

Pelham Congregational Church Receives \$1000

Lester G. Richardson of Dracut Offers Fund in Memory of Mother -- New Officers Elected

Pelham, N. H., Jan. 9.

The annual meeting of the Congregational church took place Tuesday night at which was announced that a generous gift of \$1000 was made by Lester G. Richardson of Dracut, in memory of his mother, Mrs. Julia F. (Cutter) Richardson, a native of this town. Mrs. Richardson was born in 1851 at the old Cutter homestead in Mammoth road, now occupied by the Clifton H. Merriam family. The gift was in the form of a trust fund with the Union Old Lowell National bank of Lowell, Mass., as trustee.

A chicken supper was served by Fred A. Burton Miss Mabel Burton and Mrs. Walter S. Burton at 6.30 after which the annual business meeting was conducted. Much time was spent in discussing plans for the year. Mr. Hoffman gave a detailed report of duties accomplished and of work plans for the future.

It was voted that a metal plate be placed on the new church organ with the names of the donors inscribed and that the organ committee be retained permanently for the care of the organ. Mrs. May H. Sherburne served as clerk pro tem in absence of Mrs. Garland. The following were chosen officers for the ensuing year:

Officers Chosen.

Moderator Ernest Q. Bigelow; trustee for three years, Ernest Q. Bigelow, Ernest G. Sherburne and Fred W. Garland are the other two members of the board holding office for two and one years, respectively; clerk, Mrs. Gertrude C. Garland; treasurer, Carl M. Mansfield; deacons, Amos E. Wood, two years; Elmer G. Ray-

mond already incumbent for one year more; deaconesses, Mrs. Mildred Carleton and Mrs. Lucy L. Koehler; junior, deacons, Frank Atwood, Franklin Garland, John Vining and Newton Garland.

Mrs. Jessie Hoffman was chosen Sunday school superintendent; board of finance, Mrs. Bernice Bigelow, Mrs. Mildred Carleton and Miss Hazel Spaulding; auditors, Mrs. Lucy L. Koehler and Mrs. Frances Carleton; flower committee, Mrs. Zena W. Currier and Elmer Raymond; music committee, Mrs. Rena S. Currier and Mrs. Bernice Bigelow; welcoming committee, Mrs. Esther Parker and Mrs. Frances Carleton.

Mrs. Richardson attended Pelham Congregational church until she removed to Dracut in 1876 but always retained a keen interest in her native town and church and seldom if ever missed Old Home day here.

The fund will be designated "The Julia F. Cutter Richardson Fund" and will be held intact, in trust as heretofore mentioned for safe keeping and for dividend distribution by the trustee. However it is understood that should extenuating circumstances arise provision is made for convenient and equitable handling of the fund for the benefit of the church—all necessary procedure in such case being specifically outlined by the donor.

Regardless of this generous donation by Mr. Richardson in memory of his mother, it can truthfully be added that Mrs. Richardson was always held in the highest esteem by her former Gumpus neighbors and her many other Pelham friends.