

Hampstead Congregational Church,  
January 31 1901.

Dear Friend:

Our fathers early built this first house of worship. The building that was used for ninety years as our meeting house, stands today the most historic place in our midst; for a century and a half it has proclaimed the solid character and sterling worth of our ancestors.

In 1837, a meeting house was erected on the lot where ~~the present building~~, that was erected in 1900, stands. In 1879, the addition was made of our much needed chapel.

Our church property shows the marks of age. Our persistent and faithful women are pushing forward to renovate the interior with a steel ceiling, and other necessary repairs. We doubt not but what the parish will look after the exterior. The church committee have been appointed a committee to see if funds can be raised, and if so, to purchase a new organ, to be a memorial organ to the memory of the fathers and mothers of the past 150 years.

The committee have been much gratified at the cordial reception given to them in this work. We feel sure that the organ will be purchased, and we desire to complete the canvass not later than March 1st, and place an article in the warrant of the society for necessary action upon their part.

We come to you in this quiet way that your gift may be a free will offering, as no subscription paper will be circulated. The gifts thus far have ranged from \$1, \$10, \$25, \$50, to the hundreds. What will your gift be? We feel sure you will be interested in this memorial.

The object is a worthy one. Let us hear from you at an early date.

Please return the enclosed coupon to the Treasurer, and indicate your gift. Send it as a pledge or cash. The smallest gift will be gratefully received.

Sincerely yours,

RUPUS P. GARDNER, Pastor.		Committee
JOHN C. SANBORN, Clerk.		upon
CHARLES W. PRESSY, Deacon.		Memorial
JOHN W. GARIAND,		Organ.
FORREST E. MERRITT,		
WILLIAM H. DAVIS,		
CHARLES W. GARIAND,		
ALBION D. EMERSON,		