



CHAPTER X.

Ministers of the First Church: William Morrell — Mr. Barnard — Joseph Hull — Thomas Jenner — Robert Lenthal — Samuel Newman — Thomas Thacher — Samuel Torrey — Peter Thacher — Thomas Paine — William Smith — Jacob Norton — Josiah Bent, Jr. — John C. Phillips — Joshua Emery, Jr. — Franklin P. Chapin.

Second Church: James Bayley — Simeon Williams.

REV. WILLIAM MORRELL. — Of Rev. William Morrell but little more is known than is recorded in the first chapter. His scholarship and mental ability are fully shown in the elegant Latin poem upon New England, which he published after his return to England. This is republished with an English translation by the Massachusetts Historical Society, First Series, Vol. I. p. 125.

It is unfortunate that no more is known of the succeeding ten years of Weymouth history. The evidence of the presence here of Rev. Mr. Barnard can hardly be doubted, from the fact that Rev. Thomas Prince, from whom comes the statement, was a student in the family of Rev. Samuel Torrey, who came to Weymouth in 1640, at the age of eight years, and resided there until his death in 1707. He was for forty-two years minister there, and could hardly have failed to be well informed in matters concerning its early history, knowing personally, as he did, many of the Gorges Company.

The following is the extract from "Prince's Annals" which has reference to the matter: —

"This year [1624] comes some addition to the few inhabitants of Wessagussett, from Weymouth, Eng., who are another sort of people than the former (MS.

