

**TENTH SERIES II-III.  
CHURCH AND STATE  
IN NEW ENGLAND**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649431595

Tenth Series II-III. Church and State in New England by Paul E. Lauer

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.  
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

[www.triestepublishing.com](http://www.triestepublishing.com)

**PAUL E. LAUER**

**TENTH SERIES II-III.  
CHURCH AND STATE  
IN NEW ENGLAND**



II-III

CHURCH AND STATE  
IN  
NEW ENGLAND

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY STUDIES  
IN  
HISTORICAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

HERBERT B. ADAMS, Editor

41109

---

History is past Politics and Politics present History—Freeman

---

TENTH SERIES  
II-III  
CHURCH AND STATE  
IN  
NEW ENGLAND

BY PAUL E. LAUER, A. M.

*Fellow in History, Johns Hopkins University*

---

BALTIMORE  
THE JOHNS HOPKINS PRESS  
February and March, 1893

## PREFACE.

---

The complete separation of church and state is an American doctrine. European governments have long maintained church establishments. The Puritan colonists of New England in the seventeenth century were not prepared to organize on principles that characterize the relations of church and state in America to-day. They followed the example of the mother country and united the civil and ecclesiastical organizations. They established the Congregational church and endeavored to maintain it by law against all opposition.

The design of this monograph is to give the history of the establishment, to point out the causes that led to the dis-establishment and also the steps by which the latter was brought about. The author aims, in this way, to trace the growth of religious liberty from the time of the first settlements to the final triumph of religious freedom in New England in 1834.

P. E. L.





## CONTENTS.

	PAGE.
<b>CHAPTER I.—INTRODUCTORY.</b>	
The Reformation in England.....	12
Rise of the Puritans.....	15
Rise of the Brownists.....	17
The Brownists in Holland.....	18
Their Reasons for Coming to America.....	19
Ideas of the Relations of Church and State.....	24
The Puritans.....	26
Their Reasons for Coming to America.....	27
The Organization of the Colony at Salem.....	28
Plymouth and Salem.....	29
 <b>CHAPTER II.—THE CIVIL AND ECCLESIASTICAL BEGINNINGS OF NEW ENGLAND.</b>	
<i>Massachusetts</i> .....	31
Extension of the Plymouth Colony; its Causes and Results.....	31
Extension of the Puritan Colony.....	32
Relations of Church and State.....	32
(a) At Plymouth.....	32
(b) The Puritans.....	33
Laws of 1631, 1638, 1644, 1658.....	34
(c) The Charter of 1691.....	35
Its provisions for Liberty of Conscience.....	35
Laws under the Charter.....	36
<i>Maine</i> .....	36
The Popham Colony.....	36
Maine Episcopal.....	37
Massachusetts assumes the government of Maine.....	38
Relations of Church and State.....	40
<i>New Hampshire</i> .....	41
Early Settlements.....	41
Massachusetts' Jurisdiction.....	41
Relations of Church and State.....	42
<i>Connecticut</i> .....	43
The Connecticut Colony.....	43

	PAGE.
New Haven Colony.....	43
Their Puritan Character.....	44
Relations of Church and State.....	44
Congregational Order approved.....	45
The Condition of Connecticut in 1690.....	45
<i>Rhode Island</i> .....	46
Founded by Roger Williams.....	46
Relations of Church and State.....	47
Religious Freedom guaranteed by Charter of 1663.....	48
<i>Vermont</i> .....	49
Its Early Settlements.....	49
Controversy with New York.....	49
Relations of Church and State.....	50
Article III of Bill of Rights of the Constitution of 1777.....	50
CHAPTER III.—THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY TO 1691.	
(1) Persecution develops Religious Liberty.....	52
In Massachusetts.....	52
In Connecticut.....	55
In Rhode Island—its Religious Liberty the first fruits of persecution in Massachusetts.....	55
(2) The Extension of the Franchise.....	56
In Connecticut.....	56
By Charter of 1662.....	56
In Massachusetts.....	57
(a) Maine and New Hampshire citizens not church members.....	57
(b) The Adoption of the Half-way Covenant.....	58
(c) The King insists upon giving all citizens the Franchise.....	60
His letter.....	60
The Church Membership Qualification law repealed.....	61
Its substitute.....	61
(3) Massachusetts' controversy with the King forces her to a more liberal policy.....	64
All persecuting laws repealed.....	64
CHAPTER IV.—DEVELOPMENT OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY TO 1787.	
The Commercial and Industrial Life of New England tends towards Religious Liberty.....	68
Breaking up of the Old Town-Church System.....	69
Charter of 1691. Baptist Swansea under jurisdiction of Massachusetts.....	69
Towns begin to support two Churches.....	70

	PAGE.
Boston, Hartford, Windsor and Newbury.....	71
Increase in Number of Dissenters.....	72
Baptists and Episcopalians.....	73
Prominent men among Dissenters.....	74
Dissenters not social outlaws in 1700.....	74
Baptist ordination in Boston.....	74
Rector Cutler and the Episcopalians.....	75
The condition of religion at the beginning of the Eighteenth Century.....	76
Influence of the Half-way Covenant.....	76
Influence of State Churchism.....	77
Opinions of the Rev. Torrey, Dr. Mather and Mr. Willard on the Condition of Religion.....	77
The Dissenters and the Exemption Laws.....	79
Progress of Religious Liberty.....	80
<i>In Massachusetts</i> .....	80
Exemption Laws for Episcopalians, 1735, 1742; for Quakers and Baptists.....	80
Baptists object to Certificate System because it acknowledges State control.....	83
Bill of Rights of 1780.....	84
<i>In Connecticut</i> .....	85
Act of Toleration, 1708.....	85
Exemption Laws.....	85
Episcopalian, 1727.....	86
Quaker and Baptist, 1729.....	87
The Great Awakening.....	87
Law of 1742.....	87
Separates.....	88
Saybrook Platform abrogated 1784.....	89
<i>In New Hampshire</i> .....	89
Law of 1714 cited.....	89
Bill of Rights, 1784.....	90
<i>In Vermont</i> .....	90
Bill of Rights, 1777.....	90
Law of 1783 quoted.....	91
<i>In Rhode Island</i> .....	93
No State Church—Disfranchised Catholics.....	93
 CHAPTER V.—DEVELOPMENT OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY—DISESTABLISHMENT. 	
The Federal Constitution.....	95
Its amendments as to religious tests and religious freedom help to settle the question in the States.....	96