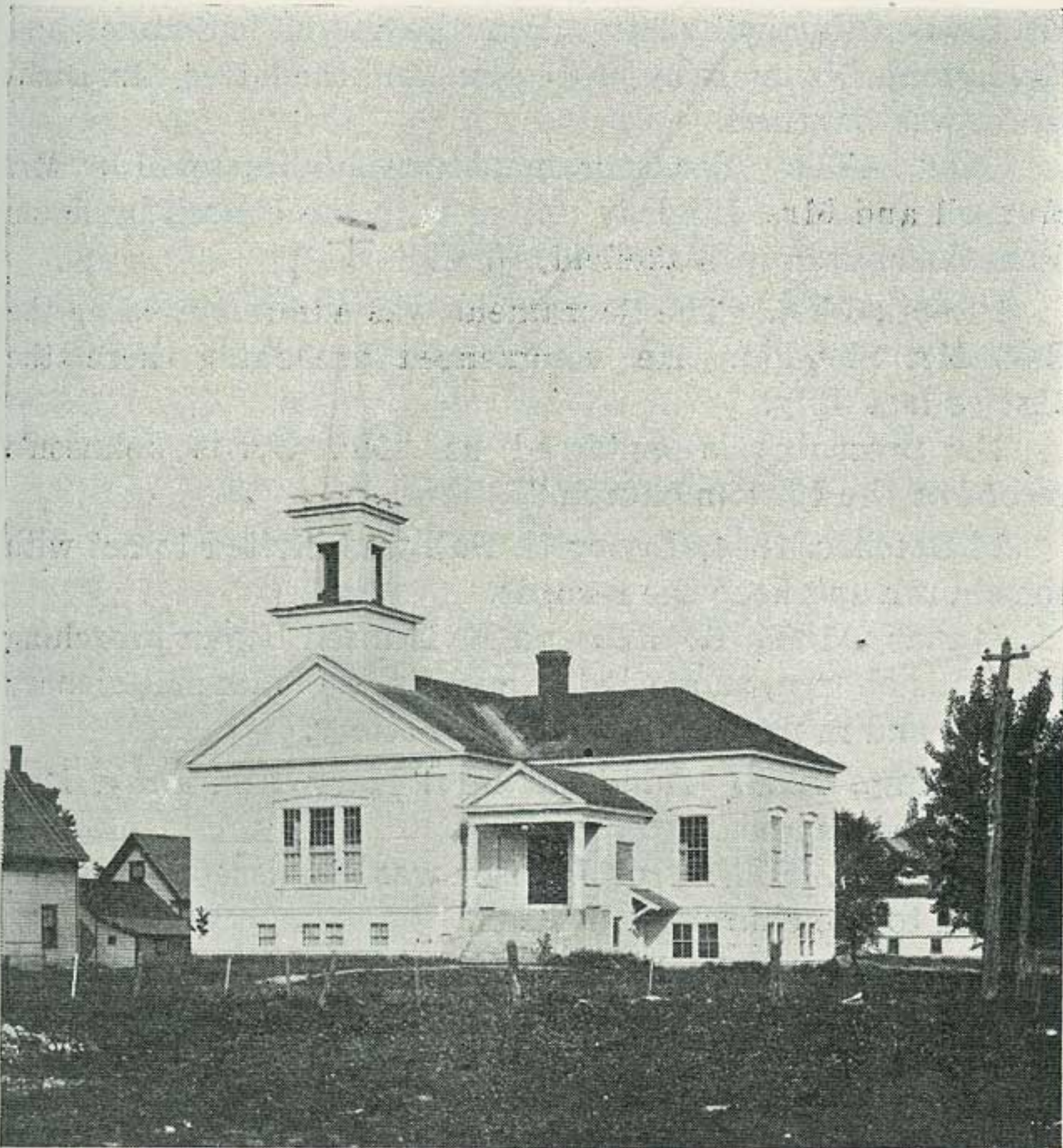


journing ten minutes. Met at half-past ten for the purpose of organizing the church. After opening the meeting by prayer and singing by Mr. Williams, the above named individuals who were to constitute the church, arose, and the articles of faith and covenant were read, assented to and acknowledged. Mr. Williams addressed them in a pathetic manner and through Brother Johnson presented them the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the churches. Mr. Laughton made the consecrating prayer. Mr. Williams preached the sermon. Mr. Palmer made the closing prayer.



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

28 Aug., 1831. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered for the first time to this church by the Rev. J. Sawyer, and two adults, Mrs. Heald and Miss Pedelford, and six children were baptized. The children were the children of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, and their names as follows, namely: Asa Foster, Samuel, Erastus, Henry, Nathan and Kezia.

5 Feb., 1832. Rev. Joseph R. Munsell commenced preaching here the first Sabbath in every month for one year.

6 May, 1832. The Lord's Supper was administered by Mr. Munsell, and two more were admitted to the church, viz.: Mr. Simeon Hersey by letter from the church in Sumner, and Mr. Lyman Dinsmore by profession, and the latter, Mr. Dinsmore, was baptized.

7 Oct., 1832. The Sacrament was administered by Mr. Munsell and Mrs. Lindsay united with the church by letter from the church in Wakefield, N. H.

1 Sept., 1833. The Sacrament was administered by the Rev. Mr. Sheldon. He commenced preaching here the 21st of last July.

The preceding is endorsed as "Mr. Cyrus Johnson's record of the Lincoln church."

24 October, 1834, Taylor G. Hall was invited to act with the church and keep the records.

January, 1835, Rev. Joseph R. Munsell began preaching with this church, supported in part by the Maine Missionary Society and in part by the Church Society.

23 Aug., 1835. Admitted Mrs. Mary Ann Brag, Mrs. Jacob Parsons and Taylor G. Hall.

December, 1835, Cyrus Johnson was dismissed and recommended to the church in Jackson.

November, 1836. Rev. J. R. Munsell moved to Lincoln and devoted his whole time to this church and society except occasional preaching in the vicinity, supported in part by the Maine Missionary Society.

Mr. Munsell was a member of the school committee in 1838 and 1839. He was located in Brewer in 1840, in Bel-

fast in 1859, in Harwich, Mass., in 1868, and in Franklin, Vt., in 1876. His family history is not known.

In 1837 quite an active religious revival took place in Lincoln and many members were admitted to the churches during this and the following year. The first Sabbath in March, 1838, there were admitted John Leighton, Dr. Thomas Lindsay, John Nudd, William Lovejoy, Mrs. William Lovejoy, Stephen Clay and Mrs. Noah Jordan, all by profession.

In June Mr. Munsell left to accept an invitation to East Brewer.

30 June, 1839, Jacob Parsons, on account of some conscientious scruples on the subject of baptism was, at his own request, and by vote of the church, recommended to the Calvinist Baptist Church in Lincoln under the care of Elder Stephen Chase.

June, 1840. Father Jotham Sewell spent three Sabbaths with us under the direction of the Maine Missionary Society.

August, 1840. Mr. and Mrs. Lovejoy and daughter Louisa were dismissed and recommended to the church at the Northern Aroostook road, under Rev. Mr. Gooch.

6 June, 1841. Col. Samuel Nash and Daniel Roberts and wife of Enfield and Robert Wyman of Chester, were admitted.

4 December, 1842. At Lee and Springfield several were baptized, "a branch of the Lincoln church."

The meetings of the church at Lincoln at this time were usually held at the house of John Leighton, but sometimes at the school-house hall.

16 February, 1844. Taylor G. Hall and wife were dismissed and recommended to the church in Houlton.

22 June, 1846. Cyrus Chase admitted.

In 1846 and 1847 Joshua Eaton was acting pastor.

20 Sept., 1847. Mr. Alvin J. Bates commenced his labors in this place as missionary and acting clerk.

11 Sept., 1848, the town voted to allow meetings for public worship to be held in the town hall, and it is presumed

that meetings of this, and perhaps other, churches were at times held there.

27 Sept., 1849. The ordination services of Rev. Alvin J. Bates took place on this date. Rev. Sylvester Besse read the Scriptures, Rev. Marcus R. Keep made the prayer and Rev. William S. Sewell made the charge to the candidate. There were present, also, Isaac Weston, P. S. Thayer and S. H. Merrill.

18 November, 1851. A joyful day for the church, and a day of gratitude. This day was dedicated to Almighty God a new and convenient house of worship, erected for the exclusive use of the Congregational Church and Society in Lincoln. Public worship was held in this house the Sabbath following and thenceforth constantly.

In November, 1851, a sale of choice of pews in the church resulted as follows:

- T. Fuller paid \$10.00 for first choice and took No. 38.
- S. B. Lovejoy paid \$8.50 for second, and took No. 36.
- B. O. Leuzarder paid \$5.50 for third and took No. 11.
- A. O. Ingersoll paid \$5.50 for fourth and took No. 40.
- R. C. Remick paid \$4.50 and took No. 9.

Pew No. 9 in this church was sold by the Treasurer, B. O. Leuzarder, to Royal C. Remick for \$49.50. The deed was witnessed by Asa Smith and was dated 30 Jan., 1852. The same was sold to J. W. Stinchfield for \$25.00, the deed dated 8 Sept., 1853.

2 June, 1853. Chose B. O. Leuzarder and Cyrus Chase to attend the Aroostook Conference at Springfield.

16 June, 1854. B. O. Leuzarder was constituted a life member of the Maine Missionary Society.

2 June, 1858. Admitted Mrs. Thomas Libby, Mrs. J. C. Merrill, Mrs. B. O. Leuzarder, Mrs. A. O. Ingersoll, Mrs. Samuel Leavitt and Mrs. Timothy Fuller as the fruits of a precious revival enjoyed during the spring.

8 Sept., 1858. Admitted Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Nute, Mr. and Mrs. Sprague Adams, Dr. and Mrs. M. S. Wilson, Harrison Jackson, Mary E. Leuzarder, Addie E. Huntress, Eliz-

abeth A. Springer, Louiza A. Lovejoy, Thomas Lindsay and Lewis Springer.

1 Dec., 1858. B. O. Leuzarder chosen Deacon.

2 March, 1859. John Leighton recommended to church in Saginaw, Mich.

From 1860 the records are very brief and apparently incomplete. The following items are from these and other sources.

4 Dec., 1861, the church formed a Church Parish Society, which appears later to have been an active and influential organization.

24 May, 1869. A letter of dismissal was given to Rev. A. J. Bates, and he was recommended to the church in Harwichport, Mass. He afterwards went to Grafton, Mass.

In February, 1870, letters were given to Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Leuzarder to South Boston, Mass. In 1870 Rev. I. K. Deering was pastor for a time, probably for a year, and in 1872 Rev. J. H. Crosby became pastor of the church. He remained four years and the church seems to have prospered during the time.

In Jan., 1879, the church withdrew from the Aroostook Conference, and four days later, 16 Jan., it was admitted to the Bangor Conference.

During the summer of 1885 the church was repaired and painted at a cost of three hundred dollars.

Rev. C. L. Rotch was with the church one year in 1898 and 1899.

It is stated that at the end of the nineteenth century the church was struggling, but a little later it was more prosperous. Mr. Gould R. Anthony was with the church during the fall and winter of 1903 and we read that the church "was inspired with new life, a steadily increasing interest."

In 1906 and 1907 Rev. C. E. Maynard was pastor, as previously mentioned. The church was organized under the general law 10 May, 1906.

The third day of July, 1910, Mr. Worthley began his service as pastor of the church. Thus for the first time since 1899 has the church a pastor, and only the service of Mr. Rotch for one year since Mr. Crosby, who resigned in 1876.

On the 8 Aug., 1911 the church voted to buy the Tilley property for seventeen hundred dollars.

### Members of the Congregational Church in Lincoln, 1831 to 1912.

Adams, Mrs. Nancy	Forbes, Mrs. Hannah
Adams, Mrs. Octavia	Fox, Mrs. Abigail
Adams, Sprague	Fuller, Timothy
Adams, Mrs. Sprague	Fuller, Mrs. T.
Albrecht, Louiza	
	Garland, Miss Betsey
Bacon, Mrs. Harriet	Gerrish, Esther
Ballantyne, Daniel F.	Goodwin, Mrs. Mary
Ballantyne, Kingsley A.	Gross, Mrs. Charles
Ballantyne, Laura H.	
Bates, Alvin J.	Hall, Mrs. Eliza T.
Bates, Mrs. A. J.	Hall, Mary E.
Bradbury, Mrs. Martha	Hall, Taylor G.
Bradbury, Mrs.	Hall, Wm. V.
Brag, Mrs. Mary Ann	Hall, Mrs. Wm. V.
Brown, Mrs. Margery	Hanscomb, Eliza
Burr, Miss Martha	Haskell, Lida
	Hathorn, Mrs. Ruth
Chase, Cyrus	Hayward, Mrs. Richmond
Chase, Mrs. Cyrus	Heald, Addie E.
Chase, Mrs. Harriet	Heald, Mrs. Jane S.
Clay, Stephen	Henderson, Alex.
Cole, Miss Susanna	Hersey, Simeon
Crandall, Jordan	Hersey, Mrs. M. B.
Crandall, Lilla	Holmes, Wm. N.
	Holmes, Anna H.
Darrell, Elfreda	Huntress, Addie E.
Darrell, Laura H.	
Delano, Isabel	Ingersoll, A. O.
Dinsmore, Lyman	Ingersoll, Mrs. A. O.
Fish, Mrs. Rebecca	Jipson, Mary
Flanders, Morganna	Johnson, Cyrus

- Johnson, Mrs. Hepsibah  
 Jackson, Harrison  
 Jones, Miss Lila  
 Jordan, Elias  
 Jordan, Mrs. Elias  
 Jordan, Mrs. Mary  
 Jordan, Mrs. Noah  
 Judkins, Miss Mary, Lee
- Kelley, Emma  
 Kelley, Eliot
- Larlee, Mrs. Kelbie  
 Leavitt, Mrs. Samuel  
 Leighton, Eliza  
 Leighton, John  
 Leighton, Miss Sally  
 Leighton, Mrs. Sarah  
 Leuzarder, B. O.  
 Leuzarder, Mrs. B. O.  
 Leuzarder, Miss Mary E.  
 Libby, Thomas  
 Libby, Mrs. Thomas  
 Lindan, Roy L.  
 Lindsay, Albert  
 Lindsay, Mrs. Mary  
 Lindsay, Miss Polly  
 Lindsay, Dr. Thomas  
 Lombard, Daniel H.  
 Lord, Miss Sarah  
 Lovejoy, Mrs. Betsey  
 Lovejoy, Miss Louiza J.  
 Lovejoy, Miss Lavinia  
 Lovejoy, Mrs. Ruth  
 Lovejoy, William  
 Lovejoy, Mrs. William  
 Lyons, Alex. H.  
 Lyons, Mrs. Emily J.
- Merrill, Mrs. James C.  
 Morrill, Henry  
 Morrill, Jane H.  
 Munsell, Mrs. Louisa
- Nash, Col. Samuel  
 Nash, Mrs. Samuel  
 Nudd, John  
 Nute, John F.  
 Nute, Mrs. John F.
- Palmer, Nancy  
 Parlin, Miss Diantha  
 Parsons, Jacob  
 Parsons, Mrs.  
 Pedelford, Miss Nancy  
 Pickering, Miss Ella A.  
 Pinkham, Lilla  
 Porter, Mrs. Hannah  
 Prentiss, Mrs. Lucinda
- Ramsdell, Mrs. Samuel  
 Read, Julia Ann  
 Remick, R. C.  
 Ricker, Priscilla  
 Roberts, Daniel  
 Roberts, Mrs. Daniel  
 Ryerson, Mrs. Sarah
- Sanborn, Sarah Lord  
 Severance, Miss Ruth  
 Spooner, Mrs. Sarah  
 Springer, Elizabeth A.  
 Springer, Hannah  
 Springer, Lewis  
 Springer, Robert
- Taylor, Mrs. Mary  
 Taylor, Theodore  
 Thayer, George W.  
 Towle, Mrs. Nancy  
 True, Joseph M.  
 True, Mrs. Mary E.
- Warren, Miss Nannie M.  
 Weatherbee, Mrs. Helen  
 Weatherbee, Miss Millie  
 Wilson, Dr. M. S.  
 Wilson, Mrs. M. S.

Wright, Mrs. Martha  
 Wright, Miss Martha R.  
 Wyman, Robert

Yelland, Miss Gertrude  
 Young, Mrs. Annie  
 Young, Miss Francena E.

### THE METHODIST CHURCH

This church at Lincoln village is the oldest church edifice in town, having been completed in 1839, and dedicated the same winter. This was probably the first church building on the river above Old Town. The first preacher was sent by the East Maine Conference to Lincoln in 1836. Where services were held previous to the erection of the church, three years later, we do not know, neither do we know anything of the early membership, except that the writer can recall a few families of the early days, as those of Milton Jewell, John Estes, George Lindsay, Deacon William T. Roberts, Azariah Edwards, Francis Yelland.

For notices of the preachers sent to this church by the East Maine Conference for a period of fifty years we are indebted to Rev. Walter Franklin Prince, who was here in 1886. Of the ministers since Mr. Prince's time a list has been prepared, but not much more than the name and term of service has been attempted. Such facts as appear in regard to buildings repairs, society meetings and some other affairs have been inserted. The notes of Mr. Prince have been somewhat abridged, while many additional facts, especially in regard to the date of death of many who were living at the time of his writing, have been added.

Mr. Prince has left the following as an introduction to his notes:

"The following notes have reference to lives and characteristics of all the preachers who have been sent here, and also, especially, to their work in Lincoln, so far as I can find information on these several points. I have searched the very meagre records of the Society, consulted the town books, ransacked all the minutes of the Conference, and interviewed the aged people for what they might remember. I have been obliged to make a study of handwriting in order



to connect names with unsigned records. Blank spaces are left for the introduction of any facts that may yet be discovered.—Walter Franklin Prince.”

Elliott B. Fletcher.

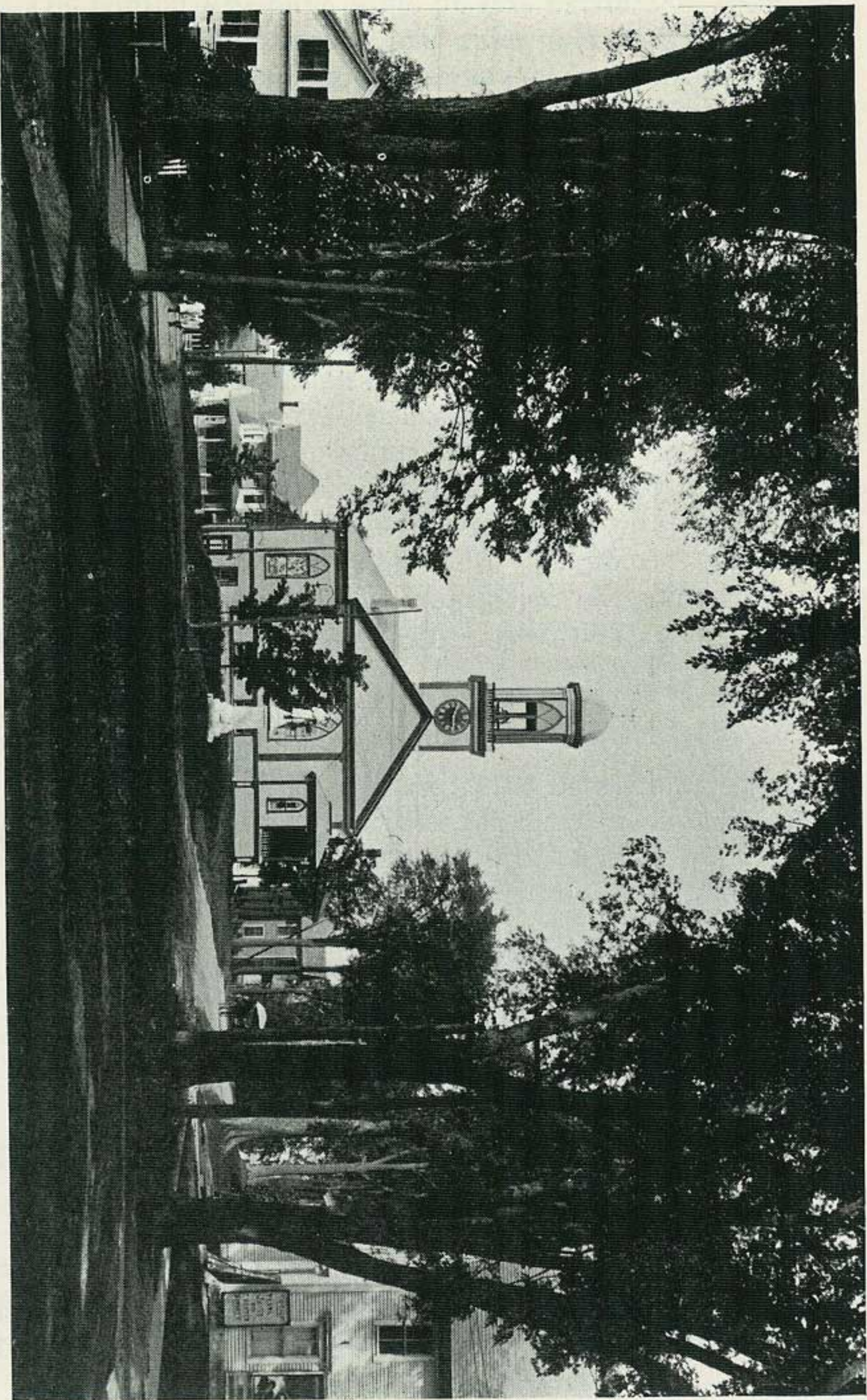
Born in Massachusetts 30 Oct., 1798. Died in Georgetown, Me., 22 May, 1882. He was, so far as I can learn, the first preacher sent to Lincoln, in 1836 and in 1848. Presiding Elder of the Calais District in 1838. Mr. Fletcher never married. Was quite peculiar. Intellectual rather than emotional, doctrinal and argumentative as a preacher, uniformly polemic as a writer. Very economical yet did not draw on Conference funds until long after entitled to them. Strong, faithful, earnest in life, triumphant in death. He recorded sixty class members in Lincoln circuit, and baptized three persons in 1836. In 1848 he made no record.

Jeremiah Marsh.

Born in Orono, 15 March, 1791. Died in Exeter, 12 June, 1874. Ordained Deacon and Elder by Bishop George. Married Miss Nancy D. Hoyle of Northport. He was in Lincoln in 1837. The history of Maine Methodism could not be written without frequent mention of the name of Father Marsh. An eight weeks circuit traveling over hills and through rivers, preaching several times a day, are glimpses of his course. One of the grand old pioneers. He had a great revival in Lincoln and recorded thirty-eight baptisms. There has been no revival in the village since, till 1887.

William Marsh.

Born in Orono, 4 March, 1789. Died in Canada East, 25 Aug., 1865. At Lincoln in 1838. Was also called Father Marsh. Little education but had great abilities. Many conversions but cannot find that he made any record. The church was built while he was pastor.



METHODIST CHURCH