

Account Book of the Congregational Society

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Summary Information:

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Biographical/Historical Information:

On May 20, 1820, a portion of the congregation of First Church or first Congregational Society, voted to separate and form the Congregational Society connected with The First Church in Belfast. The reason for this split was the ordination of Rev. William Frothingham, because of a change in church doctrine, which they believed Frothingham was bringing to the Church. In 1831-32 a new meeting house was built on Market Street, thereafter known as North Church. In 1921, the two churches, now the Unitarian Church and the North Congregational Church, reunited to become The First Church (Federated), holding services in the original First Parish Church. Assets of both churches were eventually transferred to the new one, and the abandoned North Church was sold to the Frank D. Hazeltine Post of the American Legion in 1926.

Scope and Contents:

Account book detailing expenditures and receipts of the society and amounts paid to various ministers during the period.

Arrangement:

Chronological