

were not. This relieved its open communion of one absurdity...

"Met in a special conference, agreeably to appointment for a general attendance of the members of the church...

And who shall say, if we should all, in our difference of belief, seek to settle our doubts and arrive at the truth by prayer and searching of the scriptures...

But it is time that we should give a brief sketch of the history of the church in its work of saving souls...

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It may have been that she grew self-sufficient, and needed the long barrenness to bring her back to dependence on God...

But the tidal wave of blessing was beginning to swell. It began to rise in the early part of 1827...

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141 members. But the two pastors labored equally on both fields...

From 1838 to 1842 were dark days. There were differences to adjust, and discipline to exercise in almost every conference of the four years...

Again the church had its dark days. In 1845 the membership was 650, it had decreased to 504 in 1850.

REV. JOHN DAVIS BECAME CO-PASTOR.

He was an able preacher, a strict disciplinarian, and a man fitted to indoctrinate, and lay firm foundations deep down out of sight.

A CALL TO REV. HENRY ANGEL, who began his pastorate in Dec. of 1855 and the modern history of the church begins.

The pastorate of Rev. Mr. Angel extended over 12 years. His strength was in his faithfulness as a pastor, while there were no such great revivals as in the earlier years...

DR. DAY ENTERS UPON HIS LABORS.

In May, 1869, Dr. Day, after having labored with the church for more than a year, formally accepted a call to the pastorate.

soon to have the joy to see spring up and to reap. During this time, also, two new churches have gone forth from this old mother of churches...

YEARLY AVERAGE OF GROWTH.

Some interesting points are brought out by the statistics of the church during the 68 years since 1814 when she became a Baptist Church...

During the 15 years from 1815 till 1830, when Father Harding labored alone, 338 were added to the church...

One feature in the growth of the church is noticeable - her dependence for increase, especially in her history up to the death of Father Harding in 1854...

I am sure that it is a favorable sign that the later growth of the church has been more steady, although there have been revivals of great power...

HER SPREADING BRANCHES. Another feature of interest in the history of this church is her wide spread influence. Not only so, 13 churches in Yarmouth County and Town look to this church as their mother...

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