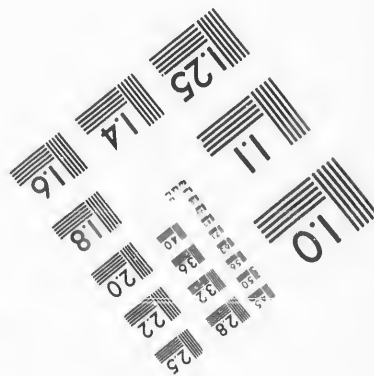
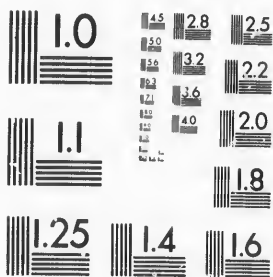


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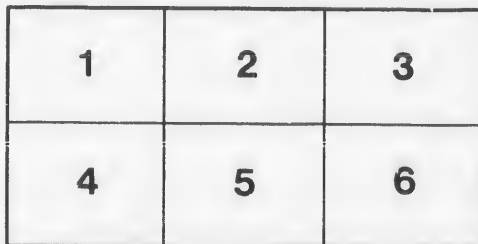
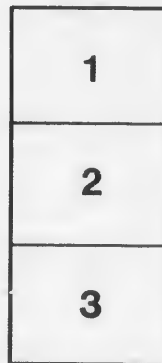
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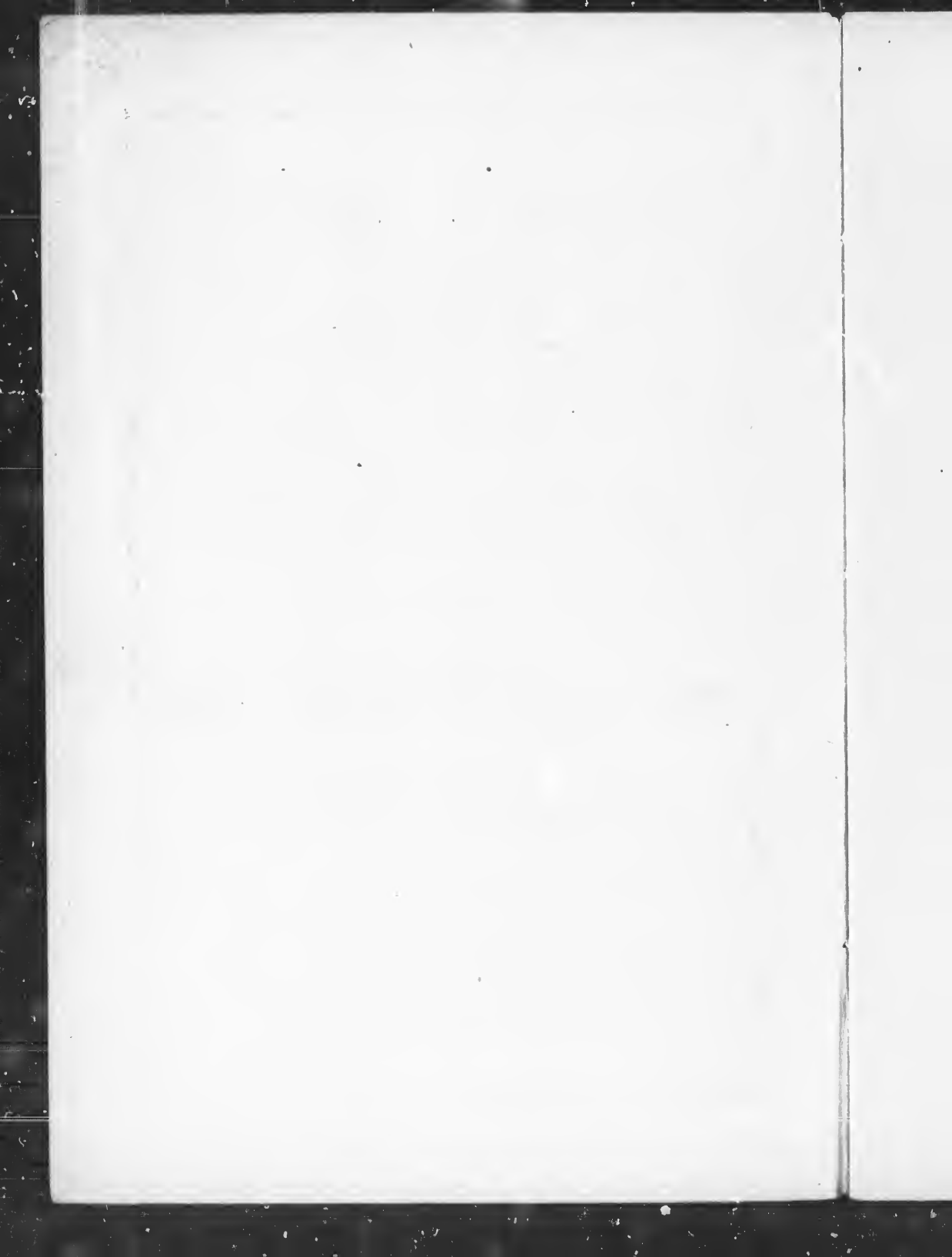
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### THE WRITER'S NOTE.

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In a church, such as ours with a membership reaching up into the hundreds it is difficult for the individual members to know just who are their Brothers and Sisters in church fellowship. The aim of this little booklet is to give each member a complete register of names to be found on our church-roll; and to place a few facts before them in the form of a Historical sketch. The copy of our Covenant, together with the illustrations of church property will be appreciated.

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REV. BYRON H. THOMAS,  
THE PRESENT PASTOR.

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### OFFICERS.

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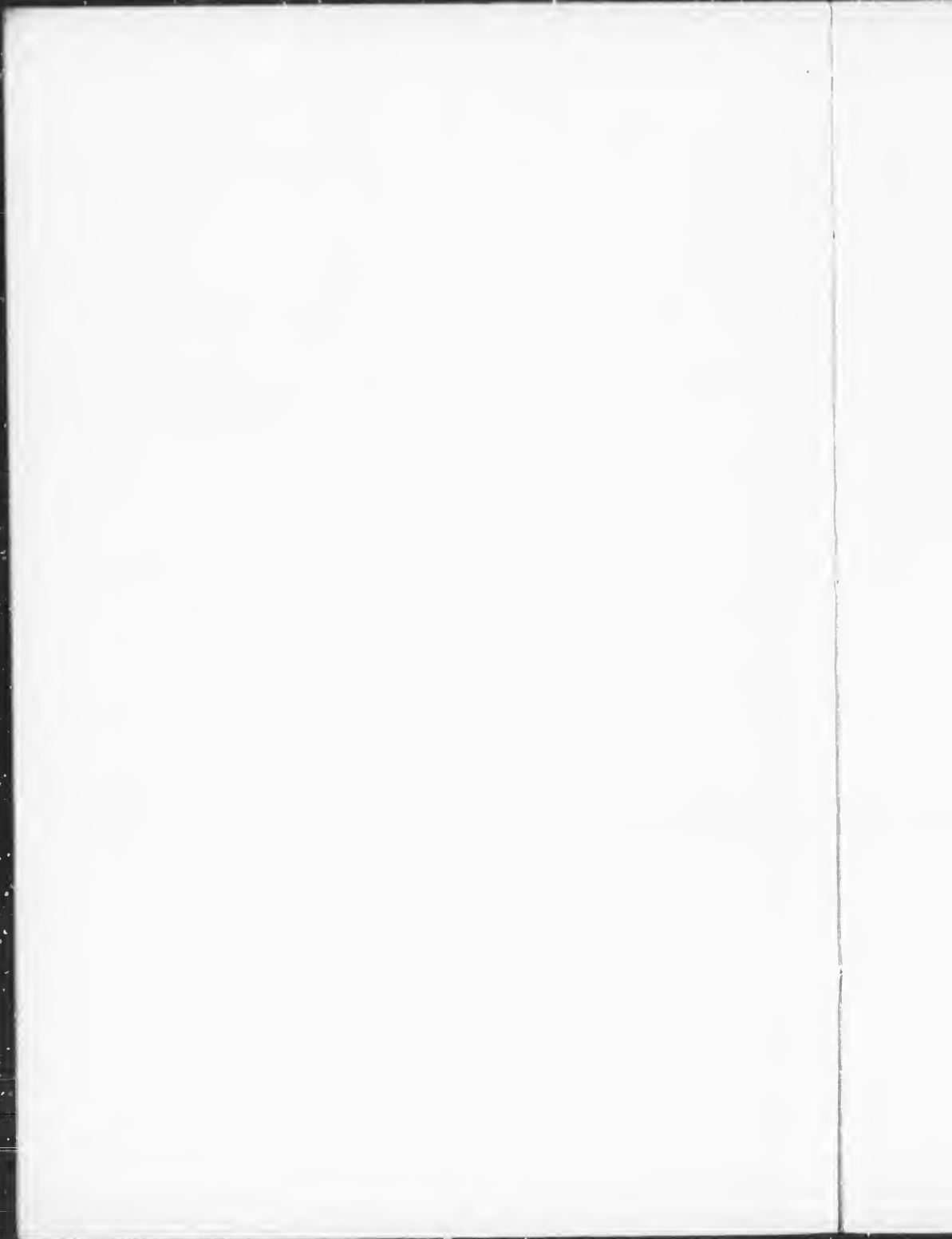
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THE WEST YARMOUTH BAPTIST PROPERTY,  
CHEGOGGIN, N. S.



## HISTORICAL SKETCH.

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Baptists have had an organized existence in what is really West Yarmouth, N. S., since the year 1853. Baptists however have lived in Chegoggin, Overton and Pembroke, since the days that our forefathers first rescued their farms from the forest primeval. Indeed the pen that traces the history of Old Zion church in Yarmouth town must of necessity mention the struggles of pioneer Baptists in these localities, for even yet "Old Zion" is spoken of as the mother church.

Precious indeed are the memories of the bye-gone blessed days when the fathers and mothers with their children gathered within the hallowed precincts of the "old round school house at the foot of the hill." Songs of salvation were joyfully sung, the voice of glad testimony was frequently heard, and God's children were often found in the attitude of supplication.

In 1853 sixty members of the old Zion church living in Chegoggin, Pembroke and Overton asked to be dismissed from the fellowship of said church in order that they might organize a Baptist church in what is really West Yarmouth with Chegoggin as a centre. The request was granted. On Saturday afternoon, April 23, 1853, they met, and after a precious season of prayer and praise the organization of the church was effected.

The following was the first Board of Deacons elected to serve the church: Zachariah Chipman, Nelson Corning, Kelley Rose and John Rose. Mr. Abner H. Huntington served as the first clerk. Mr. Walter G. Goncher, Lic., was called to the pastorate. Since then the church has been served by thirteen pastors including the present incumbent.

During the first years the growth of the church was slow, but each year witnessed accessions to the membership. In 1858 the entire community was ablaze with the glories of revival fire and 30 converts united; in 1862 under Pastor J. H. Saunders 19 became members; in 1869, 26 converted ones

became members; in 1878 the church was blessed with the largest revival in its history; 60 of the residents found pardon and joined the ranks of the church militant. Revs. J. W. Weeks and H. N. Parry were the instruments in this work of grace. In 1880, 20 accessions are reported; in 1881, 21 received the right hand of fellowship and welcome. In 1892, under Rev. G. W. Schurman, the church enjoyed its second largest revival in its history—44 were placed on the membership roll. In the year 1896 the present pastor has had the joy of giving the hand of fellowship to 20 new members.

Of course these references are to the largest revivals, nearly all the years have witnessed accessions all the way from 1 to 16 candidates. We give the totals covering the entire period as follows: 409 baptized, 79 added by letter; 100 have been dismissed to other churches, 67 have been excluded; 138 have been translated to the church triumphant. The present membership is 278. Three of the original members of the church are still living, Mrs. M. Trask, Mrs. M. J. Harris and Mrs. Haunah Beveridge; two of the original members have recently died, Mrs. S. A. Palmer and Mrs. M. J. Rose.

So far as we know we claim to be the only Baptist church in the Province that resorts to strictly New Testament methods of raising church finances. The entire work of the church is sustained by the free, unsolicited plate offerings of the people. In this way over \$800.00 were raised last year.

The present edifice, a picture of which is herewith given, is the original structure built in 1850; it has, however, been remodelled and enlarged somewhat, the tower and spire being added in later years. In addition to the church edifice the church owns a commodious parsonage with about four acres of land.

Nine new horse sheds have recently been constructed at Chegoggin adding to the value of church property, and to the comfort of the teams of the worshippers. The church is indebted to Bro. Capt. Samuel Corning for the use of the land upon which the sheds have been erected.

The Hall property at Overton is a substantial structure; and regular services are held each Lord's Day afternoon; a well sustained Sabbath school holds weekly sessions. The

Wednesday evening prayer meeting is an established part of our work here. The friends in this place have recently put repairs on the interior of the Hall, improving the platform arrangements very much. New pulpit furniture has been added. The efficient choir is led by Mr. G. Israel Allen.

B. Y. P. U. work is an established reality both in Chegoggin and Overton. Two healthy Mission Bands are at work with the aim of intensifying interest in missions among our boys and girls.

A Woman's Mission Aid Society has been formed and is at work along their own lines. A more united and better organized church can scarce be found among the sisterhood of churches in our convention.

The non-resident members of the church are scattered throughout the continent, and even throughout the world. The influence then of our much loved Zion can truly be said to be universal. The church has had the joy of sending forth two of her sons to be preachers of the everlasting gospel—Archibald Foote and John Tucker. Bro. Foote was not permitted to finish his studies at Acadia College whither he had gone, but was called to the service of the life beyond this. It is our joy to report that the Master's "go ye" is upon Sister Edna Corning one of the promising daughters of our church. Sister Corning may in the providence of God, serve the cause of Missions in India.

The membership of the church includes the villages of Overton, Pembroke, Chegoggin and Sandford, with a number of families in Middleton and Cape Forchu. West Yarmouth Baptists are grateful to the Great Head of the church for the many blessings that have come to them; giving them a leading place among the rural churches of the province.

"I love thy church, O God;  
Her walls before Thee stand,  
Dear as the apple of thine eye,  
And graven on Thy hand.  
For her my tears shall fall,  
For her my prayers ascend;  
To her my cares and toils be giv'n,  
Till toils and cares shall end."

## CHURCH COVENANT.

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Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour; and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

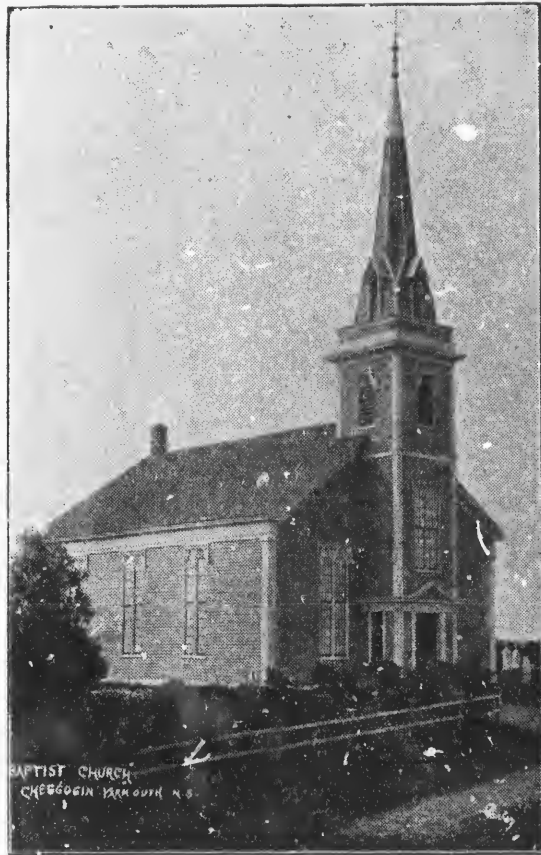
We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

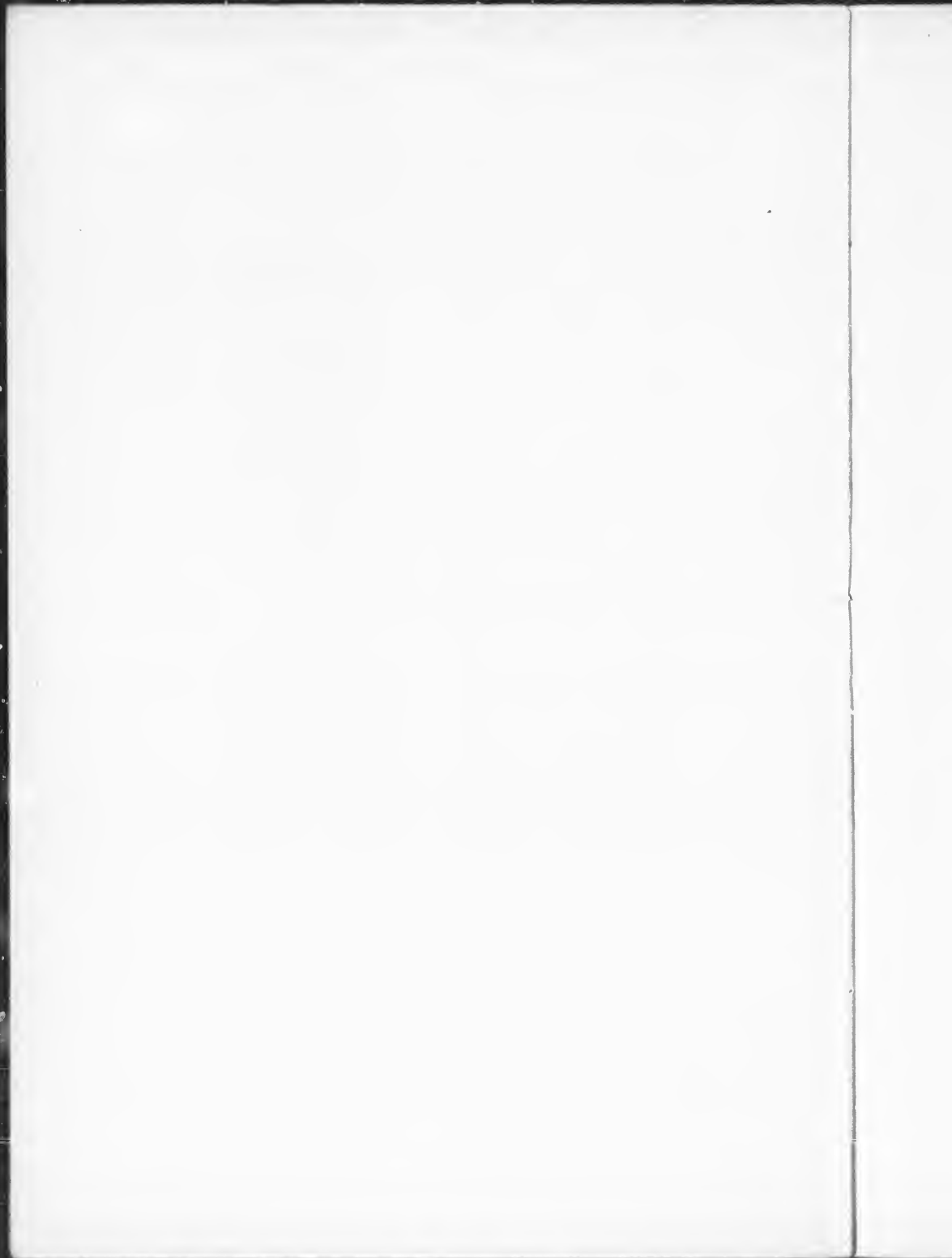
We moreover engage, that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant, and the principles of God's word.





THE WEST YARMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH,  
CHEGGON, N. S.

Constructed in 1850 and twice remodelled.



## LIST OF MEMBERS.

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Allen, G. Israel  
Allen, Aeenath  
Allen, Norman  
Allen, Jennie  
Allen, Lettie  
Allen, Georgie  
Allen, Letitia  
Allen, May  
Bain, Ina  
Bain, Bessie  
Bain, William  
Bain, J. Delancey  
Bain, Margaret  
Bain, Hannah  
Bain, Mary  
Bain, Frederic  
Bain, Charles  
Brayn, Mary  
Brown, Lydia  
Bethune, William  
Bethune, Adelbert  
Bethune, Georgiana  
Bethune, Agusta J  
Beveridge, Amos  
Beveridge, Hannah  
Black, Deacon James P.  
Black, Elizabeth  
Black, Julia H  
Black, Charles  
Bell, James N  
Blake, Isabel  
Bridgeo, Eunice  
Bell, Sarah L.  
Churchill, Grace  
Churchill, Deacon Stephen  
Churchill, Deacon Jeffery  
Churchill, Alvin  
Churchill, Eunice  
Churchill, Elizabeth  
Churchill, Myrtle  
Churchill, Grace  
Churchill, Beatrice  
Churchill, Israel  
Churchill, Frederic  
Churchill, George W.  
Churchill, Martha  
Churchill, Nathan  
Churchill, Nellie  
Churchill, Mary H.  
Churchill, Etta  
Carey, David  
Carey, Hannah  
Carey, Ella  
Carey, Adelbert  
Carey, Hattie  
Cann, James  
Cann, Elizabeth  
Cann, Bertie  
Cann, Joseph  
Cann, Margaret  
Cann, Harvey  
Cann, Annie M  
Cann, Mrs. Harvey  
Cann, Edric  
Cann, Hattie  
Cann, Eva J.  
Cann, William  
Corning, Jefferson  
Corning, Sarah  
Corning, William H.  
Corning, Deacon William  
Corning, Hannah  
Corning, Samuel  
Corning, Gertrude  
Corning, Sadie  
Corning, Edna C  
Corning, John C.  
Corning, Howard  
Corning, Edgar  
Corning, Rufus  
Corning, Delilah  
Corning, Ethel  
Corning, Alice L.  
Corning, Geo. P.  
Clifford, Samuel  
Clark, Della  
Clark, Sarah  
Cole, Alister  
Cole, Bertha  
Crowell, Emma J.  
Cook, Georgie  
Cushing, Edward H.  
Cushing, Maggie H.  
Cushing, Lucy  
Doane, Evelyn  
Loane, Prince I.  
Doane, Joshua  
Doane, Elizabeth  
Doane, Bethiah  
Doane, Alice

Doane, Margaret L.  
Doane, Cora  
Doane, Rose  
Doane, Clarence  
Doane, Howard  
Doane, Hiram  
Doane, Lottie  
Doane, Catherine  
Doane, Thomas  
Doty, Chipman  
Dalton, Jessie  
Dalton, Nellie  
Durkee, Richard  
Durkee, Adeliade  
Durkee, Lurancy  
Durkee, William  
Durkee, Ralph  
Durkee, Edward  
Durkee, Pearl Sr.  
Durkee, Mrs. Pearl  
Durkee, Alvah  
Durkee, Ellen  
Durkee, John  
Durkee, Lydia  
Durkee, Maggie  
Durkee, Alice  
Du. kee, Pearl  
Durkee, Ellen  
Durkee, Anne  
Deveaux, Joseph H.  
Foote, Lavinia  
Foote, Henrietta  
Foote, Eunice  
Foote, Elizabeth  
Foote, Elmira  
Foote, James H.  
Foote, Nelson  
Foote, John  
Foote, Mark  
Foote, Alice  
Foote, Agnes  
Foote, Alvin  
Foote, John  
Foote, Miner  
Foote, Charles  
Foote, Roy  
Foote, Blanche  
Foote, Ethel  
Foote, Lottie  
Foote, Budd  
Foote, Mary  
Foote, Nellie  
Foote, Elizabeth  
Fevens, Charles  
Goudey, Zechariah  
Goudey, Julia A.  
Goudey, Annie  
Goudey, Mrs Ansel  
Harris, Mary E.  
Harris, Margaret  
Harris, Lyman  
Harris, Laura  
Haskell, Augusta  
Haley, Mary

Jaffrey, James  
Jaffrey, Alvah  
Killam, Richard  
Killam, Geo.  
Killam, Isaac, sr.  
Killam, Isaac, jr.  
Killam, Maria A.  
Killam, Stephen  
Killam, Hannah  
Killam, Susan B.  
Killam, Lurette  
Killam, Mabel  
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Lewis, Gertie M.  
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Lyons, Ethel  
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Rose, Lois  
Rose, Laura  
Rose, Elma  
Rose, William  
Rose, Emma  
Rose, Henry  
Rose, Mary  
Rose, Nellie  
Rose, Alice  
Scoville, Reuben  
Scoville, Sarah  
Scoville, Nettie  
Scoville, Lottie

Scoville, Leah  
Scoville, William  
Scoville, Etta  
Scoville, Asa  
Scoville, James  
Smith, Jane  
Stanwood, Howard  
Stanwood, Edna  
Stanwood, Letitia  
Stanwood, Emily H.  
Servant, Zebulon  
Servant, Mary  
Servant, Alfred  
Strickland, Augusta  
Spinney, Kady  
Tedford, Hannah  
Tedford, Addie  
Tedford, Clara  
Tedford, Hattie  
Thurber, Janet

Thomas, Rev. Byron  
Thomas, Bessie M.  
Tnompson, Frederic  
Trask, Matilda  
Trask, Egbert  
Trask, Annie  
Vickery, Ada  
Vickery, George R.  
Vickery, Alvah R.  
Vickery, Geo.  
Vickery, Lillian  
Walker, Christina  
Webster, Robert  
Williams, William  
Williams, Bessie  
Williams, Hattie  
Williamson, Whitman  
Wetmore, Thomas  
Wetmore, Mrs. Thomas  
Wyman, Annie

