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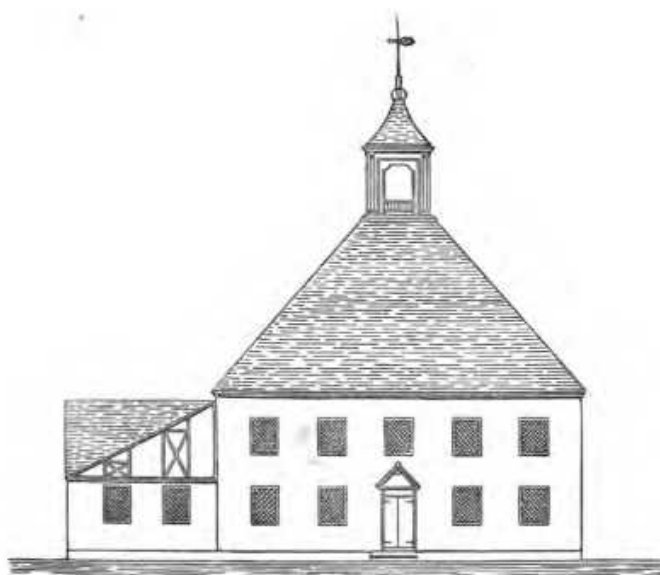
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MEETING-HOUSE ON THE "OLD HILL," AS IT WAS IN 1684.

"THE GLORY OF CHILDREN ARE THEIR FATHERS."—Prov., 17:6.

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"THE NAME OF THE LORD IS A STRONG TOWER."—Prov. 18:10.

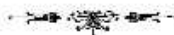




At a business meeting of the Church held in the chapel, Monday evening, August 18, 1884, the committee of arrangements for the Bi-centennial recommended the publication of a volume containing all of the addresses delivered at the celebration on the 13th inst., together with as full a history of the services of the day and the preparations for the same, and such other historical facts as a committee appointed to take the matter in charge shall think expedient.

It was voted to adopt the recommendations of the committee and that four hundred copies of the volume recommended be printed.

It was also voted that N. P. Sanborn, James J. H. Gregory and Daniel Appleton be a committee to take the matter in charge.



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"Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."—*Ier. 6:16.*

## INTRODUCTION.

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AT a business meeting of the church held in the chapel, December, 1882, it was unanimously voted—

That this church ought in some public and appropriate way to celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of its organization which occurs on the 13th of August, 1884.

It was also voted that Rev. J. H. Williams, N. P. Sanborn and Joseph Gregory be a committee to nominate a committee of arrangements for the bi-centennial of this church, and report at some future meeting.

At a business meeting of the church held in the chapel April, 1884, the nominating committee submitted the following report:—

### FOR AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

To have a general oversight and direction of all the affairs of the celebration.

Rev. S. Linton Bell,	Benj. F. Knight,
Daniel Appleton,	John Conway,
Geo. R. Church,	John G. Broughton,
Philip Freeto.	

### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE.

To arrange the order of service and assign the parts,

Rev. S. Linton Bell,	Dr. P. Eveleth,
Frank Broughton,	J. J. H. Gregory,
Benj. Savory,	N. P. Sanborn.

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 COMMITTEE ON ENTERTAINMENT.

To arrange for refreshments and the entertainment of guests.

Geo. R. Church,	Colin McEachran,
Joseph Gregory,	Richard T. Grant,
William Stacey,	Geo. G. Pope.
Mrs. M. A. B. Neilson,	Mrs. Mary E. Lemaster,
Mrs. W. A. Denning,	Mrs. Carrie E. Pedrick,
Mrs. Jos. Gregory,	Mrs. Sarah E. Gregory,
Mrs. Sarah Broughton,	Miss Mary Dixie,
Mrs. Benj. F. Knight,	Miss Sarah Knight,
Mrs. Hannah Church,	Miss Lizzie M. Knight,
Mrs. Hannah E. Grant,	Miss Rebecca T. Goodwin.
Mrs. Mary E. Girdler,	

And that the above committees constitute a committee of arrangements.

The report was unanimously adopted.

At a meeting of the committee of arrangements held in the chapel, June 9th, it was voted to celebrate our bi-centennial by a public service in the church during the day and evening; to consist chiefly in addresses and reminiscences by past and present members.

It was also voted to send a cordial greeting to all absent or former members of the church and society, inviting them to attend our two-hundredth anniversary and to accept of our hospitality during their stay in town.

It was also voted to send carriages for all such aged or invalid persons belonging to the church and congregation as would esteem it a privilege to attend the services of the day, and convey them to their homes again at such times as they may choose.

At a meeting of the committee on public service the following form was adopted as the order of service for the day and 1,100 copies ordered to be printed for distribution :