



*Dr. Oliver Dean*

Born February 18, 1783/

Died December 5, 1871

## Historical Statement of Dean Academy

**A**T the Annual Session of the Massachusetts Universalist Convention, held in Worcester, October 18th, 1864, the subject of a State Denominational School which should be of the highest grade below that of Colleges was brought to the attention of the Council by Rev. A. A. Miner, D. D., President of Tufts College. The Council immediately appointed a Committee, which met, early in the winter of 1864, in the vestry of the School Street Universalist Church in Boston. The attention of the denomination in the State was called to the subject, and efforts were urged towards founding the Academy. The Parish in Stoughton at once offered the sum of \$25,000 and an eligible site. About the same time Oliver Dean, M. D., of Franklin, offered to deed the "Emmons Estate," a tract of land eight or nine acres, with \$50,000 as a permanent fund, and \$10,000 towards a suitable building. Although the Parish in Stoughton intimated a readiness to double the sum it originally offered, it was deemed best, under all the circumstances, and with gratitude to the earnest friends in Stoughton, to accept the offer of Dr. Dean. It was soon discovered that, owing to the high prices of all building materials and of labor, such a building could not be erected for less than about \$100,000. So full of faith were the Trustees and so nobly did Dr. Dean second their labors that they determined, though with all possible caution, to inaugurate the work. On the 16th of May, 1867, the corner stone was laid with appropriate ceremonies.

As the building progressed it was discovered that the cost would exceed the estimate. Dr. Dean generously aided the Trustees with an additional gift of \$65,000, making his subscriptions to the building about \$75,000.

On Thursday, May 28th, 1868, the building was dedicated to educational purposes. The day was all that could be desired. Franklin wore a joyous holiday appearance, and a vast concourse of people were assembled.

## Oliver Dean Memorial Service

THE REIGNOLD K. MARVIN CHAPEL FRANKLIN, MASSACHUSETTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1971

2:30 P.M.



ORGAN PRELUDE	"Aria in A minor"	J. S. Bach
INVOCATION	THE REVEREND ELLISON F. MARVIN, '34	
WELCOME	PRESIDENT DONALD E. DEYO	
STUDENT SALUTATORY	PATRICK BARRY, '72	
SELECTION	"Come Unto Him" from "The Messiah"	G. F. Handel ELIZABETH SAARS, soprano solo
ADDRESS ON OLIVER DEAN	PAULINE FRANCES BAXA	
SELECTION	"Magnificat"	Flor Poeters DEAN GLEE CLUB
BENEDICTION		
ORGAN POSTLUDE	"My Heart ever Faithful"	J. S. Bach RUTH E. RICE, Organist

Program arranged by:

AUGUSTUS F. JONES	JAMES W. FOX
PAULINE FRANCES BAXA	LAWRY REID
GRANT F. LONGLEY	JANICE SIMPSON

Coffee Hour to Follow at the Faculty House