

in the preserved diary of Laban Lewis, by drilling many feet in the rock, using 45 bbls. of powder and 200 tons of stone in walling—is interesting. This diary mentions John Spare, Elijah Spare and John Gerald many times. John Gerald repeated this experience in digging two wells, 1832 and 1840, the lowest 14 feet being in solid rock, one on each of his two estates, 30 rods to the north. This is given for the benefit of any who propose to dig a well for the school-house. Readers at a distance, who know little of such a local matter in Canton, will excuse this digression, as a copy of this book is desired to be placed in the Canton town library.

Scarcely any history of persons or towns, in years long passed, is ever found disconnected from church matters. So let it be added here that John Spare, excommunicated, so to speak, without fault of his from his Canton Trinity Church by its own disestablishment, attended occasionally St. Paul's Church at Dedham, only six miles distant. He also had preachers of his own faith to hold services in his home, even down to the early years of this century; so Mr. Montague, an aged gentleman, now in Boston, son of one such, told the writer. He further stated that the Spare name was a household word in his father's family, growing out of this relation.

Rector Wm. Clark, after spending some years in Nova Scotia, returned in 1795 to Quincy, where he lived the remainder of his life, with some exceptions, and where a tomb-stone marks his resting place.

IN MEMORIAM

Réverendi Gulielmi Clark, cujus
 cineres sub hoc lapide sunt depositi,
 olim quibusdam annis apud Dedham
 Ministri episcopalis, at pro annis pluribus
 ab officio sacerdotali per corporis infirmitates
 Exclusi. Molestias varias et dolores per
 vitam sustinuit, providentiæ divinæ
 submissus et in spe ad vitam eternam
 resurrectionis beatæ obit, Nov die IV

A. D., MDCCCXV. Æt LXXV.

Abi Viator, Disce vivere, Disce pati,
 Disce mori! In Christo mea vita latet,
 mea Gloria Christus, et illius tandem
 potestate omnipotente resurgam.