

1762-1848 any church, continued to worship with the Congregationalists in Harpswell makes William's change the more noticeable. It was undoubtedly due largely to the influence of his wife, who, as we have seen, had been raised in the Baptist faith. He attended her church, and naturally became interested in the principles of her faith. When, therefore, Elder Tingley, a Baptist, began work in their section of the town, it was natural that he and his wife should receive him kindly and open their house for the prosecution of his work; but Betsey preferred to retain her membership in the church of her mother and grandmother, although, because of its nearness and accessibility, she was a regular attendant with her husband at the Growstown church. It is interesting to note, also, that Betsey's daughters united with the church of their mother, while the sons, Ewing, Joseph, and Hiram, followed their father into the Freewill Baptist society.

William Alexander died October 19th, 1847, aged eighty-six, and his wife followed him November 18th, 1848, aged seventy-nine. They were buried in the yard back of the Growstown church, and about them sleep Joseph, Hiram, Eliza, and other members of their family.