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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Third Congregational Church (Marblehead, Mass.)
Title:	Marblehead, Mass. Third Congregational Church records, 1858-1876.
ID:	RG5053
Date [inclusive]:	1858-1876
Physical Description:	0.44 Cubic Feet (1 box)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Third Congregational Church of Marblehead, also known as the South Church, was established in 1858 by 49 former members of the First Congregational Church in Marblehead. In 1860, the South Church building was dedicated and in 1864, the first minister of the Third Church, Rev. T. D. P. Stone, was installed. The church remained active until 1877 when a fire completely destroyed the church building. Included in the records are meeting minutes, copies of official communications, financial records, bylaws, and membership lists.

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], in the Marblehead, Mass. Third Congregational Church record books, 1858-1876. RG5053. The Congregational Library & Archives, Boston, MA.

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Historical Note

The Third Congregational Church of Marblehead, also known as the South Church, was established in 1858 by 49 former members of the First Congregational Church in Marblehead due to a protracted fight over the installation of Rev. Benjamin R. Allen in 1854. Those 49 members had wished to install a more orthodox minister and they envisioned that their new church would adhere more with the tenants of "Evangelical Faith and Practice." Due to the creation of the Third Church, the First Church underwent a name change and became the Old North Church. Plans for the construction of a new church building to house to newly formed church also began in 1858 and in 1860 the new building was dedicated. The first

pastor of the church was Rev. T. D. P. Stone who was installed on August 31, 1864. Prior to Rev. Stone's installation, a series of interim ministers preached at the church. The church remained active until 1877 when a fire completely destroyed the church building. Following the destruction of their building, the members of the Third Church decided to reform with the Old North Church.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains the institutional records of Third Congregational Church of Marblehead. Included in the records are meeting minutes, copies of official communications, including notice of separation from the First Church and invitations to councils of the vicinage, records of income and expenditures, details on the construction of a new church building, orders of worship, bylaws, and membership lists. Of particular note is the inclusion of a historical overview of First, Second, and Third churches. Also included are documents pertaining to the manner in which the church accepted new members, performed baptisms, and issued censures.

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Arrangement

This collection has been arranged in chronological order by start date.

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Acquisition Information

Loaned to the Congregational Library & Archives, June 2013, by the Old North Church in Marblehead; 2013-17.

Accruals

Additional accruals are expected for this collection in the form of full-text transcription. There is no anticipated date for this accrual.

Processing Information

Originally processed by Sari Mauro in 2013 and 2014 using DACS Second Edition. Reprocessed by Zachary Bodnar, January 2019, using DACS Second Edition.

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Related Materials

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Additional records related to the First Church in Marblehead, from which the Third Church formed, may be found in the Marblehead, Mass. Old North Church records, 1684-1866, 1971, RG5043.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Baptism (Liturgy).
- Church architecture -- Designs and plans.
- Church finance.
- Church membership.
- Church records and registers.
- New England's Hidden Histories.
- Broughton, Glover, 1796-1869
- Marblehead (Mass.) -- Church history.
- Old North Church (Marblehead, Mass.)
- Second Congregational Church (Marblehead, Mass.)
- Third Congregational Church (Marblehead, Mass.)

Technical Requirements

To access digital user's copies via online-interface, a java-enabled web browser is required. Internet Explorer 8.x and later, Firefox 5.x and later, Opera 12 and later, Safari 5.x and later, or any version of Google Chrome are recommended.

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Historical Notices, Confesion of Faith, and Covenant...of the Third Congragational Church of Christ in Marblehead. The Salem Gazette: Salem, 1859. 17.11.1 M32.75 ThiCC

Kelsey, F. D. *History, Articles of Faith, Covenant, Form of Admission...of the South Church being the Third Congregational Church of Christ, Marblehead, Mass.* The Salem Gazette: Salem, 1866. 17.11.1 M32.75 ThiCC

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Church records, 1858 <u>Digital Copies:</u> Digital Copies These church records were digitized as part of the New England's Hidden Histories project. Digital reproductions are available to view online .	box 1	volume 1
Scope and Contents This volume contains a brief historical sketch of First, Second, and Third Churches in Marblehead, as well as a copy of Third Church's confession of faith, covenant, standing rules, ecclesiastical principles, and rules. Also contained in this record book is a list of members, pastors, and officers of the church. Of particular note are the "Forms of Admission" and "Ordinance of Baptism" which spell out the liturgy associated with baptizing and accepting new members.		
Church records, 1858-1874 <u>Digital Copies:</u> Digital Copies These church records were digitized as part of the New England's Hidden Histories project. Digital reproductions are available to view online .	box 1	volume 2
Scope and Contents This volume contains materials relating to the departure of members from First Church and the formation of Third Church. These materials include notice of withdrawal, membership lists, meeting notes, and records relating to the Council of the Vicinage called in order to convene the new society and church.		
Church records, 1858-1876 <u>Digital Copies:</u> Digital Copies These church records were digitized as part of the New England's Hidden Histories project. Digital reproductions are available to view online .	box 1	volume 3

Scope and Contents

These records contain materials related to the day-to-day administration of the church. These materials include meeting minutes, expenditure sheets, information about building and furnishing the meetinghouse, orders of worship, and bylaws. Of particular note is a to-scale drawing of the proposed new meeting house drawn by Glover Broughton, church clerk.