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Adams, D.D.

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## OLD SOUTH CHURCH.

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THE OLD SOUTH CHURCH was organized in May, 1669, and was the third Congregational Church gathered in Boston. It grew out of troubles arising from the union of church and state. Its first Meeting-house was erected in 1670, was of wood, and occupied the same site as the present structure. The second house of worship, which is the one now standing, was built in 1730, and is, consequently, one hundred and twenty-seven years old. The pulpit first made for this house, was taken down in 1810, and the one now in use substituted for it. The present pews, also, are of a comparatively modern date; though the sounding-board and galleries, it is believed, and the general aspect of the house, remain unchanged.

This building is associated with many important events in civil history. In it the Anniversary of the "King Street Tragedy" was regularly observed, till the Declaration of Independence. The Oration was pronounced on the Fifth of March, at first; and among the speakers were Adams, Otis, and Warren. After 1776, however, these orations were pronounced on the Fourth of July; and they have been delivered, uniformly, in the Old South Meeting-house ever since, until within a few years, when the City Authorities saw fit to change the place of meeting to Tremont Temple.



Throughout the excitement caused by the Stamp Act, the Old South Meeting-house was the rallying point. During the occupancy of Boston by the British army, this house was converted into a riding-school for the officers, and many scenes of unhallowed revelry and sacrilege were witnessed within its walls.

The annual Election Sermon has, with perhaps one or two exceptions, been uniformly preached here.

This house will always be dear to the churches of America, owing to its association with the early religious history of New England. In it nearly all our great divines, of the last century, were wont to officiate on special occasions. Its pulpit was generously opened to Whitfield, in each of his successive visits to Boston. Here the prayers of Prince were offered; here, Thatcher, and Willard, and Sewall preached; here, Bromfield and David Brainerd worshipped. The names of many holy women can be found on the records of this church, among whom were Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Abigail Waters, and Mrs. Huntington.

The library, now in the lower rooms of the chapel, was given to the church by the Rev. Thomas Prince, one of its early pastors. This valuable collection of books and manuscripts, the result of life-long inquiry, painstaking and expense, lay neglected for many years in a room under the belfry of the Meeting-house; and not a few of its precious papers and volumes were destroyed by the British, being used to kindle fires in stoves provided to warm the house in winter. More recently, however, pains have been taken to preserve this valuable trust. Some of the books are deposited with the Massachusetts Historical Society, and considerable expense has been incurred to render them all accessible.

A catalogue of this library was made in 1846 ; but it is imperfect, and deficient in arrangement. A better catalogue, constructed on the most approved method, is much needed.

By the gifts of Mrs. Norton, widow of Rev. John Norton, the Old South Society owns a large real estate adjoining their place of worship, the income of which can be used only under certain restrictions, and which, hitherto, has not been largely available.

The anticipation of a greater income, to commence in 1858, began, long since, to awaken deep solicitude among the members, and has led to much consultation and prayer. Early last year, the Society authorized the opening of another place of worship, in a destitute portion of the city, and the procuring additional help to the Pastor, to enable him to conduct services there on the evening of the Sabbath.

In the autumn, a Free Chapel was opened, at the corner of Lowell and Causeway streets ; and towards the close of the year, steps were taken to secure another Pastor, to labor in connection with Rev. Dr. Blagden, in this enlarged field of operations. Thus the Society is enabled to give its influence and efforts to one of the most hopeful of Christian enterprises ; at the same time, also, opening a way for personal effort to its members.

With these objects in view, a call was extended to Rev. Jacob M. Manning, of Medford, to become Associate Pastor with Rev. George W. Blagden, D. D. The Installation took place March 11, 1857. The Result of Council, and the Sermon and Addresses delivered on the occasion, follow in their order.

*Boston, May 1, 1857.*

RESULT OF COUNCIL.

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PURSUANT to letters missive from the Old South Church in Boston, an Ecclesiastical Council met in the Chapel of the said Church, in Spring Lane, on Wednesday, March 11, 1857, at 9½ o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to the examination of Rev. JACOB M. MANNING—who had been invited to become Associate Pastor of the Church—and, if deemed expedient, of installing him in that position.

The Council was composed of the representatives of the Churches as follows :—

Park Street Church, Boston,		Rev. A. L. Stone, Pastor.
		Bro. Isaac Parker, Delegate.
Essex St.       "       "		Rev. N. Adams, D. D., Pastor.
		Bro. John Tappan, Delegate.
Bowdoin St.   "       "		Rev. J. B. Waterbury, D. D., Pastor.
		Bro. T. J. Trundy, Delegate.
Pine St.       "       "		Rev. H. M. Dexter, Pastor.
		Dea. Joel Wheeler, Delegate.
Salem St.     "       "		Rev. G. W. Field, Pastor.
		Bro. James Ayer, Delegate.
Central       "       "		Rev. George Richards, Pastor.
		Dea. William Ropes, Delegate.
Mt. Vernon   "       "		Bro. D. T. Coit, Delegate.
Shawmut      "       "		Dea. J. H. Eays, Delegate.
Phillips      "       "		Rev. C. S. Porter, Pastor.
		Bro. W. Partridge, Delegate.
Maverick     "       "		Bro. S. N. Stockwell, Delegate.