

MANUAL

OF THE

FIRST



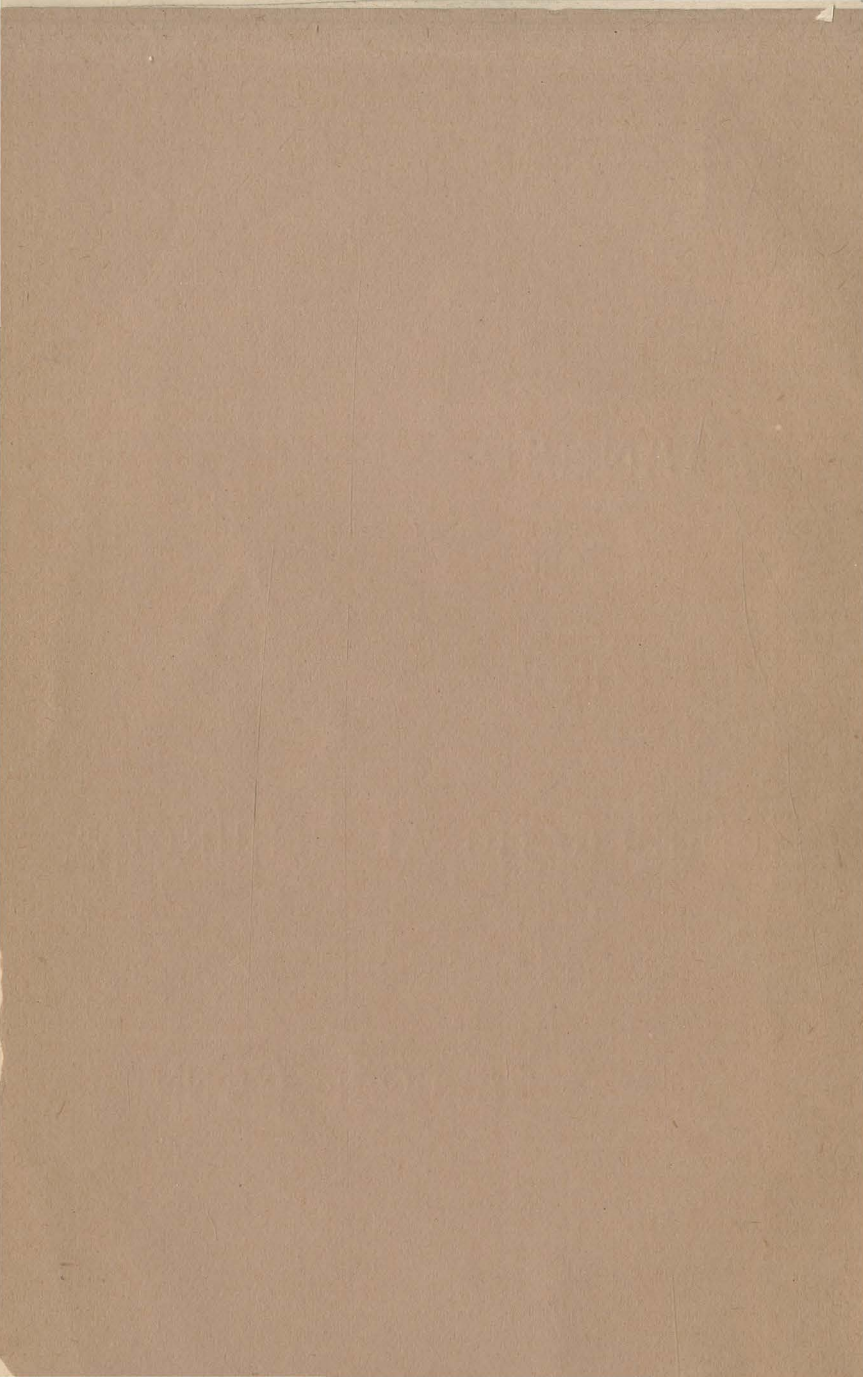
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,

ORGANIZED 1644.

REORGANIZED 1688.

BRANFORD, CONN.





N.

MANUAL

OF THE

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,

IN

BRANFORD, CONN.

ORGANIZED 1644.

REORGANIZED 1688.

JUNE, 1888.

PRESS OF W. W. MORRISON,
ROCHESTER, N. Y.

9517

LONG ISLAND
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY.

N.

Conn
F519
873
1330

CONTENTS.

PAGE

Pastors and Preachers	5
Deacons	6
Present organization of the Church	7
“ “ “ Sunday School	8
Benevolent Societies to which we contribute	9
Benevolent Societies adopted for 1888	10
The Ladies' Aid Society	11
The Comfortable Society	11
The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor	11
Directory of Services	11
Statement of Doctrine	12
Form for Admission of Members	15
Roll of the Church, June 1, 1888	16
Absentees	22
Rules concerning Absentees and others.	24
By-Laws of the Sunday School	25

CONTENTS

109

PASTORS AND MINISTERS

OF THE CHURCH FROM THE COMMENCEMENT.

JOHN SHERMAN,	- - - - -	1644
ABRAHAM PIERSON,	- - - - -	1644 — 1667
	(When he removed to Newark.)	
JOHN BOWERS,	- - - - -	1667 — 1672
	(John Harriman, John Wise, Daniel Russell)	
SAMUEL MATHER,	- - - - -	1680 — 1684
SAMUEL RUSSELL,	- - - - -	1687 — 1731
	(Died in office.)	
PHILEMON ROBBINS,	- - - - -	1733 — 1781
	(Died in office.)	
JASON ATWATER,	- - - - -	1784 — 1794
	(Died in office.)	
LYNDE HUNTINGTON,	- - - - -	1795 — 1804
	(Died in office.)	
TIMOTHY P. GILLETT,	- - - - -	1808 — 1866
	(Died Pastor Emeritus.)	
JACOB G. MILLER,	- - - - -	1859 — 1864
ELIJAH C. BALDWIN,	- - - - -	1865 — 1878
C. W. HILL,	- - - - -	1878 — 1880
CYRUS P. OSBORNE,	- - - - -	1880 — 1884
HENRY PEARSON BAKE,	- - - - -	1885 —

DEACONS OF THE CHURCH.

	DIED.
LAWRENCE WARD, - - - - -	
JOHN ROSE, - - - - -	
GEORGE BALDWIN, - - - - -	
SAMUEL HARRINGTON, - - - - -	
SAMUEL ROSE, - - - - -	1763
JOHN RUSSELL, - - - - -	1759
EDWARD BARKER, - - - - -	1763
NATHANIEL FOOT, - - - - -	
ELNATHAN BEACH, - - - - -	1799
STEPHEN SMITH (resigned), - - - - -	
DANIEL MALTBIE, - - - - -	
SAMUEL ROGERS, - - - - -	1795
ZACCHEUS BALDWIN, - - - - -	1831
SAMUEL TYLER, - - - - -	1816
SAMUEL FRISBIE, - - - - -	1851
ELI FOWLER, - - - - -	1850
HARVEY PAGE (Texas), - - - - -	
JEREMIAH RUSSELL, - - - - -	1855
WILLIAM LINSLEY, - - - - -	
JOHN PLANT, - - - - -	1883
AUSTIN M. BABCOCK, - - - - -	

NOW IN OFFICE.

	ELECTED.
WILLIAM LINSLEY, - - - - -	May 1, 1857
AUSTIN M. BABCOCK, - - - - -	Nov., 1869

PRESENT ORGANIZATION.

MINISTER.

REV. HENRY PEARSON BAKE.

DEACONS.

WILLIAM LINSLEY, AUSTIN M. BABCOCK.

CHURCH COMMITTEE.

H. B. MEIGS,	HERBERT E. THATCHER,
GEO. PARKER,	HENRY G. HARRISON,
DANIEL L. SHARPE,	CHAS. A. BLACKSTONE,
JOHN J. V. CUNNINGHAM,	ECKFORD DAVIS and
ED. D. SHELDON,	THE DEACONS.

CLERK AND TREASURER.

DEACON WILLIAM LINSLEY.

TREASURER FOR BENEVOLENCE.

LESTER J. NICHOLS.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

PRESENT ORGANIZATION.

PRESIDENT.

THE PASTOR.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

DEACON A. M. BABCOCK.

SUPERINTENDENT.

HORACE B. MEIGS.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT.

ABRAHAM MCKINNEL.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

HERBERT E. THATCHER.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

FRANK N. ROGERS.

LIBRARIANS.

CLIFFORD G. BARTHOLOMEW,

HERBERT E. THATCHER.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

FRANK HOLCOMB.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

(Ex-Officio.)

THE DEACONS, THE SUPERINTENDENT AND ASSISTANT SUPER-
INTENDENT, AND THE LIBRARIANS.

(For 1888.)

ABRAHAM MCKINNEL,

MRS. C. G. BARTHOLOMEW,

MRS. A. F. HALL.

INFANT DEPARTMENT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

MRS. HENRY F. SWIFT.

ASSISTANT.

MRS. LIZZIE R. VINAL.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES

TO WHICH WE CONTRIBUTE.

NATIONAL AND CONGREGATIONAL.

1. The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.
2. The American Home Missionary Society.
3. The American Missionary Association.
4. The New West Education Commission,
5. The Congregational Union.
6. The College and Education Society.
7. The Sunday School and Publishing Society.

STATE AND CONGREGATIONAL.

The Missionary Society of Connecticut
The Trustees of the Fund for Ministers.

UNDENOMINATIONAL.

The American Bible Society.
The Connecticut Bible Society.
The American Tract Society.
The American Seaman's Friend Society.
The Ladies Port Society of New Haven.

STATEMENT OF DOCTRINE.

REPORTED BY TWENTY-TWO OF TWENTY-FIVE SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHOSEN BY THE COMMITTEE OF SEVEN APPOINTED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF 1880.

I.

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things, visible and invisible ;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who is of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made ;

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who is sent from the Father and Son, and who together with the Father and Son is worshiped and glorified.

II.

We believe that the providence of God, by which he executes his eternal purposes in the government of the world, is in and over all events ; yet so that the freedom and responsibility of man are not impaired, and sin is the act of the creature alone.

III.

We believe that man was made in the image of God, that he might know, love and obey God, and enjoy him forever ; that our first parents by disobedience fell under the righteous condemnation of God ; and that all men are so alienated from God that there is no salvation from the guilt and power of sin except through God's redeeming grace.

IV.

We believe that God would have all men return to Him ; that to this end He has made Himself known, not only through the works of nature, the course of His providence, and the consciences of men, but also through supernatural revelations made especially to a chosen people, and above all, when the fulness of time was come, through Jesus Christ, His Son.

V.

We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the record of God's revelation of Himself in the work of redemption ; that they were written by men under the special guidance of the Holy Spirit ; that they are able to make wise unto salvation ; and that they constitute the authoritative standard by which religious teaching and human conduct are to be regulated and judged.

VI.

We believe that the love of God to sinful men has found its highest expression in the redemptive work of His Son ; who became man, uniting his divine nature with our human nature in one person ; who was tempted like other men, yet without sin ; who by his humiliation, his holy obedience, his sufferings, his death on the cross, and his resurrection, became a perfect Redeemer ; whose sacrifice of himself for the sins of the world declares the righteousness of God, and is the sole and sufficient ground of forgiveness and of reconciliation with Him.

VII.

We believe that Jesus Christ, after he had risen from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, as the one Mediator between God and man, he carries forward his work of saving men ; that he sends the Holy Spirit to convict them of sin, and to lead them to repentance and faith ; and that those who through renewing grace turn to righteousness, and trust in Jesus as their redeemer, receive for his sake the forgiveness of their sins, and are made the children of God.

VIII.

We believe that those who are thus regenerated and justified, grow in sanctified character through fellowship with Christ, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and obedience to the truth ; that a holy life is the fruit and evidence of saving faith ; and that the believers' hope of continuance in such a life is in the preserving grace of God.

IX.

We believe that Jesus Christ came to establish among men the Kingdom of God, the reign of truth and love, righteousness and peace ; that to Jesus Christ, the Head of this Kingdom, Christians are directly responsible in faith and conduct ; and that to him all have immediate access without mediatorial or priestly intervention.

X

We believe that the Church of Christ, invisible and spiritual, comprises all true believers, whose duty it is to associate themselves in churches, for the maintenance of worship, for the promotion of spiritual growth and fellowship, and for the conversion of men ; that these churches, under the guidance of the Holy Scriptures, and in fellowship with one another, may determine (each for itself) their organization, statements of belief, and forms of worship ; may appoint and set apart their own ministers, and should co-operate in the work which Christ has committed to them for the furtherance of the Gospel throughout the world.

XI.

We believe in the observance of the Lord's Day, as a day of holy rest and worship ; in the ministry of the Word ; and in the two sacraments, which Christ has appointed for his church : baptism to be administered to believers and their children, as the sign of cleansing from sin, of union to Christ, and the impartation of the Holy Spirit ; and the Lord's Supper, as a symbol of his atoning death, a seal of its efficacy, and a means whereby he confirms and strengthens the spiritual union and communion of believers with himself.

XII.

We believe in the ultimate prevalence of the Kingdom of Christ over all the earth ; in the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ ; in the resurrection of the dead ; and in a final judgment, the issues of which are everlasting punishment and everlasting life.

FORM FOR THE ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me ?

“I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.”

“Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father, which is in heaven ; but whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.”

“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness ; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

Dearly beloved, called of God to be his children, through Jesus Christ our Lord, you are here, that, in the presence of God and his people, you may enter into the fellowship and communion of his Church.

You do truly repent of your sins ; you heartily receive Jesus Christ as your crucified Saviour and risen Lord ; you consecrate yourselves unto God, and your life to his service ; you accept his Word as your law, and his Spirit as your Comforter and Guide ; and trusting in his grace to confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, you promise to do God's holy will, and to walk with this church in the truth and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accepting, according to the measure of your understanding of it, the system of Christian truth held by the churches of our faith and order, and by this church into whose fellowship you now

enter, you join with ancient saints, with the church throughout the world, and with us, your fellow-believers, in humbly and heartily confessing your faith in the gospel, saying .

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord ; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary ; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified dead. and buried ; the third day he rose from the dead ; he ascended into heaven ; and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty ; from thence he shall come to judge the quick, and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost ; the holy catholic church ; the communion of saints ; the forgiveness of sins ; the resurrection of the body ; and the life everlasting. Amen.

[*Then should baptism be administered to those who have not been baptised. Then should those rise who would unite with the church by letter. To them the minister should say :*]

Confessing the Lord whom we unitedly worship, you do now renew your self-consecration, and join with us cordially in this, our Christian faith and covenant.

[*The members of the church present should rise.*]

We welcome you into our fellowship. We promise to watch over you with Christian love. God grant that, loving and being loved, serving and being served, blessing and being blessed, we may be prepared, while we dwell together on earth, for the perfect communion of the saints in heaven.

“ Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Amen.”

Or this benediction :

“ Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.”

ROLL OF THE CHURCH.

The following list of names comprises so far as is known, the *present* membership of the church.

For a list of members from the year 1688, when the church was reorganized with Rev. Sam'l Russell as pastor, until May, 1859, those interested are referred to the Manual prepared by Rev. Timothy P. Gillett, and published in 1859. Many familiar names will not appear in the following list. Some have joined other churches on earth. Many have been transferred to the church in heaven. The interesting work of gathering up the names of all such, and publishing them, has somewhat unwillingly been deferred.

	ADMITTED		ADMITTED
Averill, Amanda E.,	1858	Albee, Ellen J.,	1883
Albee, Hannah,	1883	Abrams, Sarah O ,	1887
Bartholomew, John J.,	1842	Barker, Ammi B.,	1872
Bradley, Mary M.,	1842	Barker, Lewellyn M.,	1872
Baldwin John R.,	1851	Barron, William,	1872
Beach, Samuel,	1851	Bradley, Chas. F.,	1873
Beach, Harriet A.,	1851	Barker, Emerson D ,	1874
Beach David,	1851	Baldwin, David,	1874
Bartholomew, Mary E. (J.J.)	1851	Beach, Paul D.,	1874
Beach, George W.,	1858	Beach, John H.,	1874
Bunnell, Sophia,	1859	Beach, Bessie B.,	1874
Bartholomew, Mary E. (L.)	1861	Beach, Belle L.,	1874
Blackstone, Lucy (John),	1864	Beach, Mary,	1874
Baldwin, Helen G.,	1864	Beach, Hattie C.,	1874
Babcock, Austin M.,	1865	Bragg, Mary T.,	1874
Babcock, Anna,	1865	Branierd, Lizzie (B),	1874
Beach, Mary E ,	1866	Boardman, Ella (Gould),	1874
Baldwin, Henry T.,	1868	Beach C. Esther,	1874
Baldwin, Amelia Ann,	1871	Beach, George L.,	1874
Bliss, Mary,	1871	Bartholomew, Clifford G.,	1876
Bliss, George,	1872	Bartholomew, Anna J.,	1876

Baldwin, Abby F.,	1876	Blackstone, Charles A.,	1886
Beach, Alida (Duncan)	1879	Blackstone, Hattie M.,	1886
Barker, Nellie E.,	1881	Benton, Marcus H.,	1888
Barker, Harriet Adella,	1883	Benton, Rose E.,	1888
Beach, Alice Gibson,	1886		

Carter, Flora A. H.,	1851	Crow, Andren M.,	1881
Cook, Cornelia A.,	1864	Chaipel, Lyman B.,	1883
Cook, Sam'l G.,	1865	Chaipel, Sarah E.	1884
Cook, Sam'l S.,	1866	Cunningham, John J. V.,	1886
Cook, Caroline C.,	1866	Cook, Charles Williams,	1886
Cook, Anderson Scott,	1879	Cook, Lizzie Leggett,	1886
Crow, Lizzie (McKinnel),	1879	Cook, Susie Bradley,	1886

Davis, Sarah Elizabeth,	1851	Deane, Caroline M.,	1870
Davis, Eckford,	1864	Deane, Walter H.,	1870
Dibble, Ann G.,	1866	Danforth, Lizzie,	1886
Deane, Horace W.,	1870		

Fowler, William S.,	1851	Farnham, Geo. A.,	1874
Farnham, James M.,	1858	Farnham, Eliza M.,	1875
Fowler, Sam'l O.,	1859	Fowler, Joseph S.,	1877
Fowler, Esther P.,	1861	Field, Sarah (Wilbur),	1883
Frisbie, Sarah E.,	1866		

Goodrich, Eliza,	1831	Griffin, Emily C.,	1868
Goodrich, Louisa B.,	1863	Gaylord, Charles W.,	1873
Gould, Elizabeth E.,	1865	Gaylord, Anna P.,	1873

Hoadley, Eliza B.,	1831	Hall, Ammenia F.,	1866
Holcomb, Emily S.,	1851	Hoadley, Henry H.,	1867
Harrison, Henry G.,	1851	Hoadley, Emma B.,	1874
Hoadley, Harriet L.,	1858	Hoadley, Edna	1874
Harrison, H. Louisa,	1860	Hamre, Estella (Beach),	1874
Honce, Mary A.,	1861	Hammer, Laura,	1886

Isbell, Edward Elisha	1871	Isbell, Eleanor H.,	1874
-----------------------	------	---------------------	------

Johnson, Mary E. (Gould), 1877

Kerr, Mary,	1860	Kerr, Richard,	1872
Kerr, Christiana,	1867	Kerr, Hattie Ann,	1874

Linsley, Harriet F.,	1842	Lay, Charlotte,	1867
Linsley, Harriet Carter	1850	Linsley, Charles E.,	1872
Linsley, William,	1851	Linsley, Ralph I.,	1874
Linsley, John W.,	1851	Linsley, Isadore,	1874
Linsley, Ellen F.,	1866	Linsley, Bessie Foot,	1877
Linsley, M. Isabella,	1866	Lay, Willoughby Lynde,	1879
Linsley, Harriet E.,	1867	Linsley, Eleanor White,	1886
Linsley, Susan F.,	1867	Lay, Bessie Mason B.,	1886
Linsley, George B.,	1868		

Monroe, Sam'l,	1831	McKinnel, Elizabeth,	1878
Miller, Betsy Ann,	1851	McKinnel, Mary,	1879
Miller, Lucy A.,	1858	Miller, Lizzie,	1879
Morris, Emmeline S.,	1864	McKinnel, Abraham P.,	1881
Morris, Harriet,	1866	Monroe, Mary R.,	1884
Meigs, Horace B.,	1872	Malona, Sarah E.,	1881
Meigs, Martha M.,	1872		

Nichols, Alice E.,	1867	Newton, Charles,	1886
Nichols, Lester J.,	1868	Newton, Mahala,	1886
Newell, Ellen R.,	1871		

Osborn, Sidney V.,	1879	Osborn, Emma	1879
--------------------	------	--------------	------

Palmer, Louisa M.,	1842	Palmer, Annis E.,	1864
Plant, Sam'l O.,	1851	Palmer, Mary S. (Chas. W.)	1866
Plant, Marian B.,	1851	Parker, Geo.,	1866
Palmer, Eliza S.,	1851	Parsons, Helen C.,	1871
Plant, George W.,	1851	Plant, Bessie W.,	1872
Pond, Lydia T.,	1851	Palmer, Ellen W.,	1873
Parsons, Edwin W.,	1851	Parmelee, Sarah Eliza,	1874
Pond, Elizabeth B.,	1854	Parmelee, Jerome F.,	1874
Palmer, Chas. W.,	1858	Palmer, James B.,	1874
Palmer, Wm. Bradley,	1858	Pond, Fidelia A.,	1874
Palmer, Ammi B.,	1859	Pond, Hattie M.,	1874
Plant, Eliza E. (Geo.),	1861	Pratt, Edwin T.,	1888

Rogers, Elizabeth N.,	1831	Rice, Mary M.,	1884
Rogers William F.,	1874	Robbins, Chauncey,	1885
Rogers, Elizabeth A.,	1874	Robins, Eliza Ann,	1885
Rice, James S ,	1884	Robbins, Martha M.,	1885
Rice, Ella M. C.,	1884	Rogers, Frank N.,	1886
Rice, Lucy B. H.,	1884	Rice, George,	1886

Stent, Mindwell S.,	1851	Spinks, Emma Melissa,	1876
Spencer, John,	1851	Sheldon, Marian,	1879
Spencer, Nancy E.,	1851	Sharpe, Dan'l L.,	1881
Sheldon, Edward D.,	1864	Sharpe, Mary E.,	1881
Stent, Edmund E.,	1867	Sharpe, Minnie Francis,	1883
Smith, Edward A.,	1871	Swift, Angelina B.,	1884
Shepard Warren M.,	1872	Sisson, Richard,	1886
Stent Emily M.,	1874	Sheldon, Robert Truman,	1886
Spinks, George Richard,	1876		

Towner, Almira, L.,	1842	Towner, Harvey E.,	1873
Towner, Grace E.,	1860	Terhune, Anna Jeanette,	1874
Tyler, John R ,	1861	Thatcher, Herbert E.,	1885
Tyler, Emma S.,	1865	Tenney, Arthur J.,	1885
Terhune, Sarah E.,	1867	Terhune, Stephen H.,	1886
Towner, Susie D.,	1868	Terhune, Francis G.,	1886
Terhune, George D.,	1871		

Underwood, Augusta. 1884

Vinal, Lizzie (Rogers) 1874

Way, Laura A.,	1864	Warner, Sylvia H.,	1884
Wiltford, Hattie C.,	1866	Wilford, Grace,	1886
Warner, Phebe Ann,	1871	Weed, Oscar,	1886
Woodstock, Henry C ,	1872	Wood, Cora (Smith),	1886
Way, Sarah E.,	1874	Wilford, Mary A.,	1888
Woodstock, Irene (B),	1879	Weed, Nellie M.,	1888

ABSENTEES.

Averill, William B.,	1868		
Bryan, Lydia M.,	1840	Bartholomew, John N.,	1874
Benton, Abigail E.,	1841	Bartholomew, Ellen B.,	1874
Baldwin, Joseph,	1851	Babson, Lydia L.,	1874
Bliss, Frank,	1874	Barron, John,	1881
Chidsey, Mary L.,	1866	Cook, Helen (Palmer),	1874
Danforth, Susan Robins,	1881		
Fenn, Edwin C.,	1868	Farley, Geo. T.,	1872
Forbes, Cornelius B.,	1872		
Gregory, Edward,	1872	Gardiner, Harriet,	1883
Goldsmith, Clara B.,	1874	Gardiner, Albert C.,	1886
Goldsmith, Martha E.,	1881		

Hoadley, Jane E.,	1858	Hoadley, Sarah Jane.	1881
Honce, Arthur,	1874	Hoffman, Anna M.,	1881
Linsley, Nancy Monroe,	1842	Leet, Julia Plant,	1871
Lund, Joel Ingalls,	1875		
Meigs, Charles I.,	1874	Moffat, Hugh,	1874
Page Mary Hobart,	1851	Pelton, Fanny E.,	1868
Page, Albert,	1858		
Relay, Robert I.,	1858	Russell, Fred. Buell,	1872
Spencer, Levi B.,	1851	Selden, John G.,	1858
Williams, Betsy,	1836	Ward, Fred,	1874
Williams, Henry A.,	1858		

CONCERNING ABSENTEES AND OTHERS.

ABSENTEES.

For the convenience of the clerk in reporting the membership of the church, and to more fairly divide the responsibility for the standing of absentees, as well as to encourage those moving out of our bounds to promptly ask for letters of dismissal and recommendation, the following action was taken January 1, 1886 :

Recognizing the obligation of the church to grant letters of dismissal and recommendation to non-resident members in good and regular standing, who apply for such letters ; and recognizing the equal obligation of such members to apply for letters to churches in fellowship with us in christian doctrine, within a reasonable time after removing from our bounds ; such reasonable limit having heretofore been placed at one year ; Resolved : that all absentees of *two* years and over, who have given *no* account of themselves, neither asking for letters, nor requesting to remain as members with us, be passed from the list of absentees to a suspended list, where their names shall remain until further action by the church upon them. Provided, that, if they are known to have united with some other body of christians without letter, or to have deceased, the clerk may record the facts, and clear the roll of their names.

BACKSLIDERS.

Whereas, in times of revival interest, it occurs that some persons unite with the church, who afterwards discover that the restraints of covenant obligation are unwelcome, and who would gladly sunder the ties by which they are pledged to duties which are wholly neglected ;

Resolved : That while we deplore the existence of such cases, and would gladly do everything in our power to win and hold all such to a noble, Christian life, and will not cease to hope and pray that by the aid of Divine grace they may yet be able to see duty more clearly and perform it more cheerfully ; the church may at its discretion, after thorough examination of the facts, annul the membership of such as may through the deacons or clerk make application to be thus dealt with.

BY-LAWS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Adopted January 1, 1886.

I.

SESSIONS.

Sessions shall be held at the close of the morning service every Sunday, and shall continue at least until *one* o'clock.

II.

OFFICERS.

The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Secretary and Treasurer, Recording Secretary, two Librarians, and a Library Committee of three, all of whom shall be elected annually on the last Sunday in the year, and shall enter upon the duties of their respective offices the Sunday next following their election.

III.

ELECTIONS.

The election of Superintendent shall invariably be by ballot, *without nomination*, and it shall require three-fifths of all the votes cast to elect. The other officers may be elected by acclamation.

IV.

ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE.

The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent shall be members of the church, and of good report among the brethren, fervent in spirit and ready to every good work, and if possible, men of affairs. Men and women other than members of the church may be elected to the offices of Secretary, Recording Secretary and Librarians.

V.

VOTERS.

The teachers in the school, the officers holding office at the time of an election, and all members of the church who are members of the school, shall be entitled to vote at an election of officers.

VI.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Library Committee shall consist of three adult members of the school in addition to the Deacons of the church, the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent and the Librarians; and it shall be the duty of this committee of three to recommend to

the whole committee such additions to the library as they may deem desirable. But purchases of books shall not be made until it has been so determined at a regularly called meeting of the whole committee, at which either the Superintendent or one of the Deacons shall preside.

VII.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For the cultivation of the grace of giving among our young people, collections will be taken in the classes, and the total amount contributed reported at each session of the school. In addition, quarterly and annual reports shall be made by the Treasurer. The necessary expenses of the school, including additions to the library—when expedient to make them—shall first be paid out of the money thus collected, and the remainder shall be voted from time to time to such objects as appealing to our sympathies shall be deemed most deserving.

VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

Any of the foregoing rules may be amended by a two-thirds vote of a meeting of the church, duly called to consider such proposed amendment.

LONG ISLAND
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY.

