

**COMMUNITY CHURCH OF PEPPERELL**  
**Commemorating 100 Years**  
**Historical Moment**

**Hook and Hastings Pipe Organ**

*(taken from original documentation)*

In June of 1911, The Ladies of the Benevolent Society of the Congregational Church put \$5s into the savings bank to start a fund for a new organ. From time to time as they could, a sum of money was added to the original \$50. After the Community Church Workers was formed in 1919, the plan was made known to them with the result that the good work went on. In Jan. 1924 the sum had reached such a proportion that a committee of five was appointed to see if a new organ could be purchased. The committee consisted of Mrs. E. L. Tarbell, Mrs. John D. Bennett, Mrs. R. W. Drawbridge, Mrs. L. R. Qua and Miss Mary Wood. Following this, more gifts were received from individuals and societies.

In November 1924, the committee reported ordering an organ to be built for our church by Hook and Hastings. In December 1924, a gift of \$1,000 was given towards the fund. On October 3, 1925 the new organ was used for the first time.

The center front of the organ is the one that was on the old one, seven pipes are added on each side, making it much wider, at a cost of \$4,905.54, which are all paid.

We now see the results of our labors and of waiting patiently until the necessary funds could be secured. We are thankful to all who helped to make it possible. May it live long to send its melody through the church.

Total contributions for the organ:	\$5257. 08
total cost of organ:	<u>\$4905.54</u>
Balance:	\$351.54

Respectfully Submitted by Etta M. Pelton, Sec.

The platform and organ loft was lowered 2 feet and one inch, one row of pews was taken out to give more room in front of the choir pews, this was paid for by the Community Church.

*Presented 4/28/19*