

### Charitable Contributions

Year	For Whom/ What	Entries from Ebenezer Parkman's Diary and/or from the Westborough Church Records
1726	Communion	1726 September 29 (Thursday). I preach'd a Lecture on Acts 8.21, preparatory to the Holy Communion. When the Sacred Exercises were over I Stop'd the Brethren to propose to them a Method of Supporting the Elements at Sacrament by a Contribution every Sacrament. For in time past they had proceeded in a Way that being more agreeable to what they were brought up in, they were urgent with me to allow, but it had frustrated the purpose.
1727	Paterson, John	1727 December 24. Church Records (9): The Same Day there was a Contribution in the Congregation for the Relief of Mr. <i>John Paterson</i> of this Town.
1731  1738	Communion vessels	<p>1731 February 18. Church Records (26): It was again offered to the Church by the Pastor, that if there was (after what had been said) any uneasiness (particularly directed to Mr. <i>Forbush</i>) it was desired to be manifested - none at all being manifested, a Brief Exhortation to Love and unity followed - and when somewhat had been intimated touching the noncompletion as yet of the Contribution for Communion vessels (voted sometime since) and its being the Reason why an Account had not been delivered to the Church of that Affair; and <i>Last of all</i> when the Pastor had informed that it had been by means of his long indisposition that the Question concerning the Ordination of Deacons had not been discussed - the Meeting was concluded with Prayer and Benediction.</p> <p>1738 October 19. Church Records (53): The Church came also into another Vote very unanimously and even universally respecting Church Vessels. Viz. That a Sufficient Contribution be made not only for Two more Tankards, but also for a <i>Baptism: Bason</i>. After Prayers the Church was dismissed.</p>
1738	Convention	1738 June 1 (Thursday). [Boston.] Was not at the Convention, but was at the public Concio by Mr. Barnard of Marblehead on Coloss. 1.18. The Collection for propagating the Gospel amounted to 207£.
1739	Convention	1739 May 31 (Thursday). [Boston.] I was at the Convention. N.B. Letters from Mr. Holden of London. The Sermon by Mr. Eels on 1 Sam. 4.13. The Collection £171 and odd money.
1739	Torrey, Rev. Joseph of South Kingston	<p>1739 August 29 (Wednesday). Mr. Loring preach'd a very profitable sermon on Deut. 32.47. N.B. After Sermon I read the brief Representation of the Case of Mr. Torry in Narragansett.</p> <p>1739 September 2 (Sunday). Sacrament. Preach'd on John 13.17, and on 1 Cor. 6.18 former part. After meeting I Stopp'd the Deacons of the Church and the Select men of the Town to Confer with them respecting a suitable Time for the contribution which authority had recommended to us for the Assistance of Mr. Torry of South Kingstown in Narragansett.</p>

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		<p>1739 September 9 (Sunday). Repeated on Isa. 55.7. P.M. on 1 John 2.15. Appointed the Contribution for Mr. Torry to be the next Lords Day.</p> <p>1739 September 16 (Sunday). Contribution to assist Mr. Torry of South Kingston in Narragansett. Gather'd £8.8.0. Which God be pleas'd to accept as a sweet Saviour through Christ!</p> <p>1740 May 28 (Wednesday). [Boston.] P.M. at Convention.... N.B. The Money Collected in the Massachusetts for Mr. Torry last year amounted to upwards of £1200 and in Connecticut upwards of £300.</p>
1740	Convention	1740 May 29 (Thursday). [Boston.] Then we repair'd to the Convention. Lecture preach'd by Mr. Prince on Isa. 9.7. The Collection amounted to £235.
1742	Convention	1742 May 27 (Thursday). [Boston.] Mr. <i>Loring</i> preached to the Ministers from 2 Cor. 2.16, last Clause. The Contribution (I understood) amounted to 230£.
1744	Biglo, Jedidiah of Grafton	<p>1744 November 11 (Sunday). P.M. We had a Contribution for Mr. Jedidiah Biglo of Grafton whose House was burnt down October 9.</p> <p>Church Records (71): We had a Contribution in the Congregation, at the Request and for the Relief of Mr. <i>Jedidiah Biglo</i> of Grafton who was burnt out Oct. 9 last.</p>
1744	Crosby, David ("in Worcester Goal")	<p>1744 September 17 (Monday). N.B. I hear that David Crosby and 5 others break Jayl.</p> <p>1745 December 6 (Friday). Having receiv'd a Petition from Mr. David Crosby in Worcester Gaol that there might be a Contribution here for him, I Yesterday desir'd the Deacons of the Church and the selectmen of the Town to meet at my House this Day. And they accordingly came; but they all declin'd our complying with Said Petition.</p>
	Convention	1745 May 31 (Friday). Mr. Cushing and Mr. Morse came up from Boston; and they gave me Some Account of what had been done at the Election and at the Convention.... The Collection was large, £290 Old Tenor.
	Convention	1746 May 29 (Thursday). [Boston.] Mr. Gay of Hingham preach'd to the Convention on John 3. The Collection (I think) amounted to 232£.... At Convention p.m. we met to finish the Address and distribute the Collection.
	Convention	1747 May 28 (Thursday). Mr. Prescott preach'd to the ministers on Rom. 3.28, an Extremely long sermon. The Contribution 304.19.0.
	Convention	1748 May 26 (Thursday). At Convention Dr. Wigglesworth preach'd on Eph. 4.11.12. The Collection amounted to nigh 300£ Old Tenor.
1748	Communion elements	1748 June 30 (Thursday). I was requested to stop the Church that the Deacons might acquaint them with the Deficiency of the Contributions to Supply the Communion Table.

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1748	Woodwell, David of Hopkinton: to redeem daughter, Molly, from captivity	<p>1748 November 25 (Friday). N.B. Mr. Benjamin Carryll here with the Petitions of his Brother in Law David Woodwell for a Contribution that he may be able to redeem his Daughter from the Hands of the Indians.</p> <p>1748 November 27 (Sunday). Read to the Congregation the petition of David Woodwell of Hopkinton.</p> <p>1748 December 29 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Caryl from Hopkinton here to see whether we had done anything in Contributing for the Redemption of his Brother Woodwell's Daughter out of Captivity -- whereas this was one part of Deacon Newtons Business with me, to acquaint me that the Deacons and Committee of the Precinct did advise to my publicly proposing it, to our Congregation next Sabbath. I was sorry we were so late; for other Congregations round about had collected already, and they now (who were concern'd) were receiving it, that our Bills may be Exchang'd into Silver.</p> <p>1749 January 8 (Sunday). P.M. read part of the 17th of Matthew. Preach'd on 2 Cor. 8.7 (repeated), on occasion of the design'd Contributions for the Redemption of the Daughter of Mr. David Woodwell. But by reason of the Extremity of the Season I (not without advising upon it) thought it prudentest to adjourn it to another Sabbath. N.B. Deacon Forbush was the person I talked with -- he din'd with me, as did his daughter in law (widow Forbush) as well as master Upham.</p> <p>1749 January 15 (Sunday). A.M. read the latter part of Genesis 17 and gave some Exposition (as I have done several Times) and I preach'd on Mat. 25.46 latter Clause. Mr. Upham brought his Father to dine with me. P.M. read the latter part of Mat. 17 and deliver'd part of Several Expositions of Mat. 6 but from 2 Cor. 8.7, and after Sermon we Contributed for the Redemption of the Daughter of Mr. David Woodwell of Hopkinton. The Lord bless his word, and accept of our Offering!</p> <p>1749 January 16 (Monday). Master Uphams Father here.... N.B. Deacon Newton was with me to count the money gather'd yesterday and it amounted to a few Shillings above 20£ old Tenor.</p> <p>1749 January 17 (Tuesday). Mr. David Woodwell here on his Return from Deerfield to Hopkinton. He tells us that last week dy'd Mr. Benjamin Doolittle the pastor of Northfield.</p> <p>1749 January 23 (Monday). P.M. Deacon Newton came to review the counting of the late Contribution for Mr. Woodwell, and he brought somewhat more which a person put into his Hands, who was not at Meeting on the Day of the Contributions -- the whole sum now amounts to £29.11.2.</p>

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		<p>1749 February 3 (Friday). Mr. David Woodwell here and receiv'd the Contribution of our Congregation for the Redemption of his Daughter out of Captivity, viz. £29.11.11 old Tenor.</p> <p>1749 July 1 (Saturday). Yesterday and the Day before when I was at Hopkinton there was considerable said in Conversation, of poor Mr. Woodwell that went to Canada for his Daughter: fearing he was lost -- but last Night he came to Captain Maynards and this morning was at my House. But his Daughter was not with him: he had not obtain'd as yet, her Redemption.</p> <p>1749 October 27 (Friday). N.B. Mr. Carryl from Hopkinton here in behalf of his Brother Woodwell and din'd with us.</p> <p>1749 November 8 (Wednesday). At Eve Lieutenant Tainter and his son Benjamin brought in Mary Woodwell the Captive return'd from Canada. They left her and she lodg'd here....</p> <p>1749 November 9 (Thursday). Lieutenant came and kill'd a Cow for me -- weigh'd 16 score. He and Mary Woodwell after Dinner left us, that She might go over to her Father at Hopkinton.</p> <p>1749 November 12 (Sunday). P.M. Molly Woodwell's thanks were offer'd in our Congregation -- also prayers for no less than Six Children that are sick -- 3 of Neighbour Beriah Rice's -- who have a malignant Fever. The rest have the Canker or Throat Distemper.</p> <p>1750 January 25 (Thursday). N.B. Word Sent by Mrs. Tainter to Mary Woodwell not to come to live here.</p>
1749	Communion	<p>1749 February 27 (Monday). Stopp'd the Church to offer Mr. Lawrence and Mrs. Oak's Desire to be dismiss'd to Bolton, and to quicken the Church again in contributing at Communion. PROBABLY A MISTAKE ON WALETT'S PART: THIS HAPPENED ON SUNDAY, FEB. 26</p> <p>1749 February 26. Church Records (84): A word of Quickening was also given to the Church concerning Contribution of the Communion the Deacons having made repeated Complaint of the low state of the stock.</p>
1749	no name (Worcester)	<p>1749 March 19 (Sunday). [Worcester.] I preach'd a. and p.m. on Eph. 3.8.... N.B. The Church Stop'd at Noon an[d] send me a prayer desiring me to give public Notice of their agreement to have a Contribution on the approaching Fast, for a person that had in years past dwelt in Worcester, but whose dwelling was lately consum'd. This I comply'd with -- as well as their Custom of Reading publickly the holy Scriptures.</p>
1749	Convention	<p>1749 June 1 (Thursday). [Boston.] I attended the Convention. Was at the sermon. Mr. Barnard of Andover preach'd on 2 Cor. 4.1. The Contribution amounted to £ [blank].</p>

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1750	Biglo, Joshua of Worcester	<p>1750 January 22 (Monday). [Worcester.] P.M. at Mr. Maccartys. He rode with me to See Mr. Joshua Biglo whose House and Two Children were burnt last Saturday morning: at which he and his wife were much Scorch'd and confin'd to their Beds. At their request I pray'd with them.</p> <p>1750 February 26 (Monday). Letter from Rev. Mr. Maccarty containing a Request in behalf of Mr. Joshua Biglo for a Contribution here.</p> <p>1750 March 12 (Monday). P.M. rode up to our Meeting House the Precinct being met there for the choice of Officers, and I desir'd to know their minds respecting Two Requests I had Receiv'd -- one from Revd. Mr. Maccarty in behalf of Mr. Joshua Biglo in Worcester whose House was burnt, and another from Revd. Mr. Stone in behalf of the widow Richards of Southborough, who was lately burnt out also. The Moderater desir'd me to go in. I comply'd, but tarry'd not long. They voted there Should be a Contribution for the Widow.</p> <p>1750 March 18 (Sunday). [North Precinct.] Contribution in that assembly for Mr. Joshua Biglow of Worcester, amounted to about 13£ old Tenor.... Contribution in the South parish was for the Widow Richards in Southborough, and amounted to [blank].</p>
1750	Richards, Widow of Southborough	<p>1750 March 12 (Monday). P.M. rode up to our Meeting House the Precinct being met there for the choice of Officers, and I desir'd to know their minds respecting Two Requests I had Receiv'd -- one from Revd. Mr. Maccarty in behalf of Mr. Joshua Biglo in Worcester whose House was burnt, and another from Revd. Mr. Stone in behalf of the widow Richards of Southborough, who was lately burnt out also. The Moderater desir'd me to go in. I comply'd, but tarry'd not long. They voted there Should be a Contribution for the Widow.</p> <p>1750 March 18 (Sunday). [North Precinct.] Contribution in that assembly for Mr. Joshua Biglow of Worcester, amounted to about 13£ old Tenor.... Contribution in the South parish was for the Widow Richards in Southborough, and amounted to [blank].</p> <p>1750 March 20 (Tuesday). Storm of Snow so great that considering the great Straits of many people for Hay, it is very sorrowfull and distressing. Deacon Newton here in the Morning and brought the Contribution of our Parish for the Widow Richards -- it amounted to £13.16.10, but very few large Bills -- only 1 20/ Bill in the whole -- one 14/ -- and but a few 10's. 2£ 16/ of Hampshire. £2.13.6 Rhode Island, of which a considerable number were of the condemned Bills. It grieves me much. Yet I am glad they did anything Since we are at this Day so many ways burden'd. The Lord accept our offering! but if any have knowingly offered to the Lord a Corrupt Thing, the Lord be pleased to detect it to their Consciences, give 'em the Grace to repent of it, and in great Mercy forgive it!</p>

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		1750 March 25 (Sunday). After the services I gave a Warning to such of the Congregation as in the late Contribution put in Bills of poor Credit.
1751	Convention	1751 May 30 (Thursday). At the Convention Sermon; preach'd by Mr. Wigglesworth of Ipswich on 2 Cor. 11.2, and the Collection for the Support of the Gospel Ministry which I fear was Small.
1752	Goodenow, David of North Parish	<p>1752 December 23 (Saturday). Mr. David Goodenow here. He brings a Petition (drawn up by Mr. Martyn) Sign'd by himself requesting a Charitable Contribution for him.</p> <p>1752 December 24 (Sunday). P.M. after the Exercises, immediately before giving the Blessing, I read Mr. Goodenows Petition for a Contribution. I desir'd the Deacons of the Church and the Committee of the Parish to meet at my House tomorrow Eve, that I may have their Thoughts about it.</p> <p>1752 December 24. Church Records (95): The Same Day a Request was Read to the Church and Congregation, signed by <i>David Goodenow</i>, in which he represents his low and necessitous Circumstances by reason of his own and his Wife's Sickness etc. and asks a Charitable Contribution on January 7th next</p> <p>1752 December 25 (Monday). At Eve Deacons Forbush and Newton, Lieutenant Bruce and Mr. Phinehas Hardy (who with Deacon Newton made up a Majority of the Precinct Committee) met here at my Request publickly yesterday, to confer and give me their Thought, what would be best to be done with regard to the Contribution which Mr. David Goodenow had petitioned for. Mr. Grow was also here. They, upon the whole, could not advise to it by Virtue of that Petition, the reason they gave was, he did not appear humble, and blaming himself for his poverty, but the Contrary, and rather casting Blame where he ought not. And they Thought it left that I Should write to him.</p> <p>1752 December 26 (Tuesday). Deacon Newton returns to me this Morning further to strengthen what was Said last Night. P.M. Deacon Newton carry'd a Letter from me to Mr. Goodenow -- he went also to Mr. Martyns.</p> <p>1752 December 27 (Wednesday). Deacon Newton here to give me account of his Journey to the North Side; and Says he saw but little alteration, by his Discourse, with Mr. Goodenow.</p> <p>1753 January 6 (Saturday). Baldwin left us -- wrote by him to Mr. Martyn about the Contributions for Mr. Goodenow.</p>

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		<p>1753 February 25. Church Records (95): N.B. After the Exercise the Church was stopt and their Advice was askd touching a Second Letter from <i>David Goodenow</i> which was read to the Church requesting a Contribution for him, being hims. and wife greatly reduced - The Church voted in advissable that there be a Contribution for him.</p> <p>1753 March 18. Church Records (95): N.B. This Day there was a Contribution for the Relief of Mr. <i>David Goodenow</i>. It amounted to 16.13s of old Tenor besides 14 of broken and doubtfull money.</p>
1753	Cook, Cornelius	1753 October 28. Church Records (97): And this Day read the humble petition of <i>Cornelius Cook</i> for a public Contribution for him, being much reduced by the Imprisonment and Trial of his Two sons Robert and Stephen, for killing an Indian at Stockbridge.
1754	Newton, Alpheus	<p><i>January 3.</i> We hear from Westborough, that on the 17<sup>th</sup> of last Month, in the Night, the House of Mrs. Alpheus Newton in that Town, was consumed by Fire, with many Provisions and Stores, viz. English Grain, Beef, Cyder, Roots, &amp;c. hardly any Thing being saved; but thro' the Divine Goodness no Lives were lost. It is not known how the Fire happened. (<i>Pennsylvania Gazette</i>, Jan. 29, 1754, p. [2].)</p> <p>1754 January 6 (Sunday). Deferr'd the Contribution because of the Rain.</p> <p>1754 January 13 (Sunday). P.M. read Heb. 7, and preach'd on Lev. 10.6 latter part on occasion of our Contributing for the Relief of Alpheus Newton and his Wife, lately burnt out; which Contribution was this afternoon, and may God accept the offering of his people and sanctifie His holy Dispensations.</p> <p>1754 January 13. Church Records (97): A Contribution for the Relief of Mr. <i>Alpheus Newton</i>, whose House was burnt down in the Night between the 24th and 25th of December last; and we gatherd in our Congregation 44.15s. and 6d. old Ten.</p> <p>1754 January 14 (Monday). After burying at Deacon Newtons and Mr. Francis Whipple with us, counting the Money gather'd yesterday, and it amounted to 44£ 15 shillings and 6d old Tenor.</p> <p>1754 January 26 (Saturday). Hands at work helping Alpheus Newton frame.</p> <p>1754 January 28 (Monday). Alpheus Newton's House rais'd. Captain Eager ask'd me to go up, and I did so.</p>
1754	Hill, Asa of Shrewsbury	1754 March 22 (Friday). Mr. Hill of Sherbourn brought me a Letter from Mr. Morse of Shrewsbury requesting a Contribution for the Relief of Mr. Asa Hill of Shrewsbury who was lately burnt out.

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		<p>1754 March 24 (Sunday). Read to the Congregation a Letter from the Reverend Mr. Morse of Shrewsbury requesting a Contribution for one Mr. Asa Hill who was lately burnt out. Left it with Deacons and Committee to advise upon.</p> <p>1754 March 31 (Sunday). N.B. The Deacons and Committee who met last Thursday to Confer about Mr. Asa Hills Case, as mention'd last Lords Day, made me no Return.</p> <p>1754 April 21 (Sunday). Acquainted the Congregation that I perceiv'd it was the mind of those I had Convers'd with that it is not adviseable to have among us, a public Contribution for Mr. Hill of Shrewsbury (who was burnt out and whose Request was read some Sabbaths ago) not only because of our Circumstances here, but Mr. Hill has receiv'd pritty full Supplis; and it is not expected from us, all Things considered. But yet if any persons are still So inclined as to Contribute Money or Necessarys of Life, they may use their Discretion.</p>
1754	Convention	1754 May 30 (Thursday). [Boston.] Return'd to Convention and attended the public meeting. Mr. Williams of Long Meadow preach'd on Exod. 25.8. The Collection follow'd.
1754	Gleason, Thomas of Oxford	<p>1754 September 22 (Sunday). Read publicly the Petition of Mr. Thomas Gleason of Oxford and desir'd the Congregation that if any one had any thing to offer he would come and See me this week.</p> <p>1754 September 29 (Sunday). Appointed a Contribution for Mr. Thomas Gleason of Oxford (by Mistake I said Dudley) to be next Lords Day p.m.</p> <p>1754 October 6 (Sunday). P.M. we had a Publick Contribution for the Relief of Mr. Thomas Gleason of Oxford.</p> <p>1754 October 6. Church Records (99): A Contribution the Same Day for Mr. <i>Thomas Gleason</i> of Oxford, who was burnt out last July 2d - and gathered in old Tenor 9.6.10.</p> <p>1754 October 8 (Tuesday). Deacon Newton came in the Morning to assist in Counting the Contribution-Money. We found it to be £9.6.10 old Tenor.</p> <p>1754 November 23 (Saturday). P.M. Mr. Gleason of Oxford here.</p>
1755	Parkman	1755 May 25 (Sunday). Preach'd at Southborough.... N.B. In Southborough they had a Contribution for me.
1755	Maynard, Jesse of north parish	<p>1755 September 28 (Sunday). Contribution for Mr. Jesse Maynard of the northside.</p> <p>1755 September 27 [sic]. Church Records (104): There was a Contribution for the Relief of Mr. Jesse Maynard who was lately burnt out. It amounted to £21.3.7 ½ old Tenor.</p>



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		<p>1755 September 29 (Monday). Deacon Jonathan Forbush junior here. We Counted the money gather'd Yesterday -- found it £21.3 7 1/2 old Tenor.</p>
1756	Cook, Robert	<p>1756 March 2 (Tuesday). <i>Robert Cook here with a Petition</i> for a Contribution.</p> <p>1756 March 21 (Sunday). N.B. read the Petitions of James Allen of Hopkinton for a Contribution among us. He had been burnt out, and lost his Goods, though the House was not his. I read two Certificats concerning him; one from Simpson Jones Esq., the Other from Rev. Mr. Barrett. I read also the Petition of <i>Robert Cook</i>, for a Contribution for him to assist him in building an House. Having read these Petitions I desired the Deacons of the Church and the Committee of the Precinct would meet and advise what is best to be done.</p> <p>1756 March 25 (Thursday). At Eve the Deacons of the Church and the Committee of the Precinct Met at my Chamber to consult about the Petitions for Contributions. They were unanimously <i>against</i> any for Mr. Cook, and <i>for one</i> in behalf of Mr. <i>Allen</i>.</p>
1756	Allen, James of Hopkinton	<p>1756 February 25 (Wednesday). One James <i>Allen</i>, a French man, who has been burnt out, at Hopkinton, was with me at Framingham, to desire the Charity of our Congregation.</p> <p>1756 March 21 (Sunday). N.B. read the Petitions of James Allen of Hopkinton for a Contribution among us. He had been burnt out, and lost his Goods, though the House was not his. I read two Certificats concerning him; one from Simpson Jones Esq., the Other from Rev. Mr. Barrett. I read also the Petition of <i>Robert Cook</i>, for a Contribution for him to assist him in building an House. Having read these Petitions I desired the Deacons of the Church and the Committee of the Precinct would meet and advise what is best to be done.</p> <p>1756 March 25 (Thursday). At Eve the Deacons of the Church and the Committee of the Precinct Met at my Chamber to consult about the Petitions for Contributions. They were unanimously <i>against</i> any for Mr. Cook, and <i>for one</i> in behalf of Mr. <i>Allen</i>.</p> <p>1756 April 4 (Sunday). Read p.m. Mat. 15 and (after the Baptism of a Child) had a Contribution for <i>James Allen</i> of Hopkinton who was lately burnt out.</p> <p>Church Records (105), April 4, 1756: And there was a Contribution for <i>James Allen</i>, of Hopkinton, who was burnt out. The Sum collected, when counted, was in old Tenor. 17.19.0. which may God gracously accept and bless!</p>

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		<p>1756 April 5 (Monday). At Deacon <i>Forbush's</i> at Eve to count out the Contribution-Money of Yesterday. It amounted to 17£ and 12/ as we estimated it.</p> <p>1756 April 10 (Saturday). Mr. James Allen for whom we contributed here.</p>
1756	Convention	1756 May 27 (Thursday). [Boston.] I went to the Convention.... Mr. <i>Abbot</i> of Charlestown preached to Day, on <i>Act.</i> 20.21. The Contribution was smaller than usual -- being but 250£ old Tenor or a little above.
1756	Death, Jotham	<p>1756 June 29 (Tuesday). Mr. <i>Jotham Death</i> also here; he had left a Letter begging a Contribution for him, he having been sorrowfully burnt out.</p> <p>1756 July 18 (Sunday). Mr. Barrett preached here, a.m. on Ps. 73.26, last Clause.... N.B. Mr. Barrett read the Proclamation for a Fast and Mr. <i>Jotham Death's Letter, desiring Contribution.</i> Mr. Barret left us at Eve.</p> <p>1756 September 12 (Sunday). After Sermon I appointed the Next Sabbath to be the Time for a Contribution for the Relief of <i>Jotham Death of Poqueoge.</i></p> <p>1756 September 19 (Sunday). Contribution for Mr. Jotham Death.</p> <p>Church records (106), September 19, 1756: Sept. 19. We Contributed to the Relief of Mr. <i>Jotham Death</i> of Poquaoge (so called); which upon being counted, appeared to amount to 12.13.4 old Tenor which may God graciously accept of us and bless. N.B. The said Mr. Deaths Distress was by his being burnt out last May on Lords Day whilst he and his Family were attending the public Worship.</p> <p>1756 September 22 (Wednesday). After Lecture the Deacons came to [my Hou?]<i>se,</i> and we counted the Money collected last Lords Day for Mr. <i>Jotham Death of Poquaog,</i> and it appeared to be £12.13.4 old Tenor.</p> <p>1756 October 18 (Monday). Mrs. <i>Death,</i> Wife of Mr. <i>Jotham Death,</i> for whom we <i>Contributed,</i> was here; and I delivered her the Money that was collected.</p>
1758	Convention	1758 June 1 (Thursday). [Boston.] I did not go very early to the Convention -- but heard that Mr. Balch was chose. Mr. Townshend preached on 3 Ep. of <i>John v. 8.</i> Had Contribution but slender.
1759	Convention – printing report	1759 May 31 (Thursday). At the Convention -- expressed my Sense of the Regard Shewn me -- but that I know not what to think of accepting it. Was soon overpowered by Mr. Moderator, Mr. Appleton and a Number More. Report of the Committee in Answer to the honorable Board read -- and after a few amendments Voted, and a Contribution for printing it.

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1759	Sadler, Ebenezer of Grafton	1759 November 18 (Sunday). Acquainted the Congregation with the Desire of Mr. Ebenezer Sadler of Grafton to have a Contribution here for him, he having been burnt out.  1759 December 31 (Monday). At Eve the Committee of the Precinct, and other persons here. They advise to comply with Mr. Jonathan Morse's Petition for Contribution -- though they do not respecting Mr. <i>Ebenezer Sadlers</i> .
1759	Morse, Jonathan of Shrewsbury	1759 December 30 (Sunday). At Eve read to the Congregation a Letter from Mr. Jonathan Morse of Shrewsbury, who was lately burnt out; containing his Request for a Contribution. N.B. It was recommended by Mr. Cushing.  1759 December 31 (Monday). At Eve the Committee of the Precinct, and other persons here. They advise to comply with Mr. Jonathan Morse's Petition for Contribution -- though they do not respecting Mr. <i>Ebenezer Sadlers</i> .  1760 January 13 (Sunday). After sermon was a Contribution for Mr. <i>Jonathan Morse of Shrewsbury</i> .  Church Records (111), Jan. 13, 1760: And the Same Day contributed to the Relief of Mr. <i>Jonathan Morse of Shrewsbury</i> , whose distress was by Fire. N.B. The sum gathered was £6.2.0. Lawfull money or £45.15.0. old Tenor.  1760 January 14 (Monday). Deacon Tainter came (but without Deacon Bond though both were desired and both consented to) this Morning, to count the Money Collected yesterday. It amounted to £45.14.1 old Tenor.  1760 January 16 (Wednesday). Deacon Tainter came with his Whirrey and two Horses to wait on my Wife and me in Visiting the West Neighbourhood and part of Shrewsbury. We first went to Mr. Samuel Fay's junior where we dined and Spent some Time. But no Word of the Difference. Thence to Mr. Gleasons, then to Lt. Eli'zer Rice, Dr. Crosbys, where we stayed to Tea, and left the Contribution Money for Mr. Jonathan Morse....  1760 February 3 (Sunday). Read a paper of gratefull Return from Mr. <i>Jonathan Morse</i> for our Contribution, which he had received

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1760	Boston - fire	<p>1760 March 20 (Thursday). N.B. The news reaches us of <i>a great Fire in Boston</i> this Morning at 3 o'Clock.... Mr. Daniel Forbush in the Night calls and confirms the sad Tidings of the Fire. May God Sanctify it to the sufferers and all round about! Fires have broke out there three Nights running. I wish it mayn't be by some evil Instrumentality.</p> <p>1760 March 21 (Friday). Further Accounts Still of the dreadful Conflagration in the Dear Place of my Birth. Blessed be the Lord who preserves Me and my Houses! Whilst I earnestly pray for the divine Compassion to the Destitute and Distressed! O what a Changing World this is! The Lord prepare me and mine for what He designs next!</p> <p>1760 March 22 (Saturday). N.B. Smoke rises in the East, and Some people fear there is Still destructive Fires in <i>Boston</i>.</p> <p>1760 March 30 (Sunday). P.M. read the Governors <i>Brief</i> for a Contribution for the distressed in Boston. I read also (in public) a Paragraph in the Thursdays News Letter, informing to whom the Collections are to be sent.</p> <p>1760 April 3 (Thursday). Public Fast. Preached a.m. on Isa. 64.9. P.M. I formed an Exercise partly out of sermon on Dan. 4.27. And on Account of the Contribution for the sufferers by the late Fire in Boston, I used part of Sermon on Lev. 10.6.... N.B. We contributed as abovesaid. May God accept the Offering!</p> <p>1760 May 1 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter receives of me the Contribution Money for Boston. £0.2.2 Old Tenor.</p>
1760	Convention	1760 May 29 (Thursday). [Boston.] Attend the Convention.... The Contribution was 330£ Old Tenor. To which add a Guinea from Governor <i>Dummer</i> . 340-10/ Old Tenor. Yet the Assembly was remarkably thin.
1761	Convention	1761 May 28 (Thursday). [Boston.] The Contribution was £139.18.0 Old Tenor.
1763	Shay, Patrick of Hopkinton	Church Records (125), June 12, 1763: A Contribution was made for the Relief of <i>Patrick Shay</i> of Hopkinton, who was burnt out. The Contribution amounted to £16.9.32. old Tenor.
1764	Child, Hannah	Church Records (128), April 13, 1764: <i>Secondly</i> , Several Letters from one Mrs. <i>Hannah Child</i> , requesting a Contribution - but no one Member encouragd it.
1764	Communion table	Church Records (128), April 13, 1764: A Vote was passd that there Should be a Contribution of the Church for better furnishing the Communion Table.
1764	Badcock, Jason	<p>1726 March 20 (Sunday). I preach'd on the same Text as Last Sabbath. Jason Badcock an illegitimate born Child presented by Mr. Joseph Wheeler was Baptiz'd.</p> <p>1764 June 17 (Sunday). And appointed next Lords Day for Contribution to the relief of Mr. <i>Jason Badcock</i>.</p>

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		<p>1764 June 24 (Sunday). Had a <i>Contribution</i> for Mr. <i>Jason Badcock</i>.</p> <p>1764 June 26 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter here and assisted in counting the Contribution. There was of Silver £15.19.10.2, of Copper £8.7.6. In all £24.7.4.2 old Tenor -- which may God accept and bless!</p>
1764	Joslin, Joseph	<p>1764 September 30 (Sunday). N.B. I read Mr. Benjamin Mixer's Petition for a Contribution for Joseph Joslin -- and left to the Consideration of the whole Congregation but up to the Deacons and the Committee.</p> <p>Church Records (130), September 30, 1764: A Petition of <i>Benj. Mixer</i>, Guardian of <i>Joseph Joslin</i>, a minor, who has been long exercisd with sickness and sores, to the exhausting of his Substance, for a Contribution for his Relief; read to the Congregation.</p> <p>1764 November 5 (Monday). Visit Joseph Joslin who is ill again and is now at Mr. Daniel Warrin, and proceed thence to Southborough.</p> <p>1764 December 5 (Wednesday). Visit Joseph Joslin who lies in a low Condition at Mr. Daniel Warrin's. Prayed with him and a Number besides who attended.</p>
1764	Communion Vessels	<p>1764 October 3 (Wednesday). The Church also, by vote, left the money lately contributed for Vessels, to the Discretion of the Deacons.</p>
1765	Wood, Charles of Warwick	<p>1765 April 18 (Thursday). Had a Contribution for Deacon Charles Woods of [blank] whose House was burnt on [blank].</p> <p>Church Records (131), April 18, 1765: Contribution for Deacon Charles Woods of Warwick - gatherd 30£ 2d old Tenor which was deliverd him Apr. 25 of which he gave a Receipt.</p> <p>1765 April 19 (Friday). Deacon Tainter comes and we count the money of the Contribution -- £30.2.0 old Tenor.</p>
1765	Convention	<p>1765 May 30 (Thursday). [Boston.] Attended the Convention. Dr. <i>Chauncy preached</i>, on <i>Act. 8.5</i>. In the midst of the sermon, a Cry of Fire. The Collection was 225£ old Tenor -- and Some odd Money.</p>
1766	Phillips, John	<p>1766 April 28 (Monday). N.B. Mr. <i>John Phillips</i> of <i>Shrings</i> [?] Legg here and desires <i>Contribution</i> having lately lost his wife; he is much reduced.</p>
1766	Convention	<p>1766 May 28 (Wednesday). [Boston.] N.B. The Committee which was chose a year or two ago to consider of a plan for the Disposing of the money contributed for a Fund to relieve poor Ministers Widows and Children, have not So much as once Met together upon the Business. A gross Neglect!</p>

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		1766 May 29 (Thursday). Attend the Convention again.... P.M. the Convention met, but I was not there till the (last) prayer was over, having thought my Self obliged to visit the widow (of John) Breck under her Cancer, of which she was labored above a Year. The Collection this Day amounted to 228£ old Tenor.
1767	Noble-town	<p>1767 April 9 (Thursday). After sermon Contributed (in pursuance of the Brief) for the Relief of the sufferers in <i>Noble-town</i>, which may God accept!</p> <p>1767 April 14 (Tuesday). Deacon Bond came to count the money of the Contribution. It was £17.6 old Tenor.</p> <p>Note: This collection was in response to Governor Francis Bernard's appeal, Mar. 18, 1767, for "Collections in the Counties of <i>Worcester, Hampshire, and Berkshire</i>, for the Relief of the Sufferers" in Nobletown, "lying to the Westward of the Line supposed to be the boundary Line between this Province and the Province of New-York, that, by Reason of certain Disputes concerning the Right to the Lands occupied by the said Inhabitants, the Tenements, Goods and Chattles [<i>sic</i>] of the said Inhabitants have been so destroyed that they have scarcely any of the Necessaries of Life left to subsist upon, and are at present unable to pay the Arrears due to their Minister, now amounting to about One hundred Pounds lawful Money, or to support the Ministry of the Gospel among them for the Time ensuing...."</p> <p>Ministers were requested to read the proclamation "upon the Day appointed for the general Fast, being the Ninth Day of April next ensuing, or upon the first Lord's Day after they shall receive the same, as they shall just most convenient."</p> <p><i>By His Excellency Francis Bernard, Esq; ... A brief: Whereas it hath been represented to the General-Court of this province, by a petition on the behalf of the inhabitants of a place called Nobeltown ... at present unable to pay the arrears due to their minister ... or to support the ministry of the gospel among them ... Given at Boston, the eighteenth day of March, 1767 ... (Boston: Printed by Richard Draper, printer to his excellency the governour, and the honourable his majesty's Council, 1767).</i></p>
1767	Convention	1767 May 28 (Thursday). [Boston.] Attend the Convention. Mr. Eliot preached on Jam. 5.19.20. The Collection amounted to [ <i>blank</i> ].
1767	Bellows, Judith	<p>1767 November 1 (Sunday). Read the Petition of Judith Bellows for a Contribution.</p> <p>1767 November 22 (Sunday). Propounded <i>Eli Whitney</i> and his wife, and read the proclamation for Thanksgiving, but by reason of the fewness of the people at meeting this stormy Day, I put off the Contribution for Mrs. <i>Bellows</i> until next Lords Day.</p> <p>1767 November 29 (Sunday). We had a Contribution for Mrs. <i>Judith Bellows</i>.</p>

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		1767 November 30 (Monday). At Eve the Deacons were here to count the Money contributed, and find it to be £14.8.0 old Tenor.
1768	Sherman, Joseph	<p>1768 June 5 (Sunday). I appointed the Communion and Lecture and a Contribution for Mr. <i>Joseph Sherman</i>.</p> <p>1768 June 12 (Sunday). Had a Contribution for Mr. Joseph Sherman. And because of its being Such a snare to Send an Hat along the Gallery seats among the Boys (which have not behaved well at such a Time), I thought it best to alter our Custom and recommended to them to walk down and go round as formerly was the Custom of this People and all others that I knew of. But there were only a few that Complied; and doubtless the Contribution was the more Slender on that Account. I had said also to the Congregation that I was informed that some had been so indecent to put in what they Should not; and there was reason to fear some had taken <i>out</i>.</p> <p>Church Records (143-44), June 12, 1768: P.M. Contribution for Mr. Joseph Sherman of Shewsbury, whose House was burnt.</p> <p>1768 June 13 (Monday). N.B. There has been disquietment among several people that I altered the Custom of the Contribution and admonished the Rude Boys who had behaved indecently at a former Contribution. Particularly Mr. Benjamin Tainter appeared very Angry.</p> <p>1768 June 14 (Tuesday). When I returned home, Mr. Timothy Warrin here, and Shewed himself disturbed at Our -- but especially at my Conducting the late Contribution. At Eve Deacon Wood came and we counted the Money -- found it to be £20.11.7. Which may God please graciously to accept and bless to him for what has been gathered and pardon what was amiss!</p>
1768	Montreal -fire	<p>1768 August 28 (Sunday). Read the Brief for a Contribution to relieve the People of <i>Montreal</i> who were burnt out last April.</p> <p>1768 September 4 (Sunday). We had a Contribution for <i>Montreal</i>.</p> <p>Church Records (144), September 4, 1768: Contribution for relief of the Sufferers by Fire at <i>Montreal</i> in <i>Canada</i>. Gathered £15.16.0 old Tenor.</p>
1769	Mellen, James of Hopkinton	1769 January 27 (Friday). A young man from Hopkinton, one Joseph Gay, bears a Message to me from Mr. Barrett, that there has occurred among them a sorrowful Burning last Tuesday Night when the House of Mr. James Mellen was Consumed, but the Letter is lost.

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		<p>1769 February 17 (Friday). At Eve <i>Mr. John Wood</i> here, with his own and his Fathers Accounts. His Kinsman <i>Mr. James Mellen</i> of Hopkinton came with a Petition for a Contribution, as a Sufferer by the late Burning of his House, Signed by Rev. Messrs. <i>Barrett</i> and <i>Prentiss</i>.</p> <p>1769 February 18 (Saturday). <i>Mr. James Mellen</i> here again, to mend the writing in the Petition, by inserting an omitted particle or two, and endorses it as his Desire.</p> <p>1769 February 19 (Sunday). N.B. delivered <i>Mr. Mellens</i> Desire of Contribution to the Deacons to be Communicated to the select men for their Advice.</p> <p>1769 February 25 (Saturday). At Eve Deacon Woods brings me <i>Mr. James Mellens</i> Paper requesting a Contribution, the Deacons and Select Men having considered it, and advise that it be read.</p> <p>1769 March 12 (Sunday). Read <i>Mr. James Mellens</i> Paper signed by Messrs. <i>Barrett</i> and <i>Prentice</i>.</p> <p>1769 March 15 (Wednesday). [Lecture day.] I read to the People the Paper of the prizers of the late <i>Capt. Ellis's</i> Estate, and what <i>Mr. James Mellen</i> was to have out of it for keeping the old Folks. This was read in order to remove the Prejudices in the Minds of Persons which might prevent Contributing to his Relief.</p> <p>1769 March 23 (Thursday). Visit <i>Mr. Barrett</i>. We converse on <i>Mr. James Mellens</i> Case -- and We go to <i>Lt. Abby's</i>, to talk with him, he having been one of the Apprizers of <i>Capt. Ellis's</i> Estate.</p> <p>1769 April 2 (Sunday). Appoint Contribution for <i>Mr. Mellen</i>.</p> <p>1769 April 3 (Monday). At Eve <i>Mr. Daniel Forbes</i> was here, and is very earnest <i>against a Contribution</i> for <i>Mr. Mellen</i>. I answered that he should have objected <i>before</i>. It was now too late. He Said <i>he knew</i> it. I told him I had taken every Step that is fit in Such Cases. He reply'd that he did not pretend to lay any Blame on me. I added that <i>He</i> was much to blame. He answered that <i>he knew it</i>, and was <i>Sorry</i>. Yet must have some thing done to prevent it, because Such a Multitude were against it. I told him that no Soul had been here to object. He wondered at it; he thought every Thing was So plain against it that he took it for granted there would be none. I rejoined that all was on the Contrary with me: and if there were so many against it, they Should let me know it. I must know their minds by Fast forenoon: Seasonably to Speak to the Congregation at noon. He Said I should know seasonably.</p>
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		<p>1769 April 4 (Tuesday). At Eve Mr. Batheric here, and Shews himself against the Contribution.</p> <p>1769 April 6 (Thursday). Publick Fast.... N.B. before I went into Meeting Mr. Daniel Forb. met me and told me it was agreed that Deacon Wood Should come to me and acquaint me with the minds of a Number that had been together and that they were against having a Contribution. Nay, Says he, Deacon himself is against it. Mr. Batherick being <i>by</i>, and hearing this from <i>Forb</i>. I bid him take Notice of it. Now although the Deacon was with me on Wednesday, and Said that Mr. F. had been at his House, yet he Said nothing of <i>his</i> being appointed to come in their name to me. Before I went up into the Pulpit, I acquainted the Deacon and asked him whether he had rather I would put it by? And he said that Since Things were so, <i>he had</i>. Accordingly after the Exercise, at noon I told the people it was waved, at least for the present. But after the last Exercise, I desired those who were for the Contribution to carry, whether money or what they could best Communicate, to one or Other of the Deacons.</p>
1769	Convention	1769 June 1 (Thursday). [Boston.] When the Convention met p.m. we found the Collection of Money to Day amounted to £252.9.6.1 old Tenor.
1770	Cook, Eunice	<p>1770 June 11 (Monday). P.M. Squire <i>Whipple</i> here. By him I committ Mrs. <i>Eunice Cooks</i> petition for a Contribution, to the Selectmen for their Advice, Deacon <i>Bond</i> being one of them. He returns it to me with their Advice that it be read to the Congregation and left to their Consideration for a Fortnight; that if any Objection arises against it, it may be made in that Time.</p> <p>1770 June 17 (Sunday). Read Mrs. <i>Eunice Cooks</i> Petition for a Contribution and a Letter signed <i>Caleb Hill</i> to recommend her.</p> <p>1770 July 1 (Sunday). Appointed a Contribution to be next Lords Day p.m. for Mrs. Eunice Cook.</p> <p>1770 July 8 (Sunday). After the Exercises was a Contribution for Mrs. <i>Eunice Cook</i> of Douglas. May the Lord accept our Offering! And Pity His Handmaid, who I believe Stands in need of Relief.</p> <p>Church Records (148), July 8, 1770: A Contribution for Mrs. <i>Eunice Cook</i>, who now dwells at <i>Douglass</i>; It was £7.13.5.2 old Tenor.</p> <p>1770 July 9 (Monday). Deacon <i>Wood</i> was here in the morning to count the Money of the Contribution and we found it to be in old Tenor £7.13.5.2.</p>

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		<p>1770 July 23 (Monday). Mrs. <i>Hill</i>, of <i>Douglass</i>, Daughter of Mrs. <i>Eunice Cook</i>, here.</p> <p>1770 July 24 (Tuesday). Mrs. <i>Hill</i> of <i>Douglass</i> again in Difficulty, her Horse having got away, as she fears: and enquires about the Money lately contributed for her Mother.</p> <p>1770 July 25 (Wednesday). Mrs. <i>Hill</i> has been to <i>Marlborough</i> and returned here. She hears nothing of a Contribution there. I direct her to Deacon Wood, who has the Money which we collected, and I wrote to him to disburse it so as to answer the Design of it, and the Expectation of the People.</p>
1770	Marblehead - poor	<p>1770 July 15 (Sunday). Read the Brief from <i>Marblehead</i>.</p> <p>1770 July 29 (Sunday). Contribution for the poor at <i>Marblehead</i>.</p> <p>Church Records (148), July 29, 1770: A Contribution for the poor at <i>Marblehead</i>. It amounted to £30.12.11.2 O.T.</p> <p>1770 July 30 (Monday). Deacon Bond was here to assist in counting the Money collected yesterday. It was, in old Tenor, £30.12.11.2.</p>
1772	Fessenden, Rev. Thomas	<p>1772 January 6 (Monday). Rev. <i>Fessenden</i> of <i>Walpole New Hampshire</i> and his Wife here and dine with us. Leaves a Petition for Contribution (having been burnt out in Nov. last).</p> <p>1772 January 26 (Sunday). A.M. on Luk. XV.17. P.M. on v. 20 and appointed a Contribution for Rev. Mr. Fessenden.</p> <p>1772 February 2 (Sunday). N.B. <i>Contribution for Mr. Fessenden</i>.</p> <p>1772 February 3 (Monday). Deacon Wood here and counted the Collection made Yesterday; which was £21.4.9 old Tenor.</p>
1772	Smith, Samuel of Grafton	<p>1772 April 24 (Friday). A Petition of Mr. <i>Samuel Smith</i> of Grafton for Contribution, he having suffered by Fire.</p>
1772	Convention	<p>1772 May 28 (Thursday). [Boston.] Saw and conversed with Brother <i>Smith</i> who was at Convention. Mr. President <i>Locke</i> preached on 2 <i>Cor.</i> 4.2, latter part, "but by manifestation of the Truth" etc. The Collection was 21£ 3.11 Lawful Money. Last Years was £23.10.2.3.</p>
1772	Fay, Samuel	<p>1772 August 27 (Thursday). Hear that Mr. <i>Samuel Fay</i> has a 24th Child, and that Mr. <i>Bass's</i> Wife is brought to Bed also.</p>

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		<p>1772 September 28 (Monday). Mr. Samuel Fay here. He desires me to draw a Petition for a Contribution, being under great straits.</p> <p>1772 October 1 (Thursday). Rode to <i>Shrewsbury</i> Lecture. In my way called at Mr. Samuel Fays, and read to him a Petition which he had desired me to draw for him. He likes it well, and desires this may be read publickly.... Called again at Mr. S. Fays to see when he would sign his Petition? In Answer thereto, he desired me to sign it for him -- and called old Mr. James Maynard to witness to it; and he accordingly took due notice of it. Came home in safety. Thanks be to God for it!</p> <p>1772 October 4 (Sunday). Read Mr. Samuel Fays Petition for a Contribution.</p> <p>1772 October 6 (Tuesday). At Eve Capt. Brigham and Dr. <i>Hawes</i> came in and acquaint me with the Desire of many persons that if there shall be a Contribution for Mr. Samuel Fay, it may be delivered to the Care of some fit Person or Persons. The Deacons were named etc. etc.</p> <p>1772 October 7 (Wednesday). At Eve Deacon Wood makes me a visit. The chief Thing he came about seems to be to let me know that the People will not be willing to contribute to Mr. Fay unless it be committed to the Care of Some suitable Person or Persons to dispose of it for the Familys Good.</p> <p>1772 October 15 (Thursday). Capt. Maynard and Mr. <i>Timothy Warrin</i> have made a Visit to Mr. <i>Samuel Fay</i>, and they turn in here to desire me to acquaint the Congregation that Mr. <i>Fay</i> will be Satisfyed with the Collections being put into the Hands of the Deacons, that the improving of it may be under their Care; and that he shall take it kindly if the people contribute to him of whatsoever they think best.</p> <p>1772 October 18 (Sunday). Read Isa. 65. Preached on Hosea V.1-4. Mr. Waters dined here. P.M. Read 2 Pet. Ch. 1. Went on with the Subject from Luk. 8.18 and finished the Repetition of that Continuation of page 12 of Sermon on 2 Cor. 2.16 and in the Close delivered some Quickenings and Directions in the Duty of Charitable Contributions. After Sermon we had a <i>Contribution for Mr. Samuel Fay</i>. I fear it is but small. Many Persons have manifested great Dissatisfaction with him for what they have understood of his Conduct towards his Wife and Children -- but I hope he is more humble and meek, now he is brought into so great Straits and Difficultys. May the Lord pity and re[lieve?] him -- blessing to him what has been Collected this Day for him! The Lord pardon us wherein we have been deficient and accept graciously our Offering, be it more or less!</p>
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		Church Records (156), October 18, 1772: A Contribution for Brother Samuel Fay - at his Request - it was, (in old Tenor) £20.8.9.
1773	Convention	1773 May 27 (Thursday). Attended the <i>Convention</i> (which was at the school House) from whence we proceeded to the public Exercises at the Old South.... The Collection amounted to <i>[blank]</i> .
1773	Cook, Eunice	<p>1773 June 27 (Sunday). Read <i>Joel</i> 1. Could not get my new preparations ready -- wanted to preach a preparatory sermon to Contribution and also to young people and especially against Fornication. Took therefore Discourses on <i>Prov.</i> 10.10 with various Additions.</p> <p>1773 July 4 (Sunday). Read a.m. <i>Joel</i> 2. Preached on <i>Hos.</i> 6.6. P.M. read <i>Rev.</i> 4. Preached again on <i>Prov.</i> 4.10. Master <i>Taylor</i> dined here. Contribution for the Widow <i>Eunice Cook</i>, Still dwelling at <i>Douglass</i>. May the Lord accept the Offering!</p> <p>1773 July 5 (Monday). This morning found the Contribution for Mrs. <i>Cook</i> to be £13.6.6 old Tenor (Thanks to God!). This I committ to Deacon <i>Wood</i> in trust for the Woman.</p>
1774	Congress	1774 August 1 (Monday). The <i>Town Met again</i> on the Affair of Subscribing the Agreement. I am informed that my Son <i>Breck</i> found it necessary to subscribe. The people also contribute to the bearing of the Charge of the <i>Congress</i> . I sent my Quota thereto.
1774	Salem - fire	<p>1774 November 20 (Sunday). Read the <i>Congress Proclamation</i> and the <i>Salem</i> Petition for Contribution on behalf of the sufferers there by the late Fire.</p> <p>Note: This may have been in response to the fire that destroyed the Third (Presbyterian) Church's meeting house on October 6, 1774. A later broadside also appealed for assistance; see <i>Rev. sir, Our destitute state earnestly bespeaks your compassion. If you shall ... read the following address to your people, and recommend our afflicted case to their kindness and charity, and make a collection for us ... Salem, March 6, 1775.---To the charitable and benevolent. The humble address of the Third Church and congregation in Salem, in the province of Massachusetts-Bay.</i> ([Salem, Mass.: s.n., 1775])</p>
1774	Boston and Charlestown	<p>1774 December 13 (Tuesday). Dr. Hawes delivered to [me] a paper from the Congress to be read Publicly. The first part contains their Recommendation of Contribution for the poor of Boston and Charlestown; The second part was a Letter to me to recommend to my people Compliance with the Resolves of the general Congress.</p> <p>1775 February 20 (Monday). N.B. Town Meeting on many Accounts, viz. whether they shall pay Minute Men; Contribution to Relief of Boston etc.</p>

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		<p>1775 February 21 (Tuesday). P.M. Town Meeting and Training. Deacon <i>Wood</i> came in to see me. I went to the Town Meeting and Spake to them on the Head of their Contributing to the Relief of <i>Boston</i>. Encouraging and exciting them to it, willing to set an Example my self, but apprizing them that Since I knew of a Number of poor People whom I should desire to communicate to, I might have the Favour to be my self the Distributor of my own Alms. I earnestly recommended their exerting themselves to obtain Military skill, Arms, Ammunition etc., to improve their Time Well when they have T. Meetings and Trainings -- to endeavour after Unity and Harmony (for I perceived there were Jarrs) -- Exhorted to put away Sin, to be the true Disciples of Christ and do their utmost to prepare for the Will of God concerning them, Wishing them to have the divine Counsel etc. etc.</p>
1775	Convention	<p>1775 May 31 (Wednesday). [Watertown.] Rev. Dr. <i>Langdon</i> preached before the Congress at <i>Watertown</i>, on Isa. 1.26. A large Collection of Ministers. Our Convention (as our Dining was also) at <i>Coollidge's</i> Tavern on the South side of the Bridge. Dr. <i>Langdon</i> was chose Moderator. The Treasurer, Dr. <i>Eliot</i>, was not present: the Affairs of the Moneys, the Distribution of the Collections, and all the Accounts of the Funds, were deferred to another Time.</p>
1775	Minister	<p>1775 June 4 (Sunday). He [Cushing] preached for Me on <i>Gen. 25.34</i> and P.M. on <i>Joh. 5.28.29</i>. Dr. <i>Joseph Joslin</i> dined here, and P.M. went to meeting with us, asking the Prayers of this people for him going into the Army (he says as Surgeon) and was dressed accordingly. He goes from us at Evening to <i>Grafton</i>. He gave me an half Crown sterling as his Contribution to the Minister. I gave it to Mr. Cushing.</p>
1776	Nichols, Malachi of Monson	<p>1776 February 15 (Thursday). Mr. <i>Gale</i> came and delivered me a <i>Brief</i> for a Contribution for his son in Law, Mr. <i>Nichol</i> of <i>Munson</i>, whose House, goods, etc. were burnt last December.</p> <p>1776 March 2 (Saturday). Deacon <i>Wood</i> -- advises to have the desired Contribution for Mr. <i>Nichols</i>.</p> <p>1776 March 3 (Sunday). Appointed the Contribution to be after the Fast. And the Communion to be next Lords Day. May God prepare us all for those Solemnitys!</p> <p>1776 March 7 (Thursday). <i>Public Fast</i>.... After the Blessing we made a Collection for Mr. <i>Malachi Nichols</i> of <i>Munson</i>, and gathered £3.5.8.2 lawful money for him: which was brought here by the Deacons, and I took it under my Care.</p> <p>Church Records (172), March 7, 1786: <i>Contribution</i> for Mr. <i>Malachi Nichols</i> of <i>Munson</i>, who was burnt out Dec. 5 last. (His Wife was Abigail Gale of this place.) Collected £3.5.8.2 lawf. Money.</p>

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		1776 May 24 (Friday). Mr. <i>Abijah Gale</i> came with an Order from Mr. <i>Nichol</i> of <i>Monson</i> , to receive the Contribution made for him. I delivered it accordingly and took his receipt for it.
1776	Knowlton, Thomas	<p>1776 May 12 (Sunday). Read also the Petition of Mr. <i>Thomas Knowlton</i> for a Contribution. N.B. at noon I Stopped and consulted the Deacons of the Church and Select Men of the Town, concerning the Petition aforesaid who advised to the Reading of it.</p> <p>1776 May 25 (Saturday). Mr. <i>Thomas Knowlton</i> came and received the late Contribution of this people for him; for which I have his Receipt, viz. for £4.16.10.</p> <p>1776 June 23 (Sunday). Read Mr. <i>Thomas Knowlton's</i> Letter of Thanks for our late Contribution for him.</p>
1776	Convention	1776 May 30 (Thursday). [Watertown.] Attended the Convention. Mr. <i>Cook</i> of <i>Menotomy</i> preached on [blank]. A Collection was made for Ministers Widows.
1776	Propagation of gospel in Africa	<p>1776 September 8 (Sunday). I read to the Assembly Dr. <i>Stiles</i> and <i>Hopkins</i> Address to the Publick for Contribution for propagation of the Gospel in [<i>Africa?</i>].</p> <p>1776 September 22 (Sunday). Preached a.m. from Ps. 2.8 on Occasion of our Contribution to day.... <i>Contribution</i> for propagation etc. in <i>Africa</i> which amounted to £4.7.10 Lawful Money, which may God graciously accept!</p> <p>Church Records (174), September 22, 1776: A <i>Contribution</i> was made, in Compliance with an Address of Rev. Dr. <i>Stiles</i> and Mr. <i>Hopkins</i> of <i>Newport</i> for the Support and Encouragement of Missionarys to <i>Annamabo</i> in Africa. It amounted to £4.7.10. and by Additions afterwards, to £4.12.0. lawful Money, which may God graciously accept, thro Jesus Christ!</p> <p>1776 September 23 (Monday). At Eve Mr. [<i>illegible</i>] <i>Gleason</i> was here, and gave me 3/6 lawful for his Contribution to the <i>African</i> Cause, which added to the above is £4.11.4. Add 8d more, £4.12.0.</p> <p>1777 January 10 (Friday). <i>Alexander</i> tarrys to dine, leaves us p.m. Sent by him a Letter to Mr. <i>Quincy</i> and to Mr. <i>Maccarty</i> for a Receipt [<i>illegible</i>] Money sent by young Master <i>John Barrett</i> last Sept. 2[8?], being the Contribution for pr[<i>torn</i>]g the Gospel in Africa.</p>
1776	Cook, Eunice	1776 November 14 (Thursday). N.B. I have received a Letter from Mrs. Eunice Cook of Douglass requesting a Contribution from this Town.

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1777	Goodenow, Samuel	<p>1777 April 29 (Tuesday). Mr. <i>Samuel Goodenow</i> of <i>Elizabeth Town</i> in the <i>Jerseys</i> here, and desires a Contribution. Shews me a large Certificate and Recommendation from the (as he says) Minister, Elder, Deacons and Clerk of the Church of <i>Elizabeth Town</i>.</p> <p>1777 May 1 (Thursday). <i>Publick Fast</i>.... I committed Mr. <i>Goodenow's</i> Certificat to the Deacons; who advised to the Reading it to the Congregation. Appointed the Communion.</p> <p>1777 May 4 (Sunday). N.B. Read publicly <i>Sam. Goodenows</i> Recommendation and Request for a Contribution.</p> <p>1777 May 18 (Sunday). The Contributing to the Relief of Mr. <i>Samuel Goodenow</i> occasioned my preaching on <i>Heb. 13.3</i>, the Same Discourse except a few Alterations which I delivered Mar. 18, 1753, previous to a Contribution for his Father. Gather the Sum of £4.19.[ <i>blot</i>].2 L.M.</p> <p>Church Records (175-76), May 18, 1777: A Contribution for the Relief of Mr. <i>Samuel Goodnow</i> of Elizabeth Town in the Jersies: who had been driven out of his possessions by the Regulars. The Sum collected was £4.10.8.2. which may G. accompany with His Blessing! and pity the poor man and his Family that they may Supported and comforted!</p> <p>1777 May 19 (Monday). N.B. Mr. <i>Samuel Goodneow</i> was here. I delivered him the Contribution and had his Receipt for it.</p>
1778	Soldiers	<p>1778 January 18 (Sunday). Public Contribution by [Notes?] or Tickets, of what we would give of Clothing etc. to the Soldiers now at a Distance, in the Army.</p>
1778	Forbes, John of Otter Creek	<p>1778 March 19 (Thursday). N.B. Capt. Fisher here at Eve to talk with me of the Difficultys which his Brother Mr. <i>John Forbes</i>, and his Family, who were driven off from their Dwelling at <i>Otter Creek</i>, are reduced to, and need a Contribution.</p> <p>1778 April 12 (Sunday). At Eve visited Mr. <i>John Forbes's</i> Wife who is come from <i>Suffield</i>, and lies sick of a Fever at Capt. <i>Fishers</i>. Discoursed and prayed with her.</p> <p>1778 April 15 (Wednesday). I visited Mr. John Forbes's Wife again, who grows worse. Prayed there.</p> <p>1778 April 17 (Friday). [I visited?] a Number of sick -- viz. Mr. John Forbes's [<i>torn, illegible</i>] with her; to the Widow <i>Jemima Hardy</i> [<i>torn, illegible</i>] of <i>Delirium</i>.</p>

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		<p>1778 April 18 (Saturday). Mr. <i>John Forbes</i> here with a Petition for a Contribution. N.B. his Wife lies in a very low Condition.</p> <p>1778 April 19 (Sunday). Read Mr. <i>John Forbes</i>'s Petition for a Contribution.... After Meeting I hasted up to Capt. <i>Fishers</i> to see Mrs. Forbes who is extreme Low.</p> <p>1778 April 20 (Monday). [<i>illegible</i>] <i>Goddard</i> preaching at <i>Marlborough</i>, came here to desire me to change with him on the ensuing Fast. But I was obliged to deny him, by reason of Mr. <i>John Forbes</i>' Case. Mr. <i>Joseph Grout</i> and his Wife called here, being about to Visit their unhappy Sister, to enquire into the Cause of her Troubles and Sufferings. Mrs. <i>Forbes</i>, though she was thought to be in a dying state, yet continues breathing.</p> <p>1778 April 21 (Tuesday). Mrs. <i>Forbes</i> has lived through the Night, but about 8 this Morning expires.</p> <p>1778 April 22 (Wednesday). The <i>General Continental Fast</i>.... Contribution for Mr. John Forbes amounted to £22.18.0.</p> <p>Church Records (177), April 22, 1778: Apr. 22. was the <i>Continental Fast</i> and the Congregation contributed to the Relief of Mr. <i>John Forbes</i>, who, with his Family, were driven off from the Otter Creek, by the Enemy last July: and there was gathered the Sum of £22.18.0. Besides the forementioned sufferings, Mr. Forbes was under great Trouble by the Sickness and Death of his Wife.</p>
1778	Fay, John of Southborough	<p>1778 May 24 (Sunday). N.B. Read a Petition of Deacon <i>Fay</i> of <i>Southborough</i> requesting a <i>Contribution</i>, he having lately Suffered by the Burning of his House and much of his substance. N.B. This Petition came first to our Select Men.</p> <p>1778 May 31 (Sunday). I read a long Address of Congress to the people, and we have Contribution for Deacon Fay of Southborough.</p> <p>1778 June 1 (Monday). The Contribution of yesterday, with some Addition to day, amounts to 45 Dollars and a few pence.</p> <p>1778 June 4 (Thursday). Deacon <i>John Fay</i> came and received the Money which was lately Contributed in our Assembly for him. <i>Forty</i> five Dollars, for which he gives me a Receipt, and returned his hearty Thanks to our Congregation.</p>



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1779	"stayed concerning Contributions"	1779 March 17 (Wednesday). [Lecture.] After Sermon and Blessing, the Church were by the Desire of the Deacons, stayed concerning Contributions.
1779	Rhode Island	1779 March 30 (Tuesday). Rec'd Letters from Mr. Whitney about a Contribution for Rhode Island people and concerning the Fast etc. at Bolton.
1779	Bruce, Artemas of New Fane	<p>1779 September 19 (Sunday). We had a Contribution for the Relief of Mr. Artemas Bruce, of New Fane, whose House was lately burnt.</p> <p>Church Records (181-82), September 19, 1779: P.M. A Contribution for <i>Artemas</i> [181-182] Bruce, and collected 4.</p> <p>1779 September 20 (Monday). The Contribution yesterday was £48.7 and a Person who was not prepared at the Time desired 20/ be added for him, which he promised to repay, which was I suppose, done. Bruce was here. I gave him the Money: he gave me a Receipt and thanks to the People and to me.</p>
		<p>1779 September 20 (Monday). N.B. The Town met to see what they would do in Compassion to the Town of Boston, who are suffering by reason of Market people refraining to go in with the Necessaries of Life.</p> <p>1779 October 10 (Sunday). N.B. I read after sermon the votes of Convention concerning Boston, as Dr. Hawes requested. (Dr. Hawes was with me with the vote of the Convention at Concord concerning the Distresses of many people in Boston, to be read publickly.)</p>
1779	Parmenter, Bethiah	<p>1770 November 29 (Thursday). I rode to Hopkinton to see Mr. <i>Barrett</i>, who last Saturday Night was struck with the Numb Palsie.... Visited also Lt. John Wood's Wife and prayed there. N.B. Bethiah Parmenter sojourns among them.</p> <p>1779 December 15 (Wednesday). Received a Letter from Bethiah Parmenter, alias Wheaton, dated Hopkinton Oct. 19, 1779, open and dirty, desiring a Contribution.</p>
1780	Simon, Daniel – Indian preacher	1780 April 10 (Monday). Deacon Wood came to acquaint me that there was at his House an Indian in Gentleman's Habit, who was a Scholar and Preacher from Dartmouth Coll. I sent for him -- he came -- his name was Daniel Simon. The Brigham Scholars were well acquainted with him. His Credentials were (besides his Diploma and his name in the Catalogue) his recommendation by the President, Trustees and Tutors, License for preaching by Rev. Grafton -- Presbytery -- a Letter from president Wheelock to Rev. Mr. John Sargent of Stockbridge, and a Certificat from the Selectmen of Stockbridge. I also examined him myself. The Deacon urged he might preach in the afternoon and he would take care to notifie the people. Mr. Simon was not forward, but would not deny. I could not refuse. He dined here. At 3 p.m. a Congregation was gathered. He preached on 1 Pet. 2.7 "To them who believe, he is precious." It was a serious and Methodical Discourse, and delivered decently. I hope it was useful and profitable. A number of Scholars,

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		<p>who were acquainted with Mr. Simons, came in at eve to see him and he lodged here. N.B. The people made a Collection and presented him the Sum of one hundred and twenty-four Dollars.</p> <p>1780 April 11 (Tuesday). The Indian Preacher leaves us to go on his Journey to Stockbridge.</p>
1780	Whitney, Rev. Peter of Northborough	<p>1780 April 26 (Wednesday). <i>General Fast</i> throughout the States.... In going to Meeting p.m. was informed that Mr. Whitney's House of Northborough was burnt down this very noon.</p> <p>1780 April 27 (Thursday). In the Morning, I rode over to see the Ruins, and sympathize with those who are bereaved. I found the sad Cause to be, Mrs. Whitney made a Fire in her Oven, that morning, sat in her Food to be baked for Supper; but the Fire, while the People were at Meeting in the forenoon, kindled in the Kitchen Chamber, and was discovered by Mr. Samuel Allen in the time of the last prayer. Many goods in the lower rooms, the Church plate etc. were saved, but the Library and Papers, which were of great worth: 4 feather Beds, all their Cloths and Linnen, except what they had on, Corn, Cyder, Sauce, etc. etc. burnt. Mr. Sumner came also and carryed various Things. I went in to see Mr. Jonas Badcock, whose Hair, Face and Hands were much Scorched, Swelled and blistered by the Flames. I dined at Mrs. Briggs's where Mr. Whitney and his Family had repaired to. Mr. Sumner and Mr. Allen, preacher at Bolton, dined there also. The people meet this afternoon to see what they can do toward assisting. N.B. A great deal has been brought in already.</p> <p>1780 April 29 (Saturday). I was obliged to go up to Deacon Wood's and Squire Baker's to forward a Contribution, but neither of them at home. Deacon came p.m.</p> <p>1780 April 30 (Sunday). On consideration of the burning of Mr. Whitney's House, I preached (with alterations repeated) on Lam. 3.22-23 both a. and p.m.... Appointed contribution for Rev. Mr. Whitney next Sabbath. At noon conferred with Selectmen as well as Deacons about the Contribution.</p> <p>1780 May 5 (Friday). Old Mr. Hardy came in Warmth and inveighed against the Contribution for Mr. Whitney, because he has not asked any to be made for him. He is a very rich man, said he, and might take it as an Affront to him, except he desired it. I endeavored to inform him better, and chid him for his Rashness.</p> <p>1780 May 7 (Sunday). P.M. repeated sermon on 2 Cor. 8.7, expecting a Contribution, but Messrs. Belknap and Gale inform me, it is very much desired by considerable numbers that the Contribution might be deferred to another Sabbath; for as much as the Town when together last Monday were so engaged in the weighty affairs then depending unhappily forgot to mention it, and therefore were not so prepared as might be wished, and may be hoped for, if they might have</p>

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		<p>further time. It was therefore deferred till next Lord's Day -- but advised that the Sermon which had been delivered might be improved as an Excitement and Preparatory thereto.</p> <p>1780 May 10 (Wednesday). Mr. Andrews delivers me a Letter from Mr. Whitney, concerning our Contribution for him, manifesting his Satisfaction in our deferring it, and how gratefully he will accept of what soever shall be afforded.</p> <p>1780 May 14 (Sunday). N.B. After the forenoon Exercise, I read some parts of Mr. Whitney's Letter to me on the 8th to the Congregation. Appointed a Church Meeting to be the 30th. P.M. <i>A Contribution for Rev. Peter Whitney.</i></p> <p>Church Records (183), May 14, 1780: After a <i>Contribution</i> to the Relief of the Rev. Mr. <i>Peter Whitney</i>, (who was lately burnt out)....</p> <p>1780 May 15 (Monday). Deacon Wood here to count the Contribution made yesterday. It was in Notes 262£, in Money (including 5 Pistareens), 175. In all to Mr. Whitney 438£. There was also a number of Dollars which were included in a paper directed to the Selectmen, for the Benefit of the poor Cripple John Forbes.</p> <p>1780 May 16 (Tuesday). P.M. rode over the Mr. Whitney's and conveyed the Contribution which we made for him in Money and Notes, and took his Receipt. I delivered him Six Books as my own Contribution, viz. Calvin's Harmony, Morning Exercise, Pierce's Sinner inplead, Claggett's Abuse of Grace, Butler's Sermons, Bradbury and Pike on Trinity.</p> <p>1780 May 29 (Monday). Rec'd a Letter from Rev. Whitney to request me to dine with him and to attend the Raising a New House for him.</p>
1780	Forbes, John (cripple)	<p>1780 May 15 (Monday). Deacon Wood here to count the Contribution made yesterday. It was in Notes 262£, in Money (including 5 Pistareens), 175. In all to Mr. Whitney 438£. There was also a number of Dollars which were included in a paper directed to the Selectmen, for the Benefit of the poor Cripple John Forbes.</p>
1780	Bond, Abraham	<p>1780 July 28 (Friday). At eve heard that Mr. Abraham Bond's Barn was burnt by the Lightning.</p> <p>1780 August 5 (Saturday). Mr. Abraham Bond was here with his Petition for a Contribution.</p> <p>1780 August 6 (Sunday). I read Bond's Petition for Contribution.</p> <p>1780 August 13 (Sunday). Preached on Malachi Ch. I, v. 6-9. P.M. previous to a Contribution for Mr. Abraham Bond, I preached again on John 4.10.</p>

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		<p>Church Records (184-85), August 13, 1780: A Contribution for Mr. <i>Abraham Bond</i>,# when were gathered 593¼ Dollars and thirteen Notes of Grain, Labor, and other Things, necessary and usefull.</p> <p>#His Barn was burnt by Lightning, Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> last.</p> <p>1780 September 13 (Wednesday). Rode to Mr. Abraham Bond's: gave him a book, as my Contribution to him under the Frown of Heaven. N.B. A number of Neighbors are at work in framing a Barn for him.</p>
1781	Communion elements	1781 March 19 (Monday). Deacon Wood desires me to acquaint the Church after the next Lecture that they must come prepared, next sabbath to contribute for renewing the stock of Elements, Flower and Wine.
1781	Southern States	<p>1781 December 8 (Saturday). Received Proclamation and Brief for Contribution for the Southern states.</p> <p>1781 December 13 (Thursday). <i>General Thanksgiving</i> on account of the Favours of the Year: but especially the Victory over Earl <i>Cornwallis</i> in Virginia. And a <i>Contribution</i> followed for the poor sufferers at <i>South Carolina</i> and <i>Georgia</i>.</p> <p>Church Records (189), December 13, 1781: <i>General Thanksgiving</i>, and Contribution for the Sufferers in the Southern States, especially for those in <i>South Carolina</i> and <i>Georgia</i>.</p> <p>1781 December 15 (Saturday). The Deacons have not informed me what the late Contribution was.</p>