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FOR

THE MEMBERS

OF THE

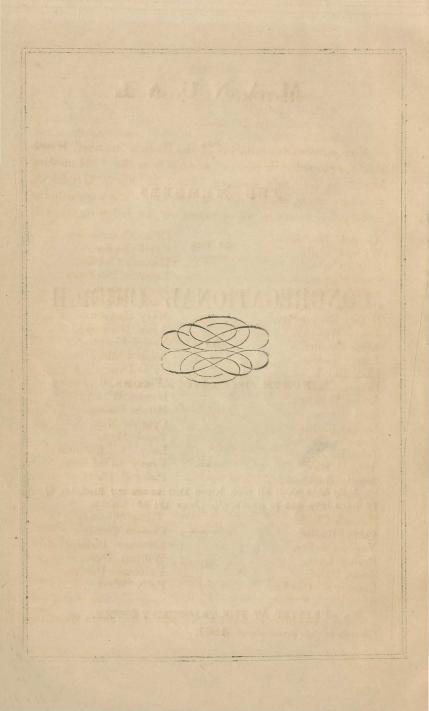
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

IN

NORTH WOODSTOCK, CONN.

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."---John 13: 35.

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HISTORICAL NOTICES.

A majority of the members of the Church in East Woodstock*, removed their place of worship from the "old meeting house" to the "new meeting house" in North Woodstock, February 25th, 1831. At that time the Church consisted of seventy-four members, whose names are the following:

Abigail Buckman. Willard Child, Patty Corbin, Cyril Carpenter, Nabby Carpenter, Cynthia Carpenter, Betsey Richardson, Jenny Wheeler, Aldis Penniman, John Chandler, Ezra Child. Betsey Child, James Whitney, Earl Clapp, Luther Child, Pamelia Child, John B. May, Abigail May, Adosia Buckman, Charles D. May, Deborah Chandler. Hannah Chaffee. Patty Bacon. Nancy Chaffee, Perley Lyon, Susan Child, Lemuel S. Chaffee,

Olive Chamberlin, Cyril Chaffee, Hannah Chaffee. Lucretia Buckman, Lucy Bottum, Luther Rawson. - Mary Rawson, Anna Buckman, Nancy Comstock, Irene Child, Sybil Dyer, William Hemenway, Damon W. Chandler. Hiram Bishop, Cynthia May, Trenk May, Lucy A. Pennings Fanny Pichardson, Peleg C. Child, - Renslaer Child. Job Whitney, Nabby Whitney, Chester Child, - Ebenezer Bishop, -William Dyer, Valentine Dorcus. Polly West,

*Rev Abel Stiles removed with a part of the South Woodstock Church to this place about 1766.

Sally Perrin,
Elkanah Penniman,
Spencer Child,
Sarah Richardson,
Adelia Bishop,
Almira Buckman,
Rebecca Chamberlain,
William Whitney,
William Chandler,
Edwin S. Penniman,

Louisa Foster,
Myrtilla Walker,
Keziah Bacon,
Joseph C. Allard,
Hiram Chaffee,
Cynthia Buckman,
Electa Chamberlain,
Betsey Penniman,
Priscilla Child.

PASTORS AND STATED SUPPLIES.

Rev. Foster Thayer was ordained and installed the *first* pastor of this church, June 29th, 1831. He was dismissed September 19th, 1836.

Rev. Lent S. Hough, was installed the second pastor of this Church, January 11th, 1837, and continued till May 11th, 1841, when he was dismissed.

Rev. William H. Marsh was installed the third pastor of this church, Nov. 30th, 1844. Dismissed April 22nd, 1851. [Previous to the settlement of Mr. Marsh, the Rev. Willard Child—now the Rev. Dr. Child—was stated supply for some time.]

Rev. O. D. Hine was installed the fourth pastor of this Church, January 6th, 1852, and continued till October 31st, 1855.

DEACONS.

Messrs. Luther Child and Job Whitney were the first deacons of this Church—the former was chosen previous to the division, the latter imme lately after.

Luther Child was chosen deacen January 25th, 1824; died January 30th, 1860.

Job Whitney was chosen deacan September 2d, 1831; died Sept. 10th, 1854.

Chester Child was chosen deacon November 1st, 1854. Amasa Chandler was chosen deacon March 2nd, 1855.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

REV. JOHN WHITE, STATED SUPPLY.

DEACONS:

CHESTER CHILD, AMASA CHANDLER.

The following summary of Gospel Doctrine forms the confession of faith adopted by this (hurch

CONFESSION OF FAITH.

- 1. We believe that there is but one God, the Creator, Preserver, and Governor of the Universe; a Being of perfect and adorable attributes.
- 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are the only perfect and sufficient rule of faith and practice.
- 3. We believe that God exists in a Trinity of persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and that these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.
- 4. We believe that God created, directs, and so governs all things, as to accomplish by them, his own wise, holy, and eternal purposes.
- 5. We believe that man was created (originally) holy; but that, by sinning against God, he fell from that state, and that, in consequence of the fall, all man'kind are by nature entirely destitute of holiness, and disposed to sin.
- 6. We believe that Jesus Christ, our Lord, is divine and human, having two distinct natures in one person; and that by His humiliations, sufferings, and death, He has made an Atonement sufficient for the redemption of all mankind—pardon and eternal life, being through him freely offered to all.
- 7. We believe that Repentance and Faith in Christ, are the only conditions on which any can avail themselves, of the offer thus grapiously made and that all, while left to themselves, do refuse to comply with these conditions.

8. We believe that all who are truly regenerated will persevere in holiness, being "kept by the power of God through faith unto Salvation."

- 9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and in a day of Judgment; when all mankind are to receive a sentence of retribution, according to what they have done; and that the righteous will then enter into life, and the wicked will go away into punishment, both of which will be without end.
 - 10. We believe, moreover, that in this world the Lord Jesus

Christ has a visible Church, the terms of admission to which are a public profession of faith in Christ, sustained by creditable evidence.

That Baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances to be observed in the Church to the end of the world; that none but members of the visible Church, in regular standing, should partake of the Lord's supper, and that only they and their households are proper subjects of Baptism.

Thus we solemnly profess our belief.

(To candidates for membership, it is asked after hearing this Confession of Faith read: Do you thus believe? Answer, I do.)

(The ordinance of baptism, if not previously received, will

here be administered.)

CHURCH COVENANT.

You do now in the presence of God and men, avouch the Lord Jehovah to be your God; the Supreme object of your affections, and your chosen portion forever.

You cordially acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ, in all His mediatorial offices—Prophet, Priest and King—as your only Saviour and final Judge; and the Holy Spirit as your

Sanctifier, Comforter, and Guide.

You humbly and cheerfully devote yourself to God in the everlasting covenant of grace; you consecrate all your powers and faculties to his service and glory; and you promise that, through the assistance of His Spirit and grace, you will cleave to Him as your chief good; that you will give all diligent attention to the word, worship and ordinance, that you will seek the honor of his name, and the interest of His kingdom; and that, henceforth, "denying all ungodliness and worldly lusts, you will live soberly, righteously, and godly," in the world.

You do now, also, cordially join yourself to this Church, as a Church of Christ; you promise to submit to its discipline, so far as it is conformable to the rules of the Gospel; you solemnly covenant to strive, as far as in you lies, for its Gospel peace, edification and purity, and, to walk with its members in brotherly love, faithfulness, circumspection, meekness and

sobriety.

Thus in humble reliance upon God you covenant and promise.

ACCEPTATION.

In consequence of your present professions and engagements, we, the (members of the Church are here requested to rise and to continue standing during the remainder of the address) members of this Church of Christ do now receive you into our communion, and promise to watch over you with christian affection and tenderness, and to fellowship with you as a member of the body of Christ, who, is Head over all things to His Church.

This we do imploring the great Shepherd of Israel, our Lord and Redeemer, that, both we and you, may have wisdom and grace to be faithful to our covenant engagements, till time

with us shall be no more.

To us and to you this day should be remembered with gratitude, for that mercy and grace in Christ Jesus in which we trust and for which we bless the Lord. Let us remember that God has heard our vows and covenant; and that the record and results will be manifested at the great day of His appearing.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up

His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

STANDING RULES.

RULE. I. The annual meeting of this Church shall be held the Friday next preceeding the first Sabbath of January, when there shall be chosen a Clerk and Treasurer; also, a Committee of three members, who with the pastor and deacons shall form the standing Committee ensuing.

RULE II. The pastor or stated minister shall be Moderator of all meetings of the Church at which he is present, and in his absence a Moderator pro tem shall be regularly chosen by ballot.

RULE III. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep the records of the Church; to audit the accounts of the Treasurer; to prepare and forward letters of dismission, and to report at

the annual meeting the number of church members, together with the names of all persons received, dismissed, excommunicated, removed or deceased during the year.

RULE IV. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the funds and benevolent contributions of the Church; shall pay all bills as voted, and at the annual meeting shall render his account.

RULE V. It shall devolve upon the standing Committee to conduct the examination of candidates for admission to the Church; to report at the annual meeting, the residence and standing (so far as known) of non-resident members, and to hold correspondence with all such members, at least within two years from the time of their removal from us. It shall also be the duty of the st nding Committee, in a Christian spirit, to enquire after all public offences in this Church which shall come to their knowledge; and to visit previous to each annual meeting, all resident members who during the year shall have withdrawn from the worship and ordinances of this Church, and to make such report at the annual meeting as they shall deem proper concerning each case. It shall be the duty of the standing Committee also, to discharge such other service as the Church, by vote, may at any time impose upon them.

Rule. VI. Candidates for admission into this Church by profession shall be examined by the standing Committee, and all candidates for admission either by letter or profession shall stand propounded at least two weeks.

Rule VII. Letters of dismission in all ordinary cases, shall be valid only one year from their date.

Rule VIII. No recommendation shall be added to letters of dismission, for such members as have been absent from the communion services of this Church for more than one year, except in cases of sickness, or for reasons which shall be satisfactory to the Church.

RULE IX. Members of sister Churches communing with this Church statedly, for one year or more, if in regular standing, shall be invited to unite with us by letter.

RULE X. Parents are requested to present their children for Baptism the first Sabbath following each Communion season.

RULE XI. The regular Communion seasons in this Church

shall be the first Sabbaths of January, March, May, July,

September and November.

RULE XII. These rules may be altered or amended at any annual meeting, by a majority of the members present, previous notice having been given.

P. S. These rules are taken, principally, from the Manual

of the Congregational Church, East Woodstock.

NAMES OF MEMBERS. /86/

EXPLANATION .- § Indicates the date of connection with the church. * Indicates that the member united by certificate.

Allen, Mrs. Sarah M.	1855	*Carpenter, Mrs. Ellen I	52
Allen, Mrs. Nancy	1838	Chaffee, Skuyler L.	1831
*Amidon, John	1837	Chaffee, Nancy	1815
*Amidon, Mrs. Eliza	66	Chaffee, John	1858
Amidon, Mary E.	1855	*Chaffee, Mrs. Z. A.	1849
Amidon, Jerome	1858	Chaffee, Betsey	1839
Backus, Thomas	1858	Chaffee, Cyril S.	1815
*Barrett, Anson	1840	Chaffee, Mrs. Emily	1832
Barrett, Ellen	1857	Chamberlain, Olive	1815
Barrett, Emily A.	1858	Chandler, Dea. Amasa	1839
Barrett, Alba F.	66	*Chandler, Mrs. Saillya	1852
Bishop, Hezekiah	1831	Chandler, Rev. August	us '47
*Bishop, Mrs. Martha D	. '39	Chandler, Damon W.	1828
Bishop, Anna M	1858	Chandler, Mrs. Pruden	ce '30
Bishop, William H.	66	Chandler, Marion	1858
Bishop, Mary	1855	Chandler, Nathan	1838
Blood, Mrs. Sarah L.	66	Chandler, Mrs. Harriet	N. '39
Bosworth, Charles S.	1859	Chandler, Jason B.	1858
Bosworth, Mrs. Carolin	ie 66	Child, Peleg C.	1817
Briggs, Mrs. Hannah	1855	*Child, Mrs. Abigail	1831
Brown, Mrs. Hannah	1837	Clapp, Mrs. Harriet	1839
Buckman, John E.	1832	Comstock, Nancy	1816
*Buckman, Mrs. Mary	1852	Corbin, Ichabod	1832
Bundy, Mrs. Fanny A.	*39	*Da vis, Mrs. Emily	1859

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Chapin, Emma	1847	*Hibbard, Mrs. Abby C.	1842
Child, Mrs. Pra lease I	1. '31	Hibbard Albert	1858
Child, Dea. Chester	1828	Hibbard, F ank E.	66
Child, Abby P.	185	Hibbard, Frances J.	14
Child, Chester E.	5.6	*Hibbard, Asa	1835
Child, Ezra C.	65	*Hibbard, Mrs. Eunice	66
Child, Brainard W.	1858	Hibbard Caroline D.	1855
*Child, Mrs. Sasan W.	1854	Hibbard, Harriet	66
Child, Mrs. Sarah	1848	(Hood, Joseph A.	1858
*Child, Jonas	1851	Hood, Mrs. Sarah E.	1860
Child, Daniel	1858	Johnson, Adeline	1858
Child, Mrs. Lucy	1832	Kellum Mrs. Hannah	1848
Child, Susan R.	1855	Lanagan, Hannah	1831
Child, Elisha	1838	*i.asheur, John	1852
Child, Mrs. Lucia D.	1831	*Leavitt, Jeremiah W.	1857
Child, Nancy	1858	*Leavitt, Mrs. Mary A.	66
Child, Abby	6.5	Lyon, Hartwell	1831
Chi'd, William G.	1838	*Lyon, Mrs. Emily	1840
*Child, Mrs. Mary J.	1841	Lyon, Mrs. Mary	1838
Child, Pamelia H.	1842	*Marsh, Mrs. Mary	1858
Child, Esther L	1858	Marsh, Mary E.	66
Child, Clinton	1839	*Mason, John A.	1859
Child, Mrs. Susan	1815	Mason, Mrs Nancy J.	1858
*Dean, Leonard M.	1842	(May, Erastus	1831
*Dean Mrs. Louisa	66	May, Mrs. Lydia M.	6.6
Dixon, Lovan T.	1858	May, Betsey	1842
Dowe, George H.	66	May, Edward	1858
*Eddy, Benjamin	1832	(May, Charles D.	1816
Eddy, Mrs. Lucia	1828	May, Mrs. Maria W.	1837
Ely, Eugene F.	1858	*May, Mrs. Rebecca	1831
*Ely, Mrs. Sarah E.	1843	*May, Trenck	1837
*Elwood, Mrs. Candace,	H.'58	May, Mrs. Cynthia	1828
Elwood, Helen B.	66	May, Ellen	1855
Elwood, Neva B.	66	May, Matilda	1858
Fosket, Mrs. Sophia	1830	May, Henry	66
Griggs, Sarah A.	1858	May, Mrs. Ellen D.	1855
Guild, Mary Eliza	1858	May, Willard C.	1858
*Haven, Mrs. Fanny A.		May, Anna	1860
Hibbard, Lyman	1858	*May, Mrs. Abigail	1820
Haven, Abel B.	1860	*Morse, Mrs. Lucia F.	1855

Penniman, Aldis	1814	Scranton, Sarah II.	1858
Penniman, George A.	1858	Stead, David A.	1858
Penniman, Mrs. Mary	4	Stone, Joseph W.	1860
Penniman, Edwin S.	1828	Stone, Mrs. Caroline A	. "
*Penniman, Mrs. Sarah	E. '49	Torrey, Henry C.	1858
Penniman, Elkanah S.	1831	*Torrey, Mrs. Celia J.	66
*Penniman, Mrs. Abiga	il '40	*Vinton, Mrs. Lucretia	1842
Penniman Silas M.	1858	Vinton, E. Channing	1858
Penniman, Lucy A.	1818	Winton, Mrs. Lydia M.	46
Perrin, Sally	1320	Ninton, Hosea	1837
Potter, Mary A.	1858	Vinton, Mrs. Matilda A	1. '58
(Rawson, Charles D.	1860	Walker, Myrtilla	1828
Rawson, Mrs. Almira	1831	*West, Mrs. Polly	1825
Rawson, Mrs. Nancy -	1 11	Whitney, William G.	1828
Rawson, N. Ellen	1858	*Whitney. Mrs. Martha V	N. '52
Rawson, Mary	1831	Whitney Mrs. Nubby	1827
Rawson, Mrs. Lucy	1858	Withey, Albert C.	1860
Males, 51.	Female	s, 101. Total, 162	2

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