

Pelham

Rev. J. L. Hoyle Resigns His Pastorate Here—Accepts Call to Haverhill.

(Special Correspondence.)

May 15.—At the close of the service at the local church this morning, Rev. J. L. Hoyle read his resignation to take effect on the 15th of June next.

Mr. Hoyle has been pastor of the Congregational church in Pelham for the past seven years, and about three weeks ago received a most enthusiastic and unanimous call to Memorial Congregational church of Haverhill, Mass.

The Riverside church is located in the best growing section of Haverhill, has a fine church edifice fitted up and arranged for carrying on extensive social work. There is also a splendid parsonage, which has recently been shingled, painted and papered and put in first class condition for occupancy.

An ecclesiastical council will soon be called to act upon Mr. Hoyle's resignation and to dissolve the relationship that exists between him and the church.

Mr. Hoyle read the resignation immediately after the morning sermon and urged its immediate acceptance, inasmuch as there would be no great lapse of time before the resignation went into effect.

Consequently, after the service the church met and voted to accept the resignation with regret. The society also decided to call a meeting on the afternoon of May 31, to take necessary action.

A council to dissolve the present relations existing between the pastor and church was decided on for Wednesday, June 1, at 2.30 p. m., and the following churches are to be invited to be represented by pastor and delegate: Kirk Street, High Street, Highland, First and Pawtucketville Congregational churches of Lowell, Pilgrim and First Congregational churches of Nashua, Methuen, Salem, N. H., and Derry Central Congregational churches, and the Presbyterian church of Windham, N. H.

A committee representing both church and society was appointed to draw up suitable resolutions.

Mr. Hoyle's acceptance of the call to the Riverside Memorial church of Haverhill was read in that church this morning. He expects to have his household goods all moved to the parsonage in Haverhill by June 15, the house having been completely renovated and put in first class condition for occupancy.

A nine from the Pilling shoe shop in Lowell came to town last Saturday and got a severe trouncing. Pelham won, 11 to 2.

This Monday evening, all who are interested in the local celebration of Memorial day are requested to meet at the library at 7.30.