

All this work must have required an especial adaptation and a peculiar energy. His labors were not confined to this immediate vicinity, but he gave all the strength of his early manhood to the performance of his divinely appointed mission. He frequently travelled, of course only by the slow means of transportation of his time, to various sections of this and neighboring provinces, carrying the bread of life to the needy, and instructing and comforting the feeble churches. The result of such labor with the blessing of God was soon apparent. The congregations increased. The membership was enlarged, and growth and development was visible on every hand. This is apparent from the fact recorded in the minutes, that it became necessary to enlarge the house of worship in the year, 1758.

It is probable that a meeting house had been erected previous to the organization of the church. But this had become too small for their accommodation during these first eleven years of active united labor. Hence on August 12th, 1758 it was voted "to enlarge the meeting house, to cover it with cedar shingles both roof and sides and to finish it well both outside and inside." A committee consisting of Recompense Stanbery, John Stites, Captain Drake and Captain McDonnel were appointed to complete this improvement. Thus with increased facilities and "an enlarged place of their tent" the church grew both in numbers and in influence.

Rev. Mr. Miller seems to have been indefatigable in preaching the word, enforcing the discipline, and watching over the interests of the now well established Zion. He appears to have had peculiar executive ability, and could readily discover what was best to do, and lead the people to do it. He