

also whether they will hear any one or more of the candidates for the ministry which they have already heard in order for settling, or any other or others which they have not heard, or act anything relating to that affair." On this article it was "voted to hear Mr. Baker, Mr. Fuller, and Mr. Moore, each of them six sabbaths on probation, in order for settling." Whether these Rev. gentlemen complied with the above vote of the district it does not appear. Neither of them, however, received a call to settle in the district at that time. The first invitation extended to any individual to become their minister, was the call to the Rev. Sewall Goodrich, in 1766. On the 21st of August of this year, the district voted to concur with the church in their selection of Mr. Goodrich to settle with them in the Gospel ministry. At the same time there was also voted him as a settlement, £133, 6s, 8d, one half payable in eight months from the time of his ordination, and the remainder in one year from the time of the first-mentioned payment. As an annual salary there was also voted him £53, 6s, 8d. Mr. Goodrich declined the invitation; and on the 5th of September it was voted to make an addition to the salary of £13, 6s, 8d, to be paid as follows: "One half at the expiration of five years from his ordination, thenceforth to be paid as part of his salary; the remainder to be paid in ten years from his ordination as pastor with the like condition." Mr. Goodrich still declined the invitation to settle.

Nothing further was done towards the settlement of a pastor until the 30th of March, 1767, when the district voted, 22 to 4, to concur with the church in their choice of the Rev. Timothy Fuller to settle with them in the work of the gospel ministry. The same pecuniary encouragement was voted Mr. Fuller, as a settlement, which had