

The organization also included the election by the body of Samuel Drake as Church Clerk, and William Darby and Recompense Stanbery as Ruling Elders, and as the record declares were also to perform the duties of Deacons. Thus the church was duly constituted and publicly recognized and fellowshipped as a Regular Baptist Church.

REV. MR. MILLER'S PASTORATE.

Soon after the organization, the church extended a call to Benjamin Miller, a member of the Piscataway Church to become their Pastor. This call Mr. Miller accepted and was ordained to the ministry, by request of this church, by Rev. Benjamin Stelle of Piscataway, Rev. James Carman of Cranbery and Abel Morgan of Middletown.

The Church immediately united with the Philadelphia Association.

Of the antecedents of Rev. Mr. Miller, little is positively known. It is probable that he was converted to God some ten years before by means of the ministry of Rev. Gilbert Tennant a celebrated Presbyterian minister of New Brunswick, N. J., and united with the Piscataway Baptist Church. Here his ability and zeal were noticed and commended, and he was readily granted a license to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

After becoming pastor of this church he evinced especial qualifications for the work. The infant organization was to be nursed, developed and strengthened. Baptists who were not already identified with it were to be visited and to be made interested in the new enterprise. Unconverted souls were to be instructed in the way of Salvation.