

June 4 1860 At a special meeting of the First Congregational Church in Fairmount, it was voted unanimously to extend a call to Mr Rotond B Howard of the Bangor Theological Seminary to become their pastor for one year commencing on the first Sabbath in October 1860 at a salary of eight hundred dollars per annum, with a view to a permanent settlement there of so if mutually desirable. Voted the Deacons Hailey, Titcomb & Cutler be a committee to communicate ~~this~~ <sup>the</sup> foregoing vote to Mr Howard and request his answer.

At a meeting of the church on the 17 Sept 1860, it was voted unanimously, that the call extended by this church to Mr Howard, by vote on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June last, be amended so as to read as follows: "It was voted unanimously that this church extend a call to Mr Rotond B Howard of the Bangor Theological Seminary, to become their pastor at a salary of eight hundred dollars per annum. Copy of Record

Attest Robert Goodenow  
Clerk

Sept 29 Wtd that the Ordination of Mr  
Howard as Pastor of this Church be  
held at their meeting house on Thursday  
Oct 11 1860 at 2 o'clock PM and that  
an ecclesiastical Council be convened  
to advise and assist in the solemnities  
his ordination on the same day at  
9 $\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock AM. That for these purposes  
the following Churches be invited  
to meet in Cen. by their pastor delegate

Name Central Church Bangor

Winter Street

Bath

Holme Hill

Holme Hill

Herpswell

Herpswell

Aca Shorn

Farmington Falls

Milton

Weld

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String

Rev<sup>d</sup> Dr Leppon

Rev<sup>d</sup> Isaac Rogers

Letters nippies were sent to the above  
Churches and persons

Attest R Goodenow

Clerk

I yourd me with regard to  
a piece of business which we had, just  
of our Hunnington meeting 1868  
To Mr Rowland B. Howard our  
yesterday as follows - with much pleasure  
we desire to call to the undersigned  
a Committee of the Cong. Church of Christ  
in Hunnington would respectfully submit  
to your Consideration the following  
Votes of the Church as will give you  
a clearer idea of what was done at the  
annual meeting and what was voted on the  
4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1868 "Voted - that  
this Church extend a call to Mr Rowland  
B. Howard to become their Pastor for one  
year commencing the first Sabbath in October  
1869 at a salary of \$600 - per annum,  
with a view to a permanent settlement  
thereafter if mutually desirable."  
"Voted - That Dea Thomas Hunter, Dea John  
Titecomb & Dea Ruben Luther be a Committee  
to communicate the above vote to Mr  
Rowland B. Howard and request an answer."

Attest R. Goodenow - Clerk

(over)

The Committee are happy to  
say, that an entire unanimity of feeling  
prevails in the Parish in reference to  
your becoming our Pastor. It all ob-

and more dear Sir - permit us personally,  
and in behalf of the Church which we  
represent, to express our earnest desire  
that you will accept of our invitation  
to the Pastoral Office among us - & of  
praying that God would guide you to  
a favorable decision. We subscribe ourselves  
at this behalf of the Church "yours etc  
W. H. Peters" 1881. Your brethren in Christ  
R. W. M. & J. C. & J. C. Committee  
as up to now with Thomas Hunter  
and S. J. John Pitcairn our church  
was not - Reuben letter was 1881

submitted summary of his other  
advised position of himself  
which was, "We - both - Peter"  
this is as follows and quoted  
at the end of this letter  
"There is no longer any room, or I have  
nothing more to say. It is all

Famington Oct. 11. 1860

By the reading of a letter missive, an Ecclesiastical Council was call'd to order, in the Cong. house of worship at Famington, to take into consideration the ordaining of Mr. Roland B. Howard as Pastor over the Cong. church of that place, & if deemed proper, to assist in the Ordaining Services.

The Council organized by the appointment of Rev. Simeon Hackett, Moderator, & Rev. J. E. Adams, scribe.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. John D. Fiske of Bath. Credentials of members for the Council were filed in, as follows.

Winter St. Bath.

(Rev. J. D. Fiske.

Pastor.

Wm. A. R. Mitchell

Del.

Rev. Mr. Rogers.

Pastor.

Bro. G. B. Brown.

Del.

Dea Thomas. Hunter.

Del.

Rev. J. E. Adams.

Pastor.

Bro. S. S. Adams.

Del.

Rev. J. Burnham.

Pastor.

Bro. D. J. Hunter.

Del.

Famington Falls.

Famington.

New Sharon

Strong.

Gemple.

Rev. J. Hackett.  
Rev. J. Scales.

Pastor.

Del.

Rev. J. Pitcomb.  
Bro. H. Scott.

Pastor

Del

Weld.

Bro. Levi. Harding

Del

Wilton

Bro. Geo. Adams

Del

An invitation was extended to all the evangelical ministerial brethren present, to act with the council in its deliberations.

Documents were here presented relative to the call & agreement with Mr. Howard, on the part of the church & society.

Mr. Howard's acceptance of the call &c. was much discussed. The candidate presented his license to preach, & this was considered a sufficient voucher for his church membership.

He now gave a verbal relation of his christian experience, & call to the gospel ministry.

Written Articles of Faith were presented by the candidate, & he was question'd on the several points of these articles, by the several members of the council.

The examination was bro't to a close, & it was moved by Bro. Fiske, that the Council be satisfied with the papers produced, with Mr. Howard's relation of christian

experience, & with his ability to defend his articles of faith. Moreover also that we proceed to the appointment of parts for the Ordination services.

The motion passed.

A committee was raised to consult with the candidate for the assignment of parts.

The Committee reported the following order.

1. Voluntary by the choir. Invocation. Rev. Mr. Morill.
2. Reading scriptures & Hymn. — Rev. Mr. Loundsbury.
3. Prayer. — Rev. Mr. Blake.
4. Reading Hymn & Sermon. — Rev. Mr. Fiske.
5. Ordaining Prayer. — Rev. Mr. Hackett.
6. Voluntary. — Choir.
7. Charge to Pastor. — Rev. Mr. Burnham.
8. Right hand of Fellowship. — Rev. Mr. Adams.
9. Address to Church & People. — Rev. Mr. Pitcomb.
10. Concluding Prayer. — Rev. Mr. Fuller.
11. Doxology. — Congregation.
12. Benediction. — Pastor

The report was accepted, & the Council voted to adjourn till two o'clock P.M.: then to proceed with the ordination services.

Met at two o'clock P.M. & the ordination services were performed in order.

Attest. J. E. Adams. Scribe.

The Council take great pleasure in bearing full and hearty testimony to the excellent Christian and Ministerial character of the Rev Mr Howard. To his usefulness as a Pastor, and the important service he has rendered, to the churches of this county and state.

This removal is a public loss, to his Native state. Few men labor so abundantly, to do good on a grand scale.

While deeply regretting his removal, the Council most cordially recommend him to the confidence and Christian fellowship of the churches, and the people of God, in the great West, as a faithful, and earnest preacher of the gospel sounds in the faith. Zealous in labors to win and save souls.

Our prayers shall be, that the benediction of Heaven may ever attend him.

The Council express their sympathy for the church in their prospective bereavement and earnestly recommend, that the earliest measures be taken to secure a successor to their beloved Pastor. Some Man of God, who shall gather many souls into the Kingdom.

Rev Stephen Thurston, D.D.

Moderator.

Attest.

J L Pratt, Scribe.

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## Result of Council.

An Ecclesiastical Council met at the Congregational Meeting House in Farmington, Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> 1870, at two o'clock P.M., in accordance with the request by Letters Mission, to consider whether under existing circumstances, the Pastoral relation of Rev. R. B. Howard with the Congregational Church and Society in Farmington, ought to be dissolved.

The Council organized by the choice of Rev. Dr. Thurston of New Haven, Moderator. And Rev. J. L. Brett of Strong, Vice Moderator was offered for their direction by the Moderator.

The Churches represented in Council were,

Temple, by Bro. S. Oakes, Del. Wilton, by Dr. S. L. Bass, Del.

Wald, by Bro. J. Russell, Del. New Haven, by Rev. W. Gathorne Jackson, D.D., Lancaster,

Strong, by Rev. J. L. Brett, Pastor, and Dr. W. H. Dyer, Del.

Also Rev. S. Thurston, D.D., of New Haven, and Rev. Isaac Raynor & Rev. S. Titcomb of Farmington.

It appears that Rev. Mr. Howard had received a call to become the Pastor of the Congregational Church in Princeton Ill. And had decided that it was his duty to accept it. He assigned several reasons on which this decision rested, the substance of which was, that he thought he might be more useful in the field to which he has been invited.

The Church, by its Committee, was heard in reply.

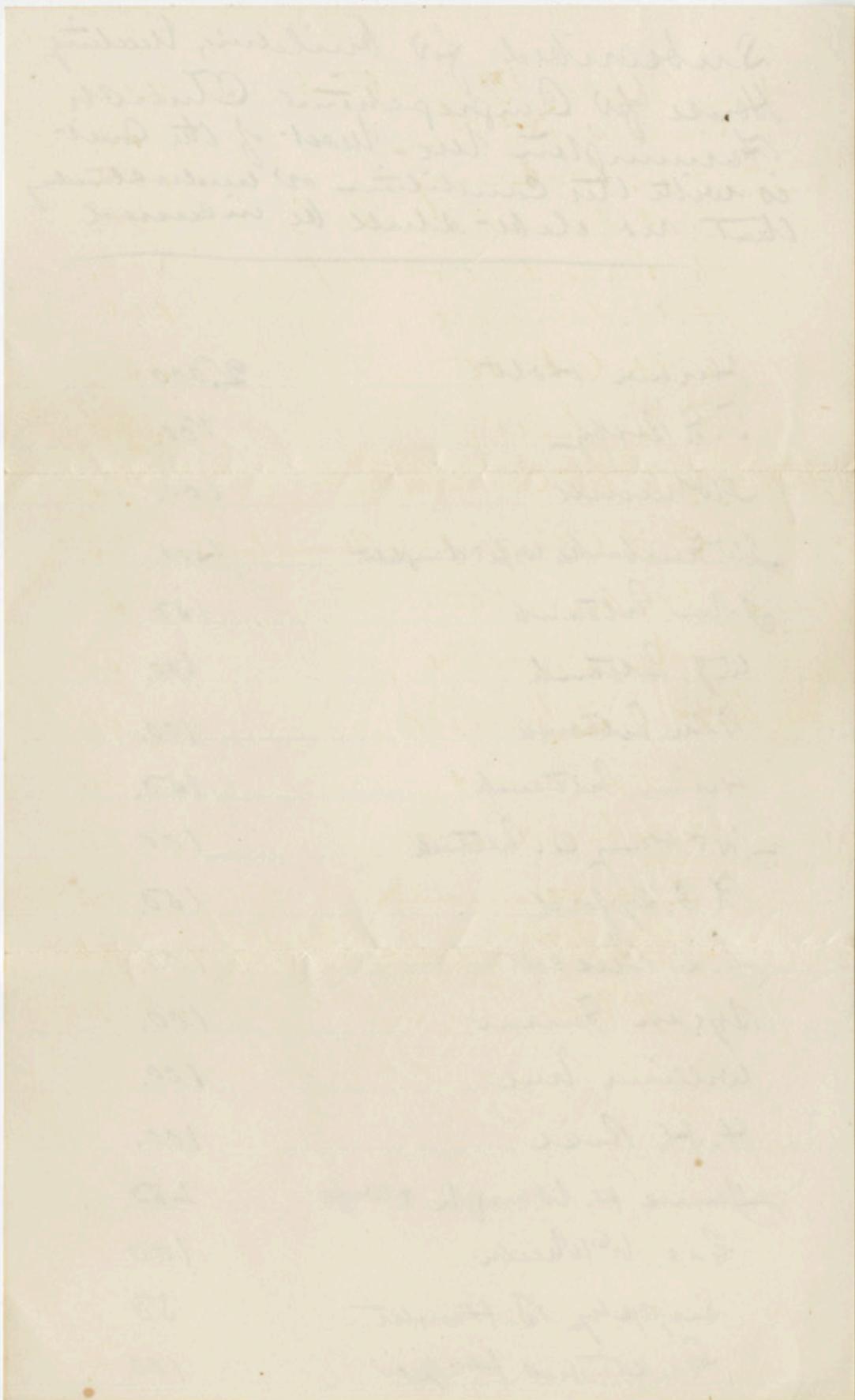
The Council are happy to learn, that a state of mutual love and respect exists between the Rev. Mr. Howard and the church and people of his charge. And in coming to their result, they are controlled by the settled conviction of the Pastor, that duty calls him to another part of the Lord's vineyard.

They therefore advise, unanimously, that the pastoral relation, which for almost ten years, has so happily & peacefully existed between them, be dissolved.

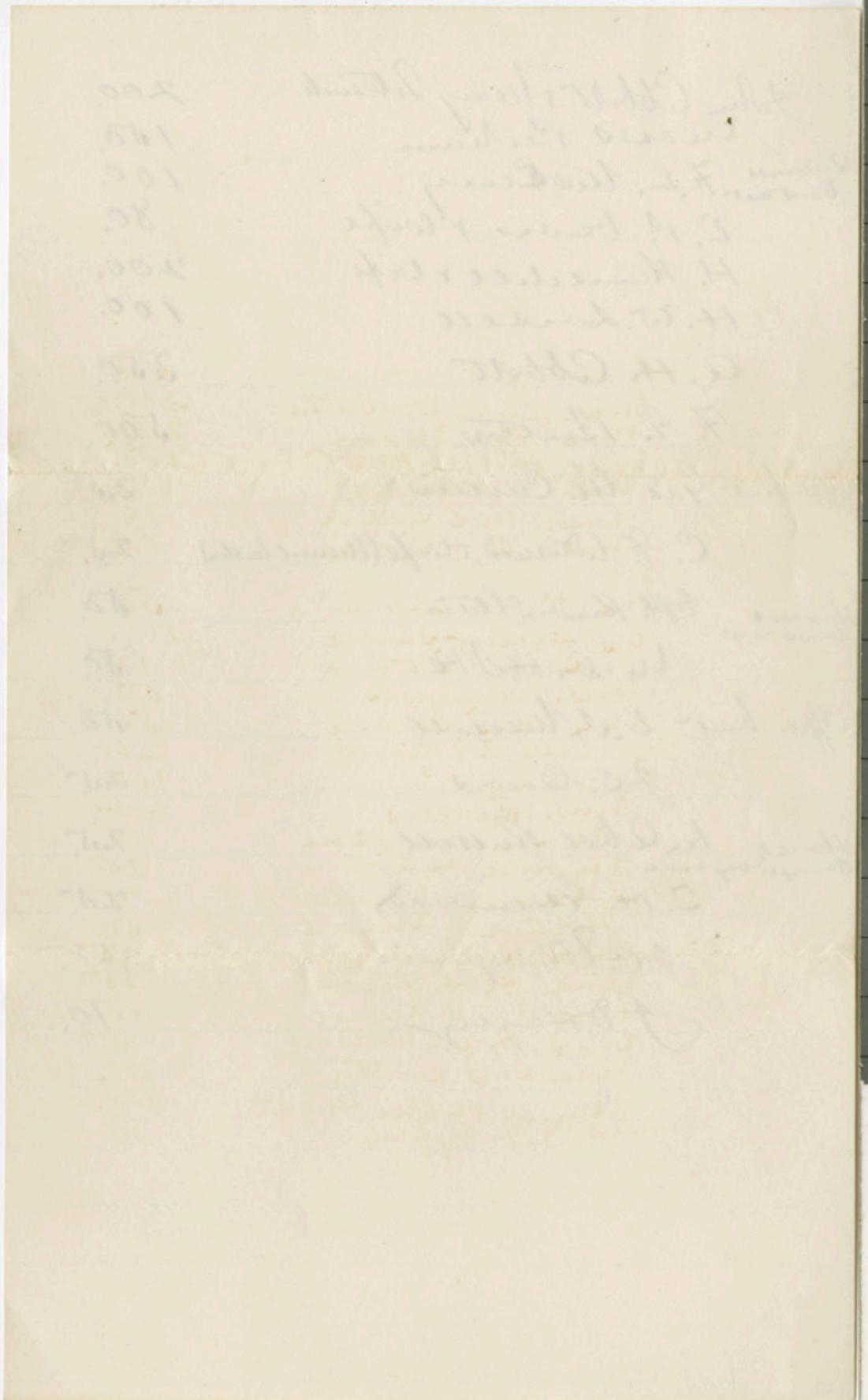
Dismissal  
from  
Farnham

Subscribed for building Meeting  
House for Congregational Church  
Farmington Ave - West of the Court  
is with the condition or understanding  
that no debt shall be incurred

Hiram Holt	2,000.
J. F. Dixby	100.
A. Whipple	100.
J. W. Fairbanks, wife & daughter	400.
John Litchfield	150
W. J. Litchfield	100.
R. M. Litchfield	100.
Hiram Litchfield	150.
Jos. & Henry A. Litchfield	100
F. O. Lyford	150.
J. L. Prescott	100.
Bryon Farrar	100.
William True	100.
H. H. Rice	100.
James H. Waugh & wife	250.
Geo. W. Wheeler	100
Supply B. Hunt	50
Gustavus Hayes	100.



John Abbott & Lucy Abbott	200.
Moses Perkins	150.
Business burnt out F. L. McCleary	100.
E. S. Davis & wife	80.
H. Kendall & wife	200.
H. W. Lowell	100.
A. H. Abbott	350.
F. G. Butler	500.
Officer Geo. W. Custer	25.
C. F. Warren & wife (Normal leaders)	25.
James D. Knobell	50.
Business burnt out Mr. C. Hobbs	80
Officer E. J. Munroe	50
J. C. Ames	25.
House - Dr. Abel Russell	25.
Damaged very much Z. H. Greenwood	25.
J. H. Thompson	25.
J. D. Hardy	10.



Mrs. James Burnham	50.
Mrs. Julia W. Butler	300.
Mrs. Da. Muriel	200.
Mrs. Hiram Holt	250.
Mrs. Frank	3.
Mrs. M. S. Alden	10.
Mrs. L. G. Blake	10.
 Mrs. Hannah Chandler	50.
Mrs. Harriet Seales	100.
Carrie Lecombe	25.
Mrs. Gammon	50.
Mrs. L. J. Sewall	50.
Ella P. Lecombe	20.
Miss Eliza Perkins	100.
Mrs. Pearles	2.
Mrs. Thompson	10.
Minnie Hoer	25.
H. Maria Merrill	75.
Hortense Merrill	50.
Mrs. Richard Rice	25-
Mrs. H. H. Rice	25-
Mrs. M. C. Moses	5-
Mrs. H. L. Whitecomb	5-
Mrs. C. B. Cutler	100.
Alfrey Robbie Hunter	100.
Mrs. F. O. Syford	50.

Subscribers to  
Church Building  
Fund of the  
Methodist

Rockport, Mass. Feb. 13, 1885

At a council, regularly called  
by the 1st Cong'l Church and  
Society of Rockport, Mass. and  
held this day to consider the  
resignation of its Pastor, Rev. R.  
B. Howard and to advise thereupon  
it was voted & recommended that  
the said resignation be accepted.

The following statement was  
unanimously adopted: In  
coming to this conclusion the  
council desire to put on record  
their high appreciation of the  
work our brother has been per-  
mitted to accomplish during his  
pastorate here. At the time

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of his coming to Rockport the church despairing of ever being able to pay the heavy debt resting upon them, had given up their house of worship & were almost overwhelmed by their misfortunes. But by the persistent, laborious & wise efforts of the pastor in uniting all in the work & in securing help from friends of the church, the heavy debt was lifted, the house of worship reoccupied free from debt, & the church & parish were placed on a substantial basis. The church has also gained in spirituality & power during the ministry now closing & is left in a united & hopeful condition for future prosperity. Rev. R.B. Howard is most heartily commended by this council as an able & successful preacher of the gospel, as a wise & faithful pastor, as a man

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eminently qualified to ~~act~~  
do efficient Christian work &  
while we deeply regret his with-  
drawal from the specific work  
of a minister or pastor, we  
congratulate the American Peace  
Society in securing a man <sup>well</sup> so  
qualified to act as their rep-  
resentative.

F. G. Clark, Moderator  
D. O. Clark, Scribe.

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Rockport Mass.

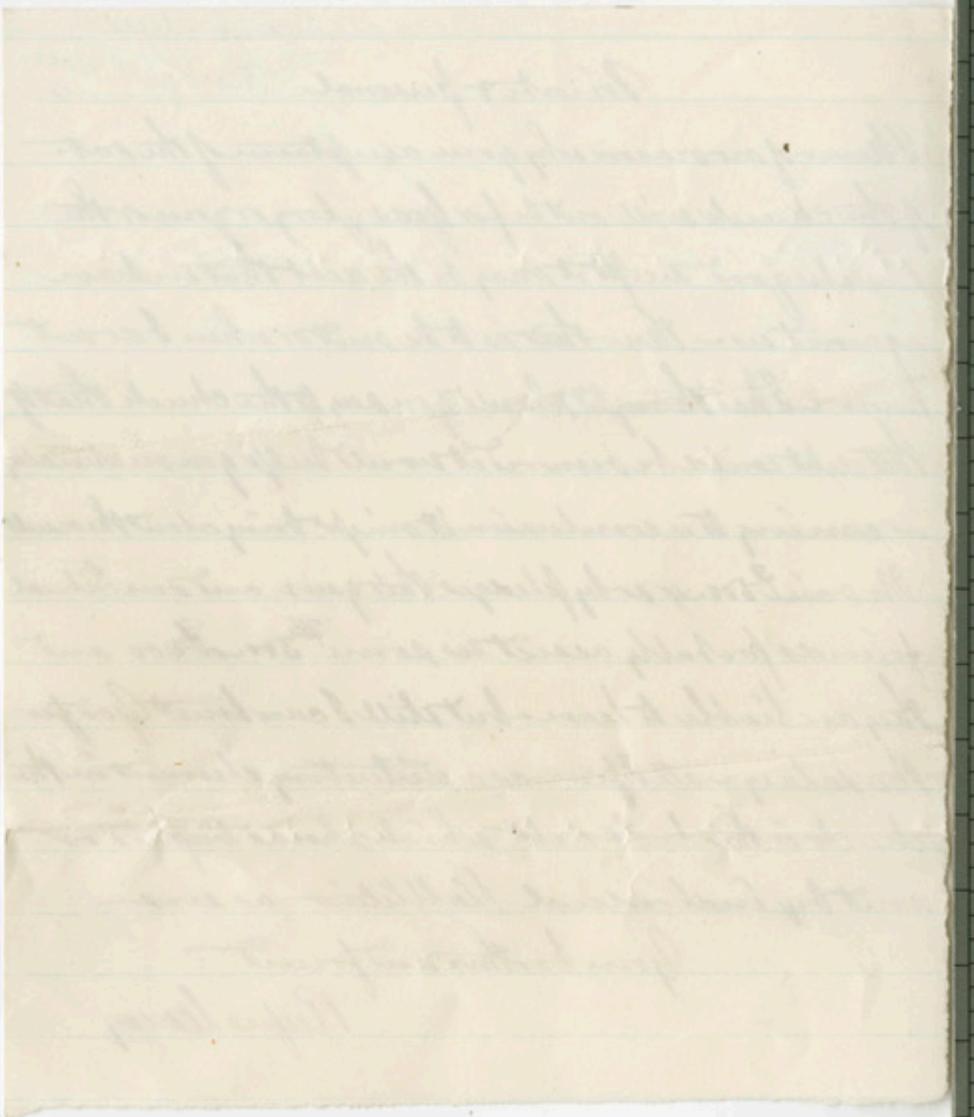
Private & personal

I know of no reason why you acceptance of the pastorate  
of the church will not be for Gods glory or your or the  
churchs good except it may be the debt that we have  
against us - Now that is to be met or when I do not  
know - I had thought should you say to the church that if  
that debt could be removed it would help you materially  
in coming to a conclusion & might bring about the result  
We wait so long for pledges this year and our liberal  
friends probably assist us some \$300 or 400 and  
they are liable to leave but still I can trust God for  
the salary - all I fear as a disturbing element in the  
church is this back debt which should be paid or  
met by individual members as ever

Your brother and friend  
Reuben Leary

Rev. R. B. Howard

Dismissal act.  
Rockport. 1885.



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3 Sept 1880

Sermon, - Rev. J. B. Clark of Boston.  
Installing Prayer, - Rev. S. L. Gleason.  
Anthem, by Choir.

Charge to Pastor, Rev. C. C. M. Antine.  
Right Hand of Fellowship, - Rev. F. S. Clark.  
Address to the People, - Rev. F. H. Boynton.  
Concluding Prayer, - Rev. E. S. Potter.  
Doxology, by the Congregation.  
Benediction, by the Pastor.

In accordance with letters missive,  
an ecclesiastical council was con-  
vened at the vestry of the First  
Cong. Church of Rockport, on this  
3<sup>rd</sup> day of Sept. 1880, to advise as  
to the expediency of installing Rev.  
R. B. Howard as Pastor of this  
church and society.

The Council was composed as fol.:  
The Council voted to adjourn Evang. Cong. Ch. Gloucester, F. S. Clark, Past.  
until 7.30 P.M.; and that after the  
services of Installation, it be hereby Cong. Ch. West Gloucester, A. C. Childs, Past.  
dissolved. Cong. Ch. Danversville, S. B. Andrews, Past.

Signed F. S. Clark, Moderator.

F. H. Boynton, Scribe.

D. E. Smith, Del.

Cong. Ch. Manchester, S. L. Gleason, Past.

Abram Goldsmith, Del.

A true copy.

Attest, F. H. Boynton.

Cong. Ch. Essex, F. H. Boynton, Past.

Rev. J. B. Clark, Soc. of Chars, Home Miss., Sec.  
Rev. E. S. Potter, East Gloucester.  
Rev. John Capen, Past. of M. E. Ch. Rockport.  
Rev. E. D. Bowers, Past. of Bapt. Ch.  
Rev. Nathanael Richardson,  
Rev. C. C. Ashe, Interv.

The Council was called to order by Rev. J. B. Clark, and organized by choice of Rev. H. S. Clark as moderator, and Rev. F. H. Boynton, scribe. Prayer was offered by the moderator. The Council listened to the call extended by the church and society to Rev. R. B. Howard to become their pastor, and his letter of acceptance. Mr. Howard gave certificates of church membership and good standing in the ministry,

which were approved. The Council proceeded to examine the candidate, in reference to his religious experience, ministerial labors, and theological views.

The Council being by themselves, it was voted that the papers and examination of the candidate were entirely satisfactory. The scribe, and Rev. A. R. Andrews were appointed a committee to confer with the Pastor-elect, and arrange the programme for Installation services. Their report was adopted, as follows:

Voluntary, by the Choir.

Reading Result of Council, by Scribe.

Invocation, - Rev. A. R. Andrews.

Reading Scriptures, - Rev. John Capen.

Singing of Hymn.