assoc	. P.
John L. Kilbon,	'89, June 28.	'92, Sept. 14.	Newton Centre. Edi	tor.
Frederick T. Knight,	'97, Oct. 5.	'97, Nov. 10.	Wollaston, W	. C.
Arthur Little,	'63, Mar. 16.	'89, Sept. 18.	Dorchester. P	. C.
Achilles L. Loder,	'77, May 8.	'91, Nov. 5.	Thetford, Vt.	Р.
Samuel L. Loomis,	'80, Oct. 14.	'97, Sept. 29.	Jamaica Plain. P	. C.
Charles D. Lothrop,	'54, Dec. 14.	'93, Mar. 15.		. C.
Ellis Mendell,	'79, June 4.	'80, May 12.		. C.
Frank W. Merrick,	'91, Oct. 12.	'91, Nov. 5.		. C.
Charles L. Morgan,	'76, Mar. 15.	'95, Jan. 16.	Jamaica Plain. P	. C.
Edwin L. Noble,	'96, May 18.	'01, Mar. 13.	Neponset.	Ρ.
Cyrus P. Osborne,	'65, Nov. 2.	'00, Jan. 24.		ect.
Albert H. Plumb,	'58, Nov. 10.			. C.
Arthur P. Pratt,	'01, Mar. 13.	'01, May 8.	Medford Hillside.	Ρ.
Winfred C. Rhoades,	'99, May 17.	'00, Sept. 19.		. C.
Edward H. Rudd,	'87, Oct. 25.	'01, Sept. 18.		. C.
Joseph B. Seabury,	'75, Sept. 8.			. C.
Judson Smith,	'66, Oct. 17.	'85, Mar. 11.	· ·	
George F. Stanton,	'66, June 6.	'90, Jan. 15.		. C.
Herbert W. Stebbins,	'83, Aug. 28.	'97, Sept. 29.	Boston. W	. C.

### 19. Suffolk South (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. 1	Employment.
J. Spencer Voorhees,	'84, July 9.	'00, Mar. 14.	Roslindale.	P. C.
Eugene C. Webster,	'90, May 28.	'94, Sept. 19.	Jamaica Plain.	Sec.
John H. Whitaker,	'93, Dec. 19.	'98, May 11.	Atlantic.	P.
Cyrus L. D. Younkin,	'93, April 8.	'92, Mar. 9.	Boston.	М.

Licentiate. — Albert E. Wurst, Boston, licensed Sept. 18, 1901, for three

STATED MEETINGS.—Second Wednesdays in January, March, May, September and November.
Rev. George H. Flint, Dorchester, scribe and treasurer.

### 20. Suffolk West, Organized, January 8, 1867.

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Orson P. Allen,	'55, Sept. 26.	'01, Oct. 23.	Auburndale. W. C.
James L. Barton,	'85, June 29.	'97, Feb. 8.	Newton Cen. A.B.C.F.M.
Adolph A. Berle,	'87, Sept. 14.	'91, Dec. 14.	Brighton. P. C.
Erastus Blakeslee,	'80, Feb. 17.	'94, Feb. 12.	Brookline. W. C.
George H. Cate,	'79, April 2.	'94, June 11.	Boston. Sect.
Edward L. Clark,	'61, Aug. 8.	'93, April 11.	Boston. P. C.
William H. Cobb,	'72, April 18.	'88, June 11.	Newton Cen. Cong. Lib.
Calvin Cutler,	'62, Mar. 12.	'68, Feb. 4.	Auburndale. P. C. Em.
Charles H. Daniels,	'73, Nov. 20.	'95, Feb. 25.	Newton. Sec. A.B.C.F.M.
Ozora S. Davis,	'96, Sept. 14.	'00, Oct. 16.	Newtonville. P. C.
William H. Davis,	'77, July 5.	'96, Oct. 12.	Newton. P. C.
Samuel W. Dike,	'69, Feb. 8.	'87, Oct. 11.	Auburndale.Sec.N.D.R.L.
Parris T. Farwell,	'83, Oct. 23.	'95, Dec. 9.	Wellesley Hills. P. C.
Addison P. Foster,	'66, Oct. 3.	'01, Oct. 23.	Auburndale. A.S.S.U.
Bradford M. Fullerton,	'68, Feb. 12.	'81, Dec. 18.	Brockton. W. C.
George P. Gilman,	'72, Aug. 28.	'85, Oct. 6.	Waverley. P.
George A. Gordon,	'77, Jan. 20.	'86, April 20.	Boston. P. C.
John O. Haarvig,	'83, Oct. 13.	'95, Dec. 9.	Allston. P. C.
Harris G. Hale,	'91, Sept. 3.	'97, April 12.	Brookline. P. C.
Charles E. Harrington,	'74, Oct. 27.	'95, Dec. 9.	Waltham. P. C.
Ralph J. Haughton,	'91, Nov. 24.	'99, Oct. 9.	Weymouth Heights. P.
Charles E. Havens,	'81, Sept. 15.	'94, April 9.	Littleton. P. C.
George A. Hood,	'69, Sept. 30.	'96, Feb. 10.	Boston. Sec. C. C. B. S.
Edwin Leonard,	'52, Mar. 25.	'93, Dec. 11.	Melrose Highlands. W. C.
Oscar Lindegren,	'93, Dec. 7.	'00, June 11.	East Boston. Miss.
William T. McElveen,	'90, May 15.	'00, Dec. 12.	Boston. P. C.
George A. Matthews,	'95, April 3.	'98, Dec. 19.	Auburndale. W. C.
Darius A. Morehouse,	'65, June 18.	'90, Dec. 3.	Newton Centre. W. C.
Edward M. Noyes,	'83, Sept. 26.	'95, Feb. 25.	Newton Centre. P. C.
Henry E. Oxnard,	'94, Nov. 13.	'00, Feb. 13.	Newton. P.
Henry J. Patrick,	'54, Nov. 16.	'67, Jan. 8.	Newtonville. P. C. Em.
George G. Phipps,	'68, Jan. 23.	'78, Dec. 10.	Newton Highlands. W. C.
Cyrus Pickett,	'67, Feb. 28.	'01, Dec. 11.	Boston. W. C.
Edward C. Porter,	'84, June 24.	'90, Feb. 10.	Watertown. P. C.
Theodore P. Prudden,	'74, Dec. 22.	'94, Dec. 10.	West Newton. P. C.

### 20. Suffolk West (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Isaac O. Rankin,	'80, July 21.	'96, June 8.	Peekskill, N.	Y. W. C.
Oliver D. Sewall,	'92, Sept. 27.	'97, Oct. 11.	Brookline.	Asst. P.
Ezra H. Slack,	'81, Oct. 13.	'01, April 17.	Brookline.	W. C.
William S. Smith,	'54, April 27.	'74, Dec. 8.	Worcester.	W. C.
Charles M. Southgate,	'70, Dec. 15.	'96, Feb. 10.	Auburndale.	P. C.
S. Lewis B. Speare,	'74, Jan. 30.	'96, Dec. 14.	Newton.	W. C.
E. Ellsworth Strong,	'59, April 10.	'67, April 8.	Auburndale.	Editor.
Reuben Thomas,	'58, Dec. 7.	'76, Feb. 8.	Brookline.	P. C.
Alexander S. Twombly,	'59, Feb. 10.	'93, April 11.	Newton.	W. C.
Elbridge C. Whiting,	'91, Sept. 30.	'00, June 11.	Belmont.	P.

Licentiates. — Arthur W. Kelly, Auburndale, license renewed February, 1900, for three years; Edward P. Kelly, Auburndale, renewed, April 10, 1899,

for three years,
STATED MEETINGS. — Second Wednesdays in February, April, June, Octo-

ber and December.
Rev. Elbridge C. Whiting, Belmont, scribe and treasurer.

### 21. TAUNTON, Organized, November 21, 1826.

Wm. W. Adams,	'60, Jan. 26.	'64, Nov. 29.	Fall River.	P. C.
James A. Anderson,	'89, Oct. 10.	'00, Jan. 17.	Somerset.	Р.
Samuel V. Cole,	'89, Oct. 29.	'89, Nov. 13.	Norton. Pre	s. Sem.
Zenas Crowell,	'77, Dec. 19.	'01, Jan. 9.	Attleboro Falls.	Ρ.
James E. Enman,	'95, Dec. 31.	'00, Jan. 17.	Fall River.	P. C.
Francis A. Fate,	'94, Nov. 1.	'98, Nov. 9.	Taunton.	P. C.
Avery K. Gleason,	'86, Dec. 14.	'00, Nov. 14.	Raynham.	P.
Charles E. Harris, Jr.,	'94, Oct. 9.	'98, Nov. 9.	Brooklyn, N. Y.	W. C.
William R. Joyslyn,	'64, Feb. 4.	'00, Nov. 14.	Berkley.	Ρ.
William Knight,	'86, Sept. 4.	'98, Nov. 9.	Boston.	P. C.
Dorrall Lee,	'74, Sept. 16.	'99, Nov. 8.	Presque Isle, Me.	P.
Hallah H. Loud,	'97, Dec. 16.	'98, Jan. 12.	East Taunton.	P. C.
Frank L. Luce,	'95, Nov. 6.	'98, May 11.	Taunton.	P. C.
Payson W. Lyman,	'71, May 10.	'89, May 8.	Fall River.	P. C.
Henry C. McComas,	'00, Oct. 26.	'01, Nov. 13.	North Attleboro.	P. C.
Henry G. Megathlin,	'96, Dec. 19.	'97, Jan. 13.	Wollaston.	P.
J. Lee Mitchell,	'87, Nov. 11.	'01, Nov. 13.	Attleboro.	Ρ.
George H. Perry,	'88, April 7.	'91, Nov. 13.	Lakeville.	Ρ.
Edward N. Pomeroy,	'68, Nov. 11.	'82, May 10.	Wellesley.	W. C.
Charles A. Ratcliffe,	'91, April.	'97, Mar. 10.	Norton.	Р.
Samuel P. Rondeau,	'92, Nov. 22.	'98, Mar. 9.	Fall River.	P. C.
Charles L. Tomblen,	'77, Aug. 30.	'01, Mar. 20.	North Middleboro.	P. C.
William F. Warren,	'78, Oct. 13.	'98, Nov. 9.	Malden.	W. C.
Charles B. Wathen,	'83, June 14.	'98, Mar. 9.	Rehoboth.	Ρ.
T. Clayton Welles,	'72, Oct. 25.	'92, Nov. 9.	Lowell.	P. C.
John Whitehill,	'61, Dec. 11.	'69, Nov. 10.	Oldtown.	Ρ.
STATED MEETINGS S	Second Wedr	nesdays in J	anuary, March, M.	ay and

STATED MEETINGS. — Second Wednesdays in January, March, May and November. Rev. Payson W. Lyman, Fall River, scribe and treasurer.

### 22. Woburn, Organized, September, 1833.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. Employment.
Charles Anderson,	'74, Sept. 2.	'74, Sept. 15.	Constantinople. Robt. C.
A. Herbert Armes,	'89, Dec. 18.	'99, Oct. 31.	Carlisle. P.
William F. Bacon,	'67, Sept. 26.	'90, Feb. 4.	Medford. W. C.
John Barstow,	'87, June 29.	'95, Feb. 19.	Wethersfield, Ct. W. C.
William J. Batt,	'59, Sept. 29.	'59, Nov. 15.	Concord June. Chaplain.
Theodore P. Berle,	'93, Oct. 3.	'93, Oct. 17.	Cambridge. W. C.
Wolcott Calkins,	'62, Oct. 22.	'98, Nov. 15.	Newton. P.
Charles F. Carter,	'83, Sept. 13.	'97, Feb. 17.	Lexington. P. C.
Judson Van Clancy,	'87, Sept. 7.	'96, Mar. 17.	West Medford. P. C.
Joshua Coit,	'60, Nov. 13.	'89, Jan. 29.	Winchester. H. M. Sec.
Eugene E. Colburn,	'75, Sept. 18.	'98, Nov. 25.	Broad Brook, Ct. P.
Marshall M. Cutter,	'68, Dec. 29.	'74, Nov. 17.	Boston. W. C.
Albert P. Davis,	'94, Nov. 22.	'95, Feb. 19.	Wakefield. P. C.
B. Alfred Dumm,	'91, June 4.	'01, Nov. 19.	Stoneham. P. C.
Walter A. Evans,	'86, June 29.	'95, Dec. 17.	Forest City, Ia. W. C.
James L. Fowle,	'78, July 3.	'98, Nov. 15.	Turkey. F. M.
Henry H. French,	'86, April 25.	'98, Nov. 5.	Malden. P. C.
Henry H. Hamilton,	'72. Sept. 1.	'98, Nov. 15.	Lexington. W. C.
Elijah Harmon,	'67, Oct. 17.	'86, Mar. 16.	South Braintree. W. C.
Robert W. Haskins,	'72, Oct. 19.	'98, Nov. 8.	Reading. W. C.
James L. Hill,	'75, Sept. 15.	'87, June 13.	Salem. W. C.
John H. Hoffman,	'77, Aug. 21.	'01, Nov. 19.	North Reading. P.
Frank S. Hunnewell,	'88, June 27.	'99, Feb. 21.	Reading. P. C.
Burke F. Leavitt,	'73, May 7.	'95, Jan. 29.	Melrose Highlands. P. C.
Elihu Loomis,	'51, Oct. 22.	'98, Nov. 15.	Centerville. W. C.
George E. Lovejoy,	'73, July 16.	'94, May 9.	Pittsfield, N. H. P. C.
Thomas MacBriar,	'90, Jan. 15.	'98, Nov. 15.	Melrose. W. C.
Daniel March,	'45, April 25.	'77, May 15.	Woburn. P. C. Em.
Truman A. Merrill,	'58, July 14.	'98, Nov. 5.	Malden. W. C.
Robert D. Miller,	'56, July 2.	'98, Nov. 15.	Malden. W. C.
D. Augustine Newton,	'82, Sept. 21.	'85, Dec. 16.	Winchester. P. C.
Isaac Pierson,	'70, Mar. 30.	'96, Oct. 8.	Medford. P. C.
Walter H. Rollins,	'98, Aug. 26.	'01, Nov. 19.	Wilmington. P. C.
Charles Scott,	'54, Dec. 27.	'01, Nov. 19.	Reading. W. C.
Doremus Scudder,	'85, June 17.	'95, Dec. 17.	Japan. A. B. C. F. M.
Thomas Sims,	'75, June 9.	'98, Nov. 1.	Melrose. P.
Azro A. Smith,	'64, Feb. 11.	'00, June 5.	Reading. W. C.
Edwin Smith,	'65, Jan. 11.	'88, May 1.	Ballardvale. P.
George H. Tilton,	'73, June 4.	'98, Nov. 15.	North Woburn. P. C.
Peter Vincentius,	'88, Aug. 19.	'89, Jan. 29.	East Boston. P.
Joshua W. Wellman,	'51, June 18.	'64, Mar. 17.	Malden. W. C.
William H. Willcox,	'50, Mar. 5.	'58, Jan. 19.	Malden. W. C.
J. Christopher Williams,	'90, Feb. 23.	'99, Feb. 21.	Woodville, N. Y. P.
Licentiate Albert V	. Fisher, Derr	y, N. H., ren	ewed Nov. 9, 1897, for three

years.
STATED MEETINGS.—Third Tuesdays in February, April, September and November.
Rev. Albert P. Davis, Wakefield, scribe and treasurer.

### 23. WORGESTER CENTRAL, Organized, November 4, 1823

23. Worcest	ER CENTRAL,	Organized, I	November 4,	1823.
Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
August L. Anderson,	'86, June 28.	'98, Feb. 8.	Orange.	P.
Thomas E. Babb,	'69, Jan. 19.	'94, April 3.	Holden.	Р.
Orange C. Bailey,	'85, Oct. 13.	'94, Nov. 13.	Worcester.	P.
Albert Bryant,	'65, Sept. 20.	'86, Feb. 2.	Scituate Ce	ntre. P.
Charles M. Carpenter,	'90, April 22.	'01, April 9.	Oxford.	Ρ,
Arcturus Z. Conrad,	'85, June 2.	'90, Feb. 3.	Worcester.	P. C.
Amos H. Coolidge,	'57, April 21.	'67, July 7.	Worcester.	W. C.
Samuel B. Cooper,	'87, June 19.	'99, Feb. 7.	Boylston Ce	ntre. P.
Joseph W. Cross,	'34, Oct. 1.	'41, Jan. 5.	Worcester.	W. C.
William N. T. Dean,	'75, Feb. 3.	'89, Feb. 5.	Whately.	P.
Austin Dodge,	'66, Oct. 6.	'90, Feb. 4.	Burlington.	Р.
George S. Dodge,	'72, Aug. 16.	'78, May 7.	Worcester.	P. C.
John E. Dodge,	'83, Sept. 25.	'84, Feb. 5.	West Boylst	ion. P.
Henry C. Fay,	'58, Dec. 28.	'81, May 2.	Somerville.	W. C.
Walcott Fay,	'84, Feb. 20.	'90, Feb. 4.	Nantucket.	W. C.
Joseph F. Gaylord,	'67, Nov. 7.	'01, Nov. 12.	Worcester.	W. C.
Dwight Goddard,	'94, July 17.	'00, Nov. 13.	Lancaster.	W. C.
Samuel A. Harlow,	'82, Oct. 15.	'96, Feb. 4.	Grafton.	P. C.
Joseph N. Haskell,	'00, June 22.	'01, Feb. 5.	Northwood	Cen., N. H. P.
Albert W. Hitchcock,	'91, Dec. 15.	'01, April 9.	Worcester.	P. C.
John E. Hurlbut,	'75, Mar. 24.	'97, Feb. 15.	Wapping, C	t. P.
William W. Jordan,	'84, Oct. 9.	'94, Nov. 13.	Clinton.	P. C.
Alexander Lewis,	'90, May 28.	'96, April 7.	Worcester.	P. C.
Joseph F. Lovering,	'60, June 17.	'88, April 3.	Somerville.	W. C.
Archibald McCullagh,	'71, May 2.	'91, April 27.	Worcester.	W. C.
Henry F. Markham,	'80, Sept. 22.	'95, Nov. 12.	Portis, Kan.	W. C.
John H. Matthews,	'91, May 5.	'97, Nov. 9.	Worcester.	Р,
Daniel Merriman,	'68, Sept. 30.	'78, Nov. 12.	Worcester.	P. C. Em.
Lyman Mevis,	'91, Oct. 1.	'01, April 9.	Worcester.	Р.
Eldridge Mix,	'60, Dec. 6.	'94, April 3.	Worcester.	С. М.
Ellsworth W. Phillips,	'91, Oct. 19.	'92, Feb. 9.	Worcester.	P. C.
Charles M. Pierce,	'63, Sept. 2.	'91, Feb. 3.	Auburn.	Р.
George H. Pratt,	'60, Oct. 11.	'94, Nov. 13.	Paxton.	. P.
David C. Reid,	'84, July 29.	'96, April 7.	Leicester.	P. C.
F. C. F. Scherff,	'76, April 9.	'90, April 1.	Muscatine, I	o. P.
Willard Scott,	'79, Oct. 29.	'99, Feb. 7.	Worcester.	P. C.
Arthur H. Sedgwick,	'90, Nov. 11.	'01, April 9.	Shrewsbury	. Р.
J. Addison Siebert,	'94, July 19.	'01, Nov. 12.	Worcester.	Р.
William T. Sleeper,	'54, June 29.	'54, Sept. 5.	Newton.	W. C.
Rufus M. Taft,	'93, June 16.	'94, Feb. 6.	Worcester.	Evan.
Albert G. Todd,	'90, June 10.	'97, Feb. 15.	Worcester.	Р.
John E. Tuttle,	'83, May 22.	'97, Nov. 9.	Lincoln, Nel	
John Udd,	'96, July 2.	'98, Nov. 15.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Charles A. White,	'73, Sept. 3.	'96, Nov. 10.		Р.
Inman L. Wilcox,	'89, Oct. 18.	'90, Feb. 4.	Worcester.	P. C.
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STATED MEETINGS. — First Tuesdays in February and April, and second Tuesday in November. Rev. Albert G. Todd, Worcester, *scribe*.

### 24. Worcester North, Organized, June 18, 1818.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
James A. Bates,	'60, Sept. 19.	'99, April 25.	South Royalst	on. P.
Rolla G. Bugbee,	'76, Nov. 8.	'98, Jan. 25.	Athol.	Р.
Irving A. Burnap,	'92, Sept. 15.	'01, Sept. 24.	Phillipston.	P.
Joseph S. Cogswell,	'68, Nov. 14.	'94, Jan. 23.	Ashburnham.	W. C.
Preston R. Crowell,	'90, Sept. 4.	'98, July 12.	Petersham.	P.
Francis J. Fairbanks,	'64, Aug. 31.	'95, July 9.	Royalston.	Р. С.
Robert J. Floody,	'87, Sept. 7.	'98, April 26.	Boston.	W. C.
John H. Garman,	'47, Nov. 3.	'66, Oct. 2.	North Orange	. W. C.
Burton S. Gilman,	'97, May 16.	'97, April 26.	Gardner.	P. C.
Edwin S. Gould,	'73, Oct. 1.	'94, Jan. 23.	Providence, R.	. I. W. C.
John W. Hird,	'79, Mar. 19.	'91, April 28.	Baldwinville.	Р. С.
Milan H. Hitchcock,	'57, Aug. 25.	'63, April 28.	Hubbardston.	Р.
Albert V. House,	'94, June 20.	'95, April 23.	New Salem.	Р.
Gustavus W. Jones,	'69, May 27.	'91, April 28.	Winchendon.	P. C.
Gabriel B. Kambour,	'93, April 5.	'93, April 25.	Templeton.	P. C.
Francis B. Knowlton,	'65, Aug. 29.	'86, Jan. 26.	Athol.	W. C.
John W. Lees,	'70, Nov. 16.	'96, April 28.	Westminster.	P.
George J. Pierce,	'72, Aug. 8.	'82, April 25.	Worcester.	Р.

STATED MEETINGS. — Fourth Tuesdays in January and April, second Tuesday in July, and last Tuesday in September. Rev. Francis B. Knowlton, Athol, scribe.

### 25. Worcester South, Organized, in 1818.

Frank L. Bristol,	'75, Oct. 25.	'88, Oct. 9.	Uxbridge.	P. C.
Andrew Campbell,	'96, Sept. 24.	'00, Jan. 19.	Webster.	Р.
James H. Childs,	'75, Oct. 7.	'85, Jan. 13.	Northbridge Centr	e. P.
Edward W. Clark,	'50, Jan. 1.	'00, Jan. 19.	Westboro.	W. C.
David M. Didriksen,	'92, July 13.	'92, Oct. 11.	Roxbury.	W. C.
George P. Eastman,	'91, May 12.	'92, Jan. 12.	Millbury.	P. C.
John C. Hall,	'90, May 20.	'92, Jan. 12.	Sutton.	P. C.
David Howie,	'89, Feb. 27.	'94, Oct. 9.	Saundersville.	Р.
Frank A. Lombard,	'00, Aug. 9.	'00, Sept. 11.	Kioto. A. B. C	C. F. M.
Augustine P. Manwell,	'00, Sept. 18.	'00, Dec. 11.	Northbridge.	Р.
Aaron B. Peffers,	'55, May 29.	'93, April 11.	Stoneham.	W. C.
Charles P. Pierce,	'98, Nov. 15.	'98, June 14.	East Douglas.	P.
George A. Putnam,	'60, Nov. 14.	'71, Oct. 17.	Millbury.	P. C.
Wallace II. Sterns,	'97, July 14.	'01, Sept. 10.	Blackstone.	Ρ.
John R. Thurston,	'59, Jan. 20.	'72, Jan. 9.	Whitinsville.	P. C.
Alexander Wiswall,	'79, Sept. 24.	'94, Jan. 9.	Upton.	P. C.
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STATED MEETINGS.—Second Tuesdays in March, June, September and December.

Rev. James H. Childs, Northbridge Centre, scribe.

### MINISTERIAL RECORD FOR 1901

### Ordinations, Installations and Recognitions.

In this list, "o." denotes ordination without installation; "o. p." ordination as pastor; "o. f. m." ordination for foreign missionary service; "i." installation; "r." recognition; "r. p." recognition as pastor; "r. min." recognition as minister. But owing to indefinite reports, "o." may sometimes be an error for "o. p."

Austin, Leon H., Washington Street ch., Quincy, o. i., October 23.

Bailey, Henry L., Longmeadow, i., November 13.

Bennett, Henry J., Andover, o f. m., June 3.

Benneyan, Hachadoor G., Armenian ch., Worcester, o., December 1.

Bigelow, E. Victor, Eliot ch., Lowell, i., April 25. Burrows, Frederick W., First ch., Braintree, r. p., December 3.

Carey, Edward F., Andover, o. f. m., June 3. Dumm, Benjamin A., Stoneham, i., March 20. Elkins, Wendell Phillips, Wareham, r. min., November 21.

Flagg, James W., Merrimac, i., May 22. Goodacre, James J., Winthrop, i., May 29. Gordon, George A., Central ch., Worcester, o., June 4.

Harlow, Samuel A., Grafton, i., July 2. Havens, Charles E., Littleton, i., July 18.

Howe, George M., Groton, i., November 12. Keedy, John L., Walpole, i., May 24.

Le Bosquet, John E., North Avenue ch., Cambridge, o., December 3.

Lyman, Eugene W., Cummington, o., August 15. Macnair, William M., Mansfield, o. i., October 4.

Merriam, Charles W., Cohasset, o. i., June 25.

Newton, George J., Emmanuel ch., Springfield, i., December 4.

Parker, Frederick, Chatham, o. i., December 14.

Platner, John W., Shepard Memorial ch., Cambridge, o., June 18. Pratt, Arthur P., West Roxbury, o., March 12. Pratt, N. Miller, Monson, i., May 29.

Ropes, James H., Shepard Memorial ch., Cambridge, o., June 18.

Rudd, Edward H., First ch., Dedham, i., April 24.

Snell, Laird W., North Brookfield, o. i., 1900, December 24. Snow, Everard W., Walnut Avenue ch., Boston, o., November 21. Stackpole, Everett S., First ch., Bradford, June 11.

Stoops, John D., First ch., Easthampton, o., November 20.

Strong, William E., First ch., Amherst, i., October 24. Taylor, John G., Arlington Heights, i., October 30. Thayer, Frederick D., Dudley, o. i., October 2.

Thompson, W. Sherman, East Somerville, i., October 1.

Walker, John J., Westboro, i., December 18.
Walker, William S., Chester, r., November 20.
Weeden, Charles F., Central ch., Lynn, i., February 27.

Welles, T. Clayton, Highland ch., Lowell, i., October 30. Wood, Sumner G., Blandford, i., June 26. Wright, Richard, Belleville ch., Newburyport, i., June 5.

Wylie, Edmund M., North Beverley, o. i., June 20.

Wyman, Daniel B., Heath, o., November 7.

### DISMISSIONS.

Akeson, Ludwig, Scandinavian ch., Woburn, September 30. Bacon, William A., Shelburne Falls, December 31. Bigelow, E. Victor, Cohasset, January 30. Cobb, Elisha G., Florence, November 12. Cross, Allen E., Park ch., Springfield, June 29. Estabrook, F. Phillip, First ch., Georgetown, June 27. Gaylord, Joseph F. Barre, 1900, June 19. Havens, Charles E., Newton Highlands, February 1. Kendall, Robert R., Weymouth Heights, January 2. Kingsbury, John D., First ch., Bradford, June 11. McCartney, Henry R., First ch., Amherst, March 19. Nelson, Andrew P., Swedish ch., Lowell, May 20. Newton, Albert F., Union ch., Haverhill, May 28. Rich, Charles S., Stockbridge, October 28. Sewall, John L., North Brookfield, November 1. Swartz, Herman F., Mansfield, May 21. Tuttle, John E., Union ch., Worcester, April 22. Udd, John, Second Swedish ch., Worcester, October —. Walker, John J., Yarmouth, November 6. Wallace, Robert W., First ch., East Somerville, March 19. Welles, T. Clayton, Taunton, June 25. Wood, Sumner G., First ch., Easthampton, May 1.

#### DEATHS.

Allen, Simeon O., w. c., West Springfield, April 22, aged 63 years. Bancroft, Cecil F. P., Prin., Andover, October 4, aged 61 years. Benedict, William A., w. c., Newton Centre, April 19, aged 79 years. Byington, Ezra H., w. c., Newton, May 16, aged 72 years. Emery, Samuel H., p. c. em., Taunton, October 3, aged 86 years. Foster, Davis, p. c. em., Washington, D. C., Dec. 14, aged 79 years. Gates, Hiram N., w. c., Medford, February 7, aged 80 years. Hardy, Daniel W., p., Billerica, July 28, aged 67 years. Howard, Hiram L., w. c., Ware, July 25, aged 73 years. Ide, Alexis W., w. c., West Medway, December 21. Munroe, Charles W., p. c., Cambridge, August 19, aged 79 years. Murphy, Thomas D., p., Chester, May 18, aged 63 years. Paine, Albert, w. c., Roxbury, May 15, aged 81 years. Smith, Charles B., w. c., West Medford, June 2, aged 85 years. Smith, Henry H., w. c., Chesterfield, August 28, aged 61 years. Sterling, George, p., Windsor, November 26, aged 59 years. Teele, Albert Kendall, p. c. em., Milton, March 11, aged 80 years. Thayer, Joseph H., Prof. em., Cambridge, Nov. 26, aged 73 years. Thompson, Augustus C., p. c. em., Roxbury, Sept. 26, aged 89 years. Tufts, James, w. c., Monson, April 29, aged 88 years. Webb, Edwin B., p. c. em., Roxbury, May 20, aged 81 years. Webb, Edwin B., p. c. em., Roxbury, May 20, aged 81 years. Wilson, John G., w. c., Salem, December 8, aged 81 years.

#### MARRIAGES.

Armes, A. Herbert, of Carlisle, and Caroline Mooers, of Lawrence, at West Roxbury, November —.

Blanchard, Ferdinand Q., of West Newton, and Ethel Hebard, of Newtonville, at Newtonville, June 19.

- Côtè, Thomas G. A., of Lowell, and Miss Emma S. Elliott, of Haverhill, at Haverhill, July 31.
- Crawford, Sidney, of Provincetown, and Edith Small, of Provincetown, at Provincetown, June 19.
- Crooks, Charles M., of Colerain, and Miss Annie M. Marcy, of Dorchester, at Dorchester, September 25.
- Macnair, William M., of Mansfield, and Miss Amy V. Wickett, of Howard, R. I., at Howard, R. I., October 15.
- Manning, Frederick W., of Andover, and Mary S. Delano, of Marshfield, at Marshfield, June 12.
- Park, Frank, of Beechwood, and Sadie Ayer Lowell, of Dexter, Me., at Ayer, October 9.
- Stoops, John D., of Easthampton, and Mary E. Millner, of Cambridge, at Cambridge, December 25.

### ADMISSIONS TO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The number of churches which received less than 10 new members in 1901 was 305; from 11 to 25, 131; from 26 to 50, 52; over 50, 12; churches giving no report, 6; churches which received no new members, 97; total, 603.

### MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCHES

Two churches have less than 10 members; 16 churches have from 10 to 24 members; 71 from 25 to 49 members; 153 from 50 to 99; 99 from 100 to 149; 105 from 150 to 249; 115 from 250 to 499; 28 from 500 to 749; 7 from 750 to 1,000; 2 over 1,000.

### STATISTICS ON BENEVOLENCES

The following statement shows the differences between the amounts received by the Treasurers of the Benevolent Societies and their auxiliaries and the amounts reported by the Churches:—

FOREIGN MISSIONS.  Received by the Treasurer\$101,945 " " Auxiliaries 75,748  Reported by the Churches 174,599	Home Missions.  Received by the Treasurer\$ 92,394 " " Auxiliaries 55,587  Reported by the Churches 157,982
EDUCATION.	AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.
Received by the Treasurer 23,180 Reported by the Churches 57,788	Received by the Treasurer 42,604 Reported by the Churches 36,447
CHURCH BUILDING.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.
Received by the Treasurer 26,953 Reported by the Churches 29,309	Received by the Treasurer 17,780 Reported by the Churches 13,250

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# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE WORK OF THE CHURCHES

No specific task was assigned to this committee at the last annual meeting of the Association. Being left free the committee chose to follow the lines of inquiry indicated by the time-honored phrase, "the state of religion." A circular letter, with directed and stamped envelopes for reply, was sent out, January 1, to the pastors or clerks of all the churches, containing the following preface and questions:—

"There is a wide impression that there has been a decline in the religious life and efficiency of our churches during the past few years, which seems to be warranted by such facts as the following:—

"The ratio of additions by profession to the whole membership of the churches in the State the last five years was one-fifth less than it was the five years before, and two-fifths less than the five years before that.

"We, therefore, desire as a committee to get the expression of the brethren throughout the State. Will you please answer the following questions to the best of your knowledge, and return at your earliest convenience before February 1, 1902:—

"Give us your inner thoughts and the answers will be treated as confidential.

"Question 1. Has there been a decline in religious interest in your field during the past few years? If so, in what respect?

"Question 2. To what do you attribute this decline, if it exists?

"Question 3. What remedies can you suggest?"

The hope was that these questions, though in general terms, would yield data for judging whether the pulse of piety in our churches was beating full or seriously failing. If our churches are abiding in strength of influence and service, it was felt to be quite time that the note of discouragement were silenced and the weight of misjudgment lifted from leaders and workers. And wherever loss should appear it was thought that signals of danger might be raised for the benefit of other churches.

Replies of some sort were received from the representatives of 339 churches, a clear majority of the 603 of our order in the State. This is a large response, as such things go, and is a significant index of the concern with which the interests of the kingdom of Christ are cherished by the body of Congregational ministers of Massachusetts. This evidence is strengthened by the care bestowed by a great majority of those

who wrote, upon their statements of existing conditions, at close range or at large. Unstinted devotion to the work of the Lord and a sagacious grasp of the situation are evidenced by many of the papers submitted. More numerous and fuller extracts would be brought into this report if its limits allowed. A number of correspondents expressed their particular interest in the line of inquiry pursued and confidence in its probable value. In a few cases the responses were by church clerks or other laymen, when pulpits were vacant or pastors temporarily absent. In some instances the opinions of laymen had been gathered by the clerical reporters. But as a whole the conspectus of church life furnished the committee is the minister's view. There is an incidental sign that at least the Christian grace of charity clothes most of our pastors, in the absence from the replies of harsh criticisms of other men. Only now and then a writer turns his satire upon the church boss. More in grief than in censure are the faults of church members pointed out. And in only two or three letters out of the 339 are theological professors and conspicuous leaders of religious thought classed with traitors. There is great variety in location and constituency in the body of Congregational churches in Massachusetts. No kind of place and no sort of people touched by our denomination is without representation in these reports. We have heard from all kinds of churches on avenues and on alleys, in factory towns and in academy villages, in the hill country and the populous summer resorts of the shore; from our German, Scandinavian, French and Armenian brethren, as well as the English-speaking churches.

If the competency of pastors as judges is challenged, we can only say that no one else watches the churches with such scrutiny and stands so nearly at the centre of all religious activities and influences. Your committee believes them as a rule wholly candid and able to hold themselves against the natural instinct to make out a good case for the churches which are the objects of their labor and love.

I. Proceeding now to an analysis of these replies, we have to lay one side the courteous acknowledgment by some nine or ten of the receipt of the questions. Most of these were unable to venture an opinion because of very brief observation in their present fields. One writer declined to contribute to an investigation which he thought certain to be barren of trustworthy information, owing to the dissimilar standards and temperaments of different men. Nine wrote fully, some of them with much discernment, but balanced items of gain and loss so nicely that the committee could not locate them under yes or no. These are omitted from the comparison. The nine churches of another group seem to be chronically in a low state, described in such comments as: "No noticeable decline, for none is possible," "cannot sink lower and live." These are classed affirmatively. Seventy-four answers

declare pretty positively a decline in local religious interest. Many of these extend the same judgment to the churches as a whole. Among the respects as to which decline is manifest may be mentioned by quotation: "Decrease in church attendance," "absence of non-Christians from church services," "fewer men in church," "fewer adults in Sunday school," "loss in Sabbath observance," "unbelief among Christians," "less concern for personal salvation," "less prayer for spiritual blessings," "fewer attendants at prayer meeting and fewer participants in it," "few active workers in the church," "less sense of responsibility for the unconverted," "less willingness to engage in personal efforts to win souls," "unwillingness to join the church on confession of faith or by letter," "careless moral tone of young people following the doubts of an older generation." Of more general application are these: "Fading out of the sense of God," "the prevailing indifference," "less preaching to the unsaved," "slight response to the call of the Gospel, showing dullness of conscience," "influence of the church less and consequent lower tone of conscience in communities".

Twenty-two sets of answers lean to the affirmative, but with qualification. In these cases there are gains to partly balance losses. If accessions to church membership are fewer than ten years ago, more people attend church, or benevolences have increased, or the working force in the church is better drilled and more alert. Many of the writers in this group view the decline in spirituality as inevitable in a transition period, but temporary only. Two specimen observations fairly represent this group:—

"Not in church activities, or church benevolences, and probably not in church attendance, but I suspect the relative proportion of those who attend church, in the community, compared with the population, is less now than ten years ago. Many families move into N——, who have no inclination to come into fellowship or attendance in the churches, well-to-do people who seem indifferent to religious matters; and I find many Christians disinclined to assume church obligations by taking their letters from us or bringing them to us from other churches in which they have been active members."

"The most serious decline, not confined to six years, is in a longing and an aggressive work to bring sinners to repent, turn and believe. It is not so much that the church forgets there are men and women beyond the help of 'Christian nurture,' which has come to be the main reliance for winning souls, but it seems to lack daring to believe such can be reached and to work for them.

"Everything else seems in as good case as we are accustomed to expect with, however, a general lowering of tone as to holy things, especially the Lord's Day."

Crossing to the other side of the line we count in the negative some

churches whose natural constituency and field of people have become smaller through sweeping changes in population. In many such cases there has been loss in numbers at every point, but no loss in faithfulness. The interest "has shrunk, not declined." To many of the reporters in this division the term religious interest has a pretty broad meaning. "Religious interest has not declined, but its manifestation has changed."

Eighty-seven negative answers deny a loss in the local field, but apparently concede a more or less prevalent falling off elsewhere. Causes for such decline are advanced and remedies suggested. The situation is thus characterized by two writers: "There is a decline from certain standards of the past in all our churches. I think it relative and not absolute. These are days of transition. The doctrine of evolution has given us a new psychology and pedagogy, and also a new Bible. We have been passing through times of necessary readjustment The old wine must be put in new bottles. Churches that will not see this, or on the other hand, churches that see this disproportionately must of course experience a decline." "In emotional interest, yes; in thoughtful and real interest, no. The old motive of salvation as a means of escape has lost its power. The true motive of salvation as a means of enabling men to be here and now, and forever after, what they ought to be, was never so potent as now."

From eighty-three other sources we hear a distinct "no." Many leave the matter stated sharply in the monosyllable, others add "by no means," "certainly not." Such claim to have held their own ground at least, and do not imply losses elsewhere.

Forty-six more in the negative column record a clear advance. A city mission has conducted two evangelistic campaigns within eighteen Thereby its regular congregations have been doubled; large numbers of working people hopefully converted; young men enlisted in Bible study; and the whole outlook broadened and brightened. church of medium size in a factory village has been much refreshed, and nearly a score of men and boys led to a hearty loyalty to Christ and to membership in the church during two years of a new pastor's service. An influential church in a county-seat reports gains all along the line following a healthy life for many years. This cheerful record specifies large additions on confession of faith and by letter, fullest attendance in Sunday school ever recorded, the support of a foreign missionary assumed, enthusiastic activity of all the organizations of the church, and an earnest religious spirit as best of all. The cords of this tabernacle have even been lengthened by the choice of additional deacons and the provision of more communion plates. This pastor says that in a personal pastoral experience of ten years he never felt so confident of good results, never so thoroughly enjoyed all his church work, as now. The minister of a representative suburban church tells of a constantly rising tide of prosperity during a pastorate of some ten years, with largest congregations and most accessions to membership during the last years of this period. He never found it so easy as now to approach individuals with a personal religious appeal.

Bringing these figures together in a sentence, the reports yield these statistical conclusions: Of 339 churches reporting, a majority of the whole number in the state, the returns from 18 are indecisive; from 105 indicate a low condition or a decline; and from 214, at least a fair condition and no appreciable loss, 45 of this largest group having made an actual advance. In other words, to the question as to recent decay in religious interest, 105 practically answered "yes," and twice as many say "no." Probably there is most room for distrust of this summary in the case of those negative answers which carry with them notes as to causes and remedies for "decline elsewhere." The critic will perhaps suspect that if there is observed loss in many other fields, there may be in one's own, though not noticeable to his partial eyes. But even if this whole group were discarded there would remain 108 downright "no's" as against 105 who say "yes".

II. The report might perhaps stop here with the count of answers. But the causes given for the failing power of some of our churches claim attention, partly as showing that there are among them many of the standing difficulties of the Christian life and endeavor, peculiar to no age or place, and also that no one meets all kinds. We are not tempted above other men, nor more grievously than we shall be able to bear: and each church enjoys some merciful exemptions. The following causes for decline are reported and many more: "Change in character from a rural church to a suburban," "unchristian attitude between two Congregational churches," "electrics," "worldliness," "neglect of spiritual work by pastors and people," "too much liberalism," "lax theology," "confining religion to the future," "too much reliance on organization," "the general drift," "a transition period," "new statements of truth not yet popularized," "lack of positive teaching in colleges and seminaries," "the impression that all things are worn out." "the weakened authority of the Bible," "the craze for Orientalisms," "war." Two or three fuller extracts may be suggestive : --

"Multiplied social activities, clubs, classes, etc. An absorption of time and strength on the part of men in business affairs until recreation becomes a necessary diversion to weary minds and bodies. A growing spirit of worldliness among the rich and an increasing luxury of living, which fosters easy-going and selfish habits, and lowers moral ideals. And an increasing although vague sense that in the critical discussions and theological adjustment of the time, the church has lost authority in religious questions and been discounted by the masses."

"We are affected by the general trend of scientific and religious speculations, which are so strongly away from a sense of personal responsibility for sin and salvation, and towards an optimism which is to sweep all ultimately into the kingdom of God, no matter what we do here in this life."

"To the lessened sense of the divine in human life. Much has been leveled up, too much has been leveled down; in making the 'secular' sacred, we have made the sacred less divine.

"The most appreciable agency has been the apparent attack upon the superhuman element in the Bible. People at large have got the lower part of the higher criticism, the new view, but not yet the new light. Its destructive work means much more to them than its constructive power. This is the most easily appreciable influence that is recent. The old love of the world has got a re-enforcement from some psychology and church teaching."

Remedies are proposed as follows: "Church discipline," "meetings of church members for heart-searching and prayer," "new industries," "urge Sabbath observance," "personal canvass to locate misconceptions of truth, etc.," "emphasize conversion," "foster the spiritual life we have," "a more popular religious vocabulary," "press the Christian Endeavor pledge for church membership," "urge upon church members the prior claims of the church," "better system and organization in worship and work," "teach religion as a part of science," "place the spiritual above the material," "preach all the teachings of Christ," "preach the full counsel of God," "return to the authoritative Bible, the doctrines of grace and revivals," "insist upon such essentials as the new birth, repentance and faith," "send pastoral letters to absentees," "a closer intercourse between pastor and individuals for their religious upbuilding," "more exposition of the scriptures on new lines," "more emphasis on teaching functions of the church and on personal evangelistic effort," "more prayer for the power of the Holy Spirit," "a day of prayer throughout the state," "employment of the best men in the State as evangelists," "less attention to problems, more to souls." The spirit and methods needed in the church for these times are thus expressed by four observers:

"A brave, glad accent upon the great Christian truths in Christian pulpits. A revival of the idea and duty of personal and individual work among Christians upon the people of this community. More out-and-ont Christian living and Christian spirit at home, in business and in social life, as well as a clearer impression, in the church and out of it, that religion is of deep and real importance."

"The church of the past has been organized too much around the grown-up saint and has been preached too much to the grown-up sinner. The twentieth century church should be organized around the boys and

girls, and should teach and mobilize them in Christian life. It must exhort less and educate more."

"There is great need of more consecration upon the part of all Christians. This can only be secured by more faithful and forceful preaching of the Word. Too many churches are depending upon machinery rather than power. The institutional fad has done our churches great harm. There is nothing the world needs so much as the ministry of the church, but it is the church as a church that is wanted."

"A few organizations, well worked. The presentation of a simple Gospel message faithfully, intelligently, industriously and prayerfully prepared. Going to the homes of the people, personal touch. Setting the people to work, thereby placing them in the best environment for spiritual growth. Emphasizing of church brotherliness. A soul hunger, yes, passion, to save men. A realization that our full duty has not been performed as long as one soul remains unconverted in our community."

In conclusion the reading of these numerous and often conflicting bulletins from the churches has left certain general impressions.

1. There is no alarming decline in religious interest in our churches as a whole nor in the communities where they are placed. But decline is common enough to forbid self-complacency anywhere. Religious feeling is not emphasized or experienced or expressed as formerly; and doctrinal uncertainty is a temporary element of weakness in ministers and laymen alike. But the ministry was never purer in motive, never more conscientious and devoted. The people of our churches were never more faithful. The churches were never better organized for work; and the efforts to bless individuals and leaven society with truth and virtue never so out-reaching and far-reaching.

We sympathize with many in the emphasis laid by them on the spiritual mission of the church. Its first duty is to bear witness to the Unseen and Eternal, at a time when the human and temporal press upon the attention of every man. We regard as a matter of grave concern the very general apathy among confessed Christians regarding the careless and unbelieving about them; and particularly a disposition on the part of parents and pastors to leave the winning and training of the children to the somewhat irregular instruction and influence of the Sunday school.

2. Regarding the causes for such decline as exists, we cannot find in the mass of reports before us any clear indication of the comparative effects of changing population, worldliness, exhausting pressure of work and business, the distractions and attractions of Sunday travel, recreation and newspapers, and finally the historical and literary criticism of the Bible and the philosophy of evolution.

3. But regarding remedies and gains the reports make it evident that the future is for those pastors and churches who press the personal accountability of every man to God, for character and service; who preach the Gospel of Christ in its fulness as the power of God unto salvation; who make and encourage personal efforts for the conversion of individuals; who plan for and secure the Christian nurture of every child, with membership and activity in the church distinctly in view before the restless years are reached; and who consecrate all philanthropic, benevolent and educational activities in private, public and social prayer, and conduct all in the spirit of prayer. We have been gratified to find that faith, hope and love still abide in the Congregational ministry; and believe that those who are very courageous shall have good success.

AUSTIN B. BASSETT, For the Committee.

### REPORT OF THE PUBLISHING COMMITTEE

Your committee have, during the year, attended to such duties as have devolved upon them. Mills and Knight Company, of Boston, were again the lowest bidders for the printing of the Advance Reports and "Minutes," and at a price lower than last year, and your committee therefore contracted with them for the work.

We would recommend that a copy of the "Minutes" be sent annually to every Congregational clergyman of recognized standing and resident in the State.

We would also recommend that the Association, through a specially appointed committee, decide what papers and reports shall be printed in the "Minutes."

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# MASSACHUSETTS CONVENTION OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS

Dates from the earliest times of the Colony. Annual business meeting in the court-room of the Supreme Judicial Court in Boston, at 5 p. m., on the last Wednesday in May. Sermon at 11 A. m., on the day following. At this service a collection is taken, which, with the income of the Convention fund, is distributed to the widows and daughters of deceased Congregational ministers.

Every minister of a Congregational church in Massachusetts (whether Trinitarian or Unitarian) is ex-officio a member of the Convention.

There is a reporting committee of twenty-five, selected by counties throughout the State, by which recommendations are made to a central committee of seven, which decides on all applications for aid.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### MEMBERSHIP

The special attention of the churches is called to the following Rule of the Association:—

ARTICLE IV.—MEMBERS. Each evangelical Congregational Church, Conference, and Association in this Commonwealth may choose one delegate, and these delegates, together with the pastors of the churches (who shall be members ex-officio), the officers of this body, and two delegates from the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, shall constitute the General Association.

The following RESOLUTION was also adopted: -

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that churches sending delegates to the Annual Meetings of the General Association of Congregational Churches of Massachusetts shall be recommended to pay the expenses of the delegates whom they send.

A DELEGATE FROM EVERY CHURCH, with the Pastors, would give a membership of about twelve hundred.

## DISTRIBUTION OF "MINUTES"

The "Minutes" are sent to the churches by direction of the General Association. It is suggested that one copy, annually, be preserved with the records of each church, and that the remaining copies be distributed among the officers and members in the way most likely to promote an intelligent interest in the condition and prosperity of the churches.

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS

1903

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### THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL AID

This Board had its origin in action taken by the General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts in 1868, and was incorporated by an act of the Legislature in 1869.

G. Henry Whitcomb, of Worcester, is now its president; Arthur G. Stanwood, Esq., 701 Sears Building, Boston, is treasurer, to whom an contributions should be sent.

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Applications for aid should be sent to Rev. Edwin B. Palmer, at Room 609, Congregational House. A small contribution is greatly needed annually from each Church. Donations are also solicited from individuals. Should any one desire to leave a legacy in aid of the benevolent work of this Board, the following form of bequest will be sufficient:—

I give and devise to the Board of Ministerial Aid, incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts, for the charitable uses and purposes of said Corporation,.....

No officer of this Board receives any compensation for his services. No other board, society, or organization in this Commonwealth contributes anything for the support of needy Congregational ministers. Our country gives large pensions to her needy soldiers. Why should not our Churches give something for "the aid, support and comfort of their aged, disabled, superannuated, or needy ministers," and of "the widows and children of such ministers"?

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### INTRODUCTORY

This pamphlet tells of the progress made by Congregationalism in Massachusetts during the year 1902, and sets forth its declarations on various important matters as recorded in the several reports. The Secretary's report, beginning on page 31, might appropriately serve as a preface, as in it may be found items of an introductory nature, and paragraphs interpreting the correct method of reading the subsequent tables. Apparent gains or losses are translated into their real meaning.

The statistical tables on "benevolence" are printed in accordance with the vote of last year to show, in addition to the amounts reported by the Churches, columns reported by the treasurers of the missionary societies showing the amounts of the contributions which each Church has made directly to these societies. The explanation of the way in which the tables are to be read will be found on page 34.

The tables report 972 ministers in Massachusetts, some of whom belong to our ministerial Associations but live elsewhere. Since making this enumeration, the names of several ministers, resident in this State, but who are not supplying Churches and are not members of Massachusetts Associations, have been reported, so that the revised list at the end of the appendix reports 1024 names.

E. C. W.

#### ERRATA

P. 14. Line 8. — For Rev. S. B. Carter, Lexington, read S. B. Carter, Brighton.

P. 23. Line 4.— For H. G. Dickson, read H. G. Dixon. Line 25.— For Massachusetts, read Congregational.

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## THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

The one hundred second annual meeting of the Massachusetts General Association will be held with the Calvinistic Church in Fitchburg on the third Tuesday in May, 1904.

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The Churches are requested to contribute through the treasurers of their Conferences for the expenses of the General Association a sum equivalent to five cents for each member, based upon the *total* membership of January 1, 1903 (as printed in the Statistics of the Churches, on pages 2-32 in the Appendix); and the treasurers of the Conferences are requested to forward the amounts as soon as possible to Mr. Henry P. Emerson, 69 Bedford Street, Boston, the treasurer of the Association.

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Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society, Congregational House, Boston. — Rev. George M. Boynton, Treasurer.

National Council's Ministerial Relief Fund. — Rev. Samuel B. Forbes, Hartford, Conn., Treasurer.

Ministerial Relief in Massachusetts is represented by the *Board of Ministerial Aid.*—Arthur G. Stanwood, Treasurer, Room 701, Sears, Building, Boston. (See second page of cover.)

## PAST ANNUAL MEETINGS

1886	Westfield	Lyman S. Rowland	William E. Griffis
1887	Brockton	Ariel E. P. Perkins	David O. Means
1888	Spencer	Edward J. Thomas	Charles A. Dickinson
1889	Newburyport	J. L. Jenkins	Arthur Little
1890	Holyoke	Alonzo H. Quint	Wolcott Calkins
1891	Marlboro	Gilbert E. Hood	Edward G. Seldon
1892	Springfield	DeWitt S. Clark	Samuel E. Herrick
1893	Boston	Thomas Weston	Paul Van Dyke .
1894	Pittsfield	Elijah Horr	George A. Gordon
1895	Lynn	Elijah A. Morse	Philip S. Moxom
1896	Fall River	Smith Baker	DeWitt S. Clark
1897	Worcester	Thomas Todd	Charles E. Jefferson
1898	Greenfield	G. R. W. Scott	Arcturus Z. Conrad
1899	Brockton	John L. Brewster	Edward L. Clark
1900	Amherst	Philip S. Moxom	William H. Davis
1901	Andover	Henry M. Moore	Reuen Thomas
1902	Plymouth	Charles H. Beale	George A. Gordon
1903	Great Barringto	onWilliam B. Plunkett	John H. Denison

## RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION

## ARTICLE I. - NAME.

This body shall be called The General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts.

#### ARTICLE II. — OBJECT.

Its object is to promote (a) intercourse and fellowship between Congregational ministers and Churches of the Commonwealth; (b) the cooperation of the Churches with one another for their mutual comfort and development, and for the religious care of the home field; (c) the presentation and discussion of matters vital to our faith, and the interests of our denomination; and (d) the co-operation of this body with other ecclesiastical bodies for the general increase of Christian union and spiritual efficiency, and the advancement of Christ's kingdom in the earth.

#### ARTICLE III. - DOCTRINAL BASIS.

This Association approves the Declaration of Faith adopted by the National Council of Congregational Churches in the year 1865, and the subsequent Declaration of the Commission of 1883; the system of belief therein set forth being understood by us to be a summary of the Historic Doctrines held by the Churches of New England as the teachings of the Gospel.

#### ARTICLE IV. — DENOMINATIONAL BASIS.

Being based exclusively upon Congregational principles, this Association shall, under no circumstances, exercise ecclesiastical authority over Churches or individuals, or interfere with the government or discipline of the Churches, or consent to hear appeals, or give advice in ecclesiastical causes of any kind.

## ARTICLE V. - MEMBERS.

- 1. Each evangelical Congregational Church, Conference, and Association in this Commonwealth may choose one delegate, and these delegates, together with the pastors of the Churches (who shall be members ex-officio), the officers of this body, and two delegates from the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, shall constitute the General Association.
- 2. Delegates from corresponding bodies, ministers appointed to preach before the Association, and chairmen of committees who attend to present reports, together with such other persons as the Association may vote to admit, shall be honorary members, with the privilege of speaking, but without vote.

#### ARTICLE VI. - OFFICERS.

- 1. The officers shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, a Secretary, a Registrar, an Assistant Registrar, and a Treasurer. All members of Congregational Churches in this Commonwealth shall be eligible to any of these offices. The officers shall be elected by ballot, the Moderator and Vice-Moderator each to serve one year, the other officers each to serve three years, and until the election of their successors. The term of all officers, save when chosen to fill vacancies, shall begin at the close of the meeting at which they are elected.
- 2. The officers, together with three delegates annually chosen by ballot for this purpose, shall constitute an Executive Committee.
- 3. The Moderator, or in his absence, the Vice-Moderator, shall preside over all the meetings of the Association and shall be chairman of the Executive Committee.
- 4. (a) The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association, collect and publish in connection with the annual "Minutes" the statistics of ministers and Churches, distribute the publications of the Association, copies of which he shall preserve for permanent use, give suitable notice to the Churches of the time and place of each annual meeting, notify officers and committees of their election or appointment, and fulfil such other functions as the Association may from time to time direct.
- (b) The Secretary shall receive a salary of seven hundred and fifty dollars, and by the authority and under the direction of the Executive Committee, he may, when necessary, employ an assistant, at a compensation to be fixed by the Executive Committee.
- 5. The Registrar shall keep a full record of each meeting, which he shall preserve as the permanent property of the Association, and he shall also keep the minutes of the Executive Committee.
- 6. The Assistant Registrar shall aid the Registrar in making the records; shall take his place during his absence; and, in the event of a vacancy in the Registrar's office, shall act as Registrar until the office shall be filled by the Executive Committee or by a regular election.
  - 7. The Treasurer shall receive all money raised for the use of the Association, disburse the same as directed by the Executive Committee, and shall make an annual report, to be audited as the Association may direct.
  - 8. The Executive Committee shall have charge of all the interests and business of the Association between the annual meetings, shall fill all vacancies occurring during the interim, and shall make an annual report to the Association through the Secretary.
- 9. The travelling expenses of the Secretary, Registrar, Assistant Registrar and Treasurer, in attending the annual meetings, shall be paid by the Association.

## ARTICLE VII. - ANNUAL MEETING.

1. The annual meeting shall be held at the appointed place on the third Tuesday of May at two o'clock P. M., or at such other hour as the

Executive Committee may find expedient.

2. In the practical administration of its home missionary work, the instrument of the Association shall be the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, a place for which shall be made in the program of the annual meeting.

## ARTICLE VIII. - ORGANIZATION.

The Moderator, or in his absence, the Vice-Moderator, shall call the Association to order. In the absence of both, any member of the Executive Committee may call the Association to order, and a moderator pro tem. shall be chosen to serve during the absence of the proper officer.

## ARTICLE IX. - COMMITTEES.

1. Immediately after the opening of the annual meeting the Moderator shall appoint : —  $\,$ 

(a) A Committee on Credentials, to which all credentials shall be

referred.

(b) A Committee on Nominations, which shall nominate all the officers of the Association, all standing committees, as hereinafter provided,

and all other committees raised by the Association.

(c) A Committee on Business, of which two shall be chosen from the Provisional Committee. The duty of the Business Committee shall be to prepare and present the schedule of business for each session, and no business shall be introduced except through the hands or with the approval of this committee; provided, however, that if the Business Committee shall decline to present any matter proposed by a member of this Association he shall have the right of appeal to the Association.

(d) A Budget Committee of three, which shall report before the close of the meeting on the state of the treasury, the amount of money needed

for the ensuing year, and ways and means for meeting the need.

2. The following Standing Committees shall be nominated by the Committee on Nominations:—

(a) A Provisional Committee, of which the Secretary or Registrar shall be a member. This committee shall prepare the program for the next annual meeting, selecting the preacher of the annual sermon, and

the various speakers for each session.

(b) A Publication Committee, of which the Secretary and Registrar shall be members, which shall make provision for the printing of such documents and papers as may be necessary in the work of the Association, or as shall be ordered printed by the Association. Under the direction of this committee the Secretary shall have charge of all the printing of the Association.

(c) A Committee on the Work of the Churches. This committee shall report on the work of the Churches and the state of religion in the Commonwealth. The Scribes of the local Conferences shall be correspond-

ing members of this committee.

(d) A Committee on Missionary Work, to consist of one member from each Conference.

(e) A Committee to Nominate Candidates for Corporate Membership in the American Board.

(f) A Committee to Audit the Treasurer's Report.

- 3. Each of these committees, save as otherwise provided above, shall consist of five members, and shall be elected annually by *viva voce* vote, all, save those named by the Moderator, to serve the ensuing year.
- 4. The reports of all committees that are to be presented to the Association, shall be furnished to the Secretary on or before April 1st of each year, and shall be printed and distributed to the Churches not less than two weeks before the annual meeting.

These reports shall not be read to the Association save by special order; but the Provisional Committee may arrange for the adequate discussion of any or all of the topics presented in the reports.

## ARTICLE X. - BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY.

- 1. The Association may create a Board of Pastoral Supply to consist of twelve members, four of whom shall be elected each year for a term of three years.
- 2. This board may choose its own secretary and through it shall make an annual report to the Association.

A copy of this report shall be furnished to the Secretary of the Association in time to be printed before the annual meeting.

## ARTICLE XI. - SPECIAL ORDERS.

- 1. Each session of the annual meeting shall be opened and closed with divine worship.
- 2. On each morning of the annual meeting, after the first day, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read; the minutes of the last day shall be read immediately before the final adjournment.
- 3. On Tuesday evening of each annual meeting the annual sermon shall be preached, followed by the celebration of the Lord's Supper.
- 4. The place of the next annual meeting shall be recommended each year by the Business Committee and designated by vote of the Association.

## ARTICLE XII. - RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order shall be those of common parliamentary usage, subject to the following specifications:—

- 1. No members shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave of the Association.
- 2. When a question is before the Association the Moderator shall entertain motions only as follows:—To adjourn, to table, for the previous question, to postpone to a fixed time, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; these several motions shall have precedence in the foregoing order.

#### ARTICLE XIII. - AMENDMENTS.

- 1. Any of the above articles, except the first five, may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted to the Association in writing on the day previous.
- 2. Either of the first five articles may be amended by a two-thirds vote, but only after the proposed amendment has been submitted to the Association in writing at the previous annual meeting, and notice has been sent to the several Associations, Conferences and Churches connected with this body at least three months prior to the meeting at which action is to be taken.

# MINUTES

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS met for its one hundred first annual meeting with the Church in Great Barrington, Tuesday, May 19, 1903.

# ROLL OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION

## DELEGATES FROM THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	DELEGATES.
Agawam	Rev. Walter Rice	
Amherst, South		James E. Merrick
	Rev. Frank R. Shipman	
" Ballardvale	•	William Shaw
" Seminary	Rev. Charles O. Day	•
Barnstable, Centerville	Rev. Hohannes T. Torosya	an
	Rev. Thomas W. Davisor	
Bedford	Rev. Frank B. McAllister	2
Beverly, Second		Miss D. F. Raymond
Blandford, First	Rev. Sumner G. Wood	1
" North	Rev. Sumner G. Wood	
Boston, 2d, Dorchester		Rev. Solomon P. Fay
"Union		Hamilton S. Conant
	Rev. William A. Knight	
" Eliot	Rev. Winfred C. Rhoades	
" West Roxbury		Hamilton Smith
	Rev. Claude H. Priddy	
" Shawmut		Benjamin F. Dewing
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aosimuaic	Rev. J. Spencer Voorhees	
Brockton, South, Campello		William M. King
	Rev. A. W. Archibald	7 411 477 1
Brookline, Harvard		Rev. Albert E. Dunning
Cambridge, First		John A. Lansing
ist Evangencar		Miss Ada R. Kinsman
North Avenue	Rev. Daniel Evans	
Chicago First	Rev. H. W. Stebbins	
Chicopee, First	Rev. Collins G. Burnham	•
Concord	nev. Herbert P. Woodin	Dea. Thomas Todd
	Ray Fugana F Hunt	Dea. Thomas Tout
	Rev. Eugene F. Hunt Rev. George W. Andrews	
Daitoll	nev. George W.Andrews	

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	DELEGATES.
Danvers		Rev. Charles B. Rice
Easthampton		Martin L. Gaylord
East Longmeadow		Lawrence C. Davis
Egremont, South	Rev. Henry M. Bowden	
Erving	Rev. John A. Pogue	
	Rev. William I. Sweet	
Falmouth, First		Dea, Seba A. Holton
Fitchburg, Calvinist	Rev. A. Fred. Dunnels	
Framingham, Plymouth .		J. R. Hawley Moore
Gloucester, Trinity	Rev. Rufus P. Hibbard	· ·
	Rev. David L. Kebbe	Mrs. D. L. Kebbe
	Rev. Leon D. Bliss	Dea. D. W. Beckwith
" Housatonic	Rev. R. DeWitt Mallary	Dea. Noble B. Turner
Greenfield, Second	Rev. Charles E. Beals	Dea. Francis A. Rugg
Haverhill, Center	Tierr Charles Zi Zenie	Dea. Albert Emerson
	Rev. Daniel B. Wyman	2 000
	Rev. James H. Laird	James Hosmer
Holyoke, First	Rev. George W. Winch	Willis Van Wagener
" Second	Rev. Edwin B. Robinson	
	Rev. George G. Ross	
Hyde Park	2001. 0.00180 0.1 2000	Edward S. Hathaway
Lawrence, Trinity		William J. Prince
Lee		Dea. John L. Kilbon
Leicester		Charles A. Denny
Lenox	Rev. Frederick Lynch	Dea. Henry Sedgwick
	Rev. Charles F. Carter	Lester T. Redman
Lincoln	Rev. Edward E. Bradley	
Longmeadow	Rev. Henry L. Bailey	W. F. Emerson
Malden, First	· ·	C. Morris Tredick
	Rev. Walter H. Ashley	•
Mansfield		Charles T. Fitts
Medford, Mystic		Dea. Daniel W.Wilcox
Melrose	Rev. Thomas Sims	Dea. John Buffum
" Highlands	Rev. Burke F. Leavitt	•
Middleboro, Central		Henry W. Sears
Milton	· De Holle	Dea. John A. Tucker
Monterey	Rev. John Dooley	James L. Twing
Natick South	. Rev. Arthur J. Benedict	
Newbury, Byfield	. Rev. Herbert E. Lombarc	
New Marlboro, Southfield.	Rev. Willard E. Streeter	A. W. Chapin
" Mill River	Rev. Garrett V. Stryker	Dea. George Sheldon
Newton, First, Center	Rev. Edward M. Noyes	Charles H. Sawyer
" Eliot		Dea. Thomas Weston
" Auburndale .		Rev. Samuel W. Dike
Northampton, Florence	Rev. S. Allen Barrett	Mrs. S. A. Barrett
Northbridge, Whitinsville		
North Brookfield	Rev. Samuel B. Cooper	
Otis	Rev. John D. Waldron	Omnin D Allon
	. Rev. Fosdick B. Harrison	
Peabody, South	Dom m Mol Del	Peter J. Frye
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	. Rev. Raymond Calkins . Rev.D.Melancthon Jame	eDr I Holbrook Shaw
" Chiltonville .	. Rev. Frederick B. Noye	5

Quincy, Bethany Rev. Edwin N. Hardy	Dea. Richard D. Chase
	Dea. Bienard D. Chase
Reading Rev. Charles A. Hilton Reading	
	Miss Grace Benton
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Sharon Rev. DeWitt S. Clark Sharon Rev. Almon J. Dyer	Dea. David Officate
Sheffield Rev. Freion E. Boister Shelburne Falls Rev. John A. Hawley	George E. Taylor
South Hadley Rev. Arthur B. Patten	George E. Taylor
Springfield, First Rev. Frank L. Goodspee	dRay Howard Mudia
"South Rev. Philip S. Moxom	Clarence E. Blake
	Olaronco E. Blake
" North Rev. Newton M. Hall " Hope Rev. Samuel H. Woodrov " Emmanuel " Faith Rev. D. Butler Pratt	Miss Lucy G Stock
"Finanual	Dea. Nelson Lombard
" Faith Rev. D. Butler Pratt	Dea. Nelson Bombara
Stockhaiden Bow Elbort & Borton	Clarence H. Perry
"Interlaken Rev Edward P Saymou	r Wallace Ford
" Interlaken . Rev. Edward P. Seymour Sutton Rev. Warren P. Landers	Wanace Ford
Townsend Rev. Benj. A. Willmott	•
	Mrs. Grace O. Hayes
Wakefield Rev. Edward C. Hayes	Mis. Grace O. Hayes
Waltham	Dea. Amos Andrews
Wana Fast	Henry K. Hyde
Warren, First Rev. William B. Oleson	Henry II. Hydo
Wellesley Hills Rev. Parris T. Farwell	
Wenham Rev. Morris H. Turk	
Westfield, First	Dea. Myron E. Searle
" Second Rev. William C. Gordon	W A Bliss
West Springfield Rev. George W. Love	W. 11. 13133
" Mittineague Rev. A. M. Spangler	Howard J. Cooley
" " Park Street	R. Mather Bagg
Williamsburg Rev. John Pierpont	
Williamsburg Rev. John Pierpont Williamstown, South Rev. John C. Wightman	
Wilmington Rev. Walter H. Rollins	
Winchester	Rev. Joshua Coit
Worcester, Memorial Rev. Orange C. Bailey	
" Covenant Rev. Lyman Mevis	
" Adams Square. Rev. J. Addison Seibert	
DELEGATES FROM THE CONFEREN	
Berkshire South Rev. Elbert S. Porter, St	tockbridge
Essex North Rev. Charles S. Holton.	Newbury
Franklin Emil Weissbrod, Greenf	ield
Hampden Dea. L. S. Stowe	
Hampshire Rev. Calvin Keyser, Gos	hen
Middlesex Union Edward R. Farrar	701
Pilgrim Rev. D. Melancthon Jam	ies, Plymouth
Suffolk North Charles H. Shute	- de De-l-
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Woburn Rev. Albert P. Davis, Worcester Central Rev. J. Addison Seibert	
Addison Selbert	, Wordester
DELEGATES FROM THE ASSOCIATI	ONS.
Berkshire South Rev. Lyman S. Rowland	, Lee
Franklin Rev. Daniel B. Wyman,	
Hampden Rev. Henry C. Meserve	

Norfolk
DELEGATES FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.
Rev. Joshua Coit
MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, ex-officies.
William B. Plunkett, of Adams Moderator
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Rev. Francis J. Marsh, of Boston Registrar
Rev. Almon J. Dyer, of Sharon Assistant Registrar
Rev. Eugene C. Webster, of Boston Secretary
Rev. Eugene C. Webster, of Boston Secretary Daniel B. Beard, of Lynn
HONORARY MEMBER.

George D. Chamberlain, of Springfield, Chairman Committee on Sunday Observance.

## TUESDAY

OPENING SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the moderator, Hon. William B. Plunkett, of Adams, at 2.35 p. m, Tuesday, May 19 The hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy," was sung, and prayer was offered by Rev. R. DeWitt Mallary, of Housatonic.

## COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The moderator then appointed the following committees:

On Credentials.—Rev. George W. Andrews, of Dalton; Rev. John A. Seibert, of Worcester; Rev. Morris H. Turk, of Wenham; Rev. Charles A. Hilton, of Randolph; Rev. Francis J. Marsh, of Roxbury.

Tellers.—Rev. Hervey G. Pillsbury, of Chicopee; Mr. Charles A. Denny, of Leicester; Rev. Benjamin A. Willmott, of Townsend; Rev. Walter Rice, of Agawam; Rev. T. Claire Luce, of Richmond; Rev. Alpheus M. Spangler, of Mittineague.

On Nominations.—Rev. William A. Knight, of Brighton; Rev. George W. Winch, of Holyoke; Rev. Silas P. Cook, of Pittsfield; Rev. Edward P. Butler, of Sunderland.

On Business.—Rev. Leon D. Bliss, of Great Barrington; Mr. E. J. VanLennep, of Great Barrington; Rev. Edward M. Noyes, of Newton; Rev. Albert W. Hitchcock, of Worcester; Rev. William C. Gordon, of Westfield.

Budget Committee.—Rev. Daniel Evans, of Cambridge; Rev. John H. Lockwood, of Westfield; Rev. Winfred C. Rhoades, of Boston.

#### PROGRAM ADOPTED.

The program of the provisional committee was adopted as printed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The report of the secretary, Rev. Eugene C. Webster, of Boston, was read and referred to the business committee.

## TREASURER'S AND 'AUDITORS' REPORTS.

The reports of the treasurer and auditors were then read by the secretary, and after explanation by Rev. E. N. Hardy, of Quincy, of the executive committee, were accepted.

## ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

An address of welcome was given by Rev. Leon D. Bliss, pastor of the entertaining Church, and response was made by the moderator.

The hymn, "My Faith Looks up to Thee," was sung.

Voted, To appoint, pro tempore, a second assistant to the registrar, and the matter was referred to the nominating committee.

## ADDRESS.

An address on the subject, "The Value of the Bible in Religious Life Enhanced by Present Day Scholarship," was delivered by Prof. Frank K. Sanders, Dean of Yale Divinity School. The address was followed by discussion of the subject by the Association, Revs. J. R. Thurston, P. S. Moxom, J. D. Dingwell, and Mr. J. A. Lansing, participating.

#### SECOND ASSISTANT REGISTRAR.

The nominating committee then reported the name of Rev. Warren P. Landers, of Sutton, for second assistant registrar and he was elected.

#### CHANGES IN THE PROGRAM.

At the instance of the nominating committee the following changes were made in the personnel of the program: To conduct the devotional service on Tuesday evening, instead of Rev. Frank Crane, of Worcester, Rev. E. H. Rudd, of Dedham; to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, instead of Revs. Lyman Whiting, of Charlemont, and W. V. W. Davis, of Pittsfield, Revs. B. F. Hamilton, of Roxbury, and J. S. Voorhees, of Roslindale; to conduct the devotional service on Wednesday morning, instead of Rev. Charles Olmstead, of Three Rivers, Mr. William Shaw, of Ballardvale.

#### MEMORIALS.

The secretary read a memorial requesting the American Bible Society to print the American Standard Revised Version of the Bible, which memorial was referred to the business committee; a memorial from the National Council Committee on Labor was referred to the committee on Labor Organizations; and a memorial from the committee to co-operate with the Church of the Pilgrimage on the proposed Memorial Church was referred to the business committee.

Voted, To refer all other communications not provided for in the program to the business committee, without reading.

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY.

The ninth annual report of the Board of Pastoral Supply was presented through its secretary, Rev. Charles B. Rice, of Danvers. This report was accepted and referred to the budget committee.

The reports of the following committees were presented and referred to the business committee: the publishing committee, committees on Gambling, on Labor Organizations, on Sunday Observance, on Missionary Work, and on Temperance.

# REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP IN THE A. B. C. F. M.

Rev. F. L. Goodspeed, of Springfield, presented the report of the committee on Nomination of Candidates for Corporate Membership in the A. B. C. F. M., naming the following persons:—

Hon. A. A. Lowe, Fitchburg; Rev. John Hopkins Denison, Boston; Prin. J. H. Sawyer, Easthampton; Mr. A. B. Wallace, Springfield; Rev. Alexander Lewis, Worcester; Miss Mary E. Wooley, South Hadley; Rev. Geo. A. Hall, Peabody; Mr. Luke W. Fowle, Woburn; Rev. S. C. Bushnell, Arlington; Mr. Geo. W. Chase, North Adams; Mr. L. A. Crossett, North Abington; Rev. Charles O. Day, Andover.

This report was accepted.

## METHODS OF PASTORAL INSTALLATION.

Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, of Salem, presented the report of the committee on Methods of Pastoral Installation, which report was accepted and referred to the business committee.

## DEACONS AT THE COMMUNION SERVICE.

On suggestion of the nominating committee the following persons were elected to serve as deacons at the communion service: Thomas Todd, of Concord; H. W. Sears, of Middleboro; Amos Andrew, of Waltham; D. W. Beckwith, of Great Barrington; L. S. Stowe, of Springfield; B. F. Dewing, of Boston.

The hymn, "Rise, My Soul," was sung, Rev. W. T. McElveen, of Boston, pronounced the benediction and the Association adjourned until 7.15 p. m.

## TUESDAY EVENING SESSION.

The evening session of Tuesday began at 7.15 with organ prelude, followed by a devotional service which was led by Rev. E. H. Rudd.

## ASSOCIATIONAL SERMON.

The Association sermon was preached by Rev. John Hopkins Denison, of Boston, from the text, "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:11.

#### BOARD OF MINISTERIAL AID.

Rev. Charles B. Rice made a statement concerning the work of the Massachusetts Board of Ministerial Aid and an offering was made of \$69.89.

#### THE LORD'S SUPPER.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. J. Spencer Voorhees, of Roslindale, and Rev. B. F. Hamilton, of Roxbury.

The hymn, "Rock of Ages" was sung and after benediction by Rev. B. F. Hamilton the Association adjourned until 9.00 o'clock Wednesday morning.

## WEDNESDAY

## MORNING SESSION.

The devotional service was conducted by Mr. William Shaw, of Ballardvale.

## SESSION CONVENED.

The moderator called the Association to order at 9 o'clock. The first assistant registrar, Rev. A. J. Dyer of Sharon, read the minutes of the preceding day, which were adopted.

## TIME LIMIT IN DISCUSSIONS.

It was voted: That all participants in discussions be limited to three minutes each.

#### ITEMS OF BUSINESS.

Voted, That the business committee provide for the consideration of the report of the committee on Labor Organizations, not to exceed fifteen minutes. The nominating committee made a preliminary report of nominations for the missionary committee.

A motion to rescind the vote for immediate consideration of the report of the committee on Labor Organizations was carried.

Voted, To instruct the business committee to provide for the discussion of the last named report at a future session.

The moderator announced that balloting on names included in the nominating committee's report would occur at the business hour in the afternoon.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL STANDING.

Rev. Albert E. Dunning, of Brookline, then presented the report of the committee on Ministerial Standing. It was accepted, followed by discussion, and the recommendations of the report were adopted.

#### AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

The Association then considered the proposed amendment of Article III, presented by Rev. A. A. Berle (then of Brighton) at last year's session. It was passed unanimously as follows:—

This Association approves the Declaration of Faith adopted by the National Council of Congregational Churches in the year 1865, and the subsequent Declaration of the Commission of 1883; the system of belief therein set forth being understood by us to be a summary of the Historic Doctrines held by the Churches of New England as the teachings of the Gospel.

## REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE CHURCHES.

The report of the committee on the Work of the Churches was presented by Rev. John R. Thurston, of Whitinsville, and was accepted.

## REGISTRAR AND ASSISTANT REGISTRAR.

On motion, the offices of registrar and assistant registrar, expiring this year by limitation, were voted to be filled at the election during the afternoon session.

The hymn, "The Church's One Foundation," was sung.

## ADDRESS.

Rev. Andrew W. Archibald, of Brockton, delivered an address upon "Pastoral Opportunities."

The hymn, "Come Thou Almighty King," was sung.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, M. H. M. S.

The nominating committee presented the name of Hon. W. B. Plunkett, of Adams, for membership on the executive committee of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society. This nomination was confirmed.

#### MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

The chairmen of the conference committees were made a missionary committee of the Association.

## ADDRESS.

Rev. Samuel H. Woodrow, of Springfield, delivered an address upon "The Place of Christian Nurture in the Home: Its Aid and Allies." A discussion followed.

#### WORK OF THE HOME IN RELIGIOUS LIFE.

A motion to appoint a special committee to report at the next year's meeting upon the "Place and Work of the Home in Religious Life," was referred to the business committee

#### ADJOURNMENT.

The Association sang, "O Could I Speak the Matchless Worth." The benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. H. Laird, of Hinsdale, and adjournment was taken until 4 P. M.

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association convened at 4.20, Hon. Seba A. Holton, of Falmouth, vice-moderator, in the chair. "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" was sung.

#### ADDRESS.

Rev. Albert P. Davis, of Wakefield, then gave an address upon "Forward Movements in Religious Education."

## "THE CONGREGATIONALIST."

Rev. Edward M. Noyes, of Newton Center, was given five minutes to speak concerning *The Congregationalist*.

## RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The business committee reported upon the secretary's report:—

Approving Recommendation First, That the Association gather and publish the statistics on Benevolent Contributions for 1903 and 1904 as for 1902. The Association concurred.

On Recommendation Second, Relative to the purchase of a Counting Machine, reported adversely. The Association concurred.

On Recommendation Third, That the Association change "time limit" for the reception of reports, reported present schedule "satisfactory." The Association concurred.

On Recommendation Four, That, action taken by the Association in definite votes be printed and circulated among the Churches separate from the "Minutes," reported adversely. The Association concurred.

The committee recommended that in the future the report of the secretary be condensed as much as possible. Adopted by the Association.

#### MEMORIAL CHURCH AT PLYMOUTH.

The business committee recommended that the present committee upon the Memorial Church of Plymouth be continued, and that Rev. D. M. James, of Plymouth, be given five minutes at the Thursday morning session. Adopted.

#### REVISED VERSION OF THE BIBLE.

The committee reported favorably upon the publication by the American Bible Society of an edition of the Revised Version of the Scriptures. Carried, with the amendment that the edition be that of the American Revision of 1901.

#### CERTAIN COMMITTEES CONTINUED.

The committee recommended that the committees on Gambling, Temperance, Labor, Sunday Observance and Missionary Work be continued, and that fifteen minutes be given to the report of the labor committee at the Thursday morning session, and five minutes to the reports of the other committees. This recommendation was adopted.

## TERMS AND METHODS OF PASTORAL INSTALLATION.

On Terms and Methods of Pastoral Installation, the committee recommended that the suggestion regarding the method of calling pastors be approved and the report be printed in the "Minutes." Adopted with the amendment that the report be printed as a separate leaflet, be distributed to the scribes of Massachusetts Conferences, and sent to all the corresponding State bodies throughout the United States with the request that it be brought before all the Congregational Churches of their jurisdiction.

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP OF ABSENTEES.

The business committee recommended that the following Memorial regarding Associate Membership of Absentees be referred to the Conferences:

Whereas, It is estimated that fully three million members of our own and other evangelical Churches in the United States are living where, either by reason of the temporary nature of their residence, or because no Church of their own denomination is found there, or for other reasons they do not care to connect themselves with the Churches where they can most conveniently worship; and

Whereas, On this account their influence is in large measure lost to the cause of evangelical religion; therefore, be it Resolved, That the General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts recommends to the Congregational Churches included in its fellowship the adoption of the plan of Associate Church Membership approved by the National Federation of Churches and Christian Workers, to wit:

- 1. That the individual Church member who has removed his residence from the locality of his Church, but who for any reason is unwilling to break old ties and withdraw from the Church of his choice or spiritual birth, yet wishes to be identified with the Church most convenient in the locality to which he has removed, may become an Associate Member therein.
- 2. That the only requisite for this relation shall be good standing in the Church where his actual membership is held. That no other condition shall be necessary, but that the Associate shall be fraternally received because of his relation to and standing in his own Church, so that no question of polity or doctrine need ever arise.
- 3. That a letter from the pastor of the Church where the actual membership is held shall be accepted as the only certificate needed. That this letter shall be given to and accepted from all evangelical Churches.
- 4. That this relation shall entitle its recipient to pastoral care and Christian fellowship in the broadest sense in the Church where it is held, but that his original membership and loyalty shall remain undisturbed.
- 5. That the Associate Member desiring to terminate this relation shall simply ask for the return of his letter, and on receipt of such request the pastor shall simply return the letter, and, by so doing, terminate the relation.
- 6. When the Associate shall return to his own Church his letter shall be returned to him suitably endorsed, or a return letter for the same purpose shall be given him which shall be evidence to his own pastor of his continued faithfulness during absence. Or, if he is going to another locality, his letter, properly endorsed, shall entitle him to the same recognition in any Church where he may locate.
- 7. Under this arrangement, every pastor should urge his removing members to go into some convenient Church; all Church members should invite every newcomer to become affiliated with their Church, and every pastor should regard it a special duty to press all such to become identified, to this extent at least, with his Church.

The Association, after hearing the Memorial, voted to table indefinitely.

#### AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

The committee presented the following "Minute" regarding the American Tract Society, which was adopted:—

The General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts gratefully recognizes the important and varied services of the American Tract Society, particularly in supplying to the different religious denominations valuable Christian literature, in one hundred and fifty languages and dialects, greatly assisting the missionaries in unevangelized lands, and specially helpful and timely for immediate use in our own country among the large numbers of immigrants now coming to our shores.

#### ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE.

The committee read a communication from the Anti-Saloon League requesting the appointment of delegates to its next State Convention. Referred to the nominating committee as approved.

The Association voted that it was impossible to hear Superintendent Fanning of the Anti-Saloon League, owing to the crowded

condition of the program.

#### SUNDAY OF OLD HOME WEEK.

The committee recommended that the Sunday of Old Home Week be observed by the Churches. The Association voted adversely.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS PRINTED IN ADVANCE.

The committee recommended that the following proposed change of Section 4 of Article IX, offered by Rev. C. S. Holton, of Newbury, be voted upon Thursday morning:—

It is moved that Section 4, Article IX, be amended to include all the reports of the several committees appointed by the Association.

Recommendation adopted.

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The business committee recommended that the report of the executive committee be now presented by the secretary. Adopted.

Secretary Webster read the annual report of the executive committee. The report was accepted.

## NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

The Association voted favorably upon recommendation of the business committee to accept the invitation of the Calvinistic Church of Fitchburg, to hold the annual meeting of 1904 with them.

#### COMMITTEES ELECTED.

The nominating committee reported the following: -

Committee on the Work of the Churches.—Rev. W. E. Strong, Amherst; E. H. Cutter, Springfield; Rev. R. A. McFadden, Danvers; Rev. G. W. Andrews, Dalton; W. E. Parkhurst, Clinton.

Committee on Missionary Work.—To consist of the chairmen of the Conference committees on the Work of the Six National Societies.

Committee to Nominate Candidates for Corporate Membership in the A. B. C. F. M.—Rev. E. A. Reed, Holyoke; H. M. Earle, Fall River; Rev. C. L. Morgan, Jamaica Plain; Rev. S. V. Cole, Norton; Amos R. Wells, Auburndale.

Publishing Committee.—Secretary of the Association; the registrar of the Association; Peter J. Frye, Peabody; Leonard A. Treat, Chelsea; B. F. Dewing, Boston.

Committee to Audit Treasurer's Report.—H. G. Dickson, Boston; F. P. Shumway, Melrose; M. A. Holbrook, Salem; Rev. A. P. Pratt, Chelsea; Rev. E. H. Rudd, Dedham.

Committee on Sunday Observance.—George D. Chamberlain, Springfield; Rev. W. H. Allbright, Dorchester; Rev. Myron O. Patten, Newburyport.

Committee on Gambling.—Rev. E. H. Byington, Beverly; Hon. A. H. Wellman, Malden; Rev. R. G. Woodbridge, Somerville; William Shaw, Ballardvale; Rev. W. T. McElveen, Boston.

Committee on Temperance.—William F. Forbes, Worcester; Rev. N. M. Hall, Springfield; Rev. G. W. Andrews, Dalton; John Albree, Swampscott; Rev. Edward Constant, Ipswich.

Committee on Labor Organizations.—Rev. Daniel Evans, Cambridge; Rev. E. M. Bartlett, Kingston; Rev. P. T. Farwell, Wellesley Hills; Rev. F. S. Hunnewell, Reading; Rev. L. A. Crossett, North Abington.

Provisional Committee.—Rev. F. A. Dunnels, Fitchburg; Rev. W. O. Conrad, Fitchburg; W. K. Bailey, Fitchburg; Rev. Andrew Group, Fitchburg; the registrar of the Association.

Directors of the Board of Pastoral Supply.—(For three years) Charles E. Swett, Winchester; George E. Keith, Campello; E. W. Chapin, Holyoke; A. E. Gray, Worcester; (for one year) W.-B. Mosman, Brookline.

Members of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society.— (For three years) Pres. Henry Hopkins, Williamstown; Rev. W. T. McElveen, Boston; Rev. F. L. Goodspeed, Springfield; H. W. Sears, Middleboro; Rev. O. S. Davis, Newtonville; Gilbert A. Hood, Lawrence; S. B. Carter, Brighton; J. Converse Gray, Boston; A. C. Boyden, Bridgewater; (for two years) Rev. F. E. Emrich, South Framingham; Rev. R. G. Woodbridge, Somerville; Rev. Joshua Coit, Winchester; Rev. C. B. Rice, Danvers; Hon. W. B. Plunkett, Adams; Timothy Smith, Roxbury; Rev. L. D. Bliss, Great Barrington; Rev. S. H. Woodrow, Springfield; (for one year) Rev. J. R. Thurston, Whitinsville; David Choate, Salem; S. A. Holton, Falmouth; L. N. Gilbert, Ware; Rev. I. C. Smart, Pittsfield; A. S. Johnson, Boston; Rev. P. T. Farwell, Wellesley Hills; F. H. Rugg, Greenfield.

The above committees were elected as nominated.

Voted, That on the election of officers a plurality vote shall nominate a secretary.

## OFFICERS BALLOTED FOR.

The Association proceeded to ballot on the following nominations, and voted to hear the report on election at the evening session:—

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS OF GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

Moderator. — Rev. William E. Wolcott, Lawrence.

Vice-Moderator. — Hon. Seba A. Holton, Falmouth.

Registrar. - Rev. F. J. Marsh, Boston.

Assistant Registrar. - Rev. A. J. Dyer, Sharon.

Executive Committee. — Rev. E. N. Hardy, Quincy; Rev. C. M. Clark, Haverhill; Rev. A. W. Archibald, Brockton.

For Possible Vacancy in the Secretaryship (vote for one).—Rev. Asher Anderson, Cambridge; Rev. C. G. Burnham, Chicopee; Rev. F. E. Butler, South Weymouth; Rev. T. F. Waters, Ipswich.

Candidates for Nomination to the Corporate Membership in the American Board.—Hon. A. H. Lowe, Fitchburg; Rev. John Hopkins Denison, Boston; Prin. J. H. Sawyer, Easthampton; Mr. A. B. Wallace, Springfield; Rev. Alexander Lewis, Worcester; Miss Mary E. Woolley, South Hadley; Rev. George A. Hall, Peabody; Mr. Luke W. Fowle, Woburn; Rev. S. C. Bushnell, Arlington; Mr. George W. Chase, North Adams; Mr. L. A. Crossett, North Abington; Rev. Charles O. Day, Andover.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

"Nearer My God, to Thee," was sung, and after the benediction by Rev. John R. Thurston the Association adjourned until 7.15 P. M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 7.15. Rev. S. A. Barrett, of Florence, conducted the devotional services, the congregation singing "Hark, Hark, My Soul," as the opening hymn.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS DECLARED.

The moderator, Hon. W. B. Plunkett, called for the result of the afternoon ballot. Rev. H. G. Pillsbury, of Chicopee Falls, reported as follows for the tellers:—

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The report of the tellers was accepted.

#### TELEGRAM FROM PENNSYLVANIA.

The following telegram was received and referred to the business committee for a return greeting:—

WEST PROVIDENCE, PA., May 20, 1903.

Moderator Congregational Massachusetts State Association, Great Barrington: —

The Pennsylvania Congregational State Association, in session at Scranton, sends greetings.

REV. HOWELL DAVIES.

#### ADDRESS.

An address was given by Rev. W. B. Forbush, of Charlestown, upon "The Modern Boy: His Dangers and Problems."

#### ADDRESS.

An address was delivered by Rev. P. T. Farwell, of Wellesley Hills, upon the topic, "Why Do We Send People to Prison?" The congregation joined in singing "How Firm a Foundation."

#### ADDRESS.

Rev. Samuel H. Virgin, of West Chelmsford, addressed the Association upon "Rival Forces in Spiritual Culture."

#### TELEGRAM TO PENNSYLVANIA.

The following message was sent to the General Association of Pennsylvania:—

May 20, 1903.

Rev. Howell Davies, Scranton, Pa., State Association of Congregational Churches:—

The General Association of Congregational Churches of Massachusetts, in session at Great Barrington, sends fraternal greetings. Colossians 1:9.

W. B. PLUNKETT, Moderator.

The hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," was sung, and after the benediction by Rev. Samuel H. Virgin, the Association adjourned until 8.30 A. M. Thursday.

## THURSDAY

MORNING SESSION.

A devotional service, led by Rev. C. A. Hilton, of Randolph, was held at 8.30 o'clock.

## ASSOCIATION CONVENED.

The business session was called to order at 9 o'clock by Vice-Moderator S. A. Holton.

## MINUTES READ AND APPROVED.

The records of the proceedings of the previous day were read by Second Assistant Registrar Rev. W. P. Landers, of Sutton, and with minor changes were adopted.

#### LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.

Rev. Daniel Evans, of Cambridge, chairman of the committee on Labor Organizations, led in a fifteen-minute discussion of the subject and was followed by Revs. Jesse H. Jones, of Halifax, H. W. Stebbins, of Boston, Benj. A. Willmott, of Townsend, and P. S. Moxom, of Springfield.

On motion of the latter it was

Voted, That the provisional committee be instructed to give to reports of committees of the Association adequate place in the program for next year's meeting.

## MEMORIAL CHURCH AT PLYMOUTH.

On recommendation of the business committee the Association adopted the following resolution presented in the report of the committee to coöperate with the committee of the Church of the Pilgrimage on the Proposed Memorial Church, viz.:—

Resolved, That this Association renews its endorsement of the efforts of the Church of the Pilgrimage at Plymouth, Mass., to erect a building which shall stand as a memorial of the brave company who landed at Plymouth Rock and laid the foundation of this Christian Commonwealth.

In planting the meeting house, the school house and the town house,

they initiated all that is best in this great Republic.

As they were the forerunners of our Pilgrim faith we trust the Church of the Pilgrimage may have in this new effort the financial support of Congregationalists throughout the length and breadth of our land.

Rev. D. M. James, pastor of the above-mentioned Church, and Association delegate to the recent Ter-Centennial celebration of the John Robinson Memorial Church, in Gainsborough, England, then made a brief address.

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The following report of the committee on Credentials was presented and adopted:—

123 Churches							represented	bу	155
11 Conferences									11
8 Associations							"	66	8
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#### FINANCES OF THE BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY.

On recommendation of the business committee it was

Voted, That the executive committee of the Association be fully empowered to make such accounting of monies received and expended by the Board of Pastoral Supply as may seem most suitable.

#### ON THE DEATH OF REV. ELLIS MENDELL.

The following resolution relative to the death of Rev. Ellis Mendell, of Jamaica Plain, was passed unanimously by a rising vote:-

Whereas, The General Association of Congregational Churches of Massachusetts has been informed of the sudden death of Rev. Ellis Mendell, of Jamaica Plain, who has passed on from this earthly service

even while its sessions are in progress; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we desire to record our high estimation of his ability as a preacher of the truth, his fidelity as a pastor, his lovable qualities of mind and heart as a friend, and that delightful Christian spirit and temper that endeared him to all that knew him: and we wish also to put on record our appreciation of the loss to our Churches and our own deep sense of personal bereavement, and to express to his family and to his Church our sincere sympathy.

Resolved, That these resolutions be included in the "Minutes," and

that copies be sent to the family and to the Church.

#### PAPERS AND REPORTS TO BE PRINTED.

On recommendation of the business committee, the Association referred to the executive committee the duty of instructing the publishing committee what papers and reports shall be printed in the "Minutes."

## THE WORK OF THE HOME IN RELIGIOUS LIFE.

The business committee recommended that a committee of three be appointed to report at the next meeting of the Association on "The Place and Work of the Home in Religious Life," which recommendation was adopted and referred to the nominating committee.

## PURITY OF THE BALLOT.

The following resolution on "The Purity of the Ballot" was adopted: -

Whereas, Recent revelations of political venality and corruption even in the historic commonwealths of New England have surprised and shocked the moral sense of the nation; and

Whereas, Political conditions in many cities in our land foster a state of bribery, official corruption and moral degradation so gross and bold as to defy the fundamental principles of civic righteousness; and

Whereas, Careful students of current tendencies have attributed this decadence in part to the cowardice and lack of fidelity of the public teachers of morals, whose duty it is to rebuke sin and warn of its con-

sequences; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this General Association of Congregational Churches of Massachusetts desires to record its deep conviction of the supreme importance of the purity of the ballot and the honest administration of public affairs among a free people; and that we enjoin upon our pastors and Churches the faithful use of all proper means to exalt the highest ideals of civic responsibility and public fidelity.

#### REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE.

The budget committee presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:—

The executive committee recommend to the budget committee, that as the expenses of the Association will probably be next year about what they were last year, the treasurers of the several Conferences be requested to contribute a sum equivalent to five cents for each member, based upon the total membership of January 1, 1903.

## ESTIMATED EXPENSES.

Assessment of the National Council Estimate for Board of Pastoral Supply Salary of State secretary Printing, postage, expressage (estimated) Stationery and incidentals	\$1,710.57 $2,100.00$ $750.00$ $950.00$ $50.00$
SOURCES OF INCOME.	\$5,560.57
Balance on hand	$$730.70 \\ 750.00 \\ 5,702.15$
	\$7.182.85

#### THE ROBINSON SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

On motion of Rev. W. C. Rhoades, of Brookline, a petition to the General Court of Massachusetts was adopted and telegraphed to the Hon. Charles Giddings, representative from Great Barrington, as follows:—

#### To the General Court of Massachusetts: -

The Massachusetts Association of Congregational Churches, assembled in its annual meeting at Great Barrington, respectfully petition favorable consideration by your honorable body for House Bill No. 582, entitled "An Act to Establish the Robinson School for Boys."

S. A. HOLTON, Vice-Moderator.

#### VACANCIES IN COMMITTEES.

It was voted that all committees of the Association be empowered to fill vacancies in their membership.

#### DELEGATES TO THE ANTI-SALOON CONVENTION.

On nomination by the nominating committee, the following persons were elected delegates to the next State Convention of the Anti-Saloon League, viz.:—

Rev. A. H. Plumb, of Brookline; Rev. C. L. Morgan, of Jamaica Plain; Rev. F. S. Hunnewell, of Reading; Rev. E. H. Byington, of Beverly, and Rev. Edward Constant, of Ipswich.

## WORK OF THE HOME IN RELIGIOUS LIFE.

The following persons were also made a committee to report at the next annual meeting on "The Place and Work of the Home in Religious Life," viz:—

Rev. W. J. Batt, of Concord; Rev. H. T. Rose, of Northampton, and Rev. N. Van der Pyl, of Marblehead.

## BI-CENTENNIAL OF THE BIRTH OF JONATHAN EDWARDS.

On motion of Rev. E. S. Porter, of Stockbridge, the following resolution relative to the Bi-Centennial Anniversary of the Birth of Jonathan Edwards was adopted:—

In view of the fact that October fifth of the present year is the bicentennial anniversary of the birth of Jonathan Edwards, the Massachusetts Association of Congregational Churches deems it fitting, and even a duty of sacred obligation, that the day have proper observance in the Churches of our order throughout the land, and especially in our own Commonwealth, where all his active years were spent.

No greater name certainly appears in our annals, and few greater ones in Christian history, as a preacher of matchless power, a pastor of absolute fidelity, a theologian and metaphysician without a peer, and as a Christian the savor of whose piety is one of our richest legacies from

the past.

Every possible use should be made of the anniversary to honor his

memory and to perpetuate his influence.

We, therefore, earnestly commend the matter to our Churches and to our various religious institutions, that timely preparations may be made for the observance of the day when it shall arrive.

## SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

The committee on Sunday Observance made a statement additional to its printed report through its chairman, George D. Chamberlain, of Springfield.

#### ADDRESS.

An address was delivered by Mr. Edward P. St. John, of Worcester, on "The New Evangelism." This was followed by discussion, engaged in by Revs. Moxom, Rice, Ashley, Dike, Thurston and Hunnewell.

#### ADDRESS.

The last address of this closing session was delivered by Rev. Francis J. Van Horn, of Worcester, on the subject, "The Religious Significance of Evolution."

The subject was discussed by Rev. P. S. Moxom, of Springfield, and Rev. W. H. Ashley, of Manchester.

## RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

On motion of Rev. B. F. Hamilton, of Roxbury, the following resolution of thanks was adopted:—

Resolved, That we, the members of the General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts, assembled at Great Barrington for its one hundred and first meeting, extend our hearty thanks to the officers and members of the Congregational Church in this place for opening to the Association their beautiful house of worship and providing so liberally for the comfort and convenience of the delegates; to the pastor of the Church and to the other members of the efficient provisional committee for their tireless labors in our behalf; to the people of this historic and beautiful town for their generous hospitality; to the hotels and railroads for reduced rates; to the different speakers for their able and instructive papers; to the moderator and vice-moderator for their courteous and just conduct of the various sessions of the Association, and to all who have helped to make this one of the most valuable meetings in the history of the Association.

#### RESPONSE.

To this vote of thanks Rev. R. DeWitt Mallary, of Housatonic, made a brief response on behalf of the provisional committee.

#### AMENDMENT ADOPTED.

The amendment to Article IX, Section 4, of the Rules, proposed on the previous day, was adopted.

#### MINUTES READ AND APPROVED.

The records of the morning session were read and accepted.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

The doxology, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow," was sung, and after benediction by Rev. P. S. Moxom the Association adjourned.

## WILLIAM B. PLUNKETT, Moderator.

SEBA A. HOLTON, Vice-Moderator.

F. J. MARSH, Registrar.

A. J. DYER, Assistant Registrar.

W. P. LANDERS, Second Assistant Registrar, Pro Tempore.

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

REV. EUGENE C. WEBSTER.

Not since 1884, when the General Association convened in North Adams, has the Association met as far West as this, and there can be no more attractive place in all the Berkshires than Great Barrington for our annual gathering. We shall find a most hospitable welcome here, and for next year two invitations will be presented to you.

During the calendar year, 1902, Congregationalism in Massachusetts made no very rapid advance; in fact, a rather discouraging report is to be presented. Two Churches were added to our sisterhood, — the Finnish in Fitchburg and Zion Church in Haverhill, making a total of 605. Since the first of January two other Churches have been organized, but they are not counted in this year's statistical report.

For two years I have omitted from this report any reference to delayed reports. Massachusetts has 10 per cent. of the Congregational Churches in the country, and reports 15 per cent. of the ministers. No other State reports over 366 Churches, and none claims more than half as many ministers as we have. In our statistical tables this year there were more than 20,500 numbers to be added. These were gone over at least twice mentally, and then verified on a counting machine. It is hoped that no errors have been made. For several years it has been our custom to have the statistics gathered by the statistical secretaries of the various Conferences. These Conference reports are often delayed by the tardiness of one or two Churches. An early Year Book is impossible, unless the Massachusetts tables are completed in February, and this can be done if the reports from the Churches are in my hands before the fifteenth of the month. At the meeting in Amherst, in 1900, February 15 was adopted as the "time limit" when reports should be received for publication, and the Conference scribes have been so notified each year. Only eleven out of our twenty-five Conferences reported before that date this year, Hampshire East, Hampden, Mendon, Pilgrim and Worcester South reporting in January, while one Conference reported on March 2. Five Conferences made a gain of 26 days over last year, and 18 Conferences lost a total of 163 days, or an average of 9 days Two Conferences reported on the same day as last year. Hence each Conference was later than last year by an average of 6 days. This can be greatly improved. I would suggest that next year two "blank schedules" be sent to each Church and that one of them be returned directly to the State Secretary and the other be sent to the Conference Secretary, as usual. Thus tabulation in the Massachusetts

tables can go on while the Conference totals are being made by the statistical secretaries. New Hampshire has established a "time limit" on February 1, and what she can do with her 200 Churches, any Conference in Massachusetts can do with its small quota of Churches. February 1 is late enough for a time limit.

The membership of our Churches is 114,040, five less than last year; one of the four Churches not reporting had a year ago over 300 members. Had I included last year's membership of the non-reporting Churches, I would have shown a gain of over 400. As it is, I report a gain of 380 members. The admission (6,042) to our Churches exceeds the removals (5,662) by 380. But the real gain is not shown by these figures. One thousand three hundred and sixty-eight names have been dropped by revision of rolls, and the real gain to our Churches is 1,748.

The last Association took action with reference to the absent membership and made certain definite recommendations to the Churches toward reducing their number. The time has not been sufficient to make much difference or to show what effort the Churches are making to reduce this evil; yet, notwithstanding this effort, with a total of 19,544 (over 17 per cent. of the total membership) there has been an increase of 313 absent members.

During 1902, we received into our Churches 3,237 by profession of faith and 2,805 by letter; total, 6,042. During 1897 there were 7,092 additions, and since then the number has fallen off each year. This last year there were 352 less received into our Churches on confession than the year before. The removals or dismissions have increased mainly on account of the healthful pruning process called the revision of roll.

As might be expected in a year when additions to the Churches on confession decrease, both adult and infant baptisms have decreased, the former by 167, and the latter by 54.

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The Swedish Church in Boston received 73 new members; the Church at Roslindale, 95 new members; the First Church at Everett, 55; the Second Church at Holyoke, 96; these seem to be worthy of special mention.

The thirteen largest Churches in the State, each with more than 700 members, are the following: Worcester, First, 1,200; Springfield, First, 1,145; Worcester, Piedmont, 824; Cambridge, First, 794; South Boston,

Phillips, 790; Dorchester, Second, 778; Boston, Old South, 775; Brookline, Harvard, 751; Springfield, Hope, 750; Worcester, Pilgrim, 748; Malden, First, 747; Chelsea, Central, 743; Worcester, Union, 706. Nearly 10 per cent. of our membership is in these Churches. The average membership of all the Churches is about 190. Of the total membership 31.2 per cent. are males.

Up to the present year, Churches supplied by licentiates, or ministers of other denominations, were counted as "vacant," but in this year's report they are called "supplied." Two hundred and sixty-four Churches have pastors settled by council; 268 have pastors called by some definite act of the Church and settled for some definite period; 25 are "supplied," and 48 are vacant. In addition to the 549 ministers who are serving the Churches, there are 423 others resident in the State, making a total of 972.

The Sunday schools report a decreased membership and an increased average attendance. Here the pruning process is obvious, several of the larger schools having materially reduced their membership. The membership (119,352) is below the average for the last seven years, notwithstanding the very low record for 1899. While the membership has been dropping off, in spite of the fact that we have begun to count the home department, the average attendance has been growing for four years.

On January 1, 1903, there were 5,912 more families reported than the year before. This is partly accounted for by the fact that this year 588 Churches reported their families, while the year before only 571 made report. The 588 Churches report 97,605 families, an average of 166. This column should indicate the number of separate calls a pastor would have to make to cover his whole parish once, *i.e.*, the families and individuals not belonging to families.

There are nine less societies of young people reported this year than last, making a total of 526, with a membership of 31,551, a decrease of 1,858.

The total of our benevolent contributions is \$621,955, contributed by 585 Churches, a sum smaller than 588 Churches gave last year by \$99,838. The home expenditures of 592 Churches is \$1,645,731, which is \$31,484 more than 581 Churches reported last year. This increase in home expenses is more apparent than real, and is nearly accounted for by the fact that 11 more Churches report their home expenses this year than last, the average per Church being about \$2,779 each year. But the benevolent contributions have fallen off \$103,617, the A. M. A. and Ministerial Aid being the only objects to show gains, and by their gains the total decrease in the benevolence is reduced by \$2,769.

The legacies this year amount to \$102,956, an increase of more than \$25,000, yet not so large as two years ago. The column for legacies has been taken out, and the amounts are printed in a paragraph at the end of the tables.

This year for the first time in any State, six new columns are added to the tables, which show the amounts of the benevolent contributions which each Church made directly to the treasurers of the denominational societies. To this end the list of Sunday-school superintendents has been taken from the statistical pages and printed elsewhere. The first column under "Benevolence" reports the amount received by the Treasurer of the American Board from each Church. The second column was reported by the Churches and shows what each has given for Foreign Missionary work. The third column records what each Church has paid the Treasurer of the Educational Society, and is reported by him. The fourth column reports the amount each Church has given for the cause of education. And so with each pair of columns for six pairs,—the first is reported by the benevolent society, and the second is reported by the Church as for the last several years. The columns headed, "Min. Aid," "Other" and "Total" are reported as usual by the Churches.

The American Board reports that it has received \$146,265 from the Churches and \$56,233 from other sources in Massachusetts, a total of \$202,498. The Churches report \$150,100 for Foreign Missions. The Education Society reports \$10,296 from the Churches, and \$7,170 from other sources in Massachusetts, a total of \$17,466. The Churches report \$29,421 for the cause of education.

These and kindred statistics may be set forth in the following table:

BENEVOLENCE
REPORTED BY THE SIX SOCIETIES.

	A. B. C. F. M.	E. E. S.	C. C. B. S.	C. H. M. S.	A.M.A.	C. S. S. and P. S.	Totals.
Churches Other	\$146,265 56,233	\$10,296 7,170	\$13,864 7,158	\$44,247 73,902	\$36,762 67,651	\$11,408 4,770	\$262,842 216,884
Totals	\$202,498	\$17,466	\$21,022	\$118,149	\$104,413	\$16,178	\$479,726

## REPORTED BY THE CHURCHES.

Foreign Missions,	Eduç.	Church B'lding.	Home Missions.	A.M.A. Work.	S. S. Work.	Total.
\$150,100	\$29,421	\$15,774	\$151,177	\$37,233	\$12,507	\$396,212

Accordingly, the Churches paid into the treasurers of the six societies, \$262,842, and devoted \$133,370 additional for missionary work kindred to that done by the six societies, but which did not pass through the treasurers of our authenticated missionary bodies, yet the six societies report \$479,726 received from Massachusetts.

It is an interesting problem to find out from time to time the ratio which the number of our Churches and their members bears to the

whole population. The solution is not final, for we must then take into consideration the increase of foreigners and Roman Catholics within our borders. We cannot go much back of 1840 for an actual estimate of Congregational Church members. We have not doubled the membership in sixty years, while the population has increased almost four times. In 1840 we had a Church for every 1,835 people; in 1850, one for every 2,153; in 1860, one to 2,518; in 1870, one to 2,891; in 1880, one to 3,339; in 1890, one to 3,963; in 1900, one to 4,668.

Let us make one more comparison, — that of our Church membership with the total population. We will begin again with 1840, when 82 of every 1,000 of population were members of Congregational Churches; in 1850, 66; in 1860, 61; in 1870, 55; in 1880, 51; in 1890, 46; in 1900, 25. In the 60 years our proportion has declined from 82 to 25 in every 1,000 of population, or 70 per cent.

There are in Massachusetts 353 cities and towns. In 35, or 9.6 per cent., there is at present no Congregational Church. One hundred and ninety-three cities or towns are represented on our roll by a single Church, and 126 have two or more Churches, the largest number being in Boston, 33; in Worcester, 17; in Springfield, 13. The population of the 35 towns having no Congregational Church is 30,697, only one per cent. of the total population, giving an average of 877 to each town. It is safe to infer, is it not, that these small towns are sufficiently well supplied with Evangelical Churches? We cannot assume that any field is neglected; but one thing is certain, and that is that the sisterhood of Churches represented in this General Association ought to have a tender and increasing interest in the weaker Churches. If there is any one fundamental principle in Congregationalism it is fellowship; and the watch and care over our dependent Churches ought not to be delegated to any outside agency to the exclusion of our own interest in the matter.

Two Churches declined to make any report, one by declaration and the other by making no response to repeated letters from the Conference and State secretaries. The Church at Seekonk belongs to the Rhode Island Conference and is now reported under Rhode Island. The John Street Church of Lowell has no stated place of worship, but retains its organization. The Bethany Church of Nantasket is still reported on our roll, but holds no services, and no one could be found who would make any report. No council has been held to disband the Church. The Church at Weston is without a pastor and has not held services for several months. At North Truro the Church is united with the Methodists and forms a union Church; a distinction being made in the membership and benevolent contributions. There is only one member of the North Ashburnham Church living.

Three Churches have suffered losses by fire and wind. The place of worship of the Boylston Church was damaged by wind, which blew over the spire, the timbers crashing through the roof. Their build-

ing was valued at \$5,000. The East Weymouth Church, valued at \$25,000, was entirely consumed on February 8, 1903, and was insured for \$16,500. Electric wires may have been the cause. Settees, the Sunday-school library, piano, and the pulpit furniture were saved; all else, including the organ, was destroyed. The Church is now worshipping in the Unitarian church, and plans for rebuilding are being considered, but on a new site, not far from the old spot. balance of funds, over and above the insurance money, will be raised by solicitation. The Church in West Medford was completely ruined by fire on the fourth of last March. There was \$10,000 insurance on the building and \$2,000 on the organ, which was paid in full, and fairly covered the loss. But there was no insurance on the furnishings and contents. They will rebuild on another lot, which had been donated for building purposes some few years ago. The people feel very hopeful that before many months they will dedicate a new House of Worship, although they have not begun to take subscriptions. May these Churches that have met so great losses feel the sympathy of the Association of Churches and gain inspiration for rebuilding new temples for the worship of God.

Several edifices have been rebuilt and renovated to such an extent that re-dedication has seemed desirable. The Church at Milton was re-consecrated last year; the Whitefield Church at Newburyport, Hope Church, Cambridge, and the Hanover Church were re-dedicated; and the chapel at Montvale, Woburn, was rebuilt.

Many Churches celebrated anniversaries. The West Springfield, First, observed the 206th anniversary of its organization and the 100th of its dedication last June. Byfield, Granville, and Barre Churches commemorated respectively their 200th, 100th, and 75th anniversaries. Dane Street, Beverly, remembered its 100th birthday with fitting ceremonies. North New Salem celebrated last September its 100th anniversary, and has since (March 4, 1903) re-organized the Church after a lapse of thirty years. Maynard had a 50th anniversary, Roslindale celebrated its 12th, and Arlington its 60th birthday. From the fifteenth to the seventeenth of February last, the Central Church, Jamaica Plain, celebrated its 50th anniversary, and one notable event on the programme was the presentation of ten young men whom that Church has given to the Christian ministry, seven of whom brought greetings to the Church on that occasion. What other Church can show such fruitage in fifty years?

Long would be the list, if it could be presented, of the Churches that have improved their edifices this past year with memorial windows and other interior decorations. Perhaps none have organs as elegant and costly as the one in this building, but some have new organs with which they may equally enrich their services. One Church has put in a telephone connected with an invalid's room; and new parsonages are reported. Our denominational paper, *The Congregationalist*, is reporting

from time to time the increase of pastors' salaries, which is most gratifying in view of the increased cost of living.

The Church at Attleboro is rebuilding and it has received from the old Church in Attleborough, England, a stone to be placed in the new edifice. And the Harvard Church, Brookline, has received from the selectmen the custody of a Paul Dudley milestone, which once stood opposite the Church.

Perhaps the most notable of the unusual events of the year has been the use of the Hadley Church vestry by the Roman Catholics, while the

Town Hall and Catholic Church were undergoing repairs.

There is a growing interest among the Churches as to the relation of baptized children to the Church. Some Churches are taking action tending to determine the relation in definite terms. A question arises as to how such child-members should be reported in the "Year Book" and as to whether we shall need to have a column to record such members. The provisions in the Constitution of the Maplewood Church of Malden may be taken as illustrating a tendency in this direction. It is as follows:—

"Children baptized by the Church shall be enrolled as members, with the understanding that such relation shall be continued until they indicate a desire either for voluntary acceptance or a dissolution of the relation. The list of such members shall be kept distinct from that of the other Church members, but they shall be considered as members under the care of the Church. This list shall include those baptized previous to this enactment so far as they can be found. It shall also include those previously baptized elsewhere, who shall be presented by their parents or guardians, and accepted by the vote of the Church."

Definite provision is made for the transition from child to adult`membership and the Constitution further states that,—

"the Church Committee shall confer with them at suitable times with regard to their voluntary acceptance of the relation assumed."

This year, for the first time, the National Council has asked for the number of pastors in our Churches who are College graduates, and I beg leave to report that of the 528 Congregational ministers who are filling our pulpits, only 372 hold degrees from College or University, or 70.4 per cent.

It gives me great pleasure to call your attention to the decreased cost of the printing. In 1897 the printing of 3,000 "Minutes" (158 pages) cost \$793.81; in 1898, the printing bill was \$636.31 with \$166 additional. In 1899, 3,000 copies of the "Minutes" (156 pages) cost \$614.58; 1,500 credential cards, \$6.50; 1,500 Advance Reports, \$14.25; total, \$635.33. In 1900, 3,000 "Minutes" (190 pages) cost \$737.20, and 200 extra copies cost \$31.50, making 3,200 copies cost \$768.70. The other annual printing brought the total for 1900 up to \$825.95. In 1901, 3,200 copies of the "Minutes" (209 pages) and 1,500 Advance Reports cost \$642.11 and the total annual printing bill for 1901 was \$642.11. In 1902, 3,500 copies of

the "Minutes" (200 pages), i.e., 300 more copies than the year before, 1,500 36-page Advance Reports, and 500 4-page Secretary's Report cost \$562.25; but because of prompt payment promised last year and a slight typographical error, the total 1902 bill for printing was only \$525. Thus in three years, the edition has increased 300 copies, and the total annual printing bill is reduced from \$825.95 to \$525, a reduction of 37 per cent.

In conclusion, I recommend

1. That the Association instruct its Secretary to gather and publish the statistics on benevolent contributions for 1903 and 1904 as for 1902, using the same tables, for frequently collections made by Churches in December are not paid to the Societies before January, and these reports are gathered for calendar years, and in a series of years more definite conclusions may be derived.

2. That the Association instruct its Secretary to buy a counting machine, provided the National Council will bear two-thirds of its cost and

own it conjointly with the Association.

Boston Sign Co. .

Telegrams, etc. (Marsh)

Committee on Labor .

Merchant Express, expressing

Chamberlain (Sunday Observance Com.)

Hotel bill

Cash on hand Total .

3. That the Association determine a "time limit" for the reception of statistical reports, after which date reports may not be received for publication.

4. That all definite votes passed at this meeting, which are or should be of interest to the Churches, be printed in circular form and sent to all Churches and to Congregational ministers resident in the State.

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER

HENRY P. EMERSON, Treasurer, and DANIEL B. BEARD, Acting Treasurer, in account with the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1903.

1902-1903. Dr. To cash on hand last report \$353 97 5,783 75 Receipts from Conferences 14 36 Interest 3 00 American Bible Society 1 40 Total . \$6,161 48 1902-1903. CR. By E. C. Webster, salary, postage, rent, stationery, etc., 13 months C. B. Rice, salary, rent, etc.
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Hamilton S. Conant, expense to Plymouth Assn. \$969.40 1,953 92 5 85 6 10 Mills & Knight, printing 576 69 Other printing 38 60 Postage and mailing Treas, National Council 50 1.710 67

DANIEL B. BEARD, Acting Treasurer.

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### AUDITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Auditing Committee of the General Association of Congregational Churches of Massachusetts have examined the report of Mr. Henry P. Emerson, Treasurer, and acting Treasurer, Mr. Daniel B. Beard, and find it correct with proper vonchers; showing a balance of \$730.70 in his hands, and deposited in the Beacon Trust Company.

The Anditing Committee would call the State Association's attention to the fact that the funds of the "Board of Pastoral Supply" have not passed through the hands of the Treasurer, as voted by the Association, and therefore, the Receipts and Expenses of the "Board of Pastoral Supply" have not been audited by us.

HARRY G. DIXON, FRANKLIN P. SHUMWAY, For Auditing Committee. EDWARD C. RAWSON,

## REPORT OF CONGREGATIONAL BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY

REV. CHARLES B. RICE, SECRETARY.

The Congregational Board of Pastoral Supply respectfully presents to the General Association its ninth annual report.

Six meetings of the Directors of the Board have been held during the year. Careful attention has been given to all questions that have arisen concerning the general policy of the Board and the administration of the office; and the Secretary has received such instructions and suggestions as have seemed appropriate. Early in the summer, Hon. John L. Brewster, being under advice that he should seek some lightening of cares and responsibilities, tendered his resignation as a member of the Board, with expressions of warm and continuing interest in its work. Rev. Calvin M. Clark was elected to fill the place. The services of Miss Helen B. Hartwell, Secretary's assistant, have been highly satisfactory.

During the year ending at the first of May we have rendered service in matters connected with pastoral settlement to 174 Churches. Of these, there were in Massachusetts, 65; in Maine, 23; in New Hampshire, 21; in Vermont, 10; in Rhode Island, 4; in Connecticut, 9; in New York, 8; in New Jersey, 2; in Pennsylvania, 1; in Alabama, 1; in Florida, 2; in Ohio, 1; in Indiana, 1; in Illinois, 1; in Michigan, 1; in Missouri, 2; in Kansas, 1; in Nebraska, 1; in South Dakota, 1; in North Dakota, 3; in Arizona, 2; in Utah, 3; in Idaho, 5; in California, 2; in Oregon, 1; in Washington, 3. We count here nothing except that which has been done in direct response to requests from persons officially representing the Churches. The number would be increased if we were to include, as we do not, inquiries from members—or friends of members—of Churches having no official authority. Business in the line of occasional or temporary supplies is not included. It is not meant that pastoral

settlements answering to this number of Churches have been directly brought about through the work of our office, but that official consultations relative to the filling of the pastorate have been had to the extent stated.

The number of actual settlements in which we have had a direct and important share has been 65. In very many other cases our share in the work of settlement, while indirect, has been recognized as of essential value.

The business of the year exceeds somewhat in extent that which was covered by the report made one year ago, although the amount then reported was larger than in any preceding year.

Of the whole number of Churches conferring with us, there were 28 having a membership of over 300; 40 having a membership of from 100 to 300; and 106 with a membership of less than 100. Eighteen of these Churches pay a salary of more than \$2,000; 46 a salary of between \$1,000 and \$2,000; and 110 a salary of less than \$1,000.

On the first of May the number of Churches in Massachusetts without pastors or permanent regular supply was 32.

Opportunities for preaching have been furnished directly from our office to 176 men, and of these 86 were candidates for settlement. In many cases the opportunities thus furnished were several times repeated. The whole number of occasional supplies furnished was 329. This does not include any preaching of candidates, nor of men who have supplied for a limited but considerable period of time in one place, nor the preaching of the Secretary. As thus defined and limited, the average number of weekly supplies has been about six and one-third.

Many inquiries are made at our office with respect to men prepared to take up work in educational lines, as presidents, professors or teachers in seminaries, colleges or academies; and it is believed that some useful service is rendered in this direction.

The Directors' ordinance of last year, forbidding the Secretary to preach for more than three-fourths of the time, has perished as an annual plant whose seed was not in itself after his kind. He has fulfilled appointments for preaching on 47 Sundays. On Sunday, December 14, the congregation did not, on their part, meet the appointment. The reason why he did not preach on the remaining five Sundays was because no man would hire him. As to that part of the preaching of the Secretary which is connected with the visiting of Churches that are looking for pastors, this could not be omitted, or much diminished, without serious impairment to the usefulness of the office. As to that other part, which is merely in the line of the ordinary, or occasional, supplying of pulpits, this has appeared to be necessary in order to bring the balance of expenditures of the Board within the limits proposed in its own annual (reports. In the matter of health, the Secretary has judged himself as well able to preach as the people are to hear.

The extensive correspondence carried on with official representatives of Congregational bodies in other states, and with representatives of the Baptist Churches of the State of New York, indicates the continuing interest that is taken in the progress and methods of our work. Our relations with the State committees that are appointed to attend to the same duty along somewhat different lines, are, as they have been from the first, most friendly. It becomes increasingly evident that there is a call, which cannot be easily disregarded, for the rendering of assistance to Churches and ministers in their adjustment of pastoral relations through agencies which shall be in some manner distinctly and effectively responsible to the Churches and controllable by them. The business of our own office has increased as fast, it is probable, as was to be desired. Its growth has not been forced by any extraordinary efforts or appliances. Its steady extension has been due, it would seem, to natural and healthful influences. And it has thus some promise at least upon it of continuing and permanent usefulness. We have no purpose or wish to gather into our hands all the business of bringing men before the Churches as candidates for the pastorate, if this were possible. We welcome, so far as it may ever rest with us to do it, every other helpful agency. We always advise committees of Churches to give particular attention to recommendations from neighboring pastors and from friends having special knowledge of the situation. We try to speak ourselves, in conference with committees, as carefully, and fairly and justly as possible. We wish thus to make our office as useful as we can to the Churches and to the brethren. We have enough to do in doing this; and we look with satisfaction, and not with jealously, upon the help that may come from every other quarter.

The account of Mr. Charles E. Swett, Treasurer of the Board, is as follows:—

#### TREASURER'S REPORT, 1902-1903.

EXPENSES.										
Postage .									\$65	77
Travelling	expens	es							73	17
Telephone	and tel	legraj	$_{ m ph}$						47	32
Record boo	ks and	stati	oner	y					53	89
Printing									36	45
Copying re	cords								10	00
Advertisin	g.								28	80
Sundries									10	20
Assistant's	salary	(at t	he ra	te of	\$450	)			421	16
Additional		,							55	35
Rent and c	are of	room							361	20
Secretary's	salary								2,000	00
									\$3,163	31

#### RECEIPTS.

Preaching by Sec						\$516	50		
Office fees .								470	34
Rebate (on rent)								60	18
Received from Treasurer of General Association,								2,116	29
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								\$3,163	31

The net cost of the office, over and above receipts from preaching and from fees, has been \$2,116.29, this being less by a very few dollars only than last year. We recommend that provision for a corresponding amount be made for the coming year.

Fees due the office have been in some cases remitted or reduced, particularly in behalf of men entering upon home missionary fields and elsewhere when the distance to be travelled was great and the amount to be received by the minister small.

The work of our office has been much embarrassed and has been hindered in its extension through the difficulty experienced in securing pastors for our smaller Churches. It is not easy to find such men as are needed for pastoral fields with salaries of \$600 or \$700. Even where the pay is somewhat larger it is still, under all the present conditions of life, but meager. Our office puts forth whatever influence it may, sometimes with success, to secure the payment of larger sums, and to encourage the furnishing and equipment of parsonages where these are lacking. In many cases a more effective remedy might be provided by such a filling of the treasury of our Home Missionary Society as would enable it to deal more generously - and more justly - by the weaker Churches receiving its aid. In the states at the north of us, into which our work reaches largely, the difficulty of which we are speaking is felt even more seriously than with us, since the general range of salaries in these states is lower than in Massachusetts. We are sure that our brethren in these neighboring Churches would welcome the relief and the strength which might be brought to them through a corresponding enlargement of the resources of their own Home Missionary Societies.

We may be confident that our stronger Churches, if their thoughts may be fully turned in these directions, will discern the grateful opportunity that is offered them to bear in part the burden of the weaker, and thus fulfil happily the law of Christ.

It is to be remembered that the capacity for contributing in support of Christian institutions, and for all benevolent uses, increases with increasing wealth in a rapidly enlarging ratio. If a man with an income of \$500.00 can set aside \$10.00 for Christian and charitable purposes, then, other things being equal and as a matter of sheer ability, a man with an income of \$1,000.00 can set aside fifty-one times the \$10.00. And such figures are not wholly empty of meaning. Or, if there is one man

whose income is equal to the combined income of ten other men, then this man may be able to give much more than the other ten men together, since they have ten households to maintain while he has but one. This principle applies somewhat as between the richer and the poorer Churches. We shall wish to keep it in mind in weighing our relative responsibilities and opportunities, and there might thus be brought more relief and more support to our poorer Churches and to the pastors with the pinching salaries. There are some signs, happily, that the falling movement in salaries, long under way, is being checked, and there are here and there the marks of an upward tendency.

With all that may properly be said of the inadequacy of ministerial supportin many cases, care should be taken not to make dark our picturing of the pastor's life. It is not a life poor or dull; it is bright and hopeful and alive with interest. Doubtless one minding outward things alone might not be drawn to it. The ministry would not suffer in its failure to attract him. When the Lord called His disciples from their nets He did not promise that going with Him they should get more of fish, but He said that they should become fishers of men. He fulfils today the promise.

The men of other callings are not uniformly prosperous and clear of all concern for the comfortable maintenance of life. Risks attend them; reverses strike them with a frequency and severity that might surprise one that should begin to note carefully the course of things about him. Continuous, marked prosperity is not most common, and therefore it is marked because it is uncommon. But it is probably natural for us who are ministers, looking from our place in life, to compare ourselves with these—the more prosperous few.

Perhaps, too, we may underrate even the outward advantages of the ministerial calling. The wise man—some wise man before, or after, or during, the Exile—has represented Wisdom as holding in her right hand length of days, and in her left hand riches and honor. It is known that the average length of life of ministers is greater than with men in most other occupations. The minister, too, does not lack for honor—if he is careful of his honor. It appears thus that even waiving the riches the Congregational minister may hope to reach, within a fraction, to the distinction of this personation of Wisdom herself.

But very few ministers come to actual want: the few that do, seldom lack for kindly help. The minister's family can enter into any desirable society. They need not often be troubled by a sense of inferiority to any. The minister's wife is probably a more gracious and delightful person than he would have been able to win if he had chosen some other pursuit, and is almost of a certainty fully equal to his own deservings. The children have choice companionships in their home; they see many persons of intelligence and character and influence. They grow up, usually, alert, capable, respectable and useful. The sons often, happily, become ministers themselves.

There can scarcely be any other office that can have more intimate acquaintance than ours with whatever is peculiarly trying in ministerial life. It is in the very nature and necessity of the case that the difficulties and painful experiences of our brethren should come to our knowledge in larger proportion than their successes and satisfactions. Occasions of deep concern are constantly in mind; and yet among the compensations, which the work of the office must bring to one conducting it, not the least is the constant assurance that these brethren, for by far the larger part of them, are prosperous and happy in their work. It is not alone that they are patient and courageous; it is that they are trustful and are at rest in their hearts. Even where they look for change and relief they are not uncheerful. They love their calling; they have daily comfort in it; and we are assured that in their many households they are made rich by the favor of the Lord abiding on them.

If liberty for uninterrupted occupation upon the most animating themes, if range and scope for every power of mind and heart, if occasions for continual helpfulness in matters of greatest concern to man, if the opening to leadership in the ways of a lofty life with the call to constant nearness of walk with God—if such motives, to a young man of capacity adequate, are alluring, and if such attractions are fastening on him, he need not be turned away, he need not turn away himself, from the call to the Christian ministry.

### REPORT OF THE PUBLISHING COMMITTEE

The work of your committee has been duly and promptly attended to this past year. The contract for printing the 1903 "Minutes" has been placed with the Mills and Knight Company, of Boston.

Three hundred more copies of the "Minutes" were printed last year than formerly, and sent to all accredited Congregational ministers in the State, in accordance with the vote of the Association.

We would recommend that the Association instruct the Secretary by direct vote, and not through any specially appointed committee, what papers and reports shall be printed in the "Minutes."

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE C. WEBSTER. FRANCIS J. MARSH. HAMILTON I. CONANT. ERASTUS BLAKESLEE. LEONARD A. TREAT.

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION AGAINST GAMBLING

From the end of last August, gambling at race-tracks has been suppressed throughout this Commonwealth through the State police. It had been suppressed previously in many, and even in most municipalities through the local governments, and this action of the State police brought it to pass that the law-abiding majority ceased to be further injured by the illegalities of a law-defying minority. The law was enforced throughout the State equally and thoroughly.

Your attention should be called at this time to the fact that this general enforcement of the law could not be secured in localities which were desirous of defying the law, by any action from such instrumentalities as Law and Order Leagues. Municipalities, whose public officers are minded not to enforce a law, are so strong upon their own ground as to be able (as a rule) to nullify the best efforts of an association of individuals who endeavor to have the law executed in the face of a public sentiment which prefers to have the law broken.

Such communities do not allow that an association of citizens to enforce the law represents an authority adequate to enforce it.

They do yield, however, immediately and absolutely to the State. There is no doubt in the minds of any, that if the State insists upon the enforcement of its own laws, the authority of the State is sufficient to that end.

It requires time and patience to secure the intervention of the State, but when it has been secured it has the advantage of maintaining efficiency in, and therefore respect for, our government.

The administration of this State is much more respected in certain circles since the close of last August.

It has the further advantage that private citizens are not compelled to take of their own time, money and energy to enforce laws which State officers have been paid and sworn to enforce for them. Full credit is due to our late Governor and to the State police for this increased efficiency and respect for the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

It is not honorably conceivable that the present or any future administration will decline from the healthful and reasonable standard of enforcement now established.

The present Legislature has not even been asked to relax the existing statutes against gambling. Another Legislature might be, if the gambling element should think it possible by quiet work to secure the election of legislators who should be favorable to the toleration of racetrack gambling.

On this account we recommend that a committee of this body be maintained to see to it that the anti-gambling laws suffer no relaxation.

The attention of your committee has been called to the development of the passion for gambling in the amusements of circles of people who belong to our Congregational parishes.

De minimis non curat lex. Your Committee has no wish to stickle over trifles, but there is so much evidence that the passion of gambling for money has been thoughtlessly stimulated in certain circles through their amusements, that your Committee would respectfully suggest that this Association should request our Conferences to see to it that papers shall be read upon this topic at their next sessions.

The evil will not reach great dimensions among the fellowship of our Churches except through the opportunity of thoughtlessness, or of exaggerated condemnation. A reasonable paper in each Conference, exposing the root of evil in this matter, sanely and thoroughly, should open the way for pastors to say anything necessary to put the practice of our congregations upon harmless lines.

Certain firms of alleged bankers advertise in the public prints that they are willing to place bets for their customers upon races. Lotteries, and papers which advertise lotteries, are excluded from the privileges of the mails.

Therefore we further advise that you should authorize your Committee against gambling to look into this matter, and, if deemed advisable, move for a national law which will exclude from the privilege of the mails journals that advertise facilities for bets on races, as well as those which advertise lotteries.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

Little in the line of positive achievement can be reported by your committee. No opening for efforts in behalf of labor have been discovered.

The members of the committee have kept in touch with labor leaders and have tried to keep pace with the rapid movements of organized labor during the year. The strikes and controversies of the year seem to have strengthened the position of the Labor Unions. To some, organized labor is a spectre of terrible mien; to others, a sign of promise; and to all it is a herald of vast social changes. So complicated and so intricate are the relations of capital and labor that the clergymen whose opinions shall carry weight and whose "solutions" shall be more than those of amateurs must give the subject deep and constant study.

The Church exists primarily for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. Its chief task is to make bad men good and good men better by the faithful preaching of a pure, spiritual Gospel, and of the fundamentals of sound Christian ethics. Righteousness, not economics, demands the first attention of the Church; yet it must not be forgotten that righteousness includes righteous economics. The Church is committed to the social and religious principles of Jesus Christ, and not to any party or class. The Church must ask, "Is this man a Christian?" not "Is he an employer or a wage earner?" The Kingdom of God has no place for party and class distinctions. In its discussion of labor problems, the Church cannot proceed along the purely economic and too often selfish lines desired by employees and corporations. It must recognize all parties or no party, - employers, organized labor, unorganized labor, and consumers. In the face of these limitations, it is of importance to the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts that they, through their committee, keep in touch with labor organizations, thereby showing that they are interested in the welfare of wage earners and are prepared to assist in every way within their power in a righteous settlement of the pressing industrial problem.

Believing that the need of the hour is such information as will enable Churches and Church members to act intelligently, your committee has requested the several Conferences to discuss at their spring meetings the topic of "The Relation of the Churches to Organized Labor."

The Church is fully as much concerned with the welfare of unorganized labor as of organized labor. Your committee has consequently broadened the field of its investigations and discussions to include all wage earners.

Our discussion of the alleged alienation of wage earners from the Church leads us to believe that, if the alleged fact be true, it is not primarily due to his being a wage earner, but to his being, like every other man, the product of his task, age and generation. The man behind the counter and the desk, as well as the man behind the bench and the machine, is too often a stranger in our Churches.

Our experience and investigation reveal no uniform attitude of wage earners toward the Church.

1. In some instances we find open hostility.

The causes for this feeling are in part as follows :-

a. The materialistic teachings of the German school of Socialism.

Labor papers, devoted as they are to this type of propaganda, abound in slurs upon Churches and false statements concerning the Christian religion. These papers are widely read and their statements accepted without question. The impression given by them and received by many wage earners is that the Churches are owned and run by the capitalists as a means of holding wage earners in perpetual servitude. Statements proving the falseness of such charges, published in religious journals which wage earners do not read, do not help the situation.

- b. The rash charges and statements made by some ministers concerning Labor Unions. These rash statements were especially numerous during the coal strike of 1902. Based upon one-sided or inaccurate data, these statements were unfair to both employers and wage earners. The more extravagant the utterances, the more widely they were circulated by the press. The impartial statements made by fair-minded clergymen, which were much more numerous, were not reported by the press and have not come to the attention of wage earners.
- c. Dislike for employers. This feeling makes some wage earners hostile to the Churches of which their employers are members and officers. The remark of a workman illustrates the feeling: "I don't want the man who robs me six days in the week to lord it over me on Sunday."

That this open hostility to the Church is characteristic of the wage earners of Massachusetts your committee does not believe.

2. A spirit of indifference.

This feeling, which seems to us much more common than that of hostility, came out in the statement of a workingman: "I guess the Churches are well enough for folks as care for that sort of a thing, but I don't." Some of the causes for this indifference are:—

- a. Extreme weariness of mind and body. It is impossible for one who has not spent years in tending a swiftly moving machine to form any adequate conception of the awful drain of such labor upon the nervous and vital forces of the operative. Amid the roar and clash of tireless machinery the operative is pumped dry of energy. After performing the same operation thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands of times during the week, the workman comes to Sunday with an irresistible craving for rest and change and such excitement as shall make him forget his toil. The regular services in our Protestant Churches demand an amount of mental effort and concentration that many a jaded operative is unable or unwilling to give.
- b. The holding of the meetings of Labor Unions on Sunday. As a rule the Union feels obliged to hold its meetings on Sunday and the wage earner must choose between the Church and the Union. Perhaps he ought to choose the Bread of Life. As a matter of fact, he seeks through the Labor Union what he thinks is the shortest path to a loaf of bread and a bank account.

- c. Uninteresting services in the Churches. A service may be profitable which is lacking in interest to the wage earner, but the average man will not continue to attend services which are deficient in interest. The Sunday-school concert and the special service are usually well attended, and the regular service is shunned, because one interests and the other does not.
- d. Failure on the part of the Church itself to realize its own divine nature and dignity, and, therefore, failure to impress itself upon others as a God-given institution.
  - 3. Cordial support.

The membership of many of our Churches is made up largely of working people,—men and women who work by the day or piece. This fact should be borne in mind by those who make sweeping statements about the hostility of the working classes to the Church. Many a pastor in Massachusetts finds the most generous and most earnest supporters of the Church among wage earners. This happy condition is most often found in manufacturing villages, where the working people are in the majority and where no false barriers of caste have yet arisen.

In view of the above facts, what can the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts do to meet the situation and best fulfil their mission to all sorts and conditions of people? Your committee would make the following suggestions:—

- 1. Ministers and Church members can study with advantage the relation of labor to the other factors in modern society. Under the present confusing conditions light is more needed than heat. We therefore suggest that each Church, in such ways as are best suited to local conditions, study the relations of labor in its own town, in the state, and in the nation,
  - a. To capital.
  - b. To itself, organized labor to unorganized labor.
  - c. To the consuming public.

Experience has demonstrated that such study can be profitably pursued—

- a. In classes connected with the Sunday-school.
- b. In Young People's Societies through a special committee.
- c. In Men's Clubs, Leagues and Guilds.
- d. In public meetings addressed by laymen of experience.

The following books will be of assistance in such study: -

Gladden, "Social Facts and Forces."

" Social Salvation."

Abbott, "Rights of Man."

" Christianity and Social Problems."

Peabody, "Jesus Christ and the Social Question."

Mathews, "Social Teaching of Jesus."

Wright, "Practical Sociology."

Brooks, "Social Unrest." Van Vorst, "The Woman Who Toils."

2. Popular services.

If the Church were a club it would need to consult the wishes of its members only, but since it seeks to minister to the whole community it should try to discover and, if possible, meet the needs of wage earners. The people do not always relish the most elaborate feasts in the choice of which their palates have not been consulted. The service which is not sufficiently interesting to the tired worker to secure his attendance is not likely to do him much good. Radical changes in the character of the second service on Sunday would in many cases make the service attractive and helpful to the weary wage earner.

3. Services at centres where workingmen gather.

Acting upon the belief that the Church should go to the people as well as invite the people to come to its services, individual Churches and pastors have conducted religious services at factories and car-barns. These services have made the wage earners feel that the Churches and ministers cared for them sincerely. The parks and groves established by electric railways are frequented by thousands of workingmen each Sunday during the warm weather. We have reason to believe that religious services at such places on Sunday afternoons would be welcomed both by the owners and the patrons, and many would there listen to the Gospel who would never enter the Churches. Your committee rejoice in this revived interest in open-air preaching, as an effective means of bridging the gulf which separates the masses from the Churches.

#### 4. Industrial betterment.

While there are many reasons why the Church cannot enter upon any crusade in behalf of organized labor, there is no reason why it cannot use its influence to make the life of the wage earner safe, his home sanitary and attractive by securing improvements in factories, better houses, playgrounds and clubs for the children. While this is not a solution of the labor problem, it is a distinct and practical application of the Golden Rule to industry. Industrial betterment appeals to the employer, for it gives him larger dividends and better help; it appeals to the wage earner, for it makes his home happier and his life less monotonous. The Churches will show themselves friends of the wage earner, if they will, through illustrated lectures or otherwise, bring the methods and results of Industrial Betterment to the knowledge of the employers and workmen of their communities.

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# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

It was the Master who said, "The poor ye have always with you." It looks as if the same might be said of the Sunday question. It is always with us. Legislation does not solve the Sunday problem. Sunday Leagues do much good, but they are inadequate. Reports to associations and councils have some educational value, but unless they are transmuted into Christian conscience and conduct, they are of no practical worth.

Your committee calls attention to the exhaustive report on Sunday observance presented to the Association last year, as printed in its minutes.

That report covers more than fifteen pages of carefully prepared material. The committee spent time, energy and money in sending out inquiries gathering information, doing the task assigned them in a careful and as nearly as possible a complete manner. What good has resulted? What action was taken on the report? Did the Association weigh\_the evidence presented? Did it discuss the difficulties pointed out? Did it answer the inquiries formulated? Did it do anything to repay the energy expended, and make worth while the painstaking labor of the committee?

Will able and conscientious men continue to prepare reports of this sort, unless some more suitable notice shall be taken of them, and some result more nearly commensurate with expenditure and expectation shall follow?

Is it asked what results might reasonably be expected to follow these reports and meetings of the Association?

The answer is some infusion of new purpose into the life of the Church. These reports should awaken Christian conscience, stir individuals to self-denial, for the good of the cause and the honor of the Christ we love and serve, and work out reforms in the home and the community as the case may require.

Take, for example, the matter of individual Christian example and influence in reference to such considerations as, the increasing indulgence in Sunday travel; the matter of Sunday visitation and feasting; the inspection of tenements and real estate with a view to rental or purchase; the purchase and delivery of articles commonly considered necessities; the use of Sunday in doing up odds and ends of business for which it is thought there is not time on other days of the week; abstention from one or both of the Church services on the plea of weariness, disinclination or preoccupation.

The list might be indefinitely extended of those infractions of the

spirit and letter of Sunday observance as conveyed to us in the example of our Divine Master.

The civil statutes cannot regulate or overcome these irregularities. The Church cannot legislate concerning them, for the people who do these things are in the Church—are the Church.

These things belong to the individual Christian conscience. They call for Christian self-denial. They demand individual initiative and self-determination. They are not so much matters of right and wrong as matters of expedience.

There is such a thing as eternal fitness. What is or is not becoming in one who claims to be a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ?

There will be no remedy or reform until Christians take these matters to heart and act accordingly.

Another matter which commands the serious attention of Christian citizens is the increase of Sunday evening entertainments. Since definite information on this subject is difficult to secure at first hand, your committee consider themselves fortunate in being able to present the following facts, made available for use by courtesy of the secretary of the New England Sunday Protective League.

## HISTORY OF SUNDAY EVENING ENTERTAINMENTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

#### 1895.

The Legislature amended the previous Lord's Day laws so as to forbid "any sport, game, or play, or public diversion, except a concert of sacred music, or an entertainment given by a religious or charitable society, the proceeds of which, if any, are to be devoted exclusively to a charitable or religious purpose."

#### 1896.

During this year the Boston Theatre gave a series of evening "sacred concerts," and was brought to court for the same. On October 23d Judge Gaskill, now of the Supreme Court, decided that the name "sacred music is such music as is used, or by common acceptance is fit and appropriate to use in religious worship, or upon occasions where the spiritual nature is appealed to or the moral sentiment invoked."

In accordance with this decision, Mr. Tompkins, proprietor of the Boston Theatre, was fined for a violation of the law of 1895. He appealed to the decision of the Supreme Court, but afterwards confessed and paid the fine of \$50.

### 1897.

During this year the Emergency Hospital accepted a small sum every week from the Chinese Theatre, and in return permitted it to be run as a charitable entertainment in the interest of that hospital. Upon representation of the League, Dr. Galvin, of the Emergency Hospital, decided

to refuse longer to permit his name to be used in connection with the Chinese Theatre, and gave assurance that such affairs should not be continued in the future under auspices of the hospital. This was violated on March 1, 1903, when an entertainment was given by said hospital in Columbia Theatre, which holds a liquor license.

In this year the Legislature was petitioned to place an amendment upon the law of 1895 permitting only such entertainments on the Lord's Day as were "appropriate for that day.". This amendment passed the House but failed to pass the Senate.

The Boston *Traveller* gave, under the name of "sacred concerts," two entertainments in the interests of charity, as it was claimed. The court claimed that these were not within the province of law and imposed a fine upon the manager of the *Traveller*, Geo. T. Richardson, of \$50. He appealed to the Supreme Court, but afterward confessed and paid fine. June term, vide folio 1397.

#### RED CROSS BUREAU.

This followed the decision of Judge Brown, now of the Supreme Court, that societies must be incorporated.

This was incorporated September 16, 1897, under the laws of the State, with headquarters at the *Traveller* Office, Boston.

President, Torrey E. Wardner.

Treasurer, Chas. E. Beardsley. Five other directors, including George T. Richardson.

Its purpose "is to aid the worthy poor and unemployed of Boston and vicinity," and so forth and so forth.

#### 1898-1900-1902.

Three other attempts were made these years to amend the law of 1895, which failed.

### THE SOUTH END DISPENSARY AND HOSPITAL.

This organization gave during the year 1898 and several following years, until 1901, charitable entertainments in different threatres and at Revere Beach, Point of Pines, etc.

It was found out that a small sum of money was paid to the managers of this hospital for the use of its name, from \$5.00 upwards; but they acknowledged that they did not manage the entertainments and did not know whether they received the entire proceeds or not, and they took what the theatres chose to give them, or agreed to give them.

These facts were made public and the South End Dispensary thereupon agreed to refuse the use of its name in the future.

#### 1899.

#### SUFFOLK DISPENSARY.

This institution lent its name during this year and has done so until

the present time, to different theatres, for which it has received a certain sum of money. During the last season it claims that it has had full charge of the entertainments given in the Bowdoin Theatre Sunday evening and has received full proceeds.

This institution was incorporated March 10, 1891, in Boston. Its president and chief, if not entire manager, is Albert C. Smith.

#### NORTH END DISPENSARY.

This institution has engaged in the same Sunday theatrical business for several years against the protest of some of its friends and officials, and it is at the present time doing the same business under the name of

### THE BOSTON LADIES' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

This so-called charitable institution was incorporated October 2, 1902. President, Tenny Assner.

Treasurer, Etta J. Moses.

Its manager and superintendent, Dr. E. Shurtleff, who is also the treasurer of the North End Dispensary.

This institution declares that it has for its purpose "the establishing and managing a society for the application of charity to the needy, and for the social enjoyment of its members."

#### 1903.

During this season the "Charitable Entertainments" in Boston and vicinity, as in Lowell, Fall River, Lynn, New Bedford and other places, have increased largely. In Boston, the Boston Theatre, Park Theatre, Columbia, Majestic, Bowdoin Square and Music Hall have been open, under the patronage of one or the other of the above so-called charitable organizations.

The character of all of these entertainments has been in no sense "sacred," but similar to those given on other nights.

#### LORD'S DAY LAWS AND THE COURTS.

Before the law of 1895 had been tested, Mr. Eugene Tompkins of the Boston Theatre, and afterwards Mr. Richardson of the Boston *Traveller*, made certain admissions, on which, together with proof adduced that the entertainments which they gave were not "sacred concerts," they were convicted by the courts.

Since that time it has been impossible to get facts sufficient either to obtain warrants or convictions, and the entertainments have grown steadily more secular in character. At least two judges have declared that under the present law the "Black Crook" could be given on Sunday evenings by charitable societies, and they with several others on the bench, and also public officials, have warmly advocated a change of the law.

#### SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENTS OUTSIDE OF BOSTON.

In Hartford, Conn., Fall River and Lynn, Sunday entertainments have been stopped to a large extent by the officials of those cities. In Lynn Mayor Shepard and his chief of police forbade their opening the following Sunday, and as a result they have not opened in that city since that time.

We are thoroughly convinced that unless the mayor, aldermen and police department of a city are in full sympathy with the Lord's Day laws, little if anything can be done to prevent demoralizing Sunday entertainments under the law of 1895, since these entertainments are now run under the guise and protection of that law.

#### THREE REMEDIES.

First. Change of the law of 1895. This should be so amended as to permit only sacred concerts, which are now so carefully defined and which are unobjectionable, generally, in character.

Second. A wise oversight of charitable societies. At the present time, although they are given the protection of the State by incorporation and are exempted from taxation, they are not obliged to report their receipts and expenditures. They are asked to do so, but no penalty is attached, and often they refuse. The Red Cross Bureau and the B. L. B. A. have never made reports to the Board of Charities. The law should be so amended as to give the public the right to examine their receipts and expenditures so that if they abuse the rights of their incorporation their charter may be taken from them or they may be punished.

Third. Publicity. This remedy, which President Roosevelt and his advisors would apply to trusts, should be applied to organizations which are doing charitable work. In one instance, if not in two instances, during the last eight years, charitable institutions have refused to sell their name to theatres after their connection with those theatres was published and their patrons learned that they were thus secularizing the Lord's Day. If the newspapers make these facts public a sure and permanent reform must follow.

There is much yet to be said and a great deal more to be done on this problem of Sunday observance, but your committee cannot forget that at the meeting of the Association a year ago there was allowed on the programme just forty minutes for the "presentation and discussion of the reports of [6] committees," one of those reports being the one on Sunday observance.

There is a very definite work to do among the so-called working people, but we do not believe it is wise to undertake it until the Association manifests a greater interest than is indicated in the allowance of from seven to ten minutes in a three days' convention for the discussion of the subject.

In closing, allow us to quote from the report of a year ago: -

"If we believe in the American Sunday, let us live as though we believed in it, for not until we are right ourselves can we hope to set others right.

"A better observance of the Sabbath will be brought about if the Church people themselves will do their duty. This is one of the reforms that must work from the top down.

"The Church should be courageous in preaching her own right to the day as a day of worship; beyond this she should be careful not to antagonize those she would save. With a recognition that times and conditions are rapidly changing, she should with great patience still teach the sacred observance of the day, and the necessity of divine worship for making men strong and the nation great.

"The Church may well teach that every Christian should restrict his own conduct with respect to his influence upon others.

"It is the privilege and duty of the Church to remind men that every Christian church is an organization within the State, and entitled to the same protection that is given other organizations.

"The record of the Church as an inspirer to noble manhood and good citizenship entitles it to freedom from all hindrances in the prosecution of its work. Sunday being the day granted by law to the Church for its special work, nothing should be allowed to make that day other than conducive to the best results in character building.

"She should emphasize the necessity of making the day different from other days. She should preach, teach and practise the kind of Sunday observance practised by Christ, who went about doing good, enjoyed His friends, nature and all beautiful things, and thought the day none too holy in which to do service for others.

"The evidence is all about us of the value the Sunday rest day has been to this nation. In the light of what it has done for us, we cannot afford to take a backward track. With the pressure being brought to bear to make the day a holiday, we should hold it as a goodly heritage that is worthy our best endeavor to preserve."

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY WORK

The Committee on Missionary Work herewith respectfully presents to the General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts its third annual report.

The instruction given your committee two years ago, "to cooperate

with the National Committee of Fifteen" (Minutes, 1901, pp. 16, 17), has been our basis of action this year as heretofore. The motto of the National Committee is still our motto,—"An annual gift from each member of every Congregational Church to each of the six national societies."

#### I. THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE.

In the autumn we issued a letter of practical suggestions for home workers in the cause of national and foreign missions. Its aim was merely to supplement the admirable "Twentieth Century Epistle" prepared by our predecessors. Reports received indicate that our letter was not fruitless; but its results would have been larger if fewer pastors had consigned it to the waste-basket, to be pondered and inwardly digested there.

In September we began, by courtesy of The Congregationalist, the publication of a monthly programme for missionary concerts. Apparently these programmes have been used but little. This failure would not be serious, if Churches had maintained the monthly missionary meeting in ways of their own; but in many quarters proper recognition of the great missionary cause seems to have lapsed entirely. To be sure, larger Churches listen occasionally to a missionary on his furlough and smaller Churches are allowed to attend the missionary meetings of their Y. P. S. C. E. These privileges, however, should be increased unless there is to be this double loss: 1st, that a Congregational Church gain no large knowledge of its own missions; 2nd, that the material contained in our own missionary magazines (and none are better on the whole than they) be hidden from all but their comparatively few subscribers. Many pastors confess to ignorance even yet of the Congregationalist programmes, so we hope that as these become well known they will be widely used.

Returning to our activities as a committee: In the winter we began to loan the Churches a missionary library of ten books of our own selection. A little later we sent out a stereopticon lecture upon the work of the six societies. This has been given sixteen times, and many applications for it are on the waiting list. Through the kind coöperation of the societies, both library and lecture were prepared at almost no expense to the State Association.

More recently we have interested ourselves in a plan for schools of missionary methods. Our thought is that the State may be covered by a series of conferences (similar to that held at Silver Bay but lasting two or three days only), in which from forty to one hundred Churches may be represented, each by two of its young people most interested in missions. A successful institute, somewhat of this kind, was held at Stockbridge in the early winter. It was led by Secretaries Gutterson, Hicks and Shelton. Twenty-five pastors and fifty or more other dele-

gates were present from Berkshire North and South Conferences. A second institute, in this case inaugurated by your committee, was held in Centre Church, Haverhill, April 18th and 19th. Its actual leaders were Secretaries Hicks and Shelton. The young people's societies in all the Churches of Essex North Conference and half of Andover Conference had been asked to send delegates, and twenty-three of them The programme, which may be called typical of future programmes, was as follows :-

SATURDAY, 2:30-5:00 P.M.

Devotional exercise.

The Real Problem: A Spiritual Life.

Weak points common to the missionary policy of Young People's Societies. The duties of a missionary committee, and how to strengthen the missionary organization.

Introduction and registration of delegates.

The young people as a factor in Church life.

7:00-9:00 P.M.

Devotional exercise

Loyalty to the Six Denominational Societies. How to create, and fill the entire body of young people in a Church with, an intelligent, prayerful and purposeful missionary spirit.

(1) The value of a strong missionary purpose.
(2) The missionary meeting.
(3) The mission study class or reading circle.

SUNDAY, 10:30 A.M.

Attendance at regular Church services.

3:00-4:30 P.M. Devotional exercise.

How to create, and fill the entire body of young people in a Church with, an

intelligent, prayerful and purposeful missionary spirit.

(4) The missionary library and equipment.

(5) The Silver Bay Conference.

(6) Systematic and proportionate giving.

6:00-7:00 P.M.

Addresses:

(1) Prayer and missions.(2) The application of the Great Commission to the individual Christian.

MONDAY, 9:00-12:00 A.M. Devotional exercise.

The Sunday school and missions.

How to secure and maintain a trained leadership.

The cultivation of the personal spiritual life.

#### One of the delegates wrote afterwards: -

"It was encouraging to talk over methods with the leaders. We came to realize on what a new campaign we are entering. The great benefit came, however, from the devotional talks given by Mr. Hicks and Mr. Shelton and seconded by Mr. Clark. The need of a deep spiritual life, gained by a stronger knowledge of God's Word and continued secret prayer, was emphasized. The addresses of Sunday were powerful beyond description." beyond description.

Another plan, not yet carried into execution, is for summer deputations to the Churches (to the young people particularly) of specially trained seminary students who will hold institutes of a less elaborate character than those just described. Each deputation will consist of two men, and they will stay two days with each Church or small group of Churches. The plans now being matured for this summer include the visitation of Worcester South Conference and the Connecticut Valley towns.

For the suggestion of this plan and the foregoing one we are indebted

to the new "Missionary Secretaries' Committee of Coöperation." We owe them much for their advice and aid, and are glad to be their helpers.

Finally, in this account of the work of your committee, we need merely refer to the addresses delivered by its members before Conferferences, Y. P. S. C. E. conventions, ministerial associations, single Churches, etc. One of our members has spoken in most of the Churches in his Conference, another has been active in promoting mission study classes.

#### II. MASSACHUSETTS AND THE NATIONAL SOCIETIES.

Coming now to the actual support given by the Massachusetts Churches to the national and foreign work, we have returns from 570 out of 603 -Churches. Of these,—

290 gave to 6 societies.
67 ""5 "
77 ""4 "4 "
38 ""3 "
49 ""2 "
28 ""1 society.

Assuming that these statistics are fairly trustworthy, we observe that the Churches reporting made gifts on the average to 4.6 of the six societies. Some of the Conferences did much better than the rest of the State. Worcester South gave to almost six, Woburn Conference to five and a half, Taunton Conference to five and a quarter.

The societies most frequently ignored are the Education Society, the Church Building Society and the Sunday-school Society. Now, failure to contribute to them weakens them directly, and indirectly but swiftly it weakens the Church-establishing work of the other three. It may be admitted that some of the non-contributing Churches are doing as well as they are able to do; but of others this cannot be conceded. A few months ago a missionary secretary was opening his morning mail. He read a letter from a pastor adducing reasons, which seemed strong, for his Church's failure to give to the society during the past year. Then the secretary opened another letter from his mail. It was from a woman in that same Church, enclosing five dollars and regretting that no collection had been taken among them and nothing said about missions. The incident is suggestive.

Nevertheless, we hold that the situation is improving. From all over the State we hear of better methods of caring for the collection, of the revival of the monthly concert, of the introduction of missionary libraries, of mission study classes, the organization of missionary committees (subordinate to but distinct from the regular Church committees), and the adoption of individual missionaries. The reports are especially encouraging from the three Conferences already named and from Berkshire South, Franklin, Middlesex Union and Worcester North Conferences. Thus all parts of the State are represented.

#### III. THE FUTURE.

In looking to the future, there is a general demand for a "campaign of education."

We hold that this demand is sound. However it may be with others, occasional appeals and fitful enthusiasms will not serve for Congregationalists. In order that they may be maintained as a great missionary constituency, they must be intellectually informed and satisfied. It should be understood, however, that the "campaign of education" is already begun. The Massachusetts Congregationalist who is unaware of this is a belated being.

- a. Your committee desires to have a part in the campaign by continuing the preparation of the *Congregationalist* programmes and by organizing over the whole State missionary training conferences such as those already referred to as having been held in Stockbridge and Haverhill. In the third place, by the summer of 1904 we hope to cover a much larger part of the State than we shall attempt to reach this summer with missionary deputations.
- b. The pastors must have a part in this campaign of education. It is a truism that responsibility for an interest in missions in a given church rests largely upon its pastor, but the truism is worth repeating. "How shall they hear without a preacher?" Cumbered with much serving he may be; but a zeal for worldwide missions is certainly one of the things needful for him, if he is to be a faithful witness for Him who said, "Go ye into all the world." We cannot comprehend how a pastor can lead his people each week in the Lord's Prayer and still be a perfunctory believer in the missionary work; for the Lord's Prayer throbs and burns and glows with the missionary temper and purpose. "Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." It is said that the late Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Temple, addressing the clergy of London once, declared that they ought to preach twenty missionary sermons a year. "But, my lord," said the assembled clergymen aghast, "the church-wardens would never allow so much money to go out of the parish." "Who said anything about collections?" returned the gruff archbishop; "I said 'sermons.'" "But we don't know enough about the subject." they objected. "Then learn about it." It comes back, after all, to the campaign of education, and this must begin with the pastor.
- c. But it does not end with him. Every Church should have a missionary committee. Where there is none, the general Church committee should assume the functions. These functions include planning the missionary education of the church. At present the Church hears an occasional missionary, the women study Lux Christi, the Y. P. S. C. E. uses the United Society topics, the Sunday school listens to the chance agent, —all good, but haphazard. There is a more excellent way, and through a missionary committee it is possible to coördinate all branches

of the Church's missionary activity. Suppose, for example, a Church should take up China for three months. The mission study class chooses China. The Y. P. S. C. E. devotes three meetings to China and certain contributions to a Chinese school. The Sunday school does the same and is furnished with leaflets detailing the stories of converts and martyrs in the great empire. Books on Chinese life and missions are selected for the library. The pastor becomes well read in these books enough to find illustrations for his sermons in them. All this would mean the campaign of education in that Church. The result would be something like ordered knowledge instead of a smattering of information.

d. Every Church may shape its educational campaign as it will. The way we have suggested is not the only way. The suggestion which we are concerned mainly to urge is that there be such an education; and this suggestion, which has come up so generally to your committee, is herewith returned to all the Churches for all of them to ponder and adopt. There is more involved in it than a mere increase of ecclesiastical knowledge among Massachusetts Congregationalists.

In a recent book on Melanesian missions there is a touching story of the islanders of Togu. Pending the arrival of the promised teacher, they had made a clearing and built a hut on the cliff and assembled there Sunday by Sunday, sitting perfectly quiet, looking over the sea towards the more privileged island of Loh. They, too, were waiting for a campaign of education. How long must they, and such as they, wait? In the report of a certain Church to your committee we find this sentence: "We are willing to do all, or a part, of what we are able to do." The italics are ours. Fathers and brethren, we submit it to you: Which are you willing to do,—"all" or "a part"?

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Committee on Missionary Work of the General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL STANDING .

Your Committee on Ministerial Standing was appointed at the meeting of the Massachusetts Association, in May, 1900. Early in 1901 the Suffolk South Association of Ministers adopted a resolution asking the Suffolk South Conference of Churches to assume the responsibility for the standing of the ministers within its territorial bounds. The Association said:

"Conviction has been growing for several years among Congregationalists that the Churches, and not ministers only, should decide who are their accredited ministers. Our National Council, as long ago as 1886, advised the State and local organizations of Churches to take steps to assume this responsibility. Outside of New England, generally, and now to a considerable extent within it, the Churches have followed this advice. It seems to us desirable, and indeed necessary, in order to maintain the principle that authority is in the local Church and in such Churches in fellowship, that the standing of ministers should be in the care of the Conferences of Churches. It is therefore recommended that to the Conferences should be committed the duty of determining what persons within their bounds are entitled to be enrolled as Congregational ministers, and of examining candidates for approbation to preach."

The Association also requested the Conference to memorialize the State Association to advise that this usage be adopted by all the local Conferences in the State.

Your committee reported to the Massachusetts Association, at its

meeting in Andover, May, 1901, recommending that this Association should recommend to the Ministerial Associations in the State, "in accordance with the advice of the National Council," "that ministerial standing be transferred from the Associations of Ministers to the Associations of the Churches." A method was suggested for accomplishing this change.

The report of the Committee was accepted and referred to the Business Committee. The General Association voted to ask the Ministerial Associations, in accordance with the advice of the National Council, to consider the subject of ministerial standing, in view of asking the local Conferences with which they are connected to assume this responsibility.

Your Committee, which was continued, reported to the General Association, at its annual meeting last year, that the following Ministerial Associations had voted to adopt the advice of the General Association: the Cape Cod, Essex North, Middlesex South and Hampshire East. The Brookfield Association had already committed the ministerial standing of its members to the Brookfield Conference.

The following Associations voted not to adopt the advice of the General Association: the Suffolk North, West and South, Hampshire, Worcester North and Berkshire North.

Your Committee, in view of the fact that the majority of the local associations had taken no action on this matter, made a report of progress, and asked that provision be made for discussion of the subject at the next annual meeting, "with a view to the recommendation of a practice which shall be uniform among the Churches."

No reports of further action have come to the Committee during the past year. It has been made evident, however, that a large proportion of ministers, probably a majority, strongly prefer to retain within their own local bodies the control of their ministerial standing. The Suffolk South Association, for example, which was practically unanimous in favor of transfer of the responsibility to the Churches when the subject was first discussed, at a later meeting reversed its action by a considerable majority. Extended consideration of the subject in several other associations has led them to the same conclusion. The Churches, so far as appears from discussion in the local Conferences, have not given the matter much attention.

Your Committee is still agreed that the Churches, through their organized bodies, should hold the responsibility for deciding who shall become their ministers and who shall be accredited as in good standing as Congregational ministers. This, we believe, is the general usage of other Christian denominations, and of our own denomination everywhere outside of New England.

In view, however, of the fact that the recommendation of this Association has not been accepted by the majority of the Ministerial Associa-

tions in the State, your Committee recommends that this body take some action, if possible, to secure unanimity of practice with regard to ministerial standing in this State, and on acceptance of this report your Committee asks that it be discharged.

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE WORK OF THE CHURCHES

The Committee on the Work of the Churches having had no special subject given to them for investigation and report, felt that it was fitting they should seek to carry out the instruction of Article IX of the Rules of the Association, which prescribe their duty: "This Committee shall report on the work of the Churches, and the state of religion in the Commonwealth." In preparing such report they have sought the cooperation of the scribes of the local Conferences, of whom the same article says they "shall be corresponding members of this Committee." A request was sent to all these, that they would keep watch of the work in the Churches all through the year and make report of the state of religion and the work of the year as soon as possible after the spring Conferences, when the reports of the season just passed were to be made. From these reports the report to the State Association was to be prepared. The desire was to bring us all into some acquaintance with the work in the State, so that our fellowship might be a real thing, inciting to more earnest prayers for each other. The returns have been only partial, but, assuming that what we have, fairly represents the whole, from the study of these it is believed we may learn somewhat of value as to what our Churches are experiencing and accomplishing, and come into a more helpful sympathy with them. Several of the Conferences print and circulate reports of their Churches which must bring them into a much fuller acquaintance than is otherwise possible. We desire something like this for the State. These reports reveal some of the difficulties that have come to many of our Churches in recent years, as our hill towns are losing their native population through the attractions of business centres, and thus the resources of the Churches are diminished, and the coming in of foreigners out of sympathy and acquaintance with our faith and worship gives them a new task to accomplish. They are grappling with it in Christian fidelity and are keeping their

numbers and efficiency good to a remarkable degree. But more of them are obliged to call for our help in maintaining public worship, which we should gladly give, with our constant prayer that they may have grace for increasing burdens. Other parts of the State, through lack of manufacturing industries, are losing almost all their young men, and as one Conference reports, "the Churches minister to the children and the aged." In this Conference more than half of the Churches have to depend on the Missionary Society for help, and the few members who are left still have to make great sacrifices to sustain the preaching of the Word. In many of our manufacturing communities the incoming of foreigners is giving new and perplexing problems. What and how to do for them, are hard questions. Where they are numerous enough to warrant preachers of their own race, Churches have been organized, as in Holyoke, Springfield, Lowell, Fall River and other places. Yet here there is call for help in supporting pastors and building meeting Thus the Lord is bringing a foreign missionary work to our doors in this rapidly increasing foreign population, a work which we must do for His sake, for their sake and for our own sake, and we are appreciating it and feeling that we need some competent person to give his time and strength to the direction of this work.

Very few revivals are reported. Several have come in connection with special meetings, some with, and some without, the help of an evangelist. One Church reports promise of additions of 40 or 50 to its membership, being 50 per cent. of its present number. One Conference reports large numbers of conversions in two Churches. In several Churches the use of "Decision" day is reported with marked results, 20 or 30 signifying their purpose to live the Christian life. Yet, notwithstanding the fewness of revivals, the reports are of a decidedly hopeful character. It is evident that while one is obliged to report for a Conference "even among Church members interest in spiritual things is dormant," yet in many of our Churches the members and pastors are seeking to use new and old means with great desire for souls. They are ready to try all legitimate expedients for reaching old and young, as "men's clubs," "boys' clubs," "brigades," and "pastors' classes" (one Church reports more than 40 in such classes, and several speak of them). A very large proportion speak of such expedients, while many are saying, as one reports, "The Church has discovered that it has within its reach two unfailing sources of strength, the preaching of the "Word" and "personal effort," and there is a manifest endeavor to put more energy into the usual means, as the Sabbath School. A few speak of loss in this department, but many more of prosperity and increase. Several speak of deeper interest of teachers in the spiritual welfare of the scholars. The Home Department is growing in use. One reports that it is going into homes where even a Bible was not found. It is bringing back to the study of the Word Christians who had come to neglect it. One

Church reports two-fifths of the parish in the Home Department; another, "It is a very hopeful branch of our work."

There is an manifest increase of interest in missions. Several Churches report increased giving, and especially encouraging is the newly awakened interest in the study of missions by young and old, reported in many Churches. Some Christian Endeavor Societies are sustaining a missionary concert, with much study of missions. This must bear fruit in a deepened and more intelligent interest in this great part of our work.

Of the Young People's Society some report a decrease of interest and efficiency. In one Conference, "I fail to see anything encouraging in it"; one, "That its work is done." One Church reports a substitute for it. But several times as many Churches report prosperity and increasing efficiency. One says, "It has taken a new and glorious start during the year"; another, in the center of the State, "It is the pride of our Church." Several say, "Our most efficient work is in this society." Of another it is said, "During the entire year our Christian Endeavor Society has taken charge of one, and sometimes of two, evening meetings of the Merrimac Street Mission in the slums of the North End of Bos-Two of the members of the society have for many months assumed the entire care of six evenings of each week, providing the leader, and generally being present at each meeting, leading the singing, preserving order, taking part in testimony and prayer, and in personal labors for inquirers. This work is a labor of love and has resulted in many conversions among the hopeless classes and in the quickened spiritual life of the workers." Several Churches report the union of the Christian Endeavor Society with the elder members in the mid-week meetings, others of them taking the Sunday evening service, with gain of interest.

The problem of the Sabbath evening service and the mid-week meeting is still with us. Yet more speak of gain in these than of discouragement. This may be because all of us like to speak of any gain, where there has been such difficulty, and if there is nothing cheering we prefer to say nothing. Various new devices are reported with various success. Doubtless we all feel that a deeper interest in religion would make these meetings a joy and a help.

The most encouraging feature of the reports, however, is the frequent mention of a quickened desire for better things. One Church reports "a stronger spiritual interest among the young people, looking for a great outpouring." One reports that "There are five of the eighteen Churches reporting which send glowing accounts of the splendid results of the winter's work. The changes in the spiritual condition of these Churches have been very marked. There is a spirit of enthusiasm among them for the great things of the religious life. Again, "There is everywhere a sane and persistent optimism. Our Churches feel pro-

foundly the responsibility which they bear, but they are also profoundly conscious of a power above their own by which they are to bear it. There is a common eagerness of desire to bring men to the knowledge of life through Jesus. The spiritual danger and the spiritual hope of men are on the Churches' heart." From another Church comes the plain statement, "That soul-saving is the most important of all things. This feeling is universal, and while the difficulties are plainly seen and frankly reported, there is still heroism, and a devotion and a profound Christian optimism, which are in themselves the pledge of ultimate success." Hampshire reports "a hopeful spirit dominant"; another reports "more enthusiasm"; another, "a deeper interest in religious things."

Just as the above was written the mail brought reports from one of our largest Conferences, which breathed a strong spirit of hopefulness, with such expressions as these: "The spiritual life of the Church is wide-awake, earnest and uniform." "The spiritual life is much improved, as indicated by a half-dozen of quite striking conversions of men in middle life previously intemperate and non-churchgoers; mid-week meeting increased 40 per cent. in attendance. Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip doubled in numbers." Another says, "One whole class of twelve boys from twelve to fifteen years have all decided for Christ." Another, "The number of men who take active part in spiritual work is growing larger." A German Church reports, "There is a steady increase of intelligent understanding of the Bible and spiritual things, also in activity and fervor," with frequent additions to the Church.

No one can study the reports sent and not feel that in many places there is promise and indeed the beginning of the revived Christian life we all so long to see. If we listen intently do we not hear the sound of the going in the tops of the mulberry trees, and hearing shall we not bestir ourselves, as God bade David do, because the Lord goeth before us?

There is another report coming to us of our Church work in the statistics for the year 1902. We have had added to all our Churches by profession 3,237. This is an important measure of the fruitage of the work of the year. One hundred and sixty-four Churches, or more than one-fourth, have received no addition by profession. These are mostly the smaller Churches. Thirty-one have added 5 per cent.; seventeen, 10 per cent. and five, 15 per cent. The average for all the Churches has been 2.8 per cent. or 5.36 for each Church. One thousand nine hundred and sixteen have died, making the gain in the number of confessed followers of our Lord 1,321. As we look down the column of membership for the past few years we see a decline in the increase of membership for several years. The gain of the last ten years is less than two-thirds of that of the previous ten years and less than three-fourths of that of the ten years before that. There is evidence that we are not

gaining at as fast a ratio as the population. During the past ten years our Congregational Church in the United States has simply held the same ratio in its membership to the number of families reported. In one Conference where the records have been carefully kept, there has been a gain of 15 per cent. in the number of families, but a loss of nearly 10 per cent. in Church membership. There seems to be evidence of the cessation of the gain of Church membership on population, which so marked the last century. In 1800 there was only one member of the Evangelical Churches for every 14.8 of the population; in 1850, there was one for every 5.6 of Protestant population; in 1870, one for every 5.1; in 1880, one for every 4.3; in 1890, one for every 3.9 or 4. It may be questioned if we have made any gain in the past ten years. figures accessible do not indicate any. The great gain in the ratio was made in the first fifty years of the century, a period of wonderful and almost continued revivals, a time of a quickening of the religious life, from which sprang our great modern missionary work, home and foreign. The cessation of revivals may account for another fact, viz, that we see so few adults, especially men, coming into the Church. About the middle of the last century a new interest was awakened in the work of Christian nurture. Dr. Bushnell's sermons on this topic, published in 1849, found many responsive hearts, and since that day there has been more and more wisely directed work for children, with the expectation of their coming into the Christian life in childhood and we have not been disappointed, and the great majority of those coming into our Churches are young, and we rejoice in this, for it means a longer term of service for the Master. In more recent years a new agency has been brought into use, the Young Peoples' Society, which has organized the young people as workers, and with a good measure of success. But with all this we have made very little gain on population, we have done little more than hold the ratio of 1850, and we come to this serious fact - that in our communities fully one-half of the persons of adult years, i.e., of those old enough to understand the terms of the Gospel, show no evidence of accepting Christ. The Gospel has not availed for them as yet; they are not knowing its salvation, nor are they giving to Christ their service. The Church is missing their help in its great work of evangelizing the world. What makes the case more serious is that these persons are coming to hear the Gospel in decreasing numbers. The past forty years has seen a great falling off in their attendance on public Thus they less and less put themselves in the way of religious influences. So long has this been the case that we may have come to feel that this is to be expected, and we are surprised when men are converted and come into the Church, and we speak of their coming as something to be especially noted with thankfulness, as is done in several of the recent reports. Here, however, one fact should be remembered, that the ratio of male members in the Church to female members is

fully as high in the last decade as it was forty years ago. That one-half of our adult population should not know the saving power of the Gospel we cannot accept, as in accordance with the prophecy of the time when "all shall know Me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord." It is not the ideal of the leaven leavening the whole lump, nor can we be content to have the present state continue.

Among all the problems before the Church in this new century, is not this the most serious and most fundamental? How can we secure the efficacy of the Gospel for this very large portion of our people for whom it is not now effective? Is not this the work of the Churches, to which the Lord calls us with special urgency? For "the work" of the Churches is not simply what we are doing, but what the Master gives to do, and the means for doing which He supplies to us. In reference to this work of our Churches we need to make report to our Master and to ourselves, and what shall we say to Him?

- 1. Are we thinking of it, studying it until we get the fact into our minds in its magnitude and seriousness? We can go in thought from house to house in our congregations, certainly in our immediate neighborhoods, and consider the apparent religious condition of these friends and neighbors; we may be surprised to see how many there are who seldom or never come to hear the Word, and how many families there are where only the children come to the house of God, and these only to the Sunday school. Then think of the families having no connection with any Church. We may be surprised to find how many there are of whom this is true, especially in large manufacturing and business communities. One pastor in Suffolk, West, made a personal canvass of 400 families in his immediate neighborhood and found 59 who confessed they were in no way connected with any Church. The frequent changes of residence, so common now, will very often break up all church-going habits. Thus study the facts, and study them remembering the "ye must be born again" of the Lord, and also that precious assurance He gave in the same discourse, and so often afterward that by faith in Him, this birth from above may be secured. Study to remember and keep in our minds, until there shall be a deep heart's desire for the saving of these many souls, and this desire shall beget a purpose to do what we can for them. Can we report such thought and such desire and purpose to the Master?
- 2. We can accept our *individual* responsibility for the best use of the Gospel in our power for these souls. Our responsibility is only measured by our ability to do. What we can do, we are responsible for doing. There are signs that many are using their privilege of "individual work for individuals," are joining those who seek to "win one." This means steady, costly effort in seeking first the Kingdom of God in and for these souls. But it is glorious privilege. Are we ready to report to the Master for duty?

3. We can pray, pray for the Spirit of God in connection with the means we are already using, as public worship and the Sunday school, connecting these agencies with the mighty power of God by believing prayer, securing the presence and operation of the Spirit in all our services, as an atmosphere which all shall breathe and receive new life, pray for the power of the Spirit on these very souls who are living in neglect of Christ, never coming to God's house, praying for the Spirit given to convince them of sin and righteousness and judgment, pray with an importunity that will not be denied, with an honest faith and faithfulness that shall prevail. This is our great need, and we may test if we will the assurance of God's readiness to give us when we ask. God will hear. Can we not cry night and day unto God for the outpouring of the Spirit on all the people, to do His own divine work in His own way for the saving of men and the glory of our Lord?

This is the work of the Church of God for this century. To bring all the people in our own communities into saving connection with Christ for life and service, and we may engage in it with assurance of success. The Lord does not mock us when he bids us pray, "Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is heaven," nor when He bids us seek first His Kingdom, or when He says "say come," and "compel them to come in." The saving the communities about us depends on the faithfulness of His Church. He will be faithful to all His promises. Oh, what may we not see in this new century if we will only give ourselves to this work!

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE TERMS AND METHODS OF PASTORAL INSTALLATION

The committee appointed at the last meeting of this Association to consider the "Terms and Methods of Pastoral Installation," would respectfully offer the following report:

The Secretary of the Board of Pastoral Supply in his last annual report, based upon a wide observation and careful study of the practical workings of the present method, or lack of it, in commencing and closing pastorates, says, "It does not seem well that the minister should be hired barely for such a time, and for so much money. . . . It does not seem best either that he should be hired with liberty to close the engagement, upon a brief notice only, with no accompanying and dignified public forms. The ancient method of settlement by council is shunned largely for the fear that such a relation may be hard to bring to an end, since the ministers may decline to join in the call for a mutual council; and it may not be reasonable that an engagement should bind the

Church and not the pastor. The method (originally suggested by Dr. Quint) providing a guarantee, that upon due notice by either party, a mutual council should be called, to which the question of the continuance of the pastoral relation should be referred, seems to offer a fair solution of the whole difficulty."

The custom of installation of a pastor by a council of Congregational Churches has, in our State of recent years, been less and less observed. Fifty years ago there were, in the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts, 374 installed pastors, and 51 (one-eighth of the whole number) serving the Churches without installation. By the minutes of this Association for 1902, it appears that, of the 553 ministers officiating as pastors, only 286 were installed by council, while 267, nearly half the whole number, began their service without such ecclesiastical recognition. In the country at large (as reported by the Year Book of 1902) of the 4,228 Congregational pastors, only 875 (nearly one-fourth) have been installed by council. Such facts certainly show a remarkable change from the well-established practice among our Churches in former days. There must be some good reason therefor.

It is alleged that congregations are not sure they would wish, for any prolonged time, to be under the teaching and care of any minister they might call, and so prefer to be free to secure a new one at each The expense and inconvenience of assembling a council, especially among some of the poorer Churches, is said to account for their reluctance to do so. The ease with which a minister may close his engagement, and hasten on to a more inviting field, without having to explain to his brethren of other Churches, is doubtless one cause of this decline. Possibly the unwillingness, in this age of shifting opinions, frequently to face a body, which may subject their theological views to examination and pass upon them as a condition to installation, may incline some ministers to avoid such an ordeal. But, chiefly, the laws of the Commonwealth, which sustain a pastor regularly installed, according to the usages of his denomination, in his place, so long as he chooses to hold it (unless guilty of immoral or criminal conduct, or of gross neglect of essential duties, or essential change in theological doctrine) and which require payment of the salary agreed upon at his settlement, so long as he remains, has operated in favor of the change noted.

Some ugly instances of long-suffering parishes with persistent, if not pugnacious ministers, have occurred within recent years, resulting most disastrously to the Churches, proving a scandal in the community and exhibiting anything but the Christian spirit.

To avoid such a possibility some have welcomed the newer method. It has seemed to them that the individual Church was as well guarded and ministered to, as by the ordinary installation. A union which frankly recognizes differences of conduct, taste and purpose, becoming more and more pronounced on longer acquaintance, and which agrees to

separation, when either party is dissatisfied, seems to some to be very desirable.

Yet, there is serious loss when any Church fails, with dignity and solemnity and publicity, to induct a pastor into office. His position is more honored by such ceremonial and the authority entrusted to him, for the time, is the more emphasized. His departure, too, unlike that of the migratory Arab in suddenness, is made openly and after due deliberation, and, if he be worthy, with the Godspeed of a body, similar to that which welcomed him, while the official tie is legally sundered.

Our Churches, with all their cherished freedom, have stood for order, —ecclesiastical as well as civil. The loose alliances of these later times will soon, if unchecked, make that claim untenable. The position of a minister as "a hireling" simply, who comes and goes, like any other workman, at the pleasure of his employer, will surely be degraded in the popular thought. That will be a serious loss to the holy cause he represents. We cannot do too much by way of exalting his mission. So far as the judgment of other Churches may avail in giving sanction to the union or separation of pastor and people, it is of marked advantage to both.

The injustice of an agreement which binds a Church to support a pastor as long as he chooses, but which does not avail to keep him so long as it chooses, is evident. An arrangement which puts both on an equality of privilege and obligation is desirable.

Your committee is persuaded that the plan of a notice of three or six months, to be given whenever either party may wish to terminate a pastorate, and which shall be included in the call, with the further agreement to refer the whole matter then to a mutual council for approval or advice, is proper and feasible. It is not a note of distrust at the very beginning of a term of united Christian service. It is in the interest of harmony and mutual respect. It might forestall a wretched controversy which otherwise would drag on for years, as either the one or the other party were insisting upon what they considered their "rights."

Believing that it will contribute to permanency in the pastorate, an end which our Churches greatly need for their strength and prestige, and our ministers as well, we would therefore recommend that the Churches of the Commonwealth adopt the following suggestion and form (already referred to) in all cases of calling and dismissing pastors:

"In taking formal action in regard to a call to the pastorate the Church at a meeting regularly called (in accordance with its by-laws) should take the intiative.

"After the matter has been stated and the reasons set forth for calling the minister whose name is under consideration, with the presentation of satisfactory letters or other testimony, establishing his good standing and creditable record, it is well to take an informal ballot as to whether the Church shall proceed to extend a call. If the

vote be unanimous, or so nearly so as to make it wise to proceed, a formal vote should then be taken, which may be for substance as follows:

"Voted, That this Church extends a call to Rev. A. B. — to become its pastor and teacher (that the clerk of the Church be instructed to inform the society of this action in case the society is distinct from the Church) that a committee of three be appointed (to act with a committee to be appointed by the society, if that body shall concur) to convey this action to the pastor-elect, and, if he shall accept, to arrange with him for calling a council for his ordination and installation.

"This committee is hereby instructed to insert in the call the following paragraph:

"It is understood and agreed that, if at any time either party shall be convinced that the pastoral relation thus established should be terminated, three months' notice shall be given (by vote of the Church transmitted to the pastor by its clerk, or by letter from the pastor to the Church), and the matter shall be referred to a mutual council for approval or advice."

[Signed]

DEWITT S. CLARK, WILLIAM R. CAMPBELL, GEORGE W. WINCH, ROBERT R. BISHOP, JOSEPH H. SAWYER,

Committee.

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Last year the Association, by the revision of its constitution, created a permanent organization in an executive committee consisting of the moderator, vice-moderator, secretary, registrar, assistant registrar, treasurer and three delegates. To this executive committee certain duties have been committed. It shall have charge of all the interests and business of the Association between the annual meetings; shall fill vacancies occurring during the interim; shall direct and approve the disbursements of the funds of the Association; shall prepare each year an itemized statement of the probable expenses for the following year, and place it in the hands of the budget committee for their consideration, and shall make an annual report.

In fulfillment of these instructions your committee presents its annual report. Fortunately there have been but few unusual interests to consider and the work of the committee has been largely of a routine nature. Three meetings have been held. At the first, in June, the Rev. Edwin N. Hardy, of Quincy, was appointed a committee of one to examine and approve the routine disbursements of the funds of the Association.

The resignation of Mr. Henry P. Emerson, of Lynn, as treasurer, because of an extended journey abroad, was received and referred to a sub-committee, instructed to arrange, if expedient, with Mr. Emerson for continuance in office, with the appointment of an acting treasurer, protem. The matter was successfully arranged, and Mr. Daniel B. Beard, of Lynn, was appointed acting treasurer.

The committee has guarded the financial interests of the Association by the careful consideration of unusual bills of expense presented; in the gradual systematizing of all business matters, and in the prompt payment of outstanding bills.

The committee believes it would be greatly to the credit and advantage of the Association if the Conference Treasurers should make earlier payments of dues to the Association Treasurer. This would make possible, without borrowing, the prompt payment of large bills incurred early in the year for printing, with a consequent saving, and the regular salary and office expenses of the secretary of the Association, and of the secretary of the Board of Ministerial Supply.

The committee, with an intimate acquaintance with the finances of the Association, is convinced that the funds are wisely and economically disbursed, and that the further systematizing of the business interests of the Association will prove advantageous in every way.

Respectfully submitted,
EUGENE C. WEBSTER,
For the Executive Committee.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE COMMITTEE OF THE CHURCH OF THE PIL-GRIMAGE ON THE PROPOSED MEMORIAL CHURCH

At the last meeting of the General Association we were appointed a "Committee to Co-operate with the Committee of the Church of the Pilgrimage on the Proposed Memorial Church." It is the purpose of the Church of the Pilgrimage at Plymouth to erect, within the next three years, a house of worship as a Ter-Centennial Memorial of the Church gathered in Scrooby, England, in 1606. This effort had the unanimous endorsement of the National Council at its last meeting in Portland, Maine, October, 1901. At the meeting of the Boston Congregational Club, April 27, 1903, the following resolution offered by Rev. Dr. Dunning was unanimously adopted by the Club: "Resolved, That this Club heartily endorses the plans of the Church of the Pilgrimage at Plymouth, Mass., to erect a memorial edifice in honor of that heroic band of men and women who laid the foundations of civil and religious liberty on these

shores and who are revered by the Congregationalists of America as the founders of the Churches of our order in the New World. We cordially commend this enterprise to the sympathy and co-operation of all individuals and organizations interested in honoring and perpetuating the Pilgrim faith and polity."

Other State Associations have also endorsed this movement.

We all recognize the value of memorials, and if any event is worthy of commemoration certainly the planting of the first Church at Plymouth is such an event. We are all proud of the fact that we are descended from the Church of our Pilgrim fathers. We inherit from them our belief in religious freedom both for the individual and for the local Church. While we glory in the men who fought for this in the old homeland, we glory most in those who turned their back upon the early home and in the Mayflower crossed the Atlantic. We rejoice in the wonderful compact made in her cabin, which Charles Sumner calls "the first written constitution of government in human history, and the very cornerstone of the American republic." We recall the story of that first awful winter, when one-half of the little band was buried beneath the snow. Oh! the sublime faith of those men and women. Their religious service was as barren of forms as their meeting-houses were of comforts, but it was full of a very present God. While three hundred years have not yet passed, this Pilgrim idea has made America first among the nations. Surely the time has come for us to rise up and build a memorial Church which for all time shall express to the children of our faith, our admiration for the men and women who sacrificed their all to plant a free Church in a free State. The Congregationalists of our country have contributed \$5,000 to the John Robinson Memorial Church at Gainsborough, England, where, in 1602, the Separatist movement took initial form. Certainly we ought to see to it that there shall be a fitting memorial on this side of the water to represent that which is so dear to us.

We offer, therefore, the following resolution:

"Resolved, That this Association renews its endorsement of the efforts of the Church of the Pilgrimage at Plymouth, Mass., to erect a building which shall stand as a memorial of the brave company who landed at Plymouth Rock and laid the foundation of this Christian Commonwealth. In planting the meeting-house, the school-house and the town-house they initiated all that is best in this great republic. As they were the forerunners of our Pilgrim faith we trust the Church of the Pilgrimage may have in this new effort the financial support of Congregationalists throughout the length and breadth of our land."

SAMUEL B. CAPEN, G. HENRY WHITCOMB,

Committee.\*

<sup>\*</sup> Rev. William H. Davis, the other member of this committee, was out of the country when the report was made, hence the omission of his signature.

# MEMORIAL WITH REFERENCE TO THE REVISED VER— SION OF THE BIBLE \*

Whereas, A memorial was addressed to the General Association at its meeting in 1898 by the Andover Association, requesting the Association to ask the American Bible Society to consider the advisability of printing the Bible and portions of it in the Revised Version, on the ground "that the more general use of the Revision in private reading and Sabbath-school teaching would result in a better understanding on the part of our people of the thought of the inspired writers, and that this would lead to a deeper experience of the power of divine truth;" and

Whereas, This memorial of the Andover Association was received with favor by the General Association and furthermore commended to the National Council for its consideration, which council recommended "that the society publish, as soon as practicable, an edition of the Bible in the Revised Version;" and

Whereas, Since the presentation of the Andover Memorial the American Company of Revisers have completed a further Revision of the King James Version, this Association deems it proper to repeat its former action, and to request the Bible Society to publish without delay an edition of the Bible in the Standard Revised Version, either by itself or in connection with the King James Version on alternate pages, so that the people may have the benefit of a better knowledge of the Word of God.

[Signed]

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<sup>\*</sup> For action taken on this Memorial, see Page 20.

## PASTORAL OPPORTUNITIES

REV. ANDREW W. ARCHIBALD, BROCKTON.

When the young are specially in mind, when "Christian nurture" is up for consideration, the natural view-points are those indicated on the program: The pastoral, the domestic, and the educational. As a pastor no revelation has come to me on this subject, and no expert knowledge qualifies me to speak along this line. This is an acceptance of a courteous invitation to take an assigned topic. My own experience has not included the multiplying of organizations even in the interest of youth, who yet have ever been found by me to be absolutely loyal, and my relations with them have always been singularly happy, and in creditable numbers they have come into Church-membership under my ministrations. They must be susceptible to the earnest efforts of simply the average clergyman, since no schemes bringing them to conspicuous notice have been worked by me. Therefore, in considering "Pastoral Opportunities," emphasis will be laid by me, not upon methods, which can be brought out in the discussion that is to follow this address, but upon the general attitude of the occupant of the pulpit. Then, whether he has brigades and brotherhoods, and training classes and leagues and knights of King Arthur or not, whether he preaches children's sermons or adapts his discourses to all without distinction of age, whether he teaches in the Sunday school or interests himself in it generally, will be immaterial, his own capabilities and limitations determining his course of action.

I. Without dwelling upon details, which can be left to each individual, my first thought in connection with the ideal presenting itself to my mind, though very inadequately realized in my own case, is, that a pastor should keep socially in touch with the younger element in his congregation. He should seek to be genial and approachable and likable. He should not have so much official dignity as to appall. You remember that when the Grecian hero set out for the battlefield, and took leave of his wife and child, the lad was afraid of his father in military array, and very charmingly is the scene painted by Homer in the Iliad:—

"Hector stretched his arms
To take the boy; the boy shrank crying back
To his fair nurse's bosom, scared to see
His father helmeted in glittering brass,
And eyeing with affright the horse-hair plume
That grimly nodded from the lofty crest.
At this both parents in their fondness laughed;
And hastily the mighty Hector took

The helmet from his brow and laid it down Gleaming upon the ground, and, having kissed His darling son and tossed him up in play, Prayed."

The young are sometimes frightened, as the minister approaches them in full regalia, with clerical religiousness waving solemnly like a plumed helmet from the head, but one can do like Hector, put his helmet, his religion, where it will not be quite so conspicuous, till they get a little used to it, and if he will be playful as well as prayerful, a point will have been gained. His dignity will not suffer by some unbending. He can even afford to bow down before the new king that has arisen, and with the importance placed upon childhood by both pedagogy and psychology in these days, the child has been crowned, and every pastor should join in gladly acclaiming the coronation. He should recognize the situation as pleasantly as Themistocles of old, who said, laughingly and yet seriously, "This child is greater than any man in Greece; for the Athenians command the Greeks, I command the Athenians, his mother commands me, and he commands his mother."

Martin Luther's schoolmaster, John Trebonius, is held in remembrance chiefly, because he always took off his classical cap and made a bow to his pupils on entering the recitation-room, saying once in explanation, "I make my bow to the great men of the next generation, who now sit in these boys' jackets on my benches," and the great Protestant reformer did sit there in his presence. That is the attitude of every successful pastor, though occasionally there may be a stately clergyman like the German professor whom Coleridge met at Frankfort, and of whom he said, that he never spoke of himself without deferentially removing his hat. If a minister's position be that not of Luther's but of Coleridge's professor, if he takes off his hat not to the young but to himself, he is doomed to failure. Let him unbend, and he will no more lose his prestige than did Whittier, when he entered good-naturedly into the feelings of a little girl who asked him to write some poetry on the death of a favorite cat, while he did respond with this "Let her rest in peace:"

> "Bathsheba! to whom none ever said scat— No worthier cat Ever sat on a mat Or caught a rat— Requiescat!"

The young heart was doubtless won by the poet's humorous tribute to a domestic pet.

But how about youthful faults? it may be asked. A large charity is always desirable even with regard to real shortcomings, and yet a minister may cultivate the critical spirit till he sees imperfection where there actually is none. He may become as finical as the critic of Michael Angelo's David at Florence, upon which he made this stricture,

that the nose of the statue was too large. Thereupon the sculptor, you recollect, gravely mounted a ladder and pretended to polish the offending member down to the proper size, as he dexterously let fall marble dust quietly taken from his pocket. Then he asked the critic's opinion, and the answer was, "Bravo! bravo! you have given it life." No change whatever had been made, and more than one pastoral criticism of the young is equally fastidious and uncalled for.

As Nelson, England's great naval hero, held his field-glass to his blind eye when he did not want to see the signal to cease the battle, and when he wished to go right on to victory, as he did, so can the preacher advantageously have an eye blind to some things that may not altogether meet his approval. He will gain more by appreciation than by depreciation of the young. An encouraging kiss rather than a discouraging word from the mother for a crude drawing in childhood helped to make Benjamin West, according to his own testimony, the great painter that he became. Not only did Cornelia of classic fame say proudly of her two boys, "Behold my jewels!" but she encouraged them as young men by the gentle inquiry, "Must I ever be called the daughter of Scipio, rather than the mother of the Gracchi?" So that it seems to me fundamental and basal for a pastor to praise rather than to berate, to be cordial rather than critical, to have the commendatory rather than the censorious spirit, to be in sympathetic touch with his young folks. They will then follow him with the utmost devotion,

> "E'en children followed with endearing wile, And plucked his gown, to share the good man's smile."

him it can be said as of Oliver Goldsmith's Village Parson: -

both entering into the Church and into its manifold activities, while of

II. Not only is there this social opportunity in being genial and appreciative, but mentally a minister must be alert, if he is to be a leader and a commander to the youth of his parish. He cannot be what they call "slow," and hold them to the things of the kingdom, for the excellent schools of to-day have advanced them in intelligence far beyond former generations. Perhaps more than one bright pupil can say with Oliver Wendell Holmes, after he had listened to a heavy preacher, "If you ever saw a crow with a king-bird after him, you will get an image of a dull speaker and a lively listener. The bird in sable plumage flaps heavily along his straight-forward course, while the other sails round him, over him, under him, leaves him, comes back again, tweaks out a black feather, shoots away once more, never loses sight of him, and finally reaches the crow's perch at the same time the crow does, having cut a perfect labyrinth of loops and knots and spirals, while the slow fowl was painfully working from one end of his straight line to the other." A preacher must not be a crow with young folks. about him as king-birds. He must be up to date, with literary skill,

leading his intelligent young hearers. He has no occasion in these times to make the complaint of that missionary to the early Germans, that he could not write "six feet hexameters to seven feet barbarians." The pulpit must do vigorous intellectual work to keep abreast of the pew with all the educational facilities of the present.

If a minister is not to become a "back number," in the estimation of the most hopeful element which he has to shape, he must not neglect his study. To spend much time there will be more profitable than to dabble in a thousand and one secularities to which every community will invite, but with reference to which the pastoral sentiment should be that of the literary Julian, that pagan though cultivated Roman emperor of the fourth century. Drawn by force of circumstances from letters in Athens to wars in Gaul, he exclaimed with regretful feeling, "O Plato, Plato, what a task for a philosopher!" What work for a herald of the Gospel is much into which he allows himself to be dragged, as he becomes a mere server of tables.

Much reading is needed to give Baconian fullness, that scientific fact and historic incident and philosophic reflection and mythological tale and poetical allusion may give that pleasant amplification, that illustrative illumination, so necessary to retain the attention of the young, and even of the older, for Daniel Webster himself once, in derogation of the too abstruse in the pulpit, of the abstract rather than of the concrete, said that he did not care to be put on an intellectual strain when he went to church. With the captivating way in which our intellectual food is served up to us now-a-days, there must be attractiveness to a sermon, even as Xerxes long ago was told by a literary Greek that "a man's discourse was like to a rich Persian carpet, the beautiful figures and patterns of which can only be shown by spreading and extending it out; when it is contracted and folded up, they are obscure and lost." A preacher can make his material attractive only as he unfolds it with illustrations gathered from every conceivable source by a mental application which is unremitting. If he diligently improves the intellectual opportunities afforded him in these rare times, he will hold his young people.

III. Once more, pastoral opportunities are not only social and mental, but also spiritual. If a minister does not live close to God, the many trials and discouragements incident to his work, will gradually make him denunciatory rather than conciliatory, and nothing can be more damaging than that to his success, especially among the young, with whom a winning personality counts for very much. We should never forget the classic story of Boreas trying with violent blasts to disrobe the ancient traveler, but the harder the winds blew, the more closely did the person draw his wrappings about him in self-defense. What, however, Boreas or the wintry wind could not do, the genial sun did effect, sending forth his warming rays, till under the softening influence the enveloping

robes were willingly thrown aside. That is what Paul meant when he ailthat the Lord's servant "must not strive, but be gentle towards all." You may recall that in the olden Roman times, Caius Gracchus was an uncompromising reformer, but that he might not become too severe in his arraignments of wrong, he had, so Plutarch says, a certain person "who stood constantly behind him with a sort of pitchpipe, or instrument, to regulate the voice by, and whenever he perceived his master's tone alter and break with anger, he struck a soft note with his pipe, on hearing which Caius immediately checked the vehemence of his passion." The preacher cannot have such a monitor; that would be too mechanical, but he can, by being sufficiently prayerful, get that subtle spirituality, which deals pre-eminently in conciliation rather than in denunciation.

A pastor having thus gotten into the right state of heart will have one of his best opportunities in a personal approach to the young with reference to their spiritual condition. Whatever success has been mine in gathering the young into the Church, has been in connection with this personal work. Dr. James Stalker, preacher and author, has said that the great mistake of most ministers even is "the neglect of individuals." The occupant of the pulpit is peculiarly prone to relegate this form of service to the pew, to the Sunday school teacher or some one else, but the Master holds him personally accountable here. Worth remembering in this connection is the incident of the legionary soldier who asked Augustus to aid him in a matter coming before a tribunal of the first century; and this Roman emperor, who owed his throne to such veterans as the one soliciting his assistance, said he would depute a friend to speak in behalf of the battle-scarred soldier, who, however, declined the proposed substitute with these memorable words, "It was not by proxy that I fought for you at the battle of Actium," and thereupon Augustus recognized the obligation, and in person pleaded the cause of the veteran. Brethren of the ministry, Christ fought our battle with sin and guilt on Calvary, and he has made us, if not emperors, at least kings, he has given us great spiritual opportunities, and he does not want us altogether to depute others to plead his cause with the young, he does not desire of us too much of this service by proxy, but he would have us bring our own sanctified personalities to bear, and we should show ourselves as noble and imperial in this respect as Augustus. If we would more frequently have the personal interview, we would reap richer results.

But the pastor has an unequalled spiritual opportunity in connection with the great congregation. Here his opportunity should be made vastly greater by a training of the young to go to Church. While he does his best to draw them to the morning service, it is a crying shame that he does not have to a greater extent the cooperation of parents. Of Jesus himself it is related, "And he came to Nazareth where he had been

brought up: and he entered, as his custom was, into the synagogue on the Sabbath day," It was a habit formed under parental nurture. What nonsense is often heard along this line at present, that two hours and a half in Sabbath worship and scriptural instruction ought not to be expected of the young, who, however, in public school on week-days can be confined without detriment five or six hours. Or the plea is made that compulsion in religion is not proper, but it seems commendable and necessary in the securing of an education. Is spiritual culture really less urgent than mental? President Eliot of Harvard has said, that all should go to Church regularly, for if they allow themselves, to quote his own language, "to go without attending to the noblest things, they may expect to lose themselves in the confused stress and strain of everyday affairs." Now Church-going is largely a habit, and if not formed in youth, it generally never will be. Bishop Vincent, a Sundayschool specialist, that he is, was right when he said for substance that if children must make a choice between the public worship of the sanctuary and the session for Bible study, the preference could more safely be for the former, because the young soon feel that they are too large to be instructed in classes, and if they have not been trained to meet with the great congregation, they are lost entirely to the Church. Would that this truth might be burned into the consciences of all the households, that in such large numbers are so utterly irresponsible in in this matter! The pastor has a great spiritual opportunity now in connection with the morning preaching service, but it could be made immeasurably greater, if parents would do their duty in securing a larger attendance on the part of the young.

With this opportunity given, the preacher should be careful to use it in a spirit of prayer. He should always go to his pulpit from the mountain top, where he has been alone with God. Fabius, the conqueror of Hannibal, as you know, kept to the hills, till his followers, the Roman soldiers, sneeringly asked him if he meant, says the ancient historian, "by thus leading them from mountain to mountain, to carry them at last (having no hopes on earth) up into heaven, or to hide them in the clouds from Hannibal's army." But the great Carthaginian general saw the wisdom of the Fabian policy, and on meeting with defeat from the camper on the hills said, "Did not I tell you, that this cloud, which always hovered upon the mountains would, at some time or other, come down with a storm upon us?" Such was the issue in a subsequent whirl of triumph. If we pastors will seize not only our social and mental opportunities but also those that are spiritual, if we will dwell much on the mountains in communion with the divine, though we may be sneered at for living among the clouds with our impracticable notions of accomplishing anything by close fellowship with God, we yet in that way shall be gathering up the lightning that makes "sons of thunder," the electrical energy which will give us the power of the thunderstorm to sweep and sway human hearts in the valleys below.

# WHY DO WE SEND PEOPLE TO PRISON?

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In a series of discussions under the head of Christian nurture, the problem of social punishment may well be given consideration, and it is appropriate that it should follow an address on the modern boy. For the problem of crime and its treatment is very largely a boy problem. The importance of the period of adolescence in the development of the Christian life is widely recognized. But just as this is the period when conversions most naturally and frequently occur, so it is peculiarly the period when, in most lawless lives, the criminal career begins. The problem of the prevention of crime and of treating offenders is first of all a problem of nurture, of training, of discipline, for youth.

I. The question of discipline, of punishment, is always perplexing, whether in the home, or the school, or in society. If you are a father, thoughtful and conscientious, it is probable that you have never had any question trouble you more than this question of punishment for wrong-doing, with its varying application to different natures, even in your own well-ordered home. You have probably changed your ideas and your methods as the years have passed along. But always, in its consideration, governing all your action, for what have you been seeking? I do not care what the nature of the punishment has been, - why have you punished your children? If you have been wise and loving, the one thing which you have wished to effect has been the welfare of your child. The same thing is true of that larger social group, the school. Here, too, one of the most perplexing questions is that of punishment. Here, also, the primary desire of the wise teacher, determining the nature and the method of any punishment inflicted, is the welfare of the pupil, - and after that the preservation of order, and obedience to the law of the school. What is the evidence that punishment has been wise and successful in either case? Obviously it is obedience as a result, a law-abiding life on the part of the child in the home or the school. Suppose our method of punishment has no such effect, suppose that as a result of our course of conduct the punished child becomes more lawless, breaks laws of a more serious nature and must be punished again and again, what conclusions should we reach about our methods of punishment? Should we not be fools and blind to continue such a course, unchanged, when all the time lawlessness and disobedience is increasing?

Now, I maintain that in our larger family, the town or state, precisely these same principles hold. Why do we send people to prison? Because we wish to punish them for wrong-doing. This is the way that has been handed down to us from our fathers. We have accepted

it. We have not thought very much about its wisdom. It is a method of punishment. But why do we punish offenders? Certainly not simply that we may visit vengeance upon them. We have, I suppose, some kind of rational end in view. We have a blind desire to stop lawlessness, and this is our last resort, our forlorn hope. "Send these offenders to prison, and perhaps they will learn a lesson, and cease to do evil." We do not think much about the effect of our action upon their characters. That is demonstrable. And so this is the way that we have chosen that we may make the boy from the slum, the girl from the street, the man from the gutter, better citizens, and forward law and order, — we send them to prison. You and I are sending 25,000 to 30,000 of them to prison in this Christian Commonwealth every year. How, then, does it work — this punishment which we are inflicting on our fellows? What is the result? Is lawlessness decreasing? Do these boys and men and women stop doing wrong? More important still, - far more important, - Are these young men and women, these older men and women, becoming better, because of the treatment they are receiving from us? How dare we continue to send these people to prison unless they are becoming better, or at least are given a reasonable chance to become better?

II. Well, let us see, let us look at what we are doing: I do not refer now to the reformatories, but to our so-called houses of correction. Enter any one of them. You will discover that the men and women are well cared for. There is no inhumanity here. The awful physical conditions which existed a century ago are changed. There is medical care for the sick. The prisoner who enters in rags and filth and broken health, leaves in good health, with a new suit of clothes. And as you look about you are inclined, at first, to go forth with a smile of approval for the humanity of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. But, stop a moment and consider, What has all of this, which you have seen, to do with the problem? These men were placed here for punishment and to be made better. Are they either effectively punished or made better? Ask the officer who has been showing you around if he thinks this kind of a life has any deterrent effect, either preventing these men from committing further offences, or warning others? If your experience is like mine you will almost invariably receive the reply: "No! These men are simply kept out of mischief while they are here. For many of them it is merely a place where they renew their physical strength and make new plans against the society to which they are soon to return." At certain seasons of the year our prisons are simply great, free, boarding houses, into which the tramp population find glad and easy entrance. You will find also that men once sent here return, again and again. one prison the warden pointed out a certain man to me and said: "I have been here nine years, during which time that man has been sent here five times; for assault, for drunkenness, for adultery, for burglary." What are we to conclude of the value of imprisonment as a punishment in such a case? And this is typical. Turn to your prison reports for 1902, and you will find, three thousand persons committed for the sixth to the fifteenth time; one hundred and fifty persons who have been committed for thirty-one to fifty times; forty-seven who have been committed from fifty to a hundred times; two who have been committed over a hundred times!

Why is it that we send people to prison? How long will it take us to discover that our remedy aggravates the disease? "If you wish to do anything," said a superintendent of prisons, "do all you can to keep men out of prison, for when a man is once there he is on the straight road to hell!" The fact is that the use of the prison is not decreasing the criminal class. It is rather effective in rooting criminal tendencies and fixing criminal habits. This is especially evident in the case of vouth. Mr. Morrison, in his standard work on "Juvenile Offenders," declares this over and over again. "As a general rule," he says, "imprisonment, no matter how mild it is made, is a demoralizing experience." . . . "The penal law, with its formidable looking instruments of retaliation and intimidation, does not so much as touch the permanent causes of crime." In like manner the Hon. Charlton T. Lewis has lately declared that "the prison system has had a long and thorough trial, and has proven a complete failure as an agency for reducing crime." The reason for this is that our method aggravates the conditions which foster the criminal character. We make no especial effort to reach the root of evil in the heart and mind and inner life of the man himself. In some prisons, it is true, a benevolent missionary or minister is permitted on Sunday to hold some kind of a brief religious service. But, at best, these efforts are perfunctory and hampered on every side. . The work of the prison chaplain has no carefully planned opportunity in our county jails. "All hope abandon ye who enter here," might well be written over their doors. With all their order and cleanliness. these jails are still schools of crime. And into this environment of almost unrelieved evil we have sent during one year, which is a sample of any year, not only 25,000 adults, but over four hundred youth. eighteen years of age and under. Is there any wonder that increase of crime keeps pace, at least, with increase of population?

III. What, then, shall we do? How should we treat these offenders against the laws of society? Let me mention a few of the most important things we may do.

In the first place, let us do all that we can, so long as we can, to keep men out of prison. When crime has been committed, if it is not of too serious a nature, and it is possible to treat the offender without imprisonment, so that he shall realize his offence, be seriously warned in the hope that he may turn from a criminal course, let us adopt that method. The probation system is such a method. Probation officers

are, to-day, appointed for every municipal, police and district court, and in many superior courts. The probation officer may, in the case of first offenders, after careful investigation, recommend to the court suspension of sentence for a term of months. The court then, instead of committing the offender to prison, places him under the charge of the officer, to whom he must report. In a multitude of cases, especially where the officer is the right kind of a man, this treatment has apparently been most satisfactory. It is obvious that it is the right way to treat the lawlessness of thoughtless and careless youth, the lawlessness that is not habitual. Theoretically it seems right. Practically, after years of trial, it has increased in favor. The greatest need at present, is that this method should be more extensively employed, that the right kind of man should be appointed to the office, in every court, and that the officer should have the aid of abundant Christian sentiment and cooperation in performing his beneficent duty.

In the second place, we should use the greatest care in our treatment of youthful offenders. If it is not wise - and in some cases it will not be - to put them on probation we should see to it that the disciplinary influences under which they are placed are adapted to their youthful nature. No one who has any knowledge of the problem will hesitate to assert that the proper discipline for such youth is, ordinarily, rather that of the industrial school, than that of any kind of prison. The men to be placed over them should be teachers, rather than prison officials. It is a startling fact that Massachusetts, on the other hand, sends all such youthful offenders of fifteen years of age and over, into penal institutions for adults. During the year ending Sept. 30, 1902, nearly four hundred youth, eighteen years old and under, were committed to county jails, and over two hundred more were sent to Concord, a most admirable reformatory, but still a prison for adults. There is no business before the present Legislature of greater importance than the speedy passage of the bill, which asks for a modest appropriation, so that the first steps may be taken toward the establishment of an intermediate industrial school for boys between fifteen and eighteen years The Lyman School for younger boys, is one of the most valuable corrective institutions in the State. The methods employed there would be effective with older boys who are now sent to adult penal institutions. These youth should be surrounded by influences, formative of moral and industrial habits, and for long enough periods of time to be effective in fitting them to become self-supporting members of society. They should not be brought into the company of older criminals. Nor is it wise or fair to demand of officials, as we now do, that they have the care of adults and of youth at the same time.

A third thing which we can and must do, is to extend to all prisons the reformatory idea and methods. If any public building should have its corner-stone laid with solemn prayer, and its edifice dedicated to the service of God and men, it is the prison, where we are undertaking to punish our fellow creatures because they have sinned against themselves, against God and against society! If any man should be chosen to office because he is wise, trained, expert, with the love of God and men in his heart, it is the warden and each under-official in these prisons. If the religious idea should permeate any institution, it is this - the school and hospital for disfigured and mutilated lives. If the fundamental principles of religion cannot be applied here, then they can be nowhere applied. I do not mean by this that a prison should be a Church and Sunday school and all its exercises technically religious. But I do mean that the fundamental necessity for the solution of the problem of crime is Christian nurture, the right guidance and development of character and conduct. I take it for granted that this audience is informed concerning the methods and results of the reformatory institutions maintained at Concord and Sherborn in this State. There we see manifested the principle which should guide in the creation of all penal law and should dominate the management of all institutions to which we commit men and women and youth because they have gone wrong. The remedy is suited to the disease. To merely shut a man up in prison and give him food and work, has no logical connection with the fact that he has sinned against society. It is precisely as absurd as a remedy as was that old system of medicine which treated every kind of disease by bleeding. Not only is the reformatory idea logical, it has proven to be practical. It is the verdict of many years of trial, in this State and elsewhere, that men who leave the reformatories, in a large majority of cases, are never again arrested. It is the like verdict upon the graduates from the prisons that over 70 per cent, of them continue in a life of crime. The prisons of Massachusetts ("houses of correction," they are called), are not corrective or reformatory in principle. They are simply comfortable places of detention in which men remain for variable periods of time. In most of them no effort is made, except in the most perfunctory and unmethodical manner, to touch the character of their inmates or fit them for society. And yet the great mass of those whom we punish for the commission of various offences are sent to these prisons. During the last year, for example, of the 25,000 committed to various institutions, only 800 were placed under reformatory treatment. Of 2,900 women, only 200 were sent to Sherborn, 2,600 women were sent to county prisons! It is perfectly feasible for a State like Massachusetts to so organize its prisons that methods which have been found so successful in Concord and Sherborn should be applied to the whole prison population. It is not only feasible, it is the only reasonable and Christian method. And when the Christian sentiment of the State demands it, a way to accomplish the result can readily be devised. It is not a difficult problem.

But some one will say, "Do you believe that all criminals can be

reformed?" I certainly do not dare say that any are absolutely beyond hope. The record of Concord and Sherborn and Elmira forbids that. There are offenders, however, whom we do not seem to be able to reclaim. Perhaps they are incorrigible. Still, even in their case, our present treatment is foolish and irrational. Under our present system a man who commits a certain offense is sent to prison for a certain number of days, or months, or years. At the end of the fixed period he is released, although he still remains an enemy to society. Even if he is a well-known professional criminal, in whom imprisonment has wrought no change, he goes free. Do you forget that our prison doors open to let out each year about as many men as they open to receive? It is as if we were to send a leper to quarantine for a certain number of days and then release him, regardless of the fact that nothing has been done to cure him, and that he is still a leper! Or as if we should shut up a wild beast in a cage for a certain number of days, because he has destroyed our property, perhaps endangered our lives, and then open the door to him, untamed, and let him go free, until such time as his ravages shall again demand imprisonment. So we place a man in confinement for burglary, we will say, and at the expiration of a certain number of days give him freedom, although he is a professional burglar and we know will continue his career. The remedy for this supreme blunder is the adoption of an indeterminate sentence, coupled with the discipline of the reformatory. The indeterminate sentence provides that each prisoner of this class shall be confined until there is some evidence to indicate that he is willing to become a law-abiding member of society. If, after release, such a man resorts again to crime, and it seems evident that he is a permanent enemy to mankind, then he should be permanently confined. We should treat him just as we treat one who is dangerously insane, by placing him where he can neither harm himself or others, as long as he remains insane. This is both the kindest treatment of the man, and the only sure protection of society. Even this kind of a man, however, from first to last, should be treated as if he had a soul, as if there still remained hope for him, and even the prison for the incorrigible should be, in all its methods and aim, reformatory.

There is one thing more which we should do. We should devise more effective methods to help released prisoners. The little country of Switzerland sets us an example. It is about twice the size of Massachusetts, and it has fourteen societies for the aid of discharged prisoners, and these societies work together. Each one has a number of subcommittees in the localities over which it holds supervision. Their effort is to help men, not by giving them money, but by providing them with work, personal sympathy and counsel. The results have been most satisfactory. One canton reports that the prison population has been reduced 50 per cent., and the proportion of "rounders" cut down

from 75 per cent. to 4 per cent. To follow their example, we should have in every county in Massachusetts, in touch with every prison, such a committee, willing and able to help those who have been placed on probation or released on parole. The Massachusetts Prison Association is one such organization, endeavoring to advance prison legislation and help discharged prisoners. Through its efforts nearly all the beneficent reforms of the past twenty-five years have been promoted, and it would become vastly more effective if it could have the intelligent support of a larger number of Christian men throughout the Commonwealth.

This undertaking of ours to punish our fellow creatures seems to me to be very serious and very sacred business. I do not think that we consider it with earnestness befitting its nature. In the name of Christ, who "ate with publicans and sinners," who came "to seek and to save the lost," let us be thoughtful and cautious about sending men to prison, and about our treatment of them after they are enclosed within the prison walls. We shall fail utterly, so long as we act as if we had forgotten that these men and women are human beings, if we shut them up in godless prison houses and make no adequate effort to reach their hearts and consciences, bring them, prodigals as they are, to themselves, and turn their faces toward their Father's house. If the prison is a place of punishment, let it also be a school of reformation. Let reform rather than penalty be the dominant thought of the institution. shall these buildings cease, in some degree, to stand as a monumental testimony to the inadequacy of our Christian civilization. Then, if the question is asked, "Why do we send people to prison?" we may be able to answer, as we cannot now, "We send them there in order that under a Christian training of heart and head and hand, with a discipline that is at once severe and merciful, they may be given a chance, rescued if possible, to a better life." "The time will come," said Bishop Brooks, closing his address before a prison congress, "the time is coming, when the preciousness of every human soul shall be no longer a mere doctrine of the Churches and the schools, but shall become the soul and shaping power of our softened and humanized institutions. Then shall our prisons become the true recreation and renewal places of character. Then shall what seemed dead in them be born anew. And, seeking the true man, the Christ, in every prisoner, the eyes of those who seek shall find it, and their hands shall help it forth into activity and light."

# THE PLACE OF CHRISTIAN NURTURE IN THE HOME: ITS AIDS AND ALLIES

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Since the moment when Jesus placed a little child in the midst and said, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven," there has been a question of Christian nurture. The great Apostle felt its importance when he wrote, "Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."—Eph. 6:4.

The importance of Christian nurture cannot be over estimated. The most fitting place for this nurture to be given is the home.

When a child is born there arises at once the necessity of providing it with nutritious food, appropriate clothing, and adequate shelter. The desire is to make his food and surroundings such that he shall have a normal and healthy bodily development.

Almost at once his education begins. He learns to detect differences, learns to walk, and to talk. This is the beginning of the long process of education.

There is the desire that he may acquire such knowledge as shall make him an intelligent and useful citizen.

But there is a deeper question that confronts us as Christian parents and Church workers, and that is, What shall be the moral character, what the religious, and spiritual development of this child? The answer to the question depends upon the Christian nurture of the child.

I. The Home. — The home exerts the first, most direct and most potent influence and must be held accountable. When a man and woman in the bonds of wedlock summon a new soul out of eternity they assume a great responsibility toward that soul.

In a good home it is not expected that the neighbors will feed and clothe the child; the parents do it. In a good home it is not expected that strangers will have more interest in the education of the child than the parents themselves. The parents call to their aid many teachers, but they watch the child, take some interest in the subject he is studying, and co-operate with the teachers in the work of education.

In a good home the work of religious instruction and Christian nurture is not relegated entirely to the school or the Church. Wise parents make judicious use of all the aids and allies that can be found, but they never lose sight of their own responsibility.

No religious instruction in the schools, however sound the pedagogical principles that underlie it, can take the place of lessons learned from a father's lips, in the years when the father is the greatest man in the world in the boy's estimation.

No work in a Sunday school, however well graded and efficiently taught, can create the spiritual atmosphere or give the undying memories that are linked with a mother's prayers.

Yet there are parents who would be heart-broken if their children were cold and hungry, and who would be distressed beyond measure if they were unable to give them some sort of education, who are apparently indifferent to the Christian nurture of their little ones.

Nothing else can ever quite remedy this early defect in religious education.

If all homes were Christian homes and all parents assumed their share of responsibility for the religious instruction of their own children, the problem of child culture would be comparatively simple. Unfortunately this is not so.

There are Christian homes where little or nothing is done for the children.

The children are allowed to go to Church and Sunday school when they feel so inclined. Parents say they are afraid if they force the child to go it will learn to dislike the Church.

At the same time they will be forcing the boy to go to school against his will because they feel the importance of secular education.

No excuse should keep the child from Church and Sunday school that would not be a valid excuse in the public school.

In many Christian homes the children are never taught the Sunday school lesson, nor any Christian hymns or passages of Scripture. There are boys and girls who have grown to manhood and womanhood in Christian homes and who never heard the voice of either father or mother in prayer. They were probably taught some form of prayer in infancy that they have repeated from force of habit since.

This is more apt to be the case in the homes of the rich, where there are many social engagements and where the care of the children is given over to nursemaids and servants, than it is in the homes of the common people.

This is worthy of note because there is an impression in some quarters that the children of the rich and cultured do not need the Sunday school. Many children of the rich are as ignorant of the Bible as the gamins that run in the streets.

If this is true of homes that are professedly Christian, what shall be said of the children who are growing up in the homes that are nominally Christian, non-Christian, or godless?

Evidently these children are defrauded of their birthright from the beginning. If they are ever reached by spiritual influences and developed in Christian graces, it must be by some power outside the home.

The best Christian homes are glad to summon to their aid all possible

allies, and for the children growing up in non-Christian homes the Church has a great responsibility.

II. The School.—Naturally we look to the school for help. It would seem that a sound education would give some knowledge of the supreme human interest: religion.

Schools may be divided into two classes: Private Schools and Academies, and the Public Schools. In the private schools and academies the amount of religious instruction given depends upon the character of those in charge. In some there is the entire absence of everything that could be called religious; in others, the religious teaching is in a careless and perfunctory manner; while in still others, whose aim is avowedly religious, the instruction is sympathetic and helpful.

In the public schools the matter from necessity is even worse. Where children of all faiths and no faith attend the public schools it would be difficult to settle upon any line of instruction.

Most teachers exert a helpful moral influence. But many of our public school teachers are Roman Catholic; others are agnostic or sceptical, and others are wholly indifferent to the claims of Christianity. It is evident, then, that we cannot expect much in the way of help from the public school.

There are some directions in which we might make an improvement with such opportunities as we have.

The law in Massachusetts requires that the Scriptures shall be read without comment in the schools. In this way, if the teachers had sense enough to select something besides the 23d Psalm and the beatitudes the child in the course of twelve years would hear nearly all the Bible read. A little hand-book with portions of Scripture selected for the different grades might be very helpful.

The history of the Jews and of Palestine should be studied the same as that of other ancient peoples.

The history of the Jews has had a more direct and powerful influence upon our civilization than that of Greece or Rome; then why not devote some time to its study?

Neither Mohammedanism nor Christianity can be understood without the knowledge of their roots in Judaism.

In many of our high schools there is no knowledge that there is any such people or history.

In other schools where a general history is used that gives five or six pages to the history of the Jews, that portion is skipped in the class room.

If a short history of Israel were prepared and studied as other history is studied, it would be a long step in the right direction. It would at least cause the children to feel that religion had been worked out in a human history and had to do with real life.

The Bible should be studied as literature, as the highest and most

inspirational of all literature. Moses and Isaiah, Paul and John, have done more to inspire and form our great English classics than have Homer and Virgil or Horace and Livy. The foundation of our best literature is in the English Bible.

Shakespeare and Tennyson, Browning and Ruskin, are familiar with its ideas, abound in Scriptural allusions, and are imbued with its spirit. Why, then, should we neglect the living fountain of inspiration and power to drink at drying brooks?

Elementary ethics should be studied in our public schools. The whole community is taxed for the support of the schools on the fundamental supposition that education is necessary to make good citizens. We cannot tax the State simply to train farmers, or carpenters, or machinists. That is incidental. Education of itself does not make good citizens. The ability to read a page of Greek or work out a problem in algebra does not insure that a boy will be truthful and honest.

Some training in the fundamental principles of ethics should be given in all grades. Truthfulness, honesty, respect for the property, rights and feelings of others, purity and kindness of speech, sympathy, unselfishness and helpfulness, are surely as essential for the child as to know how a leaf comes from a bud, a butterfly from a caterpillar, or a frog from a polywog.

I feel the more strongly upon this subject because this is the only chance that some children will ever have to learn about these things.

If they are born and reared in godless homes, they are not likely to be sent to Sunday school, and if they get any knowledge of moral or spiritual truth it must be through the school.

III. The Church.—The Church and the Bible school should be a constant aid to the home in this work of Christian nurture. That is what it means when a little child is brought to the Church for baptism, that the parents vow to do all in their power for the Christian nurture of the child, and that the Church enters into solemn covenant to assist them in the work.

Every care should be exercised in the selection of course of lessons and in their adaptation to the needs of different classes and ages of pupils. But we should never make the mistake of supposing that any system of lessons will ever be so perfect that it can be learned without study.

We sometimes see advertisements of "Piano taught in twenty lessons! New and easy method!" And when we have listened to the noise that resulted we have wished that they had followed the old and hard method of long and patient practice. There is no royal road to the knowledge of the Bible. The only way in which knowledge comes here, as elsewhere, is by faithful reading and patient study.

The teacher is always the key to the Sunday-school problem.

Given a teacher with good sense, tact and love for the work, and he

will get results from any system of lessons. The supreme qualification of the teacher is that he shall have had a vision of Christ so real and lasting that he can make it real and living to others. Nowhere is Christian character so powerful and pervasive as when dealing with children at close range in a class.

Another thing parents can do is to train the young people to go to Church. Young men are not in the Church because they were not trained to go there in boyhood. The young men who are in Church were so trained. It is not enough to send them to Sunday school. Take them with you to the regular service of the Church.

I preach in Churches sometimes where I am homesick because there is not the face of a single boy or girl to cheer me.

If there is nothing in the regular Church service and nothing in the average sermon to interest the boys and girls, then both service and sermon should be reformed.

It is obvious that if we could get a good home with a Christian father and mother in it, who felt full responsibility for the Christian nurture of their children and tried intelligently and prayerfully to meet the responsibility; if to their aid we could summon the secular schools, having as an ideal the making of strong men and pure women, and giving a knowledge of the Bible History and literature that underlie our civilization; if to the help of the home we could summon the Bible school and the Church, they also recognizing their opportunity and responsibility, then the question of child culture would be solved.

A child equipped with the triple armor furnished by a Christian home, a godly school, and a spiritual Church, would be ready to meet and overcome the evil in the world.

We shall never have done our full duty toward our children till home and school and Church co-operate in their training.

Such a training would give us a race of men and women who could with truth be called the sons and daughters of God.

## THE MODERN BOY: HIS DANGERS AND PROBLEMS

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Out in Pennsylvania there is an interesting institution called the Boys' Industrial Association of Scranton. I happened to step in there the other evening. It chanced to be the evening of the election of officers. The club is organized in imitation of our national government, and the members were electing their president, vice-president and

senate by Australian ballot. As they came up one by one to their voting booth, which was draped with a starry flag, I saw that many of their faces still wore the grime of the day's toil at the coal-breaker. Yet those sparkling eyes were alive with fun, interest and loyalty to their splendid club and its devoted leaders. I could not but think then how different is our conception and treatment of a boy to-day from that of the years before us. Plato defined a boy as the most ferocious of all wild animals, and our Yankee Plato, Emerson, asserted that each one of them ought to be kept in a barrel with the bung driven in until he was twenty-one, on the principle, I presume, that he would ripen like wine. I must believe that the doctrine that all human young are totally deprayed had a tendency to cause our forefathers to treat their children as such, and that, while there is no doubt much sentimentality and laxness in home nurture now, the modern faith that our little ones are the children of God is leading us to greater tenderness and patience, both in trying to help them and, what is not less important, to understand them.

It is this latter point, trying to understand boys, which has engaged much of my own time for a dozen years, and it is the results of the attempt which give any possible value to what I have to say.

What is a boy? As distinct from a child and a man, he is a male human being of from about twelve to twenty years of age. Physically he has nearly reached the stature, blood-circulation, sex-powers, muscular vigor and brain-girth of manhood, while mentally he retains the judgment and foresight of a child. He has the passions, independence and self-sufficiency of adult life, while totally lacking its experience and self-control. The suddenness of his new acquisitions makes his outer world magically new, and his inner life a turmoil of emotion. His new physical vigor renders him enthusiastic, restless and affectionate, while his keen consciousness of unfitness to new conditions shows in physical awkwardness and strange reserve and secretiveness about his real self. His fresh intellectual powers turn him to search for adventure, nomad yearnings, emotional excesses, hero-worships, sceptical partisanships and an uneasy sense of something that demands settlement, but he is too impatient and partial to think things through, and is sure to rest upon the decisions of some one he loves and trusts. The unevenness of his physical growth during this period is marked by corresponding waves in his enthusiasms, scholarship and religious life, and there is often a complete reversal of heredity during the time in bodily appearance, traits and temperament from one parent to another. Such a being is both most delightful and most exasperating. He is the only human creature who can become so absorbed in wonder as to forget how he looks, and again in selfishness he sometimes seems absolutely carnivorous, sensual, devilish. He cannot be reasoned with, for he has no frontage, but he can be led like a lamb by his newest and sometimes most unworthy comrade. He was never so healthy bodily, for he has had all the contagious diseases except falling in love, but he often reveals the most unwholesome ideas of life and of the other sex. His is the only age when life is real all the time. Nobody who is older, like him, goes to bed dressed, because he wants to be up earlier for an anticipated tomorrow. 'It seems to him that adults have an unlimited license to pleasures which they do not know how to enjoy, and to be grown up, appears to him, like heaven, a condition honorable, but tiresome. the boy is upreaching both in his ambitions and his friendships. ain't but twelve," a Springfield youth confessed, "but," he added proudly, "my pants are marked sixteen." Morally, a boy is too busy house-building to think carefully of the adornments of his spiritual home, but it is exceptional for him to be deliberately evil. Like Boss Tweed in the Tombs Prison, his confession would rather be, "I tried to be good, but I had hard luck." See him with his sister and you might call him a ruffian. See him with his dog and you would think him the most tender-hearted of beings. He has no patience with abstractions, but go into his room and his pockets. Curious stones, stamps, tobacco premiums, sweet fern cigars, lucky pocket pieces, a portrait of Theodore Roosevelt and another of Jim Jeffries mark his cosmopolitan The best thing he knows about his father is that he was the best fighter in town when he was a boy, and his comment on the best scholar in his class is, "But I can lick him with one hand." It has been remarked that a boy dislikes no one's society except his own, and this generous friendliness and the parallel team loyalty which he shows now in his play points to the key in his social nature both to his seduction and his redemption.

This is only a five-minute platform sketch. It needs softening and modifying according to environment, temperament, circumstance and individuals, but, like a tin-type picture, it may give you the life-likeness

which a retouched photograph sometimes lacks.

What is the problem of this kind of a boy? Not of the exceptional one who sings with gusto, "I am Jesus' little lamb," but the kind that has warts on his knuckles, who ties knots in his brother's shirt when they go swimming in the summer, and who throws snow-balls at deacons of the Church in winter. The kind that most of you, fathers and brethren, were twenty or thirty years ago.

The problem of the boy is the problem of righteousness, the problem of character. Let us not be deluded into placing anything else before that. The boy problem is not primarily his Christian knowledge or even his knowledge of the Bible; it is not Church membership. What God wants and what we want is enduring, virile, dynamic character, and character, according to D. L. Moody, is "what a man is in the dark." Enduring—that is, good against temptation and lasting long after he leaves our presence; virile—that is, masculine, natural and

expressive of his real self; dynamic — that is, self-originative and reproductive. If the Bible will help make that kind of a man out of a boy, then the Bible is the means we want to use. If there is any period of boyhood or any individual boy who is not appealed to by the Bible, then we want something more than the Bible. If conversion helps a boy to be a better man, then we want him converted, but if there is a type of conversion that is weakening and unmanly, then we want something different. I was told by the leader of the big men's class in Ruggles Street Church that if five per cent. of their conversions were genuine they thought they were doing well. If it were not possible to hold ninety-five per cent. of the boys we are working with, we ought to think our methods were defective. God holds us as much responsible for the boys we alienate as for those we save.

If the problem of the modern boy is the problem of character, then the dangers of the modern boy must be those that injure character. The peculiar dangers of the present, especially in the city, I believe are three:—

First, the lack of religious nurture and example at home. Moral teaching out of a book in Sunday school is formal and abstract, but moral teaching connected with the faults of the home life and reinforced by parental authority and love is vital and productive. If he has no religious models at home, the boy has not the materials with which his religious imagination can construct character. It has been my most painful experience that methods which have proved almost universally fruitful with boys from Christian homes are abortive at the critical period with lads who do not inherit the blessings of the Abrahamic covenant.

Second, the greatest personal danger to a boy is in the lack of balance which I have outlined between his powers and his passions. It is the resulting emphasis upon present enjoyment rather than future success, the seen more than the unseen, which leads the boy into unskilled employment of immediate financial return, rather than to wait for adequate training, which manifests itself in immoral and intemperate conduct, which grows into worldliness and lifelong self-indulgence. The older theologian would point out that this is nothing but "the two men within," whom Paul describes, but I think at just this immature period it is more true to the facts of life to notice that the powers that may be misused are not evil in themselves, that the downfall is as often the result of ignorance as of vice, and that the same impulses that may lead to sin have in them the possibilities of holiness. It is not so much sin against good as it is knowledge against ignorance, self-control against self-indulgence, which we find contending.

The other danger of youth, more especially in the city, is what, for lack of a better word, I may call the sensational view of life. It is this which degrades the use of boyish powers and makes that false mirage

in which conscience yields to the spirit of the times. This view of life comes from the cheap newspaper, the cheap theatre, the crowded street at night, the ideas of the office or shop, and the conversation of the shallow minds of a neighborhood in which thwarted ambition, discontent and a fever to escape monotony by pleasure are the moulders of thought. This is the fatal, stupefying effect of our unnatural street life. Up here on the roof of Massachusetts you must certainly feel the least of these dangers, but the city in our ancient state has become so dominant that its ideals through the press and contagion cover our most distant neighborhoods. To counteract this sensationalism of thought by sanity, constructive idealism and Christian good cheer is, I believe, the distinct mission of the modern Church.

I hardly need advert to the fact that the Church, to whose work this paper is confined, has not, even with its recent acute interest in the matter, solved the boy problem. Mr. David C. Cook estimates that the Church loses seventy-six per cent, of the boys whom it has at one time reached. The membership of our Endeavor Societies shows about the same disproportion between the sexes as does the membership of the Church, and its success with boys is, I believe, much greater in the smaller than in the larger communities. When asked for the causes of this comparative failure, which bodes so ill for the future presence of men in the Church, many answers may be given. The example of fathers who, as boys, were neglected by the Church, no doubt influences their sons to-day. Boys do not like to dress up on Sunday and to sit still as girls do. The Sunday school has not that crispness, order, movement, attractiveness which the public school offers. The boy objects to the feminine influences and methods of both the Church service and the Sunday school. The close personal appeal, revival methods and homiletic harangues may offend some reticent souls.

But the chief causes for our failure consist more largely in what we have omitted rather than in what we have done. There are certain doors to boy life at which we have neglected to knock. These are: the door of reality, the door of comradeship, and the door of the will. I will not deal with these as failures, but as opportunities, and my suggestions as to solving the problem will be in these three directions.

I have tried in my sketch of boy nature to show you how picturesque and crude are the realities of boy life. His idealism deals with men, and not in abstractions; it is present and practical rather than devotional and passive; it distrusts vocal expression, mystic states of mind and any kind of public holiness. These ideals define the appeal that will reach the universal boy. Ashes on the sidewalk seem to a boy much more religious than on sackcloth. This is the reason I cannot understand why anybody should want to try to use catechisms with a boy. A catechism is a sort of thumbnail theology. It belongs to the

intellectually frugal. People who like stewed prunes generally enjoy catechisms. The historic catechisms were not originally prepared for children at all. A catechism is often only a way of learning things without the use of one's brains. Still I will not be arbitrary. One pastor regardeth catechisms and another regardeth baseball. He that regardeth catechisms to the Lord he regardeth them, and he that regardeth them not to the Lord he regardeth them not and giveth God thanks. Both often seem to win boys. The only difference is that they forget the catechism and remember the baseball, and they are won in either case by the love and patience of the ministering pastor.

Boys are appealed to more than by all else by real personalities, the men of the Bible, the men of history, and chiefly by the men they know. Men rather than women usually understand boys. Alas for the boy whose mother will cut his hair and won't let him fight! His teachers must be masculine as well as men. Sponge cake kind of men, middle-aged people who think because they are pronounced they are omniscient, people who confound biliousness and religion, professional students of childhood who lack a sense of humor, will never do as teachers for boys. Our Sunday schools need more bugles and less fog horns. And sometimes a motherly creature who remembers that a boy is dug out mighty thin inside, and who knows the gospel of caraway cookies, and whose attic is as open to boys as her heart, becomes a beautiful Phæbe who succoreth many.

I hesitate to name the methods of reality because so many people will pounce upon a method instead of its spirit, and study a plan instead of studying boys. The new way of helping boys does not consist, as some suppose, in lionizing bad boys, in patented appliances or in converting a Church into a play-room, but in appealing to a boy's real instincts and in trying to get him to enjoy his virtues more than he does his vices. It is in this connection that Dr. T. M. Balliet has remarked that "the instincts form what has been known as original sin." Gerald Stanley Lee has also said that "the mischief in a boy is the entire basis of his education. A boy could be made into a man out of the parts of him that his parents and teachers are trying to throw away." Now, of course it is nonsense to say that original sin or any other, when it is finished, bringeth forth holiness. The query is whether we have been correct in calling mischief and natural instincts original sin, when their chief harm is not that they are wrong, but that we adults find them annoying. Is it not possible that if we take out of a boy or neglect in our intercourse with him the desire to play, move about, make a noise and find out things by experiment, to whittle, camp out and give shows, we are using surgery where simple hygiene is called for? "I am the tadpole of an archangel," Victor Hugo once extravagantly exclaimed. The tadpole's tail has no place in the mature frog, but it is essential material for making a symmetrical frog. So in making archangels God

wants us to utilize, and not amputate, all the materials of boyhood. In general, then, it is wise to use methods in which a boy's instincts may find free play, in which he is always active physically, of some importance personally, which are so varied as to fit his fickle nature and be of some real service to him educationally, and which always link him to higher things. One of Dr. Balliet's illustrations is this: "If you crush the fighting instinct, you produce the coward; if you let it grow wild, the brute; but if you link it with the higher instincts, you get the man of executive ability and of affairs."

My own experience for half a dozen years in a Church where the most meagre expense was necessary, and where I have done the work nearly alone, persuades me that such methods may be applied anywhere. Here especially pastors who have not yet grown old enough to forget their own boyhood will find a delightful and most rewarding field of work. Nothing ever makes me wish I was twins so much as to find waiting groups of boys in Sunday schools and Christian people too timid, too little interested, to lead them to Christ and his Church.

I also mentioned comradeship as another opportunity for solving the boy problem. I have already said that it is boys, and not plans, we are to study. We adult leaders are to be at once their comrades and their heroes; in a sacred sense, for a time, the vice-regents of Christ to their young hearts. A very deep and important truth also is that it is the mutuality of this bond that makes it efficient. It is what a boy does for you more than what you do for him that marks the potency of influence, and it is the beginning of his doing for others that marks the maturing of his character from its self-seeking early Christian days to its entrance into the kingdom of love.

We also know how boys love to be together at this time, and how exclusively up to sixteen or eighteen their affiliations are with each other and not with girls. I believe that it is unwholesome and unduly complicating to the situation to associate boys and girls in classes or societies until the latest possible date.

The Sunday school class may be made not only the earliest, but the strongest, social instrument of boyhood. It is possible thereby to attach to the local Church a loyalty that is as enthusiastic as that to a college athletic team.

The other door to child life which I named was the will. True regeneration has been defined from earliest days as God's transformation of man's will. Modern psychology but emphasizes the importance and the accessibility of the human will. Manual training in education is believed to be the best appliance the schools can furnish for will-training. The appeal to the instincts which I have advocated is held to be a direct re-enforcement of strength of will. The conversions that amount to anything are those of people who have wills that are strong enough to be worth converting. Yet in practical Christian nurture it is often

hard to trace the results of one's work in the will. I find that the boys I love and care for usually volunteer to come into the Church. They do not have much to say about their experiences on the way. They are not usually demonstrative in prayer meeting. But they are clean, honest and genuine in the fabric of their lives. Christians trust them and rejoice in them. What I think takes place is this: They are won by the influences of the appeal to reality and comradeship to a favorable attitude to the Church and its teachings, and that gracious spirit of Jesus who ever knocketh at man's heart finds at some time a way, not in the wind or the earthquake, but by a still, small voice, to the conquest of the will.

In the Sunday school there are, I believe, two possible ways of teaching truth in this period, and these the recent discussions of the lesson system make it timely to outline. Both are appeals to life. One is in biography. The other is in practical ethics. Here is where the International system sometimes entirely breaks down. When the lesson is on Old Testament Heroes or the Life of Christ it may be quite successful, but the Minor Prophets and the Epistle to the Romans are pretty nearly impossible. The proposed new courses may be easily as impracticable if they exalt scholarship and education above the point of contact. The boy is not an antiquarian or a philologist. We are also likely to expect too much of our average teachers if they entirely succeed with no material other than scriptural. You think Daniel and Paul heroic characters, but place yourself in front of those bouncing boys, and honestly, now, is it not a considerable pedagogic task to take those men out of an archaic setting and a bygone age and make them live? Which would you rather do. give a monologue on Paul to a class that is talking baseball or interest them all in the story of Luther, the St. Paul of the Reformation? I think with boys Dr. W. G. Ballantine is right in saying that we must let them know that our information did not conclude with the story of the Good Samaritan. In the application of practical ethics, too, we stand in need of courses in which the disputed and crucial moral problems of personal life shall be directly and bravely discussed without the intermediary of the Scripture homily. This is teaching the spirit of the Bible; the other is teaching the letter. I am just now meeting a class of eighteen average boys of about sixteen years of age, who prepare their own questions, conduct debates and present reports almost without intervention of their leader. It is not so hard to get a boy to answer a question, but when a boy gets alive enough to ask one, I think that is real teaching.

Somewhere in his "Across the Plains," Robert Louis Stevenson tells how he and the other boys of his highland home used to meet in the Glen just outside the village at nightfall. All gathered with much secrecy, though nobody objected to their meeting, and each carried

beneath his loose jacket a cheap dark lantern. After passwords had been exchanged the leader of the gang demanded of each one, "Ha' ye brought yer licht?" At the signal each flashed forth his lantern and the Glen was all alight. We mistake if we think boys have no hearts and no sensitive consciences. Beneath their jackets a Light is ever shining and it is "the Light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

# FORWARD MOVEMENT IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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The Old Bay State has always been interested in education. Here, in Massachusetts, the first public schools in America were opened; here some of the earliest Latin schools, academies, colleges and seminaries were founded. Horace Mann was born here; and his influence, as all know, marked a new day for the public school system in our country.

So it is natural that if there is any such thing as a Forward Movement in Education, we should begin to crane our necks, from the Eastern sands of Cape Cod to the topmost heights of the Berkshires, to discover what it is and who is responsible for it. The wise men of old cried, "We saw the star in the East"; and we of the East do not like to think there is any star worth a moment's notice that does not rise near the Atlantic Ocean and stand still over the cities of this Commonwealth.

Lately, a star of educational importance seems to have arisen in the West, in the city of Chicago. New things are stirring in the educational world. The recent call for a Convention for Religious Education has set before us a problem. Are we, as religious leaders, called to do anything new and unusual for the religious training of the 40,000,000 young people in America? I do not hesitate to answer the question in the affirmative. Men are ready for an advance of the Kingdom of God, educationally. We may and must dispute the merit of specific plans; but every one is in line for onward movement of some kind.

Let us, then, ask two questions to-day and answer them so far as time permits:

(1) What is the mainspring of a true forward movement, in its essential genius and spirit? (2) What line of action seems feasible, in view of all the elements of the problem?

The present movement for religious education is based upon that deeper faith in education in general with which our new century opens. Pestalozzi, Froebel, Rousseau and a host of others have not labored in vain. Education is not now a synonym with polish; it is the synonym of power. The new education believes it can do almost anything with a child, if it takes him in time and has its own way.

The principles of training have been found mightily effective for making good athletes, good mechanics, good surveyors, good surgeons, good

lawyers. Men now begin to suspect that they may be equally valid for making good citizens and good Christians. In either case the raw material is the same; it is the original stuff which God gives man, whether muscle or brain or soul and spirit. The best in man is somehow dependent upon training; training quickens, intensifies, expands; training brings out the ripeness of the fruit, the beauty of the flower, the action of the race-horse, the subtlety of the mind, the dignity of manhood and the loveliness of the soul.

So the new movement is a conviction that we are to enter a new spiritual era. This is the first article of faith in the forward movement.

The second is that a broad appeal to the religious instincts of mankind, which need this training, will be successful.

There are some who fear that the forward movement will make its stronghold in the presentation of the higher criticism. But it will emphatically not be so. Neither will the latest pedagogical theories be wheeled without discrimination into line, to serve as the vanguard of the progressive army. There are those who suspect that the world will be treated to a new series of Bible lessons which will fairly bristle with such phrases as "the adolescent period," "the psychological moment" and the "laws of inhibition." They tremble lest the process of getting a gospel morsel without a pedagogical theorem will be as difficult as getting a mouthful of that good fish, the shad, without a reminder that the fish has a skeleton which is everywhere in evidence. The forward movement must make no such mistake. The amount of rubbish which some of the psychologists have attempted to introduce into the Sunday school will be looked upon by the next decade with an amused contempt. When we are deliberately told that the child should be taught little or nothing regarding Christ until he is twelve years old, every practical Bible teacher experiences a kind of sensory and motor paralysis of amazement.

If, then, the new movement is not to be identified wholly with these later lines of investigation, what is its true direction?

It is the attempt to broaden the field of religious education by bringing into line every agency by which the young can be influenced, by supervising the work of all in the way of suggestion, and co-ordinating all to one grand result, which is religious living. This is the end, rather than religious knowledge.

Now, what are the facts which every religious leader faces at present?

Long ago the public school was left to pursue its own way, which way has been one of miserable neglect of the ethical and religious side of life. The home has fallen into a like inefficiency. The supervision of religious training in the families of a community by the old-time pastor's visit to hear the catechism has fallen into disuse, along with the bass-viol in the choir, the foot-warmer in the pews and the rod in the hand of the tithingman.

For fifty years, at least, we have struggled on, with our chief reliance upon the Sunday school. Nobly, all things considered, has that institution borne the strain. But now, the new education makes an interesting proposition. Let us fight out the campaign, not with one battalion, but with several. It often happens that a campaign is lost because it is planned in a small way. At the beginning of the Civil War, before men

grasped the magnitude of the situation, we heard of defeats and disasters, Bull Runs and McClellan's inactivity. Years later, when the North had really grasped the situation, we heard of Vicksburgs and Gettysburgs, of Grant nearing Richmond and Sherman's march to the sea. The cause that was losing on a small scale became a series of magnificent triumphs when fought out on a large scale.

What, then, is the contention of the new movement against the Sunday school, as being practically the sole agent at present for religious education?

Is it not that the present system fails to seize the great structural lines of spiritual development and treats the knowledge of the Bible as an end in itself, instead of a powerful lever by which to rouse the actual religious life of the child?

This fundamental defect is seen in the time-honored plan of laying before the scholar a lesson, which is a certain passage of scripture, instead of a great spiritual fact, which is to be proved and illustrated by scripture history. The International Series misses the majesty and power of the Bible, because it presents it in little literary morsels, without special relation to orderly religious development in the scholar. It does not set before him some great thing to be learned, believed or done. In other words, the present system does not take the Bible seriously enough. It never seizes some one great spiritual law and holds it and embraces it and finally absorbs its life and makes it a part of the mental tissue and moral fibre of the child.

It is for this reason that the Roman Catholic, with his one little catechism for the parochial school, with its definite presentation of a few facts of the religious life, repeated, reiterated, re-enforced, gets a real result; while the Protestant, with all his appliances, often reaps nothing. Our present method does not really take us into the Bible. It flies over it as a gull flies over the sea, dipping down into it now and again; but it has not the solidity and steadiness of movement of a great steamer, that sets out from one port and arrives at another.

What, now, is the remedy?

It is for future leaders to distinguish between Biblical education, in the sense of a mere knowledge of the Bible, and religious education, which is the training of the religious nature. In the future the Bible must be used less as au end, more as a means.

We wish the next generation to become acquainted with the Bible. Then let us make instruction less discursive and more intensive. Get a few fundamental things positively in mind and trust to God for the rest.

It is not necessary to go over the whole Bible once in seven years, by a hop-scotch method. Strike directly at the great centers, Moses and the meaning of law, David and his view of God, Isaiah and his vision of the Redeemer, the apostolic group and their significance, Paul and the bursting of the shell of an old world, Christ and the religious ideal, which is eternal. The religious history of the race can be made to stand out distinctly and be as clear as the main outlines of American history.

We are, then, in the coming day, to have text-books which will present the spiritual history of mankind on the basis of the scripture record. These books are to be attractive in form. I say "books," deliberately; for there is a subtle relation between permanence of ideas and the permanence of the agencies which convey them to us. The Sunday school course must be dignified by the use of books which seem to the scholar worth preserving. What one knows of the history of England or the United States is likely to be bound up in his thought with the special books which have been used. Our knowledge of the spiritual life of mankind ought to be bound up with good, permanent books; the Bible itself, of course, and with it the books which give the child the clue to the labyrinth of the Bible's teachings and the points of compass for its vast area.

Another side of this question of educational advance has to do with the relation of the public school to religious education. It is time we awoke to the fact that the public schools of America are desert land, so far as a knowledge of the spiritual history of the race is concerned.

It has not always been so. The little old New England primer was full of the Bible. The spelling book most used in New England in the last half of the eighteenth century contained scripture verses at the bottom of the pages. Almost every town in Massachusetts that traces its public school history back to its origin will find that clergymen were primemovers.

But conditions have changed. The people have been too ready to lend an ear to the cry to eliminate everything religious. We have been cowards before those who ought not to have frightened us. "Why," as Professor Coe has impressively asked, "should we not adopt in matters of public education the plans of those citizens who have the largest and best ideals, instead of yielding to those citizens who have the fewest and lowest ideals?"

We do not alter our laws to please the criminal. We do not change the machinery of the courts to suit the depraved. We do not pull down our national flag because some foreigner cares nothing for it. Why blot out of our text-books every syllable of reference to the Christian faith, because the agnostic, the infidel or some foreign-born priest makes objection?

What, then, is to be done?

First, it is possible for every minister to broaden his own thought of the function of the public school and begin to watch for methods by which higher standards may be introduced. We need a reformation in the popular conception of the public school. The school is not maintained by the State to the end that a boy may be able to earn a dime more easily or make a dollar in an hour. It exists that every boy and girl may be a better citizen and more helpful to the State. This ideal should henceforth be preached, set before the public in the press, urged on the attention of teachers and school boards. We educate the child that he may be an intelligent citizen, able to read the ballot he casts; an honorable citizen, scorning to sell his vote; a law-abiding citizen, whose life brings no expense to the State for courts, jails, penitentiaries and prisons.

If this is to be accomplished, the place of definite moral and religious instruction in the schools cannot be over-estimated. By and by it will be easy to proceed to positive measures of education in those ideals in which every man among us, Protestant or Catholic, foreigner or native to the

soil, ought to be profoundly interested.

The great hope for the future is in educators themselves, who are awaking to the new ideals more rapidly than the clergy, even. There is scarcely an educator of any fame in the country who does not accept the triple view of education; *i.e.*, that man is body, mind and spirit and needs to be trained as such.

If this be true, we have now a day of opportunity for the Church and its leaders. With steady advance, we shall have every child in America taught at least something of the great world of moral obligation in which we live. The whole drift of things is toward a new vision. There is a call to every man among us to move on, push forward, make progress. In the home, the school, the Church, anywhere and everywhere that the young, pulsating, God-given life of to-day is found, there is a feeling that the impelling forces that constitute the powermaking for righteousness are broadening, deepening and becoming potent until education and religion shall flow together like two streams blended in one, carrying humanity onward into a new world of light.

# APPENDIX

## STATISTICAL TABLES

### EXPLANATORY

The tables which follow comprise:-

1. The statistics of the Churches, giving the ministers, Church membership, additions, removals, baptisms, Sunday schools and families; the statistics of the Young People's Societies; the amounts of benevolences and expenses. These tables, in accordance with the vote of the Association, in 1887, are made to conform to those in the Year-Book.

2. The Conferences of the Churches, with the names of officers and

the times of meeting.

3. The Associations of Ministers, giving the date of ordination of each minister, the date of membership, the residence and his "employment." The abbreviations, "P." and "P. C." are explained below. "W. C." means without Church; "Prof." means professor; "C. M." Church missionary; "Tea." teacher; other abbreviations are self-evident. "W. C.," however, includes many who have retired from active service. and some who are in business.

4. The Ministerial Record, containing lists of ordinations, installa-

tions, dismissals, marriages and deaths.

The tables of the first part contain the names of all the Congregational Churches in Massachusetts, the towns and cities being arranged

alphabetically; Churches in each town according to age.

The names of the Sunday-school superintendents are taken from the statistical tables and printed elsewhere. Six new columns are added which show the amounts of the benevolent contributions which each Church made directly to the treasuries of the societies in 1902. The totals on Page 33, Appendix, give the amount each society received from the Churches of Massachusetts and the total amount from the State.

Church members and families are reported as numbered on the morning of Jan. 1, 1903. Admissions, removals and baptisms cover the year 1902. "Absent" are not additional to "males," "females," and "total," but included in them. "Sunday school" includes total membership of officers, teachers and scholars, Jan. 1, 1903, or when the school is in operation (if not at that date), covering "branch schools," "mission schools" and "home departments," so far as maintained by the reporting Church. "Av." means the average attendance during 1902.

The months and days in the dates of the organization of Churches are omitted. They will be found in the publication of 1873, those of Churches since organized being given in the "Minutes" of each year. Also the months and days in the dates of ordination and installation of ministers are omitted. The former may be found in the lists of the

local Associations, which follow the tables.

"Ordained" denotes the date on which the person was originally set apart to the ministry by the "laying-on of hands." "Installed" denotes

the date of the beginning of his present pastorate.

In accordance with the recommendation of the National Council, pastors installed or recognized by council are marked "p.c."; pastors duly called by their Churches and recognized by some "definite act of the Church," but not by council, are marked "p."; others in service are not marked, but in tabular summaries are counted as "supplies."

Blanks in any column of figures are never equivalent to "none," but mean "no report"; but blanks in the column of ministers do mean that the Church has no pastor or acting pastor, and the blank is left for the convenience of those who note changes.

All post-office addresses are to be found in the "List of Ministers,"

and not in the tables.

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NAME OF STATE ORGANIZATION: THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS.

NAMES OF CHURCHES ADDED: Fitchburg, Finnish; Haverhill, Zion. NAMES OF CHURCHES CHANGED: Stockbridge, Curtisville to Interlaken; Cambridge, Prospect Street to First Evangelical

NAMES OF CHURCHES DROPPED: None.

CHURCHES: Supplied by,—pastors by council, 264; pastors otherwise, 268; ilientiates, 5; supplies, 20; vacant, 48. Total, 605.
MINISTERS: Pastors by council, 265; pastors otherwise, 263; supplying churches, 21. Total, 649. Without church, 423. Total, 972.

YOUNG PEOFLE'S SOCIETIES: Societies, 526; members, 31,551.
MEMBERSHIP IN CHURCHES: No. of males, 35,589; No. of females, 78,451. Total, 114,040. Absent, 19,644. Additions, — on confession, 3,237; by letter, 2,305. Total, 6,042. Remonds, — death, 1,916; by letter, 2,378; discipline or revision of roll, 1,368. Total, 5,662.

Benevolence: No. of churches contributing, 585; Foreign Missions, \$150,100; Education, \$29,421; Church Building, \$15,774; Home BAPTISMS: Adults, 1,412; infants, 1,820.

Missions, \$151,177; American Missionary Association work, \$37,233; Sunday School work, \$12,507; Ministerial Aid, \$6,761; Other, \$218,962.

Total, \$621,935 (reported by the churches). Legacies, \$102,956.
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GAINS: Churches, 2; Members, 380; Home Expenses, \$31,494; Sunday School, average attendance, 1,567; Families, 5,912.
Losers: Benevolence, \$99,838; Sunday School members, 275; Young People's Societies: Societies, 9; Members, 1,858.

MASSACHUSETTS LEGACIES.—Amesbury, Union, \$500; Amherst, First, \$681; Andover, Ballardyale, \$100; Ahol, \$200; Barnstable, West, \$400; Boston, Charlestown, \$1,000; Phillips, South Boston, \$1,400; Boston, \$1,000; Carven, \$1,000; Phillips, South Boston, \$1,400; Boston, \$1,000; Carven, \$1,000; Carven, \$2,000; Chindre, \$1,600; Concord, \$10,200; Dudley, \$100; Bast Bridgewater, \$50; Fitchburg, German, \$2,000; Fitchburg, Rinningham, Plymouth, \$630; Franklin, First, \$1,000; Harwich, \$1,000; Greenfield, \$2,000; Hord, \$2,000; Hord, \$2,000; Harkind, \$1,000; Harwich, \$1,000; Harwich, \$1,000; Harwich, \$1,000; Harwich, \$1,000; Harwich, \$1,000; Harkind, \$2,000; Love, \$2,000; Love, \$2,000; Love, \$2,000; Love, \$3,000; Love, \$2,000; Love, \$3,000; Love, \$

\$3,000; Newburyport, Belleville, \$4,000; Newton Highlands, \$2,500; North Adams, \$300; North Attleboro, Trinity, \$456; Northbridge, Center, \$5,470; Northbridge, Whitinsville, \$8,100; Norton, \$1,000; Norwood, \$5,775; Orange, Central, \$500; Orleans, \$500; Petersham, \$300; Pittsfeld, First, \$1,000; Provincestovn, \$500; Quincy, Finnish, \$133; Rochester, First, \$1,000; Provincestovn, \$500; Quincy, Finnish, \$6,500; South Hadloy, \$100; Springfield, Indian Orchard, \$1,000; Sterling, \$500; Suurbridge, \$2,000; Townsend, \$1,000; Wayland, \$1,000; Westboro, \$2,000; West Springfield, \$1,000; Wayland, \$1,000; augue, \$200; Wermouth, East, \$500; Winchendon, North, \$500; Worcester Union, \$17,210. Total, \$102,966.

# TABLES OF SUMMARIES: I. CHURCH STATISTICS

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# II. BENEVOLENCE AND HOME EXPENDITURES

Conferences,	Foreign Missions.	Educa- tion.	Church Building.	Home Missions.	A. M. A. Work.	Sunday Sehool Work.	Minis- terial Aid.	Other.	Total.	Legacies.	Home Expendi- tures.
Andover	\$4,951	\$1,790	\$936	\$8,590	\$1,443	\$495	\$197	\$22,133	\$40,535	\$1,152	\$89,462
Darnstable	445		87	397	284	105	21	301		920	22,212
Berksnire North	6,203	1,576	434	5,357	1,256	346	370	3,599		1,300	40,858
South	2,161	131	313	1,604	611	184	19	2,263		0	27,958
Brookheld	2,876	479	328	3,040	893	267	33	2,193		3.100	39,430
Essex North	2,743	202	232	5,893	1,738	241	59	10,204		4.800	60,054
South	6,083	875	009	5,626	1,445	498	393	8,239		5.500	86,157
Franklin	2,598	212	331	1,958	815	334	77	1,915		3,000	36,032
Hambden	11,202	3,476	1,246	13,383	3,325	880	616	54,976		7,374	133,565
	3,751	762	362	2,599	1,299	229	56	2,442		2,800	36,715
East	3,733	292	122	2,568	724	155	99	1,560		,881	21,667
Mendon	1,391	220	107	1,203	316	303	20	1,767		365	23,634
Middlesex South	3,862	267	313	2,476	1,025	253	102	8,019		2.130	48,185
Union	2,032	958	282	2,140	1,123	305	243	3,387		17,670	49,307
Norfolk	5,143	1,191	555	5,183	1,333	610	218	7,120		2,733	98,015
Old Colony	4,117	170	137	2,280	349	164	253	2,479		7,000	30,418
Filgrim	529	ខ្ល	31	388	70	73	14	371		1,110	15,227
Suffolk North	8,200	352	222	7,742	1,948	337	164	8,671		1,120	131,792
South	13,578	2,672	1,081	12,990	2,857	1,345	325	6,163		3,125	123,250
	33,311	5,189	3,831	39,542	6,633	2,230	2,081	34,235		2,500	196,122
Launton		2,840	407	4,829	996	433	7	10,690		1,046	60,525
Wooning		833	1,666	4,922	2,058	812	332	6,303		0	76,843
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South		1,703	843	3,967	2,728	086	683	5,795		13,570	30,634
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Totals	\$150,100	\$29,421	\$15,774	\$151,177	\$37,233	\$12,507	\$6,761	\$218,962	\$621,935	\$102,956	\$1,645,731
Last year	174,599	57,788	28,309	157,982	36,447	13,250	4,778	248,620	721,773	77,574	1,614,247
*Gain. †Loss	+24,499	128,367	+12,535	16.805	982*	+743	*1.983	+99 658	+00 838	686 26*	*31 484
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## III. SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY STATISTICS

	SUNDAY S	Всноог.	Families in the		g People's cieties.
Name of Conference.	Memb ers.	Average Attend- ance.		No.	Me mbers.
Andover. Barnstable Berkshire North. "South. Brookfield Essex North. "South. Franklin Hampden Hampshire "East Mendon. Middlesex South. "Union Norfolk. Old Colony Pilgrim Suffolk North. "South. "West. Taunton Woburn Worcester Central. "South. "South. "South. "South. "South. "Associated with Rhode Island	6,321 1,684 3,230 1,651 2,828 4,997 8,084 3,542 9,330 2,560 1,911 2,181 3,184 3,500 9,224 2,201 1,235 10,018 10,464 6,938 4,122 7,501 8,020 2,476 2,476	3,656 971 2,030 935 1,545 2,809 4,672 2,178 5,681 1,152 1,152 1,983 5,274 1,185 746 6,257 4,439 2,272 4,251 4,583 1,184 1,440	5,278 1,696 2,565 1,459 2,596 5,006 6,057 2,987 7,960 2,172 1,646 1,954 2,748 3,151 7,572 2,048 1,514 7,811 7,154 5,755 3,238 5,468 6,066 1,578 2,126	23 14 14 17 18 24 32 29 36 15 14 11 18 23 33 15 27 22 22 22 22 22 23 36 13 15	1,635 477 720 623 823 1,382 1,936 1,069 2,279 753 602 627 973 1,377 2,337 685 342 2,050 2,654 1,712 948 2,011 2,014 723 799
Totals Last year *Gain. †Loss.	119,352 119,637 †275	69,639 68,272 *1,367	97,605 91,693 *5,912	526 535 †9	31,551 33,419 †1,858

<sup>§</sup> The statistics of the Seekonk Church are reported under Rhode Island.

## IV. SUMMARY OF CHANGES DURING THE YEARS MENTIONED

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Note.—The "year" means what changes were comprised in the twelve months preceding January 1 of the year mentioned. The table was begun in 1866, all preceding years now given being compiled from past Minutes,—the number of churches in some years varying from the Minutes as they were to what they should have been.

The changes in list of churches, ordinations, installations, etc., for the past year, condensed in the above table, are given in detail in their proper place.

<sup>\*</sup>Prior to 1876 "acting pastors" are included in "others" in columns of deaths of ministers.

## V. CONTINUED TABLE OF SUMMARIES

Benevolent	Contribu- tions.	\$621,935	673.94	660,035	558,125	609,475	658,551	696,261	631,246	675,884	852,05	350,100	070,720	641 175	678.950	707,821	597,307	601,702	500,782	477,44(	391 716	346.485	325,484	309,314	384,611	400,880	204 111	436.359	438,475	439,830	337,820	300,008	298,535	315,322	392,244		
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In the above table, the columns of "Additions," "Removals," "Saptisms," "Sunday School Average," and "Benevolent Contributions" cover the twelve months next preceding January 1 of the year mentioned in a given line. The number of churches, members, and of Sunday Schools was enumerated January 1 of the year mentioned. Previous to 1993 the number of churches "Vacanut" includes all churches supplied by licentiates, or ministers of other denominations, are counted "supplied," For Churches, Membership, and Sunday School Membership, for 1830, 1835, 1840, 1855, and 1855, see "Minutes" of 1990.

### THE CONFERENCES OF THE CHURCHES

### 1. ANDOVER. — Organized, June 8, 1859.

Andover,	South,	Lawrence	e, Lawrence St.,	Lowell,	Kirk St.,
"	West,	4.6	South,	4.6	High St.,
"	Free,	"	Riverside,	"	French,
"	Ballardvale,	"	Trinity,	4.6	Highland,
"	Seminary,	4.6	United,	"	Swedish,
Chelmsfo	rd, 2d, North,	Lowell,	Pawtucket,	"	Norwegian,
"	Central,	44	First,	Methue	n, _
Dracut, F	first,	"	First Trinitar'n,	North A	andover,
" (	Central,	"	Eliot,	Tewksb	ury,
		"	John St.,	Tyngsb	oro.

ALBERT W. BURNHAM, Lowell, secretary and treasurer. Rev. Ernest C. Bartlett, Chelmsford, statistical secretary. Conference meets on the last Tuesdays in April and October.

### 2. BARNSTABLE. — Organized, October 28, 1828.

Barnstable,	West,	Falmouth,	East,	Provincetown,
"	Centreville,	4.6	North,	Sandwich,
"	Hyannis,	6.6	Waquoit,	Truro, First,
	Cotuit,	66	Wood's Hole,	" Christ'n U., North,
Chatham,		Harwich,		Wellfleet, First,
Dennis, Sou	ıth,	"	Port,	" South,
" Uni	ion,	Nantucket	,	Yarmouth, First,
Falmouth, 1	First,	Orleans,	•	" West.
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Rev. John H. Quint, Falmouth, scribe and treasurer. Conference meets on the second Tuesdays in May and November.

### 3. BERKSHIRE NORTH. — Organized, December 3, 1867.

Adams,	Peru,	Williamstown,	First,
Becket, North,	Pittsfield, First,	66	College, ·
Dalton,	" Second,	""	South,
Hinsdale,	" South,	"	White Oaks,
Lanesboro,	" Pilgrim Mem'l	, Windsor,	
Middlefield,	Richmond,	(Canaan, N. Y	.),
North Adams,		(New Lebanon	, N. Y.).

Deacon George French, North Adams, secretary and treasurer.

Annual meeting on the second Wednesday in November; semi-annual on the second Wednesday in May.

### 4. BERKSHIRE SOUTH. — Organized, August 29, 1860.

Sandisfield, First, Becket, Centre. Monterey, Egremont, South, Mount Washington, New Boston. Great Barrington, First, New Marlboro, First, Sheffield, " Housatonic, " 66 Southfield, Stockbridge, First, Lee. Mill River. Interlaken. Lenox, West Stockbr'ge, Centre, Otis. Village.

THERON W. CRISSEY, Great Barrington, scribe and treasurer. Rev. Walter W. Curtis, West Stockbridge, statistical secretary. . Annual meeting in November; semi-annual meeting in May.

### 5. BROOKFIELD. — Organized, June 13, 1821.

Barre. Hardwick, Gilbertville, Spencer, Brimfield, Holland, Sturbridge, Brookfield, New Braintree, Ware, First, Charlton, North Brookfield, First, East. Dana, Union, French, Dudley, Oakham, Warren, West Brookfield. Hardwick, First, Southbridge,

Rev. Allen A. Bronsdon, Oakham, scribe and treasurer.

Annual meeting, first Tuesday in May, two days; semi-annual, third Tuesday in September, one day.

### 6. ESSEX NORTH. — Organized, April 30, 1828.

Amesbury, I	First,	Haverhil	l, Centre,	Newbury,	First,
"	Union,	4.4	North,	"	Byfield,
Boxford, We	est,	66	Riverside,	Newburyp	ort, North,
Georgetown,	, First,	"	Union,	66	Prospect St.,
"	Memorial,	" St.	John's, French	, "	Belleville,
Groveland,		66	Ward Hill,	66	Whitefield,
Haverhill, B	radford,	Ipswich,	First,	Rowley,	
" W	est,	44	Linebrook,	West New	bury, First,
" F	ourth,	Merrima	ο,	"	" Second.

Rev. DAVID C. TORREY, Byfield, scribe.

Rev. George H. Hubbard, Haverhill, statistical secretary and treasurer. Conference meets on the second Wednesdays in May and October.

### 7. ESSEX SOUTH. — Organized, May 8, 1827.

Beverly,	Second,	Danvers,	First, Centre,	Gloucester,	Trinity,
4.6	Dane Street,	66	Maple Street,	66	Lanesville,
66	Washington St.,	Essex,		66	Magnolia,
Boxford	,	Gloucest	ter, West,	Hamilton,	

#### 7. Essex South (Continued).

Ipswich, South,	Manchester,	Salem, Tabernacle,
Lynn, First,	Marblehead,	" South,
" Central,	Middleton,	" Crombie Street,
" Chestnut St.,	Peabody, South,	Saugus, First,
" North,	"_ Second,	" Cliftondale,
" Scandinavian,	" West,	Swampscott,
Lynnfield Centre,	Rockport, First,	Topsfield,
" Second,	" Pigeon Cove,	Wenham.
•	" Swed., P. Cove,	

Rev. T. Frank Waters, Ipswich, scribe and treasurer. Rev. Arthur J. Covell, Lynn, statistical scribe. Conference meets on the second Wednesdays in May and October.

#### 8. FRANKLIN. — Organized, October 10, 1843.

Ashfield,	Gill,	Northfield, East,
Bernardston,	Greenfield, First,	Orange, Central,
Buckland,	" Second,	" Swedish,
Charlemont, First,	Hawley, First,	Shelburne, First,
" East,	" Second, West,	" Falls,
Colerain,	Heath,	Shutesbury,
Conway,	Leverett, Moores Cor.,	Sunderland,
Deerfield, South,	Montague, First,	Warwick,
" Orthodox,	" Millers Falls,	Wendell,
Erving,	" Turners Falls,	Whately.

Rev. EDWARD P. BUTLER, Sunderland, scribe and treasurer. Conference meets in the last weeks of April and September.

#### 9. HAMPDEN. - Organized, December 4, 1850.

Agawam, Feeding Hills,	Holyoke, First,	Springfield,	First,
" Second,	" Second,	"	Olivet,
Blandford, First,	" $French,$	66	South,
" Second, North,	Huntington, Second,	"	North,
Chester, First,	Longmeadow,	"	Indian 0'd,
" Second,	Ludlow, Centre,	"	Hope,
Chicopee, First,	" Union,	4.6	French,
" Second, Falls,	Monson,	"	Eastern Av.,
" Third,	Palmer, Thorndike,	"	Emmanuel,
East Longmeadow,	" Second,	"	Park,
Granville, First, Center,	" Three Rivers,	"	St. John's,
" West,	South Hadley Falls,	"	Swedish,
Hampden,	Southwick,	"	Faith,

#### 9. Hampden (Continued).

Tolland, West Springfield, First, Wilbraham, Centre, Westfield, First, " Mittineague, " North.

"Second, " Park Street,

Rev. Collins G. Burnham, Chicopee, scribe.

WILLIAM F. EMERSON, Longmeadow, treasurer.

Conference meets on the last Tuesday in October; semi-annual meeting in April or May.

#### 10. HAMPSHIRE. — Organized, February, 1865.

Chesterfield, Hatfield, Southampton, Cummington, Huntington, 1st, Norw'h, Westhampton, West. Northampton, First, Williamsburg, Edwards, Haydenville. Easthampton, First, 66 Florence, Worthington. Payson, Goshen. Plainfield,

Rev. John Cowan, Southampton, scribe and treasurer.

Rev. John Pierpont, Williamsburg, statistical secretary.

Conference meets in the spring and fall at the call of the executive committee.

#### 11. HAMPSHIRE EAST. - Organized, December 13, 1860.

Amherst, First, Enfield, Leverett. 66 Pelham, First, Second, Granby, " Pack'dville, Enfi'd, 46 College, Greenwich, 66 Hadley, First, North, Prescott, South. Second, North, South Hadley.

Belchertown,

M. B. Kingman, Amherst, registrar and treasurer.

Rev. George E. Fisher, North Amherst, statistical secretary.

Semi-annual meeting on the last Tuesday in April; annual meeting on the third Tuesday in October.

#### 12. MENDON. — Organized, April 12, 1858.

Foxboro, Medway, Second, West, Millis, Franklin, "Village, Norfolk, Mansfield, "Third, West, Walpole, Medfield, Milford Wrentham.

Rev. Isaiah W. Sneath, Franklin, scribe and treasurer. Conference meets on the third Wednesdays in April and October.

#### 13. MIDDLESEX SOUTH. — Organized, August 20, 1828.

Ashland,	Hudson,	Northboro,
Dover,	Lincoln,	Sherborn,
Framingham	, Plymouth, Marlboro, Union,	Southboro,
"	Saxonville, "French,	" Southville,
"	South, Maynard,	Sudbury, South,
Holliston,	Natick, First,	Wayland,
Hopkinton,	" South,	Wellesley.

Rev. NICHOLAS VAN DER PYL, Holliston, scribe and treasurer. Conference meets on the third Wednesdays in April and October.

# 14. MIDDLESEX UNION. - Organized, May 8, 1853.

Acton, First,	Fitchburg	, Calvinist,	Leominster, C	Centre,
" South,	66	Rollstone,	· · I	North,
Ashby,	6.6	German,	Littleton,	
Ayer,		Swedish,	Lunenburg,	
Boxboro, West Acton,	6.6	Finnish,	Pepperell,	
Concord,	Groton, F	irst,	Shirley,	
Dunstable,	" West,		Townsend,	
	Harvard,		Westford.	
	Lancaster	,		

Rev. Jason G. Miller, Harvard, scribe and treasurer. Annual meeting third Wednesday in October; spring meeting in April.

#### 15. NORFOLK. - Organized, June 14, 1827.

Abington,	First,	Cohasse	et, Evangelical,	Quincy,	, Swedish,
44	North,	"	Beechwood,	4.4	Finnish,
Braintree,	First,	East Bı	idgewater,	Randol	ph,
66	South,	Easton,	Center,	Rocklar	ıd,
Bridgewat	er,	4.6	Swedish, North,	Sharon,	
66	Scotland,	Hingha	m, First,	Stough	ton,
Brockton,	First,	"	Beth'y, Nan't,	Weymo	outh, First, Hghts.,
"	South, Ca'p'lo	,Holbro	ok,	44	Old South, South,
4.6	Porter,	Milton,		4.6	& Braintree, E.B.,
4.6	Waldo,	44	East,	"	Union, South,
4.6	Wendell Ave.	,Quincy	, Bethany,	4.6	Pilgrim, North,
"	Lincoln,	"	Washington St.,	4.6	East,
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Rev. Augustus H. Fuller, Easton Centre, scribe.

HEMAN HOWARD, South Easton, treasurer.

Rev. DE MONT GOODYEAR, Abington, statistical secretary.

Conference meets on the first Tuesday in May, and on the last Tuesday in September.

#### 16. OLD COLONY. - Organized, September 23, 1856.

Dartmouth, South,	Middl	eboro,	First,	Rochester, First,
Edgartown,		"	Central,	" North,
Fairhaven,	New I	3edfor	d, Acushnet,	" East, W. Wareham,
Marion,	44	"	North,	Wareham,
Mattapoisett,	4.6	"	Trinitar'n,	Westport,
				West Tisbury.

Rev. WILLIAM CARRUTHERS, Box 493, Fairhaven, scribe and treasurer. Conference meets for a two days' session on the third Tuesday in April, and the last Tuesday in October.

#### 17. PILGRIM. — Organized, April 27, 1830.

Carver, North,	Hanson,	Plymouth, Pilgrimage,
Duxbury,	Kingston,	" Chiltonville,
Halifax,	Marshfield, First,	Plympton,
Hanover, First, West,	" Hills,	Scituate.
" Second,	Plymouth, Manomet,	

Rev. Haig Adadourian, Manomet, scribe, treasurer, and statistical secretary.

Conference meets on the first Tuesdays in May and October.

#### 18. SUFFOLK NORTH. - Organized, May 23, 1861.

Arlingte	on, First,	Cambrid	lge, Nortl	a Ave.,	Revere, Fi	rst,
6.6	Heights,	44	Port,	Pilg'm	, " Be	achmont,
Boston,	First, Charlest'n	, "	66	Wood	Memorial,	
44	Winthrop, "	66	"	Норе,	Somerville	, First,
66	Maverick, East,	Chelsea,	First,		"	Broadway,
"	Mount Vernon,	66	Central,		4.6	West,
4.6	Seamen's,	4.6	Third,		66	Prospect Hill,
6.6	Baker, East,	Everett,	First,			Winter Hill,
Cambric	dge, First,	6 6	Courtlan	d St.,	44	Highlands,
"	First Evang'	1, "	Mystic Si	ide,	Winthrop,	Union.

HARRY W. JEFFERS, Chelsea, scribe and treasurer.

W. H. HILLING, Somerville, statistical scribe.

Conference meets on the second Wednesdays in April and in October.

		19. S	UFFOL	K SOU	TH. — Organized	, May 1	3, 1861.
]	Boston,	2d, Dorc	hester,	Boston,	West Roxbury,	Boston,	Pilgrim, Dorch.,
	4.6	Union,	-	44	Central, J'a P'n,	44	Highland, Rxby,
	4.6	Phillips,	S. B.,	66	Boylston, "	44	Walnut Av., "
	4.6	Village,	Dorch.,	"	Immanuel, Rxby,		Olivet,
	46	Eliot, Ro	xbury,	6.6	Trinity, Nepon't,	"	Harvard, Dorch.,

#### 19. Suffolk South (Continued).

Boston, Central, Dorch., Dedham, Quincy, Wollaston,

'' Roslindale, Hyde Park, First, '' Atlantic,

'' St. Mark, '' '' Clar'don Hills, '' Park & Downs,

Canton, Norwood, East Walpole,
Westwood, Islington.

Rev. Eugene C. Webster, Jamaica Plain, recording secretary. E. S. Hathaway, Hyde Park, treasurer. Robert H. Magwood, Dorchester, statistical secretary. Conference meets on the third Wednesdays in April and October.

#### 20. SUFFOLK WEST. - Organized, November 17, 1873.

Belmont, Waverley, Boston, Norwegian, Newton, North, Plymouth, Allston. Newtonville. Brookline, Harvard, Highlands, Boston, Old South, Park Street, Levden, Waltham, First, 46 Berk'ley Temple, Needham, Swedish, " Brighton, Newton, First, Centre, Watertown, Phillips, Second, West, Wellesley Hills, 66 Central, " Weston. . Shawmut, Eliot. " Auburndale, Swedish.

Rev. Henry E. Oxnard, Newton, scribe. Rev. Harris G. Hale, Brookline, recording and statistical secretary. Benjamin F. Dewing, 11 Milford Street, Boston, treasurer. Conference meets on the second Wednesdays in April and October.

#### 21. TAUNTON. — Organized, October 2, 1849.

Attleboro, Second, Freetown, Assonet, Raynham, North, · Lakeville, Rehoboth, Berkley, Dighton, Middleboro, North, Somerset, Fall River, First, North Attleboro, Oldt'n, Taunton, West, " " 44 Central. Falls. Trinitarian. ،، Trinity, Winslow, Fowler, French. Norton. East. Broadway, Raynham, First, Union.

Rev. James E. Enman, Fall River, scribe. Thomas Chew, Box 460, Fall River, treasurer.

Conference holds two sessions annually, of one day each, in the spring and fall.

#### 22. WOBURN. — Organized, September 5, 1848.

Bedford,	Lexington, Hancock,	Medford, Mystic,
Billerica,	Malden, First,	" West,
Burlington,	" Maplewood,	" Union,
Carlisle,	" Linden,	Melrose, First,
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#### Woburn (Continued).

North Reading,	Wakefield,	Woburn, First,
Reading,	Wilmington,	" North,
Stoneham,	Winchester,	``Scandinavian,
		" Montvale

Rev. Isaac Pierson, Medford, scribe and treasurer. Conference meets on any Tuesday in April and October, generally the last.

#### 23. WORCESTER CENTRAL. — Organized, April 28, 1852.

Auburn,	Rutland,	Worcester, Swedish, 1st.,
Berlin,	Shrewsbury,	" Pilgrim,
Boylston,	Sterling,	" Park,
Clinton, First,	West Boylston,	" Covenant,
" German,	Worcester, First,	" Hope,
Holden,	" Central,	" Lake View,
Leicester,	" Union,	" Bethany,
Oxford,	" Memorial,	" · Armenian,
Paxton,	" Plymouth,	" Immanuel,
Princeton,	" Piedmont,	" Swedish, 2d.,
,		" Adams Sq.,

Rev. J. Howard Gaylord, West Brookfield, scribe and treasurer. Rev. Thomas E. Babb, Holden, statistical secretary. Conference meets on the Tuesday following the second Monday in May, and on the Tuesday following the third Monday in October.

#### 24. WORCESTER NORTH. — Organized, November 24, 1827.

Ashburnham, First,	New Salem,	Royalston, South,
" North,	Orange, North,	Templeton, Trinitarian,
Athol,	Petersham,	" Baldwinsville,
Gardner,	Phillipston,	Westminster,
Hubbardston,	Royalston, First,	Winchendon, First,
		" North.

Rev. Gustavus W. Jones, Winchendon, scribe and treasurer Conference meets in October and May.

#### 25. WORCESTER SOUTH. - Organized, June 17, 1828.

Blackstone, First,	Grafton, Saundersville,	Sutton,
" Scand., Millvil	le, Millbury, First,	Upton,
Douglas, First,	" Second,	Uxbridge,
" East,	Northbridge, Centre,	Webster,
Grafton, First,	" Whitinsville,	Westboro.
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Rev. John R. Thurston, Whitinsville, scribe. Amos Armsby, Millbury, treasurer. Conference meets on the fourth Thursdays in April and Octobes.

# THE ASSOCIATIONS OF MINISTERS

# 1. Andover, Organized, July 5, 1763.

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Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. H	Employment.
S. Winchester Adriance,	'79, May 22.	'84, Dec. 2.	Winchester.	W. C.
George A. Andrews,	'99, June 14.	'99, Dec. 5.	Andover.	P. C.
Ernest L. Baker,	'94, Sept. 18.	'95, Feb. 26.	North Weare, .	N. H. P.
Henry E. Barnes,	'62, May 28.	'94, Feb. 27.	North Andove	
Ernest C. Bartlett,	'96, Mar. 12.	'96, Dec. 8.	Chelmsford.	P. C.
E. Victor Bigelow,	'91, Sept. 24.	'01, Sept. 24.	Lowell.	P. C.
James M. Blue,	'96, July 14.	'96, Sept. 29.	Warner, N. H.	P.
Francis H. Boynton,	'64, Oct. 20.	'89, May 28.	Florence.	Р.
Park A. Bradford,	79, July 30.	'94, Sept. 25.	Coventry, Ct.	P·
Charles C. Carpenter,	'60, May 9.	'91, May 26.	Andover.	W. C.
Clark Carter,	'68, Feb. 13.	'73, June 3.	Andover.	· C. M.
Thomas G. A. Côtè,	'71, April 9.	'82, April 11.	Lowell.	P.
George R. Dickinson,	'95, Oct. 9.	'96, Sept. 29.	Zanesville, O.	W. C.
Sarah A. Dixon,	'97, June 16.	'97, Dec. 7.	Tyngsboro.	P.
Robert W. Dunbar,	'99, Feb. 8.	'99, Feb. 28.	North Chelmsf	ord. P. C.
John M. Greene,	'57, Oct. 20.	'71, June 28.		P. C. Em.
David P. Hatch,	'86, July 1.	'00, Feb. 27.	Melrose.	W. C.
Edward Y. Hincks,	'70, Oct. 18.	'85, Dec. 15.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Charles W. Huntington,	'81, Sept. 6.	'88, June 5.	Lowell.	P. C.
Francis H. Johnson,	'61, Oct. 15.	'83, June 5.	Andover.	W. C.
George H. Johnson,	777, July 6.	'92, Dec. 6.	Lowell.	W. C.
George F. Kenngott,	'90, Oct. 8.	'92, Dec. 6.	Lowell.	P. C.
David Kilburn,	'84, April 20.	'90, Sept. 23.	Alleghany, Pa.	W. C.
Herbert G. Mank,	'89, Jan. 15.	'98, Dec. 6.	Lawrence.	P. C.
Charles P. Marshall,	'98, July 26.	'00, Dec. 4.	Lawrence.	P. C.
George E. Martin,	'79, July 9.	'02, Sept. 23.	Lowell.	P. C.
John A. McKnight,	'93, Aug.	'02, Feb. 25.	Dracut.	P.
Selah Merrill,	'64, Nov. 1.	'74, Oct. 20.	Jerusalem.	W. C.
Charles L. Mitchell,	'71, June 28.	'84, June 19.	Winchester.	W. C.
George F. Moore,	'78, Feb. 2.	'95, May 28.	Cambridge.	Prof.
Lewis W. Morey,	'82, Sept. 6.	'93, Sept. 26.	Gorham, N. H.	P.
Charles H. Oliphant,	'76, July 12.	'84, Oct. 28.	Methuen.	P . C.
Frederick H. Page,	'93, Nov. 23.	'96, May 26.	Lawrence.	P. C.
William G. Poor,	'85, May.	'01, May 14.	Lowell.	W. C.
Edward W. Pride,	'69, June 10.	'92, May 9.	Andover.	W. C.
William H. Ryder,	'69, Dec. 14.	'88, Dec. 4.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Hovhannes K. Santikian,	, '97, Feb. 2.	'97, Dec. 7.	Cambridgeport	м.

#### 1. Andover (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. Em	ployment.
Frank R. Shipman,	'93, Dec. 27.	'94, June 5.	Andover.	P.C.
John Phelps Taylor,	'68, Nov. 12.	'85, Nov. 3.	Andover. P	rof. Sem.
Charles C. Torrey,	'99, May 15.	'99, May 29.	New Haven, Ct.	Prof.
Charles C. Torrey,	'55, Sept. 7.	'00, May 22.	Tamworth, N. H.	W. C.
T. Clayton Welles,	'72, Oct. 25.	'02, Feb. 25.	Lowell.	P. C.
Charles H. Willcox,	'84, Nov. 6.	'84, Dec. 2.	Lawrence ville, N.	J. Tea.
Frederick A. Wilson,	'82, Oct. 6.	'90, April 8.	Andover.	P. C.
William E. Wolcott,	'81, Sept. 21.	'82, Feb. 26.	Lawrence.	P. C.
Frank E. Woodruff,	'83, Sept. 6.	'85, Nov. 3.	Brunswick, Me.	Prof.
J. Herbert Yeoman,	'77, Jan. 25.	'00, Dec. 4.	Providence, R. I.	P.

Licentiates.—Licensed June 6, 1902, for two years: John H. Dale, Winter Park, Fla.; John X. Miller, Andover; John C. S. Andrew, West Roxbury; Willard H. Palmer, Chicago, Ill.

STATED MEETINGS. — First Tuesday in December, and fourth Tuesdays in February, May and September.

Rev. Robert W. Dunbar, North Chelmsford, scribe.

#### 2. Berkshire North (Berkshire, 1763), Organized by division, October 14, 1852.

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George W. Andrews,	'82, June 7.	'84, Dec. 1.	Dalton.	P.
T. Nelson Baker,	'97, Feb. 16.	'02, Jan. 14.	Pittsfield.	P.
John Bascom,	'59, Dec. 18.	'61, Jan. 28.	Williamstown.	W. C.
Henry M. Bowden,	'86, June 30.	'99, June 13.	South Egremont	. P.
Willis H. Butler,	'98, Nov. 21.	'01, Nov. 12.	Williamstown.	P. C.
Raymond Calkins,	'96, Oct. 19.	'98, Mar. 8.	Pittsfield.	P. C.
Edson L. Clark,	'59, Nov. 30.	'92, Mar. 8.	Dalton.	W. C.
Silas P. Cook,	'70, Mar. 23.	'00, Nov. 22.	Pittsfield.	Co. Miss.
William V. W. Davis,	'77, Sept. 12.	'93, Dec. 19.	Pittsfield.	P. C.
Thomas W. Davison,	'99, Dec. 21.	'01, Nov. 12.	Becket.	P.
John H. Denison,	'70, Jan. 30.	'85, Sept. 16.	Williamstown.	W. C.
Edward H. Griffin,	'68, Feb. 6.	'73, Dec. 1.	Baltimore, Md. I	Dean Coll.
Alpheus C. Hodges,	'81, Nov. 16.	'00, June 26.	Canaan Four Co	r., N. Y.P.
James H. Laird,	'64, Dec. 21.	'85, Sept. 16.	Hinsdale.	P. C.
T. Claire Luce,	'85, Dec. 2.	'90, Dec. 2. '	Richmond.	P. C.
Alford B. Penniman,	'83, April 10.	'94, June 12.	Adams.	P. C.
James C. Seagrave,	'51, Dec. 1.	'87, Dec. 6.	Hinsdale.	W. C.
Isaac C. Smart,	'85, June 9.	'85, Sept. 16.	Pittsfield,	P. C.
William R. Stocking,	'71, June 20.	'01, Nov. 12.	Williamstown.	W. C.
William L. Tenney,	'88, Sept. 20.	'95, Dec. 20.	North Adams.	P. C.

Licentiates. — Garrett V. Stryker, Williamstown, renewed Feb. 26, 1903, for one year; Caleb E. Smith, Peru, Feb. 26, 1903, for one year.

STATED MEETINGS. — In March, June, September and December.

Rev. George W. Andrews, Dalton, scribe and treasurer.

# 3. Berkshire South (Berkshire, 1763), Organized by division, October 14, 1852.

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Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. Em	ployment.
Alfred R. Atwood,	'01, July 23.	'02, Jan. 15.	New Boston.	Р.
Leon D. Bliss,	'89, Oct. 31.	'96, Oct. 27.	Great Barrington	. P. C.
Walter W. Curtis,	'72, Mar. 20.	'83, Oct. 29.	West Stockbridge	e. P.
John Dooley,	'72, May 6.	'98, April 26.	Monterey.	Р.
Aaron W. Field,	72,	'02, Feb. 4.	New Marlboro.	W. C.
Samuel Hopley,	'55, Sept. 19.	'90, Jan. 28.	Lee.	W. C.
John B. Lewis,	'95, Sept. 25.	'97, Oct. 26.	Troy, $N. Y.$	P.
Stephen T. Livingston,	'91, July 8.	'91, Nov. 10.	Hartford, Ct.	Prof.
Frederick Lynch,	'99, Mar. 27.	'99, Jan. 31.	Lenox.	P.
R. DeWitt Mallary,	'76, Oct. 12.	'80, July 12.	Housatonic.	Ρ.
Evarts W. Pond,	95, May 2.	'97, Oct. 26.	Stoneham, Me.	P.
Elbert S. Porter,	'83, Dec. 9.	'02, Feb. 4.	Stockbridge.	P. C.
Charles S. Rich,	'96, Sept. 29.	'96, Oct. 27.	Claremont, Cal.	W. C.
Lyman S. Rowland,	'64, Nov. 16.	'77, Oct. 29.	Lee.	P. C.
Edward P. Seymour,	'92, Oct. 25.	'02, June 10.	Interlaken.	Р.
John D. Waldron,	'02, June 1.	'02, Nov. 4.	Otis.	P.
George T. Washburn,	'59, Mar. 22.	'59, July 25.	India. A. B.	C. F. M.
STATED MEETINGS I	ast Tuesday	s in January	April July and	October

STATED MEETINGS. — Last Tuesdays in January, April, July and October. Rev. Leon D. Bliss, Great Barrington, scribe and treasurer.

#### 4. Brookfield, Organized, June 22, 1757.

The Brookfield Association has ceased to report its members, having transferred that function to the Brookfield Conference, which names the following ministerial members:—

ministerial members.—				
S. Allen Barrett,	'88, Feb. 28.	'01, May 8.	Florence.	P.
Austin B. Bassett,	'87, Sept. 15	. '00, May 8.	Ware.	P. C.
Oscar Bissell,	'56, May 14.	- 66	Holland.	W. C.
Edward B. Blanchard,	'92, June 29.	6.6	Brookfield.	P. C.
Allen A. Bronsdon,	'97, Dec. 2.	4.6	Oakham.	P. C.
Edward L. Chute,	'80, July 20.	'01, May 8.	Ware.	P.
William Clancey,			Brimfield,	
Samuel B. Cooper,	'87, Jan. 19.		North Brookfield.	P. C.
Lee M. Dean,	'02, Oct. 16.	'03, May 6.	North Brookfield.	Ρ.
Samuel Eaton,	'94, April 11.	66	Brimfield.	P.
Benson M. Frink,	'63, Jan. 9.	'00, May 8.	West Brookfield.	W. C.
Sereno D. Gammell,	'68, Sept. 9.	66	North Brookfield.	W. C.
Joseph F. Gaylord,			Barre.	
J. Howard Gaylord,	'99, Nov. 21.	66	West Brookfield.	P. C.
John C. Hall,	'90, May 20.		Sturbridge.	P.
Chauncey J. Hawkins,	'99, May 19.		Spencer.	P. C.
Silvanus Hayward,	'61, Oct. 9.	66	Globe Village.	P. C.
William B. Oleson,	'77, Dec. 4.	6.6	Warren.	P. C.
Harlan Page,	'83, Feb. 6.	6.6	Hardwick.	P.
Augustus M. Rice,	'73, Dec. 17.	66	Grafton.	Ρ.
Henry S. Snyder,	'85, ——	4.6	Gilbertville.	Р.
Frederick D. Thayer,	'01, Oct. 2.	'02, May 7.	Dudley.	P. C.

STATED MEETINGS. — Second Tuesdays in January, April, July and October. Rev. Henry S. Snyder, Gilbertville, scribe of the Association. Rev. Allen A. Bronsdon, scribe of the Conference.

5. Cape Cod (Barnstable, 1792; Brewster, 1832; Vineyard Sound, 1836),
Organized by union, October 16, 1866.

On Nov. 12, 1902, the responsibility for ministerial standing was transferred from the Cape Cod Association to the Barnstable Conference, which reports the following names not starred (\*).

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Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. Empl	oyment.
Jeremiah K. Aldrich,	'63, Feb. 17.	'82, Jan. 31.	Eastford, Ct.	P.
Charles A. Breck,	'94, Sept. 25.	'97, Aug. 4.	Birmingham, Ala.	P.
George E. Chapin,	79, Aug. 20.	'01, Oct. 22.	Hatchville.	Ρ.
Sidney Crawford,	'70, Dec. 8.	'01, Jan. 15.	Provincetown.	P.
Ernest W. Eldridge,	'93, April 23.	'00, May 6.	Montague.	Р.
Fred. K. Ellsworth,	'98, June 2.	'00, Oct. 23.	East Machias, Me.	Ρ.
* George H. Ewing,	'93, May 24.	'03, Jan. 20.	Yarmouth.	P. C.
Washington H. Forbes,	'81, July 1.	'00, Oct. 23.	South Dennis.	Р.
Edward T. Ford,	'97, May 25.	'97, Oct. 19.	Tacoma, Wash.	P. C.
Edgar B. French,	'97, Sept. 7.	'97, Oct. 19.	West Barnstable.	P.
* Charles E. Harris, Jr.,	'94, Oct. 9.	'03, Jan. 20.	Hyannis.	Р.
John W. Hayley,	'64, Sept. 23.	'95, Jan. 15.	C. Tuftonboro, N.H.	. W. C.
Richard Knowles,	'02, Nov. 10.	'03, Jan. 20.	Wellfleet.	Р.
Joseph B. Long,	'90, July 25.	'00, Oct. 23.	Norfolk, Neb.	Р.
Elihu Loomis,	'51, Oct. 22.	'02, Jan. 27.	Centreville.	W. C.
Sampson Nicholls,	'78, Aug. 1.	'01, Jan. 15.	Harwichport.	Р.
Frederic Parker,	'00, Dec. 14.	'01, July 16.	Sherman Mills, Me.	. P.
John H. Quint,	'98, May 18.	'01, Jan. 15.	Falmouth.	P. C.
E. Irving Rackett,	'94, May 9.	'94, July 17.	East Orleans.	P. C.
John T. Rea,	'73, Aug. 8.	'79, Jan. 28.	Exeter, N. H.	W. C.
Daniel W. Richardson.	'62, Aug. 14.	'96, Aug. 4.	Ossipee Centre, $N$ .	H. P.
Ezra N. Smith,	'72, June 12.	'92, April 19.	North Falmouth.	Р.
George O. Thompson,	'87, Sept. 15.	'01, April 16.	Truro.	Р.
Rufus B. Tobey,	'80, Nov. 30.	'81, Jan. 25.	Boston.	W. C.
Charles H. Whitney,	'71, Aug. 31.	'72, Jan. 16.	Cambridge.	W. C.
William H. Woodwell,	'73, June 12.	'89, June 11.	Hampton, Ct.	Р.

STATED MEETINGS. — Third Tuesdays in January, April, July and October. Rev. Edgar B. French, West Barnstable, *scribe*.

#### 6. ESSEX NORTH, Organized, September 6, 1761.

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Frank G. Alger,	'86, July 22.	'98, Dec. 20.	Newburyport.	P. C.
D. Frank Atherton,	'02, Feb. 5.	'02, April 15.	Georgetown.	P. C.
Franklin W. Barker,	'95, Nov. 3.	'03, April 21.	Amesbury.	P. C.
Edward F. Barrow,		'03, April 21.	Haverhill,	P.
Charles L. Charron,	'98, June 22.	'00. Oct. 16.	Haverhill.	P.
George W. Christie,	<sup>-</sup> 773, Dec. 11.	'93, Feb. 21.	Ossipee, N. H.	P.
Calvin M. Clark,	'90, Dec. 30.	'93, Dec. 19.	Haverhill.	P. C.
Charles Clark,	'94, Dec. 12.	'98, April 26.	Ward Hill.	P. C.
Charles F. Clarke,	'92, Dec. 7.	'98, April 26.	Mayville, N. D.	Р.
F. Lincoln Davis,	'93, Nov. 8.	'94, April 17.	New Bedford.	W. C.
Arthur Dechman,	'98, April 10.	'03, April 21.	Groveland.	Р.
James D. Dingwell,	'95, July 12.	'00, Dec. 18.	Amesbury.	P. C.

#### 6. Essex North (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. E	Employment.
Leonard Dodd,	'78, May 5.	'99, Oct. 17.	AtkinsonDepot	N.H.W.C.
John W. Dodge,	'60, Dec. 6.	'92, April 19	Newburyport.	W.C.
James W. Flagg,	'82, Oct. 25.	'01, Oct. 22.	Merrimac.	P. C.
David Fraser,	'95, Dec. 5.	'99, Oct. 17.	Rowley.	P. C.
George L. Gleason,	'66, Feb. 1.	'84, May 20.	Haverhill.	P. C.
Charles S. Holton,	'92, Nov. 30.	'97, Dec. 21.	Newbury.	P. C.
Charles L. Hubbard,	'68, Sept. 2.	'80, April 20.	West Boxford.	P. C.
George H. Hubbard,	'84, Sept. 10.	'02, April 15.	Haverhill.	P. C.
* Joseph Kimball,	'83, June 15.	'86, April 20.	Haverhill.	P.
John D. Kingsbury,	'56, Sept. 24.	'66, Oct. 17.	Bradford.	P. C. <i>Em</i> .
Warren F. Low,	'94, Sept. 2.	'03, Feb. 26.	Georgetown.	P. C.
John N. Lowell,	'77, Nov. 21.	'82, Feb. 21.	Haverhill.	P. C.
* Vincent Moses,	'87, Oct. 2.	'92, Dec. 20.	Natick.	P.
Manasseh G. Papazian,	'90, May 28.	'90, Oct. 21.	Aintab.	Prof.
Myron O. Patton,	'94, May 29.	'95, Dec. 17.	Newburyport.	P. C.
George H. Scott,	73, Sept. 8.	'88, Feb. 21.	Atkinson, N. I.	<i>I</i> . P.
Elmer E. Shoemaker,	'94, Feb. 27.	'01, April 16.	Wheaton, Ill.	W. C.
Egbert C. Smyth,	'56, July 23.	'67, April 19.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Everett S. Stackpole,	'82, April 30.	'01, Dec. 17.	Bradford.	P. C.
George L. Todd,	'87, April 13.	'93, April 18.	Havana, Cuba.	Teaching.
David C. Torrey,	'92, June 1.	'92, Dec. 20.	Byfield.	W. C.
Bartlett H. Weston,	'91, Oct. 1.	'03, Feb. 26.	West Newbury	. P.
James S. Williamson,	'90, May 15.	'01, Dec. 17.	Haverhill.	P. C.
Richard Wright,	'90, Nov. 4.	'01, Dec. 17.	Newburyport.	P. C.

The responsibility for ministerial standing has been transferred from the Essex North Association to the Essex North Conference, which reports the above names not starred (\*) and also Herbert E. Lombard, Byfield; and Albert F. Newton, North Leominster.

STATED MEETINGS. — Third Tuesdays in February, April, June, October and December.

Rev. David Fraser, Rowley, scribe.

#### ESSEX SOUTH AND SALEM (ESSEX SOUTH, September 3, 1717; SALEM, October 15, 1840), Organized by union, December 1, 1885.

Harry C. Adams,	'89, Oct. 22.	'98, Jan. 11.	Danvers.	P. C.
Israel Ainsworth,	'80, April 11.	'89, May 14.	Rockport.	P. C.
William P. Alcott,	'68, Feb. 18.	'81, Sept. 13.	Boxford(Linebrook	c). P. C.
Walter H. Ashley,	'78, Mar. 19.	'98, Nov. 8.	Manchester.	P.
Emery L. Bradford,			East Weymouth.	P. C.
James F. Brodie,	'82, Feb. 21.	'89, Nov. 12.	Salem.	P. C.
John W. Buckham,	'88, Aug. 9.	'91, Jan. 13.	Salem.	P. C.
Daniel E. Burtner,	'90, Sept. 25.	'98, Sept. 13.	Swampscott.	P. C.
Edwin H. Byington,	'87, May 26.	'00, Nov. 13.	Beverly.	P. C.
DeWitt S. Clark,	'68, Nov. 11.	'79, June 2.	Salem.	P. C.
Edward Constant,	'83, Aug. 30.	'92, Mar. 8.	Ipswich.	Р.
Arthur J. Covell,	'90, Oct. 21.	'98, Nov. 8.	Lynn.	P. C.

# 7. ESSEX SOUTH AND SALEM (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. En	aployment.
Daniel L. Crafts,	'76, July 19.		Stratham, N. H.	P.
Temple Cutler,	'61, Feb. 20.	'86, Sept. 26.	,	W. C.
Hugh Elder,	'68, Jan. 29.	'68, April 7.	Fowes, Scotland	
Edward C. Ewing,	'63, Nov. 5.	'83, Nov. 1.	Roxbury.	W. C.
George E. Freeman,	'58, Oct. 6.	'96, Mar. 10.	Belmont.	W. C.
Leslie C. Greeley,	'98, Dec. 20.	'99, Sept. 12.	Middleton.	P.
Willis A. Hadley,	'78, Aug. 21.	'94, May 9.	Southbridge.	P. C.
George A. Hall,	'86, April 13.	'86, Dec. 1.	Peabody.	P. C.
Owen E. Hardy,	'94, Oct. 2.	'00, Mar. 13.	West Peabody.	P.
Chauncey J. Hawkins,	'99, May 19.	'00, Sept. 11.	Spencer.	P. C.
Rufus P. Hibbard,	'68, Aug. 4.	'88, Sept. 11.	Gloucester.	P. C.
George A. Jackson,	'72, Sept. 26.	'79, Jan. 14.	Swampscott.	W. C.
John A. Johnson,	'92, Aug. 6.	'95, Mar. 12.	Lynn.	P. C.
Frederic I. Kelley,	'89, Dec. 30.	'90, Mar. 11.	Dracut.	P. C.
John C. Labaree,	'63, Feb. 4.	'96, Nov. 10.	Saugus.	Р.
Warren P. Landers,	'91, Dec. 2.	'92, Mar. 8.	Sutton.	R. P.
Edward A. Lathrop,	'95, Nov. 26.	'01, Sept. 10.	Essex.	Р.
Frank A. Lindholm,	'98, Oct. 6.	'00, Jan. 9.	Danbury, Ct.	Р.
Carl A. Lundgren,	'93, Aug. 17.	'94, May 9.	Waltham.	Р.
Albert W. Moore,	'73, Jan. 22.	'84, Mar. 11.	Lynn.	W. C.
Jesse G. Nichols,	'94, Sept. 13.	'95, Jan. 8.	Hamilton.	P. C.
George W. Osgood,	'78, Jan. 26.	'96, May 26.	Milltown, N. B.	Р.
Albert B. Peabody,	'60, May 24.	'98, Nov. 8.	East Boxford.	W. C.
Arthur H. Pingree,	'98, Nov. 16.	'99, Mar. 14.	Norwood.	P. C.
Aaron Porter,	'60, Nov. 20.	'88, Sept. 11.		W. C.
Frank H. Reed,	'86, June 24.	'86, Dec. 1.	Lanesville.	P. C.
William E. Renshaw,	'84, June 14.	'01, Nov. 12.	Lynnfield.	Р.
Charles B. Rice,	'59, Dec. 7.	'64, May 1.	Danvers.	Sec'y.
Edward F. Sanderson,	'99, June 27.	'99, Mar. 14.	Providence, R. I	
Jotham B. Sewall,	'55, Feb. 28.	'95, Mar. 12.	Boston.	W. C.
Lewis J. Thomas,	'78, June 18.	,	South Peabody.	Р.
Morris H. Turk,	'98, Sept. 22.	'00, Jan. 9.	Wenham.	Р.
Arthur N. Ward,	'79, Feb. 25.	'92, Jan. 12.	Somerville.	W. C.
T. Frank Waters,	'76, Oct. 23.	'79, Feb. 4.	Ipswich.	P. C.
Charles C. Watson,	'67, July 2,	'94, Jan. 9.	Lynn.	W. C.
Charles F. Weeden,	'87, April 4.	'02, Jan. 14.	Lynn.	P. C.
Will C. Wood,	''68, Oct. 15.	'69, Jan. 12.	Boston.	W. C.
Herbert J. Wyckoff,	,	'00, Sept. 11.		P.
Edmund M. Wylie,	701, June 20.	'01, Nov. 12.	North Beverly.	P. C.

STATED MEETINGS. — Second Tuesdays in January, March, May, September and November.

Rev. T. Frank Waters, Ipswich, scribe.

#### 8. Franklin, Organized, September 20, 1803.

William A. Bacon,	'95, Oct. 1.	'00, Feb. 13.	Springfield.	Р.
Charles E. Beals.	'94. April 8.	'01, Feb. 12.	Greenfield.	P. C.

#### 8. FRANKLIN (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. Em	ployment.
Edgar F. Blanchard,	'94, Nov. 15.	'96, Feb. 11.	East Poultney, V	Tt. P.
Edward P. Butler,	'74, Oct. 20.	'90, June 12.	Sunderland.	P. C.
Christopher W. Collier,	'94, Jan. 3.	'99, Nov. 14.	Orange.	P. C.
Charles M. Crooks,	'97, Feb. 2.	'97, Sept. 14.	Colerain.	P.
George L. Dickinson,	'76, Sept. 20.	'92, April 11.	East Northfield.	W. C.
William H. Dowden,	'63, Nov. 5.	'01, Feb. 12.	Hanover.	P.
Joseph A. Goodrich,	'96, Sept. 9.	'96, Sept. 15.	Shelburne.	P.
Edward O. Grisbrook,	'93, May 17.	'98, Nov. 8.	Poquonock, Ct.	P.
Horace F. Hallett,	'91, July 10.	'99, Nov. 14.	Ashfield.	P.
William Harris,	'76, June 10.	'00, May 8.	Warwick.	P.
Dorr A. Hudson,	'91, Sept. 9.	'94, May 8.	Miller's Falls.	P.
Eugene F. Hunt,	'84, Nov. 18.	'96, Sept. 15.	Conway.	P.
Thomas C. Kinne,	'75, June 28.	'93, Dec. 12.	Montague.	W. C.
Frank N. Merriam,	'92, Feb. 24.	'98, Sept. 13.	Turner's Falls.	P. C.
Horace E. Morrow,	'86, May 11.	'00, May 8,	$Philippine \ I.$	Teacher.
John A. Pogue,	'96, Jan. 28.	'96, May 12.	Erving.	Р.
Martin L. Richardson,	'61, Mar. 7.	'98, Nov. 8.	Montague.	W. C.
Thomas S. Robie,	'59, Oct. 25.	'99, Sept. 12.	Greenland, N. H.	. W. C.
Edward A. Robinson,	'83, July 11.	'98, Sept. 13.	Buckland.	P.
C. Ingerson Scofield,	'83, Oct. 18.	'00. May 8.	Dallas, Tex.	
Hohannes T. Torosyan,	'99, June 1.	'99, Sept. 12.	Centreville.	P.
Carey H. Watson,	'91, Dec. 30.	'93, July 5.	Greenfield.	Ρ.
Joseph Wheelwright,	'98, Aug. 29.	'01, Feb. 12.	Prescott.	Р.
Lyman Whiting,	'43, Jan. 11.	'90, May 13.	East Charlemont	. P.
Daniel B. Wyman,	'01, Nov. 7.	'01, Nov. 12.	Heath.	P.

Licentiates. — John C. Wightman, Northfield, renewed Nov. 11, 1902, for three years; Arthur L. Truesdell, Wendell, licensed Feb. 10, 1903, for one year.

STATED MEETINGS. — Annual, second Tuesday in May. Other meetings, second Tuesdays in September, November and February.

Rev. Frank N. Merriam, Turners Falls, scribe.

# 9. Hampden, Organized, February 13, 1894, by the union of Hampden West and East, which were formed June 11 and 12, 1844.

Henry L. Bailey, • William G. Ballantine.	, ,	,	Longmeadow. I Springfield. Teach	P. C.
Stephen G. Barnes,		'92, Nov. 7.	1 0	
Henry J. Bruce,	'62, Sept. 11.	'62, Nov. 11.	Satara, India. A.B.C.1	F.M.
Collins G. Burnham,	'79, Dec. 10.	'89, May 14.	Chicopee. I	P. C.
Edmund A. Burnham,	'00, Nov. 23.	'01, April 9.	Stafford Springs, Ct. I	P. C.
Hanford M. Burr,	'88, Oct. 24.	'90, May 13.	Springfield. Teac	her.
Gardner S. Butler,	'77, Jan. 7.	'99, Feb. 21.	Atlanta, Ga. Teac	her.
Luther H. Cone,	'55, April 5.	'60, Feb. 7.	New Haven, Ct. P. C.	Em.
William N. DeBerry,	'99, June 28.	'01, July 9.	Springfield.	2. C.
Vernon H. Deming,	'98, July 26.	'01, April 9.	North Wilbraham. I	P. C.
Henry A. Dickinson,	'63, Oct. 16.	'68, Feb. 11.	Huntington. W	7. C.
Myron S. Dudley,	'71, Sept. 28.	'87, Feb. 8.	Boston. W	7. C.

# 9. Hampden (Continued).

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Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
G. Walter Fiske,	'98, Oct. 25.	'99, Feb. 21.	Auburn, Me.	P.
Everett D. Francis,	'95, Nov. 20.	'97, Feb. 9.	Ludlow.	P. C.
Frank L. Garfield,	'93, Feb. 21.	'93, April 11.	Feeding Hills	. P. C.
Charles H. Gates,	'51 <b>.</b>	'03, April 14.	Wilbraham.	W.C.
Lewis F. Giroux,	'89, April 17.	'89, Nov. 12.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Frank L. Goodspeed,	'87, June 29.	'95, April 9.	Springfield.	P. C.
Edwin H. Hadlock,	'93, April 23.	'00, June 26.	Springfield.	P. C.
Newton M. Hall,	'91, July 8.	'00, Feb. 13.	Springfield.	P. C.
Fosdick B. Harrison,	'94, June 13.	'99, July 11.	Palmer.	P. C.
Franklin S. Hatch,	'76, May 7.	'89, Feb. 12.	Madras, India	a. Y.P.S.C.E.
Winfield S. Hawkes,	'68, Nov. 12.	'00, April 10.	•	W. C.
Theron H. Hawks,	'55, Mar. 5.	'88, July 10.	Springfield.	W. C.
Timothy A. Hazen,	'54, Oct. 11.	'95, Feb. 12.	Springfield.	W. C.
Martin S. Howard,	'56, Nov. 20.	'69, Feb. 2.	Wilbraham.	P. C.
David L. Kebbe,	'91, June 17.	'91, July 14.	Granville.	P.
Charles H. Kinney,	'74, April 12.		Springfield.	W. C.
Edward H. Knight,	'83, July 25.	'83, Nov. 13.	Hartford, Ct.	Teacher.
Samuel H. Lee,	'62, Sept. 17.	•	Springfield.	Pres. Coll.
John H. Lockwood,	'71, Nov. 5.	'79, Nov. 11.	Westfield.	P. C.
George W. Love,	'90, April 20.	,	West Springfi	
Samuel V. McDuffie,	'69, May 12.	'00, June 26,	Springfield.	W. C.
Harry C. McKnight,	'85, Oct. 7.	'98, July 12.	East Longme	
Thomas D. McLean,	'93, June 15.		Ludlow.	P.
Henry C. Meserve,	'94, Mar. 14.	'94, Nov. 13.	Indianapolis,	Ind. P. C.
Philip S. Moxom,	'71, Sept. 19.	'96, Feb. 11.	Springfield.	P. C.
George J. Newton,	'97, July 22.	'02, July 8.	Springfield.	P. C.
Charles Olmstead,	'83, Sept. 27.	'99, July 11.	Three Rivers.	P.
Charles Pease,	'96, Oct. 20.	'97, Nov. 9.	Long Beach, 6	Cal. W. C.
Hervey G. Pillsbury,	'82, Sept. 28.		Chicopee Fall	
D. Butler Pratt,	'89, Sept. 25.		Springfield.	P. C.
N. Miller Pratt,	'96, Nov. 15.	'02, July 8.	Monson.	P. C.
David A. Reed,	'81, June 7.	'81, June 12.	Springfield.	Pres. S.C.W.
Edward A. Reed,	'71, June 14.	'88, Feb. 14.		P. C.
Walter Rice,	'65, July 25.	'92, Nov. 7.	Agawam.	P. C.
Edwin B. Robinson,	'98, Nov. 21.	'02, July 8.	Holyoke.	P.
George G. Ross,	'02, Oct. 29.		Huntington.	P.
James B. Sargent,	'97, Sept. 15.		Lisbon, N. H.	P.
Alpheus M. Spangler,	'88, June 22.		Mittineague.	P. C.
Franklin M. Sprague,	'75, Sept. 22.	'82, May 9.	Tampa, Fla.	P.
Thomas S. St. Aubin,	'93, Oct. 1.	'98, Feb. 8.	Springfield.	P. C.
John L. R. Trask,	'67, Dec. 4.	'95, Feb. 12.	Springfield.	W. C.
Rufus S. Underwood,	'67, Nov. 19.	'98, Feb. 8.	Longmeadow.	Evan.
William S. Walker,	'91, Oct. 26.	'03, Feb. 10.	Chester.	P.
William M. Weeks,	'81, April 7.	'02, July 8.	Chester.	P.
Josiah G. Willis,	'76, Oct. 10.	'88, Nov. 13.	Holland.	P.
George W. Winch,	75, Oct. 6.	'91, Nov. 10.	Holyoke.	P. C.

#### 9. HAMPDEN (Continued).

Sumner G. Wood,	'80, Dec. 30. '02, July 8. Blandford.	P. C.
Herbert P. Woodin,	'92, June 26. '99, Feb. 21. Chicopee.	· P.
Samuel H. Woodrow,	'88, Aug. 30. '99, April 11. Springfield.	P. C.

Licentiates. - James C. Greenough, Westfield, re-licensed July 9, 1901, for four years; Benjamin P. Capshaw, Spring Valley, N. Y., licensed July 8, 1902, for two years.

STATED MEETINGS.—In Springfield, second Tuesdays in February, April, July and November.

Rev. Collins G. Burnham, Chicopee, scribe.

#### 10. Hampshire, Organized, before 1735.

	Date of	Date of	
Members.	Ordination.	Membership.	Residence. Employment.
Melvin J. Allen,	'82, Nov. 8.	'01, Feb. 12.	Worthington. P.
John Elliot Bowman,	'95, Feb. 14.	'97, June 8.	Scotland. P.
George H. Buck,	'94, July 5.	'94, Oct. 16.	Crown Point, N.Y. P.
Solomon Clark,	'41, June 13.	'61, Aug. 6.	Chicago, Ill. W. C.
Elisha G. Cobb,	'60, June 20.	'67, Feb. 5.	Northampton. P. C. Em.
John Cowan,	'75, May 25.	'98, Feb. 8.	Southampton. P.
Henry L. Edwards,	'57, July 12.	'85, Feb. 17.	Northampton. W. C.
Charles H. Hamlin,	'76, Sept. 19.	'85, Oct. 27.	Easthampton. P. C.
Calvin Keyser,	'75, Dec. 28.	'99, Feb. 21.	Goshen. P. C.
Gerald Stanley Lee,	'88, Oct. 23.	'02, Dec. 16.	Northampton. W. C.
Sanford S. Martyn,	'68, April 29.	'02, June 3.	Haydenville. P.
Wm. J. Parmelee, M. D.,	'84, Feb. 26.	'92, Feb. 2.	Worthington. W. C.
John Pierpont,	'88, July 26.	'98, June 7.	Williamsburg. P. C.
Harvey Porter,	'80, Aug. 3.	'80, June 1.	Beirut, Syria. Prof. Coll.
W. Stanley Post,	'93, Dec. 12.	'01, June 4.	Westhampton. P.
Lewis T. Reed,	'99, Aug. 23.	'00, Dec. 11.	Canandaigua, N. Y. P. C.
Henry T. Rose,	'70, May 29.	'95, Feb. 5.	Northampton. P. C.
Joseph H. Sawyer,	'88, Sept. 3.	'80, June 1.	Easthampton. Prof.
L. Clark Seelye,	'63, Jan. 20.	'75, Feb. 2.	Northampton. Pres. Coll.
Henry P. Smith,	'75, June 8.	'99, Feb. 21.	Amherst. P.
Hanson E. Thygeson,	'87, Nov. 2.	'95, Oct. 29.	Chesterfield. P.
Henry M. Tyler,	'72, May 6.	'84, Feb. 12.	Northampton. Prof.
George N. Webber,	'55, Dec. 5.	'90, Oct. 28.	Northampton. W. C.
Irving F. Wood,	'94, Mar. 6.	'96, June 2.	Northampton. Prof. Coll.
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STATED MEETINGS. - Second Tuesday in February, first Tuesday of June, fourth Tuesday of September, and second Tuesday of December. Rev. Elisha G. Cobb, Northampton, scribe.

#### 11. Hampshire East, Organized, November 16, 1841.

Robert C. Bell,	'69, Nov. 3.	'92, Dec. 6.	Granby.	P.
Daniel Bliss,	'55, Oct. 31.	'74, Sept. 22.	Beirut, Syria.	Pres. Coll.
Edward P. Crowell,	Licentiate.	'65, Sept. 19.	Amherst.	Prof.
William E. Dickinson,	'60, Dec. 19.	'97, Feb. 3.	Amherst.	W. C.
Levi H. Elwell,	Licentiate.	'80, Dec. 2.	Amherst.	Prof.
Henry Fairbank,	'86, May 27.	'85, May 26.	Ahmednagar, 1	India. F. M.
George E. Fisher.	'50, Feb. 27.	'67. Dec. 17.	North Ambers	t. W. C.

#### 11. Hampshire East (Continued).

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Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. En	mployment.
Eber W. Gaylord,	'73, May 13.	'90, Dec. 2.	Plainfield.	P. C.
John F. Gleason,	'73, Jan. 7.	'95, May 28.	South Amherst.	P.
Edwin A. Grosvenor,	'72, July 30.	'96, Feb. 4.	Amherst.	Prof. Coll.
William D. Herrick,	'60, Jan- 18.	'84, Sept. 16.	Amherst.	W. C.
Edward E. Keedy,	'94, Oct. 16.	'94, Dec. 4.	Hadley.	W. C.
John W. Lane,	'60, Oct. 16.	'61, Jan. 9.	North Hadley.	P. C.
John P. Manwell,	'96, Sept. 9.	'02, Dec. 2.	North Amherst.	P.
Henry R. McCartney,	'87, June 25.	'98, Dec. 6.	W.Stewartstown	, N. H. P.
Arthur B. Patten,	'94, Feb. 1.	'97, Dec. 7.	South Hadley.	P. C.
Lawrence Perry,	'94, May 10.	'96, May 26.	Worcester. Past	or's Ass't.
Richard Scoles,	'80, April 21.	'00, May 29.	Leverett.	P.
William E. Strong,	'85, July 15.	'01, Dec. 3.	Amherst.	P. C.
Charles S. Walker,	'71, Aug. 1.	'81, Sept. 20.	Amherst. Prof. i	n Ag.Coll.
Robert M. Woods,	'77, Nov. 21.	'77, Dec. 4.	Hatfield.	P. C.

Licentiates. — Edward P. Crowell, Amherst, re-licensed Sept. 17, 1901; William L. Montague, Amherst, re-licensed Feb. 3, 1903; Levi H. Elwell, Amherst, re-licensed Dec. 4, 1900. Term of licensure is four years.

STATED MEETINGS. —First Tuesdays in February, June and December, and third Tuesday of September.

Rev. George E. Fisher, North Amherst, scribe.

#### 12. Mendon, Organized, November 8, 1751.

John F. Crosby,	'92, Mar. 30.	'94, Dec. 4.	Dover, N. H.	W. C.
Robert W. Drawbridge,	'97, Oct. 5.	'00, Nov. 21.	Medway.	P. C.
Nathan T. Dyer,	'78, July 31.	'90, Dec. 9.	Ashburnham.	P.
Edward Evans,	'75, Sept. 1.	'01, Sept. 30.	Foxboro.	P.
Rufus K. Harlow,	'68, Oct. 15.	'72, June 11.	Medway.	P. C. <i>Em</i> .
George R. Hewitt,	'86, June 4.	'C3, Feb. 11.	West Medway.	P.
Edward C. Hood,	'74, May 8.	'96, Dec. 1.	Wellesley Hills	w. C.
Franklin C. Jones,	'63, Feb. 4.`	'96, April 7.	Norfolk.	W. C.
John L. Keedy,	'94, Aug. 28.	'01, April 2.	Walpole.	P. C.
William M. Macnair,	'01, Oct. 4.	'01, Nov. 19.	Mansfield.	P. C.
Francis J. Marsh,	'76, Mar. 26.	'82, Mar. 14.	Boston.	Secretary.
William J. Minchin,	'96, June 10.	'99, Oct. 10.	Wrentham.	P.
Edson J. Moore,	'61, April 1.	'86, Sept. 21.	Norfolk.	Р.
Leroy M. Pierce,	'70, Feb. 4.	'98, April 5.	Medfield.	Р.
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William L. Ropes,	'53, Sept. 14.	195, Oct. 11.	Andover.	Librarian.
Isaiah W. Sneath,		'99, April 19.		P. C.
1 ,	'84, Feb. 27.	*	Franklin.	
Isaiah W. Sneath,	'84, Feb. 27. '71, June 10.	'99, April 19.	Franklin. Milford.	P. C.
Isaiah W. Sneath, Franke A. Warfield,	'84, Feb. 27. '71, June 10. '88, July 3.	'99, April 19. '02, Oct. 7. '94, Mar. 13.	Franklin. Milford.	P. C. P. P.

STATED MEETINGS. — First Tuesdays in February, April, October and December.

Rev. Isaiah W. Sneath, Franklin, scribe.

#### 13. MIDDLESEX SOUTH, Organized, June 7, 1830.

Memberst	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. Employment	t.
David F Adams	'60, Dec. 5.	'86, Dec. 7.	Wellesley Hills. W. C	,
Daniel E. Adams, George M. Adams,	'51, Sept. 18.	,	Auburndale. W. C	
Arthur J. Benedict,	75, May 25.	'01, Dec. 3.	South Natick. P	
	'93, June 20.		Lincoln. P. C	
Edward E. Bradley,				
Merle A. Breed,	293, Nov. 21.	'97, May 4.	Weymouth. W. C. Westboro. W. C.	
S. Ingersoll Briant,	'68, April 22.	*		
Charles S. Brooks,	'69, Sept. 15.	,	Wellesley. W. C	
Edward H. Chandler,	'92, Nov. 9.	'97, Sept. 21.		
Daniel W. Clark,	'82, June 22.	,	Ashland. W. C	
Frederick M. Cutler,	'98, June 8.	'01, Dec. 3.	Ashland. P	
Edmund Dowse,	'38, Oct. 10.	'39, Feb. 5.	Sherborn. P. C	
Horace Dutton,	'68, Jan. 21.	, -	Auburndale. W. C	
Lucius R. Eastman,	'62, May 1.	'71, Dec. 2.	Framingham. P. C.	
Frederick E. Emrich,	'75, Sept. 16.		South Framingham. P. C.	
Prescott Fay,	'56, Feb. 27.	'96, Feb. 4.	Saxonville. W. C	
Lincoln B. Goodrich,	'93, June 29.	'97, Sept. 21.		
Robert F. Gordon,	'76, May 12.	'90, Feb. 4.	Boston. P	
Thomas C. Jackson,	'82, Aug.	'95, Sept. 17.	Ironton, O. P. C.	١.
James B. King,	'84, July.	'99, Sept. 19.	Hopkinton. P. C	1.
George W. Lawrence,	'88, Feb. 14.	'99, Sept. 19.	Willsboro, N. Y. P	١.
William E. Locke,	'68, Mar. 15.	'00, Dec. 4.	Wellesley. W. C	١.
Martin F. Mevis,	'93, Sept. 18.	'94, May 1.	Southboro. P	۲.
Francis N. Peloubet,	'57, Dec. 2.	'72, Feb. 6.	Auburndale. Editor	٠.
William G. Puddefoot,	'88, Jan. 29.	'98, Dec. 6.	So. Framingham. Sec'y	
Almon J. Rackliffe,	'82, June 11.	'00, Sept. 18.		١.
Arden M. Rockwood,	'99, Sept. 5.	'02, Sept. 16.	Wayland. P	٠.
Clarence W. Rouse,	'90, Dec. 4.	'95, Dec. 3.	South Sudbury. P. C.	١.
William W. Sleeper,	'82, Aug. 31.	'02, Dec. 2.	Wellesley. P. C	1.
Albert D. Smith,	'88, Oct. 4.	'97, Feb. 2.	Northboro. P. C	١.
Frederic E. Sturgis,	'68, Oct. 1.	'86, May 6.	Natick. P. C	١.
Arthur Titcomb,	'88, Oct. 31.	'00, Feb. 6.	Saxonville. P	
William H. Tower,	'97, May 19.	'03, Feb. 3.	South Framingham. P	
Nicholas Van der Pyl,	'93, Sept. 13.		Holliston. P. C	١.
John J. Walker,	'94, Dec. 11.	'02, Feb. 4.	Westboro. P. C	
Benjamin C. Wood,	'94, July.	'97, May 2.	Rochester, N. Y. W. C.	
Webster Woodbury,	'68, Sept. 29.	, ,	South Framingham. W. C	
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STATED MEETINGS.—First Tuesdays in February, May and December third Tuesday in September.

Rev. Daniel E. Adams, Wellesley Hills, scribe.

#### 14. MIDDLESEX UNION, Organized, January, 1827.

Herbert W. Boyd,	'86, Nov. 5.	'98, Nov. 15.	Ashby.	P. C.
Walter W. Campbell,	'90, Nov. 12.	'90, Nov. 18.	Concord.	W. C.
William O. Conrad,	'90, June 8.	'98, May 24.	Fitchburg.	P. C.
Bernard Copping,	'79, Sept. 3.	'96, Nov. 17.	Scotland.	Р.
A. Frederic Dunnels.	'84 Oct. 2	201 Jan 15	Fitchhurg	P. C.

# 14. MIDDLESEX UNION (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. Er	nployment.
Amelia A. Frost,	'94, Feb. 14.	'94, Nov. 20.		W. C.
Henry H. Gay,	'89, April 16.	'92, Mar. 15.	Groton.	W. C.
Andrew Groop,	'91, July 2.	'02, Sept. 22.	Fitchburg.	P.
Edward L. Gulick,	'89, Dec. 3.	'91, Sept. 15.	Lawrenceville, 1	V. J. Tea.
John C. Handy,	'96, April 7.	'00, June 21.	Pittsfield, Ill.	P.
H. Linwood Hartwell,	'95, Aug. 28.	'99, Nov. 21.	Dunstable.	P.
Charles E. Havens,	'81, Sept. 15.	'02, Mar. 18.	Littleton.	P. C.
Henry M. Holmes,	'65, May 10.	'79, Jan. 7.	Provincetown.	W. C.
George M. Howe,	'74, July 8.	'02, Mar. 18.	Groton.	P. C.
Alfred S. Hudson,	'67, Dec. 19.	'84, Dec. 30.	Ayer.	P.
John E. B. Jewett,	'51, Sept. 10.	'61, May 7.	Pepperell.	W. C.
Fritz W. Martini,	'97, May 14.	'00, Nov. 20.	Fitchburg.	P. C.
William C. Martyn,	'98, Nov. 29.	'99, Mar. 21.	West Acton.	P. C.
John L. Merrill,	'60, Oct. 31.	'02, Nov. 18.	Fitchburg.	W. C.
-Jason G. Miller,	'99, Sept. 12.	'99, Sept. 19.	Harvard.	P. C.
Joel D. Miller,	'66, April.	'71, July, 5.	Leominster.	Editor.
Frank E. Mills,	'78, Nov. 13.	'98, Mar. 15.	Pepperell.	W. C.
Albert F. Newton,	'77, Sept. 5.	'02, Mar. 18.	North Leomins	
Horace Parker,	'61, May 31.	'64, Mar. 1.	West Tisbury.	W. C.
Elijah H. Roper,	'97, Oct. 27.	'98, Jan. 17.	St. John, N. B.	Miss'y.
Charles H. Rowley,	'81, Feb. 23.	'86, Mar. 2.	Harwich.	Р.
Edward G. Smith,	'71, April 13.	'02, Mar. 18.	South Acton.	P.
Wayland Spaulding,	'84, May 21.	'03, Jan. 20.	Ayer.	P.
George A. Tewksbury,	'63, Dec. 21.	'95, Sept. 17.	Concord.	P.
Nathan Thompson,	'65, Sept. 13.	'77, Sept. 4.	Laurel, Md.	W. C.
Ole O. Thorpe,	'94, Mar. 1.	'96, Jan. 21.	Concord.	W. C.
J. Brainerd Thrall,	78, Dec. 8.	'98, Sept. 20.	Pepperell.	Р.
Joseph Torrey,	'60, May 30.	'94, Jan. 16.	Shirley.	Р.
David Wallace,	'94, Aug. 22.	'97, Sept. 21.	Marlboro, N. H	
Charles H. Washburn,	'85, Dec. 2.	'99, Nov. 21.		P. C.
Benjamin A. Willmott,	'96, July 1.	'01, Jan. 15.	Townsend.	P.
Franklin P. Wood,	'71, July 24.	73, May 6.	Acton.	W. C.

 $_{\mbox{\scriptsize STATED}}$  Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in January, March, May, September and November.

Rev. William J. Batt, Concord Junction, scribe and treasurer.

# 15. Norfolk, Organized, May 11, 1811.

Fred. H. Allen,	'74, April 26.	'02, April 15.	Somerville.	W. C.
Henry Clay Alvord,	'79, Sept. 10.	'87, Feb. 15.	South Weymouth.	P. C.
Edward Anderson,	'58, Oct. 13.	'98, Dec. 20.	Quincy.	Р.
Andrew W. Archibald,	'76, Aug. 24.	'91, June 15.	Brockton.	P. C.
Lewis P. Atwood,	'55, April 12.	'02, Oct. 28.	South Weymouth.	W. C.
Leon H. Austin,	'01, Oct. 23.	'02, April 15.	Quincy.	P. C.
George Benedict,	'83, Oct. 9.	'98, Dec. 20.	North Abington.	Р.
Henry E. Bray,	'89, Jan. 30.	'99, Dec. 19.	Stoughton.	Р.
Frederick W. Burrows,	'90.	'02, Oct. 28.	Braintree.	Rec. P.

#### 15. Norfolk (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. Emp	loyment.
Frank E. Butler,	'87, June 22.		South Weymouth.	W. C.
Edward C. Camp,	'94, Oct. 10.	'99, April 18.	Whitman.	P. C.
William W. Dornan,	'94, Nov. 20.	'02, April 15.	Holbrook.	P.
Almon J. Dyer,	'86, June 4.	'98, Feb. 15.	Sharon.	P. C.
Augustus H. Fuller,	'78, Oct. 17.		Easton Centre.	P.
DeMont Goodyear,	'00, Jan. 31.	'00, April 17.	Abington.	P. C.
Edwin N. Hardy,	'90, Nov. 6.	'95, Dec. 17.	Quincy.	P. C.
Elijah Harmon,	'67, Oct. 18.	'02, April 15.	South Braintree.	W. C.
Ralph J. Haughton,	'91, Nov. 24.	'02, Dec. 16.	Weymouth.	P.
Karl F. Henrikson,	'96, Oct. 1.	'01, April 16.	Quincy.	Р.
Calvin G. Hill,	'72, Sept. 5.	'84, June 10.	Milton.	W. C.
Charles A. Hilton,	'71, June 9.	'94, Feb. 20.	Randolph.	P. C.
Alan Hudson,	'92, Dec. 28.	'93, April 18.	Brockton.	P. C.
E. L. Hunt,				
Henry S. Huntington,	'66, Jan. 31.	'91, Oct. 17.	Milton.	P.
Robert R. Kendall,	'78, Jan. 30.	'92, Dec. 20.	Winter Park, Fla.	Prof.
Joseph Kyte,	'62, Sept. 25.	'96, Feb. 18.	South Braintree.	W. C.
James Lade,	'85, June 6.	'03, Apr. 28.	Bridgewater.	W. C.
John M. Lord,	'51, Dec. 21.	'93, Dec. 19.	Weymouth.	W. C.
Charles W. Merriam,	'01, June 25.	'02, April 15.	Cohasset.	P. C.
William S. A. Miller,	'96, June 25.	'01, Dec. 17.	East Braintree.	P.
Samuel Morrison,	'65, Oct. 24.	'90, Oct. 28.	Braintree.	W. C.
Andrew H. Mulnix,	'98, Feb. 3.	'99, Oct. 31.	Brighton.	P.
Edward Norton,	'64, Dec. 28.	'75, Jan. 26.	Quincy.	P. $Em$ .
Frank H. Palmer,	'80, Sept. 28.	'86, April 20.	Braintree.	W. C.
Frank Park,	'95, July 16.	'99, April 18.	Beechwood.	Р.
'Albert F. Pierce,	'77, Sept. 3.	'99, April 18.	Campello.	P. C.
Charles E. Stowe,	'78, Feb. 28.	'03, Apr. 28.	Bridgewater.	P. C.
Arthur Truslow,	'96, Sept. 30.	'99, Oct. 31.	Greenp't, N.Y. Y.	M. C. A.
Thomas H. Vincent,	'89, Feb. 6.	'97, Dec. 28.	North Weymouth.	Ρ.
Edgar C. Wheeler,	'96, Sept. 22.	'02, Dec. 16.		P.
Isaac C. White,	'50, Oct. 23.	'90, June 10.	Plymouth.	W. C.
Granville Yager,	'76, June 20.	'98, Dec. 20.	Rindge, N. H.	P.

STATED MEETINGS. — Last Tuesday in October, third Tuesdays in December, February and April, and second Tuesday in June.

Rev. Almon J. Dyer, Sharon, scribe and treasurer.

#### 16. OLD COLONY, Organized, August 18, 1810.

Harry L. Brickett,	'83, May 23.	'96, Feb. 12.	Marion.	P. C.
George P. Byington,	'68, Mar. 11.	'00, Feb. 14.	Westport.	P.
William Carruthers,	'58, June 16.	'92, Feb. 10.	Fairhaven	C. M.
Wendell P. Elkins,	'94, Oct. 18.	'01, Nov. 20.	Bath, $N.H.$	P.
John Graham,	'90, Jan. 17.	'90, Feb. 12.	West Newbury.	Ρ.
Henry M. Grant,	'63, Nov. 17.	, '79, Oct. 22.	Eau Claire, Wis.	W. C.
Charles F. Hersey,	'93, Jan. 25.	'94, Nov. 14.	New Bedford.	W. C.
Robert Humphrey,	'83, July 17.	'97, Feb. 10.	Mattapoisett.	P

#### 16. OLD COLONY (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Matthew C. Julien,	'72, Dec. 11.	'78, July 30.	New Bedford.	P. U.
Frederic B. Lyman,	'00, Oct. 9.	'02, Feb. 12.	Fairhaven.	P.
John A. MacColl,	'83, Jan. 31.	'90, Feb. 12.	New Bedford.	P. C.
Benjamin W. Pennock,	'88, June 27.	'00, May 9.	New Bedford.	W. C
Robert L. Rae,	'89, Oct. 14.	'90, Feb. 12.	Brockton.	P. C.
Caleb L. Rotch,	'79, Oct. 9.	'00, May 9.	North Rochest	er. P.
George W. Stearns,	'83, Aug. 1.	'95, Nov. 13.	Middleboro.	Р.
Charles L. Woodworth,	'89, Dec. 17.	'03, Feb. 11.	Edgartown.	P.

STATED MEETINGS. - Second Wednesdays in February, May and November.

Rev. Frederic B. Lyman, Fairhaven, scribe.

#### 17. PLYMOUTH, Organized, May 18, 1858.

Haig Adadourian,	'97, Nov. 3.	'97, Nov. 16.	Manomet.	P.
Ernest M. Bartlett,	'97, Oct. 19.	'00, Sept. 25.	Kingston.	P.
Charles S. Bates,	'90, June 6.	'97, Nov. 16.	West Granville.	P.
John W. Brownville,	'73, Dec. 18.	'85, Nov. 17.	Waquoit.	P.
Austin S. Chase,	'76, Dec. 14.	'93, May 8.	East Hartford, Ct.	W. C.
Alfred DeBarritt,	'95, May 31.	'97, Nov. 16.	Cienfuegos, Cuba.	Ρ.
Fenton E. Frazee,	'97, May 12.	'02, Jan. 5.	Plympton.	P.
Jesse H. Jones,	'61, May 19.	'99, March 7	Halifax.	Ρ.
Adoniram J. Leach,	'89, April 7.	'01, May 28.	Acton.	W. C.
Burton A. Lucas,	'97, Sept. 15.	'02, Mar. 18.	Marshfield.	P.
Frederic W. Manning,	'91, Dec. 31.	'92, Aug. 16.	Nantucket.	P.
Henry B. Mason,	'92, June 28.	'00, Nov. 20.	Duxbury.	Ρ.
Francis Moon,	'80, July 2.	'89, Nov. 19.	Chiltonville.	W. C.
Frederick B. Noyes,	'90, Oct. 28.	'00, Sept. 25.	Plymouth.	Р.
Roland D. Sawyer,	'00, Mar. 13.	'02, Mar. 18.	Hanson.	Ρ.
Oscar F. Stetson,	'02, May 14.	'01, May 28.	North Carver.	Ρ.
John Wild,	'92, April 20.	'92, Aug. 16.	Hanover.	Ρ.
George W. Wright,	'77, Dec. 5.	'93, Nov. 21.	Boston.	W. C.
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Licentiate. — James I. Thomas, Halifax, license renewed on May 8, 1893, without limit of time.

STATED MEETINGS.—Third Tuesdays in March, May, October and December.

Rev. Haig Adadourian, Manomet, scribe and treasurer.

#### 18. Suffolk North, Organized, July 2, 1822.

Asher Anderson,	'73, July 15.	'02, Nov. 25.	Cambridge.	Sec'y Nat'l C.
Milan C. Ayres,	'74, May 30.	'85, Feb. 15.	Roxbury.	Editor.
Reuben A. Beard,	'79, Sept. 10.	'98, Jan. 25.	Cambridge.	Sec'y
Joseph P. Bixby,	'62, April 30.	'79, Sept. 16.	Revere.	Prin.
Howard A. Bridgman,	'90, Nov. 19.	'87, Dec. 13.	Brookline.	Editor.
G. Wolcott Brooks,	'77, Oct. 10.	'85, April 21.	Dorchester.	P.
Samuel C. Bushnell,	'79, June 4.	'90, May 28.	Arlington.	P. C.

# 18. Suffolk North (Continued).

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Members.	Date of Ordination	Date of Membership.	Residence. Em	ployment.
Samuel M. Cathcart,	'96. Dec. 1.	'97, May 25.	Middleboro.	P. C.
C. F. Hill Crathern,	'86, Sept. 1.	'93, Dec. 6.	Braintree.	Р.
George Darling,	'50, July 12.	'93, June 7.	Cambridge.	W. C.
William C. Detling,	'97, Mar. 3.	'95, Oct. 30.	Ashburnham.	W. C.
M. Angelo Dougherty,	'69, June 15.		Cambridge.	W. C.
Walter S. Eaton,	'91, April 26.		Revere.	P. C.
Robert E. Ely,	'90, Dec. 11.	'88, Nov. 20.	New York, N. Y.	Sec'y.
Daniel Evans,	'91, May 26.	'00, Jan. 30.	North Cambridge	
Oren D. Fisher,	'75, Sept. 28.	'99, May 31.		P.
William B. Forbush,			Wolfeboro, N. H.	
James J. Goodacre,	'92, Feb. 17.		Charlestown.	P. C.
	'97, Feb. 24.	'02, Jan. 28.	Winthrop.	P. C.
George H. Gutterson,	'78, Dec. 3.		Winchester. Sec'	
Samuel E. Herrick,	'63, Oct. 13.	'65, Feb. 21.	Boston.	P. C.
John V. Hilton,	'60, July.	'77, Dec. 18.	Boulder, Colo.	W. C.
Elijah Horr,		'97, Nov. 30.		Р.
Ross C. Houghton,		'95, June 10.		P. C.
Frank H. Kasson,		'83, Sept. 18.		Editor.
Horace H. Leavitt,	73, June 19.		Somerville.	P. C.
Duncan MacDermid,	'86, Oct. 28.	'93, Feb. 8.	Boston.	W. C.
Robert A. MacFadden,		'98, Sept. 27.		F. C.
Alexander McKenzie,	'61, Aug. 28.	'67, April 16.	Cambridge.	P. C.
Peter MacQueen,	'91, May 8.	'93, Oct. 4.	Charlestown.	P.
Edward C. Moore,	'8 <del>1</del> —	'03, May 26.	Cambridge.	Prof.
George F. Moore,	'78, Feb. 2.	'03, May 26.	Cambridge.	Prof.
William J. Murray,	'79, April 28.	'00, Mar. 27.	Boston.	W. C.
Sylvester S. Nickerson,	'76, Dec. 26.	'89, Sept. 25.	Boston.	P. C.
Charles L. Noyes,	'81, Mar. 29.	'83, Feb. 20.	Somerville.	P. C.
Leonard S. Parker,	'38, Dec. 16.	'87, Feb. 8.	North Cambridge	. W. C.
Charles H. Percival.	'84, Oct. 14.	'02, Jan. 28.	Malden.	P.
Lawrence Phelps,	'78, Sept. 5.	'92, April 5.	Leominster.	Ρ.
Eddy T. Pitts,	'82, Feb. 8.	'00, Nov. 27.	Fryeburg, Me.	P.
Charles H. Pope,	'65, July 27.	'97, Mar. 30.		W. C.
Edward K. Rawson,	'72, Oct. 9.		Annapolis, Md. C	
James H. Ropes,		'01, Nov. 26.	- '	Prof.
James H. Ross,	'78, Feb. 22.	'88, Nov. 20.		W. C.
William H. Spence,	'94, Nov. 19.	'02, Sept. 30.		P. C.
Alfred E. Stembridge,	'92, Mar. 28.	'98, Sept. 27.	0	W. C.
William I. Sweet,	'87, April 19.		Everett.	P.
Charles H. Talmage,	'82, Sept. 18.		Taunton.	P.
John G. Taylor,	73, Jan. 9.	'00, Jan. 30.	Arlington Height	
Edward Sampson Tead,	'78, Sept. 17.		Somerville. Sec's	
Edward P. Tenney,	'58, Oct. 19.		North Cambridge	
C. A. G. Thurston,	777, Oct. 17.	'00, Mar. 27.	Somerville. Evan	
Charles F. Thwing,	77, Oct. 17.	779, Dec. 16.	Cleveland, O. Pre	
W. Sherman Thompson,				
Robert W. Wallace,	'91, Oct. 14.	'01, Nov. 26.	East Somerville.	P. C.
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#### 18. Suffolk North (Continued)

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. I	Employment.
George Washburn,	'63, July 29.	'78, Oct. 13.	Constantinople.	Pres.Coll.
George Y. Washburn,	'82, April 26.	'00, Jan. 30.	Everett.	Р.
Charles H. Williams,	'99, Oct. 19.	'00, Jan. 30.	Cambridge.	P. C.
Albert E. Winship,	'75, Mar. 17.	'76, June 13.	Somerville.	Editor.
Edward C. Winslow,	'81, Nov. 2.	'01, Oct. 8.	Brookline.	*Agent.
Richard G. Woodbridge,	'81, April 6.	'03, Mar. 31.	Somerville.	P. C.
James C. Young,	'91, Aug. 25.	'97, Nov. 30.	East Boston.	P. C.

Licentiate. — James A. Richards, Union Theological Seminary, licensed Jan. 27, 1903, for three years.

 ${\tt STATED\ MEETINGS.-Last\ Tuesdays}$  in January, March, May, September and November.

Rev. John G. Taylor, Arlington Heights, scribe.

# 19. Suffolk South, Organized, January 27, 1829.

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William H. Allbright,	'79, June 6.	'91, Mar. 11.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Charles H. Beale,	'80, April 5.	'95, Jan. 16.	Roxbury.	P. C.
William T. Beale,	'82, June 7.	'99, May 10.	Dorchester.	Ρ.
Warren F. Bickford,	'76, June 20.	'92, May 11.	Islington.	P.
George M. Boynton,	'63, Oct. 28.	'80, Nov. 10.	Newton Centre.	Sec'y.
Samuel A. Brown,	'00, Dec. 27.	'01, Mar. 13.	Boston.	P. C.
Seelye Bryant,	'90, Oct. 1.	'00, Mar. 14.	Middlefield.	P. C.
William R. Campbell,	'81, Oct. 12.	'81, Nov. 9.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Edward A. Chase,	'84, May 28.	'00, Jan. 24.	Wollaston.	P. C.
Francis E. Clark,	'76, Oct. 19.	'84, Jan. 16.	Auburndale. Y. P	P. S. C. E.
Alfred E. Colton,	'84, May 28.	'99, Nov. 8.	Dorchester.	Sec'y.
Perley B. Davis,	'62, Jan. 29.	'63, July 7.	West Roxbury.	W. C.
Morton Dexter,	'73, April 30.	'84, Mar. 12.	Boston.	Editor.
Charles A. Dickinson,	'79, Sept. 27.	'99, Nov. 8.	Sacramento, Cal.	Р.
Charles A. Dinsmore,	'85, July 20.	'96, Mar. 18.	South Boston.	P. C.
Albert E. Dunning,	'70, Sept. 29.	'71, Jan. 2.	Brookline.	Editor.
Nathaniel H. Egleston,	'45. Feb. 19.	'02, Sept. 17.	Jamaica Plain.	W. C.
Solomon P. Fay,	'49, Sept. 6.	'82, Mar. 8.	Dorchester.	W. C.
George H. Flint,	'94, Oct. 22.	'96, Jan. 15.	Dorchester.	Р.
William Gallagher,	'74, Dec. 1.	'98, Jan. 12.	South Braintree.	Prin.
Richard B. Grover,	'81, Oct. 4.	'92, May 11.	Cambridgeport.	Р.
Benj. F. Hamilton, _	'65, June 28.	'72, Mar. 12.	Roxbury.	W. C.
John A. Hamilton,	'61, Jan. 29.	'85, May 13.	Sharon.	W. C.
Henry O. Hannum,	'96, Sept. 16.	'00, Mar. 14.	Boston.	Asst. P.
Henry N. Hoyt,	'76, May 22.	'98, May 11.	Hyde Park.	P. C.
Albion H. Johnson,	'65, Oct. 13.	'83, May 9.	Dover.	Р.
John L. Kilbon,	'89, June 28.	'92, Sept. 14.	Springfield.	P. C.
Frederick T. Knight,	'97, Oct. 5.	'97, Nov. 10.	N. Stamford, Ct.	P. C.
Arthur Little,	'63, Mar. 16.	'89, Sept. 18.	Dorchester.	P. C.
Achilles L. Loder,	'77, May 8.	'91, Nov. 5.	Thetford, Vt.	P.

<sup>\*</sup> New England Home for Little Wanderers.

#### 19. Suffolk South (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. E	mployment.
Samuel L. Loomis,	'80, Oct. 14.	'97, Sept. 29.	Jamaica Plain.	P. C.
Charles D. Lothrop,	'54, Dec. 14.	'93, Mar. 15.	Dorchester.	W. C.
Henry G. Megathlin,	'96, Dec. 18.	'02, Sept. 17.	Wollaston.	P.
Ellis Mendell,	'79, June 4.	'80, May 12.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Frank W. Merrick,	'91, Oct. 12.	'91, Nov. 5.	Roslindale.	P. C.
Charles L. Morgan,	'76, Mar. 15.	'95, Jan. 16.	Jamaica Plain.	P. C.
Edwin L. Noble,	'96, May 18.	'01, Mar. 13.	Newton Centre	. W. C.
Cyrus P. Osborne,	'65, Nov. 2.	'00, Jan. 24.	Cambridge.	Sec'y.
Arthur H. Pingree,	'98, Nov. 16.	'02, Nov. 12,	Norwood,	P. C.
Albert H. Plumb,	'58, Nov. 10.	'85, Jan. 14.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Arthur P. Pratt,	'01, Mar. 13.	'01, May 8.	Chelsea.	P.
Winfred C. Rhoades,	'99, May 17.	'00, Sept. 19.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Edward H. Rudd,	'87, Oct. 25.	'01, Sept. 18.	Dedham.	P. C.
Arsene B. Schmarvonian	, '99, June —	'02, May 14.	Clarendon Hills	P.
Joseph B. Seabury,	'75, Sept. 8.	'85, May 13.	Wellesley Hills	W. C.
Judson Smith,	'66, Oct. 17.	'85, Mar. 11.	Roxbury. A.	B. C. F. M.
Everard W. Snow,	'01, Nov. 21.	'03, Jan. 21.	Roxbury.	Asst. P.
George F. Stanton,	'66, June 6.	'90, Jan. 15.	Boston.	W. C.
Herbert W. Stebbins,	'83, Aug. 28.	'97, Sept. 29.	Boston.	W. C.
J. Spencer Voorhees,	'84, July 9.	'00, Mar. 14.	Roslindale.	P. C.
Eugene C. Webster,	'90, May 28.	'94, Sept. 19.	Jamaica Plain.	Sec'y.
John H. Whitaker,	'93, Dec. 19.	'98, May 11.	Atlantic.	P.
Cyrus L. D. Younkin,	'93, April 8.	'92, Mar. 9.	Boston.	$\mathbf{M}$ .
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STATED MEETINGS.—Second Wednesdays in January, March, May, September and November.

Rev. Henry O. Hannum, 142 Hemenway St., Boston, scribe and treasurer.

# 20. Suffolk West, Organized, January 8, 1867.

Herbert M. Allen,	'93, June 8.	'03, Feb. 11.	Auburndale.	A.B.C.F.M.
Orson P. Allen,	'55, Sept. 26.	'01, Oct. 23.	Auburndale.	W. C.
James L. Barton,	'85, June 29.	'97, Feb. 8.	Newton Cen.	A.B.C.F.M.
Erastus Blakeslee,	'80, Feb. 17.	'94, Feb. 12.	Brookline.	W. C.
George H. Cate,	'79, April 2.	'94, June 11.	Boston.	Sec'y.
Edward L. Clark,	'61, Aug. 8.	'93, April 11.	Boston.	P. C.
William H. Cobb,	'72, April 18.	'88, June 11.	Newton Cen.	Cong. Lib.
Allen E. Cross,	'92, Dec. 29.	'02, June 11.	Brookline.	Asso. P.
Calvin Cutler,	'62, Mar. 12.	'68, Feb. 4.	Auburndale.	P. C. <i>Em</i> .
Charles H. Daniels,	'73, Nov. 20.	'95, Feb. 25.	Newton. Sec.	A.B.C.F.M.
Ozora S. Davis,	'96, Sept. 14.	'00, Oct. 16.	Newtonville.	P. C.
William H. Davis,	'77, July 5.	'96, Oct. 12.	Newton.	P. C.
Samuel W. Dike,	'69, Feb. 8.	'87, Oct. 11.	Auburndale.S	ec.N.D.R.L.
Frank P. Estabrook,	'93, Feb. 7.	'02, April 9.	Needham.	P.
Parris T. Farwell,	'83, Oct. 23.	'95, Dec. 9.	Wellesley Hil	ls. P. C.
Addison P. Foster,	'66, Oct. 3.	'01, Oct. 23.	Auburndale.S	ec'yA.S.S.U.
Bradford M. Fullerton,	'68, Feb. 12.	'81, Dec. 18.	Brockton.	W. C.
George P. Gilman,	'72, Aug. 28.	'85, Oct. 6.	Waverley.	P.

#### 20. Suffolk West (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. Employment.
George A. Gordon,	'77, Jan. 20.	'86, April 20.	
John O. Haarvig,	'83, Oct. 13.	'95, Dec. 9.	Allston. P. C.
Harris G. Hale,	'91, Sept. 3.	'97, April 12.	Brookline. P. C.
Charles E. Harrington,	'74, Oct. 27.	'95, Dec. 9.	Waltham. P. C.
George A. Hood,	'69, Sept. 30.	'96, Feb. 10.	Boston. Sec. C. C. B. S.
William S. Kelsey,	'85, May 27.	'02, Apr. 9.	Allston. Asso. P.
William A. Knight,	'86, Sept. 4.	'03, Feb. 11.	Brighton. P. C.
Edwin Leonard,	'52, Mar. 25.	'93, Dec. 11.	Melrose Highlands. W. C.
Oscar Lindegren,	'93, Dec. 7.	'00, June 11.	East Boston. Miss.
William T. McElveen,	'90, May 15.	'00, Dec. 12.	Boston. P. C.
George A. Matthews,	'95, April 3.	'98, Dec. 19.	Auburndale. W. C.
Darius A. Morehouse,	'65, June 18.	'90, Dec. 3.	Newton Centre. W. C.
Edward M. Noyes,	'83, Sept. 26.	'95, Feb. 25.	Newton Centre. P. C.
Henry E. Oxnard,	'94, Nov. 13.	'00, Feb. 13.	Newton. P.
Henry J. Patrick,	'54, Nov. 16.	'67, Jan. 8.	Newtonville. P. C. Em.
Charles A. Perry,			Newtonville.
George G. Phipps,	'68, Jan. 23.	'78, Dec. 10.	Newton Highlands. W. C.
Cyrus Pickett,	'67, Feb. 28.	'01, Dec. 11.	Boston. W. C.
Edward C. Porter,	'84, June 24.	'90, Feb. 10.	Watertown. P. C.
Theodore P. Prudden,	'74, Dec. 22.	'94, Dec. 10.	West Newton. P. C.
Isaac O. Rankin,	'80, July 21.	'96, June 8.	Peekskill, N. Y. W. C.
Oliver D. Sewall,	'92, Sept. 27.	'97, Oct. 11.	Brookline. Asst. P.
Ezra H. Slack,	'81, Oct. 13.	'01, April 17.	
George T. Smart,	'88, Sept. 7.	'02, April 9.	Newton Highlands. P. C.
William S. Smith,	'54, April 27.	'74, Dec. 8.	Worcester. W. C.
Charles M. Southgate,	270, Dec. 15.	'96, Feb. 10.	Auburndale. P. C.
S. Lewis B. Speare,	'74, Jan. 30.	'96, Dec. 14.	Newton. W. C.
E. Ellsworth Strong,	'59, April 10.	'67, April 8.	Auburndale. Editor.
Reuen Thomas,	'58, Dec. 7.	'76, Feb. 8.	Brookline. P. C.
Alexander S. Twombly,	'59, Feb. 10.	'93, April 11.	
Elbridge C. Whiting,	'91, Sept. 30.	'00, June 11.	Belmont. P.

Licentiates. — Arthur W. Kelly, Auburndale, license renewed February, 1900, for three years; Edward P. Kelly, Auburndale, renewed, April 9, 1902, for three years; C. A. Henderson, Harvard Divinity School, licensed April 14, 1902, for one year.

STATED MEETINGS. — Second Wednesdays in February, April, June, October and December.

Rev. Elbridge C. Whiting, Belmont, scribe and treasurer.

#### 21. TAUNTON, Organized, November 21, 1826.

Wm. W. Adams,	'60, Jan. 26.	'64, Nov. 29.	Fall River.	P. C.
James A. Anderson,	'89, Oct. 10.	'00, Jan. 17.	Somerset.	P.
Samuel V. Cole,	'89, Oct. 29.	'89, Nov. 13.	Norton.	Pres. Sem.
Zenas Crowell,	'77, Dec. 19.	'01, Jan. 9.	Attleboro Fall	s. P.
James E. Enman,	'95, Dec. 31.	'00, Jan. 17.	Fall River.	P. C.
Francis A. Fate,	'94, Nov. 1.	'98, Nov. 9.	Taunton.	P. C.

# 21. TAUNTON (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. Empl	oyment.
Avery K. Gleason,	'86, Dec. 14.	'00, Nov. 14.	Raynham.	P.
William R. Joyslyn,	'64, Feb. 4.	'00, Nov. 14.	Berkley.	P.
Hallah H. Loud,	'97, Dec. 16.	'98, Jan. 12.	East Taunton.	P. C.
Frank L. Luce,	'95, Nov. 6.	'98, May 11.	Dorchester.	P. C.
Payson W. Lyman,	'71, May 10.	'89, May 8.	Fall River.	P. C.
Henry C. McComas,	'00, Oct. 26.	'01, Nov. 13.	North Attleboro.	P. C.
J. Lee Mitchell,	'87, Nov. 11.	'01, Nov. 13.	Attleboro.	P.
Frank J. Noyes,	'00, Mar. 20.	'03, Jan. 14.	Segreganset.	P.
George H. Perry,	'88, April 7.	'91, Nov. 13.	Lakeville.	P.
Edward N. Pomeroy,	'68, Nov. 11.	'82, May 10.	Wellesley.	W. C.
Charles A. Ratcliffe,	'91, April.	'97, Mar. 10.	Norton.	P.
Samuel P. Rondeau,	'92, Nov. 22.	'98, Mar. 9.	Fall River.	P. C.
Clarence F. Swift,	'86, Nov. 4.	'02, Nov. 12.	Fall River.	P. C.
Charles L. Tomblen,	'77, Aug. 30.	'01, Mar. 20.	North Middleboro.	P. C.
William F. Warren,	'78, Oct. 13.	'98, Nov. 9.	Malden.	W. C.
Charles B. Wathen,	'83, June 14.	'98, Mar. 9.	Rehoboth.	P.
John Whitehill,	'61, Dec. 11.	'69, Nov. 10.	Oldtown.	P.
STATED MEETINGS. —	Second Wedn	nesdays in J	anuary, March, M	ay and
November.				

Rev. Payson W. Lyman, Fall River, scribe and treasurer.

### 22. Woburn, Organized, September, 1833.

22.	WOBURN, Organized, September, 1833.	
Charles Anderson,		ot. C.
A. Herbert Armes,	'89, Dec. 18. '99, Oct. 31. Carlisle.	Ρ.
William F. Bacon,	'67, Sept. 26. '90, Feb. 4. Medford.	W. C.
John Barstow,	'87, June 29. '95, Feb. 19. Wethersfield, Ct.	W. C.
William J. Batt,	'59, Sept. 29. '59, Nov. 15. Concord June. Char	lain.
Theodore P. Berle,	'93, Oct. 3. '93, Oct. 17. Cambridge.	W. C.
Wolcott Calkins,	'62, Oct. 22. '98, Nov. 15. Newton.	P.
Charles F. Carter,	'83, Sept. 13. '97, Feb. 17. Lexington.	P. C.
Judson Van Clancy,	'87, Sept. 7. '96, Mar. 17. West Medford.	P. C.
Joshua Coit,	'60, Nov. 13. '89, Jan. 29. Winchester. Sec. M.H.	M.S.
Eugene E. Colburn,	'75, Sept. 18. '98, Nov. 25. Brooks, Me.	P.
Marshall M. Cutter,	'68, Dec. 29. '74, Nov. 17. Boston.	V. C.
Albert P. Davis,	'94, Nov. 22. '95, Feb. 19. Wakefield.	P. C.
B. Alfred Dumm,	'91, June 4. '01, Nov. 19. Stoneham.	P. C.
Walter A. Evans,	'86, June 29. '95, Dec. 17. Chicago, Ill.	W. C.
James L. Fowle,	'78, July 3. '98, Nov. 15. Turkey.	F. M.
Henry H. French,	'86, April 25. '98, Nov. 5. Malden.	P. C.
Henry H. Hamilton,	'72, Sept. 1. '98, Nov. 15. Lexington.	V. C.
Elijah Harmon,	'67, Oct. 17. '86, Mar. 16. South Braintree.	W. C.
Robert W. Haskins,		V. C.
James L. Hill,	'75, Sept. 15. '87, June 13. Salem.	V. C.
John H. Hoffman,	'77, Aug. 21. '01, Nov. 19. North Reading.	P.
Frank S. Hunnewell,	'88, June 27. '99, Feb. 21. Reading.	P. C.
Burke F. Leavitt,	'73, May 7. '95, Jan. 29. Melrose Highlands.	P. C.

#### 22. Woburn (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
George E. Lovejoy,	'73, July 16.	'94, May 9.	Lawrence,	P.
Thomas MacBriar,	'90, Jan. 15.	'98, Nov. 15.	Melrose.	W. C.
Charles S. Macfarland,	'97, Nov. 3.	'02, June 3.	Malden.	Р.
Daniel March,	'45, April 25.	'77, May 15.	Woburn.	P. C. <i>Em</i> .
Frank B. McAllister,	'99, Oct. 3.	'01, Nov. 19.	Bedford.	Р.
Truman A. Merrill,	'58, July 14.	'98, Nov. 5.	Malden.	W. C.
Robert D. Miller,	'56, July 2.	'98, Nov. 15.	Malden.	W. C.
D. Augustine Newton,	'82, Sept. 21.	'85, Dec. 16.	Winchester.	P. C.
Stephen A. Norton,	'81, Oct. 6.	'02, Nov. 18.	Woburn.	P. C.
Edwin B. Palmer,	'59, Sept. 20.	'02, Feb. 25.	Winchester.	H. M. Treas.
Isaac Pierson,	'70, Mar. 30.	'96, Oct. 8.	Medford.	P. C.
Walter H. Rollins,	'98, Aug. 26.	'01, Nov. 19.	Wilmington.	P. C.
Charles Scott,	'54, Dec. 27.	'01, Nov. 19.	Reading.	W. C.
Doremus Scudder,	'85, June 17.	'95, Dec. 17.	Japan. A.	. B. C. F. M.
Thomas Sims,	'75, June 9.	'98, Nov. 1.	Melrose.	Р.
Azro A. Smith,	'64, Feb. 11.	'00, June 5.	Reading.	W. C.
Edwin Smith,	'65, Jan. 11.	'88, May 1.	Ballardvale.	Р.
George H. Tilton,	'73, June 4.	'98, Nov. 15.	North Wobur	
Peter Vincentius,	'88, Aug. 19.	'89, Jan. 29.	East Boston.	Р.
Joshua W. Wellman,	'51, June 18.	'64, Mar. 17.	Malden.	W. C.
William H. Willcox,	'50, Mar. 5.	'58, Jan. 19.	Malden.	W. C.
J. Christopher Williams,	'90, Feb. 23.	'99, Feb. 21.	Woodville, N.	Y. P.

Licentiate. — Albert V. Fisher, *Derry*, N. H., renewed Nov. 9, 1897, for three years.

STATED MEETINGS. — Third Tuesdays in February, April, September and November.

Rev. Albert P. Davis, Wakefield, scribe and treasurer.

#### 23. Worcester Central, Organized, November 4, 1823.

August L. Anderson,	'86, June 28.	'98, Feb. 8.	Orange.	Ρ.
Thomas E. Babb,	'69, Jan. 19.	'94, April 3.	Holden.	Ρ.
Orange C. Bailey,	'85, Oct. 13.	'94, Nov. 13.	Worcester.	Р.
Hachidoor G. Benneyan,	'02, Dec. 1.	'02, Nov 11.	Worcester.	Р.
Albert Bryant,	'65, Sept. 20.	'86, Feb. 2.	Scituate Centre.	Р.
Charles M. Carpenter,	'90, April 22.	'01, April 9.	Oxford.	Р.
Arcturus Z. Conrad,	'85, June 2.	'90, Feb. 3.	New York, $N. Y.$	W. C.
Amos H. Coolidge,	'57, April 21.	'67, July 7.	Worcester.	W. C.
Joseph W. Cross,	'34, Oct. 1.	'41, Jan. 5.	Worcester.	W. C.
William N. T. Dean,	'75, Feb. 3.	'89, Feb. 5.	Whately.	Р.
Austin Dodge,	'66, Oct. 6.	'90, Feb. 4.	Burlington.	Р.
George S. Dodge,	'72, Aug. 16.	'78, May 7.	Boylston Centre.	Р.
John E. Dodge,	'83, Sept. 25.	'84, Feb. 5.	West Boylston.	Р.
Henry C. Fay,	'58, Dec. 28.	'81, May 2.	Somerville.	W. C.
Walcott Fay,	'84, Feb. 20.	'90, Feb. 4.	Nantucket.	W. C.

#### 23. Worcester Central (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.	
George B. Frost,	'83, June 7.	'02, Nov. 11.	Rutland.	P.	
Joseph F. Gaylord,	'67, Nov. 7.	'01, Nov. 12.	Worcester.	W. C.	
Dwight Goddard,	'94, July 17.	'00, Nov. 13.	Lancaster.	W. C.	
Samuel A. Harlow,	'82, Oct. 15.	'96, Feb. 4.	Grafton.	P. C.	
Joseph N. Haskell,	'00, June 22.	,	Northwood	Cen., N. H. P.	
Albert W. Hitchcock,	'91, Dec. 15.	'01, April 9.	Worcester.	P. C.	
Anton Huelster,	'70, June 16.	'02, Feb. 4.	Clinton.	P.	
William W. Jordan,	'84, Oct. 9.	'94, Nov. 13.	Clinton.	P. C.	
Alexander Lewis,	'90, May 28.	'96, April 7.	Worcester.	P. C.	
Joseph F. Lovering,	'60, June 17.	, -	Somerville.	W. C.	
Archibald McCullagh,	'71, May 2.	'91, April 27.	Worcester.	W. C.	
Henry F. Markham,	'80, Sept. 22.	'95, Nov. 12.		W. C.	
John H. Matthews,	'91, May 5.	'97, Nov. 9.	Worcester.	P.	
Daniel Merriman,	'68, Sept. 30.	'78, Nov. 12.	Worcester.	P. C. <i>Em</i> .	
Lyman Mevis,	'91, Oct. 1.	'01, April 9.	Worcester.	P.	
Eldridge Mix,	'60, Dec. 6.	'94, April 3.	Worcester.	C. M.	
Ellsworth W. Phillips,	'91, Oct. 19.	'92, Feb. 9.	Worcester.	P. C.	
Charles M. Pierce,	'63, Sept. 2.	'91, Feb. 3.	Auburn.	P.	
George H. Pratt,	'60, Oct. 11.	'94, Nov. 13.	Paxton.	P.	
David C. Reid,	'84, July 29.	'96, April 7.	Leicester.	P. C.	
Augustus M. Rice,	'73, Dec. 17.	'03, Feb. 3.	Grafton.	W. C.	
F. C. F. Scherff,	'76, April 9.	'90, April 1.	Muscatine, Ic	p. P.	
Willard Scott,	'79, Oct. 29.	'99, Feb. 7.	Worcester.	P. C.	
Arthur H. Sedgwick,	'90, Nov. 11.	'01, April 9.	Shrewsbury.	P.	
J. Addison Siebert,	'94, July 19.	'01, Nov. 12.	Worcester.	P.	
Henry D. Sleeper,	'91, Nov.	'01, April 9.	Northampto	n. Inst'or.	
William T. Sleeper,	'54, June 29.	'54, Sept. 5.	Newton.	W. C.	
Rufus M. Taft,	'93, June 16.	'94, Feb. 6.	Worcester.	Evan.	
Albert G. Todd,	'90, June 10.	'97, Feb. 15.	Worcester.	P.	
Charles B. Toleman,	'97, Oct.	'02, April 8.	Sterling.	P.	
John E. Tuttle,	'83, May 22.	'97, Nov. 9.	Lincoln, Neb	. P.	
John Udd,	'96, July 2.	'98, Nov. 15.	Cambridge.	W. C.	
Charles A. White,	'73, Sept. 3.	'96, Nov. 10.	Princeton.	Р.	
Inman L. Willcox,	'89, Oct. 18.	'90, Feb. 4.	Worcester.	P. C.	
Gavin H. Wright,	'99, Mar. 23.	'02, Feb. 4.	Fairfield, No	eb. P.	
STATED MEETINGS First Tuesdays in February and April and second					

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Rev. Lyman Mevis, 14 Houghton Street, Worcester, scribe.

#### 24. Worcester North, Organized, June 18, 1818.

James A. Bates,	'60, Sept. 19.	'99, April 25. South Royalston.	P.
Rolla G. Bugbee,	'76, Nov. 8.	'98, Jan. 25. Athol.	Р.
Irving A. Burnap,	'92, Sept. 15.	'01, Sept. 24. Phillipston.	P.
Preston R. Crowell,	'90, Sept. 4.	'98, July 12. Petersham.	P.
Francis J. Fairbanks,	'64, Aug. 31.	'95, July 9. Royalston.	P. C.
Robert J. Floody,	'87, Sept. 7.	'98, April 26, Boston.	W. C.

# 24. Worcester North (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
John H. Garman,	'47, Nov. 3.	'66, Oct. 2.	North Orange	. W. C.
Burton S. Gilman,	'97, May 16.	'97, April 26.	Gardner.	P. C.
John W. Hird,	779, Mar. 19.	'91, April 28.	Baldwinville.	P. C.
Milan H. Hitchcock,	'57, Aug. 25.	'63, April 28.	Hubbardston.	Р.
Albert V. House,	'94, June 20.	'95, April 23.	New Salem.	Р.
Gustavus W. Jones,	'69, May 27.	'91, April 28.	Winchendon.	P. C.
Gabriel B. Kambour,	'93, April 5.	'93, April 25.	Templeton.	P. C.
Francis B. Knowlton,	'65, Aug. 29.	'86, Jan. 26.	Athol.	W. C.
John W. Lees,	'70, Nov. 16.	'96, April 28.	Westminster.	Р.
Charles C. Merrill,	'97, Oct. 12.	'02, July 2.	Winchendon.	Р.
George J. Pierce,	'72, Aug. 8.	'82, April 25.	Worcester.	P.

STATED MEETINGS.—Fourth Tuesdays in January and April, second Tuesday in July, and last Tuesday in September.

Rev. Francis B. Knowlton, Athol, scribe.

#### 25. Worcester South, Organized, in 1818.

Andrew Campbell,	'96, Sept. 24. '00, Jan. 19.	Webster. P.
James H. Childs,	'75, Oct. 7. '85, Jan. 13.	Northbridge Centre. P.
Edward W. Clark,	'50, Jan. 1. '00, Jan. 19.	Westboro. W. C.
David M. Didriksen,	'92, July 13. '92, Oct. 11.	Roxbury. W. C.
George P. Eastman,	'91, May 12. '92, Jan. 12.	Milbury. P. C.
David Howie,	'89, Feb. 27. '94, Oct. 9.	Saundersville. P.
Frank A. Lombard,	'00, Aug. 9. '00, Sept. 11.	Kioto. A. B. C. F. M.
Augustine P. Manwell,	'00, Sept. 18. '00, Dec. 11.	Northbridge. P.
Aaron B. Peffers,	'55, May 29. '93, April 11.	Stoneham. W. C.
Charles P. Pierce,	'98, Nov. 15. '98, June 14.	East Douglas. P.
George A. Putnam,	'60, Nov. 14. '71, Oct. 17.	Milbury. P. C.
Wallace H. Sterns,	'97, July 14. '01, Sept. 10.	Blackstone. P.
John R. Thurston,	'59, Jan. 20. '72, Jan. 9.	Whitinsville. P. C.
Alexander Wiswall,	'79, Sept. 24. '94, Jan. 9.	Upton. P. C.

 $\mathbf{STATED}$  Meetings. — Second Tuesdays in March, June, September and December.

Rev. James H. Childs, Northbridge Centre, scribe.

#### MINISTERIAL RECORD FOR 1902-1903

#### ORDINATIONS, INSTALLATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS.

In this list, "o." denotes ordination without installation; "o. p." ordination as pastor; "o. f. m." ordination for foreign missionary service; "i." installation; "r." recognition; "r. p." recognition as pastor; "r. min." recognition as minister. But owing to indefinite reports, "o." may sometimes be an error for "o. p."

Atherton, D. Frank, o. i., Memorial ch., Georgetown, Feb. 5, 1902. Bacon, William A., i., Park Ave. ch., Springfield, Feb. 19, 1902. Barker, Franklin W., i., Union ch., Amesbury, Feb. 24, 1903. Barrett, S. Allen, r. p., Florence ch., Northampton, Feb. 26, 1902. Bell, Enoch F., o., North Leominster, May 23, 1902. Bicknell, John, o. f. m., Cummington, May 29, 1902. Bolster, F. E., o., Sheffield, Oct. 21, 1902. Boutellier, Albert, o., Central ch., Boston, March 18, 1902. Bradford, Emery L., i., East Weymouth, July 2, 1902. Butler, George M., o.i., ass't p., Trinity ch., New Bedford, June 30, 1902. Cathcart, Samuel M., i., Central ch., Middleboro, Nov. 11, 1902. Cooper, Samuel B., i., First ch., North Brookfield, May 28, 1902. Crane, Frank, i., Union ch., Worcester, Oct. 21, 1902. Cross, Allen E., i., ass't p., Old South ch., Boston, Jan. 23, 1902. Dean, Lee M., o., Union ch., North Brookfield, Oct. 16, 1902.
Denison, John H., i., Central ch., Boston, Feb. 5, 1903.
Dornan, William W., i., Winthrop ch., Holbrook, April 2, 1902.
Dyer, Henry B., i., First ch., New Bedford, July 2, 1902.
Ewing, George H., i., Yarmouth, July 2, 1902.
Fitch, Albert P., o., Walnut Ave. ch., Boston, April 9, 1903.
Gaylord, Edward D. o. Charlemont, June 18, 1902. Gaylord, Edward D., o. i., Charlemont, June 18, 1902.
Hawkins, Chauncey J., i., Spencer, June 13, 1902.
Hayes, Edward C., o. and rec. p., Uxbridge, Feb. 26, 1903.
Hoffman, Charles A., o., Deerfield, June 26, 1902.
Hubbard, George H., i., Union ch., Haverhill, Feb. 12, 1902.
Kally, Edward P., o. and rec. p. Figeor Care Posklet. Kelly, Edward P., o. and rec. p., Pigeon Cove, Rockland, Feb. 19, 1903. Kilbon, John L., i., Park ch., Springfield, March 25, 1903. Knight, William A., i., Berkeley Temple, Boston, Jan. 16, 1902; i., Brighton, Feb. 18, 1903. Knowles, Richard, o., Wellfleet, Nov. 10, 1902. Lombard, Herbert E., i., Byfield, Dec. 11, 1902. Lovejoy, George E., i., South ch., Lawrence, April 8, 1903. Lovell, Charles N., o. i., Southwick, Oct. 8, 1902. Low, Warren F., i., First ch., Georgetown, July 17, 1902. MacFadden, Robert A., i., Danvers, Oct. 28, 1902. Martin, George E., i., Kirk Street ch., Lowell, March 4, 1902. Mix, Clifton H., o. i., Cliftondale, May 14, 1902. Norton, Stephen A., i., First ch., Woburn, June 10, 1902. Pingree, Arthur H., i., First ch., Norwood, Nov. 13, 1902. Pirinen, Edward, o., Pigeon Cove, Rockland, Dec. 2, 1902. Porter, Elbert S., t., Stockbridge, Feb. 25, 1902. Pratt, Arthur P., t., Third ch., Chelsea, May 5, 1903. Raymond, Frederick W., o., East Weymouth, Aug. 22, 1902.

Ross, George G., o., Second ch., Huntington, Oct. 29, 1902. Scott, Darius B., i., Lancaster, June 26, 1902. Sleeper, William W., i., Wellesley, May 13, 1902. Smart, George T., i., Newton Highlands, Mar. 11, 1902. Smalt, Laird W., i., Boxford, Oct. 30, 1902. Spence, William H., i., Pilgrim ch., Cambridge, Jan. 21, 1902. Stackpole, Markham W., o. i., Magnolia, April 19, 1902. Statson, Oscar F., o. i., Carver, May 14, 1902. Stowe, Charles E., i., Central Square ch., Bridgewater, Oct., 23, 1902. Sundelin, Weigo W., o., Central ch., Worcester, Jan. 22, 1903. Swift, Clarence F., i., Central ch., Fall River, July 16, 1902. Taisne, Telesphore, o., French ch., Marlboro, Nov. 25, 1902. Talmage, Charles H., i., Winslow ch., Taunton, April 8, 1902. Trowbridge, John P., i., North Rochester, Nov. 18, 1902. Van Horn, Francis J., i., Old South ch., Worcester, Dec. 16, 1902. Waldron, John D., o., Otis, June 1, 1902. White, Ralph H., o., Cummington, Aug. 13, 1902. Woodbridge, Richard G., i., Prospect Hill ch., Somerville, Feb. 13, 1902. Wurst, Albert E., o., Billerica, Nov. 6, 1902.

#### DISMISSIONS.

Bacon, William A., Shelburne Falls, Dec. 31, 1902.
Berle, Adolph A., Brighton, Sept. 25, 1902.
Bradford, Emery L., Boxford, June 3, 1902.
Bryant, Seelye, Canton, Dec. 31, 1902.
Catheart, Samuel M., Third ch., Chelsea, Sept. 17, 1902.
Clark, Edward L., Central ch., Boston, March 11, 1902.
Conrad, Arcturus Z., First ch., Worcester, April 18, 1902.
Copping, Bernard, Acton, June 4, 1902.
Gaylord, Eber W., North Amherst, June 10, 1902.
Hall, John C., Sutton, Feb. 18, 1902.
Hatch, David P., South ch., Lawrence, May 12, 1902.
Houghton, Ross C., First ch., Chelsea, June 4, 1902.
Johnson, George H., John Street ch., Lowell, March 17, 1902.
Knight, William A., Central ch., Fall River, Jan. 3, 1902; Berkeley Temple, Boston, Jan. 19, 1903.
Luce, Frank L., Union ch., Taunton, July 1, 1902.
MacFadden, Robert A., Central ch., Chelsea, June 23, 1902.
McMillan, Peter, Edwards ch., Northampton, July 11, 1902.
Porter, Elbert S., Bridgewater, Dec. 31, 1901.
Shoemaker, Elmer E., Newburyport, Aug. 28, 1992.
Snell, Laird W., Union ch., North Brookfield, May 28, 1902.

#### DEATHS.

Bell, Samuel L., p. c., Marblehead, May 27, 1902. Buck, Edwin A., w. c., Fall River, March 9, 1903. Clark, Edward W., w. c., Westboro, March 20, 1903. Clark, Solomon, w. c., Chicago, Ill., Dec. 7, 1902. Craig, Henry K., w. c., Falmouth, Feb. 11, 1902. Darling, George, w. c., Cambridge, July 1, 1902. Dickerman, Lysander, w. c., Boston, Dec. 13, 1902. Dodge, George S., w. c., West Acton, 1902. Dyer, Henry B., p. c., New Bedford, Jan. 22, 1903. Edwards, Henry L., w. c., Northampton, Feb. 25, 1902.

Fiske, Daniel T., p. em., Newburyport, Jan. 15, 1903. Grant, Henry M., w. c., Eau Claire, Wis., Feb. 13, 1902. Hawley, Chester W. w. c., Amherst, Jan. 23, 1902. Jameson, Ephraim O., w. c., Boston, Nov. 9, 1902. Leland, Willis D., w. c., Lowell, May 15, 1902. Lord, Charles E., w. c., Newburyport, Feb. 19, 1902. Lyman, George, w. c., Riverside, Cal., Jan. 3, 1903. Mandell, William A., w. c., Cambridge, Sept. 9, 1902. May, Thomas M., w. c., Shutesbury, March 23, 1902. Mills, Charles P., w. c., Newburyport, March 8, 1902. Sanborn, Francis W., w. c., Marblehead, Oct. 8, 1902. Scott, George R. W., w. c., Berlin, Germany, Sept. 14, 1902. Seelye, Samuel T., w. c., Easthampton, Feb. 24, 1902. Smith, Henry H., w. c., Huntington, Aug. 28, 1901. Sumner, Charles E., w. c., Fitchburg, March 26, 1902. Woodward, Harvey, w. c., Natick, April 10, 1902.

#### MARRIAGES.

Chunn, Clay D., of Clinton, and Abbie Augusta Felt, of Temple, N. H., in Fitchburg, June 11, 1902.

Denison, John H., of Boston, and Miss Pearl L. Underwood, of New York, Dec. 31, 1902.

Ellsworth, Frederick K., of East Machias, Me., and Mrs. Susan Fessenden Wing, of Sandwich, in Somerville, Sept. 10, 1902.

Gaylord, Edward D., of Charlemont, and Miss Charlotte Hunt, of Chappaqua, N. Y., in Plainfield, Dec. 2, 1902.

Hawkins, Chauncey J., of Danvers, and Jessie Isabel Kemp, of Danvers, in Danvers, April 8, 1902.

White, Ralph H., of Cummington, and Mabel Rochfort, of New Haven, Ct., Dec. 31, 1902.

Williams, Charles H., of Cambridge, and Lena G. Cochran, of Cambridge, O., in Cambridge, Nov. 6, 1902.

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Eastern Churches represented*			172	201	67
Western Churches represented			33	49	58
Totals			205	250	125
Eastern delegates present			261	340	93
Western delegates present			52	70	89
Totals			313	410	182

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The churches are requested to contribute through the treasurers of their conferences for the expenses of the General Association a sum equivalent to five cents for each member, based upon the total membership of January 1, 1904; and the treasurers of the conferences are requested to forward the amounts as soon as possible to the treasurer, Mr. Henry P. Emerson, 33 Kingston Street, Boston.

#### THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

Annual meeting, 1905, will be with the Eliot Church, Lowell, on the third Tuesday in May.

#### DIRECTORY FOR BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS'

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Congregational House, Boston. — Frank H. Wiggin, Treasurer.

Woman's Board of Missions, Room 704, Congregational House, Boston.
— Miss Sarah Louise Day, Treasurer.

Congregational Home Missionary Society, Fourth Avenue and Twenty-second Street, New York. — William B. Howland, Treasurer.

Massachusetts (auxiliary to Congregational) Home Missionary Society, Room 609, Congregational House, Boston. — Rev. Joshua Coit, Treasurer.

Woman's Home Missionary Association, Room 607, Congregational House, Boston. — Miss Lizzie D. White, Treasurer.

American Missionary Association, Fourth Avenue and Twenty-second Street, New York. — H. W. Hubbard, Treasurer.

Congregational Church Building Society, Fourth Avenue and Twenty-second Street, New York. — Charles E. Hope, Treasurer.

Congregational Education Society, Room 612, Congregational House, Boston. — S. F. Wilkins, Treasurer.

Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society, Congregational House, Boston. — Rev. George M. Boynton, Treasurer.

National Council's Ministerial Relief Fund. — Rev. Samuel B. Forbes, Hartford, Conn., Treasurer.

Ministerial Relief in Massachusetts is represented by the *Board of Ministerial Aid*.—Arthur G. Stanwood, Treasurer, Room 701, Sears Building, Boston.

#### PAST ANNUAL MEETINGS

		Moderator	PREACHER
1886	Westfield	Lyman S. Rowland	William E. Griffis
1887	Brockton	Ariel E. P. Perkins	David O. Means
1888	Spencer	Edward J. Thomas	Charles A. Dickinson
1889	Newburyport	J. L. Jenkins	Arthur Little
1890	Holvoke	Alonzo H. Quint	Wolcott Calkins
1891	Marlboro	Gilbert E. Hood	Edward G. Seldon
1892	Springfield	DeWitt S. Clark	Samuel E. Herrick
1893	Boston	Thomas Weston	Paul Van Dyke
1894	Pittsfield	Elijah Horr	George A. Gordon
1895	Lynn	Elijah A. Morse	Philip S. Moxom
1896	Fall River	Smith Baker	DeWitt S. Clark
1897	Worcester	Thomas Todd	Charles E. Jefferson
1898	Greenfield	G. R. W. Scott	Arcturus Z. Conrad
1899	Brockton	John L. Brewster	Edward L. Clark
1900	Amherst	Philip S. Moxom	William H. Davis
1901	Andover	Henry M. Moore	Reuen Thomas
1902	Plymouth	Charles H. Beale	George A. Gordon
1903	Great Barrington	William B. Plunkett	John H. Denison
1904	Fitchburg	William E. Wolcott	Edward A. Reed

#### RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION

#### ARTICLE I. - NAME.

This body shall be called The General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts.

#### ARTICLE II. - OBJECT.

Its object is to promote (a) intercourse and fellowship between Congregational ministers and churches of the Commonwealth; (b) the co-operation of the churches with one another for their mutual comfort and development, and for the religious care of the home field; (c) the presentation and discussion of matters vital to our faith, and the interests of our denomination; and (d) the co-operation of this body with other ecclesiastical bodies for the general increase of Christian union and spiritual efficiency, and the advancement of Christ's kingdom in the earth.

#### ARTICLE III. - DOCTRINAL BASIS.

This Association approves the Declaration of Faith adopted by the National Council of Congregational Churches in the year 1865, and the subsequent Declaration of the Commission of 1883; the system of belief therein set forth being understood by us to be a summary of the Historic Doctrines held by the churches of New England as the teachings of the Gospel.

#### ARTICLE IV. - DENOMINATIONAL BASIS.

Being based exclusively upon Congregational principles, this Association shall, under no circumstances, exercise ecclesiastical authority over churches or individuals, or interfere with the government or discipline of the churches, or consent to hear appeals, or give advice in ecclesiastical causes of any kind.

#### ARTICLE V. - Members.

1. Each evangelical Congregational Church, Conference, and Association in this Commonwealth may choose one delegate, and these delegates, together with the pastors of the churches (who shall be members ex-officio), the officers of this body, and two delegates from the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, shall constitute the General Association.

2. Delegates from corresponding bodies, ministers appointed to preach before the Association, and chairmen of committees who attend to present reports, together with such other persons as the Association may vote to admit, shall be honorary members, with the privilege of speaking, but without vote.

#### ARTICLE VI. - OFFICERS.

1. The officers shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, a Secretary, a Registrar, an Assistant Registrar, and a Treasurer. All members of Congregational churches in this Commonwealth shall be eligible to any of these offices. The officers shall be elected by ballot, the Moderator and Vice-Moderator each to serve one year, the other officers each to serve three years, and until the election of their successors. The term of all officers, save when chosen to fill vacancies, shall begin at the close of the meeting at which they are elected.

2. The officers, together with three delegates annually chosen by ballot

for this purpose, shall constitute an Executive Committee.

3. The Moderator, or in his absence, the Vice-Moderator, shall preside over all the meetings of the Association and shall be chairman of the Executive Committee.

- 4. (a) The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association, collect and publish in connection with the annual "Minutes" the statistics of ministers and churches, distribute the publications of the Association, copies of which he shall preserve for permanent use, give suitable notice to the churches of the time and place of each annual meeting, notify officers and committees of their election or appointment, and fulfil such other functions as the Association may from time to time direct.
- (b) The Secretary shall receive a salary of seven hundred and fifty dollars, and by the authority and under the direction of the Executive Committee, he may, when necessary, employ an assistant, at a compensation to be fixed by the Executive Committee.

5. The Registrar shall keep a full record of each meeting, which he shall preserve as the permanent property of the Association, and he shall also keep the minutes of the Executive Committee.

6. The Assistant Registrar shall aid the Registrar in making the records; shall take his place during his absence; and, in the event of a vacancy in the Registrar's office, shall act as Registrar until the office shall be filled by the Executive Committee or by a regular election.

7. The Treasurer shall receive all money raised for the use of the Association, disburse the same as directed by the Executive Committee, and shall make an annual report, to be audited as the Association may direct.

8. The Executive Committee shall have charge of all the interests and business of the Association between the annual meetings, shall fill all vacancies occurring during the interim, and shall make an annual report to the Association through the Secretary.

9. The travelling expenses of the Secretary, Registrar, Assistant Registrar and Treasurer, in attending the annual meetings, shall be paid by the Association.

#### ARTICLE VII. - ANNUAL MEETING.

1. The annual meeting shall be held at the appointed place on the third Tuesday of May at two o'clock P. M., or at such other hour as the Executive Committee may find expedient.

2. In the practical administration of its home missionary work, the instrument of the Association shall be the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, a place for which shall be made in the program of the annual meeting.

#### ARTICLE VIII. - ORGANIZATION.

The Moderator, or in his absence, the Vice-Moderator, shall call the Association to order. In the absence of both, any member of the Executive Committee may call the Association to order, and a moderator protem. shall be chosen to serve during the absence of the proper officer.

#### ARTICLE IX. — COMMITTEES.

- 1. Immediately after the opening of the annual meeting the Moderator shall appoint:—
- (a) A Committee on Credentials, to which all credentials shall be referred.
- (b) A Committee on Nominations, which shall nominate all the officers of the Association, all standing committees, as hereinafter provided, and all other committees raised by the Association.
- (c) A Committee of Business, of which two shall be chosen from the Provisional Committee. The duty of the Business Committee shall be to prepare and present the schedule of business for each session, and no business shall be introduced except through the hands or with the approval of this committee; provided, however, that if the Business Committee shall decline to present any matter proposed by a member of this Association he shall have the right of appeal to the Association.
- (d) A Budget Committee of three, which shall report before the close of the meeting on the state of the treasury, the amount of money needed for the ensuing year, and ways and means for meeting the need.
- 2. The following Standing Committees shall be nominated by the Committee on Nominations: —
- (a) A Provisional Committee, of which the Secretary or Registrar shall be a member. This committee shall prepare the program for the next annual meeting, selecting the preacher of the annual sermon, and the various speakers for each session.
- (b) A Publication Committee, of which the Secretary and Registrar shall be members, which shall make provision for the printing of such documents and papers as may be necessary in the work of the Association, or as shall be ordered printed by the Association. Under the direction of this committee the Secretary shall have charge of all the printing of the Association.
- (c) A Committee on the Work of the Churches. This committee shall report on the work of the churches and the state of religion in the Commonwealth. The Scribes of the local conferences shall be corresponding members of this committee.
- (d) A Committee on Missionary Work, to consist of one member from each conference.
- (e) A Committee to Nominate Candidates for Corporate Membership in the American Board.
  - (f) A Committee to Audit the Treasurer's Report.
- 3. Each of these committees, save as otherwise provided above, shall consist of five members, and shall be elected annually by *viva voce* vote, all, save those named by the Moderator, to serve the ensuing year.
- 4. The reports of all committees that are to be presented to the Association shall be furnished to the Secretary on or before April 1st of each

year, and shall be printed and distributed to the churches not less than two weeks before the annual meeting.

These reports shall not be read to the Association save by special order; but the Provisional Committee may arrange for the adequate discussion of any or all of the topics presented in the reports.

#### ARTICLE X. - BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY.

1. The Association may create a Board of Pastoral Supply to consist of twelve members, four of whom shall be elected each year for a term of three years.

2. This board may choose its own secretary, and through it shall make an annual report to the Association.

A copy of this report shall be furnished to the Secretary of the Association in time to be printed before the annual meeting.

#### ARTICLE XI. - SPECIAL ORDERS.

1. Each session of the annual meeting shall be opened and closed with divine worship.

2. On each morning of the annual meeting, after the first day, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read; the minutes of the last day shall be read immediately before the final adjournment.

3. On Tuesday evening of each annual meeting the annual sermon shall be preached, followed by the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

4. The place of the next annual meeting shall be recommended each year by the Business Committee and designated by vote of the Association.

#### ARTICLE XII. - Rules of Order.

The Rules of Order shall be those of common parliamentary usage, subject to the following specifications:—

1. No members shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave of the Association.

2. When a question is before the Association the Moderator shall entertain motions only as follows: To adjourn, to table, for the previous question, to postpone to a fixed time, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; these several motions shall have precedence in the foregoing order.

#### ARTICLE XIII. - AMENDMENTS.

1. Any of the above articles, except the first five, may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted to the Association in writing on the day previous.

2. Either of the first five articles may be amended by a two-thirds vote, but only after the proposed amendment has been submitted to the Association in writing at the previous annual meeting, and notice has been sent to the several Associations, Conferences and churches connected with this body at least three months prior to the meeting at which action is to be taken.

#### MINUTES

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS held its one hundred and second annual meeting in the Calvinistic Congregational Church of Fitchburg, May 17–19, 1904.

#### ROLL OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	MINISTERS	DELEGATES
Adams	Rev. Walter Rice	Mrs. Hattie C. Perry H. D. Fearing Dea. Edmund Hobart Mrs. T. F. Pratt William Shaw
" Seminary Arlington, Heights	Rev. Prof. Chas. O. Day	Name of the second
Ashburnham	Rev. Nathan T. Dyer Rev. Dan. B. Wyman	Mrs. Nathan T. Dyer Mrs. Ben. H. Williams
Ashby	Rev. Wayland Spaulding	Dea. Lincoln L. Lewis
Belchertown	Rev. Jas. B. Adkins	
Berlin	Rev. Chas. E. White	Dea. T. P. Felton
Boston, Union		Dea. H. S. Conant George R. King
" W. Roxbury	Rev. W. C. Rhoades Rev. Frank W. Merrick	Dea. Timothy Smith Rev. Perley B. Davis
" Central, J. Plain .		Benjamin F. Dewing Rev. E. C. Webster
" Trinity, Neponset	Rev. Wm. H. Allbright	J. L. Alexander Harry G. Dixon Dea, James L. Miller
" Highland, Roxb'y	Rev. W. R. Campbell Rev. H. A. Barker	Dea. James 17. Miller
" Central, Dorch'r .	Rev. George H. Flint Rev. Frank L. Luce	
" Italian Boylston, Center	Rev. Enrico Rivoire Rev. George S. Dodge	Dea. Lyman S. Walker
Braintree, First	Rev. C. F. Hill Crathern Rev. Samuel Earn Rev. Albert F. Pierce	Mrs. Samuel Eaton (?) Dea. Walter T. Packard
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CHURCHES	MINISTERS	DELEGATES
Brookline, Harvard	Rev. Reuen Thomas	Lyman J. Clark
	Rev. Alex. P. Bourne	Rev. A. E. Dunning Frank G. Cook
Cambridge, First  "Ist Evangelical  "North Av  Pilgrim  "Wood Mem'l		Rev. Chas. H. Pope Dea. Chas. H. Shute
" Pilgrim	Rev. W. H. Spence Rev. Chas. H. Williams	Dea. Chas. II. Chute
" Wood Mem'l. Charlemont, First	Rev. Chas. H. Williams Rev. Ed. D. Gaylord	Mrs. Henry Hicks
" East	Rev. Lyman Whiting	
Chelmsford, Central Chelsea, Third	Rev. Arthur P. Pratt	A. B. Woodworth
Chicopee, First Second, Falls .	Rev. Collins G. Burnhan Rev. H. G. Pillsbury	N. P. Ames Carter
" Third	Rev. Herbert P. Woodin	
Clinton	Rev. Wm. W. Jordan Rev. G. A. Tewksbury	Dea. F. P. Breed Dea. Thomas Todd
Conway	Rev. Eugene F. Hunt	Deat Thomas Todd
Dalton	Rev. Geo. W. Andrews	Rev. Chas. B. Rice
" Maple Street	Rev. Robert A. MacFad Rev. Edward H. Rudd	den
Dedham	Rev. Edward H. Rudd Rev. J. B. Carruthers	Charles B. Botsford
Dighton	Rev. F. J. Noyes Rev. A. M. Rice	
Easthampton, Payson	nev. A. M. nice	Dea. Horace L. Clark
Easton, Center Edgartown	Rev. Philmer A. Sample	
Essex Everett, First	Rev. Fred. M. Cutler Rev. E. A. Lathrop	
Everett, First	Rev. William I. Sweet Rev. Chas. H. Percival	
Fall River, Central	Rev. Clarence F. Swift	Dea. Henry H. Earle
" Fowler " French " Broadway	Rev. Payson W. Lyman Rev. S. P. Rondeau	
	TO T 1 TT O 1 .	Dea. Seba A. Holton
Fitchburg, Calvinistic	Rev. A. Fred. Dunnels	
" Rollstone Framingham, South	Rev. Wm. O. Conrad Rev. Chas. H. Daniels	Charles W. Wilder Benj. T. Thompson
Gardner	Rev. Burton S. Gilman	Thatcher B. Dunn
Goshen	Rev. Calvin Keyser Rev. Robert G. Bell	
Great Barrington	Rev. Leon D. Bliss	Dea. Emil Weissbrod
Greenfield, Second Greenwich	Rev. David L. Kebbe	Dea. Emil Weissbrod
	Rev. Chas. B. Bliss	Rev. John Wild
Harvard	Rev. J. G. Miller	
Hatfield		Mrs. Anna F. Woods Dea. Albert Emerson
" North	Rev. Samuel Williamso	
" Ward Hill	Rev. C. L. Charron Rev. Charles Clark	Mrs. Charles Clark
Holbrook	Rev. W. W. Dorman	Mrs. George B. Fiske
Holyoke, First	Rev. George W. Winch	Dea. Chas. C. Judd
Hubbardston	Rev. Edward A. Reed Rev. Egbert N. Munro	Dea. James Cowan
Huntington, 1st, Norwich . Hyde Park	Rev. Webster L. Hendr	ick
Hyde Park	Rev. Henry N. Hoyt Rev. Edward Constant	Joseph K. Knight
Ipswich. First Lancaster	Dev. Darius B. Scott	
" Trinity	nev. Will. E. Wolcott	William J. Prince

CHURCHES	MINISTERS	DELEGATES
Leicester		Charles A. Denny
Leominster	Rev. Lawrence Phelps	Dea. Joel D. Miller -
" North	Rev. Albert F. Newton	
Leverett, Moores Corner .	Rev. W. S. Anderson	
Lexington	Rev. Charles F. Carter Rev. Henry L. Bailey	Edward P. Tabor
Lowell, First	Rev. Ralph Gillam	David H. Wilson
" Eliot	Rev. E. Victor Bigelow	Daniel H. Varnum
" High Street " Highland	Rev. Chas. W. Huntingto	on .
	Rev. T. Clayton Wells	Mrs. T. Clayton Wells W. S. Fisher
Ludlow, Center Lynn, First	Rev George W Owen	Gilford S. Newhall
" Central	Rev. George W. Owen Rev. Chas. F. Weeden	amora S. Mannan
" Central	Rev. Arthur J. Covell	Mrs. Arthur J. Covell
Malden, First	Rev. Henry H. French	Dea. George E. Rice
Manchester	Rev. Walter H. Ashley	Enerly Vormon
Mansfield	Rev. Wm. M. Macnair Rev. N. Van der Pyl	Frank Vernon Nathan P. Sanborn
Marlboro	Rev. L. B. Goodrich	nammi : panboin
" Hope	Rev. Ernest C. Davis	
Medford, West		Miss Alice G. Wescott
" Union	Rev. John Wild	Fred A. Houdlette
Melrose, Highlands Methuen		Dea. E. A. Archibald
Methuen	Rev. Sam. M. Cathcart	George H. Shaw
Milford	Rev. Franke A. Warfield	
Millbury, Second		Charles F. Holman
Monson	Rev. N. M. Pratt	Dee Diebend Clann
Montague	Rev. Morris H. Turk	Dea. Richard Clapp Dr. Charles H. Cook
Natick	Rev. Wm. C. Martyn	Dr. Charles II. Cook
North		
New Braintree	T. Cl. 1 C TT 1:	Dea. George K. Tufts
Newbury	Rev. Charles S. Holton Rev. George P. Merrill	
Newburyport, Prospect St.	Rev. Ed. M. Noyes	Dr. W. H. Cobb
Newton, First, Centre	10011 1111 110 9 017	Charles A. Haskell
" Auburndale		Rev. F. M. Peloubet
North	Rev. Henry E. Oxnard	D TI A D
" Newtonville " Highlands	Rev. Ozora S. Davis Rev. George T. Smart	Dea. H. A. Boynton Leonard Boyd
Norfolk	itev. deorge 1. Smart	Dea. Lyman E. Ware
North Adams	Rev. T. E. Busfield	Dea. James E. Hunter
Northbridge, Center		Dea. Irving O. Darling
Norwood	Rev. C. W. Collier	Francis O. Winslow
Orange, Central Oxford	Rev. C. W. Collier Rev. Chas. M. Carpenter	O. L. Joslin
Paxton	Rev. George H. Pratt	O. 2. 003III
Peabody, South	Rev. George A. Hall	
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" Pilgrim Mem'l.		Rev. Silas P. Cook
Plymouth. Manomet	Rev. Haig Adadourain Rev. Fred. B. Noyes	
" Chiltonville	Rev. Fred. B. Noyes	
Tanan, Horum .	Rev. Edwin N. Hardy	Melville P. Hayward
Quincy, Bethany Finnish	Rev. K. F. Henrikson	mainte i . Hay ward
Reading	Rev. Edwin N. Hardy Rev. K. F. Henrikson Rev. F. S. Hunnewell Rev. C. B. Wathen	Rev. R. W. Haskins
Rehoboth	Rev. C. B. Wathen	D 4 TF 60.00
Revere, First	Rev. John W. Horner	Dea. A. H. Child Dea. Donald Beaton
Rochester		Dea, Donaid Beaton

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	Rev. Edward P. Kelly	T MCH D ( ) 1
Royalston	Rev. F. J. Fairbanks Rev. DeWitt S. Clark	J. Milton Partridge
" Crombie Street	Rev. Adolph A. Berle	Dea. Frank A. Brown
Sharon	Rev. Almon J. Dyer	George E. Taylor
" Falls		George D. Crittenden
Shirley	Rev. Joseph Torrey Rev. A. H. Sedgwick	Mrs. A. H. Sedgwick
Shrewsbury	Rev. Richard G. Woodh	oridge
Southboro	Rev. Martin F. Mevis Rev. Martin F. Mevis	Mrs. Mary A. Klebes Mrs. Mary M. Fay
Southbridge	Rev. Geo. A. Gordon	Mrs. Geo. B. Thomas August W. Hoffman
South Hadley, Falls Springfield, South	Rev. F. E. Butler Rev. Philip S. Moxom	August W. Hoffman Dea. Geo. D. Chamberlain
" North		Israel Harmon
" Ind. Orchard Emmanuel	Rev. Wm. E. Mann Rev. O. W. Means	Dea. W. T. Eaton Dea. Nelson Lombard
" Park	Rev. John L. Kilbon	Dea. Nelson Lombard
" Faith	Rev. D. Butler Pratt	
Sterling	Rev. Charles B. Toleman Rev. Elbert S. Porter	1
Stoneham	Rev. B. Alfred Dumm Rev. E. C. Whiting	Mrs. Samuel Underwood
Sudbury, South Sunderland	Rev. Edward P. Butler	Mrs. Samuel Chdelwood
Swampscott	Day Chas H Talmada	Rev. Geo. A. Jackson
Taunton, Winslow Union	Rev. Chas. H. Talmadg	Frank L. Fish
Townsend	Rev. B. A. Willmott Rev. Alexander Wiswall	H. J. Miller
Uxbridge	Rev. Albert P. Davis	
Waltham	Rev. Austin B. Bassett	George H. Whitford Henry K. Hyde
Ware, East	nev. Austin D. Dassett	Dea. Donald Beaton
Warren, 1st	Rev. William B. Oleson Rev. William Harris	
Warwick	Rev. Parris T. Farwell	
Westboro	Rev. John J. Walker	W. A. Sanford Henry W. Gladwin
Westfield, First	Rev. Wm. C. Gordon	Clarence A. Brodeur
Westford	Rev. C. C. P. Hiller Rev. John W. Lees	Mrs. Elsie K. Page
West Newbury, Second	Rev. Bartlett H. Westo	n
W. Sp'field, <b>Mittineague</b> . West Stockbridge, Center	Rev. Alpheus M. Spang Rev. Walter W. Curtis	ler
" " Village	Rev. Walter W. Curtis	
Wilmington Winchendon, First	TO 0 . TTT T	e
Winchendon, First North	Rev. Chas. C. Merrill	Dea. Solon Abbott
Winchester	Rev. George H. Tilton	Rev. S. W. Adriance
Worcester, First		
" Central " Plymouth		Rev. Elbridge Mix Rev. Rufus M. Taft
" Piedmont		Dea. Thomas Hamilton
" Park		
" Covenant " Hope	Rev. E. W. Phillips	27 77 72 1
Wrentham	Rev. F. N. Rutan	N. H. Fales
	ATES FROM THE CONFERI	ENCES.
Andover	A. C. Russell Ezra D. Batcheller	

Franklin 7					Rev. Lyman Whiting Rev. E. B. Robinson, Holyoke
Hampden					Rev. E. B. Robinson, Holyoke
Hampshire					Rev. Webster L. Hendrick
" East					C. H. Kellogg
Middlesey South			_		Dea. Josiah S. Welsh, Hudson
" Union .					Emmons Burditt
Norfolk					Rev. Henry E. Bray
Old Colony				_	Dea. Henry W. Sears, Middleboro
Suffolk South					Dea. Francis J. Ward, Roxbury
" West					Rev. George T. Smart
Woburn					Rev. Isaac Pierson, West Medford
Worcester Central			Ċ		Rev. Frank Crane, Worcester
" North	•	•	•	•	Dea. D. P. Kimball, Athol
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#### DELEGATES FROM THE ASSOCIATIONS.

Brookfield	Rev. B. M. Frink, Brookfield	
Essex North	Rev. James D. Dingwell, Amesbury	
Franklin	Rev. Christopher W. Collier, Orange	
Hampden	Rev. Samuel H. Lee, Springfield	
Hampshire East	Rev. Robert E. Woods, Hatfield	
Mendon	Rev. Rufus K. Harlow	
Middlesex South	Rev. Charles S. Brooks, Wellesley	
Norfolk	Rev. H. E. Bray, Stoughton	
Suffolk South	Rev. E. A. Colton, Dorchester	
Taunton	Rev. S. V. Cole, Norton	
Worsector North	Roy Gustavus W Jones Winchendon	

DELEGATES FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.
Rev. Joshua Coit Winchester
MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, ex officiis.
Rev. William E. Wolcott, Lawrence Moderator
Seba A. Holton, Falmouth Vice-Moderator
Rev. Eugene C. Webster, Jamaica Plain Secretary
Rev. Francis J. Marsh. Boston Registrar
Rev. Almon J. Dyer, Sharon Assistant Registrar
Henry P. Emerson, Boston Treasurer

#### TUESDAY

#### OPENING SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 2.30 o'clock P.M., by the moderator, Rev. W. E. Wolcott, of Lawrence. The hymn "Come, Thou Almighty King" was sung, and prayer was offered by Rev. P. B. Davis, of West Roxbury.

#### COMMITTEES.

The moderator then appointed the following committees:

On Business. — Rev. A. F. Dunnels, of Fitchburg; Rev. W. O. Conrad, of Fitchburg; Mr. G. S. Newhall, of Lynn; Mr. F. L. Fish, of Taunton; Rev. A. B. Bassett, of Ware.

On Credentials. — Rev. J. H. Quint, of Falmouth; Mr. W. E. Harding, of Pittsfield; Rev. C. C. Merrill, of Winchendon.

On Nominations. — Rev. G. W. Andrews, of Dalton; Mr. H. H. Earl, of Fall River; Rev. J. L. Kilbon, of Springfield; Rev. H. N. Hoyt, of Hyde Park; Rev. C. L. Noyes, of Somerville.

Budget Committee. — Rev. A. W. Hitchcock, of Worcester; Mr. G. W. Chase, of North Adams; Mr. C. O. Judd, of Holyoke.

Tellers. — Rev. A. F. Newton, of North Leominster; Rev. A. J. Covell, of Lynn; Rev. W. M. Macnair, of Mansfield; Mr. J. E. Kimball, of Oxford; Mr. A. W. Hoffman, of South Hadley Falls; Rev. C. B. Wathen, of Rehoboth.

#### PROGRAM ADOPTED.

The program of the Provisional Committee was adopted as the order of exercises of the meeting.

#### ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

An address of welcome was delivered by Rev. A. F. Dunnels, pastor of the entertaining church. Response was made by the moderator.

#### REPORTS.

The annual report of the secretary, Rev. E. C. Webster, of Jamaica Plain, was read, accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

The report of the treasurer, Mr. Henry P. Emerson, of Lynn,

was presented, accepted and placed on file.

The report of the Auditing Committee was presented by the chairman, Mr. H. G. Dixon, of Boston, accepted and placed on file, its recommendation in regard to unifying the methods of receiving and disbursing the funds of the Association being referred to the Business Committee.

The report of the Committee on the Work of the Churches was presented in print with an additional statement by the chairman, Rev. W. E. Strong, of Amherst. Report was

accepted and placed on file.

The printed report of the Committee on the Place and Work of the Home in Religious Life was presented, accepted and

placed on file.

The printed report of the Committee on Missionary Work was presented with additional statement by its chairman, Rev. F. S. Hunnewell, of Reading. After discussion by Rev. P. S. Moxom, of Springfield, the report was accepted and its

recommendations adopted.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was presented as printed, with additional statement by its chairman, Mr. G. D. Chamberlain, of Springfield. After discussion by Rev. W. H. Allbright, of Roxbury, and Rev. A. A. Berle, of Salem, the report was accepted and placed on file. On motion of Rev. A. A. Berle a vote of thanks was tendered this committee with special recognition of the tireless labors, in defense of Sabbath observance, of Rev. W. H. Allbright before the legislative committees of the state legislature.

The Committee on Gambling reported orally through its chairman, Mr. William Shaw, of Ballardvale. Report was accepted. Additional remarks were made by Rev. E. H. Byington, of Beverly, and on his motion the Association voted to ask Mr. Shaw to present, through the Business Committee, a resolution suitably commending the work of Judge W. H. H. Emmons, of Boston.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was presented orally by Rev. Edward Constant, of Ipswich, and was accepted.

The printed report of the Committee on Labor Organizations was presented by the chairman, Rev. Daniel Evans, of North Cambridge. The report was discussed by Rev. P. T. Farwell, of Wellesley Hills, who presented resolutions which were referred to the Business Committee. After further discussion by Rev. A. F. Pierce, of Brockton, and others, the report was accepted and placed on file.

The report of the Committee on Nominating Candidates for Membership in the A. B. C. F. M. was read by Mr. H. H. Earl, of Fall River, and was referred back to the committee for the

addition of the names of three laymen.

On recommendation of the Business Committee it was ordered that at the close of the address of Rev. C. H. Oliphant, of Methuen, on Wednesday evening, President C. O. Day, of Andover, be given ten minutes to speak concerning Andover Theological Seminary. Also that ten minutes be at once given to Rev. C. A. Northrop, of Norwich, Conn., secretary of the National Council on Systematic Benevolence.

Mr. Northrop then addressed the Association upon the work which he hoped to do in this field to which he had been

called.

#### AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

Notice was then given by Rev. W. R. Campbell, of Roxbury, of a proposed amendment to Article VI, Section 4, Clause (b), of the constitution, so that it shall read \$500.00, instead of \$750.00.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Further remarks concerning the report of the Committee on Temperance were made by Rev. W. W. Jordan, of Clinton, and others, and a resolution on the subject was referred to the Business Committee.

On recommendation of the Nominating Committee the following-named persons were chosen to act as deacons at the

evening service: G. J. Allen, of Fitchburg; T. C. Hoyt, of Fitchburg; F. J. Ward, of Roxbury; Henry W. Sears, of Middleboro; Thomas Hamilton, of Worcester; W. G. Harding, of Pittsfield; A. C. Brown, of Fitchburg; J. C. Moulton, of Fitchburg.

#### MEMORIALS.

Rev. H. E. Bray, of Stoughton, presented two memorials from Norfolk Conference which were referred to the Business Committee.

At 5.30 o'clock the Association took a recess until 7.15 o'clock.

#### EVENING SESSION.

The evening session of Tuesday began at 7.15 o'clock. The opening devotional services were conducted by Rev. F. W. Burrows, of Braintree, and Rev. C. M. Clark, of Haverhill.

#### SERMON.

The sermon was preached by Rev. E. A. Reed, of Holyoke, from the text, John 14:15.

#### MINISTERIAL AID.

Rev. C. B. Rice, of Danvers, made a brief address in behalf of the Board of Ministerial Aid, after which an offering was taken amounting to \$90.10.

#### THE LORD'S SUPPER.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. L. S. Rowland, of Lee, and Rev. F. B. Noyes, of Plymouth. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. L. S. Rowland, and the Association took a recess until 8.30 Wednesday morning.

#### WEDNESDAY

MORNING SESSION.

Devotional service at 8.30 o'clock was led by Rev. C. H. Percival, of Everett.

The moderator called the Association to order at 9 o'clock, and the minutes for the preceding day were read and adopted.

#### RESOLUTIONS REGARDING LORD'S DAY.

The Business Committee made the following recommendations which were adopted:

Resolved, That the Association puts itself on record as protesting against the growing tendency of church members to join in the effort constantly being made to legalize sports on the Lord's Day.

Resolved, That we protest against the opening of stores and shops on the Lord's Day, for the transaction of business; believing it to be the duty of the Church to do all in its power to secure a rest day for the working masses.

#### BUSINESS.

On recommendation of the Business Committee the following votes were passed:

That a bond be required of the treasurer of the Association; that the amount be determined by the Executive Committee and the cost of the bond be paid by the Association.

Voted to instruct the Committee on Labor Organizations to investigate the matter of child labor and report the results to the next meeting of the Association.

*Voted* to appoint a standing committee on temperance.

Voted to approve and adopt the suggestion made by the Norfolk Association, "That when the secretary of this Association sends out blanks upon which the churches shall make their reports for publication in the Year Book, he shall send one extra blank which the church may retain as a copy."

#### CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.

Time was then given to the consideration of the amendment to the constitution, of which notice was given yesterday. Rev. W. R. Campbell, of Roxbury, moved its adoption, and the subject was further discussed by Rev. A. F. Pierce, of Brockton, Rev. E. C. Webster and others, and the motion was lost by a vote of 72 to 75.

#### GATHERING OF SPECIAL STATISTICS.

Rev. H. L. Bailey, of Longmeadow, presented a resolution concerning the further gathering of special statistics of benevolent contributions, which was referred to the Business Committee.

#### ADDRESS.

An address on "The Relative Importance of Services of Worship to Spiritual Quickening" was given by Rev. B. S. Gilman, of Gardner.

Voted to omit discussion on this subject for lack of time and proceed to the next address.

#### ADDRESS.

Prof. Irving F. Wood, of Northampton, followed with an address on "The Relation of Improved Sunday School Methods to Spiritual Quickening."

This address was discussed by Mr. H. S. Conant, of Boston; Rev. J. E. Enman, of Fall River; Rev. L. S. Rowland, of Lee, and others, and it was voted that the paper be printed in the " Minutes," in full.

An address on "The Social Activities of the Church as Related to Spiritual Quickening" was delivered by Rev. M. H.

Turk, of Natick.

Discussion following this address was participated in by Rev. W. H. Cobb, of Newton Centre; Rev. W. M. Macnair, of Mansfield; Rev. J. B. Carruthers, of South Deerfield; Mr. William Shaw, of Ballardvale; Rev. I. L. Willcox, of Worcester; Rev. E. H. Byington and others.

#### ADDRESS.

Rev. Reuen Thomas, of Brookline, then delivered an address on "Church Architecture and the Enrichment of the Church Service as Related to Spiritual Quickening."

It was voted that Rev. Mr. Thomas be requested to furnish his address for printing in the "Minutes."

#### CANDIDATES FOR MASS, H. M. SOCIETY.

On recommendation of the Nominating Committee the following persons were named as candidates for membership on the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society: Rev. H. N. Hoyt, of Hyde Park, and Mr. G. H. Shaw, of Middleboro.

#### PRINTING OF REVISED VERSION OF THE SACRED SCRIPTURES.

A resolution presented by Rev. P. S. Moxom, of Springfield, concerning the recent action of the Trustees of the American Bible Society recommending the printing of the Revised Version of the Sacred Scriptures, was referred to the Business Committee.

After prayer by Rev. C. S. Brooks, of Wellesley, the Association took a recess until five o'clock in the afternoon, at the close of the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 5.45 o'clock, at the close of the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, the Association was called to order by the moderator.

## NOMINATIONS FOR A. B. C. F. M.

The completed report of the Committee on Nominating Candidates for Corporate Membership in the A. B. C. F. M. was presented in print as follows:

Rev. W. E. Strong, of Amherst; Rev. A. P. Davis, of Wakefield; Rev. G. W. Winch, of Holyoke; Rev. T. C. Welles, of Lowell; Mr. R. B. Borden, of Fall River; Mr. J. M. Fiske, of Cambridge; Mr. P. B. Keith, of Brockton; Rev. H. T. Rose, of Northampton; Rev. W. H. Allbright, of Roxbury; Mr. G. D. Chamberlain, of Springfield; Mr. James Logan, of Worcester; Mr. G. W. Chase, of North Adams.

It was voted to proceed to ballot with the understanding that three clergymen and three laymen be voted for, and that the candidates receiving plurality votes be the nominees of the Association.

#### DELEGATES TO NATIONAL COUNCIL.

The Nominating Committee then presented the following names for delegates and alternates to the National Council as follows:

Ministers. — Rev. C. F. Swift, of Fall River; Rev. W. E. Wolcott, of Lawrence; President Henry Hopkins, of Williamstown; Rev. E. H. Rudd, of Dedham; Rev. Willard Scott, of Worcester; Rev. Reuen Thomas, of Brookline.

Alternates. — Rev. A. W. Archibald, of Brockton; Rev. T. C. Welles, of Lowell; Rev. J. S. Voorhees, of Adams; Rev. S. L. Loomis, of Boston; Rev. A. F. Dunnels, of Fitchburg; Rev. S. H. Woodrow, of Springfield.

Laymen. — Mr. Thomas Todd, of Concord; Mr. Thomas Weston, of Newton; Mr. A. P. Williams, of West Upton; Mr. G. W. Chase, of North Adams; Hon. Frederick Fosdick, of Fitchburg; President Mary E. Woolley, of South Hadley.

Alternates. — Mr. F. O. Winslow, of Norwood; Mr. F. W. B. Pratt, of Reading; Mr. W. F. Whittemore, of Boston; Mr. H. K. Hyde, of Ware; Mr. C. K. Crane, of Dalton; Mrs. W. H. Blodgett, of Newton.

Voted, That alternates be selected to fill vacancies in the order in which the names appear in the list.

#### CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARYSHIP.

The Nominating Committee presented in print a list of candidates for the secretaryship of the Association as follows:

Rev. Asher Anderson, of Cambridge; Rev. C. G. Burnham, of Chicopee; Rev. J. G. Taylor, of Arlington Heights; Rev. E. C. Webster, of Jamaica Plain. The name of Rev. Isaac Pierson, of Medford, was added by nomination from the house and an informal ballot taken.

Mr. James Cowan, of Holyoke, was appointed an additional teller.

A resolution by Rev. F. S. Hunnewell, of Reading, relative to the Committee on Sabbath Observance, was referred to the Business Committee.

#### RECESS.

At 6.15 o'clock a recess was taken until 7 o'clock.

## EVENING SESSION.

Promptly at seven o'clock the moderator called the Association to order.

The report of the tellers on the result of the informal ballot for secretary was given, and the Association proceeded to a formal vote.

Rev. W. H. Rollins, of Wilmington, was appointed an additional teller.

#### REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

The Business Committee reported on the recommendation of the Auditing Committee as follows:

The Auditing Committee call attention to the recommendation adopted at Plymouth, May 22, 1902, viz.: "That inasmuch as the Board of Pastoral Supply is the agent of the General Association, all its funds should pass through the hands of the treasurer of the Association."

Your committee regrets to find that this has not been done during the past year, and therefore recommends that the Association instruct its Executive Committee that this vote of the Association be carried out.

With reference to the above, the Business Committee find that at the annual meeting of the General Association at Great Barrington last year it was voted:

"That the Executive Committee of the General Association be empowered to make such accounting of monies received and expended by the Board of Pastoral Supply as may seem most suitable," and therefore, that the Executive Committee have followed a course entirely within their instructions and beyond criticism.

In view of various facts which have been brought to our notice, we would recommend that in the future the Plymouth instructions be adopted, and that all funds of the Board of Pastoral Supply pass through the hands

of the treasurer of the Association.

It was voted to lay this report upon the table until the report of the Executive Committee should have been given.

## PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE.

The Business Committee further reported two resolutions, one concerning the opening of museums and libraries on the

Lord's day; this, after much discussion, was referred back to the committee for a more satisfactory wording: The other resolution, after amendment, was passed as follows:

Resolved, That the Association approves of the "Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Service."

#### BALLOT FOR SECRETARY.

The tellers reported concerning the first formal vote for secretary that there was no election.

The name of Rev. J. G. Taylor, of Arlington Heights, was

withdrawn.

It was voted to go on with the program and to return to the special business at the close of the addresses of the evening.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. W. W. Jordan, of Clinton, and Rev. C. F. Swift, of Fall River.

#### ADDRESS.

An address on "The Obligation of Our Churches to Raise up a Powerful Ministry of the Word" was delivered by Rev. C. H. Oliphant, of Methuen.

Following this, Prof. C. O. Day spoke briefly on the methods

and prospects of Andover Seminary.

#### PETITION TO GENERAL COURT.

The following minute was presented by the Rev. P. S. Moxom, of Springfield, and passed by the Association:

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

The General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts, now assembled, utters its emphatic protest against the passage by the General Court of Senate Bill No. 270, which so amends Section 72 of Chapter 225 of the Revised Laws as to involve the intrusion of sectarian influences into the penal and charitable administration of the state.

We protest against the introduction of sectarian legislation into our

statutes.

It was voted that this communication be intrusted to the moderator and registrar to bring the matter before the legislative bodies, and, in the event of the passage of the bill, before his Excellency, Governor Bates.

### ADDRESSES.

An address was then given by Mr. H. K. Hyde, of Ware, on "The Efficiency of the Pulpit as Affected by its Freedom and Material Support."

This was followed by an address by Rev. Willard Scott, of Worcester, on "The Minister as a Representative Man in the Community."

## SECOND BALLOT FOR SECRETARY.

The business of the Association was then resumed and second formal ballot for secretary taken, which resulted in the election of Rev. C. G. Burnham, of Chicopee.

### BALLOT FOR NOMINEES FOR A. B. C. F. M.

The ballot for nominees for corporate membership in the A. B. C. F. M. was then announced as follows:

Rev. W. E. Strong, of Amherst; Rev. A. P. Davis, of Wakefield; Rev. W. H. Allbright, of Roxbury; Mr. R. B. Borden, of Fall River; Mr. P. B. Keith, of Brockton; and Mr. G. W. Chase, of North Adams.

At 10 o'clock the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Lyman Whiting, of East Charlemont, and the Association took a recess to reassemble at 8.45 o'clock on Thursday morning.

## THURSDAY

MORNING SESSION.

At 8.30 o'clock devotional services were led by Rev. C. W.

Collier, of Orange.

At 8.45 the moderator called the Association to order, and the minutes of the previous day were read and adopted.

## MESSAGE OF IOWA ASSOCIATION.

The following telegram was received and referred to the Business Committee for reply:

MANCHESTER, IA.

To the State Congregational Association of Massachusetts, Fitchburg, Mass.:
We send you most cordial greetings and sincerest wishes for success in the Master's service.

#### C. H. RODGERS.

Moderator of Iowa Congregational Association.

## OPENING OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES, ETC., ON SUNDAY.

The following resolution was presented:

That the subject of opening public libraries, museums and art galleries on the Lord's Day be referred to the Committee on Sabbath Observance, with instructions to communicate with the churches of the state, request-

ing them to consider the matter and instruct their delegates to the next annual meeting to act along one of three lines: (1) In approval; (2) on the table for further discussion; (3) disapproval.

An amendment to this was presented looking to securing the sentiment of churches instead of asking the churches to instruct their delegates.

After discussion it was voted to lay the whole matter upon

the table.

#### RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED.

A resolution presented by Rev. A. E. Dunning, of Brookline, was referred to the Business Committee, as was also one by Rev. G. W. Winch, of Holyoke.

#### REPORTS.

The report of the Executive Committee of the Association

was read and accepted.

The report of the Business Committee concerning the recommendation of the Auditing Committee was taken from the table and discussed with the report of the Executive Committee, and its recommendation, which was substantially that of the Auditing Committee, was not adopted.

The report of the Budget Committee was presented by

Mr. G. W. Chase, of North Adams, and was adopted:

Anticipating that the expenses of the Association will be about the same for the ensuing year as for the past year, the Budget Committee recommends that the treasurers of the several conferences be requested to contribute five cents for each member, based upon the total membership of January 1, 1904.

#### ESTIMATED EXPENSES.

Assessment of the National Council at \$.01½ per member, Estimate for Board of Pastoral Supply Salary of state secretary	\$1,733.60 3,200.00 750.00 950.00 50.00									
Total	\$6,683.60									
SOURCES OF INCOME.										
Balance on hand Estimated income from Board of Pastoral Supply:	\$1,001.65									
From preaching by the secretary	475.00									
From office fees	600.00									
Five cents per member from 115,573 members	5,778.65									
Total	\$7,855.30									

The committee would call attention to the balance in the treasury which has steadily increased under the efficient management of the Executive Committee until all the money due from the conferences has been collected, excepting fifty or sixty dollars.

We would recommend that a balance approximating a thousand dollars be maintained in the treasury in the future to meet printing bills, which are due early in the year before the conferences have sent in their

returns.

The committee has inserted in the "sources of income" the estimate of the Board of Pastoral Supply, and under "estimated expenses" we have placed the salary of the secretary of that board and twelve hundred dollars for other expenses in conducting the work of the office.

## COMMITTEES.

The following list of committees for the ensuing year was presented by the Nominating Committee and adopted:

Provisional Committee. — Rev. E. V. Bigelow, of Lowell; Rev. T. C. Welles, of Lowell; Mr. G. S. Hull, of Lowell; Rev. W. E. Wolcott, of Lawrence; Rev. C. G. Burnham, of Chicopee.

Publishing Committee. — Rev. C. G. Burnham, of Chicopee; Rev. F. J. Marsh, of Boston; Mr. J. J. Arakelyan, of Dorchester; Mr. L. A. Treat, of Chelsea; Mr. Frank Wood, of Boston.

Committee to Audit the Treasurer's Report.—Rev. E. H. Rudd, of Dedham; Mr. H. G. Dixon, of Boston; Mr. F. P. Shumway, of Melrose; Mr. G. S. Chase, of Cambridge; Rev. G. H. Flint, of Dorchester.

Committee on the Work of the Churches.—Rev. G. W. Andrews, of Dalton; Mr. E. H. Cutler, of Springfield; Rev. R. A. MacFadden, of Danvers; Rev. W. H. Spence, of Cambridge; Mr. C. E. Kelsey, of Newton Centre.

Committee on Sunday Observance. — Rev. W. H. Allbright, of Dorchester; Rev. E. C. Camp, of Whitman; Mr. D. C. Brewer, of Boston.

Committee on Temperance.— Rev. Edward Constant, of Ipswich; Rev. W. M. Macnair, of Mansfield; Mr. A. H. Wellman, of Malden; Mr. E. S. Rogers, of Lee; Mr. W. T. Forbes, of Worcester.

Committee on Labor Organizations.—Rev. Daniel Evans, of Cambridge; Rev. P. T. Farwell, of Wellesley Hills; E. N. White, of Holyoke; Mr. A. T. Whitin, of Whitinsville; Rev. F. W. Merrick, of West Roxbury.

Committee to Nominate Candidates for Corporate Membership in the A. B. C. F. M.—Rev. L. D. Bliss, of Great Barrington; Rev. S. L. Loomis, of Boston; Rev. D. W. S. Clark, of Salem; Mr. L. D. Gager, of Palmer; Rev. J. H. Matthews, of Worcester.

Committee on Missionary Work.—The chairmen of the Conference Committees on the Work of the six National Societies.

### RECOMMENDATIONS OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

The following recommendations of the Business Committee were adopted:

To hold the next annual meeting with the Eliot Church of Lowell.

That the Nominating Committee present the names for a committee on gambling.

That it is the sense of this meeting that the pastor of the entertaining church should not be a member of the Business Committee.

That the addresses of Rev. M. H. Turk and of Rev. C. H. Oliphant be

printed in the "Minutes."

That, in view of the fact that the railroads demand a guarantee against the abuse of the reduced rates by scalpers, the treasurer or secretary of the Association be authorized to become responsible as the representative of this body.

That the publication of benevolent statistics in parallel columns be discontinued, as expensive and confusing; that the former method, in use up to 1902, be reverted to, and that the vote of last year be rescinded. That the Association express to Rev. E. C. Webster its appreciation of

his diligence, ability and economy in the discharge of his office as secretary for the period of three years.

That we observe with satisfaction the decision of the American Bible Society, in its last annual meeting, to publish the Revised Version of the Sacred Scriptures.

That we recommend that the American Bible Society make full exhibit of its resources, expenditures and methods of business in its annual report.

That the General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts memorialize the National Council to consider the question of the home missionary interests of our churches in the various states and sections of our country, with a view to having such a readjustment of the specific relation of our state bodies to the national body as shall better represent the principles and methods of the Congregational faith and order.

That, whereas our American Congregationalism looks back to the organization of the first church at Scrooby, England, in 1606, and whereas Congregationalism was transplanted to America first to the region now

occupied by Massachusetts churches, be it

Resolved, That the General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts memorialize the National Council, at its next meeting in October, 1904, to take suitable action to encourage and direct the Congregational churches of America to celebrate appropriately the tercentenary of the beginning of American Congregationalism.

That this Association commends the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society for its efforts in behalf of the intellectual and theological progress of its missionaries, commends the recent conference at Andover, and advocates the extension of this policy in the interest of closer and more effective relations of service between the seminary and the churches.

#### MESSAGES.

The following "greetings" were then adopted and ordered to be sent to Rev. Joseph Warren Cross, of Lawrence.

The General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts send their greetings of good will to the Rev. Joseph Warren Cross on the approach of his ninety-sixth birthday. They rejoice with him that he has been permitted to render such long service to God and humanity. They congratulate him on the reforms which he has been allowed to see accomplished and the great progress in the kingdom of God which he has witnessed. We implore the divine blessing upon his remaining days, that they may be made serene and bright by the presence of his heavenly Father.

The following "greetings" were adopted and ordered to be sent to Rev. Edmund Dowse, of Sherborn:

The General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts, meeting at Fitchburg, sends greetings to Rev. Edmund Dowse, of Sherborn. A ministry of sixty-five years in the church of his fathers and the town of his birth, during which he has maintained the honorable traditions of the Congregational ministry in thought and endeavor; more than fifty years given in directing the education of the children of the town of his birth, and ministry as chairman of the school committee; for twenty-five years the honored and beloved chaplain of the upper branch of the General Court of Massachusetts,—such services call for grateful recognition on the part of this Association. For a character so strong and a work so long continued and stable we are profoundly grateful to Almighty God, and we pray that the days of retirement may be full of content and peace.

The following resolutions were presented by the Business Committee and adopted:

Resolved, (I) That we endorse the earnest and efficient work of the New England Sabbath Protective League and commend it and its secretary to the confidence and support of our churches;

(II) That we record our approval of the International Congress of Sunday Rest to be held in St. Louis, October 11, 12, 13 and 14, 1904, and that delegates from this Association be appointed to attend, at their own expense, the session of the congress, which is a fitting celebration of the closing of the exposition on Sunday, and promises to be the largest and most representative gathering of the friends of the Lord's Day ever held.

Also the following resolution was adopted as presented by the Business Committee:

 $\it Whereas, \,$  One of the great evils of our times is the spirit of lawlessness in high places and low, and

Whereas, This spirit is fostered by the sarcasm and ridicule with which efforts to enforce the laws against illegal liquor selling, Sabbath desecration, gambling, prize fighting, etc., have been received by some of our newspapers and other exponents of public opinion, and

Whereas, We believe that the forces in our Commonwealth which make for righteousness, law and order should be more outspoken in their approval of all wise efforts to enforce the laws, in order that our public officials may have the support of a healthy public sentiment, therefore, be it

Resolved, (I) That we, the representatives of the Congregational churches of Massachusetts, heartily commend the efforts of Judge W. H. H. Emmons and his associates on the Board of Police Commissioners of Boston and of Mayor Henry O. Sawyer, of Fitchburg, to enforce the laws;

- (II) That we pledge our earnest cooperation and outspoken support of such efforts, and that we urge our pastors and churches to foster and support every effort made in their several localities to secure, through the proper local officials, the enforcement of the laws;
- (III) That we urge the larger use of the public press in the expression of our approval of such efforts and of our condemnation of lawlessness.

A resolution presented by Rev. C. S. Brooks, of Wellesley, was referred to the Business Committee, and being recommended by them was adopted as follows:

Whereas, Christ in his prayer prayed that all his disciples might be one, and the spirit of the New Testament inculcates the unity of Christian believers; and

Whereas, The Congregational denomination through sessions of its National Council has, for an extended period, considered and worked for closer connection between some of the denominations which seemed more accessible; and

Whereas, Especially, since the last National Council the United Brethren, the Methodist Protestants and the Congregationalists have, by their representatives, taken such action as resulted in a proposed basis of connection between the Methodist Protestant, the United Brethren and the Congregational denominations;

Resolved, That we express our full sympathy with the endeavor which has been made for this union by these three bodies;

Resolved, That we urge the mutual embodiment of practical Christian amity and comity in the interrelations of these three denominations;

Resolved, That we approve the proposed formation of a General Council in the hope that through the successive and progressive action of this General Council there may ultimate the largest-and most effective union practicable;

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be communicated to the National Council.

## COMMITTEE ON GAMBLING.

The Nominating Committee then presented the following names of persons for the Committee on Gambling, and their report was adopted:

Rev. W. T. McElveen, of Boston; Rev. E. H. Byington, of Beverly; Mr. William Shaw, of Ballardvale; Rev. H. C. Bailey, of Longmeadow; Mr. A. A. Maxwell, of Boston.

## DELEGATES TO INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS.

The following persons were elected as delegates to the International Congress for Sunday Rest:

Rev. R. M. Woods, of Hatfield; Rev. R. D. W. Mallary, of Housatonic; Rev. C. F. Swift, of Fall River; Rev. W. H. Allbright, of Roxbury; Mr. Frederick Fosdick, of Fitchburg; Mr. Thomas Weston, of Newton; Mr. F. O. Winslow, of Norwood; Mr. H. K. Hyde, of Ware.

#### ADDRESSES.

An address was given by Rev. A. E. Dunning, of Brookline, on "The Responsibility Arising from Our Historic Position in Massachusetts."

This was followed by an address by Rev. W. R. Campbell, of Roxbury, on "The Demand for More Concerted Action to Meet These Responsibilities."

Voted, That these addresses of Rev. Messrs. Dunning and Campbell be printed in the "Minutes" and referred to a special committee, who shall take them into consideration and report to the next annual meeting of the Association what readjustments of our polity, if any, will best promote the efficiency of our Massachusetts churches; and that sufficient time be allowed for the discussion of the matter.

Voted, That the suggestion of Rev. Mr. Dunning's address be referred to the Business Committee.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The result of the ballot for officers of the Association and members of the Executive Committee for one year was as follows:

Moderator. — Mr. S. A. Holton, of Falmouth.

Vice-Moderator. — Rev. E. M. Noyes, of Newton Centre.

Members of the Executive Committee.— Rev. E. N. Hardy, of Quincy; Rev. Nicholas Van der Pyl, of Marblehead; Mr. R. L. Bridgman, of Auburndale.

## MEMBERS OF BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY.

The ballot for members of the Board of Pastoral Supply resulted as follows:

For three years. — Rev. F. E. Emrich, of Boston; Rev. C. M. Clark, of Haverhill; Mr. F. L. Fish. of Taunton; Mr. H. A. Boynton, of Newton-ville.

For two years. — Rev. W. H. Allbright, of Roxbury. For one year. — Mr. A. P. Williams, of West Upton.

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY.

The report of the Board of Pastoral Supply was given by its

Secretary, Rev. C. B. Rice, of Danvers, and accepted.

The Business Committee reported in favor of appointing a committee to cooperate with like committees of other bodies for the promotion of Christian unity and evangelistic work in the state of Massachusetts, and the report was adopted.

Voted to adopt the report of the Nominating Committee

as follows:

Special committee to report on the address of Rev. A. E. Dunning, Brookline, and Rev. W. R. Campbell, Roxbury: Rev. W. H. Davis, of Newton; Rev. E. A. Reed, of Holyoke; Rev. C. M. Clark, of Haverhill; Rev. J. G. Taylor, of Arlington Heights: Mr. H. H. Earl, of Fall River.

Committee to cooperate with other denominations in this state: Rev. A. E. Dunning, of Brookline; Rev. Reuen Thomas, of Brookline; Rev. P. S. Moxom, of Springfield; Mr. S. B. Capen, of Boston; Mr. W. M. Crane, of Dalton.

#### MESSAGE TO IOWA ASSOCIATION.

The following response to the greetings of the Iowa State Association was offered by the Business Committee and ordered sent:

The General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts wish you grace, mercy and peace.

REV. W. E. WOLCOTT, Moderator.

#### VOTE OF THANKS.

The following resolution, presented by Rev. Isaac Pierson, of Medford, was then adopted:

Resolved, That we, the members of the General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts, assembled at Fitchburg for its one hundred and second annual meeting, extend our sincere and hearty thanks to the officers and members of the Calvinistic church in this place for their hospitable and abundant reception of the Association in this, their beautiful and well-appointed house of worship; to its pastor and the other members of the Provisional Committee for their thoughtful and efficient preparations for the meeting; to the organist and leader, who have been present and served us at every session of the meeting, and to the choir for their inspiring music; to the people of this lovely city of hills and granite for their generous hospitality; to the hotels and railroads for their reduced rates; to the newspapers for their ample reports of our proceedings; to the speakers for their suggestive and helpful papers; to the moderator for his courteous and just conduct of the various sessions of the Association and his rare dispatch of its business; and to all who have contributed to make this one of the most helpful and delightful meetings in the history of the Association.

Rev. W. O. Conrad, of Fitchburg, responded.

#### ENROLLMENT.

Rev. C. C. Merrill, of Winchendon, presented the following report of the Committee on Credentials, which was accepted and placed on file:

219 Churches represented by 1172 pastors (117 delegates (	289
11 Associations represented by 11 clergymen	11
16 Conferences represented by { 7 clergymen } { 9 laymen }	16
6 Officers represented by 4 clergymen 1 2 laymen	6
Mass. Home Missionary Society represented by 1 clergyman	1
Total number of credentials	323

## READING OF MINUTES.

It was then voted that after the reading of the minutes and the closing exercises the Association adjourn.

The minutes for the day were read and adopted.

The doxology was sung, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Robert W. Haskins, of Reading, and at 11.40 o'clock the Association adjourned.

REV. WILLIAM E. WOLCOTT, LAWRENCE, Moderator.

Rev. FRANCIS J. MARSH, Boston, Registrar.

REV. ALMON J. DYER, SHARON, Assistant Registrar.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

REV. EUGENE C. WEBSTER, JAMAICA PLAIN

Since our last report seven churches have been added to the sister-hood of Congregational churches in Massachusetts, and two have been dropped from the roll. One of the latter united with a neighboring church. There are at present 610 churches, with a total membership of 115,573, of which 36,112, or 31.2 per cent., are males, and 79,461 are females. Last year we reported 114,040 members. Thus we seem to have gained 1,533 members, but the admissions (6,311) to our churches exceed the removals (5,320) by 991; hence the apparent gain is only 991. But 928 have been dropped by discipline or revision of rolls, so the real gain to our churches is 1,919, which is a small increase over the year before.

Although the Association took definite action two years ago with reference to reducing the non-resident membership list, there are still reported 20,530 absent members. Several churches report that they

intend soon to place absent members on a retired list.

During 1903 we received into our churches 3,500 on confession, which is 263 more than in the previous year; and by letter 2,811, which is 6 more than in 1902. The total number of removals in 1903 was 5,320. There were 1,439 adults baptized and 1,877 infants, which is a slight gain.

											1901	1902	1903
Churches	which a	added	less t	har	1 1 1	1 ne	wr	nem	be:	rs	305	302	326
"	"		from	11	to	25					131	148	117
"	4.6	4.4	4.6	26	to	50					52	44	53
44	4.4	44	over	50					•		12	12	16
"	giving	no re	port								$^{6}$	4	12
	which	receiv	red no	ne	w	mer	nbe	ers			97	95	86
											603	605	610

The churches with more than 700 members are 15 in number, one more than in 1902. They are given in the order of their size. The figures in brackets show their relative size the year before, and the figures in the parentheses show the number of non-resident members: 1 [1], Worcester, First, 1,222 (no report); 2 [2], Springfield, First, 1,174 (164); 3 [3], Holyoke, Second, 1,051 (140); 4 [4], Worcester, Piedmont, 840 (165); 5 [8], Boston, Old South, 805 (no report); 6 [6], South Boston, Phillips, 798 (200); 7 [5], Cambridge, First, 796 (222); 8 [7], Dorchester, Second, 792 (97); 9 [9], Brookline, Harvard, 792 (197); 10 [10], Springfield, Hope, 783 (66); 11 [11], Worcester, Pilgrim, 760 (60); 12 [12], Malden, First, 729 (144); 13, Lowell, First Trinitarian, 720 (130); 14, Worcester, Pilgrim, 708 (166); 15 [13], Chelsea, Central, 701 (118). Two hundred and sixtv-two churches have pastors settled by council:

Two hundred and sixty-two churches have pastors settled by council; 271 have pastors called by some definite act of the church; 23 are "supplied"; and 54 are vacant. In addition to the 539 Congregational ministers who are serving our churches, there are 476 others, either resident in our state, or reported by our Associations, making a total of 1,015.

average attendance is somewhat less. Membership, 118,420; average attendance, 68,088.

On January 1, 1904, 600 churches reported 98,730 families, whereas one year ago 588 churches reported 97,605 families.

One more society of young people is reported this year, making a total of 527, with a membership of 32,238, an increase of 687.

The total of benevolent contributions is \$611,585, contributed by 588

churches, a sum smaller than 585 churches gave the year before by \$10,350,

and \$110,188 less than 588 churches gave two years before.

The home expenditures reported by 592 churches are \$1,640,111, which is \$5,620 less than the same number of churches expended in 1902. The legacies this last year amount to \$160,966, which is \$58,010 more than

A decided improvement has been made in the method of gathering the annual statistics. Two "blank schedules" were sent to each church through the conference secretaries, one of which was returned directly to the State secretary and the other was sent as usual to the Conference secretary. The Massachusetts tables were sent to the "Year Book" on February 26, a gain of just nine weeks over the previous year. By this plan the "time limit" for receiving the conference reports can easily be advanced from February 15 to February 10. The "time limit" for the State of New Hampshire is February 1.

Already a large portion of the 1904 "Minutes" is in type, and

copies ought to be mailed this year by the middle of June.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

HENRY P. EMERSON, Treasurer, in account with the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS. FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 2, 1904.

1903-1904.	RECEIPTS.
To cash on hand at last report Receipts from Conferences . Interest . Sale of "Minutes" and leaflets .	\$730 70 5,701 62 5,701 62 5,701 62 5,701 62 6,701 62 7,701 62
Total	
1903-1904. E	XPENDITURES.
By Rev. Eugene C. Webster, Secretz Rev. A. J. Dyer, expense attendi Rev W. P. Landers, expense attendi Daniel B. Beard, expense attendi Pilgrim Press, printing Mills & Knight Co., printing Rev. C. B. Rice, Secretary Board Merchants' Parcel Express, sendi Postage Thomas Todd, printing Samuel B. Forbes, Secretary Nat Rev. E. M. Bartlett, addressing e The Memorial Press, Plymouth, e Rev. Francis J. Marsh, Registrar Cash on hand	12 21   12 21   13 21   14 21   15 21   15 21   16 21   17 2
Total	

HENRY P. EMERSON, Treasurer.

## AUDITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Auditing Committee of the General Association of Congregational Churches of Massachusetts have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, Mr. Henry P. Emerson, and find them correct with proper vouchers; showing a balance of \$1,001.09 in his hands and deposited in the Beacon Trust Company.

The Auditing Committee call attention to there commendation adopted at Plymouth, May 22, 1902, viz.:

"That inasmuch as the Board of Pastoral Supply is the agent of the General Association, all its funds should pass through the hands of the treasurer of the Association." Your committee regrets to find that this has not been done during the past year, and therefore recommends that the Association instruct its Executive Committee to see that this vote of the Association be carried out.

HARRY G. DIXON, FRANKLIN P. SHUMWAY, M. A. HOLBROOK, ARTHUR P. PRATT, EDWARD H. RUDD,

Auditing Committee.

## REPORT OF CONGREGATIONAL BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY

REV. CHARLES B. RICE, SECRETARY CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE, BOSTON, MASS.

The Congregational Board of Pastoral Supply of Massachusetts here-

with presents to the General Association its tenth annual report.

The office of the Board was opened on the sixth day of July, 1894, and ten full years will not be completed until the return of that date with the present year. But in adjustment with the time of meeting of this Association, our years have been made to close at the first of May the report for the first year covering but ten months. Not regarding the two months thus omitted, we shall speak of the whole period as of ten years.

During the last year one member of the Board, Mr. J. W. Fairbanks, of Amherst, has been removed by death; another member, Mr. Arthur E. Gray, of Worcester, found himself unable to attend the meetings of the Board, and with warm expressions of continuing interest in its work, he desired that his resignation should be accepted. These places were filled by the election of Rev. William H. Allbright, of Dorchester, and

Mr. Appleton P. Williams, of Upton.

Six meetings of the Board have been held during the year. The Directors have given careful attention to the work of the office in so far as it could be brought before them. The general principles involved in its

management have been fully considered.

We have rendered service during the year in matters connected with pastoral settlement to 210 churches. Of these there were in Massachupastoral settlement to 210 churches. Of these there were in Massachusetts, 114; in Maine, 14; in New Hampshire, 23; in Vermont, 15; in Rhode Island, 2; in Connecticut, 6; in New York, 9; in New Jersey, 2; in Pennsylvania, 4; in Ohio, 1; in Illinois, 5; in Michigan, 3; in Indiana, 1; in Iowa, 1; in Wisconsin, 1; in South Dakota, 1; in Utah, 2; in California, 1; in Washington, 1; in North Carolina, 1; in Georgia, 1; in Florida, 1; in the Sandwich Islands, 1. We count here nothing except that which has been done in direct response to requests from persons officially representing the churches. The number would be increased if we were to count, as we do not, inquiries from members — or friends of members — of churches having no official authority. Business in the furnishing of occasional or temporary supplies is not included. It is not meant that pastoral settlements answering to this number of churches have been directly brought about through the work of our office, but that official consultations relative to the filling of the pastorate have been had to the extent stated.

The whole number of churches thus making use of our office is much greater than in any previous year, the largest number ever before

reported being 174, for the year just preceding.

The number of actual settlements in which we have had an important agency has been 70. In very many other cases our share in the work of settlement, though indirect, has been recognized as of essential value. This number of direct settlements is also larger than in any other former year, the largest previous number having been 65, as reported one year ago. But the increase in settlements, as thus defined, has not been in quite so large a ratio as the increase in the number of churches conferring with us. This is owing, in part, to the illness and partial disablement of the Secretary during several weeks of the summer, and, in part, and more largely, to the growing difficulty in finding men for the smaller churches. We are often unable to answer with promptness the requests which come to us from such churches; sometimes we are unable to answer them satisfactorily at all. This matter is one of general and very serious concern.

Of the whole number of churches conferring with us, there were 34 having a membership of over 300; 66 having a membership of from 100 to 300, and 110 with a membership of less than 100. Twenty-six of these churches pay a salary of more than \$2,000; 75 a salary of between \$1,000 and \$2,000; and 109 a salary of less than \$1,000. As compared with previous years, these figures show a very distinct gain in the relative

numbers of the larger churches.

On the first of May the number of churches in Massachusetts without pastors, or without provision for the permanent regular supply of the pulpit, was 45. This is a much larger number than was reported one year ago, though it is still much smaller than was the number of such churches at the opening of our office. With respect to this unfavorable feature of our report, it is to be noted that 26, or more than half of these churches now unprovided with pastors, are paying a salary of less than \$900, the value of the parsonage being included in this reckoning. This number is very far out of proportion to the relative whole number of such churches in the state. In many cases the salaries are much less than \$900. There is thus brought to mind again the same serious difficulty of which we have already spoken.

The demand for an apparently youthful ministry continues to be strong, and in many quarters it is peremptory, and however accessible the reality of immortal youth may be, the secret of its imperishable and

unfading appearance has not as yet been made known.

But it is, indeed, to be seriously considered whether there is not danger that the great service of public worship and public instruction should be too often regarded as a performance to be looked upon and praised or criticised, as it may strike the fancy of the beholder, rather than as a sacred act properly touching the soul.

Opportunities for preaching have been furnished directly from our office to 224 men, and of these 112 were candidates for settlement. In

many cases the opportunities thus furnished were several times repeated. The whole number of occasional supplies furnished was 473; this does not include the preaching of candidates, nor of men who have supplied for a limited but considerable period of time in one place, nor the preach-

ing of the Secretary.

The Secretary has preached during the year on 46 Sundays. The number is somewhat less than in most other recent years, partly on account of ill health for a short time, and partly because the Directors have advised, and have gone near to requiring, that the Secretary should preach less. In this particular there has long been some slight conflict between authority and wisdom on the one side and a certain somewhat inconsequential, persistent, practical habit and purpose on the other; it may be that wisdom will in the end prevail. The matter is not altogether easy to determine. It is important that the Secretary should visit the churches wherever they may wish it, and beyond that there has been a strong desire that the sums received for supplying the pulpit might go as far as possible toward lessening the cost of the Board as coming upon the churches.

Concerning the more general matter of health as connected with occasional relief from the routine of work, it may be said that it has not been the habit of the office to arrange for prolonged absences of the Secretary. The average time of such absences has been less than six days in the year for the ten years since the work began. The Directors have offered from the first to provide for a much longer space. But the work is not in its nature easy to leave. There is not always much gain as to the burden of it by the leaving it—there may be the more to be done upon returning. Besides, though the business of the office is continuous and engrossing, yet it is full of variety. No two days or hours, scarcely, pass much alike. There are continually new cases and new men. The Sabbaths, too, among the churches bring to view profusely the varying and animating features of Congregational and New England life, and they refresh

the heart of the Secretary.

This element of relief by continual change affects also the peculiar embarrassments and hardships of the office, if it may be imagined that it has hardships and embarrassments that are peculiar. Even the things most grievous are touched to our sight with this pleasing tincture of perpetual variety; so that in the midst of the worst besetments that any day can bring, the occupants of the office may always cherish the cheerful confidence that with the morrow new and unlike and worse trials will surely appear. And though the business every day has been pressing,

we have never wished it to be less.

The account of Mr. Charles E. Swett, Treasurer of the Board, is as follows:

## TREASURER'S REPORT, 1903-1904.

## EXPENSES.

Postage					\$64	25
Telephone and telegrap	h				42	77
Typewriter repairs and	supp	olies			20	50
Record books and static	oner	У			12	83
Printing and binding		٠,			3	95
Advertising					31	20
Repairs and sundries					13	
Ventilator adjustment					3	75
Traveling expenses .					81	59

Rent and care of room							\$361 20
Assistant's salary .			•				512 50
Additional office help							58 55
Secretary's salary .							2,000 00
	-	•	-	•	-	•	
							\$3,206 80
	RECE	IPTS.					
Preaching by Secretary							\$479 00
Office fees							601 56
Rebate on rent .							51 75
Special gifts from churc							10 00
Received from Treasure	Gen			ciatio	on		2,064 49
							\$3,206 80

The receipts from preaching by the Secretary are somewhat less than in most former years. The office fees are considerably larger. The net. gain, or saving in the cost of the office to the churches, as compared with any former year, is a little more than \$50. We recommend that provision be made for support of the Board upon a corresponding basis for the ensuing year.

A new filing case, new carpetings and other furnishings of the office, costing nearly \$100, have been procured at the personal expense of members of the Board of Directors. Substantially the whole equipment of the office from the first has been provided by individual gifts of the Directors, or of other personal friends, at a cost of more than \$550.

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Reviewing the ten years, we find that our office has rendered service in matters directly connected with pastoral settlements to 1,502 churches. Many churches are duplicated in this list, having been in correspondence with us more than once. The number of actual settlements in which we have had a direct and important share has been 555. This, as before, makes no account of the much wider range of indirect assistance.

Of the English-speaking churches within the state, there are 103 in which no pastoral change has occurred since July of 1894. Of all the churches in which pastoral changes have actually taken place during this period, a little more than 81 per cent. have conferred with our office.

The ratio in recent years would be considerably larger.

A large amount of information has been gathered concerning the men engaged in the ministry. There are in the office carefully recorded statements respecting fully 2,500 Congregational ministers. To a very large and most gratifying extent, the intelligence thus gathered is pleasing as well as enlightening in its nature. A large store of facts concerning the churches with which we have had dealings is also preserved in form for ready use.

We believe that the churches conferring with us have been, in some measure, encouraged and assisted. Letters received from great numbers of them indicate it. We think that the unworthy men in the ministry—very few in number—have found their ways somewhat obstructed. We trust that the many faithful brethren with whom we have been brought into connection have been in some degree cheered and helped. Under the limiting conditions which have existed, we have constantly wished that the service rendered them might have been more effectual and complete.

In reviewing these years it is to be remembered that this agency was at the first in many of its main features altogether new. There was no

pattern or precedent. There were not lacking some fears in the way. In the earlier years of the office, the financial difficulties connected with its maintenance threw upon it a burden too heavy, perhaps, to have been long borne. We regard with gratitude the relief which has come with more recent years. It was remarked in a former report that the anxieties connected with our work might have their use, and that it "might be confidently believed that they would suffice to keep forever alive in the bosoms of those who administered this office a purifying and beneficent uneasiness." But it may be hoped that the perplexities that must in any case remain will be found fully adequate to this end.

Many failures and mistakes must certainly have been made in the carrying on of our work, but the central purpose of fairness and carefulness has not, we trust, been suffered to pass from mind. It may be that some apparent errors would have been changed in their aspect if all the facts had been known. But it has always been held to be better that the office should suffer through misapprehensions of what had been done, rather than that it should violate its own rules of self-restraint, which forbid its giving abroad disparaging statements of any sort whatever.

Reference has been made in previous reports to the wide attention attracted to our experiment in other states and other ecclesiastical connections, and to the movements of many sorts set on foot in the same direction. These movements indicate the general sense of the need of some such agency. They have been accompanied by frequent marks of approval of the plan adopted by this Association. A notable instance has occurred with the great Baptist congregational denomination in the state of New York. Upon an exhaustive report of the committee to whom the subject had been referred, it has lately voted to establish an office of pastoral supply distinctly modeled after your Massachusetts plan. The exceedingly kind language of this report leads to a sense of carefulness that we may not fall too far behind the generous estimation of our friends.

There has been from the first a steady purpose to bring the agency which you have here established under fixed general rules, and to reduce the merely personal element in its management to the lowest possible terms. A considerable body of rules or principles of action has been framed or approved by the Directors. It has been at many points set forth in our reports and printed statements. It has come thus to be widely understood that the Board does not interfere with the freedom of the churches; that it gives no advice which the churches do not ask for; that its primary purpose is always to serve the churches and not individual men; that individual men are most fairly and impartially served when this other main, primary purpose is followed most closely; that personal wishes of individual men, or of the friends of individual men, may not be regarded, otherwise than for whatever testimony to individual worth they involve or imply; that the office must have no favoritism and no prejudice; that the clear public character of the office as an agency for the service of the churches must be so maintained that ministers themselves may use it freely, as of right, and without loss of personal selfrespect; that testimonies concerning ministers are to be collected, if practicable, from various reliable sources, and that overmuch dependence should not be put upon a single source of information, and especially if that should be adverse; that the business of the Secretary is to gather, as far as possible, the general judgment of discerning men respecting ministerial character and ability, and to place this judgment as fairly as possible before those that have a right to know what it is; that his own merely personal judgment is to have but slight weight apart from or in opposition to

this general judgment; that statements in any degree disparaging concerning ministers are to go forth from the office softened rather than sharpened, if they go forth at all; that they are not to go forth at all except to those having a clear right to their possession; that exact copies are to be kept of all statements sent out concerning men; that the records of the office are full; that the work of the office is meant to be fully open to authorized inspection; and that it is intended that the fact of complete public responsibility and the propriety of it should be constantly impressed upon the minds of those who conduct the business of the office.

These rules, if not always capable of direct enforcement, are at least possible to be held in strong remembrance by any one administering the affairs of the office. Any such person with a shred of fitness for the place must soon learn to desire to follow the guidance and to gain the shelter of these principles of action. He will come quickly to prize his obligations and cherish his responsibilities. His own safety and comfort will compel him to be mindful of his duties. Out upon such a sea, swept by these winds of personal influence blowing from every corner of the sky, the mariner will fare but roughly in trying to sail before every breeze, and he will find rest and satisfaction only in laying a steady course, mindless of the winds. The very delicacy of the work of our office ought thus to

promote its safety.

The Secretary has had leave to add a few words, partly of a personal nature. He wishes to express his gratitude to the brethren and to the churches for the considerate patience so largely exercised toward him, and his thankfulness to God for being permitted thus far to undertake this service. The work has not been without its peculiar trials. It cannot be denied that they have been in some respects severe. But the years have been full of compensating returns and satisfactions. It will not now be thought that this is said chiefly with respect to any personal interest which the Secretary may have in the holding of this position. He will be glad if he is permitted to hold it further. But it has been much in his thought, and in the thoughts of all connected with this agency, that it may be maintained through many coming years, and may prosper more and more abundantly long after all that have been concerned in its establishment and management have passed away. It would be unfortunate, and possibly even disastrous, if this particular office should be regarded as peculiarly and hopelessly irksome and undesirable. The Secretary wishes thus to testify to his sense of its worth and its pleasantness. He has never regretted that he was led to enter upon it. He believes that goodness and mercy have followed him much beyond his deserving through these years.

We trust it may now be the desire of us all that, with such changes as time may make to be necessary or expedient, and with many improvements in its administration, this agency may abide in its place, and that

the favor of God may rest always upon it.

REV. DEWITT S. CLARK, Chairman.

REV. CHARLES B. RICE, Secretary.

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE WORK OF THE CHURCHES

The Committee on the Work of the Churches respectfully submits to

the General Association its annual report.

No special task was assigned to this Committee at the last meeting of the Association. Its prescribed duty, "to report on the work of the churches and the state of religion in the commonwealth," is a large and ambitious undertaking if seriously attempted. Moreover it has of old been found impossible to get full information for such a report, even though the search was diligent, so that the present Committee has ventured to narrow its survey to a single line of inquiry. Recognizing that "the new revival" is now a subject much on the mind and heart of the Christian world, the Committee has sought to gather and present to the Association the news of the year among our churches as it bears on this one point,— the signs

of a religious awakening.

Letters were sent out in February to the scribes of the local conferences, who are corresponding members of this Committee, asking them to answer, for the churches in their territory, a few definite questions. Similar letters were sent to some pastors and others to whom the Committee was referred for information. These questions called for the names of churches in which there had been any marked cases of religious awakening or ingathering since June 1, 1903, the methods that were employed in developing such interest and the noteworthy results. That both sides might be seen, inquiry was also made for any cases of marked decline in religious interest, with the apparent reasons therefor; and, to see how far the "second service" was a factor in the effort at awakening, a question was added as to cases of special success in the evening service.

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Replies were received by March 25, the date set as the limit, and at which this report had to be compiled, from eighteen conferences and six individuals. Seven conferences, several of them among the largest, sent no reply. The report, therefore, must leave out of its field Andover, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, Suffolk West, Woburn and Worcester North conferences, a lamentably large proportion to be put aside. Moreover, seven other conferences, Barnstable, Brookfield, Mendon, Middlesex South, Old Colony, Pilgrim and Suffolk North made answer that they had no marked awakenings to report. So that the list of those who offer positive and cheering testimony is quite restricted. From eleven conferences, or less than half of the whole number in the commonwealth, come

all the tidings furnished as to clear signs of religious revival.

It is to be borne in mind, however, that both the evidence and the lack of it are suggestive rather than conclusive as to the whereabouts of deepest spiritual awakening. The Committee is sensible of the fact that its sources of information are limited and somewhat casual. Facts more significant than any it has gleaned may have transpired in quarters unreported. And according as correspondents have looked out with buoyant or disheartened temper, the reports may have been unconsciouly colored too bright or too dark. Nothing complete, or exact, can be submitted. But with sincere appreciation of the prompt and careful aid which so many helpers have rendered, the Committee would present to the Association what it has learned.

About twenty-eight churches of our six hundred are thus named as

having experienced within the year some marked cases of religious awakening or ingathering. A good deal of variety is indicated in these cases; some were much more marked than others; but all of them show the character of a real awakening; somewhat more than usual interest is noted in several other churches of different conferences, though hardly enough

to come within the field of the Committee's inquiry.

One of the most remarkable ingatherings of the year is that at Adams, where without a settled pastor and with no special meetings, and by so simple a means as a direct appeal to attendants at Sunday-school who were not members of the church a spirit of decision was awakened that already brought 133 new members into the church. The happy service of a Boston pastor, who in temporary supply of the pulpit thus brought out some results of a pastorate that was closed, is but a fresh illustration

of how one soweth and another reapeth.

Across the state at Groveland in Essex North Conference, a different type of revival is witnessed. Here also there were no special meetings, no help from evangelists, no striking methods. But by evangelistic preaching and personal work there came such a quickening of religious interest as is shown by the accession of a large number of new members, several of them adults and influential citizens, one of them, it is reported, over seventy years of age. The depth and power of their work is evidenced in every feature of the church life. At Amesbury, in the same conference, the record is similar, though with smaller numbers, to that of Groveland; the pastor is the evangelist, the regular services furnish the opportunity, and personal work is the reliance as a method to bring results from the preaching. From Cliftondale in Essex South comes the report of a prolonged and effective religious interest, roused and continued by evangelistic preaching. Constant accessions, a deepening spiritual life, full prayer-meetings and large Sunday evening services overbear some opposition and make the work continue.

Leominster and Westford are named in Middlesex Union Conference as having had notable ingatherings. No particular method is noted, only the usual church agencies, with no outside help. Much the same report comes from Wollaston, Romsey and Norwood in Suffolk South, save that at Norwood special meetings were held. Quite large accessions in pro-

portion to membership have come to all these churches.

The help of evangelists has been felt in several cases where there has been awakening; three churches in Worcester South Conference, those of Grafton, Northbridge Center, and Westboro, show the clearest results In Westboro two men who had withdrawn from the Salvation Army to enter evangelistic work secured a hall, asked and received the cooperation of the churches, and began to hold services intended for the unchurched. Enough of this class were drawn into the meetings, it is said, to justify the method and a few were won to Christ; but the chief result was within the churches, quickening their members and enlisting more than seventy-five, mostly young people, in the Christian life; the latter are now coming into church membership. Grafton and Northbridge Center had the same evangelist. The work at Northbridge Center was the more marked in that a good number of adults were reached, some of them non-attendants at church and even bitter opposers of it; between thirty and forty converts appeared in a parish of only eighty-four families.

At South Hadley, where a fortnight's special services were held during December, the pastor was assisted by neighboring ministers the first week and by an evangelist the second. Here too something of an impression was made and forty promised to begin the new year under a definite cove-

nant of Christian discipleship.

Most of the churches named so far are set in villages of rather small population. But some of the larger churches also have been the scene of religious awakening. The report from the Taunton Conference declares that the noteworthy ingatherings of the year have been in its three largest churches, though several of the smaller ones have had proportionally as many. The churches named are Central of Fall River, Winslow of Taunton and Second of Attleboro. The one method indicated in all these churches is "steady, earnest efforts on the part of the pastors and their coöperating Christian workers." Doubtless this phrase covers some variety in form of appeal, but it seems to show that no extraordinary or spectacular features characterized the work. Of the thirty-one churches in Worcester Central Conference, it happens that three churches also are named as having experienced the most marked religious awakening, and they are Union, Plymouth and Immanuel churches of Worcester. In Immanuel Church the pastor was aided by Rev. R. M. Taft, in a series of revival services in the fall, and has received sixty-two new members, nearly doubling the resident membership. At both the other churches new pastors have been hard at work and without assistance of evangelists. At Union, now in the midst of an awakening, some special revival meetings have been held with preaching by the pastor. Large accessions are coming to both these churches.

It is gratifying to get to some reports of awakening also from our churches among the foreign-born populations. The Finnish Church at Fitchburg reports a marked work of grace in January and February, with meetings every night conducted by its own people, and resulting in twenty or thirty conversions, a lifting up of life, and a crowded church. The Swedish Church of North Easton has had a large ingathering, adding thirty-four to a membership of fifty-three, as a result of some special meetings and the help of an evangelist. Lincoln Church of Brockton, Zion Chapel of Amherst, a mission of the College Church, and Second Church, Pittsfield, add similar news from our negro churches, all having made marked gains during the year, and in the case of the first two by special efforts with help

from outside

The fullest and the most suggestive of all the reports received is that from the two Berkshire conferences, which jointly maintain a county minister, as a means of nurturing the remoter or weaker points in their hill country. Several lines of work are here carried on that bear on the inquiry of this report. A plan of pastoral cooperation in meetings of six or seven days' continuance has now been tried for three seasons and has almost always resulted in distinct good, and usually in definite fruit of decision for Christ. Another novel effort is the series of tent services, designed to carry to the least evangelized rural communities "an earnest, continuous, and carefully adapted preaching of the gospel for a week or ten days." Such meetings were held last summer at East Otis, by a lake five miles from the nearest church, where a manifest impression was made upon an audience largely made up of men; at South Williamstown, where as a result an abandoned church was opened, a Sunday-school organized, regular services begun, disciples won, and almost every family in the town brought to take a share in its support; at Rockdale, where there were quite a number of marked conversions, especially among men who had been altogether irreligious, some of them quite intemperate. The work here made a profound impression and resulted in bringing in a resident missionary and an enlargement of effort to take in the adjacent village of Glendale. Interest here seems to be growing rather than decreasing. The tent used is the one in which Mr. Moody began to hold the summer conferences at Northfield and was given for this work by the family of the

great evangelist. It is opening up a door of opportunity into this large and needy region, and winning adherents to the gospel and friends for the church, so that winter work is made effective by influence gotten during the tent meetings of the summer, as appears at the time this report is written in the meetings going on hopefully in the Interlaken Church. The worth of such systematized effort under the care of a competent and devoted leader is made most clear by its success in the Berkshires. It makes possible such a showing as this; some marked signs of increase or quickened life in all these small villages, Mill River, New Boston, South Williamstown, Otis, Middlefield, Windsor and Becket Center. Each church has some modest story to tell of better things.

One instance of religious awakening in Berkshire North Conference is so remarkable and interesting that its report deserves to be copied in full.

"For some months past, or perhaps more than a year, the church in Hinsdale has noted losses among the older membership and has felt somewhat emphatically the need of an ingathering among the hitherto indifferent and the young people. No marked effort was put forth, but the common feeling of need found frequent and definite expression in prayer. Perhaps six months ago it occurred to a few men who were somewhat accustomed to meet one another at one of the grocery stores that they might spend their time more profitably than they had hitherto, and it was suggested that when store closed they take a little time and read the Bible together. Only three or four started in at first, two being proprietors of the store. Neither of them were leaders in church work, one was a church the store. member, but it did not seem to start with any particular object of an evangelizing sort, and with no thought of the growth which has come. For a month three or four men met on Monday evenings after the closing of the store. Then one and another dropped in, apparently as they happened to hear of it. It has now grown to be about twenty, and they go around from house to house. Some time ago it occurred to them to invite the pastor in, and he now attends, but not as a leader, simply as another man. They have enrolled the regular attendants and call the roll. They ask some one to pray at opening and one of their own number leads in turn. They simply read the Bible and exchange opinions and impressions. They have no lesson helps. The meeting continues for one or two hours. They began with Genesis and read two or three chapters each evening. They close by standing together and uniting in the Lord's Prayer. They do not discuss things, but just read and seem to want to get the meaning and impression of it and not to advance or confirm personal opinion. It did not in any sense start as a church propaganda and has not taken that character. The working force of the church is not specially in it, but it feels itself instinctively in harmony with the church, and it is felt within the church. There are no special social features, nothing to draw, no entertainment. They naturally linger a few minutes to chat, and it has come about that the man who is host for the occasion puts a dish of apples on the table and the men help themselves without embarrassment of plates, knives and napkins. The women are not in it. They do not appear at all. Not that there has been an act of exclusion, but the men have come together as men and find themselves at home with one another and like it so.

"Collateral with this there has been a definite movement in the church. A company of young people, and some older, was found ready to confess Christ about the beginning of the year. Eight persons did so. On March seven more followed them. Some of these were men from the study class. On Decision Sunday there was much interest evident and twenty-three more persons gave in their names as believers willing to confess Jesus

Christ openly.

"Recently this movement for social Bible study extended to a class of boys, and they are meeting once a week with much interest to study the

Sunday-school lesson.

"Early in the season arrangement was made for a team to pass along the principal street, and convey people to church. A sociable and a lecture provided ample funds, and so much interest was awakened that a lady was self-moved to pay for a similar transportation to the weekly evening prayer-meeting. This meeting has been very well attended, and has evidently profited by the special interest which has appeared in the directions intimated above.

"These coincident and parallel movements seem to have come spontaneously, and are in the eyes of the people an answer to the prayers which have been ascending for several months, yet they have come in a form very different from anything which has been foreseen or planned."

In answer to the Committee's question as to cases of marked decline in religious interest, several reports call attention to loss of population or of Protestant population in the conference. Barnstable, Pilgrim and Worcester South conferences mention this drain. In Pilgrim conference one new church has been organized, bringing an addition of thirty members to the conference statistics. Otherwise they had shown a net loss for the year of twenty members. Only four churches in the old Pilgrim land made any net gain in membership during 1903 and three of these gained but one each. And in other conferences the weakening of our churches by the shiftings of population is becoming most seriously felt. Several churches have lost interest the past year, it is reported, by change of pastors, and one or two charge a decrease in spiritual life to worldly amusements.

Apparently the question of the evening service is not closely bound up with that of the new evangelism. At least the second service is not generally regarded now, as it used to be, as the main evangelistic opportunity of the church. The reports show that very many of our churches in cities and large towns are shifting to an afternoon vesper service, mainly musical and liturgical. And where the evening service is still reported as large and flourishing, it is generally ascribed to musical features, special programs, courses of sermons and lectures on a wide variety of themes, and other ingenious devices for winning attention. However, those churches that seem to have been most aggressive in evangelism have carried it into the evening service, and record large and successful services of the older type. But so far as answers have been received, it appears that the evening service is being slowly given up, merged into the young people's meeting, or altered into an hour of sacred music with devotional exercises.

Such are the facts concerning the signs of a new revival in our churches, so far as the Committee has been able to ascertain them. It will be observed that the experience and extent of awakening have been measured in these reports quite largely in terms of accessions to membership. And it is understood that the new evangelism contemplates more than building up institutional religion and has other tests than counting conversions. Yet that the Committee's correspondents have so uniformly dwelt on the matter of confessed discipleship reveals a general expectation that wherever a genuine revival comes, its presence will be marked by a new exalting of the church and open acknowledgment of Christ. Ingathering to the churches will be only one sign, but it will be one sign of a great religious awakening.

It does not appear, then, that there is yet any very widespread or epochal revival, but there are quickenings in not a few of our churches, large and small, in city and in country, and from Essex to Berkshire. The use of evangelists is lessening; fewer special means and meetings are undertaken; pastors' classes, Sunday-school decision days, and Lenten courses and services are among the newer agencies for promoting disciple-ship that are gaining in favor. But it is noteworthy that where the awakenings have come most markedly the past year, the record says the main instrumentalities were prayer, preaching and personal work, in connection with the usual services of the church. The old weapons appear to be yet the ones most approved for bringing in a new revival. And there is encouragement from this review for all who will earnestly and patiently strive, that the gospel so put to its work will prove in their part of the field also the power of God unto salvation to many who shall believe. That the coming year may see these signs increasing through all the churches of our beloved commonwealth is the prayer of your Committee.

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# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY WORK

Early in the autumn your Committee sent out two circular letters, — one addressed to the Pastors and Missionary Committees of our Churches, and the other to the Missionary Committees of our Christian Endeavor Societies. These letters contained a number of suggestions as to the developing of missionary interest in the churches and societies, the plans recommended being along lines which wide experience has proved very helpful. We know that it is impossible to send out recommendations that will fully meet the conditions of all to whom they are sent, but we felt and still feel that the matters concerning which we wrote need constant emphasis, and we trust that good has resulted from our reiteration of these things that have often been urged upon the churches.

We have been unable to secure reports from several of the conferences, chiefly on account of changes in the composition of conference committees, some of such changes having occurred quite recently so that the new committeemen do not yet feel qualified to report concerning the work in their districts. The Committee would here refer to its loss of its chairman, Rev. George P. Eastman, who has been called to another state. For several years he had rendered good service upon the Committee, and his removal came at a time when his counsels would have been of the greatest

value to us.

From the reports that have come in we believe that missionary work on the whole is making good progress throughout the state. There appears to have been no striking advance in any one section, but the advance though gradual has in it signs of promise for the future. One of the most promising features in the reports is the evident thought that is being put into missionary work. There is less of doing from mere impulse, and more careful study of conditions and needs. This will surely result in greater

<sup>\*</sup> Mr. W. E. Parkhurst of Clinton resigned from the committee for personal reasons, and no one was chosen to fill his place.

interest and greater gifts in the future. The increased interest in some conferences is spoken of as existing in spite of difficulties and discouragements. Some of our smaller churches are already carrying heavy burdens, and it is only fair that we should remember this when we are trying to estimate their interest in missions.

From the conference reports that have been received we cull some items

"In spite of increasing difficulties in many fields the mis-Brook field.

sionary interest seems to be strong."

Hampshire.\_ "Good progress made in the systematic study of missions." Hampshire East. "Had a County Missionary Conference which proved most helpful. The pastors came loyally, and nearly every church sent from two to five delegates."

Middlesex Union. "We have reason to think that there has been a gradual growth of a sense of responsibility in our churches to contribute

annually to the six societies."

Norfolk. "We have held one District Conference of Missionary Workers and are planning two others."

Old Colony. "The stereopticon lecture has been used in a number of

our churches with good results."

Suffolk West. "Most of our churches report a good missionary spirit

among their people."

"Doing well along the line of educational work in mis-Suffolk South. The cause of missions is being presented constantly, systematically, earnestly."

"Our conference has made a gain of ten per cent. in its gifts

for missions as compared with its gifts of the preceding year."

Woburn. "We have had a very successful Missionary Leaders' Training Institute. The work of the conference is well organized, and mission study classes are multiplying.

Worcester South. "We had a very successful visitation from two young men from Union Seminary in June. That is reported fully in the August

Missionary Herald."

Early in the year your Committee appointed a sub-committee to prepare monthly missionary programs to be published in *The Congregationalist*. These programs were most carefully prepared, and were found to be very valuable by the few who used them. It has been ascertained, however, that but few churches were making use of them, and so it has been thought best to discontinue their publication for the present.

The Loan Missionary Library has not been made much use of yet, but we think that this is partly on account of its not being generally known that such a library could be had for a few weeks for the asking. We think its use would be helpful in smaller churches that do not feel able to purchase a library for themselves, and we invite such churches to correspond with the Committee with the view of securing the use of the

books.

The stereopticon lecture has been a great success. It has been used in many of our churches, and we trust that we may be able to have it presented in many more during the coming year. Rev. H. L. Brickett, of Marion, the member of the Committee who has had charge of the lecture during the year, writes: "Everywhere the missionary lecture has gone it has been enthusiastically received, and the interest aroused has been more than worth the cost in effort, time and money. The expressions of the people as to a better acquaintance with missions, and the knowledge of their scope and work such as they had not known before, expressed after the lecture, speak volumes." We would again remind the churches that this lecture, which presents the work of Congregational missions around the world, can be had from the Committee without any other cost than that of the express. It would economize in time and money for a group of churches in a conference to have it presented in their churches in succession before sending it on to another conference.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

In submitting the following recommendations we have been careful to eliminate all suggestions that would be practicable only in certain favored churches. We have confined ourselves to ways and means that experience has shown to be most effective, and that are entirely practicable in any church or conference.

#### TO CONFERENCES.

1. We commend the time-honored practice of devoting a part of the sessions of the local conference to the consideration of the missionary interests of the denomination. We urge that special attention be given to stimulating the local church to press the work of missionary education in its own field. As a rule, the informal discussion of missionary problems and needs will be found to be more fruitful than a formal missionary address.

2. We heartily commend the practice of holding special missionary conferences by groups of churches. These conferences, that are formed of a delegated representation from each church, discuss all phases of the missionary work of the denomination, and all questions of ways and means, and bring to the aid of the local church the wisdom and experience of all. Such conferences have been held in different parts of the state, and have been found to be exceedingly profitable.

3. We urge upon the local conferences the desirability of holding an institute at some central church for the training of missionary leaders. Full information concerning such institutes may be obtained of Mr. Harry W. Hicks, Congregational House, Boston. We need not enlarge upon the subject here.

A training institute was held at Melrose Highlands last fall, under the auspices of the Woburn Conference Committee on Missionary Benevolence, and the results have been signally helpful and far-reaching. We are of the opinion that such institutes held throughout the conferences of the state would do more than any other one thing to arouse missionary enthusiasm among our leaders and develop an intelligent interest in missions.

#### TO CHURCHES.

1. Our first word to the churches is, Hold a monthly meeting, either on a week-day or Sunday evening, for the consideration of the missionary interests of our denomination. Nothing can fill the place of the regular mission-study meeting as a factor in missionary education. Its value, if properly conducted and loyally supported, cannot be overestimated. The church that does not hold a monthly missionary meeting wrongs itself and cripples the work of world evangelization.

We are glad to report a growing interest among the churches in the work of missionary education. The missionary meeting is being given a place of more commanding importance in the organized life of the churches.

In order to maintain the monthly missionary meeting successfully two things are found by experience to be of the utmost importance.

First, an efficient committee whose special duty it shall be to arrange for the missionary meetings, and have a general oversight of the work of missionary education in the church. We believe that it is possible for every church to have such a committee of at least three members.

In addition to its regular work of arranging for the monthly missionary meetings this committee can perform a useful service in reporting to the church from time to time interesting items of missionary intelligence, and in keeping the local church in touch with the missionary activities of

other churches.

2. A definite plan for the year. We regard this as of the utmost importance. We are convinced that many churches fail in the needed work of missionary education through lack of a definite, well-considered plan. As an excellent example of wise planning we cite the work done by the Missionary Committee of the Central Church, Fall River. This committee

arranges a schedule of monthly missionary meetings for the entire year, with the fields and subjects to be studied, the persons who are to take part, and the schedule is printed.

While it may not be possible for every church to adopt such an elaborate plan as this, we do believe that it is both possible and desirable that each

church should have a definite plan of some sort, and follow it.

The missionary interests of our denomination are suffering to-day because the foundation work of missionary education has been too largely left to chance inclination and the convenience of the hour. This haphazard method ought to give place to an intelligently planned system of missionary education persistently followed from year to year. The support of the great missionary enterprises of the church ought not to depend on the whim of the moment.

3. The mission study class is rapidly finding its way into favor among the churches. Such classes have been conducted in many of our churches the past winter, and with most encouraging results. Full particulars regarding the mission study class may be obtained of Mr. Hicks. look for the time when the mission study class shall be made a regular

feature of the educational system of the local church.

4. We urge upon the churches that more attention be given to mission study in the Sunday-schools. No words are needed to prove the value of such work. The missionary interests of the church of the future are in the hands of the children. Just how this mission study shall be conducted we do not care to advise. Some schools devote an entire session in each quarter to the consideration of some branch of missionary work; other schools have a brief missionary exercise on each Review Sunday.

Either plan is good and will be found to be entirely practicable in all schools, large and small. Much good can be accomplished by using missionary intelligence to illustrate the regular Sunday-school lesson, and by giving more attention to the circulation of missionary literature among

the children.

We believe that such missionary study would react helpfully on the entire work of the school. We commend this matter to the serious at-

tention of all pastors and Sunday-school officers.

5. We are glad to call the attention of the churches to the Missionary Conference to be held at Silver Bay the coming summer. We urge churches, so far as may be practicable, to see to it that they are represented

at this conference by at least one delegate.

Summary. In the important work of missionary education two things are of first importance: Permanence of organization in the local church and the conference; and a Definite Plan adapted to the needs of the local church, persistently followed from year to year. Let the churches of the state keep before the people the needs of the fields to which our Congregational benevolent societies minister, and the splendid work these societies are doing; let them hold firmly to the principle that the first duty of any denomination, and its most sacred obligation, is to provide for its own charities, the children of its creative faith and love, — let our churches do this and we are sure that the support which our benevolent societies ask for and so richly merit will not be withheld.

For the Committee on Missionary Work,

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# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

The Committee has held regular monthly meetings during the fall and winter. The special subject investigated has been the relation of the wage-earner to the church. In response to questions, valuable data has been received from all but 226 Congregational churches in Massachusetts, from about 160 employers of between forty and fifty thousand workmen, and from a considerable number of labor leaders. The remainder of this report is based upon the data so gathered.

## CLASSIFICATION OF TOWNS.

Three classes of towns and parishes are represented by the replies.

1. Rural and non-manufacturing. So far as we can learn from the replies and the Business Directory of Massachusetts for 1903, about 175 Congregational churches are located in such places. The replies from 75 pastors in these towns indicate that the number of wage-earners is so small and the conditions so foreign to the purposes of our investigation that these replies will not be referred to again.

2. Manufacturing villages with homogeneous population. In such places employers and workmen are neighbors and friends; there are no sharp class distinctions, or class antagonisms; hardly any labor unions, strikes,

or industrial controversies.

3. Large manufacturing villages and cities. Unionism is strong; class lines are sharply drawn; antagonism between capital and labor is often violent. A majority of the wage-earners in such places are Roman Catholics. Here also are found the largest and strongest Congregational churches.

#### ATTITUDE OF WAGE-EARNERS TO THE CHURCH.

1. The opinion of ministers. In answer to the question, "Are the wage-earners belonging to your church less loyal than other members?" the vote from towns of the second and third class stood, Yes, 4; No, 154. This overwhelming vote in the negative is made still more convincing by the additional comments of fully one third of the pastors, that the wage-earners are their most active workers and loyal supporters.

Further information comes from the answers to the question, "Are the wage-earners in the factories of your town less interested in religion than other classes,— say employers and professional men?" Vote: Yes, 36; No,

84. Many others felt uncertain, but inclined to the negative side. Nearly all the affirmative votes came from towns of the third class. Several made the illuminating suggestion, which is supported by the labor leaders, "Wage-earners are less interested in organized religion, but not

less interested in religion itself."

Knowing that wage-earners have often been charged with opposing the church, the matter was tested by the question, "Do you in your work meet any active opposition from wage-earners?" Vote: No. 154; Yes, 3. The opposition came in one case from Roman Catholics to the work of a French Protestant minister, and in the other cases from German Socialists. If the ministers are competent witnesses, the testimony so far

cialists. If the ministers are competent witnesses, the testimony so far as Massachusetts is concerned seems convincing.

2. Opinion of employers. "What in your opinion is the attitude of your employees toward the church?" The answers when summarized are: "Interested and loyal," 73; "Indifferent," 19; "Antagonistic," 6. Many mentioned the devotion of the Roman Catholies to their church. Interesting replies were as follows: "Nearly every man goes to some church." "Our best workmen are loyal to the church." "Friendly where the church is impartial." "Think the church does not care for them." "Protestants get as far away from the church as possible." "Socialists are hostile." "Bread and butter so absorb their thought that they neglect the church" they neglect the church."

3. Opinion of labor leaders. Tabulation of the replies of labor leaders to the question, "What in your opinion is the attitude of wage-earners to the church?" is well-nigh impossible. About equal numbers of favorable and of unfavorable replies have been received. The following are fair

samples:
"The church is freely criticized because it generally leans to the side

of the employers and advocates peace at the expense of wages."
"Unfavorable because church does not use its influence against childlabor and in favor of raising school age."

"Favorable; members of unions respect all churches. We know no race, creed, or color. Our support of churches is limited only by our means."

"I believe that over 90 per cent of the workers believe in the teachings of Christianity, but great numbers of them feel compelled to hold aloof from church associations on account of its hostility or indifference toward

"Some look on the church with greatest reverence, some are indifferent,

very few are against it."

"Generally the Protestant workingman wants nothing to do with the church because he believes the church cares nothing for him. Of course

there are many exceptions, but the majority feel that way."

On the basis of the foregoing data, your Committee reports that in homogeneous communities of the second class it finds the prevailing attitude of wage-earners to the church is that of interest and cordial support; and in communities of the third class much indifference and some slight opposition on the part of German Socialists and members of labor unions.

#### REASONS FOR LACK OF INTEREST IN THE CHURCH.

Anticipating that indifference would be found we asked for explanations. 1. Reasons reported by ministers. "What reasons do those wage-earners who are outside the church give for not being interested in the church?" It was assumed that a Congregational minister was a man among men, sufficiently in touch with the wage-earners of his community to know something of the feelings of those outside his parish, especially on a subject

of such vital interest to his church. Our confidence was not misplaced, though a considerable number seem lamentably ignorant of the feelings of the unshepherded. Forty-six say that no reasons have been given them. It seems fair to assume that, at least in some cases, no reasons have been given because none have been asked. About forty report the stock excuses common to all classes. These replies come chiefly from towns of the second class. Reasons having a direct bearing on this intowns of the second class. Reasons having a direct bearing on this investigation, which were reported by many pastors in towns of the third class are as follows: "Sunday labor"; "weariness"; "poverty"; "churches run by the rich"; "church favors capital"; "churches do not want them"; "church does nothing for them"; "wage-earners treated as social inferiors"; "ministers are muzzled"; "are unfriendly to labor," and "dodge the industrial issues."

2. Reasons suggested by employers. "Failure of so many church members to practice what they profess." "Services too formal and sermons too long." "Methods employed are not sufficiently sensational to draw." "Too little sociability among attendants."

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3. Reasons stated by labor leaders. "Too much theology, too little practice." "The church stands for capitalism." "They love us only when we come to the mission." "The church does not use its influence, except in rare instances, to oppose child-labor and the sweatshop, to raise

school age, or to secure more humane conditions of labor."

Among the many reasons there are no serious charges against the doctrines or the Gospel, which seem satisfactory. No very serious charges are preferred against the ministers, unless we count as weighty the sermons which are "too long." The chief sins are those of omission. In the opinion of these "outside" wage-earners we fail to practice what we preach, and we have left undone the things we ought to have done.

## WHAT CAN THE CHURCH DO?

Before giving the answers to the above question the causes of labor troubles should be considered. Both employers and labor leaders were

asked, "What do you consider the main cause of labor troubles?"

Employers had many replies, the chief answers being "unions led by unwise and often unprincipled agitators," and "greed on both sides." Many seem to think labor troubles a necessary step in the evolution of industry. "Misunderstanding," "lack of brotherhood," "mismanagement of help," and "blindness to larger interests" were each frequently mentioned.

We found little bitterness against labor unions, but only against some of their excesses. In response to the question, "Do you favor labor unions?" a considerable majority of employers answered Yes, and among those so answering were many who confessed that the unions had declared

strikes in their factories.

#### LABOR.

The causes of labor troubles were stated by labor leaders thus: "Failure of capital and labor to keep in touch"; "Efforts of organized labor to secure a larger and more just share of the products of industry"; "Effort of manufacturers to keep down cost of production through payment of low wages, long hours, saving money needed for sanitary improvements"; "Greed of capitalists and the desire of the workers to raise the standard of living."

It is not our purpose to treat these replies as throwing much light on doctrinaire theories of the labor problem. To the best of our judgment, however, they represent the views of a large number of wage-earners and employers in Massachusetts and hence in some measure govern the attitude of wage-earners to the church. Summed up, their opinions of the causes of labor troubles are:

1. Bad economic system. (View of labor.)

2. Low ethical standards.

3. Ignorance.

The attitude of ministers toward labor. This was emphatically favorable. On being asked, "Do you favor labor unions?" 113 said Yes; 31, No. "Do you preach on industrial topics?" Yes, 86; No, 70. Most of those who oppose unions live where there are no unions and know them only through the newspapers. So far as can be judged from the large number of letters, the Congregational ministers are almost unanimous in desiring labor to receive its full share of the products of industry. They wish justice to be done to all. If they err it is the fault of head rather than heart.

Many, in their desire to be strictly impartial and to recognize no class, remind one of the man who stood up so straight that he fell over backward. In many towns of the third class labor is so segregated that it does constitute a distinct class. Deplore this as we will, it is a stubborn fact that refuses to vanish even when we shut our eyes. The homogeneous towns, where the class line is not yet drawn, escape many a serious problem in religious work. In towns of the third class are wage-earners living in tenements or boarding-houses, whose needs, tastes and wishes are very different from the needs, tastes and wishes of people who own their homes and have acquaintances and neighbors. Some churches and an increasing number of ministers recognize in these special needs the necessity of a larger adaptation of the Gospel of Jesus to twentieth century conditions.

What the Church is now doing is shown by the multifarious answers to the question, "What is done by the churches of your town for wage-

earners?"

Each church provides services of worship for all who will come, and Sunday-school instruction, and one or more prayer-meetings. Whosoever comes is welcome. From churches in towns of the third class come replies indicating a wide range of activity, much of which is directed toward the needs of wage-earners.

In educational lines churches provide lectures, popular talks, concerts, classes, free libraries and reading rooms. In the direction of amusement and social intercourse they provide, in addition to the time-honored sociable and reception, men's clubs, boys' clubs, gymnasiums, baths, and,

in one case, a bowling alley.

Cottage prayer-meetings in homes, straight sermons in shops during the noon hour, services in tents and at the beaches and parks in summer supplement the long list of regular religious services.

Many churches and pastors are, as one said, "doing everything we can

think of."

In addition to this, much indirect work is done by liberal gifts to the Y. M. C. A., hospitals, and the various charities which minister chiefly to wage-earners. We doubt whether any single denomination, not excepting the Roman Catholic, is doing more for the wage-earners of Massachusetts than our own. We are also confident that more churches might follow with advantage the path blazed out by these pioneers.

What Employers and Labor Leaders think the Church should do.

Employers. "What can the church do to help the situation?" A few reply, "Nothing." All the others call for various things which promote the growth of Christian character.

Labor Leaders. "As I regard the church as an institution which stands for capitalism, it can be of no help to the workers." "Get closer to the workers; give them sympathy, and advocate their cause when they are right." "Put the union label on their printing." "Let the church be active, using its great influence to make good citizens, strong men and women. Seek to promote harmony between employer and employee. In cases of dispute use every honorable means to have the parties arbitrate."

#### CHANGES SUGGESTED.

1. By employers. "Keep the churches open more." "Have hearty congregational singing, plain talks about temporal things, and short gospel sermons." "Make larger provision for amusements and social gatherings." "Have cheap (not free) seats." "It is not a question of services, but spirit. When it is worth their while to go to church they will go." "Christianity is attractive; it only needs to be practiced."

2. By labor leaders. "If the church would give the labor movement the product of the product of the statement of the product of the statement of the statement

2. By labor leaders. "If the church would give the labor movement more study and thought, and become more closely allied thereto, and would preach the gospel of trades unionism, the church would be more

attractive and helpful to wage-earners."

"The great need is the new education, for employers and employees look upon each other with distrust. Both parties need to learn that their interests are the same. The church should help organize educational clubs, and have both parties meet in a friendly way to discuss political and economic questions. Instill high ideals, both spiritual and material, for we can have progress in a nation only as the individuals are fitted to receive it. You teach that all men are brothers; practice your preaching."

"Changes in services would do little good; a change in practice would

make the church both attractive and helpful."

A study of the voluminous data, of which the foregoing is fairly repre-

sentative, leads us to conclude:

1. That the majority of Congregational churches and ministers in Massachusetts have the kindest feeling toward wage-earners and stand ready to help them obtain full justice.

2. That a considerable minority take little interest in one of the most serious problems of modern civilization, a problem on which the words of

the Carpenter of Nazareth have a direct bearing.

3. That wage-earners and labor leaders betray a lamentable ignorance of what a majority of ministers now preach and of what many churches are now doing. They demolish with their criticism a man of straw which they set up.

4. That, while the church is for all men, greater efforts should be put forth to minister to wage-earners, and to inform them what the church of the twentieth century really stands for, and unless this is speedily

accomplished we fear that indifference will turn to opposition.

We therefore urge that at the meetings of the several conferences and ministerial associations the relations of church and labor be candidly discussed by labor leaders and by employers, as well as by the clergy. The church has still a message for the common people, who heard Christ gladly. The armor of God is not worn out.

## Respectfully submitted,

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#### COMMITTEE ON THE PLACE AND REPORT OF WORK OF THE HOME IN RELIGIOUS LIFE

The work of the Committee on the Home is not very clearly outlined by the vote of the General Association. The topic assigned to the Committee for report, however, would seem to indicate that some discussion of the sphere and work of the home is desired.

Surely there is no more important institution existing among men. When God placed the solitary of the earth in families he constituted an institution whose possibilities for good or evil are simply immeasurable. The history of the world is rife in evidence of this fact. The strength and weakness of a nation is measured by the character of its home life. When Burns describes for us the inexpressible richness and bliss of the lowly cotter's home, we are, like him, impressed that

"From scenes like these old Scotia's grandeur springs, That makes her loved at home, revered abroad."

And we cannot read Josiah G. Holland's "Daniel Gray," the impractical and visionary old Puritan saint, in whose character was blended in happiest measure the tenderness and sternness, the rigor and the honor of the New England character, without finding there the secret of New England's greatness. Greece with all her splendor of architecture and chasteness of literature could not survive the degradation of her home life. And Rome, with her brooding might gripping the lands at every point of the compass, must degenerate and loosen her grasp of the scepter when, as Seneca has told us, Roman matrons began "to count the years, not by the consuls, but by their discarded and discarding husbands."

In our American life to-day there are tendencies which bode no good for the home. The ease with which divorces are obtained, the pervasive growth of club life, the flagrant shifting of the responsibility for religious nurture to agencies which in the very nature of things can do the work only imperfectly, and the rush of life which has eliminated the father as a factor in the training of children are a few of the tendencies which are undermining the vitality and the integrity of American home life to-day. The question as to how the home may be made, as it once was, the center

of our social life, instead of being, what it is in too many cases, a place to get meals and keep one's Sunday clothes; the question as to how fathers and mothers may be made to realize that a child's moral and religious welfare is quite as important as success in business and economic spheres; the question as to how a closer relationship may be fostered between the church and home, — these are all very vital. Mere discussion may not solve these questions. But they certainly cannot be solved by the church essaying to do the work which it was never commissioned to do, and which the home alone can do. It is the business of the church to aid the home to deepen parental responsibility for the more and additional training of the to deepen parental responsibility for the moral and religious training of the child, to outline methods and formulate plans which will give home training a larger efficiency. But the church must not usurp the functions which properly belong to the home.

The religious work which is done for and among our young people shows

conclusively that the most difficult task the church has to perform is to raise them above the ideal of the home life. This is somewhat more marked in the case of boys than of girls. For the girls the church still offers the most important social outlet. But the boys are not so dependent upon the church for their social life. The absence of boys and young men in our Christian Endeavor societies is painfully apparent. Boys' clubs take in but a small percentage of the boys in the church, and the religious results among the boys thus touched are very meager. Were our churches dependent for their growth and perpetuity on those who come from non-Christian homes, the outlook would be very gloomy indeed. The fact is, that with the support of the home the church has little difficulty in gathering in the boys and girls; without that support the difficulties are wellnigh insuperable.

These apparent conditions very clearly point out the place and work of the home in religious life. They call upon the church to proclaim most emphatically and persistently the responsibility of parents for the religious nurture of the children. It may be that men and women in the employ of the church, who have been trained to teach the Bible and the truths of the Christian faith, are better able to give instruction in the facts of the Christian life, just as teachers in our public schools are better able to teach the various branches of knowledge to children than are their parents. But even here the interest which children manifest in this work depends entirely upon the sympathetic interest and support they receive from

their parents.

To make parents feel this responsibility is not a very easy matter. But the work is not helped along very much, rather retarded, when the parent is made to feel that the church is perfectly willing to relieve him of his responsibility, by organizing a catechetical class where the children may become acquainted with the principles of the Christian faith, a Sunday-school in which the genial influence of a consecrated nature is impressed upon the plastic soul, and a boys' club which will take the boys off the street when he is engaged in pursuits far less honorable and profitable than looking after his children.

Parents must be made to feel that their children are not going to be what they teach them to be or what they want them to be, but rather what they are themselves. If honor, truth, and piety are vitally present in the home, the probabilities are much more than even that they will become vitally a part of the child. If they do not exist vitally in the home, it is

a question where these virtues may be acquired.

When the old prophets of Israel looked upon the apostasy of the people, saw them neglecting their duties to their families, their fellows, and their God, it never occurred to them to organize a club or a class to change conditions. They thundered in the market-place, from the mountain head, at the gates of royal palaces, the judgment of God against sloth, indifference, and iniquity, until the conscience-stricken people sought their own remedy by adjusting their lives to the moral law and discharging responsibilities which the Almighty had imposed upon them.

The appalling lack of interest on the part of the average parent in the religious condition of the child, even on the part of many who have taken the vows of the church, is in no small measure responsible for the confused religious conditions among our children. No concerted method for the religious training of children is possible so long as the homes are indifferent

or positively negligent.

Therefore your Committee would urge that the ministers of our churches should set apart some particular Sunday in the year, - possibly the Sunday preceding the opening of the public schools might be most op-

portune, - in which the work and the place of the home may be emphasized. A uniform day thus set apart by all our churches for the consideration of so important a question would at least bring the constituency of our churches face to face with a very important duty which has not received the interest that it deserves.

On that day might be emphasized the obligations of parenthood, the importance of religion in the formation of strong character, the tendencies in our modern life which are disrupting home life, the passing of the family altar, and the dependence of the church for its stability and perpetuity

upon the influence of Christian life in the home.

Such a discussion from all our pulpits might lead to reflection and further discussion; and might bring back the home which some of us knew in our younger days, before the rush of our modern commercial life began to invade its sanctity and its quiet.

NICHOLAS VAN DER PYL, HENRY T. ROSE, WM. J. BATT,

Committee.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

Your Committee have thought best not to make an extended report this year, because of a growing conviction on our part that the Association is not concerned about the subject of Sunday observance, and does not care to have the question agitated. While we frequently hear it remarked by pastors and laymen that this problem is one of great importance, destined perhaps to affect seriously the future of our national life, we as frequently are told by the same men that "it will not do to legislate"; "we must allow men to exercise their full liberty"; "we cannot afford to antagonize the masses by enforcing the laws," and that "the Church cannot be a party to asking for a repeal of laws" defied and altogether held in derision. And so we drift toward a condition the outcome of which no man can know.

In every church in the state there are men on the membership rolls who throughout the year, through carelessness and indifference, are helping to destroy the regard for the Sabbath. While your Committee does not advocate returning to the so-called Puritanical Sunday (and no one could if he would), neither are we in sympathy with the growing tendency to entirely ignore the day as a day of spiritual, mental, and physical

refreshment.

This year, as for several years past, there are a number of "Sunday" bills before the Legislature, back of which are powerful interests and unlimited capital. Intelligent and persistent work is being done by those who, for selfish reasons, would commercialize the day, and by those who seek to make the day a holiday.

What are we going to do about it? There are those who are bold enough to say the Church is the proper body to grapple with this problem. If this be true, let us have done with timidity, and take hold in earnest, determined to work out a solution. If, on the other hand, the problem is one which the Church "cannot afford to meddle with," let us frankly

say so.

At the annual meeting in May, we shall present some resolutions for acceptance or rejection by the Association. In the meantime, for the enlightenment of those who may not be familiar with what goes on at the State House, we present an outline of the bills referred to above, as an illustration of one of the many ways attacks are being made upon the Sabbath.

Your Committee call attention to the large number of Sunday bills introduced at this session of the Legislature. Three years ago there were fourteen such bills, but they were not as dangerous as some of those which have been introduced at this session. They have been summarized as follows:

Four Eleven O'Clock Bills. Their object is to permit hotels to sell liquor on every day of the week, including Sunday, until midnight.

Five Fishing and Hunting Bills. These seek repeal of our present Sunday laws, which make it unlawful to fish and hunt on Sunday.

Four Sporting Bills. These bills, if passed, would open Sunday to all

sorts of games and sports.

There is an Entertainment Bill of the worst order, permitting all sorts of fake societies to run Sunday-night shows, under the guise of charity. There is also a Labor Bill, allowing the loading or discharging of vessels delayed by accident or stress of weather. This would open the door to all sorts of duties and difficulties for our longshoremen, who need the Sunday rest, and ask protection against such legislation.

Your Committee give the number of some of these bills, and a short abstract of their contents, that all may judge for themselves of their

nature, intent and mischievous outcome.

#### House Bill, No. 365.

#### AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A CIVIL SABBATH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

SECTION 1. That the term "Lord's day" in chapters ninety-eight and one hundred be changed to "the first day of the week."

Section 2. Chapter ninety-eight, Sections 1 and 2, shall be so amended as to prohibit only such labor and amusements on the first day of the week as are an actual disturbance to public and private worship.

Section 3. All manufacturing establishments, merchants, and shop-keepers shall give to their employees a release from labor either upon the first or one other day of the week.

Section 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

#### House Bill, No. 406.

An Act Relative to the Management of the Metropolitan Park Reservations.

The Metropolitan Park Commission may authorize such forms of public entertainment and the sale of such articles of refreshment or otherwise, intoxicating liquor excepted, as they may deem expedient in the parks,

beaches and reservations under their control, upon Sundays, between the hours of one and ten o'clock p.m., and on other days at such hours as they may designate, between May fifteenth and September fifteenth in each year. Such forms of public entertainment and the sale of such articles shall be regulated and controlled by the said commission.

### House Bill, No. 791.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO RECREATION ON THE LORD'S DAY,

SECTION 1. Nothing in sections one and two of chapter ninety-eight of the Revised Laws shall be held to prohibit on the Lord's day such quiet and harmless recreation or sport, not otherwise forbidden by law, as does not trespass upon private rights or disturb the public peace or public worship.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

#### SENATE BILL, No. 23.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S DAY.

Section 1. Section three of chapter ninety-eight of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the word "routes," in the twelfth line thereof, the words: — Nor the loading or discharging of vessels which have been delayed in their regular trips by stress of weather, accidents, or other unusual or unavoidable causes, — so that said section as amended shall read as follows: —

Section 3. The provisions of the preceding section shall not be held to prohibit the manufacture and distribution of steam, gas or electricity for illuminating purposes, heat or motive power, nor the distribution of water for fire or domestic purposes, nor the use of the telegraph or the telephone, nor the retail sale of drugs and medicines, nor articles ordered by the prescription of a physician or mechanical appliances used by physicians or surgeons, nor the retail sale of tobacco in any of its forms by licensed innholders, common victuallers, druggists and newsdealers whose stores are open for the sale of newspapers every day in the week, nor the letting of horses and carriages or of yachts and boats, nor the running of steam ferry boats on established routes, nor the loading or discharging of vessels which have been delayed in their regular trips by stress of weather, accidents or other unusual or unavoidable causes, nor the running of street railway cars, nor the preparation, printing and publication of newspapers, nor the sale and delivery of newspapers, nor the wholesale or retail sale and delivery of milk, nor the transportation of milk, nor the making of butter and cheese, nor the keeping open of public bath houses, nor the making or selling by bakers or their employees, before ten o'clock in the morning and between the hours of four o'clock and half-past six o'clock in the evening, of bread or other food usually dealt in by them, nor the carrying on of the business of bootblacks before eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

### Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

#### SENATE BILL, No. 159.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S DAY.

Section 1. Nothing in chapter ninety-eight of the Revised Laws shall be held to prohibit on the Lord's day such quiet and harmless recreation

or sport not otherwise forbidden by law as does not trespass on private rights or disturb the public peace or public worship.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

#### House Bill, No. 678.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO FISHING ON THE LORD'S DAY.

Section 1. The laws making the Lord's day close season shall not apply to the taking of fish.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

#### House Bill, No. 792.

An Act Relative to Fishing and Hunting on the Lord's Day.

Section 1. The laws making the Lord's day close season shall not apply to the taking of fish, or to the shooting of water fowl or marsh game birds. Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

### House Bill, No. 794.

An Act to Permit Fishing in Salt Waters on the Lord's Day.

Section 1. All such fishing in salt waters as is now lawful or may hereafter be lawful on week days shall also be lawful on the Lord's day. Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

We do not by any manner of means consider this legislation as the most threatening of the many attacks upon the American Sabbath. There are other aspects of the problem existing in churches throughout the Commonwealth which are quite as threatening as any to be found outside the church, and we feel the time is ripe for their discussion.

Your Committee will ask you to consider at the annual meeting whether the time has not arrived when the Church should bestir itself in behalf of the masses who demand recreation and some kind of entertainment on the Sabbath. Shall we leave these things entirely to those who profess a disregard for the national rest day?

GEORGE D. CHAMBERLAIN. WILLIAM H. ALLBRIGHT. M. OAKMAN PATTON.

#### REPORT OF THE PUBLISHING COMMITTEE

Your Committee has held several meetings during the past year and made provision for the printing of all documents and papers made necessary in the work of the various committees or otherwise ordered by the Association. The contract for printing the 1904 "Minutes" has been made with the Fort Hill Press.

Respectfully submitted.

EUGENE C. WEBSTER. FRANCIS J. MARSH. PETER J. FRYE. LEONARD A. TREAT. BENJAMIN F. DEWING.

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

For a second year the Executive Committee has tried to prove the wisdom of the Association in creating such a permanent organization.

Your Committee has held five meetings during the year, in all of which it has endeavored to continue the work of the previous committee to

systematize the business interests of the Association.

The conference treasurers have made earlier payments of dues to the Association treasurer, and because of the increasing balance in the treasury, during another year, all bills, large and small, may be promptly met

with a consequent saving.

At the first meeting in May Rev. Edwin N. Hardy, of Quincy, was appointed to examine and approve the routine expenditures of the funds

of the Association.

In accordance with the action of the Association at its meeting in Great Barrington, in 1903, whereby it voted

"that the Executive Committee of the Association be fully empowered to make such accounting of monies received and expended by the Board of Pastoral Supply as may seem most suitable,"

#### the Executive Committee voted

"that the Board of Pastoral Supply be requested to make to the treasurer of the Association a quarterly statement of its receipts and expenditures, and that the treasurer of the Association be directed, on receipt of this statement, to make a settlement to date with the Board of Pastoral Supply as far as the funds in the treasury will allow."

The provisions of this resolution have been met by both the Board of Pastoral Supply and by the treasurer of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE C. WEBSTER,

In behalf of the Committee.

# THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF SERVICES OF WORSHIP TO SPIRITUAL QUICKENING

REV. BURTON S. GILMAN, GARDNER

The greatest thing in the world is life. The most remarkable power of which we have any knowledge is the power to impart life. The greatest gift conferred on us is the ability, not to create, but to quicken life already there. We can take that which is weak and helpless, as good as dead, and make it live anew. This is the highest power granted to any child of G od the noblest mission upon which any man may enter.

It is no wonder, therefore, that Christ, who fills the central place in human history, should make this his special mission. He did not seek distinction in other lines but devoted himself directly to helping the weak and the unfortunate. He gave sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf; he preached the gospel of good tidings to those in poverty and discouragement; he brought forgiveness and hope to those as good as dead in sin.

This was his commission to the disciples and the Christian church. They were to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to seek and save the lost. So long as there is need of work like this, the commission of the church holds good. No one seems to question the reality of this quickening power or to discredit the work which the church has undertaken. But in these days of relentless investigation, it is not strange that men have come to doubt the efficiency of our methods and to challenge the real good accomplished through our services of worship. We ought to welcome the challenge, for no one has so much at stake as the churches and the ministry. It may help us to consider at the very beginning how far we build on this foundation.

The two hundred thousand buildings, more or less, that have been erected within our borders for church use are called places of worship, because they are used almost entirely for this purpose. If we should suspend these services, it would practically close the churches. Rightly or wrongly the heart of our Christian activity centers here. The very integrity of the organized church depends upon our several services of worship. If these fail to reach and quicken life, then the church is failing in her work.

The minister has more at stake in these services than any other individual. With him it is not only a question of life to come, but a question of success in this life as well. We hear of the hardship inflicted on children through these services; of the men and women who come up every week to receive help and strength and go away again as empty as when they came; of the tired workingman who can ill afford to spend his time in such fashion; of the great multitude outside who might and would come, if there was anything to receive; of the temple that God himself reared, the great temple of nature, where men may draw directly from the heart of divine life more of rest and inspiration than they can possibly find within the narrow confines of church walls or the tiresome routine of church services, — we hear of all this, but we seldom hear of the minister and what these services mean to him.

He spends years of his life in training for his work, and from the first it is kept clearly in mind that he must use a harness already provided. when he enters his field of labor, he must take these services, care for them, put his life into them, be responsible for their success, and in the end pass down and out, if this part of his effort proves a failure. He may do other things. He ought to divide his strength between the services of worship and the parish. But whatever else he may undertake, he must be faithful and successful here. Think what it means to work in a harness that demands all your strength and defeats all your efforts, and this is the situation of the minister, if these services are failing of their end. Hardly any man will enter the ministry to-day because of the money reward. Neither is it true at present that men will enter upon this work because of the honor and authority it brings them. A large class of men do not respect the minister more but less for the calling he has chosen. In the end he will gain the same confidence accorded to other men, if he shows himself equally a man, but no one will enter the ministry because of any special esteem that goes with the position.

With these two great motives gone, there is only one other left, and that is the motive for usefulness. It is no light matter to ignore the claims of wealth and the special distinctions that come to men in the active affairs of life. How shall any man put such considerations one side, unless the call is imperative, unless his work is an open door to the largest possible service? If the minister can come directly to the heart of life, if he can move the moral and spiritual forces which make men and nations, if he can become an integral part of the vital currents in human affairs and leave his stamp upon the enduring foundations of social and national greatness - then, whether he be accorded honor or wealth, he has his reward in the place that he has filled and the lasting good that he has done. But if we tell him that he is not even useful, that he is simply wasting his energy, think of what it means for him. It is no longer a question of wealth and honor, but a life-and-death struggle for the saving of self-respect. man with any scrap of honor can deliberately throw away his life, nor can he remain party to such a gigantic fraud as these services become, if they have no real value in quickening the vital forces of our common life. some of us are still in our places, it must be because we believe that the instrument placed in our hands is well fitted for the high ends to which

it is devoted. But I venture to affirm that we would gladly welcome any fresh assurance of our service to the world in which we live.

How shall we gain such assurance? The heaviest burden of the minister's life is the lack of definition in his work. A set task with time and place and quantity given is easy to perform, but it is very difficult to outline work which deals continually with the invisible. We walk by faith and not by sight. This is particularly true of the influence we exert through a service of worship. Who can measure that influence? Still the service itself is tangible. We can see it, hear it and weigh its value as an instrument. We can consider the various ingredients which enter into it, the vehicles of influence and expression that unite to give the final impression, and out of such a study we should gain a clear conception of the thing itself. We find elements here that seem to inspire confidence. The place of meeting, the music, the reading of Scripture, the voice of prayer, the preacher's message — these in varying proportion make up the average service. These ought to reach human hearts, if anything in the nature of a service can. Consider the place where we meet. It represents in conception and comfort the highest that we have for the assembling of congregations. If sometimes the church is bare and gloomy, it is because the life which gathers there lacks means and culture. And the music. We know that among primitive and undeveloped people, music took its place as a part of worship and it has held that place until the present day. The crude instrument of the past has given place to the church organ, with its marvelous range and power. The early chant has developed into the glorious hymns, which embody the sentiment and veneration of centuries. And when the organ and choir and waiting congregation unite in praise and thanksgiving to God, and beat out these grand old hymns upon the waves of reverberating harmony — then we have an instrument of quickening that must come very near the soul. There is no music in the world that has in it such power to move the heart as our church music at its best. And the sacred Scriptures. Our point of view has changed. New light has come and new convictions. But no scholar, no liberal mind, has ever challenged the vital power of divine truth as gathered within our Bible. All the study and research has simply made more clear the pure gold which we find there. We use the Scriptures because they are the highest embodiment of divine truth given into our care. And the voice of prayer. We need not discuss the relative merits of long prayers and short prayers. of written prayers and impromptu prayers --- we may simply affirm that when the voice of prayer leaves the church, the worship will go with it. And last of all the message of the preacher. Putting aside the individual man with his special talent and personal power, we may consider simply the instrument placed in his hands. And we can affirm without fear of mistake or contradiction, that among all forms of influence in human relations, among all sources of power subject to our command, there is nothing which can equal the living words of the living man, a man who is

part of the common life, who has his own problems to solve, his own difficulties to meet, his own temptations to conquer, his own soul to save. When such a man comes with his living message to living men, then we have life touching life, the strongest power for quickening hearts and souls that we can have. There is only one better thing and that is living deeds, and living deeds are not subject to conditions of time and place.

These, then, are the ingredients of our church service, - the imposing edifice, the solemn music, the sacred Scripture, the voice of prayer, the living words of the living man. These elements are not weak or unworthy. They are not the creation of a moment, but the slow growth of generations. They are not a bundle of experiments; but they have all been tested in the field of human experience. The world was very old when we came. church has tried a thousand experiments; it has used every form of expression within its reach; it has gone out after new and novel attractions, has sometimes fallen into the quagmire of sensationalism, but in the end has always come back to these things which represent within their field the very best we have attained. And I wish to say deliberately that I do not believe there is any chance of finding anything better fitted for our use. I do not think there is the slightest indication that we can solve any real difficulty which confronts the Church of Christ by ingenious devices within the services themselves. We may have better buildings, better music, better interpretation of the Scripture, more consecrated prayer, and we may, perhaps, find better ministers — there is plenty of room for improvement along all these lines; but advancement will be slow, the imperceptible growth of the child, the insensible upward progress of the generations. The average church service of to-day represents about as much of equipment, power and ability as we may expect during the period of our life work. There is nothing to indicate that any deliberate effort to reach mankind by the elaboration of the church service will accomplish more than we attain now. There is grave reason for believing the opposite. The real question is not whether we wish for more imposing and impressive church services, but whether we need those we have. Whether it is wise or right to expend so much energy in this form.

Again we ask how this can be determined. How can we estimate the influence which goes out through the service into the ebb and flow of life? Here again we have something that is tangible. Those who come are tangible — that is, if they are there. Those who stay away are tangible — at any rate we hear from them frequently. And now what can we learn of the merits of the church service from those who come and those who stay away? Probably not more than fifty per cent. of the people of our country ever see the inside of a church building, or so infrequently as to leave them entirely beyond direct church influence. It is safe to say that not more than twenty-five per cent. of our entire population regularly attend services of worship. This leaves practically seventy-five per cent. outside the direct influence of these services, while at least seventy-five per cent. of our

special religious effort goes into them. In the face of such a balance of forces, how is it possible to believe that we are reaching the great mass of life? If we are putting the best of our energy and work in one place, while the greater part of the people are always in another — how can we ever fulfill our Lord's command to preach the gospel to all mankind?

The situation becomes even more suggestive, when the conviction is forced upon us that this state of affairs is not an accident which comes about from some misunderstanding, or a transient condition that may be removed by a little more zeal in the conduct of our services; but the present relation between our services and our people is something destined to remained unchanged for unknown periods of time. The people outside are not interested in the atmosphere and object of the church. They may be good after a fashion, may have many sterling qualities of real worth, but they are not interested in a distinctly religious service and are not likely to be. The very nature of our mission involves this. the sword that nearly cleaves asunder the flesh and spirit. We should aim always at that which is highest in men and women, and many of those who come find the conflict of their inner life almost too much to bear. the very nature of things we shall always reach the highest order of men and women, and though the whole race may advance, we, as a church, will hold relatively about the same place we hold now. The problem thus presented is infinitely more difficult than any which centers in the immediate question of services of worship and how to make them attractive. It calls for a clear recognition of the real need, and that need is the awakening of the soul.

We are giving an exaggerated amount of attention to the thoughtless objections that come to us from the outside. Half the discouragement of ministers and churches is due to expecting the impossible. We are trying to put the blame for this whole state of affairs upon the church service, and only a small part of it centers there. You know what an amount of thought we have expended upon the workingmen and the reasons why they are outside the church. It is a misnomer to speak of the matter in this way, for there are just as many workingmen in our churches as there are of any other class and perhaps more. Still there are large bodies of laboring men outside, and we have tried to discover their reasons for being there. They tell us that the churches are in the hands of the rich, that the ministers are under that influence, that the teaching and work of the church ignores the special difficulties of the labor world — these and other reasons are given why they do not join with us in our services of worship. Did it never occur to those engaged in such investigation that when great numbers of workingmen are brought together in our large towns and cities, when they have the power to organize in great bodies, to choose leaders, to hold meetings, to give of their income a tenth and sometimes a half for the support of their unions — did it never occur to those who would blame the churches, that these men who are in a free country, with a free religious

life, with abundant means and opportunity to accomplish such an undertaking almost at once if they so desired, that they might organize churches for themselves, might arrange their own services, might call their own ministers, might demand for themselves pure religion and undefiled if they had the least desire for the training of the religious life? This has happened in our country many times in the past, it might easily happen again; and we would gladly recognize any church that should spring up within the world of labor. And so long as they fail to do this for themselves, I do not believe they are sincere when they lay the blame for their indifference upon us and our church services. They are where they are, and as they are, simply because they have no strong desire for things spiritual. We do not want them with us in body and not in spirit. It is impossible for any church service to furnish quickening and desire both. Those who come must bring the desire, or else any failure to receive benefit will rest with them. Christ declares that he knows his own and that his own know him. I believe this is very largely true of the Christian church - she knows her own and her own know her. In settled communities where the church has for years held her place, we shall not find any large class outside the direct teaching and inspiration of our church life, if they have any real desire for what the church offers. They are where they are because that is where they belong, until some vital change has come to them through the spirit of God. The church has her part in bringing about this change, but it will never be done directly by services of worship. It calls for personal work, and that ought to grow out of the church life on every side.

Neither do I believe that we have any right to measure the value of a church service by those who never come, any more than it would be right to measure the value of railroads by those who never ride, of books by those who never read, of colleges by those who never study. We must estimate the real power of the service by those who use it, by the effect it has on them. And while we give a large amount of attention to those outside, do we sufficiently appreciate the great multitude who attend these services of worship? Nearly twenty million men, women and children come up to our places of worship week after week and year after year. There is no other phenomenon in our present life more remarkable than this, and there is nothing else in human experience that can command so large a mass of humanity with such persistence and regularity, except grim necessity. And when we think of the twenty millions that present themselves voluntarily every Sunday to receive the direct help which the ministry may give, it would seem that the individual minister might feel that the opportunity for usefulness still survived in his calling, even though only a fragment of this great mass comes to him.

We need to concern ourselves more with helping those who come than in seeking devices to interest those outside. What we do for these, they in less measure will do for those without. These men and women in a very large majority of cases come for help, and the great business of the minister and service is to supply their need. This is the real test of our work. Just recently I read an account of an investigation which had been made into the history and education of four hundred prominently successful men. These conclusions were reached: The man who has a college education has twenty times as much chance of success as the one who has only a high-school education. The man who has a high-school education has ten times as much chance as the one who stops with the common school. While the man who picks up his education without the help of books, or teachers, or systematic study, has only one or two chances in four hundred. If the investigation had been carried further, the proportions might vary, but this fact is made clear,— a fact that we have always believed,—that those who make use of the helps and instruments for mental training gathered in our schools have an overwhelming advantage over the men who depend simply upon their wits for their advancement. If we could investigate the great field of moral and spiritual struggle and achievement, we should find the same thing true here. man who makes use of the higher religious training afforded by our services of worship - we have all kinds, from the college to the very lowest grade in the grammar school — has an overwhelming advantage in the struggle for life and character, while those who really draw great spiritual help directly from the heart of nature are almost a negligible quantity. It can be done, and men are free to do it, but what one man can learn for himself in a single lifetime is very small indeed.

Nor is it fair to assume that the influence of the church is measured by those who attend its services. Only a mere fraction of our young men and young women seek the advantages of a higher education, but their influence is entirely out of proportion to their number. Only a small part of our people come within the direct influence of our churches, but the whole religious life of the nation centers in those choice souls who walk with God. And we shall find that with great uniformity the most devout and spiritual men and women do make use of services of worship for spiritual help and quickening. When we think of what this great army, twenty million strong, may do in leavening and quickening the great mass outside, then it would seem that present life offered no vantage point of influence greater than the service of worship. And I question if the hundred and fifty thousand ministers of our land could possibly accomplish as much in any other way. What would happen if their influence were completely and permanently withdrawn, we can only imagine, but it would approximate a national calamity.

There is another side to this question, and we have only time to suggest its significance. We find the worst things in life closely related to the best. The most vigorous weeds come from the garden. The most advanced civilization gives the highest type of manhood and also the lowest. Our colleges turn out the strongest and most successful men of affairs, and

others who are the most useless in modern life, who have learned nothing except the power to get a living without work. And our churches produce not only the best but also the worst. We nourish the strongest and most helpful, and we do our part in making a set of hardened Pharisees that in the estimation of our Lord rank among the most vicious specimens of the race. The eternal danger which confronts the church is the danger of putting the service in the place of religion. Over and over this has come to pass, and it can easily happen again. When a minister looks upon the service as the end of his efforts, when he comes before his people with nothing but rhetoric, intonation, platitudes and mere affirmation, when he forgets the real issues of life, then it would be better for that man and for the world if he were put in the penitentiary and made to do a little honest labor beneath the lash. And when men and women come to our places of worship because it gives them the appearance of respectability, because they wish to cheat their own conscience, because they hope to find heaven through the church, while they go on seeking hell through the world — it would be infinitely better for such, if they could congregate with lost souls, could have every vestige of respectability stripped away and see themselves as God sees them.

But I can conceive of no finer work for man or angel than that of the Christian minister, when, fired with faith and love, with heart and soul alive to the great issues of life, with every sympathy quickened by the living Spirit, he comes before his people to bring a message of peace and good will, of hope and courage. And I do not believe there is any better place for the weary and discouraged, for those who have learned in the struggle of life the true significance of good and evil, who have found their own strength inadequate to meet the burdens and responsibilities — I do not believe there is any better place for them to find the quickening help of the divine life than in the atmosphere of our church services. And when pastor and people come together with the same desire in their hearts, sharing in common needs, seeking a common Father, led by the same spirit, hoping and praying for the coming of love and righteousness among men, then I believe they have a right to expect their labors shall not be in vain.

## THE RELATION OF IMPROVED SUNDAY-SCHOOL METHODS TO SPIRITUAL QUICKENING

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A letter accompanying the request to speak on this subject said, "Our thought is not merely to show the value of improved methods of administration, but the spiritual gain from present-day conceptions of the Bible." I feel warranted, therefore, in interpreting this subject in the largest

possible way. What are the resources of spiritual power which the modern Sunday school places in our hands? This subject keeps uppermost, what the older conception of the Sunday school always emphasized, the fact that the chief purpose of the Sunday school is spiritual. That was not the earliest idea of the Sunday school. The earliest idea was of a secular school for poor children whose parents could not pay school fees. In America, however, that pauper-charity aim speedily fell away. It is said that Lyman Beecher first made the Sunday school respectable by persuading the respectable people of his church to send their children, and by treating it as distinctly religious; and the American Sunday school, taking root and spreading in the churches, has always since been a religious institution.

At present two classes of persons are pressing, with more or less success, for Sunday-school reform. Both represent movements whose success is absolutely necessary if the Sunday school is to progress, or even to hold its own. Both of these classes are laboring in the interests of pedagogy. One is working for better teaching methods; the other for better teaching and better arrangement of subject-matter. These demands are made in the interests of the Sunday school as an instrument of instruction. such an instrument, the old type of Sunday school was exceedingly imperfect. The new type of Sunday school has not as yet in general taken its place. It is still the exception rather than the rule. Even where it exists, there still survive many of the old imperfections. That is natural. movements, and especially all religious movements, carry over into any new stage survivals from the old stage. What these imperfections and survivals are it would be easy for any of us to say, and there is, perhaps, no place in the land where they less need to be enumerated than in this body. I am glad, therefore, that it is my task rather to point out and appreciate the good than to catalogue the evils of the Sunday school.

I say these reforms must succeed if the Sunday school is to go on, or even to hold its ground. But there is a little danger — just enough so that we need occasionally to remind ourselves of it — that in making the Sunday school an instrument of education, we shall forget to emphasize that which has historically justified its existence in America — its spiritual The Sunday school never could have won the foothold it has to-day in the American churches had it been designed to furnish children with an hour of innocuous entertainment, by means of jingly tunes and sewing cards and such like. The seriousness with which the church has taken this institution, the patient service of thousands of busy men and women under the thraldom of a very imperfect lesson system, the manifold expenditure of time and money and energy for the Sunday school, has been because people believed that here was something worth while. One would not be half a man who did not feel an enthusiastic reverence in the thought of the enormous loving labor that is freely given to the Sunday school. But the men and women who are giving it want no homage. They have their reward in the sense of its spiritual value.

Now new methods and new courses of study must not lose or diminish that value. No amount of anything else can take its place. I yield to no one in the urgent demand for Sunday-school progress; but I am always glad that we cannot put through all the new things at once; and that there still live enough of the old-fashioned people with old-fashioned ideas to hold us people with new-fangled notions to a strict account along the line of the old-fashioned values. If we are to justify anything new in Sunday school, it must be, at bottom, because it bears more spiritual fruit. Unless we would turn aside from the whole course of the history of American Sunday schools, we must rest content to abide by that test. It is hopeful to note that the Religious Education Association has commended itself so widely because of its insistence on the spiritual side of its work.

I need hardly stop to say that present prospects seem to indicate that during the next generation the Sunday school will acquire a greater relative importance as a spiritual force than it has hitherto had. Revivals seem to be disappearing. We can do without them if something else will take their place. Present tendencies seem to show that the church is going to turn toward the Sunday school as the agency that may do a large part of the work which the revival formerly did.

It is a matter of no small importance, therefore, to take account of stock, and see what the modern conceptions of the Bible and modern methods of the Sunday school give us for spiritual uses.

First, we may well reckon a negative value. The modern conception of the Bible relieves us from certain heavy burdens. Some of them, for Sunday-school purposes, perhaps the heaviest, are ethical. It is no longer necessary to defend certain things which the older Sunday school felt obliged to defend, because they are in the Bible. For example, the massacre of the Canaanites has lost its terrors. The men who worked over the old stories in Joshua certainly thought that the Hebrews ought to have destroyed all the inhabitants of the land, and so they thought they did; but other parts of the stories, being the older elements, show that they did not make any general massacre. On the contrary, the Hebrews were more or less peaceful residents among the native peoples. Here is one of half a dozen cases where the simple recognition of compilation makes the teacher's work easy by relieving him from the need of defending the indefensible.

Does any one ask, "Would you teach the compilation of the Hebrew historical books in the Sunday school?" I answer, "Yes and No." Nothing would be more out of place than the niceties of the details of analysis. On the other hand, when young people are old enough to feel the ethical problem, they are old enough to understand the fact that these old stories were written over several times by people whose ideas were not always alike. The fact of compilation in Old Testament history is as simple and as easily understood as the fact that there are several different ways in which the story of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" is told.

But we may go a step further in the relief of burdens. Let us keep to the illustration already used. The Hebrews did not generally massacre the Canaanites, but they did kill the inhabitants of two cities, Jericho and Ai, men, women and children, and they did it in the name of Jehovah. They "devoted" them; and later Samuel hewed Agag in pieces "before the Lord." They say Jehovah commanded it. There is no use in mincing the matter, nor trying to get around it. Yet if the same things happened to-day in Manchuria the whole world would cry out in horror. Now, the modern conception of the Bible relieves us from the necessity of defending not only what did not take place but what did. The God of the early Hebrews was a barbarous, bloodthirsty creature; that is, they thought he was. That is where they were mistaken. By and by some of them began to think of God as loving; first, only as loving the Hebrews, then as loving all the people in the world. But it takes a long time for people to learn all about love, and if Jesus had not come and told us more plainly about it, perhaps we should not have learned as much as we have about it yet. Only, when we are studying the Old Testament, we must remember that it was written by people who often thought of God more as a fighter than a Father. Here lies, to some, the great value of the American Revised Version, in that it calls the Old Testament God "Jehovah," not "Lord"; for, they say, the Old Testament Jehovah is not the New Testament Lord. In a certain sense that is true.

This leads directly to a kindred matter; it is of spiritual value to recognize that the Bible contains things which are distinctly human. Let me put that more strongly. We cannot divide the Bible between human and divine, as we divide Genesis into documents. It is of value to recognize that the Bible is a human book from beginning to end. It is, in the main, the expression of the highest religious conceptions which the authors had Sometimes they were very imperfect. They did not always Ecclesiastes was written to prove there is no future life. Part of I Corinthians was written to prove there is a future life. Would you let such secrets out in the Sunday-school class? I would never have it a secret that needed to be let out. We may take our stand frankly and as a matter of common-place fact on the humanity of the Bible, and then use it to the full for spiritual power. Sometimes a teacher asks," Why did God let this story be told?" The attempt to answer usually leads to transparent sophistry, and that is always vicious. There is another question which is exceedingly fruitful in a spiritual way. It is, "Why did the author tell this story?" Of course that is not often a question for the kindergarten, but it usually leads directly to the writer's conception of God, to his grasp of some great truth, or perhaps only to his vague apprehension of it in the dim twilight of a day whose sunrise we have been permitted to see. That makes the Bible a living book. That makes the scholars see how things grow; and I think young people like to watch all sorts of things grow.

But I must leave this subject without stopping for applications of it to pass to another thing. Modern methods are emphasizing the great divisions of the Bible rather than the small divisions; the book and the class of literature rather than the chapter and the verse. Intellectually, this must result in a better understanding of the meaning of the Bible so much better understanding that there is no measure of comparison between the two. Paul's chapter on love is a broken torso without the chapters on each side of it and some knowledge of the situation which called out the Corinthian epistle. The book of Acts is shorn of half its power to him who does not know for what the author wrote it. Here is very great room for Sunday-school improvement. We need on the part of our teachers more knowledge of the plain, simple facts of Biblical introduction. In the matter of equipment of knowledge, that is probably the one thing which is most urgently needed now. It will come. The movement is in that direction, though it is not yet very strong. It will give the Bible a vast increase of spiritual appeal. It will recover certain elements for spiritual uses. For example, when we treat the book of Daniel as belonging to the class of apocalyptic writings, and have some such understanding of the characteristics of that literature as we ordinarily have to-day of the class of New Testament letters, there is every reason to expect that Daniel, with the heroic period of the Maccabees behind it. will be one of the most useful and most popular books of the Bible in the Sunday school. It represents the most romantically heroic period in Hebrew history. When the boys are allowed to get hold of it, it will thrill them as nothing else in the Bible can. Then we shall get our temperance, not out of the ritualism of the first chapter, but out of the stanch heroism of the whole book.

This insistence upon the large division rather than the small makes one not unimportant change in the use of the Bible for spiritual teaching. We shall not draw those teachings necessarily from every lesson. Sometimes we shall go on for weeks with only history or biography, and then, perhaps suddenly, the great purpose of it all will appear, and we shall find ourselves face to face with a spiritual truth that looms up like a mountain at the end of a journey. It is not necessary to drag a spiritual truth into view when it is deliberately hiding itself. That is not good taste nor good pedagogy either. Let it come out when it is ready to reveal itself. It will gain in power thereby.

I have spoken of a few things in which what we call the newer conceptions of the Bible open up lines of new spiritual power. Really, these conceptions are not very new. They are older than evolution. It is only the natural and wise deliberation of religious movements which makes them seem new to us. In fact, they are a long generation old. Let me turn now to some things that are more modern in time, though they do not seem so to all of us.

One is, the recognition of the varying needs of varying ages. We meet

it in the demand for separate lessons adapted to different stages; in the subdivision of the school into different sections; in the grading of the school, with all that it means. This began as an educational demand. It will yield great spiritual results. The movement is as yet in its infancy. It has been worked out best in regard to the youngest members of the school. They have their separate rooms and superintendent and lessons and hymns, and whatever else is needed. The church has been wisely generous in its equipment and liberal in its allowance of freedom. Those interested in the spiritual results of the school feel that the church must be quite as generous and as liberal in regard to the older scholars. Secular schools are here ahead of Sunday schools. In secular schools the lowest and the highest, the kindergarten and the university, are best equipped, and the middle ranges need reform. Here, only the lowest has yet received adequate attention. This is even more important for spiritual than for educational results, because we are emphasizing the spiritual values of the later years of the Sunday-school life. Of course this takes us right into the problem of graduation from Sunday school. We say we want to keep our boys in the Sunday school; we must, to utilize the spiritual value of the Sunday school to its full. And yet ninety-nine hundredths of the talk about the Sunday school only recognizes the presence of children. If I had a class of boys reaching the danger point, I should be careful not to encourage their attendance on Sunday-school conventions, or any other places where the Sunday school is discussed. It would be doubtful if they heard anything which implied that the Sunday school had any place for those who begin to feel above childhood. If the Sunday school is the nursery of the church, then in the name of common sense let us not complain when those above nursery age want to get out. The fact is, we are not yet quite carrying out our principles. Were it only a question of talk, it might not matter so much, but the same defect is seen in Sunday-school management. I confess that it is usually painful to attend a service on Children's Sunday, because, when the children march in, one so pities the big boys who end the long line. They cannot be called children by any figure of speech, and yet their loyalty to the Sunday school drives them to this position. I take off my hat to their heroism. At the same time I recall an overgrown lad who refused, on a like occasion, to march or sit with his class, and fled to a safe retreat in the gallery. My recollection is without either shame or penitence. I stand ready at any time to aid and abet a rebellion of that sort. No one has a right, at the very time when we want to make the strongest spiritual impression, to submit the pride of growing youth to such humiliation. Our general system of classification will get rid of that by and by. I have a right to speak of it here because the years of most importance for spiritual results are the years in which such inept and tactless things are allowed to happen.

But this is only an illustration of the need of carrying further the excellent beginnings of classification. It leads up to another element in which

increased spiritual power is attainable; namely, the modern recognition of adolescence as a special stage of life to be carefully studied and wisely It is not too much to say that for the estimate of spiritual values a distinct transfer has come about from early childhood to adolescence. We are all familiar with that oft-quoted Catholic priest who said that if the Catholic church had children till they were seven, they did not care who had them afterwards. I say with Betsy Prigg," I don't believe there's no sich a person." I do not believe any Catholic priest ever said that, Catholic priests are too well-trained in education. If any ever did, he certainly misrepresented both the theory and the practice of the church. That saying has done yeoman service in behalf of the primary department of the Sunday school when that department needed help. It has earned honorable retirement. The strongest spiritual impressions do not come before seven, but between twelve and eighteen. Those earliest impressions are not permanent. A missionary child speaks the language of his country commonly better than he does English. If he comes to this country before seven or eight, his knowledge of the language practically disappears in a year or two. The physician or the psychologist will tell you why. Not that the impressions at this age are unimportant. They are important, if they are made a part of a series, continued down till a later period. spiritual results, we must hold the influence until it becomes fixed in the permanent structure of life. Modern conceptions have made the age of graduation from Sunday school a spiritual problem of the first importance. There are three things we can do. We can let the boys, and girls too, go; or we can grade the school and give the upper grades the relative dignity which the high school has in the public-school system; or we can all go into the Sunday school and make it, what in general has been only an empty phrase, "the church studying the word of God." In those country churches where parents and grandparents are in the Sunday school, there is no special difficulty about children outgrowing it. One of the last two things we must do, unless we would throw away the spiritual results of the long years and lavish expenditure which have gone before. Modern methods are helping us at this point. Along with the methods of classification and the study of adolescence has come the study of conversion. It is curious that this comes in to explain and justify much that went on in revivals just when revivals are disappearing. Perhaps that is providential. If it is to be the function of the Sunday school to take the place of the revival. the teachers and officers need all the aid they can get. The old type of evangelist gained a certain empirical psychology by his work. was the same that the modern studies emphasize. The great advantage of the future over the past in this respect lies in the fact that the evangelist applied the same method to all ages and all types. The study of conversion as a part of normal growing life does not teach us to use the same methods or to expect the same results from youth of all ages and of different types. We have gained in discrimination. We may expect the Sunday

school in the future to become an efficiently and skillfully managed agency for the conversion of the young people of the church. "Decision Day" is an institution which points in that direction. In this way it will keep its old, true purpose and also use to the full all the new conceptions and methods and knowledge which later life and study have brought.

I wish to speak of only one thing more. There has been a great gain for spiritual power in the Sunday school through the widespread ethical revival of present thinking. Every year religion is made to our young people less a matter of intellectual belief and more a matter of daily living. It is becoming more practical and less mystical, more ethical and less theological. Not that theology or even mysticism, when understood in a certain sense, has no place, but men are seeing that they have not the first place. To give attention to them is not the proper first step in the religious life. Of course this comes from a dozen different sources. We are not now concerned with its origin, but with its result. The Sunday school shares this gain with the rest of church life. It becomes vastly easier to explain religion, and to fit it into the practical life which opens up so attractively to the youth of to-day.

We all know that there are difficulties and obstacles to the progress of religion which belong especially to our day, but there are also great gains. We are not yet using them as we shall in the future. When we take full advantage of them, no class of Christian workers will find the spiritual power of their work increased more than the Sunday-school teachers.

## THE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH AS RELATED TO SPIRITUAL QUICKENING

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The relation of the social activities of the church to spiritual quickening will depend upon the nature of the social activities and the conception of the spiritual life. If the two elements of this problem are construed in the traditional dualism of a mutual exclusiveness, the problem is insoluble. If the social and spiritual are identified under the pleasing phraseology of the new humanism, there is no problem to solve. But if the spiritual life is more than a subjective experience, and if social activities are more than objective facts, then there arises the distinct problem of coordinating the two elements in one synthetic unity. If such a synthesis should be theoretically achieved, we may well believe that the practical result would be to socialize the spiritual and to spiritualize the social.

But analysis must always precede synthesis. In the solution of any

problem, and especially if it be a practical one, the primary requisite is a careful examination of the various factors entering into it. The meaning of social activities can be understood only after an inquiry concerning their ethical values, and the conditions of spiritual quickening can be intelligently considered only after an analytic conception of the nature and facts of the spiritual life itself.

And what is the spiritual life? It has been variously defined. Simply and broadly stated, it is a life of loving fellowship with God and man. This general conception has in some measure and under varying conditions prevailed in all the history of our Christian faith. But every period of religious development has had a definite and dominant temper of its own. which has emphasized some characteristic interpretation of the spiritual life. For it is to be noted that there has ever existed a faithful correlation between the theoretical interpretation of the religious life and its practical expression. In no instance is the vital dependence of conduct upon belief more clearly and conclusively shown than in the close parallelism which has ever prevailed between theological thought and religious activity. In this reciprocal relation, however, the speculative has usually preceded and conditioned the practical. Both in the psychological experience of the individual and the historical development of the race, the supremacy of the spiritual has asserted itself in the universal fact that the ideal interprets the real and belief conditions conduct. The foundations of belief rest, it is true, in the practical necessities and interests of life itself. But the facts of life, both material and spiritual, are meaningless until interpreted, and the character of the interpretation as expressed in belief will inevitably affect the conduct of the believer. In all the history of the Christian faith the theology of its dominant thinkers has largely determined the expression of the religious spirit and the methods of religious work.

The spiritual life, then, may neither be defined in static terms nor interpreted in fixed expressions. For the life of man in all its interests is a progressive and enlarging growth. For this reason our present conception of the life of the spirit must be understood historically. This is especially true, because, however much we may be a-weary of hearing it, this is an age of transition. On this account all interpretations of whatever kind lack clearness. The old has not wholly passed by nor has the new fully arrived. Thus our developing conceptions in theology and religion to-day can best be understood in relation to the interpretations and expressions of a former day.

In recent times two systems of theology have sought to interpret God and his kingdom among men. The first of these we may designate, with all respect and honor, the old theology. It has had a long and efficient ministry, and has brought to pass marvelous things in the service of the Christian faith. The basal ideas of this theology are the perfection and sovereignty of God. The Supreme Person is absolute in his nature and

in his authority. He is the creator of the world, but far removed from it. He is the creator of man also, but infinitely above him. God and the universe are construed in the mutually exclusive terms of the supernatural Man is thus by nature an alien to the kingdom of God. He has no original worthfulness, only a wretched inheritance of original sin. He is born under a curse, and only by miraculous means can he escape. God has no inherent Fatherhood, but only becomes the Father of a select class of believers. Man becomes the child of God only by adoption. With this conception of God and man, governmental and substitutionary theories of the atonement were the logical issue. To save man by some supernatural means from his degradation and doom became the dominant concept of redemption. The central idea of salvation naturally became one of personal safety. To escape hell and win heaven, this was the dominant dynamic to Christian faith and practice. characterization is not at all complete, but it is not a caricature. was much of love and many unselfish virtues in human life then as now. But the controlling conceptions of God and man were sovereignty and safety. Salvation was commonly construed in terms of selfish advantage, and sainthood had its chief meaning in personal perfection. The saving experiences of the soul were individualized in such egoistic terms as conviction, repentance, regeneration, justification, sanctification.

Now with such dominant conceptions as these, a sovereign God, a depraved humanity, a selfish salvation and a sainthood of sanctification, the spiritual life both in its supernatural origin and its transcendent development could not escape a morbid egoism. The religious life logically became one of exaggerated individualism. Personal safety was the dynamic which induced sinners to seek salvation, and personal perfection the motive for growth in saintliness. This abnormal egoism in religious living involved two serious limitations. First, the spiritual life, construed under the sharp antitheses of the natural and supernatural, issued in an artificial subjective experience. The natural and the spiritual were understood as being mutually exclusive and even hostile. The normal instincts both of mind and body were nothing less than opportunities for the devices of Satan. The manifold wholesome interests of the life that now is were not only unblessed but repudiated. The life of the spirit was apart and above. It was a separate experience and a distinct addition to the natural life, superseding it and overshadowing it. Thus conceived as spiritual separateness the experience of the individual came to find expression largely in states of feeling. The spiritual life became distinctly introspective in character and individualistic in its expression. Touching testimonies of emotional experiences and fervid prayers for self-perfection were regarded as the unfailing tokens of a deep spiritual life. Thus issued the first limitation — a spiritual life more or less abnormal, artificial and narrow. The second limitation was in its unsocial individualism. was a distinct lack of the altruistic. The spiritual life was so dominantly

subjective in its development and expression that its chief duties were considered to be those of self-perfection. Even duties to God were not free from the thought of personal advantage, and duties to other men were construed in their relation to the virtuous character and conduct of the party of the first part. Social interests in themselves were purely on the unblessed level of natural relationships. As such they were invested with no spiritual meanings, and were credited with but limited religious uses. The cordial attitude, the friendly spirit, the neighborly interest and similar manifestations of human kindliness — well, they were merely human. Such qualities as courtesy, charity, sympathy, large-heartedness, were in themselves religiously worthless, and had no spiritual value, save as they became occasions for pious uses.

With this conception of the spiritual life, there can be no vital or even important relation between the social activities of the church and spiritual quickening. And this has been in some measure the practical result. With this ideal of the life of the spirit, purely social activities are commonly construed not only as non-spiritual, but unspiritual; not only as indifferent to the spiritual life, but sometimes as hostile to it. With this viewpoint the large church social when compared with the small church prayer-meeting is sometimes viewed with horror and alarm.

But another system of theology is coming to pass. It is commonly known as the new theology, and by its arrival the conservative has been greatly disturbed and the liberal has been highly elated. There is no rational ground for either disturbance or elation. The old is not established because of its antiquity, nor is the new important because of its novelty. The disciples of every school need ever to remember that a doctrine or an interpretation or a belief or a method is valuable not because it is old, neither because it is new, but only because, and in so far as, it is true. The stability of the conservative should never be suffered to lapse into sheer stubbornness, neither should the enthusiasm of the liberal be allowed to effervesce in wanton iconoclasm. It is no reflection on the old theology that there should be a new theology, for there has ever been the old and the new, and so it ever will be. At any rate, there has arisen a new interpretation of God and man. This theology neither rejects nor questions the former conceptions of the divine sovereignty and perfection. .The absolute nature of the Infinite is clearly affirmed as of But of the metaphysical attributes of God the new theology has emphasized his immanence; and his personal nature has been interpreted with the enlarging and enriching conception of Fatherhood. The natural and supernatural are no longer regarded as mutually exclusive, but are rather construed as the dual manifestation of the one Fundamental Reality. God is not an absentee divinity, but an ever-present power, creating and sustaining the universe of men and things. The supreme emphasis of this new interpretation, however, is upon the divine Fatherhood. This is understood not as figurative but as factual. God is the

real Father of every human soul, and all men are his children. This does not lessen the perfection or sovereignty of God, but it does bring him near to humanity in the most tender and affectionate of all relationships. As thus interpreted the eternal Father becomes the great burden bearer and sufferer. He is the most responsible Being in all the universe. His attitude toward our human kind is not one of judicial surveillance, but rather of loving solicitude. More than all else, he is the Father and Friend of all mankind.

This conception of God also gives us a new conception of man. All men are the actual children of God. This does not in itself imply that all the children are good or that all will be finally saved; but it does mean that man is in his origin and nature not so much deprayed as he is divine. He has an inalienable birthright. This was the revelation and message of Jesus. This fact, however, instead of lessening the sinfulness of man, immeasurably intensifies it, and demands with an imperative need a work of redemption for the forgiveness of the sinner and his reconciliation with the Father. But with the conception of God as Father, the ultimate and unanswerable obligation to Christian living is not the thought of selfish safety, but a sense of ethical obedience to the Father, to be manifested in filial loyalty and gratitude and love. The very beginning of the spiritual life is thus invested with a distinctly social quality. The extreme individualism of selfish safety is superseded by the unselfish duties of loving obedience and service, and these motives are distinctly social both in spirit and expression. Thus the egoistic element in salvation is subordinated to the higher ideal of a mutual love and devotion between father and child.

The development of the spiritual life under the régime of the new theology is even more strikingly social, both in spirit and expression. As the older conception of salvation led to a spiritual life characterized by a morbid and artificial introspection, and expressed chiefly in a subjective and emotional experience of perfection, so the newer conception of salvation leads to a spiritual life the chief characteristic of which is the inspiration of the life that now is, and the dominant expression of which is to be found in an ethical ministry of helpfulness and social service.

A more detailed and comprehensive analysis of this new ideal of the spiritual life will reveal an enlargement and enrichment of it in two essentials. The first of these is the interpretation of the life of the spirit in wholesome and normal realities. Nothing is in itself common or unclean. The life that now is, with its manifold interests and varied activities, becomes the sphere of spiritual experience. The emphatic characteristic of the life of the spirit is found in a perception of ethical values and their realization in character and conduct. But even more important and typical of this new interpretation is the ideal of the human brotherhood and its implicit obligations to loyalty and service. The greatest practical implication of the Fatherhood of God is the derivative brotherhood of

man. This was not only the supreme ethical message of Jesus, it was also his supreme ethical ministry. The life of the Master was one of persistent social service.

The spiritual life of Jesus Christ is the one perfect ideal for all spiritual living. As stated at the beginning of this paper, the spiritual life is one of loving fellowship with God and man. It is not an artificial or miraculous addition; it is not an ascetic effort for subjective perfection; it is not a mysterious experience of unintelligent emotion; it is not a superior sort of sanctification; it involves essentially none of these religious provincialisms. Rather the spiritual life is one of ethical obligations and privilege, both with reference to God and man; it is the social manifestation of the friendly soul; it is the realization of personality through brotherhood; it is human life at its best in unselfish service, as loyal citizenship in the kingdom of God.

With this ethical conception of the life of the spirit as one of glad and loyal fellowship and service with God and man, we come face to face with the inexorable condition of personal perfection. "He that seeketh to save his life shall lose it; but he that loseth his life shall find it." The secret of personal perfection has not been learned either by epicureanism or by asceticism. Both violate the deepest law of life. As Hugh Black has so conclusively shown, the spiritualization of life is to be found neither in culture nor yet in restraint, but in the Christ-ideal of service. Mrs. Browning declares with equal emphasis:

"A poor man saved by thee shall make thee rich; A sick man helped by thee shall make thee strong; Thou shalt thyself be served by every lease Of service thou hast rendered."

The one perfect and true ideal of spiritual living is to be found in the life of Jesus Christ, who came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

Now if it be true that the spiritual life is to have its finest development chiefly through forms of ethical service, the relation of the social activities of the church to spiritual quickening is apparent. All wholesome social activity becomes at once an inspiration and an opportunity for the expression of the highest spiritual living. The Christian Church is the supreme social ideal. It is the finest form of democracy known to man, for it transcends while it includes every other social manifestation. As a religious community, it provides for all sorts and conditions of men an opportunity for spiritual fellowship. Nowhere else can there be found a social ideal so high in its aspirations, so broad and inclusive in its ministry. For here are gathered in one great family the rich and the poor, the wise and the ignorant, the cultured and the crude, the young and the old, all children of a common Father, with one as their Master, even Christ.

Now the social activities of this highest social type, the church, will offer splendid opportunities for the expression of the quickening spiritual lives of its members. But not less important is the evangelical function

of the friendly, social church. We need have no fear that evangelism as a spirit will cease, although methods may change. We are coming to see, however, that the evangelical spirit may and should characterize all forms of Christian activity. The spiritual message of the pulpit and the religious service, the educational work of the Sunday school and the social activities of the church—all have a part in the work of Christian evangelism. To men unacquainted with the helpfulness of a spiritual fellowship, the concrete social ministry of the friendly church is an evangelical force which has not yet been appreciated at its full value. There is no more fundamental or universal quality in human life than the social instinct. It is the chief strength of every form of institutionalized good or evil. The persistent vearning of human hearts for a higher fellowship is more prevalent than we think. Some time the church will awaken to this great social opportunity, and will use the wholesome fellowship of men to carry to them messages of gospel grace. All social activities in the Church of Christ may afford a valued service in the evangelization of the community.

Finally, the relation of social activities to spiritual quickening is a practical problem, which each must solve in detail for himself. The spiritual meaning of social service can be understood only by those who have experienced somewhat of the joy of sacrifice, for the life of the spirit grows chiefly by subtraction and division. This was the message and ministry of the Master; and when the members of Christ's churches free themselves from the traditions and provincialisms of the religious life and return to Christ for their spiritual ideals, we may expect the social activities of the church to take a worthy place in the ministries of the Christian faith. For the one ideal of all spiritual living is the life of Jesus Christ.

## CHURCH ARCHITECTURE AND ENRICHMENT OF CHURCH SERVICES AS FACTORS IN SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

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At the outset I confess that when these words came to me as indicating a subject to be introduced and considered at the annual meeting of the State Association of the churches representing New England Puritanism, I was surprised. So occupied have we been with the merely intellectual, the doctrinal, the immediately practical, as to convey the impression that the æsthetical had no place in our regard. We were too matter-of-fact to concern ourselves with it. Our very earnestness and directness focused our vision on one all-absorbing idea, "to save souls from death, and to

hide a multitude of sins." Everything else seemed trivial. Our idea of "saving souls" has too often been narrowed down to the point of establishing a living personal union between Christ and the individual. We seem to have ignored the suggestions all around us,- that when, for instance, the babe is born we have to feed it and dress it and keep it alive. How very soon the æsthetic shows itself in a babe. How soon it delights in a little bit of color. How the purity of its life expresses itself in its fondness for the things that have tone and tune in them! This æsthetic quality is in us all, and it is a spiritual quality. Like all other affections in us, it needs cultivation. Singularly suggestive is it that the most Puritan mind of our generation, I mean Ruskin, was the man of most wonderful genius in the region to which we apply the word "esthetics." Puritanism has never been true to itself when it has tried to compel a universal wearing of the Quaker garb of sober gray. Its greatest representatives have been men who could not keep themselves within the limits of a cold clear literalism. The gorgeousness of Milton's "Paradise Lost," the exquisite allegorical picturing of Bunyan, the witchery of Daniel Defoe — these and other illustrations of a like order ought to convince us that at the heart of Puritanism was that same fire of the Holy Spirit which put Isaiah among the most eloquent men who ever lived and made of John the Divine the most picturesque and spiritual of all the New Testament men of achievement. Puritanism, as the word suggests, stands for purity in everything: in art, in ecclesiastics, in politics, in literature - everywhere. It is the one historical word which connotes sincerity, honesty and truth. It antagonizes everything which is low, vulgar and unworthy of man as a living soul. Relatively to the æsthetical, then, Puritanism is not antagonistic. It likes the best, recognizing, however, and this is its note of distinction, - that the best always has in it simplicity, honesty and sincerity. That which we need, more than anything else in our day, is the idealizing of Puritanism. Too often in the past Puritanism has been a skeleton. Its bones have not been well covered. It has had to fight so many battles that it had no time to take on flesh and dress itself properly, and yet what sweeter or lovelier creature has ever been produced than the Puritan maiden? She had that exquisiteness of beauty which is never divorced from purity. There can be no beauty without soul. The flesh never becomes spiritualized until the spirit permeates it and rules it. Then you have the beauty of holiness.

It took the Puritans a long while to conquer their deep-rooted antagonism to the buildings which, in their judgment, had been polluted by idolatries as flagrant as that of Baal in Israel. The consequence is that our church edifices have too often been built, in the earlier days of our history, on the principle of antagonism. They have been useful without being ornamental. Everywhere in creation use and beauty are blended. All creation is ritualistic. It deals in signs and symbols. Every woman is a ritualist as every man is a rationalist. To get a proper blend of the two is

to get something better than either. Happily for ourselves and for others who shall come after us, we have conquered many of the prejudices inherited from our fathers — who in many things were better men than we are. for they had religious convictions and we are apt to get no farther than religious opinions. A conviction remains; an opinion may change. Opinions are to convictions as the stem and root of a tree to the leaves. The leaves may change but root and trunk survive. We do not believe now-a-days that a church is any the less pleasing to God for having about it features which are architectural. The old square Saratoga-trunk style of architecture needed for impressiveness to be so massive and capacious that, except for large cities and congregations of unusual size, it was unsuited. If any one should say: "The building in which we worship has no influence upon us. If we worship in spirit and in truth, that is everything "-I would venture to suggest that on a sensitive mind everything has influence. Does it make no difference whether one's wife sitting on the other side of the table is dressed in a worn and dirty gown, or in a cheerful material which suits exactly her bluish eyes and her fine complexion? Well, if it does not to you, I pity you, and especially I pity her, for she must have a very coarse kind of a husband. Within the last fifty years our houses have been built more artistically, our men and women dress more artistically, and we are all the better for it. Unconsciously to ourselves we are mentally influenced by all these surroundings of our daily life. The environment of a man's life has much to do with its quality. A sense of peace and satisfaction comes to any ordinarily sensitive man when returning from his office or store he is welcomed into a home suggesting that an orderly and even an artistic spirit presides over and regulates the domestic life. Orderliness and neatness have spiritual value. They have a tendency to lead the sensitive spirit into a temper of the nature of that restfulness which comes when we are accordant with our surroundings, that restfulness which in these nervously irritating days of social discordancy we are all trying to find without success.

Everything begins in the home,— everything good and everything bad. When once we begin to have an eye for more artistic homes and a better style of dress, it was inevitable that the incongruity between our fine homes and our mean churches should begin to appear. It is perfectly natural that our modern church buildings should have about them a taste, a feeling, a suggestiveness which was lacking in some of the older buildings. Everything in nature has its own architecture,— a tree, a bird, an animal, a man. And everything, even the lowest and most comparatively insignificant, has its touch of adornment. From nature itself there is no argument to be had for niggardliness and meanness. We all recognize how good and pure a feeling that of David's was, "Neither will I offer to the Lord my God of that which cost me nothing." It is impossible to deny that in suggestive architecture there is subtle spiritual value. I say suggestive architecture: Greek architecture is suggestive of satisfaction.

Its curves start upward and then get tired and decline earthward again. Gothic architecture suggests aspiration. It is full of upward-pointing fingers. It seems to say, "This is not your rest." Like life itself, it has about it little dark corners,—anyway recesses not abundantly lighted. suggestive of the mysteries of life, which can only be faced and made to wait patiently by quiet personal communion with God. No one, I should think, can go into Westminster Abbey or into Cologne Cathedral and entirely escape from that solemn, subdued worshipfulness of feeling which is the endowment of every purified and unanimalized soul. And so it seems to me that Gothic architecture, the architecture of worshiping aspiration which appeals to the imagination, which can never be fully satisfied, is peculiarly church architecture. It is the architecture that is filled with holy dissatisfaction and yet with ever-reaching hope, for when it has done all that it can do on the earth-level it raises its sky-pointing finger upward, as if it would say to the struggling soul: "Onward and upward" — "that which we know not now we shall know hereafter." It is a pity that we cannot leave all the satisfied architecture for city halls and law courts and such like edifices, and keep the imaginative aspiring Gothic for our churches. For all kinds of architecture suggest one or other of these moods, satisfaction or aspiration.

I know all the objections but I am not here to answer them. The fitness of Gothic architecture for church uses is seen in the fact that from the smallest chapel to the stateliest cathedral it adapts itself to conditions as they arise. Properly treated it keeps its suggestiveness; wisely treated, it can be fitted to all the uses of our evangelical worship. It need not be costly. It will submit to any amount of decoration — but it may be as simple as a Puritan maiden and retain all its spiritual suggestiveness.

One reason why we American folks don't do things as well as we might is — that we are in such a desperate hurry. And we are so restless. We want a building finished right off — in a few months or a year. We are not willing to build a usable portion this year and another portion next year, or the year after, and so on - leaving the building to be carried out into its fullness by the next generation. No really great work was ever done by people who were in a desperate hurry. "Haste," says the Arabic proverb somewhat broadly, "is of the devil." A church ought always to be doing something, - completing something, - or moving in the direction of greater completeness and fullness. I think it would be excellent advice to those responsible for our church buildings to say: "Build as much as you can pay for. Be honest and let the work be honest. Let everything be what it seems to be,-let iron be iron; brass, brass; wood, wood. Be puritanically honest all through, and do as the Puritans did. They built men up into convictions, that is, they built not for a day but for all time." I suppose we all recognize that there is a spiritual value in honesty. in simplicity, in aspiration, in recognizing the continuity and interdependence of life, and that we owe something to the past generation and to the

generations to come. "No man liveth to himself." A church ought to weave into itself in some perceptible way the history and the character of the men and women who have lived in it. It ought to be the treasure house of memories, and the living fountain of never-dying hopes. For as the unconscious influence of a man is greater than his conscious influence. so we have never adequately estimated the unconscious influence of a church building into which is incorporated the self-denial and faith and hope of its builders. There it stands, a silent rebuke to all atheism and indifference of life, an everyday rebuke to meanness and narrowness of life, the witness to all men that some men have put up in a conspicuous spot'a memorial to him "who liveth, and was dead, but is alive for evermore; and has the keys of Hades and of death." And the more splendid the memorial, the more impressive the rebuke to all persistent ungodliness of life. Early in my ministry I had an experience which taught me a lesson I have never forgotten. On an unarchitectural square brick building. on which no one would have dared to carve the words "strength and beauty are in his sanctuary," I tried to pay off a long-standing debt, and failed. Immediately I projected a new Gothic church, and opened it free from debt. People will deny themselves for something which stirs The old ugly building was sold to a little comtheir æsthetic faculty. pany of primitive Methodists, and the new structure took rank among the edifices of which the whole population was proud.

But having your building demonstrably a church, what of the services which consecrate it? Are there differences of spiritual value in these? I am aware that in asking such a question, I must tread delicately and move discreetly. As an Old Testament writer would put it, "The place whereon thou standest is holy ground." The idea of ministerial efficiency and responsibility immediately suggests itself. Again I must remind you that Puritanism has been often misled by its antagonisms. Let us not deny that there has been much which must be recognized as spiritually helpful in our extemporaneous prayer, that in our free and unfettered approaches to God, in language supplied by the immediacy of the occasion, minds have been solemnized and hearts refreshed in a quite peculiar way. It would be a sad day for us if the cultured formality of liturgical service should ever exclude from our worship that uplifting free pastoral prayer which has been characteristic of our Puritan churches. In his lectures on "Preaching," Phillips Brooks has reminded us that it is the man behind the sermon which makes the sermon this or that. With even more of emphasis may we not say that it is the man behind the prayer which makes it devotional or lacking in reverential feeling? Ought not the prayer and praise of our services to prepare the minds of our people for the sermon which is to follow? Especially is that preparation a necessity in these days, when so many of our people begin the Lord's day by a deliberate and careful perusal of the Sunday newspaper, — the most polluting to the mind, as far as my scanty knowledge goes, of all the newspapers of the week. That after immersing himself in these voluminous records of all the sins and follies and depravities of men, any one should be able to bring a clean mind and an unpolluted heart into the worship of the sanctuary of God seems to me a kind of miracle. That a man with such a mental preparation should be able to appreciate, or in any way respond to, the spiritual elements in our Sunday discourses is scarcely possible, unless all we have been taught of the laws of mind by the psychologists is flagrantly wrong. If only these newspapers had about them something of that intellectuality which it is customary for them to claim for themselves, the case would not be so bad. They remind one, if of anything outside themselves, of Bunyan's man with the muck rake, any man come from this Sunday morning dissipation with any appetite for "the sincere milk of the word," or for the "bread of life," or for "the wine of the kingdom," or for anything else pure and wholesome and spiritualizing? I suppose there are men and women of refined taste who are able to accomplish that which to most of us would be impossible. There are contradictions in human nature which are not to be explained by any psychological laws with which we are acquainted. Hence, perhaps the best we can do in presence of such facts is to take the attitude of the Scottish minister who, in one of his expositions, coming upon something which he could not explain, shrewdly remarked, "My friends, there is a difficulty here, we will boldly look it in the face, and pass on." It may be that the contrast between the thought and feeling and aspiration of divine worship and the want of thought, the impurity of feeling and the absence of aspiration in the newspaper ordinarily supplied to the Sunday readers is so striking that it may be, in some mysterious way unknown to us, helpful to the spirit that finds itself praying in a seemingly worshipful assembly, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

We all of us must recognize that the social conditions in which we live the unchartered freedom allowed to children in families, the indisposition to honor father and mother, and all the other influences which have come in with a democracy in which one man is counted as good as another are not favorable to the maintenance of that reverence in worship which alone is the fitting attitude of mind. I have been greatly impressed as I have studied the pages of Old Testament writ at the numerous illustrations we meet with of the perpetual effort to create and maintain this noble feeling of reverence. Sacred ordinances, sacred days, sacred persons, sacred places - what does it all mean? "All art is teaching," says Ruskin, and again, "All art is praise." Nothing so vulgarizes as the breaking down of the old reverences for places, times and people. The loss of reverence for the Sabbath, for the church, for its official ministers, is a sign not, as some radical souls would have us think, of increasing spirituality, but of a loss of inward refinement. Does it not become us, surrounded as we are by such marks of spiritual degeneracy, to do all we can to realize the special presence of the Holy Spirit of God in the church, and so to conduct our-

selves in speech and act as we most surely would if the visible embodiment of the Christ were unmistakably present to our eyes? "What should we do," asked Charles Lamb in a company of literary friends, "if Shakespeare himself appeared to us — and what if Jesus himself appeared?" The answer was, "If Shakespeare appeared we should all stand — if Jesus appeared we should all kneel." It is impossible that spirituality, if it be a dominating condition in any human soul, should not find some fitting form of expression. Irreverence in worship, slovenliness in worship, whether in prayer, or reading of the Scriptures, or in praise, - is certain to tell in the direction of conveying an impression which antagonizes spirituality. We have all heard of the newspaper report of "the most eloquent prayer addressed to a Boston audience." If we pastors are to be the channels of spiritual quickening to our congregations, the devotional part of our services must be so conducted, with such simplicity, solemnity. seriousness and dignity that any wandering soul entering the sanctuary shall be made to feel, "This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." From what I have said you may easily infer particulars. Before attempting to lead the devotions of others, the minister must devotionalize his own mind. He must steep himself in the fervors of those choice souls who have beaten their wings, not effortlessly and unsuccessfully, at the gate of heaven. He must be so immediately familiar with the Scriptures that his reading of them must interpret them afresh to listening ears. There is nothing which so surely betrays the undevout type of mind as unintelligent and slovenly reading of the sacred books of our religion, and loose and irreverent extemporaneousness in prayer, God grant that some day we may rise above the necessity for that operatic order of singing which so sadly disfigures our church services. Everything in our devotional services which is mere performance should be banished. Often we may get into another mood by the use, at one of our services, of selections from those liturgical forms which from the ages behind us bear a mystic aroma of souls that, in the language of personal experience, have found their way into the more immediate presence of God. Concerning some of these forms, we may use the poet's words:

> "You may break, you may shatter the vase, if you will, But the scent of the roses will hang round it still."

Whatever really enriches our services undoubtedly quickens the spirituality of all who modestly and reverently join in them. We want no priestly ritual of mere form and ceremony, and yet even from those who have tried by a revival of this priestly ritual to carry their people "a day's march nearer Rome," we may learn a lesson. Along with it has undoubtedly come a spiritual quickening and a more self-denying and devoted life. In all things we must be evangelical and Protestant. Ceasing from all unreasonable antagonisms we have in our freedom (or our freedom is only a name) a right to all and everything, whatever its source, which

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searches, quickens and vivifies spiritual life. There is no more solemn moment in any service than that when the pastor invites his flock to the most rapt and immediate approach to God in the simple words, "Let us pray." I am increasingly persuaded that the devotional mood of our churches needs to be more profoundly stirred. If we are to prepare the ground of the human heart so that it will grow convictions instead of mere opinions, if we are to bring back the lost reverences,—the reverence for the church, the Sabbath, the sacraments and the Christ,—our appeal must be to those mysterious depths of the human soul which were formed for worship and communion with God.

"We have but faith: we cannot know;
For knowledge is of things we see:
And yet we trust it comes from thee,
A beam in darkness: let it grow.

"Let knowledge grow from more to more, But more of reverence in us dwell; That mind and soul according well, May make one music as before, — but vaster."

## THE OBLIGATION OF OUR CHURCHES TO RAISE UP A POWERFUL MINISTRY OF THE WORD

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It is assumed that the Congregational ministry is not at present attracting students of the best class in sufficient numbers to supply losses by death, defection and retirement.

Deeper than the statistical evidence of this fact is the widespread feeling of its truth.

It is announced by the press, deplored in the seminaries, acknowledged by college presidents, witnessed by recruits from other denominations; but has been explained only by moderators of the Presbyterian General Assembly.

In our great colleges, formed for the purpose of educating young men for the gospel ministry, the tide is no longer running our way.

From 1620 to 1720 more than half of the graduates of these colleges were ministers; from 1720 to 1770 one third; from 1770 to 1810 one fifth.

At that time (1810) there were annually sent out from Dartmouth College 5 ministers; from Yale, 10; from Harvard, 6; from Princeton, 3. This was the annual average for about thirty years. At this time there was in New England one liberally educated minister to every 6,000 persons. Fifty years earlier, or in 1753, one to every 628! "May God," said Dr.

Eliphalet Pierson, "arrest the fatal progress of this religious pestilence. Should it go on, millions of our descendants will not care whether there be a Mediator or not; one God, or fifty." The result of such depression was the organization of the American Education Society, "to educate pious young men for the gospel ministry." At its annual meeting in 1828, Rev. Beriah Green of Vermont lifts up his voice as follows: "Sir, we must have more Christian ministers! Blessed be God for our theological seminaries; for the streams which flow from these fountains to refresh our sacred city. But, Sir, you have seen how soon the thirsty earth drinks up these streams. Sir, we must have more ministers!"

In a remote library corner I find an interesting table: "View of the Colleges in 1823."

In *Harvard*: Number of students, 302; number of pious students, 9; time of last revival, 1740; number of pious *graduates*, 4.

In Yale: Number of students, 373; number of pious students, 115; last revival, 1820; number of pious graduates, 30. Fourteen colleges reported no pious graduates!

Seventeen years later (1840) the case had improved, as indicated by the oft-cited statistics of the Phi Beta Kappa men, who entered the ministry in 1840, 38%. After a half century, or in 1890, this percentage had fallen to 14%. If our case is worse than in 1840, we are probably not so badly off as in 1823. Of this year's graduating class at Yale only 4 men intend to enter the Congregational ministry; Harvard, 1; Amherst, 4; Dartmouth, 0; Bowdoin, 1, = 6.

When it is borne in mind that one hundred Congregational ministers die yearly, a state of things is suggested which is unmistakably depressing. Even though, as Carlyle once said, "We are to study statistics not in the vain hope of acquiring knowledge, but to prevent the ignorance of others from being thrust upon us," the facts adduced tend to show that the supply of Congregational ministers is no longer very largely from the leading Congregational colleges. It must accordingly be true that the training of our ministers in actual service is far inferior, other things being equal, to the standard of one hundred and fifty years ago. While, in 1760, according to Prof. Williston Walker, only 11 out of 258 Congregational ministers in Massachusetts had not been to college, now the percentage is five times as great.

How, then, are we to account for the present unattractiveness of the Congregational ministry for our own students and for the inadequacy of pulpit force and power?

To fix responsibility it is necessary to find a cause.

Let it be borne in mind that I am speaking, and shall speak, only of the intellectual and scholastic factors in our problem.

The assignment of a reason for the present unattractiveness of the Christian ministry must, of course, take into account primarily general conditions in the world that now is. It is patent to all that our time is

one of staggering innovation, of shifting points of view, of an exciting vivacity in all outward life. The church militant wavers under the necessity of a new formation. We are passing in review the sources of authority, as yet without fixed result. The words "secular" and "sacred" have ceased to distinguish one business from another. The call to a consecrated life no longer implies a call to the Christian ministry. The embers of old theologies are being raked over to determine if there is anything "in them that doth live." The phraseology of religion has been emptied by the new and, to many, still strange language of the schools. The scientific method of determining what is true, regarded by one half with profound distrust, is championed by the other half with a sometimes excessive gallantry.

Socially, the *church* has lost a kind of prestige which was traditional and provincial. Institutions like the New England Sabbath, that long supported her power, have come to naught. Her very buttresses have been turned against her as battering rams; a new conscience as to right and wrong undermines immemorial usage. The very children she has brought into the world turn upon her, with "Woman, what have we to do with thee?"

So far are such conditions from being alarming that they may be characterized in words spoken nearly three centuries ago by King James I: "This later age wherein we are fallen hath bred such an insatiable curiosity in men's spirits as nothing is left unsearched to the bottom, both in talking and writing. For, from the very highest mysteries of the Godhead and the most inscrutable counsels of the Trinity to the very lowest pit of Hell and the confused actions of the devils there, there is nothing now unsearched into by the curiosity of men's brains."

Although this ancient and royal apprehension may put us on our guard against pessimism, existing conditions suggest subtle and pervasive reasons for the present unattractiveness of the Christian ministry to discerning young men.

Let us pass to causes more specific and over which we have some control:

(1) First among these may be named the attitude of college faculties toward the claims of the Christian ministry. To say that this is not what it has been is to tell the truth.

Time was when the undergraduate's attitude to life and his adjustment to the world were directed by a confident belief on the part of college administrations that the highest service to the community was rendered by the Christian minister. It is to be feared this can no longer be said.

When some of the most prominent educators in New England express to candidates for the ministry their covert condolence of such heroic enterprise on their part, an attitude toward the service of the churches is betrayed which would have been abhorrent to the founders of institutions bearing such mottoes as *Christo et Ecclesiæ*; a new and unworthy significance is given to the apostle's words, "The foolishness of preaching."

In deploring the facts, it is not, I hope, necessary to disclaim any reflection upon the wisdom and sincerity of good and learned men. It is at least unfortunate that at the critical moment of choice the fine and alert intellects of the student body are not solicited with ardor for that service which receives "a prophet's reward."

(2) A second contributing cause may be found in the attitude of the press. It is possible that even the religious press is leaning to a sensational anti-clericalism. A few too many ministers have of late — finding no longer anything really useful to do in pulpit or parish — rushed into print with soul-tragedies calculated to make the unskillful laugh. By such silly tales of woe not many masculine minds have been greatly moved.

There is, to be sure, a shady side to life in a country parsonage; but so there is to life in a city mansion, a village doctor's office, a mechanic's cottage. If the minister has hardness, he is to endure it as others must, like a good soldier.

It is said that the Mikado, upon being congratulated upon his recent victories by Russian students at St. Petersburg, returned his thanks, but added, "I am glad that I have no such subjects!"

As to the secular press, its case is worse. It is not alone the fact that sermons selected for comment are those only which lend themselves to sensational headlines; the vagaries of cranks occupying more space than the discrete enterprise of conservative men, but the careless fumbling and garbling, the "arduous inacquaintance" with religious business in general, which is significant.

Two random examples may be given: A Unitarian clergyman selects as his theme, "Where to Find Heaven." The sermon is a good one, dedicated to the no-wise novel proposition that heaven is an inward joy in right adjustments of the soul, rather than a place of destiny. Editorial note: "Where to find heaven is an interesting question, but there are not many who are in a hurry to go that way." Not even the poor man's Unitarianism saves him from the suspicion that, being a minister, he is exercising the old-fashioned omniscience about the world to come.

The other example is from a recent issue of one of the best New York weeklies. Upon its cover, in large capitals, reaching across the page, are the words: A REVOLUTION IN RELIGION. Turning hurriedly to the page indicated, we find that a canon of the English Church has announced his adherence to the scholarly conception of the Bible as a variously inspired literature rather than an infallible oracle.

The total tendency of such journalism is hurtful in the extreme, bringing into ridicule, as it does, a work which is serious at least to those who engage in it. To ignore the ministry's distinctions is to do it insult, discredit its message and prejudice the popular mind against it. Indeed, it is now the distinction of the best men hardly to be mentioned in the newspapers.

The attitude alluded to brings me to what I can but feel is a still more

important specific cause of the unattractiveness of the ministry for the ablest students.

(3) The plain truth is to be frankly stated that there exists at the present time a painful disparity between the thinking of laymen and that of trained ministers regarding sound doctrine and applied religion. There is not, accordingly, a normal relation between ministerial demand and supply. The market is still calling for a type of mind which the best schools no longer attempt to furnish. Neither party is to be greatly blamed. At a time like this it is quite inconceivable that there should be entire intellectual sympathy between the average layman and the apt and scholarly student touching theological doctrines, Bible interpretation and the most edifying methods of administration.

Each must be true to his lights. Each inevitably will be, and more fur is yet to fly, "as the sparks fly upward." To the speaker who follows me I leave the question of the minister's freedom. I do not question it here. But I may say that it is not freedom which the minister wants so much as an environing sympathy and active help. He wants no pity, but an identity of ideal and of aim, an active and aggressive clientage, not merely the freedom of the court.

In considering the unattractiveness of the Congregational ministry to the best men in our colleges, it should be borne in mind that the object of academic training is the development of the power of discrimination between the true and the false, the useful and the useless, the chaff and the wheat. I do not say, for I do not believe, that preparation for the ministry is primarily or principally an academic affair. Educate as you may inferior men, and they will not be powerful ministers of the Word.

So far, however, as professional training is of value, its value is in a disciplined power of discrimination between this and that. For the exercise of such power the best minds find attraction in a professional life. The mining engineer lives by his ability to distinguish gold from iron pyrites; the physician, measles from smallpox; the lawyer and the judge, by the nicest and most definitive classification or analysis; the teacher, according to his excellence in the same discrimination or scientific faculty.

How is it in the ministry? Can a brainy student look forward to the pastorate as a field for the exercise of those faculties for which his love of truth and his scholarly training have fitted him? Is it the passion of the pew, the pulpit's client, as it ever should be of the Congregational pulpit, to distinguish between the chaff and the wheat, between visions and God's Word, between the eternal and the ephemeral in the Bible, between the pure and elevating and the vulgar in worship-music and devotional exercises, between erotic sentimentality and spiritual culture in Young People's societies, between a serious and scientific religious education of children and an easy-going makeshift Sunday-school? If not, is the pew going to sit under him or sit on him?

It would seem to be true that while in all other professions a man lives

by his faculty of discrimination, profits by and thrives in it, in the ministry this laboriously acquired and dearly-prized power is quite as apt to be an embarrassment as a help, not infrequently diminishing the commercial value of one's services. While such conditions exist, it is not likely that the work of the minister will make prevailing appeal to the brainiest men. The supply from the colleges is likely to correspond with the demand from the churches.

One of the mistakes of our day is in taking such maladjustment as symptomatic of mortal weakness and decay. It is the precursor not only of a new front, but of augmented power. The turn of the kaleidoscope of thought-has given a new figure to truth. Those ignorant of the mechanism of the kaleidoscope find it difficult to realize that this figure is made of the same elements and the same colors as the old; that the change is all in arrangement and perspective.

Despite all setbacks and deterrents, so surely as there is a spirit in man, and the inspiration of the Almighty gives him understanding, the ministry of Jesus will reassert its primacy. The saving culture of the soul through the simple tidings of divine love and human sonship affords the herald and servant of Jesus still the highest sense of reality.

Never will the secondary arrangements of sociology take the place of

God, freedom, immortality.

We have yielded too readily to the half-truth that the church is but one of many organs of the Spirit in the world. We have disregarded the authority which abides in immemorial Christian experience. We have reacted too far from individualism and forgotten that the unit of nations and communities is still the single life, that in building commonwealths of men naturalization stands first. Immigrants come to our shores in ship-loads, but pass through our gates one by one! Not all the knights, but the one maiden-knight finds the grail. The church, standing for the wholeness of the single life, makes after all a matchless appeal. What other organization shares its prestige? What other can do its work? "The messengers of salvation," says that tremendous Lutheran, Pfleiderer, "were not like modern world-improvers, optimistic visionaries who derive all evil from incidental outward circumstances. Jesus and the apostles knew that the ground of all outward evils must be sought deeper. They found it in the selfish desires of the human heart, which disregarded the eternal ethical order of God. This judgment they derived purely from sober and unprejudiced judgment of human nature as it manifests itself in general experience." Does this work purely considered in historic continuance from Christ and the Twelve make no appeal to the best young manhood in our colleges? Then so much the worse for that manhood and those colleges. If education has regard only for "diacritical marks which [according to President Jordan] lead to the cocaine habit, or for the ethics of metaphysics, which point the way only to the higher foolishness," our appeal will be vain. If its aim be to ally one with the universe and the moral order of God, we shall not sorrow as they who are without hope. If in the presence of the Eternal, men are satisfied to "take the cash and let the credit go," we shall suffer loss. But when the mechanism of the gas-engine shall seem less to them than the power of an endless life, we shall get back our own.

"The deepest, nay the *only* theme of the world's history [as Goethe said], to which all others are subordinate, is the conflict of belief and unbelief. The epochs in which belief in whatever form prevails are the marked epochs in human history, full of heart-stirring memories and of substantial

gains for all future time. All other epochs are insignificant."

Let leading men inform leading boys of that truth and prove it to them out of the universal Word of God.

Why are we so afraid to encourage young men to enter the ministry? Is it because we are not sure that they will shine? How many of us, of the best of us (if there are any), would be in the ministry to-day but for the encouragement of some revered older man in the service, or the material aid of the godly rich? Above all ought it to be affirmed that belief, in whatever form, is the vital thing. Faith in God; the faith of Jesus; confidence in sonship and in the veracity of the universe — these are the birthright of the spirit in every age.

I cannot conceal my surprise that I should have been asked to discuss a subject so extremely difficult and delicate as this. Since I have it to do, I shall speak my mind upon the delicate as well as the difficult side.

A powerful ministry of the Word can be raised up only by God himself. Where else shall power be found? The college says, "It is not in me"; the seminary, "It is not in me."

Technical training, though skin deep, is, however, indispensable to an efficient *Congregational* ministry. What is preaching? Is it anything other than religious teaching and persuasion? There will, perhaps, be fewer orators in the church of the future, but the church will grow wise in the use of now wasted time and energies and need wise men to organize as well as to utter the gospel. The *true* church will still be known by this: that it does *not* give trading-stamps. Nor will it pander by a continuous performance to mere diversion; bifurcating its aim and trying to be the whole thing. The real church will bargain honestly with men, selling only its own wares.

It is time to believe and to say that the Christian soul can either keep or dispense with traditional opinions about this or that as it has a mind to. A dark world this would be if the influence of Martin Luther like that of Francis of Assisi had been drawn back into Rome! What was the heroic task of Luther? Was it not to prove that the Christian is God's free man, subject to none? It was an awful risk then. After four hundred years it should not be so awful.

The past played the game of life "with its own counters." Cannot we ?

The selfsame Spirit Who gave to the fathers their theology, gives ours to us. God is not dead! His name is still "I am"! Every age has its own gift from him.

Congregationalism is characteristically a denomination of intellectual leadership. It has been distinguished by its trained ministry. Lacking, as we do, the temperament for vulgar success, it may be that the world no longer has need of us, that evangelical zeal can now dispense with its

ancient Congregational partner, the best available learning.

Well, while we last, let us be true to the ideals of an honorable history, during which these twain were joined as one! But the former time was witness to another union, when one aim and ideal touching an education actuated pulpit and pew. The college and the seminary were trusted by pulpit and pew alike to furnish learned leaders of religious opinion. Whatever the academic standards of that earlier day, the preacher lived up to them; with nothing less were his congregation satisfied. All the knowledge which was available was his to enjoy and his people's to profit by. It is true colleges then dealt exclusively in the knowledge of the past. Their halls were not laboratories for the acquisition of new truth, but dispensaries for the old. Their knowledge, however, was the best there was!

How utter a change! Hardly two consecutive classes use now the same textbooks. The eye of the educator is inquisitive rather than acquisitive. Experiment has taken the place of exposition. The passion for truth has displaced reverence for tradition. Into this spirit the student is baptized at matriculation, as into a holy atmosphere. He is made to believe that only those things are sacred which are so. This is the occasion of present distrust and present disparity of ideal. If we, in our day, are to have a learned leadership in the churches, pulpit and pew must again see eye to eye. We must hear less about "attacks upon the Bible"; have more faith and less fear; refrain from antagonizing any longer a scientific theology and a scholarly interpretation of the past. With this achievement an access of power is sure to come. Energies now spent in vindicating the freedom of the Christian mind will turn of themselves from analysis to synthesis, from the merely academic interest to the evangelical. The scholar's message will no longer be hesitant and apologetic, negative and critical, but positive and constructive. An army of defence relieved from its long siege will sally forth in the long-coveted and as long-deferred aggressions of faith. It is a time for plainness of speech. Let us have the faith in our light that the fathers had in theirs; the fear of God, but no other fear!

When was there ever a time when boys would not follow men? What student was ever led into the ministry by an academic training? It is men who lead! I do not believe that it is unwise to encourage willing and worthy students whether with counsel or money. Who can pick out in the college or the seminary the men of power? Which one of the great preachers of the last half century had found himself or been found at twenty-two. Boy preachers are rare, but not too rare! Since, then,

there is no knowing "whether, shall prosper" in the ministry this student or that, why not show those who have the will an open door instead of one narrowly ajar, with suspicious eyes peering through the crack! Do we need more ministers? By the same tokens we need more faith and hope, more denominational loyalty, more spiritual vision, more open and ardent encouragement, more liberal endowments.

Should this prove to be the last time my lips were to open in public speech, I should wish to have put on record after some years of service, by no means free from the disheartenments common in my calling, my faith in that calling as worthy of any man, however wise; of any man, however good. There are joys in it greater than its trials. There are helps in it stronger even than the undergirdings of its own sweet fellowships. There are consolations and rewards which, come when they may and how they may, will not, I am sure, be less than our deserving.

# THE EFFICIENCY OF THE PULPIT AS AFFECTED BY ITS FREEDOM AND MATERIAL SUPPORT

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It may seem somewhat presumptuous for a layman to discuss the efficiency of the pulpit as affected by its freedom and material support when those who are on the inside, so to speak, are so much better qualified by personal experience. The practical bearings of the question are so important, however, that it is wise to have our attention called to them even by one who cannot qualify as an expert.

First, as to the need of efficiency. The spirit of the age is intolerant of drones in the hive. In our country, at least, society demands that its members be workers — that they justify their existence by their productivity. How to make effort most productive, labor and skill most efficient, is an ever-present problem. Now, efficiency is the ability to bring things to pass, the power to produce satisfactory results. One of the most successful manufacturers I ever knew was in the habit of summoning his overseers one after another to the counting-room and informing them that he wanted certain results accomplished in their particular departments. If they could not succeed they were dismissed and other men chosen who could.

Now, what is the result that the pulpit is striving for — is it not the persuading of men to appropriate the principles of the Christian life and to live in harmony with them? If the maintenance of the organization of a successful manufacturing corporation demands the highest efficiency,

is it not a matter of concern for the Christian church that it keep its pulpit efficient to the highest possible degree?

In considering the effect of the pulpit's material support on its efficiency. let us examine it first from the standpoint of the minister himself. in order to do this successfully we must know the minister's own conception of his calling, and here opinions are likely to differ widely. Not long ago I happened to inquire of a friend of mine, a pastor of one of our churches who has always commanded my confidence and respect, if his son, who was to graduate from college this year, was to follow his example and enter the ministry. He said that he was sorry to say that his son was not. He then went on to say that he could see no reason why a man of Christian spirit could not make choice of the ministry as a profession as well as of law or medicine. I told him that it had always been my idea that a man to engage in such work must have above all else a sense of a message to deliver, and, realizing the evil in the world, feel that he could so preach the gospel as to help meet the world's need. My friend's idea was that if such a qualification was insisted on there would not be many aspirants for vacant pulpits. I presume he was right and I was wrong, and yet I must confess that the idea was not pleasing to me that a man should choose to preach as a means of support for himself and his family. If he enters the ministry for any such purpose, I can easily see how the question of salary would naturally occupy a position of undue importance in his The ministry is not a bread-and-butter proposition, and we do not expect a minister to work for the sake of his salary any more than we expect to run our churches to pay dividends to their members.

But taking it for granted that the motives and ideals of the minister are as lofty and high as I have described in my own conception, what

bearing does his salary have on his work?

And let me say right here that the money paid is no fit standard for a valuation of the services he renders. It is idle to suppose that the passing of a check rightly estimates our conception of the value of the words of sympathy spoken when we lay away our dead, or of friendly counsel to our children persuading them to a life of service to the Master.

Dismissing then the thought that a minister's salary adequately expresses our conception of its value, what shall we say of its necessity and its effect? Hearty and generous support to the extent of the ability of the congregation must be given to allow its pastor not to live in affluence, but to go about his work unhampered by the blighting touch of poverty. How can a man center his thoughts on the deepest truths of the spiritual life, when he is haunted by the fear that next month's salary will scarcely suffice to pay the doctor's bills occasioned by that unexpected sickness. A few weeks ago a friend of mine bought a new automobile, and was frank enough to tell me that the first time he took it out of his stable he ran it for two miles with the brake set. He said that the machine apparently went all right, but that as a result the chain was stretched until its effi-

ciency was impaired. Let us not impose such a financial handicap as that on our devoted pastors, for something will have to give somewhere, and we shall have only ourselves to blame.

Turning now to the attitude of the individual church towards its pastor, we find radically different views prevailing. Some churches regard him as their hired man and feel that their gifts convey a proprietary interest in him. Others properly regard him not as a servant of men, but as a servant of God. The latter are apt to think of the support of the gospel which is rendered as affording in some degree a test of the visible interest of the community in the outward forms of religion, and so a proper selfrespect and a desire to show their faith by their works combine to make the financial problem less difficult of solution. They regard that problem as theirs, and in the average congregation enough consecrated financial ability can be found to relieve the minister of any responsibility for the raising of the necessary funds. Let him work in harmony with his parish committee or his board of trustees, and cooperate with them when they desire his help or stimulate them by suggestion. But let it be known that the spiritual interests of the parish are his chief concern. Give him time enough and money enough to free him from anxious care, and see if he is not the better able to build up the kingdom of God in your community.

Material support cannot be made a true test of the efficiency of the The volume of contributions swells or shrinks from year to year from a multitude of causes. Among the reasons for diminished receipts may be the withholding or alienation of gifts owing to some outspoken utterance of the minister. And here we are brought at once to the consideration of the other phase of the subject — the efficiency of the pulpit as affected by its freedom. Is the pulpit muzzled, or is it a fearless champion of the truth? One naturally thinks at first of the parallel between the college and the church in this regard. In the case of the former, shall economic teaching be adjusted to the wishes of its benefactors with a due regard to that gratitude which is best interpreted as a lively sense of favors to come — in the church shall the pulpit confine itself to harmless platitudes which shall give offence to none? If academic freedom does not descend to the level of personal vituperation and abuse, public opinion will not stand idly by and see it choked to death. Why, any the less, should we tolerate any abridgment of reasonable freedom in the pulpit. Suppose that a sermon bears particularly hard on the known sin of an attendant who is a contributor and he withdraws his support in consequence. church, in the long run, can better afford to struggle along without his gifts than be known in the community as a respecter of persons.

We hear more or less these days about the waning respect for the pulpit. Can it be that in any way it is because the pulpit has less respect for itself? It used to speak with authority, and authority commands respect. Leaving aside the question of modern ideas of religious truth, the vital fact remains that the great ethical principles of the Bible — the "thou shalt's" and "thou

shalt not's "—can still be proclaimed as binding on the hearts and consciences of men. The inborn power to distinguish right from wrong, which differentiates man from the brutes, compels respect for the message to conscience.

In the complexity and strenuousness of our modern social life we need a return to the preaching of the few simple principles which underlie the moral life of man. In the period of high finance through which we have just passed, old truths seemed to have been lost sight of. The creating of values by honest toil seemed to have gone out of fashion. All that it was necessary to do was to combine a few concerns and increase their capitalization by the issue of so many millions of bonds and so many millions more of preferred and common stocks, and the paper values thus created seemed to furnish a sure road to wealth. But the ideas that seemed so oldfogy only five years ago are now seen not to have been outgrown but to be as practical in their application as ever. So a return to the ethical preaching of former days might operate not only to stiffen the moral fiber of church members, but to deepen our respect for those who come with messages to our consciences from the great Lawgiver. Let men be warned to hate injustice, dishonesty and falsehood as well as implored to love justice, mercy and truth.

Belief in the sincerity of the preacher is the first condition of his success. This given there should follow that freedom which is the result of confidence. We have heard quite a little of the failure of one-man banks, where the directors did not direct. Such remarks may have left the impression in our minds that directors were remiss in their duty who did not count the cash in their safes every night, and who did not review in detail the management of the institution. If so, it is well for us to remember that directors are not auditors, but that it is their function to lav down in broad lines the policy of the corporation. They usually choose for an executive official a man in whom they have implicit confidence, and to insure efficiency of organization and management give him the widest latitude of action within the bounds of their policy. How handicapped a man may be by the lack of such freedom is illustrated by the case of a savings bank treasurer of whom I once heard, who, it was said, felt obliged to call a meeting of his trustees whenever he wanted to buy a dozen lead pencils.

If, then, our bank directors and trustees, solicitous of the interests committed to their charge, are willing to allow the executive head the utmost freedom compatible with safety to promote the success of the institution, what should be the attitude of a body of believers towards one whom they have asked to be their spiritual guide? It will not do for them to have a partial confidence in him any more than it would do for a board of directors to ask a man to enter their employ whom they could not fully trust. Partial confidence is better withheld than given in such cases. If he is worthy of their confidence at all, he should be worthy of it unreservedly. Believing

in his sincerity, bestowing on him their confidence, let them allow their leader to be unfettered in his search for truth. Our churches need more than priests to lead them in their ritual of public worship. Carlyle speaks of the seer as the man who sees things, who sees below the sham and appearance of them and discovers their realities. The men who occupy our pulpits to-day should in this way be seers. If we have entertained wrong conceptions in our religious thought, let us be told which way the truth lies. Let candor prevail and no sermon preached which is not absolutely believed.

It is one of the glories of our denomination that within its confines there has been such liberty in its preaching. Wide latitude has been given its ministers, and no man-made creed has compelled conformity. Yet we do not conceive of the pulpit as a public forum in which there is license to discuss any topic of human interest whatever under the sun. Its function in our social worship is to disseminate the gospel and to build up believers in the most holy faith. Let us leave to others the work of negation and demolition and have a positive gospel to preach.

If some of our cherished beliefs are violently assailed, it is only natural for us to resent the attack. If we are shown the more excellent way, as reasonable men and women, we will be led to accept it. Any congregation has the right to demand from its minister in the pulpit the Christian courtesy which prevails in personal social relations. Its members hunger and thirst for the gospel in its simplicity and not scolding or abuse. Nor do they desire, as much as is sometimes supposed, the presentation of sociological problems as a staple of diet. To the pastor in his study the theory of the wholesale regeneration of society appeals with peculiar force. He feels the weight of the argument for the state ownership of industries, for example, and indulges in day dreams as to the results which such a reorganization of society would accomplish. But the men in the pews, brought into closer contact with the sordid elements of human nature, know that any scheme which leaves out of reckoning the innate selfishness and greed of human nature is defective at a vital point. It is slower indeed to bring men one by one into the unselfishness of the Christian life, but if history teaches us anything, it is that only so is the world to be redeemed. Thus we prefer to have the emphasis laid on the second great commandment of the Master rather than any theory of social salvation.

The ordinary Christian layman is a qualified optimist and a firm believer in the progressive realization of the kingdom of God. He sees sin firmly entrenched in many places and success crowning the efforts of greed, yet he believes in the onward march of the kingdom. He marks its progress from age to age and works and prays for its consummation, hoping for his part that he may leave the world a little better than he found it. He does not understand the mystery of evil in the world, yet he feels that the right is bound to triumph in the end. He takes only a languid interest in the world battles of the theologians, but a very deep interest in his own

responsibility for the progressive realization of the kingdom of God. He is not afraid of the searchlight of science or criticism turned on the Bible, for he knows the gospel need not fear the truth. He believes that the church has a gospel fitted to the needs of all mankind, that it should have leaders efficient and spiritually minded, and that the progressive realization of the kingdom demands that they should be free to present to their followers ever higher and higher conceptions of spiritual truth. Not in any spirit of self-seeking but in that spirit of humility and consecration so worthily expressed in the words of our own Quaker poet,

"Oh Lord and Master of us all,
Whate'er our name or sign,
We own thy sway, we hear thy call,
We test our lives by thine."

# THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONGREGATIONALISM ARISING FROM OUR HISTORIC POSITION IN MASSACHUSETTS

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Our Congregationalism is the evolution of three hundred years. The Pilgrims separated from the Church of England because of its corruptions and exactions. They could see no other way to create a pure church of Christ. The policy they felt compelled to adopt was "Reformation without Tarrying for Any." They made their own church organizations apart and governed themselves.

The Puritans disclaimed the separatism of the Pilgrims. They declared that they did not separate from the Church of England, but only from its

corruptions.

These two movements united in New England have generated our Congregationalism, but it is by no means to-day what it was in Colonial times. The local church was originally administered so far as its internal affairs were concerned, by teaching and ruling elders chosen and accepted by the members. That was local Presbyterianism. In process of time ruling elders disappeared, there came to be only one teaching elder, and the administration of the churches in many cases was assumed by him and left in his hands. That was local Episcopacy. Later on, the reaction toward democracy was strong, and the members of the local church asserted their right of self-government. But they do not yet always fully exercise that right.

The duty of mutual helpfulness of local churches early became a fundamental principle of Congregationalism. As the number of churches

increased some orderly expression of their mutual relations became necessary, and it was embodied in the Cambridge Platform of 1648. In many respects it does not represent our polity to-day. Each church assumed to be independent; but the Great and General Court of Massachusetts, composed only of selected members of the churches, exercised minute superintendence over their affairs. Questions of common concernment not treated by the General Court were referred to councils. These were composed of pastors and delegates of the churches. The councils were occasional in Massachusetts, meeting for a particular purpose and ceasing to exist when that purpose was accomplished. In Connecticut they became in many cases permanent committees. It was affirmed by some that they had no authority, that their advice could be accepted or rejected by the parties appealing to them. Yet they sometimes assumed authority, being appointed "to hear and determine" cases.

Besides the government of the churches by the general courts and the advisory supervision of councils, ministerial clubs for mutual improvement sprang up, which took the name "Associations," which, whether or not they claimed authority, exercised it in a degree. They examined candidates for the ministry, and issued certificates of approval which were virtually licenses to preach, for while the churches were not bound by the associations' decision to accept or reject candidates, they rarely questioned it. These associations to-day assume authority to determine one of the most important matters of the churches — who shall be eligible to their pastorates. A minister must be enrolled as a member of one of them to be in good standing in his calling in this state.

In comparatively recent years our churches have united in local "conferences" for mutual improvement. These conferences disclaim authority. The constitutions of some of them declare that they shall never exercise authority. Yet some of them have accepted the responsibility of determining what ministers are in good standing. They pass resolutions and give advice, and there is increasing necessity that they shall represent harmonious judgment and action according to rules and methods agreed on and adopted. This Massachusetts association is holding its one hundred and second annual meeting, but for the first sixty years it included only ministers. The churches of the state have been organized in one body with lay delegates only forty-four years, and its functions have considerably changed during that time.

So much it seems necessary to say to show that our polity is an evolution. It is not only historical but vital. If the truth were only that Congregationalism was the original and for more than a century practically the only church polity in Massachusetts, it would not follow that it had any responsibility to-day. But it is a living organism. It has so far adapted itself to conditions, that while churches of other polities have sprung up beside it, it has held the foremost place in this Commonwealth in strength and influence for nearly three hundred years.

Relatively its strength has been waning, especially during the last decade. This is in part through causes well understood. We cannot control immigration, nor can we arrest directions of social development. if we would. But other reasons are urged which are a direct challenge to us as a denomination. Bishop Lawrence, addressing the Episcopal diocese of eastern Massachusetts, recently said that Congregationalism had its opportunity when this country was made up of towns and villages; but that its weakness is being realized now that civic life has developed into great cities, while our polity is incapable of administrative unity of our churches. President Eliot of the Unitarian Association, regarding the matter from a sympathetic point of view, says that these opening years of the new century are the critical period of the history of Congregationalism; that our churches must either go forward to better organization or slip back into anarchy. "Save only the deepening of the spiritual life of our free churches," he says, "no subject so important as this can at this time command the attention of our people. Their indifference to the efficiency of their organized life it is hard to understand."

With this outline of our historic position as related to present conditions,

what are the responsibilities of Congregationalism?

(1) I should place first the responsibility for the united action of our churches in each local community. Our early churches aimed to provide for the religious needs of the territory in which they were planted. They meant to include all the Christians living in that territory. They united themselves in simple covenants such as that of the church in Salem: "We covenant with the Lord and one with another, and do bind ourselves in the presence of God, to walk together in all his ways, according as he is pleased to reveal himself unto us in his blessed word of truth." When they excluded any, it was not because they thought them Christians of a different type from themselves, but because they judged them not to be Christians at all. No new church could be planted unless in the judgment of the community accommodations already provided were insufficient. The church assumed the responsibility for all the needs of its parish.

Other ecclesiastical polities have taken their places beside the Congregational, and other churches have divided its territory with it. But our churches, instead of cultivating their community unitedly for our own people, often have been indifferent even to one another's welfare, each struggling for itself. When a few score of voters constituted a town they could all together manage its affairs in a town meeting, but when the town grew into a city direct democracy had to be superseded by representative democracy. So in our cities matters of common concern to our Congregational churches must come to be administered by some body representing those churches; or if they prefer to hold inflexibly to their polity, as in its ancient form, maintaining the separate independence of each local church, then Congregationalism must vacate its responsibility and surrender its historic position in Massachusetts. It is a harbinger of its

willingness to adapt itself to the times that last year for the first time within the memory of living men the Congregational churches of Boston and vicinity came together through their representatives to consider their common interests in the territory they profess to occupy and appointed a permanent representative committee.

(2) I would put next in the list of responsibilities that of maintaining an educated representative ministry. The early churches were careful to choose ministers who were both leaders and guides. It is comparatively easy to find leaders - men with aptness in administration, dash, earnestness and perhaps commanding presence. But our fathers did not confound doing good with knowledge of doctrine as an essential qualification for their religious teachers. They knew that an approved guide of the churches could not have a moral and spiritual grasp of the gospel without an intellectual grasp of the gospel. They planted colleges at great sacrifice to fit men to be intrusted with religious doctrine, to preach and When the work of the college broadened they established schools of theology, the pioneer school, not quite one hundred years ago, being in this Commonwealth, at Andover. For more than two generations it supplied our Massachusetts churches with pastors, and sent many of its graduates besides into all parts of the world, not only as pastors and missionaries, but as heads of colleges and theological seminaries and teachers in other higher institutions of learning.

Andover has practically ceased to furnish ministers. The number of its graduates has fallen from fifty to sixty a year to three or four. Our churches appear to have repudiated the responsibility laid on them by our fathers. It is true that they do not hold and administer the plant which was, probably wisely, committed to a board of trustees. But it was created for them, and was intended to be used wholly for the interests they seek to promote. It seems inexplicable that an institution administered for them, with a productive capital of \$850,000 and an annual expenditure of over \$35,000, should go on turning out only three men a year, and that our churches should not either take measures to increase its students or express their opinion that it should be closed and its property put to greater use.

The foremost position in educating Christian leaders was recognized as held by Congregationalists in all the earlier history of this country. Are they willing to surrender their claim to this position without even a discussion? Massachusetts was settled in a period when the Christian church, which for more than ten centuries had dominated civilized Europe, had to choose between conforming its teaching to the new knowledge of that time or of separating itself from the intellectual progress of the world. The issue of that conflict was the Reformation, without which New England would have been impossible. Its greatest intellectual leaders were the outcome of that revolt from ecclesiastical tyranny over instructed minds.

We are passing through a period of transition, because of new knowledge.

more important to Christianity than any since this Commonwealth was Never was the need greater for trained ministers. No complaint of the churches is more universal than that the pulpit lacks power to command the attention of men. Power is not fervor nor activity nor mere piety. It requires certainty, and certainty means knowledge of the subjects treated in the pulpit and instructed Christian experience of those who treat them. It is a common saying in our churches that the less theology ministers have, the better. Men are sought who are young and active and enterprising.

Our churches are in the market for a popular ministry, with too little care for an educated ministry. Much of the activity which the popular minister shows and inspires is a sop to current skepticism. Men must know what they believe and why they believe it before they can be trustworthy guides. If they know the gospel to its foundations, they will be sought more for their power through what they know than for their histrionic arts or evangelistic fervor. Through these some of our churches are forced to a brief hot-house growth, and are for a time the object of envy of sister churches, till they wilt suddenly or slowly. A minister cannot be a religious guide who, when his faith is subjected to the severest challenge, is forced because his faith has not been tested by knowledge, to hide behind crumbling walls of tradition and make faces at his challengers. Are our churches to-day stirred at all deeply by the sense of responsibility because of their historic position of having possessed the master minds of the creative periods of Massachusetts?

(3) I turn reluctantly away from the consideration of our responsibility for the Christian nurture of our children, from showing how deeply it was felt by the early fathers as a trust to hold the family as a religious unit and to build the church of Christ here through their children as its most precious materials, and from showing how Horace Bushnell interpreted that responsibility in terms that are just beginning to be fully apprehended by us. But my reluctance to relinquish lingering on this point is modified by the evidence of a revival already begun of zeal and knowledge in bringing the children of God as children into loving obedience to their

heavenly Father.

(4) I have not time, either, to interpret the meaning of our responsibility for the orderly and effective administration of our benevolences, because all forms of American Christian missions originated in our Congregational churches. Yet I must pause a moment to say that our early leadership in evangelizing the world seems likely to be forgotten, unless we adapt the administration of our work to our own times. Our fathers, as I have said, realized the need of an educated ministry. They founded schools for this purpose and put them in the hands of trustees. They needed a literature to set forth their faith and teach it to their children, organizations to plant schools and churches on the frontiers of the expanding country and to send the gospel throughout the world. Those who felt these needs most volunteered to represent the churches in making arrangements to provide for them. The churches accepted their offers, and have been taught that it was a part of their polity to accept in perpetuity the successors in each generation whom these volunteers elected.

The churches have thus inherited a machinery for carrying on their common work over which they have had slight and uncertain control which beyond question would not now be created as the most effective instruments for doing this work; and they hesitate to make changes because in the first place they are told that they do not know enough about their work to control it wisely, and next that they can have no power to administer their own work except by means of advice, which often has proved ineffective. They are now in the attitude of hesitating to continue to abrogate their responsibility as an element of their polity, and at the same time of being unwilling to assume it. As long as that halting attitude continues, their zeal and gifts to extend their influence will also halt.

(5) A natural corollary to what has already been said is our responsibility to develop the laity as workers in and for the church. I should perhaps limit this responsibility to laymen, for women in our churches seem to feel that responsibility for their own sex. Congregationalism places the duty of administering its affairs on each individual member. It is a democracy. Most individuals work only when specific duties are assigned to them. Comparatively few laymen are charged with any particular responsibility for the common concern of the churches. These few are mostly directors or committees of our benevolent societies, and are kept in office as long as possible, on the ground that competent laymen willing to serve the denomination are few.

A disproportionate number of our church members who are men give the greater part of their strength in Christian service outside of the churches. Many of them are doing noble work in Y. M. C. A.'s, because they find opportunity there. They have reason to sing the song of the beloved, "Mine own vineyard have I not kept." The health and growth of our corporate life as a denomination imperatively demands a larger share of their service. What are we doing, for example, to enlist young Congregationalists in our colleges to strengthen our churches and to do the work they have assumed to do?

The Episcopalian clubs in Harvard and Yale are actively engaged, each with an advisory committee of older men, in developing leaders among undergraduates. At Yale a confirmation class is organized, reaching by letter or personal invitation every student registered as a freshman who is not already confirmed. What are Congregationalists doing to prepare leaders among educated youth in institutions where Congregationalists have predominated in the earlier years, in some of them even up to the present time? One object of this Massachusetts association as announced in its rules is "the religious care of the home field." Would not the laymen of our churches be more largely represented in this assembly if this interest

had been cultivated and their confidence developed in the work of our churches, and if they had been taught to feel their responsibility for matters of importance of common concernment of the denomination?

(6) Only a few moments remain to consider our responsibility for cooperation with other denominations. Our fathers determined the civil government of this Commonwealth and the character of its corporate life. Changing conditions led to divisions of Massachusetts churches into denominations, several of them maintaining the same polity as ours. Baptists, Free Baptists, "Christians," Unitarians govern themselves congregationally. Episcopalians and Methodists maintain a centralized polity, which, however, has been much influenced by Congregationalism, and strong tendencies are in them toward democracy in local government. The idea that different kinds of acknowledged disciples of Christ could live in fellowship only with prescribed limitations was gradually accepted in earlier times, till perhaps fifty years ago these limitations were at the highest.

For a generation these limitations have been lessening. The necessity grows more urgent each year for Christians to stand together against common foes, to work together for common ends. Our responsibility is to reduce still further these barriers which separate Christians. One avowed object of this Association is "the cooperation of this body with other ecclesiastical bodies for the general increase of Christian union and spiritual efficiency, and the advancement of Christ's kingdom on earth." Ought we to adjourn without some definite action this year taken to promote this cooperation?

The Episcopal diocese of eastern Massachusetts two weeks ago appointed a committee to consider the subject of Christian unity and what action the church can take to promote higher and more effective Christian cooperation. Another committee was also appointed to consider the advisability of holding a general mission in Boston and vicinity in the autumn of next year. Might not this convention manifest to our Episcopalian brethren a willingness to promote these objects which concern us and them alike? Might not this association appoint committees to cooperate with theirs for these ends?

We can promote Christian unity by recognizing that all sincere disciples of Jesus Christ are essentially one. We can emphasize the things we hold in common with other Christians, and give as large liberty as our Lord gives to individual beliefs and methods of work. In this spirit we can promote acquaintance with other bodies of Christians who are nearest to ourselves in disposition and methods of government. A special opportunity has come to us in overtures toward the union of Methodist Protestants and United Brethren with our body. There is nothing in their polities which has not some historic parallel in ours. Probably the free blending of the three would produce a polity and an organization more effective than any one of them. This at any rate is the unanimous opin-

ion of large representative committees of each body after studying and conferring together on the subject for several months.

No event just like this has ever before occurred in the religious history of our country. It will require years, patience, generous toleration and carefully extended conviction of the importance of this movement to bring it to its consummation. For consummation would be impossible without the free consent of all directly concerned in it. But perhaps no one task more deserves the effort of our churches. Our part in bringing about this union may be difficult, but it certainly is not impossible. It is to adjust ourselves to the proposed organization without surrendering our essential principles of polity. That means that we must find how to create and define the work of delegated representative bodies with authority strictly limited to the common concerns of those bodies, leaving each church supreme in its own internal affairs. To bring all the churches of Christ into substantial harmony of action and spirit, and at the same time preserve their individuality and sense of responsibility for their mission, is the ideal which our Lord has placed before us. Shall we not strive to realize it?

I have thus aimed to set forth some, though by no means all the responsibilities resting on our churches, because of our historic position in Massachusetts. With these in clear view, our plain and pressing duty is to place these responsibilities on all our members, to instruct them in their privileges and responsibilities as Congregationalists and to inspire them unitedly to fulfill their mission. Was there any time within these three hundred years when the work of Congregationalists was more clearly outlined, more imperative in its summons, or promised larger results of faithful service?

# THE DEMAND FOR MORE CONCRETE ACTION TO MEET OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

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Brethren: One is grateful to be in the membership of an honored body like our own, which confesses that there is room for improvement and feels that there is the flexibility in our system, the temper in our brotherhood, the organic character in our Congregationalism which will permit progress, growth, consolidation and enlargement.

Let me outline some conditions which would make for greater efficiency in the service of our Master and of our denomination. I. There Should be Some Provision for Continuity in our Representative Assemblies.

The procedure of ecclesiastical councils can be improved. Under our present practice councils are dissolved when they have entered a decree, and there is no power on earth which can resurrect them. Their decisions are more unchangeable than the laws of the Medes and Persians. To allow such an assembly to be scattered beyond recall is to assume that the action is infallible and irreversible. There is no appeal in case of hardship, error or new evidence.

The state provides, through its courts, for re-opening of adjudicated cases for good reasons shown. The church and Christian brethren ought not to lag behind the civil government in such a matter as securing justice. There ought always to be a remedy in equity, if not in law, for aggrieved parties in the church. The difficulties in calling a new council, especially in the dismissal of pastors, are such that they are practically prohibitive.

It would be possible, when there was likelihood of dissatisfaction with a result, for a council to adjourn, subject to re-assembling within six months at the call of the moderator, scribe and the written request of three members of the council. There need not be any violation of Congregational principles in such an expedient. Delegates are sent to councils to do a right and brotherly service, and if they do not accomplish this in a hasty session of two hours, crowded into the close of the day, let them come together again and finish their task wisely.

A judicious step has been taken by our State Association in choosing a moderator at one session to serve in the succeeding year. Supplementary legislation, however, needs to pass to make this auspicious beginning as effective as it may become for our body.

The moderator should have before him, at least two weeks preceding the meeting, a list of those who are appointed delegates to the association, and from whom he might be able to select his committees. He ought not to be compelled to make nominations for important offices without a considerable chance for reflection. We want to get rid as far as possible of the blind pool of business. In our conferences, associations and ministers' meetings the business to come before these various bodies should have a set time, and be notified as well as the topics of papers. The speakers will take care of their subjects, but we all want an opportunity for consideration where we have the duty of a vote.

Again, the executive committee of the State Association might well have their powers further defined so as to authorize them to act in behalf of the churches during the yearly interval of the meetings of the association, as well as for the particular interests of the annual assembly. This committee could be called on for counsel in matters requiring adjustment between various bodies — for instance, the relations between the National and Massachusetts Missionary Societies — seeking franchises in our state, and could report a program for improvement and progress at the yearly

meeting of the association. The suggestions of this body, surveying the whole field and work of our churches in the state, ought to be the most important contribution to our annual session. It ought to furnish more than an auditor's guarantee of good finance.

The moderator should be the leading spirit, and the committee should be reconstituted somewhat from its present basis. Now there are four cleric officials out of a board of nine, whereas the membership ought to be chosen from a wide constituency. Put on this body your ablest men, and let it be the outlook and strategy board for the state, carrying over the work of the assembly from one session to another.

You have now nine men, three fourths of an apostolate, to look after the man who carries the bag, and nobody to feed the fountains and no one to prospect or prophesy for our noble polity.

The Baptists have incorporated their state association, and this may be a wise measure in the case of our own denomination.

In view of the fact that other ecclesiastical bodies, with special facilities for supervision, and far less churches than our own, have divided this state into several dioceses, it certainly is incumbent upon us to arrange for more thorough and enlightened conduct of our affairs in a great state association of but two days' session. There is no solid reason why Congregationalists should limit themselves to one body in such a state as ours. I should regret, for personal reasons, any division of this Commonwealth, but it is a fair question whether there would not be better practical results, as there are certainly weighty interests enough to be considered and business to be transacted, to furnish three or four Congregational diocesan conventions.

The same contentions would apply in the case of our National Council. Its trustees, instead of being simply members of a directorate, might, and ought to be, with the moderator, a mighty pioneer force for our Congregational advance during the interval of the sessions of the council, and a competent board to present in broad outline the line of progress for our denomination to the succeeding triennial convention. Such a body, also, would be the natural arbitrator in great controversies between our national societies and various conflicting state interests.

Our independency means more work for the many, and we must pay the price if we would secure equal efficiency with more highly organized bodies, and likewise keep our liberty.

## II. There is Need of Added Superintendency in the Work of our Churches.

The *foreign service* undertaken by our church needs particular and constant supervision. It is relatively expensive, and must be; but where there is money involved, and with those unaccustomed to our ways, there is liability to extravagance. For moral and spiritual reasons also there should be this oversight. Many of these people are like children. We

have a right and duty of guardianship, much as the state exercises over the unassimilated masses of a great city. There are times when there must be martial law—when home rule may mean the worst sort of despotism.

This principle applies equally in communities where churches have declined and property is likely to be dissipated through careless management. There will be found to prevail wide disinclination on the part of givers, in these days, to trust funds with particular churches, because of their bad record in administration. Until a church has shown its ability to handle its affairs wisely, there should be financial direction as well as assistance. Men want to put their money in escrow till there has been proof of good delivery on the other side. Dependent organizations are often extravagant and quarrelsome, and should not be allowed to carry on ructions at the expense of generous and self-denying brethren elsewhere. This matter of supervision could be managed in our state in the case of foreign peoples and decadent communities through the excellent instrumentality of our Home Missionary Society.

We have, however, in existence, a valuable agency, which has only to use its already ample but neglected powers to cover the needs of our churches in this matter of oversight—I mean the conference committees. Let these brethren be something more than indorsers of applications for aid and take into the account the whole situation and the churches' general welfare. They should not settle back on the assumption that because people are banded together under the name of a Congregational church they can practice folly like spoiled children, and be allowed to have all they ask for. We have often permitted the imprint of our order on bodies whose conduct and contents would not justify the brand.

Our government got tired of Cuban mismanagement on our borders, and compelled the Spaniards to refund their moral obligations. We have no business to let a church, calling itself Congregational, go on making a spectacle of itself, under the pretext of freedom, and not do all we can by moral and brotherly pressure to compel them to behave. It is our concern, while they bear our name, as much as if they were members of our domestic family. The shame is ours, and we are not bound to be silent by any church constitution or tradition. It is only men who have sucked the salary and influence out of Congregationalism and then spurned it who insist on such humiliation of our order.

The entity which is entitled to call itself a church for practical purposes may not be the same which we recognize in the spiritual order. The two or three scattered groups of worshipers, unable to maintain stated worship, may constitute a church for administrative purposes. The atom is a good theoretical basis of matter, but it is not the working unit. The invisible and indivisible church entity may be of minute proportions, but those who have responsibility for the welfare and care of this atom may ask for some

concrete assemblage to deal with. A refinement of theory should not hinder the working of a practical and useful system.

Particularly is there call for some better oversight of Congregational affairs in our cities. Paul left Titus in Crete that he might "set in order the things that were wanting, and appoint elders in every city." Our contention is that we follow the apostolic system and supply the things that are wanting and choose a board of strategy in every large center of population. Societies move too slowly. You need some men with bishops' hearts, without their bands, who shall carry the causes of the kingdom of God to consummation and make quick connections; an outlook committee which is also a fortification board.

III. THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME SATISFACTORY INCORPORATION AND CONTROL OF OUR BENEVOLENT AND MISSIONARY SOCIETIES IN OUR CONGREGATIONAL SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLIES.

Our Congregational body will never rest until it sees these great corporations allotted to their proper place and control, and working harmoniously within the fundamental principles of our order and fellowship.

1. Any organization which seeks funds of Congregational churches and assumes to do their work is vitally amenable to the whole church. There is not, and never will be, any concession by our brethren east or west, north or south, on this issue. These bodies are doing the work which our fellow members wish to do and to have done under the great gospel commission. They are providing for the preaching of the gospel at home and abroad, building churches and schools, and giving the nations the Word of life. Congregational money supports these enterprises of our agents. Unless the various societies mean to be accountable to our churches and representative assemblies, why should they ask to be allowed to undertake our ministries, with our money? We must find some factors who will make reports to the home office, if the present ones will not.

What reason is there why societies should not be called on to face councils, as well as churches and individuals. A church in Boston, ancient, well-established, settles a minister by and with the advice and consent of council. Why should not organizations less intimately known be supervised by our fraternal assemblies? The Methodists have just ordered the publication of all the expenses and receipts of their bishops, their pluralities and their royalties. Men hired to do the work of the churches in high places and as overseers are nevertheless called to account for their side lines of income and expense.

Every secretary and director of a missionary and benevolent society which carries the Congregational color is accountable to our body as a soldier to his government. He is a traitor if he is not ready to take the oath of allegiance and live up to it.

Because our denomination gives men large liberty and trusts its serv-

ants, does not insist upon direct and complete control, no set of men can presume on their exemption from responsibility to our central Congregational body. There is a question of honor here, brethren, and of loyalty. A man may be as much under obligation to get out of a directory of a benevolent society if he finds his views not in harmony with Congregational ideals of polity and responsibility, as he may be to leave a church for heresy of belief.

Because we do not insist upon thorough representative control, we by

no means remit our claims of fealty.

2. Suggestions of Methods of Control of Missionary and Benevolent Societies by Congregational Representative Assemblies.

The corporation idea has such obvious and permanent values that we must find a place for this system of organization in any plans for our future progress and success. The example of the mercantile world, as well as the requirements and the advantages to our order of this feature are too important to be condemned. With the whole orchestra on this pitch, we cannot carry the solo on an independent key.

The financial interests which are more and more involved in our ecclesiastical life can only be properly cared for by those who carry a connected idea and responsibility in their hearts. The dangers or drawbacks of such methods in the conduct of business are insignificant compared with the enormous gains. Recognizing the permanence of the corporation principle, and insisting upon our Congregational ideals, we can, nevertheless, find a mode of consistent and harmonious operation.

What the churches want, I think, is not equality, but equity; not bold, unchecked democracy, nor an open hand in every detail of administration, but a reasonable representation for the responsibilities. The contributions of a church or an individual to a benevolent cause are, if possible, more sacred than taxes, in that they are voluntary. One can decide where his offering shall go. He feels bound to follow his charitable funds as he does his investments, to see that they are not diverted to work harm. There is not only a right but a duty that churches and individuals feel as to the expenditure of money which is not to be indifferently discharged.

There are additional reasons why complete representation is not feasible on the boards of societies, through election from our National Council, as at present constituted. The extent of our country is so great that the distance to be traveled to attend important and frequent meetings would be prohibitive. It cannot be discovered beforehand who is willing to serve. We have no bishops to go around as intermediaries and prepare for these general assemblies. A thorough prearrangement for the appointment of the directors of our great benevolent societies would involve more oligarchy on the part of committees and scribes than is now exercised by the boards themselves. Any complete taking over the benevolent societies by our council would mean responsibility for financial obligation. As it is now,

the churches are held as collateral for these expenditures, but it would be difficult to get deficits cleared up, say, for our denominational paper and the more direct business ventures of the various societies. If the thing were possible it would hardly be expedient at present.

What can be done is to have each society choose on nomination by the council two directors who shall represent the denomination as a whole. They would correspond to government directors in railroads and other corporations. These men could report to the National Council at each session, and also act as a regulative element in the ordinary transactions of the boards.

In our churches themselves we have this double constitution,—the corporation of parish and the more representative church organization. We simply propose to combine in our great benevolent societies the same principles of partial representation and corporate responsibility with thorough supervision and accounting.

Let us remember that our societies have been organized as corporations and been wonderfully successful. It is dangerous to pull up a plant by the root and shake off all the dirt; so there is peril in transplanting the organization of a society into another plot without some of the soil out of which it has grown.

"Our great missionary organizations, the originals of all these mighty movements in our nation, were started as individual enterprises, as were the more modern ones, such as the Endeavor Society. Larger givers may claim their proportional right to direct their benevolences and may prefer corporate control, and this must be taken into account in any modification of the constitution of our societies."

An unpaid board of twelve men, facing great financial responsibilities and the issue of personal honor, are as likely to choose their directors wisely as a hastily appointed committee of a representative council. Indeed, our present methods of choosing delegates to even the National Council are not sufficiently democratic to warrant the inauguration of revolutionary methods. We must perfect our preliminary civil service ideas and systems before we insist on thorough-going transformation of any successful missionary board. The changes which are always to be toward the ideal must also be gradual.

# 3. Specific Concentrations which Should be Speedily Consummated.

Last year, out of the Sunday schools established by our Sunday School and Publishing Society, sixty-six became Congregational churches and ninety-seven evolved into other denominations. One half of our annual brood of spring chickens went to other coops. The reason of this was lack of effective cooperation between the Home Missionary and Sunday School societies. The former, indeed, did not have the money to follow

up all the schools started, and so our children were placed out, rather than be allowed to starve. Solomon considered this was the true spirit of motherhood. But aside from lack of funds, there was no efficient conference and dovetailing of the work. Negotiations are the last details to be undertaken, delays are dissipating and the weasels devour the birds. There ought to be more union of the superintendents of these two societies. I will not say where the fault is, and there is certainly no ill-will; but the thing is not done, even with large deficits staring at the management. The societies must make up together for just such business as this of which I have spoken. One other cause of mischief comes through one party or the other keeping a man who cannot be agreed on by both because he is objectionable to the other set of workers.

A similar chasm exists say between the Education Society and the Home Missionary Society. In some sections, especially in Cuba, a Christian school is absolutely essential in connection with the church, but no consultations have been had looking to such marriages, and it is pitiable to think of such good people, and friends of ours, who ought to be wedded, yet remain-

ing single.

The desire to do a big thing often dominates, I fear. I know a boy who was one day walking down Broadway with his mother and a lady friend of hers. The lad kept urging them to come in and eat ice-cream. When they finally consented, went in and sat down at the table and had given and eaten their orders, it was found he had not the cash to pay the bill.

Conserving the property and gift of Congregationalists is another line which demands cooperative effort and special emphasis. Our losses have been enormous in churches and schools and institutions because no provisions have been made for securing to our denominations the reversionary interests.

Experience, as well as information, leads me to suggest the greatest care in this matter. Why not imbed in the charters, the conditions which shall hold a school or a church to Congregational interests. Other denominations are not modest in making such safeguards. The great Chicago University, while catering for the trade of the world, nevertheless insists upon a majority in the board of trustees being members of its order. A direct deed or mortgage of the property is often the only way to secure our interests, save by charter provisions. This arrangement can be carried out with young and hungry institutions, but after they get grown they are slow to take on such guardianship. There ought, however, never to be so much haste to get off that these conditions are allowed to be omitted.

Institutions which have been handed over to Presbyterians are at our doors begging for aid, whose funds, largely raised by Congregational givers, are being paid out in large salaries to alien presidents.

The question of annuities or full stipends for nominal services of partially retired officers is one on which the denomination, as a whole, has a right to express itself. There is also the matter of antiquated methods in

bookkeeping and administration, plural treasurers, for the sake of making a large showing of results, which vitiates the fountains of benevolence.

In all our societies the balance sheet is the best brief. It is hard for good men to understand this. They will perpetually pump up and puff some secondary features. But what we all want and ought to have before us are the facts of administration, as well as of need, which shall be intelligible to us. I would by no means intimate that there would be no deficit. But the society which can show wise and economical management of affairs, though it is largely in arrears, for necessary work of the churches, nevertheless has the most weighty brief of argument and appeal. The churches would rouse to the call of every one of our great societies, and we would personally deny ourselves in large measure if we could know where the money given has gone and that it had been wisely expended.

Brethren, I do not believe that we shall get a better set of men as directors or secretaries together, to carry on our organizations, but I am sure there will come a time when the management of these bodies will come satisfactorily before the tribunal of our councils and render an account

of their stewardship.

The churches want to know the reasons so far as they may, and that is a good deal further than is often yet conceded for the policies pursued. The cabinets and ministries of government have to defend their budgets, and the missionary societies must do the same before their sponsors.

### 4. The Actual Alternative of Adjustments.

The failure to provide for adequate representation of the denomination in our missionary boards and for a satisfactory system of accounting to their constituents, as well as some continuous body in our conference, state and national system, which has the responsibility for mediation between the several interests of our order, throws back churches and individuals seeking relief from hardship upon the alternative of a boycott or a strike.

In the case of council, conferences and conventions, which dissolve after a brief session and cannot be reassembled, the church or ministry is encouraged to resort to independent and often harmful action.

Particularly when there is dissatisfaction with the administration of benevolent societies is it important for them, as well as the constituency upon which they must depend, that there be a speedy adjustment of difficulties. Here are organizations which need money, and, worse still, the worthy servants which they should maintain require it more sadly. The salaries of the officials are not usually the last ones to be paid. On the other hand, there are churches and individuals who want to give and must give, but who are keeping back their contribution because they are unwilling to put their hardly earned offerings into a blind pool. They have no other means of protest against excessive expenditure or careless manage-

ment or sutler's rates of toll from the soldiers on the outposts. To-day there are worthy societies which are sorely in want of resources. Many men and churches are practically inaugurating a boycott, withholding their offerings, while the sufferers are the faithful missionaries and their wives, teachers and, worse still, the multitude of hungry strangers.

All this distress and ill-feeling we impose upon ourselves and our brethren because we do not recognize the advantage and right of speedy adjustment of controverted issues, and that the churches which contribute to a cause, if not represented in the clearing house, must have their satisfactory reports. Like county banks they can claim to clear through larger institutions.

We are bound, brethren, to provide some better way than the boycott as a corrective for this dissatisfaction. These societies and the welfare of our frontier legion are too sacred to allow the operation of so brutal a method. No officer of any society, however voluntary or close the corporation, has a right to say to churches or individuals, concerning any allegation of mismanagement, What are you going to do about it? It is suicidal, but it is more culpable, it is murderous and destructive of the kingdom of God to allow a boycott when such imperial interests are involved.

It does not please the minister when his parishioners cut down their offerings and his salary because they are dissatisfied, but when you and I refuse to stay in our great benevolent societies we are docking the slender stipends of our brethren on the field just as our parish might do.

As the number of those trained in the ancient way of benevolence decreases, it is important that we meet those who are less inclined to give

with better balance sheets as appeals.

Gov. John A. Andrew, in the trying times of the breaking out of the Civil War, wrote to his friend Bird, "My dear Bird: I want to suggest that whenever you see or foresee the arising of a question touching on which you have decided opinions, I wish you would in the fullest and freest manner give me the aid of your advice; but also to suggest that it weakens me to criticise me afterwards in respect to a thing as to which I have not had the aid of previous advice." Such ought to be the attitude and the desire of those who are carrying the great responsibilities of our missionary work to forestall all criticism by seeking counsel.

The societies are our children, the offspring of our principles, enthusiasms and consecrated hearts, and we cannot and will not stand apart and treat them as bastards in our church or council fellowship.

Nor will we sanction the secret strike, which brings its sad train of bitterness and destroys the very springs of spiritual life and industry.

Brethren, we cannot afford to allow our fellow Congregationalists to use this weapon against our pioneers on the field or their needy households. Let us take any required amount of time and exercise patience to the four hundred and ninetieth degree, as the Saviour suggested towards those we esteem in error.

We must and we shall get these great orbs of our Congregational constellation sandpapered down, together with a little hewing here and there, so that they will settle into their spheres like the dark worlds of original chaos, and then we shall see them shining like the major planets in their celestial circuits.

IV. WE ARE BOUND TO RECOVER USEFULNESS AND RESPECT FOR OUR GREAT DELIBERATIVE ASSEMBLIES.

We Congregationalists are like children who have skipped their schooling, and are trying to enter professional life by a short cut. The training of councils is an exceedingly important arm of Christian fellowship and service. We assemble hurriedly and listen to papers, but far too little time is taken up with the transaction of business. There is also the advantage of personal acquaintance to be gained by these assemblies, as well as a knowledge of the powers and fitness of our brethren in different sections of the state for important posts in the gift of the denomination. Men away from large centers are not likely to be so well known as they should be, and are often overlooked. Debate also shows the qualities of the whole body, rather than brings into prominence a few men who have already received more than their due proportion of honors, in solo speaking. Partly through purpose, I will not say malice, and under the guidance of the sturdy chiefs of independency, and partly through disuse and neglect, we have failed to profit as a denomination by experience and training of our popular deliberative assemblies.

We need a legitimate forum for the discussion and criticism of our subsidiary organizations and benevolent societies. These bodies are too important to be subjected to constant girding, either by the press or the pulpit. It is not a gracious task for denominational papers to keep up this holy-stoning process. It begets bad temper in the minister and people to be forever in an attitude of suspicion toward any of our brethren or ancillary bodies; but there should be some place where such comment as is wise can be made effective. A father once told me, concerning a dear daughter now passed on, that she was inclined to be quite outspoken in the family about all persons and affairs. He finally agreed with her that there should be one day in the week, and that at the Sunday dinner table, when they would have what they would call "Liberty Day." Then she could express her mind freely, and he would revise or guide her judgments. So we must have a "Liberty Day" to relieve the nagging tendency into which we get when we are left too long in the dark concerning the proper administration of affairs in which we are legitimately interested.

The deliberative assemblies and councils of our order have got to be put beyond the sneering point in our respect and esteem. So long as men in the high offices of our denomination and on the boards of directors can say concerning even our National Council, "What has that to do with us?" we shall fail to secure the proper status for this fountainhead of our administrative usefulness.

One means of securing the result aimed at will be better work in committees. Instead of having a *novice* echo the suggestions of a secretary, let a set of intelligent men report to the general body in commendation or rebuke or disapproval. Then give chance for interpellation by members of the assembly.

The pressure of modern ecclesiastical as well as secular business is too great to allow a *doctrinaire* representative system to be carried out with every man putting his hands on each particular measure under discussion.

Then there must be less haste in recommendations of councils or our associations. We cannot afford to make even occasional errors, and the results, though not a lengthy catalogue, should be seasoned to stand in all climates.

I think few persons among us are conscious how far our splendid assemblies come short of the opportunities of usefulness to our denomination, because of this attitude of expecting nothing but a congress of oratory and fake resolutions. Our councils, as well as annual meetings of our societies, are capable of magnificent service in the kingdom of Christ, once let in the idea of consecrated business in place of spectacular eloquence.

If our national societies would have their annual business meeting on a small scale, then provide union rallies periodically, and afterward come up to our national council as an integral part of that body, just as the churches do, and report their stewardship, there would be a noble exhibition of denominational enthusiasm for them, which would be aroused by the spirit of fellowship, by their fraternal alliance during the intervening years of successive councils.

### V. CAUTION AS TO THE LIMITS OF CONCENTRATION.

Concentration is likely to be more serviceable than consolidation.

The question of the union of one or more societies is often agitated. Lessening the number of our great societies by consolidation, it seems to me, would result disastrously. They all have ample and distinct fields of labor. They can all be sustained if conducted in the right manner, and will be.

If there should be enlargement by union, it would be difficult to get able directors who would give time to the work. In the smaller organizations you can, with different headquarters, get distinct sets of men who will serve efficiently on our boards.

Again, the present arrangement allows for training a large number of young men for this churchmanship who could not be thus prepared by a

huge combination. More men get the advantage of familiarity with our system and service and give their aid to its prosecution.

The experience of the breaking down of trusts suggests a similar possible danger in ecclesiastical organizations.

The history of consolidation does not argue well for future effort. We have tried it by attempting to weld the Publishing and Home Missionary Societies, and had to go back to separate administration. Since the union of the New West and the Education societies, the income of the New West has practically been canceled and the revenue to the combined body is only equal to what formerly came to a single society.

A consolidation which would be efficient would result in raising up a corporation which would far exceed in arbitrary acts any defects which we now deprecate in our separate organizations. It would be nearly impossible to get men to serve on such a board without giving them almost autocratic power, or suffering them to grasp it. As it is now, also, our societies are able to command the services of a number of unpaid officials. Two of our large organizations in Boston are served gratuitously by their treasurers.

In the matter of union of magazines, one is glad to testify to the superior quality over those of other religious bodies, but the same societies which separately published these pamphlets could, if they would, make one or more which would be valuable aids to their work, instead of acting as astringents of benevolence.

VI. AS CONGREGATIONALISTS WE SHOULD NOT BE ASHAMED TO BORROW ANY FEATURES OF ORGANIZATIONS WHICH MAY PROVE THEMSELVES USEFUL IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

Congregationalism has a great preamble in its charter, like that of the Constitution of the United States, which enables it in order to promote the welfare of souls to inaugurate and operate many and special forms of external service; to use nets and fishing gear of different patterns. This we are already doing in various sections of the globe, especially on mission fields. The principles of consolidation which we have outlined, as well as a still wider extension of our ecclesiastical machinery, would be well within the charter limits of our body.

We ought not to be unwilling to go both to the marketplace for suggestions from commerce, and to the ecclesiastical clearing house for the securing those elements which we may need for our growing strength. Christ often pointed his lessons by reference to the customs of trade, and we may not shrink from similar appropriations. Other church orders are so much indebted to our own for pioneer and constructive services in the theological, ecclesiastical, national and moral life, that we shall not have the balance of trade against us, if we, in turn, borrow from them. The jewels of silver and the jewels of gold and raiment, even though secured

as a forced loan, were small returns to Israel for the four hundred years of brick making and palace building for the Egyptians. The debt to our denomination is also being freely acknowledged, and never more heartily than at the present time. Said Bishop Lawrence in his last diocesan address of May 4, "I emphasize the phrase 'noble traditions,' for I believe that to the spirit of independency and to the Congregational churches, all Christendom and especially the Church of England are heavily in debt."

If for no other reason the men we have furnished to this ancient body would entitle us to recoup our losses to some extent out of the temporal assets and cathedral stalls of our neighbors.

If we insist upon doctrinaire independency, we shall nourish in our bosom a whole brood of bastard bishops in these corporate organizations, which, while admitting their parentage, will rebel against the impossible conditions forced upon them by an unnatural system. While we are contending with one another for an idealistic representation, they will rule with sovereign sway. Even a monarchy is not all king business, but it permits, as in the case of Great Britain, many diverse forms of local government. Neither is a republic limited to absolute home rule in every minute locality.

The time has come to cease special efforts to keep Congregationalism intact, to multiply the mouths of the historic groove and to press forward and locate fresh claims, install new institutions and machinery and distribute from the channel of our ancient Niagara, filled fresh from mountains of God, to the needy communities throughout the world.

### STATISTICAL TABLES

### EXPLANATORY

The tables which follow comprise:

1. The statistics of the churches, giving the ministers, church membership, additions, removals, baptisms, Sunday schools and families; the statistics of the Young People's Societies; the amounts of benevolences and expenses. These tables, in accordance with the vote of the Association, in 1887, are made to conform to those in the Year-Book.

2. The Conferences of the churches, with the names of officers and the

times of meeting.

3. The Associations of ministers, giving the date of ordination of each minister, the date of membership, the residence and his "employment." The abbreviations "P." and "P. C." are explained below. "W. C." means without church; "Prof." means professor; "C. M.," church missionary; "Tea.," teacher; other abbreviations are self-evident. "W. C.," however, includes many who have retired from active service, and some who are in business.

4. The Ministerial Record, containing lists of ordinations, installations,

dismissals, marriages and deaths.

The tables of the first part contain the names of all the Congregational churches in Massachusetts, the towns and cities being arranged alphabeti-

cally; churches in each town according to age.

Church members and families are reported as numbered January 1, 1904. Admissions, removals and baptisms cover the year 1903. "Absent" are not additional to "males" "females," and "total," but included in them. "Sunday school" includes total membership of officers, teachers and scholars, January 1, 1904, or when the school is in operation (if not at that date), covering "branch schools," "mission schools" and "home departments," so far as maintained by the reporting church. "Av." means the average attendance during 1903.

The months and days in the dates of the organization of churches are omitted. They will be found in the publication of 1873, those of churches since organized being given in the "Minutes" of each year. Also the months and days in the dates of ordination and installation of ministers are omitted. The former may be found in the lists of the local Associ-

ations, which follow the tables.

"Ordained" denotes the date on which the person was originally set apart to the ministry by the "laying-on of hands." "Installed" denotes

the date of the beginning of his *present* pastorate.

In accordance with the recommendation of the National Council, pas-marked, but in tabular summaries are counted as "supplies."

Blanks in any column of figures are never equivalent to "none," but mean "no report"; but blanks in the column of ministers do mean that the church has no pastor or acting pastor, and the blank is left for the con-

venience of those who note changes.

All post-office addresses are to be found in the "List of Ministers," and NOT IN THE TABLES.

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Oscar F. Norseen, asst. p., '98, '03. \* Mission Covenant.

NAME OF STATE ORGANIZATION: THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Names of Churches added: Boston: Faneuil, Brighton; Romsey, Dorchester; Italian; French; Gloucester, Bethany; Plymouth, Italian ian; New Salem, North.

NAMES OF CHURCHES CHANGED: Marlboro, French to Hope; Weymouth, East to First, East; Malden, Scandinavian to Swedish. NAMES OF CHURCHES DROPPED: West Medway, Third; Ashburnham,

MEMBERSHIP IN CHURCHES: No. of males, 35,981; no. of females, 79,592. Total, 115,573. Absent, 20,530. Additions—on confession, 3,500; by letter, 2,811. Total, 6,311. Removals—death, 1,858; dismission, 2,534; discipline or revision, 928. Total, 5,320. BAPTISMS: Adults, 1,439; infants, 1,877. CHURCHES: Supplied by—Pastors by council, 262; pastors otherwise, 271; hendiates, supplies, 23 vacant, 54. Total, 610. Ministers: Pastors by council, 267; pastors otherwise, 265; supplying churches, 7. Total, 539. Without charge, 476. Total, 1,015.

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Home	Exp	15,983	1,379	10,404	14,344	6,344	10,917	3,700	1,425	2,395	1,284	1,552	1,035	1,691	2,023	4,000	1,100	2,248	1,400	247
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	Mem	h571	100	h448	h601	m610	h611	h364	h160	291	h223	193	35	175	300	213	83	122	h46	76
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Superintendent	Frank H. Robson,	Isaac Goddard,	Arthur R. Taft,	Charles F. Marble,	Eric Ljungquist,	Prof. O. R. Cook,	Frank H. Viele,	Jerome M. Stone,	Ernest R. Maylott,	C. H. Hall,	Mrs. A. G. Todd,		Edwin Batty,	John Dahl,	W. H. Blodget,	Barent Pease, Ringville,	Rev. F. N. Rutan,	Rev. George H. Ewing,	Wre Issiah Crowell
CHURCHES	Place	Wor'ster, Union,	" Memorial.	" Plymouth,	" Piedmont,	" Swedish, 1st.	" Pilgrim,	" Park.	" Covenant,	" Hope,	" Lake View.	" Bethany,	" Armenian,	" Immanuel,	" Swedish, 2d,	" Adams sq.,	Worthington,	Wrentham.	Yarmouth,	West

Home Missions, \$143,684; American Missionary Association, \$37,815; Sunday Schools, \$11,815; Ministerial Aid, \$6,193; Other, \$208,592. Total, \$611,585. Contributions: No. of churches contributing, 593; Foreign Missions, \$162,460; Education, \$25,072; Church Building, \$15,954 SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Members, 118,420; average attendance, 68,088. Young People's Societies: Societies, 527; members, 32,238. Families: 98,730.

HOME EXPENSES: No. of churches reporting, 588; amount, \$1,640,111. GAINS: Churches, 5; members, 1,533; legacies, \$58,010. LOSSES: Sunday school members, 932; Benevolence, \$10,350; Home LEGACIES: \$160,966. Expense, \$5,620.

# TABLES OF SUMMARIES: I. CHURCH STATISTICS

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BAPTISMS	MubA	99 160 170 171 172 180 180 180 180 180 180 180 180 180 180	1,439 1,412 *27
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ALS	Discipline or Revision	24 24 25 26 26 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27	928 1,368 †440
REMOVALS	Letter	146 26 26 26 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27	2,534 2,378 *156
	Death	95 444 449 455 109 109 138 138 138 143 102 103 103 103 103 103 103 103 103 103 103	$^{1,858}_{1,916}$
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ADMISSIONS	Letter	135 245 286 388 387 310 310 411 421 422 422 422 422 422 423 423 423	2,811 2,805 *6
A Di	Confession	276 271 221 481 116 116 198 334 441 73 73 73 108 241 281 108 281 108 281 281 281 281 108 1106 1106 1106 1106 1106 1106 110	3,500 3,237 *263
	Absent	1,710 264 528 458 458 685 7753 1,889 1,889 1,889 1,889 1,889 1,889 1,889 1,889 1,889 1,889 1,889 1,889 1,889 1,899 1,899 1,897 1,864 1,364	20,530 19,544 *986
MEMBERS	TetoT	7, 1,302 1,301 1,301 1,302 1,302 1,303 1,303 1,303 1,303 1,303 1,003 1,003 1,8	115,573 114,040 *1,533
MEM	Female	5.093 1.051 1.051 1.438 1.438 1.724 1.724 1.428 1.629	79,461 78,451 *1,010
-	Male	2,209 1,291 1,291 1,795 1,795 1,084 1,147 1,084 1,084 1,087 1,02 1,02 1,02 1,02 1,02 1,02 1,02 1,02	36,112 35,589 *523
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CONFERENCES	Name	Andover Barnstable Berkshire, North Brookfield Essex, North Franklin Hampden Hampshire East Mendon Norfolk Old Colony Pilgrim Suffolk, North " South " Union Norfolk Union Norfolk Union Norfolk South " South " South " West Taunton Woburn Woburn Woburn Wobern Worcester, Central " South " South " South " South " South " Wostern Worcester, Central Worcester, Central Worcester, Central North " South " North " North " North " South " North	Totals

## II. BENEVOLENCE AND HOME EXPENDITURES

### III. SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY STATISTICS

	SUNDAY	School	Families		PEOPLE'S
Conferences	Members	Average Attend- ance	in the Congre- gation	No.	Members
Andover Barnstable Berkshire, North "South Brookfield Essex, North "South Franklin Hampden Hampshire "East Mendon Middlesex, South "Union Norfolk Old Colony Pilgrim Suffolk, North "South "West Taunton Woburn Worcester, Central "North "South "South "South "South "Associated with Rhode Island Not in Conferences	6,517 1,658 3,207 1,688 2,672 4,951 8,571 3,700 9,096 2,432 2,055 2,024 3,315 3,553 9,126 2,276 1,206 1,206 9,085 9,864 6,553 4,045 7,574 8,332 1,965 2,454 78	3,658 914 1,966 954 1,540 2,675 4,522 2,237 5,513 1,568 1,247 1,067 2,011 2,049 5,091 1,138 704 5,241 5,903 4,009 2,394 4,143 4,988 993 1,264 31 2,68	5,499 1,707 2,757 1,513 2,512 6,866 3,041 8,246 2,174 1,617 1,948 2,752 3,132 2,070 1,384 2,070 1,384 7,713 7,211 4,504 3,168 5,580 6,732 1,557 2,034 40 325	24 15 14 17 18 25 32 28 36 15 13 11 18 23 34 15 11 27 25 20 20 23 31 13 15 13	1,687 549 769 629 817 1,481 1,894 11,095 688 596 647 1,016 1,307 2,458 699 399 2,372 2,503 1,533 963 2,337 2,285 641 712 18
Totals	118,420	68,088	98,730	527	32,238
Last year	119,352	69,639	97,605	526	31,551
* Gain. † Loss	†932	†1,551	*1,125	*1	*687

### IV. SUMMARY OF CHANGES DURING THE YEARS MENTIONED

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YEARS	New	Dropped	Gain	Loss	Ordained	Installed	Dismissed	Died	Ordained with-	Pastors by Council	Pastors	Others	Gain	Loss	Increase	<b>Decrease</b>
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Note. — The "year" means what changes were comprised in the twelve months preceding January 1 of the year mentioned. The table was begun in 1866, all preceding years now given being compiled from past Minutes, — the number of churches in some years varying from the Minutes as they were to what they should have been.

The changes in list of churches, ordinations, installations, etc., for the past year, condensed in the above table, are given in detail in their proper place.

<sup>\*</sup> Prior to 1876 "acting pastors" are included in "others" in columns of deaths of ministers.

### V. CONTINUED TABLE OF SUMMARIES

Benevolent	Contribu- tions	6611586 6631586 6631686 6631768 663176
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Baptisms	Infant	1.005 1.005
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	Total	$\begin{array}{c} 1000000000000000000000000000000000000$
Removals	Disc. or Revis.	1,3688 1,12,13688 1,24,136 1,2
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¥	Conf.	882500000000000000000000000000000000000
n. 1	Ab'nt	190.539 190.539 180.255 180.255 180.255 170
Church Members, Jan.	Total	111, 25, 33, 34, 35, 34, 34, 34, 34, 34, 34, 34, 34, 34, 34
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In the above table, the columns of "Additions," "Removals," "Baptisms," "Sunday School Average," and "Benevolent Contributions " cover the twelve months next preceding January 1 of the year mentioned in a given line. The number of churches "therbes supplied by licentiates, or ministers of other denominations. Beginning with 1903, churches supplied by licentiates, or by ministers of other denominations, are counted "supplied," For Churches, Membership and Sunday-School Membership, for 1835, 1840, 1845, 1856, 1855 and 1860, see "Minutes" of 1900.

### THE CONFERENCES OF THE CHURCHES

### 1. ANDOVER. — Organized June 8, 1859.

Andover, South,	Lawrence,	South,	Lowell, High St.,
" West,	"	Riverside,	" French,
" Free,	"	Trinity,	" Highland,
" Ballardvale,	"	United,	" Swedish,
" Seminary,	Lowell, Pa	wtucket,	" !Norwegian,
Chelmsford, 2d, North,	" Fi	rst,	Methuen,
" Central,	" Fi	rst Trinitarian,	North Andover,
Dracut, First,	" El	iot,	Tewksbury,
" Central,		hn St.,	Tyngsboro.
Lawrence, Lawrence St.,	" Ki	rk St.,	• 0
Albert W. Burnham	, Lowell, se	cretary and treas	urer.

Rev. Owen H. Gates, Andover, statistical secretary.

Conference meets on the last Tuesdays in April and October.

### 2. BARNSTABLE. — Organized October 28, 1828.

Barnstable, West, "Centreville, "Hyannis, "Cotuit.	Falmouth, East, " North, " Waquoit, " Woods Hole.	Provincetown, Sandwich, Truro, First, "Christ'n U., North,
Chatham.	Harwich,	Wellfleet, First,
Dennis, South,	" Port,	" South,
" Union,	Nantucket,	Yarmouth, First,
Falmouth, First,	Orleans,	" West.

Rev. John H. Quint, Falmouth, scribe and treasurer. Conference meets on the second Tuesdays in May and November.

### 3. BERKSHIRE NORTH. — Organized December 3, 1867.

Adams,	Peru,	Williamstown, College,
Becket, North,	Pittsfield, First,	" South,
Dalton,	" Second	" White Oaks,
Hinsdale,	" South,	Windsor,
Lanesboro,	" Pilgrim Mem'l,	
Middlefield,	Richmond,	(New Lebanon, N. Y.).
North Adams,	Williamstown, First,	

Deacon George French, North Adams, secretary and treasurer.

Annual meeting on the second Wednesday in November; semi-annual on the second Wednesday in May.

### 4. BERKSHIRE SOUTH. — Organized August 29, 1860.

Becket, Centre,	Mount Washington,	Sandisfield, New Boston
Egremont, <b>South</b> , Great Barrington, First,		Sheffield, Stockbridge, First,
" " Housatonic.	" " Mill River	"Interlaken.
Lee,	Otis,	West Stockbr'ge, Centre,
Lenox,	Sandisfield, First,	" Village.

THERON W. CRISSEY, Great Barrington, scribe and treasurer. Rev. Walter W. Curtis, West Stockbridge, statistical secretary. Annual meeting in October; semi-annual meeting in May.

### BROOKFIELD. — Organized June 13, 1821.

Spencer Hardwick, Gilbertville, Barre Sturbridge, Brimfield Holland, Brookfield, New Braintree, Ware, First, North Brookfield, First, East, Charlton, " Dana, French, Union, Warren, Dudley Oakham, Southbridge, West Brookfield. Hardwick, First,

Rev. Edward L. Chute, Ware, scribe and treasurer.

Annual meeting, first Tuesday in May, two days; semi-annual, third Tuesday in September, one day.

### 6. ESSEX NORTH. — Organized April 30, 1828.

Amesbury, First, "Union,	Haverhill, North, "Riverside,	Newbury, First, "Byfield,
Boxford, West,	" Union,	Newburyport, North,
Georgetown, First,	" St. John's, French,	" Prospect St.
" Memorial,	" Ward Hill,	" Belleville,
Groveland.	" Zion,	" Whitefield,
Haverhill, Bradford,	Ipswich, First,	Rowley,
" West,	" Linebrook,	West Newbury, First, Second.
" Fourth,	Merrimac,	" Second.
" Centre,	•	

Rev. DAVID C. 'TORREY, R. F. D., Rowley, scribe.

Rev. George H. Hubbard, 46 Hamilton Av., Haverhill, statistical secretary and treasurer.

Conference meets on the second Wednesdays in May and October.

### 7. ESSEX SOUTH. — Organized May 8, 1827.

Beverly, Second, "Dane St., "Washington St. Boxford, Danvers, First, Centre, "Maple St., Essex. Gloucester, West,	Ipswich, South, Lynn, First, "Central, "Chestnut St., "North, "Scandinavian, Lynnfield, Centre, "Second.	Peabody, West, Rockport, First, Pigeon Cove, Swed., P. Cove, Salem, Tabernacle, South, Crombie St., Saugus, First,
" Trinity, " Lanesville, " Magnolia, " Bethany,	Manchester, Marblehead, Middleton, Peabody, South, "Second,	Swampscott, Topsfield, Wenham.

Rev. T. Frank Waters, Ipswich, scribe and treasurer.

Rev. ARTHUR J. COVELL, Lynn, statistical scribe.

Conference meets on the second Wednesdays in May and October.

### 8. FRANKLIN. - Organized October 10, 1843.

Ashfield,	Colerain,	Gill,
Bernardston,	Conway,	Greenfield, First,
Buckland.	Deerfield, South,	" Second.
Charlemont, First,	" Orthodox.	Hawley, First,
" East,	Erving,	" Second, West,

### 8. FRANKLIN (Continued).

Heath,	Northfield, East,	Shutesbury,
Leverett, Moores Cor.,	Orange, Central,	Sunderland,
Montague, First,	" Swedish,	Warwick,
" Miller's Falls,	Shelburne, First,	Wendell,
" Turner's Falls,	" Falls,	Whately.

Rev. EDWARD P. BUTLER, Sunderland, scribe and treasurer.

Conference meets in the last weeks of April and September.

### 9. HAMPDEN. — Organized December 4, 1850.

Agawam, Feeding Hills,	Holyoke, French, Huntington, Second,	Springfield, Hope, French,
	Longmeadow,	" Eastern Av.,
	Ludlow, Centre,	" Emmanuel.
		" Park,
Chester, First,	omon,	
Becond,	Monson,	ot. John s,
Chicopee, First,	Palmer, Thorndike,	" Swedish,
" Second, Falls,	" Second.	" Faith.
" Third,	" Three Rivers,	Tolland,
East Longmeadow,	South Hadley Falls,	Westfield, First,
Granville, First, Centre,	Southwick,	" Second,
" West,	Springfield, First,	West Springfield, First,
Hampden,	" Olivet,	" Mittineague,
Holyoke, First,	" South,	" Park St.,
" Second,	" North.	Wilbraham, Centre,
	" Indian Or'd,	" North.

Rev. Collins G. Burnham, Chicopee, scribe. William F. Emerson, Longmeadow, treasurer.

Conference meets on the last Tuesday in September; semi-annual meeting in April or May.

### 10. HAMPSHIRE. — Organized February, 1865.

Chesterfield,	Hatfield,	Southampton,
Cummington,	Huntington, 1st, Norw'cl	, Westhampton.
" West.	Northampton, First,	Williamsburg,
Easthampton, First,	" Edwards,	" Haydenville,
" Payson,	" Florence,	Worthington.
Goshen,	Plainfield,	ű

Rev. John Pierpont, Williamsburg, scribe and treasurer.

Conference meets in the spring and fall at the call of the executive committee.

### HAMPSHIRE EAST. — Organized December 13, 1860.

Amherst, First, "Second, "College, "North,	Enfield, Granby, Greenwich, Hadley, First,	Leverett, Pelham, First, " Pack'dville, Enfield, Prescott,
" South.	" Second, North.	South Hadley.
Belchertown.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	

M. B. KINGMAN, Amherst, registrar and treasurer.

Rev. George E. Fisher, North Amherst, statistical secretary.

Semi-annual meeting on the last Tuesday in April; annual meeting on the third Tuesday in October.

### 12. MENDON. - Organized April 12, 1858.

Foxboro, Franklin, Wedway, Second, West, Walpole, Walpole, Mansfield, Milford, Millis, Walpole, Wrentham.

Rev. WILLIAM MACNAIR, Mansfield, scribe and treasurer.

Conference meets on the third Wednesdays in April and October.

### 13. MIDDLESEX SOUTH. — Organized August 20, 1828.

Northboro, Ashland, Hudson, Sherborn, Dover, Lincoln, Southboro, Southville, Framingham, Plymouth, Marlboro, Union, "Saxonville, "Hope, Saxonville, Sudbury, South, Wayland, Maynard, South, Natick, First, Holliston, Hopkinton, South, Wellesley.

Rev. Albert D. Smith, Northboro, scribe and treasurer.

Conference meets on the third Wednesdays in April and October.

### 14. MIDDLESEX UNION. — Organized May 8, 1853.

Acton, First, Fitchburg, Rollstone, Leominster, Centre, South, German, North, " Ashby, Swedish, Littleton, " Finnish, Lunenburg, AyerGroton, First, Boxboro, West Acton, Pepperell, West, Shirley, Concord. Townsend, Dunstable, Harvard, Fitchburg, Calvinist, Westford. Lancaster,

Rev. JASON G. MILLER, Harvard, scribe and treasurer.

Annual meeting third Wednesday in October; spring meeting in April.

### 15. NORFOLK. - Organized June 14, 1827.

Cohasset, Beechwood, Quincy, Finnish, Abington, First, East Bridgewater, Randolph, North, Easton, Centre. Rockland, Braintree, First, South, Swedish, North, Sharon. Stoughton, Bridgewater, Hingham, First, Weymouth, First, Hghts. "Old South, South, Scotland, Beth'y, Nan't, Brockton, Holbrook, First, " South, Ca'p'lo, Milton, & Braintree, E. B., " East, 66 Union, South, Porter, " " Waldo. Quincy, Bethany, Pilgrim, North " " Washington St., East, Wendell Av., " Whitman. Lincoln, Swedish, Cohasset, Evangelical,

Rev. DE MONT GOODYEAR, Abington, scribe. HEMAN HOWARD, South Easton, treasurer.

Conference meets on the first Tuesday in May, and on the last Tuesday in September.

#### 16. OLD COLONY. - Organized September 23, 1856.

Dartmouth, South, Middleboro Central, Roch'r, East, W. Wareham, New Bedford, Acushnet, Edgartown, Wareham, Fairhaven, North, Westport, " " Trinitar'n, West Tisbury. Marion, Rochester, First, Mattapoisett, Middleboro, First, North,

Rev. WILLIAM CARRUTHERS, Box 493, Fairhaven, scribe and treasurer.

Conference meets for a two days' session on the third Tuesday in April and the last Tuesday in October.

#### 17. PILGRIM. — Organized April 27, 1830.

Carver, North,
Duxbury,
Halifax,
Hanover, First, West,
"Second,
"Second,
"Hanson,
Kingston,
Marshfield, First,
"Hills,
Plymouth, Manomet,
Scituate.
"Scituate.

Rev. Burton A. Lucas, Marshfield, scribe, treasurer and statistical secretary.

Conference meets on the first Tuesdays in May and October.

#### 18. SUFFOLK NORTH. - Organized May 23, 1861.

Cambridge, North Av., Arlington, First, Revere, First, Heights, Port, Pilg'm, Beachmont, Boston, First, Charlest'n. Wood Mem'l. Winthrop, "Maverick, East, " Hope, Somerville, First, Chelsea, First, Broadway, " " Mount Vernon, Central, West, " " Third, Prospect Hill, Seamen's, " " Baker, East, Everett, First, Winter Hill, " Courtland St., Cambridge, First, Highlands, First Evang'l, Mystic Side, Winthrop, Union.

PHINEAS HUBBARD, Cambridge, scribe and treasurer.

W. H. HILLING, Somerville, statistical scribe.

Conference meets on the second Wednesdays in April and in October.

#### 19. SUFFOLK SOUTH. — Organized May 13, 1861.

Boston, 2d, Dorchester, Boston, Boylston, J. Plain, Dedham, Union, Immanuel, Rxby, Hyde Park, First, " " Trinity, Nepon't, Pilgrim, Dorch., " Clar'don Hills, Phillips, S. B., Village, Dorch., .. " Norwood, Quincy, Wollaston, " " Eliot, Roxbury, Highland, Rxby, " " Central, Dorch., Walnut Av., Atlantic, " Roslindale. Olivet. Park & Downs. " " St. Mark, East Walpole Harvard, Dorch., " West Roxbury, Canton, Westwood, **Islington**. Central, J. Plain,

Rev. Eugene C. Webster, Jamaica Plain, recording secretary.

E. S. Hathaway, Hyde Park, treasurer.

ROBERT H. MAGWOOD, Dorchester, statistical secretary.

Conference meets on the third Wednesdays in April and October.

#### 20. SUFFOLK WEST. - Organized November 17, 1873.

Belmont	, Waverley,	Boston, Norwegian	Newton, Auburndale,
"	Plymouth,	" Allston,	" North,
Boston.	Old South,	" Faneuil,	" Newtonville,
"	Park St.,	Brookline, Harvard,	" Highlands,
"	Berk'ley Temp	le, "Leyden,	Waltham, First,
"	Brighton,	Needham,	" Swedish,
44	Central.	Newton, First, Center,	Watertown, Phillips,
"	Shawmut.	" Second, West,	Wellesley Hills,
"	Swedish,	" Eliot,	Weston.

Rev. Henry E. Oxnard, Newton, scribe.

Rev. OLIVER D. Sewell, 50 St. Paul Street, Brookline, recording and statistical secretary.

Benjamin F. Dewing, 11 Milford Street, Boston, treasurer.

Conference meets on the second Wednesdays in April and October.

## 21. TAUNTON. — Organized October 2, 1849.

Attlebo		Second,	Freetown Lakeville		net,	Raynham Rehoboth	
Dightor			Middlebo	ro, No	rth, .	Somerset	,
Fall Ri		First.	North At			Taunton,	
"	"	Central.	4.6	4.6	Falls,	"	Trinitarian,
"	"	Fowler,	"	11 0	Trinity,	"	Winslow,
66	44	French.	Norton,			"	East,
"	"	Broadway.	Raynhan	a, First	t <b>,</b>	"	Union.

Rev. James E. Enman, Fall River, scribe. Thomas Chew, Box 460, Fall River, treasurer.

Conference meets on the last Wednesdays in May and October.

## 22. WOBURN. — Organized September 5, 1848.

Bedford,	Malden, Scandinavian,	Stoneham,
Billerica,	Medford, Mystic,	Wakefield,
Burlington,	" West,	Wilmington,
Carlisle,	" Union,	Winchester,
Lexington, Hancock,	Melrose, First,	Woburn, First,
Malden, First,	" Highlands,	" North,
" Maplewood,	North Reading,	" Scandinavian,
" Linden,	Reading,	" Montvale.

Rev. Isaac Pierson, Medford, scribe and treasurer.

Conference meets on any Tuesday in April and October, generally the last.

#### 23. WORCESTER CENTRAL. - Organized April 28, 1852.

Auburn,	Paxton,	Worcester,	Union,
Berlin,	Princeton,	"	Memorial,
Boylston,	Rutland,	"	Plymouth,
Clinton, First,	Shrewsbury,	"	Piedmont,
" German.	Sterling,	44	Swedish, 1st,
Holden,	West Boylston,	"	Pilgrim,
Leicester.	Worcester, First,	"	Park.
Oxford,	"Central,	"	Covenant,

## 23. WORCESTER CENTRAL (Continued).

Worcester, Hope, Worcester, Armenian, Worcester, Swedish, 2d, "Immanuel, "Adams Sq.

Rev. J. F. GAYLORD, Worcester, scribe and treasurer. Rev. Thomas E. Babb, Holden, statistical secretary.

Conference meets on the Tuesday following the second Monday in May and on the Tuesday following the third Monday in October.

#### WORCESTER NORTH. — Organized November 24, 1827.

Ashburnham, First,
"South,
Athol,
Gardner,
Hubbardston,
New Salem,

Orange, North,
Petersham,
Petersham,
Phillipston,
Royalston, First,
South,
Templeton, Trinitarian,
Porange, North,
Petersham,
Petersham,
Phillipston,
South,
South,
Templeton, Trinitarian,

Rev. Gustavus W. Jones, Winchendon, scribe and treasurer.

Conference meets in October and May.

#### WORCESTER SOUTH. — Organized June 17, 1828.

Blackstone, First,

" Scand., Millville,
Douglas, First,
" East,
Grafton, First,
" Saundersville,
" Saundersville,
" Saundersville,
" Sutton,
" Upton,
Uxbridge,
Webster,
Whitinsville,
Rockdale,
" Rockdale,

Rev. John R. Thurston, Whitinsville, scribe.

Amos Armsby, Millbury, treasurer.

Conference meets on the fourth Thursdays in April and October.

The following conferences assume ministerial standing Barnstable, Brookfield, Essex North, Franklin, Hampshire East, Middlesex South.

## THE ASSOCIATIONS OF MINISTERS

#### 1. Andover, Organized July 5, 1763.

Manchan	Date of	Date of	De 1
Members.	Ordination.	Membership.	Residence. Employment.
S. Winchester Adriance,	'79, May 22.	'84, Dec. 2.	Winchester. W. C.
Ernest L. Baker,	'94, Sept. 18.	'95, Feb. 26.	
Henry E. Barnes,	'62, May 26.	'94, Feb. 27.	
Ernest C. Bartlett,	'96, Mar. 12.	'96, Dec. 8.	Philadelphia. P.
E. Victor Bigelow,	'91, Sept. 24.		
John J. Blair,	74, Oct. 19.	'85, April 7.	
Park A. Bradford,	79, July 30.	'94, Sept. 25.	
Charles C. Carpenter,	'60, May 9.	'91, May 26.	
Clark Carter,	'68, Feb. 13.	'73, June 3.	
Thomas G. A. Cote,	'77, Apr. 9.	'82, April 11.	
Charles O. Day,	'77, Dec. 19.	'03, Sept. 22.	
George R. Dickinson,	'95, Oct. 9.	'96, Sept. 29.	Zanesville, O. W. C.
Sarah A. Dixon,	'97, June 16.	'97, Dec. 7.	Tyngsboro. P.
Robert W. Dunbar,	'99, Feb. 8.	'99, Feb. 28.	Haverhill. P. C.
Owen H. Gates,	'91, Sept. 1.	'03, May 16.	
Ralph Gillam,	'95, June 30.	'03, May 16.	
John M. Greene,	'57, Oct. 20.	'71, June 28.	
Edward Y. Hincks,	'70, Oct. 18.	'85, Dec. 15.	Andover. Prof.
Charles W. Huntington,	'81, Sept. 6.	'88, June 5.	Lowell. P. C.
Francis H. Johnson,	'61, Oct. 15.	'83, June 5.	Andover. W. C.
George F. Kenngott,	'90, Oct. 8.	'92, Dec. 6.	Lowell. P. C.
David Kilburn,	'84, April 20.		Alleghany, Pa. W. C.
Herbert G. Mank,	'89, Jan. 15.	'98, Dec. 6.	Lawrence. P. C.
Charles P. Marshall,	'98, July 26.	'00, Dec. 4.	Lawrence. P. C.
George E. Martin,	79, July 9.	'02, Sept. 23.	
L. K. Mavromates,	'03, June 12,	'03, Sept. 22.	
John A. McKnight,	'93, Aug. 15.	'02, Feb. 25.	Dracut. P.
Charles L. Merriam,	'82, Sept. 13.	'92, June 7.	Derry, N. H. P.
Selah Merrill,	'64, Nov. 1.	'74, Oct. 20.	Jerusalem. W. C.
Charles L. Mitchell,	'71, June 28.	'84, June 19.	Winchester. W. C.
Charles H. Oliphant,	76, July 12.	'84, Oct. 28.	Methuen. P. C.
Frederick H. Page,	'93, Nov. 23.	'96, May 26.	Lawrence. P. C.
Edward W. Pride,	'69, June 10.	'92, May 9.	Andover. W. C.
William H. Ryder,	'69, Dec. 14.	'88, Dec. 4.	Andover. Prof.
Hovhannes K. Santikian,	'97, Feb. 2.	97, Dec. 7.	Cambridgeport. M.
Frank R. Shipman,	'93, Dec. 27.	'94, June 5.	Andover. P. C.
Edwin R. Smith,	'92, Sept. 27.		Lowell. P. C.
John Phelps Taylor,	68, Nov. 12.	'04, May 24. '85, Nov. 3.	Andover. Prof.
Charles C. Torrey,			
Charles C. Torrey,	'99, May 15.	'99, May 29.	
George M. Ward,	'55, Sept. 7. '96.	'00, May 22.	Tanworth, N. H. P.
T. Clayton Welles,		'03, Dec. 1.	Aurora, N. Y. Pres. Coll.
Charles H. Willcox,	772, Oct. 25.	'02, Feb. 25.	Lowell. P. C.
Frederick A. Wilson,	'84, Nov. 6.	'84, Dec. 2.	Lawrenceville, N. J. Prof.
William E. Wolcott,	'82, Oct. 6.	'90, April 8.	Andover. P. C.
	'81, Sept. 21.	'82, Feb. 26.	
Frank E. Woodruff,	'83, Sept. 6.	'85, Nov. 3.	Brunswick, Me. Prof.
J. Herbert Yeoman,	'77, Jan. 25.	'00, Dec. 4.	Providence, R. I. P.

Licentiates. — Licensed May 16, 1903, for two years: Richard H. Clapp, Montague; Perley C. Grant, Andover: Howard A. Lincoln, Portland, Me.; Walter B. Williams, Cochituate. Licensed May 24, 1904, for two years: Arthur G. Cummings, Andover; Maurice J. Dunclee, Cornish, N. H.

 ${\tt STATED}$   ${\tt Meetings} {\leftarrow} {\tt First}$  Tuesday in December, and fourth Tuesdays in February, May and September.

Rev. Edwin R. Smith, Lowell, scribe.

2. Berkshire North (Berkshire, 1763), Organized by division, October 14, 1852.

	Date of	Date of					
Members.	Ordination.	Membership.	Residence.	Employment.			
George W. Andrews,	'82, June 7.	'84, Dec. 1.	Dalton.	P.			
T. Nelson Baker,	'97, Feb. 16.	'02, Jan. 14.	Pittsfield.	Р.			
John Bascom,	'59, Dec. 18.		Williamstown.				
Seeley Bryant,	'90, Oct. 1.	'03, Sept. 22.	Middlefield.	Ρ.			
Raymond Calkins,	'96, Oct. 19.	'98, Mar. S.	Portland, Me.	P. C.			
Edson L. Clark,	'59, Nov. 30.	'92, Mar. 8.	Dalton.	W. C.			
Silas P. Cook,	'70, Mar. 23.	'00, Nov. 22.		Co. Miss.			
William V. W. Davis,	'77, Sept. 12.			P. C.			
Thomas W. Davison,	'99, Dec. 21.	'01, Nov. 12.		Ρ.			
John H. Denison,	'70, Jan. 30.		Williamstown.				
Edward H. Griffin,	'68, Feb. 6.		Baltimore, Md				
Alpheus C. Hodges,	'81, Nov. 16.		Canaan Four C				
James H. Laird,	'64, Dec. 21.	'85, Sept. 16.		P. C.			
T. Claire Luce,	'85, Dec. 2.	'90, Dec. 2.	Richmond.	P. C.			
Alford B. Penniman,		'94, June 12.		Р.			
James C. Seagrave,	'51, Dec. 1.	'87, Dec. 6.	Hinsdale.	W. C.			
Isaac C. Smart,	'85, June 9.	'85, Sept. 16.	Pittsfield.	P. C.			
Caleb E. Smith,	<b>'</b> 04.	<b>'</b> 04.	Peru.	Ρ.			
William R. Stocking,	'71, June 20.	'01, Nov. 12.	Williamstown.	W. C.			
William L. Tenney,		'95, Dec. 20.		Sec'y.			
J. Spencer Voorhees,	'84, Sept. 7.	'04, May 9.	Adams.	P. C.			
STATED MEETINGS. — I	n March, June	e, September	and December.				
Rev. Seeley Bryant, Mi	Rev. Seeley Bryant, Middlefield, scribe and treasurer.						

Rev. Seeley Bryant, Middlefield, scribe and treasurer.

3. Berkshire South (Berkshire, 1763), Organized by division October 14, 1852.

Alfred R. Atwood,	'01, July 23.	'02, Jan. 15.	Cotuit.	P.
Leon D. Bliss,	'89, Oct. 31.	'96, Oct. 27.	Great Barringto	on. P.C.
Frelon E. Bolster,	'02, Oct. 21.	'03, May 5.	Sheffield.	
Henry M. Bowden,	'86, June 30.	'03, May 5.	South Egremon	it. P.
Walter W. Curtis,	'72, Mar. 20.	'83, Oct. 29.	West Stockbrid	ge. P.
John Dooley,		'98, April 26.		P.
Aaron W. Field,			Gilsum, N.H.	P.
Samuel Hopley,	'55, Sept. 19.	'90, Jan. 28.	Lee.	W. C.
Charles P. Ketchen,	'88, April 28.	'03, Nov. 10.	New Boston,	P.
John B. Lewis,	'95, Sept. 25.	'97, Oct. 26.	Troy, N. Y.	Ρ.
Stephen T. Livingston,	'91, July 8.	'91, Nov. 10.	Hartford, Conn.	Prof.
R. DeWitt Mallary,	'76, Oct. 12.	'80, July 12.	Housatonic.	Ρ.
Evarts W. Pond,	'95, May 2.	'97, Oct. 26.	Stoneham, Me.	Ρ.
Elbert S. Porter,	'83, Dec. 9.	'02, Feb. 4.	Stockbridge.	P. C.
Charles S. Rich,	'96, Sept. 29.	'96, Oct. 27.	Claremont, Cal.	W.C.
Lyman S. Rowland,	'64, Nov. 16.	'77, Oct. 29.		P. C.
Edward P. Seymour,	'92, Oct. 25.	'02, June 10.	Interlaken.	P.
Garrett V. Stryker,		'03, Nov. 10.		P. C.
John D. Waldron,		'02, Nov. 4.		P.
George T. Washburn,			India. A	. B. C. F. M.
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STATED MEETINGS. - Last Tuesdays in January, April, July and October.

Rev. Leon D. Bliss, Great Barrington, scribe and treasurer.

## 4. Brookfield, Organized June 22, 1757.

The Brookfield Association has ceased to report its members, having transferred that function to the Brookfield Conference, which names the following ministerial members:

Austin B. Bassett,	'87, Sept. 15.	'00, May 8.	Ware.	P. C.
Oscar Bissell,	'56, May 14.	'00, May 8.	Holland.	· W. C.
Edward B. Blanchard,	'92, June 29.			Р.
Allen A. Bronsdon,	'97, Dec. 2.	'00, May 8.	North Attleboro.	Ρ.

#### 4. Brookfield (Continued).

	Date of	Date of		
Members.	Ordination.	Membership.	Residence. 1	Employment.
Edward L. Chute,	'80, July 20.	'01, May 8.	Ware.	P.
William Clancey,			Northampton.	W.C.
Samuel B. Cooper,	'87, Jan. 19.		North Brookfiel	d. P. C.
Lee M. Dean,	'02, Oct. 16.	'03, May 6.	Westbrook, Me.	P.
Samuel Eaton,	'94, April 11.	'03, May 6.	· Brimfield.	Ρ.
Benson M. Frink,	'63, Jan. 9.	'00, May 8.	West Brookfield	l. W. C.
Sereno D. Gammell,	'68, Sept. 9.	'00. May 8.	North Brookfiel	d. W. C.
J. Howard Gaylord,	'99, Nov. 21.	'00, May S.	West Brookfield	. P. C.
John C. Hall,	'90, May 20.		Sturbridge.	Ρ.
Chauncey J. Hawkins,	'99, May 19.	'00, May 8.	Spencer.	P. C.
Silvanus Hayward,	'61, Oct. 9.	'00, May 8.	Globe Village.	P. C.
William B. Oleson,	'77, Dec. 4.	'00, May 8.	Warren.	P. C.
Harlan Page,	'83, Feb. 6.	'00, May 8.	Hardwick.	Ρ.
Henry S. Snyder,	'85, Oct. 28.	'00, May 8.	Gilbertville.	Ρ.
Frederick D. Thayer,	'01, Oct. 2.	'02, May 7.	Dudley.	P. C.

STATED MEETINGS. — Second Tuesdays in January, April, July and October. Rev. Samuel B. Cooper, North Brookfield, scribe of the Association.

Rev. Edward L. Chute, Ware, scribe of the Conference.

## Cape Cod (Barnstable, 1792; Brewster 1832; Vineyard Sound, 1836), Organized by Union, October 16, 1866.

On November 12, 1902, the responsibility for ministerial standing was transferred from the Cape Cod Association to the Barnstable Conference, which reports the following names not starred (\*).

Hohannes T. Torosyan, '99, June 1. '04, April 26. Centerville, P. Charles H. Whitney, '71, Aug. 31. '72, Jan. 16. Cambridge. W. C. William H. Woodwell, '73, June 12. '89, June 11. Hampton, Conn. P.			'94, Sept. 25. '79, Aug. 20. '73, May 21. '91, Aug. 18. '70, Dec. 8. '93, April 23. '93, May 24. '81, July 1. '97, May 25. '94, Oct. 9. '64, Sept. 23. '02, Nov. 10. '51, Oct. 22. '78, Aug. 1. '98, May 18. '94, May 9. '73, Aug. 8. '62, Aug. 14. '87, Sept. 15. '80, Nov. 30. '99, June 1. '71, Aug. 31.	'97, Aug. 4. '01, Oct. 22. '04, April 26. '04, April 26. '00, May 6. '03, Jan. 20. '00, Oct. 23. '97, Oct. 19. '03, Jan. 15. '03, Jan. 20. '02, Jan. 15. '03, Jan. 20. '02, Jan. 27. '01, Jan. 15. '94, July 17. '79, Jan. 28. '96, Aug. 4. '01, April 16. '81, Jan. 25. '04, April 26. '72, Jan. 16.	Hatchville. Chatham. Sandwich. Provincetown. Upton. Yarmouth. Wells, Me. Tacoma, Wash. Hyannis. C. Tuftonboro, N. H. Wellfleet. Centerville. Harwichport. Falmouth. East Orleans. Exeter, N. H. Ossipee Center, N. H. Truro. Boston. Centerville, Cambridge.	P. W. C. P. W. C. P. W. C. P. W. C.
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Stated Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in January, April, July and October. George H. Ewing, Yarmouth, scribe.

John H. Quint, Falmouth, scribe of the Conference.

## 6. Essex North, Organized September 6, 1761.

Ministerial standing has been transferred to the Essex North Conference, which reports the following names not starred (\*).

	Date of	Date of		
Members.	Ordination.	Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Frank G. Alger,	'86, July 22.	'98, Dec. 20.	Newburyport.	P. C.
D. Frank Atherton,	'02, Feb. 5.	'02, April 15.	Georgetown.	P. C.
Franklin W. Barker,	'95, Nov. 3.	'03, April 21.	Amesbury.	P. C.
Edward F. Barrow,	'03, Oct. 20.	'03, April 21.	Haverhill.	P. C.
Charles L. Charron,	'98, June 22.	'00, Oct. 16.		P.
George W. Christie,	'73, Dec. 11.	'93, Feb. 21.	Ossipee, $N.H.$	P.
Calvin M. Clark,	'90, Dec. 30.	'93, Dec. 19.		P. C.
Charles Clark,	'94, Dec. 12.	'98, April 26.	Ward Hill.	P. C.
Charles F. Clarke,	'92, Dec. 7.		Mayville, N. D.	Р.
Arthur Dechman,	'98, Apr. 10.	'03, Apr. 21.		P. C.
James D. Dingwell,	'95, July 12.	'00, Dec. 18.		P. C.
Leonard Dodd,	'78, May 5.		Atkinson Depot	N.H.W.C.
John W. Dodge,	'60, Dec. 6.		Newburyport.	W.C.
James W. Flagg,	'82, Oct. 25.	'01, Oct. 22.		P. C.
David Fraser,	'95, Dec. 5.	'99, Oct. 17.		P. C.
* William M. Gay,	'63, Mar. 31.		Georgetown.	W. C.
George L. Gleason,	'66, Feb. 1.	'84, May 20.		P. C.
Charles S. Holton,	'92, Nov. 30.	'97, Dec. 21.		P. C.
Charles L. Hubbard,	'68, Sept. 2.		West Boxford.	P. C.
George H. Hubbard,	'84, Sept. 10.	'02, April 15.		P. C.
* Joseph Kimball,	'83, June 15.	'86, April 20.	Haverhill.	Р.
John D. Kingsbury,	'56, Sept. 24.		Salt Lake City.	Miss. Supt.
Herbert E. Lombard,	'96, June 23.	'03, Oct. 27.		P.C.
Warren F. Low,	'94, Sept. 2.		Georgetown.	P. C.
* George P. Merrill,	'00, Oct. 3.		Newburyport.	P.
Vincent Moses,	'87, Oct. 2.	'92, Dec. 20.		W. C.
Edward H. Newcomb.	'97, Nov. 26.		Newburyport.	P. C.
Manasseh G. Papazian,	'90, May 28.	'90, Oct. 21.		Prof.
George H. Scott,	'73, Sept. 8.		Atkinson, N. H	. P.
Elmer E. Shoemaker,	'94, Feb. 27.	'01, April 16.		W. C.
Everett S. Stackpole,	'82, April 30.	'01, Dec. 17.		P. C.
George L. Todd,	'87, April 13.		Havana, Cuba.	Teacher.
David C. Torrey,	'92, June 1.	'92, Dec. 20.		W.C.
Bartlett H. Weston,	'91, Oct. 1.		West Newbury	
James S. Williamson,	'90, May 15.	'01, Dec. 17.		P. C.
Richard Wright,	'90, Nov. 4.		Newburyport.	P. C.
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STATED MEETINGS. - Third Tuesdays in February, April, June, October and December.

Rev. David Fraser, Rowley, scribe. Rev. David C. Torrey, R. F. D. Rowley, scribe of the Conference.

## 7. Franklin, Organized September 20, 1803.

Edgar F. Blanchard,	'94, Nov. 15.	'96, Feb. 11.	East Poultney, Vt.	P.
Edward P. Butler,	'74, Oct. 20.	'90, June 12.	Sunderland.	P. C.
John B. Carruthers,	'83, June 12.	'04, Feb. 9.	South Deerfield.	Ρ.
Lewis S. Chapin,		'03, Sept. 8.	East Northfield.	Evan.
Levi H. Cobb,		'03, Nov. 10.	Conway.	W.C.
Christopher W. Collier,	'94, Jan. 3.	'99, Nov. 14.	Orange.	P. C.
George L. Dickinson,	'76, Sept. 20.	'92, April 11.	East Northfield.	W.C.
William H. Dowden,	'63, Nov. 5.	'01, Feb. 12.	Hanover.	W.C.
Joseph A. Goodrich,	'96, Sept. 9.	'96, Sept. 15.	Shelburne.	Ρ.
Edward D. Gaylord,	'02, June 18.	'03, Feb. 10.	Charlemont.	P. C.
Eber W. Gaylord,	'73, May 13.	03, May 12.	Plainfield.	Ρ.

## 7. Franklin (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. Em	plovment
Horace F. Hallett,		'99, Nov. 14.		Р.
William Harris,			Woods Holl.	Ρ.
John A. Hawley,	'98, Sept. 14.	'03, Feb. 10.	Shelburne Falls.	P.
Edward C. Hayes,	'03, Feb. 26.	'04, May 10.	Montague.	Ρ.
Dorr A. Hudson,	'91, Sept. 9.	'94, May 8.	North Chelmsford	. P.
Eugene F. Hunt,	'84, Nov. 18.	'96, Sept. 15.	Conway.	Ρ.
Thomas C. Kinne,	75, June 28.	'93, Dec. 12.	Montague.	W. C.
Charles W. Merriam,	'01, June 25.	'04, May 10,	Greenfield,	P. C.
Frank N. Merriam,	'92, Feb. 24.	'98, Sept. 13.	Turners Falls.	P. C.
Horace E. Morrow,	'86, May 11.	'00, May 8.	Philippine I.	Teacher.
Albert H. Plumb, Jr.,	'99, May 11.	'03, Sept. 8.	Gill.	Ρ.
John A. Pogue,	'96, Jan. 28.	'96, May 12.	Erving.	W. C.
Martin L. Richardson,	'61, Mar. 7.	'98, Nov. 8.	Montague.	W. C.
Thomas S. Robie,	'59, Oct. 25.	'99, Sept. 12.	Greenland, N.H.	W. C.
Edward A. Robinson,	'83, July 11.	'98, Sept. 13.	Buckland.	Ρ.
C. Ingerson Scofield,	'83, Oct. 18.	'00, May 8.	Dallas, Tex.	Ρ.
N. Fay Smith,	'95, July 25.	'03, May 12.	East Northfield.	Ρ.
Carey H. Watson,	'91, Dec. 30.	'93, July 5.	Greenfield.	P.
Lyman Whiting,	'43, Jan. 11.		East Charlemont.	Ρ.

Licentiate. — Arthur L. Truesdell, Wendell, licensed February 10, 1903, for one year.

STATED MEETINGS.—Annual, second Tuesday in May. Other meetings, second Tuesdays in September, November and February.

Rev. Frank N. Merriam, Turners Falls, scribe.

 Hampden, Organized February 13, 1894, by the union of Hampden West and East, which were formed June 11 and 12, 1844.

Henry L. Bailey,	'89, Aug. 13.	'02, Feb. 11.	Longmeadow.	P. C.
William G. Ballantine,	'80, Aug. 20.	'00, Feb. 13.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Charles B. Bliss,	'03, Oct. 2.	'04, Feb. 9.	Hampden.	& P. C.
Henry J. Bruce,	'62, Sept. 11.	'62, Nov. 11.	Satara, India.	A.B.C.F.M.
Collins G. Burnham,	'79, Dec. 10.	'89, May 14.	Chicopee.	P. C.
Edmund A. Burnham,	'00, Nov. 23.	'01, April 9.	Stafford Springs	, Conn. P. C.
Hanford M. Burr,	'88, Oct. 24.	'90, May 13.	Springfield.	
Frank E. Butler,	'87, June 22.	'04, Feb. 9.	South Hadley F	alls. P. C.
Luther H. Cone,	'55, April 5.	'60, Feb. 7.	New Haven, Con	
William N. DeBerry,	'99, June 28.	'01, July 9.	Springfield.	P. C.
Vernon H. Deming,	'98, July 26.	'01, April 9.	North Wilbraha	
Henry A. Dickinson,	'63, Oct. 16.	'68, Feb. 11.	Huntington.	W. C.
Everett D. Francis,	'95, Nov. 20.	'97, Feb. 9.	Ludlow.	P. C.
Frank L. Garfield,	'93, Feb. 21.		Castleton, Vt.	P.
Charles H. Gates,	'51, Nov. 14.	'03, April 14.		W. C.
Louis F. Giroux,	'89, April 17.	'89, Nov. 12.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Frank L. Goodspeed,	'87, June 29.	'95, April 9.	Springfield.	P. C.
Edwin H. Hadlock,	'93, April 23.		Springfield.	W. C.
Newton M. Hall,	'91, July 8.	'00, Feb. 13.	Springfield.	P. C.
Franklin S. Hatch,		'89, Feb. 12.	Madras, India.	Y.P.S.C.E.
Theron H. Hawks,	'55, Mar. 5.	'88, July 10.	Springfield.	W. C.
Timothy A. Hazen,	'54, Oct. 11.	'95, Feb. 12.		W. C.
Martin S. Howard,	'56, Nov. 20.	'69, Feb. 2.	Wilbraham.	P. C.
David L. Kebbe,	'91, June 17.	'91, July 14.	Greenwich.	P.
John L. Kilbon,	'89, June 28.	'03, Nov. 10.	Springfield.	P. C.
Charles H. Kinney,		'02, Nov. 11.		W. C.
Samuel H. Lee,	'62, Sept. 17.			Pres. Coll.
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## 8. Hampden (Continued).

	Date of	Date of		
Members.	Ordination.	Membership.	Residence. E	mployment.
John H. Lockwood,	'71, Nov. 5.	'79, Nov. 11.	Westfield.	P. C.
George W. Love,	'90, April 20.	'01, April 9.	West Springfield	
Wilford E. Mann,	'94, June 13.	'03, Nov. 10.	Indian Orchard.	Ρ.
Thomas D. McLean,	'93, June 15.	'02, April 8.	Springfield.	W. C.
Henry C. Meserve,	'94, Mar. 14.	'94, Nov. 13.	Danbury, Conn.	Ρ.
Philip S. Moxom,	'71, Sept. 19.	'96, Feb. 11.	Springfield.	P. C.
Howard Mudie,	'93, Mar. 31.	'03, April 14.	Springfield.	Ρ.
George J. Newton,	'97, July 22.	'02, July 8.	Riverhead, $N.Y.$	
Charles Olmstead,	'83, Sept. 27.	'99, July 11.	Three Rivers.	Ρ.
Charles Pease,	'96, Oct. 20.	'97, Nov. 9.	Long Beach, Cal.	
Hervey G. Pillsbury,	'82, Sept. 28.	'95, July 9.	Chicopee Falls.	P. C.
M. Oakman Patton,	'94, May 20.	'04, July 12.	_	
D. Butler Pratt,	'89, Sept. 25.	'01, April 9.	Springfield.	P. C.
N. Miller Pratt,	'96, Nov. 15.	'02, July 8.	Monson.	P. C.
David A. Reed,	'81, June 7.	'81, June 12.	Springfield. P	res. S.C.W.
Edward A. Reed,	'71, June 14.	'88, Feb. 14.	Holyoke.	P. C.
Walter Rice,	'65, July 25.	'92, Nov. 7.	Agawam.	P. C.
Edwin B. Robinson,	'98, Nov. 21.	'02, July 8.	Holyoke.	Ρ.
George G. Ross,	'02, Oct. 29.	'03, Feb. 10.	Old Orchard, Me	
Alpheus M. Spangler,	'88, June 22.	'88, Nov. 13.	Mittineague.	P. C.
Franklin M. Sprague,	'75, Sept. 22.	'82, May 9.	$Tampa, \bar{F}la.$	Ρ.
Thomas S. St. Aubin,	'93, Oct. 1.	'98, Feb. 8.	Springfield.	P. C.
Frederick C. Taylor,	'91.	'04, Feb. 9.	Thorndike.	P.
John L. R. Trask,	'67, Dec. 4.	'95, Feb. 12.	Springfield.	W. C.
Rufus S. Underwood,	'67, Nov. 19.	'98, Feb. 8.	Longmeadow.	Evan.
William S. Walker,	'91, Oct. 26.	'03, Feb. 10.	Chester,	W. C.
William M. Weeks,	'81, April 7.	'02, July 8.	Andover, Conn.	Ρ.
Josiah G. Willis,	'76, Oct. 10.	'88, Nov. 13.		P.
George W. Winch,	'75, Oct. 6.	'91, Nov. 10.	Holyoke.	P. C.
Sumner G. Wood,	'80, Dec. 30.	'02, July 8.	Blandford.	P. C.
Herbert P. Woodin,	'92, June 26.	'99, Feb. 21.		Ρ.
Samuel H. Woodrow,	'88, Aug. 30.	'99, April 11.	Springfield.	P. C.

Licentiate. — James C. Greenough, Westfield, re-licensed  $\,$  July 9, 1901, for four years.

STATED MEETINGS. — In Springfield, second Tuesdays in February, April, July and November.

Rev. Collins G. Burnham, Clucopee, scribe.

#### 9. Hampshire, Organized before 1735.

Melvin J. Allen, John Elliot Bowman,	'82, Nov. 8. '95, Feb. 14.	'01, Feb. 12.	Worthington. Chelsea.	P. W. C.
Francis H. Boynton,	'64, Oct. 20.		Florence.	w.c.
George H. Buck,	'94, July 5.		Crown Point, N.	Y. P.
Willis H. Butler,	'98, Nov. 21.	'03, Dec. 8.	Northampton.	P. C.
Solomon Clark,	'41, June 13.	'61, Aug. 6.	Chicago, Ill.	W.C.
Elisha G. Cobb,	'60, June 20.	'67, Feb. 5.	Northampton.	P. C. Em.
John Cowan,	'75, May 25.	'98, Feb. 8.	Southampton.	Ρ.
Charles H. Hamlin,	'76, Sept. 19.	'85, Oct. 27.	Easthampton.	P. C.
Calvin Keyser,	'75, Dec. 28.	'99, Feb. 21.	Goshen.	P. C.
Gerald Stanley Lee,	'88, Oct. 23.	'02, Dec. 16.	Northampton.	W. C.
Sanford S. Martyn,	'68, April 29.	'02, June 3.	Haydenville.	P.
Wm. J. Parmelee, M.D.,	'84, Feb. 26.	'92, Feb. 2.	Worthington.	W. C.
John Pierpont,	'88, July 26.	'98, June 7.	Williamsburg.	P. C.
Harvey Porter,	'80, Aug. 3.	'80, June 1.	Beirut, Syria.	Prof. Coll.
W. Stanley Post,	'93, Dec. 12.	'01, June 4.	Westhampton.	Р.
Henry T. Rose,	'70, May 29.	'95, Feb. 5.	Northampton.	P. C.
Joseph H. Sawyer,	'88, Sept. 3.	'80, June 1.	Easthampton.	Prof.
L. Clark Seelye,	'63, Jan. 20.	75, Feb. 2.	Northampton.	Pres. Coll.

#### 9. Hampshire (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Henry P. Smith,	'75, June 8.	'99, Feb. 21.		P.
Hanson E. Thygeson,	'87, Nov. 2.	'95, Oct. 29.	Chesterfield.	P.
Henry M. Tyler,	'72, May 6.	'84, Feb. 12.	Northampton.	Prof.
George N. Webber,	'55, Dec. 5.	'90, Oct. 28.	Northampton.	W.C.
Ralph H. White,			Cummington.	P. C.
Irving F. Wood,	'94, Mar. 6.	'96, June 2.	Northampton.	Prof. Coll.

STATED MEETINGS.—Second Tuesday in February, first Tuesday in June, fourth Tuesday of September and second Tuesday of December.

Rev. Elisha G. Cobb, Northampton, scribe.

#### 10. Hampshire East, Organized November 16, 1841.

James B. Adkins,	'88, Nov. 8.	'01 June 4	Belchertown. P.
J. Cowles Andrus,	'83, June 26.		Enfield. P.
Robert C. Bell,	'69, Nov. 3.	'92, Dec. 6.	Granby. P.
Daniel Bliss,	'55, Oct. 31.	'74, Sept. 22.	
Eugene C. Brown,	'00, May 5.	'04. Feb. 2.	Amherst. W. C.
Edward P. Crowell,	Licentiate.	'65, Sept. 19.	
William E. Dickinson,	'60, Dec. 19.	'97, Feb. 3.	Amherst. W. C.
Levi H. Elwell,	Licentiate.	'80, Dec. 2.	Amherst. Prof.
Thomas A. Emerson,	'69, Nov. 25.		Hadley. P.
Henry Fairbank,	'86, May 27.	'85, May 26.	Ahmednagar, India. F. M.
George E. Fisher,	'50, Feb. 27.	'67, Dec. 17.	North Amherst. W. C.
John F. Gleason,	73, Jan. 7.	'95, May 28.	South Amherst. P.
Frank J. Grimes,	75, June 2.	'03, June 2.	South Hadley. W. C.
Edwin A. Grosvenor,	72, July 30.	'96, Feb. 4.	Amherst. Prof. Coll.
William D. Herrick,	'60, Jan. 18.	'84, Sept. 16.	
Edward E. Keedy,	'94, Oct. 16.	'94, Dec. 4.	Cumberland Mills, Me. P.
John W. Lane,	'60, Oct. 16.	'61, Jan. 9.	North Hadley. P. C.
John P. Manwell,	'96, Sept. 9.	'02, Dec. 2.	North Amherst. P.
Henry R. McCartney,	'87, June 25.		Goffstown, N. H. P.
Arthur B. Patten,	'94, Feb. 1.	'97, Dec. 7.	South Hadley. P. C.
Lawrence Perry,	'94, May 10.	'96, May 26.	W. Wareham. P.
Richard Scoles,	'80, April 21.		Leverett, P.
William E. Strong,	'85, July 15.		Amherst. P. C.
Charles S. Walker,	'71, Aug. 1.	'81, Sept. 20.	
Robert M. Woods,	'77, Nov. 21.		Hatfield. P. C.
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Licentiates. — Edward P. Crowell, Amherst, re-licensed September 17, 1901; William L. Montague, Amherst, re-licensed February 3, 1903; Levi H. Elwell, Amherst, re-licensed December 4, 1900; Alfred J. Sadler, licensed March 15, 1904.

Term of licensure is four years.

STATED MEETINGS. — First Tuesdays in February, June and December, and third Tuesday of September.

Rev. George E. Fisher, North Amherst, scribe.

#### 11. Mendon, Organized November 8, 1751.

John F. Crosby.	'92, Mar. 30.	'94, Dec. 4.	Dover, N. H.	W. C.
Robert W. Drawbridge,		'00, Nov. 21.		P. C.
Nathan T. Dyer,	'78, July 31.	'90, Dec. 9.	Ashburnham.	Р.
Edward Evans,	'75, Sept. 1.	'01, Sept 30.	Foxboro.	Р.
Rufus K. Harlow,	'68, Oct. 15.	'72, June 11.	Medway.	P. C. Em.
George R. Hewitt,	'86, June 4.	'03, Feb. 11.	West Medway.	Р.
Edward C. Hood,	'74, May 8.	'96, Dec. 1.	Wellesley Hills.	W. C.

## 11. Mendon (Continued).

Date of	Date of		
Ordination.	Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
'63, Feb. 4.	'96, April 7.	Norfolk.	W. C.
'94, Aug. 28.	'01, April 2.	Walpole.	P. C.
'01, Oct. 4.	'01, Nov. 19.	Mansfield.	P. C.
'76, Mar. 26.	'82, Mar. 14.	Boston.	Sec'y. P.
'96, June 10.	'99, Oct. 10.	Tewksbury.	Ρ.
'61, April 1.	'86, Sept. 21.	Norfolk.	W. C.
'70, Feb. 4.	'98, April 5.	Medfield.	P.
'53, Sept. 14.	'53, Oct. 11.	Andover.	Libr'n.
'87, Oct. 16.	'03, Dec. 1.	Wrentham,	P. C.
'71, June 10.	'02, Oct. 7.	Milford.	· P. C.
'88, July 3.	'94, Mar. 13.	Pepperell.	P.
		South Walpole	. W. C.
	Ordination. '63, Feb. 4. '94, Aug. 28. '01, Oct. 4. '76, Mar. 26. '96, June 10. '61, April 1. '70, Feb. 4. '53, Sept. 14. '87, Oct. 16. '71, June 10. '88, July 3.	Ordination. Membership. '63, Feb. 4. '96, April 7. '94, Aug. 28. '01, April 2. '01, Oct. 4. '01, Nov. 19. '76, Mar. 26. '82, Mar. 14. '96, June 10. '99, Oct. 10. '61, April 1. '86, Sept. 21. '70, Feb. 4. '98, April 5. '53, Sept. 14. '53, Oct. 11. '87, Oct. 16. '03, Dec. 1. '71, June 10. '02, Oct. 7.	Ordination. Membership. Residence. '63, Feb. 4. '96, April 7. Norfolk. '94, Aug. 28. '01, April 2. Walpole. '01, Oct. 4. '01, Nov. 19. Mansfield. '76, Mar. 26. '82, Mar. 14. Boston. '96, June 10. '99, Oct. 10. Tewksbury. '61, April 1. '86, Sept. 21. Norfolk. '70, Feb. 4. '98, April 5. Medfield. '53, Sept. 14. '53, Oct. 11. Andover. '87, Oct. 16. '03, Dec. 1. Wrentham, '71, June 10. '02, Oct. 7. Milford. '88, July 3. '94, Mar. 13. Pepperell.

STATED MEETINGS. — First Tuesdays in February, April, October and December.

Rev. William M. Macnair, Mansfield, scribe.

## 12. MIDDLESEX SOUTH, Organized June 7, 1830.

Ministerial standing is transferred to the Middlesex South Conference, which reports the following names not starred (\*).

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Daniel E. Adams,	'60, Dec. 5.	'86, Dec. 7.	Wellesley Hills.	W.C.
George M. Adams,	'51, Sept. 18.	'73, Sept. 9.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Arthur J. Benedict,	75, May 25.	'01, Dec. 3.	Tombstone, Ariz.	P. P.
James S. Berry, Edward E. Bradley,	'98, May 25. '93, June 20.	'04, Apr. 12.	South Natick.	P. C.
Merle A. Breed,	'93, Nov. 21.	'94, Dec. 4. '97, May 4.	Lincoln.	W. C.
S. Ingersoll Briant,	68, April 22.		Weymouth. Westboro.	W. C.
Charles S. Brooks,	'69, Sept. 15.		Wellesley.	W. C.
*Edward H. Chandler,	'92, Nov. 9.	'97, Sept. 21.		Sec'y.
Daniel W. Clark,	'82, June 22.		Ashland.	W. C.
Charles H. Daniels,	73, Nov. 20.		So. Framingham.	P. C.
Ernest C. Davis,	'94, Dec. 5.	'04, April 12.		P.
Edmund Dowse,	'38, Oct. 10.	'39, Feb. 5.	Sherborn.	P. G.
Horace Dutton,	'68, Jan. 21.		Auburndale.	W. C.
Lucius R. Eastman,	'62, May 1.	71, Dec. 2.	Framingham.	P. C.
Frederick E. Emrich,	'75, Sept. 16.		Boston, Sec. M.	H.M.S.
Prescott Fay,	'56, Feb. 27.	'96, Feb. 4.		W. C.
Lincoln B. Goodrich,	'93, June 29.	'97, Sept. 21.		P. C.
Robert F. Gordon,	'76, May 12.	'90, Feb. 4.	Boston.	P.
* Lewis W. Hicks,	'71, Sept. 10.		Wellesley.	W.C.
Thomas C. Jackson,	'82, Aug. 15.		Ironton, Ohio.	W. C.
James B. King,	'84, July 9.	'99, Sept. 19.		W.C.
*George W. Lawrence,	'88, Feb. 14.	'99, Sept. 19.	Willsboro, N. Y.	P.
William E. Locke,	'68, Mar. 15.		Wellesley.	W. C.
Martin F. Mevis,	'93, Sept. 18.	'94, May 1.	Southboro.	P.
Francis N. Peloubet,	'57, Dec. 2.	'72, Feb. 6.	Auburndale.	Editor.
William G. Puddefoot,	'88, Jan. 29.	'98, Dec. 6.	South Framingham.	Sec'y
Almon J. Rackliffe,	'82, June 11.	'00, Sept. 18.	Hudson.	W. Č.
Arden M. Rockwood,	'99, Sept. 5.		Portland, Ore.	P.
William W. Sleeper,	'82, Aug. 31.	'02, Dec. 2.	Wellesley.	P. C.
Albert D. Smith,	'88, Oct. 4.	'97, Feb. 2.		P. C.
Frederic E. Sturgis,	'68, Oct. 1.	'86, May 6.	Natick.	W. C.
Telesphore Taisne,	'02, Nov. 25.		Auburn, Me.	P.
Arthur Titcomb,	'88, Oct. 31.	'00, Feb. 6.	$W.\ Stewartstown, N.$	н. Р.

## 12. MIDDLESEX SOUTH (Continued).

Members.	Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence. Emple	yment.
* William H. Tower, Benjamin C. Wood, Webster Woodbury,	'97, May 19. '94, July. '68, Sept. 29.	'97, May 2.	South Framingham. Rochester, N. Y. South Framingham.	W. C. W. C.

STATED MEETINGS.—First Tuesdays in February, May and December; third Tuesday in September.

Rev. Daniel E. Adams, Wellesley Hills, scribe.

Rev. Albert D. Smith, Northboro, scribe of the Conference.

## 13. Middlesex Union, Organized January, 1827.

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Herbert W. Boyd,	'86, Nov. 5.	'98, Nov. 15.	Ashby.	P. C.
Walter W. Campbell,	'90, Nov. 12.	'90, Nov. 18.		W. C.
William O. Conrad,	'90, June 8.	'98, May 24.		P. C.
A. Frederic Dunnels,	'84, Oct. 2.	'01, Jan. 15.	Fitchburg.	P.C.
Amelia A. Frost,	'94, Feb. 14.	'94, Nov. 20.		W.C.
Henry H. Gay,	'89, April 16.			W. C.
Andrew Groop,	'91, July 2.	'02, Sept. 22.		P.
Edward L. Gulick,	'89, Dec. 3.		. Lawrenceville, N.J.	
John C. Handy,	'96, April 7.		Pittsfield, Ill.	P.
Henry M. Holmes,	'65, May 10.		Provincetown.	W.C.
George M. Howe,	'74, July 8.	'02, Mar. 18.		P. C.
Alfred S. Hudson,	'67, Dec. 19.	'84, Dec. 30.		Ρ.
John E. B. Jewett,	'51, Sept. 10.	'61, May 7.		W. C.
Fritz W. Martini,	'97, May 14.	'00, Nov. 20.		P. C.
William C. Martyn,	'98, Nov. 29.	'99, Mar. 21.	West Acton.	P. C.
Thomas M. Miles,	'70, Nov. 10.	'03, Nov. 17.		P.
Jason G. Miller,	'99, Sept. 12.			P. C.
Joel D. Miller,	'66, April.	71, July 5.	Leominster.	Editor.
Frank E. Mills,	'78, Nov. 13.			W. C.
Albert F. Newton,	'77, Sept. 5.		North Leominster.	P.
Horace Parker,	'61, May 31.		West Tisbury.	W.C.
Elijah H. Roper,	'97, Oct. 27.	'98, Jan. 17.		Miss'y.
Charles H. Rowley,	'81, Feb. 23.	'86, Mar. 2.	Harwich.	Ď.
Edward G. Smith,	'71, April 13.	'02, Mar. 18.		W. C.
Wayland Spaulding,	'84, May 21.	'03, Jan. 20.	Aver.	P.
George A. Tewksbury,	'63, Dec. 21.	'95, Sept. 17.		P.
Nathan Thompson,	'65, Sept. 13.	'77, Sept. 4.	Laurel, Md.	W.C.
Ole O. Thorpe,	'94, Mar. 1.	'96, Jan. 21.	Concord.	W. C.
J. Brainerd Thrall,	'78, Dec. 8.		Sioux Falls, S. D.	P.
Joseph Torrey,	'60, May 30.	'94, Jan. 16.		Ρ.
Charles H. Washburn,	'85, Dec. 2.	'99, Nov. 21.		Ρ.
Benjamin A. Willmott,	'96, July 1.	'01, Jan. 15.		Ρ.
Franklin P. Wood,	'71, July 24.	73, May 6.		W. C.
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 ${\tt Stated}$  Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in January, March, May, September and November.

Rev. William J. Batt, Concord Junction, scribe and treasurer.

#### 14. Norfolk, Organized May 11, 1811.

Fred. H. Allen,	'74, April 26.	'02, April 15.	Somerville.	W.C.
Henry Clay Alvord,	'79, Sept. 10.	'87, Feb. 15.	South Weymouth.	P. C.
Augustus L. Anderson,	'86, June 28.	'03, June 30.	Brockton.	W.C.
Edward Anderson,	'58, Oct. 13.	'98, Dec. 20.	Quincy.	Ρ.
Andrew W. Archibald,	'76, Aug. 24.	'91, June 15.	Brockton.	P. C.
Lewis P. Atwood,	'55, April 12.	'02, Oct. 28.	South Weymouth.	W. C.

## 14. Norfolk (Continued).

	Date of	Date of		
Members.	Ordination.	Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Leon H. Austin,	'01, Oct. 23.	'02, April 15.	Quincy.	P. C.
George Benedict,	'83, Oct. 9.	'98, Dec. 20.	North Abington	. P.
Henry E. Bray,	'89, Jan. 30.	'99, Dec. 19.	Stoughton.	W. C.
Frederick W. Burrows,	'90, April 30.	'02, Oct. 28.	Braintree.	Р.
Edward C. Camp,	'94, Oct. 10.	'99, April 18.	Whitman.	P. C.
Robert H. Cochrane,	'99, June 29.	'03, June 30.	Weymouth.	P. C.
Bernard Copping,	'79, Sept. 3.	'04, Feb. 16.		P. C.
William W. Dornan,	'94, Nov. 20.	'02, April 15.	Holbrook.	P.
Almon J. Dyer,	'86, June 4.	'98, Feb. 15.	Sharon.	P. C.
Edgar B. French,	'97, Sept. 7.	'03, Dec. 15.	Brockton.	Р.
Augustus H. Fuller,	'78, Oct. 17.	'95, Feb. 19.	Ballardvale.	P. C.
DeMont Goodyear,	'00, Jan. 31.	'00, April 17.	Abington.	P. C.
Edwin N. Hardy,	'90, Nov. 6.	'95, Dec. 17.	Quincy.	P. C.
Elijah Harmon,	'67, Oct. 18.	'02, April 15.	South Braintre	e. W.C.
Ralph J. Haughton,	'91, Nov. 24.	'02, Dec. 16.	Weymouth.	Ρ.
Karl F. Henrikson,	'96, Oct. 1.	'01, April 16.		Ρ.
Calvin G. Hill,	'72, Sept. 5.	'84, June 10.	Milton.	W. C.
Alan Hudson,	'92, Dec. 28.	'93, April 18.		P. C.
E. L. Hunt,	'94, Oct. 24.	'03, April 28.	Charlestown.	
Henry S. Huntington,	'66, Jan. 31.	'91, Oct. 17.		Ρ.
Robert R. Kendall,	'78, Jan. 30.		Winter Park, I	
James Lade,	'85, June 6.	'03, Apr. 28.	Bridgewater.	W. C.
John M. Lord,	'51, Dec. 21.	'93, Dec. 19.	Weymouth.	W. C.
William S. A. Miller,	'96, June 25.	'01, Dec. 17.	East Bridgewat	er. P.
Samuel Morrison,	'65, Oct. 24.	'90, Oct. 28.		W. C.
Andrew H. Mulnix,	'96, June 25.	'99, Oct. 31.	Brighton.	Р.
Edward Norton,	'64, Dec. 28.	75, Jan. 26.	Quincy.	P. Em.
Frank H. Palmer,	'80, Sept. 28.			W. C.
Frank Park,	'95, July 16.	'99, April 18.	Beechwood.	Ρ.
Albert F. Pierce,	'77, Sept. 3.	'99, April 18.	Campello.	P. C.
Charles E. Stowe,	'78, Feb. 28.	'03, April 28.	Bridgewater.	P. C.
Arthur Truslow,	'96, Sept. 30.	'99, Oct. 31.	Greenp't, $N.Y.$	Y. M. C. A.
Thomas H. Vincent,	'89, Feb. 6.	'97, Dec. 28.	North Weymou	ith. P.
Edgar C. Wheeler,	'96, Sept. 22.		Rockland.	Р.
Isaac C. White,	'50, Oct. 23.	'90, June 10.	Plymouth.	W.C.

Stated Meetings. — Last Tuesday in October, third Tuesdays in December, February and April, and second Tuesday in June.

Rev. Almon J. Dyer, Sharon, scribe and treasurer.

## 15. OLD COLONY, Organized August 18, 1810.

Harry L. Brickett, George M. Butler, George P. Byington, William Carruthers, Samuel M. Cathcart, Truman D. Childs, Frederick M. Cutler, Wendell P. Elkins, John Graham, Henry M. Grant, Charles F. Hersey, Robert Humphrey, Matthew C. Julien, Frederick B. Lyman, John A. MacColl, Benjamin W. Pennock,	'02, June 30. '68, Mar. 11. '758, June 16. '96, Dec. 1. '73, May 21. '98, June 8. '94, Oct. 18. '90, Jan. 17. '63, Nov. 17. '93, Jan. 25. '83, July 17. '72, Dec. 11. '00, Oct. 9. '83, Jan. 31. '88, June 27.	'00, Feb. 14. '92, Feb. 10, '03, Nov. 11. '02, May 14. '03, Nov. 11. '01, Nov. 20. '90, Feb. 12. '79, Oct. 22. '94, Nov. 14. '77, Feb. 10. '78, July 30. '02, Feb. 12. '00, Feb. 12. '00, May 9.	New Bedford. Winsted, Conn. Fairhaven. Middleboro. Chatham. Edgartown. Bath, N. H. West Newbury. Eau Claire, Wis. New Bedford. Mattapoisett. New Bedford. Fairhaven. New Bedford. Grafton, Vt.	P. C. W. C. W. C. C. M. P. C. P. P. P. W. C. W. C. P. P. C. P. P. P. P. C. P. P. P. C.
Robert L. Rae,	'89, Oct. 14.	'90, Feb. 12.		P. C.

#### 15. OLD COLONY (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Frank E. Ramsdell,	'91, June.	'04, Mar. 30.	New Bedford.	P.C.
Edward J. Ruliffson,	'01.	'01, Nov. 13.	West Wareham	. W. C.
Caleb L. Rotch,	'79, Oct. 9.	'00, May 9.	Jackman, Me.	Р.
George W. Stearns,	'83, Aug. 1.	'95, Nov. 13.	Middleboro.	Ρ.
John P. Trowbridge,			North Rocheste	
Charles L. Woodworth,	'89, Dec. 17.	'03, Feb. 11.	Edgartown.	W. C.

STATED MEETINGS. — Second Wednesdays in February, May and November. Rev. Frederick B. Lyman, Fairhaven, scribe.

## 16. PLYMOUTH, Organized May 18, 1858.

Haig Adadourian, Millidge T. Anderson, Ernest M. Bartlett.	'97, Nov. 3. '00, April 22. '97, Oct. 19.	'03, Dec. 15. West Hanover.	P.
John W. Brownville,		'85, Nov. 17. Waquoit.	P.
Austin S. Chase,		'93, May 8. East Hartford, Co.	onn. W. C.
Alfred DeBarritt,	'95, May 31.	'97, Nov. 16. Cienfuegos, Cuba.	P.
Fenton E. Frazee,	'97, May 12.	'02, Jan. 5. Plympton.	Ρ.
Adoniram J. Leach,	'89, April 7.	'01, May 28. Acton.	W. C.
Burton A. Lucas,	'97, Sept. 15.	'02, Mar. 18. Marshfield.	Ρ.
Henry B. Mason,	'92, June 28.	'00, Nov. 20. Duxbury.	Ρ.
Frederic W. Manning,	'91, Dec. 31.	'92, Aug. 16. Nantucket.	Ρ.
Francis Moon,	'80, July 2.	'89, Nov. 19. Chiltonville.	W.C.
Frederick B. Noyes,	'90, Oct. 28.	'00, Sept. 25. Plymouth.	Ρ.
Roland D. Sawyer,	'00, Mar. 13.	'02, Mar. 18. Hanson.	P.
Oscar F. Stetson,	'02, May 14.	'01, May 28. North Carver.	P. C.
John Wild,	'92, April 20,	'92, Aug. 16. Medford.	Р.
George W. Wright,	777, Dec. 5.	'93, Nov. 21. Boston.	W.C.

Licentiate. — James I. Thomas, Halifax, license renewed on May 8, 1893, without limit of time.

STATED MEETINGS. — Third Tuesdays in March, May, October and December. Rev. Haig Adadourian, Manomet, scribe and treasurer.

# 17. Salem, Organized by Union, December 1, 1885 (Essex South, September 3, 1717; Salem, October 15, 1840).

Harry C. Adams,	'89, Oct. 22.	'98, Jan. 11.	Danvers.	P.C.
Israel Ainsworth,		'89, May 14.		P. C.
William P. Alcott,	'68, Feb. 18.	'81, Sept. 13.	Boxford (Linebrook).	P. C.
Walter H. Ashley,		'98, Nov. 8.		P.
Emery L. Bradford.	'92, July 1.	'94, Jan. 9.	East Weymouth.	P. C.
James F. Brodie,		'89, Nov. 12.		P.C.
Edwin H. Byington,	'87, May 26.	'00, Nov. 13.	Beverly.	P. C.
DeWitt S. Clark,	'68, Nov. 11.	'79, June 2.	Salem.	P. C.
Edward Constant,	'83, Aug. 30.	'92, Mar. 8.	Ipswich.	Ρ.
Arthur J. Covell,	'90, Oct. 21.	'98, Nov. 8.	Lynn.	P. C.
Daniel L. Crafts,	'76, July 19.	'99, Mar. 14.	Stratham, N. H.	Ρ.
Temple Cutler,	'61, Feb. 20.	'86, Sept. 26.	Ipswich.	W. C.
Hugh Elder,	'68, Jan. 29.	'68, April 7.	Fowes, $Scotland$ .	Ρ.
Edward C. Ewing,	'63, Nov. 5.	'83, Nov. 1.	Roxbury.	W. C.
George E. Freeman,	'58, Oct. 6.	'96, Mar. 10.	Belmont.	W. C.
Leslie C. Greeley,	'98, Dec. 20.	'99, Sept. 12.	Middleton.	Ρ.
George A. Hall,	'86, April 13.	'86, Dec. 1.	Peabody.	P. C.
Owen E. Hardy,	'94, Oct. 2.	'00, Mar. 13.	West Peabody.	Ρ.
Chauncey J. Hawkins,	'99, May 19.	'00, Sept. 11.		P. C.

## 17. SALEM (Continued).

	Date of	Date of		
Members.	Ordination.	Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Rufus P. Hibbard,	'68, Aug. 4.	'88, Sept. 11.	Gloucester.	P. C.
George A. Jackson,	'72, Sept. 26.	79, Jan. 14.	Swampscott.	W.C.
John A. Johnson,	'92, Aug. 6.	'95, Mar. 12.	Lynn.	P. C.
Frederic I. Kelley,	'89, Dec. 30.	'90, Mar. 11.	Dracut.	P. C.
John C. Labaree,	'63, Feb. 4.	'96, Nov. 10.	Saugus.	Ρ.
Edward A. Lathrop,	'95, Nov. 26.	'01, Sept. 10.	Essex.	Р.
Frank A. Lindholm,	'98, Oct. 6.	'00, Jan. 9.	Lowell.	Р.
Carl A. Lundgren,	'93, Aug. 17.	'94, May 9.	Joliet, Ill.	W.C.
Albert W. Moore,	73, Jan. 22.	'84, Mar. 11.		W. C.
Jesse G. Nichols,	'94, Sept. 13.	'95, Jan. 8.	Hamilton.	P. C.
George W. Osgood,	'78, Jan. 26.	'96, May 26.	Milltown, N. B	
Albert B. Peabody,	'60, May 24.	'98, Nov. 8.	East Boxford.	W. C.
Aaron Porter,	'60, Nov. 20.	'88, Sept. 11.	Salem.	W.C.
Frank H. Reed,	86, June 24.	'86, Dec. 1.	Lanesville.	P. C.
William E. Renshaw,	'84, June 14.	'01, Nov. 12.	Lynnfield.	P.
Charles B. Rice,	'59, Dec. 7.	'64, May 1.	Danvers.	Sec'y.
Edward F. Sanderson,	'99, June 27.	'99, Mar. 14.	Providence, $R$ .	I. P. C.
Jotham B. Sewall,	'55, Feb. 28.	'95, Mar. 12.	Boston.	W. C.
Lewis J. Thomas,	'78, June 18.	'98, Sept. 13.	South Peabody	r. P.
Morris H. Turk,	'98, Sept. 22.	'00, Jan. 9.	South Natick.	Р.
Arthur N. Ward,	'79, Feb. 25.	'92, Jan. 12.	Somerville.	W. C.
T. Frank Waters,	'76, Oct. 23.	79, Feb. 4.	Ipswich.	P. C.
Charles C. Watson,	'67, July 2.	'94, Jan. 9.	Lynn.	W. C.
Charles F. Weeden,	'87, April 4.	'02, Jan. 14.	Lynn.	P. C.
Will C. Wood,	'68, Oct. 15.	'69, Jan. 12.	Boston.	W. C.
Nicholas Van der Pyl,	'93, Sept. 13.	'04, Mar. 8.	Marblehead.	P. C.
Edmund M. Wylie,	'01, June 20.	'01, Nov. 12.	North Beverly	. P. C.

STATED MEETINGS. — Second Tuesdays in January, March, May, September and November.

Rev. T. Frank Waters, Ipswich, scribe.

## 18. Suffolk North, Organized July 2, 1822.

Asher Anderson,	73, July 15.			
Milan C. Ayres,	74, May 30.	'85, Feb. 15.		Editor.
Charles E. Beals,	'94, April 8.	'04, Mar. 5.		P.C.
Reuben A. Beard,	'79, Sept. 10.	'98, Jan. 25.	Cambridge.	Sec'y
Joseph P. Bixby,	'62, April 30.	'79, Sept. 16.	Revere.	W.C.
Howard A. Bridgman,	'90, Nov. 19.	'87, Dec. 13.	Brookline.	Editor.
G. Wolcott Brooks,	'77, Oct. 10.	'85, April 21.		P.
Samuel C. Bushnell,		'90, May 28.	Arlington.	P. C.
C. F. Hill Crathern,	'86, Sept. 1.		Braintree.	P.
George Darling,	'50, July 12.		Cambridge.	W. C.
William C. Detling,	'97, Mar. 3.	95, Oct. 30.		W.C.
	69, June 15.		Cambridge.	W. C.
M. Angelo Dougherty,		'87, June 7.		
Walter S. Eaton,	'91, April 26.	'94, Feb. 7.		
Daniel Evans,	'91, May 26.	'00, Jan. 30.	North Cambridge	
Oren D. Fisher,	'75, Sept. 28.		Wolfeboro, N.H.	. P.
William B. Forbush,	'92, Feb. 17.	'98, Sept. 27.	Charlestown.	P. C.
James J. Goodacre,	'97, Feb. 24.	'02, Jan. 28.	Winthrop.	P. C.
George H. Gutterson,	'78, Dec. 3.	'95, June 10.	Winchester. Sec'y	A. M. A.
Samuel E. Herrick,	'63, Oct. 13.	'65, Feb. 21.	Boston.	P.C.
John A. Higgons,	'97, July 17.	'04, May 31.		P. C.
John V. Hilton,	'60, July.		Boulder, Colo.	W. C.
Ross C. Houghton,		'95, June 10.		Sec'y.
Frank H. Kasson,				Editor.
		'83, Sept. 18.		P. C.
Horace H. Leavitt,	75, June 19.	'95, Feb. 6.	Somervine.	1.0.

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Members.	Ordination.	Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Duncan MacDermid,	'86, Oct. 28.	'93, Feb. 8.	Boston.	W. C.
Robert A. MacFadden,	'96, June 16.	'98, Sept. 27.	Danvers.	P.C.
Alexander McKenzie,	'61, Aug. 28.	'67, April 16.		P. C.
Peter MacQueen,	'91, May 8.	'93, Oct. 4.	Charlestown.	P.
Edward C. Moore,	'84.	'03, May 26.	Cambridge.	Prof.
George F. Moore,	'78, Feb. 2.	'03, May 26.	Cambridge.	Prof.
William J. Murray,	'79, April 28.	'00, Mar. 27.	Boston.	W. C.
Sylvester S. Nickerson,	'76, Dec. 26.	'89, Sept. 25.	Somerville.	W. C.
Charles L. Noyes,	'81, Mar. 29.	'83, Feb. 20.	Somerville.	P. C.
Charles H. Percival,	'84, Oct. 14.	'02, Jan. 28.	Malden.	Р.
Lawrence Phelps,	'78, Sept. 5.	'92, April 5.		Р.
Eddy T. Pitts,	'82, Feb. 8.	'00, Nov. 27.	Fryeburg, Me.	Р.
Charles H. Pope,	65, July 27.	'97, Mar. 30.		W. C.
Edward K. Rawson,	'72, Oct. 9.	'83, April 10.	Annapolis, Mo	l. Chaplain.
James H. Ropes,	'01, June 18.	'01, Nov. 26.	Cambridge.	Prof.
James H. Ross,	78, Feb. 22.	'88, Nov. 20.	Cambridge.	Editor.
William H. Spence,	'94, Nov. 19.	'02, Sept. 30.		P. C.
Robert E. Steele,	'90, Nov. 25.	'04, Mar. 5.	Boston.	Р.
Alfred E. Stembridge,	'92, Mar. 28.	'98, Sept. 27.		W. C.
William I. Sweet,	'87, April 19.			Р.
John G. Taylor,	'73, Jan. 9.	'00, Jan. 30.	Arlington Heig	thts. P. C.
Edward Sampson Tead,	'78, Sept. 17.		Somerville. S	
Edward P. Tenney,	'58, Oct. 19.		North Cambrid	lge. W.C.
C. A. G. Thurston,	'77, Oct. 17.		Somerville.	Evan. Asso.
Charles F. Thwing,	'79, Sept.	'79, Dec. 16.	Cleveland, O.	Pres. Univ.
W. Sherman Thompson,	'91, Oct. <b>14</b> .		East Somervil	
Robert W. Wallace,	'72, May 26.	'97, Nov. 30.		W.C.
George Washburn,	'63, July 29.	78, Oct. 13.		
George Y. Washburn,	'82, April 26.			Р.
Charles H. Williams,	'99, Oct. 19.	'00, Jan. 30.		P. C.
Albert E. Winship,	'75, Mar. 17.	'76, June 13.		Editor.
Edward C. Winslow,	'81, Nov. 2.	'01, Oct. 8.		Agent.
Richard G. Woodbridge,	'81, April 6.	'03, Mar. 31.		P. C.
James C. Young,	'91, Aug. 25.	'97, Nov. 30.	East Boston.	P. C.

Licentiates. — Thomas M. Carson, licensed November 17, 1903 for three years; William M. Crane licensed April 5, 1904, for three years.

Stated Meetings. — Last Tuesdays in January, March, May, September and November.

Rev. John G. Taylor, Arlington Heights, scribe.

## 19. Suffolk South, Organized January 27, 1829.

James Alexander, William H. Allbright, William T. Beale,	'82. '79, June 6. '82. June 7.	'04, Mar. 29. '91, Mar. 11. '99, May 10.	Roxbury.	P. C. P. C. P.
Warren F. Bickford,	'76, June 20.			P.
George M. Boynton,	'63, Oct. 28.	'80, Nov. 10.	Newton Centre.	Sec'y.
Samuel A. Brown,	'00, Dec. 27.	'01, Mar. 13.	Boston.	P. Č.
William R. Campbell,	'81, Oct. 12.	'81, Nov. 9.	Roxbury.	P.C.
Edward A. Chase,	'84, May 28.	'00, Jan. 24.	Wollaston.	P. C.
Francis E. Clark,	'76, Oct. 19.	'84, Jan. 16.	Auburndale. Y. l	P. S. C. E.
Alfred E. Colton,	'84, May 28.	'99, Nov. 8.	Dorchester.	Sec'v.
Perley B. Davis.	'62, Jan. 29.	'63. July 7.	West Roxbury.	w.c.
Morton Dexter,		'84, Mar. 12.		Editor.
Charles A. Dickinson,	'79, Sept. 27.		Sacramento, Cal.	Р.

## 19. Suffolk South (Continued).

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Members.	Ordination.	Membership.	Residence. Em	ployment.
Charles A. Dinsmore,	'85, July 20.	'96, Mar. 18.	South Boston,	P. C.
Albert E. Dunning,	'70, Sept. 29.	'71, Jan. 2.	Brookline.	Editor.
Nathaniel H. Egleston,	45, Feb. 19.	'02, Sept. 17.	Jamaica Plain.	W. C.
Solomon P. Fav.	'49, Sept. 6.	'82, Mar. 8.	Dorchester.	W. C.
George H. Flint,	'94, Oct. 22.	'96, Jan. 15.	Dorchester.	P.
William Gallagher,	'74, Dec. 1.	'98, Jan. 12.	South Braintree.	$\operatorname{Prin}_{{}^{\bullet}}$
Richard B. Grover,	'81, Oct. 4.	'92, May 11.	Cambridgeport.	Р.
Benj. F. Hamilton,	'65, June 28.	'72, Mar. 12.	Roxbury.	W. C.
John A. Hamilton,	'61, Jan. 29.	'85, May 13.	Sharon.	W.C.
Henry N. Hoyt,	'76, May 22.	'98, May 11.	Hyde Park.	P. C.
Albion H. Johnson,	'65, Oct. 13.	'83, May 9.	Clarendon Hills.	P.
Frederick T. Knight,	'97, Oct. 5.	'97, Nov. 10.	N. Stamford, Conn.	P. C.
Arthur Little,	'63, Mar. 16.	'89, Sept. 18.	Dorchester.	P. C.
Achilles L. Loder,	'77, May 8.	'91, Nov. 5.	Thetford, $Vt$ .	$\mathbf{P}_{ullet}$
Samuel L. Loomis,	'80, Oct. 14.	'97, Sept. 29.	Jamaica Plain.	P. C.
Charles D. Lothrop,	'54, Dec. 14.	'93, Mar. 15.	Dorchester.	W. C.
Henry G. Megathlin,	'96, Dec. 18.	'02, Sept. 17.	Wollaston.	$\mathbf{P}.$
Frank W. Merrick,	'91, Oct. 12.	'91, Nov. 5.	Roslindale.	P. C.
Charles L. Morgan,	'76, Mar. 15.	'95, Jan. 16.	Elgin, Ill.	P. C.
Edwin L. Noble,	'96, May 18.	'01, Mar. 13.	Newton Centre.	W. C.
Cyrus P. Osborne,	65, Nov. 2.	'00, Jan. 24.	Cambridge.	Sec'y.
Arthur H. Pingree,	'98, Nov. 16.	'02, Nov. 12.	Norwood.	P. C.
Albert H Plumb,	'58, Nov. 10.	'85, Jan. 14.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Arthur P. Pratt,	'01, Mar. 13.	'01, May 8.	Chelsea.	P.
Winfred C. Rhoades,	'99, May 17.	'00, Sept. 19.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Edward H. Rudd,	'87, Oct. 25.	'01, Sept. 18.		P. C.
Arsene B. Schmarvonian,	'99, June.		Clarendon Hills.	W. C.
Joseph B. Seabury,	75, Sept. 8.	'85, May 13.	Wellesley Hills.	W. C.
Judson Smith,	'66, Oct. 17.	'85, Mar. 11.	Roxbury. A. B.	. C. F. M.
Everard W. Snow,	'01, Nov. 21.	'03, Jan. 21.	Roxbury.	Asst. P.
George F. Stanton,	'66, June 6.	'90, Jan. 15.	Boston.	W.C.
Herbert W. Stebbins,	'83, Aug. 28.	'97, Sept. 29.		W. C.
Eugene C. Webster,	'90, May 28.		Jamaica Plain.	W. C.
John H. Whitaker,	'93, Dec. 19.	'98, May 11.	Atlantic.	Ρ.
Cyrus L. D. Younkin,	'93, April 8.	'92, Mar. 9.		Miss.
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STATED MEETINGS. — Second Wednesdays in January, March, May, September and November.

Rev. Edward A. Chase, Wollaston, scribe.

## 20. Suffolk West, Organized January 8, 1867.

Garrett L. Allen,	'99, Sept.	'04, Feb. 17.	Belmont. P.
Herbert M. Allen,	'93, June 8.	'03, Feb. 11.	Auburndale, A. B. C. F. M.
Orson P. Allen,	'55, Sept. 26.	'01, Oct. 23.	Auburndale. W. C.
James L. Barton,	'85, June 29.	'97, Feb. 8.	Newton Cen. A. B. C. F. M.
Erastus Blakeslee,	'80, Feb. 17.	'94, Feb. 12.	Brookline. Editor.
George H. Cate,	'79, April 2.	'94, June 11.	West Newton. P.
Edward L. Clark,	'61, Aug. 8.	'93, April 11.	Boston. W. C.
William H. Cobb,	'72, April 18.	'88, June 11.	Newton Centre. Cong. Lib.
Allen E. Cross,	'92, Dec. 29.	'02, June 11.	Brookline. Asso. P.
Calvin Cutler,	'62, Mar. 12.	'68, Feb. 4.	Auburndale. P. C. $Em$ .
Ozora S. Davis,	'96, Sept. 14.	'00, Oct. 16.	Newtonville. P. C.
William H. Davis,	77, July 5.	'96, Oct. 12.	Newton. P. C.
Samuel W. Dike,	'69, Feb. 8.	'87, Oct. 11.	Auburnd'le. Sec. N. D. R.L.
Frank P. Estabrook,	'93, Feb. 7.	'02, April 9.	Needham. W. C.
Parris T. Farwell,	'83, Oct. 23.	'95, Dec. 9.	Wellesley Hills. P. C.
Addison P. Foster,	'66, Oct. 3.	'01, Oct. 23.	Boston. Sec'y A. S. S. U.
Bradford M. Fullerton,	'68, Feb. 12.	'81, Dec. 18.	Brockton. W. C.

## 20. Suffolk West (Continued).

	Date of	Date of		
Members.	Ordination.	Membership.		nployment.
George P. Gilman,	'72, Aug. 28.	'85, Oct. 6.	Waverley.	P.
George A. Gordon,	'77, Jan. 20.	'86, April 20.	Boston.	P. C.
John O. Haarvig,	'83, Oct. 13.	'95, Dec. 9.	Allston.	P. C.
Harris G. Hale,	'91, Sept. 3.	'97, April 12.	Brookline.	P. C.
Charles E. Harrington,	'74, Oct. 27.	'95, Dec. 9.	Waltham.	P.C.
George A. Hood,	'69, Sept. 30.	'96, Feb. 10.	Boston. Sec'y	C. C. B. S.
William S. Kelsey,	'85, May 27.	'02, April 9.	Allston.	Asso. P.
William A. Knight,	'86, Sept. 4.	'03, Feb. 11.	Brighton.	P. C.
Edwin Leonard,	'52, Mar. 25.	'93, Dec. 11.	Melrose Highland	s. W. C.
Oscar Lindegren,	'93, Dec. 7.	'00, June 11.	East Boston.	Miss.
William T. McElveen,	'90, May 15.	'00, Dec. 12.	Boston.	P. C.
George A. Matthews,	'95, April 3.	'98, Dec. 19.	Auburndale.	W.C.
Darius A. Morehouse,	'65, June 18.	'90, Dec. 3.	Newton Centre.	W. C.
Edward M. Noyes,	'83, Sept. 26.	'95, Feb. 25.	Newton Centre.	P. C.
Henry E. Oxnard,	'94, Nov. 13.	'00, Feb. 13.	Newton.	P.
Henry J. Patrick,	'54, Nov. 16.	'67, Jan. 8.	Newtonville.	P. C. Em.
Charles A. Perry,	'82, Nov. 16.	'04, Feb. 17.	Newtonville.	W.C.
George G. Phipps,	'68, Jan. 23.	'78, Dec. 10.	Newton Highland	ls. W.C.
Cyrus Pickett,	'67, Feb. 28.	'01, Dec. 11.	Boston.	W.C.
Edward C. Porter,	'84, June 24.	'90, Feb. 10.	Watertown.	P. C.
Theodore P. Prudden,	'74, Dec. 22.	'94, Dec. 10.	West Newton.	P. C.
Isaac O. Rankin,	'80, July 21.	'96, June 8.	Peekskill, N.Y.	W.C.
Oliver D. Sewall,	'92, Sept. 27.	'97, Oct. 11.	Brookline.	Asst. P.
Ezra H. Slack,	'81, Oct. 13.	'01, April 17.	Brookline.	W.C.
George T. Smart,	'88, Sept. 7.	'02, April 9.	Newton Highland	ls. P.C.
William S. Smith,	'54, April 27.	'74, Dec. 8.	Worcester.	W.C.
Charles M. Southgate,	'70, Dec. 15.	'96, Feb. 10.	Auburndale.	P. C.
S. Lewis B. Speare,	'74, Jan. 30.	'96, Dec. 14.	Newton.	W. C.
E. Ellsworth Strong,	'59, April 10.		Auburndale.	Editor.
Reuen Thomas,	'58, Dec. 7.	'76, Feb. 8.	Brookline.	P. C.
Alexander S. Twombly,	'59, Feb. 10.	'93, April 11.	Newton.	W.C.
Elbridge C. Whiting,			South Sudbury.	Ρ.

Licentiate. — Arthur W. Kelly, Auburndale, license renewed February, 1903, for three years.

Stated Meetings. — Second Wednesdays in February and December, first Wednesdays in April and October.

Rev. Elbridge C. Whiting, South Sudbury, scribe and treasurer.

#### 21. Taunton.

William W. Adams,	'60, Jan. 26.	'64, Nov. 29.	Fall River.	P. C.
James A. Anderson,	'89, Oct. 10.	'00, Jan. 17.	Somerset.	Р.
Samuel V. Cole,	'89, Oct. 29.	'89, Nov. 13.	Norton.	Pres. Sem.
Zenas Crowell,	'77, Dec. 19.	'01, Jan. 9.	Attleboro Falls.	P.
James E. Enman,	'95, Dec. 31.	'00, Jan. 17.	Fall River.	P. C.
Francis A. Fate,	'94, Nov. 1.	'98, Nov. 9.	Taunton.	P. C.
Avery K. Gleason,	'86, Dec. 14.	'00, Nov. 14.	Raynham.	P.
George H. Johnson,	77, July 6.			P.
William R. Joyslyn,		'00, Nov. 14.	Berkley.	P.
Hallah H. Loud,	'97, Dec. 16.	'98, Jan. 12.	East Taunton.	P. C.
Payson W. Lyman,	'71, May 10.	'89, May S.		P. C.
John J. Macdonald,	'96, Sept. 9.	'02, Nov. 12.		P.
J. Lee Mitchell,	'87, Nov. 11.	'01, Nov. 13.		Ρ.
Frank J. Noyes,		'03, Jan. 14.		Ρ.
George H. Perry,		'01, Nov. 13.		Ρ.
Edward N. Pomeroy,		'82, May 10.		W.C.
Charles A. Ratcliffe,	'91, April 26.	'97, Mar. 10.	Norton.	Р.

## 21. TAUNTON (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Samuel P. Rondeau,	'92, Nov. 22.			P. C.
Clarence F. Swift,	'86, Nov. 4.			P. C.
Charles H. Talmage,	'82, Sept. 18.			P. C.
Charles L. Tomblen,	77, Aug. 30.	'01, Mar. 20.	North Middlebo	ro. P.C.
William F. Warren,	'78, Oct. 13.	'98, Nov. 9.	Walpole, N.H.	P.
Charles B. Wathen,	'83, June 14.	'98, Mar. 9.	Rehoboth.	Ρ.
John Whitehill,	'61, Dec. 11.	'69, Nov. 10.	Oldtown.	Р.

 ${\tt STATED}$   ${\tt MEETINGS}. - {\tt Second}$  Wednesdays in January, March, May and November.

Rev. Payson W. Lyman, Fall River, scribe and treasurer.

## 22. Woburn, Organized September, 1833.

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Charles Anderson,	'74, Sept. 2.	'74, Sept. 15.	Constantinople. Robt. C.
A. Herbert Armes,	'89, Dec. 18.	'99, Oct. 31.	
William F. Bacon,	'67, Sept. 26.	'90, Feb. 4.	Medford. W.C.
John Barstow,	'87, June 29.		New Haven, Vt. P.
William J. Batt,	'59, Sept. 29.		Concord June. Chaplain.
Theodore P. Berle,	'93, Oct. 3.		Cambridge. W. C.
Wolcott Calkins,	62, Oct. 22.	'98, Nov. 15.	
Charles F. Carter,	'83, Sept. 13.		
Judson Van Clancy,	'87, Sept. 7.	'06 Mar 17	Portland, Me. P. C.
Joshua Coit,	60, Nov. 13.	280 Ion 20	Winchester.Treas.M.H.M.S.
	75, Sept. 18.	208 Nov 25	Brooks, Me. P.
Eugene E. Colburn,		'74, Nov. 17.	
Marshall M. Cutter,	'68, Dec. 29.	'95, Feb. 19.	
Albert P. Davis,	'94, Nov. 22.		
B. Alfred Dumm,	'91, June 4.	'01, Nov. 19.	
Walter A. Evans,	'86, June 29.	95, Dec. 17.	Chicago, Ill. W. C.
James L. Fowle,	78, July 3.	'98, Nov. 15.	
Henry H. French,	'86, April 25.		
Robert W. Haskins,	'72, Oct. 19.	'98, Nov. 8.	
James L. Hill,	'75, Sept. 15.	'87, June 13.	Salem. W. C.
John H. Hoffman,	'77, Aug. 21.	'01, Nov. 19.	North Reading. P.
Frank S. Hunnewell,	'88, June 27.	'99, Feb. 21.	Reading. P. C.
Burke F. Leavitt,	'73, May 7.	'95, Jan. 29.	
George E. Lovejoy,	73, July 16.	'94, May 9.	Lawrence. P.
Thomas MacBriar,	'90, Jan. 15.	'98, Nov. 15.	
Charles S. Macfarland,	'97, Nov. 3.	'02, June 3.	
Daniel March,	'45, April 25.	'77, May 15.	Woburn. P. C. $Em$ .
Frank B. McAllister,	'99, Oct. 3.	'01, Nov. 19.	
Truman A. Merrill,	'58, July 14.	'98, Nov. 5.	
Robert D. Miller,	'56, July 2.	'98, Nov. 15.	Malden. W. C.
D. Augustine Newton,	'82, Sept. 21.	'85, Dec. 16.	Winchester. P. C.
Stephen A. Norton,	'81, Oct. 6.	'02, Nov. 18.	Woburn. P. C.
Edwin B. Palmer,	'59, Sept. 20.	'02, Feb. 25.	Winchester. W. C.
Isaac Pierson,	'70, Mar. 30.	'96, Oct. 8.	West Medford, W. C.
Walter H. Rollins,	'98, Aug. 26.	'01, Nov. 19.	Wilmington. P. C.
Charles Scott,	'54, Dec. 27.	'01, Nov. 19.	Reading. W. C.
Doremus Scudder,	'85, June 17.	'95, Dec. 17.	Japan. A. B. C. F. M.
Thomas Sims,	'75, June 9.	'98, Nov. 1.	
Azro A. Smith,	'64, Feb. 11.	'00, June 5.	
George H. Tilton,	'73, June 4.		North Woburn. P. C.
Joshua W. Wellman,	'51, June 18.	'64, Mar. 17.	
William H. Willcox,	'50, Mar. 5.	'58, Jan. 19.	
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STATED MEETINGS. — Third Tuesdays in February, May, September and November.

Rev. Albert P. Davis, Wakefield, scribe and treasurer.

## 23. Worcester Central, Organized November 4, 1823.

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Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
August L. Anderson,	'86, June 28.	'98, Feb. 8.	Brockton.	W. C.
Thomas E. Babb,	'69, Jan. 19.	'94, April 3.	Holden.	W. O.
Hachidoor G. Benneyan,	'02, Dec. 1.	'02, Nov. 11.		P.
Albert Bryant,	'65, Sept. 20.	'86, Feb. 2.	Scituate Centre	
Charles M. Carpenter,	'90, April 22.	'01, April 9.	Oxford.	P.
Arcturus Z. Conrad,	'85, June 2.	'90, Feb. 3.	New York, N. Y	
Amos H. Coolidge,	'57, April 21.	'67, July 7.	Worcester.	W. C.
Samuel B. Cooper,	'87, Jan. 19.	'99, Feb. 7.	North Brookfiel	
Frank Crane,	'84, Sept. 21.	'03, April 14.		P. Č.
Joseph W. Cross,	'34, Oct. 1.	'41, Jan. 5.	Worcester.	W. C.
William N. T. Dean,	'75, Feb. 3.	'89, Feb. 5.	Whately.	P.
Austin Dodge,	'66, Oct. 6.	'90, Feb. 4.	Lyndeboro, N. I.	
George S. Dodge,	'72, Aug. 16.	'78, May 7.	Lyndeboro N. H	. Р.
John E. Dodge,	'83, Sept. 25.		West Boylston.	P.
Henry C. Fay,	'58, Dec. 28.	'81, May 2.	Lexington.	W. Ĉ.
Walcott Fay,	'84, Feb. 20.	'90, Feb. 4.	Nantucket.	W.C.
Francis J. Van Horne,	'93, Dec. 5.	'03, Nov. 10.	Worcester.	P. Č.
George B. Frost,	'83, June 7.	'02, Nov. 11.		P.
Joseph F. Gaylord,	'67, Nov. 7.	'01, Nov. 12.		W. C.
Dwight Goddard,	'94, July 17.	'00, Nov. 13.	Lancaster.	W. C.
Joseph N. Haskell,	'00, June 22.	'01, Feb. 5.	$Northwood\ Cen.$	. N. H. P.
Albert W. Hitchcock,	'91, Dec. 15.		Worcester.	P. C.
Anton Huelster,	'70, June 16.	'02, Feb. 4.	Clinton.	P.
William W. Jordan,	'84, Oct. 9.	'94, Nov. 13.		P. C.
Alexander Lewis,	'90, May 28.	'96, April 7.	Worcester.	P. C.
Joseph F. Lovering,	'60, June 17.	'88, April 3.	Somerville.	W. C.
Henry F. Markham,	'80, Sept. 22.	'95, Nov. 12.		W. C.
John H. Matthews,	'91, May 5.	'97, Nov. 9.	Worcester.	P.
Archibald McCullagh,	'71, May 2.	'91, April 27.	Worcester.	W. C.
Daniel Merriman,	'68, Sept. 30.	'91, April 27. '78, Nov. 12.	Worcester.	P. C. Em.
Lyman Mevis,	'91, Oct. 1.	'01, April 9.	Worcester.	Ρ.
Eldridge Mix,	'60, Dec. 6.	'94. April 3.	Worcester.	C. M.
Ellsworth W. Phillips,	'91, Oct. 19.	'92, Feb. 9.	Worcester.	P. C.
Charles M. Pierce,	'63, Sept. 2.	'91, Feb. 3.	Worcester.	W. C.
George H. Pratt,	'60, Oct. 11.	'94, Nov. 13.	Paxton.	P.
David C. Reid,	'84, July 29.	'96, April 7.	Leicester.	P. C.
Augustus M. Rice,	'73, Dec. 17.	'03, Feb. 3.	Dunstable.	P.
Willard Scott,	'79, Oct. 29.	'99, Feb. 7.	Worcester.	P. C.
Arthur H. Sedgwick,	'90, Nov. 11.	'01, April 9.	Shrewsbury.	P.
J. Addison Siebert,	'94, July 19.	'01, Nov. 12.		P.
Henry D. Sleeper,	'91, Nov.	'01, April 9.	Northampton.	Teacher.
William T. Sleeper,	'54, June 29.	'54, Sept. 5.	Wellesley.	W. C.
Rufus M. Taft,	'93, June 16.	'94, Feb. 6.	Worcester.	Evan.
Albert G. Todd,	'90, June 10.		Worcester.	P.
Charles B. Toleman,	'97, Oct. 20.	'02, April 8.	Sterling.	Ρ.
John E. Tuttle,	'83, May 22.	'97, Nov. 9.	Lincoln, Neb.	Ρ.
John Udd,	'96, July 2.	'98, Nov. 15.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Charles A. White,	73, Sept. 3.	'96, Nov. 10.		Ρ.
Inman L. Willcox,	'89, Oct. 18.		Worcester.	P. C.
Gavin H. Wright,	'99, Mar. 23.	'02, Feb. 4.	Fairfield, Neb.	Ρ.

Stated Meetings. — First Tuesdays in February and April and second Tuesday in November.

Rev. Lyman Mevis, 14 Houghton Street, Worcester, scribe.

## 24. Worcester North, Organized June 18, 1818.

James A. Bates,	'60, Sept. 19. '99, April 25. South Royalston.	P.
Rolla G. Bugbee,	'76, Nov. 8. '98, Jan. 25. Athol.	Ρ.
Irving A. Burnap,	'92, Sept. 15. '01, Sept. 24. Phillipston.	Ρ.

## 24. Worcester North (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Preston R. Crowell.	'90, Sept. 4.	'98, July 12.	Petersham.	P.
Francis J. Fairbanks,	'64, Aug. 31.	'95, July 9.	Royalston.	P. C.
Robert J. Floody,	'87, Sept. 7.	'98, April 26.	Worcester.	Ρ.
John H. Garman,	'47, Nov. 3.	'66, Oct. 2.	North Orange.	
Burton S. Gilman,	'97, May 16.	'97, April 26.	Gardner.	P. C.
Milan H. Hitchcock,	'57, Aug. 25.	'63, April 28.	Hubbardston.	W. C.
Albert V. House,	'94, June 20.	'95, April 23.	Worcester.	Р.
Gustavus W. Jones,	'69, May 27.	'91, April 28.	Winchendon.	P. C.
Gabriel B. Kambour,			Colebrook, N. I	
Francis B. Knowlton,	'65, Aug. 29.	'86, Jan. 26.	Athol.	W.C.
John W. Lees,	'70, Nov. 16.	'96, April 28.	Westminster.	Р.
Charles C. Merrill,			Winchendon.	Р.
George J. Pierce,	'72, Aug. 8.	'82, April 25.	Worcester.	W. C.

 ${\tt STATED}$   ${\tt Meetings.}$  — Fourth Tuesdays in January and April, second Tuesdays in July and last Tuesday in September.

Rev. Francis B. Knowlton, Athol, scribe.

#### 25. Worcester South, Organized in 1818.

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Andrew Campbell,	'96, Sept. 24.			Р.
James H. Childs,	'75, Oct. 7.	'85, Jan. 13.	Northbridge Cer	ntre. P.
David M. Didriksen,	'92, July 13.	'92, Oct. 11.	Roxbury.	W. C.
George P. Eastman,	'91, May 12.	'92, Jan. 12.	East Orange, $N$ .	
Samuel A. Harlow,	'82, Oct. 15.	'03, June 16.	Grafton.	P. C.
David Howie,	'89, Feb. 27.	'94, Oct. 9.	Saundersville.	W.C.
Warren P. Landers,	'91, Dec. 2.	'03, Mar. 10.	Sutton.	P. C.
Frank A. Lombard,	'00, Aug. 9.	'00, Sept. 11.	Kioto. A.	B. C. F. M.
Augustine P. Manwell,	'00, Sept. 18.			Ρ.
George A. Putnam,	'60, Nov. 14.	'71, Oct. 17.	Millbury.	P. C.
Wallace H. Sterns,	'97, July 14.	'01, Sept. 10.	Andover.	W.C.
John R. Thurston,			Whitinsville.	P. C.
John J. Walker,	'94, Dec. 11.	'03, Dec. 15.	Westboro.	P. C.
Alexander Wiswall,	'79, Sept. 24.	'94, Jan. 9.	Uxbridge.	Ρ.

STATED MEETINGS. — Second Tuesdays in March, June, September and December.

Rev. James H. Childs, Northbridge Centre, scribe.

#### MINISTERIAL RECORD FOR 1903-1904.

#### Ordinations, Installations and Recognitions.

In this list "o." denotes ordination without installation; "i.," installation; "o. i.," ordained and installed; "r. p.," recognition as pastor. But owing to indefinite reports, "o." may sometimes be an error for "o. i."

Andrews, George A., i., Holliston, May 25, 1904. Alexander, James, i., Roslindale ch., Boston, Feb. 25, 1904. Arnold, William R., o., Andover Sem., Andover, June 8, 1903. Bailey, Orange C., i., Emmanuel ch., Springfield, Oct. 7, 1903. Barrow, Edward F., o. i., Zion ch., Haverhill, Oct. 20, 1903. Balley, Orange C., 2., Emmanuel ch., Springheld, Oct. 7, 1903.
Barrow, Edward F., o. i., Zion ch., Haverhill, Oct. 20, 1903.
Beals, Charles E., i., Prospect Street ch., Cambridge, Dec. 1, 1903.
Bourne, Alexander A., rec. ass't p., First ch., Cambridge, May 19, 1904.
Busfield, Theodore E., i., N. Adams, Oct. 20, 1903.
Butler, Frank E., i., S. Hadley Falls, Oct. 6, 1903.
Butler, Willis H., i., Edwards ch., Northampton, Nov. 6, 1903.
Chalmers, Andrew B., i., Plymouth ch., Worcester, June 15, 1903.
Clayton, Francis T., i., Williamstown, Jan. 7, 1904.
Copping, Bernard, i., Scotland ch., Bridgewater, May 27, 1903.
Crooks, Charles M., r. p., Union ch., South Grafton, Jan. 19, 1904.
Dale, J. Harold, o., Andover Sem., Oct. 7, 1903.
Daniels, Charles H., i., Grace ch., So. Framingham, Dec. 9, 1903.
Dechman, Arthur, i., Groveland, March 1, 1904.
Dunbar, Robert W., i., West ch., Haverhill, May 21, 1904.
Elsesser, Rene, o. i., French ch., Pittsfield, Oct. 13, 1904.
'Fuller, Augustus H., r. p., Ballardvale, April 21, 1904.
Fullon, Robert N., o., Littleton, Jan. 21, 1904.
Gordon, George A., i., Southbridge, Jan. 7, 1904.
Gordon, George A., i., Southbridge, Jan. 7, 1904.
Gregg, James E., o. i., Pilgrim Memorial ch., Pittsfield, Aug. 25, 1903.
Higgons, John A., i., Central ch., Chelsea, Jan. 28, 1904.
House, Albert V., i., Lake View ch., Worcester, Dec. 10, 1903.
Merriam, Charles W., i., Second ch., Greenfield, March 1, 1904.
Mavromates, Lazarusk, o., Lowell, June 12, 1903.
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Newcomb, Edward H., r. p., North ch., Newburyport, Sept. 29, 1903.

Norris, John W., r. p., Memorial ch., Worcester, March 2, 1904.

Owen, George W., o. i., First ch., Lynn, July 1, 1903.

Patton, M. Oakman, i., Palmer, July 21, 1903.

Ramsdell, Frank E., North ch., New Bedford, Dec. 29, 1903.

Richards, James A. o. Andover May 26, 1004 Ramsdell, Frank E., North ch., New Bedford, Dec. 29, 1903. Richards, James A., o., Andover, May 26, 1904. Rutan, Frederic E., i., Wrentham, Dec. 28, 1903. Sample, Philmer A., o., Easton Centre, April 27, 1904. Smith, Edwin R., i., Pawtucket ch., Lowell, Jan. 19, 1904. Stockdale, Allen A., o. i., Berkeley Temple, May 16, 1904. Stryker, Garrett V., o. i., Mill River, Oct. 30, 1903. Turk, Norris H., i., Natick, May 11, 1904. Van der Pyl, Nicholas, i., Marblehead, July 7, 1903. Voorhees, J. Spencer, i., Adams, Nov. 19, 1903. Washburn, Charles H., i., Trinity ch., Neponset, May 4, 1904. Wightman, John C., o., Moore's Corner, May 25, 1904. Wightman, John C., o., Moore's Corner, May 25, 1904. Wyman, Daniel B., r. p., People's ch., Ashburnham, March 17, 1904. Yorke, Burt L., i., Harvard ch., West Medford, April 12, 1904.

#### DISMISSIONS.

Andrews, George A., West ch., Andover, Feb. 28, 1904. Atwood, Alfred R., Sandisfield, May 31, 1903.

#### DISMISSIONS (Continued).

Beale, Charles H., Immanuel ch., Roxbury, Jan. 5, 1904. Beals, Charles E., Greenfield, Oct. 27, 1903. Blanchard, Edward B., Brookfield, Feb. 23, 1903. Bronsdon, Allan A., Oakham, Jan. 18, 1904.
Buckham, John W., Crombie St. ch., Salem, June 16, 1903.
Butler, Willis H., First ch., Williamstown, July 20, 1903.
Calkins, Raymond, Pilgrim Memorial ch., Pittsfield, Aug. 25, 1903. Calkins, Raymond, Pilgrim Memorial ch., Pittsfield, Aug. 25, 1903. Eastman, George P., Second ch., Millbury, Dec. 14, 1903. Emrich, Frederick E., Grace ch., South Framingham, July 9, 1903. Hadley, Willis A., Southbridge, Aug. 31, 1903. Hadlock, Edwin H., Olivet ch., Springfield, Apr. 15, 1904. Harrison, Fosdick B., Second ch., Palmer, July 21, 1903. Hilton, Charles A., Randolph, Oct. 19, 1903. Kambour, Gabriel B., Templeton, Mar. 23, 1904. King, James B., Hopkinton, Nov. 17, 1903. MacColl, John A., North ch., New Bedford, June 17, 1903. Nickerson, Sylvester S., Seaman's ch., Boston, Jan. 13, 1904. Patton, M. Oakman, Prospect St. ch., Newburyport, Nov. 16, 1903. Sneath, Isaiah W., Franklin, Dec. 28, 1903. Sturgis, Frederick, E. Natick, May 11, 1904. Van der Pyl, Nicholas, Holliston, May 18, 1903. Wiswall, Alexander, Upton, June 24, 1903.

#### DEATHS.

Alvord, Frederick, w. c., Newton Centre, Dec. 28, 1903. Avery, William Fisher, w. c., Athol, Nov. 6, 1903.
Babbitt, James Howard, w. c., Andover, Sept. 14, 1903.
Bailey, Orange C., p. c., Springfield, Feb. 11, 1904.
Carr, William O., w. c., Lynn, Apr. 29, 1904.
Grant, Benjamin Franklin, w. c., Malden, June 1, 1903.
Herrick, William Dodge, w. c., Amherst, Dec. 10, 1903.
Horr, Elijah, p., Malden, Feb. 14, 1904.
Jones, Jesse H., p., Halifax, Apr. 19, 1904.
Lowell, John Nathaniel, p. c., Haverhill, May 30, 1903.
McDuffie, Samuel V., w. c., Springfield, Feb. 28, 1904.
Mendell, Ellis, p. c., Roxbury, May 20, 1903.
Parker, Leonard Stickney, w. c., Cambridge, May 30, 1903.
Pierce, Charles Peabody, p. c., East Douglas, Oct. 30, 1903.
Sherman, Barker B., w. c., Medford, May 2, 1904.
Smith, Edwin, p., Ballardvale, Oct. 16, 1903.
Smyth, Prof. Egbert C., Andover, Apr. 12, 1904. Avery, William Fisher, w. c., Athol, Nov. 6, 1903.

#### MARRIAGES.

Andrews, George W., of Dalton, and Sarah D. Rathbone, of Alexandria, Va., June 25, 1903. Burnham, Collins G., of Chicopee, and Isabel Hale, of Conway, N. H., Oct. 21, 1903.

Cutler, Frederick M., and Lillian M. Metcalf, both of Ashland, Nov. 25,

Frazee, Fenton E., and Mary Lizzie Bisbee, both of Plympton, June 10,

Quint, John H., of Falmouth, and Grace G. Lane, of Manchester, Sept. 9, 1903.

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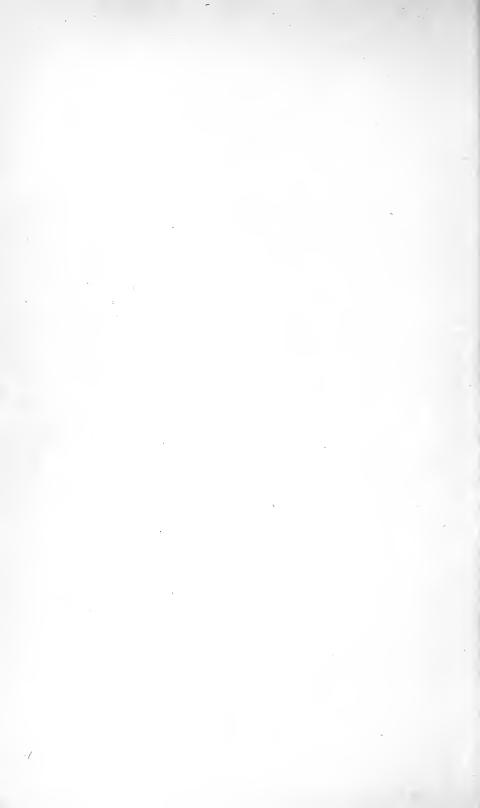
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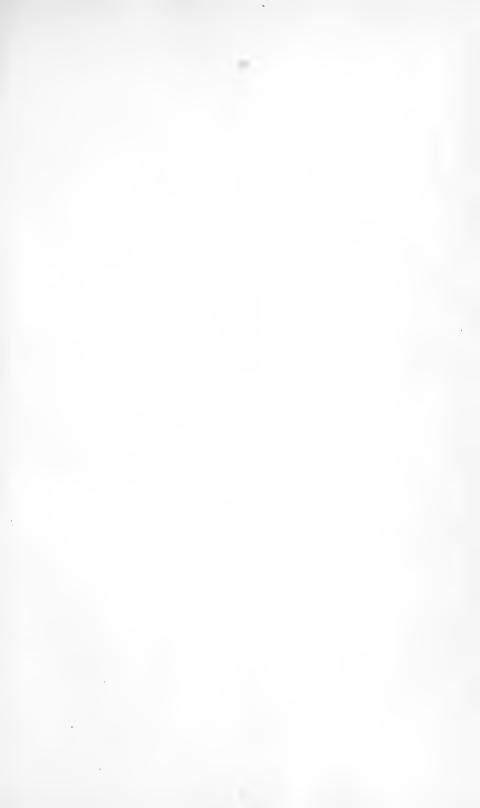
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I give and devise to the Board of Ministerial Aid, incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts, for the charitable uses and purposes of said Corporation.....

No officer of this board receives any compensation for his services. No other board, society, or organization established in this Commonwealth contributes anything for the support of needy Congregational ministers. Our country gives large pensions to her needy soldiers. Why should not our churches give something for "the aid, support and comfort of their aged, disabled, superannuated, or needy ministers," and of "the widows and children of such ministers"?

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## INTRODUCTORY

These introductory lines illustrate the saying, "The first shall be last." When it is time to write them the pages that follow have passed the stages of proofreading and correction. This report is a coöperative work. The pastors and clerks of the churches, the scribes of the conferences and associations and others contribute data to it. Succeeding reports will be the work of many hands. Since reports must be made, their data should be gathered with care, and should receive care in all the stages of their compilation that the final form in which they appear may be accurate. These words are written in the interest of future statistics to urge a closer approach in the reports of our churches and Association to the goal of accuracy. The Secretary wishes to make grateful acknowledgment to all who have sought this goal in the making of this volume.

C. G. B.

#### NOTICE

The Association's file of Annual Minutes is incomplete. Copies for the years preceding 1887 are wanting, and also for the years of 1892 and 1899, while for the year 1891 there are only two copies. There are requests from public, state, college and theological libraries for volumes to complete their files. By advice of the Executive Committee of the Association, the Secretary solicits copies of the Minutes to complete the set of the Association and to meet these requests of the libraries. Copies of the Minutes from 1887, with the exception of the years mentioned above, can be obtained from the Secretary.

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The churches are requested to contribute through the treasurers of their conferences for the expenses of the General Association a sum equivalent to five cents for each member, based upon the *total* membership of January 1, 1905, and the treasurers of the conferences are requested to forward the amounts as soon as possible to the treasurer, Mr. Henry P. Emerson, 33 Kingston Street, Boston.

### THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

Annual meeting, 1906, will be with the Central Church, Worcester, on the third Tuesday in May.

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		Moderator	PREACHER
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1887	Brockton	Ariel E. P. Perkins	David O. Means
1888	Spencer	Edward J. Thomas	Charles A. Dickinson
1889	Newburyport	J. L. Jenkins	Arthur Little
1890	Holyoke	Alonzo H. Quint	Wolcott Calkins
1891	Marlboro	Gilbert E. Hood	Edward G. Seldon
1892	Springfield	DeWitt S. Clark	Samuel E. Herrick
1893	Boston	Thomas Weston	Paul Van Dyke
1894	Pittsfield	Elijah Horr	George A. Gordon
1895	Lynn	Elijah A. Morse	Philip S. Moxom
1896	Fall River	Smith Baker	DeWitt S. Clark
1897	Worcester	Thomas Todd	Charles E. Jefferson
1898	Greenfield	G. R. W. Scott	Arcturus Z. Conrad
1899	Brockton	John L. Brewster	Edward L. Clark
1900	Amherst	Philip S. Moxom	William H. Davis
1901	Andover	Henry M. Moore	Reuen Thomas
1902	Plymouth	Charles H. Beale	George A. Gordon
1903	Great Barrington	William B. Plunkett	John H. Denison
1904	Fitchburg	William E. Wolcott	Edward A. Reed
1905	Lowell	Seba A. Holton	Leonard W. Bacon

# RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION

#### ARTICLE I. -- NAME.

This body shall be called The General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts.

#### ARTICLE II. — OBJECT.

Its object is to promote (a) intercourse and fellowship between Congregational ministers and churches of the Commonwealth; (b) the co-operation of the churches with one another for their mutual comfort and development, and for the religious care of the home field; (c) the presentation and discussion of matters vital to our faith, and the interests of our denomination; and (d) the co-operation of this body with other ecclesiastical bodies for the general increase of Christian union and spiritual efficiency, and the advancement of Christ's kingdom in the earth.

#### ARTICLE III. - DOCTRINAL BASIS.

This Association approves the Declaration of Faith adopted by the National Council of Congregational Churches in the year 1865, and the subsequent Declaration of the Commission of 1883; the system of belief therein set forth being understood by us to be a summary of the Historic Doctrines held by the churches of New England as the teachings of the Gospel.

#### ARTICLE IV. - DENOMINATIONAL BASIS.

Being based exclusively upon Congregational principles, this Association shall, under no circumstances, exercise ecclesiastical authority over churches or individuals, or interfere with the government or discipline of the churches, or consent to hear appeals, or give advice in ecclesiastical causes of any kind.

#### ARTICLE V. — MEMBERS.

- 1. Each evangelical Congregational Church, Conference, and Association in this Commonwealth may choose one delegate, and these delegates, together with the pastors of the churches (who shall be members *ex-officio*), the officers of this body, and two delegates from the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, shall constitute the General Association.
- 2. Delegates from corresponding bodies, ministers appointed to preach before the Association, and chairmen of committees who attend to present reports, together with such other persons as the Association may vote to admit, shall be honorary members, with the privilege of speaking, but without vote.

#### ARTICLE VI. - OFFICERS.

- 1. The officers shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, a Secretary, a Registrar, an Assistant Registrar, and a Treasurer. All members of Congregational churches in this Commonwealth shall be eligible to any of these offices. The officers shall be elected by ballot, the Moderator and Vice-Moderator each to serve one year, the other officers each to serve three years, and until the election of their successors. The terms of all officers, save when chosen to fill vacancies, shall begin at the close of the meeting at which they are elected.
- 2. The officers, together with three delegates annually chosen by ballot for this purpose, shall constitute an Executive Committee.
- 3. The Moderator, or in his absence, the Vice-Moderator, shall preside over all the meetings of the Association and shall be chairman of the Executive Committee.
- 4. (a) The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association, collect and publish in connection with the annual "Minutes" the statistics of ministers and churches, distribute the publications of the Association, copies of which he shall preserve for permanent use, give suitable notice to the churches of the time and place of each annual meeting, notify officers and committees of their election or appointment, and fulfil such other functions as the Association may from time to time direct.
- (b) The Secretary shall receive a salary of seven hundred and fifty dollars, and by the authority and under the direction of the Executive Committee, he may, when necessary, employ an assistant, at a compensation to be fixed by the Executive Committee.
- 5. The Registrar shall keep a full record of each meeting, which he shall preserve as the permanent property of the Association, and he shall also keep the minutes of the Executive Committee.
- 6. The Assistant Registrar shall aid the Registrar in making the records; shall take his place during his absence; and, in the event of a vacancy in the Registrar's office, shall act as Registrar until the office shall be filled by the Executive Committee or by a regular election.
- 7. The Treasurer shall receive all money raised for the use of the Association, disburse the same as directed by the Executive Committee, and shall make an annual report, to be audited as the Association may direct.
- 8. The Executive Committee shall have charge of all the interests and business of the Association between the annual meetings, shall fill all vacancies occurring during the interim, and shall make an annual report to the Association
- 9. The travelling expenses of the Secretary, Registrar, Assistant Registrar and Treasurer, in attending the annual meetings, shall be paid by the Association.

## ARTICLE VII. - ANNUAL MEETING.

- 1. The annual meeting shall be held at the appointed place on the third Tuesday of May at two o'clock P. M., or at such other hour as the Executive Committee may find expedient.
- 2. In the practical administration of its home missionary work, the instrument of the Association shall be the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, a place for which shall be made in the program of the annual meeting.

#### ARTICLE VIII. -- ORGANIZATION.

The Moderator, or in his absence, the Vice-Moderator, shall call the Association to order. In the absence of both, any member of the Executive Committee may call the Association to order, and a moderator protem. shall be chosen to serve during the absence of the proper officer.

# ARTICLE IX. - COMMITTEES.

- 1. Immediately after the opening of the annual meeting the Moderator shall appoint:—
- (a) A Committee on Credentials, to which all credentials shall be referred.
- (b) A Committee on Nominations, which shall nominate all the officers of the Association, all standing committees, as hereinafter provided, and all other committees raised by the Association.
- (c) A Committee of Business, of which two shall be chosen from the Provisional Committee. The duty of the Business Committee shall be to prepare and present the schedule of business for each session, and no business shall be introduced except through the hands or with the approval of this committee; provided, however, that if the Business Committee shall decline to present any matter proposed by a member of this Association he shall have the right of appeal to the Association.
- (d) A Budget Committee of three, which shall report before the close of the meeting on the state of the treasury, the amount of money needed for the ensuing year, and ways and means for meeting the need.
- 2. The following Standing Committees shall be nominated by the Committee on Nominations:—
- (a) A Provisional Committee, of which the Secretary or Registrar shall be a member. This committee shall prepare the program for the next annual meeting, selecting the preacher of the annual sermon, and the various speakers for each session.
- (b) A Publication Committee, of which the Secretary and Registrar shall be members, which shall make provision for the printing of such documents and papers as may be necessary in the work of the Association, or as shall be ordered printed by the Association. Under the direction of this committee the Secretary shall have charge of all the printing of the Association.
- (c) A Committee on the Work of the Churches. This committee shall report on the work of the churches and the state of religion in the Commonwealth. The Scribes of the local conferences shall be corresponding members of this committee.
  - (d) A Committee on Missionary Work.
- (e) A Committee to Nominate Candidates for Corporate Membership in the American Board.
  - (f) A Committee of two to Audit the Treasurer's Report.
- 3. Each of these committees, save as otherwise provided above, shall consist of five members, and shall be elected annually by *viva voce* vote, all, save those named by the Moderator, to serve the ensuing year.
- 4. The reports of all committees that are to be presented to the Association shall be furnished to the Secretary on or before April 1 of each year, and shall be printed and distributed to the churches not less than two weeks before the annual meeting.

These reports shall not be read to the Association save by special order; but the Provisional Committee may arrange for the adequate discussion of any or all of the topics presented in the reports.

#### ARTICLE X. - BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY.

- 1. The Association may create a Board of Pastoral Supply to consist of twelve members, four of whom shall be elected each year for a term of three years.
- 2. This board may choose its own secretary, and through it shall make an annual report to the Association.

A copy of this report shall be furnished to the Secretary of the Association in time to be printed before the annual meeting.

#### ARTICLE XI. - SPECIAL ORDERS.

- 1. Each session of the annual meeting shall be opened and closed with divine worship.
- 2. On each morning of the annual meeting, after the first day, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read; the minutes of the last day shall be read immediately before the final adjournment.
- 3. On Tuesday evening of each annual meeting the annual sermon shall be preached, followed by the celebration of the Lord's Supper.
- 4. The place of the next annual meeting shall be recommended each year by the Business Committee and designated by vote of the Association.

#### ARTICLE XII. - RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order shall be those of common parliamentary usage, subject to the following specifications:—

- 1. No members shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave of the Association.
- 2. When a question is before the Association the Moderator shall entertain motions only as follows: To adjourn, to table, for the previous question, to postpone to a fixed time, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; these several motions shall have precedence in the foregoing order.
- 3. No vote not essential to the conduct of the business of the Association shall be passed except by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting; nor shall any such vote be passed, except by unanimous consent, until at least fifteen minutes shall have been allowed for debate.

#### ARTICLE XIII. - AMENDMENTS.

1. Any of the above articles, except the first five, may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted to the Association in writing on

the day previous.

2. Either of the first five articles may be amended by a two-thirds vote, but only after the proposed amendment has been submitted to the Association in writing at the previous annual meeting, and notice has been sent to the several Associations, Conferences and churches connected with this body at least three months prior to the meeting at which action is to be taken.

# MINUTES

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS held its one hundred and third annual meeting with the Eliot Church of Lowell, May 16-18, 1905.

# ROLL OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	MINISTERS	DELEGATES
Abington	Rev. De Mont Goodyear	
Adams	Rev. J. S. Voorhees	Dea. Francis E. Mole
Amesbury, Main Street	Rev. James D. Dingwell	•
,, Union	Rev. Franklin W. Bark	er
Andover, South	Rev. Frank R. Shipman	Rev. Charles C. Torrey
" West	Rev. J. Edgar Park Rev. Frederic A. Wilson	
	Rev. Frederic A. Wilson Rev. Augustus H. Fuller	William Charr
	Rev. Charles O. Day	
Arlington	Rev. Samuel C. Bushnell	itev. Owen II. Gates
Arlington	Rev. John G. Taylor	
Ashburnham	Rev. Nathan T. Dver	
Ashland	Rev. J. Arthur Lytle	Mrs. Marion M. Holbrook
Athol		
Ayer	Rev. Lewis E. Perry	Dea, Harrison D. Evans
Bedford	Rev. David Torrey	Mrs. David Torrey
Beverly, Dane Street		i .
Billerica	Rev. J. Harold Dale	
Boston, Old South	Rev. Allen E. Cross	
,, Second, Dorch'r .	Rev. Arthur Little	Edward B. Wilder
" Umon	Rev. Samuel L. Loomis	Hamilton S. Conant
" Brighton	Rev. William A. Knight	
" Effot, Roxbury	Rev. W. C. Rhoades Rev. John H. Denison	Mr. Timothy Smith Rev. M. W. Stackpole
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,, Trinity, Neponset	Rev. C. W. Washburn	Mrs. L. W. Washburn
,, Pilgrim, Dorch'r .		John A. Fowle
,, Highland, Roxb'y		ell
,, Harvard, Dorch'r .	Rev. William T. Beale	
Central, Dorch'r .	Rev. George H. Flint	
	Rev. Samuel A. Brown	
,, Romsey, Dorch'r .		D W 17 01
French	Rev. Paul D. Elsesser	Dea. Marcel L. Orleans
Brockton, South, Campello		Rufus P. Keith Mrs. Adoniram Faunce
,, Forter	Rev. Robert L. Rae	mrs. Adomram Faunce
,, Waido Lincoln	Rev. Sebastian D. Turne	T
Brookline, Leyden		Rev. Albert E. Dunning
Burlington	Lett. Hairis G. Haie	Miss Violet Twining

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Cambridge, First	*Rev. Alex. P. Bourne	Frank G. Cook
,, 1st Evangelical	Rev. Charles E. Beals	Frank G. Cook
,, North Av	Rev. Daniel Evans	Mr. Samuel Usher
,, Pilgrim		
,, Wood Memorial		Mr. Alfred J. Bailey
,, Hope	Rev. R. B. Grover	•
Chelmsford, Second, North	Rev. Dorr A. Hudson	Dea. A. H. Sheldon
Contral	Rev. A. F. Earnshaw	
Chelsea, Central	Rev. John A. Higgons	
Chicopee, First	Rev. Arthur P. Pratt Rev. Collins G. Burnhan	
,, Second, Falls	Rev. Hervey G. Pillsbur	
Clinton	Rev. William W. Jordan	
Cohasset	Rev. F. B. McAllister	Warren L. Tower
Concord	Rev. G. A. Tewksbury	Dea. Thomas Todd
Dalton	Rev. George W. Andrew	s
Danvers, First, Center	Rev. H. C. Adams	Rev. Charles B. Rice
,, Maple Street	Rev. R. A. MacFadden	Dea. Samuel I Sawyer
Dedham	Rev. Edward H. Rudd	
Dighton	Rev. Frank J. Noyes Rev. Edwin B. Blanchar	rd.
Douglas	Rev. E. B. Blanchard	Mr. T. H. Meek
Dracut, First	Rev. J. A. McKnight	Dea. Silas R. Coburn
" Central	Rev. Owen James	Calvin Richardson
Dunstable	Rev. Augustus M. Rice	
East Bridgewater	Rev. W. S. A. Millis	
Easthampton, Payson		Dea. Joseph H. Sawyer
East Longmeadow	Rev. C. S. Wilder	
Edgartown		Arthur G. Cummings
Everett	Rev. W. I. Sweet	W. B. Marshall
Fall River, Central	Rev. Clarence F. Swift Rev. Payson W. Lyman	
" Fowler " Broadway	Rev. James E. Enman	Duncan A. MacDonald
Falmouth, First	Rev. John H. Quint	Dea. Seba A. Holton
Fitchburg Calvinistic	Rev. A Fred Dunnels	William W. Dole
,, Rollstone	Rev. William O. Conrad	
Framingham, Saxonville .	Rev. Hugh P. Hughes	Alfred E. Dawson
	Rev. Charles H. Daniels	Alanson B. Stearns
Freetown, Assonet	Rev. Leonard B. Bacon	
Gloucester, Magnolia		Dea. N. B. Turner
Gt. Barrington, <b>Housatonic</b> Greenfield, Second		Dea. K. B. Turner Dea. Emil Weissbrod
Greenwich	Rev. David L. Kebbe	Bea. Linn Weisshou
Groton		H. K. Richard
Hampden	Rev. Charles B. Bliss	
Hampden	Rev. Harlan Page	
Haverhill, Bradford	Rev. Everett S. Stackpo	le
West	Tiev. Tiobert W. Dunbar	Dea. William H. Emerson
" Center	Rev. Calvin M. Clark	Dea. Albert A. Emerson
,, North Riverside	Rev. James S. Williamso	
St John's Erich	Rev. C. S. Charron	Miss Gertrude L. Brown
,, Ward Hill	Rev. Roland D. Sawyer	
Holyoke, Second	zion ziolalia D. Can yel	Rev. Edwin B. Robinson
Hopkinton	Rev.A. Ferdinand Travis	
Hyde Park	Rev. Henry N. Hoyt	Henry B. Carrington
Ipswich, First	Rev. Edward Constant	
Lanesboro	Rev. James E. Gregg	T C M I
Lawrence, Lawrence Street		J. S. Mahoney
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Leominster	Rev. Lawrence Phelps	Walter N. Howe
,, North	Rev. Albert F. Newton	
Lexington	Ray Edward E Bradley	Nathan S Fielzo
Lowell, Pawtucket	Rev. Edwin R Smith	Nathan S. Fiske
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"	Rev. Geo. F. Kenngott	Dea. O. C. Frye
Eliot		Asa C. Russell
,, Kirk Street		Mr. Henry A. Smith
,, High Street	Rev. C. W. Huntington	Mr. Henry A. Smith Robert L. Read
French	*Rev. T. S. St. Aubin	Albert L. Mertrud
., Highland	Rev. C. R. Williams	1
" Swedish	Rev. Frank A. L. Lindhe	
Lynn, First	Rev. George W. Owen Rev. C. F. Weeden	Mrs. Henry R. French Rev. C. C. Watson
Morth	Rev. Arthur J. Covell	nev. c. c. watson
Lynnfield, Center	Rev. W. E. Renshaw	
Manchester	20011111211201201	Dea. Oliver T. Roberts
Mansfield	Rev. Wm. M. Macnair	Edward Achorn
Marlboro	Rev. L. B. Goodrich	Silas E. Simonds
Maynard	Rev. Eugene F. Hunt	Miss Helen B. Curtis
Medford, Mystic	D D ( T 77 1	Dea. Daniel W. Wilcox
" West		Dea. Charles J. Estes
", Union	Rev. John Wild	Frederick H. Dickinson
Melrose, <b>Highlands</b>	Rev. James W. Flagg	Frederick H. Dickinson
Methuen	itev. bannes w. Flagg	Dea. Jacob Emerson
Middleboro, Central		Edward C. Wood
Middleton	Rev. Leslie C. Greeley	Clinton P. Stiles
Millord	Rev. Franke A. Warfield	i
Millbury, Second	Rev. Grove F. Edkins	
Milton		Dea. John A. Tucker
Monson	Rev. Nathaniel M. Pratt	
Nantucket	Rev. Frederic W. Manni	
Natick	Rev. Morris H. Turk Rev. Herbert E. Lomba	Mrs. Arthur W. Robinson
Newburyport, Prospect St.	Rev. George P. Merrill	ıu
New Salem	Rev. C. H. Chapin	
Newton, First, Center	Rev. Edward M. Noves	
,, Eliot	Rev. Edward M. Noves *Rev. Franklin S. Hatch	James L. Leach
,, Auburndale	Rev. Charles M. Southga	
,, North	Rev. Henry E. Oxnard *Rev. A. E. Dunning	Mrs. James Galway
,, North	*Kev. A. E. Dunning	Dea. Herbert A. Boynton
,, Highlands	Rev. George T. Smart	Dea. William C. Strong
Norfolk	Rev. Theo. E. Busfield	Dea. Lyman E. Ware Dea. George W. Chase
North Brookfield, First	Rev. Samuel B. Cooper	Dea. George W. Onase
North Reading	Rev. John H. Hoffman	
Norwood	10 John II. Homman	Francis O. Winslow
Norwood	Rev. Charles M. Carpent	
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Pepperell	Rev. George A. Hall	Peter J. Frye
	Rev. George A. Hall Rev. A. H. Wheelock	Rev. J. E. B. Jewett
Petersham	Rev. A. H. Wheelock	Peter J. Frye Rev. J. E. B. Jewett Dea. E. Reynolds
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Rockport, First	. Rev. Israel Ainsworth . Rev. Edward P. Kelly	Mrs. Frank Scripture
Rutland	. Rev. James A. Solandt	
Salem, Tabernacle	. Rev. DeWitt S. Clark	John F. Pitman
Sandwich	. Rev. George H. Credefor	rd
Saugus, Cliftondale	•	Miss Harriet A. Haywood
Sharon	. Rev. Almon J. Dyer	
Shelburne	. Rev. Joseph A. Goodrich	n George E. Taylor
,, Falls	. Rev. John A. Hawley	D T 1 222 5 4
Shrewsbury	Post Anthon H. Codensia	Dea. Joseph W. Barker
Somerville, West	. Rev. Arthur H. Sedgwic	
" Prospect Hill	. Rev. Richard G. Woodb	Dea. Edward P. Dunham
., Winter Hill .	. Rev. Charles L. Noyes	Dea, Henry H. Piper
Southampton	. Rev. John Cowan	Dear Henry II. I (per
Southboro	. Rev. Martin F. Mevis	Mrs. M. F. Mevis
Southville .	·	Mrs. Mary M. Fay
South Hadley, Falls	. Rev. Frank E. Butter	· ·
Spencer	Rev. Edwin G. Zellars	Dea. Charles N. Prouty
Springfield, First	•	C. B. Holton
" Olivet	Pov Dhilin D Man	E. C. Hazen
Month	Rev. Philip P. Moxom Rev. Newton M. Hall	Dea. G. D. Chamberlain
Hope	Rev. Samuel H. Woodro	Dea. Luke S. Stowe
" Emmanuel		Dea. Nelson Lombard
,, Park	Rev. John L. Kilbon	Dea. Nelson Dombard
Stockbridge	Rev. Elbert S. Porter	
Stoneham	Rev. Alfred B. Dumm	
Sturbridge	Rev. John C. Hall	•
Sunderland	Rev. Edward P. Butler	
Swampscott	Rev. George H. Johnson	Dea. William H. Otis
Taunton, Union	Rev. Wm. J. Minchin	Frank S. Fish
Tewksbury	Rev. William C. Poor	John F. French
Townsend	TO TO 1 1 1 PERSON	ott
Upton	Rev. Ernest W. Eldridge	000
Uxbridge	Rev. Alexander Wiswall	/
Waltham	Rev. Charles E. Harringt	on
Ware, East		Isaac Jeffries
Wellesley	Rev. Charles S. Brooks	
Worksm Hills	Rev. Parris T. Farwell	Frank L. Fuller
Wenham	Rev. Walter S. Eaton	
West Brookfield	Rev. S. Ingersoll Briant Rev. J. H. Gaylord	
Westfield, First	dayloru	Prof. Harvey Porter
" Second		Clarence A. Brodeur
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W. Newbury, Second	Rev. Bartlett H. Weston	Mrs. Katherine A. Adams
W. Sp'field, Park Street		Nelson Sherburne
West Tisbury	Rev. Haig Adadourian	
Wey'th, Braintree, E. B'tree	Rev. R. H. Cochrane	Mrs. E. E. Mayo
Wilmington	Rev. Harry W. Kimball Rev. Walter H. Rollins	
Winchendon, North	Rev. Charles C. Merrill	Mrs. F. W. Russell
Winchester	Rev. D. A. Newton	Dea. Edward L. Baldwin
Winchester	Rev. Stephen A. Norton	C. M. Strout
,, North	Rev. Geoge H. Tilton	W. A. Corey
Worcester, First	Rev. Geoge H. Tilton Rev. F. J. Van Horn	
,, Central	Rev. Albert W. Hitchcock	Rev. Eldridge Mix
" Memorial		A. Matthews
" Pilgrim	Dov. Inner I Will	George E. Copeland
,, Park Bethany	Rev. Inman L. Willcox Rev. Albert G. Todd	10
" Betnany	Lev. Albert G. 10dd	

#### DELEGATES FOR THE CONFERENCES.

Andover			Dea. Jacob Emerson, of Methuen
			Dea. William G. Harding, of Pittsfield
Brookfield			Mr. Sumner H. Reed
Middlesex, South			Dea. William H. Gutteridge, of Maynard
Middlesex, Union			Dea. George H. Whitcomb, of Townsend
Old Colony			Rev. George W. Stearns, of Middleboro
Pilgrim			Rev. Burton A. Lucas, of Marshfield
Suffolk, North			Mr. O. Elliott Smith
Woburn			Mr. Franklin P. Shumway, of Melrose
			Rev. John R. Thurston, of Whitinsville

#### DELEGATES FROM THE ASSOCIATIONS.

1	Franklin			Rev. C. W. Merriam, of Greenfield
]	Hampden			Rev. Edwin B. Robinson, of Holyoke
	Hampshire, East			Rev. Charles S. Walker, of Amherst
5	Suffolk, West			Rev. Charles E. Harrington, of Waltham
,	Worcester, Central			Rev. Rufus M. Taft, of Worcester

#### DELEGATES FROM MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

#### Samuel L. Sawyer

#### MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, ex-officiis.

Seba A. Holton, Falmouth					Moderator
Rev. Edward M. Noyes, Newton .					Vice-Moderator
Rev. Collins G. Burnham, Chicope	е.				Secretary
Rev. Francis J. Marsh, Boston					Registrar
Rev. Almon J. Dyer, Sharon					Assistant Registrar
Henry P. Emerson, Boston					Treasurer

### TUESDAY

#### OPENING SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 2.30 o'clock P.M., by the moderator, Seba A. Holton, of Falmouth. The hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," was sung, and prayer was offered by Rev. J. R. Thurston, of Whitinsville.

#### COMMITTEES.

The following committees were then appointed by the moderator:

On Credentials. — Rev. J. W. Flagg, Merrimac; Rev. D. A. Hudson, North Chelmsford; Rev. C. H. Washburn, Neponset; Rev. G. E. Lovejoy, Lawrence; Rev. C. F. Swift, Fall River.

On Nominations. — Rev. P. S. Moxom, Springfield; Rev. A. W. Hitchcock, Worcester; Rev. E. P. Butler, Sunderland; Rev. W. W. Jordan, Clinton; H. S. Conant, Boston.

On Business. — Rev. W. E. Wolcott, Lawrence; Rev. G. F. Kenngott, Lowell; Rev. J. H. Quint, Falmouth; Emil Weisbrod, Greenfield; G. H. Shaw, Middleboro.

On Budget. — Rev. C. M. Clark, Haverhill; Rev. E. C. Wheeler, Rockland; Rev. N. T. Dyer, Ashburnham.

Tellers. — Rev. Israel Ainsworth, Rockport; Rev. Haig Adadourian, West Tisbury; Rev. S. B. Cooper, North Brookfield; Rev. I. L. Willcox, Worcester; Rev. J. E. Gregg, Pittsfield.

#### PROGRAM ADOPTED.

The program of the Provisional Committee was adopted as the order of exercises for the session.

### ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

The address of welcome was delivered by Rev. E. V. Bigelow, pastor of the entertaining church, and response was made by the moderator, after which a solo, "There is a green hill far away," was sung by Miss Hutchinson, of Lowell.

#### REPORTS.

The report of the treasurer, Henry P. Emerson, of Lynn,

was presented by F. P. Shumway, of Melrose, and accepted. Rev. E. H. Rudd, of Dedham, presented the report of the Auditing Committee, which was accepted, and its recommendation was referred to the Business Committee.

The report of the Executive Committee, presented by Rev. C. G. Burnham, of Chicopee, was accepted and its recommendation referred to the Business Committee.

The annual report of the secretary was presented by him and accepted and referred to the Business Committee.

The report of the Committee on the Work of the Churches was presented in print with an additional statement by the chairman, Rev. G. W. Andrews, of Dalton. Supplementary remarks were made by Rev. Lawrence Phelps, of Leominster, Gen. H. B. Carrington, of Hyde Park, Rev. A. Wiswall, of Uxbridge, and others.

A motion that an evangelistic committee of five members be created by the Association was referred to the Business

The Report of the Committee on Missionary Work was presented in print with supplementary resolution by the chairman, Rev. F. S. Hunnewell, of Reading.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was presented in print, with a letter by Rev. E. C. Camp, of Whitman, which was read.

The Committee on Temperance reported in print, with additional remarks by Rev. Edward Constant, of Ipswich.

Rev. Daniel Evans, of Cambridge, and Rev. P. T. Farwell. of Wellesley Hills, presented the printed report of the Committee on Labor Organizations with additional remarks.

The Committee on Nomination of Candidates for Corporate Membership in the A. B. C. F. M. reported, through Rev. D. S. Clark, of Salem, that under a new rule of the American Board no nominations by this Association are needed at present.

Rev. A. E. Dunning, of Brookline, gave the report of the Committee on Coöperation with Other Denominations.

Voted to accept the above reports of the several Committees and refer their recommendations to the Business Committee.

#### BUSINESS.

On recommendation of the Business Committee, it was *Voted*, That Rev. F. S. Hatch, of Newton, be substituted for Rev. F. E. Clarke, of Boston, for the address on Thursday morning.

Voted, That the Business Committee find a speaker to take the place of Rev. W. V. W. Davis, of Pittsfield, for the address of Wednesday morning on "The Function of the Church in Salvation."

The Business Committee presented the following resolution and recommended that it be made the order of the day for Wednesday, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon:

Whereas, By recent events the churches of our order are forced to deal with the question of responsibility for the moral consequences of our action in seeking and receiving money for the purposes of the Kingdom, it is hereby

Resolved, That in every instance in dealing with persons as donors whose character or business methods are in serious question, a foremost consideration should be the effect of such relation on public morals and on

the efficiency of the church as a moral leader.

All representatives of our churches, whether holding office in the several churches or in the missionary societies, have a responsibility which cannot be avoided or rightly disclaimed for the moral and social effects arising from their acts in seeking or receiving gifts.

#### The Association then

Voted to reconsider the vote whereby it ordered that the Business Committee find a speaker to take the place on the program of Rev. W. V. W. Davis. This motion was laid on the table.

Voted to adopt the recommendation of the Business Committee and make the resolution introduced by them the order for Wednesday morning at 11.30 o'clock. The resolution was ordered printed.

Two recommendations by the Business Committee relative to the form of printing the statistics of the churches were referred to the Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Nominations reported the followingnamed persons to act as deacons at the communion service of the evening session: S. G. B. Pearson, of Reading; W. C. Strong, of Newton Highlands; C. N. Prouty, of Spencer; Emil Weisbrod, of Greenfield; Nelson Lombard and C. B. Holton, of Springfield; and C. F. Flemmings and W. H. Ward, of Lowell.

#### AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

Rev. J. L. Kilbon, of Springfield, proposed the following amendment to the Rules of the Association: To add to Article XII, Section 3, as follows:

No vote, not essential to the conduct of the business of the Association, shall be passed except by a two thirds vote of those present and voting; nor shall any such vote be passed except by unanimous consent, until at least fifteen minutes shall have been allowed for debate.

After the benediction by Rev. A. E. Dunning, of Brookline, the Association took a recess until 7.30.

#### EVENING SESSION.

This session was opened at 7.40 o'clock by the vice-moderator, Rev. E. M. Noyes, of Newton Center. The hymn, "Love divine, all love excelling," was sung, and the devotional service was led by Rev. L. B. Goodrich, of Marlboro, and Rev. F. B. McAllister, of Cohasset.

#### SERMON.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. L. W. Bacon, of Assonet, from the text, Mark S:35.

#### MINISTERIAL AID.

A statement by Rev. C. B. Rice, of Danvers, in behalf of the Board of Ministerial Aid was made, after which an offering was taken, amounting to \$66.21.

# THE LORD'S SUPPER.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. W. H. Ryder, of Andover, and Rev. E. E. Bradley, of Lincoln.

The hymn, "My faith looks up to Thee," was sung, the benediction was pronounced by the vice-moderator presiding and the Association took a recess till 9 A.M. Wednesday.

#### WEDNESDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

A devotional service at 8.45 o'clock was led by Rev. A. F. Earnshaw, of Chelmsford.

The moderator called the Association to order at 9 o'clock, and the minutes of the preceding day were read and adopted.

#### BUSINESS.

On suggestion of the Business Committee, the following business was transacted.

The amendment to the Rules previously proposed by Rev. J. L. Kilbon was adopted.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to consider the recommendation of the moderator that the Association be incorporated.

 $\it Voted, \, {\it That the Auditing Committee shall consist hereafter of two persons.}$ 

Voted, That Article VI, Section 8, of the Rules be amended by omitting the words "through the secretary."

Voted, That all committees of the Association be instructed to return to the Executive Committee accounts of all money received and expended by them.

Voted, That the Committee on Labor Organizations be instructed to use its influence to promote legislation prohibiting the employment of children under sixteen years of age in any gainful occupation between 7 o'clock in the evening and 6 o'clock in the morning.

Voted, That the Committee on Gambling be instructed to consider the influence upon our churches of social card parties for gambling purposes, and of stock speculation.

Voted, That a committee of five be appointed on Coöperation with Other Denominations, and that this committee be authorized to act in carrying out the recommendations contained in the report presented by Rev. Dr. Dunning.

Resolved, That the General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts send their cordial greetings to Rev. John M. Greene, D.D., pastor emeritus of the Eliot Church in Lowell: "Meeting in this beautiful house of worship, which is a fitting monument to your faithful pastorate of more than thirty years in Lowell, we congratulate you in your nearly fifty years of active service as a minister of the gospel, and on your invaluable services to the cause of Christian education. We thank God for you, for your loyalty to Christ and the Church, and for your successful efforts in the extension of the Kingdom of God. We rejoice with you in your continued service of the Church in your present missionary work, and pray for the richest blessing of God upon you, that you may long be spared to bless the Church, and that you may have the peace of Christ, whom you have served so long and faithfully."

#### DISCUSSION.

Rev. C. M. Clark, of Haverhill, presented the first part of the report of the special committee on "Readjustment of Our Polity," viz., "The Adjustment of Churches to One Another." He was followed by previously appointed disputants, viz.: Rev. A. E. Cross, of Boston, Rev. C. S. Swift, of Fall River, G. E. Copeland, of Worcester, and Samuel Usher, of Cambridge.

The subject was then given to the Association for general discussion, which was carried on in connection with the following votes:

Voted, That the first recommendation of the committee be adopted (see Report).

 $\it Voted,$  That the second recommendation of the committee be adopted (see Report), with the addition of the words "that it consider" before the words "the establishment."

Voted, That the committee be continued for another year, that they present to the Conferences the action of the Association and report results to this Association at its next annual meeting.

Voted, That in view of former favorable action by the Association on the same point, the third recommendation of the committee be laid upon the table.

Voted, That the fourth recommendation of the committee suggesting the incorporation of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society in the Association be laid on the table until later in the session.

#### NOMINATIONS.

The Nominating Committee presented the following list of persons for the officers and standing committees of the Association:

# Officers.

Moderator, Rev. Henry T. Rose, of Northampton; Vice-Moderator, James Logan, of Worcester; Treasurer for three years, Henry P. Emerson, of Boston; Executive Committee, Rev. Charles F. Carter, of Lexington, Rev. William W. Sleeper, of Wellesley, Frederick Fosdick, of Fitchburg.

# Standing Committees.

Provisional Committee. — Rev. C. G. Burnham, of Chicopee; Rev. S. H. Woodrow, of Springfield; Rev. F. S. Hunnewell, of Reading; Rev. S. C. Bushnell, of Arlington; Rev. A. W. Hitchcock, of Worcester.

Publication Committee. — The Secretary and Registrar, and Rev. J. L. Kilbon, of Springfield; F. S. Blanchard, of Worcester; E. W. Lamson, of South Framingham.

Committee on the Work of the Churches.—Rev. L. W. Bacon, of Assonet; Rev. A. B. Bassett, of Ware; Rev. A. H. Mulnix, of Brighton; H. A. King, of Springfield; G. W. Chase, of North Adams.

Committee on Auditing Accounts.—F. P. Shumway, of Melrose; J. H. Currier, of Newburyport.

Committee on Labor Organizations. — Rev. P. T. Farwell, of Wellesley Hills; Rev. Clark Carter, of Lawrence; Rev. C. F. Swift, of Fall River; G. E. Keith, of Brockton; B. E. Harrison, of Malden.

Committee on Temperance. — Rev. W. M. Macnair, of Mansfield; Rev. W. O. Conrad, of Fitchburg; Rev. I. C. Smart, of Pittsfield; Julius Garst, M.D., of Worcester; L. W. Stowe, of Springfield.

Directors of the Board of Pastoral Supply.—Rev. W. E. Strong, of Amherst; Rev. E. A. Reed, of Holyoke; A. P. Williams, of West Upton; W. S. O'Brien, of Abington.

Voting Members of the Congregational Home Missionary Society. — (For three years.) Rev. F. E. Emrich, of Boston; Rev. Joshua Coit, of Winchester; F. A. Rugg, of Greenfield; Timothy Smith, of Roxbury; Rev. S. H. Woodrow, of Springfield; Rev. E. P. Butler, of Sunderland; Rev. E. T. Busfield, of North Adams; Rev. R. G. Woodbridge, of Somerville. (For two years.) — Rev. A. B. Chalmers, of Worcester; Rev. N. M. Pratt, of Monson; L. N. Gilbert, of Ware; G. D. Chamberlin, of Springfield; Rev. I. C. Smart, of Pittsfield; Rev. E. W. Phillips, of Worcester; R. F. Armstrong, of Northampton; A. M. Rice, of South Deerfield.

Voting Member of the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society. — Rev. George E. Martin, of Lowell.

The Association then

 $\it Voted,$  That place of the next meeting of the Association be Central Church, Worcester.

Voted, That the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted.

DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION ON THE MORAL RESPONSIBILITY IN RECEIVING FUNDS FOR THE EXTENSION OF CHURCH AND MISSIONARY WORK.

The order of the day for 11.30 o'clock was then taken up, viz., the following resolution:

Whereas by recent events the churches of our order are forced to deal with the question of responsibility for the moral consequences of our action in seeking and receiving money for the purposes of the Kingdom, it is hereby

Resolved, That in every instance in dealing with persons as donors whose character or business methods are in serious question, a foremost consideration should be the effect of such relation on public morals and on the

efficiency of the church as a moral leader.

All representatives of the churches, whether holding office in the several churches or in our missionary societies, have a responsibility which cannot be avoided or rightly disclaimed for the moral and social effects arising from their acts in seeking or receiving gifts.

On motion of Rev. W. R. Campbell, of Roxbury, the following resolution was substituted for the original resolution:

Resolved, That our Congregational churches and their representatives, in their dealings with persons whose character and business methods are in serious question, should have due consideration for the effect of such action on public morals and on the efficiency of the church as a moral and spiritual leader.

This substitute resolution was adopted.

Voted, That when the Association takes a recess it reassemble at the close of the meeting of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society this afternoon.

H. S. Conant, of Boston, was granted five minutes in which to call attention to the Summer School of Methods to be held in Northfield, July 22–30, 1905, under the auspices of the Massachusetts Sunday-school Association.

Rev. E. T. Root, of Providence, R. I., was granted three minutes in which to speak of the work of the National Federa-

tion of Churches and Christian Workers.

#### BUSINESS.

On recommendation of the Business Committee the following business was transacted:

Voted, That the Committee on Nominations be directed to report a list of twelve persons to serve as members of the state council of the Massachusetts Federation of Churches, the list to include the Committee on Coöperation with Other Denominations.

Voted, That the bond of the Treasurer be renewed.

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RULES.

That Article IX, Section 2, Clause d, of the Rules, be amended by omitting the words "to consist of one member from each conference."

Voted, That the lists of those ministers whose ministerial standing is under the care of conferences shall be printed in the Minutes after 1905 in connection with the lists of those whose standing is in the care of the Ministerial Associations, the joint list to have the heading, "Ministerial Standing," and the Secretary is instructed to send notice of this action to all parties concerned.

The doxology, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow," was sung, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. P. S. Moxom, of Springfield, and the Association took a recess at 12.30 o'clock to reassemble at the close of the meeting of the Home Missionary Society.

AFTERNOON SESSION (SPECIAL).

At 5.10 o'clock in the afternoon, the moderator called the Association to order and the hymn, "Onward, Christian soldiers," was sung.

The Business Committee reported the following communi-

cation from the State Association of Illinois:

#### Association of Illinois,

OTTAWA, ILL., May 17, 1905.

The Moderator, Congregational State Association, First Congregational Church:

Fraternal greetings and prayers for success in your work for the Master.

ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE.

The following reply was ordered:

LOWELL, MASS.

To the Moderator of the Illinois State Association:

Our churches join with yours in renewed devotion to the work of the Kingdom at home and abroad.

It was proposed to amend the Rules, Article IX, Section 2, Clause f, by inserting after the word "committee" the words "of two."

The election of officers was ordered for 9.20 o'clock Thursday morning.

Rev. E. V. Bigelow pronounced the benediction and the Association took a recess until 7.30 o'clock in the evening.

EVENING SESSION.

The evening session began with a devotional service led by Rev. A. G. Todd, of Worcester, and Rev. J. L. Keedy, of North Andover.

At 7.50 the Association was called to order by the moderator and the hymn, "In the cross of Christ I glory," was sung.

#### DISCUSSION.

The general subject of "Evangelism in the Congregational Church" was discussed in two addresses, one by Rev. A. H. Plumb, of Roxbury, on "The Glorious Past," and the other by Rev. W. T. McElveen, of Boston, on "The Promising Present."

Benediction was pronounced by Rev. C. B. Rice, of Danvers, and the Association took a recess until Thursday morning at 8.45 o'clock.

#### LABOR MEETING.

At the same hour of the meeting of the Association on Wednesday evening in Eliot Church, a Labor Meeting was held at the Odd Fellows' Block under the auspices of the Trades and Labor Council of Lowell and the Association's Committee on Labor Organizations.

At this meeting addresses were made by Rev. Daniel Evans, of Cambridge, Rev. P. S. Moxom, of Springfield, Rev. W. A. Knight, of Brighton, and Messrs. Convary, Sproule, and Moyna-

han, of Lowell.

#### THURSDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The devotional service was led at 8.45 o'clock by Rev. J. E. Park, of West Andover.

At 9 o'clock the Association was called to order by the moderator, and the minutes of Wednesday were read and approved.

The first part of the report of the special committee on "Readjustments of Our Polity" was taken from the table

and the following motion passed:

Voted, That a committee of seven be appointed, three of whom shall be the committee appointed on "Incorporation of the General Association," and that they be instructed to confer with the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society on the matter of the "incorporation of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society into the General Association," and report thereon at the next annual meeting of the Association.

On recommendation of the Business Committee it was voted:

To print in the minutes the paper by Rev. C. M. Clark, of Haverhill;

That the moderator for the next session select a nominating committee previous to the meeting;

To adopt the proposed amendments to the Rules relative to the Committee on Auditing Accounts, and relative to the Missionary Committee;

That the Missionary Committee be instructed to coöperate with the churches in all possible helpful ways in promoting evangelistic work, that the committee carry on their work during the present year in consultation with the Board of Pastoral Supply, and that the committee report at the next annual meeting of the Association whether this work can best be done by a separate committee or by the Board of Pastoral Supply.

A. P. Williams, of West Upton, was given till 9.20 o'clock to speak on the Summer School of Methods to be held at Northfield, July 22–30, 1905, under the auspices of the Massachusetts Sunday-school Association.

The ballot for officers and executive committee was taken

with the result:

For Moderator. - Rev. E. M. Noyes, of Newton.

Vice-Moderator. — James Logan, of Worcester.

Treasurer. — H. P. Emerson, of Boston.

Members of the Executive Committee. — Rev. C. F. Carter, of Lexington; Rev. W. W. Sleeper, of Wellesley; Frederick Fosdick, of Fitchburg.

# The Budget Committee reported as follows:

#### ESTIMATED EXPENSES.

Assessment for National Council at \$.01½ per member		\$1,749.00
Board of Pastoral Supply		3,400.00
Salary of state secretary		750.00
Printing, postage, and expressage		950.00
Stationery and incidentals		50.00
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SOURCES OF INCOME.
Balance on hand
Estimated in some of Board of Bostoval Supply:
Estimated income of Board of Pastoral Supply:
From preaching by secretary
From office fees
Assessment upon 116,600 members at five cents per member 5,830.00
Assessment upon 110,000 members at five cents per member 5,350.00
Total
10tal

We have added to the amount judged necessary for the Board of Pastoral Supply \$200 above last year's estimate, in order to meet certain extra expenses for copying valuable records and for office furnishings necessary for the safe keeping of records.

We endorse the judgment of last year's committee as to the advantage of a margin of approximately \$1,000, and therefore have not changed the rate of assessment.

> CALVIN M. CLARK, EDGAR T. WHEELER, NATHAN T. DYER,

> > Committee.

This report was accepted and adopted.

 $\it Voted, \, {\it That \, the \, committee} \, \, {\it on \, `` \, Delegated \, Representation \, '' \, \, consist \, \, of \, \, three \, members.}$ 

On report of the Nominating Committee, the following committees were elected:

On Cooperation with Other Denominations.—Pres. L. Clark Seelye, Northampton; Rev. Reuen Thomas, Brookline; Rev. F. E. Emrich, Boston; S. A. Holton, Falmouth; C. A. Brodeur, Westfield.

On Federation of Churches. — Pres. L. Clark Seelye, Northampton; Rev. W. V. W. Davis, Pittsfield; Rev. Reuen Thomas, Brookline; Rev. W. L. McElveen, Boston; Rev. F. E. Emrich, Boston; Rev. C. H. Oliphant, Methuen; J. P. Bates, Brookline; F. G. Cook, Cambridge; G. E. Copeland, Worcester; H. S. Conant, Boston; S. A. Holton, Falmouth; C. A. Brodeur, Westfield.

On Union of this Association with the M. H. M. S. — Rev. W. E. Wolcott, Lawrence; Rev. F. J. Van Horn, Worcester; Rev. W. A. Knight, Brighton; D. C. Brewer, Boston; A. F. Whitin, Whitinsville; H. H. Bosworth, Springfield; C. N. Prouty, Spencer.

On Delegated Representation. — Rev. N. Van der Pyl, Marblehead; C. A. Denny, Leicester; Thomas Todd, Concord.

On Incorporation of the Association. — D. C. Brewer, Boston; C. N. Prouty, Spencer; H. H. Bosworth, Springfield.

Missionary Committee. — Rev. C. H. Daniels, South Framingham; Rev. W. T. McElveen, Boston; Rev. F. S. Hunnewell, Reading; Rev. F. J. Van Horn, Worcester; Rev. E. H. Byington, Beverly.

On Gambling. — Rev. P. W. Lyman, Fall River; William Shaw, Ballard Vale; Rev. F. E. Butler, South Hadley Falls.

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY.

The directors of the Board of Pastoral Supply made their annual report through the Secretary, Rev. C. B. Rice, of Dan-

vers, which report was accepted.

On motion of the Business Committee it was voted to continue the special committee on "Readjustments of Our Polity" with Rev. C. W. Clark, chairman, and Rev. H. A. Bridgman to fill a vacancy.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was made by its chairman, Rev. J. W. Flagg, of Merrimac, as follows:

Whole number of churches represented									228
By delegate only							:	36	
By pastor only							10	)6	
By pastor and delegate							8	36	
Conferences represented									10
Associations represented									5
Total									243
Officers									5
Mass. Home Missionary Society re	pre	ese	nt	ed	. Ib	v			1
Total individual representation	٠.					٠.			335

#### NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO THE RULES.

Proposed Amendment: That each conference of churches be requested to name one person to serve as a member of the Nominating Committee, the committee to be called by the Secretary of the Association to meet at some hour previous to the convening of the General Association, and said committee to elect its own chairman.

#### DISCUSSION.

"The Relation of Our Churches to Our Missionary Societies," being the second part of the report of the special committee on "Readjustments of Our Polity," was presented by Rev. J. G. Taylor, of Arlington Heights.

The report was discussed by the following-named appointed disputants: Rev. S. H. Woodrow, of Springfield; F. O. Wins-

low, of Norwood; William Shaw, of Ballard Vale.

It was

Voted, To print the paper of Rev. J. G. Taylor in the Minutes.

#### ADDRESS.

Rev. F. S. Hatch, of Newton, delivered an address on "The Churches' Obligation for Missionary Work."

#### VOTE OF THANKS.

On motion of Rev. F. S. Hunnewell, of Reading, the following resolution of thanks was passed:

Resolved, That we, the members of the General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts, assembled at Lowell for the one hundred and third annual meeting, extend our sincere thanks to the pastor and members of the Eliot Church and to the people of Lowell for their gracious and thoughtful hospitality; to the hotels and railroads for reduced rates; to the newspapers for their ample reports of the proceedings of the Association; to the Hamilton Corporation for its courtesy in allowing the delegates to inspect its works; to the labor leaders for their brotherly coöperation in arranging for the mass meeting of Wednesday evening; to our efficient moderator and to all committees and speakers who have contributed to the success of this meeting.

The minutes were read and accepted.

The hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," was sung. the benediction was pronounced by Rev. F. S. Hatch, and at 11.50 o'clock the Association adjourned.

SEBA A. HOLTON, FALMOUTH, Moderator.

REV. F. J. MARSH, Boston, Registrar.

REV. A. J. DYER, SHARON, Assistant Registrar.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

One name disappears from the roll of our churches. The church was reported last year as dropped from the list of the local conference, but its name survived in our minutes. One church, the Swedish of Everett, has been organized and received into Conference fellowship, but has not yet reported to this Association.

Our churches, as reported January 1, number 116,631 members. In this number is included the membership of one church associated with the Rhode Island Congregational Conference, and that of two as yet not connected with any local conference. On January 1, 1904, the membership reported was 115,573. The gain for the year is 1,058. The additions to the churches in 1904, 6,710,—3,686 on confession,— are the largest reported since 1898. The removals in each of the three items reported are larger than those of the former year. The numbering of families connected with our churches and congregations tells us that we have passed the 100,000 mark by 52, the gain being 1,322. The membership of the Sunday schools exhibits a gain, the reports giving a total membership of 121,162. A decrease appears both in the number of young people's societies (in 1904, 527; 1905, 508), and in the total membership. The number reported this year is 31,079.

In the important item of benevolence we regret to record that the reported benevolence for 1904 is less than the reported benevolence of 1903 by the sum of \$8,955. Legacies also fall away from the figures of the previous year. Our figures represent reported benevolence. They may not be conclusive evidence that the churches are giving less than formerly, but that less money has come to the knowledge of the treasurers of the churches and pastors or others who report gifts.

There is a matter upon which the Secretary desires instruction. In several parts of the state ministerial standing has been transferred from the local association of ministers to the local conference of churches. One association has ceased to report its members; other associations report their members. Where a conference and association each report its members the two lists have been combined and, if a member of the association is not also a member of the conference, a star has been placed before his name to indicate that fact. Six conferences have assumed responsibility for ministerial standing. The practice dates in this state from 1900. The Secretary followed, in the "Minutes" of 1904, former precedents in the method of printing the names of members of conferences and associations, but desires to know the will of the Association upon this matter. Should

the names of members of associations which no longer guard ministerial standing be printed or not, and, if printed, in what form?

A rule of the Association enjoins the Secretary to make his report a brief one, and in presenting this first report your Secretary has endeavored to keep both the spirit and the letter of the law.

COLLINS G. BURNHAM, Secretary.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

HENRY P. EMERSON, Treasurer, in account with the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 2, 1905

1904–1905.	RECEIPTS
To cash on hand at last report	\$1,001 09
Receipts from Conference	5,443 94
Interest	
Copies of "Minutes"	
Rev. C. B. Rice, "Board of Pasto	oral Supply " 1,157 56
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Total	
1904–1905. E	XPENDITURES
By Rev. Collins G. Burnham, Secreta	ry, salary
,, ,, ,, ,,	stationery, etc 40 02
	y, salary, stationery, etc 59 75
Rev. A. J. Dyer, expense attendin	g annual meeting 675
Henry P. Emerson, expense atten-	ding annual meeting 3 00
Pilgrim Press, printing	
Samuel Usher, printing	
Rev. C. B. Rice, Secretary, Board	of Pastoral Supply 3,235 08
	"Minutes" 102 17
Postage	
Printing and stationery, annual m	neeting
Samuel B. Forbes, Secretary National	onal Congregational Council 1,733 59
Insurance	
Rev. Francis J. Marsh, expenses, e	etc
Cash on hand	
Total	***************************************

#### HENRY P. EMERSON, Treasurer.

The Auditing Committee of the General Association of Congregational Churches of Massachusetts have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, Mr. Henry P. Emerson, and find them correct with proper vouchers; showing a balance of \$876.70 in his hands and deposited in the Beacon Trust Company.

HARRY G. DIXON, FRANKLIN P. SHUMWAY, EDWARD H. RUDD, Auditing Committee.

# REPORT OF THE CONGREGATIONAL BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY

REV. CHARLES B. RICE, SECRETARY CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE, BOSTON, MASS.

The Congregational Board of Pastoral Supply of Massachusetts-herewith respectfully submits to the General Association its eleventh annual report.

Six meetings of the Board have been held during the year. Details of the work of the office have been brought before the Directors so far as is practicable. Careful consideration has been given to the general principles that should control the work of the office, in pursuance of the purpose formed and followed from the first, that its business should be conducted in accordance with established rules of uniform application, and not according to personal fancies or prejudices.

In giving the record of work for the year we follow with little of change the forms used in previous reports, partly for the greater readiness with which any comparisons may thus be made, but chiefly because these forms of words have been found best for brevity and clearness and avoidance of

misapprehensions.

We have rendered service during the year in matters connected with pastoral settlement to 181 churches. Of these there were in Massachusetts, 82; in Maine, 16; in New Hampshire, 26; in Vermont, 15; in Rhode Island, 6; in Connecticut, 10; in New York, 3; in Pennsylvania, 1; in New Jersey, 1; in Florida, 1; in Ohio, 3; in Michigan, 1; in Iowa, 3; in Minnesota, 1; in South Dakota, 1; in North Dakota, 1; in Missouri, 5; in Idaho, 1; in Washington, 1; in Oregon, 1; in California, 1; in the Hawaian Islands, 1.

We count here nothing except that which has been done in direct response to requests from persons officially representing the churches. The number would be increased if we were to count, as we do not, inquiries from persons — members of churches, or friends of members — who have no official authority. Business in the furnishing of occasional or temporary supplies is not included. It is not meant that pastoral settlements answering to this number of churches have been directly brought about through the work of our office, but that official consultations relative to the filling of the pastorate have been had to the extent stated.

The whole number of churches thus making use of our office is less than the number for last year, but greater than for any other preceding year. The number for last year was 210. The largest before that was 174, for the year just preceding. The falling off for this year, as compared with last year, was chiefly, if not wholly, a matter of the keeping of accounts by ourselves. The difficulty in finding suitable pastors for the smaller churches has increased; and churches have often been brought to our notice to which it was not likely that we should be able to render any early effective service, and whose names it did not seem needful to put upon our books. If there had been available men for the small churches our work would have been much enlarged.

The number of actual settlements in which we have had an important agency has been 75. In very many other cases our share in the work, though indirect, has been recognized as of essential value. This number of direct settlements is larger than in any former year, without exception. The number reported for last year was 70; and the largest number before that was 65, for the year just preceding. There has been a steady increase from the first opening of the office.

Of the whole number of churches conferring with us, there were 31 having a membership of over 300; 45 having a membership of from 100 to 300; and 105 with a membership of less than 100. Of these churches, 26 pay a salary of more than \$2,000; 52 a salary of between \$1,000 and \$2,000, and 103 a salary of less than \$1,000. The rental of the parsonage is included.

On the first of May the number of churches in Massachusetts without pastors, or without provision for the permanent regular supply of the pulpit, was 35. This is less than the number reported for last year. It is about the average number for recent years; but it is very much smaller than the usual number before the opening of our office. It is to be noted that our reckonings are made upon a different basis from those of the Secretary of the Association. His accounting is properly from an ecclesiastical point of view and it may have respect often to the action of a council in dissolving the pastoral relation or in failing to do it, and it may not regard arrangements whose permanency is not definitely or officially assured. Our enumeration is for direct working purposes and follows closely the changing conditions of which we have need to be carefully informed.

The ratio of change is always greatest, and the term of pastoral settlement shortest, with the churches paying the smallest salaries. Of the 35 vacancies now reported, more than one third are in churches paying salaries of less than \$900, the parsonage rental being included. This is a much greater ratio than the corresponding ratio between all the churches of this grade and the whole number of churches in the state. A moderate salary, at least, is a requisite to permanence in pastoral settlement. Of a particular intermediate grade, taking the churches with salaries of from \$1,100 to \$1,500, including the parsonage rental, the number in Massachusetts now without pastors is but five. This is a much smaller number

than would be commonly supposed. It is fully the average number for recent years. If there were added the churches of the same grade that are without pastors in the three states at the north of Massachusetts, taken together, the number would scarcely be doubled. The number of ministers ready to take the pastorate of these churches and competent to do it is not here estimated. But the figures as given must show a little what a hindrance stands in the way of the effort to meet the natural and reasonable wishes of the brethren conferring with our office.

Opportunities for preaching have been furnished directly from our office to 213 men; and of these 94 were candidates for settlement. In many cases these opportunities were several times repeated. The whole number of occasional supplies furnished was 441. This does not include the preaching of candidates, nor of men who have supplied for a limited but considerable period of time in one place, nor the preaching of the Secretary. The Secretary has preached during the year, in his measure, on 49 Sundays. On the other Sundays opportunities were not offered.

The summary of our financial account for the year, as reported to the Treasurer of the General Association, is as follows:

RECEIPTS			
Preaching by Secretary	\$516.00		
Office fees	595.69		
Rebate on rent	38.82		
Special gift	5.00		
Received from Treasurer of General Association	2,077.52		
	\$3,233.03		
EXPENSES			
Postage	\$80.81		
Telephone and telegraph	45.80		
Typewriter repairs and supplies	3.85		
Record books and stationery	38.69		
Printing and binding	9.25		
Advertising	31.20		
Sundries	5.25		
Insurance	5.62		
Traveling expenses	92.71		
Rent and care of room	361.20		
Assistant's salary	520.00		
Additional office help	38.65		
Secretary's salary	2,000.00		
	\$3,233.03		

The net cost of the office to the churches has been \$2,077.52. We recommend that provision be made for the support of the Board upon a corresponding basis for the year to come.

The furnishings and contents of the office have been insured recently and for the first time, so far as they are insurable. But by far the most valuable properties of the Association in this office are in records and papers that cannot be insured and that could not be replaced except by the labors of many years. It has been suggested that metallic cases might be procured at a moderate cost, which, with the safeguards furnished by the construction of the building itself, might afford a practically complete security. It appears, too, that these new cases might be so built and arranged as to relieve quite materially the present crowded condition of the room with respect to space. Our office has always been full for its size.

It may be called here to mind as indicating the constant purpose of economy of this Board, that the furnishings for the office, with its appointments for filing and indexing, and its working equipments of every sort, have been almost wholly provided from the first by members of the Board or by personal friends. There may be those who will continue this aid by furnishing these new appliances. Or it may be that the Association will judge it more fitting to provide itself hereafter for such requirements.

We do not mean that as the time goes on there shall be any relaxation in the practice of economies or in care for the fairness and thoroughness of the work of the office. In the earlier years there was a strong necessity upon us, since the existence itself of the Board was at stake. If through the considerate favor of the churches and the brethren this pressure has been somewhat lightened, the obligation has grown the stronger upon us to make our service the more faithful and valuable. We recognize the obligation clearly and gratefully.

Among the working rules of our office is one, as is well known, which forbids the giving out of information in any wise disparaging in its nature concerning any minister, except to persons having a clear official right to its possession; that is, to committees or authorized representatives of churches looking for pastors. The secretaries and superintendents of home missionary societies are included in this class. In two or three instances there have been formal requests for information from associations of Massachusetts ministers, and to these it has seemed our duty to respond. Beyond this the rule is firm. It might thus happen that a minister in name, who was distinctly known in the office to be corrupt in character and life, might be under consideration for the pastorate of a church and might be settled in it while no sign of warning would go from It has thus happened, and with disastrous results. There have sometimes been cases in which it seemed wrong to be wholly silent. The Directors have repeatedly taken this matter into most careful consideration. The conclusion has always been that there should be no departure

from the established rule. To stand fixedly upon it is certainly most safe with respect to all legal responsibilities; and it is also doubtless most wise with respect to our ecclesiastical relations. Our Board is not charged with any general disciplinary function. It is not expected to interfere in any way with the action or the purposing of any church except by request of the church. It has no general oversight of the churches with respect to pastoral settlement; and it is not intrusted with the duty of guarding their interests in this connection except as the obligation is brought upon it by application from the church itself. It is important that this bearing of the restrictive policy of the Board should be fully understood. The number of unworthy men in the ministry is exceedingly small. But now and then such a man appears; and it is not safe to bring any stranger into the pulpit until careful inquiry has been made concerning him of some person or persons known to the church and known to have knowledge of the man under consideration.

Inquiries sometimes come to our office too late to be answered to much advantage. This may be true apart from any question of distinct unworthiness. The appropriate time for the clearing up of any matters of doubt is before the minister has appeared in the pulpit, and not after. Afterward, even if there were occasion for hesitation, the mischief might already have been done; and it might be wiser to go forward hopefully to make the proposed engagement, rather than to meet the discomfort or possible division to which the attempt to pause might give rise. It is often difficult to know what answers should properly be given to inquiries which thus come to us when the proper time for inquiries has passed. We do not make use of truth in this office except under strict necessity.

The mode of pastoral installation recommended by the Association at its session of 1903 is coming gradually into use. It ought swiftly to become the universal method. It gives dignity and safety to the opening and closing of the pastoral office; and it preserves the freedom both of the church and pastor. Copies of the report of the committee upon which the Association based its action may be had at our office.

We know that it must often appear to our brethren who are looking for pastoral settlements that they are receiving from our office less consideration than is their due, and less, perhaps, than others receive. That less is done in their behalf than they deserve is indeed often true; and this we cannot help. That opportunities may seem to be furnished to some less frequently than to others in exactly the same situation may be possibly the result of something like an optical illusion, or an effect in perspective; as when we look upon trees in a row the spaces between them near at hand seem wide, while away on either side the trees stand close together. When we change our place, the spaces change. Thus even an exact measurement of opportunities might not appear exact, and the gaps, the spaces, near us might seem much too large. But our office measurements cannot surely be altogether exact. We recognize continually the prevailing

patience shown toward us by our brethren, whom we endeavor at least to aid the best we can.

Frequent references have been made in these reports to the inadequate salaries paid to the pastors of many of our churches. The knowledge of the fact that this inadequacy exists has naturally, in itself, an effect to hold back young men from entering the ministry. Yet the ministry needs these young men. And even as things are it is not the best view of life that would cause them to turn back. The attractiveness of life is in its opportunities for effective action. The present drawing toward the ministry ought to be great, and without putting aside the sight of its possible sacrifices. There is range and scope for effort and for hope as wide as any age need offer. The ideals of life in our generation are to be cleared and rescued and set up in the light. The standards of esteem and repute among men are to be placed where they belong, upon usefulness and upon character, and they are not to be suffered to rest anywhere else. We are agreed that this is to be done. We are agreed that the Christian church is to bring it to pass. And the leadership in the Christian church is with the Christian ministry. This is its distinction and its allurement. Sacrifices may be required. But the capacity for sacrifice with intelligence and cheerfulness, to useful ends, is the great social and public requirement of our times. The solution of the industrial and economical problems that press upon us will have to be found at last through the full controlling of individual life by the forces of the Christian faith. In this, in its study and practice, it is permitted to the minister to go on if he will before the rest. It is easier to speak than to do it; but it is not better. We may be pointing higher than we reach; but we are not pointing above the Christian mark. If the mark of this calling could be kept in sight, there are young men, we may be sure, who would be pressing toward it. And if these Christian thoughts concerning the ends of life were strong upon us all, the weight of sacrifice would not be suffered to fall with crushing force upon any. That general reviving of the Christian spirit for which we all are looking would bring us in each direction the remedies we need, giving us able pastors for our smaller churches and causing them to be sustained more fairly and fittingly in their faithful labors.

Concerning the manna that fell in the wilderness it is written, "The children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less; and when they did mete it with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack." The church of God in all its pilgrimage has need of such a Christian measure for the meting out of its worldly possessions. Thus our poorer churches and brethren will be comforted and strengthened, and the richer will be enlarged in heart. The treasurer of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society has an omer with which this gracious and equalizing and multiplying and rewarding meting can always be done.

But the homes of our Congregational pastors taken together, or taking

even the more humble among them, are now, to a large degree, homes of learning and refinement and of comfort and cheerful hope. They are surrounded also, it may be said, happily, for the most part, by kindly and gracious Christian households, in the presence of which it is not utterly hard to live.

One of these pastors told us lately of great inconveniences to which he had been subjected through payments scanty and slack, and he said, without thought of its being repeated, that his greatest concern was through the fear he had that his son would know of his trials and would not wish to be a minister. He was not afraid that his son would be a minister and would suffer. He was afraid that the fear of suffering might keep him from being a minister, and that the boy might miss the bright life that his father wished him to follow.

We are glad that it is permitted to our Board to know of these things, and to testify of them.

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE WORK OF THE CHURCHES

It is not easy to report "upon the work of the churches and the state of religion in the commonwealth." If it were possible to secure full reports from all the churches and the Committee had ample time to tabulate them, the task would be easier. But when the work was done, it could be justly criticized, for there are many silent and latent religious forces at work which cannot be described or even recognized by the most discerning pastors. These must therefore be omitted in the tabulation. At the best the report must be incomplete and unsatisfactory. The method adopted by your Committee, in order to secure the necessary data, was to send a series of questions to the scribes or statistical secretaries of the conferences in the state as they are presumably the persons best informed about the work of the churches in their neighborhood. Some of these brethren have taken a great deal of pains to ascertain the facts required and they deserve the hearty thanks of the Association. The replies of all would have been more complete if they could have waited until the spring meeting of their respective conferences. The requirement that this report be ready for the printer as early as April 1 made this impossible. To supplement the report of the scribes, two hundred return postal cards were sent to churches selected at random from the list of churches in the "Minutes" of the State Association. Replies have been received from most of these churches. This has given a wealth of material, much of which cannot appear in the report, but which is of great value in the help they give in determining the general religious condition of the state.

To the question, "Have there been any marked cases of decline in religious interest?" the replies of the scribes are for the most part in the negative. The replies of three scribes are somewhat unfavorable. From Barnstable the message is, "None that I know of. The total membership is, however, steadily declining." From Middlesex Union: "We have held our own." From East Hampshire: "No marked decline, but all we can do to hold our own." The reports from Woburn and North Berkshire give a net gain in church membership.

Over a hundred and twenty-five pastors note no decline in their own or neighboring churches. Of those replying otherwise, we note the following: "Yes, in a few respects, Christian Endeavor and Sunday school and prayer meeting. No, in the general interest and activity of the churches." "There is considerable indifference in maintaining the social meetings adequately." "Not very marked, but churches have less influence upon many whom they formerly controlled." "Not marked, but the tide is continuously

too low." "Some decline among individuals due to absorption in worldly affairs." "Somewhat of a decline, but nothing marked." "Yes, I think outside the church an increasing indifference to religion, but within it a deepening interest." "Rather a long standing chronic indifference." "Quite the contrary, but there is a decrease in the regular attendance upon the church services. Church members attend with less regularity and there is an increasing number of moral and intelligent families who seldom, or never, attend church." "Do not think that this section compares favorably with others in church attendance." "We have not been overreligious hereabouts for a long time." "No marked decline, but for several years a growing indifference among the unchurched and a growing self-satisfaction among the church members." "No more marked than in our churches generally, but this is marked enough." "Not recently. But we are in a region where summer people have small regard for the Lord's day and have found ready and numerous imitators." "There seems to have been everywhere a growing depression in religious activity and earnestness."

To the question, "Has there been any special religious awakening in your church or in any neighboring church since June 1, 1904?" about one half of the pastors give an unfavorable answer. Yet several of these same pastors report "A good healthy life." "A deepening of interest." "Usual features of church work well sustained." "On the whole a bettering of religious conditions." "A quiet growth with us." "A sustained and normal interest." Such answers would indicate that the churches reporting no special awakening have not lost their power and influence. The words of the scribe of the Taunton conference are suggestive: "A deepening of experience, a heightening of purpose on the part of Christians, and the conversion of a few sinners." Of the favorable replies, while some of the pastors would not emphasize the words, "special awakening," yet they note a steady growth in interest. Several state that they are now engaged in special services. Out of the replies received the following are selected as representative. Space forbids others just as worthy of mention. The message of Hyde Park is: "Our church has been more united and alert than for years." North Avenue, Cambridge: "Larger attendance, deeper spiritual life, more conversions than usual." Dedham: "In our whole Suffolk South Association there has been a carefully planned and successful campaign. Many churches have been quickened, Dedham among them, with work only just begun, we hope." Leyden Church, Brookline: "A general awakening in the whole neighborhood, touching our church." Union Church, Boston: "A gracious work among boys from twelve to sixteen years of age." Woburn: "About thirty young people were received on confession at July communion. About the same number coming at the approaching communion." First Church, West Newbury: "A decided interest among men." High Street, Lowell: "There has been unusual religious interest the past fall and winter." Quincy: "The reli-

gious condition is really the best it has been during my ten years' pastorate. Twenty-five have joined since New Year's and I think there will be many more before the year ends. But all this through the usual services." Wellesley reports large accessions. Newton Center, Trinitarian (Waltham), Swedish (Waltham), North Newton, Central (Boston), Wellesley Hills, Faneuil (Brighton), Milford, Mansfield, Norfolk, Cliftondale, Framingham, South Framingham, Holliston, Hudson, Marlboro Union, Natick, Maynard, Holyoke, Westfield, West Springfield, North Adams, are among the churches reported by the scribes as having been quickened. A report of meetings held in Springfield last autumn reads as follows: "The City Hall meetings in which all the churches of the city united, conducted by Bishop Vincent, were, I think, satisfactory to everybody. He gave a broad and sane statement of Christian truths, but made no appeal for immediate decision. His addresses were listened to with great interest by audiences that completely filled our City Hall. The original plan was, at the conclusion of these meetings to have every church conduct meetings of its own in such a way as seemed best. Later, this resolved itself into group meetings." Of one of these group meetings it is said: "The meetings were very well attended throughout with a great degree of interest on the part of Christian people. A good many young people attended and signed cards. attendance of non-churchgoers was very small, and there were few of those who attend church and are not members who attended the meetings, and none of them in our parish signed cards. The meetings in our group were carried on harmoniously in the spirit of Christian fellowship. spirit of fellowship among the pastors and churches was very delightful, and was in itself worth all the meetings cost." Another report puts the matter in another light: "Nearly eight hundred cards were signed, but that is an undue estimate of the revival. It did not appreciably touch the city. Some of the evangelists alienated those they hoped to win. The unchurched were untouched. Children would have been reached by the normal agencies anyway. Some features of the campaign were an exhibition how not to do it."

The story of the Dawson meetings held in Boston and other places in the state has been so well reported by the papers that it is not necessary to do more than to refer to it in this report. These meetings have contributed to our religious life. How great the contribution has been it is too early to state. But all persons will perhaps be agreed that they have created a condition of expectancy. The churches have been filled with a new hope that their labors were not in vain. The most complete report is from Berkshire. This portion of the state has the advantage of the services of a county minister who has a very intimate knowledge of its ecclesiastical condition. This bishop in all things but in name says: "In the report of last year special mention was made of a Bible class of men which started in a store in Hinsdale, made up, at first, of a few men who frequently met in a social way at the close of business hours. This gradually in-

creased until it outgrew the store accommodations and met in turn at the homes of the members. This Bible class has been renewed during the present season and has taken a new step. Moved by an impulse which sprang up among its own members, it took note of the situation of a small and weak church about six miles away, and one of its members visited it and found it would welcome a visit and a service from the class. On a certain rough and wintry night the young man who is keeping the little mountain church open during the winter had gathered about forty of the scattered community at the church and more than twenty men, members of the men's Bible class, with the pastor, struggled through drifts and falling snow and reached the church, an hour or so late, but in season to have an admirable meeting. It was led by one of their members and sustained by all with such simple impressiveness that the pastor said that it was like a revival meeting. This impression of the earnest words of the visitors led easily to definite expression of personal desire and devotion from the people of the community, such as had not been heard in the church for many seasons. This was in the town of Washington. A little later, on a Sunday afternoon, a similar visit was made by about eighteen men to the little church in Peru, which was without a pastor. These evangelizing endeavors awakened so much interest in the class that it has assumed a definite work in a considerable district on the outskirts of Hinsdale appointed a committee to arrange for work and held several largely at tended and fruitful meetings.

"The tent meetings which were held during the former season, and mentioned in the last report, were continued last summer during about four months. Six series were held in rural districts in Berkshire, some of them exceedingly rural, and ten in Franklin County. All of these series issued in an interest and an impression in the community which seemed to warrant the outlay and endeavor. Their influence could probably be traced in each community to-day. The work at Glendale which was so fruitful the previous season received a new impulse. conversions which issued in additions to the church in Stockbridge. band of awakened people at Glendale has continued its earnest and evangelizing work, and there is not, perhaps, at the present time a more bright and earnest group of evangelizing souls than that which is gathering weekly in this humble community. It has held a midwinter series of meetings, conducted by the Rev. W. S. Anderson, who was largely the instrument of the first awakening about a year and a half ago. The series of tent meetings held in Washington led to the opening of the church which had been in a condition of suspense for more than a year, and Mr. F. S. Childs, one of the assistants in the tent work, has spent the winter with them, occupying the parsonage and holding Sunday and week-day services and Sunday school, and visiting among the families. Special evangelistic services have been held with varying degrees of fruitfulness in Hinsdale, Mill River, Pilgrim Memorial (Pittsfield). Very recently a fruitful series of special

services was held in Stockbridge. The way had been carefully prepared, especially by preparatory meetings in the outlying districts, from which people came with marked interest during the progress of the meetings. The Rev. Dr. A. F. Pierce, of Brockton, very effectively cooperated with the pastor in the meetings, and more than a score of persons united with the church at the following communion season. Immediately following the meetings held by Mr. Dawson in Pittsfield, it came into the heart of the pastor who had just been ordained in Lee, to lay aside the Sunday evening missionary concert program and announce simply a meeting for prayer. This meeting was fully attended and a very marked spirit of prayer was manifested. A similar thronged attendance and earnest spirit of prayer was manifested on the succeeding Wednesday evening. The pastor was moved to suggest an afternoon prayer meeting during business hours. the surprise of all, on the next two afternoons, about sixty persons assembled for prayer at the church. For about two weeks almost daily prayer meetings were held, and then individuals began to come to the pastor seeking counsel and aid for the entrance upon the Christian life. Opportunities given at meetings met with response. At the March communion, the first sacrament for the pastor since his ordination, he received about a score of persons into the fellowship of the church. In these meetings there was no aid brought in from outside the church and no increase of preaching. Simply and only meetings for prayer. The gradually widening and deepening sense of need and opportunity for both summer and winter work and for increase of both ordinary and special agencies among the weaker rural churches has led to the designation of the Rev. W. S. Anderson, recently of Franklin County, to a general cooperation with the county minister for Berkshire in the work of evangelization. It is thought that by this enlargement of general agencies, Franklin County can be included with Berkshire in a work of special coöperation. The churches of Franklin County will coöperate in bearing the expense, and a modest grant has been made for the work by the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society. Mr. Anderson began work March 1 and has several engagements on hand for series of meetings. It is expected that this summer will be occupied, perhaps entirely, with tent work. The promise of this work has been so marked that the evangelistic committee of South Berkshire has seen its way to purchase a second tent, so that next summer it is likely that two tents will be engaged in special work where most needed in Berkshire and Franklin counties. In addition we may note that there is, at the present time, as probably elsewhere in the commonwealth, an evident condition of desire and expectation among our churches. We seem to be looking at the horizon, expecting some dawn upon the hills of Berkshire, which may bring a brighter day than we have known before. In addition to the view of the work among the churches, it may be a fitting supplement to note the work among the prisoners at the House of Correction in Pittsfield. Continuous work of Sunday and Tuesday afternoon services has been carried on with

excellent results. There are usually about seventy inmates, the most of whom feel distinctly the impression of the meetings. The Tuesday afternoon meeting is followed by personal visitation among the men, especially noting those who are about to be released. This usually will occupy from one to three hours, and issues in many personal conversations and opportunities for timely aid. An 'Inner Library,' as one of the men aptly termed it, of more than one hundred volumes carefully adapted to the moral and material needs of the men, is kept open in the wards where the prisoners are kept, so as to be used freely by all. Testaments and literature in several languages are always on hand. The trusted prisoners who act as hall men aid in distributing and recording the use of the library. For more than two years an evening school has been held twice a week, which is attended by about fifteen per cent of the men, about as many as could be expected, as probably seventy-five per cent of the inmates are serving so short sentences that they cannot avail themselves of class studies. This work is conducted by two young men, volunteers, each giving an evening in the week, with an assistant. The Superintendent of Public Instruction in Pittsfield has taken this little school of prisoners under his oversight. and by personal attendance and counseling with the young men in charge gives very valuable aid. The utility of this work in giving useful occupation to the men who are serving long sentences and whose spirit and disposition are most important factors in the morale and discipline of the institution is very evident. The influence of the work is felt outside of the institution among the many families throughout the county which have members among the prisoners. It gives access to these homes, quite often alien to local churches, and disposes them to regard as friends those Christian agents to whom they gave little heed until some of their near of kin came to the dread shadow of the prison condition, and were considerately and helpfully visited with welcome ministrations." It is but just to say that the late sheriff of the county gave his testimony before his death that the county could well afford to pay the salary of the county minister. in view of the saving to the county in keeping men out of jail through his personal care and influence. So much space has been given to this Berkshire report that nothing more from that part of the state ought to be mentioned. But a report from Housatonic is given, for it mentions the agencies used in awakening a church. "We have enjoyed a very great blessing indeed. Our special effort took the form of extra meetings, but I had preached on evangelistic themes for six months, so as to waken the church to the importance of this work. When the time was ripe, Dr. Pierce, of Brockton, took under his leadership the conduct of the extra meetings and 'he helped them much which had believed through grace.' I am training a large class and I expect they will join the church Easter."

The method used by the churches has been mainly the reliance upon the usual services. Few churches have used evangelists. Two who were served by one mention unfavorable results. Several pastors emphasize

personal work. The services of neighboring pastors have been used with great profit, and it would appear from the reports that such services, in addition to personal work, have been the most fruitful. Catechetical classes, boys' clubs, Win One Band, Decision Day in the Sunday school, and special prayer meetings are mentioned. The following reveals the help given by church visitation. "On 'Stoughton night' at Brockton, one hundred and twenty-four, including pastor, clerk, standing committee, Sunday-school superintendent, all officers of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, made an eight-mile trip. We took a blessing with us and received one." Andover Conference has employed a deaconess with helpful and strengthening results.

As to the evening service few churches have given it up. Not many pastors report themselves as satisfied with the present condition, but most of them feel that it has a good influence upon the life of the church. All kind of expedients are being used to keep up the interest. The general drift is toward making it an evangelistic service or, at least, to make the sermon evangelistic. There is a striking connection between the awakened churches and successful evening services. It would seem that there is less half-dayism when the church is spiritually quickened. A special report could be made up based upon the replies to the question about the evening service.

Briefly the situation may be summed up as follows:

- 1. There is no place for the pessimist in the religious outlook over our commonwealth.
  - 2. The awakenings thus far are local rather than general.
- 3. There is a growing sensitiveness to the spiritual condition of the unsaved and the unchurched and an honest searching of heart for methods for reaching them.
- 4. A larger emphasis is being laid upon prayer as the powerful factor in the quickening and enlarging our churches.
- 5. Obstacles are being removed and the way is being prepared for the mighty working of God's Spirit.

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY WORK

The work of your Committee during the past pear has been largely one of coöperation and investigation. The National Council Committee of Fifteen has appointed the Rev. Charles A. Northrop, of Norwich, Conn., Secretary of Systematic Beneficence. Your Committee has felt that it could do its best work by coöperating with Secretary Northrop and giving

him such assistance as he might desire. This your Committee has sought to do. We have called the attention of the various conferences and associations of the state to the new secretary and his mission, and have urged that he be given a hearing before the local conferences, and that our leaders do all in their power to further the success of his mission in the interest of higher standards of beneficence. As a preliminary step in this coöperative work it may be stated that your Committee had a long conference with Secretary Northrop and went over with him carefully the whole matter of church beneficence in all its aspects and bearings.

Your Committee has also carried on a work of investigation. The results of this investigation we beg to submit to the thoughtful consideration of the churches.

(1) We submit a few figures taken from Rev. Calvin M. Clark's "The Transformation of Massachusetts," which show the material progress of the people of the state during the period covering our investigation. For it will be evident to all that any fair study of church beneficence, and any just appeal for higher standards of beneficence must be based upon a clear understanding of the material resources of the people.

In the light of this perfectly just principle the following table will be found suggestive:

ASSESSED VALUATIONS IN MASSACHUSETTS					
Average per capita of population, 1870	\$972				
,, ,, ,, ,, 1902	\$1,420				
Increase of valuations, 1870–1902					
Per capita increase, 1870–1902	46%				
SAVINGS BANKS DEPOSITS					
Average amount to each depositor, 1870	\$277				
,, ,, ,, ,, 1903					
Increase of average deposit	20%				

From these figures it will be seen that the period covered by our investigation has been one of increasing material prosperity.

(2) The next table, compiled by Rev. Asher Anderson, will show the contributions of the churches of the United States to benevolence during this period:

	Amount	Churches	Per	Per mem.	Home exp.
1870	\$986,015	2,341	\$421	\$3.21	
1880	1,032,272	2,896	356	2.68	\$9.00
1890	2,270,161	4,042	561	4.47	12.00
1900	2,201,161	4,954	444	3.47	11.83
1901	2,233,722	4,940	452	3.42	11.72
1902	2,130,379	4,955	429	3.26	12.13
1903	2,088,967	4,990	418	3.16	12.04

A study of this table will show that while, from 1870 to 1890 there was an increase in gifts per member, from 1900 to 1903 there was a decrease. Contributions to home expenses during this period show an increase.

(3) The third table, which has been compiled from the State Minutes, gives the total contributions of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts to beneficence:

	Amount	Ch. mem.	Per mem.	Home exp.	
1870	\$339,829	80,583*	\$4.22*	•	
1880	391,716	89,962	4.35		
1890	675,285	103,659	6.51		
1895	696,261	110,179	6.32		
1900	673,945	113,235	5.95	\$15.11	
1901	721,773	114,045	6.32	14.15	
1902	621,935	114,040	5.45	14.43	
1903	611,585	115,573†	5.20†	14.19	
	* Gain 43%	† Gai	n 23%		

The showing of this table is encouraging. It shows that our Massachusetts churches are holding their own in their total gifts to beneficence. The gain in gifts per member is an increase of 3% over the gain in the average of deposits in the savings banks.

(4) We now present a table showing the gifts of our Massachusetts churches to our six societies during the last three years covered by the other tables:

	1901	1902	1903
American Board Commission-			
ers for Foreign Missions	\$180,693	\$174,077	\$136,783
Education	23,180	28,155	15,781
Church Building	26,953	21,022	16,400
Home Missionary	150,981	113,838	126,311
American Missionary Associa-			
tion	42,604	95,844	78,161
Sunday School	17,780	16,157	15,015
	\$442,191	\$449,093	\$388,551
Totals of all Beneficence	\$721,773	\$621,935	\$611,585
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This table deserves to be carefully pondered by every person who has at heart the missionary interests of our denomination. This table shows: (1) That while in their total gifts to beneficence our Massachusetts churches have maintained their high standard there has been a deplorable loss of loyalty to our denominational benevolent societies. (2) That in the gifts to five of our societies there has been a large shrinkage during the three years — the gifts to the American Missionary Association alone showing an increase, and in the case of the American Missionary Association the

gifts in 1903 were less than the gifts in 1902. (3) That very nearly one half of the gifts of our Congregational churches are devoted to objects other than those for the support of which we are directly responsible.

It is doubtless a fact that much of this money is devoted to the work of Congregational education, though the funds do not pass through the treasuries of our Congregational Societies. These facts force upon us the query whether the time has not come for an organized effort to increase the gifts to our six denominational societies and to direct into the treasuries of those societies some of the money now devoted to "other Congregational work."

What are our churches doing to supply the needs of our denominational missionary work? What methods are they using? The second investigation of your Committee was directed to this practical question.

A recent gathering of facts from 500 churches shows: (1) That 358 do not use the weekly offering system, but have the single annual offering for the different benevolent objects. The defect of this method, as it seems to your Committee, is that it does not reach all the people, and those who are reached are not approached under the best circumstances for financial and moral results. Eighty-one churches use the weekly offering system. Twenty-two churches use the weekly offering system, with supplemental offerings on stated Sundays. Thus many who will not use the weekly offering have an opportunity given them to contribute.

A few churches have practically the weekly offering system, but without the pledge feature. Definite Sundays are assigned to the several objects, with special instruction and appeal at the time of taking the offering. A few of these five hundred churches use the duplex system, with one envelope for church support and one for beneficence.

A study of results shows that almost without exception, the adoption of the weekly offering system increases materially the gifts to benevolence. The reason is obvious. Most persons will give more by giving a little often and regularly. Moreover, the weekly pledged offering is much less liable to suffer shrinkage from stormy Sundays and thin Sunday congregations. Why should a person's gifts to beneficence be conditioned on the state of the weather and his presence at church when the offering is taken?

Your Committee is fully aware of the fact that all systems have their limitations, and that after all has been said, everything depends on the leadership of the pastor and the intelligence, loyalty, and generosity of the people. We believe that the best system is the system which presents the claims of missions to all, and which enables all to give under the most favorable conditions. For this reason we give our unqualified approval to the weekly offering system — the system which is advocated by Secretary Northrop. We believe that the adoption of this system, especially if the foundation be laid in a thorough canvass of the parish, would result in a material increase in the gifts of our churches to beneficence.

As having an important bearing on this subject of method, a report printed in a recent issue of the *Missionary Herald*, of churches that have adopted the plan of guaranteeing the salary of a certain missionary, is instructive.

Thirteen churches have had the system for five years, with the following result as compared with the five years preceding: Total gain, \$25,766; average annual gain, \$5,153. One church only has fallen behind.

Twenty-nine churches have had the plan under operation for four years, and show a total gain of \$26,394, which means an average annual gain of \$6,599. One church only has fallen behind in this list.

The list for three years shows twenty-five churches, with a total increase of \$17,182 and an average annual increase of \$5,727. Only one church has fallen behind.

There are but nine churches which have a record of two years. These show a gain of \$4,463, and none have fallen behind. The average annual increase is \$2,231.

Number of churches that have adopted the plan	107
Total increase in the contributions to the Board	
due to the forward movement	\$101,342
Average annual increase which the Board is at	
present receiving from the movement	\$28,547

In concluding this report your Committee desires to call attention to the serious handicap under which it now does its work, owing to the present methods of appointing the Committee. Under the present rule the Committee is composed of the chairmen of the several Conference Committees. Many of these local committees apparently are not appointed till fall, and then no notification of their appointment is sent to the Secretary of the State Association, with the result that fully half of the year is gone before your Committee can organize. In view of this fact we desire to submit to the State Association the following suggestions:

First. If the present rule is to remain in force, we suggest that the Conference Missionary Committees should be appointed at the spring session of the conference and the name of the chairman of the Committee should be promptly reported to the Secretary of the State Association, that the State Missionary Committee may organize for work as early in the year as possible.

Second. We suggest to the State Association the advisability of so amending the rule appointing the State Committee that the Committee shall be composed of seven persons elected by the State Association, two of whom shall serve for one year, two for two years and three for three years. A committee so constituted would be much more practicable, and would always insure the presence on the Committee of persons who have had experience in the work which devolves upon such a committee.

One other matter deserves consideration. The large number of committees covering practically the same field of work is a serious embarrassment to the work of this Committee. It leads us to ask whether this Committee is really needed.

For the Committee,

F. S. HUNNEWELL, Chairman. C. F. WEEDEN, Secretary. CHAS. H. DANIELS. A. J. DYER.

Boston, March 27, 1905.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

At the annual meeting last year the State Association instructed this Committee to make an investigation of child labor, with especial reference to conditions in Massachusetts.

In carrying out these instructions we have sought information from the following sources: the District Police of the Commonwealth, the Committee on Relations between Employer and Employee appointed by Governor Crane, the Massachusetts Labor Bureau, the Secretaries of Labor Unions, the National Child Labor Committee, the National Consumers' League, and individuals living in factory towns possessed of definite knowledge regarding the situation. Especial pains was taken to obtain specific statements from labor organizations, since this investigation was prompted by their suggestion. Circular letters were sent to secretaries of labor unions asking for information concerning the present law and its application. We regret to state that in response to these letters few answers were received and little light obtained, either because the questionaire method has been overworked, or because the officials had not the data upon which to base definite statements.

Fortunately, however, other authoritative information was available. From a number of directions our particular problem was under investigation. We have been able to take advantage of public and private reports, and personal conversation with individuals having intimate knowledge of the situation both in Massachusetts and in other states.

#### THE LAW IN MASSACHUSETTS

The present law in Massachusetts has been well summarized in the report of Governor Crane's special committee. With a slight change, necessitated by last year's legislation, we present it, as follows:

"Children under fourteen years of age are absolutely forbidden to work in factories, mechanical establishments, workshops, or mercantile establishments; in other occupations they are forbidden to work during school hours; and all such children are forbidden to work between 7 P.M. and 6 A.M. There are also a few special regulations forbidding children to engage in certain public exhibitions, or to clean moving machinery, or to operate elevators, or to engage in the manufacture of acids, or to handle

intoxicating liquors.

"The labor of children under sixteen years of age is conditioned upon having age and schooling certificates. Illiterates under sixteen are obliged to attend night school for a certain number of evenings if they are employed during the day; the hours of all children are limited to ten hours a day, or fifty-eight hours a week; nor can labor be engaged in between 10 P.M. and 6 A.M. Some of the special prohibitions applying to children under fourteen years of age, as, for example, cleaning machinery and operating elevators, are also in force for children under sixteen years of age."

It is with some pride that we acknowledge that these laws placed Massachusetts, until recently, at the head of the states in its consideration of children. We shall see, later, that other states have now reached and passed our own.

#### HOW IS THE LAW ENFORCED?

The first question of importance then is, How is this present law enforced? In response to this question we must report that the general testimony indicates the need of greater care on the part of superintendents of schools who issue age certificates for children, greater vigilance on the part of state inspectors in examining conditions in the mills, and a clearer recognition by employers that the law holds them finally responsible in all cases where children under age are employed. A recent report of a careful investigation made by an agent of the National Child Labor Committee in the mills of Fall River, New Bedford, and Lowell presents indisputable proof of the illegal employment of large numbers of children under school age. In other cities the condition is even worse. The difficulty is with the foreign-born children of immigrants. A boy of eleven on the steamer in East Boston will be fourteen, according to his certificate, a few weeks later, in the city where he seeks work. The city missionary of one of our large manufacturing towns is quoted as stating that "artificial birth certificates are everywhere to be found." School certificates are made from these. Syrian lawyers will write anything desired by parents. In this city a child eleven years old was found working on an older boy's certificate. The employer was fined, with the result that forty other children were at once dismissed from the mill. In another city it was the opinion of the Greek consul that eleven per cent of the boys employed in the mills were under fourteen. The principals of evening schools generally acknowledge that, through the misrepresentation of parents, large numbers of children under fourteen years of age are employed. The testimony and recommendation of the Chief of the Massachusetts District Police is valuable.

"The present law is too elastic in its operation, and leaves too much discretionary power in the hands of the parties granting school certificates. It can be easily said the certificate of birth or baptism or registry of birth is

not available. I believe with the Rev. Clark Carter, of Lawrence, when he says: 'Our laws in the regulation of child labor seem to have been made for native-born Americans, the record of whose birth is easily obtained. The violation of the law is chiefly made by foreign-born children, and the presentation of a fabricated statement of age is a temptation not easily resisted.' . . Therefore, in order that the intent and purpose of the law may be strictly enforced, I recommend that a birth certificate, sworn to before the proper authorities, shall be necessary to the granting of a certificate. With this change I should not anticipate any difficulty in the absolute enforcement of the law."

The conclusion of the investigation made by the Child Labor Committee was that "the mills which seem most prosperous, and operating under most favorable conditions are those that are freest from the reproach of child labor." In other mills fraudulent certificates are continually used by the children of Syrians, Greeks, Portuguese, and Russian Jews, and other immigrants. It is evident that the responsibility must be pressed more and more upon the employer.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

We have already presented the testimony of the Chief of the District Police with reference to certificates. More important is the evidence that the law itself is not satisfactory. Certain improvements have been suggested by the Committee on Relations between Employer and Employee, and by others interested in the situation. The one which most concerns us has taken shape in a bill before the present legislature, with reference to illiterate children under sixteen years of age. Hitherto such children, if employed during the day, have been required to attend night school. But it is the universal testimony that such schooling, for so young children, after a day of labor, is useless. The proposed legislation requires, therefore, that no child under sixteen years of age shall be employed unless he can read and write simple sentences in English. This bill your Committee has supported in accordance with what we believed to be the desire of the churches. Copies of the bill have been mailed to every minister in the state and members of the Committee have appeared in its favor at legislative hearings. At the time of the writing of this report it seems probable that the bill will become law.

Other recommendations must be briefly summarized. The committee appointed by Governor Crane advises raising the age limit to fifteen, provided the State Board of Education favors the change. The State Board of Education, however, does not so recommend. A second suggestion of the committee is that the scope of child labor be still further restricted so as to forbid the employment of children under fourteen years of age, "in offices, hotels, or apartment houses or in the distribution or transmission of merchandise or intelligence." The same committee also recommends that "night labor after 7 P.M. be forbidden to all children under sixteen years of age." This last regulation the General Federation of Women's Clubs has also decided to advocate in all states where it does not now exist.

We have said that in certain respects other states have surpassed our own in their legislation for children. Virginia prohibits night work from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. for children under fourteen, and Michigan for children under sixteen. Texas prohibits night work from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. for children under fourteen. Ohio prohibits work from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. for girls under eighteen; and Ohio, Illinois, Minnesota, Oregon, and Vermont prohibit it for boys under sixteen. Massachusetts permits night work until 10 p.m. New York also excels our own state in two respects. The school certificate must state that "the child has studied and passed certain tests in reading, writing, geography, grammar, and arithmetic up to and including fractions." This practically renders forged certificates useless. The law also provides that a health examiner shall certify that children presenting certificates are of the normal stature of children fourteen years of age.

#### COMPETITIVE CHILD LABOR

The problem of child labor cannot, however, be confined and settled within the limits of any one state while free trade exists between the The chief hindrance to humane legislation in progressive states is the inhuman condition which exists elsewhere. The textile industries of Massachusetts undoubtedly suffer by competition with those communities where child labor and night labor, at lowest wages, are permitted. We are justly indignant when we are told by Mr. Edgar Gardner Murphy, Mr. Robert Hunter, and other friends of the children, that in the Southern states are more than twenty thousand children under twelve years of age, working on twelve-hour shifts, at wages of ten, fifteen, and twenty cents a day! But the fact strikes home when we discover that in many cases Massachusetts capital and Massachusetts mill owners are responsible for these appalling conditions. We, ourselves, then, are creating in the Southern states the situation which we claim makes it necessary to lower wages at home and renders it impossible to improve upon our own present conditions. More than this, agents of Massachusetts mill owners have been the most bitter and effective opponents of humane legislation for the benefit of women and children in the Southern states. It is also certain that many good people of Massachusetts, stockholders in the mills of Georgia and Alabama, are ignorant of the cruelty and inhumanity for which they are in part responsible. It behooves all friends of the children to see that such light is thrown upon existing conditions that none shall be ignorant. and that the responsibility for child labor anywhere shall be placed where it belongs. We certainly must not be deceived by the New England manufacturer who declares his inability to compete with a Southern system of which he is himself a part. Let the mill owners of Massachusetts unite to promote humane legislation in the Southern states where they hold property and it will come.

Nor let us labor under the delusion that this inhumanity to children is a sectional matter. There are "seventeen thousand little girls under

sixteen years of age, toiling in the great silk mills and lace factories of the mining districts of Pennsylvania," and thousands of boys, not in their teens, in the coal breakers of the same state. In the glass factories of New Jersey are hundreds of children, from six years old and upward, some working all night long; over five thousand in all the glass factories of the country. There are thousands of children in the cigar factories of New Jersey. In New York state alone, in 1900, were ninety-two thousand children at work under fifteen years of age. We need not report further. They who desire recent information may find it in current issues of "Charities," in "The Problems of the Present South" by Edgar G. Murphy, or in "Poverty" by Robert Hunter.

The importance of this problem it is impossible to over-emphasize. The welfare of the children concerns home, church, and state. Every beneficent influence of the home is attacked by the system which robs children of the rights of childhood and lays upon them prematurely the burden of toil. The mental and physical results of factory labor on young children are appalling. They cannot stand the strain, and become worn out before their time. One sure result is deterioration of the next generation.

From an economic point of view child labor, instead of increasing the gross earnings of the family, tends to lower them. On the part of the state it is suicidal not to ensure to every child the opportunity for education, healthful physical development, and such moral and religious training as shall best prepare it for citizenship. Crime, immorality, illiteracy, and pauperism are, by universal testimony, nourished by the child-labor system. The Church of Christ should be second to no other influence in counteracting these evils. It may not permit even labor organizations to surpass it in sensitiveness to the welfare of children, or in earnest effort on their behalf. It was these of whom the Master said, "Of such is the kingdom of God." What an appalling indictment exists against the Church of Christ if we permit children to live under conditions which rob them of their highest inheritance. Our task it is to so surround them with protective and ennobling influences that they may grow up as good citizens, both of the Christian republic and of the kingdom of God.

In conclusion, your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved: That the Committee on Labor Organizations be instructed to use its influence to promote legislation prohibiting the employment of children under sixteen years of age in any gainful occupation between 7 o'clock in the evening and 6 o'clock in the morning.

DANIEL EVANS, Chairman, PARRIS T. FARWELL, Secretary, FRANK W. MERRICK, EDWARD N. WHITE, ARTHUR F. WHITIN,

Committee.

### REPORT OF SUNDAY OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE

Your Committee again earnestly urges the attention of the Association to the matter of Sunday observance. This is a question of vital importance to the churches and one unquestionably within their province. If the Church does not give attention to this question, who will do so?

The need of clearer discrimination of the proper use of the day and of stronger insistence upon such use is increasingly apparent. Year by year the influences tending to secularize Sunday are multiplying in number and increasing in strength. Modern conditions of life, especially the crowding of many people in cities on the one hand and the scattering of others in suburban homes on the other, are forcing upon us new problems regarding the right use of the Lord's Day. Changes in practice are inevitable, but what must be yielded and what retained are questions which seriously perplex many Christians. A larger number, however, appear to be indifferent to these problems. They are thoughtlessly drifting with the current. Liberality is the glittering generality which, like a will-o'-thewisp, is leading them into a slough of secularism. For a multitude of people, including many nominal Christians, Sunday is more and more becoming merely a day for the indulgence of the desires of the moment. The Church is suffering increasingly in the matter of non-attendance. Few are the Sundays in the year when it is not too hot or too cold. too dry or too humid, too stormy or too pleasant, for a certain class of persons to attend church. Consciousness of responsibility toward God and for the welfare of the soul in the use of the day is woefully lacking.

Has not the time come when the Church should more seriously grapple with this question, in the light of modern conditions, and more definitely consider its course? Are we not drifting? Is not the attitude of the Church toward Sunday observance negative rather than positive, passive rather than aggressive?

Your Committee believe that the remedy for present conditions is not to be sought in legislation. The maintenance and enforcement of laws is important. Special interests are constantly seeking to break down the legal barriers to practices hostile to the Church and to Christian life. These efforts are made for the pecuniary benefit or for other selfish interests of a few. They come not as a demand from the people at large for larger liberty. They create such a demand rather than satisfy it. They cater shrewdly to popular instincts for selfish indulgences. They tend to the demoralization of the popular religious sentiments. It is right and necessary, therefore, that the Church should resist these assaults upon the legal protection of Sunday. It does so in the interests of humanity at large, and not for its own sake as an organization.

Along this line of effort your Committee has safeguarded certain interests at the State House, protesting against or favoring certain measures relating to Sunday observance, in the name of the Committee of the General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts. The bills of this sort introduced this year are as follows:

House Bill No. 65, to extend the time during which innholders may sell liquor on week-days and on Sunday. Reported adversely.

House Bill No. 256, for earlier closing, but permitting Sunday sales by

innholders. Reported adversely.

House Bills Nos. 597 and 821, relative to the licensing of entertainments on Sunday. Senate Bill No. 258 substituted in place of these bills. This bill is aimed against the licensing of any kind of work, sports, games, plays or public diversions, theatrical exhibitions, public shows, public amusements or exhibitions of any description on the Lord's Day. This bill, which would shut out golf and baseball, as well as the fake charitable entertainments or concerts heretofore permitted with such injurious results, was favorably reported, and likely to pass, until defeated in the Senate by the outrageous folly of a personal letter to each Senator from a certain Secretary, suggesting disagreements among Sunday supporters.

Senate Bill No. 152, to permit cranberry picking on Lord's Day, a vicious bit of special legislation, was adversely reported from the committee.

These bills have been fewer than in some years, and the attempts to break down the legal protection of Sunday have been generally unsuccessful.

Realizing that changed conditions sometimes make necessary changed practices, the Committee would again call the attention of the churches to the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon movement which has been adopted with such good results by many English churches. The movement is an attempt to draw the people without helpful home surroundings away from unwholesome environments to those which are wholesome and uplifting. It has succeeded in bringing people into some touch with the churches where the ordinary services for worship have failed. In this connection the experiment of the Boston Y. M. C. A. along this line is instructive. Light refreshments have been served during a social hour following the regular Sunday afternoon meetings. The attendance on these meetings has been about doubled, and those present have been drawn into Bible classes following the social hour. The Committee would commend the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon to such churches, especially, as are located in the midst of a boarding-house constituency.

We would also suggest that in some places and under proper restrictions regarding hours (not to conflict with church services), and suitable oversight, without at the same time overworking attendants, the churches should favor the opening of libraries and museums on Sunday. There is need that the Church should show a larger regard for the interests, other than those strictly religious, of people whose week-day lives are narrowed by the increasing grind of labor for daily bread. There is need also that

the Church should more clearly recognize that all sides of life have their religious bearing. Life should be a unified whole and not an aggregation of unrelated and antagonistic interests.

The great need of the time, however, for the maintenance of a reasonable Sunday observance is the awakening of church members to the privileges and obligations of the day. The swift and strong tide of Sunday secularization cannot be stayed unless Christian people know where they stand and then stand there. Is it not time for serious and sustained attempts on the part of pastors and people to come to something like harmony on general principles of Sunday observance? Unity of principle, not uniformity of action, is the desideratum. Is it not possible that a few fundamental principles can be formulated upon which Christians generally, not only of our denomination, but of other denominations, can unite? Would not the expression and general recognition of a few such principles. coupled with the frequent reiteration of them from the pulpit, in the religious press, in the Sunday schools, young people's societies, and, above all, in the homes, have a far-reaching effect? Until something like this is done, how can we successfully resist the constant determined and united assaults against a day for worship and rest and in the interests of a day for pleasure and profit? The task is difficult, but it ought not to . be impossible. Principles, not precepts, are demanded. Here is the center of a "far-flung battle line," and until the center is united in plan and action we shall continue to wage a disheartening conflict at the outposts on the flanks.

Your committee has the temerity to suggest, tentatively, a few principles in order to make its idea more definite. The one great generalization for the right use of Sunday is that of the Master himself in the utterance, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath." A slight development of this all-embracing generalization will bring the problem close to every side of life. Man is a spiritual, social, industrial, intellectual, and physical being. Sunday should minister in the fullest way possible to all of these sides of his life according to their relative values and needs. Bearing this in mind, we may say:

- 1. The cultivation of the spiritual life, through public and private worship, should have first consideration in the use of Sunday. Every other interest should be subordinated to this.
- 2. The social activities of the day should be limited to the cultivation of family relationships.
- 3. The activities which constitute the work of life should be entirely suspended on Sunday, if possible, or reduced to the lowest possible minimum of necessary labor.
- 4. Ordinary intellectual pursuits or pastimes should be dropped, and the mind centered upon the ennobling realities in the spiritual realms of the true, the beautiful, and the good.
  - 5. In addition to the rest coming from the changed life already suggested,

the physical well-being should be promoted on Sunday by quiet, out-ofdoor activities, in the main apart from crowds, the influence and example of which injure no one else.

6. In all things, a rigid restriction of activities which will throw a burden of unnecessary Sunday labor upon others should be practiced.

If some such principles as these could be generally agreed upon by Christian people, enforced strongly and with reasonable frequency from the pulpit, assiduously instilled into the minds of the young, and then conscientiously applied to individual conduct, we believe that great improvement in the observance of Sunday among Christian people would be observable. We venture to say that among other things the betterment would include: Larger church attendance, fewer Sunday social functions, approximation to the simple life on Sunday in many homes, according to the scale of their ordering, less mental, moral and spiritual dissipation over the Sunday newspaper, so-called, less Sunday travel, fewer physically exhausting and nerve racking Sunday excursions, more rest for mothers, servants and railway employees, — many people to whom Sunday would become in a way now altogether unrealized, "day of all the week the best," and who would go into the work of the week on Monday morning with a freshness and zest to which they are now strangers.

If these results were to be realized, it would be through the conscientious application of these principles by Christian people to their own lives. Such application would involve self-denial and self-sacrifice. A seeming present tangible good would necessarily be sacrificed at times for an intangible future good or for an indefinite some one else's good. But just such self-sacrifice is a fundamental element of the Christian life. A life which does not know such sacrifice and is not ready to make it has a very questionable claim to the epithet "Christian." Present-day Christianity could develop a great deal of such sacrifice without incurring a particle of danger of being called Puritanical.

Moreover, if Christian people would generally accept and practice some such program as here outlined, they could make a far stronger impression upon the world than at present. Sunday would be accorded new respect in the minds of many people. Incidentally, Christianity, as a whole,

would stand higher in the estimate of the world.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM H. ALLBRIGHT D. CHAUNCEY BREWER. EDWARD C. CAMP.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

1. We place ourselves on record as unequivocally in favor of the strictest enforcement of law in relation to the liquor traffic,—in license and in no-license communities alike.

- 2. We favor and recommend the formation of good-citizenship leagues and law-enforcement societies, to awaken and strengthen public sentiment and to bring pressure to bear upon public officials to the end that laws may be enforced.
- 3. We would call attention to the literature suitable for campaign purposes issued by the Massachusetts Total Abstinence Society, and by the bureau formerly managed by Mr. Henry H. Faxon, but now in charge of Miss Brown, and also to the pictorial matter published by *The Ram's Horn*, of Chicago; all of which can be used to advantage in no-license campaigns.
- 4. In view of the apparent increase of social drinking among the wealthier classes, and the manifest intemperance of many of the poor, we call upon Christian men and women to emphasize anew, by precept and example, the one absolutely safe rule,—total abstinence. Where men cannot be induced to pledge themselves to total abstinence for life, we favor the use of modified forms of the pledge, viz., total abstinence for specified periods, pledges to taboo the saloon, to abstain from the treating habit, etc.
- 5. Your Committee is convinced that advance in correct temperance principles and practice must be gained chiefly by educational work among the young. The nature and effect of alcoholic beverages on the human body should be taught in the home, the church, and the school, in accordance with the latest scientific discoveries, without minimizing the dangers, or exaggerating its evils. The young should be taught that moderate drinking not only is dangerous because it leads to excess, but is not necessary for health, and usually is detrimental.
- 6. We recommend that greater efforts than ever be put forth to provide substitutes for the saloon, in the form of public reading and recreation rooms.
- 7. In regard to legislation, we are opposed to the repeal of the so-called Semicolon Clause of the liquor laws. We are in favor of a law which shall still further restrict the hours during which liquor may be sold by retail dealers. We also call the attention of the Association to the Report of your Committee on Temperance Legislation, printed in 1902, recommending the removal of the element of personal profit from the liquor traffic, in places where the majority vote is for license, and the voters wish to adopt the Dispensary System, which has been so successfully tried in other states.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD CONSTANT, WILLIAM T. FORBES, WILLIAM M. MACNAIR,

Secretary.

### REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

The Publication Committee held several meetings to arrange for the printing for the ensuing year. Acting under its direction the Secretary received bids from various printers. The Committee awarded the printing to The Fort Hill Press. The Year-Book and our Minutes are this year printed by the same firm, and by use of the same plates for statistical pages which are identical in both Year-Book and Minutes a reduction will be made in the expense for printing.

Respectfully submitted,

COLLINS G. BURNHAM. FRANCIS J. MARSH. J. J. ARAKELYAN. LEONARD A. TREAT. FRANK WOOD.

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee held its first meeting at Fitchburg, May 19, 1904, at which it recommended the printing of all the papers read at the annual meeting. It has held three other meetings during the year.

As directed by the Association, the committee secured a bond for the It chose a Finance Committee, consisting of Rev. E. M. Noves, Rev. Nicholas Van der Pvl, Rev. F. J. Marsh, and Rev. Edwin N. Hardy, to pass on all bills presented to the Association other than such as are ordered by the General Association.

At a meeting held June 20, 1904, the Board of Pastoral Supply and the Auditing Committee were present by invitation of this Committee for conference regarding the accounting of moneys received by the Board

of Pastoral Supply.

The result of the conference was the following vote passed by this committee: "That all moneys received by the Board of Pastoral Supply be passed into the hands of the Treasurer, and deposits and statements made monthly, with the understanding that the bills of the Board be approved by some one of the directors of the Board and also by a Finance Committee of this Executive Committee." This arrangement has worked satisfactorily.

The Executive Committee also voted to request all the committees of the Association to return accounts of all money received and expended by them, and that full reports of such money appear in the Treasurer's

report.

At a meeting held March 24, 1905, a vacancy in the Provisional Committee, caused by the removal of Rev. Mr. Welles of Lowell, was filled by the choice of Rev. Mr. Kenngott of Lowell. At this meeting it was also voted that the bills of all the committees of the Association be referred to the Finance Committee for approval or disapproval.

The Executive Committee as now organized has a chairman and a The Committee is required to make an annual report to the Association, and it seems fitting that the keeper of its records should make this report. We, therefore, unanimously recommend that Article VI, paragraph 8, of the Rules of the General Association be amended so that the last clause shall read as follows: "And shall make an annual report to the Association through the secretary of the committee."

Respectfully submitted,

COLLINS G. BURNHAM,

In behalf of the Committee.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO CO-OPERATE WITH OTHER DENOMINATIONS IN THIS STATE

The Protestant Episcopal Convention of the Diocese of Eastern Massachusetts last year requested its bishop to appoint a committee to consider the subject of Christian unity and what action that Church could take to promote higher and more effective Christian coöperation.

One of the objects for which the Massachusetts Association of Congregational Churches exists, as declared in Article II of its rules, is to promote "the coöperation of this body with other ecclesiastical bodies for the general increase of Christian union and spiritual efficiency, and the advancement of Christ's kingdom in the earth."

In view of these facts, and in response to a suggestion that this Association should manifest to our Episcopalian brethren a willingness to promote the objects which concern us and them alike, the Committee making this report was appointed at the annual meeting of this Association last May. Its chairman at once wrote to Bishop Lawrence informing him of the appointment of this committee and its purpose, and received a courteous reply, proposing further correspondence in the autumn.

The General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church held in Boston last October caused the postponement of the appointment of the committee above referred to. Early this year, however, following correspondence and a conference between Bishop Lawrence and the chairman of your Committee, a meeting of the two committees was held in the Diocesan House in Boston. Fraternal discussion brought into view various ways in which Christian churches in local communities in this state are working together for the advancement of Christ's kingdom.

For example: All the Protestant churches of a town or city, as in Winchester, Somerville, and Taunton, were planning for special union daily meetings during Holy Week. Such meetings in a number of places have been held this year with encouraging results in quickening spiritual life and impressing on the whole community the fact of the essential unity of believers.

The churches in other instances have united in philanthropic efforts and in extending a welcome to newcomers into the community. In Jamaica Plain, for example, a Friendly Society was maintained for several years, composed of delegates of the churches, holding monthly meetings, supporting a representative who called on families moving into the district, finding out their denominational affiliations, and, if agreeable to them, opening the way for them to become acquainted with the church of their choice and bringing children into the Sunday schools.

In some cities, as in Lynn, an annual meeting is held of the pastors and officers of all the churches, with a supper, at which moral and religious conditions of the community are considered, and plans adopted for holding a series of Sunday afternoon or evening services in some central building to reach those not in the habit of church attendance.

Lectures on the Bible adapted to instruct the public, or on moral and religious topics to meet special conditions of the popular mind, or to train Sunday-school teachers have been held in several communities and have been received with generous appreciation.

From these and other evidences, your Committee is convinced that present conditions give encouragement greater, perhaps, than at any previous time to undertake more general systematic effort to bring Christians of all denominations together to work in practical lines for the religious upbuilding of communities throughout the state. We believe that this can best be promoted at present without any direct aim at organic church unity, but rather through fraternal coöperation of the churches to secure benefits desired by all Christians.

We therefore recommend to the Congregational churches of Massachusetts that they take steps as opportunity may offer to coöperate with other denominations in bringing to the attention of the entire community the supreme importance of the worship and service of God, and of the principles of living taught by our Lord Jesus Christ; and we mention especially, as practical and feasible lines of coöperation in local communities, the following:

1. That the churches unite through their representatives at the proper season in calling on all citizens to join in the observance of Holy Week for the cause of righteousness.

2. That, under the guidance of a joint committee of all denominations, they seek to promote the study of the religious conditions of the community.

3. That they favor holding meetings of representatives of all denominations; at stated times, to hear and discuss the reports of these committees presenting the results of such study.

4. That they coöperate with other denominations in bringing these results to bear in practical efforts for cultivating the moral and religious life of the community. As examples of such efforts we mention the forming, in each community, of a society representing all the churches to do philanthropic work, and to employ, when it seems desirable, a missionary to minister in helpful ways to those in any need outside of the congregations, and to encourage new comers to associate themselves with congregations according to their preference; the maintenance at favorable seasons of central public religious services; the establishment of courses of lectures to be given by men of light and leading on the Bible and on practical Christian living, and the study of the fundamental principles of Christianity by all the local churches together.

We recommend also that this Association appoint as one of its standing committees a committee to coöperate with other denominations in this state, and that this Association inform the state organizations of other Christian bodies of Massachusetts of its action and its desire to coöperate with them in these and in all practicable ways to impress on all the people the essential unity of spirit of all disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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## THE RE-ADJUSTMENT OF OUR DENOMINATIONAL POLITY

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ADDRESSES OF THE REV. A. E. DUNNING AND THE REV. W. R. CAMPBELL

PART I. THE ADJUSTMENT OF OUR CHURCHES TO ONE ANOTHER REV. CALVIN M. CLARK, HAVERHILL

A careful inspection and comparison of the various points made in the two addresses show that both alike were interested chiefly in two problems, viz., the Relation of Our Churches to Our Missionary Societies, and the Adjustment of Our Churches to One Another. Another member of the committee will report to you upon the first of these. It is assigned to me to report upon the second, — the Adjustment of Our Churches to One Another, — practically the problem of the possible developments of our polity.

- I. American Congregationalism has developed along the line of two great principles: (1) The autonomy of the local community, or church; (2) the fellowship and coöperation of the churches with one another. In the language of symbols our Congregational polity would be represented, not by the circle with its one center or focus, but by the ellipse with its two foci. Would we maintain our historic form, therefore, it is essential that we neglect neither great principle; that, in any contemplated or instituted changes, we have regard to both; that we remember that a change under the influence of either necessitates a change with regard to the other. Now, it is asserted by many that in the past the denominational attention has been chiefly upon the first principle, the autonomy of the local community. Of late that attention has been more and more fixed upon the second principle of coöperation.
  - II. Reasons for this increased attention to the second principle:
- 1. The attention of the age is, in general, fixed on the social rather than the individual.

2. In comparison with certain other denominations in the country, with more intercommunal organization we Congregationalists are not holding our own in numbers and extension. For us in Massachusetts this disparity has been emphasized by certain recent utterances and activities of the Episcopal church, or of individual Episcopalians.

3. In comparison with our own past, especially here in New England, the birthplace of American Congregationalism, in many respects we are

either stationary or retrograde.

4. The rapid growth of an urban population in New England has demonstrated the comparative inability of the individual church to cope with either the number or magnitude of the problems arising.

5. There has been a large influx into the ministry of our denomination of men born and bred in denominations with more intercommunal organization. On the part of some of these men, perhaps more or less unconsciously, there has been a desire to reproduce the strength of the centralization of their native denomination, without an appreciation of the strength of the independency and freedom of their adoptive denomination.

6. There is a prospect of coöperation and ultimate organic union with two sister denominations, both with more intercommunal organization than we; and there is a desire, characteristic of our denomination as a whole (as witness the Plan of Union), to sacrifice almost anything for the

sake of coöperation and union.

7. There is a feeling, more or less vague, abroad with many of our leaders, lay and clerical, that as a denomination we are lacking *esprit de corps*.

III. Several recent events or movements have given concrete expression to this increased attention to the second principle.

sion to this increased attention to the second principle.

- 1. The establishment in Chicago, Cleveland, and elsewhere of organizations like the Congregational Church Union of Boston.
- 2. The movement in New England to transfer the control of ministerial standing from the Associations of Ministers to the Conferences of the Churches.
- 3. The establishment of the Board of Pastoral Supply for Massachusetts, with influence over an ever-widening territory.
- 4. The continued agitation for the federation or consolidation of our missionary societies, their organs and meetings.
- 5. The change in the method of nomination of corporate members of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, in order to make the membership more broadly and truly representative of the churches.
- 6. The assertion and assumption of new scope as to position and privilege on the part of two moderators of our National Council.
- 7. The election of the moderator of our State Association a year in advance, and the demand for more permanent committees, as well as officers, of the Association.
  - IV. The forms in which American Congregationalism has incorporated

the principle of fellowship in the past, or the existing intercommunal organizations, are the following:

- Vicinage Councils, in origin, incidental; in duration, temporary; in power, advisory.
- 2. Conferences, or Conventions, in duration, permanent, but with only occasional, usually semi-annual meetings; in power, discussional, consultative, advisory; but, in part, by courtesy of the local churches, also legislative.
- 3. Associations of Ministers, in origin, voluntary; in duration, permanent, but with only occasional meetings; in power discussional and consultative, except here in New England, where they have usurped the power of the church or churches in the matter of control of ministerial accrediting and standing.
- 4. State Associations, or Conventions, in duration, permanent, with annual meetings; in power, like the local conferences or conventions, discussional, consultative, advisory; but in part, again by courtesy of the churches, legislative.
- 5. The National Council,—in duration, permanent, with a triennial meeting; in power, as in the case of local conferences and state associations or conventions, discussional, consultative, advisory; with no, or practically no, legislative power, even by courtesy of the churches.
- 6. Missionary Societies, State and National, in origin, voluntary and independent of the churches; in duration, permanent; with very much real, though, from the viewpoint of their origin, wholly arrogated power over the churches.
- 7. Theological Seminaries, in origin, voluntary and independent of the churches; in duration, permanent; in power, educational.

By this summary we are, perhaps, better prepared to consider:

V. The natural lines of advance in the development of our denominational polity in the application of the second principle, viz., the fellowship and coöperation of the churches.

In the four suggestions that I make under this head, I do not assume to cover all the points even that were made in the two addresses of last year, much less all that might be made under the topic assigned me. Such suggestions as are made contemplate in the main an horizon no larger than our own state, and are, therefore, proper to this body; they are practicable of immediate execution; whether they are expedient and wise is not for me to say.

1. The most important passage in Dr. Dunning's paper bearing on the matter of polity was near the close of the paper and anent the proposed union with the Methodist Protestants and United Brethren. It read, "Our part in bringing about this union may be difficult, but it certainly is not impossible. It is to adjust ourselves to the proposed organization without surrendering our essential principles of polity. That means that we must find how to create and define the work of dele-

gated representative bodies with authority strictly limited to the common concerns of those bodies, leaving each church supreme in its own internal affairs." This is, in fact, the most important utterance in either of the papers respecting polity. Mr. Campbell's paper made suggestions of similar tenor as to granting powers and authority to the Executive Committee of this State Association, and as to a similar granting of powers and authority to the trustees of our National Council, both made under the first heading of his paper; also, under his fourth heading, as to our great assemblies being recovered to usefulness and respect by being made practically legislative as well as deliberative. The important point is a delegated representative body with some authority. Therefore it is suggested that, This body appoint a carefully selected committee: (a) to consider the consistent application of the representative principle to our local Conferences, State Associations or Conventions, and the National Council; (b) to prepare a report suggesting possible delimitations of the powers of the individual church, of the Conferences, of the State Associations or Conventions, and of the National Council, with a view to the eventual granting of powers in intercommunal matters to the three latter, each according to its sphere.

2. Now, it is useless to expect to make our larger bodies, as the State Associations and the National Council, delegated representative bodies with authority, practically sources of power, even if delegated power, over the individual church, unless the churches are willing to grant power respecting purely intercommunal matters to that delegated representative body which lies nearest to the churches, viz., the Conference.

Therefore it is suggested that, This State Association recommend to cach local Conference to consider the establishment of a committee to be known as the Conciliar Committee, to consist of the pastor and one member of each local community in the Conference, the lay delegate to be nominated or selected from nominations by the individual churches. This Committee shall be elected annually. To it shall be referred all matters of intercommunal concern hitherto referred to the vicinage council. In the case of any individual matter, the individual church may invite to sit with the committee, but in an advisory capacity only, such extra-conferential churches or individuals as it please. The decisions of this committee shall regard only the matters referred to it, and shall be final.

This suggestion would meet Mr. Campbell's suggestion for continuity in our present vicinage council; would eliminate several anomalies which have made their way into the practical conduct of such councils; would test the question of delegated representative authority at that point in our system where most feasible and least dangerous; and is the renewal, practically, of one of the famous "Proposals" of 1705 in the Massachusetts Colony. Though not then actually adopted in Massachusetts, this proposal was adopted in Connecticut in 1708, being the basis of the Consociational system of Connecticut which endured for over a century,

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perhaps a century and a half, and which, for the most part, was swept away by the rising tide of pure democracy and legislative independency in our churches, under the powerful influence of Nathaniel Emmons, of Franklin.

3. I reiterate a suggestion of Mr. Campbell's, viz., That this State Association become incorporated as soon as possible, that it may be prepared to assume full power and responsibility of whatever sort in case of future

changes in our polity, or in relation to our benevolent societies.

4. Mr. Campbell made as his third point, "The need of some satisfactory incorporation and control of our benevolent and missionary societies in our Congregational system of representative assemblies." Waiving the question just now whether we have a system or merely a conglomerate of representative assemblies, it is pertinent to ask whether in this matter of communal control of our benevolent and missionary societies, it be not most sensible and alone practicable, for this State Association to consider that problem which lies closest within the reach of its own constituent communities, - the incorporation of the State Missionary Society into the State Association. If such incorporation and control shall work in the case of Massachusetts, then probably in the case of our National Missionary Societies and the National Council, and of course, other State Associations or Conventions and their respective missionary societies. Hence my last suggestion is as follows, that, In view of the incorporation and consequent financial power and responsibility of the State Association, this State Association make overtures to the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society to become an integral part of the Association, somewhat after the manner of the Board of Pastoral Supply.

This last suggestion, though treading in reality on Mr. Taylor's ground, I make with his knowledge and courteous consent as a part of my report.

## PART II. THE PRESENT AND POSSIBLE RELATION OF OUR BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES TO OUR CHURCHES

#### REV. JOHN G. TAYLOR, ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

The question of the relation of our benevolent societies to our churches becomes increasingly important with every new movement toward a closer and more responsible bond between the churches themselves. That such a movement is under way no one can deny. The drift among Congregational churches is unmistakably toward strengthening the bond of fellowship at the expense somewhat of independency. They are being denominationalized in important respects.

Yet in such a movement as this our benevolent agencies as an important factor cannot be safely ignored. These agencies, which are independent corporations, do a vast work for our churches. It is incumbent, therefore,

for us to inquire as to the bond now existing and which may be created between these corporations and the churches which they serve. Of course they must be recognized as factors in any denominational problem, for as Mr. Campbell said in his paper on "The Demand for More Concrete Action," "Any organization which seeks funds of Congregational churches and assumes to do their work is vitally amenable to the whole Church." The representatives of these benevolent societies would cheerfully admit this, but the best way of expressing this amenability is the great and difficult question. Many schemes have been devised for this purpose, and yet the bond between the societies and churches is not as close and vital as it should be.

Nor is this strange since the societies, most of them at least, were created outside of the churches, with a constituency in the beginning in some cases beyond the Congregational churches, and have been incorporated into our denomination, so far as they have been, since their creation. They are not children of the churches in the sense of a conference or national council for instance; but they are distinct, independent, non-responsible corporations seeking as close affiliation with the churches as possible without impairing their charter. With this desire for a closer bond with the churches on the part of the benevolent societies, the churches most cordially sympathize.

Of course the churches themselves are independent corporations having full control of their own affairs; and yet their relation of goodfellowship to one another, and their association together in an organic bond for religious and benevolent and philanthropic service, constitute them a denomination. Our benevolent societies are in no sense on a parity with the churches, for they are but the agencies of the churches, their representatives in many fields of service; and yet in some real way, for the good of both, they should be included in the denominational idea.

At the present time the churches connect on with these corporations through life members and annual members, or, as in the case of the American Board, through corporate members. Of course all voting members in any of these corporations are corporate members. Yet there is no uniform method of selecting them. In our six societies, to which it may be well to limit our inquiry, there are no two in agreement in selecting corporate members.

Any member, for instance, of an evangelical church may become a life member of the American Missionary Association by the payment of thirty dollars, by himself, or by a church, or friend for him; and every evangelical church contributing to the society, and every state association or local conference of such churches may appoint two delegates for a year.

By the payment of twenty dollars any member of an evangelical Congregational church may be elected a life member of the Sunday School and Publishing Society; and the state association or conference or convention—all state gatherings—may annually nominate five persons as annual members.

Any person approving the work of the Church Building Society may become a life member on the payment of fifty dollars or more, or an annual member by the payment of not less than five dollars. The churches as such, except for a money consideration, have no connection with this society.

The Education Society elects its life members, but any Congregational church contributing to its funds may appoint one delegate to its annual meeting for that year.

The Congregational Home Missionary Society elects its life members, but the churches through state associations may elect three members for a term of three years and, in addition, one member for each five thousand church members.

The American Board provides only for corporate members. One hundred and fifty of the possible five hundred are chosen by the Board itself, while the others are chosen by the Board on nomination of the local conferences and of the state associations. Each state association is entitled to one corporate member and one additional member for each ten thousand members or major part thereof beyond the first ten thousand.

Any local conference of not less than twelve churches, a majority of which shall have contributed to foreign mission work for two preceding years, shall be entitled to one member. These corporate members are chosen for five years. The commendable feature of this scheme is the attempt to get close to the church through the local conference.

At present there are forty-two state associations and two hundred and seventy-seven local conferences, making a possible corporate membership of three hundred and nineteen, to which should be added the extra representation from states having a membership over the ten thousand, bringing the number up to about three hundred and fifty members.

But with the five-year tenure and the present distribution of members it will be a long time before the churches by this plan will become a power in the management of the Board. My own conference is represented in the American Board by seven men, and if some of them were included in the "at large" list it will still be several years before we shall have the opportunity to nominate a corporate member.

Now the objections to the relation at present existing between the societies referred to and the churches may be summarized as follows:

First, the lack of any uniformity in connecting on with the churches. No two societies make a contact with the churches in the same way. If any more confusing arrangement could be devised than the present complex method it would be difficult to imagine what it might be.

Second, a controlling influence in the management of these societies will not pass to the churches for a long time at least by the present methods of choosing corporate or voting members. And yet if these societies are to be the agencies of our churches it is desirable that they should be controlled by the churches through these voting members. It is not sufficient to

give their management into the hands of Congregational brethren, for the whole question involved is the relation of the churches as organizations to these societies as organizations. Life membership which may be bought, or secured by the vote of the corporation, and annual membership bestowed for money consideration merely, cannot be accepted as representative of the churches. Only when the churches individually or through a group of churches, as in a conference or association, nominate or elect a majority of the corporate membership, can it be said that the churches control. This is not the case at present.

Third, a membership conditioned on a financial consideration, as in one form or another is generally the case now, undervalues an organic relation as of the first importance. No conference, for instance, a majority of whose churches have not contributed to the American Board for two years, could nominate a member for the corporation. In explanation of this condition imposed by the Board upon the churches, Dean Sanders says: "It seems fair that the direction of the Board should be in the hands of those who are interested in foreign missions; and no better indication of that interest could be devised than the contribution of the churches,"

Would it not be far better for the Board and the churches that "the direction of the Board" should be in the hands of the churches, contribution or no contribution? Is it not the chief work of the Board to awaken an interest in foreign missions rather than to exploit the churches for money? The serious mistake in this arrangement and in any other plan conditioned on money is that it overlooks the sovereignty of the churches over its benevolent agencies. Of necessity they may exist as separate corporations, but in no sense should that be understood as exempting them from being amenable to the churches, and coming under their control through the choice or nomination by the churches of a majority of their corporate membership. The connection, in order to be of lasting value, must be organic and not financial.

Fourth, another objection to the present relation between the societies and the churches is the tendency to regard the churches as fields for exploitation. This may be seen, for instance, in what I have referred to already as the money condition for membership; but it is no less forcibly illustrated in the custom of the societies appointing a man to represent them in a conference or a group of conferences to look after their interests instead of asking the conference to select such a man.

Even yet more remarkable is the scheme of the American Board for awakening an interest in their work and for developing the financial resources of the churches. The nation is divided into four districts: New England, Middle, Interior, and Pacific; and a committee has been selected by the Board for each district, called a Co-operating Committee numbering twenty-six. Besides this general committee, there are local committees in large numbers for conferences and associations throughout the land. It is an admirable method for exploiting the churches in the interest of

the Board if every man does what he can; but it is not without deep significance that this scheme should be elaborated and inaugurated without even consulting the churches.

Had this scheme been suggested to the churches through the conferences or associations it might have been welcomed; or, in view of obligations to other societies, it might not have been accepted in its present form. What I wish to make clear is the attitude of the societies in such schemes and in other matters toward the churches. They not only originate, but they initiate and consummate and operate their methods without giving the churches, in conference or in association, a chance to pass judgment upon them. Doubtless this practice of manipulating their constituency has grown in part, if not largely, out of the lack of any denominational consciousness among the churches. Yet it tends to subordinate the churches to the societies, which in the end must be a misfortune to both.

Let us now turn to the constructive side of our question, or the possible relation between the societies and the churches. Here I make bold to offer suggestions for your fearless criticism.

And first, the organization of churches through which their control of the membership in these corporations can best be secured, is the local conference, or what corresponds to it. There are two hundred and seventyseven of them in the land at the present time, and they are in closest contact with the church of any of our ecclesiastical bodies. The state association is farther removed from the local church, and the national council is still nearer the horizon of vision, but the conference is in close. vital contact with the individual church, and every benevolent agency of the churches should get as close to the autonomous church as possible. In our state the membership of the Association is made up of delegates from the churches, and the conferences, and the ministerial associations; and vet the individual churches are vastly more interested in the local conference and its discussions than in anything done in the state association. There are twenty-five conferences in our state, centers of vital interest, and but one association of not always any wide influence. In some states the local conference or association may be less commanding in interest than the state gathering, but with the multiplication of churches this is not apt to be the case, and with greater responsibility laid upon these local conferences for Christian work at home and abroad they will of necessity become a much greater power in the life of the churches.

Second. In order to conform to the charter of these societies, or some of them, the election must remain with the societies; but the nomination may be given to the conferences. This nomination should be equivalent to an election; no choice between members should be given by the conferences to the societies, except where it may be necessary to preserve a certain ratio between clergymen and laymen. The nomination should be final.

Third. In each local conference there should be a committee on behalf of our benevolent agencies, through which they could communicate with the churches if they wish to do so. Of course this would not cut them off from going directly to the local church, for no conference could interfere with the independency of the church in any such matter, but it would give the societies the advantage of being endorsed by the Conference Committee.

Beyond this organic relation between the local conferences and our societies there would be manifest advantage if each society were entitled to be represented in the state associations by one representative with all the powers of any other delegate, as is the case in the national council at present. Such a representative could not only guard the interests of his society, but he might be interrogated touching its needs, and its plans, and its management. The pressing demand on the part of the churches is for a larger and more intelligent influence in the control of its societies, and such a connection as this through the state associations and the national council would tend to bring this about.

Fourth. In view of the fact that our benevolent agencies are independent corporations and must remain such for a long time at least, it would be in the interest of greatest efficiency for one quarter or one third of their membership to be chosen at large by the societies, leaving the control, however, in the hands of the representatives of the churches which should nominate the other two thirds or three quarters.

Fifth. The change from a nominal to a real representation of the churches in the corporate membership of the societies should be brought about as soon as possible. The term of service should in no case be over three years, and many now on the list of membership should resign or be retired to an honorary relation, to make way for the men in the active work of the churches. There should be an age limit at least for those who represent the churches in the corporate membership of these societies. It is of the first importance to all concerned that the full, strong, aggressive life of the churches be felt in the management of our benevolent agencies all the time. Anything that prevents this to the fullest extent is dangerous both to the churches and the societies.

Sixth. There should not be any fee or contribution attached to corporate membership in the societies, but the relation should be as far as possible organic, or included within our denominational organism.

The question is not, how deeply are the churches interested in these benevolent agencies, but how deeply may they become interested; not how much are they willing to pay for control or partial control, but how largely may they be moved by the mighty appeal of the great interests represented by these societies. Money we must have to carry on our great work at home and abroad, but it were better to curtail or abandon that work than for these societies to go among the churches as merely or chiefly exploiters of their financial resources. Our societies must miserably fail in their mission to the churches if they do not keep ever in mind their educational and moral and spiritual high calling. For they do not exist chiefly to

spend our money, but rather to inform us as to the progress of the kingdom of God, to brace us up to great moral endeavor, and to lead us into the way of a profounder piety, to set before mankind the highest ideals of heroic living and of a great faith, to go both to the churches and to the people whom they are serving with a sublime vision of God and his call to human souls. To commercialize these societies would be sacrilege: to select an agent as if he were a drummer sent forth to sell his goods would be to forfeit a place among the divine agencies for the redemption of the world. It were far better to call home some missionaries and limit the work in our own land than to lose the vision of a great spiritual conquest in a perilous quest for money. These societies are our conspicuous representatives before the people at home and abroad; through them and in them, for the multitudes, our churches make known their ideas of the kingdom of God for the individual and for society, their principles and purposes, their obligation to God and to the people, in view of their past history and their present summons to a more wide-reaching aggressiveness, for the Christianizing of America and the whole world; and so we of the churches cannot suffer our agencies, if they were disposed to do so, which they are not, to misinterpret our divine call to service.

Is it not an opportune moment for our benevolent societies to come into relation with the churches more closely and naturally; to be bound up, in a word, in the denominational organism; and above everything else and before every other consideration to help us with increasing enthusiasm to see the vision of God's great intention to win the world for Jesus Christ?

## STATISTICAL TABLES

## EXPLANATORY

The tables which follow comprise:

1. The statistics of the churches, giving the ministers, church membership, additions, removals, baptisms, Sunday schools and families; the statistics of the Young People's Societies; the amounts of benevolences and expenses. These tables, in accordance with the vote of the Association, in 1887, are made to conform to those in the Year-Book.

2. The Conferences of the churches, with the names of officers and the

times of meeting.

3. The Associations of ministers, giving the date of ordination of each minister, the date of membership, the residence and his "employment." The abbreviations "P." and "P.C." are explained below. "W.C." means without church; "Prof." means professor; "C.M.," church missionary; "T.," teacher; other abbreviations are self-evident. "W.C.," however, includes many who have retired from active service, and some who are in business.

4. The Ministerial Record, containing lists of ordinations, installations,

dismissals, marriages and deaths.

The tables of the first part contain the names of all the Congregational churches in Massachusetts, the towns and cities being arranged alphabeti-

churches in Massachusetts, the towns and cities being arranged alphabetically; churches in each town according to age.

Church members and families are reported as numbered January 1, 1905. Admissions, removals and baptisms cover the year 1904. "Absent" are not additional to "males," "females" and "total," but included in them. "Sunday school" includes total membership of officers, teachers and scholars, January 1, 1905, or when the school is in operation (if not at that date), covering "branch schools," "mission schools" and "home departments," so far as maintained by the reporting church.

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ations, which follow the tables.

"Ordained" denotes the date on which the person was originally set apart to the ministry by the "laying-on of hands." "Installed" denotes

the date of the beginning of his *present* pastorate.

In accordance with the recommendation of the National Council, pastors installed or recognized by council are marked "p.c."; pastors duly called by their churches and recognized by some "definite act of the church," but not by council, are marked "p."; others in service are not marked, but in tabular summaries are counted as "supplies."

Blanks in any column of figures are never equivalent to "none," but mean "no report"; but blanks in the column of ministers do mean that the church has no pastor or acting pastor, and the blank is left for the con-

venience of those who note changes.

All post-office addresses are to be found in the "List of Ministers," and NOT IN THE TABLES.

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§ 73 Bay State Road, Boston. ‡ John H. Matthews, ass't p., '91, '03.

NAME OF STATE ORGANIZATION: THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE NAMES OF CHURCHES ADDED: Ashburnham, South, People's; Swedish, Congregational Churches of Massachusetts. Everett.

Churches: Supplied by, — Pastors by council, 250; pastors otherwise, 283; licentiates, 6; supplies, 20; vacant, 52. Total, 611.
MINISTERS: Pastors by council, 250; pastors otherwise, 270; supplying churches, 5. Total, 525. Without charge, 421. Total number of NAMES OF CHURCHES DROPPED: Bethany, Nantasket.

Young People's Societies: Societies, 508; members, 31,079. Sunday Schools: Members, 121,162. Families: 100,120.

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|| Oscar F. Norsen, ass't p., '98, '03.

Membership: No. of males, 36,518; No. of females, 80,113. Total, 116,631. Absent, 21,110. Additions, — on confession, 3,686; by letter, 3,024. Total, 6,710. Removals, — death, 1,927; dismission, 2,450; revision, 1,374. Total, 5,751. infants, 2,118. Governmentons: No. of churches contributing, 581. Foreign Missions, \$161,289; Education, \$25,478; Church Building, \$16,702; Home Missions, \$136,455; American Missionary Association, \$37,796; Sunday Schools, \$12,064; Ministerial Aid, \$6,648; Other, \$206,204. Total, \$602,636.

Legacies: First ch., Amherst, \$1,000; Belchertown, \$250; First ch., Blanford, \$1,000; Charlestown, \$500; Union ch., Boston, \$5,000; Mt. Vernon ch., \$300; Walnut ave., Roxbury, \$3,100; Romsey ch., Dor-

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"p" signifies parsonage rent as part of salary; "a," missionary aid to salary; \* signifies "no parsonage."

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Center, \$1,000; Attleboro Falls, \$50; Phillipston, \$40; First ch., Pitsfeld, \$110; Bigrim Memorial ch., Pittsfeld, \$100; Bigrimage ch., Plymouth, \$2,800; Finnish ch., Quincy, \$270; Rockland, \$125; Pigeon Cove, \$50; Southampton, \$1,000; South Hadley, \$100; Park ch., Springfeld, \$500; Sturbridge, \$1,010; Swampscott, \$800; Parkshurs, \$1,000; Wakefield, \$1,000; Wayland, \$50; Webster, \$2,000; Wellester, \$72; Westminster, \$100; First ch., East Weymouth, \$1,979; Winchester, \$7,350. Total, \$124,637.

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HOME EXPENSES: No. of churches reporting, 583; amount, \$1,734,904.
GAINS: Churches, 1; members, 1,060; Sunday School members, 2,742.
Home Expense, \$94,522.

For Fifth-Year Statistics see General Summaries.

Loss: Benevolence, \$8,955

# TABLES OF SUMMARIES: I. CHURCH STATISTICS

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REMOVALS	Теtter	152 61 61 62 63 63 63 63 63 63 63 63 63 63	2,450 2,534 †84
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MEMBERS	Female	1,295 1,295 1,233 1,415 1,415 1,415 1,445 1,494 1,494 1,494 1,295	80,113 79,461 *652
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# II. BENEVOLENCE AND HOME EXPENDITURES

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# III. SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY STATISTICS

	Sunday	Families		G PEOPLE'S CIETIES
Conferences	Schools	Congregation	No.	Members
Andover Barnstable Berkshire, North , South Brookfield Essex, North , South Franklin Hampden Hampshire , East Mendon Middlesex, South Union Norfolk Old Colony Pilgrim Suffolk, North , South , West Faunton Woburn Worcester, Central , North , South	6,796 1,602 3,177 1,724 2,768 4,900 8,310 3,514 9,596 2,582 2,063 2,016 3,377 3,447 9,286 2,324 1,122 9,778 10,337 6,936 4,171 7,844 8,444 2,266 2,674 0 108	5,540 1,564 2,669 1,520 2,473 5,023 6,944 3,010 8,546 2,178 1,610 2,023 2,846 3,152 7,497 2,172 1,309 7,281 7,083 4,970 3,461 5,917 7,277 1,813 2,102 90	24 15 13 15 20 18 33 27 38 15 13 10 16 21 22 27 24 19 20 22 29 14 14 0 2	1,662 537 832 593 742 1,288 2,003 1,111 2,078 645 529 660 862 1,121 2,464 712 326 2,046 2,046 2,440 1,454 1,034 2,320 2,101 696 748 75
Totals	121,162	100,120	508	31,079
Last year	118,420	98,730	527	32,238
* Gain. † Loss	*2,742	*1,390	†19	†1,159

# IV. SUMMARY OF CHANGES DURING THE YEARS MENTIONED

	CHURCHES									Sui	NDAY		VOLENT			
RS	No	o	Mem	bers	Th	e Pa	stor	ate	with-		eaths	_		ools	CONTR	IBUTIONS
YEARS	New	Dropped	Gain	Loss	Ordained	Installed	Dismissed	Died	Ordained with-	Pastors by Council	Pastors	Others	Gain	Loss	Increase	Decrease
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Note. — The "year" means what changes were comprised in the twelve months preceding January 1 of the year mentioned. The table was begun in 1866, all preceding years now given being compiled from past Minutes, — the number of churches in some years varying from the Minutes as they were to what they should have been.

The changes in list of churches, ordinations, installations, etc., for the past year, condensed in the above table, are given in detail in their proper place.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Prior to 1876" acting pastors" are included in "others" in columns of deaths of ministers.

# V. CONTINUED TABLE OF SUMMARIES

For record of years prior to 1875 see previous volumes.

Benevolent	Contribu- tions	\$602.630 601.138 601.138 721.13945 660.039 660.038 660
σż	Av. Att.	68,088 69,638 69,121 60,121 60,161 70,967 70,790 60,337 60,331 60,340 60
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BAPTISMS	Infant	2,118 1,827 1,827 1,827 1,724 1,724 1,724 1,725
BAP	Adult	1,570 1,570
	Total	782 782 782 782 782 782 782 782 782 782
REMOVALS	Disc. or Revis.	1, 23, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28
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	Death	1, 927 1, 928 1, 969 1, 969 1, 969 1, 848 1, 848 1, 848 1, 757 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1
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In the above table, the columns of "Additions," "Removals," "Baptisms," and "Benevolent Contributions " cover the twelve months next preceding Previous to 1903 the number of churches "Vacant" includes all churches supplied by licentiates, or ministers of other denominations. Beginning with January 1 of the year mentioned in a given line. The number of churches, members and of Sunday Schools was enumerated January 1 of the year mentioned. 1903, churches supplied by licentiates, or by ministers of other denominations, are counted "supplied." For Churches, Membership and Sunday-School Membership, for 1830, 1835, 1840, 1845, 1850, 1855 and 1860, see "Minutes" of 1900.

# THE CONFERENCES OF THE CHURCHES

# 1. ANDOVER. — Organized June 8, 1859.

**	TITLD O'T LIKE.	Organizada o ant	0,1000.
Andover, South,	Lawrence	e, South,	Lowell, High St.,
" West,	"	Riverside,	" French,
" Free,	"	Trinity,	" Highland,
" Ballardval	θ, "	United,	" Swedish,
" Seminary,	Lowell.	Pawtucket.	" Norwegian,
Chelmsford, 2d, Nort	h, "	First.	Methuen,
" Central,		First Trinitarian,	North Andover,
Dracut, First,	"	Eliot,	Tewksbury,
" Central.	"	John St.,	Tyngsboro.
Lawrence, Lawrence	e St., "	Kirk St.,	• 0

ALBERT W. BURNHAM, Lowell, secretary and treasurer.
Rev. Owen H. Gates, Andover, statistical secretary.
Conference meets on the last Tuesdays in April and October.

# 2. BARNSTABLE. — Organized October 28, 1828.

Barnstable, West,	Falmouth, East,	Provincetown,
" Centreville,	" North,	Sandwich,
" Hyannis,	" Waquoit,	Truro, First,
" Cotuit,	" Woods Hole,	" Christ'n U., North,
Chatham,	Harwich,	Wellfleet, First,
Dennis, South,	" Port,	" South,
" Union,	Nantucket,	Yarmouth, First,
Falmouth, First,	Orleans,	" West.

Rev. John H. Quint, Falmouth, scribe and treasurer. Conference meets on the second Tuesdays in May and November.

# 3. BERKSHIRE NORTH. — Organized December 3, 1867.

Adams,	Peru,	Williamstown, College,
Becket, North,	Pittsfield, First,	" South,
Dalton,	" Second,	" White Oaks.
Hinsdale,	" South,	Windsor,
Lanesboro,	" Pilgrim Mem'l,	
Middlefield,	Richmond,	(New Lebanon, N. Y.).
North Adams.	Williamstown, First.	,

Deacon George French, North Adams, secretary and treasurer.

Annual meeting on the second Wednesday in November; semi-annual on the second Wednesday in May.

# 4. BERKSHIRE SOUTH. - Organized August 29, 1860.

Becket, Centre, Egremont, South,	Mount Washington, New Marlboro, First,	Sandisfield, New Boston, Sheffield.
Great Barrington, First, "Housatonic,	" " Southfield	Stockbridge, First,
Lee, Lenox,	Otis, Sandisfield, First,	West Stockbr'ge, Centre, "Village.

THERON W. CRISSEY, Great Barrington, scribe and treasurer. Rev. Walter W. Curtis, West Stockbridge, statistical secretary. Annual meeting usually in October; semi-annual meeting in May.

# 5. BROOKFIELD. — Organized June 13, 1821.

Barre,	Hardwick, Gilbertville, Spencer,	
Brimfield,	Holland, Sturbridge,	
Brookfield,	New Braintree. Ware, First,	
Charlton,	North Brookfield, First, "East,	
Dana,	" Union, " French,	
Dudley,	Oakham, Warren,	
Hardwick, First,	Southbridge, West Brookfield	

Rev. EDWARD L. CHUTE, Ware, scribe and treasurer.

Annual meeting, first Tuesday in May, two days; semi-annual, third Tuesday in September, one day.

# ESSEX NORTH. — Organized April 30, 1828.

Amesbury, First, "Union,	Haverhill, North, "Riverside,	Newbury, First, "Byfield,
Boxford, West,	" Union,	Newburyport, North,
Georgetown, First,	" St. John's, French,	" Prospect St.
" Memorial,	" Ward Hill,	" Belleville,
Groveland,	" Zion,	" Whitefield,
Haverhill, Bradford,	Ipswich, First,	Rowley,
" West,	" Linebrook,	West Newbury, First,
" Fourth,	Merrimac,	" Second.
" Centre.	,	

Rev. Charles S. Holton, Newburyport, scribe.

Rev. Herbert E. Lombard, R. F. D. Rowley, statistical secretary and treasurer.

Conference meets on the second Wednesdays in May and October.

# 7. ESSEX SOUTH. — Organized May 8, 1827.

Beverly, Second, "Daue St., "Washington St., Boxford, Danvers, First, Centre, "Maple St., Essex, Gloucester, West, "Trinity, "Lanesville, "Magnolia, "Bethany,	" Chestnut St., " North, " Scandinavian, Lynnfield, Centre, " Second, Manchester, Marblehead, Middleton, Peabody, South,	Peabody, West, Rockport, First, " Pigeon Cove, " Swed., P. Cove, Salem, Tabernaele, " South, " Crombie St., Saugus, First, " Cliftondale, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wenham.
Hamilton,	" Second,	

Rev. T. Frank Waters, Ipswich, scribe and treasurer.

Rev. ARTHUR J. COVELL, Lynn, statistical scribe.

Conference meets on the second Wednesdays in May and October.

# 8. FRANKLIN. — Organized October 10, 1843.

Ashfield,	Colerain,	Gill,
Bernardston,	Conway,	Greenfield, First,
Buckland,	Deerfield, South,	" Second,
Charlemont, First,	" Orthodox.	Hawley, First.
" East,	Erving,	" Second, West,

# 8. FRANKLIN (Continued).

Heath,	Northfield, East,	Shutesbury,
Leverett, Moores Cor.,	Orange, Central,	Sunderland,
Montague, First,	" Swedish,	Warwick,
" Millers Falls,	Shelburne, First,	Wendell,
" Turners Falls,	" " Falls,	Whately.

Rev. Edward P. Butler, Sunderland, scribe and treasurer. Conference meets in the last weeks of April and September.

# 9. HAMPDEN. - Organized December 4, 1850.

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Agawam, Feeding Hills,	Holyoke	e, French,	Springfield,	Hope,
" Second,	Hunting	ton, Second,	7.	French,
	Longme		"	Eastern Av.,
" Second, North			"	Emmanuel,
Chester, First,		Union.	"	Park,
	Monson,	,	"	Swedish.
Chicopee, First,		Thorndike,	"	St. John's,
" Second, Falls,	"		"	Faith.
" Third,	"	Three Rivers,	Tolland,	,
East Longmeadow,	South H	ladley Falls,	Westfield, F	irst.
Granville, First, Centre,	Southwi	ck,	" ´s	econd,
" West,	Springfi	eld, First,	West Spring	field, First, Mittineague,
Hampden,	' "	Olivet,	" "	Mittineague,
Holyoke, First,	"	South.	"	Park St.,
" Second,	"	North,	Wilbraham,	
,	"	Indian Or'd,	"	North.

Rev. Henry L. Bailey, Longmeadow, scribe. William F. Emerson, Longmeadow, treasurer.

Conference meets on the last Tuesday in September; semi-annual meeting in April or May.

# 10. HAMPSHIRE. — Organized February, 1865.

Chesterfield,	Hatfield,	Southampton,
Cummington,	Huntington, 1st, Norw'ch	, Westhampton,
" West,	Northampton, First,	Williamsburg,
Easthampton, First,	" Edwards,	" Haydenville,
" Payson,	" Florence,	Worthington.
Goshen,	Plainfield,	Ü

Rev. John Pierpont, Williamsburg, scribe and treasurer. Rev. Robert H. Life, Haydenville, statistical secretary.

Conference meets in the spring and fall at the call of the executive committee.

# 11. HAMPSHIRE EAST. — Organized December 13, 1860.

Amherst,	First,	Enfield,	Leverett.
"	Second,	Granby,	Pelham, First.
"	College,	Greenwich,	" Pack'dville, Enfield,
**		Hadley, First,	Prescott.
"	South,	" Second. Nor	
Belcherto	wn,		,

M. B. KINGMAN, Amherst, registrar and treasurer.

Rev. John F. Gleason, South Amherst, statistical sccretary.

Semi-annual meeting on the last Tuesday in April; annual meeting on the third Tuesday in October.

# 12. MENDON. - Organized April 12, 1858.

Foxboro, Medway, Second, West, Norfolk, Franklin, Village, Walpole, Walpole, Milford, Millis, Willis,

Rev. WILLIAM MACNAIR, Mansfield, scribe and treasurer.

Conference meets on the third Wednesdays in April and October.

# 13. MIDDLESEX SOUTH. - Organized August 20, 1828.

Northboro, Ashland, Hudson, Dover, Lincoln, Sherborn. Framingham, Plymouth, Marlboro, Union, Southboro, Southville, Saxonville, Hope, Sudbury, South, South, Maynard. Holliston, Natick, First, Wayland, South, Wellesley. Hopkinton,

Rev. Albert D. Smith, Northboro, scribe and treasurer.

Conference meets on the third Tuesdays in April and October.

# 14. MIDDLESEX UNION. — Organized May 8, 1853.

Fitchburg, Rollstone, Leominster, Centre, Acton, First, South, German, North. " Littleton, Ashby, Swedish, " Finnish, Lunenburg, Ayer, Boxboro, West Acton, Groton, First, Pepperell, Shirley, West, Concord. Townsend, Harvard. Dunstable, Fitchburg. Calvinist, Lancaster, Westford.

Rev. Albert F. Newton, North Leominster, scribe and treasurer.

Annual meeting third Wednesday in October; spring meeting in April.

# 15. NORFOLK. - Organized June 14, 1827.

Cohasset, **Beechwood**, East Bridgewater, Quincy, Finnish, Abington, First, North, Randolph, Rockland, Easton, Centre, Braintree, First, Swedish, North, Sharon. South. Hingham, First, Stoughton. Bridgewater, Beth'y, Nan't, Weymouth, First, Hghts.,
"Old South, South, Scotland, Holbrook, Brockton, First, " & Braintree, E. B., South, Ca'p'lo, Milton, " " East, Union, South, Porter, " " Pilgrim, North, Waldo, Quincy, Bethany, Wendell Av., Washington St., " East, Whitman. " Lincoln, Swedish,

Cohasset, Evangelical,

Rev. Frank S. McAllister, Cohasset, scribe. Heman Howard, South Easton, treasurer.

Conference meets on the first Tuesday in May, and on the last Tuesday in September.

# 16. OLD COLONY. — Organized September 23, 1856.

Dartmouth, South,
Edgartown,
Fairhaven,
Marion,
Mattapoisett,
Middleboro, Central,
New Bedford, Acushnet,
" " North,
Wareham,
Westport,
Trinitar'n, West Tisbury.
Rochester, First,
North,

Rev. WILLIAM CARRUTHERS, Box 493, Fairhaven, scribe and treasurer.

Conference meets for a two days' session on the third Tuesday in April and the last Tuesday in October.

# 17. PILGRIM. - Organized April 27, 1830.

Carver, North,
Duxbury,
Halifax,
Hanson,
Marshfield, First,
Hanover, First, West,
"Second,
"Second,
"Second,
"Second,
"Second,
"Second,
"Second,
"Plymouth, Manomet,
"Selegate the second,
"Plymouth, Manomet,
"Selegate the second,
"Chiltonville,
"Chiltonville,
"Ital., North,
Plympton,
Scituate.

Rev. Burton A. Lucas, Marshfield, scribe, treasurer and statistical secretary.

Conference meets on the first Tuesdays in May and October.

# 18. SUFFOLK NORTH. — Organized May 23, 1861.

Cambridge, Port, Pilg'm, Wood Mem'l, Revere, First. Arlington, First, Heights, Beachmont, Hope, Somerville, First, First, Charlest'n, Boston, Winthrop, "Maverick, East, Chelsea, First, Broadway. " " West, Central, " " Mount Vérnon, " Third, Prospect Hill, " " Winter Hill, Seamen's, Everett, First, " Courtland St., " Baker, **E**ást, Highlands, Cambridge, First, Winthrop, Union. Mystic Side, First Evang'l, " Swedish, North Av.,

PHINEAS HUBBARD, Cambridge, scribe and treasurer.

W. H. HILLING, Somerville, statistical scribe.

Conference meets on the second Wednesdays in April and in October.

### 19. SUFFOLK SOUTH. - Organized May 13, 1861.

Boston, 2d, Dorchester, Boston, Boylston, J. Plain, Dedham, Immanuel, R'xb'y, Hyde Park, First, Union, " " " Clar'don Hills, Trinity, Nepon't, Phillips, S. B., Village, Dorch., " Norwood " Pilgrim, Dorch., " " Highland, R'xb'y, Quincy, Wollaston, Eliot, Roxbury, Walnut Av., Central, Dorch., Atlantic, .. .. Olivet, Park & Downs, Roslindale,. " East Walpole Harvard, Dorch., St. Mark. " Westwood, Islington. West Roxbury, Canton. Central, J. Plain,

Rev. Edward A. Chase, Wollaston, recording secretary.

E. S. HATHAWAY, Hyde Park, treasurer.

Rev. Herbert A. Barker, Jamaica Plain, statistical secretary.

Conference meets on the third Wednesdays in April and October.

# 20. SUFFOLK WEST. — Organized November 17, 1873.

Belmont, Waverley,	Boston, Norwegian,	Newton, Auburndale,
" Plymouth		" North,
Boston, Old South,	" Faneuil,	" Newtonville,
" Park St.,	Brookline, Harvard,	" Highlands,
" Berk'ley Te	mple, "Leyden,	Waltham, First,
" Brighton,	Needham,	" Swedish,
" Central,	Newton, First, Center,	Watertown, Phillips,
" Shawmut,	" Second, West,	Wellesley Hills,
" Swedish,	" Eliot,	Weston.

Rev. HENRY E. OXNARD, Newton, scribe.

Rev. Andrew H. Mulnix, Brighton, recording and statistical secretary. Mr. Joseph W. Peabody, 749 Tremont Building, Boston, treasurer.

Conference meets on the second Wednesdays in April and October.

# 21. TAUNTON. — Organized October 2, 1849.

Attleboro, Second, Berkley,		Freetown, <b>Assonet</b> , Lakeville,		Raynham, North, Rehoboth,			
Dight	on,		Middlebo	ro, Nor	h,	Somerset,	
Fail R	liver	First,	North A	ttléboro	Oldt'n,	Taunton,	West,
44	"	Central,	"	**	Falls,	"	Trinitarian,
"	"	Fowler,	"	"	Trinity,	"	Winslow,
"	"	French,	Norton,		• .	"	East,
64	"	Broadway,	Raynhar	n, First,		"	Union.

Rev. James E. Enman, Fall River, scribe. Thomas Chew, Box 460, Fall River, treasurer.

Conference meets on the last Wednesdays in May and October.

# 22. WOBURN. — Organized September 5, 1848.

Bedford,	Malden, Scandinavian,	Stoneham.
Billerica,	Medford, Mystic,	Wakefield,
Burlington,	" West,	Wilmington,
Carlisle,	" Union,	Winchester,
Lexington, Hancock,	Melrose, First,	Woburn, First,
Malden, First,	" Highlands,	" North,
" Maplewood,	North Reading,	" Scandinavian,
" Linden,	Reading,	" Montvale.

Rev. ISAAC PIERSON, Wellesley Hills, scribe and treasurer.

Conference meets on any Tuesday in April and October, generally the last.

# 23. WORCESTER CENTRAL. — Organized April 28, 1852.

Auburn,	Paxton,	Worcester,	Union,
Berlin,	Princeton,	"	Memorial,
Boylston,	Rutland,	"	Plymouth,
Clinton, First,	Shrewsbury,	"	Piedmont,
" German.	Sterling,	"	Swedish, 1st,
Holden.	West Boylston,	"	Pilgrim,
Leicester.	Worcester, First,	"	Park,
Oxford,	" Central,	"	Covenant,

# 23. WORCESTER CENTRAL (Continued).

Worcester, Hope, "Lake View, "Immanuel, "Worcester, Swedish, 2d, "Adams Sq. "Adams Sq. "Adams Sq. "

Rev. Albert G. Todd, 37 Stafford St., Worcester, scribe and treasurer. Rev. Thomas E. Babb, Holden, statistical secretary.

Conference meets on the Tuesday following the second Monday in May and on the Tuesday following the third Monday in October.

# 24. WORCESTER NORTH. - Organized November 24, 1827.

Ashburnham, First,
"South,
Athol,
Gardner,
Hubbardston,
New Salem, North,
Orange, North,
Petersham,
Phillipston,
Royalston, First,
New Salem,
"South,
"Templeton, Trinitarian,
"Baldwinsville,
Westminster,
Winchendon, First,
"North.

Rev. Gustavus W. Jones, Winchendon, scribe and treasurer.

Conference meets in October and May.

# 25. WORCESTER SOUTH. - Organized June 17, 1828.

Blackstone, First,
" Scand., Millville,
Douglas, First,
" East,
Grafton, First,
" Union,
Sutton,
" School, Millbury, First,
Second,
Northbridge, Center,
Whitinsville,
Rockdale,
Sutton,
Sutton,

Rev. John R. Thurston, Whitinsville, scribe.

Amos Armsby, Millbury, treasurer.

Conference meets on the fourth Thursdays in April and October.

The following conferences assume ministerial standing: Barnstable, Brookfield, Essex North, Franklin, Hampshire East, Middlesex South.

# THE ASSOCIATIONS OF MINISTERS

# 1. Andover, Organized July 5, 1763.

	Date of	Date of		
Members.	Ordination.	Membership.	Residence. E	imployment.
Ernest L. Baker,			N. Weare, N. H.	Р.
Henry E. Barnes,	'62, May 28.	'94, Feb. 28.	Brookline	W. C.
Ernest C. Bartlett,	'96, Mar. 12.	'96, Dec. 8.	Philadelphia.	P.
E. Victor Bigelow,	'91, Sept. 24.		Lowell	P. C.
John J. Blair,	'74, Oct. 19.	'85, April 7.		w.č.
Park A. Bradford,	79, July 30.	'94, Sept. 25.		W. C.
Charles C. Carpenter,	60, May 9.	'91, May 26.		W. C.
Clark Carter,	'68, Feb. 13.	73, June 3.	Andover.	C. M.
Thomas G. A. Cote,	71, April 9.	'82, April 11.		P.
J. Harold Dale,	'03, Oct. 7.	'04, Oct. 4.	Billerica.	P.
Charles O. Day,	77, Dec. 19.	'03, Sept. 22.		Prof.
George R. Dickinson,	'95, Oct. 9.		Zanesville, O.	W. C.
Sarah A. Dixon,	'97, June 16.	'97, Dec. 7.		Y. O.
Robert W. Dunbar,	'99, Feb. 8.	'99, Feb. 28.	Haverbill	P. C.
Albert F. Earnshaw,	'98, Oct. 24.	'04, Oct. 4.		P.
Owen H. Gates,	'91, Sept. 1.	'03, May 16.		Prof.
Ralph Gillam,	'95, Jan. 30.	'03, May 16.		Evangelist.
John M. Greene,	'57, Oct. 20.	71, June 28.		P. C. $Em$ .
Edward Y. Hincks,	70, Oct. 18.	'85, Dec. 15.		Prof.
Dorr A. Hudson,	'91, Sept. 10.	'04, Oct. 4.	N. Chelmsford.	P.
Charles W. Huntington,	'81, Sept. 6.	'88, June 5.	Lowell.	P. C.
Francis H. Johnson,	'61, Oct. 15.	'83, June 5.	Andover.	w. c.
George F. Kenngott,	'89, Oct. 8.	'92, Dec. 6.	Lowell.	P. C.
David Kilburn,	'84, April 20.		Allegheny, Pa.	w. c.
Herbert G. Mank,	'89, Jan. 15.	'98, Dec. 6.		P. C.
Charles P. Marshall,	'98, July 26.	'00, Dec. 4.		w. c.
George E. Martin,	79, July 9.	'02, Sept. 23.		P. C.
L. K. Mavromates,	'03, June 12,			M.
John A. McKnight,	'93, Aug. 15.	'02, Feb. 25.		P.
Charles L. Merriam,	'82, Sept. 13.	'92, June 7.		P.
Selah Merrill,	'64, Nov. 1.	74, Oct. 20.	Derry, N. H. Jerusalem.	W. C.
William J. Minchin,	'96, June 10.	'04, Dec. 6.	Tewksbury.	W. O. P.
Charles L. Mitchell,	71, June 28.		Winchester.	W. C.
Charles H. Oliphant,	76, July 12.	'84, Oct. 28.		P. C.
Frederick H. Page,	'93, Nov. 23.	'96, May 26.		P. C.
	'03, May 27.	'04, Oct. 4.		P. C.
J. Edgar Park, Edward W. Pride,	'69, June 10.	'92, May 9.	Andover. Andover.	W. C.
William H. Ryder,	'69, Dec. 14.	'88, Dec. 4.	Andover.	Prof.
Frank R. Shipman,	'93, Dec. 27.	'94, June 5.	Andover.	P. C.
Edwin R. Smith,	'92, Sept. 27.			P. C.
John Phelps Taylor,	'68, Nov. 12.	'85, Nov. 3.	Andover.	Prof.
Charles C. Torrey,	'99, May 15.	'99, May 29.	New Haven, Con	
Charles C. Torrey,	'55, Sept. 7.	'00, May 22.	Tamworth, N. H	
George M. Ward,	'96, May 4.	'03, Dec. 1.		Pres. Coll.
T. Clayton Welles,	72, Oct. 23.	'02, Feb. 25.	Aurora, $N \cdot Y$ . Lowell	W. C.
Charles H. Willcox,	'84, Nov. 6.	'84, Dec. 2.	Lawrenceville, N	
Frederick A. Wilson,	'82, Oct. 26.	'90, April 8.		P. C.
William E. Wolcott,	'81, Sept. 21.			P. C.
Frank E. Woodruff,	'83, Sept. 6.	. '82, Feb. 26. '85, Nov. 3.	Brunswick, Me.	Prof.
	777, Jan. 25.			
J. Herbert Yeoman,	11, Jan. 23.	'00, Dec. 4.	Providence, R. I	. г.

Licentiates. — Licensed May 24, 1904, for two years: Arthur G. Cummings, Andover; Maurice J. Dunclee, Cornish, N. H.

STATED MEETINGS. — First Tuesday in December, and fourth Tuesdays in February, May and September.

Rev. Edwin R. Smith, Lowell, scribe.

# 2. Berkshire North (Berkshire, 1763), Organized by division, October 14, 1852.

	Date of	Date of		
Members.	Ordination.	Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
George W. Andrews,	'82, June 7	'84, Dec. 1.	Dalton.	P.
T. Nelson Baker,	'97, Feb. 16.	'02, Jan. 14.	Pittsfield.	P.
John Bascom,	'59, Dec. 18.	'61, Jan. 28.	Williamstown.	W. C.
Seelye Bryant,	'90, Oct. 1.	'03, Sept. 22.		Р.
Theodore E. Busfield,	'83, Sept. 12.	'04, Sept. 20.	North Adams.	P. C.
Edson L. Clark,	'59, Nov. 30.		Dalton.	W. C.
Silas P. Cook,	'70, Mar. 23.	'00, Nov. 22.		Co. Miss.
William V. W. Davis,	'77, Sept. 12.	'93, Dec. 19.	Pittsfield.	P. C.
John H. Denison,			Williamstown.	
James E. Gregg,	'03, Aug. 25.	'04, Mar. 8.	Pittsfield.	P.C.
Edward H. Griffin,	'68, Feb. 6.		Baltimore, Md.	
Alpheus C. Hodges,	'81, Nov. 16.		Canaan Four C	
James H. Laird,	'64, Dec. 21.	'85, Sept. 16.	Hinsdale.	P. C.
T. Claire Luce,	'85, Dec. 2.	'90, Dec. 2.	Richmond.	P. C.
Alford B. Penniman,	'83, April 10.	'94, June 12.	Chicago.	Ρ.
James C. Seagrave,	'51, Dec. 1.	'87, Dec. 6.	Hinsdale.	W. C.
Isaac C. Smart,	'85, June 9.	'85, Sept. 16.	Pittsfield.	P. C.
Caleb E. Smith,	'04, May 24.	'04, May 24.	Heath.	Р.
William R. Stocking,	'71, June 20.	'01, Nov. 12.	Williamstown.	W.C.
William L. Tenney,	'88, Sept. 20.	'95, Dec. 20.	Chicago.	Sec'y.
J. Spencer Voorhees,	'84, Sept. 7.	'04, Mar. 8.	Adams.	P. C.

Licentiate. — Charles M. Bryant, licensed March 8, 1904, for one year.

 $\ensuremath{\mathtt{Stated}}$  Meetings. — In March and September, and joint meeting each winter with Berkshire South.

Rev. Seelye Bryaut, Middlefield, scribe and treasurer.

# 3. Berkshire South (Berkshire, 1763), Organized by division October 14, 1852.

Alfred R. Atwood,	'01, July 23.	'02. Jan. 15.	Cotuit.	P.
Leon D. Bliss,	'89, Oct. 31.		Great Barrington.	P.C.
Frelon E. Bolster,	'02, Oct. 21.		Sheffield.	P.
		'03, May 5.		P.
Henry M. Bowden,				
Walter W. Curtis,			West Stockbridge.	₽.
John Dooley,	'72, May 6.	'98, April 26.	Monterey.	Ρ.
Aaron W. Field,	72, Nov. 13.	'02, Feb. 4.	Gilsum, N. H.	Ρ.
Samuel Hopley,	'55, Sept. 19.	'90, Jan. 28.	Lee.	W. C.
Charles P. Ketchen,		'03, Nov. 10.	New Boston,	Ρ.
John B. Lewis,	'95, Sept. 25.		Troy, N. Y.	P.
Stephen T. Livingston,			Hartford, Conn.	Prof.
R. DeWitt Mallary,	'76, Oct. 12.			Ρ.
Evarts W. Pond,	'95, May 2.		Windsor Locks, Conn	. P.
Elbert S. Porter,			Stockbridge.	P.C.
Clayton J. Potter,	'04, July 5.	'04, July 25.		P.C.
Charles S. Rich,	'96, Sept. 29.		Claremont, Cal.	W.C.
Edward P. Seymour,	'92, Oct. 25.	'02, June 10.	Interlaken.	P.
Willard E. Streeter,	'97, Oct. 2.	'04, July 25.	Brookfield.	Ρ.
Garrett V. Stryker,	'03, Oct. 30.	'03, Nov. 10.	Mill River.	P. C.
John D. Waldron,	'02, June 1.	'02, Nov. 4.	Buckland.	Ρ.
George T. Washburn,	'59, Mar. 22.	'59, July 25.		
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STATED MEETINGS. - Last Tuesdays in January, April, July and October.

Rev. Leon D. Bliss, Great Barrington, scribe and treasurer.

# 4. Brookfield, Organized June 22, 1757.

The Brookfield Association has ceased to report its members, having transferred that function to the Brookfield Conference, which names the following ministerial members:

	Date of	Date of	ě	
Members.	Ordination.	Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Austin B. Bassett.	'87, Sept. 15.	'00, May 8.	Ware.	P. C.
Oscar Bissell,	'56, May 14.	'00, May 8.	Holland.	W.C.
Edward B. Blanchard,	'92, June 29.	'00, May 8.	East Douglas.	P.
Allen A. Bronsdon,	'97, Dec. 2.	'00, May 8.	North Attlebor	o. P.
Edward L. Chute,	'80, July 20.	'01, May 8.	Ware.	Р.
William P. Clancey,	'75, Sept. 1.		South Royalsto	on. P.
Samuel B. Cooper,	'87, Jan. 19.		North Brookfie	ld. P.C.
Lee M. Dean,	'02, Oct. 16.	'03, May 6.	Westbrook, Me.	P.
Samuel Eaton,	'94, April 11.	'03, May 6.	Brimfield.	P.
Benson M. Frink,	'63, Jan. 9.	'00, May 8.	West Brookfiel	d. W. C.
Sereno D. Gammell,	'68, Sept. 9.	'00. May 8.	North Brookfie	eld. W.C.
J. Howard Gaylord,	'99, Nov. 21.	'00, May S.	West Brookfiel	d. P. C.
John C. Hall,	'90, May 20.		Sturbridge.	P.
Chauncey J. Hawkins,	'99, May 19.	,,	Jamaica Plain.	Р.
Silvanus Hayward,	'61, Oct. 9.	'00, May 8.	Globe Village.	P. C.
William B. Oleson,	77, Dec. 4.	'00, May 8.	Warren.	P. C.
Harlan Page,	'83, Feb. 6.	'00, May 8.	Hardwick.	Ρ.
Henry S. Snyder,	'85, Oct. 28.	'00, May 8.	Gilbertville.	Р.
Frederick D. Thayer,	'01, Oct. 2.	'02, May 7.	Dudley.	P. C.

STATED MEETINGS. — Second Tuesdays in January, April, July and October.

Rev. Samuel B. Cooper, North Brookfield, scribe of the Association.

Rev. Edward L. Chute, Ware, scribe of the Conference.

# CAPE COD (BARNSTABLE, 1792; BREWSTER, 1832; VINEYARD SOUND, 1836), Organized by union, October 16, 1866.

Ministerial standing is transferred from the Cape Cod Association to the Barn-stable Conference. The Conference reports the following names not starred (\*).

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*Charles S. Bates, Charles A. Breck,	'90, June 6.	'04, April 26. '97, Aug. 4.	West Barnstable.	w. C.
George E. Chapin,	79, Aug. 20.		Ossipee Center, N. H.	
*Truman D. Childs,	'73, May 21.	'04, April 26.		P.
Sidney Crawford,	'70, Dec. 8.	'01, Jan. 15.	Provincetown.	P.
*George H. Credeford,	'91, Aug. 18.	'04, April 26.	Sandwich.	Ρ.
Ernest W. Eldridge,	'93, April 23.	'00, May 6.	Upton.	Ρ.
George H. Ewing,	'93, May 24.		Norwich, Conn.	Ρ.
Washington H. Forbes,		'00, Oct. 23.		_ P.
Edward T. Ford,			Tacoma, Wash.	P. C.
Charles E. Harris, Jr.,		'03, Jan. 20.		Ρ.
William Harris,			Woods Hole.	P.
John W. Hayley,			C. Tuftonboro, N.H.	
Calvin B. Hurlburt,	'59, Oct. 20.		South Dennis.	W. C.
Philip A. Job,	'04, Aug. 24.		North Falmouth.	P.
Richard Knowles,	'02, Nov. 10.	'03, Jan. 20.		P.
Elihu Loomis,	'51, Oct. 22.	'02, Jan. 27.		W. C. P.
Sampson Nicholls,	'78, Aug. 1.	'01, Jan. 15.		г. Р.
Frederic Parker, John H. Quint,	'00, Dec. 14.		Sherman Mills, Me.	P. C.
E. Irving Rackett,		'01, Jan. 15.	Falmouth. East Orleans.	P. C.
John T. Rae,	73, Aug. 8.	79, Jan. 28.	Exeter, N. H.	w.c.
Daniel W. Richardson,	62, Aug. 14.	'96, Aug. 4.	Bedford.	w.c.
Daniel Itichardson,	02, 11dg, 11.	50, mug. T.	Double.	11.0.

# 5. Cape Cod (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
George O. Thompson,	'87, Sept. 15.	'01, April 16.	Truro.	P.
Rufus B. Tobey,	'80, Nov. 30.	'81, Jan. 25.	Boston.	W. C.
Hohannes T. Torosyan,		'04, April 26.		P.
Charles H. Whitney,		72, Jan. 16.		W. C.
William H. Woodwell,	'73, June 12.	'89, June 11.	Hampton, Conn	P.

STATED MEETINGS. — Third Tuesdays in January, April, July and October. John H. Quint, Falmouth, scribe of the Conference.

# 6. Essex North, Organized September 6, 1761.

Ministerial standing has been transferred to the Essex North Conference. The Conference reports the following names not starred (\*).

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Frank G. Alger,	'86, July 22.	'98, Dec. 20. Newburyport.	P. C.
D. Frank Atherton,	'02, Feb. 5.	'02, April 15. Waltham.	W. C.
Franklin W. Barker,	'95, Nov. 3.	'03, April 21. Amesbury.	P. C.
Charles L. Charron,	'98, June 22.	'00, Oct. 16. Haverhill.	P.
*George W. Christie,	'73, Dec. 11.	'93, Feb. 21. Ossipee, N. H.	P.
Calvin M. Clark,	'90, Dec. 30.	'93, Dec. 19. Haverhill.	P. C.
Charles Clark,	'94, Dec. 12.	'98, April 26, Millers Falls.	Р.
*Charles F. Clarke,	'92, Dec. 7.	'98, April 26. Mayville, N. D.	P.
Arthur Dechman,	'98, April 10.	'03, April 21. Groveland.	P. C.
James D. Dingwell,	'95, July 12.	'00, Dec. 18. Amesbury.	P. C.
Leonard Dodd,	78, May 5.	'99, Oct. 17. Nashua, N. H.	W.C.
James W. Flagg,	'82, Oct. 25.	'01, Oct. 22. Merrimac.	P. C.
David Fraser,	'95, Dec. 5.	'99, Oct. 17. Rowley.	P. C.
*William M. Gay,	'63, Mar. 31.	'04, April 26. Georgetown.	W. C.
George L. Gleason,	'66, Feb. 1.	'84, May 20. Haverhill.	P. C.
Charles S. Holton,	'92, Nov. 30.	'97, Dec. 21. Newbury.	P. C.
Charles L. Hubbard,	'68, Sept. 2.	'80, April 20. West Boxford.	P.C.
George H. Hubbard,	'84, Sept. 10.	'02, April 15. Haverhill.	P. C.
*Joseph Kimball,	'83, June 15.	'86, April 20. Haverhill.	W.C.
John D. Kingsbury,	'56, Sept. 24.		Miss. Supt.
Herbert E. Lombard,	'96, June 23.	'03, Oct. 27. Byfield.	P. C.
Warren F. Low,	'94, Sept. 2.	'03, Feb. 26. Georgetown.	P. C.
George P. Merrill,	'00, Oct. 3.	'04, April 26. Newburyport.	P.
Edward H. Newcomb,	'97, Nov. 26.	'04, April 26. Newburyport.	P. C.
Manasseh G. Papazian,	'90, May 28.	'90, Oct. 21. Aintab.	Prof.
Roland D. Sawyer,	'00, Mar. 13.	'05, Jan. 17. Haverhill.	P.C.
George H. Scott,	'73, Sept. 8.	'88, Feb. 21. Atkinson, N. H.	P.
*Elmer E. Shoemaker,	'94, Feb. 27.	'01, April 16. Chicago.	W.C.
Everett S. Stackpole,	'82, April 30.		P. C.
George L. Todd,	'87, April 13.		· Teacher.
*David C. Torrey,	'92, June 1.	'92, Dec. 20. Bedford.	Ρ.
Bartlett H. Weston,	'91, Oct. 1.	'03, Feb. 26. West Newbury.	P.
James S. Williamson,	'90, May 15.	'01, Dec. 17. Haverhill.	P.C.
Richard Wright,	'90, Nov. 4.	'01, Dec. 17. Newburyport.	P. C.
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STATED MEETINGS. — Third Tuesdays in February, April, June, October and December.

Rev. David Fraser, Rowley, scribe.

Rev. Charles S. Holton, Newburyport, scribe of the Conference.

# 7. Franklin, Organized September 20, 1803.

	Date of	Date of		
Members.	Ordination.	Membership.	Residence. 1	Employment.
Edgar F. Blanchard,	'94, Nov. 15.	'96, Feb. 11.	East Poultney, \	7t. P.
Edward P. Butler,	'74, Oct. 20.	'90, June 12.	Sunderland.	P. C.
John B. Carruthers,	'83, June 12.	'04, Feb. 9.	South Deerfield.	P.
Lewis S. Chafer,	'00, April 3.	'03, Sept. 8.	East Northfield	. Evan.
Levi H. Cobb,	'57, Oct. 28.	'03, Nov. 10.	Maynard.	W. C.
Christopher W. Collier,	'94, Jan. 3.	'99, Nov. 14.	Orange.	P. C.
George L. Dickinson,	'76, Sept. 20.			P.
William H. Dowden,	'63, Nov. 5.	'01, Feb. 12.	Hanover.	W. C.
Eugene M. Frary,	'88, Nov. 7.	'04. Nov. 8.	Bernardston.	P.
Edward D. Gaylord.	'02, June 18.	'03, Feb. 10.	Syracuse, N. Y.	P.
Joseph A. Goodrich,	'96, Sept. 9.	'96, Sept. 15.	Shelburne.	P.
Horace F. Hallett,	'91, July 10.	'99, Nov. 14.	Ashfield.	Ρ.
John A. Hawley,	'98, Sept. 14.	'03, Feb. 10.	Shelburne Falls.	. P.
Edward C. Hayes,	'03, Feb. 26.	'04, May 10.	Montague.	P.
Thomas C. Kinne,	'75, June 28.	'93, Dec. 12.	Montague.	W.C.
Charles W. Merriam,	'01, June 25.	'04, May 10,	Greenfield,	P. C.
Frank N. Merriam,	'92, Feb. 24.	'98, Sept. 13.	Turners Falls.	P. C.
Horace E. Morrow,	'86, May 11.	'00, May 8.	Springfield.	W. C.
Albert H. Plumb, Jr.,	'99, May 11.	'03, Sept. 8.	Gill.	Р.
John A. Pogue,	'96, Jan. 28.		West Wareham	. W. C.
Martin L. Richardson,	'61, Mar. 7.	'98, Nov. 8.	Montague.	W. C.
Thomas S. Robie,	'59, Oct. 25.	'99, Sept. 12.	Greenland, N. H.	W. C.
Edward A. Robinson,	'83, July 11.	'98, Sept. 13.	Hingham.	P.
N. Fay Smith,	'95, July 25.	'03, May 12.	East Northfield	. P.
Carey H. Watson,	'91, Dec. 30.	'93, July 5.	Greenfield.	Ρ.
Lyman Whiting,	'43, Jan. 11.	'90, May 13.	East Charlemon	rt. P.

Licentiate. — Arthur L. Trucsdell, Wendell, licensed November 8, 1904, for three years.

STATED MEETINGS. — Annual, second Tuesday in May. Other meetings, second Tuesdays in September, November and February.

Rev. Frank N. Merriam, Turners Falls, scribe.

# 8. Hampden, Organized February 13, 1894, by the union of Hampden West and East, which were formed June 11 and 12, 1844.

Henry L. Bailey,	'89, Aug. 13.	'02, Feb. 11.	Longmeadow.	P. C.
William G. Ballantine,	'80, Aug. 20.	'00, Feb. 13.		Teacher.
Charles B. Bliss,	'03, Oct. 2.		Hampden.	
Henry J. Bruce,	'62, Sept. 11.	'62, Nov. 11.		
Collins G. Burnham,	'79, Dec. 10.	'89, May 14.	Chicopee.	
Edmund A. Burnham,	'00, Nov. 23.	'01, April 9.	Stafford Springs	
Hanford M. Burr,	'88, Oct. 24.	'90, May 13.	Springfield.	
Frank E. Butler,	'87, June 22.		South Hadley F	
Luther H. Cone,	'55, April 5.		New Haven, Con	
Thomas W. Davison,		'05, Feb. 14.		
William N. DeBerry	'99, June 28.		Springfield.	P. C.
Vernon H. Deming,	'98, July 26.		North Wilbraha	
Everett D. Francis,	'95, Nov. 20.		Ludlow.	
Charles H. Gates,		'03, April 14.		W. C.
Louis F. Giroux,		'89, Nov. 12.		Teacher.
Frank L. Goodspeed,	'87, June 29.		Springfield.	P. C.
William C. Gordon,		'04, Nov. 1.	Westfield.	P. C.
Edwin H. Hadlock,			San Francisco,	
Newton M. Hall,		'00, Feb. 13.		P. C.
Franklin S. Hatch,		'89, Feb. 12.		W. C.
Theron H. Hawks,	'55, Mar. 5.	'88, July 10.		W. C.
Timothy A. Hazen,	'54, Oct. 11.	'95, Feb. 12.		W. C.
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# 8. Hampden (Continued).

	Date of	Date of		
Members.	Ordination.	Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Arthur Hodges,	'04, Nov. 18.	'05, April 11.	Chester.	P.
Martin S. Howard,	'56, Nov. 20.		Wilbraham.	P. C.
David L. Kebbe,	'91, June 17.	'91, July 14.	Greenwich.	Ρ.
Charles H. Kenney,	'74, April 12.	'02, Nov. 11.	Springfield.	W.C.
John L. Kilbon,	'89, June 28.	'03, Nov. 10.	Springfield.	P C.
Samuel H. Lee,	'62, Sept. 17.	'90, Nov. 11.	Springfield.	Pres. Coll.
John H. Lockwood,	71, Nov. 5.			P. C.
George W. Love,		'01, April 9.	West Springfie	ld. P.
Wilford E. Mann,		'03, Nov. 10.		
Thomas D. McLean,		'02, April 8.	Springfield.	W.C.
Oliver W. Means,		'05, Feb. 14.	Springfield.	P. C.
Philip S. Moxom,		'96, Feb. 11.		P. C.
George J. Newton,	'97, July 22.		Salem,	W. C.
Charles Olmstead,	'83, Sept. 27.		Three Rivers.	P.
Charles Pease,	'96, Oct. 20.		Long Beach, Co	
Hervey G. Pillsbury,	'82, Sept. 28.	'95. July 9.	Chicopee Falls.	
M. Oakman Patton,	'94, May 20.	'04, July 12.	Palmer.	P. C.
D. Butler Pratt,	'89, Sept. 25.		Springfield.	P. C.
N. Miller Pratt,	'96, Nov. 15.	'02, July 8.	Monson.	P. C.
David A. Reed,	'81, June 7.	'81, June 12.		
Edward A. Reed,	'71, June 14.	'88, Feb. 14.	Holyoke.	P. C.
Walter Rice,	65, July 25.	'92, Nov. 7.	Agawam.	D 0
Edwin B. Robinson,	'98, Nov. 21.	'02. July 8.	Holyoke.	P.
Alpheus M. Spangler,	'88, June 22.	'88. Nov. 13.	Mittineague.	P. C.
Thomas S. St. Aubin,	'93, Oct. 1.	'98, Feb. 8.	Lowell.	P.
Frederick C. Taylor,	'91, Dec. 10.	'04, Feb. 9.	Thorndike.	P.
John L. R. Trask,	'67, Dec. 4.	'95, Feb. 12.		W. Ĉ.
Rufus S. Underwood,	'67, Nov. 19.	'98, Feb. 8.	Springfield.	Evan.
William S. Walker,	'91, Oct. 26.	'03, Feb. 10.		
William M. Weeks,	'81, April 7.	'02, July 8.	Andover, Conn	
Charles S. Wilder,	'90, Feb. 18.		East Longmea	
Josiah G. Willis,	76, Oct. 10.	'88, Nov. 13.		P.
George W Winch	75, Oct. 6.	'91, Nov. 10.		P. C.
George W. Winch, Sumner G. Wood,	'80, Dec. 30.	'02, July 8.	Blandford.	P. C.
Herbert P. Woodin,	'92, June 26.	'99, Feb. 21.		P.
Samuel H. Woodrow,	'88, Aug. 30.	'99, April 11.		P. C.
Called II. Hoodiow,	55, mag. 50.	00, mpin 11.	~Pringitora.	1.0.

Licentiate. — James C. Greenough, Westfield, re-licensed  $\,$  July 9, 1901, for four years.

 ${\tt Stated}$  Meetings. — In Springfield, second Tuesdays in February, April, July and November.

Rev. Collins G. Burnham, Chicopee, scribe.

# 9. Hampshire, Organized before 1735.

Melvin J. Allen,	'82, Nov. 8.	'01, Feb. 12.	Worthington.	P.
S. Allen Barrett,	'88, Feb. 28.	'04, Sept. 27.	Florence	P.C.
John Elliot Bowman,	'95, Feb. 14.		Chelsea.	W.C.
Francis H. Boynton,	'64, Oct. 20.		Florence.	W.C.
George H. Buck,	'94, July 5.	'94, Oct. 16.	Crown Point, N.	Y. P.
Willis H. Butler,	'98, Nov. 21.		Northampton.	P. C.
Solomon Clark,	'41, June 13.		Chicago, Ill.	W.C.
Elisha G. Cobb,	'60, June 20.	'67, Feb. 5.	Northampton.	P. C. Em.
John Cowan,	75, May 25.		Southampton.	P.
Charles H. Hamlin,	'76, Sept. 19.		Easthampton.	P. C.
Calvin Keyser,	'75, Dec. 28.		Goshen.	P. C.
Gerald Stanley Lee,	'88, Oct. 23.	'02, Dec. 16.	Northampton.	W.C.
Sanford S. Martyn,			Brooklyn, $N, Y$ .	W.C.
Wm. J. Parmelee, M. D.,		'92. Feb. 2.	Worthington.	W. C.

# 9. Hampshire (Continued).

Members. John Pierpont, Harvey Porter, W. Stanley Post, Henry T. Rose, Joseph H. Sawyer, L. Clark Seelye, Henry G. Smith, Henry P. Smith, Hanson E. Thygeson, Henry M. Tyler, George N. Webber, Ralph H. White,	Date of Ordination. '88, July 26. '80, Aug. 3. '93, Dec. 12. '70, May 29. '88, Sept. 3. '63, Jan. 20. '86, April 15. '75, June 8. '87, Nov. 2. '72, May 6. '55, Dec. 5. '02, Aug. 14.	'99, Feb. 21. '95, Oct. 29. '84, Feb. 12.	Amherst. Chesterfield. Northampton. Northampton.	Prof. Coll. W. C. P. C. Prof. Pres. Coll. Prof. P. P. P.
Ralph H. White, Irving F. Wood,			Cummington. Northampton.	

Stated Meetings. — Second Tuesday in February, first Tuesday in June, fourth Tuesday in September and second Tuesday in December.

Rev. Elisha G. Cobb, Northampton, scribe.

# 10. Hampshire East, Organized November 16, 1841.

James B. Adkins,	'88, Nov. 8.	'01, June 4.	Belchertown, P.
J. Cowles Andrus,	'83, June 26.	'02. Feb. 2.	Enfield. P.
Edward F. Barrow,	'03, Oct. 20.	'04, Dec. 6.	
Robert C. Bell,	'69, Nov. 3.	'92, Dec. 6.	
Daniel Bliss,	'55, Oct. 31.		Beirut, Syria. Pres. Coll.
Edward P. Crowell,	Licentiate.	'65, Sept. 19.	
Levi H. Elwell,	Licentiate.	'80, Dec. 2.	Amherst. Prof.
Thomas A. Emerson,	'69, Nov. 25.	'04, May 31.	Hadley. P.
Henry Fairbank,	'86, May 27.	'85, May 26.	Ahmednagar, India. F. M.
John F. Gleason,	73, Jan. 7.	'95, May 28.	South Amherst. P.
Frank J. Grimes,	75, June 2.	'03, June 2.	South Hadley. W. C.
Edwin A. Grosvenor,	72, July 30.	'96, Feb. 4.	Amherst. Prof. Coll.
John W. Lane,	'60, Oct. 16.	'61, Jan. 9.	North Hadley. P. C.
John P. Manwell,	'96, Sept. 9.	'02, Dec. 2.	North Amherst. P.
Henry R. McCartney,	'87, June 25.	'98, Dec. 6.	Goffstown, N. H. P.
Arthur B. Patten,	'94, Feb. 1.	'97, Dec. 7.	Santa Rosa, Cal. P.
Richard Scoles,	'80, April 21.	'00, May 29.	Leverett. P.
William E. Strong,	'85, July 15.	'01, Dec. 3.	Amherst. P. C.
Charles S. Walker,	'71, Aug. 1.	'81, Sept. 20.	Amherst. Prof. in Ag. Coll.
Robert M. Woods,	'77, Nov. 21.	77, Dec. 4.	Hatfield. P. C.

Licentiates. — Edward P. Crowell, Amherst, re-licensed September 17, 1901; William L. Montague, Amherst, re-licensed February 3, 1903; Levi H. Elwell, Amherst, re-licensed December 6, 1904; Alfred J. Sadler, licensed March 15, 1904.

Term of licensure is four years.

 $\mbox{Stated}$  Meetings. — First Tuesdays in February, June and December, and third Tuesday in September.

Rev. John F. Gleason, South Amnerst, acting scribe.

# 11. Mendon, Organized November 8, 1751.

John F. Crosby,	'92, Mar. 30.	'94, Dec. 4.	Dover, $N.H.$	W.C.
Robert W. Drawbridge,	'97, Oct. 5.	'00, Nov. 21.	Medway.	P. C.
Edward Evans,	'75, Sept. 1.	'01, Sept 30.	Foxboro.	P.
Rufus K. Harlow,	'68, Oct. 15.	'72, June 11.	Medway.	P. C. $Em$ .
George R. Hewitt,	'86, June 4.	'03, Feb. 11.	West Medway.	P.
Edward C. Hood,	'74, May 8.	'96, Dec. 1.	Wèllesley Hills.	W. C.

# 11. MENDON (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Franklin C. Jones,	'63, Feb. 4.		Norfolk.	W. C.
John L. Keedy,	'94, Aug. 28.	'01, April 2.	North Andove	
William M. Macnair,	'01, Oct. 4.	'01, Nov. 19.		P. C.
Francis J. Marsh,		'82, Mar. 14.		Sec'y.
Edson J. Moore,	'61, April 1.	'86, Sept. 21.	Hill, N. H.	W.C.
Leroy M. Pierce,	70, Feb. 4.	'98, April 5.	Medfield.	Р.
William L. Ropes,	'53, Sept. 14.	'53, Oct. 11.	Andover.	Libr'n,
Frederick N. Rutan,	'87, Oct. 16.	'03, Dec. 1.	Wrentham.	P. C.
Franke A. Warfield,	'71, June 10.	'02, Oct. 7.	Milford.	P. C.

STATED MEETINGS. — First Tuesdays in February, April, October and December.

Rev. William M. Macnair, Mansfield, scribe.

# 12. MIDDLESEX SOUTH, Organized June 7, 1830.

Ministerial standing is transferred to the Middlesex South Conference, which reports the following names not starred (\*).

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Daniel E. Adams,	'60, Dec. 5.	'86, Dec. 7.	Wellesley Hills.	W.C.
George M. Adams,	'51, Sept. 18.	'73, Sept. 9.	Auburndale.	W.C.
James T. Berry,	'98, May 25.	'04, April 12.		P.
Edward E. Bradley,	'93, June 20.	'94, Dec. 4.	Lincoln.	P.C.
*Merle A. Breed,	'93, Nov. 21,	'97, May 4.		W.C.
S. Ingersoll Briant,	'68, April 22.			W.C.
Charles S. Brooks,	'69, Sept. 15.		Wellesley.	W. C.
*Edward H. Chandler,	'92, Nov. 9.	'97, Sept. 21.		Sec'y.
Daniel W. Clark,	'82, June 22.		Ashland.	W. C.
Charles H. Daniels,	'73, Nov. 20.		So. Framingham.	P.C.
Ernest C. Davis,	'94, Dec. 5.	'04, April 12.		P.
Horace Dutton,	'68, Jan. 21.		Auburndale.	W.C.
Lucius R. Eastman,	'62, May 1.		Framingham.	P. C.
Frederick E. Emrich,	'75, Sept. 16.			
Prescott Fay,	'56, Feb. 27.	'96, Feb. 4.	Saxonville.	W. C.
George B. Frost,	'83, June 7.	'04, Oct. 18.		P.
Lincoln B. Goodrich,	'93, June 29.	'97, Sept. 21.		P. C.
Robert F. Gordon,	'76, May 12.	'90, Feb. 4.	Boston.	P.
*Lewis W. Hicks,	'71, Sept. 10.		Wellesley.	W.C.
James B. King,	84, July 9.		Hopkinton.	W.C.
George W. Lawrence,	'88, Feb. 14.	'99, Sept. 19.	Newfane, Vt.	W. C.
William E. Locke,	'68, Mar. 15.	'00, Dec. 4.	Wellesley.	W.C.
Martin F. Mevis,	'93, Sept. 18.		Southboro.	P.
Vincent Moses,	'87, Oct. 2.	'04, Oct. 18.	Natick.	W. C.
Francis N. Peloubet,	'57, Dec. 2.	'72, Feb. 6.	Auburndale.	Editor.
William G. Puddefoot,	'88, Jan. 29.	'98, Dec. 6.	South Framingham.	Sec'y.
Arden M. Rockwood,	'99, Sept. 5.	'02, Sept. 16.	Portland, Ore.	Ď.
William W. Sleeper,	'82, Aug. 31.	'02, Dec. 2.	Wellesley.	P.C.
Albert D. Smith,	'88, Oct. 4.	'97, Feb. 2.	Northboro	P. C.
Frederic E. Sturgis,	'68, Oct. 1.	'86, May 6.	Natick.	W.C.
*William H. Tower,	'97, May 19.	'03, Feb. 3.	South Framingham.	
Benjamin C. Wood,	'94, July 10.	'97, May 2.	Rochester, $N. \ Y.$	W.C.
Webster Woodbury,	'68, Sept. 29.	'03, Feb. 3.	South Framingham,	W. C.

Licentiate. — Charles P. Holbrook, licensed February 7, 1905, for three years.

STATED MEETINGS.— First Tuesdays in February, May and December; third Tuesday in September.

Rev. Daniel E. Adams, Wellesley Hills, scribe.

Rev. Albert D. Smith, Northboro, scribe of the Conference.

# 13. MIDDLESEX UNION, Organized January, 1827.

	Date of	Date of		
Members.	Ordination.	Membership.	Residence. Empl	oyment.
Herbert W. Boyd,	'86, Nov. 5.		Forest Grove, Ore.	P.
Walter W. Campbell,	'90, Nov. 12.	'90, Nov. 18.		W. C.
William O. Conrad,	'90, June 8.	'98, May 24.		P. C.
A. Frederic Dunnels.	'84, Oct. 2.	'01, Jan. 15.	Fitchburg.	P. C.
Amelia A. Frost.	'94, Feb. 14.	'94, Nov. 20.		W. C.
Henry H. Gay,	'89, April 16.			W. C.
Andrew Groop,	'91, July 2.	'02, Sept. 22.		
Edward L. Gulick,	'89, Dec. 3.		Lawrenceville, N.J.	
John C. Handy,	'96, April 7.		Pittsfield, Ill.	P.
Henry M. Holmes,	65, May 10.		Provincetown.	W. C.
George M. Howe,	74, July 8.	'02, Mar. 18.		P. C.
Alfred S. Hudson,	'67, Dec. 19.	'84, Dec. 30.		P.
John E. B. Jewett,	'51, Sept. 10.	'61, May 7.		W.C.
Fritz W. Martini,	'97, May 14.	'00, Nov. 20.		P. C.
Thomas M. Miles,	'70, Nov. 10.	'03, Nov. 17.		P.
Joel D. Miller,	'66, April.	'71, July 5.	Leominster.	Editor.
Frank E. Mills,	'78, Nov. 13.		W entworth, $N$ . $H$ .	Р.
Albert F. Newton,	'77, Sept. 5.		North Leominster.	P.
Horace Parker,	'61, May 31.	'64, Mar. 1.	West Tisbury.	W. C.
Lewis E. Perry,	'85, July 15.	'05, Mar. 21.		P.
Elijah H. Roper,	'97, Oct. 27.	'98, Jan. 17.	St. John, N. B.	Miss'y.
Charles H. Rowley,	'81, Feb. 23.	'86, Mar. 2.	Richville, Conn.	P.
Edward G. Smith,	'71, April 13.	'02, Mar. 18.		Ρ.
Wayland Spaulding,	'84, May 21.	'03, Jan. 20.	Bedford Park, N. Y	. P.
George A. Tewksbury,	'63, Dec. 21.	'95, Sept. 17.		Ρ.
Nathan Thompson,	'65, Sept. 13.	'77, Sept. 4.	Laurel, $Md$ .	W. C.
Ole O. Thorpe,	'94, Mar. 1.	'96, Jan. 21.	Concord.	W.C.
Joseph Torrey,	'60, May 30.	'94, Jan. 16.	Shirley.	P.
Francis H. Viets,	'82, Oct. 18.	'05, Mar. 21.	Boxboro.	P.
Albert H. Wheelock,	'88, July 3.	'05, Jan. 17.	Pepperell.	P.
Benjamin A. Willmott,	'96, July 1.	'01, Jan. 15.		Ρ.
Franklin P. Wood,	'71, July 24.	73, May 6.	Acton.	W. C.

STATED MEETINGS. — Third Tuesdays in January, March, May, September and November.

Rev. William J. Batt, Concord Junction, scribe and treasurer.

# 14. Norfolk, Organized May 11, 1811.

# 14. Norfolk (Continued).

	Date of	Date of		
Members.	Ordination.	Membership.	Residence. I	Employment.
Edwin N. Hardy,	'90. Nov. 6.	'95, Dec. 17.	Quincy.	P. C.
Elijah Harmon,	'67, Oct. 18.		South Braintree	
Ralph J. Haughton,	'91, Nov. 24.	'02, Dec. 16.		Р.
Karl F. Henrikson,	'96, Oct. 1.	'01, April 16.		Р.
Calvin G. Hill,	'72, Sept. 5.	'84, June 10.		W.C.
Ray S. Hubbard,	'03, May 8.		Wilton, $N.H.$	_ P.
Alan Hudson,	'92, Dec. 28.	'93, April 18.		P. C.
Emerson L. Hunt,	'94, Oct. 24.		Charlestown.	M.
Henry S. Huntington,	'66, Jan. 31.	'91, Oct. 17.		P.
Robert R. Kendall,	'78, Jan. 30.		Winter Park, I	
Harry W. Kimball,	'95, July 2.		S. Weymouth.	P.
James Lade,	'85, June 6.	'03, April 28.		P.
John M. Lord,	'51, Dec. 21.	'93, Dec. 19.		w.c.
William S. A. Miller,	'96, June 25.		East Bridgewat	
Samuel Morrison,	'65, Oct. 24.	'90, Oct. 28.		W.C.
Edward Norton,	'64, Dec. 28.	'75, Jan. 26.		P.Em.
Frank H. Palmer,		'86, April 20.		W. C.
Frank Park,	'95, July 16.	'99, April 18.		P.
Albert F. Pierce,	'77, Sept. 3.	'99, April 18.		P. C.
Philmer A. Sample,			Easton Center.	W. C.
Charles E. Stowe,	78, Feb. 28.	'03, April 28.	Bridgewater.	P. C.
Arthur Truslow,		'99, Oct. 31.	Greenp't, N. Y.	Y. M. C. A.
Thomas H. Vincent,	'89, Feb. 6.		North Weymou	th. P.
Edgar C. Wheeler,		'02, Dec. 16.		P.
Isaac C. White,	'50, Oct. 23.	'90, June 10.	Plymouth.	W. C.

Stated Meetings. — Last Tuesday in October, third Tuesdays in December, February and April, and second Tuesday in June.

Rev. Almon J. Dyer, Sharon, scribe and treasurer.

# 15. OLD COLONY, Organized August 18, 1810.

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Harry L. Brickett, George P. Byington, William Carruthers, Samuel M. Cathcart, Truman D. Childs, Frederick M. Cutler, John Graham, Henry M. Grant,	'83, May 23. '68, Mar. 11. '58, June 16. '96, Dec. 1. '73, May 21. '98, June 8. '90, Jan. 17. '63, Nov. 17.	'92, Feb. 10. '03, Nov. 11. '02, May 14. '03, Nov. 11. '90, Feb. 12.	Winsted, Conn. Fairhaven. Middleboro. Chatham. Edgartown.	P. C. W. C. C. M. P. C. P. P. P. W. C.
Charles F. Hersey,	'93, Jan. 25.		New Bedford.	W.C.
Robert Humphrey,	'83, July 17.		Mattapoisett.	P.
Matthew C. Julien,	'72, Dec. 11. '00, Oct. 9.		New Bedford.	P. C. P.
Frederick B. Lyman,	'83, Jan. 31.	'02, Feb. 12.		г. Р.
John A. MacColl, Benjamin W. Pennock,	'88, June 27.	'00, May 9.		P.
Robert L. Rae.	'89, Oct. 14.	'90, Feb. 12.		P. C.
Frank E. Ramsdell,	'91, June 30.		New Bedford.	P. C.
Caleb L. Rotch,	'79, Oct. 9.		Monmouth, M.	P.
Edward J. Ruliffson,			South Gilboa, N.Y.	Ρ.
George W. Stearns,	'83, Aug. 1.	'95, Nov. 13.	Middleboro.	Р.
John P. Trowbridge,	'74, Sept. 17.		North Rochester.	P. C.
Charles L. Woodworth,	'89, Dec. 17.	'03, Feb. 11.	Lewiston, Me.	W.C.

 ${\tt STATED}\ \ {\tt MEETINGS.--Second}\ \ {\tt Wednesdays}\ \ {\tt in}\ \ {\tt February},\ {\tt May}\ \ {\tt and}\ \ {\tt November}.$ 

Rev. Frederick B. Lyman, Fairhaven, scribe.

# 16. PLYMOUTH, Organized May 18, 1858.

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Members.	Ordination.	Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Haig Adadourian,	'97, Nov. 3.	'97, Nov. 16.	West Tisbury.	Р.
Millidge T. Anderson,	'00, April 22.		West Hanover	
Ernest M. Bartlett,	'97, Oct. 19.	'00, Sept. 25.	North Newport	N.H.W.C.
John W. Brownville,	'73, Dec. 18.	'85, Nov. 17.	Waquoit.	P.
Austin S. Chase,	'76, Dec. 14.	'93, May 8.	East Hartford,	Conn. W. C.
Alfred DeBarritt,	'95, May 31.	'97, Nov. 16.	Cienfuegos, Cu	ba. P.
Fenton E. Frazee,	'97, May 12.	'02, Jan. 5.	Plympton.	P.
Adoniram J. Leach,	'89, April 7.	'01, May 28.	Acton.	W.C.
Burton A. Lucas,	'97, Sept. 15.	'02, Mar. 18.	Marshfield.	P.
Frederic W. Manning,	'91, Dec. 31.	'92, Aug. 16.	Nantucket.	P.
Henry B. Mason,	'92, June 28.	'00, Nov. 20.	Duxbury.	Р.
Francis Moon,	'80, July 2.	'89, Nov. 19.	Chilton ville.	W.C.
Frederick B. Noyes,	'90, Oct. 28.	'00, Sept. 25.	Scituate.	Р.
Oscar F. Stetson,	'02, May 14.	'01, May 28.	North Carver.	P. C.
John Wild,	'92, April 20.	'92, Aug. 16.	Medford.	Ρ.
George W. Wright,	'77, Dec. 5.	'93, Nov. 21.	Boston.	W. C.

Licentiate. — James I. Thomas, Halifax, license renewed on May 8, 1893, without limit of time.

STATED MEETINGS. — Third Tuesdays in March, May, October and December. Rev. Burton A. Lucas, Marshfield, scribe and treasurer.

# 17. Salem, Organized by Union, December 1, 1885 (Essex South, September 3, 1717; Salem, October 15, 1840).

Harry C. Adams,	'89, Oct. 22.	'98, Jan. 11.	Danvers.	P.C.
Israel Ainsworth,	'80, April 11.		Rockport.	P.C.
William P. Alcott,	'68, Feb. 18.		Boxford (Linebrook).	
Walter H. Ashley,	'78, Mar. 19.	'98, Nov. 8.	Manchester.	W. C.
Adolph A. Berle,	'87, Sept. 22.	'04, Nov. 8.	Salem.	P.
Emery L. Bradford,	'92, July 1.	'94, Jan. 9.		P. Ĉ.
James F. Brodie,	'82, Feb. 21.	'89, Nov. 12.		P. C.
Edwin H. Byington,	'87, May 26.	'00, Nov. 13.		P. C.
DeWitt S. Clark,	'68, Nov. 11.	'79, June 2.		P. Č.
Edward Constant.	'83, Aug. 30.	'92, Mar. 8.	Ipswich.	P.
Arthur J. Covell,	'90, Oct. 21.	'98, Nov. 8.	Lynn.	P. Ĉ.
Daniel L. Crafts,	'76, July 19.		Stratham, N. H.	P.
Temple Cutler,	'61, Feb. 20.	'86, Sept. 26.		w. c.
Hugh Elder,	'68, Jan. 29.		Fowes, Scotland.	P.
George E. Freeman,	'58, Oct. 6.	'96, Mar. 10.		w.c.
Leslie C. Greeley,	'98, Dec. 20.	'99, Sept. 12.		P.
George A. Hall,	'86, April 13.		Peabody.	P. C.
Owen E. Hardy,	'94, Oct. 2.		East Burke, Vt.	P.
Chauncey J. Hawkins,	'99, May 19.		Jamaica Plain.	P. C.
Rufus P. Hibbard,	'68, Aug. 4.	'88, Sept. 11.		P. C.
George A. Jackson,	'72, Sept. 26.		Swampscott.	W.C.
John A. Johnson,	'92, Aug. 6.	'95, Mar. 12.		P. C.
Frederic I. Kelley,	'89, Dec. 30.		Derry, N.H.	P.
Edward P. Kelly,		'03, Sept. 15.		P. C.
John C. Labaree,	'63, Feb. 4.	'96, Nov. 10.		P.
Edward A. Lathrop,	'95, Nov. 26.	'01, Sept. 10.		P.
Frank A. L. Lindholm.			Lowell.	P.
Carl A. Lundgren,	'93, Aug. 17.			W. C.
Robert A. MacFadden,	'96, June 16.	'05, Mar. 14.		P. C.
Clifton H. Mix.	'02, Dec. 28.		Worcester.	P. Č.
Albert W. Moore,	73, Jan. 22.	'84, Mar. 11.		w.č.
Jesse G. Nichols,	'94, Sept. 13.		Hamilton.	P. C.
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# 17. Salem (Continued).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
George W. Osgood,	'78, Jan. 26.	'96, May 26.		W.C.
George W. Owen,	'03, July 1.	'03, Nov. 10.		P. C.
Albert B. Peabody,	60, May 24.		East Boxford.	w. c.
	'85, May 22.	'04, Sept. 13.		W. C.
William G. Poor,	60, Nov. 20.	'88, Sept. 11.		w. c.
Aaron Porter,				YV. C. P. C.
Frank H. Reed,	'86, June 24.	'86, Dec. 1.		
William E. Renshaw,	'84, June 14.	'01, Nov. 12.		P.
Charles B. Rice,		'64, May 1.		Sec'y.
F. Arthur Sanborn,			West Glouceste	
Jotham B. Sewall,		'95, Mar. 12.		W. C.
Laird W. Snell,			New York, N. 1	
Everard W. Snow,	'01, Nov. 21.	'05, Jan. 10.	Beverly.	P. C.
Markham W. Stackpole,	'02, April 29.	'03, Sept. 15.	Boston.	Asst. P.
Lewis J. Thomas,	'78, June 18.	'98, Sept. 13.	South Peabody.	. P.
Morris H. Turk,	'98, Sept. 22.	'00, Jan. 9.	South Natick.	P. C.
Nicholas Van der Pyl,	'93, Sept. 13.	'04, Mar. 8.	Marblehead.	P.C.
Arthur N. Ward,	'79, Feb. 25.	'92, Jan. 12.	Somerville.	W. C.
T. Frank Waters,		79, Feb. 4.	Ipswich.	P. C.
Charles C. Watson,	'67, July 2.		Lynn.	W. C.
Charles F. Weeden,	'87, April 4.		Lynn.	P. C.
Will C. Wood,	'68, Oct. 15.		Boston.	W. Č.
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 ${\tt Stated}$  Meetings. — Second Tuesdays in January, March, May, September and November.

Rev. T. Frank Waters, Ipswich, scribe.

# 18. Suffolk North, Organized July 2, 1822.

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Asher Anderson,	'73, July 15.	'02, Nov. 25.	Cambridge. Sec	y Nat'l C.
Milan C. Ayres,	'74, May 30.	'85, Feb. 15.	Newton Highland	ls. Editor.
Charles E. Beals,	'94, April 8.	'04, Mar. 5.	Cambridge.	P. C.
Reuben A. Beard,	'79, Sept. 10.			Sec'y
Joseph P. Bixby,	'62, April 30.			W. Č.
Alexander P. Bourne,	'95, Dec. 4.	'05, Jan. 31.	Cambridge.	Asst. P. C.
Howard A. Bridgman,	'90, Nov. 19.	'87, Dec. 13.	Brookline.	Editor.
G. Wolcott Brooks,	'77, Oct. 10.	'85, April 21.		P.
Samuel C. Bushnell,	'79, June 4.	'90, May 28.		P.C.
C. F. Hill Crathern,	'86, Sept. 1.	'93, Dec. 6.	Braintree.	P.
William C. Detling,	'97, Mar. 3.	'95, Oct. 30.		W. C.
M. Angelo Dougherty,	'69, June 15.	'87, June 7.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Walter S. Eaton,	'91, April 26.			P.
Daniel Evans,	'91, May 26.	'00, Jan. 30.		
Oren D. Fisher,	'75, Sept. 28.		Woljeboro, N. H.	P.
William B. Forbush,	'92, Feb. 17.		New York, N.Y.	P.
James J. Goodacre,	'97, Feb. 24.	'02, Jan. 28.		P. C.
George H. Gutterson,	78, Dec. 3.	'95, June 10.		
John A. Higgons,	'97, July 17.	'04, May 31.	Chelsea.	P. C.
John V. Hilton,	'60, July.	'77, Dec. 18.		W. C.
John W. Horner,	76, Oct. 9.	'04, Nov. 29.		P. C.
Frank H. Kasson,	79, Nov. 13.	'83, Sept. 18.		Editor.
Horace H. Leavitt,	'73, June 19.	'95, Feb. 6.		P. C.
Duncan MacDermid,	'86, Oct. 28.	'93, Feb. 8.	Boston.	w.c.
Peter MacQueen,	'91, May 8.	'93, Oct. 4.	Charlestown.	ν. ĕ.
Alexander McKenzie,	'61, Aug. 28.			P. C.
Edward C. Moore,	'84.	'03, May 26.		Prof.
George F. Moore,	78, Feb. 2.	'03, May 26.		Prof.
William J. Murray,	79, April 28.			W. C.
Sylvester S. Nickerson,	'76, Dec. 26.			w.c.
Charles L. Noyes,	'81, Mar. 29.	'89, Sept. 25. '83, Feb. 20.		P. C.
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# 18. Suffolk North (Continued).

	Date of	Date of		
Members.	Ordination.	Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Charles H. Percival,	'84, Oct. 14.	'02, Jan. 28.	Malden.	P.
Lawrence Phelps,	'78, Sept. 5.	'92, April 5.	Leominster.	P.
Eddy T. Pitts,	'82, Feb. 8.	'00, Nov. 27.	Fryeburg, Me.	P.
Charles H. Pope,	'65, July 27.	'97, Mar. 30.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Arthur P. Pratt,	'01, Mar. 13.	'04, Nov. 29.	Chelsea.	P. C.
Paul Rader,	'04, Sept. 21.	'04, Nov. 29.	East Boston.	P. C.
Edward K. Rawson,	'72, Oct. 9.	'83, April 10.	Annapolis, Md	. Chaplain.
James H. Ropes,	'01, June 18.	'01, Nov. 26.	Cambridge.	Prof.
James H. Ross,	'78, Feb. 22.	'88, Nov. 20.	Cambridge.	Editor.
William H. Spence,	'94, Nov. 19.	'02, Sept. 30.		P. C.
Alfred E. Stembridge,	'92, Mar. 28.	'98, Sept. 27.	Woburn.	W. C.
William I. Sweet,	'87, April 19.	'98, May 31.		P.
John G. Taylor,	'73, Jan. 9.		Arlington Heig	
Edward Sampson Tead,	'78, Sept. 17.		Somerville. Se	
Edward P. Tenney,	'58, Oct. 19.	'00, Jan. 30.	North Cambrid	ge. W.C.
W. Sherman Thompson,	'91, Oct. 14.	'01, Nov. 26.	East Somervill	e. P.C.
C. A. G. Thurston,	'77, Oct. 17.		Chelsea.	
Charles F. Thwing,	'79, Sept. 24.		Cleveland, O.	
Robert W. Wallace,	'72, May 26.		Somerville.	
George Washburn,	'63, July 29.		Constantinople.	
George Y. Washburn,	'82, April 26.			P.
Albert E. Winship,	75, Mar. 17.	'76, June 13.		Editor.
Edward C. Winslow,	'81, Nov. 2.	'01, Oct. 8.		W. C.
Richard G. Woodbridge,		'03, Mar. 31.		P. C.
James C. Young,	'91, Aug. 25.	'97, Nov. 30.	East Boston.	P. C.

Licentiates. — Thomas M. Carson, licensed November 17, 1903, for three years; William M. Crane, licensed April 5, 1904, for three years.

Stated Meetings. — Last Tuesdays in January, March, May, September and November.

Rev. John G. Taylor, Arlington Heights, scribe.

# 19. Suffolk South, Organized January 27, 1829.

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James Alexander,	'82, May 7.		Roslindale.	P. C.
William H. Allbright,	'79, June 6.	'91, Mar. 11.		P. C.
William T. Beale,	'82, June 7.	'99, May 10.		Р.
Warren F. Bickford,	'76, June 20.	'92, May 11.	Muskogee, I.T.	Р.
George M. Boynton,	'63, Oct. 28.	'80, Nov. 10.	Newton Centre.	Sec'y.
Samuel A. Brown,	'00, Dec. 27.	'01, Mar. 13.	Boston.	P. C.
William R. Campbell,	'81, Oct. 12.	'81, Nov. 9.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Edward A. Chase,	'84, May 28.	'00, Jan. 24.	Wollaston.	P. C.
Francis E. Clark,	'76, Oct. 19.	'84, Jan. 16.	Auburndale. Y.	P. S. C. E.
Alfred E. Colton,	'84, May 28.	'99, Nov. 8.	Dorchester.	Sec'y.
Perley B. Davis,	'62, Jan. 29.	'63, July 7.	West Roxbury.	W.C.
Morton Dexter,	'73, April 30.	'84, Mar. 12.	Boston.	Editor.
Charles A. Dickinson,	'79, Sept. 27.	'99, Nov. 8.	Sacramento, Cal.	P
Charles A. Dinsmore,	'85, July 20.	'96, Mar. 18.	South Boston	P. C
Albert E. Dunning.	'70, Sept. 29.	71, Jan. 2.	Brookline.	Editor.
Nathaniel H. Egleston,	'45, Feb. 19.	'02, Sept. 17.	Jamaica Plain.	W.C.
Solomon P. Fav,	'49, Sept. 6.	'82, Mar. 8.	Dorchester.	W.C.
George H. Flint,	94, Oct. 22.	'96, Jan. 15.	Dorchester.	$\mathbf{P}_{\cdot}$
William Gallagher,	'74, Dec. 1.	'98, Jan. 12.	South Braintree.	$\operatorname{Prin}$ .
Richard B. Grover,	'81, Oct. 4.	'92, May 11.	Cambridgeport.	Р.
Benj. F. Hamilton,	65, June 28.	72. Mar. 12.	Roxbury.	W.C.
John A. Hamilton,	'61, Jan. 29.	'85, May 13.	Sharon.	W. C.
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# 19. Suffolk South (Continued).

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Members.	Ordination.		Residence. E	
Henry N. Hoyt,	'76, May 22.	'98, May 11.	Hyde Park.	P. C.
Albion H. Johnson,	'65, Oct. 13.	'83, May 9.	Clarendon Hills.	P.
Frederick T. Knight,	'97, Oct. 5.	'97, Nov. 10.	N. Stamford, Con	n. P. C.
Arthur Little,	'63, Mar. 16.	'89, Sept. 18,		P.C.
Achilles L. Loder,	77, May 8.		Thetford, Vt.	P.
Samuel L. Loomis,	'80, Oct. 14.		Jamaica Plain.	P. C.
Charles D. Lothrop,	'54, Dec. 14.	'93, Mar. 15.	Los Angeles, Cal.	W. C.
Henry G. Megathlin,	'96, Dec. 18.	'02, Sept. 17.	Wollaston.	P.
Frank W. Merrick,	'91, Oct. 12.	'91, Nov. 5.	Roslindale.	P. C.
Charles L. Morgan,	'76, Mar. 15.	'95, Jan. 16.	Elgin, Ill.	P. C.
Edwin L. Noble,	'96, May 18.	'01, Mar. 13.	Biddeford, Me.	P.
Cyrus P. Osborne,	65, Nov. 2.	'00, Jan. 24.	Cambridge.	Sec'y.
Arthur H. Pingree,	'98, Nov. 16.	'02, Nov. 12.	Norwood.	P.C.
Albert H. Plumb,	'58, Nov. 10.	'85, Jan. 14.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Winfred C. Rhoades,	'99, May 17.	'00, Sept. 19.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Edward H. Rudd,	'87, Oct. 25.	'01, Sept. 18.	Dedham.	P. C.
Arsene B. Schmarvonian,	'99, June 30.		Constantinople, T	urkey.
Joseph B. Seabury,	'75, Sept. 8.		Wellesley Hills.	
Judson Smith,	'66, Oct. 17.			B. C. F. M.
George F. Stanton,	'66, June 6.	'90, Jan. 15.		W. C.
Herbert W. Stebbins,	'83, Aug. 28.			W. C.
Charles H. Washburn,	'85, Dec. 2.	'04, Nov. 16.		P.C.
Eugene C. Webster,	'90, May 28.		Jamaica Plain.	Ŵ. Č.
Cyrus L. D. Younkin,	'93, April 8.	'92, Mar. 9.		Miss.
Cyrus D. D. Tounkin,	00, 1xp111 0.	oz, mar. o.	20000111	4,4100.

STATED MEETINGS. — Second Wednesdays in January, March, May, September and November.

Rev. Edward A. Chase, Wollaston, scribe and treasurer.

# 20. Suffolk West, Organized January 8, 1867.

'99, Sept. 17. '04, Feb. 17. Belmont. P.
'93, June 8. '03, Feb. 11. Auburndale. A. B. C. F. M.
'55, Sept. 26, '01, Oct. 23, Auburndale. W. C.
'85, June 29. '97, Feb. 8. Newton Cen. A. B. C. F. M.
'80, Feb. 17. '94, Feb. 12. Brookline. Editor.
'79, April 2. '94, June 11. West Newton. P.
'61, Aug. 8. '93, April 11. Boston. W. C.
'72, April 18. '88, June 11. Newton Centre. Cong. Lib.
'92, Dec. 29. '02, June 11. Brookline. Asso. P.
'62, Mar. 12. '68, Feb. 4. Auburndale. P. C. Em.
'77, July 5. '96, Oct. 12. Newton. P. C.
'69, Feb. 8. '87, Oct. 11. Auburnd'le. Sec. N. D. R.L.
'93, Feb. 7. '02, April 9. Needham. W. C.
'83, Oct. 23. '95, Dec. 9. Wellesley Hills. P. C.
'66, Oct. 3. '01, Oct. 23. Boston. Sec'y A. S. S. U.
'68, Feb. 12.       '81, Dec. 18.       Brockton.       W. C.         '72, Aug. 28.       '85, Oct. 6.       Waverley.       P.         '77, Jan. 20.       '86, April 20.       Boston.       P. C.         '83, Oct. 13.       '95, Dec. 9.       Allston.       P. C.
'72, Aug. 28. '85, Oct. 6. Waverley. P.
'77, Jan. 20. '86, April 20. Boston. P. C.
'83, Oct. 13. '95, Dec. 9. Allston. P. C.
'91, Sept. 3. '97, April 12. Brookline. P. C.
'74, Oct. 27. '95, Dec. 9. Waltham. P. C.
'69, Sept. 30. '96, Feb. 10. Boston. Sec'y C. C. B. S.
'85, May 27. '02, April 9. Allston. Asso. P.
'86, Sept. 4. '03, Feb. 11. Brighton. P. C.
'52, Mar. 25. '93, Dec. 11. Melrose Highlands. W. C.
'93, Dec. 7. '00, June 11. East Boston. Miss.

# 20. Suffolk West (Continued).

	Date of	Date of		
Members.	Ordination.	Membership.	Residence. Em	ployment.
George A. Matthews,	'95, April 3.	'98, Dec. 19.	Auburndale.	W.C.
William T. McElveen,	'90, May 15.	'00, Dec. 12.	Boston.	P. C.
Darius A. Morehouse,	'65, June 18.	'90, Dec. 3.	Newton Centre.	W.C.
Edward M. Noyes,	'83, Sept. 26.	'95, Feb. 25.	Newton Centre.	P. C.
Henry E. Oxnard,	'94, Nov. 13.	'00, Feb. 13.	Newton.	Ρ.
Henry J. Patrick,	'54, Nov. 16.	'67, Jan. 8.	Newtonville.	P. C. $Em$ .
Charles A. Perry,	'82, Nov. 16.	'04, Feb. 17.	Newtonville.	W.C.
George G. Phipps,	'68, Jan. 23.	'78, Dec. 10.	Newton Highland	s. W.C.
Cyrus Pickett,	'67, Feb. 28.	'01, Dec. 11.	Boston.	W. C.
Edward C. Porter,	'84, June 24.	'90, Feb. 10.	Watertown.	P. C.
Theodore P. Prudden,	'74, Dec. 22.	'94, Dec. 10.	West Newton.	P. C.
Isaac O. Rankin,	'80, July 21.	'96, June 8.	Peekskill, N. Y.	w.c.
Oliver D. Sewall,	'92, Sept. 27.	'97, Oct. 11.	Brookline.	Asst. P.
Ezra H. Slack,	'81, Oct. 13.	'01, April 17.	Brookline.	W. C.
George T. Smart,	'88, Sept. 7.	'02, April 9.	Newton Highland	
William S. Smith,	'54, April 27.	'74, Dec. 8.	Worcester.	W. C.
Charles M. Southgate,	'70, Dec. 15.	'96, Feb. 10.	Auburndale.	P. C.
S. Lewis B. Speare,	'74, Jan. 30.	'96, Dec. 14.	Newton.	w. c.
E. Ellsworth Strong,	'59, April 10.	'67, April 8.	Auburndale.	Editor.
Reuen Thomas,	'58, Dec. 7.	76, Feb. 8.	Brookline.	P. C.
Alexander S. Twombly,	'59, Feb. 10.	'93, April 11.	Newton.	w. <u>c</u> .
Elbridge C. Whiting,	'91, Sept. 30.	'00, June 11.	South Sudbury.	Р.

Licentiate. — Arthur W. Kelly, Auburndale, license renewed February, 1903, for three years.

 ${\tt Stated}$  Meetings. — Second Wednesdays in February and December, first Wednesdays in April and October.

Rev. Elbridge C. Whiting, South Sudbury, scribe and treasurer.

### 21. TAUNTON.

	21. 1AU	MION.		
William W. Adams,		64, Nov. 29. 00, Jan. 17.		P. C. P.
James A. Anderson, Samuel V. Cole,		89, Nov. 13:		Pres. Sem.
Zenas Crowell,			Attleboro Falls.	P.
James E. Enman,	'95, Dec. 31. '(	00, Jan. 17.	Fall River.	P. C.
Francis A. Fate,		98, Nov. 9.		P. C.
Avery K. Gleason,	'86, Dec. 14. '0	00, Nov. 14.	Raynham.	P.
George H. Johnson		03, Nov. 11.	Taunton.	P.
Hallah H. Loud,		98, Jan. 12.		P. C.
Payson W. Lyman,		39, May 8.		P. C.
John J. Macdonald,	'96, Sept. 9. '0			P.
J. Lee Mitchell,	'87, Nov. 11. '0			<u>P</u> .
Frank J. Noyes,	'00, Mar. 20. '0			<u>P</u> .
George H. Perry,	'88, April 7. '			P.
Edward N. Pomeroy,	'68, Nov. 11. '8			W. <u>C</u> .
Charles A. Ratcliffe,	'91, April 26. '			P.
Samuel P. Rondeau,	'92, Nov. 22. '9			P. C.
Clarence F. Swift,	'86, Nov. 4. '0			P. C.
Charles H. Talmage,	'82, Sept. 18. '0			P. C.
Charles L. Tomblen,			North Middlebor	o. P.C.
Charles B. Wathen,	'83, June 14. '9			P.
John Whitehill,	'61, Dec. 11. '6	69, Nov. 10.	Oldtown.	Р.

 $\ensuremath{\mathtt{STATED}}$  Meetings. — Second Wednesdays in January, March, May and November.

Rev. Payson W. Lyman, Fall River, scribe and treasurer.

# 22. Woburn, Organized September, 1833.

	Date of	Date of		
Members.	Ordination.	Membership.	Residence	Employment.
Charles Anderson,	'74, Sept. 2.		Constantinople.	Robt. C.
A. Herbert Armes,	'89, Dec. 18.	'99, Oct. 31.	Carlisle.	P.
William F. Bacon,	'67, Sept. 26.	'90, Feb. 4.	Medford.	w.c.
John Barstow,	'87, June 29.		New Haven, Vt.	
William J. Batt,	'59, Sept. 29.	'59 Nov. 15.	Concord June.	Chaplain.
Theodore P. Berle,	'93, Oct. 3.	'93, Oct. 17.	Cambridge	W. C.
George M. Butler,	'02, June 30.	'04, Nov. 15.		P. C.
Wolcott Calkins,	'62, Oct. 22.	'98, Nov. 15.		P.
Charles F. Carter,	'83, Sept. 13.	'97, Feb. 17.		P. C.
Joshua Coit,	'60, Nov. 13.		Winchester.Trea	
Eugene E. Ćolburn,	'75, Sept. 18.		Brooks, Me.	P.
Marshall M. Cutter,	'68, Dec. 29.	'74, Nov. 17.		W.C.
Albert P. Davis,	'94, Nov. 22.	'95, Feb. 19.		P. C.
B. Alfred Dumm,	'91, June 4.	'01, Nov. 19.		P. C.
Walter A. Evans,	'86, June 29.	'95, Dec. 17.	Chicago, Ill.	W.C.
James L. Fowle,	'78, July 3.	'98, Nov. 15.		F. M.
Henry H. French,	'86, April 25.		Malden.	P. C.
Robert W. Haskins,	72, Oct. 19.	'98, Nov. 8.		W. C.
James L. Hill,	'75, Sept. 15.			W. C.
John H. Hoffman,	'77, Aug. 21.		North Reading.	P.
Frank S. Hunnewell,	'88, June 27.	'99, Feb. 21.		P. C.
Burke F. Leavitt,	'73, May 7.	95, Jan. 29.		
George E. Lovejoy,	73, July 16.	'94, May 9.	Lawrence.	P. C.
Thomas MacBriar,	'90, Jan. 15.	'98, Nov. 15.	Melrose.	W. C.
Charles S. Macfarland,	'97, Nov. 3.	'02, June 3. '77, May 15.	Malden.	P. P.
Daniel March,	'45, April 25.	77, May 15.	woburn.	P. C. $E_m$ .
Frank B. McAllister,	'99, Oct. 3.	'01, Nov. 19.		P.
Truman A. Merrill, Robert D. Miller,	'58, July 14. '56, July 2.	'98, Nov. 5. '98, Nov. 15.	Malden.	W. C. W. C.
D. Augustine Newton,		'85, Dec. 16.		P. C.
Stephen A. Norton,	'82, Sept. 21. '81, Oct. 6.	'02, Nov. 18.		P.C.
Aaron B. Peffers,	'55, May 29.	'04, June 21.		W. C.
Isaac Pierson,	70, Mar. 30.	'96 Oct. 8	Wellesley Hills.	w.c.
Walter H. Rollins,	'98, Aug. 26.	'01, Nov. 19.	Wilmington	P. C.
Charles Scott,	'54, Dec. 27.	'01, Nov. 19.		w.č.
Doremus Scudder,	'85, June 17.	'95. Dec. 17.	Honolulu, T.H.	
Thomas Sims,		'98, Nov. 1.		P. C.
Azro A. Smith,		'00, June 5.		W. C.
George H. Tilton,		'98, Nov. 15.	Woburn.	P. C.
Joshua W. Wellman,		'64, Mar. 17.		W.C.
Burt L. Yorke,			West Medford.	P. C.

STATED MEETINGS. — Third Tuesdays in February, May, September and November.

Rev. Albert P. Davis, Wakefield, scribe and treasurer.

# 23. Worcester Central, Organized November 4, 1823.

Thomas E. Babb, '69, Jan. 19. '94, April	3. Holden. P.
Hachidoor G. Benneyan, '02, Dec. 1. '02, Nov.	11. Worcester. P.
Charles M. Carpenter, '90, April 22. '01, April	9. Oxford. P.
Andrew B. Chalmers, '90, Sept. 7. '04, Feb.	9. Worcester. P. C.
Arcturus Z. Conrad, '85, June 2. '90, Feb.	3. New York, N. Y. W. C.
Amos H. Coolidge, '57, April 21. '67, July	7. Worcester. W. C.
Samuel B. Cooper, '87, Jan. 19. '99, Feb.	7. North Brookfield. P. C.
Frank Crane, '84, Sept. 21. '03, April	14. Worcester. P. C.
Joseph W. Cross, '34, Oct. 1. '41, Jan.	5. Worcester. W. C.
William N. T. Dean, '75, Feb. 3. '89, Feb.	5. Whately. P.

# 23. Worcester Central (Continued).

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Members.	Ordination.	Membership.		mployment.
Austin Dodge,	'66, Oct. 6.	'90, Feb. 4.	Lyndeboro, N. H.	
George S. Dodge,	'72, Aug. 16.	78, May 7.	Boylston Center.	
John E. Dodge,	'83, Sept. 25.	'84, Feb. 5.	West Boylston.	
J. Lewis Evans,	'85, July 2.	'04, Nov. 8.	Auburn.	P.
Henry C. Fay,	'58, Dec. 28.	'81, May 2.	Lexington.	W. C.
Walcott Fay,	'84, Feb. 20.	'90, Feb. 4.	Nantucket.	W. C.
Dwight Goddard,	'94, July 17,	'00, Nov. 13.	Lancaster.	W. C.
Albert W. Hitchcock,	'91, Dec. 15.	'01, April 9.	Worcester.	P. C.
Anton Huelster,	70, June 16.	'02, Feb. 4.	Clinton.	Р.
William W. Jordan,	'84, Oct. 9.	'94, Nov. 13.	Clinton.	P. C.
Alexander Lewis,	'90, May 28.	'96, April 7.	Oxford, England.	W.C.
Joseph F. Lovering,	'60, June 17.	'88, April 3.	Somerville.	W.C.
Garabed M. Manavian,	'98, May 31.	'05, Jan. 31.	Worcester.	P.
Henry F. Markham,	'80, Sept. 22.	'95, Nov. 12.	Cora, Kan.	W. C.
John H. Matthews,	'91, May 5.	'97, Nov. 9.	Worcester.	P.
Archibald McCullagh,	71, May 2.	'91, April 27.		W. C.
Daniel Merriman,	'68, Sept. 30.	'78, Nov. 12.	Worcester.	P. C. Em.
Lyman Mevis,	'91, Oct. 1.	'01, April 9.	Fitchburg.	W. C.
Peter A. Mickels,	'00, May 10.	'04, Feb. 9.	Worcester.	P.
Eldridge Mix,	60, Dec. 6.	'94. April 3.	Worcester.	C. M.
Ellsworth W. Phillips,	'91, Oct. 19.	'92, Feb. 9.	Worcester.	P. C.
Charles M. Pierce,	'63, Sept. 2.	'91, Feb. 3.	Worcester.	w. č.
George H. Pratt,	'60, Oct. 11.	'94, Nov. 13.		P.
David C. Reid,	'84, July 29.	'96, April 7.	Cambridge.	P.
Willard Scott,	79, Oct. 29.	'99, Feb. 7.	Worcester.	P. C.
Arthur H. Sedgwick,	'90, Nov. 11.	'01, April 9.	Shrewsbury.	P.
	'94, July 19.	'01, Nov. 12.	Worcester.	W. C.
J. Addison Seibert,			Northampton.	Teacher.
Henry D. Sleeper,	'91, Nov.	'01, April 9.	Rutland.	P.
James A. Solandt,	'94, July 3.	'05, April 4.		Evan.
Rufus M. Taft,	'93, June 16.	'94, Feb. 6.	Worcester.	P. C.
J. Brainard Thrall,	778, Dec.	'05, April 4.	Leicester.	
Albert G. Todd,	'90, June 10.	'97, Feb. 15.	Worcester.	P.
Charles B. Toleman,	'97, Oct. 20.	'02, April 8.	Sterling.	P. P.
John E. Tuttle,	'83, May 22.	'97, Nov. 9.	Lincoln, Neb.	
Francis J. Van Horn,	'93, Dec. 5.	'03, Nov. 10.	worcester.	P. C.
John Udd,	'96, July 2.	'98, Nov. 15.		W. C.
Charles A. White,	73, Sept. 3.	'96, Nov. 10.		P.
Charles E. White,	'00, Nov. 6.	'04, Nov. 8.	Lawrence.	Asst. P.
Inman L. Willcox,	'89, Oct. 18.	'90, Feb. 4.	Worcester.	P. C.
Gavin H. Wright,	'99, Mar. 23.	'02, Feb. 4.	Fairfield, Neb.	P.

Licentiate. — Rowland B. Dodge, November 8, 1904.

Stated Meetings. — First Tuesdays in February and April and second Tuesdays in November and June.

Rev. Inman L. Willcox, 138 Elm Street, Worcester, scribe.

# 24. Worcester North, Organized June 18, 1818.

James A. Bates,	'60, Sept. 19. '99, April 25. South Royalston.	Р.
Rolla G. Bugbee,	'76, Nov. 8. '98, Jan. 25. Peterboro, N. H.	Ρ.
Preston R. Crowell,	'90, Sept. 4. '98, July 12. Petersham.	P.
Nathan T. Dyer,	'78, July 31. '05, April 25. Ashburnham.	Ρ.
Francis J. Fairbanks,	'64, Aug. 31. '95, July 9. Royalston.	P. C.
Robert J. Floody,	'87, Sept. 7. '98, April 26. Worcester.	Р.
Burton S. Gilman,	'97, May 16. '97, April 26. Gardner.	P. C.

# 24. Worcester North (Continued).

Members.		Date of Membership.	Residence. Emple	yment.
Milan H. Hitchcock,	'57, Aug. 25.	'63, April 28.	Winchendon,	W. C.
Albert V. House,	'94, June 20.	'95, April 23.	Worcester.	P.
Gustavus W. Jones,	'69, May 27.	'91, April 28.	Winchendon.	P. C.
Gabriel B. Kambour,	'93, April 5.	'93, April 25.	Colebrook, N.H.	Ρ.
Francis B. Knowlton,	'65, Aug. 29.	'86, Jan. 26.	Athol.	W.C.
John W. Lees,	'70, Nov. 16.	'96, April 28.	Westminster.	Ρ.
Charles C. Merrill,	?97, Oct. 12.	'02, July 2.	Winchendon.	Ρ.
John L. Merrill,	'60, Oct. 31.	'04, Jan. 26.	Winchendon.	W. C.
Warren J. Moulton,	'99, June 29.	'04, Nov. 22.	Athol.	P.
Egbert N. Munro,	'81, May 4.	'04, Jan. 26.	West Stafford, Conn.	
Richard Peters,	'00, June 29.	'04, Sept. 24.	Baldwinville.	Ρ.
George J. Pierce,	'72, Aug. 8.	'82, April 25.	Worcester.	W.C.
Daniel B. Wyman,	'01, Nov. 7.	'04, July 12.	South Ashburnham.	P. C.

STATED MEETINGS. — Fourth Tuesdays in January and April, second Tuesday in July and last Tuesday in September.

Rev. Charles C. Merrill, Winchendon, scribe.

# 25. Worcester South, Organized in 1818.

Andrew Campbell,		'00, Jan. 19.		P.
James H. Childs,	'75, Oct. 7.	'85, Jan. 13.	Northbridge Centre.	Ρ.
Charles M. Crooks,	'97, Feb. 2.	'05, Mar. 14.	Saundersville.	P. C.
David M. Didriksen,	'92, July 13.	'92, Oct. 11.	Roxbury.	W.C.
George P. Eastman,	'91, May 12.	'92, Jan. 12.	East Orange, N.J.	P.
Grove F. Edkins,	'04, Dec. 6.	'05, Feb. 14.	Millbury.	P. C.
Samuel A. Harlow,	'82, Oct. 15.	'03, June 16.	Grafton.	P. C.
David Howie,	'89, Feb. 27.		Saundersville.	W.C.
Warren P. Landers,	'91, Dec. 2.	'03, Mar. 10.	Sutton.	P. C.
Dorrall Lee,	'94, Sept. 16.	'05, Feb. 14.	Blackstone.	Р.
Frank A. Lombard,	'00, Aug. 9.	'00, Sept. 11.	Kioto. A. B. C	. F. M.
George A. Putnam,	'60, Nov. 14.	'71, Oct. 17.	Millbury.	P. C.
Wallace H. Sterns,	'97, July 14.	'01, Sept. 10.	Pomfret, Conn.	P.
John R. Thurston,	'59, Jan. 20.	72, Jan. 9.	Whitinsville.	P. C.
John J. Walker,	'94, Dec. 11.	'03, Dec. 15.	Westboro.	P. C.
Alexander Wiswall,	'79, Sept. 24.	'94, Jan. 9.	Uxbridge.	P.

STATED MEETINGS. — Second Tuesdays in March, June, September and December.

Rev. James H. Childs, Northbridge Centre, scribe.

In the foregoing lists the persons whose names are marked with a star (\*) are not members of the conference but of the local association. By vote of the General Association the names of ministers, who do not belong to the local body which guards ministerial standing, will not be printed after this year.

# MINISTERIAL RECORD FOR 1904-1905

# Ordinations, Installations and Recognitions

In this list "o." denotes ordination without installation; "i.," installation; "o. i.," ordained and installed; "r. p.," recognition as pastor. But owing to indefinite reports, "o." may sometimes be an error for "o. i."

Barker, Albert S., o., Union ch., Boston, June 22, 1904.
Butler, George M., i., Mystic ch., Medford, Oct. 18, 1904.
Butterfield, Claude A., o., Ludlow, June 10, 1904.
Cobb, Edward, o. f. m., Central ch., Fall River, Sept. 29, 1904.
Drew, Edward P., i., Immanuel ch. (Roxbury), Boston, Oct. 6, 1904.
Edkins, Grove E., o. i., Second ch., Millbury, Dec. 6, 1904.
Elsesser, Paul, o., Boston, Nov. 29, 1904.
Fitch, Albert P., i., Mt. Vernon ch., Boston, Jan. 24, 1905.
Hawkins, Chauncey J., i., Central ch. (Jamaica Plain), Boston, Mar. 21, '05.
Hodges, Arthur, o., First ch., Chester, Nov. 18, 1904.
Johnson, George H., i., Swampscott, Dec. 1, 1904.
Martyn, William C., i., Acushnet ch., New Bedford, Nov. 1, 1904.
McAllister, Frank B., i., Cohasset, Oct. 4, 1904.
Means, Oliver W., i., Immanuel ch., Springfield, June 28, 1904.
Neipp, Henri A., o. f. m., Central ch., Boston, June 13, 1904.
Park, J. Edgar, o., West ch., Andover, Sept. 29, 1904.
Potter, Clayton J., o. i., Lenox, July 5, 1904.
Rader, Paul, o. i., Maverick ch., Boston, Sept. 21, 1904.
Reid, David C., i., Wood Memorial ch., Cambridge, March 8, 1905.
Reid, John, i., Franklin, March 2, 1905.
Sawyer, Roland D., i., Ward Hill ch., Haverhill, Jan. 17, 1905.
Sewall, John L., i., Randolph, Nov. 2, 1904.
Smith, Caleb E., o., Peru, May 24, 1904.
Smith, Henry W., o., Lee, Jan. 23, 1905.
Snow, Everard W., i., Washington St. ch., Beverly, June 7, 1904.
Thrall, J. Brainard, i., Leicester, Nov. 10, 1904.
Williams, Walter B., o. i., First ch., Boxford, March 1, 1905.

### Dismissions.

Archibald, Andrew W., Porter ch., Brockton, Jan. 24, 1905. Atherton, D. Frank, Memorial ch., Georgetown, Nov. 5, 1904. Barnes, Henry E., North Andover, June 21, 1904. Barrow, Edward F., Zion ch., Haverhill, June 15, 1904. Boyd, Herbert W., Ashby, Nov. 20, 1904. Copping, Bernard, Scotland ch., Bridgewater, March 29, 1905. Clark, Charles, Ward Hill ch., Haverhill, July 8, 1904. Davis, Ozora S., Newtonville, Sept. 9, 1904. Dornan, William W., Holbrook, Dec. 21, 1904. Ewing, George H., First ch., Yarmouth, Aug. 17, 1904. Forbush, William B., Winthrop ch., Charlestown, Nov. 10, 1904. Gaylord, Edward D., First ch., Charlemont, Dec. 22, 1904. Graham, John, First ch., West Newbury, Nov. 15, 1904.

Hawkins, Chauncy J., Spencer, March 6, 1905.
Kelley, Frederick I., Central ch., Dracut, Sept. 24, 1904.
Lewis, Alexander, Pilgrim ch., Worcester, Nov. 18, 1904.
Loud, Halah H., East Taunton, Sept. 6, 1904.
Marshall, Charles P., Riverside ch., Lawrence, Nov. 30, 1904.
Martyn, William C., Boxboro, Nov. 30, 1904.
McAllister, Frank B., Bedford, July 10, 1904.
Miller, Jason, Harvard, Nov. 7, 1904.
Patten, Arthur B., South Hadley, Dec. 28, 1904.
Reid, David C., Leicester, April 21, 1904.
Snell, Laird W., First ch., Boxford, July 30, 1904.
Streeter, Willard E., Southfield, Nov. 7, 1904.
Williams, Charles H., Wood Memorial ch., Cambridge, Sept. 14, 1904.
Wylie, Edmund M., Second ch., Beverly, Nov. 11, 1904.

# DEATHS.

Brown, Eugene C., w. c., Amherst, Aug. 4, 1904. Bryant, Albert, p., Scituate, Sept. 20, 1904. Dickinson, Henry A., w. c., Huntington, July 14, 1904. Dickinson, William E., w. c., Amherst, March 15, 1905. Dodge, John W., w. c., Newburyport, June 17, 1904. Dowse, Edmund, p. c., Sherborn, April 27, 1905. Fisher, George E., w. c., North Amherst, April 4, 1905. Herrick, Samuel E., p. c., Boston, Dec. 4, 1904. Houghton, Ross C., w. c., Walden, Dec. 10, 1904. Joyslin, William R., p., Berkley, Oct. 15, 1904. Palmer, Edwin B., w. c., Winchester, Sept. 2, 1904. Rackliffe, Almon J., w. c., Hudson, Sept. 7, 1904. Rowland, Lyman S., p. c., Lee, Oct. 8, 1904. Sleeper, William T., w. c., Wellesley, Sept. 25, 1904. Wilcox, William H., w. c., Malden, Dec. 15, 1904.

### MARRIAGES.

Butler, George S., of Medford, and Emily S. Ladd, Sept. 6, 1904. Cobb, Edward S., of Newton, and Florence Brooks, of New York, N. Y., Sept. 27, 1904.

Janes, George M., of Becket, and Mary A. Helme, of Providence, R. I., Nov. 21, 1904.

Noyes, Edward M., of Newton, and Grace B. Alvord, of Newton, July 6, 1904.

Pratt, Arthur P., of Chelsea, and Helen Armstrong, June 8, 1904.

# DONATIONS TO THE MASSACHUSETTS AND AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETIES

A star includes church and individual gifts

Abington, \$8\*; Adams, \$12\*; Agawam, \$12\*; Amesbury, Main Street, \$7\*; Amherst, First, \$26\*, North, \$5; Andover, South, \$25, Free, \$2; Ashby, \$12\*; Attleboro, \$19; Ayer, \$2\*; Bedford, 1\*; Berlin, \$4\*; Beverly, \$10\*; Billerica, \$43\*; Boston, Old South, \$20,\* Second, Dorchester, \$96,\* Union, \$16,\* Village, \$8, Brighton, \$5,\* Central, \$5,\* Central, Jamaica Plain, \$50,\* Pilgrim, \$19, Walnut Avenue, \$19, Allston, \$5,\* Roslindale, \$3; Bridgewater, \$17\*; Brockton, Campello, \$72,\* Porter, \$10, Wendell Avenue, \$10, Lincoln, \$6\*; Brookline, Harvard, \$83; Bethany, Roxbury, \$7; Cambridge, \$11, Wood Memorial, \$3; Carlisle, \$3; East Charlemont, \$5; Chelsea, Central, \$5, Third, \$8; Chesterfield, \$3; Chicopee, First, \$9, Falls, \$3\*; Clinton, \$2\*; Cohasset, \$5\*; Concord, \$90\*; Dalton, \$135\*; Danvers, Maple Street, \$25\*; Dedham, \$66; South Deerfield, \$2\*; South Dennis, \$2; Dunstable, \$23; Duxbury, \$1\*; Easthampton, Payson, \$5; East Longmeadow, \$2; Edgartown, \$2; Enfield, \$2\*; Erving, \$3; Essex, \$15; Everett, \$9; Fall River, First, \$24, Central, \$11\*; Falmouth, \$3; Fitchburg, Calvanistic, \$15, Rollstone, \$22; Foxboro, \$36\*; South Framingham, \$5; Franklin, \$15\*; Gardner, \$37; Grafton, \$1\*; Granby, \$18; Great Barrington, \$19; Greenfield, \$13; Groton, \$4\*; Gilbertville, \$11\*; Hatfield, \$27; Haverhill, Bradford, \$12, Central, \$27, North, \$200\*; Hinsdale, \$45; Holbrook, \$31; Holliston, \$3\*; Holyoke, Second, \$41; Hyde Park, \$16\*; Huntington, Second, \$6\*; Ipswich, \$5; Lawrence, Trinity, \$5; Lee, \$20; Leicester, \$5\*; Leominster, \$25\*; Lexington, \$14; Longmeadow, \$20; Lowell, Trinitarian, \$10, Eliot, \$8, Kirk Street, \$13, High, \$8; Lynn, Central, \$5; Malden, First, \$30, Maplewood, \$8; Mansfield, \$8; Marion, \$5\*; Marlboro, \$10; Maynard, \$14\*; Medfield, \$2\*; Medway, West, \$15\*; Medway Village, \$6; Melrose, \$42,\* Highlands, \$12; Methuen, \$9; Middleboro, First, \$18, Central, \$12\*; Milford, \$30; Millbury, First, \$2\*; Monson, \$106\*; Natick, \$15\*; Needham, \$1\*; New Bedford, North, \$3; Newburyport, Belleville, \$25, Whitefield, \$2; Newton, Centre, \$25,\* West, \$5,\* Eliot, \$55,\* Auburndale, \$17, Highlands, \$1\*; Northampton, Edwards, \$10, Florence, \$20; North Andover, \$52\*; North Brookfield, \$1\*; Northboro, \$31; East Northfield, \$11\*; Norton, \$25\*; Oakham, \$5; Oxford, \$3; Palmer, \$25,\*

Three Rivers, \$6; Paxton, \$1; Peabody, \$4; Petersham, \$100\*; Phillipston, \$2; Pittsfield, First, \$43, South, \$18; Plymouth, \$1; Princeton, \$1; Quincy, \$5; Reading, \$25; Pigeon Cove, \$6; Salem, Tabernacle, \$16\*; Sharon, \$17; Shelburne, \$5; Somerville, Broadway, \$34, Winter Hill, \$8; Southbridge, \$5\*; South Hadley, \$11, Falls, \$40\*; Southwick, \$6; Springfield, First, \$46, Olivet, \$8, North, \$6, South, \$5, Park, \$4; Stockbridge, \$1\*; Sudbury, \$56\*; Sunderland, \$10; Swampscott, \$3; Sutton, \$12; Taunton, Trinitarian, \$17,\* Winslow, \$12, Union, \$12; Truro, \$5; Upton, \$3; Walpole, \$2\*; Waltham, \$57\*; Ware, \$23\*; Wareham, \$35\*; Warren, \$9; Watertown, \$3\*; Wayland, \$14; Webster, \$32\*; Wellesley, \$17, Hills, \$20; West Boylston, \$3; West Brookfield, \$11; Westfield, Second, \$13\*; West Springfield, \$5, Park Street, \$10; Weymouth, South, \$3,\* North, \$7; Whitman, \$17; North Wilbraham, \$8\*; Williamstown, \$57\*; Winchendon, \$16; Winchester, \$13; Woburn, \$2\*; Worcester, First, \$47, Union, \$2, Piedmont, \$7, Park, \$2; Yarmouth, \$2.

# CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS IN MASSACHUSETTS

This list gives the names of pastors, or acting pastors, and members of Ministerial Associations who have been ordained, and Congregational ministers resident in Massachusetts.

Ministers who are not reported as being members of any Association of Ministers in this state, and who have not been installed by council, are designated by a star (\*).

The first column of figures gives the page on which names may be found of all in pastoral service. A blank in the first column signifies that the person is not reported as being in pastoral service in this state.

The second column of figures gives the page on which is recorded membership in an Association of Ministers, or the year of ordination. If the date alone is given it signifies that the person is not a member of any Association in this state.

The post-office addresses as given below often differ from the places named in the tables, and are supposed to be correct in this list.

An alphabetical list of licentiates follows this list.

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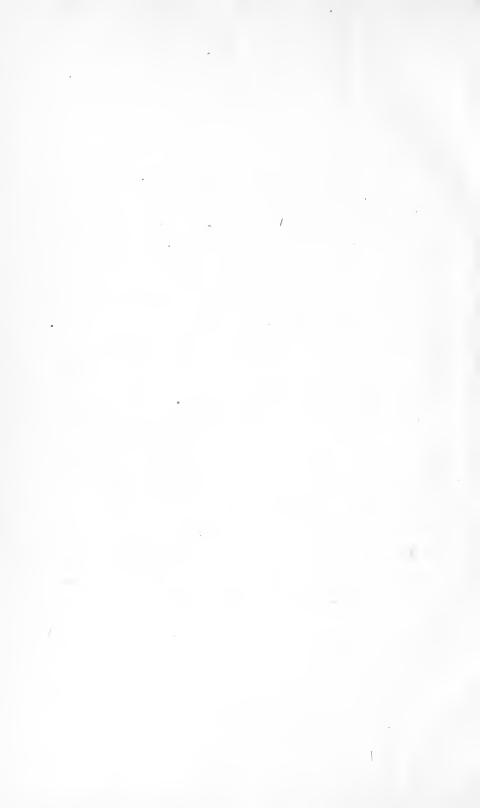
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