

at Northfield, with a commemorative inscription upon the former."

The inscription on the tombstone referred to above is as follows:

"In memory of the Rev. Mr. Benjamin Doolittle, First Pastor of the Church of Christ in Northfield, who died Jany. ye 9. 1748, in the 54th year of his age, and 30th year of his ministry.

Blessed with good intellectual parts,
Well skilled in two important arts,
Nobly he filled the double station,
Both of a preacher and physician,
To cure men's sicknesses and sins,
He took unwearied care and pains,
And strove to make his patient whole,
Thorough in body and soul.
He lov'd his God, lov'd to do good,
To all his friends vast kindness show'd,
Nor could his enemies exclaim,
And say he was not kind to them.
His labors met a sudden close,
Now he enjoys a sweet repose.
And when the just to life shall rise
Among the first he'll mount the skies."

Children of Rev. Benjamin and Lydia Doolittle born in Northfield, Mass.

- I. Oliver b. Oct. 28, 1718; d. May 6, 1746.
4. II. Lydia, b. Aug. 24, 1720.
- III. Charles, b. July 31, 1722, enlisted in the expedition to Louisburgh under Capt. Alexander in 1745 and was never heard from again. In this connection the following is given as a curiosity. It was found by Mr. Geo. Sheldon and copied from an old account book used by John Stebbins of Deerfield, and published in the Gazette and Courier of Greenfield, June 28, 1890. "1743, May 23, Charles Doolittle to

a pare of shoas	0-20-0
To a pare of butts	3-5-0
1744, to a pare of shoas for yourself	1--1-0
to a bullet pouch	0-4-0