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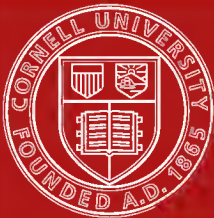
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# **Centennial History**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**WESTFIELD, NEW YORK**

**1808 - 1908**



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## LEST WE FORGET

**F**ORASMUCH as one hundred years have elapsed since the founding of the First Presbyterian Church of Westfield, N. Y., it seemed good and reasonable that a record should be made of the work performed by those who, amid the greatest privations, were not willing that the hardships of a rude pioneer life should absorb their vitality, but took of their time, their strength and of their little money, to plant a church, erect a house of worship and carry forward a work which has endured to the present day and has increased in numbers and strength to this the end of the century.

This book is in nowise a perfect history, but it is a tribute to those who can no longer speak personally to us, and who have made an indelible imprint on the face of this community. We stand with uncovered heads to do them honor.

A few are mentioned in these pages, but the great number not mentioned personally, compose the army which achieved the victories over poverty, sickness, discomforts and distractions. It was the spiritual man prevailing.

*Our father's God! from out whose hand  
The centuries fall like grains of sand.  
We thank Thee for the era done,  
And trust Thee for the opening one.*

—WHITTIER.

## EARLY HISTORY

1808 - 1894

**T**HAT the history of the First Presbyterian Church of Westfield, N. Y., to the present date should be preserved, for those who shall constitute the society in later years, it becomes the work of the present members in this, the centennial anniversary, to prepare a record of these hundred years.

Of its earliest history, the society has only a few records, stating the barest facts. Some papers and legal documents of value have been preserved by the descendants of Eber Stone.

It has seemed most satisfactory that the following chapter, covering the first thirty-seven years, should be largely devoted to those families from whom came officers in the society, either laymen or clergymen. Others there were who were just as faithful in the discharge of duty to the church. As the membership roll is reviewed, those longest in our connection will recall the faithful service of many others who deserve a record on these pages.

The first account to be found in print of religious services in Chautauqua County is taken from a history of Erie Presbytery in which are extracts from the journal of Rev. Robert Patterson. The record reads: "Nov. 26, 1803, Saturday—Rode twenty miles to the house of James McMahan, living in a new settlement in the State of New York, situated about Chautauqua Creek that empties into Lake Erie." Again, under date, November 27, Sabbath

—“Preached at the home of widow McHenry, to fifteen grown persons and a greater number of children. Received one dollar.”

The first church organization in Chautauqua County was founded by Presbyterian settlers at Cross Roads in 1808 and was called the Chautauque Church. It was connected with the Presbytery of Erie and so continued to be until 1824 when it was transferred to Buffalo Presbytery.

The forerunner, the John the Baptist of this church, Father John Spencer, a missionary sent out by the Congregationalists, labored frequently and effectively in this region. Rev. John Spencer, or Priest Spencer, as he was called by the people among whom he labored, had fought in the war of the Revolution. Later, having prepared himself for the ministry, he was sent as a missionary into the territory known as the “Holland Land Purchase.” Early in 1807, he appeared among our settlers, dressed in Continental costume, knee and shoe buckles, short breeches and long stockings. Rev. Spencer, of warm heart and genial disposition, made himself a welcome guest at every fireside. A sharp twinkle of the eye accompanied his frequent witty rebukes. He once stopped in the middle of a sermon to reprove some noisy urchins, saying with his usual accent on the first and the last words, “Boys, you must be quiet or you’ll wake up your parents.” Riding all day through the cold and storms of winter, he would preach at evening to some neighborhood where a congregation of a dozen or more might be summoned, not unfrequently, it was only a single household to whom the word was spoken. After years of such toil, Father Spencer settled in a pastorate at Sheridan, in this

county. Not far from us, in that village burying ground, is the grave of that good man who visited the people when as yet there was no organized church in this region.

Holding up the hands of Father Spencer, was Amasa West, the first man on the ground as a teacher at the Cross Roads. Tradition says it was in his honor that the original name of the hamlet was changed to Westfield—for the truth of this the writer does not vouch. Authenticated history tells that this West was a zealous disciple of Christ, who often gathered in some private house those who would listen to Gospel truths. Later, he became a successful preacher. The following is found in the Session Book record of 1822: "The Rev. Amasa West preached in Alexander Wilson's house and administered the rite of baptism."

For a better appreciation of what has already been written, and of the things that are to follow, let us go back in history to the time when this place was known as "the Cross Roads," a name given because here where the stone monument now stands (at the intersection of Main and Gale Streets) the road to Chautauqua Lake, built by the French in 1753, crossed the main road, leading from the east to the Western Reserve, or New Connecticut. We fall upon a time, when, within the present limits of Chautauqua County there was not one organized religious society, much less, was there a church building or a school house. There were, however, homes here established, where, morning and evening, from family altars were sent up the incense of prayer and praise to God.

In the fall of 1807, a young preacher visited the district of the Holland Purchase—Rev. John Lind-

sey was sent at the expense of "The Woman's Missionary Society." His preaching was effective and in the spring of 1808, on his return from Pennsylvania, he found the settlers ready to drop the axe, leave the plow, the distaff and spindle. From the country round about, in ox-carts, on horseback, or on foot came, on week days as well as on Sabbath days, for three successive weeks, whole families to listen to the exhortations and warnings of the minister.

During "the protracted meeting" the Chautauque Church was formed. For an account of its founding and decline, we quote from the first entry in the Westfield Church Session Book, dated Nov. 1818. "In the year 1808, a church is reported to have been formed in this place by the Rev. John Lindsey, under the name of the Chautauque Church, all records of which have been lost. It has been poorly and irregularly supplied with preaching. God having in a remarkable manner lately revived His work within its bounds, it was deemed expedient to examine into its state, and, if found to have a real existence, to correct and restore its discipline. After several meetings and consultations with ministers it was decided to have a normal existence."

On the 7th of November, 1817, a session for the occasion was formed, consisting of Rev. Johnston Eaton, Rev. Phineas Camp, visiting clergymen, James Montgomery and Thomas Robinson. The following is a copy of their minutes: "Having endeavored after much deliberation on the subject to correct its disorders in part and rebuild the Presbyterian Church in this place, we resolve to consider as united in church fellowship the following origi-



Elder James Montgomery



Jonathan Cass  
First Clerk of Society



nal members, they being previously examined: 'James Montgomery, Sarah Montgomery, Sarah McMahn, Eleanor Bell, Annie Andrews, Joseph Thayer, and Abigail Thayer.'” Then follows a list of those admitted on examination only. On Sabbath following, Nov. 10, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Reverends Johnston Eaton and Phineas Camp when seven others were admitted, making the entire membership fifty-two.

It is noted in passing, that Rev. Johnston Eaton was at this time pastor of a church at Fairview, Pa., where he died on June 17, 1846.

That the subject of church reorganization had been agitated previous to the above date, November 7, 1817, is manifest from the following, found among a file of papers left by one of the subscribed trustees: “We who are nominated to preside at a meeting legally appointed and holden at the school-house on the east side of the creek on Monday, the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1817, for the purpose of incorporating into a religious society, do certify that James Montgomery, Eber Stone, Nathaniel Bird, David Higgins, William Riddle, and Jonathan Harmon are elected to serve as trustees with Jonathan Cass as clerk of the society which shall be denominated 'The First Presbyterian Society in the fourth town, fourteenth range, in the County of Chautauqua.’

Portland, June 23, 1817,

EBER STONE, [L. S.]

DAVID HIGGINS, [L. S.]

Taken and acknowledged by David Higgins, the  
26th day of June, 1817, before me,

PHILO ORTON,

One of the judges of the court of Common Pleas  
of the County of Chautauque.

Clerk's Office, Chautauque Co.

Received for recording on the 26th June, A.  
D., 1817, in Chautauque Book of Miscellaneous  
Records, No. 1, page 62.

JOHN DEXTER, Clerk.

Fees paid.' "

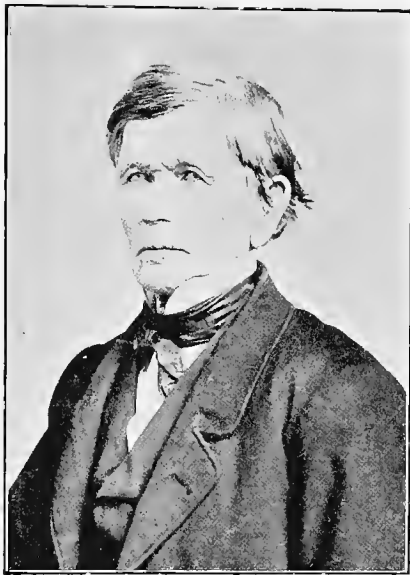
A year passed from the time of the reorganiza-  
tion when as yet Elders who should act for the  
membership as directed by "the Presbyterian faith"  
had not been chosen. On November 4th, 1818, the  
church, according to previous notice, held an elec-  
tion for the purpose of choosing Elders and making  
further regulations. After a sermon by Rev. Phin-  
eas Camp, James Montgomery, William Bandel  
and Eber Stone were elected Elders.

It is recorded on July 1st, 1819, "By decision of  
Presbytery, this church now bears the name of  
'The Westfield Church.' "

During this period of the history, there are re-  
corded at its sittings beside those already mention-  
ed the names of John Fay, Ashael Woodruff, Med-  
ad Merrill, Hiram Couch, David Beecher, Joel Brad-  
ley, later Josiah Jones, Silas Kidder, William Cow-  
den and C. J. J. Ingersoll. In this same period,  
James Carlisle, William Bradley, Jonathan Taylor  
and Jonathan Harmon were chosen to act as dea-  
cons. Some of these men moved to distant states,  
with them went their families, and with regret all



Mrs. James Montgomery



Elder William Bradley

record of them is lost to our community. History is silent in regard to William Bandall, Thomas Robinson and Medad Merrill. Ashael Woodruff early moved with his family to Marietta, Ohio. An inscription on a marble slab in our old burying ground reads: "Erected to the memory of Deacon David Beecher who died March 16, 1834" (in the early days it was customary to give the Elders the title of Deacon). Joel Bradley emigrated to Illinois, William Cowden to Ohio, C. J. J. Ingersoll returned to his early home, Greenfield, Mass. After the death of his wife, Silas Kidder made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Adaline Wilson, at Rockford, Ill. Josiah Jones, a man of exemplary life, died while serving in the Eldership and was buried with his kindred in our village cemetery. Here also his kindred in our village rest, except William Bradley, who died in Wisconsin at an advanced age.

To a granddaughter of James Montgomery, Mrs. Sarah Hall, of Chicago, we are indebted for facts in the life of the man who is truly the "father of this church." Mr. Montgomery was born in Mifflin County, Pa., in 1783. In 1803 he crossed the Alleghanies and settled two miles west of the present village of Westfield. At the first election of town officers in 1805, he was elected to the office of Town Clerk. The same year, at the age of twenty-one he married a niece of William Bell, Sarah Taylor, then sixteen years of age. She became indeed a helpmate to her husband. Together, they bravely endured the privations of "early settlers." This was the first marriage ceremony celebrated in the now limits of Chautauqua County. James Montgomery was one of the constituent members of the

Chautauque Church, a ruling elder, an office which he held in the reorganized church for the rest of his life, being the clerk of the session until January, 1839. He was justly regarded as its strongest pillar. Mrs. Montgomery was a member of the choir. She would mount her horse, and, with baby in lap would ride to Portland to attend the singing school. When there were no church ordinances in the home church, Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery observed communion service at North East. A pastor, who knew this Elder well, said: "He stood by the church in all its changes and dangers. Neither the influence of minister or membership could turn him from his convictions of duty. He had also great ability to defend his positions, both from his inherent firmness and logical powers.

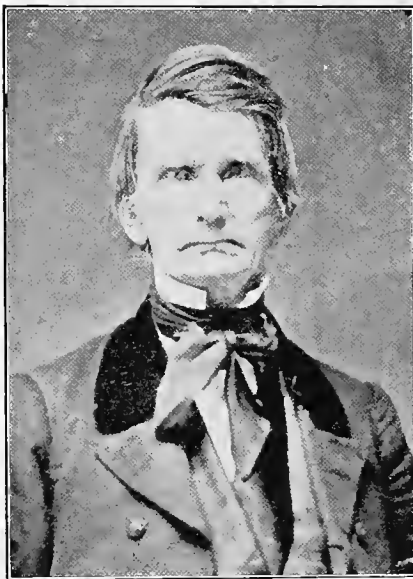
Of the eleven children born to this family, no child nor grandchild lives among us today. Elder Montgomery died in October, 1861.

Until the year 1829 there was no town of Westfield in this county. All the land on the east side of Chautauqua Creek belonged to Portland, that on the west to Ripley. For a few years after the settlement, store, tavern and post office standing on the west side promised that the business center was to be in the vicinity of the "cross roads" in the town of Ripley. Hence the early session entries are dated at Ripley.

The year of James Montgomery's marriage brought to that part of Portland now known as Westfield a lad of twelve years, John Fay, who, at the age of twenty bought and settled upon the farm owned by the late Mr. Robert M. Hall. The land was heavily timbered, a clearing was made and a



Elder John Fay



Elder Joel Bradley



house built. This finished, Mr. Fay brought to the log house his young wife, Nancy McClintock, the daughter of Thomas McClintock, a pioneer of the county who then owned a large portion of the "east side" site of the village. Mr. Fay was an original member of the reorganized church in which, in 1832, he was chosen an elder.

Only one farm lay between Mr. Fay's and Mr. Montgomery's. When later, the owner of this middle farm, Mr. Asa Hall, was chosen an Elder, the settlement was known as "Deaconville."

Mr. Fay's was a deeply spiritual nature. From boyhood he had meditated on Bible truths. In him a living faith was ever manifest. Mrs. Fay died in 1861. Not long after the family removed to Fulton, Ill., where a son and a daughter still reside.

Eber Stone with his wife, Betsy Atwater and their children, a daughter and six sons came in sleighs in the winter of 1814 from Homer, N. Y., to this village. Mr. Stone was among those most active in the reorganization of the church. He gave land for the location of the first meeting house, and when the time came to build a more commodious house of worship in a central location, Eber Stone, Daniel Northrup, John and Joel Bradley and Joseph Farnsworth gave mortgages in the sum of one thousand dollars each as security for the expense of building the first brick church which stood on the present site. Early elected to an Eldership, Mr. Stone gave not a little time in the discharge of the duties of the office. Though demands of family were large, he was ever ready to make sacrifices for the cause of Christ. Two sons were educated for the ministry. His home always held a door open for the itinerating minister. When

there was as yet no dedicated place of worship, services were frequently held in his house. Mrs. Stone did not accomplish the three score and ten years. But in the sixty years, there were spared from domestic duties hours for prayer and for labor for the Master in whose service there was joy. In the early Sabbath morning of October 3, 1841, Mrs. Stone was suddenly called to her rest in Heaven. Four years later the husband was laid beside his wife in our village cemetery. It may be said of him, "He was prominent in benevolence, forgetful of self in discharge of duty."

In 1839, as has been said, Mr. Montgomery resigned as clerk of the session and Elder Hiram Couch took the office, having already been a member of this body for ten years. Hereafter, to the end of this chapter, we find each report signed "H. Couch, clerk." A very few of our members will recall the genial smile and the pleasant greeting of Deacon Couch as he passed up and down our streets. Mrs. Couch was the daughter of Eber Stone. As a young woman, she took an active part in church work. In later years, she was occupied with family cares, and, being somewhat of an invalid, was seldom able to meet with the people in worship. She found time for reading. She was especially interested in church history and was familiar with current events in the denomination. Mrs. Couch died February 17, 1880, at the home of her son, Rev. Walter V. Couch of Rochester, N. Y.

Mr. Jonathan Harmon, a member of the church at its reorganization as also a trustee, and later one of the deacons, was pre-eminently a student of the Bible, a scholar in knowledge of Holy Writ, Mrs. Mobelia Rumsey says: "I never went to my





Rev. Samuel G. Orton

grandfather with questions in regard to Bible truths that he did not answer them to my satisfaction." He had an exceedingly tender conscience which held him to a strict observance of the law and the commandments. Mr. Harmon was born at Redding, Conn., November 19, 1775; came to Westfield in 1817, where he lived to the advanced age of ninety years. He was the grandfather of the late Captain Harmon J. Bliss who led to the Civil War the first company from our town, and gave his life at the Battle of Chancellorsville.

There have now been given sketches of the laymen who as officers during the first forty years of this church were leaders in work which would advance in this community a pure religion, suffering no heresy or cant among its members, dismissing by decrees, read from the pulpit on Sabbath days, those members who were negligent in the fulfillment of church vows.

Severe to us may seem many of their judgments. They gave these in obedience to the instructions of the General Assembly. Many of these men were of Puritan ancestry. They brought to this Presbyterian church the faith received from "the fathers,"

"Fearing and flattering none  
Such were they nurtured, such they lived and died."

Phineas Camp, the first pastor of this church, the son of Phineas and Martha (Hall) Camp, was born in Durham County, N. Y., on February 18, 1785. He was graduated from Union College in 1812, then took a full theological course at Princeton. It was on the 8th day of September, 1819, that Mr. Camp assumed his first charge, that of the West-

field church. Mr. Camp was a person of strong persuasive power and the church grew under his ministrations. There were now fifty-six names on the roll. This pastorate lasted two and a half years. On account of ill health in his family, Mr. Camp asked for a dismissal. A son and daughter, Dr. James Camp and Mrs. Irma Camp Hartley, now reside at Brainard, Minn. To the latter we are indebted for a sketch of Rev. Mr. Camp's life and the original call made out by this church. He was to the last greatly interested in educational work. He was a poet of no small merit, having written many hymns and published a book called "Poems of the Mohawk Valley."

During this time there was a steady, healthful growth of the church. Since the reorganization there had been at every communion, except one, additions to the membership. It was in 1821 or 1822 that the first meeting house was built. Before this time, people listened to preaching in a private house or in some more spacious barn where slab seats had been arranged, conveniences for warming, there were none. When June and the following days of summer and autumn came they worshipped in the groves, "God's first temples."

After Rev. Mr. Camp's departure the society for more than two years, without a stated supply, was dependent on clergymen passing this way or on some one sent out by the Home Missionary Society. There was great interest in the community, when, among these last, came Rev. Dr. Goodale, then under appointment to go as a missionary to Jerusalem. People, old and young, crowded the room to look upon and listen to the man who was





Rev. David D. Gregory



to take the marvelous journey and stand upon the sacred hills of Palestine to proclaim the Gospel.

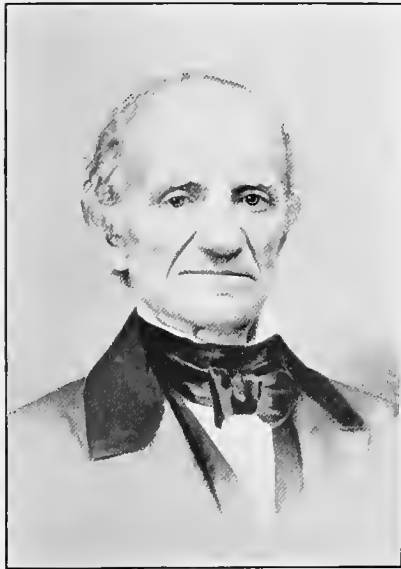
On the last Sabbath of October, 1823, Rev. Isaac Oakes commenced preaching as a candidate for settlement. Before the end of five months a call was unanimously given and on the eleventh of August, 1824, he was installed as pastor. Rev. Mr. Oakes came to the church upon the completion of his theological course at Auburn Seminary. With him came his newly wedded wife, Clarissa. After a few years some land on North Portage Street, now owned by Mr. Herman Kent, better known as the old Buck homestead, was given by General Farnsworth to be used for a parsonage. The manse was planned and partly built when it was found that the young pastor's idea of size and finish was somewhat beyond the financial condition of the society. Grave differences arose. It was thought best, after consultations with, and the advice of neighboring clergymen, for Mr. Oaks to resign the pastorate. This occurred in 1830. The parsonage was sold and for a long time our ministers provided their own or lived in hired houses. Mr. Oaks died at Nunda, N. Y., in 1876.

The desire to know of the men and women who have deeply influenced this generation is in no sense an unimportant one. In the history of the church, perhaps, no minister was more persuasive in leading souls to Christ than was Rev. Samuel G. Orton, who in 1831, came to Westfield to labor as an Evangelist. It is said his preaching at this time reached every society in this village. The internal order of many families was changed from neglect of Christ and the soul to prayer and praise. As has been told by the fathers, Mr. Ortön's greatest

success was his power in prayer. His petitions were like those of a child to an endeared father. Speaking of his presence in the pulpit, Rev. D. D. Gregory says in a memorial sermon for Mr. Orton, preached before Buffalo Presbytery: "His colorless face bespoke a mind exhausted with fasting, with study, and talking with Christ, yet glowing with a faith that surmounts all obstacles." Six different times, Father Orton, as he was tenderly called, came to this community to conduct revival services. They may be traced by years in which there were large accessions to the church; namely, 1831-37-38-41-45 and 66.

In 1833 Rev. David D. Gregory, D. D., a brother-in-law of Mr. Orton, became the pastor of this church. He was a man of impressive appearance and genial manners. A former member writes: "Mr. Gregory is the first pastor in your church whom I distinctly remember. He was, as I remember him, an able preacher; he represented the dignity of the ministerial office, an all-around excellent pastor, one upon whose judgment the people could rely and one with tact in dealing with different sorts of people. Mrs. Gregory, whom he married in 1830, was a lady of much culture, possessing a character of peculiar excellence. She was truly a co-worker with her husband."

We may well consider the conditions existing at this time. "The Brick Church," for which Mr. James McClurg had generously given the land, was finished. The people were enjoying its comforts, for those times, it may be said, its elegance. There was a debt to be discharged, but, with one mind, all set to the work. Mr. Orton's labors resulted in a



James McClurg,  
Donor of site of first Brick Church.



spirit of harmony and much prevailing prayer. All things considered, these were prosperous years.

The first tabulated report sent to Presbytery, dates from April 1, 1832, to April 1, 1833. It reads thus: "Members added on certificate, 15; dismissed by letter, 12; total now in communion, 124; baptisms, since last report: infants, 23; collections for missions, \$73; for commissioners' fund, \$8.33." The next annual report found on session record bears date of April, 1837, and reads as follows: "Added on confession, 57; by letter, 28; adults baptized, 14; infants, 27; total communicants, 303; contributions to missions, \$126; education, \$50; Bible cause, \$23; Bethel, \$20; commissioners' fund, \$10."

An event of much importance in this history occurred at this time. It marks the coming to this community, to this society, in the year 1837, of Mr. and Mrs. Sextus H. Hungerford. Seven years after their marriage they left their farm in Vernon, Oneida County. Traveling by private conveyance, prospecting along the way, they arrived at Westfield, where they decided to locate. A paper to follow will tell of philanthropic and Christian work accomplished by Mr. Hungerford and his wife, Maria Skinner Hungerford.

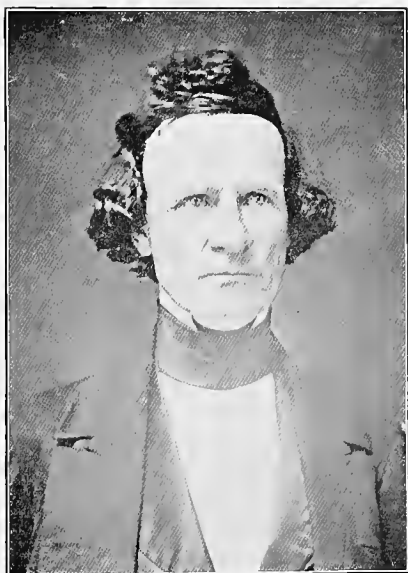
Having served this people for six years, Mr. Gregory resigned to accept a call to Binghamton, N. Y. Later, we find him the pastor of a church in Cincinnati, O., where Mrs. Gregory died. For a few months the society was served by Rev. A. G. Moss of Philadelphia, Pa.

In February, 1840, the congregation gave "a call" to Rev. Timothy M. Hopkins of Canton, O., the salary offered being \$650, payable semi-annual-

ly. "The call" was accepted. The new minister came, bringing no ordinary talent and devotion. His sermons were given without notes—in those days an unusual manner. He dealt a good deal in stories which aptly brought home the truth. For the prayer meeting Mr. Hopkins reserved some of his choicest thoughts. There are a few of our number who remember his dignified form and kindly face. Mrs. Hopkins soon made for herself a warm place in the hearts of the people. Pastor and wife were always welcome guests in the homes of their parishioners. The little ones of the church held in great regard the gold-headed cane which the minister always carried, much more the kindly greeting given as they met. Mrs. Hopkins gave of her time and talent to prosper the work of her husband. During the week a "select school" was taught; on Sunday, a Bible class.

Recent letters have been received from the daughters, Frances and Emma, the one Mrs. Flinn, of Mentone, Calif.; the other, Mrs. Cartledge, of Redlands, Calif. They have kindly recollections of Westfield people and write of the affection their parents ever held for the Westfield church. Often had they heard their father say, "Mrs. Hopkins; we left home when we left Westfield."

The new and rapidly growing west had attractions for Mr. Hopkins. In August, 1845, he removed to Racine, Wis. He afterwards held charges in Geneva, N. Y., and other places in that vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins' last years were spent in Hannibal, Mo., where their daughters then resided. Mr. Hopkins died April 20, 1871, at the age of seventy. Mrs. Hopkins survived her husband only a few years.



Rev. Timothy M. Hopkins





As in American history the Scotch-Irish have acted a part second to no other element, so their contribution to this church has been men and women of action. These Scotch-Irish came with church membership letters in their pockets. There were the Johnstons, the Cochranes, the Crosgroves, the Nixons, the Thompsons, and others.

In 1841, there came to Westfield and to the Presbyterian society, a man who with his family, made a record such as not one in thousands has ability or inclination to make. We refer to Hon. George W. Patterson, his wife, son George W. Jr., and daughter, Hannah Whiting, then six years old. As this family is better known and its benefactions more extensive in another period of the church history, it is ours only to call attention to the coming of Mr. Patterson, for many years an honored trustee in this church, a wise counselor and a punctual attendant upon its services.

A member in this early period writes: "The Westfield church was in those days of Gregory, Hopkins and Tinker, the strongest in Buffalo Presbytery, outside of the City of Buffalo—strong in numbers, strong in influence."

As the customs in the time of the old meeting house differed from those now practiced in our church, it may be of interest to notice some of these differences. Attention is called to the fact that the ministers, to the pastorate of Dr. Gregory, were engaged for one-half of the time. Some church in the vicinity or some unoccupied field was supplied during the other half.

Much of the Sabbath was occupied in public worship. Soon after 10 o'clock, the people began to assemble in the meeting house. The earliest to

make a stir on the streets were the lumber wagons with three or four seats scarcely accommodating father, mother, the children, and the hired help. No excuse, short of illness, for absence from church was accepted. From "Deaconville" came the Montgomerys, the Halls, the Fays. Farther to the west came the Pecks; nearer by, the Crossgroves, the Johnstons; from the hillside, the Northrups, the Durands and Deacon Jones' family; from the east side, the Cowdens, the Wrights, the Whipples and the Rumseys; from the lake road, the Persons family, Stephen Macomber and the Bandalls. Our streets were then Main, North and South Portage, Clinton, Washington, Pearl and Water. These furnished the worshippers who walked to church.

At half past ten the bell, as now, tolled the hour for beginning service. Long psalms or hymns were sung, long prayers—during which the congregation stood were offered, and very long sermons were preached, they often occupied an hour, wherein the preacher went from firstly to tenthly. The congregation was dismissed, when the children with many "grown ups" repaired to "the basement" for Sunday School where the children recited a dozen Scripture verses, perhaps a whole chapter from one of the gospels. During this hour a prayer meeting was held in the room above the vestibule. When the bell calls to afternoon service, the pews are again filled with worshippers. These were not the whole of Sunday service. In the evening there was a prayer meeting. On the first Sabbath of each month there was a missionary concert, at which the congregation usually joined in singing "From Greenland's Icy Mountains." Be-

sides the regular Thursday evening prayer meeting, there was "the church meeting" on the first Saturday afternoon of each month at which every member was expected to be present. On the day preceding a communion it was made the occasion for the Preparatory Lecture. The prayer services were held in the basement of the church. The gentlemen occupied the benches on the west, the ladies those on the east side.

In the very early history of our church only the Psalms were sung. Gradually the hymns of Watts and Dodridge were introduced. In those times it was the custom for the congregation to rise, turn, and face the choir in the gallery.

These early workers in our church whose names have been called and a multitude of others who joined hand and heart in laying the foundation are gone to join in the everlasting songs, but their works do follow them and the imprint of their lives will last until the centuries shall be lost in the years of God. Nor do these influences cease with the boundaries of our village streets. These records have been carried into distant homes where sons and daughters are living witnesses of the instruction, of the example, of the influence of the Godly men and women who made the Presbyterian church of Westfield in the early half of the last century.

(MISS) LAVINIA STONE.

## THE PERIOD FROM 1849 TO 1908 INCLUSIVE

**T**HE coming of Rev. Reuben Tinker to Westfield in 1849 was the beginning of a new life to this church and society. Fresh from the great missionary fields in the Sandwich Islands toward which so much interest had recently been directed, he was a man to attract unusual attention. The manner of his coming was a part of the day in which he came. He was in Westfield as a candidate three weeks, (how slow of heart this people must have been) entertained at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Stone. When the call was extended and accepted, then came the moving. Here Deacon Fay and Deacon Montgomery were as usual, prompt to respond, and with their heavy lumber wagons started for Madison, Ohio, "to move the Minister." The trip took a full week to accomplish their part of the task; Mr. Tinker following with his load and Mrs. Tinker, together with such of the children as did not find a place on the larger loads of furniture, excepting the two older boys, Samuel and Joseph, who drove the cows over this ninety miles of road.

Mr. Tinker was a man of such marked talent, such attractive peculiarities, such lucidity in expression, such quickness in wit and repartee, and beyond all, such depth of Christian feeling that his

preaching drew large audiences from the first. It was soon evident that the brick church, which had been built but a little more than twelve years, was quite inadequate for the demands of the congregation, and after due consideration, the church building was enlarged by an extension of twenty feet, at the northern end, giving a commodious vestibule with a prayer room above, surmounted by a large belfrey.

Mr. Tinker was fond of music, and through his encouragement, a new organ was obtained. This was a decided innovation, but the organ was soon accepted with glad acclaim, even by the few who were fearful that it would secularize the sanctuary.

The music during much of Mr. Tinker's time, was under the direction of Mr. Elias S. Barger who as a singer was as famous as was the noted divine in pulpit oratory. Those who heard Mr. Barger sing, cannot forget that superb tenor voice.

Mr. Tinker, so recently from the mission field, called out interest and enthusiasm for all mission work. There were lectures on the mission work in the Islands that drew crowded houses. The ladies had sewing societies where supplies for the families of missionaries were made up. This was before the advent of the sewing machine, and all garments were made by hand work. The collections taken for missions were such as the church had never known before. The Sunday school, as well as the congregation was in the missionary work, and the spirit of missions and zeal for the cause was manifest on every side.

Mr. Tinker was an indefatigable worker in the outskirts of the town. His diary shows frequent visits, accompanied by preaching services, at Elm

Flats; at the Leffingwell school house; at School District No. 2, the site of the present German Church, at the Johnston school house, on the Main Road, one mile west; on the Lake Road, probably the Bourne district, besides the great number of calls that come to a distinguished and attractive speaker. This work accounts in a way, for the influential position which the church held. It was the center of religious activity, but to the great grief of the pastor, the conversions were not as he had hoped. They came later. The work was by no means in vain.

In his diary is found, several times repeated, the entry, "Writing sermons for the Sewing Society." Evidently he prosecuted the church work through every possible channel.

The church prayer meetings were frequently held in his study, and often mention is also made of these meetings being held at various homes.

The society paid its pastor \$700 a year; and a donation was also a part of the compensation. Whether these donations were a source of profit, may be questioned. But in the later years of his pastorate there was considerable money contributed, as well as what was designated "substantials."

The wedding fees were moderate as compared with present standards. For 21 weddings in one year it is noted that \$60 was received. The largest fee being \$6.00.

In those days it was necessary for the minister to keep a horse. Long journeys were made by horse and stage. The "Belle" and the "Diamond" are mentioned as the steamboats taken to go eastward to Dunkirk or Buffalo; and westward to Erie

or as far west as Painesville. These small steamers, and the manner which they rolled and tumbled, is yet historic in many families. In 1852 the railroad was completed, and after that the entry is made: went to Dunkirk or to Buffalo "on the cars;" and some visitors came "on the cars."

In these years the Presbyterian Boards and the other benevolent objects were presented to the churches by agents sent out by the main office. In 1852, the pastor preached in his own pulpit seventy-five times; he preached in other pulpits, by special invitations, in many instances not on Sundays, forty-two times. Other ministers preached in his pulpit fifty-three times, generally on Sunday. The present church goer, who shrugs a shoulder when occasionally some one other than the pastor is in the pulpit, or turns back at the door if an exchange is made, should make a note as to those good old times, when the congregation, which came for the strongest of spiritual food, endured the numberless weak men sent out by the boards, took it patiently, as a matter of course. However, many representatives of the boards were strong and eloquent men and were everywhere welcomed.

In these years church discipline was an active agency. The good deacons were watchful of the flock to an extent not in practice now. Did a member neglect church attendance and particularly communion, a call was made by one of the elders or deacons, and if that did not suffice, the careless member was called before the Session. In case of flagrant transgressions, when there was not shown sincere repentance and promise of a better life, the member was expelled. When the entry was made in the records showing the member to have been

expelled, good Deacon Couch would add, "and may God have mercy upon your soul." In one entry we read: "This paper is therefore to declare the three above named, to all human appearance are irreclaimable, and are now cut off from this church, and make public the principle fact, that having brought forth briars and thorns, and seemed even nigh unto cursing, they have afforded painful evidence that their end is to be burned, according to Heb. 6-8th, and their blood be upon their own heads."

In 1846, Charles J. J. Ingersoll became a member of the board of elders. Mr. Ingersoll had long been active in church work; in the Sunday school he was particularly successful. He was a refined, capable, scholarly man. For some years he conducted *The Westfield Messenger* with success. Later he removed to Greenfield, Mass., with his family, where he died.

Mr. Lester Stone was a prominent man in the church, always taking up Christian work wherever it was to be found. In 1848 he was chosen a deacon, and then began an official life that went on for half a century. There was no part of church work or church life that did not feel his influence.

About this time (1848) the whole territory of the Society was divided into sections by the Session, and visitors for the different districts appointed to call, converse and pray with the members of the church. To show some of those to whom work in that day was assigned, we find the Allen Wright District and Elm Flats, to Lester Stone and Sextus Hungerford; Barcelona and Hawley District to Daniel C. Northrop and Stephen Macomber; Dur-



and and Northrop District, to J. Whipple and John Couch; No. 1 Center District, to Hiram Couch, Jonathan Harmon, Hugh Cochrane and Paul Persons.

Mr. Tinker seems to have kept his officers busy looking after the work. In the following year, 1849, a committee of elders was appointed to canvass the Society and ascertain how many families had and how many families did not have family prayers.

In 1853, Elder William W. Cowden, whose name appears often on the church records, moved to Ohio. Elder Cowden was much esteemed in the community. He lived in the brick house which he built a mile and a half east of the village, now occupied by Benjamin Hopson, and with his family filled a large place in the church and community. His son, Harmon Cowden, enlisted in the Ninth New York Cavalry, was Captain of Co. I., and died in Virginia in the year following. His wife, Mrs. Mary Bostwick Cowden, was prominent in church work; and the family is yet represented in the church by the fourth generation in Mrs. Mary Cowden Hall.

In 1853 Mr. Tinker was afflicted with a swelling of the left leg, and in November of that year he went to Boston for medical advice and treatment. There was great anxiety throughout the Society and town.

In April the pastor returned, having suffered the amputation of his leg. He addressed himself bravely to the work. His first sermon after his return was from the text, "If thy foot offend thee cut it off." There was no abatement of the true Tink-

er spirit. Although greatly reduced in strength, he again stood in his pulpit. A revolving chair was provided for him, but he was not content to sit and preach, and so, standing on one foot, he delivered his God-given message with great force and spirit. This continued with occasional interruptions caused by failing strength through the summer and into the fall. Sunday, October 1st, communion services were held. Five persons were admitted to membership and three infants were baptized. Mr. Tinker was assisted in this service by Rev. Timothy Stillman of Dunkirk. The Session records kept by the pastor, were written up in full, including this date. October 26, 1854, the Rev. Reuben Tinker, who had given the church a name known far and near, a pastor idolized by his people, a preacher of great power, passed away at the age of 55 years.

The church had often had the benefit of the services of Rev. William Coleman, a Colporter, who had long been a resident of Westfield. He was of much assistance when a minister was needed, and extended his good offices at this time.

In this same year, 1854, Rev. Levi A. Skinner, of Lancaster, N. Y., who had resigned his pastorate on account of ill health, came to Westfield. He had been a frequent visitor in the place for years, his sister being the wife of Elder Sextus H. Hungerford.

The Sessional records show very little between death of Mr. Tinker in October, 1854, and January of 1855. January 7th, the communion services were held, Rev. Mr. Coleman and Rev. Mr. Skinner officiating.





Rev. Anson Gleason

The next communion was held April 8th. Rev. Anson Gleason of the Cattaraugus Mission officiating. "Father Gleason," was the familiar and affectionate term by which he was best known.

The preparatory lecture was of great interest; and at the communion service it was evident that a marked awakening was upon the church. Father Gleason was invited to remain with the church, which he did. He began holding daily meetings, and was assisted by Rev. Samuel Orton who had been frequently invited on special occasions. Rev. Mr. Skinner was also active in this work.

Father Gleason led everything. There were meetings in the various neighborhoods. At the joint district on the Mayville Road, where Deacon Stone had long held a Sunday School; at Deaconville, the circle of homes comprising Deacons Montgomery, Fay and Hall; at private houses in other portions of the town, until the field was well taken in hand. Father Gleason continually said: "Brother Tinker sowed the seed; I am simply getting in the harvest." His kindly, forceful ways, his grand personality, his persuasive voice, and that soul-stirring hymn which was his favorite, "Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing," which he sang with the greatest zest, carried everything before him. The very air was full of the gospel message.

At this time came to Westfield, Rev. Charles F. Mussey. No man ever found a more open field. The call to Mr. Mussey to become the pastor, was signed by the committee appointed for that purpose, consisting of Sextus H. Hungerford, John G. Hinckley, and William Johnston.

Rev. Mr. Mussey preached his first sermon, May

6, 1855, and on June 24th, communion services were held, when thirty persons united with the church, twenty-seven of them by profession; at the succeeding communion seven more of the converts of Father Gleason's "harvest," came into the church, together with five by letter.

As has already been noted by the sketch given of Mr. Mussey, he was absent from his church during the latter part of 1855, through illness. Under date of February 3, 1856, we find the following entry in the Session records. "Our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers worshipped and praised God, took fire and came near being consumed. By the blessing and good providence of God, the fire was extinguished; and we desire here to record our sense of his goodness and favor."

The report rendered for the year ending April, 1856, showed a membership of 385; fifty-five having been added during the year.

In 1857, the report to General Assembly of membership was brought down from 385 to 277. Rev. Mr. Mussey evidently had been looking closely into the whereabouts of his flock. In this year persons who absented themselves from the church or from communion, were admonished, and the lines were more carefully drawn than they had been for some time.

In May, 1857, the Session advised calling a meeting of the Society to devise some plan to extricate the Society from its financial difficulties. The members of the Session at this time were Elders James Montgomery, John Fay, Sextus H. Hungerford, Hiram Couch, Silas Kidder, Asa Hall, James Johnston, and James Crossgrove. The following

year, 1858, a general letter of recommendation and dismissal was granted Elder Silas Kidder to the church at Rockford, Ill., where he remained until the time of his death, a highly esteemed Christian man.

In June, 1858, a committee consisting of John G. Hinckley, George W. Patterson, Elias S. Barger, and L. A. Skinner was appointed to raise money to erect a suitable monument to the memory of Rev. Reuben Tinker. The work was promptly attended to and a handsome shaft erected in our cemetery, but Mr. Tinker's most enduring monument is in the homes of those who were brought to the better life through his Godly ministrations.

Until the year 1859, the various benevolent causes had been represented by agents going about the country and preaching in the churches, their addresses being followed by a collection. Mr. Mussey was heartily against this method and secured the introduction of systematic benevolence by which all contributions would be collected from the homes, and not at church. The plan worked admirably and the agents have never since visited the field, in fact the old method is now generally done away with.

During the pastorate of Mr. Mussey, Mr. L. A. Skinner was very active in the work of the church. He became by universal consent superintendent of the Sunday School. After holding the position with the greatest success to the school for about three years he requested the Session to relieve him of the work. This the Session declined to do but assigned him an assistant, John Carlisle.

Mr. Mussey was a fine singer and early took

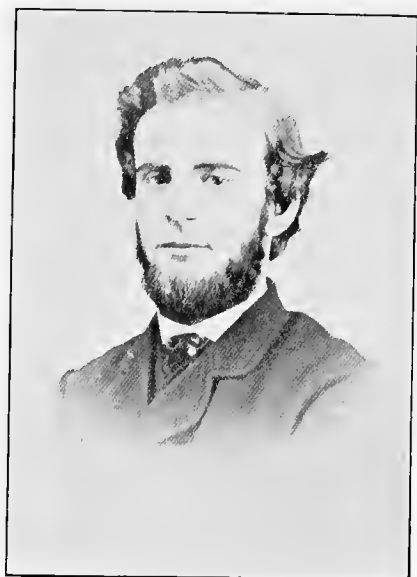
charge of the singing in the Sunday School. He introduced a new singing book which contained lively tunes, which were taken up with avidity by the scholars. It was like sunshine in the spring, nothing seemingly could have occurred to have given the work a more responsive impulse.

In 1855, Mr. D. A. Knowlton, of Freeport, Ill., came to Westfield and with his family united with the Presbyterian Church. As a trustee, Mr. Knowlton was a great help—he overhauled the system of support and introduced methods of collection that soon placed the church in a good financial position. The Society, it may be remarked in passing, has been very fortunate in its trustees. The several boards have comprised some of the best business men of the community.

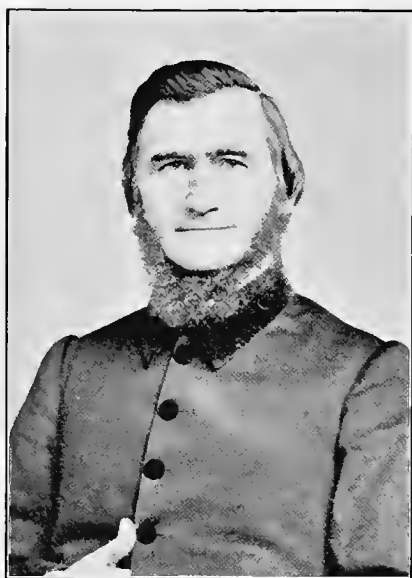
In 1860, Mr. Robert Patterson, of Perry Centre, N. Y., came with his family to Westfield. Mrs. Patterson and the daughters, Miss Susan and Miss Elizabeth Patterson united with the church. They, with their brother, Mr. Alfred Patterson, were at once strengthening factors to the church and society. Miss Elizabeth Patterson identified herself with the Sunday School as teacher, a position which she held until the failing health of her mother prevented her regular attendance. The helpfulness of this family has never abated even until this day.

In 1861, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Long came to Westfield. Mr. Long as Principal and Mrs. Long as Assistant Principal in Westfield Academy. They came into the church in a very efficient way and continued their good work both in the day and Sunday School during their stay in Westfield. Mr. Long subsequently went into the ministry and is





Elder John C. Long



Rev. James P. Fisher

now (1908) a retired clergyman of the Presbyterian Church, residing in Batavia, N. Y.

In 1861, the church sustained a great loss in the death of Deacon James Montgomery, who as father of the original church, as the continuing representative of the church to the re-organization in 1817, and one of the wisest counselors, the staunchest of its members, the most revered of its officers, laid down his work—honored and lamented by all who knew him.

Rev. Charles F. Mussey closed a successful pastorate of the church, November 13, 1861, accepting a call to the Presbyterian Church at Batavia, N. Y.

Rev. James P. Fisher was engaged as stated supply, January 4, 1862, and on the 20th of the same month was given a call to become pastor of the church. Mr. Fisher was a man large of build and was what was called a good sermonizer. He was earnest, forceful and always ministerial in his ways,—a man more of the olden style than of the new. He resigned his pastorate two years later to accept a government position in connection with the army.

In 1863, Dr. F. B. Brewer and family removed from Titusville to Westfield; they at once entered heartily into the work and affairs of the church, Dr. Brewer as a member of the Board of Trustees and Mrs. Brewer in the Sabbath School and church missionary work. Following the retirement of Rev. Mr. Fisher, Rev. Albert T. Chester, D. D., of Buffalo, who was then conducting a Young Ladies' Seminary, was engaged and became a regular supply for the pulpit. This was in war time. Appeals were constantly made upon the church for aid for

the Christian Commission. During the year 1864 and 1865, the society raised for that purpose \$843 and \$589 for the regular objects of benevolence.

In the fall of 1865, Deacon John Fay, who had been an Elder for over thirty years, removed with his family to Fulton, Ill. In all these years Deacon Fay had been one of the stand-bys of the church, conscientious in all things, constant to every call, persistent in every duty, he worked on and on unconscious that he was doing anything more than the simple work that naturally fell to him. He was an earnest, pious man, an example of righteous living. He died in Fulton, Ill., and was buried in Westfield beside his wife, a woman grand in physique, strong of intellect, joyous in life, full of humor and warm of heart toward every one who came within her circle of acquaintance. Deacon Fay was supported by her in every christian duty which came to him in his long connection as an officer in the church. The members of the Fay family all became active members of the church and in their new home in Fulton, Ill., became and yet continue to be leading members of the Presbyterian Church of that place.

In January, 1866, the Session, which then consisted of Elders James Crosgrove, Sextus H. Hungerford, Asa Hall, Hiram Couch and James Johnston decided to strengthen the board by the election of young men, and four new members were chosen. The new members added by this election were John C. Long, Joseph H. Hall, Edward A. Skinner, Robert M. Hall, all of whom qualified except Edward A. Skinner. During the winter of 1866, Dr. Chester was in regular attendance for the Sabbath services. Rev. L. A. Skinner frequently



Trustee Dr. Francis B. Brewer



Rev. A. T. Chester, D. D.

acted as Moderator of the Session and assisted in the communion services. Elder Sextus H. Hungerford also often took the Moderator's chair. During that winter there was unusual interest felt all through the congregation. All the meetings were well attended. The weekly prayer meetings were conducted by Rev. Mr. Skinner and by members of the Session. Elders J. H. Hall and J. C. Long most frequently acting. With the spring of 1866, the evidences of a great revival were manifest, and Dr. Chester called for assistance. Dr. Grosvenor W. Heacock, one of the strongest and most magnetic pastors of Buffalo, and Rev. Samuel G. Orton, Father Orton, as he was affectionately known and is yet remembered, responded to the call for help. The members of the Session were actively in the field. Meetings were held each evening and in addition to this there was a morning prayer meeting which continued for a considerable time. The work began in April was carried on through May and into June, the months when it is generally felt that extra meetings and work cannot be sustained. On June 23 the Session met for the examination of candidates for admission to the church. Other meetings were held June 27th and June 30th, July 5th, July 7th and Sunday July 8th. Communion service was held in the afternoon of this Sabbath day when fifty-seven persons were admitted on profession of faith and twelve by letter, sixty-nine in all. The church had been without a pastor since April, 1864. The question of a new pastor was constantly being taken up. A number of ministers had supplied the pulpit during this interim but none of them seemed to have created the feeling to any considerable extent that he was the man called.

The last Sunday in September, Rev. R. S. Van Cleve of Trenton, N. J., supplied the pulpit.

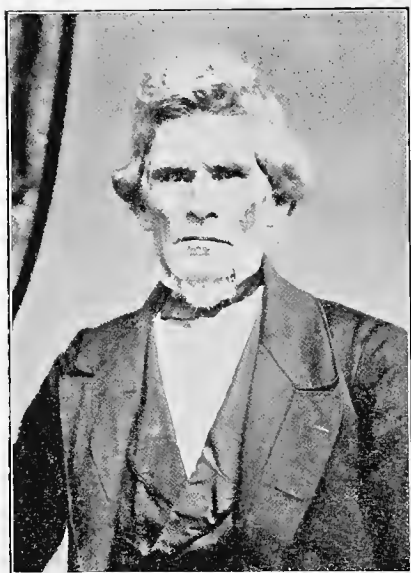
Mr. VanCleve was a young man, but twenty-four years of age. At his first appearance he caught the attention of a large portion of the congregation. This was so manifest that the Session met informally following the morning service, and decided to invite him to become stated supply from that date to February following. To the surprise of the Session there appeared afterward some objection to the abrupt action of this body, although those present included all the older members, excepting Elder James Crosgrove, who was detained by illness.

Mr. VanCleve had a large and determined support, and at a meeting of the church and congregation held January 22, 1867, the motion to invite him to become pastor of the church prevailed, 87 votes being for and 29 against the motion. Mr. VanCleve was loth to accept a pastorate under these circumstances, but his friends and admirers gathered about him and simply would not let him withdraw. He was assured that he had the unanimous support of the Session, of the other officers of the church, and generally speaking of the young people. Let no one suppose that those in opposition were of no influence or strength, for they numbered some of the most influential of the church people both in and out of Presbytery. It was a contest such as the church had never known before and such as those who were active in it would never permit again. "The Majority," as they called themselves were prompt to attend the services. The social gatherings were crowded, but there was a general regret over the conditions through the





Rev. Robert S. Van Cleve



Elder James Crossgrove

church. The whole matter was such a strain upon the pastor that on the 5th of June, 1869, he resigned the pastorate. The whole church was tired of the quarrel and there was a universal desire to get together again.

Of Rev. Mr. VanCleve it must be said he was an earnest, active, ardent man, thoroughly given to his chosen work. Coming from a home of culture and refinement, educated at Princeton, he seemed and was well equipped for his work. His succeeding work has been with the best results, and he now holds a high place in the Erie Presbytery, residing in Erie, Pa., where he has held a long pastorate.

In March, 1867, the church sustained a great loss in the death of Elder James Crosgrove. In the Session Records of March 10, 1867, Elder Crosgrove is spoken of as "one who stood among us a living witness of the truth as it is in Jesus, beautifully exemplifying in all his walk and conversation the perfect law of love." It would be difficult to overestimate such a character as shown in the life of Elder Crosgrove. His life and work is being carried forward to the present day both by lineal descendants and by those who came next to him in daily intercourse.

The death of Elder James Crosgrove was followed in May of the same year, 1867, by that of Elder Sextus H. Hungerford. Mr. Hungerford had been an Elder since January, 1851. He was one of the sound, quiet, forceful, conscientious men of his day—never ostentatious but always carefully doing his part in the church work, he stood for all that was best in Christian living. The records show his constant attendance upon the meetings of

Session; his assignment to committee work; his frequent attendance upon Presbytery; and, when a clergyman was not in attendance, his acting as moderator at the meetings of the session. Elder Hungerford was one of the kind of men who hold things together. Never over-anxious, never carried away by existing conditions. His interest in the church was evident by his gift of \$2,000, being the first to make such a provision toward the future of the society.

In 1868, the number of elders was increased by the election of Lester Stone, Jasper Harrington and Joseph Northrop.

Deacon Lester Stone had, as a church member and as a deacon, been one of the most active of members since boyhood. He had been a teacher, a leader of the singing, and superintendent both of the church Sunday School and for long periods of schools on the outside.

In June, 1868, occurred the death of Elder Asa Hall, who had been active in church life for 35 years. He was one of the three Deacons, Montgomery, Fay and Hall, who formed a neighborhood circle, which was familiarly called "Deaconville." In the early days it was difficult for them with their families to attend the weekly prayer meeting of the church and so alternating between the homes for over thirty years was held the Friday evening meeting. No stress of weather or rush of work, of which there were many occasions, ever interrupted these meetings. They ended only with the breaking up of the families. Of the twenty-one children in these families only two are recorded as not coming into church membership. Let it not be supposed that the deacons repre-



Elder Sextus H. Hungerford



Elder Asa Hall

sented all the influences which kept these meetings alive, or the children in the right way. Previous reference has been made to Mrs. Montgomery and Mrs. Fay. Mrs. Paulina Mack Hall was one of those Christian women who never let a stranger, much less an unconverted friend, pass from her door without a word for the Master. Such were the influences that made "Deaconville."

In December of the same year, 1868, Deacon Hiram Couch resigned as an active elder. Deacon Couch had been identified with the church since 1826. He had faithfully filled every position which the church and society could offer him. For many years he was clerk of the Session, and as superintendent of the Sunday School his term of service covered a longer period than that of any other officer of the church in this position. He contributed freely of time and effort toward every undertaking. The records testify to his attendance at all meetings of the Session as long as his strength permitted.

In March of the following year, 1869, Mr. John G. Hinckley, who had been particularly earnest in his activities for the church, passed to the other side. Mr. Hinckley always brought good cheer with him in all that he did. He was aggressive in whatever he undertook and especially generous toward the needy and those who were liable to be overlooked or forgotten. As a church trustee he was a most faithful steward. He was greatly endeared to those who lived close to him, and he filled a large place in the Society.

In September, 1869, Rev. Sanford H. Smith became pastor to the church. He was a man of good mind, well educated, and one who could do that

most difficult thing, interest children, but coming at an unfortunate period, his pastorate was of short duration, closing in April, 1871.

In July, 1871, Rev. E. B. Miner, of Camillas, N. Y., became pastor. Mr. Miner was a man of talent, one who was strong in the pulpit. His sermons on special occasions were always remarked by those who heard them and his prayers were often as comprehensive as a sermon and yet they were always humble petitions. Mrs. Miner was fortunate in having a sweet, strong soprano voice, and she naturally at once found a place in the choir. During Rev. Miner's pastorate there was a large accession to the church membership, thirty-seven coming in at one time, twenty-nine of whom were admitted upon profession. Other additions for the year brought the number to 57.

At this time Elder Jasper Harrington, who had served as an elder faithfully for over three years, tendered his resignation as an active elder on account of ill health.

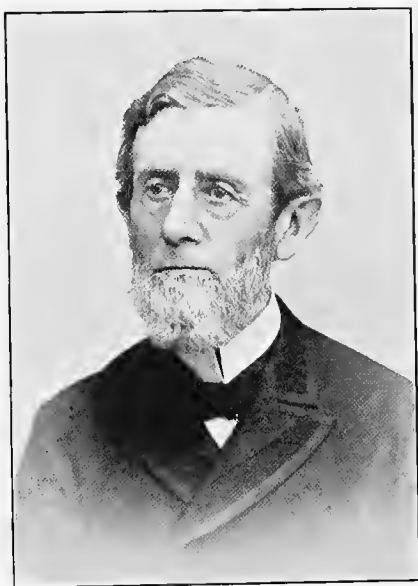
In January, 1872, the church adopted the rotary or term service of eldership, the term of active service being three years. The full board to consist of six elders. Under the new method two elders, James Johnston and Robert H. Thompson, were elected. The elders acting at that time were Lester Stone, Joseph H. Hall, Robert M. Hall and Joseph Northrop. Lots were cast to determine the length of time each should serve and thus the terms were made so that two elders should be elected each year. This system has continued until the present time and seems entirely satisfactory.

April 13, 1872, the church bell rang out an alarm





Rev. E. B. Miner



Elder Joseph H. Plumb

of fire. The house of Mrs. Stockton, widow of Dr. W. S. Stockton, was on fire. With no fire department and a strong west wind blowing, the fire was soon beyond control. The house of Mr. Chandler Persons, a brick structure immediately south, was next on fire and burned to the ground, and soon fire was discovered in the steeple of the church, and immediately the fine consecrated house which had been the home of the church for forty years was seen to be doomed. Very little was saved, some hymn books, some pieces of carpet, a few gas fixtures was about all. The Baptist Church was promptly placed at the disposal of the Society. The courtesy was thankfully accepted, Sunday services being held in the afternoon.

In the spring of 1873, Hon. Joseph H. Plumb, of Gowanda, and later of Buffalo, came to Westfield and in June Mr. Plumb with his mother brought their letters to the church. It was a marked event for the Society. Mr. Plumb had been a life-long church worker, and was soon made both an elder and trustee. He at once identified himself with every phase of church activity. He was particularly happy in the large class of boys he held in Sunday School until every member of that class became a member of the church. His home was most hospitable, wherein he was more than supplemented by Mrs. Plumb, and there was no place where Mr. Plumb was not a helpful force.

Rev. E. B. Miner concluded his pastorate, August 1, 1873. The business of the Society now was the erection of a new church. That there should be perfect unity in effort, and all trace of dissension removed, every member of the board of trustees placed his resignation in the hands of the Clerk at

a Society meeting, called to consider rebuilding—the resignations to take effect upon the election of their successors. A committee to nominate a new board of trustees was appointed, consisting of George W. Patterson, Henry C. Kingsbury, Thomas D. Strong, Reuben G. Wright, L. A. Skinner, James Johnston.

The committee retired, and after long deliberation returned, naming themselves as trustees. These nominations were somewhat surprising, but in the conference each man had insisted that all the other members of the committee should go on the new board, and so they forced one another to do each his duty toward the Society.

The report was made by Mr. Skinner in a very humorous speech, and the election was unanimous. Work toward the new church was thus auspiciously begun.

The members of the Session, also offered their resignations to take effect when their successors should be elected, and a committee to nominate a new board of elders, was named consisting of Allen Wright, Thomas D. Strong, James D. Carlisle, Jasper Harrington and Jediah Loomis. Certainly a conservative body of men.

This committee recommended that Joseph H. Hall and Robert M. Hall complete the terms for which they had been elected, and nominated in addition, Robert M. Mateer, Charles P. Skinner, D. A. A. Nichols and Morris Dick.

The report was adopted by the church meeting called to consider the question, and all those elected excepting Morris Dick, qualified as ruling elders.



Trustee Hon. Geo. W. Patterson



Rev. Rufus S. Green

The Sunday services, including Sunday School, were now held at the regular hours, morning and evening, in Virginia Hall, and the Thursday evening prayer meetings at No. 3 Brewer Block, where the primary department of the Sunday School also had its sessions.

Plans for a new church building were prepared by Aaron Hall of Jamestown, an architect and builder of high character, who was given the contract for the erection. Subscriptions came forward rapidly, Governor Patterson starting the list with \$1,000. The ladies, by means known best to themselves through fairs, suppers, sociables and other methods brought in no little money toward the erection of the new edifice.

Elder Joseph H. Plumb, who was familiar with Auburn Seminary, secured one of the young graduates, Rev. Rufus S. Green, to come before the society as a candidate for the pastorate, and on the 13th of August, 1873, he was engaged by the church as a supply for one year, beginning September 1.

Mr. Green was a man of pleasing address, of fine appearance, and withal a remarkable organizer. In a short time he seemed to have everyone doing something. He was clear-sighted in his choice of helpers, and during his pastorate the whole Society was working in a way previously unknown.

It is possible that the enthusiasm over the erection of the new church was helpful, but certainly Mr. Green knew how to take advantage of all existing circumstances. He made much of the Sunday School and normal class work, and it was during his administration that Charles P. Skinner was made superintendent of the Sunday School and

was instrumental in building up one of the best schools the church had ever had.

Mr. Green with an enviable record made at Westfield in a pastorate of three years, accepted a call in May, 1877, to a large church in Orange, N. J.

In October, 1874, two new elders were elected, William N. Cochrane and Frank A. Hall.

The work on the new church edifice was completed in September, 1874, and on September 29th, Buffalo Presbytery met, and the new church dedicated, the dedicatory sermon being by Rev. Grosvenor W. Heacock, D. D., of Buffalo. The formal presentation of the edifice to the church and Society was made by the president of the board of trustees, Henry C. Kingsbury, and the response by Rev. Mr. Green. The ordination and installation of the new pastor followed. It was a great day. Every available part of the house was crowded, and many could not get even standing room.

The church during the following two years enjoyed a decided wave of prosperity. Nearly every seat in the house, including seats in the gallery, was rented. The Sunday School was greatly increased in number and thoroughly organized.

On April 12, 1876, the church and community met a great loss in the death of Rev. L. A. Skinner. Mr. Skinner, while a business man, had never lost his close interest in the church and its spiritual affairs. Although impaired health had lessened his activities, yet he was sought after and his advice asked as long as his strength would permit. His life made a deep impress upon the church and upon the community.

At the election of elders, November, 1876, Elder







Elder Joseph H. Hall

Joseph H. Hall, who had filled the position of active elder for ten years, on account of expected absence from home, declined a re-election. No member of the board had been more active during these years than had he—with him a place upon a committee or an assignment of any kind meant work. His Christianity was a vital asset. It never let him rest, but it was a constant comfort to him. Every branch of church activity had been invigorated by his life in the church. He was pronounced in his convictions and every one knew where to find him. During his later years in Erie his work still went on in the church, but his life love was for his old church home in Westfield. He passed away in March, 1891.

In the spring of 1877, a decided spiritual interest was felt in the church and at the May communion fifty persons were received, all but four by profession of faith. Rev. Mingins, an evangelist, had been in attendance during the meetings preceding the large church accession.

During the summer of 1877, Rev. Chalon Burgess often supplied the pulpit, while Dr. E. S. Wright, of Ripley, came occasionally to act as moderator of the session. On November 1, a society meeting extended a call to Rev. Cornelius S. Stowitts of Bergen, N. Y., who began his pastorate November 25, 1877, and entered heartily into the work.

The new church was steam heated. It was customary to have the furnace lighted on Saturday and so have the church comfortable for worship on Sunday morning. January, 1878, was a fairly cold month. On Saturday the 12th, the fires were

lighted as usual. At 5 o'clock Sunday morning, January 13, 1878, the beautiful house of worship, which had been in use three years, was discovered on fire. When the alarm was given the fire had made such headway that every part of the building was involved. But a single book was saved. Robert H. Thompson rushed into the burning audience room and from his pew, near the door, secured his new Baxter Bible. Otherwise nothing was saved, but from the raging fire there floated out a leaf torn from a Sunday School hymn book on which was printed the familiar legend, "Tell Me the Old, Old Story."

The people were dismayed but not disheartened. At 9:30 the Session met at the near-by home of Elder Charles P. Skinner. Arrangements were at once made and services were held that morning at Virginia Hall at 10:30, the usual hour for morning worship. With the organ gone and the hymn books gone, the Sunday School class books and library gone and everything pertaining to the church in ashes, this early meeting of the Session had to arrange to order at once everything needed for church and Sunday School. Before a large part of the Society was aware of the loss and before the fire was out, preparations were made to put the church again in working order.

While the Session was looking after the worship the trustees were equally alert in regard to a new edifice. The board of trustees consisted of Henry C. Kingsbury, Reuben G. Wright, Joseph H. Plumb, S. W. Mason, James Johnston, Edward A. Skinner.

The church of 1874 had cost about \$40,000.



Rev. Cornelius E. Stowitts



Architect Aaron Hall, of Jamestown, was again brought into requisition. A subscription list was opened with \$1,000 from Governor Patterson, an equal amount from Elder J. H. Plumb, and other considerable amounts followed. The Ladies' Aid Society again responded liberally and made a subscription of \$3,000. The Young Ladies' Aid was quickly vieing with the older society in obtaining results for the building fund. An ice cream parlor was opened and attended by Nellie Smith, Fanny Brewer and Mary Carlisle. When spring opened the work promptly begun. The former building with some few minor changes was reproduced, and every branch of the church was working steadily for the early completion of the second new sanctuary. The rebuilding was a gladsome achievement and the second new edifice costing \$30,000, complete in every particular, with a Johnson organ, the best make of that or any subsequent day, was in position, with carpets throughout the building, with again the crimson cushions in the seats, and the walnut, crimsoned dressed pulpit chairs (once more the gift of Governor Patterson) were in place; an elegant communion table, the gift of Mrs. Tinker as a memorial to her honored husband, whose name was yet the greatest in the remarkable line of pastors, standing in front of the desk, with the kitchen and pantry polished for service, with all things in readiness, it can well be said it was a glorious day and one to be commemorated this February 27, 1879.

Once more Buffalo Presbytery came to Westfield for the dedication. Railway trains do not run expressly for churches or members of the Presbytery. The morning train which should have ar-

rived at 10:00 was three hours late, but the new house, whose glory exceeded that of the former, could wait. At 2 p. m. Presbytery convened. The house was packed to the doors. The dedicatory services began with a voluntary from the new organ, Prof. John Eckert on the organ bench. Then came Buck's Jubilate in C major by the choir, in charge of Mr. S. W. Mason, the other members of the choir being Miss Kittie Hinckley, Mrs. Mason, Prof. Balcam. Invocation was made by Rev. R. W. Scott, of the M. E. Church. The Scripture was read by Rev. D. K. Frazer. The sermon was by Rev. Wolcott Calkins of Buffalo.

The presentation of the building to the church and Society was made by the president of the board of trustees, Mr. Henry C. Kingsbury in an address, which was a classic in its way. It was the closing act of a body of men which had accomplished a mighty work.

The acceptance was by Rev. C. S. Stowitts, who was always impressive; then followed the dedicatory prayer by that dear friend of the church, Rev. Chalon Burgess, of Silver Creek. The published record of the day tells us, "It was a prayer long to be remembered by the attentive listener, and a more full and complete dedication it would be impossible to conceive." Following the dedication the ladies served supper to the members of Presbytery, and to visiting guests, and thus came to us the church which we of today possess and enjoy. Certainly we should keep it without fleck or blemish, this great gift from those of thirty years ago.

In 1878, the Society received from Governor Patterson for a parsonage, the Carlisle house on





Trustee Henry C. Kingsbury



the corner of Clinton and Market Streets. It was greatly appreciated by the Society and its pastors. Previous to this time the first business of a new pastor coming to the place, was to find a shelter for himself and family. With this generous gift, this objection to accepting a pastorate to the church was relegated to ancient history.

People evidently are interested in that for which they make sacrifices. With the new church came much enthusiasm in church work and a large church attendance. The Sunday School reached a membership of 325 and the average attendance for one quarter at least is recorded as 225.

The openings were made a great feature and attracted many visitors, the whole session occupying an hour and a half; other meetings were equally well attended.

October 15, 1879, occurred the death of Gov. George W. Patterson, who for forty years had been a constant attendant, a most judicious and active officer, and a generous supporter of the church and society. His force of character, his cheery disposition, his quick wit, his practical methods and his warm hearted benevolence, gave him a place that has never been filled in either the church or community.

The death of his most estimable wife, Hannah Whiting Patterson, occurred in February, 1886. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Patterson was always open to the church on every occasion and their private hospitalities were as marked as were the benevolences that were a part of their existence. Governor Patterson was particularly efficient during the building of the two churches. He was con-

stant in his attendance upon the meetings of the trustees. He neglected nothing which he took upon himself to do, and kept others up to his pace. He was always genial and was the best of story tellers. His advice was constantly sought and his counsel was, like his religion of the practical kind. It was a severe loss to the church and community when he passed away after an illness of less than twelve hours.

On January 21, 1880, occurred the death of Elder James Johnston. He was the son of John Johnston, who with his wife Ann, united with the church in 1827. Later their six sons, Alexander, Hugh, William, John, James and Francis, and their two daughters, Nancy and Elizabeth, came into the church, and continued for fifty years a strong factor in the organization.

James Johnston was a trustee and elder for many years. He was a man of much modesty, but of firm convictions which he carried conscientiously into all his affairs. Always kindly and tender of heart, he was willing to sacrifice himself to be of service to others. In his official position he was willing to do anything that did not make himself personally prominent. He held the respect of everyone who knew him.

Rev. Cornelius S. Stowitts resigned his pastorate April, 1883, to accept a call to the First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls. It would be difficult to find a more conscientious pastor than was Mr. Stowitts. He was a hard worker, one who made no enemies and yet a man who always proclaimed the truth as he saw it. He has since filled a number of important pastorates successfully.





Rev. William F. Faber

In the sessional records made at the time of his going away, by resolution Elder J. H. Plumb refers to Rev. Mr. Stowitts as a faithful, devoted, consistent and discreet Christian minister; a wise counselor, a uniform sympathizer in all trials, a kind friend and a good citizen.

During the summer of 1883, Rev. Chalon Burgess, a greatly esteemed friend of the church, filled the pulpit whenever he could. On a Sunday morning in August, 1883, there appeared in the pulpit a young man, Rev. William F. Faber, who made so favorable an impression that he was immediately invited to supply the church and later called as its pastor. Mr. Faber was a man hungry for work. He saw places for his effort within and without the Society. Rogerville appealed to him. Also Barcelona. The Burch school house and the Bourne school house were other points. The young people came to him with the greatest freedom. He was one with them. He established the Christian Endeavor Society which became a large and influential organization. Reared in the Lutheran Church he adopted a responsive service, which added much in a liturgical way. He was the main factor in the organization of the Young Men's Christian Association in Westfield, and he with the aid of one of his friends, for two or three years, made a personal canvass of the community to raise the funds necessary for this work. The outgrowth of this planting is the Y. M. C. A. which we have today with its fine building and equipment.

In all his leadings he carried his church with him. He was never arbitrary and never self-asserting. It was first conviction, second work, then consideration of the persons effected and his

own personality last. He attracted men, and the proportion of men uniting with the church was greatly increased during his pastorate. He was a true son of Martha. People could not sit and sing themselves away to everlasting bliss under his preaching.

To the surprise of all his people Mr. Faber presented his resignation to the Session in December, 1883, notifying that body that he was about to take orders in the Episcopal Church. He is at this writing Rector of St. John's Church, Detroit, Mich.

The church was active during the pastorate of Mr. Faber. There was a steady addition of members, the largest of any one year being that of 1886-7, when there were received 39 into membership.

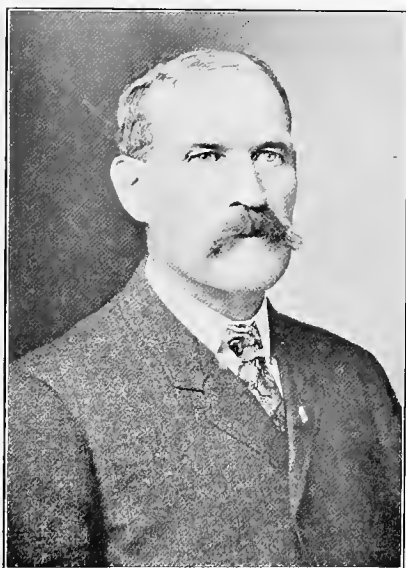
This was following revival services carried on by Rev. Mr. Frost, the meetings being largely held in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. All the churches participated in this work. As may be inferred the work was principally among the young men and a large number were added to the several churches.

During this year the choir loft was enlarged and a choir of young voices introduced with much advantage to the worship. During the later years of his pastorate Mr. Faber took the entire charge of the music. It was a work he greatly enjoyed.

Mr. Faber delivered his last sermon to a crowded house. It was a day of heart burnings and moist eyes.

Carson R. Crosgrave became an elder November 1, 1884. He had long been a teacher in the Sunday School, and active in church affairs. He continued prominent in all matters pertaining to the





Elder Carson R. Crossgrove



Rev. George S. Swezey

church until his removal, February, 1888, to North East, Pa., where he at once identified himself with the Presbyterian Church of that place. His death occurred at Sidney, N. Y., then his home, in 1908.

During the winter of 1893, the church was served by the near-by ministry and at this time Rev. George S. Sweezey, of Kansas, came to the church. Mr. Sweezey's pastorate began April, 1893, and closed November, 1899. Mr. Sweezey made the acquaintance readily of the whole congregation. With his fine address, his kindness of manner, he was at once en rapport with his whole congregation. He always insisted that the officers and church members be heard from in the work of the church and constantly brought forward new aids into the various activities. While here he was married to Miss Hendy, daughter of Rev. J. F. Hendy, D. D., of Jefferson, Mo. Mrs. Sweezey was a lady of much culture and refinement and was of great assistance to her husband.

In the spring of 1894, Rev. E. E. Davidson, the Evangelist, conducted a series of meetings which resulted in the addition of fifty-five to the church membership, largely from the young people.

In May, 1894, occurred the death of Miss Hannah Patterson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Patterson. Miss Patterson had come up in the church from early childhood and her part was always the doing something of church work. She was greatly sought after, and her aid and her counsel were always prized. She contributed largely to all the benevolences of the church; was conversant with the work of mission boards and never needed instruction as to the undertakings or

needs of any of them. Her will bequeathed \$100,000 to establish the Patterson Library as a memorial to her father and mother. Very properly the library stands at the door of the church and supplements much of the good work begun therein.

In March of 1896, Elder Robert M. Mateer passed from the Session of the church to the great company of the redeemed. A more careful, faithful, conscientious man it would be difficult to find than was Mr. Mateer. Peculiarly attached to his friends he never countenanced an injustice toward anyone. In the matters of the church he was the quiet worker, accomplishing much and for himself claiming nothing whatever. For twenty years he had been clerk of the Session. His death was a great loss to the church and Society, and to the whole community.

In October, 1897, the Session, on account of the life-long influence and great generosity of Deacon Lester Stone, decided to arrange for a celebration of his ninetieth birthday, which occurred on the 14th day of October. The day was propitious and the gathering was largely attended at Deacon Stone's residence. In behalf of the church and Society, together with other dear friends who wished to participate, he was presented with a purse of ninety gold dollars. Mr. Stone's reply to the address of appreciation and congratulation was characteristic. He disclaimed any merit or desert worthy of special mention; that whatever he had done was only his plain duty to do and he only regretted that he had not been able to do more. A year and a half later the Session met to pass resolutions of sympathy and respect following the death of Elder Lester Stone which occurred in March,



Elder Robert M. Mateer



Elder Lester Stone

1899. When Mr. Stone passed away it was felt that the last of the old guard, one who was present almost from the very beginning (he came to Westfield with his father, Elder Eber Stone, in 1813) had gone. He had lived for his church and all that that meant. His Christianity was the kind that would stand the wear and tear of every day business life. He was an example in righteous living. All his work was done with keen intelligence. He was strong intellectually, physically and morally; a worthy son to Eber Stone, who was one of the pillars of the early structure. Had what Eber Stone did, and what Lester Stone and his family had preserved, been obliterated, there would be very little of early history for us to recite today, and without this family the church would have a far less prosperous record to hand down now, at the end of 100 years of existence.

As has been noted in previous chapters, one of the sponsors for the first brick church of 1832, was Daniel Northrop, who signed a guarantee to the amount of \$1,000, a large sum for his day. His son, Joseph Northrop, became an Elder in July, 1868, thus continuing the tradition of the family. Mr. Northrop kept closely alive to church affairs and passed peacefully away, December 1, 1898.

There came into the Eldership in the year 1899, Mr. Edward L. Jones who was with us but three years, as his work called him away from this vicinity.

When Elder Charles P. Skinner left us with his family for Ottawa, Kan., in 1885, he was given a farewell reception in the church parlors. His work as an Elder had been so helpful, and as a Sunday

School superintendent so masterful and successful, that the whole church felt that it must pay him this tribute of affection and appreciation. He was given the mead of praise to which he was justly entitled and was bidden with his family an affectionate farewell. In the following years his visits to Westfield were of yearly occurrence until 1899 when he came back in very poor health. He remained through the summer and on the 31st day of October, made his last farewell to things earthly. He left a strong impress upon the Westfield church. He was indefatigable in his labors and the detail of his Sunday School work was something that none other would attempt. Following his decease there was held a memorial service in this church, when his great number of friends came together to sympathize with his family and to condole with one another. Many letters were received from those who could not be present, all showing the high esteem in which he was held.

Rev. George S. Swezey presented his resignation November 2, 1899, having held his position as pastor for six and one-half years. During this time there had been received into the church membership 124 persons. All the benevolences had been well sustained, and there was generally a good spirit felt throughout the congregation. Mr. and Mrs. Swezey went to their new field in Ohio with the best wishes of the entire Society.

Rev. George L. MacClelland, of Brooklyn, N. Y., occupied the pulpit in February of 1900 and was requested to remain with the church as stated supply, which he consented to do, and has so continued to the present time, nearly nine years. While he has had many flattering offers from abroad he has not





Elder Charles P. Skinner



Alfred S. Patterson

felt his work completed here, and so the happy condition remains.

In the last ten years of the church century the changes by death came with the greatest rapidity. It would seem that no decade had brought about such a rapid succession of mortalities. In May, 1902, Mr. Henry C. Kingsbury passed away without the warning of so much as a moment. As a counselor, a contributor, and as president of the board of trustees through the building of the 1878 church he was of invaluable service to the Society. His legal equipment was often in demand and his opinions were accepted. His place in church was always occupied when health would permit. He held in highest esteem Christian living and honored a Christian life.

In October, 1902, another loss came to the society in the death of Aldred S. Patterson, who as a constant attendant, a generous supporter and a wise counselor had long held in the Society an enviable place. Following his death his sister, Miss Susan Patterson, endowed the seat occupied in church by her brother and the other members of the family to the amount of \$2,000. Mr. Patterson was the most modest of men. His kindness and his real Christian life were only known to those who knew him intimately. For himself he steadfastly disclaimed any merit in the numberless offices he rendered to the church and to individuals.

In October, 1874, William N. Cochrane was made a ruling elder, a place he held with much credit until November, 1879. Mr. Cochrane was a man of few words, but his advice was always regarded and his judgment accepted. He came into

the work at Westfield after a long membership in the Presbyterian Church of East Ripley, where he was greatly esteemed. For many years his health deprived him of church attendance, but his interest in the church and the work continued. His death occurred in February, 1903. His going out was greatly mourned.

In February, 1903, Elder John Arthur Skinner, son of Rev. L. A. Skinner, passed away. Possibly no more lovable man could have been named in the community. His was a life without guile. He served the church in every department, and took upon himself every duty, and worked faithfully, cheerfully and constantly for the great cause. Every one was his friend, and his death was a personal grief to a very large circle of acquaintances.

Although the church is itself now one hundred years old, there is record of only one member, Hon. Austin Smith, reaching the century mark, which he did in 1904. Mr. Smith always enjoyed the church services and his home made welcome numbers of people from time to time who were called here to attend some undertaking in connection with the sanctuary. Up to within a short time of his death which occurred October, 1904, he was well able to attend to all the usual affairs of life. He had a strong bass voice and enjoyed music to the fullest extent, having in his younger days been a member of the choir. In early years he taught in the Academy and few men there are who keep in touch with their own education as did Mr. Smith. He passed away without pain, with the sleep of a child.

There have been many great gatherings in this



Elder J. Arthur Skinner



Trustee Reuben G. Wright

church when throngs of people have come together on occasions of both joy and sorrow but at no time was the place so packed in every part and so many turned away as on the occasion of the funeral services of Samuel Frederick Nixon, in October, 1905. Mr. Nixon was born within the pale of the visible church, baptized here in infancy, and at the age of sixteen became a member. Later he took his letter to the College Church of Clinton, N. Y., but when in Westfield was a regular Sabbath attendant in this place of worship. As years went by he became a great power in the state, until no man within its boundaries carried the political force or showed the statesman's leadership as did he. He was taken away in the zenith of his manhood and at his burial the whole administration of the state and of the cities therein came to do him honor. It was a notable day when a thousand people were packed within these walls and thousands more were outside not able to obtain admittance.

In 1905, the Society decided to build a new parsonage. The time was propitious and by an outlay of \$6,500, (twenty-two hundred of the amount came from the sale of the parsonage presented by Governor Patterson, situate at the corner of Market and Clinton Streets), the fine manse on Elm Street came into existence. The work was looked after by the building committee, Trustees Elmore M. Kent and Samuel C. Crandall.

In April, 1906, Rev. E. E. Davidson conducted revival services in the church which were largely attended. Much interest was manifested and at the following communion twenty-one persons united with the church, largely of young people from the Sunday School.

In January, 1906, Reuben G. Wright, who for forty years had been a constant attendant at the sanctuary, and much of the time a trustee, passed away. All through the history of our church, the Society has had the benefit of active, careful business men as members of the board of trustees, such a man was Mr. Wright. In the building of the new churches he gave valuable aid and constant personal attention to the work in hand, and by his will he added \$2,000 to the church endowment.

February, 1907, records the death of one more of the strong men of the church, Elder Joseph H. Plumb. Mr. Plumb was indeed the model Christian gentleman. When he came to the church much was expected of him and in no particular did he disappoint the church, the Society and the community to which he came. His benevolences were general, not confined by any means to the church of his membership. In the meetings of Presbytery he was always most welcome and on one occasion was made moderator. Among his bequests was one of \$2,000 to the church to be added to the endowment fund.

During the present year we have to note the passing away of Elder Robert H. Thompson and Robert M. Hall.

Mr. Thompson became an elder in 1876. He was very active in Sunday School and a remarkable Bible student. His Bible class was always one that was well instructed. He had little use for higher criticism but was in full accord with the old Scotch divines. During the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Stowitts he engaged earnestly in all church activities. In later years his infirmities were such that he





Elder Robert H. Thompson



Elder Robert M. Hall

was often deprived of these privileges. His death occurred September, 1908.

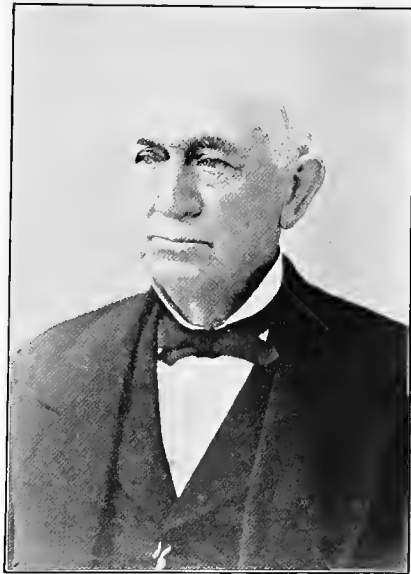
Robert M. Hall, son of Asa Hall, became an elder in January, 1866. Naturally religious he found it an easy task to take up the assignments which came to him. His prayers were noticable in that they were born of thought as well as devotion. His religious convictions entered into all the affairs of his life. He passed away November 24, 1908, the funeral services being held in his best loved home, the sanctuary.

In this sketch of the full span of one hundred years we have spoken of a portion of the officers of our church. In this connection we mention a few of the many who went to make the reinforcing strength of the Society.

In the early days of 1818, there were such men as Arthur and William Bell, father and son, with their families; Col. and Mrs. James McMahan,, William Bandall and wife. The Atwaters and the Atwoods. Robert Cochrane with his son, Hugh Cochrane, and his family from 1817. The Bird family from the same date. Fisk Durand, from 1821, and his brothers, Nehemiah and Lyman, somewhat later; the descendants of the former being with us to this day. Abram Dixon and family dating back to 1831. The family of Reuben Wright, from 1818, and continuing in the sons, Reuben, Allen, and Franklin, and the daughters, Mrs. T. M. Knight and Mrs. Bradley. The Macomber family through three generations. Joel Loomis and family from 1817, and the Laurel Nichols family from the same date; each continuing by succeeding generations to the present time. The Rumsey family from 1826,

continuing through Aaron Rumsey and Stephen Rumsey without interruption, until this historic date. John Crosgrove and family continuously from 1831. Jonathan Taylor and family from 1831. Martin Wright and family from the same date. James McClurg and wife; the former for more than fifty years a constant attendant. Jonas and Jasper Harrington and their families from 1833. John Couch and family from 1834. The Lane family of Barcelona, also from 1834. Benjamin Seward and family from 1838. Rochester Johnson, who dates from 1838. Paul Persons and family, who were early settlers on the Lake Road east of Barcelona. William Johnston and family, together with his sister Elizabeth and brother Hugh and family from 1836. Later, Alexander Johnston and his wife, Elizabeth Patterson Johnston. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Waters, Major William Allis and wife, together with their large and helpful family. Elam Bliss and family. Mr. and Mrs. Austin L. Wells, Hiram Tiffany and family; the latter three families dating from 1837. David Johnston and family from 1841, to the fourth generation. Alvin Plumb, whose daughter, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Bliss, is yet with us. Asa Farnsworth from 1831. L. F. Phelps and family from 1841.

Coming down nearer the present date were Almon Abbott with his family. Morris Dick and family. Watson S. Hinkley and family. Mr. and Mrs. Moses Adams. George W. Holt and family. Dr. John Spencer and family. Harvey a Blowers and family. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Rice. Edward P. Whitney and family. And later, Prof. Alanson Wedge and family. All strong people in



Austin Smith, Trustee.



their several places, and each one able to help forward the great work.

And then there was that company of noble women, a few of whom are recalled in Mrs. Jonathan Cass, Mrs. Lester Stone, Mrs. Asenath Baldwin, Mrs. Sextus H. Hungerford, Mrs. Austin Smith, Mrs. Mary Cowden, Mrs. Reuben Tinker, Miss Charlotte Hall, Mrs. L. A. Skinner, Mrs. Susan Brewer, Mrs. M. A. Sackett, Mrs. E. S. Barger, Mrs. George C. Baldwin, Mrs. M. E. G. Young, Mrs. Isaac Cochrane, Mrs. A. Crosby, Miss Hannah W. Patterson, Miss Susan Patterson.

These are a few of those who will be first recalled by the older members of the present day by tradition and by recollection, but they are only a small part of those who were helpful in making the church history; and in building up this Society so as to be known in the past as a strong church.

There have gone out from the church into the ministry nine men. As though it were a personal acknowledgment of the faith of the father, Alexander Montgomery, son of Deacon James Montgomery, heads the list. Then next comes Asa Stone and Amos Stone, sons of Eber Stone, who came to Westfield in 1813 and was from the first, one of the strong men of the society. Later Walter A. Couch, Joseph Tinker, William Macomber, Van-Vliet Putnam, Samuel Fisher and Edward L. Skinner, came into the ministry from this church.

Miss Helen Roby, who was a teacher in the Academy and an attendant of the church, later went out into the foreign field. Next came Miss Adele Hall, who following her graduation at Mt. Holyoke Seminary, took up mission work with the Indians

in the Northwest. At present we have one member, Miss Jennie Blowers, doing mission work in Porto Rico.

This history necessarily treats of those who have passed away, but what have we remaining. Certainly a splendid inheritance. We have the impulse of those who have been largely instrumental in making this town one of high ideals. We have a sanctuary handed down for our keeping adequate for the requirements and fully equipped. We have a church membership of 415 persons. Whereas our fathers began with the most meager homes which contained but few of the necessities of life we are living in what would have been considered by them, great luxury if not extravagance. Then, if amid the poverty of the country they carried forward the work; what of us, who have fields cleared and open for large returns and opportunities on every side to make a comfortable living, with a goodly margin for the work. Certainly there are great possibilities handed to us today and with them great responsibilities.

During the century closed the number admitted to the church amounts to 1,872, really a great army. We have spoken of a few but these are the many. They are they who have carried the burden while the few, called important, have given direction to the effort. With their work finished it is a small thing that their names should appear in anything which we can bring forth; their great joy now is that their names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, and they are the Jewels of the King.

FRANK ASA HALL.



## HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

**O**NE of God's first commands to his chosen people, was to teach the children all His words and ordinances. This they were to do at home and abroad, and the child's chief text-book at school was God's word. They learned it by heart. The Christian church has always considered "Feed my lambs" a binding command. In the fourth century attendance at many Bible schools was compulsory. At the Reformation some of Luther's most remarkable and satisfactory work was with and for the children. The Sunday schools of that time were practically the same as our own. While many isolated schools existed for a long time among all English speaking people, it was not until Robert Raikes established his school in London in 1780 that the movement came to be of national importance. Ten years later it was introduced into America, and in 1791 there was formed a Society for the Support of Sunday Schools in Philadelphia. The idea spread rapidly in all directions, and resulted in the formation of the American Sunday School Union in 1824. The influence of this society was very great in establishing Sunday schools far and wide, so that they were often the pioneer religious agencies in many new communities. The growth has been phenomenal, till now there are 154,000 schools, 1,500,000 teachers, and 12,000,000 pupils enrolled in this country

alone. Inasmuch as there was preaching at the Cross Roads (the old French road, now Gale Street, and the Main road) both by missionaries and circuit riders, as early as 1803, and thereafter, it will be fair to presume that the idea of the Sunday school had got here by the time our church was first organized. At any rate, we find that it was established with the re-organization in 1817, and that a well organized Sunday school was in existence the next year, and was one of the special items mentioned in the call to the Rev. Phineas Camp, our first pastor. All records of the early school have disappeared (such as existed having probably been destroyed in the fire of 1872) and there is no one now alive whose memory goes back to the first twenty years of the school's existence. We have therefore but few positive early dates, and such conjectural ones as are here assigned, have been decided on after a careful survey of all the data at our command.

All the records of the church show that three generations of the Stone family have probably done more for our church and Sunday school than any other one family, excepting only the Hall family. Hence it was most natural that Austin Stone (son of Eber) should be the first superintendent. He was teaching the district school about this time, in the log school house at the Cross Roads, and probably organized the school himself, and began the work in the new church building, as soon as it was ready in the spring of 1818. (See minutes, session, March 7, 1879, pp. 133). Mr. Stone was about twenty years old at this time, and appears to have had good success, and we judge about forty pupils gathered each Sabbath, probably meeting

after the morning service in the audience room. The Montgomery, Hall and Fay families were of great assistance in this work. The method of teaching was by the selection of a passage of Scripture, which was to be committed to memory and discussed in the class, and afterwards commented on by the superintendent. This memorizing was considered very important, and some of the pupils became very proficient, whole chapters being repeated at once. The singing in the school was for several years conducted by Mr. Joshua Stone, a younger brother of the superintendent.

In 1828, apparently through the efforts of this school, 2200 Testaments were distributed throughout the county, which did much toward awakening interest and establishing other Sunday schools. When the new and larger church was built in 1832, the school had so increased in size that special rooms were arranged for it in the basement, one for the primary department, and a larger one for the classes. The boys' classes occupied the west end, and were taught by men. The girls with lady teachers, sat at the east end. Too much credit cannot be given Mr. Stone for his long and faithful service, which appears to have continued till he went west in 1837. Membership, 100.

Elder Hiram Couch, who was always known as "Deacon Couch," then became the superintendent. Though he appears to have acted as superintendent as early as 1830, and from time to time afterwards, possibly as supply. For nearly fifty years he was always ready to serve the school in any way possible, and was a teacher most of that time. He was a deeply religious man, actuated by a truly Christian missionary spirit, and faithfully improved

his valuable opportunity to instill the same spirit into those under his care. The subject of foreign missions was frequently brought before the school, and the talks were illustrated by pictures taken from the *Missionary Herald*, and framed, so that they could be seen by the whole school. The importance of each one having a part in the great work of spreading the gospel in heathen lands was presented, and pledges of a penny a week were asked for. To make the work definite, a boy in Ceylon was supported in the missionary school, and named Timothy M. Hopkins, from their pastor. This greatly interested the children. Undoubtedly this early training has been one of the most important factors in cultivating that missionary spirit for which this church is now noted. Superintendent Couch used to take great pains to illustrate the Bible teachings with stories suited to the childish comprehension. He was assisted in his work by Mr. Amsden as chorister. In 1842, Mr. Charles J. J. Ingersoll took charge of the school for a short time, but soon Deacon Couch resumed the Superintendency, which appears to have continued till the commencement of the pastorate of Rev. Reuben Tinker, in 1845. A special factor in quickening the interest in the school about this time, was the *Child's Paper*, and a library, which was in charge of Mr. James Johnston, who also acted as treasurer. Membership in 1849 was 153.

At this time Mr. James B. Wright became "Clerk," that is secretary and treasurer, and for nearly twenty years he kept a most faithful record of the school.

The Juvenile Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Sabbath school was alive and in good work-

ing order in these days. Under the inspiration of Superintendent Couch and pastor Tinker they raised from 1843 to 1849 inclusive, \$115.00, and from 1850 to 1858 inclusive, under the name of the Presbyterian Sabbath School Missionary Society, \$115 or more. This appears to have been spent for library books, Child's paper, Singing books, Testaments, Catechisms, Mission Ships (probably Morning Star) \$10.00, Rev. Alexander Montgomery for destitute Sunday schools in northern Wisconsin \$30, where one school was founded by this school.

Upon the retirement of Mr. Couch, Mr. Lester Stone took up the work in 1852. With the aid of the Rev. Mr. Tinker, lately returned from a foreign mission field, he was able to maintain the missionary spirit, with interesting talks, illustrated by a large number of strange objects, collected while in the Hawaiian Islands. The Child's Paper was also distributed among the pupils. Mr. H. L. Hulburt led the singing. In 1855 the library numbered 191 volumes.

Mr. Stone was so thoroughly impressed with the importance of the work among the young 'folks, that he conducted other Sunday schools outside the village, and used to walk many miles to teach these schools Sunday afternoons.

In 1854 Rev. L. A. Skinner brought his family here, and for three generations they have been among the church's and Sunday school's most efficient workers and valuable counselors. After "Deacon" Stone's resignation as superintendent, August 10, 1856, Mr. Skinner took charge and served for nearly thirteen years, doing a large amount of work, faithfully and persistently

endeavoring to build up the school and extend its influence. At the beginning of this period the basement rooms, becoming somewhat crowded and uncomfortable, were exchanged for the audience room of the church as a place of meeting, and here the Sunday school continued to meet as long as the church stood. Rev. Charles F. Mussey came as pastor at this time, and immediately identified himself with the work of the school in many ways. He was a good singer, and led that part of the exercises, being greatly assisted by the introduction of Bradbury's new Sunday school hymn book, *Golden Chain*. He also exercised the Sunday school in the Catechism, and offered prizes for proficiency. The *Children's Morning Star Mission*, originated by the American Board in 1855, appealed to schools everywhere to purchase shares of stock at 10c per share, and here as elsewhere many were taken, and thus the interest in missions continued to grow. Membership in 1862, 214 pupils; officers and teachers 31, average attendance 103.

Monthly missionary concerts were regularly held, at which money was raised for various objects, among which the American Sunday School Union received \$30 and the American Board \$25 during 1863. The officers at this time were: L. A. Skinner, superintendent; J. H. Carlisle, assistant superintendent; J. B. Wright, secretary; George E. Barger, chorister; E. P. Whitney, librarian; J. W. Johnston, assistant librarian.

The missionary contributions of the school continued to increase, being \$75 in 1864. In 1866 thirty-eight pupils united with the church.

Mr. Skinner was followed by Rev. R. S. Van-



Rev. Levi A. Skinner  
Supt. of Sunday School





Cleve, our pastor, whose superintendency continued but a few weeks, on account of the resignation of his pastorate.

In June, 1869, "Deacon" Stone (Elder Lester Stone) was again elected superintendent, with Mr. Joseph H. Hall as assistant. Upon a petition of the officers and teachers of the Sunday school the session appointed the first Sunday in June as the time for the election of officers, by the officers and teachers of the school. The officers appear hitherto to have been appointed by the Session. According to the Discipline, the Session still retained authority to ratify such election. Membership at this time, 260.

After the destruction of the church in 1872, the Sabbath School was held at No. 3 Brewer block, and in Virginia Hall, corner of Main and North Portage Streets, where the congregation also met for services, till September, 1874, when the new church edifice was dedicated. About this time Mr. C. P. Skinner was called to the superintendency and went to work diligently and intelligently to build up the school. Enrollment, 223.

July, 1876, was the beginning of a new era in our Sabbath school work. Officers were elected as follows: Mr. C. P. Skinner, superintendent; Mr. R. H. Thompson, assistant superintendent; Mr. William H. Thompson, secretary and treasurer; Mr. Henry J. Minton, librarian; Mr. S. W. Mason, chorister. The membership at this time was 240. There was a thorough revision of the methods and courses of study. Our pastor, Mr. Green, encouraged the teachers to take the Chautauqua Normal course, both he and his wife accompanying them on the grounds during the Assembly. Papers,

books for the library, and new hymn books were added. In May, 1877, there was a large accession to the church, many coming from the Sunday school.

Our school had always maintained a class for the young children, which for a long time had been under the charge of Miss Elizabeth Stone, and later of Miss Helen Sexton. But in the new building special provision was made for them, and the home-coming was signaled by the formation of a separate department for the little ones, at first called the Infant Class, and later the Primary Department. Their room was at the east end of the first floor, where the kitchen is now. Mrs. Kittie W. Wallace took charge of it, with Mrs. C. P. Skinner as assistant, and several other ladies as teachers. There were six or seven classes, with about 45 enrolled. In the summer of 1877 Mrs. Wallace was obliged to be absent for a long time, and Mrs. C. P. Skinner and Mrs. G. W. Holt took charge for a year, till failing health necessitated a change of climate for Mrs. Skinner. Her early demise took from us one of our most intelligent and enthusiastic workers.

Another fire in January, 1878, destroyed the new church, and again the older classes of the Sunday school met in Virginia Hall, and the Primary Department, under the care of Mrs. Kittie Wallace, in No. 3 Brewer block, till March, 1879. The membership at this time was 285.

The officers for 1879-1880 were Mr. C. P. Skinner, superintendent; Mr. F. A. Hall, assistant superintendent; Mrs. R. G. Wright, superintendent of primary department. The new church, which we

now occupy, having been dedicated, the Sunday school returned to what then seemed spacious quarters, with much rejoicing, and its work was taken up with renewed vim and interest. From June, 1880, to June, 1881, Mr. F. A. Hall was superintendent, with Mr. Robert M. Mateer, assistant, and Mrs. R. G. Wright in charge of the primary. June, 1881, to June, 1882, Mr. C. P. Skinner, superintendent; Mr. R. M. Mateer, assistant, and Mrs. R. G. Wright in the primary. June, 1882, to June, 1883, Mr. F. A. Hall, superintendent; Mr. R. M. Mateer, assistant, and Mrs. G. W. Holt in the primary. June, 1883, to June, 1884, Mr. C. P. Skinner, superintendent; Mr. J. H. Plumb, assistant, and Mrs. Kittie Wallace in the primary. At this time there were thirty-nine classes and teachers in the school, of which in the various departments there were, Senior, six; Adult, four; Intermediate, sixteen; Primary, thirteen. This makes the whole number of officers and teachers forty-five. Soon after this Mr. C. P. Skinner removed to Kansas. The period covered by the superintendency of Messrs. Skinner and Hall may fairly be called the "high tide of our school" the membership reaching 325. A very large amount of intelligent and conscientious work was done by officers and teachers at this time, of which we have a graphic account in the following report:

1880-1881.

Historical Sketch of the  
First Presbyterian Sunday School,  
Westfield, N. Y.

We talk learnedly and continuously in this age of business, of success and successful work; and

in general terms we say that the one who accomplishes his full purpose, and does what he sets out to do, independently of the means he uses, is the successful man. But there is an element which enters into success which does not always appear, and is not taken at its full value; and that is, hard work, the spirit of persistent, unremitting effort, that will kindle fires on the snow bank or tunnel the mountain, but will never give up. In plain words, Hard work is success! Specially is this true in regard to Sunday school work, because of the many difficulties that, from the nature of the work, spring up like obnoxious weeds. If then we measure the success of the work in our Sunday school for the past year by this rule, no one who has seen anything of the working of the school can question its undoubted success. It has been a twelve-month of work to every member, from the superintendent down to the smaller scholar. Work has been our purpose in life, our meat and drink, our recreation and our chief care. If one of our number has taken a holiday, it has been to engage in Sunday school work. If one has gone on a journey, Sunday school work has had a large place in his plans; and to every one our school has filled an important place in time, thought and care. As we review the year's work, we cannot but agree that considerable progress has been made. In proof of this I refer to the record that follows:

We work by system. We believe in system. It was by thorough organization and fair distribution of the work, that whatever has been done was done.

I do my part, my neighbor does his part; and by individual efforts, small perhaps in themselves, we heap the mountain till it pierces the clouds, and is kissed by the eternal sunshine above.

All are but parts of one stupendous whole,  
Whose body nature is, and God the soul.

Our superintendent, who stands at our head, has laid out and planned in detail, and gone forward

himself in all the good things that have been done. It is a game of "follow your leader," and no man can lead workers who is not himself a worker. It is no easy task to direct such an organization as this; and to have constant oversight and care for all the branches, departments and committees is no doubt a greater effort than to do work in any fixed place. "If you want anything done, do it yourself," is an old axiom. But he who has power to guide others to do his will, shows so much the greater wisdom. Thus the actual work of the school, outside of the class work, which will be noticed presently, is given in great part to committees. To the executive committee, with the superintendent as chairman, is intrusted the arrangements of holidays and all special occasions, and general business that is not otherwise provided for. The Children's Aid is another important committee, who have done some royal work in providing for needy children the necessary clothing to enable them to attend Sunday school. A small thing did you say, to give a pair of shoes or a coat or a dress to some neglected and obscure child? True, it is not an act to move nations or to convert the world; but how dare we call anything small or trifling that is done in the name of Him who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me." The committee on examinations has been by no means idle. It is their work to prepare a written examination at the end of each quarter, upon the lessons studied during three months, and to report the result. The first review examination was held on September 19, 1880. No special report was made, but it resulted satisfactorily. At the second quarterly examination on December 19th, five, two of whom were teachers, reached 100 per cent; between thirty and forty were above 90 per cent. The third examination, held on March 20th, produced very gratifying results. Forty-two members of the school stood at 100 per cent., seventeen at 99 per cent., six at 98

per cent., six at 97 per cent., five at 96 per cent., one at 95 per cent., two at 93 per cent., one at 91 per cent., and three at 90 per cent.; or more closely reported, eighty-five stood above 90 per cent., passing with honor. The fourth examination of the Sunday school year was held last Sabbath.

The committee on music is very important, and needs no higher commendation than the interest with which all the school unite in singing, and the gratification and pride that our exceptionally fine music affords us all. The library committee is an important one, and deserves more than a passing notice. Our school has a fine, large library, intended for the use and benefit of every member of the school. It numbers about three hundred volumes, of which one hundred have been purchased within a short time; and the books cover many of the subjects that should be given to the Sunday school, including missionary work, travels, biography, natural history, and in fiction, such standard Sunday school literature as Charles Kingsley's works, Pansy's books, Mrs. Charles' unsurpassed stories, and Mrs. Whitney's bright stories. The school owes thanks to the discriminating care of the library committee in its judicious selection of books, as well as for the important work of weekly distribution to the scholars.

There are, besides these, committees on finance, on attendance, on welcome, and on spiritual growth, each of which is important in its own direction, but which on account of wide scope, cannot be reported in detail in this brief sketch.

The work that teachers do directly in their classes is beyond human power to measure or classify; for we aim to teach the heart. There is one that searcheth the understanding, even God; but the heart hath no man seen. However there is a certain intellectual sense in which we may judge our work, and that is by the examinations, although examinations are not always unfailing tests of knowledge. When we remember that only the

senior and intermediate departments of the school join in the examinations, the thought that eighty-five, or more than half, stood at 90 per cent. in March, leads us to conclude that some faithful, earnest work has been done amongst us. In yet another sense we measure the success of the year's work. Since June 21, 1880, twelve pupils of the school have stepped up into a broader plain, confessed the Lord Jesus, and joined the church. Almost one entire class have been converted.

Death, too, has come into our midst, and left the school not as he found it. Class No. 7 has one empty chair; its class-book has one name erased from the page. Louise Hall has been transferred from our school to the school in Heaven; her name is not lost or forgotten, but is written in the class-book of Life, and from thence it shall never be taken away.

I cannot pass without mentioning the primary department, the pride and delight of the whole school. It numbers nearly one-third of the whole enrollment, and is, I think, more constant in attendance than any other department. It has the best of management and the best of teachers. It is no matter of surprise therefore that it is one of the most successful branches of our school; nor that every member of the school feels personal pride in the sixty to seventy-five primary scholars. God bless the primary department.

Thus much concerning the regular work of the year within the school itself. There are in addition auxiliary divisions that deserve at least passing notice. The teachers' meeting on Friday evenings, and the Sunday school prayer meetings on Sunday evenings, are two Corinthian columns on which the school rests. We need help, and they supply us. A fountain cannot flow unless it has a source; we cannot pour water from a pitcher unless it has first been filled; and how shall we teach unless we first be taught? These meetings are an open way for Sunday school workers to receive help from God

and from each other. The Sunday evening prayer meetings belong to the school and are for the school. They are conducted in a simple way, so as to be understood and enjoyed by everybody, and have been well attended during the year. They are of unusual benefit in sustaining the school and holding it firm in its place. The teachers' meetings are nearly as important as the others. During the past year they have been very interesting, but the attendance has not been in proportion to their interest or their deserts.

A third organization that has its origin in our school is the Look Up Legion, a society formed in great part not of our grown Sunday school workers, but of children. The Westfield division of this society was organized September 26, 1880, with nearly one hundred and fifty members. As the season was so late, no meetings were held till this spring, except an informal reunion in February. In April the business meetings of the League began, and will be continued during the summer and autumn. They have a large attendance of from thirty-five to sixty, more than three-fourths of whom are from the primary department of our school. It is distinctly a children's society, the whole work being carried on by them. The Look Up Legion is perhaps the first organization of its kind ever established, the president and secretary alone being adults, and simply preside at meetings and direct the work. The other officers and all committees are children, and the little people themselves conduct the business and do the work. As the original purposes of the society are self-restraint and helpfulness, the work done is missionary and benevolent in nature. It is but just to add that the work is well done, too, conscientiously, earnestly and enthusiastically done. Indeed the children show an earnest spirit that is not often surpassed in societies for similar work among their elders; no sacrifice is too great for them willingly to undertake, and no obstacle so threatening but



they are sure they can overcome it. It is the purpose of the officers to ultimately include in the society all the children in the town, of all denominations and no denomination, but as yet little has been done towards gathering proselytes.

A fourth work outside of the school, is the Sunday school at the Harbor, carried on mostly by teachers and officers from our school. It is a much harder thing than one would imagine to do double duty on the Sabbath, and teach a class in two schools. But however hard it may have been, the teachers have proved faithful to their work, and during the past severe winter, Sunday afternoon has never failed to bring with it teachers and officers to the waiting school in the little white school house at the harbor. At the risk of interfering with the treasurer's report, I wish to merely mention some of the uses to which the contributions to our Sunday school funds have been devoted, and therewith to close this sketch.

In March, at a special teachers' meeting, the question of disbursements came up for consideration, and it was voted to give \$25 to the Randolph "Home for Friendless Children," to aid in re-building and re-establishing the Institute, that was burned some time ago. It was also carried by a strong vote at the same time, to appropriate from the Sunday school fund on hand, \$130 for the support and education of a student at Lincoln University for one year, beginning next September. This university is an institution in Pennsylvania for training colored students for the ministry, and is considered by every one as worthy of our commendation and help. In addition to this, our school has had in charge for nearly two years a young Japanese boy at Yokohama, educating him for missionary work. His name is Baba San, and he is a convert to Christianity from Japanese heathenism. Although he is quite young he has begun already on his course of study, and proves to be bright and studious. In due time if his life is spared, he will

enter a theological seminary to prepare himself for his missionary labors.

JESSICA F. BLOWERS,  
Historian.

June 26th, 1881.

The membership of the school at this time was 325. The average attendance for the last quarter covered by the above paper was 225.

In 1884, Mr. E. A. Skinner became superintendent and Mr. C. R. Crosgrove, assistant. Mrs. W. H. Walker and Mrs. Ross Knight took the primary. About 1889, Mr. D. K. Falvay took Mr. Crosgrove's place, and in 1890, Mrs. E. A. Skinner succeeded Mrs. Walker as head of the primary department. During this time Rev. W. F. Faber was our pastor, and an able and enthusiastic helper in the work of the Sabbath school. The membership varied between 167 and 212, including 25 officers and teachers. In 1889 at Mr. Skinner's suggestion, Mr. Hiram Tiffany bequeathed us \$300, the income from which was to be used in providing books for the Sunday school. This fund has since been known as the Tiffany Fund. In June, 1891, Mr. J. M. Mateer was elected superintendent, with Miss Clara H. Skinner as assistant, and served for one year. The membership numbered 200. The church records show that there were at this time 32 of the pupils in full church membership, 73 who had been baptized, and 17 were received into full church membership during the year. There were 500 volumes in the library. The Rogersville and Burch Sunday schools were maintained mostly by our members, Mr. H. W. Thompson having been superintendent in the latter district from 1890 to the

present, and they had a combined enrollment of 114. The Blakesley Graded Lessons, consisting of six courses, were introduced this year, which proved a decided advance along the line of Bible study. They took the place of the International Lessons, which had been in use a long time.

In June, 1892, Mr. S. W. Mason and Miss Clara H. Skinner were elected superintendent and assistant respectively, and served till June, 1893. A special effort was made at this time to revive the social interests of the school, and under their management a picnic was held in Peacock's grove, at the mouth of Chautauqua Creek, which proved one of the most enjoyable affairs in our history. The attendance was very large, old and young being invited, the repast was exceptionally good. Music by the Westfield Cornet Band whiled away the hours for the quiet ones, and playing on the beach, wading and boating entertained the more active. It being Thursday the hymn books were taken down, and the sunset hour was spent in prayer and praise to God.

Mr. F. B. Brewer and Miss Clara H. Skinner then succeeded as superintendent and assistant. The evangelist, Rev. E. E. Davidson, held a series of meetings here in the early part of 1894, which wonderfully stimulated not only the church, but also the Sunday school, and many young people were received into the church at that time. Interest in the various courses of study was quickened by a thorough examination at the close of the school year. At the usual Christmas entertainment there was a short lecture on the lessons of the past year, illustrated with stereopticon slides, which helped to fix the various topics in the minds of the pupils. Mr.

Brewer being obliged to remove from town in January, 1895, Miss Clara H. Skinner became superintendent and Mr. J. E. Hall assistant, serving till July, 1897. Miss Skinner is the only lady thus far elected to this important office, but being thoroughly fitted for the position, she was both earnest and efficient. The membership in 1896 was 201. In 1897, Mr. F. A. Hall was again called to the superintendency, with Mr. J. A. Skinner and Mr. Roy S. Blowers, assistants. Mr. Hall is one of our most experienced and energetic workers, and his conduct of the school has always been successful. The membership in 1899 was 260.

In June, 1900, our pastor, Rev. George L. MacClelland, was induced to add to his many duties that of superintendent, with Messrs. J. A. Skinner, J. M. Mateer, F. A. Hall as assistants, and with great efficiency they carried on the work till January, 1905. The membership rose from 250 to 285. At the urgent solicitation of the Session, Mr. James E. Hall then took the superintendency, and conscientiously, diligently and very effectively labored for the advancement of the school till January 26, 1908, when the present incumbent, Mr. Oliver A. Jones took up the work. His wide experience in similar work, his energy, tactfulness and thoroughly conscientious devotion to the interests and work of the school, have made the past year's work one of interest and profit to the whole school. The present enrollment is 278, divided into 27 classes, and an average attendance of 180.

The contributions of the school during the year last passed amounted to \$305.75, and were devoted to missionary work.

Since 1890 the primary department has been car-

ried on by Mrs. E. A. Skinner with the assistance of Mrs. Knight and other ladies. In 1897 Miss Frances A. Skinner became her mother's assistant, and both have labored unremittingly and with very marked success ever since. The enrollment has sometimes been as high as 80. At the present time there are about 40 registered. The money raised by contribution has always been given to objects chosen by the children themselves, and during most of this time they have sent yearly offerings, averaging about \$25, to the Western New York Children's Home, at Randolph. Under this management the children are required to pass certain examinations before promotion to the higher grade. Nothing in our whole school life exceeds in interest the transfer of these little ones to the upper room, with the words of eternal life upon their lips, taught them by these faithful and loving teachers.

April 3, 1909, the loving spirit which for so many years had guided this department, was called to a higher work, leaving the indelible impress of a thoroughly consecrated life upon the whole community, especially upon that portion which was ever on her heart, and for which it was her delight to work. To these meager outlines of history one needs to fill in much of the life of the school from imagination, to get an idea of what it has accomplished. In the first place, the superintendents have been faithful and true, teaching the Word of God in its purity and power, without quibble, equivocation or evasion, and it has been a power for good to all, and of salvation to many.

The early missionary spirit has been encouraged and developed. For many years all the money

raised by the school has been devoted to the assistance of a large range of missionary enterprises. The home field has not been neglected, but from the foundation our school has furnished many who have carried on Sabbath school work in the outlying districts.

The social gatherings have been many, Christmas entertainments, with trees, music, pantomimes, plays, stereopticon pictures, and supper and presents for all; midsummer picnics to the woods or shores of nearby lakes, or excursions on the water, with a day of joyous games and feasting; Children's Day, with its songs and flowers, all varied as the years go by, bring joy and added interest to the work of the school.

Then there is the time of sadness, when a beloved schoolmate is called to a higher life, and a hundred hearts go out in sympathy to the stricken ones, helping them to bear their burdens and grief.

No occasion fills the whole school with such genuine satisfaction and joy, as when those who have learned to love the blessed Savior in the Sabbath school gather around the altar in their young manhood and womanhood, and offer themselves a living sacrifice, and ready for the work of the high calling in Christ Jesus.

In closing, tribute should be paid to that army of quiet, faithful loving, and conscientious teachers, whom it has been impossible to name, but with whose help alone the work so briefly outlined in these pages was possible. How great the privilege, how important the work, how far reaching the consequences, and how thrice-blessed this labor of love, only the years of eternity will tell, when the divine

Head of the Church will say, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

F. B. BREWER.

## THE MUSIC OF THE CHURCH

**T**HE task of preparing a record of events which transpired nearly a century ago is somewhat a formidable one, the only information obtainable, being the statements of people now living.

The early records of the church have been examined with much care, but fail to prove that music ever formed any part of the public worship of this congregation.

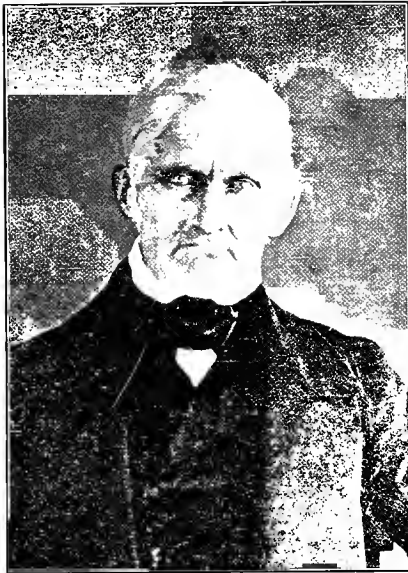
From the founding of the society in 1808 until 1816, we know absolutely nothing as to the extent or character of the psalmody as employed by this struggling flock whose energies were being mainly devoted to the arduous task of subduing the forests and erecting homes for themselves in the wilds of the Holland Purchase.

Yet we cannot entertain the thought that these pioneers, as they assembled from time to time, omitted music from their worship—tune books were few—the Psalms and hymns were given out a line at a time by a leader. Musical instruments were almost unknown, with the possible exception of the tuning fork.

Mrs. Montgomery told her children that at this early day she was a member of the choir, going to church on horse back and carrying a baby with her on the saddle. The other members of this choir we have no knowledge of.







Gen. Joseph Farnsworth  
First Choirmaster

In 1816, Joseph Farnsworth, who was on the staff of the Governor of Massachusetts as Brigadier General of the state militia, settled at the Cross Roads—now the Village of Westfield—the exact site of his home being the residence of Mr. J. H. Dann, on Water Street.

General Farnsworth was accompanied by his wife and family, which consisted of three sons and four daughters. Almost immediately after their arrival they identified themselves with the Presbyterian Church and formed a choir, the first organized effort, of which any trace can be found, of a permanent church choir—this consisting of General and Mrs. Farnsworth and their four daughters, viz., Sophia Farnsworth Livermore, Aseneth Farnsworth Baldwin, Eliza Farnsworth Waters and Lucy Belle Farnsworth Abbott.

This choir was a material help to the church, and the services of this family in this first choir and in the succeeding years has been a very valuable asset to the music of the church. In connection with this choir we must not overlook the fact that General Farnsworth also played the bass viol which, as far as we know, is the first instrument ever used in the First Presbyterian Church of Westfield.

About the year 1830, Mr. Lester Stone became identified with the choir as a flutist.

Mr. Lawrence Hulbert was choir-master sometime during the late thirties. He afterwards removed to Utica, N. Y., where he died in 1876—my informant being his sister, Mrs. Jane E. Farington of East Main Street.

The Session records contain the fact that Mr. Elias S. Barger united with the church by letter in

1840, having made his home here in 1839. Very soon after his arrival he took charge of the music of the church and continued in charge for several years, removing to Erie, Pa., in 1847.

Among the choir members at this time were the Misses Marietta Rumsey, Jane Higgins, Cordelia Lowry, Messrs. William Allis, Austin Smith and Otis Hinckley, now a resident of Clymer, N. Y. Mr. Hinckley also played double-bass part of the time. Mr. Luther L. Riggs filled the position of choirmaster for a short time.

Up to this time the church had depended entirely upon individual performers upon strings and wind instruments. During the pastorate of Rev. Tinker a movement was started towards purchasing an organ. Miss Helen Livermore of Boston, a member of the Handel and Hayden Society of that city and a granddaughter of General Farnsworth, was spending some time in town, and appreciating the need of something better, offered to act as organist for one year without remuneration, provided the church would purchase an organ.

At Mr. Tinker's request Miss Livermore and Miss Marietta Rumsey proceeded to collect funds for an organ, the largest contribution being twenty-five dollars and the smallest twenty-five cents. The sum of eight hundred dollars was secured, an instrument was contracted for—the builder being Mr. Garrett House, of Buffalo, N. Y.

The organ was completed and installed in 1849. It contained one manual with pedals and ten or twelve stops. We have endeavored to obtain a scheme of this organ, but have failed; this much can be said, however, that it contained the following: Open Diapason, Violin, Diapason, Melodia,



Elias S. Barger  
Choirmaster



Miss Helen Livermore  
First Organist

Flute, Hautboy, Principal, Principal bass and bass coupler. Whether or not it contained a separate pedal stop cannot be learned. The organ was placed in the gallery at the south end of the church opposite the pulpit.

Those who have listened to this organ tell me the tone was of remarkable sweetness and dignity, and the music of the church took on new interest from this period.

Mr. Backus was the second occupant of the organ bench. He probably filled the position for a short time only; being followed by his pupil, Miss Saphronia Couch, now Mrs. Edward A. Pyne of Waverly, Iowa. Miss Couch was a daughter of Mr. Hiram Couch an Elder of the church and clerk of the Session. She held the position four years, during which time Mr. Barger was choirmaster the greater part of the time, he being succeeded by Mr. John H. Pixley, who also taught a singing class which met in the Sunday School room in the basement at the south end of the church.

The successor to Miss Couch as organist was Miss Amanda Persons, now Mrs. S. W. Mason, who held the position for eight years or until the fall of 1862—being absent from her post only two Sundays in that time. Mr. Barger was choirmaster during nearly all of this time.

The personnel of this choir, Mr. Barger's and the influence it exerted upon the church and the community at large is of so much importance that we cannot pass it by hastily.

#### SOPRANOS.

Miss Elizabeth W. Patterson	Miss Frances Barger
Miss Sarah Hall	Miss Sarah Baldwin

Miss Mary Allis  
Miss Harriet Baldwin  
Miss Rhoda Couch

Miss Mary Tinker  
Mrs. W. S. Hinckley

#### ALTOS.

Miss Abbie Coleman  
Miss Amelia Harrington  
Miss Eliza Baldwin

Miss Abbie Tinker  
Miss Henrietta Baldwin

#### TENORS.

Mr. Elias S. Barger

Mr. George E. Barger

#### BASS.

Dr. Thomas D. Strong  
Mr. John W. Johnston  
Mr. Joseph H. Hall  
Mr. William Hall

Mr. Oscar Allis  
Mr. F. A. Hall  
Mr. Franklin Abel

Mr. Franklin Waters was flutist until 1862 when he enlisted in the 112th Regiment of N. Y. Volunteers and served as quarter-master of his regiment, his death occurring at Beaufort, S. C., in 1863.

While the object of this paper has been to avoid all comment upon the services rendered by the various people who have served the church in the choir loft, a word at this juncture is almost a necessity.

It probably would not be putting it too strongly to say that during Mr. Barger's leadership the church had her best mixed choir.

Without any exception, Mr. Barger's hold upon the choir was as masterful as it was supreme. He enjoyed the fullest confidence of those who served under him as well as their affection and regard. Possessing a tenor voice of matchless timbre and range, it has been said that he reserved the tenor part for his own special use, and no matter how much the other parts were augmented Mr. Barger's tenor was at all times sufficient. The music of the church rose to a high degree of excellence





Maj. Franklin Waters  
Flutist



and attracted general attention. Mr. Barger continued to serve until the time of his death, which occurred in 1867. He gave more years to the service of the choir than any other person of whom any record can be found.

Miss Hattie Baldwin succeeded to the position of organist upon the resignation of Mrs. Mason and probably served until about 1870, when Miss Henrietta Couch, a sister of Mrs. Pyne, accepted the position and held it until 1872. The first organ was destroyed by fire in April of that year. Miss Couch is now Mrs. Kenney of Bancroft, Iowa.

From this time until the dedication of the new church in September, 1874, the Society worshipped in Virginia Hall. Miss Ella Loomis, now Mrs. Ross Knight, was organist part of the time, as was also Mrs. Mason. A choir was maintained during this period.

When the new church was in course of erection an organ committee was formed, of which Hon. George W. Patterson was chairman, to purchase a new organ. The contract was placed with Derrick & Felgemaker, of Erie, Pa., for an organ of the following specifications:

#### GREAT ORGAN.

		Pipes
1	Open Diapason	58
2	Dulciana	58
3	Melodia	58
4	Octave	58
5	Flute D'Armour	58
6	12th	58
7	15th	58
8	Clarionet	46

#### SWELL ORGAN.

1	Open Diapason	58
2	Dolce	58

3	Stopped Diapason	8 ft.	58
4	Fugara	4 ft.	58
5	Harmonique Flute	4 ft.	58
6	Piccolo	2 ft.	58
7	Oboe Bassoon	8 ft.	58

#### PEDAL ORGAN.

1	Bourdon	16 ft.	27
2	Double Open Diapason	16 ft.	27

#### COUPLERS.

1	Sw. to ped.	2	Gt. to ped.	3	Sw. to Gt.
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#### PEDAL MOVEMENTS.

1	Gt. organ forte	2	Gt. organ Piano	3	Bal Swell pedal
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The first regular organist after the new organ was installed was Miss Harriet Clark of Rochester, N. Y. The choir was quartette and made up as follows:

Soprano	Miss Childs
Alto	Mrs. S. W. Mason
Tenor	Mr. S. W. Mason
Bass	Mr. James H. Yerkes

On Mr. Yerkes' removal from town, Mr. M. D. Tennant took the bass part in this quartet.

In passing it might be said that as far as artistic musical development was concerned this quartet did most excellent service and was by far the best music ever maintained by the church. Miss Clark did not remain long at the organ, possibly about two years. In the fall of 1876 she was succeeded by Prof. John Eckert. Mr. Eckert was born in New York City July 8, 1847; went to Europe when sixteen years of age to study medicine, but in his love and desire for music he persuaded his father, then living in Cincinnati, to allow him to take up music. He was given a full course and in 1868 graduated from the conservatory at Leipsic. His



Prof. John Eckert  
Organist



playing was marked with extreme brilliancy and dash in style, and in execution, both masterly and vigorous. He had an entertaining personality and became very popular with all.

In January, 1878, the church was again destroyed by fire and the organ became a total loss. Again Virginia Hall became the place of public worship. A new building was immediately begun and Mr. S. W. Mason was chosen to represent the church in the selection of an organ. After careful consideration he choose the firm of William Johnson & Son, of Westfield, Mass., and the following organ was contracted for, the cost being \$1,950 cash.

#### GREAT ORGAN.

			Pipes
1	Open Diapason	8 ft.	58
2	Dulciana	8 ft.	12 Grooved 46
3	Melodia	8 ft.	58
4	Choral Flute	4 ft.	58
5	Octave	4 ft.	58
6	Fifteenth	2 ft.	58

#### SWELL ORGAN.

1	Open Diapason	8 ft.	58
2	Stopped Diapason Treble bass	8 ft.	58
3	Salicional	8 ft.	46
4	Traverse Flute	4 ft.	58
5	Flutina Harmonique	2 ft.	58
6	Oboe Bassoon, 2 draws	8 ft.	58

#### PEDAL ORGAN.

1	Double Open Diapason	16 ft.	27
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#### COUPLERS.

- 1 Sw to Gt.
- 2 Gt to Ped.
- 3 Sw to Ped.

To show how well Johnson & Son fulfilled their part of the contract we have only to refer to the 30 years this majestic organ has led this congregation

in worship to Almighty God. If an organ has a soul as we have sometimes been told it has, certainly the spirit or soul of music lurks somewhere among the pipes or dusty recesses of this noble instrument. The diapasons and flutes being excellent, the strings a loveliness of their own, the reeds very fine, and while the organ itself is not large it never fails to impress one with the charm of its matchless tone. Long may it stand a monument to the builder, and to the apparently lost art of church organ building.

During Mr. Eckert's term as organist the music was largely congregational, Mr. S. W. Mason being precentor. Mr. Eckert located in Erie, Pa., in 1881, but continued to come to Westfield for Sunday services for two years more, or until January 1, 1884, (his death occurring March 6, 1905, in Erie,) when the organ position was taken by the Rev. William Wagner, pastor of the German church. Mr. Wagner preached to his people in the afternoon and filled the organ position for the Presbyterians morning and evening. He was an accomplished musician in both organ and piano. Under his administration the organ music of the church rose perceptibly. His style was refined and classical in the extreme; his execution was brilliant and faultless; his registration always in the best of taste. As a pedalist he excelled. The choice of organ selections which he presented from week to week were always exponents of the strictly classical school. His resignation in September, 1886, was a severe loss to the church. His home at present is Switzerland, where he has gone in search of health.



During Mr. Wagner's term as organist, and from this period to the present, I cannot begin to mention the various people who have sung in this choir, and lest I offend one, shall mention none. Mr. F. A. Hall organized a choir from the young people of the church, taking charge of the same. This arrangement continued about four years.

Miss Jeanette Dickson acted as organ supply after Mr. Wagner removed to Buffalo until about December 1, 1886, when Henry A. Gordon, an itinerant singing-school master, assumed the organistship and served in that capacity until the first of the following March; then Sidney B. Fox, an English gentleman, secured the position and served until June 1, 1891, a little over four years, and on resigning, the writer of this paper was appointed and has served continuously ever since.

During Mr. Fox's term as organist, Mr. Faber, the pastor of the church, drilled the choir until he resigned the pastorate in 1892, when Mr. S. W. Mason again took the directorship, followed by Mr. Harter of Fredonia Normal School. Miss Winifred Wilson served two or three years. Miss Alice Holt also filled this position for some time. Mr. F. B. Brewer assumed charge of the music about 1900 and served very acceptably until July, 1907, with Miss Sturgis as soloist, when he relinquished the position and the organist of the church carried it on for nearly a year. During the spring and summer of 1908, the choir was under the charge of Mr. J. W. Butterfield of Jamestown, N. Y.

At present the choirmaster is Mr. H. J. Humpstone, who is doing very efficient service, and the

prospects are bright for a successful and admirable mixed choir.

The work of a choir is an exalted and holy work, but it can never be made ideally joyful or thoroughly fruitful unless it be set round on every side by an atmosphere of hearty Christian kindness, responsiveness, and affection. Then it may draw many an outsider within the circle of believers in the Gospel, and workers in the Kingdom.

J. WINSOR PHILLIPS.

## THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY—1875-1908

**T**HE historian wishes to make clear at the beginning, that for two reasons this history is not ancient history: first, because no written records can be found of work done before 1875; second, because up to the year 1870, "Women's Missionary Societies" did not exist in the Presbyterian Church. Up to that date all foreign missionary work had been done through the American Board. The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions was not organized till 1870, the Home Board not until 1878. Consequently the history of our local missionary society goes back barely thirty years. Long before that, however, beginning probably as early as 1840, the "Ladies' Sewing Society" was organized, and for many years sent boxes of clothing and household supplies to Home Missionaries; but, of its organization and work, no record can be found. But on February 2, 1875, the "short and simple annals" of the "Ladies' Benevolent Society" at last found a home in a little square book which has been discovered after much searching in an unofficial attic. The constitution states, that the object of the Society is "to aid the cause of missions, and the poor in our midst." It is evident from a later record that Home Missions only are meant, and the "aid" was to take the form of "boxes," and not of direct gifts of money. The officers were: President, Mrs. Wightman; vice

president, Mrs. William Walker; secretary and treasurer, Miss Mary Allis.

There was also a list of eight directresses and thirty-four names appear on the roll:

List of members of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, February, 1875:

Mrs. S. H. Hungerford	Mrs. Kitty Wallace
Mrs. Cowden	Miss J. Johnston
Mrs. L. A. Skinner	Mrs. Alex. Johnston
Mrs. F. B. Brewer	Mrs. M. J. Allis
Mrs. H. C. Kingsbury	Miss Mary Allis
Mrs. Harmon Bliss	Mrs. Pratt
Mrs. Sackett	Miss Dixon
Mrs. Dennis Smith	Mrs. Rice
Mrs. Robert Thompson	Mrs. R. S. Green
Mrs. L. F. Phelps	Mrs. Redfield
Miss Hannah Patterson	Mrs. Augusta Phelps
Mrs. W. H. Walker	Mrs. Whitney
Mrs. Holt	Mrs. E. Persons
Mrs. S. W. Mason	Mrs. Wightman
Mrs. E. A. Skinner	Mrs. Abbott
Mrs. Hiram Tiffany	Mrs. Plumb
Mrs. Nixon	Mrs. Jewett

Of these, twenty have died; of the remainder, six are still members of the Society, namely: Mrs. Dennis Smith, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. S. W. Mason, Mrs. Mary Whitney, Miss Jane Johnston and Mrs. M. E. Bliss. A box was sent that year to Mr. Mussey, a former pastor, then a home missionary in Kansas. But two months later it is recorded that only six ladies were present and "everything looked disheartening." In spite of this, another box was prepared, valued at \$80. The next entry consists of one sentence only, "It was proposed we have a rest for a while;" and the next is even more brief, "The treasury is empty." But a "Grammar match, with refreshments," seems to have filled it

again. No record can be found of any meetings for the next ten months; but in February, 1876, the society was re-organized as the "Woman's Missionary Society," and made auxiliary to the Buffalo Presbyterial Society. A new constitution was drawn up and printed, and a copy sent to every woman in the congregation with an admirable letter setting forth the aims of the Society, and asking for co-operation. Mrs. L. A. Skinner was elected president, Miss Mary Allis was re-elected secretary and treasurer, and about forty members were enrolled. Money was raised by an annual fee of 25c and by collections at the regular meetings. These meetings were held monthly, were to be "educational and devotional"; no sewing was done. At one meeting Mrs. Austin Smith told of the first missionary meetings ever held in Western New York. Mr. Goodell and Mr. Bird—first missionaries of the American Board to Turkey and Syria—spoke here, and the date was 1821.

The burning of the church, in January, 1878, interrupted the work of the Society; but in November of that year it was revived. Mrs. Stowitts, the wife of the pastor, was made president, and Mrs. R. G. Wright, secretary and treasurer. Two fine boxes were sent the next year and nearly a hundred dollars in money raised, but at the annual meeting in December, 1879, only two were present beside the officers, who were "unanimously re-elected." These seem to have been difficult years! The meetings were small and the records show constant discussion as to "how to raise money," and "how to interest others." The gifts were largely from a few women, and everything shows that the sense of missionary responsibility was

lacking in the church as a whole. In January, 1882, we find the record, that "owing to various discouraging causes" no meetings had been held for six months. No more records can be found until September, 1884, when the roll shows a membership of forty. The officers consist of an executive committee of seven, who were to preside in turn, at the meetings, provide and plan work, and arrange the program. The meetings were now held every two weeks at the homes of the members, one hour, the first (meeting) of the month, being devoted to prayer, and the study of the mission fields. A new constitution adopted this year, shows a decided advance in aims and ideals. Two years later (in April, 1886), the annual report shows a good attendance for the year, three large boxes having been sent, and \$146 given. At this time the executive committee was abandoned, being replaced by the usual officers, and the meetings began to be held in the church parlors. Mrs. William Walker was president and Miss Esther Patterson, secretary. 1887 shows an advance in every department of work; and of the 46 members, then on the roll, nineteen, after twenty-one years, are still members of the Society. Mrs. C. A. Kingsbury was president, and Mrs. M. C. Pratt was vice president, holding the office for seven years.

In 1889, Mrs. Walker again became president, and the pledge of \$75 for foreign missions was raised to \$100. In October, 1890, the Buffalo Presbyterian Society was entertained for the first time. Two thank offerings were taken that year, amounting to \$48, and the pledges were raised to \$195; but two years later, in 1893, they dropped to \$175. Pledge cards were tried but were only mod-

erately successful. In 1894, Miss Hannah Johnston was elected treasurer, and served for seven years. At this time the "Sewing Society" idea was finally left behind. Meetings were to be held once a month and were to be "devotional, educational, and social." The sewing was to be taken home, and "one person was to be responsible for one piece of work," to the joy of a long-suffering work committee.

1895 finds the pledge of \$175 renewed, and the thank offering for home missions increased to \$71—a great advance. That perpetual storm centre, "the supper question," became cyclonic for a time. To eat or not to eat—how often, and how much, under what conditions and for what price—these vital questions took much time at the annual meeting as they have at many meetings since. They were not settled in 1895, but we may venture a hope that 1995 will see them permanently disposed of.

In 1896, the first pledge was made for work among the Freedmen. It was only \$25 and was taken from the foreign pledge; but, as marking a wider outlook, and showing a growing sense of responsibility, it is worthy of note. A real advance was made, however, by the appointment of collectors to bring in, month by month, the individual gifts of the women of the church.

In the next year, 1897, the office of corresponding secretary became important enough to stand alone, and was given to Mrs. Mary Whitney who was not allowed to resign for ten years, and still serves as "assistant." The annual report of 1897 showed \$269.71 received—a great advance over any previous year.

In 1898, Miss Alethea Skinner was elected president and held the office for ten years. Mrs. Edward Jones became secretary, and was most faithful until she left town, four years later. A mission band was started, and a contingent fund established: most important of all, the programme for the year was arranged in advance, and printed.

In the next two years, both membership and gifts increased, the society numbering 60, and the gain in money being \$173. In 1901, special emphasis was laid on the devotional meetings. In 1902 the great gain was in money, as the visit of Miss Redway, from the Asheville Farm School, in North Carolina, moved the Society and the church, to take three scholarships, at \$75 each. Two of these are still held. In 1903 the membership rose to seventy, the gifts to \$660, and the Presbyterian Society was again entertained—at a large and most successful meeting. From 1903 to 1907, there was a steady gain each year, in every department, and a steady improvement in methods of work. A fine library of about 150 volumes of the best missionary literature has been gathered, with maps and leaflets and magazines. In 1907, the membership reached ninety, and over \$800 was reported. In March, 1908, Miss Alethea Skinner declined a re-nomination and a council of three was elected in place of a president: Mrs. William Walker, Mrs. F. B. Brewer, and Miss Lavinia Stone.

It has been impossible to speak in detail of all who have done faithful work in these years; but let no one forget the hours of labor given by work committees, who have made possible the succession of well-filled boxes, which for more than thirty years have gone forth to the comfort of those on



the field; nor that band of collectors who travel patiently about in all weathers and keep the finances up to the mark. And there are others—box committees, programme committees, supper committees—to name them individually would be to call the roll of the Society, from the first day until this last.

Since 1885, the society has given in money over \$8,000. Of the ten years before that, it has been impossible to obtain any full report, but what little can be found brings the total up to about \$9,000. If we add the value of the boxes sent, it is safe to say that the material gifts come near \$13,000. And behind this, is that dim past of the "Sewing-Society"—days, of whose gifts no record can be found! And all this stands for something much more than so many dollars. The salary of a missionary teacher is paid—a boy or girl is kept at school—a life is sent out. It is like sending a river of water into a desert. The Society has learned some things in the thirty years. It has learned to give money, not to "raise" it; it has learned to give systematically, planning its gifts, and then considering them as obligations to be met at the appointed time. It is learning the obligation resting on every Christian to be intelligent concerning the affairs of the Kingdom; and it is learning new methods of work that make for greater efficiency. \* \* \*

In the early days to which we have been looking back, there was a little band of women who were always "in the Missionary Society." Often they were the Missionary Society. Others fell by the way, others lost interest, others cared for their own things and forgot the things of the Kingdom;

but these few "faithful found among the faithless," were always ready, with time, and strength, and zeal, and money. It is not necessary to name them. Their names are written in Heaven, whither most of them have gone, but they are still remembered upon earth. It is because of their loyalty and faithfulness that the Society exists today. And if those who come after us can look back to our day and say, "All we are is due to them," then we will have done a better thing than can be expressed by statistics of money given and "boxes" sent. If we can hand down to our successors this spirit of loyalty to Jesus Christ and to His work, then we shall have done the one thing needful, and the Missionary Society will not have existed in vain.

MISS LAURA A. SKINNER.

## LADIES AID SOCIETY

**T**HERE were strong and efficient Aid Societies during the sixties, which raised large amounts of money, but of them there is found no written record. The more recent Ladies' Aid and the Young Ladies' Societies were the outgrowth of the burning of the old church, April 13, 1872. When, in the spring of 1873, the men of the society announced that \$30,000 was needed, and only \$20,000 had been pledged. A meeting of the women was called March 28th at Mrs. G. W. Holt's, the Ladies' Aid organized and officers elected, and they pledged themselves to raise \$3,000. Previous to this the young ladies had organized, and pledged themselves to work for the organ. Their first social at Mrs. Cowden's netted \$17. An ice cream parlor was opened in June, from which some \$20 per week was realized, and \$158.79 for the season's work. Socials at the homes followed under the auspices of Ladies' Aid Society. A promenade concert and festival, May 28, 1874, under the direction of Mr. J. H. Yerkes and local talent, netted the society \$171.11. In December both societies combined, holding a fair and festival, realizing \$525.55, with a present of \$140 from three ladies, totaled \$675.55. The report of April, 1874, of both societies shows a net total of \$2,696.76. Of this the young ladies raised \$951 net, one-third of which were donations. The rest represented hard work. At a lawn festival held in Virginia Hall on account of weather,

\$226.85 was received. The organ, the young ladies' gift, was heard for the first time, August 22, 1874, the church dedicated, and Rev. R. S. Green installed. Our first reception held in the new church was on September 28, 1874. For some months little was done by either society, till in April, 1875, a piano was bought. An organ recital in May and a strawberry festival in June gave us \$106.30. A series of socials closed the year. In April, 1876, under Rev. Mr. Green, the Ladies' Aid Society was reorganized, with Mrs. M. E. G. Young as president, and Mrs. M. E. Bliss as secretary and treasurer. Besides many socials, there were three big entertainments this year—the Centennial lunch July 4th, the Organ Concert in August, closing with the Centennial Tea Party November 22nd. The Westfield Republican of this date says: "The whole effort of this last entertainment was a grand success, the receipts wipe out the debt on the piano, besides leaving a balance in treasury." In January, 1877, through Mrs. Young, its president, the society received from Hon. G. W. Patterson and wife a gift of three dozen forks, eight dozen teaspoons, one-half dozen tablespoons, and one elegant table castor. Suppers, concerts and festivals followed rapidly. April 11, 1877, the report of the year's work of the Ladies' Aid Society shows total receipts to have been \$520.

The society within the year finished paying for the piano; put down floor cloth in dining room and pantry, besides adding largely to the conveniences of both rooms. The year closed with the Aid Society entirely free from debt. The efficient management is largely due to the executive ability of its officers—Mrs. Young as president and Mrs. Bliss as secretary and treasurer.

An excursion to Niagara Falls June 16, was the one failure of the year. Many will recall the mock trial given in June of this year, when Judge Austin Smith made his memorable charge to the jury who brought in a verdict of \$10,000, \$5,000 to go toward defraying the expenses of the late excursion, and \$5,000 towards a new parsonage.

On the 14th of January, 1878, our beautiful church was in ruins, and we were again without a home. The loss was estimated at \$39,502, but this time we have insurance of \$23,000. An entertainment was held the following Thursday evening, and the proceeds applied toward the furniture fund of the new church. Later Mr. William Russell and Mrs. Young were appointed a committee to use this money for the purchase of pictures for the prayer room. They were hung at the time of its dedication. The Young Ladies' Society now again take up their work. First meeting was called for January 19 and funds raised were used to refurnish kitchen and pantry. Suppers, socials and entertainments followed. The Second Church was dedicated February 27, 1879, and with it the Ladies' Aid Society seems to have disappeared.

Under Mr. Faber, in 1892, the Ladies' Aid Society was reorganized with Mrs. Fannie Kingsbury as president, Mrs. M. D. Tennant, vice president, and Mrs. Alice G. Peirce, secretary. April 6, 1893, a reception was held for the new pastor, Rev. G. S. Swezey. A carpet fund was started by the society with a total on hand, November 20, 1894, of \$69.85. Officers, President, Mrs. E. M. Kent; Vice President, Mrs. J. A. Skinner; Secretary, Miss Clara Wedge; Treasurer, Miss Esther S. Patterson. Mrs.

J. A. Skinner was president from 1895 to 1901. In October, 1895, Mrs. Susan Brewer presented to the Aid Society a fine piano. In 1899 \$348.00 were raised and the church newly carpeted. A furnace was bought for parsonage for \$85.00 in 1900, and \$20.00 given towards the music. In 1901, Mrs. S. W. Mason is president, with Mrs. S. F. Nixon, Mrs. Henry Allen and Mrs. G. W. Seymour as vice presidents, and Mrs. G. S. Flagler, secretary; Mrs. J. V. Minton, treasurer. Total amount raised this year, \$180. Matting for church, table linen, supplies and the window boxes were the result of the ladies' work. The plumbing for the toilet room kept the ladies busy in 1902, \$105.57 was the result of this work. In 1903, Mrs. S. F. Nixon, president, with Mrs. Warren Rumsey, Mrs. McClelland and Mrs. Seymour as vice presidents, secretary and treasurer the same. Ivy was planted around the church. Net proceeds for the year, \$59.34. In 1904, Mrs. G. W. Seymour, president; Mrs. Warren Rumsey, Mrs. McClelland and Mrs. S. A. Brown, vice presidents; Mrs. J. W. Phillips, secretary; Mrs. Minton, treasurer. Money raised, \$85.35; and matting was bought for Sunday School room. 1905, officers the same. \$43 proceeds. Prayer room walls were tinted. 1906, president and officers the same. Money raised, \$77.15. New altar cloths bought. 1907, officers nearly the same, with then, \$206.80. Linoleum was bought for side hall. Church was again cleaned, A Steinway Grand piano was bought for \$450 of which the church contributed \$45. 1908, Mrs. F. B. Brewer, president. \$100 has already been given towards the music.

Thus closes a brief record of the work of the two

societies from March, 1878 to December 31, 1908, a period of 35 years. In the time allotted I have only been able to mention a few of the more important facts or works undertaken and successfully carried out by the ladies of the church and society.

MISS LIZZIE F. SIMMONS.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETINGS AND CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

**T**HE Presbyterian Church of Westfield was doubtless the pioneer society in the Presbytery in the way of having young people's meetings. They did not come by forethought or by the advice of pastor or Session.

In 1849, there were held revival services in the M. E. Church. There was much interest felt all through the town and five young men from the Presbyterian Church were among the converts. One evening these young men, Joseph Montgomery, Robert Hall, Samuel Tinker, William Hall and George Coleman, came to their own church, and feeling they wanted to have a meeting by themselves, broke through a window into the basement of the Presbyterian Church, which was used as a prayer room as well as a meeting place for the Sunday School; and in the dark, feeling about found some candles, and when the place was lighted, held the first Young People's Meeting of which there is any record. From this time on, Young People's Meetings have been continuously, in one form or another, held in the church.

Later, these boys were joined by Samuel and Oscar Allis, John W. Johnston, Joseph Hall, John Crosgrove, Martin Fay and other young men of their age. Let no one suppose that these meetings were carried on by the young men alone. Quite



as important were the young ladies, which included Hattie Hungerford, Sarah Johnston, Hannah Patterson, Amorette Harrington, Eliza Hall, Sarah Tinker, who with others, went to make the meeting successful. A few years later as some of the older young people began to be scattered, there came into the meetings John Crocker, Edward Skinner, Robert Tinker, Henry Harrington, James Ainsworth, and a bevy of young ladies, among whom were Mary and Abbie Tinker, Frances Barger, Emma Hall, Amelia Harrington, Mary Dixon, Maria Tiffany, Amanda Persons, Sarah Baldwin, Nancy and Addie Durand, Helen Phelps, Lavinia Stone and others.

The next set of boys, let us call them, the next series, included Sextus Knight, James Montgomery Johnston, Charles Allis, George Barger, George Parmerlee, Charles Skinner, Edward and Carson Crosgrove, Ross Knight, John and Carson Crosgrove. At the same time on the ladies' side of the room—for they sat in that way—were Ella Harrington, Amelia Phelps, Eliza Baldwin, Julia Stone, Hattie and Nettie Baldwin, Imogene Hungerford, Agnes Johnston, Myra Dick, Florence Hawley, Roxy Driggs, Mary Carlisle, Nellie Smtih, Susan and Ella Loomis, Helen Sexton, Adele Driggs, and—it is impossible to make a complete list, but those named were among those who came to make the young people's meetings a possibility and a success.

Each pastor of the church was glad to find the young people doing good work for themselves and the church in this way. Whenever a revival was in progress, the Young People's Meeting was the first to feel the new impulse.

In 1866, there came actively into these meetings a large number following the great revival of that year. It must be remembered that the names given above constitute only a small portion of those who went to fill the room in which these meetings were held, and made their continuance possible.

The character of these meetings did not materially change until after the coming of Rev. William F. Faber in 1883.

In November, 1887, through the efforts of Rev. William F. Faber, then pastor of the church, a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was organized with fifteen active and ten associate members. The officers for the first six months being H. W. Thompson, president; J. M. Mateer, vice president; Miss Nellie Seymour, secretary, and Miss Lizzie J. Thompson, (now Mrs. E. L. Jones), treasurer.

Among the charter members of the Society were:

Clara H. Skinner	Mrs. D. R. Falvay
Herbert Ford	Elsie Gray
H. W. Blowers	Edward Bebee
H. W. Thompson	D. H. Spaulding
Lizzie J. Thompson	Nellie Driggs
Ella E. Usborne	Joseph M. Mateer
Firnum Anderson	Maria Hall
Mr. D. R. Falvay	Marie Hall

Through the untiring efforts of Mr. Faber, who proved himself a friend and brother, as well as a spiritual adviser to the young people, and with the blessing of God the Society grew rapidly, numbering 52 active and twenty associate members in a little over two years. The highest membership was reached in 1894, when there were ninety active and ten associate members enrolled.

The Constitution of the Society was essentially the same as the National Y. P. S. C. E. Its foundation the pledge: "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever he would like to have me do; that I will pray to him and read the Bible every day, and that just so far as I know how, throughout my whole life, I will endeavor to lead a Christian life. As an active member, I promise to be present at, and to participate in every regular prayer meeting of the Society, unless prevented by some reason which I can conscientiously give as an excuse to my master, Jesus Christ." Its object to promote an earnest Christian life among its members, to increase their mutual acquaintance, and to make them more useful in the service of God.

The prayer meetings of the Society were held regularly each Sunday evening, one hour before service when the prayer room was often filled with young people, the average attendance being about seventy for some time.

During its years of active service the Society was a real aid to the church. The work was accomplished by every active member being placed upon some committee, which reported regularly at the business meetings, once a month, its plan of work and what had been accomplished. The Society adopted systematic giving and had a general and a beneficial fund. The former was for the general expenses of the Society and was maintained by a collection taken each month; the latter by the envelope system. From this fund they paid into the church the first year \$35, to apply on the church debt. Afterward rented a pew for the benefit of strangers for three of four years, and one year gave

\$21 toward the purchase of a piano. To care for the poor of the church was always a part of their work, and through their efforts one aged member who was actually penniless was provided for entirely until the close of life, and then given comfortable burial. Another, who was an invalid, always had their care. A vegetable social was held one year and from the proceeds 23 poor families provided with a Thanksgiving dinner.

Beginning in 1888 there was a little paper called "In His Name," edited by Mr. Faber and published monthly, for the information and benefit of the members of the church and congregation. This enterprise was strongly upheld by the Christian Endeavor Society, some of its members working earnestly to extend its circulation and for its financial success. For some time the Society maintained a prayer meeting at Barcelona and also in the Burch School District. The latter of which was continued until October, 1908. They organized a Junior Society of Christian Endeavor in 1892 with thirty-five members which was in existence for several years but was finally dropped for lack of a leader.

It was a severe blow to the Society when Mr. Faber left the church. To him they had ever looked for advice, encouragement and sympathy, and to his efforts in their behalf owed much. The succeeding pastor, however, Rev. George S. Swezey, was an active Christian Endeavor worker, and the Society still prospered under his care. But as the years passed many of the young people left town to make their way in life, or became the heads of families and the Society gradually declined until by the action of eleven members it was disbanded, No-

venber 6, 1904, and gave place to a new society organized by our present pastor, Rev. George L. MacClelland.

However, the Christian Endeavor spirit remained in the hearts of those who were left of the original society, and they re-organized under the name of the Christian Endeavor Prayer Circle, which though small, still lives. They meet the first Sunday evening of each month, one hour before preaching service, and divide the time between a service of prayer and a businss meeting given to a report of any work accomplished the past month and in making general inquiries regarding any who are strangers, sick or in trouble, which information is passed on to the officers of the church to be acted upon by them in connection with the Society in bringing comfort and relief to the troubled and thus promote Christian fellowship among the members of the church and congregation.

MISS ELLA E. USBORNE.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF REV. REUBEN TINKER

**R**EV. Reuben Tinker was born in Chester, Mass., August 6, 1799, and enjoyed the ordinary privileges of a New England common school. His father was a farmer, but the son not being physically strong, was put into a store in Chester where he was employed as a clerk for four years and a half. He then resigned in order to get a better education, and attended the academy at Westfield, Mass., remaining in the school only a single term. He then entered a store in Westfield, serving as bookkeeper and accountant a little over a year, during which time he was converted. He began the study of Latin, being impelled by a desire to preach the gospel, and for several months studied Latin in time when the store books did not require his attention. His progress was too slow, and he resigned and went to Amherst for better school privileges, walking all the way—fifty miles—to save money for schooling, and entered a preparatory school. In 1823 he was prepared to enter college, and was graduated therefrom in 1827. He taught school, worked at book-keeping a few weeks at a time, acted as amanuensis when he had the opportunity; swept the college hall and rang the college bell, by doing which he earned the means to pay his way through college. He entered Auburn Seminary in the fall of 1827, and finished his theological course in three years.



Rev. Reuben Tinker





All through his college and seminary life he had kept in view the object of becoming a missionary to foreign lands, and when he was ready—in 1830—he was sent by the American Board to the Sandwich Islands, sailing from New Bedford, December 28th, with his wife to whom he had been married November 14th, previously. Their vessel reached Honolulu June 5, 1831. In 1838 he severed his connection with the Board, but remained on the Islands until October, 1840, when he sailed for home, arriving in May, 1841, with his wife and six children, one of whom was born during the long passage. They went to Madison, Ohio, where his wife's father, Nathan Wood, was then living. He preached four years in Madison "to the great acceptance and profit of the people there," finally accepting a call from the First Presbyterian Church in Westfield. He was installed as pastor in September, 1845, and continued to labor there until his death, October 26, 1854. During his pastorate his ministry was successful in every way, and his biographer, Dr. Thompson, says that the Westfield church "from being small and feeble became large and strong; out of Buffalo the largest and strongest, and incomparably the most influential, within the bounds of the presbytery. In the pulpit he was somewhat odd in manner and quaint in expression, yet he was a very attractive and effective preacher, delighting his audience while making his sincerity and earnestness felt by every heart. He was really eloquent, and at the same time original, weighty and impressive, in the highest degree. At presbyterial meetings he spoke very little, but always tersely and directly to the point, so that he was a power in the councils of the church. Mem-

bers of the presbytery at the same time said that when Brother Tinker wanted anything done it was always done. Singularly free from guile he could always carry his point by demonstrating the need and the Christianity of it. The man who could cheer himself up by singing "Windham" when great obstacles faced him, could always find the way out when presbyterial troubles and problems were in need of solution. As a sermonizer he was always logical, pointed and attractive, holding the close attention of his hearers, though not an orator in the accepted meaning of the term. He always had the loving support of the officers of the church, the membership, and indeed the whole congregation which was large and steadily growing till his death, which was hastened by the necessary amputation of one leg, which was diseased and was operated upon in a Boston hospital. After his return he preached a characteristic sermon from the text, "If thy foot offend thee, cut it off." It was a discourse of great power, and I may add, full of Tinkerisms. In the meetings of presbytery, Mr. Tinker's gift of seeing all sides of a question was of great assistance. His colleagues were accustomed to say that his name should not have been Tinker, but "Thinker." A story is told of him that on one occasion he occupied the pulpit of the First Church in Erie, Pa. On Monday morning the sermons of Sunday were a general subject of conversation when friends met. At a furnace where a large number of men were employed, all had something to say of the preacher and the sermon. At length a patternmaker, a veteran among them, ended the discussion by saying: "Shopmates, when God made that man he broke up the pattern." Mr.

Tinker had seven children, the first five of whom were born on the Sandwich Islands, and one, Abbie Marina, on the voyage home. She afterward became the wife of the Rev. Henry Purdon and was beloved by all. The youngest, Elizabeth, a most gifted and charming woman, a successful teacher, died just when life was at its brightest. All the children inherited unusual ability from both parents, associated with Tinkerisms, which made them stand out prominently among people and endeared them to everyone.

D. A. A. NICHOLS.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF REV. CHARLES F. MUSSEY

**R**EV. Charles F. Mussey, the son of Dr. Reuben D. and Kitty (Osgood) Mussey, was born in 1825 in Hanover, N. H., where his father was a practicing physician and Professor in the Dartmouth Medical School. In 1838 the family moved to Cincinnati, O., where Dr. Mussey helped to found the Miami Medical College. Thence Charles went to Dartmouth College, graduating while still young. After graduating from the Seminary he supplied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church in McConnelsville, O. Then he was married and came to his first pastorate (with his bride), over the First Presbyterian Church in Westfield, N. Y. He came full of an earnest desire for the welfare of the church and of the kingdom of Christ, but just after preaching his ordination sermon he fell the victim to an attack of sciatica, and did not enter the pulpit again for six months, and then on crutches. He went to Cincinnati in order to have the benefit of the advice and care of his father, Dr. Reuben Mussey, and his brother, Dr. William Mussey. He recovered so that in a few months he was able to do his pastoral work in which he was greatly helped by the love and sympathy of his parishioners. He remained in Westfield some seven years, when failing health necessitated more rest than he could have in so large a church as that of Westfield. The



Rev. Charles F. Mussey



membership was large when he began, and grew steadily all through his pastorate. He went from here to Batavia, N. Y., where he preached acceptably for six years, when another severe attack of sciatica necessitated an almost complete cessation of ministerial work. He could not remain idle, however, and so went to Blue Rapids, Kan., as president of a colony of settlers, and on the first Sabbath in Blue Rapids he organized a Presbyterian Church in the dining room of an unfinished hotel. As the church grew in numbers and pecuniary ability a fine new church was built. From Blue Rapids Mr. Mussey went to Leavenworth, Kan., in order to resuscitate a church there which was hopelessly in debt. The debt was finally paid, but the church failed to live. Mr. Mussey preached the last sermon in the handsome but unfinished church building which later on was finished and used for school purposes. Mr. Mussey then went back to Cincinnati, and soon organized a church in the suburb called Westwood. There he spent the remainder of his ministerial life. The last three years of his life were spent in the home of his son, William, in Denver, Colo. He died April 2, 1903. He was especially attached to the people of his first pastorate, and spoke often and lovingly of them and his home in Westfield. Born into a gifted family he was naturally a gifted preacher, and always held the attention of his hearers, and what was more he had the love of his congregation and the esteem of community. He was a Christian man in every particular, and his followers were many and earnest in all good work.

D. A. A. NICHOLS.

## HISTORY OF HOLDINGS

**W**HEN we take in retrospect the history of this Society for one hundred years, we find that from the reported formation of a church in 1808 under the title of The Chautauque Church, up to November 7, 1817, at which date a Session was formed, there are today no records to be found of any church property or house of worship, and we may well be constrained to believe that wherever "two or three were gathered in His name," these were the places of worship and that at that early period religious services were held in the humble houses of this pioneer community.

It is certain, however, that not long after the reorganization of 1817, a commodious wooden structure was built and that it was located upon or near the site of the residence of the late Alfred S. Patterson, at the corner of South Portage and Chase Streets, and upon land of Eber Stone. The dates assigned to the erection of this building by different authorities do not exactly agree. Andrew W. Young, in his "History of Chautauqua County," states definitely that it was in 1821 or 1822, and the Centennial History of this county follows these same dates.

The late H. C. Kingsbury, then president of the board of trustees, February 27, 1879, on the occasion of the dedication of this present church, gave a graphic description of the laying of the foun-





First Church Building, 1821-1822



dations, the erection and enclosing of the structure by what may be called a church building bee, all in one week in the spring of 1818, and he distinctly states that the first annual meeting of this Society was held in that building on the 16th of June, 1818, and that there were at the time of this account by him, men still living among us who took part in this work. This building was afterward removed to the east side of Pearl Street and is now standing next to the present High School grounds, it having been occupied by this Society from the time of its erection until 1832 when the first Brick Church was erected.

The first recorded conveyance of real property to this society which I am able to find in the records of this county, is that by warranty deed of James McClurg and Martha, his wife, to the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society of Westfield, under date of December 7th, 1832. Consideration, \$500, and containing  $176\frac{1}{2}$ -1000 of an acre of land. This deed must have been pursuant to some contract for a deed inasmuch as it describes the land conveyed from "a corner of the brick meeting house standing on the premises hereby to be conveyed." On the same date, Jas. McClurg conveyed to the same trustees by a deed in special trust a triangular piece of land in front of the church for the nominal consideration of one dollar, and again on March 9, 1853, James McClurg made another deed of trust for a consideration of one dollar to the trustees of this Society of a strip of land on the easterly side of the land already conveyed by him in the two deeds of 1832.

When the second and larger brick church edifice was built it became necessary to remove the re-

strictions embodied in the deeds of special trust from James McClurg in 1832 and 1853 from some portion of this land and for that purpose a further deed was secured from Edward J. Moore, and Catherine (McClurg) Moore, his wife, to the trustees of this society under the date June 4th, 1873, which fully effected this requirement. An interesting and valuable item in this conveyance is the covenant by the grantors that no buildings or structures of any kind, except fences, shall ever be erected within forty feet of the easterly line of the premises conveyed. These four deeds cover the title to the church lot which is contained between the center line of South Portage Street, the McClurg-Moore line fence, McClurg Street and the village park.

I wish to call attention at this point to the fact that the descendants of Joseph Farnsworth claim that at an early date he presented to this society for a parsonage, the property known in later years as the Edwin Buck homestead on the west side of North Portage Street, and which is now owned by Hermon L. Kent. There are, however, no deeds upon record showing this.

I am also clearly informed that James McMahan, the first settler in this county, gave a deed to this Society of "one-half acre of land for burying ground purposes" with a right of way to the same. This deed must have been given between September 18, 1821 and December 31, 1821, for at this latter date in conveying the land embracing this half acre he made a clear exception and reserve of it. This is the old Main Street Burying Ground which is located just southerly from the old Col. Joshua R. Babcock homestead. Mrs. Helen Smith Tennant, the granddaughter of James McMahan, gives me



First Brick Church, 1832



Ruins of New Church, Dedicated 1874

this information. This deed was found a few years ago in the brick law office of Abram Dixon, a former law partner of the late Austin Smith, Mrs. Tennant's father, and Mr. M. D. Tennant, her husband, informs me that he delivered the deed to the National Bank of Westfield for this Society. This deed was never recorded that I can find, and cannot now be found.

On the 3d of October, 1831, at a special meeting of this Society, Eber Stone, Joseph Farnsworth, John and Joel Bradley, Daniel C. Northrup and Erastus Dean were appointed as a committee to erect the first church building which stood upon this ground which was conveyed by James McClurg and wife and to make all plans and provisions for it as to cost and payment, as to material, dimensions and time, in the best interest of the society. This committee set about their task at once and on October 24, 1831, joined in a signed agreement which they called an "article of compact" to obtain subscriptions toward this end and to stand personally responsible upon the notes necessary to provide for the loans to complete the work, this being divided into five equal shares of which each assumed the responsibility for one except that John Bradley and Daniel C. Northrup assumed one share together.

In December, 1831, they began operations and erected the first brick church the following year, 1832; John Jones was the builder.

This building was in the prevailing style of that day, with a high pulpit and a stair case upon either side, at the foot of which were the square box pews enclosed by small panel doors which the ushers

opened and closed in seating attendants. The organ loft was at the south end opposite the pulpit and the galleries along each side of the audience room. The house was heated by stoves, and had Sunday school rooms in the basement story. The cost for building and site was \$6,461.25 as shown by the report of the committee, of which amount they borrowed \$4,312.50. This cost being finally provided for from an appraisal and auction sale of the pews, for which deeds signed by the trustees were given to the purchasers.

This house was occupied by this Society for a period of forty years, until the fire of April 13, 1872, when it was totally destroyed, together with two residences across the street where the fire originated.

There was no insurance to lighten the loss and the poverty of this church was manifest in the pile of ashes and a burden of indebtedness under which the Society was then laboring.

There were great difficulties in the way of a speedy restoration of this loss. The spirit of willingness to meet all of its obligations was found lacking and the record of judgment creditors, of executions, and even of sheriff's sale and of the final redemption of its property can be read in the documents preserved in the strong box of this society. The effort to raise funds with which to rebuild had proved fruitless and on the 18th of January, 1873, there came a crisis in the affairs of this church when the whole board of trustees offered their resignations. This was a crisis, however, which carried us forward and upward, and in the trustees which were immediately elected, George W. Pat-







Church Building of today, dedicated 1879

terson, James Johnson, L. A. Skinner, Reuben G. Wright, Thomas D. Strong and H. C. Kingsbury, we recognize a board of great strength and ability. These men set to work with such unanimity and zeal that on the 6th of June, 1873, the trustees let the contract to the architect, Mr. Aaron Hall, to build the second brick church for \$26,000, that amount being at that time fully pledged. September 29, 1874, was a day of grateful rejoicing when the first meeting in the new and commodious church home took place. When all additions were made and when fully furnished the total cost of this building was about \$40,000. During the immediate years that followed little did this Society and congregation, while in the peaceful security and contented enjoyment of their beautiful church, dream of the fresh disaster toward which they were so rapidly approaching. On the 13th of January, 1878, another fatal thirteenth, in the early morning hours, that beautiful structure was found to be on fire, was soon wrapped in flames and laid in ashes by the destroying element. It was often asked, Why should the House of God be permitted to burn? Perhaps no better answer can be given than that it WAS the House of God, and that He would bring His followers this people to a more perfect unity and purpose by the supreme test of self-sacrifice to rebuild the temple in which to worship Him.

There was no delay. To the then existing board of trustees, J. H. Plumb, R. G. Wright, E. A. Skinner, H. C. Kingsbury and S. W. Mason, were added Dr. F. B. Brewer, Alfred Patterson and L. F. Phelps, constituting the building committee. Subscriptions were soon secured to supplement the

\$23,000 insurance realized from the fire loss, the building was erected by the same architect and when we reflect that on the 27th of February, a little more than a year later this present building, at a cost of about \$30,000, fully paid, was tendered for dedication, we can form some estimate of the splendid work that was done by that body of men to accomplish it.

The first recorded ownership of a parsonage by this Society came by warranty deed from George W. Patterson and Hannah W., his wife, under date November 25, 1878. This was a gift and recited that it was "for a manse or parsonage and for no other use" and it conveyed the property known as the James D. Carlisle house and lot at the corner of Clinton and Market Streets in this village, and was a most generous and useful benefaction to this people.

On January 21, 1897, George W. Patterson and Francis D. Patterson, as sole residuary legatees of the former grantors, reciting the former deed by the father and mother, conveyed all their interest of whatsoever name and nature to this society, thus generously freeing the parsonage property from all restrictions.

It was during the summer of 1904 that a movement was set on foot for the building of a new parsonage which should be better suited and more in keeping with the present wants of our church.

F. A. Hall, F. B. Brewer, G. S. Flagler, H. L. Munson, S. C. Crandall and E. M. Kent constituting the board of trustees, and the last two named the building committee. They were presented by Mr. E. A. Skinner with a subscription list headed

for this purpose with five subscriptions of \$500 each. The board upon consultation with the people found a strong sentiment in favor of building at once and the necessary pledges were easily secured, the lot on Elm Street was purchased of Hermon L. Kent by his deed of November 12, 1904, for \$1,160.

Most satisfactory plans and specifications by E. E. Joralemon, architect, were adopted and the contract was promptly let to Peter Meister & Son and Charles G. Wantshouse. The work was begun in the early winter of 1904 and completed during the following summer of 1905, the total cost for construction being about \$5,400, the old parsonage being sold to Andrew W. Dieffenbeck, March 23, 1905, for \$2,200, that amount was applied to the new parsonage fund.

It is through the labors, the generous spirit, the self-sacrifice and self-denial of the members of this Society and of this community, through all these years, that the present membership and congregation enjoy a church edifice and a pastor's house at once so ample and adequate to their present needs. Let us feel that it is our duty to guard these against loss, and to preserve them with care to the best of our ability as a house of worship and a home for those who shall come after us.

I have hesitated to present on this occasion what seemed to me might be a bare and uninteresting recital of facts, but if by bringing the salient points in the physical history of the First Presbyterian Society of Westfield during the past one hundred years into more compact and intimate relations, it shall serve any good and useful purpose now, and in the years to come, I shall be content.

E. M. KENT.

# CHURCH OFFICERS

AS OF DECEMBER 1908

## PASTOR

Rev. George L. MacClelland

## ELDERS

Edward A. Skinner  
Joseph M. Mateer

Frank A. Hall  
James E. Hall

Francis B. Brewer  
Grant S. Flagler

## DEACONS.

Roy S. Blowers  
Harry A. Blowers

David K. Falvay  
Oliver A. Jones

J. Windsor Phillips  
Theo. L. Barker

## TRUSTEES.

Frank A. Hall  
Francis B. Brewer

Grant S. Flagler  
Elmore M. Kent

Samuel C. Crandall  
Harlan L. Munson

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Oliver A. Jones

## ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Theo. L. Barker

## SUPERINTENDENT OF PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

Mrs. E. A. Skinner

## ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

Miss Frances A. Skinner

## MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

Andrews, Daniel .....	1817	Bandell, William .....	1817
Andrews, Anna .....	1808	Bird, Julia .....	1817
Atwater, Juliette .....	1831	Bell, Arthur .....	1818
Abell, Melissa .....	1832	Bell, William .....	1818
Anderson, Robert T. ....	1837	Blaine, Nancy .....	1819
Andrews, Philinda .....	1838	Bird, Polly .....	1820
Armstrong, E. L. ....	1838	Bidwell, Walter H. ....	1821
Abbott, Asa S. ....	1840	Bandle, Lucy .....	1824
Abbott, Eunice .....	1840	Bell, Nancy .....	1826
Abbott, Cornelia .....	1840	Bailey, Amos .....	1827
Abbott, Mary .....	1840	Bailey, Mary .....	1827
Atwood, Mary A. ....	1840	Bradley, John .....	1829
Allen, Laura H. ....	1841	Bradley, Eunice .....	1829
Allis, William .....	1842	Bradley, William .....	1829
Allis, Maria .....	1842	Bradley, Lovinia .....	1829
Adams, Moses .....	1853	Baldwin, Mrs. Asenth .....	1830
Adams, Clarissa .....	1853	Bandel, Anna .....	1830
Allis, Mary E. ....	1855	Bell, George .....	1831
Allis, Oscar H. ....	1855	Budlong, Levantia .....	1831
Adams, Betsy .....	1855	Bradley, Julia .....	1831
Ard, John, Sr. ....	1857	Beecher, David .....	1832
Ard, Sarah .....	1857	Beecher, Mrs. Prudence .....	1832
Allis, Charles F. ....	1859	Bird, Caroline .....	1832
Abbott, Lucy B. F. ....	1860	Barnes, Melissa .....	1832
Abell, Leroy M. ....	1866	Bradley, Mrs. William .....	1833
Ard, John .....	1872	Bell, Mrs. Wealthy .....	1833
Ard, Nancy .....	1872	Bradley, Joel .....	1833
Allen, Willis C. ....	1875	Bradley, Sophia .....	1833
Abbott, Lucy A. ....	1875	Bradley, Lent .....	1833
Abell, Elizabeth .....	1837	Bradley, George .....	1833
Arnold, Agnes J. ....	1877	Bradley, Mary Ann .....	1833
Arnold, Sadie J. ....	1877	Bradley, Mary .....	1833
Ard, Frank C. ....	1878	Bird, Alvina J. ....	1833
Anderson, Huldah M. ....	1885	Bird, Nathaniel .....	1833
Anderson, Emma C. ....	1889	Bradley, Sophia .....	1833
Abbott, Louisa .....	1889	Bradley, Frederick I. ....	1834
Anderson, Furnham G. ....	1890	Blair, Mary .....	1834
Allen, Lottie Grace .....	1892	Bradley, Lovinia .....	1834
Anderson, Florence L. ....	1893	Bartlett, Mary .....	1836
Ard, Inez .....	1893	Bristol, William F. ....	1836
Allen, Herbert W. ....	1894	Beqalo, Mrs. Jerucia .....	1836
Anderson, Mrs. Louise .....	1892	Barnes, Philip .....	1836
Allen, Mrs. Charlotte B. ....	1898	Bliss, Elam C. ....	1837
Allen, Paul B. ....	1904	Bliss, Mary .....	1837
Ames, Bernice May .....	1909	Barnes, Elizabeth .....	1837
		Blair, Alvah .....	1837
Bell, Eleanor .....	1808	Burch, Titus .....	1837
Bird, Hannah .....	1817	Burdick, Nancy .....	1837
Bandell, Lydia .....	1817	Brown, Hannah .....	1837

Bradley, Bristol	1837	Boyd, Mrs. Maria	1866
Beardsley, Mary	1837	Bradley, Reuben H.	1869
Brunet, Clarissa	1837	Bond, Nancy Helen	1869
Bradley, Harriet	1837	Bryson, Jane	1869
Bennett, Mary	1837	Bryson, Isabella	1869
Bigelow, Lucy	1838	Bryson, Ann M.	1869
Bigelow, Philanda	1838	Butler, Mrs. Polly	1872
Bourne, Caroline	1838	Baldwin, Alpheus F.	1874
Bourne, Eliza	1838	Ball, William O.	1874
Beardsley, Wheeler	1839	Brewer, Frances M.	1875
Beardsley, Melissa	1839	Burch, Oliver Burdette	1875
Brunt, Cor.	1839	Baldwin, Sarah Maria	1875
Baker, Dennis	1839	Bills, Sarah	1875
Baker, Minerva	1839	Burch, Mary	1876
Bradley, Mary Ann	1840	Ball, Oscar S.	1876
Barger, Elias S.	1840	Ball, Jennie L.	1876
Burton, Mrs. Sarah	1841	Ball, Mary A.	1876
Burton, Mary	1841	Blowers, Jessie F.	1876
Burdon, Lucinda	1841	Blowers, Jennie L.	1876
Burdon, Mary Ann	1841	Baldwin, Eliza V.	1876
Brigham, Dorinda	1841	Ball, Mary Ann	1877
Bull, Sarah	1843	Bradley, Mrs. C. W.	1878
Bosworth, Minerva A.	1843	Bradley, Emma	1878
Baker, Harvey	1844	Blowers, Harry W.	1878
Baker, Alice	1844	Burroughs, Mrs. Mary A.	1879
Burton, Martha	1844	Balcom, Mrs. Lucy	1879
Burton, William	1845	Bigelow, Philander	1838
Burton, Mrs. Mary	1845	Bond, Mrs. Harriet Peck	1880
Bandall, Mrs. Martha	1845	Bird, Jennie Etta	1882
Baker, Chas.	1845	Bird, Hattie Maria	1882
Barnes, Philip	1845	Bennett, Mary C.	1884
Burwick, Mrs. Louisa	1847	Bacon, Mrs. Carrie L.	1885
Bemus, Mrs. William	1847	Brown, Mrs. Sarah Ann	1876
Brace, Emeline M.	1849	Barden, Eben Albert	1886
Burch, Mary A.	1850	Brower, Winfield C.	1886
Bliss, Elizabeth	1851	Bebec, Edwin S.	1887
Bliss, Persia Mobelia	1851	Ball, Mrs. Louise E.	1889
Barger, Mrs. Thersa	1852	Bebec, Mina B.	1889
Barr, Ann	1852	Baldwin, Julia May	1890
Burch, Horace	1854	Brown, Etta May	1890
Barger, Frances Mary	1855	Blowers, Roy S.	1890
Baldwin, George C.	1858	Barker, Mrs. Jennie E.	1891
Baldwin, Fidelia	1858	Brown, Mrs. Julia A.	1892
Baldwin, Harriet	1858	Baird, James	1892
Baldwin, Henrietta A.	1858	Brewer, Francis B.	1893
Barger, Geo. E.	1859	Brewer, Mrs. Elizabeth Selden	1893
Bourne, Rachel	1860	Button, Edna Marion	1894
Bliss, Mrs. Harriet	1860	Button, Francis Maud	1894
Brown, Ellen H.	1861	Burns, Theodore P.	1894
Brown, Mrs. Caroline S.	1862	Burns, Maggie M.	1894
Breads, William	1863	Burns, Mabel M.	1897
Brewer, Susan H.	1863	Barber, Lew E.	1894
Bigelow, Jason	1863	Bay, Valdimir	1894
Beebee, Richard S.	1866	Bay, Mrs. Mary F.	1894
Beebee, Mrs. R. E.	1866	Bradley, Horace E.	1894
Brown, John M.	1866	Backman, Charles B.	1894



Blowers, Mrs. Mary B. ....	1900	Cook, Elizabeth .....	1832
Brown, Mrs. Bertha B. ....	1900	Cook, Alvin .....	1832
Bernander, Andrew .....	1900	Cook, Mrs. Alvin .....	1832
Bernander, Mrs. Eloida .....	1900	Cone, Sullivan .....	1832
Buttery, John .....	1901	Carlisle, James D. ....	1833
Buttery, Mrs. Mary .....	1901	Cutler, Charles .....	1833
Buttery, Howard .....	1901	Collins, Elephalett .....	1833
Buttery, Rossie .....	1901	Cone, Lucretia .....	1833
Brown, Stephen A. ....	1903	Cone, Susan .....	1833
Barker, Theodore .....	1904	Cone, Sullivan .....	1833
Blayney, Gertrude .....	1904	Couch, Warren .....	1833
Boggs, Harry W. ....	1905	Chase, Wm. ....	1833
Boggs, Mrs. Bessie M. ....	1905	Chase, Content .....	1833
Bliss, Mrs. Mary E. ....	1906	Cochrane, James .....	1833
Buttery, Clayton J. ....	1906	Couch, Amelia .....	1833
Barden, Mary Jane .....	1906	Cochrane, Nancy .....	1834
Ball, Raymond D. ....	1906	Cochrane, Rachel .....	1834
Belden, Wayne I. ....	1907	Chambers, Fanny .....	1834
Brewer, George Selden, ....	1907	Case, Alana .....	1834
Barden, Mrs. Mabel Louise..	1908	Cochrane, Nancy .....	1834
Brewer, Selden .....	1909	Couch, John .....	1834
Brewer, Francis .....	1909	Couch, Emma .....	1834
Belden, Wyatt Selden .....	1909	Cowden, William W. ....	1834
Bunville, Mrs. Lizzie A. ....	1909	Cowden, Almira .....	1834
Bartholomew, Mrs. Martha..	1909	Cowles, Amos .....	1834
Ball, Everet Sidney .....	1909	Cowles, Dolly .....	1834
		Cowles, Aaron J. ....	1835
Cochrane, Robert, Jr. ....	1817	Cowles, Sally .....	1835
Cochrane, Hugh .....	1817	Coleman, William .....	1835
Cochrane, Nancy .....	1817	Collins, J. W. ....	1836
Cochrane, Jane .....	1817	Collins, Fanny .....	1836
Cochrane, Robert, Sr. ....	1817	Carlisle, John .....	1837
Culver, Harmon .....	1818	Culbertson, James .....	1837
Cochrane, Jane .....	1818	Cone, Mary E. ....	1837
Camp, Marion .....	1821	Chambers, Mary Ann. ....	1837
Cochrane, Elizabeth .....	1824	Cochrane, Eliza .....	1837
Cochrane, James .....	1827	Crosgrove, James .....	1837
Cochrane, Mary .....	1827	Crosgrove, Elizabeth .....	1837
Couch, Rhoda .....	1819	Crump, David .....	1838
Couch, Hiram .....	1826	Crafts, Walter .....	1838
Cochrane, John .....	1827	Crafts, Mrs. W. ....	1838
Couch, Lucretia .....	1828	Curtis, William .....	1839
Couch, Frederick .....	1828	Curtis, Mrs. W. ....	1839
Cochrane, Margarette .....	1829	Chamberlin, Joseph .....	1840
Collins, Mrs. Julian .....	1829	Chamberlin, Abigale .....	1840
Cass, Mrs. Sophy .....	1830	Coon, John S. ....	1841
Cole, Horace .....	1830	Coon, Mary Ann .....	1841
Cole, Abi .....	1830	Carey, Chester .....	1841
Cole, Abi Ann .....	1830	Carey, Elizabeth .....	1841
Cochrane, Mrs. Phidelia .....	1831	Crosgrove, Rebecca .....	1841
Crosgrove, John .....	1831	Chapin, Marvine .....	1842
Crosgrove, Sarah .....	1831	Chapin, Persis .....	1842
Cochrane, Jane .....	1831	Cornwall, Emily M. ....	1842
Coleman, Justus .....	1831	Coney, Mahitable .....	1843
Chamberlin, Mrs. Eliza .....	1832	Couch, John .....	1844
Cook, Elihu .....	1832	Couch, Emma .....	1844
Cook, Sarinda .....	1832	Cowden, Sarah Jane .....	1845

Couch, Almira	1845	Crafts, Louise Phoebe	1867
Crosgrove, Rachel	1845	Cochrane, Mrs. Elizabeth	1872
Cochrane, Hugh	1846	Cochrane, Allen	1872
Cochrane, Rachel	1846	Crosgrove, James	1872
Coleman, Emily	1846	Cochrane, Grace	1872
Couch, Candice	1847	Cochrane, Jennie	1872
Coleman, Abby	1848	Cochrane, Lizzie	1872
Coleman, George	1848	Cochrane, Wm. N.	1872
Crocker, Mrs. Adelisa	1850	Cochrane, Nancy J.	1872
Crocker, Harriet	1850	Cochrane, Mrs. Sarah	1872
Crocker, Jas. A.	1851	Chamberlin, Ellen	1872
Crocker, Charlotte	1851	Cochrane, Alex C.	1875
Carlisle, Elizabeth A.	1851	Cochrane, Rachel	1875
Crosgrove, Jane	1851	Crosgrove, Francis Phelps	1866
Crosgrove, Hannah	1851	Crosgrove, Myra D.	1866
Couch, Walter	1851	Campbell, Elizabeth M.	1877
Couch, Harmon	1851	Cochrane, Alex N.	1877
Crosgrove, Nancy E.	1851	Cochrane, Mary E.	1877
Cowden, Mary M.	1852	Coates, Alfred W.	1878
Cochrane, Alex	1852	Cochrane, Isaac	1875
Coskery, Robert	1853	Cochrane, Mrs. Julia	1875
Coskery, Grace	1853	Crosgrove, Francis E.	1866
Coskery, Mary	1853	Campbell, Mrs. Elizabeth	1879
Curtis, Henry	1853	Chamberlin, Mrs. Sarah J.	1880
Curtis, Mrs. Mary	1854	Clark, Mrs. Anna Maria	1880
Cochrane, Ann	1855	Conniff, Margaret	1879
Crosgrove, John	1855	Crafts, Mrs. Harriet A.	1880
Carlisle, Lucy C.	1855	Cutting, Susan B.	1880
Couch, Henrietta	1855	Cutting, Hattie A.	1881
Cochrane, Josephine	1855	Colt, Mrs. Katie N.	1881
Cochrane, Nancy	1855	Colt, Mrs. Sophia H.	1881
Carlisle, Henrietta	1855	Clement, Mrs. Mary S.	1881
Couch, Rhoda E.	1855	Clement, Moses	1881
Crosgrove, Mrs. Margaret	1857	Clement, Sarah M.	1881
Carlisle, John	1857	Colgrove, Cora A.	1882
Colt, Mariam	1857	Cochran, Mrs. Hattie B.	1882
Cowen, Janette	1858	Cochran, Mrs. Sarah	1885
Carlin, Laura A.	1859	Cochran, Mrs. Caroline M.	1886
Couper, Alex.	1860	Colt, William A.	1889
Cochrane, Nancy M.	1861	Covey, Harry Clay	1890
Couper, Mary	1861	Coombs, Adeline M.	1890
Couch, Mrs. Rachel	1862	Cady, Henry Y.	1892
Cauck, Mrs. R.	1862	Colt, Juvenila A.	1892
Crosgrove, Sarah	1866	Cochrane, Mrs. M. J.	1879
Crosgrove, Hugh	1866	Crandall, Mrs. Eugenia J.	1866
Crosgrove, Edward N.	1866	Champlin, Mrs. Jennie A.	1877
Crosgrove, Carson R.	1866	Craig, Mrs. Sarah E.	1872
Crosgrove, Carson N.	1866	Colt, Fannie May	1894
Cochrane, Joseph A.	1866	McCarty, Jennie	1894
Carlisle, Mary E.	1866	Crandall, Samuel C.	1894
Couch, Martha	1866	Cameron, Allan	1894
Cochrane, Katie V.	1866	Covey, Thomas	1894
Crosby, Addison	1866	Cowden, Mary	1894
Crosby, Harriet	1866	Cochrane, Arthur A.	1902
Campbell, Wm.	1866	Card, Mylan A.	1902
Campbell, Christian	1866	Card, Mrs. Ellen	1902
Crosgrove, John R. S.	1866	Crafts, Harriet Edith	1902

Cowan, George M. ....	1903	Donaldson, John C. ....	1853
Craig, Mrs. Sarah E. ....	1872	Durand, Adelaide ....	1855
Croft, Fannie Maude ....	1894	Danforth, Mrs. Thomas ....	1855
Cowan, Mrs. Grace C. ....	1887	Danforth, Lucretia ....	1855
Coates, Theodora M. ....	1903	Dean, Sarah ....	1858
Colt, Edith M. ....	1904	Durand, Nancy ....	1858
Craig, Mary J. ....	1906	Dixon, Caroline P. ....	1861
Craig, Nellie M. ....	1906	Dick, Julia ....	1863
Cameron, Ella Grace ....	1906	Driggs, Mrs. Lovisa ....	1864
Crouch, Hazel E. ....	1906	Driggs, Flora ....	1864
Cutting, Mrs. Susan ....	1908	Driggs, Roxa ....	1864
Cutting, Harriet ....	1908	Driggs, J. Adele ....	1866
Dickerson, Susannah ....	1818	Dick, Myra ....	1866
Dickerson, William ....	1819	Dickson, Ellen E. ....	1866
Durand, Fisk ....	1821	Douglas, Wm. R. ....	1869
Durand, Polly E. ....	1821	Dickson, Charlotte M. ....	1874
Driggs, Anson ....	1830	Dix, Helen S. ....	1866
Denning, Jane ....	1830	Dickson, Dwight ....	1877
Dixon, Caroline ....	1830	Dickson, Warren W. ....	1877
Dean, Erastus ....	1831	Dickson, Edwin D. ....	1877
Dean, Judith ....	1831	Dickson, Nettie M. ....	1877
Deming, Ann N. ....	1831	Durand, Frank C. ....	1877
Dixon, Elizabeth ....	1831	Drake, Mrs. Clara ....	1877
Deming, Sarah ....	1831	Drake, Jennie Clara ....	1877
Dickson, Jane ....	1831	Douglas, Mrs. Mary ....	1880
Dabney, Olive ....	1832	Driggs, Nellie C. ....	1881
Dabney, C. P. ....	1833	Davis, Clara L. ....	1885
Davis, Mrs. Elizabeth ....	1833	Durand, Donna A. ....	1885
Durand, Lyman ....	1833	Drake, Mrs. Perlia ....	1885
Durand, Samantha ....	1833	Durand, Sarah D. ....	1887
Dickson, Emeline ....	1833	Driggs, Mrs. Emily ....	1888
Durand, Mary ....	1835	Dascomb, Mary L. ....	1891
Durand, Fisk, Jr. ....	1835	Dascomb, Mrs. Mary Ann ...	1891
Durand, Nancy ....	1835	Dickson, Tennie V. ....	1891
Deer, Elizabeth ....	1836	Dann, Anna M. ....	1892
Davidson, Samuel ....	1837	Dann, Rose E. ....	1892
Deming, Sophia ....	1837	Douglas, Harry W. ....	1892
Deming, Harriet ....	1837	Dann, Flora H. ....	1893
Dickson, John ....	1837	Dieffenbach, Mrs. Rebecca ...	1894
Davidson, Margaret ....	1837	Dieffenbach, Arthur W. ....	1894
Denton, Hezekiah ....	1838	Dieffenbach, Susan K. ....	1894
Denton, Hannah P. ....	1839	Douglas, John R. ....	1894
Dean, Erastus ....	1839	Dinsbier, Carrie A. ....	1894
Dean, Mrs. E. ....	1839	Durand, Mrs. Franc C. ....	1877
Durand, Nehemiah ....	1839	Davis, Mrs. Harriet L. ....	1895
Durand, Fila ....	1839	Davis, Nettie L. ....	1898
Dixon, Mercy ....	1842	Deming, Daisy L. ....	1903
Dixon, Mrs. Abram ....	1842	Douglas, James R. ....	1904
Deer, John ....	1845	Douglas, Alice R. ....	1906
Deer, Mary Anna ....	1850	Dibble, Mrs. Adell P. ....	1906
Dick, Morris ....	1852	Davis, Mrs. Alice ....	1907
Dickson, Mary A. ....	1853	Dieffenbach, Mrs. Mary ....	1908
Dean, Mrs. Sarah ....	1853	Edson, Emily ....	1836
Dean, Harriet ....	1853	Edson, Franklin E. ....	1836
Dean, Daniel ....	1853	Eason, Susan ....	1837
Dean, Henry Jr. ....	1853	Ellwood, Elizabeth ....	1841

Eaton, Darwin G. ....	1841	Falvey, Mrs. Clara L. ....	1885
Eaton, Oscar .....	1841	Ford, Herbert .....	1886
Earl, Eliza Ann .....	1876	Fox, Sidney B. ....	1887
Eckert, John .....	1877	Farrington, Mrs. Emma C. ...	1888
Eberle, Minnie C. ....	1886	Frisbee, Kate .....	1888
Elmer, Clara M. ....	1894	Fox, Mrs. Kate .....	1889
Ehrensberger, Mabel M. ....	1897	Flagler, Grant S. ....	1890
Elliot, Mrs. Eliza Ann .....	1907	Flagler, Mrs. Alta M. ....	1890
Fay, John .....	1817	Fraser, Mrs. Rose M. ....	1882
Foster, Joseph .....	1817	Flygarre, Aug. J. ....	1894
Foster, Belinda .....	1817	Flygarre, Mrs. Anna N. ....	1892
Fowler, Hannah .....	1817	Flagler, James W. ....	1906
Fay, Nancy .....	1818	Foote, Dorothea F. ....	1906
Fay, Nathan .....	1820	Falvey, Clarice R. ....	1906
Farnsworth, Asenith .....	1820	Foote, Frank L. ....	1907
Ferryall, Jefferson .....	1828	Foote, Adeline E. ....	1907
Farnsworth, Asenath .....	1830	Foote, Charles J. ....	1908
French, Mrs. Hannah .....	1830	Falvey, Walter J. ....	1909
Ford, Chloe .....	1830	Flagler, Adelaide Lucile .....	1909
Ford, Mary E. ....	1830	Flagler, Margaret Owen .....	1909
Farnsworth, Joseph .....	1831	Gibson, John .....	1817
Farnsworth, Asa .....	1831	Grey, Margaret .....	1817
Farnsworth, Joseph Jr. ....	1831	Gibson, Eleanor .....	1817
Farnsworth, Eliza .....	1831	Guile, Hetty .....	1817
Finney, Mrs. Clarissa .....	1831	Goodrich, Mrs. Sally .....	1828
Finney, Francis .....	1831	Gracy, Jane .....	1831
Ford, Orren .....	1832	Gracy, Mrs. Mary .....	1831
French, Susan .....	1833	Gray, Mrs. Polly .....	1820
Farnsworth, Lucy .....	1833	Gould, Clark C. ....	1832
Foster, Adeline .....	1833	Gregory, Mrs. Sarah S. ....	1833
Fay, Polly .....	1834	Gracy, John .....	1833
Fay, Harriet .....	1834	Gray Patrick W. ....	1837
Felt, Mrs. Ann .....	1835	Gray, Amy .....	1837
Frost, Selden .....	1837	Gracy, Samuel .....	1837
Fasset, O. R. ....	1841	Gillett, Mrs. Sarah L. ....	1843
Fay, Eliza .....	1845	Gilman, Mrs. Philander .....	1849
Fellows, Mrs. Julia .....	1845	Gilman, Horatio .....	1849
Frost, Amanda .....	1850	Gilman, Rosanna .....	1850
Farwell, George .....	1852	Gilchrist, Mrs. Harriet .....	1850
Farwell, Louisa C. ....	1852	Gray, Mrs. Mary .....	1851
Fay, Martin J. ....	1855	Gill, Grace .....	1852
Field, Sarah W. ....	1855	Grant, Augusta .....	1859
Farwell, Mary E. ....	1858	Goodrich, Mrs. Jane .....	1861
Farlin, Lucian .....	1859	Gillis, Augusta .....	1864
Farlin, Rhoda .....	1859	Goodrich, Emma S. ....	1866
Fisher, Jas. P. (Mrs.) .....	1862	Goodrich, Galusha .....	1872
Fisher, Samuel V. S. ....	1862	Goodrich, Abbie R. ....	1872
Farwell, Marcella .....	1866	Green, Mrs. Anna R. ....	1873
Fone, Mrs. Jane .....	1871	Gracy, Rachel .....	1834
Ferguson, Rosanna .....	1874	Gleason, Ellen D. ....	1866
Ferguson, Esther .....	1875	Golden, Elizabeth .....	1876
Fralick, Hattie L. ....	1877	Gibbs, Maria M. ....	1877
Franklin, Frances .....	1877	Gossett, Nancy A. ....	1877
Fay, Mrs. John .....	1872	Gracey, Jeneatte .....	1877
Faber, Mrs. Dorothy J. ....	1888	Gracey, Clara M. ....	1877
Falvey, David K. ....	1885	Gordon, David .....	1878

Gracey, Mrs. Harriet P.	1879	Howe, Mrs. Loiza	1837
Goodrich, Clarence J.	1882	Hungerford, Sextus	1837
Gray, Elsie	1884	Hungerford, Mrs. Maria	1837
Guild, Anna H.	1886	Harrington, Ruba	1838
Gregson, George	1886	Hopkins, Mrs. Phoebe	1838
Goodrich, Charles F.	1886	Hills, Honora	1839
Gregson, Mrs. Eliza	1886	Hopkins, Mrs. Hannah	1841
Galloway, Arthur	1886	Howard, Henry B.	1841
Gardner, Emma B.	1886	Haight, Mrs. Elizabeth	1843
Guild, Isabel	1886	Haight, Volusia	1843
Gray, Mary E.	1886	Harmon, Mrs. Sarah S.	1843
Gleason, Elizabeth	1889	Houston, John A.	1844
Garlick, Mary A.	1891	Hinckley, Mrs. Mary	1844
Gregson, George A.	1892	Hopkins, Julia S.	1845
Gregson, W. B.	1892	Hamilton, Jane	1845
Gollnitz, John H.	1894	Hall, Charlotte	1845
Gollnitz, Mrs. Maria E.	1894	Hall, Mrs. Harriet	1845
Galloway, Mrs. Belle	1894	Hotchkiss, Elizabeth	1845
Gilman, George D.	1898	Howard, Mary	1845
Gilman, Mrs. Belle	1898	Hall, Sarah	1846
Galloway, Margaret Jane F.	1908	Hall, Susan	1846
Gilman, Harriet Eliza	1909	Hinckley, Clara B.	1847
Galloway, Mrs. Laura Eliz' bth	1909	Hawley, Mrs. Jane D.	1847
Galloway, Edna Almena	1909	Hall, Elias	1848
Gordon, Bessie Marcia	1809	Hall, Ellen	1848
		Hall, Harriet	1848
Hale, Anna	1817	Hinckley, Mary	1848
House, Betsy	1817	Hurlburt, H. L.	1849
Harris, Polly	1817	Hadrell, Mrs. J. B.	1849
Hale, Elizabeth	1819	Hall, Eliza Anna	1849
Henderson, John	1824	Hall, Robert M.	1849
Harmon, Mary	1825	Hall, Martha M.	1849
Hall, Asa	1831	Hesslink, G. W.	1851
Hollister, Hannibal	1831	Hesslink, Mrs. J. G.	1851
Hamilton, Stephen	1831	Higginson, Amelia	1851
Hall, Paulina	1831	Hall, Sophy C.	1851
Hamilton, Sarah	1831	Hall, William D.	1851
Harrington, Thankful S.	1832	Hall, Joseph H.	1851
Hurlbut, Henry L.	1833	Harper, Eliza	1851
Harrington, Jasper	1833	Hale, Mrs. Deborah	1853
Harmon, Jonathan	1833	Hall, Emma M.	1855
Hamilton, Zeri	1834	Hungerford, Harriet A.	1855
Hamilton, Jerusha	1834	Harper, Nancy Jane	1856
Hill, Sylvia	1834	Hemenway, Mrs. Emma	1856
Higgins, Jane	1834	Hopkins, Julia S.	1856
Harmon, Sarah Ann	1836	Hathaway, Mary	1856
Hopkins, Talmon	1836	Hathaway, J. R.	1856
Hopkins, Emeline	1836	Hough, Mrs. Orson	1857
Huddleston, Jane	1836	Hough, Clarissa	1858
Henderson, Eleanor	1837	Hollinger, Andrew	1858
Higgins, Elizabeth	1837	Hall, William D.	1860
Hawley, Jabez	1837	Hollinger, Mary Ann	1860
Hawley, Theodosia	1837	Hutchinson, Merrick	1861
Harmon, Sarah	1837	Hungerford, Mrs. Martha	1861
Hinckley, John G.	1837	Hungerford, Imogene	1861
Hacket, Mary Ann	1837	Harrington, Ellen	1861
Harwood, Oliver P.	1837	Hesslink, Mary	1863

Hollister, Horace H. ....	1863	Hollands, Fred L. ....	1889
Howard, Lucy B. ....	1866	Hollands, Mrs. Mary L. ....	1881
Holt, Mrs. Amelia ....	1866	Hathaway, Mrs. Mary ....	1889
Hesslink, Maria E. ....	1866	Hall, Pauline M. ....	1890
Hesslink, Henrietta G. ....	1866	Hall, Mary E. ....	1890
Hawley, Florence B. ....	1866	Hall, Emma A. ....	1890
Hinckley, Grace M. ....	1866	Holmes, Florence G. ....	1890
Hall, Frank A. ....	1866	Hodges, Alice ....	1891
Hesslink, Garrett ....	1866	Hopper, Agusta H. ....	1891
Harper, Mrs. Anna ....	1866	Hopper, Mrs. Violetta ....	1891
Harper, Elizabeth ....	1868	Hough, Ann A. ....	1892
Hall, Eliza A. ....	1868	Hall, James E. ....	1892
Hewey, John ....	1871	Hunt, Mrs. Sophia M. ....	1880
Hill, William ....	1872	Hill, Lillian May ....	1894
Hill, Eliza ....	1872	Hall, Asa D. ....	1894
Hall, Frank H. ....	1874	Hewey, John ....	1894
Hall, Adella H. ....	1875	Hough, Mrs. Mercy A. ....	1894
Hollinger, Sara Agnes ....	1875	Harris, Mrs. Lany A. ....	1894
Harrington, Lucy ....	1875	Hughes, Mrs. Nettie D. ....	1877
Hall, Sarah E. ....	1875	Harris, Mrs. Cynthia ....	1894
Hewey, Eliza Jane ....	1872	Harroun, Frances B. ....	1897
Hart, Mrs. Eliza A. ....	1833	Harper, Mrs. W. H. ....	1898
House, Ellen C. ....	1872	Haase, Mary C. ....	1899
Hall, Flora A. ....	1864	Hamilton, Benj. A. ....	1900
Harper, Sarah A. ....	1876	Harroun, Emily Blanche ....	1901
Hawley, Grace D. ....	1877	Hammond, Jennie B. ....	1902
Hawley, Martha D. ....	1877	Holly, Ruth ....	1902
Hathaway, Nellie L. ....	1877	Hutchins, Mrs. Sarah ....	1902
Harvey, Wm. J. ....	1877	Hall, Thirsa ....	1903
Harper, Sarah ....	1877	Haskell, Mrs. Elizabeth ....	1894
Harper, Mary J. ....	1877	Haenel, Fred ....	1904
Hart, Mrs. Jane ....	1878	Hall, James E. ....	1904
Harvey, Mrs. Wm. J. ....	1877	Hall, Mrs. Lottie Taylor. ....	1904
Hall, Mrs. Susan L. ....	1866	Holthouse, Grant ....	1904
Hall, Joseph H. ....	1879	Hamilton, Minnie ....	1906
Hall, Mrs. Sarah E. ....	1879	Hutchins, Porter M. ....	1906
House, Cora E. ....	1879	Hutchinson, Helena M. ....	1908
Hall, Mrs. S. J. ....	1880	Hunt, F. Marion ....	1909
Hall, Jessie E. ....	1884	Hunt, Julia L. ....	1909
Hamilton, George T. ....	1884	Hiller, Grace ....	1910
Hamilton, Mrs. Mariette. ....	1884		
Hall, Charlotte Marea ....	1885	Ingersoll, Sarah ....	1833
Hall, Florence S. ....	1885	Ingersoll, Thomas ....	1833
Hall, Hattie L. ....	1885	Ingram, Isaac ....	1838
Haase, Ferdinand ....	1886	Ingersoll, Charles J. J. ....	1842
Hollinger, Nellie ....	1886	Ingersoll, Mrs. Eliza ....	1842
Hall, Mrs. Roxa M. ....	1887	Ingersoll, Charles P. ....	1877
Harroun, Mrs. Sarah K. ....	1887	Isham, Mrs. Hannah B. ....	1882
Haase, Henry J. ....	1887	Isham, Mattie Ida ....	1892
Hall, Roy C. ....	1887	Isham, Richard B. ....	1892
Hamilton, May C. ....	1888	Ingram, Mrs. Nettie R. ....	1885
Haase, Wm. J. ....	1888	Irwin, Mrs. N. E. B. (T) ....	1908
Haase, Henry ....	1888		
Haase, Mrs. Catherine C. ....	1888	Jordan, Catherine ....	1819
Hostater, Mrs. M. ....	1889	Jones, Christopher ....	1827
Hoopes, E. L. ....	1889	Johnston, John ....	1827
Hoopes, Mrs. Mary E. ....	1889	Johnston, Ann ....	1827

Jones, Mrs. Mary	1830	Jeffers, Graham	1868
Johnston, Alex	1831	Johnston, Sarah	1869
Johnston, John Jr.	1831	Johnston, Mrs. Jane	1870
Johnston, Nancy	1831	Johnston, William	1871
Johnston, Victoria M.	1831	Johnston, Victoria	1871
Johnston, Hugh	1831	Johnston, John W.	1871
Jones, Josiah	1832	Johnston, Harriet	1871
Jones, Sybil	1832	Johnston, Mrs. Eleanor M.	1871
Johnston, James	1833	Johnston, Agnes E.	1871
Johnston, Elizabeth	1833	Johnston, James M.	1871
Johnston, William	1836	Johnston, J. Frank	1871
Jones, John	1836	Johnston, Sarah H.	1871
Johnson, Rosceter P.	1837	Johnston, Lizzie	1872
Johnson, Mary Ann	1837	Johnston, Anna Belle	1872
Jarvis, Ann Jane	1837	Johnston, Jennie W.	1872
Jarvis, Margaret	1837	Johnston, Sarah E.	1872
Jackson, Elizabeth	1837	Johnston, Hannah D.	1874
Johnston, Robert	1837	Johnston, Alice M.	1874
Jarvis, Joseph	1837	Johnston, Fred Wm.	1875
Jones, Nathan S.	1837	Jernegan, Jennie B.	1875
Jones, Mrs. Mary Ann	1837	Johnston, Elizabeth	1876
Jarvis, Mary	1837	Johnston, Nancy	1876
Jakway, William R.	1838	Jewett, Susan Mary	1877
Jakway, Lucy	1838	Johnston, Margaret	1877
Jones, Mary	1841	Johnston, Mary	1877
Johnston, David	1841	Johnston, Ida	1909
Johnston, Mary	1841	Jenks, Arthur Delant.	1909
Jones, Olive	1843	Johnston, Ellen	1877
Jones, Emma B.	1843	Johnston, Mrs. Margaret M.	1879
Johnston, Julia A.	1844	Johnston, Mrs. Margaret	1879
Johnston, Francis	1845	Johnston, Jane Anna	1886
Jackson, Mary	1847	Johnston, Jane McKee	1887
Jackson, Sarah L.	1847	Johnston, Mrs. Maud E.	1887
Johnston, Olive H.	1849	Jones, Mrs. Anna	1892
Johnston, Mary	1849	Jones, Edward L.	1892
Johnston, Elizabeth P. W.	1850	Jull, David	1893
Johnston, Nancy	1851	Jull, Mrs. Mary	1893
Johnston, Mary	1851	Jull, Fanny	1893
Johnston, Isabella	1851	Jull, Della	1893
Johnston, Jane	1851	Jillson, Marion B.	1894
Johnson, Edward W.	1852	Jones, Victor	1894
Johnson, Catherine	1852	Jones, Mrs. Anna	1894
Johnston, Mary B.	1854	Johnston, George H.	1894
Johnston, Sarah E.	1855	Jillson, Errol C.	1894
Johnston, Victoria	1855	Jillson, Ethel M.	1894
Johnston, John W.	1855	Jones, Oliver A.	1903
Johnson, Mrs. Eliza	1856	Jones, Mrs. Katie A.	1904
Jernegan, Sarah M.	1856	Jillson, Mrs. Lizzie	1891
Johnston, Sarah Jane	1859	Johnston, Margaret	1901
Johnston, James M.	1859	Jones, Mrs. Emma O.	1903
Johnston, James	1866	Johnson, Mary J.	1897
Johnston, Agnes E.	1866	Jackson, Lulu May	1906
Johnston, Frank J.	1866	Jones, Carlton, M.	1906
Johnston, Eugenia M.	1866	Jones, Mrs. Margaret C.	1906
Johnston, Jane	1866	Jilson, Mrs. Mabel G.	1908
Johnston, Lizzie J.	1866		
Johnston, Hugh W.	1867	Keep, John N.	1837

Kidder, Asa	1838	Lane, John W.	1831
Kidder, Sally	1838	Lane, Joshua	1831
Kidder, Eliza	1838	Loomis, Ann L.	1831
Kinnan, Mrs. Eliza	1849	Lane, Mrs.	1831
Kimball, Lucy	1852	Livermore, Sophia	1833
Kingham, William	1854	Lane, Henry M.	1833
Kingham, Jane	1854	Lane, Chas. T.	1833
Knight, Emily	1855	Lowry, Catherine	1833
Knowlton, Dexter A.	1855	Lee, Mrs. Chloe	1834
Knowlton, Evelina	1855	Lee, Amos	1834
Kendall, Mrs. Eunice	1856	Lane, Sarah F.	1835
Knapp, Mrs. Mary A.	1858	Loomis, S. Cyrus	1835
Knowlton, Almira	1858	Loomis, Hannah	1835
Knowlton, Dexter A. Jr.	1858	Lane, John W.	1836
Knight, Sextus H.	1859	Lane, Robert	1837
Kingsbury, Mercy A.	1859	Law, Nancy	1837
Knowlton, Chas. D.	1860	Lee, Timothy	1837
Knight, Ross	1866	Lowry, Margaret	1837
Kastner, Ellen M.	1866	Leach, Margaret D.	1841
Kendall, Mrs. Eliza E.	1866	Leach, Sally	1841
Kinner, Sarah E.	1872	Lowry, Mrs.	1842
Kinner, Mrs. Margaret	1872	Landis, Charles B.	1844
Knight, Betsy M.	1833	Landis, Sarah	1844
Knight, Ellen L.	1866	Lloyd, La Grange	1851
Knott, George F.	1876	Landas, Adaliza	1853
Knott, Amy L.	1876	Leitch, James	1858
Kinner, Josephine H.	1886	Leitch, Elizabeth	1858
Kinner, Effie M.	1886	Leet, Simeon	1859
Kendall, Edith M.	1886	Long, John C.	1861
Kinner, Margaret	1886	Long, Frances C.	1861
Kingsbury, Henry C.	1889	Lyons, Mrs. H. A.	1864
Kinner, Mary B.	1890	Long, Martha H.	1866
Kent, Mrs. Edna C.	1891	Luthi, John	1866
Knight, Margaret I.	1892	Loomis, Jediah	1866
Kinner, James E.	1892	Loomis, Margaret	1866
Kinner, Mrs. Saville	1902	Loomis, Nancy	1866
Kingan, James P.	1892	Loomis, Susan B.	1866
Kingan, Mrs. Mary J.	1892	Loomis, Ella	1866
Knight, Thomas M.	1894	Loomis, Henry	1866
Kuenen, Sarah	1894	Light, Mrs. Caroline	1867
Kuenen, Hannah	1894	Leitch, James	1871
Knight, S. Eleanor	1901	Leitch, Elizabeth	1871
Kingan, Samuel	1899	Lango, Minnie	1872
Kingan, Mrs. Harriet R.	1899	Leitch, Mary F.	1874
Keopka, Frank	1901	Leitch, Ellen	1874
Keopka, Mrs. Lena	1901	Loomis, Adele	1866
Kinner, James	1902	Lillimun, Mrs. Rosanna F.	1874
Keopka, Ella Maria	1906	Lloyd, Mary V.	1881
Knight, Frances L.	1906	Lloyd, Mrs. Jennie B.	1882
Kent, Clara Mary	1908	Lombard, Grace H.	1890
Kolpien, Freda Elizabeth	1909	Lombard, Alice M.	1890
		Lamb, Mrs. Allie N.	1886
Loomis, Joel	1817	Loop, Mrs. Melissa	1894
Lowry, Alexander	1817	Loomis, Milo Alexander	1894
Lowry, Rachel	1818		
Lowry, Hugh	1821	Montgomery, James	1808
Lamb, Anna	1830	Montgomery, Sarah	1808



McMahon, Sarah	1808	McRobert, Mary Jane	1855
Merrill, Medad W.	1817	Mussey, Susan H.	1856
McMahon, James	1818	Merriman, Joel	1857
Merrill, Olive	1820	Merriman, Chloe	1857
McCintock, Polly	1820	Mateer, Robert M.	1858
Macomber, Mary	1820	McNeill, Jennie	1858
Montgomery, Alex	1827	Macomber, Albert T.	1860
McHenry, Elizabeth	1829	McKeg, Malcom	1861
Martin, Ellen	1830	McKeg, Mrs. M.	1861
Montgomery, Eleanor	1831	May, Ann A.	1862
McGinnies, Mrs. Ann	1832	Merriman, Lois A.	1864
Macomber, Stephen	1833	Merriman, Elmira	1864
Macomber, Julia	1833	Morse, Henry G.	1865
Montgomery, Julia	1833	Morse, Sarah	1865
Minigar, Orville	1833	Morse, Henry G., Jr.	1866
McHenry, Clarinda	1833	Minot, Mary M.	1866
McHenry, John	1834	Macomber, Mary	1866
Moses, Stillman	1834	Macomber, Jennie	1866
Moses, Mary	1834	Miller, John	1866
Merriman, Mrs. Chloe	1834	Miller, Ann	1866
McClurg, Mrs. Martha	1834	Morgan, Justin	1867
Munn, Charlotte	1836	Morgan, Elizabeth	1867
Macomber, Jane	1837	McGill, Eliza Jane	1867
Macomber, Elizabeth	1837	Mack, Samuel	1868
Macomber, Emeline	1837	Miner, Mrs. Lucy	1871
Macomber, Thomas	1837	Mack, Eliza Jane	1872
Montgomery, Hamilton	1837	McMeekin, Sarah	1872
Macomber, Lewis	1837	Mills, Mrs. Marcia	1874
Montgomery, William	1837	Mateer, Joseph M.	1874
Minegar, Mary	1837	Mateer, Jennie J.	1875
Minegar, Martha	1837	Mason, Silas W.	1875
McClintic, Harriet	1837	Mateer, Jane	1851
Morse, Henry G.	1837	McDowell, Ann B.	1852
McClurg, Julian	1837	Mason, Amanda	1855
Minegar, Mrs. Mary Jane	1837	Macomber, A. S.	1851
McClurg, Mrs. J.	1840	Mosher, Frances Reed	1877
Mason, William	1842	Mawhir, Sarah G.	1877
Montgomery, Mrs. Laura	1842	Mosher, Grace	1877
Marvin, Nancy C.	1843	Marshal, Abbie V.	1877
Morgan, Wilbur	1843	Macomber, Sophia H.	1880
Montgomery, Sarah Ann	1845	Minnegar, Mrs. Martha	1880
McCain, Mrs. Marietta	1846	Mawhir, Margaret E.	1881
Montgomery, John Hamilton	1849	McLane, Mary M.	1881
Montgomery, Laura M.	1849	Minnegar, Mrs. Fanny	1882
Mallery, Frances	1849	McLane, Rose B.	1882
Montgomery, Joseph A.	1851	Mack, Clara Anna	1885
Morgan, Louise M.	1851	Mason, Clara Susan	1885
Magowan, Samuel	1851	McCarty, Mrs. Mary B.	1885
Macomber, William Wert	1852	Macomber, Jennie	1885
Macomber, Emily Bird	1852	McCarty, Agnes Ann	1886
McMordie, John	1853	Mosher, Elizabeth Rilla	1886
McMordie, Maria	1853	Macomber, Grant	1886
Montgomery, James L.	1853	Munson, Harlan L.	1887
Montgomery, Amelia	1853	Morris, Mrs. Nellie J.	1888
McMeekan, Nancy M.	1853	Merker, Gustavus	1888
Marcelles, Lydia	1853	Merker, Mrs. Emily	1888
McClurg, Ardelia	1854	Mateer, Fannie Sara	1888

Mack, Kate	1889	Nicholson, Mrs. Hannah	1848
Miller, Lottie	1892	Nichols, Helen M.	1851
Mateer, Mrs. Anna G.	1886	Northrop, Lucy	1855
McCormick, Mary V.	1885	Nichols, William T.	1855
Mosher, Thomas W.	1899	Nichols, Mary	1855
Mosher, Horatio	1900	Nesbit, Isabella	1857
Mosher, Mrs. Mary E.	1900	Northrop, Mary Jane	1858
MacClelland, Mrs. Mary	1900	Neill, John	1860
Matthews, L. W.	1900	Neill, Jane	1860
Munson, Mrs. Julia A.	1894	Neill, Christiana	1861
Minegar, Martha E.	1898	Nichol, Andrew	1866
Mateer, Alice Marian	1909	Nichol, Mrs. A.	1866
McClelland, Mary Julia	1909	Nixon, Robert H.	1872
Meade, Mrs. Nancy Mary	1909	Neill, Hugh	1872
Mosher, Rhena E.	1894	Neill, Mary	1872
McCarty, Jennie	1894	Neill, Addie	1872
Moore, John F.	1899	Neill, Emma	1872
Moore, Mrs. Clara	1899	Neill, Margaret	1872
Moore, Marvin C.	1899	Neill, James T.	1872
Morganstern, Alice M.	1903	Neill, James	1872
Mearkle, Mary L.	1904	Nichols, Mary E.	1872
Moore, Betsy E.	1904	Nichols, D. A. A.	1872
Merker, Helena A.	1906	Nichols, Clarissa	1872
Miller, Lena E.	1906	Nichols, Sorrell	1872
Mateer, Robert G.	1906	Nichols, Sarah E.	1872
Meade, Ethel A.	1906	Neill, Charles A.	1875
Morganstern, Harold A.	1906	Neill, John H.	1875
McMillan, Mrs. Nettie	1907	Nellis, Gertrude M.	1875
Marsh, Mrs. Bertha	1908	Nixon, Mary J.	1851
McEwen, Ethel A.	1908	Neill, Ann T.	1872
Mead, Nancy M.	1909	Neill, Catharine	1876
Myers, Mrs. Eva E.	1908	Neill, Ann M.	1876
Mateer, Alice M.	1909	Nixon, Samuel	1876
Mosher, Marcia Jones	1910	Nichols, Joseph W.	1877
		Nellis, Adelbert D.	1877
Nichols, Achsah	1817	Nixon, Samuel Fred	1877
Nichols, Laurell	1818	Nash, Mrs. Abigail	1879
Nichols, Olney	1818	Nixon, Margaret Ann	1881
Nichols, Chloe	1819	Northrop, Katie E.	1881
Northrop, Ann	1819	Nixon, Fannie Jane	1882
Northrop, Daniel S.	1820	Nixon, Ann Jane	1885
Newcomb, Lodoisca P.	1829	Neill, Allie Sarah	1886
North, Ann	1831	Neill, Grace C.	1887
Northrop, Eliza Ann	1833	Nixon, Mrs. Bella	1887
Northrop, William	1833	Norton, J. William	1891
Northrop, Joseph	1833	Nonomaque, Josephine	1892
Nichols, Wiseman	1834	Nomaque, Josie B.	1892
Nichols, Favila	1834	Neill, Mrs. Maggie J.	1877
Neill, Robert	1837	Neill, Margaret J.	1901
Northrop, Sally	1837	Neill, Sarah Ann	1901
Northrop, Ruth	1837	Nichols, D. A. A.	1896
Newcomb, Hannah	1837	Nichols, Mrs. Clara	1896
Newcomb, George	1837	Nixon, Ida A.	1896
Nichols, W. C.	1841	Nixon, Samuel F. Jr.	1904
Nichols, Favila	1841	Neill, Clara Grace	1905
Northrop, John	1845	Neil, Robert John	1905
Northrop, Martha	1845	Nonomaque, Mrs. Lizzie J.	1907

Oaks, Clarissa .....	1828	Persons, Helen .....	1872
Ogle, Isabella .....	1841	Plumb, J. H. ....	1873
Ogle, Eliza .....	1863	Plumb, Mrs. Parthena .....	1873
Ogle, William .....	1866	Putnam, Bradford V. ....	1875
Oldenburg, Emma .....	1886	Persons, Frank .....	1875
O'Dell, Mrs. Anna L. ....	1886	Potter, Mary B. ....	1876
Osgood, Mrs. Mary P. ....	1876	Parsons, Florence A. ....	1877
Olsen, Louise .....	1892	Pratt, Mrs. Catherine .....	1879
Olsen, Alvida .....	1892	Pratt, Fred A. ....	1879
Oliver, Mrs. L. S. ....	1892	Parker, Sarah A. ....	1879
Owen, Mrs. Adelaide .....	1909	Paup, Mrs. Sarah .....	1875
		Pratt, James .....	1875
Parker, Charlotte .....	1808	Pratt, Mrs. James .....	1875
Peck, Harriet .....	1817	Parsons, Mrs. Harriet .....	1879
Perry, Sarah .....	1817	Peterson, Anna C. ....	1879
Price, Olive .....	1817	Peterson, Emma C. ....	1881
Peck, Caroline .....	1831	Peterson, Eva Amanda .....	1881
Parmalee, Harriet M. ....	1832	Peck, Harriet M. ....	1880
Persons, Paul .....	1833	Peterson, A. S. ....	1886
Peck, Ira .....	1834	Putnam, Mildred E. ....	1886
Peck, Eliza .....	1834	Perry, Ann Jane .....	1886
Phelps, Rhoda .....	1837	Peterson, Helen .....	1886
Persons, Nancy .....	1837	Peterson, Alice M. ....	1886
Prim, Emeline .....	1837	Pratt, Emily May .....	1887
Pierce, Mary Ann .....	1839	Peabody, Blanch E. ....	1887
Phelps, Cornelia .....	1841	Perry, Mrs. Ann Jane .....	1887
Papson, Mary Ann .....	1841	Peck, Minnie .....	1888
Persons, S. W. ....	1841	Pierce, Mrs. Julia A. ....	1888
Persons, Cornelia .....	1841	Pierce, James A. ....	1889
Peck, S. G. ....	1843	Peck, Z. Ellen .....	1890
Peck, Mrs. S. G. ....	1843	Phillips, James Windsor .....	1890
Patterson, Hannah .....	1845	Patterson, Esther .....	1891
Pearce, Charles E. ....	1845	Pierce, Mrs. Anna .....	1876
Parker, George W. ....	1848	Pierce, Clara Guild .....	1894
Parker, Mrs. G. W. ....	1848	Paddock, Mrs. Ellen May .....	1894
Peck, Mrs. Rebecca .....	1851	Pratt, Mrs. Matilda .....	1875
Plumb, Mary E. ....	1851	Pratt, Mrs. Catherine .....	1879
Parkinson, Mrs. ....	1854	Phillips, Mary .....	1894
Patterson, Henrietta .....	1855	Phillips, Mary C. ....	1888
Pelton, John G. ....	1855	Piehl, Fred C. ....	1899
Parmalee, George T. ....	1855	Piehl, Mrs. Mary M. ....	1899
Phelps, Helen R. ....	1855	Phillips, P. G. ....	1900
Parmalee, Mrs. Nancy .....	1855	Piehl, Henry J. ....	1901
Papson, Harriet C. ....	1855	Piehl, Mrs. Maud .....	1901
Persons, Amanda .....	1855	Parks, Harriet E. ....	1902
Patillon, Fanina .....	1857	Piehl, Carrie L. F. ....	1902
Patterson, Mrs. Esther .....	1860	Piehl, Lena W. ....	1902
Patterson, Susan .....	1860	Proctor, H. A. ....	1903
Patterson, Elizabeth .....	1860	Proctor, Robert M. ....	1903
Phelps, Amelia .....	1862	Proctor, Willis H. ....	1903
Phelps, Frances .....	1866	Proctor, Mrs. Minnie M. ....	1903
Parsons, Anna .....	1866	Pratt, Fannie Louise .....	1903
Patterson, Hannah W. ....	1866	Pratt, Florence E. ....	1903
Pegler, Mrs. Margaret .....	1866	Pitts, Walter J. ....	1906
Pierce, Miss Cora E. ....	1866	Peck, Miss Pearl .....	1908
Peterson, Jonas M. ....	1867	Peters, Henry Martin .....	1909
Persons, Mrs. Mary .....	1872	Parsons, Harry Morse .....	1909

Pitts, Mrs. Harriet L. ....	1909	Rinehardt, Elizabeth .....	1869
Quigley, Sarah .....	1828	Redfield, Maria C. ....	1872
Quigley, James .....	1833	Rinehardt, Mary M. ....	1872
Quigley, Ira H. ....	1906	Redfield, Elizabeth B. ....	1872
		Russell, Mary C. ....	1875
		Rumsey, Warren A. ....	1876
Royce, Martha .....	1817	Root, Eleanor .....	1881
Riddel, Ann .....	1817	Rinehardt, Arlie E. ....	1881
Riddel, William .....	1818	Randall, Helen M. ....	1882
Ridell, Elizabeth .....	1818	Rice, Myrtie A. ....	1884
Ridell, Jennie .....	1820	Randall, Nettie L. ....	1885
Reddington, Sarah .....	1820	Rose, Edwin .....	1886
Rice, Mary .....	1820	Rockwell, George D. ....	1886
Rumsey, Sophia .....	1826	Rykert, Charles M. ....	1889
Rice, Mrs. Anna .....	1830	Reader, Lizzie A. ....	1890
Russell, Harrington .....	1830	Rieck, Mrs. Margaret .....	1890
Reddington, Frederick .....	1831	Rogers, Lizzie .....	1891
Reddington, Lyman .....	1831	Rogers, Isabella .....	1892
Robinson, Hubbel .....	1833	Rogers, Francis .....	1892
Riddel, William Jr. ....	1833	Rexford, Mrs. Mary B. ....	1876
Reddington, Lyman .....	1831	Rogers, James .....	1894
Reddington, Lyman .....	1833	Rogers, Lydia F. ....	1894
Rumsey, Stephen .....	1833	Rogers, Mrs. James .....	1894
Rumsey, Aaron A. ....	1834	Rumsey, Edith B. ....	1896
Rumsey, Rachel .....	1833	Raynor, Mrs. Samuel .....	1894
Reddington, Mary .....	1833	Ritzius, Major Henry P. ....	1901
Rumsey, Zolmon A. ....	1834	Randall, Nellie H. ....	1903
Rodgers, Mrs. Fanny .....	1835	Richardson, Fred Stephen ..	1908
Robbins, Roena .....	1836	Richardson, Mrs. Luella Emily	1909
Rice, Cyrus .....	1837	Richard, Grace Francis .....	1909
Reddington, Sophia .....	1837	Raynor, Mrs. Henrietta .....	1909
Rolph, Sarah .....	1837		
Reynolds, John N. ....	1837	Stetson, Jennet .....	1817
Reynolds, Anne .....	1837	Stone, Eber .....	1817
Reynolds, Cornelia .....	1837	Stone, Betsy .....	1817
Reynolds, William .....	1839	Stephens, Elizabeth .....	1817
Reynolds, Mary Anne .....	1839	Shipboy, Polly .....	1817
Reynolds, Katharine .....	1841	Shipboy, Nancy .....	1817
Root, Eliza .....	1841	Stone, Austin .....	1818
Root, Seth G. ....	1845	Stetson, Lucindy .....	1818
Robbins, Edward .....	1845	Stone, Rhoda .....	1819
Riddel, William .....	1846	Stephens, Olive .....	1820
Rumsey, Marietta .....	1848	Smith, Phelothea .....	1830
Retey, Elsie A. ....	1851	Smith, Clarinda .....	1830
Robbins, John S. ....	1851	Sheperd, Elisha .....	1829
Robbins, Lovinna .....	1851	Sheperd, Hannah .....	1829
Robbins, Mrs. Rebecca .....	1854	Stone, Amos .....	1829
Rideout, Mrs. S. R. ....	1854	Stone, Lester .....	1830
Rice, Mr. ....	1857	Shaw, Luana .....	1831
Roberts, David .....	1859	Smith, Fannie .....	1831
Randall, Henry S. ....	1862	Smith, Prudence .....	1831
Rumsey, Walter B. ....	1866	Smith, Mrs. Roxalia .....	1833
Rice, George W. ....	1866	Slover, Sally .....	1834
Rice, Sarah W. ....	1866	Smith, Sidney .....	1834
Rumsey, Mrs. Mobelia .....	1868	Stone, Russel .....	1834
Robbins, John J. ....	1868	Stone, Catharine .....	1835
Robbins, May .....	1868	Sykes, Nathaniel .....	1836

Sykes, Elizabeth	1836	Skinner, Maria Althea	1866
Sykes, Charlotte	1836	Stephens, Lonson	1866
Smith, Rhoda	1836	Stephens, Eunice	1866
Shepherd, Zebulon	1837	Stephens, Elizabeth	1866
Shepherd, Prudence	1837	Stephens, Philip	1866
Smith, Caroline	1837	Sexton, Helen	1866
Sower, Melissa	1837	Sexton, Minnie L.	1866
Stone, Joshua	1837	Stone, Julia	1866
Sykes, Francis	1837	Sanford, Pauline	1866
Smith, Catherine	1837	Skinner, Charles P.	1867
Seward, Benjamin I.	1838	Sackett, Mrs. Mary	1868
Seward, Marcia	1838	Smith, Mrs. S. H.	1869
Stone, Joshua	1841	Skinner, Laura A.	1870
Sherman, Deborah	1841	Skinner, Sarah J.	1873
Seeley, David M.	1841	Shattuck, Isaac	1875
Shaw William	1843	Skinner, J. Arthur	1875
Smith, Leonard	1843	Skinner, Jennie York	1875
Smith, Mrs. Mary E.	1843	Sexton, Lydia	1875
Stone, Wm. T.	1844	Smith, Martha	1875
Stone, Mary Jane	1844	Shaw, Robert	1875
Sherman, Humphrey	1844	Skinner, Clara H.	1875
Strain, Benjamin	1845	Simmons, Lizzie F.	1875
Spurr, Eliza	1847	Smith, Marian	1877
Strain, Jane	1847	Stone, Julia B.	1831
Stanley, Nancy	1851	Stafford, William P. L.	1875
Shaw, Mary A.	1851	Skinner, Alice E.	1877
Strong, Thomas D.	1851	Sackett, Charles E.	1877
Smith, Mary M.	1851	Sackett, Clara E.	1877
Sherman, Mrs. Lydia	1852	Smith, Helen E.	1877
Strain, Isaac	1852	Smith Matilda C.	1877
Stephens, Mrs. Jane	1852	Stowitts, Mrs. Maria	1878
Strong, L. M. A.	1852	Skinner, Edward A.	1855
Shepherd, Mrs. Jane	1853	Skinner, Mrs. Agusta W.	1875
Stone, Elizabeth W.	1855	Skinner, Mrs. Jennie J.	1875
Strain, Sarah	1855	Skinner, Lillie M.	1879
Skinner, Mrs. Laura A.	1855	Shaw, Mrs. Helene M.	1881
Sherman, Ruby	1855	Simmons, William H.	1882
Stoop, James	1855	Simmons, Mrs. Anna M.	1882
Stone, Lavinia	1855	Strain, Mrs. Sarah	1883
Smith, Mrs. Abbie M.	1855	Seymour, Mrs. Lucy	1885
Sackett, Chas. D.	1856	Seymour, Eleanor Ethel	1885
Shaw, Mrs. Harriet W.	1856	Shaw, Edith May	1886
Scott, William	1856	Spaulding, Herbert D.	1886
Scott, Martha	1856	Spaulding, Julia Rix	1887
Scott, Esther	1856	Spaulding, Mrs. Mary C.	1887
Scott, Martha	1856	Seymour, Carl J.	1887
Scott, Ann	1856	Skinner, George York	1890
Scott, Thomas	1857	Skinner, Edward L.	1890
Scott, Mary Ann	1858	Skinner, Laura Mary	1890
Scott, Samuel	1858	Spaulding, Olive C.	1890
Scott, James	1858	Sutherland, Myrtle B.	1891
Skinner, Charles P.	1858	Skinner, Flora Atkins	1892
Scott, Thomas	1858	Secord, Mrs. Mabel V.	1892
Scott, Sarah	1860	Scanlon, Kate	1892
Stone, Marian	1860	Skinner, Charles J.	1892
Skinner, J. Arthur	1865	Shaw, Clara	1893
Stowel, William	1866	Starr, Mrs. Elsie Grey	1892

Stanclift, Mrs. Elizabeth S.	1866	Tinker, Mary W.	1855
Shaw, Mrs. Mary Ard	1872	Tracy, Josiah	1855
Schrader, William	1894	Thompson, C. A.	1855
Schrader, Mrs. Elizabeth	1894	Taylor, John C.	1856
Strong, Mrs. R. S. Bostwick	1894	Taylor, Rachel	1856
Smith, Austin	1895	Thompson, William	1856
Skinner, Egbert W.	1895	Thompson, Robert H.	1857
Skinner, Frances A.	1895	Thompson, Anabel	1857
Skinner, Grace R.	1897	Thompson, Mrs. Jane	1858
Sturgis, M. Ethel	1900	Thompson, Mrs. Ann	1861
Spicer, Ruth A.	1902	Tinker, Charlotte Elizabeth	1861
Schwartz, Winifred G.	1902	Thompson, Mrs. Eliza	1866
Stritzinger, Lorena A.	1905	Todd, Samuel E.	1869
Stritzinger, Frank J.	1905	Timpson, Elizabeth	1869
Stark, Lynn O.	1907	Taylor, Ann	1872
Smith, Charles A.	1908	Thompson, W. H.	1875
Stephens, Asa H.	1908	Taylor, Sarah A.	1866
Stephens, Mrs. Gertrude W.	1908	Terry, Nancy Durand	1858
Seybolt, Francis E.	1909	Thompson, Nancy Jane	1856
Seybolt, Edith Upson	1909	Thompson, Nancy	1853
Saunders, Doris Jane	1909	Thompson, Eliza Jane	1876
		Thompson, Anna L.	1876
Talcott, Judith	1817	Thompson, Jennie	1876
Taylor, Jane	1821	Thompson, Samuel	1877
Taylor, Thomas	1831	Thompson, John F.	1877
Thompson, Alex.	1831	Thompson, Hugh W.	1877
Thompson, Lucy	1831	Thompson, Samuel James	1877
Tryon, Juliaette	1833	Taylor, David	1881
Taylor, Johathan	1833	Thompson, Hugh C.	1884
Taylor, Polly	1833	Towle, Mrs. Lydia	1884
Taylor, Lucy	1831	Trull, Julia C.	1885
Taylor, Sally	1833	Thompson, Samuel James	1885
Thompson, Emily	1834	Thompson, Mrs. Cora D.	1888
Thayer, Mrs. Mercy	1834	Tracy, Mrs. Martha B.	1845
Thayer, Joseph	1834	Turrel, Jessie V.	1890
Thayer, Abigale	1834	Taylor, Almon N.	1890
Taylor, David	1836	Taylor, Mrs. Adelaide	1890
Taylor, Susan	1836	Tennant, Mrs. Mary	1891
Thompson, Abigal	1836	Thompson, Mrs. Phoebe E.	1892
Tiffany, Hiram	1837	Thompson, Ruth Eliza	1892
Tiffany, Nancy	1837	Taylor, Mary Elizabeth	1892
Taylor, John	1838	Taylor, Lottie	1892
Thompson, Susan	1838	Throop, Bertha B.	1892
Turner, Mrs. Ann	1838	Tennant, Mrs. Helen S.	1877
Tallman, Mary Ann	1839	Tennant, A. S.	1894
Taylor, Mary Ann	1841	Thornton, Mrs. Kate F.	1894
Tinker, Mrs. M. T. W.	1847	Taylor, Fannie E.	1894
Tinker, Samuel H.	1851	Taylor, Elizabeth E.	1894
Tinker, Sarah H.	1851	Taylor, Jennie C.	1894
Thompson, John	1852	Taylor, Robert F.	1894
Thompson, Alex	1852	Taylor, Mrs. Ada	1896
Thompson, Mary Ann	1852	Thompson, Robert H. D.	1898
Tinker, Joseph E.	1852	Thomas, Willard J.	1900
Tracy, Clinton	1853	Thomas, Mrs. Maud	1900
Thompson, Samuel C.	1854	Tooley, Archie D.	1901
Tinker, Abbie M.	1855	Tooley, Mrs. Florence Bell	1901
Tiffany, Maria	1855	Taylor, Jay C.	1902

Thompson, Mrs. Katharine	1902	Whitcher, Mrs. Ester	1849
Thompson, Henry D.	1902	West, Edith	1850
Taylor, Madaline	1903	Warren, Mrs. S. D.	1850
Tildsley, Miss	1903	Wells, Hubbard	1853
Thompson, Harold W.	1905	Wells, Mary A.	1853
Thompson, Helen	1906	Wright, Mrs. Abbie	1855
Timmerman, Albert	1909	Wason, Sally	1856
		Wright, Reuben	1859
Usborne, Mrs. Fanny T.	1878	Wright, Laura	1859
Usborne, Ella C.	1878	Wright, Caroline	1859
Uteg, Henry C.	1886	Wright, Esther	1859
		Wheelock, Jeanette	1860
VanCleve, Mrs. Kate S.	1869	Weeks, Hattie	1861
VanBerg, John	1891	Walker, Emily D.	1865
Voght, Margaret Dorothy	1909	Wilson, Jennie	1866
		Wilson, Nettie R.	1866
Wright, Reuben Jr.	1818	Wilson, Eliza	1866
Wright, Betsy	1818	Wilson, Milton	1866
Whitehill, James	1819	Weaver, Olive L.	1867
Wilkson, Catherine	1819	Weatherup, Kittie	1869
Wright, Reuben	1820	Wallace, Benjamin	1870
Wright, Martha	1820	Wallace, Matthew	1869
Webster, Susana	1820	Waters, Mrs. Eliza	1871
Woodruff, Asahal	1828	Weatherup, Robert	1872
Woodruff, Sophia	1828	Weatherup, John	1874
Ward, Mrs. Lois	1831	Weatherup, Margaret	1874
Wright, Martin	1833	Westfall, Mrs. Sarah J.	1874
Wright, Mary	1833	Wightman, Mrs. Mary	1875
Wright, Mary Ann	1833	Wightman, Lucy Ellen	1875
Wright, Betsy Maria	1833	Wight, Eliza C.	1875
Wright, Charlotte	1833	Wallace, Mrs. Kittie	1869
Whipple, James	1835	Wedge, Lanson Utley	1877
Whittier, Mary	1835	Wells, Jennie A.	1877
Ward, Henry S.	1837	Walker, Josephine	1877
Weeks, Sarah	1837	Whitney, Mary E.	1877
Woodruff, Almira	1837	Walker, Mary A.	1877
Woodruff, Jane S.	1837	Wedge, Alanson	1877
Woodruff, George R.	1837	Wedge, Clara J.	1877
Wright, James B.	1837	Wedge, Elizabeth	1877
Waters, Franklin	1837	Walker, Mrs. Jeanette	1878
West, Jane	1837	Wright, Mrs. Martha	1878
Woodruff, Abraham	1837	Wass, Mrs. Jennie Ball	1876
Woodruff, Polly	1837	Wallace, Miss Mary J.	1886
Wheeler, Adam	1838	Walker, Chas. Taber	1886
Wright, Allen	1839	Walker, Edward Taber	1886
Wright, Emeline	1839	Weatherup, William G.	1887
Wilson, Richard	1839	Wells, Mrs. Sophia M.	1888
Wilson, Ellen	1839	Wright, Mrs. Fannie S.	1888
Willing, Mrs. William	1839	White, Mrs. Mary M.	1872
Willing, William	1841	White, Charles Abbott	1886
Winslow, Laura	1841	White, Mrs. Margarette K.	1886
Wheeler, Jane	1841	White, John L.	1890
Wheeler, Nathan	1843	Wells, Mrs. Eliza Jane	1891
Wheeler, Elizabeth	1843	Wallace, Matthew	1891
Ward, Susan	1843	Watson, Philip J.	1891
Wright, Martha M.	1845	Watson, Mrs. Nellie C.	1891
Wilson, Ellen	1848	Wilson, Dolly M.	1891

Wells, Albert D.....	1892	Wallace, Mrs. Katherine.....	1903
Wilson, Clyde James .....	1892	Weatherup, Hazel A.....	1904
Wallace, David Ray .....	1909	Williamson, H. C. ....	1905
Weaver, Florence Irene ....	1909	White, J. Norma .....	1906
Winkleman, Mrs. Sophia C...	1909	Whetman, Catherine N.....	1908
Wakely, Adelbert .....	1892	Wantshouse, Charles J.....	1908
Wakely, Ernest .....	1892	Wantshouse, Mrs. Ida C.....	1908
Webster, Mrs. D. M.....	1892	Wantshouse, J. Vernon ....	1908
Whitney, D. P. ....	1892	Wantshouse, Charlotte C. ..	1908
West, Mrs. Mary D. ....	1891	Weekman, Sophia Z.....	1902
Wallace, Mrs. Mary C. ....	1877	Weaver, Florence .....	1909
Wright, Mrs. Cora E.....	1866	Wallace, David Ray .....	1909
Weatherup, Mrs. Cristine ...	1894		
West, William A.....	1894	Young, Eudisia .....	1828
Weatherup, Mrs. Mary G...	1886	Young, Loretta .....	1838
Wager, Mrs. Maria D. H....	1896	Young, Mrs. Laura E. ....	1850
Wood, Albert O. ....	1896	Young, Henry C. ....	1851
Wilson, Mrs. Nila P. ....	1897	Young, Mrs. Clarissa .....	1856
Wilson, Winifred P. ....	1897	Young, Maria E. ....	1866
Weekman, Sophia .....	1902	Young, Clara F. ....	1877
Watson, Chas. Green .....	1902	Yerkes, Susan J.....	1878
Watson, Leonard A.....	1902	Yokom, D. D. ....	1892
Wellington, William H.....	1902	Yokom, Mrs. Francis Bronson	1902
Wiltzie, Hudson Ralph.....	1903	Young, William T. ....	1906
Wiltzie, Lillian Blanch .....	1903	Young, Mrs. Carrie E.....	1906

















