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PRESENT OFFICERS

OF

The Taberick Church, East Boston,

JANUARY 1, 1882.

Pastor.

REV. THOS. N. HASKELL.

Deacons.

JOSEPH ROBBINS,
THOMAS D. DEMOND,
E. S. LAWRENCE,
NEHEMIAH MERRITT.

Clerk and Treasurer.

NELSON CURTIS.

Examining Committee.

PASTOR AND DEACONS, WITH
PAUL CURTIS,
WILLIAM H. DELANO,
JOSIAH M. READ,
JOHN HOWE, JR.

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH.

THE great increase of population in the city of Boston led to the settlement of the island now called East Boston, in the year 1834. The population increased rapidly, and many individuals soon became impressed with the importance of erecting a meeting-house, that a church might be formed, and the inhabitants enjoy the preaching of the gospel.

In the spring of 1836, it was thought that a favorable time for the effort had arrived. A number of persons, members of different churches, held a meeting on Thursday evening, May 5, 1836, at the house of Mr. Aaron Ordway, to consult together upon the subject.

After prayer and deliberation, it was resolved that it was expedient to proceed to form a church, and a committee was appointed to notify the ministers in the city of the doings of the meeting, and to ask their advice and coöperation in farther proceedings.

On the 12th of May, letters missivo were issued, calling a council to organize a church, and a committee was chosen to converse with those persons who might offer themselves for admission, in relation to their Christian experience and hope.

On Tuesday, the 31st of May, a council was convened at the house of Mr. Ordway, consisting of the Pastors and Delegates of the Second Church in Dorchester, Phillips

Church in South Boston, Bowdoin, Salem, Union, and Franklin-street Churches in Boston. After deliberation by council, four male and six female professors of religion were organized into a church, under the name of the *First Congregational Church in East Boston*; and on the same day the church adopted a Confession of Faith and Covenant.

The church having no place in which to worship or to convene a Sabbath school, the male members resolved to build a vestry for that purpose, which was completed in one month; and on the first Sabbath in July, there was preaching in it, and a Sabbath school was organized.

Soon after this, the brethren commenced obtaining subscribers to the stock to build a meeting-house, which was accomplished late in the Autumn, and in December the work of building commenced. The house was completed about the middle of July, 1837. On the 19th of that month, it was dedicated to the worship of Almighty God, and the Rev. Wm. W. Newell was installed Pastor of the church. The Introductory and Dedicatory Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Blagden; Sermon by Rev. Mr. Winslow; Installing Prayer by Rev. Mr. Rogers; Charge by Rev. Dr. Fay; Fellowship of Churches by Rev. Mr. Fitch.

On the 7th July, 1837, it was voted that the name of the church be altered, and that it be called hereafter *Maverick Church*.

At the session of the Legislature in 1838, an Act of Incorporation was obtained, under which a society was organized, by the name of the *Maverick Congregational Society*, consisting of the owners of shares in the meeting-house, which society assumes the support of public wor-

ship, and has a negative upon the church in the selection of a minister.

Rev. Mr. Newell, having requested a dismission on account of ill health, was dismissed, by advice of council, July 21st, 1841.

On the 2d of March, 1842, Rev. Amos A. Phelps was installed as Pastor. Rev. Mr. Adams, of the Union Church, preached the Sermon; Rev. Mr. Blagden offered the Installing Prayer; Rev. Mr. Rogers gave the Charge; and Rev. Mr. Towne the Fellowship of the Churches.

Rev. Mr. Phelps, having requested a dismission, was, by advice of council, dismissed June 2d, 1845.

On the 18th of November, 1846, Rev. Robert S. Hitchcock was installed as Pastor. Rev. R. D. Hitchcock read the Scriptures. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Langworthy; Sermon by Rev. Mr. Rogers; Installing Prayer by Rev. Mr. Lord; Charge to the Pastor, Rev. Dr. Hitchcock; Right Hand of Fellowship, Rev. Dr. Beecher; Address to the People, Rev. Mr. Kirk; Concluding Prayer, Rev. Mr. Alvord.

Rev. Mr. Hitchcock was, at his own request, dismissed November 6, 1850.

Rev. Rufus W. Clark, formerly of Portsmouth, N. H., was next installed, Dec. 3, 1851. Invocation by Rev. Mr. Alvord; Prayer by Rev. Dr. Beecher; Sermon by Rev. J. W. Chickering; Installing Prayer, Rev. Dr. Blagden; Charge to the Pastor, Rev. Mr. Kirk; Right Hand of Fellowship, Rev. Mr. Dexter; Address to the People, Rev. Mr. Winslow.

Rev. Mr. Clark was, at his own request, dismissed April 8, 1857.

Rev. Thomas N. Haskell, formerly of Washington, D.C.,

was next installed, June 24, 1858. Invocation by Rev. G. W. Field; Prayer by Rev. J. B. Miles; Sermon by Professor Austin Phelps; Installing Prayer by Rev. J. Perkins; Charge to the Pastor by Rev. E. N. Kirk, D. D.; Right Hand of Fellowship by Rev. Jonathan Edwards; Address to the People by Rev. R. W. Clark, D. D.

GOVERNMENT, PRINCIPLES, AND STANDING RULES.

THIS church recognizes God alone as Lord of the conscience, and his word as the final and authoritative rule of judgment, in the administration of government and discipline.

Believing the Articles of Faith and Covenant hereunto annexed to be in accordance with that word, this church adopts them. For the same reason, it adopts, for its government and discipline, the general principles and rules which are contained in the Platform of Church Discipline, agreed upon by the elders and messengers of the churches, assembled at Cambridge, in this State, A. D. 1648, with such modifications, since introduced, as are in accordance with the Bible, and the general consent and practice of Congregational churches. It also adopts the following more specific principles and rules:—

THE CHURCH.

This church is independent, so far as relates to its internal organization and the regulation of its affairs. It is amenable to no other ecclesiastical body, except by its own consent, or according to regular and established Congregational principles. With these exceptions, it controls the admission, discipline, and removal of its members, according to its own understanding of the word of God.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

The officers of this church shall be, the Pastor or Pastors, and Deacons, Clerk and Treasurer, and an Examin-