

PAUL REVERE'S SIGNAL.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society on the 9th of November, 1876, Mr. CHARLES DEANE made the following communication : —

Mr. DEANE said that some of the members of the Society would remember an interesting communication which appeared some months ago (July 20) in the "Boston Daily Advertiser," entitled "Paul Revere's Signal: The true story of the signal lanterns in Christ Church, Boston." It was written by the Reverend John Lee Watson, D.D., formerly of Trinity Church in this city, and now residing in Orange, New Jersey; and took the ground that the person who hung out or displayed the lanterns on Christ Church steeple, on the night of the 18th of April, 1775, was not Robert Newman, the sexton of the church, but John Pulling, a friend of Paul Revere. Dr. Watson's statement seemed to be conclusive, and to be fully concurred in by our historical friends. Mr. Deane said that Dr. Watson had sent to him a slip from the "Advertiser" containing his article, with some corrections and additions; and he now communicated it to the Society, believing that it would find an appropriate place in our Proceedings.

PAUL REVERE'S SIGNAL: THE TRUE STORY OF THE "SIGNAL LANTERNS" IN CHRIST CHURCH, BOSTON.

To the Editors of the Boston Daily Advertiser : —

It will be remembered by many persons in Boston, that, last year, in the Centennial celebration of the events of the night of April 18, 1775, it was stated by my friend, the esteemed Rector of Christ Church, Boston, that the signal lanterns which directed the movements of Paul Revere on that night were "hung out on the steeple of the Old North Church" by one Robert Newman, who, it was said, was then the sexton of that church. Knowing that this statement could not be correct, and having my attention called to the matter by a kinswoman of mine, who furnished me with additional reasons for believing that the honor