

On April 17th, 1830, at a meeting of the church it was, by unanimous vote, decided that a council be called for the purpose of setting apart to the gospel ministry Robert Dickie. Consequently a council convened from the churches at Windsor, Horton, Cornwallis, Newport and Chester on the 19th day of May following, when Robert Dickie was duly ordained to the work of the ministry; and although there is no definite record of the fact, there is sufficient evidence on the minutes of the church to conclude that he became its pastor, and remained with them as such until 1834. From that date until February 11th, 1837, the church was without a pastor. At that time Elder John Cogswell was engaged as pastor for one year, although until 1839 the church was without a pastor a portion of the time; yet the meeting were well attended and strict discipline maintained. The church at this time numbered 76: 66 being received by baptism and letters, and 15 excluded.

In March, 1833, Ezra Churchill was by vote of the church allowed a license to preach, within the limits of the church only; and Allen Young and Clark Young were ordained deacons.

In 1836 we have the first mention of a church clerk, when Elisha Holmes was elected assistant clerk. In 1839 Louis Lockwood was appointed church clerk in place of Allen Young who resigned.

During the summer of 1839 Elder James Stevens supplied the pulpit for a time, and in November of that year was engaged for twelve months as pastor. We do not know whether the pastors engaged up to this time gave their services gratuitously or not, but we now have the first intimation of any pay being given; the record shows that the church agreed to raise a salary by subscription. There is no record of the length of time that Elder Stevens

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