

"Major Paul Revere," on the night of the 18th of April, A.D. 1775, belongs rightfully and exclusively to his friend "Captain John Pul-
linf," merchant of Boston.

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MR. DEANE continued : Since the publication of that article, Dr. Watson has heard that some gentlemen here, who fully concurred in his opinion as to the agency of Robert Newman in displaying the lanterns, had some doubts as to the church itself from which the lights were shown ; that is to say, whether they were shown from the steeple of Christ Church, or from that of the Old North Meeting-house, inas-
much as Paul Revere, writing in 1798, and Richard Devens, writing without date, but evidently some years after the occurrence of these events, both say "North Church." Feeling confident that Christ Church was the place at which the signals were made, and being desirous that those having any doubts respecting it should see the grounds of his opinion, Dr. Watson has written me a letter on the subject, which I now lay before the Society. (See page 13.)

Dr. Watson seems to me to be equally happy in establishing his last proposition ; and in confirmation of his position that Christ Church was known at that period and called "the North Church," certainly some time before Paul Revere wrote his interesting account of the incident, I will read some extracts from an unpublished correspondence between a warden of Christ Church in Cambridge and Dr. Walter, Rector in 1792 of Christ Church in Boston ; also one from the wardens of Christ Church in Boston to a warden of Christ Church in Cambridge : —

I. *Jonathan Simpson to Rev. Dr. Walter*, 26 October, 1790 : "Dr. Winship and the two Wardens of the North Church in Boston have just left me."

II. *Rev. Dr. Walter to Jonathan Simpson*. Shelburne, N.S., 5 November, 1790 : "At the same time the Proprietors of the North Church were in a strange dilemma."

III. *Jonathan Simpson to Dr. Walter*, 2 March, 1791 : "I am excessively mortified to hear that you have desir'd the Wardens of the North Church to procure you a house in their neighbourhood." "Nor had I any idea when I partially consented to an union with the North Church." "All the world (except the North Church people) consider you as engaged to us, nor must you blame us if we cannot consent to your residing with the North people." "I am sorry that the North Church take an undue advantage of our generosity in admitting them to an union with us. If you give up your residence among us, it is my opinion that our Church will not be connected with the North Church."