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SAXONVILLE PARISH LEDGER 1827 - 1916 & CHURCH RECORD THRU 1945

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven -

An act to incorporate the Saxonville Parish in the Town of Framingham.

Section 1st - Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same. That Josiah Stone, Eliphalit Wheeler, F. A. Bestody, James Stimpson, Burleigh Bullard, John Whitney, Edward Warner, John Rice, Dexter Fairbanks, Isaiah Wild, Henry Dalliba, William Phillips, Lyman Morse and all others who have or may associate with them and their successors be and they hereby are incorporated as a religious society by the name of the Saxonville Parish in the town of Framingham with all the privileges, powers and immunities to which other religious societies in this Commonwealth are entitled by the laws and constitution thereof. Sec. 2. Be it further enacted that the said society shall be acceptable in law to purchase, hold and dispose of any estates, real or personal, for the use of said Society, the annual income of which shall not exceed Two Thousand dollars

Sec. 3rd. Be it further enacted, that any two of the above named persons are hereby authorized to notify the members of said Corporation by posting notice of the time and place of holding their first meeting at the meeting house door in said Framingham near the Saxon Factory seven days at least before such meeting and that the said Society may at such or any other meeting agree on the mode of calling future meetings and that a Clerk and Treasurer and such other officers and such committees and establish such rules and by-laws not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the Commonwealth as they may see fit and may amend and change the same at their pleasure.

In House of Representatives February 22, 1827.

This Bill having had three several readings passed to be enacted.

William C. Jarvis, Speaker

In Senate February 22, 1827

This Bill having had two several readings passed to be enacted.

John Mills, President

A true copy

February 23, 1827

Att. Edward Burg

Approved

Secretary of Commonwealth

Levi Lincoln

- Research Required -

Year 1827

Parish

Saxonville

First chapel (or chapels)

First parsonage

- Notification -

The proprietors of the Saxonville Parish are notified that a meeting of said Proprietors will be holden at the counting room of the Saxon Factory in Framingham on Friday the Sixteenth day of March and at six o'clock P.M. for the purpose of choosing officers of said Parish and to pass any vote in regard to calling future meetings also for the transaction of any other business which may come before them agreeable to an act of incorporation of said Society.

Framingham
March 8, 1827

Josiah Stone
Eliphalet Wheeler

First Meeting March 16, 1827

Eliphalet Wheeler, chosen Clerk
James Stimpson
Henry Dalliba
John Whitney
Lyman Morse
J Dench
Burleigh Bullard
Daniel Rea
Ephriam Brigham, chosen Moderator
Amos Johnson, Jr.
F. A. Bertody, chosen Treasurer

Parish Committee

Josiah Stone
James Stimpson
Charles Fisk

The meeting house at said Parish being completed is being built by Francis Batchelder of Boston and the design and plan drawn by Thomas W. Summers of Brooklyn was, on the 20th day of September 1827, dedicated to the one only living and true God. Introductory prayer and reading of Scriptures by the Reverend Yound of Boston. Dedicatory prayer by the Reverend Convers Francis of Watertown, and an excellent and appropriate Sermon by the Reverend Henry Ware, Jr. of Boston, the day was very rainy, and the congregation was not as large as was anticipated.

Mr. John Dorr of Boston made a present to the Parish of a large and very elegant Bible and Mr. N. A. Barnett a present of two elegant Hymn Books for the use of the Pulpit.

A copy of the sermon by Mr. Ware was requested for the Parish but he declined in the following letter -

Mr. C. T. Thayer was engaged from the Theological School in Cambridge to supply the pulpit with preaching until the first Sunday in January 1828 at ten dollars a Sunday.

April 10, 1828 - 4 O'clock - Meeting House

Josiah Stone, Moderator

John A. A. LaForest, Clerk

Francis A. Bertody, Collector and Treasurer

Josiah Stone)
Charles Fiske) Committee
Henry Richardson)

May 2, 1829

Henry Richardson, Moderator

Dana Stone, Clerk

Same Treasurer and Committee

Voted that the Parish Committee draught a paper and circulate for Subscription to accumulate funds for the support of publick worship.

May 10, 1830

Capt. Henry Richardson, Moderator

Dana Stone, Clerk

John Masland, Treasurer

Henry Richardson)
Charles Fiske)
Horatio Bird) Parish Committee
John Masland)

Voted - that this standing committee provide for the pulpit the ensuing year.

1831

Dana Stone, Clerk

Charles Fiske, Treasurer

Henry Richardson)
Charles Fiske) Prudential Committee
Horatio Bird)

April 16, 1832 at 7:30

Dana Stone, Clerk

Calvin C. Damon, Treasurer

Voted - that the Committee procure as much preaching as may be, for the money which it raises.

Voted - To raise means by Subscription

Voted - To choose a Tything man and Elia Gates was chosen

1833

Dana Stone, Clerk

Calvin C. Damon, Treasurer

"Proposals were read Submitted by Rev. H. Cumming in behalf of the Methodist Society offering to Supply the Desk this ensuing year. Mr. Cummings being present voted to give him privileges of Speaking upon the Subject -

Voted to elect a person to take care of this meeting house and to see that order is observed in time of service - Eli Gates was chosen.

Voted that a Subscription paper be offered to all who belong to this Parish and those who are remiss in Subscribing for the Support of Worship, that this Clerk of said Parish be directed to return the names of those persons who refuse to pay, to the parishes to which they formerly belonged."

1834

Dana Stone, Clerk

Calvin C. Damon, Treasurer and Collector

Voted - That this Committee employ such order of Doctrinal tenets to officiate in the Desk that they deem best (??)

June 23, 1834

Voted - Without any disscussion to give the Reverend Corbin Kidder an invitation to take the pastoral charge of the Church and Society in this place.

Voted - To grant five hundred and fifty dollars salary for the Support of the Reverend Mr. Kidder.

1835

Horatio Stone, Clerk

Charles Fiske, Treasurer

(Voted - To raise money by Subscription)

Voted - That the pews be rented at auction for the term of one year, one week from this date.

Voted - that the Treasurer Borrow Money to the amount of Sixty dollars, and settle with the Reverend Mr. Kellog for the demand, he has against the parish and give his note for the same (Dr. Kellog?)

1836

Horatio Stone, Clerk

Charles Fiske, Treasurer

(Voted - To raise money by Subscription)

(Various references to persons who disjoin themselves from the Parish)
(by _____ a certificate - check out.)

1837

Horatio Stone, Clerk

Charles Fiske, Treasurer

Voted - To rent the pews at auction for the benefit of the Society. All choice money to be paid at the end of the first quarter.

(January 22, 1838)

"/ was unanimously voted that the parish concur with the church in giving the Reverend Isaac Hosford a call to take the Pastoral charge of church and parish in this place.

Voted - A salary of six hundred dollars per year providing Mr. Hosford accept the call

To Committee of Church and Society in Saxonville

Saxonville, Feby. 3, 1838

Beloved and Friends

With due consideration and prayer, as I trust I have been led to feel that / was my duty to aceede to your proposal of being settled over you as pastor and teacher in the Lord. In assuming this work I cannot without a sense of its deep and weighty responsibilities; - but trust in the grace of God - and your cooperation, of which your apparent unanimity of voice promises much; to do something in building up that cause and kingdom among you which I profess to praise above all other.

Yours Respectfully, Isaac Hosford

The Committee will understand the above to be given in consideration of these unusual appended stipulation; vis. quarterly payment of Salary, - and liberty of absence four weeks each year at convenience, - without expense of "Supply," and

there resolve to this effect put on Record will be considered Satisfactory.

Voted - That the same Committee consult with Mr. Hosford as to time of ordination and make all other arrangements necessary.

March 12, 1838

Horatio Stone, Clerk

Charles Fiske, Treasurer

Voted - To choose a Committee of three to use their influence in procuring a burying ground in this place.

March 12, 1839

Horatio Stone, Clerk

Charles Fiske, Treasurer

Voted - That the parish committee employ a Sexton to take charge of Burying ground and take care of meeting house.

March 9, 1840

W. H. Ripley, Clerk

Charles Fiske, Treasurer

Voted - That the committee be directed to employ a Collector for the ensuing year and pay him such sum as they shall think proper -

March 8, 1841

W. H. Ripley, Clerk

Charles Fiske, Treasurer

Voted - That the 6th Article be passed over.

Article 6th - To see if the parish will take any measures for the support of the singing in church -

March 14, 1842

W. H. Ripley, Clerk

Charles Fiske, Treasurer

March 13, 1843

James B. Puffer, Clerk

Even(ezer?) Stone, Treasurer

March 11, 1844

James B. Puffer, Clerk

Dea. Eben Stone, Treasurer

Voted - That the Parish Committee agree with some person to take care of the meeting house for the ensuing year.

(Agreed with James B. Puffer for the sume of $8.50.)

March 10, 1845

Wm. H. Ingrahm, Clerk

Thos. Leslie, Treasurer

Committee chosen to report in relation to warming the meeting house.

J. B. Puffer was chosen Collector for $1\frac{1}{2}$ percent.

The Committee chosen for taking measures to warm the meeting house reported in favor of a furnace, which was accepted.

Voted - That if there is money in the Treasury after paying the expenses of the Parish / should be appropriated to warming the House.

September 29, 1845

Voted - That the Clerk shall draw up two papers from Subscriptions to defray the expense of a furnace.

October 3, 1845

Voted - That the Committee proceed to put in a furnace.

(Moses H. Ripley and not W. H. - check)

January 8th 1846

The request of Reverend I. Hosford for 1 years absence was granted

March 9, 1846

Voted - A committee of six be chosen to procure subscription for support of Public worship -

Three males and Three females were chosen.

December 1, 1846

Joseph Adam elected Clerk -

A letter was read from our Pastor Reverend Isaac Hosford who wishes that council may be convened for the purpose of dissolving the relationship now existing between him and this parish -

/ was moved that this letter be accepted and Mr. Hosford's wishes complied with.

December 15, 1846

/ was moved, seconded and agreed to that a committee of three be appointed to act with the Church in extending a call to the Reverend Mr. Northrop to become our pastor.

/ was moved, seconded and agreed to that the sum of $750 a year be offered Mr. Northrop and if that amount did not satisfy him that $50.00 more be added to the above sum making $800.

Joseph Adam, Clerk

M. H. Ripley, Treasurer

/was moved and agreed to, that the offices of Treasurer and Collector be rested in the same individual and that he be called upon to give bonds for any money with which he may be entrusted, and that one and a half percent on the money collected be allowed for his services.

Moved, seconded and agreed to that the interest of money left by the late Mr. Hound ($300.00) placed at 6% be appropriated for the support of public worship.

Also agreed to that the Parish Committee be a Committee of Arrangements for waiting on Clergymen and other strangers present at the ordination of Mr. Northrop on Wednesday, 10th March.

March 15, 1847

Pews

Rent - $283.85

Choice Money - $278.85

A Resolve was presented by Mr. Luther Stone and accepted that the Clerk be appointed to wait on Mr. Simpson and Lady, with the thanks of this Parish for the very handsome manner in which they assisted the parish in decorating the Church.

Owing to the destruction of the Carpet Factory by five on Saturday morning 20 March 1847 the Papers of the Parish shared the same fate.

The sum of Ten Dollars be paid by the parish as the expenses of Dr. Berman of Troy for his travelling expenses in attending the ordination of Mr. Northrop.

/ was also moved and agreed to that Five Dollars be paid the leader of the orchestra from Natick for his expenses prior to, and at the Ordination.

March 13, 1848

(Held at the Chapel?)

Franklin J. Hall, Clerk

March 27, 1848

Voted - That the Parish Committee be authorized to purchase a broom and all such articles as in their judgement are necessary for their comfort and convenience of those who attend public worship.

Voted - That the balance due the minister for the past year be taken out of the fund left by Mr. Hound.

March 12, 1849

William Howard, Clerk

M. H. Ripley, Treasurer

March 14, 1850

Benjamin Bill, Clerk

Moses H. Ripley, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

Received	$812.42
Paid	$818.22
Balance Due	$ 5.80

March 10, 1851

Benjamin Bill, Clerk

Moses H. Ripley, Treasurer

Income	$846.59
Expended	$846.58

March 8, 1852

Wm. H. Carter, Clerk

Benjamin Bill, Treasurer

March 14, 1853

Wm. H. Carter, Clerk

Benjamin J. Bill, Treasurer

Voted - That the Tithing men be requested to furnish strangers with seats.

Receipts	$939.10
Expenses	$938.73
	.37

March 13, 1854

Wm. H. Carter, Clerk

Benjamin Bill, Treasurer

Voted - That _____ _____ be admitted as members of this Parish by signing the Constitution.

Voted - That Parish Committee take measures to have the Meeting House now owned by the New England Worsted Company Transferred to them if such an arrangement can be made and is satisfactory to the Parish.

March 12, 1853

A. R. Johnson, Clerk

H. R. Johnson, Treasurer

March 15, 1856

Ebenezer W. Dunn, Clerk

Thomas Leslie, Treasurer

June 29, 1857

A letter read from B. G. Northrop asking a dismission.

Voted - That the council be deferred for the present.

Voted - The Committee confer with B. G. Northrop.

Voted - That Treasurer under the direction of the Committee be authorized to borrow money -

Parish Treasurer Reports

1827

Expended $198.81 ($148 for ministers salaries) (Rev. Clark and Chickering)

1828

Received $82.37

Balance due - $116.44

1829

Expended - $116.44 to balance

57.49
17.51
7.00
82.00 Ministers salaries (Mr. Clark and Mr. Whitman)

307.54 total expended

135.74 received

1831

Balance due Treasurer - $79.08

March 17, 1834

1832 - 1834

Paid Mr. Reed for preaching - $20.00

For boarding Mr. Reed - $22.50

1833 - Bates for supplying desk - $200.00

March 4 - $532.58

_____ Credit

1832 -

By cash of Saxon Factory - 11.08
20.00
22.50
53.58

1833 - by cash of Saxon Factory -		200.00
by Subscriptions		158.00
1834 - Saxon Factory		75.00
Subscriptions		46.00
Balance on Hand		39.80
		532.58

September 15, 1857

Voted to extend a call to the Reverend Mr. Allen of Wayland.

Voted to give Mr. Allen $950 dollars per year.

Voted to give the Committee discretionary powers about giving the minister four weeks vacation.

November 9th 1857

The Committee chosen for the installation reported that they raised $17.50 12 dollars of which was paid for dinners 4.00 for the expenses of Prof. Shed 1.50 for order of exercises.

(Council met 6th of November - dismissed B. G. Northrop and installed Henry Allen.)

March 8, 1858

Ebenezer Dunn, Clerk

Thomas Leslie, Treasurer

Voted - That Parish Committee take into consideration the subject of enlarging the meeting house and at some future time to call a meeting of the Parish to act upon that subject should circumstances in their opinion favor the calling of said meeting for said purpose.

Voted - That a Committee be chosen to whom the subject of procuring a suitable dwelling house for our pastor or of ~~a~~ building a parsonage by the parish be referred with instructions to render what assistance they may in obtaining a proper house for our Pastor to dwell in and to collect such information in relative to the building as they may obtain on purchasing of a parsonage and to report at some future meeting of the Parish.

Voted - That sume of $2.00 be added to the present price of each pew in the meeting house.

March 14, 1859

Ebenezer Dunn, Clerk

Joseph Johnson, Treasurer

Voted - That the Parish Committee choose some person that takes care of the meeting house to seat persons also - and the sum paid him shall not exceed Twenty Dollars.

The parish voted that is not expedient to change Hymn Books in the Church.

November 1, 1859

Benjamin Bill, Treasurer

Voted - That the Committee be instructed in supplying the pulpit to secure as far as possible preachers who are willing to be considered candidates for settlement.

Voted - That the Collector leave the rent bills in each pew and cause a notice to be read from the pulpit previous.

March 12, 1860

E. W. Dunn, Clerk

B. J. Bill, Treasurer

Voted that the Parish Committee be instructed relet the pews at their discretion, if the rent is not paid within three months after / is due.

Voted that a committee of three be chosen to see if / is necessary to shingle, slate or repair the meetinghouse "if so to do /."

Voted - Pass a Subscription paper to raise the money.

Voted - If they find means sufficient to paint the meeting house to do /.

March 14, 1860

The parish voted to concur with the church in giving the Reverend J. H. Pettengill a call to become their pastor.

Voted that the parish offer him 900 dollars per year, to be paid quarterly and two weeks vacation.

Voted that if Mr. Pettengill declines the sum of 900 dollars that the committee be authorized to offer him fifty dollars more.

Clerks Oath

Do solemnly swear you will faithfully and without partiality perform the duties of said office?

So Help You God.

March 11, 1861

E. W. Dunn, Clerk

B. J. Bill, Treasurer

March 9, 1863

E. W. Dunn, Clerk

B. J. Bill, Treasurer

Voted that the Parish invite the Ladies of the Sewing Society to get up a fair or Social Party to meet the present expenses and that the Parish Committee cooperate with them.

Voted that we acceed to Mr. Pettengill for a dissmissal and that a committee be chosen to act with the church.

March 30, 1863

Voted that thanks be extended to the ladies for timely aid and efforts for the parish.

Voted that if the Parish Committee have the means to shingle the east side of the meetinghouse.

Voted that James Rea be the person to inform the Ladies of the vote.

August 23, 1863

Voted that the Parish Committee be authorized to borrow money to defray the expenses of enlarging the meetinghouse. Not to exceed two hundred dollars.

Voted to give the Reverend G. E. Hill a call to become Pastor of this church and Parish.

Voted to give the Reverend G. E. Hill eight hundred and fifty dollars per year.

Voted that the minister have four weeks vacation.

Voted that the Parish Committee examine the Chapel and repair or shingle as they think best and borrow the money to pay the same.

March 14, ~~1863~~ 1864

E. W. Dunn, Clerk

Geo. D. Barrett, Treasurer

Voted that the Parish Committee be authorized to see that no horses are tied to the meeting house.

March 31, 1864

Present members of the Saxonville Parish

Ebenezer Stone	A. S. Furber	Romeo Walkup
Abner R. Johnson	Rufus A. French	Joseph Wild
Cyrus W. Angier	Wm. Hamilton	Edgar Parker
Joseph Brown	John Gibbs	David C. Tull
Sumner Stone	David Eastwood	Wm. W. Young
John L. Thompson	Joseph B. Johnson	Tristram Goldthwait
J. M. Chichester	Geo. H. Fuller	Phinias Bond
James Rea	Geo. Barrett	James H. Morgan
Luther F. Fuller	John Rice	Wm. H. Hall

That there should be entered upon the records of the Parish, a statement of the enlargement, alterations and repairs which, have been made during the past summer upon our house of worship, and of the various presents which have been made to the church, and expressive of the grateful sense of the Parish in view of what has thus by the blessing of God been accomplished for our Church and Society.

April 11, 1864

Voted to leave the subject with the Parish Committee recommending them to insure when they thought proper.

Account of Repairs Upon the Meetinghouse

Subject of shingling and painting meetinghouse before parish for more than four years.

At nearly every annual meeting votes were passed instructing Parish Committee to do this work whenever they could find the means.

Parish knew very well they had no means - hope that some movement outside of the parish for this purpose would be made.

Committee met June 8, 1863.

Work commenced June 24 (Mrs. B. G. Northrop on committee to raise funds).

- building a recess back of the pulpit.
- adding nine feet to the length of the main building.
- shingling one-half of the house and painting the outside two coats
- adding 14 new pews
- lowering and projecting forward the singing gallery
- frescoing the walls and ceilings
- remodeling the pulpit platform

/ should be here mentioned that great credit is due to the Ladies of our Society, for their almost exclusive work of inaugurating these measures and for their efficient aid in carrying them forward, particularly in obtaining subscriptions.

Cost - $1000.00 - $800.00 raised by Subscription - borrowed the rest.

/ should be added that this expense would have been much greater but for the gratuitous services of individuals.

And / is also worthy of note that this whole movement was commenced and completed while the church was destitute of a Pastor.

October 15th - rededication - installation of Rev. Geo. E. Hill.

January 1 - Sabbath Hymn Book - in place of Church Psalmody.

Copies of the Sabbath Hymn and Tune Book for the use of the Chapel, was made by Dr. Lowell Mason - valued at thirty one dollars and sixty-eight cents - (one of the authors).

Pulpit Bible - Dea. Henry Hill	18.00
2 Pulpit Hymn books - Sabbath School	5.20
2 Pulpit book marks Mrs. F. E. Stearns, Martha E. Stone	
Silver Flower vase - Mrs. M. H. Simpson	
Cash for a door - Alexander Esty, Framingham	10.00
100 lbs. white lead - Charles Richardson, Boston	10.00
Velvet tapestry carpet for Chancel and Platform Mrs. M. H. Simpson	60.00
A pulpit - 10 individuals chiefly in Boston	50.00
Three chairs for pulpit - Samuel D. Warren, Boston	50.00
Communion Tables and Chairs - (Bevy) E. Bates, Boston	28.00
Book Stand for Pulpit - a friend	3.50
Communion Service - Vine Street Ch. & Society, Roxbury	70.00
Church Clock - M/M Chas. Stoddard of Boston	16.00
Chapel Clock - Charles Hulburt of Roxbury	5.00
Cabinet organ for Chapel	135.00

Value of improvements in and upon the Church since July 1863 - $1,845.93

$1,550.50 - raised within Church and Society.

$295.68 - individuals not members of Church or Parish

These results are cheering to every friend of our Church and Society and a cause of gratitude to God, who has permitted us literally to "gather where we had not strewn"in providing for us friends whom we had not even known, who have generously added a graceful finish to the work, which we had so well begun.

Benjamin J. Bill)
James Rea) Committee
Luther F. Fuller)

June 22, 1864

Voted that the Parish Committee be quthorized to build a Chapel.

Voted that the Parish Committee be authorized to borrow five hundred dollars and give security by mortgage on the building.

Voted this Chapel be sold by authority of the Parish Committee

March 13, 1865

E. W. Dunn, Clerk

Luther Fuller, Treasurer

Voted that the Parish concur with the Church in granting six weeks vacation to our pastor for a visit to the army.

March 12, 1866

E. W. Dunn, Clerk

Luther Fuller, Treasurer

Voted that one hundred and fifty dollars be raised by the parish as a present to our pastor in addition to his present salary for the coming year.

March 19, 1867

Voted that all persons who pay choice on their pews continue to have their pews at the same choice until given up and that this don't apply to those who have seats without a choice.

March 11, 1867

E. W. Dunn, Clerk

E. W. Dunn, Treasurer

Voted that Mr. Bill and Mr. Brocket be appointed a committee to return thanks to the Sewing Society.

April 20, 1868

Voted that the church be insured for $2500.00 dollars - (to be paid by subscription).

March 8, 1869

E. W. Dunn, Clerk

E. W. Dunn, Treasurer

February 28, 1870

Tuesday, March 1st Council to dismiss Geo. E. Hill.

March 14, 1870

E. W. Dunn, Clerk

E. W. Dunn, Treasurer

October 22, 1870

Voted to concur with the Church in extending a call to the Reverend Charles Jones to become their pastor with a salary of $1,000.00 per year and four weeks vacation.

March 13, 1871

E. W. Dunn, Clerk

E. W. Dunn, Treasurer

September 25, 1871

Voted to sell the old Chapel M. H. Simpson for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

Saxonville, September 13th, 1871

This indenture made the thirteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy one. Witnesseth that I, Michael H. Simpson agent of the Saxonville Mills in this place, do hereby lease, demise and let unto the Edwards Evangelical Society and Parish of this place a certain tract or parcel of land situated at the corner of Elm and Chestnut Streets . . . . . .

Said Society and Parish are to build on said land a chapel for Public Worship and meetings for their use and convenience and in consideration of relinquishing in favor of said Saxonville Mills all claims and interest in and to the building and land now and formerly occupied by the said Parish and Society on their part they are to have and hold the land described in this indenture without tax or expense while said land is used for the above described purposes . . .

March 15th 1872

E. W. Dunn, Clerk

E. W. Dunn, Treasurer

March 11, 1873

Voted that for raising money for the support of Public Worship the coming year in addition to the regular pew rents all persons worshipping with us are invited to make such monthly payments as they shall designate at the beginning of the year and that this method be substituted for choice money on pews and also for our semi-annual subscription provided however all who may desire have the privilege of paying semi-annually or annually . . .

E. W. Dunn, Clerk

E. W. Dunn, Treasurer

November 24, 1873

Voted to recommend to the Church and Society to hold meetings in the Chapel the remainder of the winter and that the clerk be requested to notify Mr. Jones our pastor the action of the Parish and that he may give notice next Sabbath, and take a vote the Sabbath following.

Voted that a committee of two Ladies and two gentlemen be appointed to visit the Church and Society and see what they will do to liquidate the debt that will be upon the Society the present year.

December 16, 1873

Voted not to accept our pastor's proposal of reducing his quarter's salary twenty five dollars but give him his full pay.

March 8, 1874

E. W. Dunn, Clerk

James H. Morgan, Treasurer

March 23, 1874

Voted to instruct the treasurer for the ensuing year to borrow money to pay the minister if need be, that he may be paid at the proper time.

March 15, 1875

E. W. Dunn, Clerk

Thomas Leslie, Treasurer

March 23, 1875

Deficiency of $375.00 and 43 cents

March 13, 1876

E. W. Dunn, Clerk

J. W. Parmeter, Treasurer

In debt - $308.00

10 pews from the Second in front-back be $20.00

Voted that $1.00 be added to 12 back of these

50 be added to four next

2 front pews be $17.00

68 + 6 be $15.00

67 - 57 one dollar added

Voted 12 $1.00 be added to 12 corresponding pews on other side.

March 28, 1876

Ladies gave $50.00 to liquidate the debt of the Parish

March 12, 1877

E. W. Dunn, Clerk

March 17, 1877

James E. Hall, Treasurer

Voted that the Parish Committee be instructed to reduce Parish expenses 20% so far as is expedient.

March 11, 1878

E. W. Dunn, Clerk

March 12, 1878

James H. Morgan, Treasurer

Voted that the subject of reducing the Pastor's Salary be postponed until the next meeting.

March 18, 1878

Voted Minister's Salary be $900.00 for the year ensuing.

Voted that the Clerk be authorized to inform the minister Mr. Jones of the vote of the Parish in reducing his salary to nine hundred dollars.

February 24, 1879

The Parish voted to accept his (Charles Jones) resignation by an unanimous vote.

March 10, 1879

E. W. Dunn, Clerk

James Morgan, Treasurer

Voted that the matter of disturbing the meetings, and having a Special Police be referred to the Parish Committee to act as they think best.

Parish extended a vote of thanks to Charles Jones our Pastor for his gift of fifty dollars.

August 11, 1879

Voted to unite with the church in giving Reverend Samuel Bell a call to become our pastor for one year with a salary of one thousand dollars and that his services commence first day August.

Voted that the matter of vacation be left descretionary with the Parish Committee.

Voted that the expense of money Mr. Bell's goods be paid by the Parish.

Voted to adjourn subject to the call of the Parish Committee so that the Ladies may hear the report of the Treasurer.

March 8, 1880

James H. Morgan Treasurer

March 24, 1880

Voted to give Reverend Samuel Bell the sum of one thousand dollars for one year to raise 200 by subscription in addition.

March 14, 1881

E. W. Dunn, Clerk

Geo. E. Morgan, Treasurer

April 4, 1881

Voted to record 1200 dollars on the Parish Book as the Salary of Reverend Samuel Bell.

March 6, 1882

E. W. Dunn, Clerk

Voted to adopt the envelope system, the same as last year, and also that each individual subscribing to a sum it should be binding and that the Parish Committee see that this is carried out.

March 13, 1882

Voted to continue the services of Samuel Bell and engage him for another year at the same salary as last year.

James McDonald, Treasurer

Voted to reconsider the vote whereby it made it binding on persons subscribing to a sum.

Voted to draw up a subscription paper circulate it and also present it to Mr. Simpson for his signature which money is to make up for a deficiency.

March 20, 1882

Mr. Hal reports that it will cost from 15 - 20 dollars to give ventilation to the Chapel not exceeding 20 - authorized Parish Committee to do so.

December 26, 1882

The Parish voted to concur with the Church in extending a call to Reverend Theodore F. Day to become our pastor with a view of a settlement at some future day with a salary of one thousand dollars per annum and house rent free, and four weeks vacation.

January 22, 1883

Voted that the Treasurer of the Parish wait on the executive Board of the Ladies Sociable and borrow the sum of fifty dollars to pay the XXXXX Freight Bill of Mr. Day's goods.

March 12, 1883

E. W. Dunn, Clerk

James McDonald, Treasurer

June 11, 1883

Voted to endorse the action of the Church and Society on the alterations and repairs of the Church.

March 10, 1884

James McDonald, Treasurer

Voted not to accept the resignation of Theodore L. Day as pastor of the Edwards Church.

Voted that Mr. Day be considered the Pastor of the Edwards Church for an indefinite period.

Voted that it is the sense of this meeting that Mr. Day be allowed a vacation till the first day of April next.

March 18, 1884

O. P. Ordway, Clerk

March 25, 1884

Treasurer's Report

	Bills Receivable	Bills Payable
Pew Rent	102.62	259.32
Cash on Hand	42.78	145.40
	145.50	113.92 (in red?)

L. F. Fuller, Chairman - Committee on Alterations (requested June 11, 1883)

Pd.	E. B. Bridgeman - Pews and freight	573.60
	Crastens and Co. - Stained Windows	350.00
	Levi Bobs and Son - Window Sash	70.00
	H. M. Batchelder - Fresco Work	250.00
	James E. Hall - Carpenter Work	424.14
	A. G. Priestly - Printing	199.54
	T. M. Selloway - Architecture	25.00
	D. O. Frost - Furnace Work	30.40
	L. F. Fuller - Enamel cloth for doors	9.00
	L. F. Fuller - Registers and Stoves	8.50
	L. F. Fuller - Freight and Express	17.19
	G. W. Bent - Pew Cushions	264.23
		$2,221.60

Savings Bank	1,157.09		
Lumber sold by J. E. Hall	22.69		
Various Subscriptions	1,173.80		
Insurance for Chapel-5 years	37.50	1181.54	
Supply pulpit - 7 Sabbaths	100.00	1040.07	
Sunday Subscriptions	1.75		

March 16, 1885

O. P. Ordway, Clerk

James McDonald, Treasurer

Voted that the Parish endorse the action of the Church and Society in their meeting of January 19, 1885 whereby it was decided to invite Reverend Moody A. Stevens to the Pastorate of our Society for one year. $1,000.00 per year; to be paid promptly in monthly installments, and to have four Sundays vacation.

Saxonville - March 1, 1885

Money Paid Out		Money Received	
J. A. Morgan	101.50	Back pew rent	102.62
J. McDonald	25.00	Cash on hand	42.78
Sax. Mills	56.00	Ladies Sociable	100.00
L. F. Fuller	14.32	L. F. Fuller	18.34
E. W. Webster	12.50	Mr. French	6.00
Mrs. Tower	32.00	Mrs. Simpson	50.00
Pulpit Supply	362.00	Collections	232.06
Rev. T. L. Day	500.04	Pew rents	639.15
L. F. Fuller	18.34		1,190.95
Envelopes printed	2.00		
Rev. M. A. Sleves	83.34		
L. F. Fuller "fresco"	6.00		
	$1,113.04		

March 24, 1885

Voted that the matter of building horse sheds on the grounds at the church be left with the Parish Committee.

May 3, 1885

Reported the completion of the horse shed at the Church

March 17, 1886

O. P. Ordway, Clerk

James McDonald, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report - March 1, 1886

Money Received		Money Paid Out	
Cash on hand	42.61	J. H. Morgan - Salary	102.00
Pew Rent	86.66	Jos. McDonald	25.00
Back pew rent	10.47	L. F. Fuller-Bill	8.00
Ladies Sociable	90.00	G. W. Webster-Note	55.25
L. F. Fuller (from Subscriptions)	166.34	D. O. Frost-Furnace	87.54
J. H. Morgan	7.00	Sax. Mills - Coal	39.00
Mrs. Seeley	20.00	Mrs. Tower c/o minister	8.00
R. A. French	12.00	L. F. Fuller Repairing Church	23.16
J. McDonald	145.00	J. E. Hall-Rep. Ch.	5.47
Em. & Gen. Coll.	259.37	M. A. Stevens-Salary	1,000.08
Pew rent for yr.	667.89	J. McDonald-Loan	124.00
	$1,507.34	L. F. F.-Tuning Organ	9.42
Pew rent not coll.	19.97		$1,486.92
	$1,487.37	Dr. to bal. out	.45
			$1,487.37

In consideration of $3.75 the piano which was quite recently bought by the Parish and Society for use in the Chapel has been insured by the Hartford Co. for $250.00 for a term of one year ending at noon on the 4th day of February 1888.

March 14, 1887

O. P. Ordway, Clerk

James McDonald, Treasurer

March 28, 1887

$230.51 indebtedness for year ending March 1, 1887

March 15, 1888

O. P. Ordway, Clerk

James McDonald, Treasurer

Voted to instruct the Church Committee to engage our pastor, M. A. Stevens, for another year ending April 1, 1889.

March 17, 1889

O. P. Ordway, Clerk

James McDonald, Treasurer

March 11, 1890

O. P. Ordway, Clerk

James McDonald, Treasurer

$290.88 in debt.

McDonald donated his salary as collection $25.00

Paid out $1,597.06.

February 10, 1891

A vote was taken to ~~xxxxx~~ unite with the Church in extending a call to George A. Brock to become our pastor.

March 10, 1891

O. P. Ordway, Clerk

James McDonald, Treasurer

March 17, 1891

Vote - to pay Mr. Brock a salary of $1,000.00 per annum as per call by the Church.

Expended	911.28	Total debt	502.00
On Hand	14.38	Pew rents collected	123.77
	925.66		378.23 to sq. accts.

March 14, 1892

O. P. Ordway, Clerk

James McDonald, Treasurer

Received	1,553.52
Paid out	1,549.03

"At a meeting of the Saxonville Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor held March 6th 1892 it was voted to pledge to the Edwards Parish the sum of $25.00 to be paid on or before March 1, 1893."

March 27, 1893

Mr. Stearns made some remarks favoring young men for the office of Parish Committee

O. P. Ordway, Clerk

James McDonald, Treasurer

Received - $1,586.61

Paid out - $1,584.60

March 28, 1894

O. P. Ordway, Clerk

James McDonald, Treasurer

A vote was taken to choose a committee, composed of the Pastor, Deacon Fuller and A. C. Winch to investigate the method by which the parish can be consolidated with the church as we are told is the case in many other churches.

Received - $1,174.58

Paid - 1,168.58

March 26, 1895

A. C. Winch, Clerk

James McDonald, Treasurer

Received $1,282.59

Paid $1,259.99

$ 22.60

March 13, 1899

A. C. Winch, Clerk

F. S. Danforth, Treasurer

Voted to give same salary to pastor - $1,000

Received - $1,238.18

Expended - $1,227.67

April 10, 1899

Parish voted to accept the resignation of Rev. George A. Brock.

July 10, 1899

Moved by Mr. F. C. Stearns to reconsider the action of the Parish at their annual meeting giving the pastor $1,000 as salary. It was so voted.

Voted to unite with the Church in calling Reverend Arthur Titcomb to to become the pastor of Church and Society.

To be hired by the year at a salary of $900 to be paid monthly. To be given house rent and a yearly vacation of four weeks and the pastoral relations may be dissolved by either party's giving a notice of two months.

July 31, 1899

Voted that the Parish Committee be instructed to notify the Reverend Arthur Titcomb that the bathroom, water supply, sewerage, fire place, heating apparatus and all like alterations of the parsonage to be dropped in as much as the house is not the property of the Parish.

Voted that the painting and papering of the Parsonage be left in the hands of the Parish Committee with full power to act with the agent of Mr. Simpson.

Voted to have the Parish Committee put in a furnace in the Church and to replace one of the old ones the Committee to have full power.

August 21, 1899

Letter read by Clerk from Titcomb accepting call.

March 13, 1900

A. C. Winch, Clerk

S. F. Danforth, Treasurer

Voted to give Pastor same salary as last year.

Income - $1,144.87

Expenses - $1,121.62

March 11, 1891

A. C. Winch, Clerk

F. S. Danforth, Treasurer

Pew rents, pledges and general collection same means of raising money

Income - $1,196.60

Expenses - $1,187.74

March 10, 1902

A. C. Winch, Clerk

S. F. Danforth, Treasurer

Income - $1,201.52

Expended - $1,195.44

March 9, 1903

A. C. Winch, Clerk

S. F. Danforth, Treasurer

Moved that we continue the services of our pastor Rev. Arthur Titcomb for the coming year - the motion was cast 8 - 3

Income - $1,253.00

Expended - $1,250.81

October 26, 1903

Voted to concur with the Church in accepting the resignation of the Pastor Reverend Arthur Titcomb.

Voted to give the Pastor elect $900.00 per year in 12 installments.

10 members present.

January 25, 1904

Moved that the Parish unite with the Church in calling the Rev. H. P. Huges of Eastlake, Michigan to become our Pastor

March 14, 1904

S. F. Danforth, Treasurer

A. C. Winch, Clerk

Voted to leave the matter of cleaning and repairing the parsonage to the Parish Committee with full power.

Income - $1,150.71

Expenses - $1,103.62

March 13, 1905

Voted to give Mr. F. E. Simpson and Mr. R. Dawson a vote of thanks for their interest and gift for the painting of the Church (outside).

Voted to give Mr. R. Dawson a vote of thanks for his gift of electric lights for the Chapel.

A. C. Winch, Clerk — Rental of pews
S. F. Danforth, Treas. — Pledge System
General Collection
) Still well of raising money

Income - $1,279.81

Expenses - $1,277.71

April 20, 1905

Voted to repair the Church and Chapel and also to redecorate the same.

May 18, 1905

Repair Committee reported that the sum of $405 had been pledged and more money was in sight.

March 13, 1906

Chapel had been redecorated, a carpet put down - new chairs procured and the Ell shingled - a new organ put in the church, an addition for it with two dressing rooms under it - Church lighted with electric lights - Church redecorated, new carpet - new furnace - and the building put in good repair - $5,356.29.

A. C. Winch, Clerk

S. F. Danforth, Treasurer

Voted to give Mr. F. E. Simpson ($35.50) and Mrs. W. W. Seeley ($12.00) a vote of thanks for their generous gifts of money to aid the work of the Repair Committee expenditures on building program.

Everett Torrey - for new organ	$700.00
A. G. Priestly - work at chapel	$118.38
Hutchings, Murphy & Co. - Repairing windows and new windows	$118.00
Readsboro Mfg. Co. - Chairs for Chapel	$140.00
Edison Co. - Current Dec. 11, 1905 to Jan. 5, 1906	$ 35.71
Electric fixtures for church	$ 12.83
D. O. Frost - new furnace	$114.37
Cole Church Organ Co. - Rebuilding and installing organ	$1700.00

Mortensen and Holdensen - Painting Church and Organ	$485.28
James E. Hall - Work at church	$575.00
Work at Chapel	$ 84.87
Fittz and Barker - Plumbing at Church	$120.00

Income $1,185.08

Expenses $1,174.08

March 11, 1907

A. C. Winch, Clerk

S. F. Danforth, Treasurer

* - Tithingmen are still being elected.

March 1, 1906 - March 1, 1907

Pew rents - $410.73)
Pledges - $320.77)
General - $ 86.23)

Received - $1,458.23
Expended - $1,439.89

Insurance - $49.30
8 tons coal - $59.00

January 28, 1908

Resignation of our pastor was read by the Clerk and was accepted by the Parish.

To be hired by the year, to have four weeks vacation, with the understanding that in case he desires to leave us he is to give two months notice in case of a desire on our part for a change we will do the same - to have $900.00 as yearly salary - and free use of parsonage.

May 4, 1908

It was unanimously voted that the Parish unite with the Church in extending a call to the Rev. Maurice J. Dunaklee to become Pastor of Edwards Church and Society.

March 9, 1908

A. C. Winch, Clerk

Voted to abolish the office of Tithingman

S. F. Danforth, Treasurer

1907 - 1908

Income - $1,444.38 Paid out - $1,431.87

Pews - $ 410.43

Pledges - $322.15

General - $ 78.41

March 8, 1909

A. C. Winch, Clerk

S. F. Danforth, Treasurer

Income - $1,097.31

Expenses- $1,086.49

March 14, 1910

A. C. Winch, Clerk

S. F. Danforth, Treasurer

Voted - Parish Committee constitute committee to con____ funds

Voted - Clerk write note of thanks to Ladies Aid Society for financial aid ($200.00).

Voted - Clerk write note of thanks to Mr. F. C. Simpson and Mrs. Seeley for improvements in parsonage (bathroom, fireplace, hot and cold water, furniture and fixtures).

Voted - Treasurer's report be read from pulpit.

Received legacy from estate of Mrs. Abigail Stone of Nobscott $100.00

Received - $1,525.65

Expended - $1,488.85

Electric light and power -	$36.16
Water	2.02
Fire Insurance	46.80
Coal - 11 tons	78.25

March 13, 1911

A. C. Winch, Clerk

At the beginning of the year the Committee made a house-to-house canvass to try to get an increase in the amount given through the pledges. We tried to get enough to be able to pay the bills as they came due without having to take up special collections.

Ladies Aid - $200.00

$75.00 for borrowed money now owed

Pledge system and pew rent

S. F. Danforth, Treasurer

Income - $1,243.25 Pew rents - $404.11

Expenditures-$1,225.79 Pledge - $540.12

Pastor - $900.00

Janitor - $100.00

Treasurer- $ 25.00

March 11, 1912

Shingled one side of Chapel kindness of Mr. F. E. Simpson.

Built new fence and painted Chapel kindness of Mr. F. E. Simpson and Edwards Brotherhood and Ladies Aid.

A. C. Winch, Clerk

S. F. Danforth, Treasurer

Voted - the Treasurer's report be printed and placed in hands of each family in Parish.

Voted that the Parish accept the ~~appoint~~ apportionment of the legacy left by Anna Watson reducing the amount to be received from $100 to $40.95.

Income - $1,243.25

Expended - $1,223.79

March 10, 1913

Arthur C. Winch, Clerk

S. F. Danforth, Treasurer

Pew rent - envelope system - general collection

Ladies Aid Society - $235.00
97.00 (Organist's Salary)
$332.00

Income - $1,440.59

Expended - $1,419.11

June 2, 1913

Voted to accept the pastor's resignation to take effect July 1, 1913

Hired by the year
4 weeks vacation
$900.00 per year
Free use of parsonage

August 4, 1913

Voted to unite with the church in calling the Rev. Wm. Robertson of Sandwich, Mass. to become Pastor of Church and Society.

Title of the church land was held by the Saxonville Mills Co. and that neither the church or parish had ever held title thereto. Through the kindness of Mr. Frank E. Simpson, President of the Saxonville Mills we now have a clear title and deed

Certificate of title book 31, page 301

No. 4565 - Date of registration September 5th 1913

South Registry District of Middlesex County, Massachusetts

March 9, 1914

A. C. Winch, Clerk

S. F. Danforth, Treasurer

Pew rent - envelope system and general collections

Ladies Aid - $175.00

Painting and papering at parsonage - $66.46

Half by Parish - half by Mr. Simpson

Income - $1,195.96

Expenses - $1,186.17

March 15, 1915

A. C. Winch, Clerk

S. F. Danforth, Treasurer

An informal vote was passed that it be the sense of the Parish that when the Church was incorporated the Parish would turn over to the Church all property and moneys now held by the Parish.

Income - $1,231.08

Expenses - $1,224.25

March 13, 1916

Clerk - A. C. Winch

Treasurer - S. F. Danforth

Voted unanimously on a motion of Deacon H. S. Allen that the Saxonville Parish, Inc. transfer all property including legacies and gifts now belonging to the Saxonville Parish, Inc. to the Edwards Congregational Church, Inc. of Saxonville, Town of Framingham, Mass. and that the Parish Committee be instructed and authorized to make the transfer when the certificate of incorporation is received by the church.

Voted on motion of Mr. Arthur C. Winch that the Edwards Congregational Church, Inc. of Saxonville, Town of Framingham shall be the legal successor in administering all property, gifts and legacies now in the possession of the Saxonville Parish or that may come to it in the future, the same to be administered in accordance with the wish of the donors.

Income - $1,253.88

Expended - $1,245.50

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SAXONVILLE PARISH

CHURCH RECORDS

1857

September 14 - $950.00 salary for Mr. Henry Allen of Wayland

September 17 - Church gave call to above

November 6, 1857 - Dismission of Northrop, installation of Allen.
Rev. Mr. Harding and Prof. Shedd invited.

1858

February 16 - The church met by request of their Pastor. A session of devotion was held and a committee was chosen to visit each member of the church and converse with them personally on the subject of religion.

March 3 - William H. Carter chosen Clerk of the church.

December 19 - Notice was given from the pulpit by the Pastor of his desire to change the Hymn Book now used for either the Sabbath Hymn Book or the Congregational Hymn Book.

1859

April 25 - A letter was read from the desk from our Pastor resigning the pulpit to the charge of the Society and asking them to unite with him in calling an ecclesiastical council to direct the form of dismission. Church asked committee to confer with Pastor to ascertain why he thinks he can be more useful in another field of labor than here.

September 30 - Committee recommends church not accept resignation - but ~~xxiks~~ unite with him and call a council to advise what course should be taken in regard to the feeling of their pastor.

Voted to call a council to advise in regard to the duty of pastor and people.

1860

March 13 - Voted unanimously to extend a call to Rev. Mr. Petingill to become our Pastor.

April 16 - Ecclesiastical Council - deemed expedient to install Mr. Pettingill.

November 25 - Voted to observe Thursday, 13th of December as a day of fasting and prayer.

1861

November 13 - Members who absented themselves from the worship and communion of the church without notifying the Church were stricken from the catalogue of members - violation of this covenant.

December 26 - Annual Meeting

Treasurer - James Rea

Clerk - William H. Carter

1862

January 2 - 19 votes cast for deacon. All but four for W. H. Carter - Carter declines. Unanimous vote for Carter

February 20 - Carter still declines office.

1863

January 1 - Treasurer - T. Goldthwait

Clerk - W. H. Carter

February 22 - It is known to some of you that I have had the question of asking my dismission under consideration for some months and that I have been waiting to complete my official year as your pastor.

As this will close with the 31st of March next I propose at that time to close my labors with you provided our relation can be dissolved in a satisfactory manner.

I therefore request the church at their next meeting on Thursday evening - 26, to act upon this my resignation and to appoint a committee to unite with me in calling a council to dissolve the pastoral relations according to the usual form.

Perhaps I ought to add that I take this step in the spirit of _____ to this Church and Society and to every member of both, and with the hope that it will _____ not _____ my own _____ but this also _____

I cannot ever do otherwise than take a lively interest in the welfare of a people with whom I have lived and for whom I have labored for three years.

Though I may not have all the grace of the Apostle Paul to say - "I will gladly _____ and be _____ for you though the _____ abundantly I love you the _____ I be loved." Yet I can say with Samuel "You forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you."

Voted - that in accepting his resignation we desire to express our entire confidence in his Christian character, in his soundness of doctrine and his ability to _____ in the work of the gospel ministry and our sincere prayers for his happiness and _____ in the new field of labor where he is called.

July 23 - Whole number visited - 78

Number in favor of Hill - 63

October 15 - Ecclesiastical Council

Examination opened by reading of statement of his religious belief

Gave some account of his religious examination.

Views and motives for entering ministry.

(installed)

1864

January 14 - Henry Hill and James Rea chosen deacons.

(Is this Hill related to the Pastor - joined church same time (Dec. 21). Was delegate and deacon from Vine St. Church, Roxbury - Why was Roxbury Church invited in the first place?)

1870

March 6 - There seems to have been no records of church kept by the Clerk. Rev. Geo. E. Hill chosen in place of William H. Carter. Resigned from June 2, 1864 to present date except that kept by him in a church manual which is preserved with church records.

Clerk - J. B. Johnson

March 1, 1870 - Hill dismissed.

April 24 - Charles Jones commenced labors with this church for one year.

May 8 - Delegates to Temperance Convention in ~~Medford~~ Milford.

May 27 - Dexter Baldwin died.

June 5 - Henry Butler, Superintendent of Sabbath School resigned.

October 13 - Voted unanimously to invite the Rev. Charles Jones to settle with this church at a salary of $1,000.00 per year.

October 14 - Report forwarded to Conference of Churches.

Since the last Conference the following contributions have been made:

July 1st for Southville Chapel - $60.00

August 26th for ABCFM - $70.40

September 25th - Bible Society $19.14 - In all $149.54

Total membership of this church is 134; Males - 55, Females - 99, actual resident members - 81.

On the last Sabbath of April last, the Rev. Charles Jones commenced his labors amongst us. Our congregation has improved.

New vigor is thrown into our Sabbath School and its members are increased.

We have organized a Bible Class with special reference to the study of our Sabbath School lesson which is conducted by our pastor and which is very interesting.

Our prayer meetings have a good store of life infused into them and there are some takers of spiritual life and energy being on the increase among us.

Upon the whole we have reason to be encouraged and we do thank God and take courage. J. B. Johnson, Clerk.

November 3 - Installed Rev. Charles Jones

Fuller and Johnson elected deacons.

December 29 - Annual Meeting

J. B. Johnson, Clerk

T. Goldthwaite, Treasurer.

1871

January 1 - Fuller and Johnson were ordained Deacons by prayer and the laying on of hands.

January 31 - Deacon Ebenezer Stone died, age 73.

May 25 - Voted to change the time of the afternoon service on the Sabbath from 2 o'clock to 6 o'clock commencing the first Sabbath in June and to continue for three months.

1872

January 1 - Whole number connected with church - 140

Whole Number males	-	38
Whole Number females	-	102
Added in 1871	-	16
Added by letter	-	9
Added by prof.	-	7
Dismissed	-	5
Died	-	3

January 3 - 1:30 dedication of Chapel

January 11 - J. B. Johnson, Clerk
T. Goldthwaite, Treasurer

December 29 - Deacon L. F. Fuller chosen delegate to sit on council for the purpose (if thought expedient) of forming a church at South Framingham on Thursday, January 2, 1872.

1873

January 2 - J. B. Johnson, Clerk

T. Goldthwaite, Treasurer

150 connected with church

Added 22

December 7 - Voted to hold meetings during the remainder of the winter in the Chapel.

1874

January 1 - Annual meeting held a close of the preparatory lecture.

J. B. Johnson, Clerk

T. Goldthwaite, Treasurer

143 connected with church

/ added on prof.

Dismissed 8

March 1 - J. B. Johnson supt. to serve - last Thursday in December 1874 (Annual Meeting)

December 31 - Annual meeting at Chapel in the evening.

J. B. Johnson, Clerk

T. Goldthwaite, Treasurer

No members added

11 dismissed

Church School - Scholars - 74
Librarians - 2
Superintendent - 1
Teachers - 9

Average attendance for 10 months - $52\frac{1}{4}$
Largest - 81
Smallest - 21

Church School - Collection for 10 months - 21.18 income
Paid - Lesson Papers - 5.62

1875

December 30 - J. B. Johnson, Clerk

T. Goldthwaite, Treasurer

J. B. Johnson, Church School Superintendent

Whole Number connected with church - 116

Males	31
Females	85
Resident members	93
Non-resident	23
Added last year	3
Dismissed	13
Died	4
Names dropped	6

Church School - average attendance - 61

Income - $89.53

Paid - $78.03

Balance - $71.50

1876

December 28 - T. Goldthwaite, Treasurer

J. B. Johnson, Clerk

J. B. Johnson, Church School Superintendent

Whole number connected with church - 118

Males	35
Females	83
Resident	96
Non-resident	22
Added	5
Dismissed	1
Died	2

Church School Attendance
1st 6 months - 79½
2nd 6 months - 57½

Three of the youngest members have died

Income $124.63

Paid

Question books, cards and catalogues -	15.85
Library books	50.86
An S. S. Union	17.45
American Missionary Association	15.00
Books	3.80
Home Mission Society	5.00
	$116.46

1877

December 29 - All officers elected last year the same.

Though the attendance was not large, the business was transacted quietly and pleasantly.

Whole Number	129
Males	35
Females	94
Resident	106
Non-resident	22
Added	11
Died	1

Attendance of Church School - 28 - 90
Average - 67
Income - $74.65
Expenses - $48.80

1878

December 26 - J. B. Johnson, Church School Superintendent

J. B. Johnson, Treasurer

T. Goldthwaite, Clerk

Whole Number -	125
Male	34
Female	91
Died	3

United with Church - 2

Receipts from stereopticon exhibition - 1340

1879 1877

March 5 - Motion made by Deacon Leslie, seconded by Joseph McDonald that the pastor Mr. Jones be invited to resign (no action - 1 week)

March 13 - Motion of Deacon Leslie was lost.

Resolved that it is the sense of this meeting that our Pastor, the Rev. Charles Jones continue his relations with us.

Whole number of votes cast	31
In favor of resolution	16
against it	13
blanks	2

May 23 - Resolved that it is expedient that our Pastor, the Rev. Charles Jones continue his relations with us.

Whole number of votes	54
For	27
Against	27

Adjourned 1 week

May 30 - Resolved that it is expedient that our Pastor, Rev. Charles Jones, continue his relations with us.

Whole votes cast - 63

In favor	30
Against	33

Voted that the relation between the church and pastor cease April 1, 1878 unless another arrangement is made with him previous to that date.

January 6th 1878 - Sabbath Morning

I hereby tender to the Edwards Church and Congregation my resignation as their Pastor: the same to take effect according to a vote passed by the Church several months since - on the 1st of April next.

Charles Jones

February 14 - We the subscribers would respectfully ask you to call a meeting of said church to take action in reference to the resignation of the

Rev. Charles Jones with the hope that the time of accepting said resignation may be extended to April 1st 1879.

(13 signatures)

March 4 - Total number of votes cast - 45

14 voted to accept resignation

31 voted not to accept the same

Whole formal vote number - 44

To accept resignation - 15

Not to accept resignation - 29

1879

February 10 - The renewal of the resignation of the pastor Rev. Charles Jones was read by the Clerk and on motion of R. A. French the Church voted to accept said resignation. (April 1, 1879)

March 11, 1879 - Council

The Council in coming to this result desire to express their deep sense of the consecration of the retiring pastor to the work of the Gospel Ministry and to bear unqualified testimony to the unflagging devotion which he has manifested to the interests of Christ's Kingdom in the Pastorate: to his deep Scriptural views of divine truth: to his faithfulness in presenting the doctrines of grace: to his careful attention to Pastoral work, and to the wideness of his sympathies with every form of Christian effort: to the ripeness of his own Christian experience, and would cordially commend him to the churches as an earnest and effective preacher, a judicious and sympathetic pastor with hope that the Master has for him important work to do in the withering harvest fields.

The Council would also express their sympathies with the Church, which by this action is deprived the labors of an eminently faithful preacher and pastor. We are glad to bear testimony to the wisdom which has been manifested in instances of decided differences of opinion, and to be a great spirit of discretion and patience in the face of issues in which haste and uncharitableness might have brought results greatly to be deprecated. We think there has been a constant seeking of the things which make for peace and that they, like the pastor, have continually desired the divine guidance in all matters vital to the interests of Christ's Kingdom in this place.

We have also been glad to see that there has been a faithful provision made from year to year for the current expenses of the Parish, that the Pastor's salary has been promptly paid, and no oppressive financial burdens permitted to accumulate.

July 7 - Voted to hire the Rev. Samuel Bell for one year, if possible, to labor with us as acting Pastor at a salary to be agreed upon in the future.

July 15 - J. B. Johnson was chosen a committee to wait on M. H. Simpson, and if possible, secure the house for a parsonage formerly used as such, free of rent.

July 22 - Voted by a large majority to instruct the church and parish committee to make the Rev. S. Bell the offer of one thousand dollars and house rent as salary for services for one year.

July 29 - Services of Mr. Bell for one year commencing August 1, 1879.

December 26 - Pastors often chaired church meetings.

J. B. Johnson, Clerk

T. Goldthwaite, Treasurer

Church School Superintendent -

Rev. Mr. Bell - 2

Morgan 3

Fuller 3

J. B. Jackson -18 - declined but not excused.

Committee on question of books for 1880 recommended Pilgrim Services.

Accepted and adopted.

Whole number connected with Church - 129

Male - 33

Female - 91

Non-resident - 25

New member - 1

Deceased - 2

1880

January 1 - Collection on evening of first Sabbath of each month for missionary purposes.

Voted to observe week of prayer and hold meetings from Tuesday - Friday evenings included.

December 30 - J. B. Johnson, Clerk

T. Goldthwaite, Treasurer

Clerk's Report - Whole No. - 127

Male 34

Female 73

Non-resident - 25

United - 4

Deceased - 1

1881

January 6 - Church School Superintendent, J. B. Johnson

1882

January 2 - J. B. Johnson, Clerk

T. Goldthwaite, Treasurer

J. H. Morgan, Superintendent church school

United with Church - 11

Males - 36

Females - 100

Non-resident - 25

To the Edwards Congregational Church and Society

Dear Bretheren and Friends:

I hereby resign my position as your pastor, the same to take effect August 31st 1882.

In taking this step I cannot refrain from thanking you most sincerely for the very kind treatment which I have received at your hands. I shall always remember these three years we have worked together as among the most pleasant of my life.

As far as I know the harmony between pastor and people has been unmarred. Your financial support of me has been generous and prompt. The religious sympathy and helpfulness you have extended me these three years is equally deserving of acknowledgement and commendation. Finally bretheren, farewell, be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace: and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Most fraternally yours,

Samuel Bell

Saxonville, Mass., July 29, 1882

December 11 - Rev. Theodore L. Day be invited to become "acting pastor" of the Edwards Church with a view to settlement at a salary of one thousand dollars per annum and free use of parsonage, expense of moving, four weeks vacation.

December 28 - Annual Meeting

J. B. Johnson, Clerk

T. Goldthwaite, Treasurer

Whole Number - 135

Males - 37

Females - 98

United - 3

Dismissed - 2

Deceased - 2

Church School Superintendent - A. A. Fuller

1883

January 4 - Mr. Day to commence labors January 21st.

1884

January 3 - Annual Meeting

J. B. Johnson, Clerk

T. Goldthwaite, Treasurer

G. P. Balch, Superintendent

Whole number of resident members - 101

Whole number of non-resident members - 34

Received - 8

Dismissed - 4

1885

January 19 - Moody A. Stevens invited to supply pulpit for one year.

1,000 dollars per year

4 Sundays vacation

East Boston, 242 Webster Street

January 22nd 1885

Deacon L. Fuller

Saxonville

Dear Brother;

Yours of the 18th inst. was received. The action of the Church which you report has been taken into prayerful consideration by me and the result is that I feel disposed to respond favorably. I know of no obstacles in the way. There is no reason therefore why I should not be with you on the first Sunday in next month to labor among you in the Lord as He gives me strength from that time on.

The terms offered are satisfactory enough . . . . . .

Providence permitting I will be with you on the first Sunday in February.

Yours in Christ,

M. A. Stevens

1886

January 7 - Annual Meeting

J. B. Johnson, Clerk

T. Goldthwaite, Treasurer

G. P. Balch, Superintendent

1887

January 13 - J. B. Johnson, Clerk

T. Goldthwaite, Treasurer

June 20 - J. B. Johnson, Church School Superintendent

1888

January 5 - J. B. Johnson, Clerk

T. Goldthwaite, Treasurer

J. B. Johnson, Church School Superintendent

Whole Number - 143

Resident members - 101

Non-resident members - 42

Male - 29

Female - 72

Added - 3

Dismissed - 2

Deceased - 4

December 27 - Annual Meeting

J. B. Johnson, Clerk

T. Goldthwaite, Treasurer

J. B. Johnson, Church School Superintendent

Whole No. males - 36

females 96

132

Deceased - 2

Non-resident members - 33

Dismissed - 2

Added - 3

Names dropped - 10

1889

December 26 - J. B. Johnson, Clerk

T. Goldthwaite, Treasurer

J. B. Johnson, Church School Superintendent

Voted that hereafter all officers of the Sunday School, except the Superintendent be elected by the Sunday School.

Voted that two of the bretheren be elected as Collectors whose duty it shall be to pass the contribution boxes whenever collections are taken at church services.

Voted that during the winter the week-day meetings commence at 1/2 past 7 O'clock P.M.

6 persons united

2 dismissed

2 deaths

36 males

98 females

1890

July 6 - M. A. Stevens closed his labors with the Edwards Church

September 25 - Extend call to Rev. H. M. Cole of Lamar, Missouri - acting pastor for 1 year - $1,000 per year, use of parsonage, vacation of 4 weeks.

October 23 - Mr. Cole declined the call.

1891

January 1 - Annual Meeting

J. B. Johnson, Clerk

T. Goldthwaite, Treasurer

J. B. Johnson, Church School Superintendent

Male - 34

Female - 94

128

Non-resident - 32

Deceased - 1

Removed by letter - 5

January 29 - Extend call to George A. Broch, $1,000 per annum, use of parsonage, 4 weeks vacation.

Allow us, Dear Sir, to add to the invitation contained in these votes the expression of our earnest hope that you will feel it to be the desire of the Great Head of the Church that you should accept this call to be our Pastor.

Dear Brethren:

In answer to your communication in behalf of Edwards Church and Society it gives me great pleasure to announce to you that I have consulted my friends, listened to the advice of several ministers and professors, older and wiser than myself, examined my own heart and sought God's guidance through meditation and prayer without one discordant opinion. The way seems plain before me and I will walk therein.

Let me say frankly that your harmonious and unanimous call came to me entirely unexpectedly without any effort of my own and therefore all the more commandingly. Still it is with feelings of no degree of confidence that I assume this responsibility and leadership.

You all know well that I am young and untried and can bring to you only a heart full of reverence for and love to God a burning zeal to advance His Kingdom, and a strong and abiding earnestness to spend and be spent in service similar to Jeasus Christ My Master.

This means, Christian friends, that I may make many mistakes, preach some very simple sermons and in many ways fall short of the intellectual demands of my position but judge me by my heart service. Can I not ask you to bear gently, charitably with me, advise, admonish and assist me all you can to develop into a true and loving pastor and a brave and faithful preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our Common Lord and Master.

With many misgivings as to my own abilities, but strong faith in God, I will heartily accept your call and its conditions and strive faithfully in season and out of season to labor diligently for the highest spiritual welfare of every individual soul in my parish.

And may God, the Great Head of the Church add his blessing to this arrangement, showering down upon us from His storehouse of mercy many and abiding spiritual manifestations of this good pleasure.

Your servant in Christ,

George A. Brock.

Ordination - Installed June 27, 1891 - (Monday evening)

Read Congregational creed of 83 (additions and _____)

This examination showed the personal godliness, the intellectual and scholarly abilities, and the soundness of the faith of the candidate.

September 10 - Whereas Mr. Frank E. Simpson and Mrs. W. W. Seely have manifested by their broad and liberal generosity in furnishings for the parsonage, the deep affection and lasting regard they have for the church which was for so many years the pride and joy of their departed parents, therefore be it -

Resolved: that we the members of the Edwards Church and Society, earnestly desire to extend them in token of recognition of this generosity our sincere and heartfelt thanks for their kind remembrance.

December 31 - J. B. Johnson, Clerk

T. Goldthwaite, Treasurer

A. C. Winch, Church School Superintendent

Male - 36

Female - 98

134

Non-resident - 32

Added - 7

Deceased - 1

1892

December 22 - Females - 108

Males - 38

146

Non-resident - 33

Added - 14

Dismissed - 2

1892

December 22 - Annual Meeting

J. B. Johnson, Clerk

T. Goldthwaite, Treasurer

A. C. Winch, Church School Superintendent

1893

December 28 - Annual Meeting

J. B. Johnson, Clerk

Geo. A. Tower, Treasurer (declined because of 30 year service)

Church School Superintendent - Whole No. votes - 25

A. W. Permenter - 10

A. C. Winch - 10 - elected

Females - 109

Males - 38

Non-resident - 37

Dismissed - 2

Deceased - 3

1894

December 27 - Annual Meeting

J. B. Johnson, Clerk George H. Tower, Treasurer

Church School Superintendent - A. C. Winch

Whole No. Male - 38

Female - 109

147

Non-resident - 34

United - 5

Removed - death - 2
letter - 3

Treasurer's Report

American Home Mission Society	35.40
American Board for Foreign Missions	12.20
American Mission Association	9.15
Church Building Society	9.15
Universal Educational Society	3.05
Congregational S.S. and Pub. Society	33.55
Framingham Hospital	48.60
Framingham Y.M.C.A.	110.00
Ladies Home Mission Society	80.00
Ladies Foreign Mission Society	22.50
King's Daughters	28.00
YPSCE	1.00
Edwards S. S.	13.50
Mission Board	40.00
Aid to poor through Pastor	300.00

1895

December 26 - J. B. Johnson, Clerk

G. H. Tower, Treasurer

A. C. Winch, Church School Superintendent

Female - 114

Male - 38

152

Non-resident - 37

United - 13

Deceased - 8

1896

December 22 - J. B. Johnson, Clerk

G. H. Tower, Treasurer

A. C. Winch, Church School Superintendent

Female - 115

Male - 37

152

United - 6

Deceased - 6

1897

December 23 - J. B. Johnson, Clerk

Sarah H. Goldthwaite

A. C. Winch - Church School Superintendent

Female - 121

Male - 37

158

Non-resident - 37

United - 7

Deceased - 1

1898

November 6 - E. W. Dunn died

December 22 - Female - 123

Male - 38

161

Added - 7

Deceased - 2

Removed by letter - 4

J. B. Johnson, Clerk

T. Goldthwaite, Treasurer

Several ballots for Superintendent - no choice

December 29 - A. C. Winch, Church School Superintendent

Read From the Desk March 26, 1899

And now, dear friends, it is necessary for me to perform a duty which I have tried to postpone. My heart has been exceeding sad for the last two months as I saw the day approaching when the decision must be made and declared. It is scarcely necessary for me to tell you after eight years of service, that my heart and affections are centered in this little church. Did I not hear the stern voice of duty, saying, "this is the way, walk ye in it." I could not make my decision. But feeling as I do that God has opened the door for me - that he has called me to undertake a much harder field of labor, one that came to me unsolicited, one which I tried to avoid by enlarging the financial burden of the people, only to find them enthusiastic in their readiness to meet every demand. I can do no less than to follow the lead of the Great Commander. Consequently I am obliged to return to you the commission which you gave me on that lovely day in June 1891.

Before saying the last word let me pause just a moment to express to you as a people my sincere and honest thanks for your uniform and unbroken loyalty to this church, and your personal interest and sympathy in your pastor and his family. In the years to come I shall ever look back upon this my first Pastorate with a peculiar affection and trust that you may rejoice with me over a noble work of grace performed somehwere in the Master's vineyard.

Having received a call from the East Avenue Congregational Church of Lockeport, New York it becomes necessary for me to resign my pastorate here on the 30th of April. I trust that the Church and Parish will take immediate action in this matter so that the proper council may be called to sever the Pastoral relations at that date.

Hoping that the Good Shepherd may give unto you at this time, grace, memory and wisdom I remain,

Your loving Pastor,

Geo. A. Brock.

April 6, 1899

The letter of resignation of Mr. Brock was read by the chair.

Remarks were made by several members expressive of sorrow but it being understood that the decision of our pastor was final it was voted to accept the resignation of Rev. Geo. A. Brock and also voted that we desire to express our great regret that such action is necessary.

June 29, 1899

Voted to call Arthur Titcomb

Voted that we recommend the Parish to hire a Pastor by the year.

Salary $900.00 per year.

Allow us, dear sir, to add to the invitation contained in these votes the expression of our earnest hope that you _____ it to be the desire of the Great Head of the Church that you should accept this call to be our pastor.

Farmington, Mass. August 8th 1899

To the Edwards Congregational Church of Saxonville, Mass.

Dear Bretheren:

I have received copies of recent votes of Church and Society inviting me to be your Pastor.

In accepting this office, which I do hereby, I will to call attention to one or two matters of pertinent interest.

1. In the opinion of competent judges, the present outlook for many of our churches is not over-encouraging. We seem to be in a condition of religious decline. We keep up church expenses and benevolences with no little difficulty.

2. A sadly significant fact is the absence of men from the church roll - from the church work - from the church services. It seems as if the women were rapidly being abandoned and allowed to have things quite too nearly their own way.

These two considerations should be placed side by side. To my mind the one explains the other. While I do by no means disparage the help of women in the church let me say - No church can greatly prosper nor can it give Christianity, if it is left largely to women.

The present decline, or whatever you please to call it, is exactly what you might expect where no more men put shoulder to the wheel.

In view of present conditions - and especially in your own community, since for that you are responsible. I ask you to mark the extreme importance of reaching the men. If there is much further drift on their part, the church itself will lose efficiency, or even life itself.

And the mending of this matter rests with the men already in the Church. Change of pastors cannot avail, ringing of church bells will not accomplish the desired result but the men can do it if they have a mind to work.

Do not expect me to fill the pews. I shall have work enough to fill the pulpit. And it is your business to fill the pews. You must allow me full time in my study: the present modem demands of preaching require a well-worn path for the Preacher between his study and his pulpit if we are to make the teaching of the sanctuary able to grip busy men. At the same time I shall be especially ready to answer calls for pastoral service.

3. Remember that we are to do a supernatural work. Consequently we shall need supernatural help. That help - I have no need to remark - is at the earnest call of an earnest church.

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur Titcomb

1899

December 28 - Annual Meeting

J. B. Johnson, Clerk

T. Goldthwaite, Treasurer

A. B. Winch, Church School Superintendent

Female - 115

Male - 34

Non-resident - 37

Added - 2

Removed by death - 2

letter - 9

by revision - 1

1900

February 15 - To invite the M. E. Church to unite with our church in holding a communion service in the Edwards Church on Thursday ~~exexy~~ evening April 12, 1900.

December 27 - Annual Meeting

J. B. Johnson, Clerk

T. Goldthwaite, Treasurer

A. C. Winch, Church School Superintendent

Female - 112

Male - 35

Non-resident - 40

Added - 3

Removed by death - 4

letter - 1

1901

November 25 - Fuller removed by death.

December 26 - Annual Meeting

J. B. Johnson, Clerk

T. Goldthwaite, Treasurer

1902

January 2 - James E. Hall elected deacon for life.

Female - 109

Male - 33

Added - 4

Removed - 1

Deceased - 8

In the death of Deacon Luther F. Fuller the Edwards Church suffers a great loss. He united with the church by letter in 1857. He was made deacon in 1871 - an office which he honored by careful attention to the interests of the church both temporal and spiritual. For forty years he was a faithful teacher in the Sunday School and a wise counsellor in its affairs. He understood the value of the prayer meeting where he was a conscientious attendant and a reliable helper. His financial liberality towards the church, his efficiency in introducing people to the service and work of the church, his broad and deep piety, his constant devotion to all the interests of the Church and Society indicated to the whole community how highly he prized the worship of God in the sanctuary.

Accepted and adopted by vote of the Church January 23, 1902.

1903

January 1 - Annual Meeting

J. B. Johnson, Clerk

T. Goldthwaite, Treasurer

No action was taken by the church on the paper presented "On the Federation of Churches."

March 30 - After several ballots the church voted to xxxxxx retain the pastor for the coming year.

May 28 - A. C. Winch xxxxxx chosen clerk

O. P. Ordway, Deacon

October 21 - The letter of resignation of the pastor Rev. Arthur Titcomb was read and accepted by the church.

December 31 - Annual Meeting

A. C. Winch, Clerk

S. H. Goldthwaite, Treasurer

A. C. Winch, Superintendent resigned. No one was found to take his place so accepted against his wish.

1904

January 14 - Voted extend call to H. P. Hughes of Eastlake, Michigan.

October 13 - Letter of resignation and a request for a letter to the M. E. Church of Saxonville was read from Deacon O. P. Ordway. His resignation was accepted and letter quoted (?)

Also Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton to M. E. Church.

October 27 - W. E. Woodward chosen Deacon.

December 29 - A. C. Winch, Clerk

S. H. Goldthwaite, Treasurer

A. C. Winch, Superintendent

1906

January 4 - Annual Meeting

A. C. Winch, Clerk

S. H. Goldthwaite, Treasurer

A. C. Winch, Superintendent

A vote of thanks be given to Miss. Martha Stone and Mrs. Gross for their gift of the individual communion set.

12 new members

2 deaths

2 by letter.

1906

December 27 - Annual Meeting

A. C. Winch, Clerk

S. H. Goldthwaite, Treasurer

A. C. Winch, Superintendent

Members added - 1

Death - 1

Dismissed - 3

1907

December 26 - Annual Meeting

A. C. Winch, Clerk

A. E. Dawson, Treasurer

H. S. Allen, Superintendent

In addition to the formal call contained in these votes we wish to express the cordial invitation of the Church and Parish to _____ to become our pastor. We hope you will find it to be the will of the Great Head of the Church that you should accept this call. (to Dancklee)

Dear Brethren, -

I am in receipt of the certified copies of the recent votes of your church and parish and hereby accept the call to become the Pastor of the Edwards Church. I also agree to the terms specified in regard to the amount of the salary, the annual vacation, and the notice to be given in case of a desire to sever the pastoral relations. I shall be ready to begin my labors with you on the first Sunday

of July 1908. I trust that the Great Head of the Church will unite us in His service and will greatly bless our common labors and prayers.

Sincerely yours in His service,

Maurice J. Dancklee

Report for Year 1908

Added - 2

Death - 2

Dismissed - 3

December 31, 1908 - Annual Meeting

Voted to donate the old communion set to the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society.

A. C. Winch, Clerk

A. E. Dawson, Treasurer

Henry S. Allen, Superintendent

Missionary Work of Ladies Aid Society

Women's Home Mission Assoc.	-	$15.00
Mass. Home Mission Assoc.	-	5.50
Ladies Union, Atwood, Kansas	-	5.00
Foreign Missions	-	26.00
		$51.50

1908

Treasurer's Report

Cash on Hand -	$12.34
Offering -	11.11
	$23.45

Paid

100 Hand Books	1.25
Conf. Tax - 1907	8.76
Conf. Tax - 1908	8.64
Order of Service	2.25
Communion Supplies	2.50
	23.40

Balance - .05

Collections and pledges for the Massachusetts Anti-Saloon League - $15.60

Treasurer's Report of Sunday School

January 1, 1908 - Cash on Hand	17.56	
Collections	25.95	
Gift to Sunday School	1.00	
Children's Day Collection	2.57	
Christmas	2.24	
Gift from C. E. Society	5.00	
Paid - Sunday School and Publication Society Supplies -		39.67
55 diplomas		.33
First series of buttons		.60
January 1, 1909 to balance		13.72

4 deaths

3 dismissed

1910

January 6 - Annual Meeting

Report of Men's Club given and accepted

A. C. Winch, Clerk

A. E. Dawson, Treasurer

H. Allen, Superintendent

Church School

Membership	52
Gain	1
Largest Attend.	58
Smallest Attend.	32
Average	46

Y.P.S.E.

Membership -	24
Active	19
Assoc.	5

Mr. Allen resigned as Superintendent in March

Harold Danforth elected in his place.

12 additions
3 deaths
2 dismissed

December 29 - Annual Meeting

Men's Club reported 25 members

A. C. Winch, Clerk

A. E. Dawson, Treasurer

Charles Jackson, Superintendent

C. E. Membership

Active -	23
Assoc. -	5
	28 (January 1, 1910)

1911

January 1

C. E. Membership
Active - 21
Assoc. - 4
25

Added - 5
Death - 1
Dismissed - 1

December 28 - Annual Meeting

A. C. Winch, Clerk

Mrs. H. P. Whittaker, Treasurer

Charles Johnson, Superintendent

Y.P.S.C.E.

Members	22
Largest Att.	16
Smallest Att.	10
Average	13

(Charles L. Johnson, Secretary)

Report of Edwards Brotherhood

Members year ago - 26
Received - 14
40

Held 19 meetings during year
Paid water for Chapel
Held Strawberry festival
With F. E. Simpson and L. A. Society reconstructed the fence around the chapel:-
painted both chapel and fence.
Purchased a new stereopticon lantern.
Expenditures - $159.44

Church School
38 members)
13 new members) Met every Sunday except during vacation in August
Avg. attendance - 43)

1913

January 2 - Annual Meeting

A. C. Winch, Clerk

Mrs. Whittaker, Treasurer

Henry S. Allen, Superintendent

4 new members

3 deaths

Church School P. P. supplies - $45.04

Edwards Brotherhood

43 members
No. of meetings - 19
Largest Attendance - 16
Smallest Attendance - 8
Average - 13

To the Officers and Members of the Edwards Church and Parish

Saxonville, Mass.

Dear Friends:

After a service of five years as Pastor of the Edwards Church it is now my desire to resign that office. I have received and accepted a call to become pastor of the Winter Street Church, Bath, Maine and it is my desire to be released from my duties with you at the end of June 1913.

I have accepted the call and make this request with the most cordial feelings of respect and love for the people of the Edwards Church and Parish, but feel that an opportunity has been offered me which I cannot refuse.

Yours in the bonds of Christian Fellowship,

Maurice J. Dancklee

Saxonville, Mass. May 24, 1913

To take effect July 1, 1913

It was discovered two or three years ago by the Parish officers that the title of the Church land was held by the Saxonville Mills Co. and that neither the Church or Parish had never held title thereto, through the kindness of Mr. Frank E. Simpson, President of the Saxonville Mills we now have a clear title and deed.

Certificate of the Title Book 31

Page 301 - No. 4565 - Date of registration September 5th 1913.

South Registry District of Middlesex County, Mass.

(Church thanked Mr. Simpson)

Edwards Congregational Church

January 1, 1900

Roll of Members, List of Officers, and Schedule of Benevolence for Ensuing Year

Affiliated Societies

Ladies Missionary Union (Home and Foreign Work)

Y.P.S.C.E.

Mission Band

King'sDaughters

Ladies Social Society

There is a parish Society connected with this church. It provides for the financial support. By the latest Year Book the average cost to each Family for all church expenses was $16.00 (Sixteen dollars) for all Gospel privileges and preferences for a year! Church, Chapel, Warmth, Light! Preaching, Sunday School, prayer services social occasions! - Care of souls! Common sense would say: Support your church, or be willing to combine with another!

1914

January 1 - Annual Meeting

A. C. Winch, Clerk
M. Whittaker, Treasurer
H. S. Allen, Superintendent

Vote to allow ~~Anit~~ ANTI-Saloon League to use our pulpit on Sunday in February 1914/

Income - $14.05 Outgo - $12.83

Benevolence - $54.52 expended

Ladies aid - raised during year - $384.23

Church School Income - $71.80

Expended - $56.16

YPSCE

Active - 15
Assoc. - 12
27

Meetings held - 43
Largest Attendance - 21
Smallest Attendance - 8

Edwards Brotherhood

Members of _____ members who pay dues 19

4 whose names are carried but who have not paid dues for more than a year.

Dismissed - 4

Added - 5

Death - 4

1914

November 12 - Benevolences - 57.53
Additional Benevolences - 43.85

Church School

Present	34
Loss	11
Average	30

YPSCE

Active	15
Assoc.	9
	24

Meetings held 44

Brotherhood

Total membership - 20

Ladies Aid

Income	479.06
Expenses	314.80
	164.26

Ladies Aid paid

Organist	105.00
Pianist	175.00
Tuning	2.50
Music	5.00
Easter Singer	2.00

1915

January 7 - A. C. Winch, Clerk
M. Whittaker, Treasurer
H. S. Allen, Superintendent
H. S. Allen, Deacon

1227 N Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.
January 6, 1915

Rev. William Robertson;

Dear Sir:- I am very glad to send you the enclosed draft of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) for the Endowment of the Edwards Church as a token of my warm interest in the church of my childhood.

May the present year be one of growth and prosperity.

Sincerely your Friend,

Mary C. Blodgett

Deacon James E. Hall died in Saxonville December 26, 1914. In grateful memory the members of Edwards Church would place upon the record a personal tribute to their former Deacon and member and an appreciation of his life.

The Edwards Church suffers a great loss. He joined the Church May 5th 1861 and was made deacon January 2, 1902 an office which he honored by careful attention to the interest of the Church both temporal and spiritual. He was a wise Counselor in the affairs of the Church and Parish. A man of God he walked throughout the Communities of this town respected and loved.

Resolved: Therefore, that our Clerk place upon the records of the Church this tribute of our personal regard for him, and this appreciation of what he has done for the Church and Community.

1915

December 30 - Report of Junior YPSCE (first mention)

Clerk - A. C. Winch
Treasurer - M. Whittaker
Superintendent - H. S. Allen

Committee to draw a charter and by-laws to include the Church

Deacon Allen
Deacon Woodward
Mr. Winch
Pastor

Church School

Present	44
Gained	10
Average	28

YPSCE

Active	9
Assoc.	9
Average	16

Special Meeting

February 17, 1916

On motion of Deacon Woodward it was voted to proceed to incorporate the Church.

Officers - Pastor, 3 or more deacons, Clerk, Collector and Treasurer, Collector and Treasurer of Benevolent Fund, Superintendent of Sunday School.

One deacon elected annually for three years.

Executive Committee of three members.

Missionary - Visiting - Music

Executive Committee - Have control and care of the church buildings and property, provide necessary insurance, contract for supplies and repairs, select the Janitor and Organist and fix their salaries. They may call special meetings without the church at any time and shall call such meetings when requested, in writing, by 10 members entitled to vote.

Have charge of raising funds to meet current and other expenses of the church.

Approve all bills and audit accounts of Collector and Treasurer.

Missionary - Charge of raising funds for all missionary and benevolent objects. Missionary instruction for the church. Audit Benevolent Fund accounts.

Visiting - Work with Deacons and Pastor.

Executive - Provide a supply for the pulpit. Take measures for calling and settlement of a pastor (?).

May grant use of meeting house or chapel and fix rates.

1916

February 24 - William E. Woodward - 3 years

Henry S. Allen - 2 years

Samuel F. Danforth - 1 year

Church Committee - Pastor, Deacons, H. P. Whittaker and president of each organization connected with church.

Executive Committee

William E. Woodward - 3 years

Henry S. Allen - 2 years

Thomas Wilson - 1 year

Church Collector and Treasurer

Samuel F. Danforth

Collector and Treasurer of Benevolent Fund - Mrs. Whittaker

Superintendent - Henry S. Allen

1917

January 4 - Annual Meeting

A. C. Winch, Clerk

S. F. Danforth, Treasurer

Missionary, M. Whittaker

Deacon for 3 years - S. F. Danforth

Superintendent - H. S. Allen

Executive Committee 3 years - Thomas Wilson

Visiting members present - 16

Clerk's Report - January 1, 1917

Death - 6
Transferred - 3

Treasurer's Report - January 1, 1917

Cash on hand	8.38
Balance of Coal Fund on Hand	48.00
Amount from pew rents	212.63
Amount from back pew rents	9.19
Amount from pledges	402.15
Amount from back pledges	14.64
Amount received from general collection	33.83
Borrowed from bank	100.00
Special Collection for American & Syrian Fund	20.35
Gift from Ladies Aid	125.00
Gift from Mrs. Seeley	100.00
	1,074.07

Amounts Paid Out

Pastors Salary	750.00
Janitor's Salary	83.34
Treasurer's Salary	20.84
Printing envelopes and circulars	9.00
Pastor's book for postage	1.20
E.E.T. Company - light and power	15.10
Labor on church	10.00
Quigley labor and make pipe	3.00
Coal and wood	42.65
Syrian Fund	20.25
Bank	100.00
Interest on same	2.68
Mowing grass	5.00
	1,063.06

Paid benevolences 83.92

C.E. Report for 1917

Active - 11
Assoc. - 6

January 3, 1918 - Annual Meeting

Clerk - December 31, 1917

Lost 4 members by letter
Lost 4 members by death

Meeting of Parish Committee - January 10, 1918 (?)(?)

Voted on Motion of Deacon H. S. Allen, that the Saxonville Parish, Inc. transfer all property, including legacies and gifts now belonging to the Saxonville Parish to the Edwards Congregational Church, Inc. of Saxonville, Town of Framingham, Massachusetts, and that the Parish Committee be instructed and authorized to make the transfer when the Certificate of Incorporation is received by the Church.

(copy pages 109-111 check)

That the Edwards Congregational Church, Inc. of Saxonville, Town of Framingham accepts the responsibility imposed upon it by the vote passed by the Saxonville Parish, Inc. at a meeting duly called and held on March 13th 1916 and also the votes of the Parish Committee at a meeting duly called and held January 10th 1917. . . .

Officers Elected By Ballot

A. C. Winch, Clerk
S. F. Danforth, Treasurer and Collector
M. Whittaker, Treasurer of Benevolences
H. S. Allen, Deacon - 3 years
H. S. Allen, Superintendent
H. S. Allen, _____ - 3 years

Income	1,254.89
Expenses	1,204.19
Benevolences	47.31
Other Benevolences	37.19

Church School - Present	50
Gain	5
Avg.	25

6 teachers - (including pastor and wife)

January 2, 1919

A. C. Winch, Clerk
S. F. Danforth, Collector and Treasurer
M. Whittaker, Missionary Fund
William E. Woodward, Deacon - 3 years
William E. Woodward, Ex - 3 years
Mrs. F. A. Priestly, Superintendent

Voted to increase the minister's salary annually from $900 to $1,000

Clerk's Report

4 members by confirmation of faith
4 members by letter
1 lost by letter
2 lost by death

Income	1,293.83
Expenses	1,271.27
Missions paid	80.11

Ladies Aid

Cash	158.85
Received	489.20
Expended	375.40
Cash on Hand	113.74

Saxonville December 31, 1918

In July I received check from the A. L. Chickering estate for one hundred and sixty dollars ($160.00). The executive committee added more and invested in two $100.00 Tel. & Tel. Co. bonds.

Church School

Present 61
Gain 4
(Lost 5 and gained 9)

There were no sessions during the month of August - holiday month - and on the first three Sundays in October because of the influenze epidemic.

January 1, 1920

Annual Meeting

A. C. Winch, Clerk
S. F. Danforth, Treasurer
M. Whittaker, Benevolence Treasurer
S. F. Danforth, Deacon - 3 years
A. E. Wilson, ~~Church~~ EIEC Committee - 3 years
Mrs. F. A. Priestly, Superintendent

Clerk's Report

New member	1
Dismissed	5
Death	1
By revision	16

Treasurer's Report

Income	1,356.86
Paid Out	1,322.98
Missions paid out	61.00
+	43.75
	104.81

Church School

Present	50
Loss	20
Gain	5
Avg.	28

Edwards Brotherhood

8 meetings
8 members paid (2 who have not for over a year)

December 30, 1920

A. C. Winch, Clerk
S. F. Danforth, Treasurer
H. S. Allen, ~~Church~~ Exec Committee - 3 years
H. S. Allen, Deacon - 3 years
M. Whittaker, Benevolent Treasurer
L. L. Priestly, Superintendent

Clerk's Report

Lost by letter - 3
Lost by death - 3

Edwards Brotherhood

8 meetings
Avg. Attendance - 6

Ladies Aid

Income 381.72
Expenses 319.11 - Org. 109

Church School

Membership - 30
Avg. Att. - 21

March 17, 1921

Special Meeting

Final vote on federation was 9 to 2 in favor of federation.

It was voted to abolish pew rents if Federation took place.

Voted to accept resignation of the Rev. William Robertson to take effect at the end of April at his request.

April 10, 1921

. . . accepts the bequest of one thousand dollars under item 22nd of the will of Elizabeth F. Gross of Newton, Mass. and the Executive Committee is hereby directed to invest the same in the name of the Elizabeth F. Gross Fund, the income to be used as far as possible in accordance with her wish as expressed in her will.

June 23, 1921

16 present - Rev. Gamley - 7 Rev. Hess - 3
" 9 " 4
" 9 "

Elect remainder of year as deacons Rev. Mr. Baker and George Barker

Elect remainder of year as Executive Committee H. P. Whittaker and
Mrs. S. F. Danforth (check)

August 18, 1921

Rev. Mr. Gamby - refused

Formal ballot 17 votes for Hess

$1,000 - free use of parsonage - annual 4 week vacation.

After one year from late pastoral, relations may be severed by either party by giving notice of two months.

January 5, 1922

Annual Meeting

A. C. Winch, Clerk
S. F. Danforth, Treasurer and Collector
Rev. Orrin C. Baker, Deacon - 1 year
A. C. Winch, Deacon - 3 years
S. F. Danforth, Deacon - 2 years
H. P. Whittaker, Benevolent Treasurer
Rev. Mr. Hess, Superintendent

Executive Committee

Luther W. Parmenter - 3 years
Arthur C. Winch - 2 years
Thomas Wilson - 1 year

Voted to abolish the pew rent system for raising money for support of public worship.

Clerk's Report

Number lost by death - 2 (Deacon George C. Barker died of heart failure at communion table November 6, 1921.)

Number lost by letter - 14 (including Woodard, Allen)

Treasurer's Report

Income - $1,319.84
Expended - $1,292.76
Ladies Aid - Income - $432.81

Church School

Present - 36
Gain - 6
Avg. - 20

January 4, 1923

Annual Meeting

A. C. Winch, Clerk
S. F. Danforth, Treasurer
H. P. Whittaker, Benevolent Treasurer
Rev. O. C. Baker, Deacon - 3 years
Thomas Wilson, Executive Committee - 3 years
David Schaikers (?)(check out), Superintendent

Voted to give the Ladies Aid Society a letter of thanks and appreciation for their gift of two furnaces for the church.

Number present at annual meeting - 11

Treasurer's Report

Received - $1450.62 (check) Expended - $1418.43

Ladies Aid Society

Received - $987.78 Expended - $916.83

Church Benevolent Fund

Received - $11.25 Expended - $6.27

Missionary Offering - $38.00 Expended - $38.00

Church School

Members - 32
Lost - 8

January 3, 1924

Annual Meeting

A. C. Winch, Clerk
S. F. Danforth, Treasurer
Executive Committee, A. C. Winch - 3 years
Benevolent Treasurer, H. P. Whittaker
Superintendent, A. C. Winch

Present at Annual Meeting - 11

Treasurer's Report

Received - $1315.83
Expended - $1,283.75

Church School

Membership - 29

August 13, 1924

Special Meeting

Voted to accept resignation of Hess as of October 1.

W. H. McBride voted in 16 to 0.

Salary - $1,000.00

Free use of parsonage

4 weeks vacation

January 8, 1925

Annual Meeting

A. C. Winch, Clerk
S. F. Danforth, Treasurer
A. C. Winch, Deacon - 3 years
L. W. Parmenter, Executive Committee
H. P. Whittaker, Benevolent Treasurer
A. C. Winch, Superintendent

Voted to unite with M. E. Church for union meetings for Easter Week.

10 at annual meeting

Treasurer's Report

Received - $1,400.92
Expended - $1,327.68

February 1924 - received check for $500.00 from the estate of Miss Sarah Goldthwaite. Invested it in American Tel. & Tel. Co. bonds to be known as the Goldthwaite Fund.

Ladies Aid

Received - $489.18
Expended - $375.82

Missions

Collected	-	$11.60	Church Offering	-	$11.74
Paid	-	2.50	Conf. Tax	-	8.25
		9.10			3.49

Church School

Members - 25
Avg. - 15

December 31, 1925

Annual Meeting

A. C. Winch, Clerk
S. F. Danforth, Treasurer
S. F. Danforth, Deacon - 3 years
Thomas Wilson, Executive Committee - 3 years
S. F. Whittaker, Benevolent Treasurer
A. C. Winch, Superintendent

Clerk's Report

Received by letter - 2
Lost by letter - 1
Lost by death - 1

Treasurer's Report

Received - $1,376.41
Expended - $1,358.33

Ladies Aid

Received - $507.55
Expended - $303.46

Church School

Members - 35
Avg. - 17

May 20, 1926

Special Meeting

Resignation of Rev. W. Henry McBride - was accepted.

A letter from the M. E. Church was read by the Clerk inviting our church to worship with them for six months. Voted not to accept the invitation.

September 5, 1926

(After Church)

Voted to call the Rev. L. M. Bosworth as our pastor of Edward's Congregational Church with a salary of $1,000 per year and one month vacation and after one year from date the pastoral relations may be severed by either party by giving notice of two months.

December 30, 1926

Annual Meeting

A. C. Winch, Clerk
S. F. Danforth, Treasurer
Baker, Deacon - 3 years
A. C. Winch, Executive Committee - 3 years
H. P. Whittaker, Benevolent Treasurer
A. C. Winch, Superintendent

Treasurer's Report

Income - $1300.66
Expended $1292.21

Ladies Guild

Income - $491.19

December 29, 1927

Annual Meeting

A. C. Winch, Clerk

S. F. Danforth, Treasurer

L. W. Parmenter, Executive Committee - 3 years

H. P. Whittaker, Benevolent Treasurer

Rev. L. M. Bosworth, Superintendent

Treasurer's Report

Income - $1,223.38

Expended $1,209.07

Unpaid Bills - $239.04

Ladies Guild Society

Received - $665.11

Paid - $221.09

January 3, 1929

Annual Meeting

A. C. Winch, Clerk — 11 present

M. L. Brown, Treasurer

S. F. Danforth, Deacon - 3 years

Thomas Wilson, Executive Committee - 3 years

H. P. Whittaker, Benevolent Treasurer

L. M. Bosworth, Superintendent

Treasurer's Report

Income - $1,527.45

Paid - $1,419.68

Ladies Guild

Income - $765.07

Paid - $146.03

Benevolences

$16.95 income and outgo

December 4, 1929

Special Meeting

Nine voted to close church from December to April 6, 1930

No Annual Meeting Held

Treasurer's Report received

Income - $1,217.33

Expended $1,165.36

May 9, 1930

Special Meeting

Voted to appoint a committee of three to confer with a committee from the Methodist Church in regard to a union in some form.

May 16, 1930

Voted to instruct the committee to get legal advice in regard to our fund which is a direct gift to Edwards Church and also in regard to deeds of land and buildings.

August 8, 1930

Special Meeting

Voted to reject Section 9, Article 1 with Section 1 of Article 6 and that the Clerk so notify the committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

February 12, 1931

Annual Meeting

A. C. Winch, Clerk

A. C. Winch, Deacon - 3 years

Malcolm MacLeod, Deacon - 2 years

H. P. Whittaker, Benevolent Treasurer

Malcolm MacLeod, Superintendent

9 present

Executive Committee

L. W. Parmenter, 3 years

A. C. Winch, 2 years

Treasurer's Report

Received - $1,142.92

Expended - @ 708.01

January 6, 1932

Annual Meeting

A. C. Winch, Clerk

Brown, Treasurer

S. F. Danforth, Deacon - 3 years

Thomas Wilson, Executive Committee - 3 years

H. P. Whittaker, Benevolent Fund

Malcolm MacLeod, Superintendent

Treasurer's Report

Income - $1,314.29

Expended - $ 813.94

Ladies Guild

Income - $561.34

Expended - $105.54

January 11, 1933

Annual Meeting

A. C. Winch, Clerk — 9 present

Brown, Treasurer

M. MacLeod, Deacon, 3 years

A. C. Winch, Executive Committee - 3 years

H. P. Whittaker, Benevolent Treasurer

M. MacLeod, Superintendent

Treasurer's Report

Income - $1,364.21

Expended - $1,243.39

Ladies Guild

Income - $482.95

Paid - $336.00

Church School

Adult Class Avg. Attendance - 14

Boys Intermediate - 6

Girls Intermediate - 6

Junior - 8

Primary - 6

November 19, 1933

To vote on the question of joining the Framingham Council of Churches. The vote - 9 ballots - 2 yes and 7 no.

January 10, 1934

Annual Meeting

A. C. Winch, Clerk — 9 Present

Brown, Treasurer — Church School Avg. Att. - 37

L. W. Parmenter, Executive Committee - 3 years

Mary L. Brown, Benevolent Treasurer

Malcolm MacLeod, Superintendent

April 7, 1934 A. C. Winch died.

April 10, 1934 Funeral services held in the church

May 27, 1934 Herbert A. Brown elected Clerk of the church to fill the unexpired term of A. C. Winch.

Lettie E. and Irene A. French gift - used any way church wishes.

Pastor used by vote of Executive Committee to pay for the reshingling of the church.

January 17, 1935

Annual Meeting - Attendance 13

Membership as of January 1, 1934 - 51

13 resided outside Saxonville

Membership as of December 31, 1934 - 51

Deacon Arthur C. Winch died April 7, 1934. Quietly, yet effectively, he did a yeoman work for this church. Many will remember him for his work for this church. Many will remember him for his work in decorating the church, especially at Christmas. He put a part of himself in this work, and took just pride in it. Those of us who were here twenty-five years ago remember him as the Superintendent of the Sunday School. For nearly twenty years he worked in that office. He was a member of the Standing Committee for many years. He was a Deacon and Clerk of the Church at the time of his death. During his whole life he maintained an active interest in this church. His passing means a lot to this membership.

Sunday Services - except July and August

Pastorate - Frank B. McAllister coming each Sunday from his home in Lexington.

Buildings and Equipment - New fireproof shingles on roof of church, old wooden shingles lasted more than 40 years. Parts of the tower removed and repaired.

Adjustments in Church Program - The presence of little children in the congregation during the preaching service always has and always will present a problem. They are noisy and disturb not only the people in the pews but the preacher in the pulpit. After an attempt to correct this by having the children taken to the gallery in severe weather or out-of-doors in warm weather under the supervision of a teacher; it was finally decided to use the room beneath the organ, on the right of the church, as their classroom. . . .

Church Grounds - Thirty years ago there was a splendid grove of chestnuts and pines. Today a few tall pines are all that are left of the old grove.

In May 1933 Deacon Winch, Mr. McGraw, Deacon MacLeod, Fergus MacLeod and myself planted pine trees which were secured from the Cowlis estate.

Hymn Books - There is a need for new hymn books.

Entering 1935 - We look ahead with unshaken confidence in the stability of this church. Our membership is small, very small. We do have a group of workers who can be depended upon to carry the work along. We are one of the few churches that has no debt. The New Year finds us ready to do what we can do to strengthen the influence of this church in this community.

Brown - Clerk

Brown - Treasurer

MacLeod - Superintendent

Executive Committee - to fill unexpired term of Arthur C. Winch

Mrs. Mary S. Dawson

Mr. Thomas Wilson

Deacon for 3 years - S. Frank Danforth

Henry P. Whittaker - Unexpired term of Winch

Church School Membership - 41

Ladies Society of Edwards Church

. . . some of the ladies did some very necessary cleaning in the chapel. Some of the younger ladies helped most acceptably.

In April the young ladies gave a very satisfactory dramatic performance.

. . . in June the young ladies took full charge and responsibility of a very nice supper.

. . . provided a Christmas party for the Sunday School children.

. . . have done some necessary repairing inside the chapel and bought a few supplies.

Treasurer's Report (Ladies)

Income - $222.21

Expenses - $ 66.03

The Everready Club

Organized February 1934

Reason - to help the church

Held once a week on Fridays

Two-thirds of any funds go directly to the church, other third into treasury.

March 12, 1935

Special Meeting

Discussion centered about the destruction of church and chapel property at social gatherings.

1. Application must be made to Executive Committee.
2. . . . expected to leave it in clean and orderly condition.
3. Willful damage . . . shall be considered a misdemeanor, and costs for same shall be assessed against the offending party or parties.
4. . . . dancing may be permitted. Admission to building, on such occasions, shall be by invitation only. Two chaperones shall be in attendance and in complete charge of proceedings. Except as specially provided, all entertainments of any kind shall terminate not later than 10 o'clock.

April 6 - 24 pine trees set out by _____, Herbert Brown and William McGraw.

September 17 - Birdsie F. Winch gave sum of 200 dollars as a memorial to his brother Arthur C. Winch.

December 18 - Church decorated for Christmas with white birches, white pines, and evergreens. Herbert A. Brown cut the trees; William C. Brown hauled them to the church and William McGraw did the decorating.

February 6, 1936

Annual Meeting - 10 members present

"I believe the records of the church Clerk should be something more than a mere record of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting with its necessary reports."

Membership - 49 members

2 losses by death

Looking ahead to 1936: We continue as an active church only through the foresight, loyalty and generosity of those of other generations, who, fortunate in possessions, have given a share to this church. The interest received from our invested funds is more than all received from pledges and collections. We are facing the strong possibility of a lower return on our funds through the bonds being called for refunding at a lower interest rate.

A church can have a large influence in the community. If our membership will live up to its possibilities, and through active church attendance show its strength, it will grow stronger in membership - the great need of the year."

Brown - Clerk

Brown - Treasurer

MacLeod, Deacon - 3 years

MacLeod, Superintendent

Thomas Wilson, Executive Committee - 3 years

To take Mr. Parmenter's place - Herbert Brown

Sunday School

Enrollment - 48

Primary - 14

Intermed. - 11

Edwards Volunteers - 9

Eveready Club - 8

Men's Class - 6

Treasurer's Report

Income - $1,352.35

Expenses - $1,200.56

Ladies Society Report

Income - $251.60

Expenses - $ 65.05

April - Mr. McAllister preached his farewell sermon.

December 30, 1936

Annual Meeting - 8 present

Membership - 51 (added 2)

Second Sunday in September Segerstrom began

O. Prescott Glazier bequeathed to this church, the sum of one hundred dollars in memory of his mother.

Looking ahead to 1937: Interest received from our invested funds is more than all received from pledges and collections. . . .

We need a church visiting committee that is active and that recognizes the full measure of its responsibility. It can do effective work by keeping contact with all families in the parish. It should be the strong right arm of the church, taking over some of the duties of a resident Pastor. It should supplement fully the work of our non-resident pastor. Its function should not be to get money for the church but to get people to come to church. We need more people attending church. This is the answer to our immediate problem. It would not only help us, but the whole community.

Brown - Clerk

Brown - Treasurer

H. P. Whittaker, Deacon - 3 years

Mary S. Dawson, Executive Committee - 3 years

MacLeod, Superintendent

Church school goes from 38 to 27 in one year

Income - $1,149.74

Expenses - $ 753.71

December 30, 1937

Annual Meeting - 12 present (Lincoln was 16 in 1827)

The small group of loyal members of this parish constitutes the leaven that may some day be the means of a re-awakening of church life and influence in this village. There is hope.

We are living in the midst of economic and political turmoil. The goal of this national administration, so often expressed, is for a more complete and satisfying life for all of our people. Wide and violent changes have been introduced to our economic system. The old laws are being shaken. There is apprehension widely flung, of the safety of our governmental institutions. People are wondering about their own economic security.

Sound leaders of men are thinking of, and talking about spiritual values. The faith in spiritual things is fundamental to our national life. It is equally so in our personal lives.

The loyalty of our little group which gathers Sunday after Sunday speaks eloquently of this interpretation. . . .

No change in membership - 51

David Segerstrom continues his ministry (student at Harvard Divinity)

When on August 26, 1937 we voted to call Mr. Segerstrom to serve us for the church year we also voted to increase his weekly stipend to $15.00 if he would assume some of the pastoral duties that we would expect and demand of a resident pastor. This he has done and is doing. To the older members and friends of the Parish it is refreshing to have a pastoral call. To the younger ones it is a reminder of and an invitation to church and Sunday School services.

The church organ is the strong appeal for winter services on the hill during the winter season. Second to that is the quiet atmosphere, almost too good to be true, that surrounded our church. It is a blessing that our church sets off by itself. In its simple dignity, as you see it from a distance on the Sudbury and Wayland roads, it stirs ones emotions, just a little more than you and I are willing to admit. The simplicity of its interior and the organ which adds its strength to the services of morning worship appeals strongly to us. All told we have a good equipment.

The church organ is out of order at this time. The chief difficulty is with the motor. We have been advised that it is worn out and must be replaced.

This organ was not a brand new one when we got it. It came out of a large Boston church. It was installed in Edwards church during the summer and fall of 1905, under the direction of Arthur C. Winch, then Clerk of the church. On Friday evening, December 29, 1905, we heard it for the first time. An organ recital was held that evening with Mrs. Walter E. Young of Boston and Miss Flora M. Fay of Saxonville, organists, assisted by Miss Alice Parmenter and the Albion quartette of Boston. That was a great occasion - 32 years ago last night.

During most of the years the servicing and repairs to the organ and accessories was cared for by Deacon Winch. He was an able mechanic and gave freely of his time to the church. He loved that organ. I am equally sure that Deacon Whittaker has a strong attachment for it. It should be put in working order before Easter Sunday.

The church studied the possibility of accepting financial aid from the Congregational Conference. This it voted down. The church prefers to do the best it can do within its own financial resources.

The burden of supporting the church financially falls on its members and its friends. We are few in number. The burden is heavy. It is gratifying how well and how unselfishly we hold our support.

Looking to 1938, we face uncertainties; perhaps a recurrence of the simple faith of our fathers: in our church; in our country; in our God and in ourselves.

Voted: To instruct the Church Committee to purchase a brand new motor for the church organ

Brown, Clerk

Brown, Treasurer

S. F. Danforth, Deacon - 3 years

H. A. Brown, Executive Committee - 3 years

MacLeod, Superintendent

Church School

Total enrollment - 27

Lost 7

Gained 13

Total 37 - 33

Income - $1,253.73

Expended - $ 912.37

Ladies Aid Society

Income - $279.21

Expenses - $ 78.45

September 26, 1938

Special Meeting

Voted to open the church for morning services, the first Sunday in October

Voted to instruct the clerk to consult with Rev. David Segerstrom, about the church financial standing; if he is willing to accept $10.00 each Sunday we ask him to serve as our minister until January 1, 1939.

September 26, 1938

Special Meeting

Proposed rental of chapel to the Engineering Department of the State Water Works. Rental to be $30.00 per month with the building as is with agreement to return building in as good as shape as when taken over. Renters to furnish heat, light and water and own janitor service.

Noted: To instruct Mary S. Dawson to take proposal to attorney J. Wilton Tuttle, he to handle further details, if considerations go further.

December 5, 1938

Annual Meeting - 10 present

Membership now 43

Morning services held except July, August and September.

Chapel was repainted - interior and exterior.

Ladies Aid Society furnished it all.

New motor installed in the church organ - financed partially by pastor's Easter letter.

Hurricane of September 21

Spire of Methodist church came down

Broken window and slight damage to our steeple.

Lost one of the two Sentinel pines - the other appears dead.

When a family loses its church life, through inability to finance its work, it loses much out of its personal life. This personal loss, also becomes a loss to the community, for village folk cling to the associations of their church and denomination. The inner thoughts of all here gathered is centered tonight on the question, "How long can we continue to maintain this church without assistance from an outside source?"

(Committee of five is seeking how to conserve the principal of, and secure good return on, our endowment funds - - $9,691.05 - nearly 70% which is in a savings account.)

I would be amiss, if I did not speak of one who was one of us in his youth, and who passed from this life ~~kk~~ during the year. Rev. George A. Barker in his short life worked hard to advance the Kingdom of God in rural communities. This church can well be proud to have sent out into the ministry such a man.

What this church really needs at this time is the active support of the men folks. If this support is not obtainable through church attendance and worship, then let us go as far as we can in a social way.

Income - $1,182.79

Expenses - $1,114.46

Brown, Clerk

Brown, Treasurer

MacLeod, Deacon - 3 years

Thomas Wilson, Executive Committee - 3 years

MacLeod, Superintendent

Voted: That a committee of two men be elected, they to constitute an "every member canvass committee," to visit all members during the month of January, to increase financial support of the church.

Voted: That this church go on record requesting financial aid, for the year beginning January 1, 1939, from the Massachusetts Congregational Conference and Missionary Society, in the sum of $25.00 a month, and that the Clerk make the application as required.

Church School: Total - 34

Net gain - 1

January 15, 1939

Special Meeting

Voted: To request $50.00 per month financial aid.

Inc. letter on pa. 237

December 29, 1939

Annual Meeting

Membership - 44

Attendance on Sunday morning has improved. Average slightly over 40 (for last 22 Sundays of year.)

Segerstrom terminated services on December 17.

Pilgrim Fellowship formed January 6 - Friday at 7:00.

This was the nucleus of the Junior Choir.

Organized a men's club on January 24.

Aid officially denied on June 25.

Brown conferred with Trustees of Conference on June 26.

July 6 - "Your request came at the same time that the report of our budget Committee came before us. That report demands a decrease of $5,000 in our grants to aided churches this year. In view of that report they made a reduction in nearly every grant and made no new grants."

Brown, Clerk
Brown, Treasurer
~~Mrs Rev Whittaker Exec Comm 3 yrs~~
H. P. Whittaker, Deacon - 3 years
Mary S. Dawson, Executive Committee - 3 years
MacLeod, Superintendent

Sunday School
Total 38
Net Gain 4

March 28, 1940

Special Meeting

Opened with prayer by Dr. Hugh MacCallum.

Dr. Ralph M. Timberlake, president of the Massachusetts Congregational Missionary Society, was personally presented to each one present.

Statement on possibilities of union with Methodist Church. Dropped because of opposition to union over there.

Possibility of working with South Sudbury Congregational Church out of the question.

1. Movement on foot for consolidation of all churches in Sudbury into one church.
2. The pastor of South Sudbury Church has a full time teaching job outside of church work and he is reluctant to give up teaching.

34 families and 134 constituents.

Possibility of Grace contributing toward support of resident pastor of Edwards and give three days a week as assistant to pastor of Grace.

Deemed possible providing Massachusetts Congregational Missionary Society would also contribute.

Dr. Meyers of Grace Church entered at this point, was briefed and stated that he was concerned with our position and would like to help in any way that he personally could help, that he would not make any move (?) without Plymouth Church sharing in it.

Secret ballot - 16 present - unanimous in favor of further consideration.

March 31, 1940

Special Meeting - 11:45

An emergency exists in the finances and leadership of the Edwards Congregational Church in Saxonville, since it cannot properly maintain the church property and at the same time continue its church services; and there is urgent need for a resident pastor to work among us.

Voted: That the Clerk be instructed to invite the pastors of the Grace Church in Framingham and the Plymouth Church in Framingham Center, together with a committee of five members of each church to be appointed by the pastors of these churches; to meet with the Acting Pastor and members of the Edwards Church in Council, at the Edwards Chapel in Saxonville on the evening of April 17, 1930 at 7:30 o'clock, to consult concerning the future program and the case of the property of Edwards Church.

April 17, 1940

Council Meeting

Exploratory Discussion

Methodist union

Bus for those who would go to Plymouth and Grace

Student Pastor possibility - where a scholarship in serving was held.

A pastor with an annuity.

Dr. MacCallum argued that the need was a man to work in the community, the job of the church was a spiritual task, other churches could cooperate with the work.

Resolution: "That Edwards Church has a lot to commend it. It has no debt, it has funds, it has a loyal group of good thinkers, vitality, purpose, future prospect, the physical property is in good shape, and the best thing is their vitality, purpose and spirit."

"If Plymouth and Grace churches could help in equipment and leadership, Edwards Church should feel free to call upon them."

May 21, 1940

Special Meeting

Treasury for year ending 1931

Income - $804.87

Expended - $802.39

Voted to apply for ministerial aid.

Voted: That a committee of five, represent this church in conferences with a like committee of the First Methodist Church, to see what might be done by our two churches working together in the common tasks which confront us in this community.

Voted: MacLeod to serve unexpired term of Wilson on Executive Committee.

Robert K. Noon asked to serve as pastor for one year - Sept. 9, 1940

October 20, 1940

Voted: That Pastor Mr. R. K. Noon be authorized to conduct the Communion service.

January 2, 1941

Annual Meeting - 16 members and friends present

The year just past has been one of hold on, to save what we have, with the hope that out of this world crisis people will seek true values, and that the church will increase in influence and power.

Out of many a struggle has come leadership and influence. We hope for this church a rising power for good in this community.

Have asked Methodist Church to submit plan of Union - no answer.

Grace and Plymouth to allocate or earmark certain of their missionary contributions to Massachusetts Conference for this church. Amount requested $258 to enable church to use portion of their income for repairs.

Church membership - 43. Thomas Wilson died April 1940. He was a loyal member and served many times as moderator of Annual Meeting.

We had power in the pulpit when Dr. MacCallum was here.

Noon - ably and acceptably occupied the pulpit . . . made influence felt here, especially with the young people.

I am not going to close this report until I say a word about worship in this Parish. Slowly we have been losing our older folk who were regular attendants in past years. We feel that loss. We have a group of young folks that today gives us a challenge. If it were not for them our willingness to keep this church group together would be very weak. But listen to the words of a brave Englishwoman, "I said to a man

who stood at the gate of the year 'give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown' and he replied, 'go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way.'"

Treasurer's Report

Income - $752.41

Expenses - $747.00

Brown, Clerk
Brown, Treasurer
S. F. Danforth, Deacon - 3 years
Brown, Executive Committee - 3 years
MacLeod, Superintendent

Voted: Mr. Noon privilege to baptize.

Voted: That a sum of not less than ten (10) dollars be forwarded to the Massachusetts Congregational Conference during 1941.

Church School Membership - 32

Ladies Aid Society

Avg. Attendance - 7 members

Held 2 rummage sales, food sale, turkey supper.

Income - $236.32

Expenses - $ 68.75

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January 15, 1942

Annual Meeting

Grace and Plymouth voted to designate from their benevolences the sume of $126.00 each.

Mr. Noon resignation August 1941.

Voted in October to give Mr. Richard H. Warren a call to become our pastor.

October 27: Board of Trustees of Massachusetts Congregationsl Conference and Missionary Society made a grant at the rate of $250.00 for 18 months beginning September 1, 1941.

November 27: Senior Deacon Samuel F. Danforth died.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren organized three Christian Endeavor groups.

Juniors - 6

Intermed.- 12

Senior - 14 and 3 associates

Brown, Clerk
Brown, Treasurer
Edith W. Kelley (?) - Treasurer Ladies Society
MacLeod, Superintendent

Ladies Aid

Income - $425.82

Expended - $394.80

Church School membership - 28

Senior Christian Endeavor

Paid on furnace $50.00

Treasurer's Report (171)

Income $1,289.75

Expended $1,213.86

January 22, 1943

Annual Meeting

February 22nd - 115th anniversary of church

Late March - letter - trustees - grant of the annual rate of $250.00 to run from January 1, 1942 to March 1, 1943.

Richard H. Warren ended his pastorate in July

Fred W. Gordon chosen pastor.

(Luther W. Parmenter died in mid-summer.)

Church School - total membership 31

Treasurer's report year ending 1942

Income - $991.20

Expended - $850.17

Ladies Society of Edwards Congregational Church

8 members present

$15.00 given to missions

Income - $110.43

Expended - $ 26.00

January 11, 1944

Annual Meeting

All officers and committees re-elected.

Mr. Charles D. Kieser, 285 Parker Street, Newton Centre for the little organ which he donated to the chapel.

Voted to invest $2,000 of the cash in the bank in 2½% Defense Bonds.

(Article on Gordon - page 180 (check))

Treasurer's Report

Income - $1,038.29

Expended - $ 941.50

Ladies Society for 1943

Average Attendance - 8

2 rummage sales)
) To raise money for running expenses and to furnish a suite
2 food sales) of rooms for nurses at the Harvey Cushing Army Hospital.

Thanks to the never-failing efforts of our president Mrs. MacLeod for a very successful year for so small a society. And the members of the society and church can be justly proud of our part not only in church work but in civic service also.

Senior C. E. Society - 1943

Sunday evenings January - June

1st - Discussion
2nd - Business
3rd - Social
4th - Fellowship Supper
5th - Easter Pageant

In September some of our members entered the service, and attendance commenced to thin out. Voted to disband for duration of war. Treasury to church.

Junior C. E. Society

Once a month a business meeting followed by refreshments.

Spring _____ and went on trip through the "Garden in the Woods."

Scrapbooks made for children in the hospitals

Meetings discontinued in June and never reconvened.

Sunday School - Total Membership 26

January 26, 1945

Annual Meeting - Held of home of Mr. William McGraw (extremely cold weather making it unwise to heat chapel)

Brown - Clerk
Brown - Treasurer
Brown - Superintendent

Missionary

Catherine - Georgiana - McGraw - Ruth Parker - Elizabeth Mellon

Visiting

Whittaker - Nettie Brown - Mary MacLeod - Mary Dawson

Collectors

John MacLeod - George Seamen

Voted - to buy service flag for church

"Mr. Malcolm MacLeod was a valued member of our church. He was for some time one of our Deacons, our Sunday School Superintendent and a member of the Standing Committee. He was a kind and loyal friend. Always ready to land a helping hand, and an upright citizen. His passing is a great loss to us."

Treasurer's Report

Income - $943.16

Expenses - $820.78

Ladies Society - Average attendance - 9

January 25, 1945

Special Meeting

Recinded (?) vote on flag as memorial

Voted - to allow Ruth Sturgeon to practice on the church organ under Mr. Whittaker's supervision.

Voted - to pay Mr. Rogers expenses when he has opportunity to come to Saxonville in the interest of the church.

October 9, 1945

Voted

1. To work for minimum income of at least 550.00 for year beginning January 1, 1946.
2. Every member canvass to this end.
3. Turn over _____ to the Conference fund for investment - if after Conference with a representative it seems advisable.
4. To join with the Sudbury Church in a yoked-field membership.

November 18, 1945

Special Meeting

1. Letter authorized to Mrs. Whittaker and Mr. Herman Whittaker on death of of Mr. Whittaker.
2. Requests Ruth Sturgeon to assume duties of organist of our church.

(Mr. Rogers to preach finally on January 6, 1946.

January 3, 1946

A resident membership of 32 and a working contributing membership of 28.

(Mary Dawson's report)

We rejoice in the return of peace following strife and have joined with the church at large in grateful celebration.

We have had in our minister, Mr. Rogers, a leader and ever helpful and sympathetic friend and an example of good courage and constant and persistent effort for good. We shall miss him very much.

Two important decisions

1. To invest our money with the Conference Investment Board.
2. To ally ourselves with another church under one minister.

We trust that in each case we may prove to have been wise.

So many questions arise in the matter of church Policy and Administration that at this point I begin to realize as I think you must, the losses our church has sustained this year and to feel the need of some wise guidance from some source to keep us on a reasonable course as a church. Perhaps the new alliance and a settled minister may help us. What Mr. Whittaker did for us as organist and as an absolutely loyal church member we can scarcely realize and Mr. Brown, on whom we all rested every burden so casually, with his tradition of love for and pride in this church, and his definitely exceptional ability to lead and judge. Our loss is not to be estimated. We are thankful to have had both men.

On Sunday next we meet with representatives of the Sudbury Church and the new minister who has come our way. Let us do our best to make good this new friendship and help Mr. Daplissey in what cannot be an easy assignment.

Treasurer's Report for year 1945

Income - $1,002.93

Expenses - $ 921.21