CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The plan for the consolidation of "First Congregational Society in Pelham" with First Congregational church—almost, if not unanimously favored by both organizations, apparently is gaining headway. A special meeting of the society has been warned for Monday, the sixteenth of May, at 7:30 p.m. to act specifically on the subject and to make a determination in the matter.

It is interesting to follow the course of this society from an early inception. The "First Congregational Society in Pelham," as styled in name, was formed by the members of the Congregational church at a meeting held in Tyler's hall at Pelham Centre, May 8, 1832, and was duly organized at an adjourned meeting held in the same hall June 7, following.

Among other influential men who were associated in the enterprise were John Van Vechten Coole, who was the man whose name had been engraved in the church records as the last to sign them. He died in 1842, and his descendant, Albert Van Vechten, is still living in the town.

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