Fredonia Baptist Church Letters, Reports, Receipts 1860s

Transcribed by Marsia Painter with Wendy Straight.

Transcriber's Note: Some punctuation has been added and some spelling has been corrected.

Last names and years have been set in bold font. Items are not necessarily in chronological order.

For the following items please see the **1850**s Letters, Reports, and Receipts:

Item 16 1866 Receipt from Elder Glons(?) to Wm. Taylor

Item 171 1860 Letter to G.W. Varnum

Item 191 1866 Letter of notification for Annette Boughton

Item 232 1862 Committee report on Dr. Elias Johnson

Items 246a and 246b 1863 Receipts of the United States Christian Commission

Items 253 and 254 1860 Receipts from I.H. Damon to Geo. W. Lewis

Item 256 1861 Receipt for the blank letters of commendation and dismission from Pratt & Co.

For the **1866** Letter of commendation and dismission for Rial **Willard**, please see *Item 172* in the **1870**s Correspondence.

(*Item 1*)

The Niagara Square Baptist Church, at Buffalo, N.Y.,

To any Baptist Church,

Sendeth Christian Salutation.

Dear Brethren:

This Certifies, That Bro Chas A. **McEwen** is a member with us in good standing, and at his request we have granted him this letter, and do cordially recommend him to your fellowship.

When notified of his admission to membership with you, his membership with us will cease.

This Certificate to be valid for one year from date.

Given by order and in behalf of the Church,

This, 30 day of April **1860**

L.M. Kenyon Church Clerk.

(*Item 2*)

First Baptist Church,

Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

This is to Certify, That Sister Emily **Dalley** is a Member with us, in good and regular standing, and as such is at her own request, dismissed from us and affectionately commended to your watch care and fellowship,

Fond du Lac, Wis., Oct 28 1869

J.R. Smith Clerk.

(*Item 3*)

Dubuque, August 16 1860

The Baptist Church in Dubuque, Iowa to the Baptist Church at Fredonia NY

Sendeth Greeting.

Dear Brethren:

We hereby certify that Miss Helen **Stevens** is a regular member with us, and at her request do cordially dismiss her from this church and recommend her to your fellowship. When united with you her membership with us will cease. This certificate is designed to be valid for one year from date.

Done on behalf and by order of the Church, at a meeting held the

third day of August 1860.

Wm A. Rupert Clerk.

(*Item 4*)

The Forestville Baptist Church to the Fredonia Baptist Church

Sendeth Christian salutation:

Dear Brethren.

This certifies that sister Serepta **Devine** is a member in good & regular standing with us & at her request this letter of dismission is granted to her for the purpose of uniting with you.

We cordially commend her to your Christian fellowship & when united with you her membership with us will cease. Done by order & in behalf of the church at Forestville this

4th day of January **1862**

Jno A. Mixer Church Clerk

(*Item 5*)

The First Baptist Church in Saint Paul

Minnesota Under the Pastoral Care of Rev J.D. Pope.

To the Fredonia Church or any Church of the same faith and order.

Sendeth Greeting.

Dear Brethren,

This is to certify that brother John R. **Madison** and his wife sister Maria C. **Madison**, are members with us in full fellowship and are at their own request, dismissed from us for the purpose of uniting with you. We most affectionately commend them to your Christian fellowship and watch care.

Done by order and in behalf of the Church

John H. Camp(?) Clerk

Saint Paul May 1st 1860

(*Item* 6)

Lincoln Neb July 26th/70

Mr. A.Z. Madison. Clerk Fredonia Baptist Church.

Dear Sir Yours of the 12th inst enclosing a check of Fourteen dollars contributed by your church towards the erection of a Baptist church here was duly received but owing to a pressure of other business I have neglected to acknowledge it till now.

In behalf of our church we return to you our sincerest thanks for your liberal donation. We have recently met with a most serious loss in the death of Dr. Geo. A. **Goodrich** to whom you refer in your letter. He was one of our best and most efficient members and together with all who knew him here we deeply deplore his early death. During his brief illness he received the best of medical attendance besides the unremitting care & attention of his old friends Messrs **Kellogg**, **Ames** & **Scott** – but all was in vain. Scarcely can we reconcile ourselves to this strange dispensation of Providence & yet we know that it was the will of Him who doeth all things well, & for our brother we feel assured that to die was gain. Thanking you again for your much needed assistance & hoping that you will aid us likewise with your prayers – I remain

Fraternally yours – R.R. **Tingley**

(*Item 7*)

Rev. Jonah G. Warren, D.D.

Rev. J.N. Murdock, D.D. Cor. Secretaries

Freeman A. Smith, Esq., Treasurer.

American Baptist Missionary Union,

12 Bedford Street,

Boston, Mass. Aug 26 1870

\$5 "/100

The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of Five Dollars, from the Bap. Ch. Fredonia N. York for the Reilin(?) Chapel Timplin(?) Germany pr A.Z. **Madison** F.A. **Smith** Treasurer.

(Item 8)

Albion March 18. 1870

Received of the Baptist Church in Fredonia, for the A.B.M. Union, eighty four dollars.

\$84.00

J.B. Pixley

District Secretary.

(Item 9a)

A copy for every Pastor.

A copy for every Church and S.S. Library.

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(*Item 9b*)

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Address Macedonian & Record.

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(Item 10)

New York Baptist Educational Society.

Dear Brethren:

The harvest is great, but the laborers are few. The demand for good and efficient ministers of Jesus Christ in our denomination was never so great as now. We, under God, have in past years done much to supply laborers for the field. We were never in a more prosperous state, or a better condition to do this work than now, and God, in answer to prayer, has raised up and sent to our Institution about one hundred and fifty young men, who are now pursuing

their studies for the ministry, one hundred and twenty-five of whom are looking to our Society for help, and new applications are continually coming to us for help.

And now, dear brethren, we earnestly ask that you will give us the earliest practicable opportunity to present our cause to your Church, to raise money with which to feed these young men. Jesus Christ says: "I was an-hungered, and ye gave me meat. * * * Naked, and ye clothed me. When, Lord? Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Please let me hear from you soon, at 76 East Ninth Street, at the American Baptist Publication Room. Yours in Christ,

J.N. Folwell,

Cor. And Fin. Sec'y of the N.Y. Baptist Educational Society.

(Item 11)

Rev. Jonah G. Warren, D.D.

Rev. J.N. Murdock, D.D. Cor. Secretaries

Freeman A. Smith, Esq., Treasurer.

American Baptist Missionary Union,

12 Bedford Street,

Boston, Mass. Mar. 31 1861

\$12 /100

The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of Twelve Dollars, from the Bap. Ch. Fredonia N.Y. May 4/69(?) Five Dollars from same ch. pr Rev H.M. **Jones** F.A. **Smith** Treasurer.

(Item 12)

(Item 13a)

First Baptist Society of Pomfret.

Received of A.Z. Madison (per D. Barrell)

Two 50/100 Dollars, for Salary as Pastor of the

1st Baptist Church of Pomfret.

Dated Fredonia March 6. 1860

\$2.50 A. Wheelock Pastor.

(Item 13b)

[The same as *Item 13a* except in the amount of \$10. from A.Z. **Madison** and dated March 16th **1860**.]

(*Item 13c*)

[The same as *Item 13a* except in the amount of \$54.72 from A.Z. **Madison**, Treasurer and dated April 14th **1860**.]

(Item 13d

[The same as Item 13a except in the amount of \$42.75 from A.Z. Madison and dated April 21. 1860.]

(*Item 13e*)

[The same as *Item 13a* except in the amount of \$20.50 from A.Z. **Madison** and dated May 15th **1860**.]

(*Item 13f*)

First Baptist Society of Pomfret.

Received of A.Z. Madison (Ap. 1. 1860, J.R. Parker's Rect \$37.50 June 20th.)

\$.5 & this date \$66.25 = total Eighty six 75/100 Dollars, for Salary as Pastor of the

1st Baptist Church of Pomfret.

Dated Fredonia July 2nd 1860

\$86.75 A. Wheelock Pastor.

(Item 13g)

[The same as *Item 13a* except in the amount of \$13.50 from A.Z. **Madison** (Per. David **Barrell**) and dated July 21. **1860**.]

(*Item 13h*)

[The same as *Item 13a* except in the amount of \$17.50 from A.Z. **Madison** and dated Dec. 6th **1860**.]

(Item 13i)

[The same as *Item 13a* except in the amount of \$40.75 from A.Z. **Madison** and dated Dec. 15th **1860**.]

(*Item 13j*)

[The same as *Item 13a* except in the amount of \$176.10 from A.Z. **Madison** (Cash \$53.75 & Bills &c \$122.35) and dated January 29^{th} **1861**.]

(*Item 13k*)

[The same as *Item 13a* except in the amount of \$19.50 from A.Z. **Madison** and dated Feb. 23rd **1861**.]

(Item 131)

[The same as *Item 13a* except in the amount of \$50.75 from A. Wheelock and dated Aug 7. **1860**.]

(*Item 13m*)

[The same as *Item 13a* except in the amount of \$40. from A.Z. **Madison**, Treas. per. (David **Barrell**) and dated Sept. 29th **1860**.]

(*Item 13n*)

[The same as *Item 13a* except in the amount of \$37.50 from J.R. **Parker** and dated October 1st **1860**.]

(Item 130)

[The same as *Item 13a* except in the amount of \$40.44 from A.Z. **Madison**, per. D. **Barrell** and dated Nov. 3^d **1860**.]

(*Item 13p*)

[The same as *Item 13a* except in the amount of \$88.39 from A.Z. **Madison** (per. David **Barrell** and dated Feb. 12th **1862**.]

[Note on back reads:]

Rev A. Wheelock

Recpt \$88.39

Cols. Pr D. Barrell

To close up

(*Item 13q*)

[The same as *Item 13a* except in the amount of \$19. from A.Z. **Madison** and dated Mar. 14th **1861**.]

(*Item 13r*)

[The same as *Item 13a* except in the amount of \$80.25 from A.Z. **Madison** and dated Ap. 24. **1861**.]

(*Item 13s*)

[The same as *Item 13a* except in the amount of \$34.82 from A.Z. **Madison** (including R.E. **Post**'s Check of Ap. 1. **1861**) and dated June 11th **1861**.]

(Item 14)

1860

May 18 pd Eld Wheelock Amt. Col by DB

Viz A.C. **Guild** 6.00 & E.F. **Osborn** 8.00 = \$14.00

No Recpt found

(Item 15)

The 1st Baptist Church of Dunkirk N.Y.

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The Baptist Church in Fredonia

Dear Brethren

This is to certify that Sister Alice **Thompson** is a member with us in good and regular Standing. And at her own request is dismissed from us to unite with You

By Order of the Church Dunkirk N.Y. April 1st **1870** Jno. F.(?) **Patterson**

Clerk

(Item 16)

Cleveland Aug 29. **1861**

The Erie Baptist Church,

To the Baptist Church Fredonia

Dear Brethren

This is to certify that Brother G.D. **Downey** is a member in regular standing with us, &, at his request is hereby dismissed from us that he may unite with you. We commend him as a brother beloved to your confidence & Christian regard.

Bro D. having been a member of this Church from the time of his baptism, more than nine years since, we are happy to be testimony to his correct deportment, & consistent life, & earnest zeal for the cause of our divine Master. During the past year, while destitute of a pastor, he labored with us for about four months supplying the pulpit & visiting from house to house to the great acceptance of the Church & congregation.

His labors were blessed, & regarded by us as an earnest of his future usefulness & success as a minister of the gospel.

Done by order of Church at Special Meeting Aug 28.

Wm Rockafeller Clerk S.B. Page Pastor

(Item 17)

First Portland Ch

To the First Baptist Ch of Fredonia Greeting:

We respond to your Call by the appointment of our Pastor W.R. Connelly & Dea A.B. Post as delegates by order of the Ch in special Ch Meeting

Oct 13 1861

Portland Ch

Oct 13 1861

(Item 18)

The Fredonia Baptist Church,

To the Portland Baptist Church,

Greeting:

Dear Brethren,

You are hereby cordially invited to send your Pastor and one or two chosen Brethren to sit with us in Council on Thursday the 24th. day of October inst. at one o'clock P.M. for the purpose of aiding in the examination, and if deemed proper, the ordination of Brother George D. **Downey** to the work of the Gospel Ministry.

By order and in behalf of the Church.

A.Z. Madison Clk.

Fredonia Oct. 9. 1861.

(Item 19)

The Westfield Baptist Church

To the Fredonia Baptist Church Greeting

This certifies that in accordance with your request we send as delegates to your proposed council Our Pastor Rev O.E. **Mallory**, Dea Nicholas **Keiplin**(?) and Brother B.B. **Goodrich**,

By order and in behalf of the Church

Westfield Oct 20 1861

Charles Hathaway, Clerk

(Item 20)

Forestville, Oct. 23. 61.

The Baptist Church in Forestville, to the Fredonia Baptist Church sendeth Christian Salutation:

Dear Brethren – We respond to your request for a delegation from our body, to sit with you in council, on Thursday the 24th. inst. by sending our Pastor E. **Merills**, Deacon N. **Downer**, & Bro. **Mixer**.

Praying that you may have the Holy Spirit to direct in all of your deliberations, that all things may be done to the glory of His Great Name, & for the best interests of His precious Cause, we remain your brn. in the bonds of the Gospel of peace.

By order of the Ch. Oct. 20th. **1861**.

John. A. Mixer

Ch. Clerk.

Jno. A. Mixer

Forestville Oct 20/61

(Item 21)

Rainham Centre 2nd April **1860**

The Regular Baptist Church at Rainham

To Any other Church of like faith & order

Greeting

This Certifies that Sister Mary P. **Smith** as received into the fellowship of this Church by Letter from the first Baptist Church of Pomfret on the 8th of August **1858**. Since which time she has been a consistent Member of this Church and as such would commend her to the Christian regard & fellowship of any Church with which she may wish to unite.

By order and on behalf of the Church

William Jones Church Clerk

Recd May 5.

(Item 22)

The Sinclairville Bap. Chh.

To the Fredonia Bap. Chh.

Greeting

Dear Brethren

We have recd. your invitation and send to sit with you in Council

Our Pastor Rev. W.H. Husted

Dea. R.D. Sherman

" V. **Paterson** – absent

By order of the Chh

Sinclairville Oct. 19th **1861**. A. **Arnold** Chh. Clerk.

(Item 23)

The Ellery Center Bap. Church

To the Fredonia Baptist Ch

Greeting

Dear Brethren.

We respond to your request of Oct 9th by sending Our Pastor Rev G.W. **Varnum** to sit with you in council on Thursday the 24 Inst to aid in the examination and if thought proper the ordination of Brother George D. **Downey** to the work of the Gospel Ministry

By order and in behalf of the Church

Oscar Hale Clerk

Ellery Center Oct 13th 1861

(Item 24)

The Stockton Baptist Church

To the Fredonia Baptist Church

Greeting

Dear Brethren

We respond to your invitation by sending our Pastor Rev. A.L. **Freeman**, Rev. J. **Elliott**, Deacons J. **Crissey** & C. **Thompson** as delegates to your Council.

By order & in behalf of the Church

H. **Thompson** Ch. Clk

Stockton Oct. 24th 1861

(Item 25)

The Fredonia Baptist Church

To the Stockton Baptist Church

Greeting:

Dear Brethren,

You are hereby cordially invited to send your Pastor and two chosen Brethren to sit with us in Council on Thursday the 24th. day of October inst. at one o'clock P.M. for the purpose of aiding in the examination, and if deemed proper, the ordination of Brother George D. **Downey** to the work of the Gospel Ministry.

By order and in behalf of the Church.

A.Z. Madison Clk.

Fredonia Oct. 9. 1861

(Item 26)

Westfield Dec 23rd 1861

The Westfield Baptist Church

To the Fredonia Baptist Church

Sendeth Greeting

You are respectfully invited to send your Pastor and one or two brethren as delegates to sit in Council with this Church on Wed. the 8th day of January at one P.M. for the purpose of examining our Pastor Bro O.E. **Mallory** as a candidate for ordination and if thought proper to ordain him as a Minister of the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ By order of the Church

Chas. Hathaway

Church Clk

(Item 27)

Recd. Mch 1. 1862

The Stockton Baptist Church

To the Fredonia Baptist Church

Greeting

Dear Brethren

This Certifies

That Bro S.S. **Crissey** & his wife, Mary A. **Crissey** are members with us in good standing, and at their request we have granted them this letter, and do cordially recommend them to your fellowship. When admitted to membership with you their membership with us will cease.

Given by order & in behalf of the Church, this 27th day of Feb. **1862**

H. **Thompson** Ch. Clk.

(Item 28)

This Certifies that Mrs. Ella A.P. **Wright** is a member of the Baptist Church at Evans N.Y. in good standing & that by her own request she is hereby dismissed from us & recommended to the fellowship & watchcare of any Sister Church with whom she may choose to unite

In behalf of the Church Evans

Jan 15 **1862**

H.M. Danforth Pastor

(Item 29)

The Fredonia Baptist Church

To the Sinclairville Bap. Church

Greeting:

Dear Brethren,

You are hereby cordially invited to send your Pastor and two chosen Brethren to sit with us in Council on Thursday the 24th day of October inst. at one o'clock P.M. for the purpose of aiding in the examination, and, if deemed proper, the ordination of Brother George D. **Downey** to the work of the Gospel Ministry.

By order & in behalf of the Church

A.Z. Madison Clk

Fredonia Oct. 9, 1861

A. Arnold Clk

Sinclairville

Oct 19. **1861**

(Item 30)

Brooklyn Nov 28th 1862

D. **Barrell** Esq

Dear Brother

Your kind favor with Twenty Two & 34/100 dollars for the Missy [Missionary] Union came to hand this Morning and is thankfully recd. please find receipts.

Our Recpts keep up very well considering the times. They are an advance of the corresponding Months last year and we hope to meet the expense of the year without an increased debt.

I trust the Fredonia Ch'h will do all they can for us before the close of our year March 31st

Please Remember me to your dear family and all friends and remit to me all money that may come into your hand for us. Happy to see you at my house

Fraternally & truly yours

O. **Dodge** Dis agt

A.B.M. Union

(Item 31)

Baptist Society

1864	To Geo. N. Frazine			
Dec 5	47# Pipe 35+	16.45		
"	6 Elbows 2/	1.50		
	2 Gallurs(?) 4/	1.00		
1865				
Nov 25	8 ½ # Pipe 15	1.24		
	1 Elbow	43		
		\$20.62		

Recd Payt

Geo N. Frazine

(Item 32)

Fredonia July 19 1862

To the Fredonia Baptist Church

Dear Brethren

It is known that in the union of the two Bodies that now constitutes the Fredonia Baptist Church several members did not accord with measures taken but received letters to unite with any other Baptist Chhs. which they might prefer.

In the consummation of that arrangement a course was pursued entirely different from what I expected and understood would be taken, which rendered the union to me unacceptable. Had I known this in the beginning I should not have given my name for membership in the new body. My objection was of so much force as to prevent me from walking with the new body. For this reason as appears from your records I was excluded.

No charge of heresy or immorality was ever alledged against me. It was merely a difference of Judgement about the measures adopted for the constitution of the new union chh. In consequence of this act I have suffered much for the past twelve years. I have now no design or wish to have reconsidered the propriety or impropriety of those proceedings or to disturb the present order or harmony of the church. My only object in this communication is to ask you to rescind the act of my exclusion and to give me a letter of dismission to unite with some one of our sister churches, thereby placing me in the same position of those members who in the beginning received letters of dismission and did not come into the union church.

That this request may receive at your hands such consideration and action as may please our heavenly Father in that day where God makes up his last account, is the earnest prayer of

Yours most respectfully

Elias Johnson

Letter of Dr. E. **Johnson** Recd Sept 6/62

(Item 33)

Cordova Ills May 24th/61

The first Baptist Church at Cordova To the Baptist Church at Fredonia New York

This Certifies that George L. **Whitford** is a member with us in good standing and at his own request this letter of dismission is granted him for the purpose of uniting with you and when so united and we informed will be dismissed from us

Done By order of the Church

April 20 1861

Jared L. Coal Ch Clk

(Item 34)

Cordova Ills May 24th/61

The first Baptist Church at Cordova To the Baptist Church at Fredonia New York

This Certifies that Eliza **Whitford** is a member with us in good standing and at her own request this letter of dismission is granted her for the purpose of uniting with you and when so united and we informed will be dismissed from us

Done By order of the Church

April 20th **1861**

Jared L. Coal Ch Clk

(*Item 35*)

Hamilton N.Y. Aug 12. 61

To the Fredonia Bap. Church

Dear Brn

Your committee have communicated to me the action of the church inviting me to become your Pastor. In reply allow me to say that after a prayerful deliberation of the subject, and with a profound & almost overwhelming sense of the responsibilities involved I believe it is the will of God and hereby signify my acceptance of your call. God willing I shall be with you the first Sabbath in September. May the Lord bless both Church and Pastor in these new and solemn relations!

Yours in the Lord

Geo. D. Downey

(Item 36)

Forestville July 16, 1864

The Regular Baptist Church of Forestville to the Fredonia Baptist Church

Dear Brethren

In accordance with your request of the 15 inst, to send chosen brethren to sit in council with you, for the purpose of ordaining to the work of the gospel ministry Br Cyrus **Chilcott**, we have appointed our Pastor Wm **Look**, and brethren [crossed out W. **Downer** and N. **Mixer**] Dr. **Eaton**, **Saunders**, and D.W. **Blanchard**.

By order and in behalf of the church

S. Stilwell ch. clk

(Item 37a) Rev Geo. D. Downey's Recpts \$850.00

Recd. of A.Z. **Madison** Treas. Fredonia Bap. Society Fifty Dollars in full of my Salary as Pastor for the month of September **1862**.

Geo. D. Downey

Fredonia Oct. 14, 1861.

(*Item 37b*)

\$83.00 Recd. Fredonia Jany. 4. 1862 of A.Z. Madison Treasr. of Fredonia Baptist Church, by the hand of D.

Barrell, Eighty three dollars for salary as Pastor.

Geo. D. Downey

(*Item 37c*)

\$15.00 Fredonia Jany 25 1862

Received of A.Z. Madison by hand of D. Barrell fifteen dollars to apply on salary

Geo. D. Downey

(Item 38)

\$5.00 Fredonia N.Y. Jan 30

Recd of D.J. Cook five dollars to apply on his slip rent.

[Note: Items 39a-39e are pre-printed forms with blanks filled in by hand.]

(*Item 39a*)

[printed on the left side: Elias **Forbes**, President and Treasurer,

Preston **Barmore**, Sec'y and Superintendent.]

[Account] Baptist Society

To Fredonia Natural Gas Company, Dr.

Register No. ----- Premises Church

For Gas consumed from Oct to Jany 1861

State of Meter at this date 003700 Feet.

Less do. at last settlement 3000 Feet.

Consumption 700 Feet, at \$4.00 per thousand feet \$2.80

Less 5 per cent, if paid upon presentation, or if paid .14

at the Office of the Company within five days after

delivery of this Bill

\$2.66

Rent of Size 10 Gas Meter, owned

Bill Rendered Jany 5 **1861** \$2.66

Received Payment, E. Forbes Treas.

(Item 39b)

[printed on the left side: Elias Forbes, President and Treasurer,

Preston Barmore, Sec'y and Superintendent.]

[Account] Baptist Society

To Fredonia Natural Gas Company, Dr.

Register No. ----- Premises -----

For Gas consumed from July to Oct 1860

State of Meter at this date 003000 Feet.

Less do. at last settlement 002300 Feet.

Consumption 700 Feet, at \$4.00 per thousand feet
Less 5 per cent, if paid upon presentation, or if paid
at the Office of the Company within five days after
delivery of this Bill
\$2.66
Rent of Size 10 Gas Meter, owned
Bill Rendered Oct. 9th **1860**\$2.66

Received Payment, E. Forbes Treas.

(*Item 39c*)

[printed on the left side: Elias **Forbes**, President and Treasurer, Preston **Barmore**, Sec'y and Superintendent.]

[Account] Fredonia Baptist Church To Fredonia Natural Gas Company, Dr. Register No. 42 Premises Basement Room of Church For Gas consumed from December to April **1860** State of Meter at this date 0001,500 Feet. Less do. at last settlement 000000 Feet.

Consumption 001,500 Feet, at \$4.00 per thousand feet
Less 5 per cent, if paid upon presentation, or if paid
at the Office of the Company within five days after
delivery of this Bill
\$5.70

of Size 10 Gas Meter, owned Bill Rendered April 6th **1860**

\$5.70

A.Z. Madison

Received Payment, of Preston Barmore Supt

(Item 39d)

[printed on the left side: Elias **Forbes**, President and Treasurer, Preston **Barmore**, Sec'y and Superintendent.]

[Account] Baptist Society

To Fredonia Natural Gas Company, Dr. Register No. ----- Premises Church

For Gas consumed from Jany to April 1861

State of Meter at this date 4400 Feet.

Less do. at last settlement 3700 Feet.

Consumption 700 Feet, at \$4.00 per thousand feet
Less 5 per cent, if paid upon presentation, or if paid
at the Office of the Company within five days after
delivery of this Bill

\$2.66

Rent of Size 10 Gas Meter, owned

Bill Rendered April 2 **1861** \$2.66

Received Payment, E. Forbes Treas.

(*Item 39e*)

[printed on the left side: Elias **Forbes**, President and Treasurer, Preston **Barmore**, Sec'y and Superintendent.]

[Account] Baptist Church To Fredonia Natural Gas Company, Dr. Register No. 42 Premises Basement Room For Gas consumed from April to July 9 **1860** State of Meter at this date 002300 Feet.

Less do. at last settlement 1500 Feet.

Consumption 800 Feet, at \$4.00 per thousand feet \$3.20 Less 5 per cent, if paid upon presentation, or if paid .15

at the Office of the Company within five days after delivery of this Bill

\$3.05

Rent of Size 10 Gas Meter,

Bill Rendered July 9 **1860** \$3.05

A.Z. Madison

Received Payment, of Elias Forbes Treas.

(*Item 40a*)

Premium Note, \$210. Fredonia, Apl 17 **1861**

Received, of D. Barrell & others Trustees Bap So. \$6.30

it being 3 per cent. on a Premium Note given by them for Policy

No 2310 to the Chautauque Co. Mutual Insurance Company.

A.Z. Madison

Treasurer Chautauque County Mutual Insurance Company.

(Item 40b)

Premium Note, \$210. Fredonia, Apl 17 **1861**

Received, of D. Barrell et. al. Trus Bap So. \$4.20

it being 2 per cent. on a Premium Note given by them for Policy

No 2943 to the Chautauque Co. Mutual Insurance Company.

A.Z. Madison

Treasurer Chautauque County Mutual Insurance Company.

(Item 41)

Recd of Revd G.W. **Downey** on account Five Dollars

\$5.00 L.B. **Grant**

Feby 1. 1862

A (?) recd. of Mrs Malinda Grant as a donation.

(Item 42a)

Fredonia Jan 31 **1862**

Recd. of G.W. Lewis ten dollars to apply on payment of salary due in April

Geo. D. Downey

(*Item 42b*)

Fredonia 14(?) Apl 62

A.Z. Madison

Please charge to me ten Dollars on account of Salary due 1st July next, received from Geo W. Lewis

Geo. D. Downey

(*Item 42c*)

\$36. Recd. Fredonia 27. Feby **1862** of A.Z. **Madison** by the hand of D. **Barrell** Thirty six dollars on salary Geo. D. **Downey**

(Item 42d)

\$10. Recd. Fredonia 17. May **1862** of A.Z. **Madison** by the hand of D. **Barrell** Ten dollars on Salary Geo. D. **Downey**

(Item 42e)

\$30.00 Fredonia N.Y. May 5 1862

Recd. of A.Z. Madison pr D. Barrell thirty dollars to apply on Salary

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Geo. D. Downey
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(Item 42f)

\$25. Recd Fredonia 9th April **1862** of A.Z. **Madison** by the hand of D. **Barrell** Twenty five dollars, on salary.

Geo. D. Downey

(Item 42g)

\$30. Recd Fredonia 18th April **1862** of A.Z. **Madison** Treasr. by the hand of D. **Barrell** Thirty dollars on Salary.

Geo. D. Downey

(*Item 42h*)

\$10. Recd of D. Barrell for A.Z. Madison Ten dollars on Salary Fredonia 21 June 1862

G.D. Downey

(*Item 42i*)

\$5.00 Fredonia N.Y. July 17 **1862**

Recd. of G.W. Lewis five dollars to apply on Slip Rent in Bap. Ch. from Oct 1st 1862

Geo. D. Downey

(Item 42j)

\$5.00 Fredonia NY July 25, 62

Recd of G.W. Lewis five dollars to apply on salary from Oct 1st 62

G.D. Downey

(*Item 42k*)

12. Recd Fredonia 28th May **1862** of A.Z. **Madison** by the hand of D. **Barrell** Twelve dollars on Salary

G.D. **Downey**

(Item 421)

\$20. Recd. Fredonia 6. July 1862 of A.Z. Madison by the hand of D. Barrell Twenty dollars on salary.

Geo. D. Downey

(*Item 42m*)

\$20. Recd. Fredonia 12th July **1862** from A.Z. **Madison** by the hands of D. **Barrell** Twenty dollars on a/c of salary.

Geo. D. Downey

(*Item 42n*)

\$35. Recd. Fredonia 21. July 1862 of A.Z. Madison by the hand of D. Barrell Thirty five dollars on a/c of salary

G.D. Downey

(Item 420)

\$15. Recd. Fredonia 9th Sept. **1862** of A.Z. **Madison** by the hand of D. **Barrell** Fifteen dollars on a/c of Salary.

\$5 Augt 5th

G.D. Downey

10. this date

(*Item 43*)

From the Baptist Church of Sandy Hill

This is to certify That Sarah Jane **Bond** is a member of this church in regular Christian standing and at her own request we dismiss her, & cheerfully recommend her to the fellowship & watchcare of any Sister church of the same faith & order with us,

Done by order of the Church, Sandy Hill

Nov the 9 - 1862

Henry Tefft

Church Clerk

(Item 44)

The first Portland Baptist Church, to the Fredonia Baptist Church Sendeth Christian Salutation Dear Brethren

This certifies that Sister Mary Judson is a member in good and regular standing with us and at her request made at a Covenant meeting held April 12, **1862** this letter of dismission was granted to her for the purpose of uniting with you. We cordially commend her to your Christian fellowship.

When united with you her membership with us will cease

Done by order and in behalf of the Church, at Brocton this 12th day of April 1862

N. Mason Clerk

(Item 45)

Dubuque, August 16 1860

The Baptist Church in Dubuque, Iowa to the Baptist Church at Fredonia NY

Sendeth Greeting.

Dear Brethren:

We hereby certify that Mrs. Louisa **Stevens** is a regular member with us, and at her request do cordially dismiss her from this church, and recommend her to your fellowship. When united with you her membership with us will cease. This certificate is designed to be valid for one year from date.

Done on behalf and by order of the Church, at a meeting held the third day of August 1860

Wm A. Rupert Clerk

(Item 46)

State of New York

Chautauqua County

Village of Fredonia

To Elias Forbes, Alanson Buckingham and Almond Z. Madison Assessors of Said Village.

You are hereby ordered, to take an assessment of all the property, real and personal, in said Village, according to its real and true value, and to return such assessment to the Trustees of said Village, at the office of Jno. G. **Mullett** Clerk on or before the 30th day of April instant.

And you are hereby further ordered and required to assess and apportion Two Thousand Two hundred and fifty days work, over and above the Poll Tax of Two days each (it being the account of labor hereby ordered to be laid out upon the roads, streets, lanes and alleys, for the present year) upon the freeholders and inhabitants of said Village, according to their respective abilities to perform the same: And that you make out and deliver to the Trustees of said Village, at the office of said Clerk on or before the 30th day of April instant, a Poll or List of such assessment or apportionment including said assessment and Poll Tax: And that you designate in such Poll or list, the name of the street upon which each item of said Highway and Poll Tax is assessed.

Given under our hands and seals at Fredonia aforesaid this Tenth day of April A.D. 1862

Alva Colburn

Jas. H. Lake

S.M. Newton

(Item 47)

The first Baptist Church of North Adams Massachusetts under the pastoral care of Rev Miles **Sanford** to any Baptist Church of like faith and order with Christian salutation.

Dear Brethren:

Our beloved Sister Almina **Rossiter** a member of this Church, in regular standing, having requested a Letter of Dismission from us to unite with you, we do hereby cordially commend her to your Christian fellowship and watchcare. If received by you within Six Months from this date, and we are so notified, we shall regard her as dismissed from us. May the blessings of the Great Head of the Church abide with you, and the friend who leaves us. By order of the Church,

by order of the Chui

Saml. **Ingalls** Clerk.

North Adams Mass Jan 16 1862

(Item 48)

Whereas it was voted Feb. 13, **1862** by a majority of four to one, "That this Church adopt the Plan set forth in the document just read by Dr **Wheelock**," i.e. concerning the scriptural authority for the appointment & the duties of Church Elders; & whereas this vote has stood a dead letter upon our Books for more than ten years; & whereas a

difference of opinion concerning the measure still remains among our members with little prospects of a change, & knowing that to the Master each one of us must stand or fall for himself for the acceptance or rejection of this Plan, therefore Resolved that, without expressing any opinion as to the Scriptural merits of the "Plan", the vote passed Feb. 13. **1862**, be rescinded.

(Item 49)

Dear Brethren

We, The Bap. Church in Ellery, respectfully request you to appoint a delegation to sit with us in council, on Thursday the 24th, Inst, at 10. O.clock A.M. to consider the propriety of ordaining Bro. G.W. **Varnum**, our pastor, to the work of the gospel Ministry, Done by order, and in behalf of the church, this the 12th day of Aug. **1854**. J. **Smith** Ch. Clk.

(Item 50)

\$38.""

American Baptist Home Mission Rooms,

No. 132 Nassau Street.

New York, June 16 1863

Received of the Stockton Bapt. Ch. per Rev. A.S. **Freeman**, Thirty eight Dollars for the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

John(?) Whitehead Treas.

Thank you, Your letter is very encouraging.

(Item 51)

\$9.10 Recd. of D. **Barrell** Treasr. of the Erie Baptist Association Nine dollars and ten cents being the Contribution for the Widow and Orphan fund at the late session at Cherry Creek.

Fredonia Sept. 12th. 1866

A.Z. Madison Trustee of W & O Fund

(Item 52a)

First Baptist Society of Pomfret.

Received of Forest Webster

Three Dollars, for Salary as Pastor of the

1st Baptist Church of Pomfret.

Dated Fredonia an. 9th 1860

\$3.00 A. Wheelock Pastor.

[Handwritten Note:] Horace Webster on R. Porter Note

(*Item 52b*)

[The same as *Item 52a* except in the amount of \$136.69 from A.Z. **Madison** in Rects Forty four 34/100 & Cash Ninety two 15/100 and dated Jan. 14. **1860**.]

(*Item 52c*)

[The same as *Item 52a* except in the amount of \$21.10 from A.Z. **Madison** and dated Jan. 21st **1860**.]

(Item 52d)

[The same as Item 52a except in the amount of \$42.-- from A.Z. Madison, Treasurer and dated Feb. 16 1860.]

(Item 53)

To the Regular Baptist Church in Fredonia Chautauqua Co. N.Y.

Dear Brethren

Would you not be so kind and give me some information on the personal Character of a person with the name of **Love**. He was some years ago a member of your Church in Fredonia. I became acquainted with Him some weeks ago and as he has no good reputation where he is (Williamson Wayne Co N.Y.) I want some information of you on him in behalf of some Dutch or Holland Bapt. Brethren in that neighborhood, with whom **Love** has had some Conversation. The Brethren don't trust him much but they want to know more of him, if possible so you will oblige me and them very much giving such information as it is in your power to do. Yours in the Lord

C. Schoemaker

Pastor of the 1st German Bapt Ch.

Buffalo N.Y.

Excuse my bad writing in English

Write soon

I did not know the name of the Elder of your Church otherwise I would address myself to him.

Love says he is a Licensed Preacher?

Buffalo N.Y. October 31/63

Recd & answered Nov 2 1863 as the Records Show

(Item 54)

The Baptist Church of Stockton to the Baptist Church of Fredonia Greeting

This is to certify that Sister Cornelia G. **Gardner** is a member with us in good and regular standing and at her request we grant her this letter of commendation to unite with you.

Done by order and in behalf of the Church this 14 day of July 1867.

N. Crissey Ch Clerk

(Item 55)

The Baptist Church of Stockton

To the Baptist Church of Fredonia

This is to certify that Bro J.L. **Kazer** is a member with us in good & regular traveling and as such at his request we grant him this letter of dismission and recommendation to unite you and when having done so his relation with us will cease.

Done by order of and behalf of the Church this 11th day of May **1867**.

N. Crissey Clerk

(Item 56)

The first Baptist church Portland to any other of the same faith,

Sendeth Christian salutation

Dear Brethren

This certifies that Sister Elizabeth **Haywood** is a member with us, in good and regular standing, and at her request, made at a covenant meeting, held March 10, **1866** this letter of dismission was granted to her for the purpose of uniting with you, We cordially commend her to your Christian fellowship

A.B. Post Ch Clk.

(Item 57)

Owego Feby 19/66

This Certifies that Bro John **Bissel** and Sarah **Bissel** his wife are members in good & regular Standing in the Baptist Ch of Christ at Owego NY and as such we commend them to the Communion & fellowship of any other ch of like faith & order & when thus united Shall consider them dismissed from us

By order of the Ch

W.P. Stone

Ch Clk

Recd Jan 30th H. Jn. J(?)

(Item 58)

The First Baptist Church Portland to any other of the same faith sendeth Christian salutation.

Dear Brethren this certifies that Sister Frances **Haywood** is a member with us in good and regular standing and at her request made at a covenant meeting held March 10. **1866** this letter of dismission was granted to her for the purpose of uniting with you.

We cordially commend her to your Christian fellowship.

A.B. Post Ch Clk

(Item 59)

The Baptist Church in Forestville

To any Sister Church,

Dear Brethren.

This is to certify that Sister Nancy **McClanathan** is a member in regular Standing with us and at her request we cordially dismiss her from our number, and most cheerfully recommend her to the Christian fellowship and affection of any Church of the same faith and order with liberty to unite with the same,

Done by order and in behalf of this Church.

Dated Forestville December 17 1865

Julius A. Parsons

Church Clerk

(Item 60)

The First Baptist Church of Racine Wisconsin,

To the Baptist Church at Fredonia N.Y.

This is to certify that Sister H.H. **Morse** is a member of the First Baptist Church of Racine, in good and regular standing, and as such at her own request, we grant her this letter of dismission and recommendation, for the purpose of uniting with you. When so united her connection with us will cease.

Done by order of the Church.

W.T. Bull

Church Clerk

Racine Dec. 4. 1863

(Item 61)

The Forestville Baptist Church

To any Church of the same faith,

Sendeth Christian Salutation:

Dear Brethren,

This certifies that bro. Stephen **Eaton** is a member with us in good standing, & at his request we grant him this letter of dismission with liberty to unite with you.

We cordially commend him to your Christian fellowship & watchcare & when united with you we shall consider him dismissed from us

Done by order & in behalf of the Church this 3rd day of Oct. 1863

John A. Mixer Ch. Clk

(Item 62)

The Fredonia Baptist Church:

To the Baptist Church at Vienna N.Y.

or, to any other church of the same faith,

Sendeth Christian Salutation:

Dear Brethren

This certifies that Sister Eleanor B. **Phelps** is a member in good and regular standing with us, and at her request, made at a Covenant meeting, held May 2nd, **1863** this letter of dismission was granted to her for the purpose of uniting with you.

We cordially commend her to your Christian fellowship.

When united with you, her membership with us will cease.

By a standing Resolution of this Church, letters of dismission and recommendation are valid for one year only from their respective dates.

Done by order, and in behalf of the Church at Fredonia, Chautauque Co., N.Y., this 2nd day of May **1863**.

A.Z. Madison Church Clerk.

(Item 63)

The Forestville Baptist Church

To any Church of the same faith

Sendeth Christian Salutation

Dear Brethren,

This certifies that Sister Abbie **Eaton** is a member with us in good standing & at her request we grant her this letter of dismission with liberty to unite with you.

We cordially commend her to your Christian fellowship & watchcare & when united with you we shall consider her dismissed from us.

Done by order & in behalf of the Church this 3rd day of Oct. **1863**.

John A. Mixer Ch. Clk.

(Item 64)

This certifies that Elijah [crossed out Abijah] **Clark** is a member in good and regular standing in the first F.W. Baptist Church in Ellington and we commend him to the fellowship of to [sic] any Christian society with whom he may chose [sic] to unite and when informed of his union elsewhere will be considered dismissed from this by order of the Church

L. Williams Ch Clerk

May 5 **1863**

Chaut. N.Y.

(Item 65)

The First Baptist Church in Dunkirk to the Baptist Church in Fredonia Greeting

This is to Certify that Sister Mary **Coburn** is a member of this Church in good Standing and at her request we Cheerfully give her this letter of dismission from us and recommend her to your fellowship and Christian Watch Care with liberty to unite with you and when She unites with you we Shall Consider her dismissed from us. Done by order of the Church

Dunkirk Jan. 25. **1864**

Levi Parsons

Church Clerk.

(Item 66)

[This letter appears to be written on Erie Railway stationery.]

Erie Railway

Freight Office.

Dunkirk, N.Y., ----- 186

Dunkirk Aug. 10. 1863

The First Baptist Church of Christ in Dunkirk. To the Baptist Church in Fredonia Greeting

This Certifies that our beloved Sister Lucy **Payne** is a member of this Church in good Standing and at her request we grant her this letter of recommend and dismissal to unite with you and Shall therefore Consider her dismissed. From us

Done by order of the Church

Levi Parsons Church Clerk.

(Item 67)

Racine Wis. June 13th. 1863

The First Baptist Church in Racine Wis. To

The Baptist Church in Fredonia N.Y.

This is to certify that the Revd. Howard M. **Jones** has been for three years the pastor of the 1st Baptist Church at Racine, and during the same time his wife – Mary W. **Jones** has been a member of the same Church – both in good and regular standing, and at their request are affectionately dismissed and recommended to your Christian Fellowship,

By Order and in behalf of the Church

W.T. Bull

Church Clerk

(Item 68a)

[on the left hand side]

American Baptist Missionary Union.

The Central District now comprises New York, East and Sussex Associations in New Jersey, and Canada West. Rev. O. **Dodge**, 335, Broadway, New York City, is District Agent, and authorized to receive funds, and transmit them to the Treasury, at Boston, and also subscription for the Missionary Magazine, and Macedonian.

[horizontal across the rest of the receipt]

\$20 #

American Baptist Missionary Union,

12, Bedford Street, Boston, Mar 9 1863

The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of

Twenty Dollars from D. Barrell Esq Treasurer of the Erie Bap Asso N. York

By O. Dodge District Agent.

(Item 68b)

The same as *Item 68a* except for \$1. and dated Apl 20 **1863** from the Forestville Bap Ch pr D. **Barrell** Esq Treas of the Erie Bap Asso.

(*Item* 68c)

The same as *Item 68a* except for \$22.37 and dated Mc(?) 28 **1862** from David **Barrell** Esq Treas of the Erie Bap Asso.

(Item 69)

American Bible Union Rooms,

No. 350 Broome Street, N.Y.

Sept. 7, 1864

The American Bible Union gratefully acknowledges the

receipt of 1.00 Dollars from The Treasurer of the Erie Baptist Association.

\$1.00 J.S. Webber Agent

(Item 70)

\$66.44 Recd of A.Z. **Madison** Treasurer of Fredonia Baptist Society Sixty six and 44/100 Dollars on account of my Salary as Pastor at different dates as follows between Oct. 1. **1861** and Feb. 1. **1863**

Viz: Nov. 22. 1861	Cash	\$3.00
Dec. 2 "	"	2.00
" 24. "	"	5.00
Augt. 13. 1862	"	5.00
" 27. "	"	5.00
Jany "Sub. Ex	caminer to Feb 1/63 1.2	.5
" 1863 Sub.	Do to Feb 1/64 1.2	25
Feb. " J. Hami	ilton Jr.s bal. a/c assign	ed 33.94
" 3 rd "	Cash <u>10.0</u>	0
		\$66.44

Fredonia Feb 13th. **1863** G.D. **Downey**

(Item 71)

Recd. of A.Z. **Madison** Treas. Fifty dollars Cash & Chk Fr. Dk. on account of my Salary up to February 1st. **1863**. Fredonia Feb. 13th. **1863**

D.B. Check \$25. adv.

A.Z.M. Bill, adv \$18.25

Bal. in Treas 6.75

= \$50. G.D. **Downey**

(Item 72)

\$3.63 Recd. of D. Barrell Collector for last year Three 63/100 on balance due up to Oct. 1. 1862.

Fredonia 11. Feby 1863 G.D. Downey

(Item 73)

\$15.25 Recd. Fredonia 11. Feby **1863** of A.Z. **Madison** by the hand of D. **Barrell** Fifteen 25/100 Dollars on a/c of Salary. G.D. **Downey**

(Item 74)

Recd of Revd Geo Downey on account Four 75/100 per S.S. Crissey \$4.75

L.B. Grant

March 5 1863

(Item 75)

\$12.50 Recd of Rev Geo **Downey** by J.H.Jr. Twelve 50/100 Dollars on a/c

J Hamilton Jr.

Fredonia Oct 8/61

To Oct 1/61

Amt. a/c on Ledger \$55.75

Cr above Recpt \$12.50

<u>18.75</u> (How P?) Slip rent to Jany 1/62 <u>6.25</u>

Bal. due \$37.00 & int 9 mos.

18.75

(Item 76)

\$15. Sent to Hamilton

11.77 L.B. Grant a/c

6.61 A.Z.M. chk

#33.38

Recd. of A.Z. **Madison** Treas Fredonia Baptist Society Thirty three & 38/100 Dollars in full of my claims on Salary to Feb 1. **1863**.

Fredonia May 6. 1863

G.D. Downey

(Item 77)

\$20. Recd. of D. Barrell for A.Z. Madison Treasr. Twenty dollars on current quarter salary.

Fredonia June 19th 1865

Howard M. Jones

(Item 78)

\$5.00 Fredonia March 19 1863

Recd. of E. Winsor five dollars to apply on Sallary as pastor of Fredonia Bap Ch

G.D. Downey

(Item 79)

\$12.00

Recd. of A.Z. **Madison** Twelve dollars on my Salary from the Fredonia Baptist Society the same inclosed to me in letter to Cleveland Ohio.

Cleveland O. March 3rd 1863 G.D. Downey

(Item 80)

Cash \$49.01

L.B.G. Recpt Mon 4.75

\$53.76

Recd. of A.Z. **Madison** Treasr Fredonia Baptist So. Fifty three and 76/100 Dollars to apply on my Salary to Feb. 1, **1863**.

Fredonia March 18. 1863 G.D. Downey

(Item 81)

\$12.50 Recd. of A.Z. Madison Treas. Fredonia Baptist So. Twelve and 50/100 Dollars being the amt. of J.

Hamilton Jr.s Recpt on a/c dated Oct 8. 1861 on Salary.

Fredonia Mch 18. 1863 G.D. Downey

(Item 82)

Received Fredonia Nov 8th **1862** of Geo. W. **Lewis** Eleven & 66/100 Dollars on acc't of my salary due 1st Feb next Geo. D. **Downey**

(*Item 83*)

\$12.75 Recd of A.Z. **Madison** by the hand of D. **Barrell** Twelve 75/100 Dollars on a/c of Salary.

Fredonia 17. Nov. 1862 Geo. D. Downey

(Item 84)

\$18.50 Recd Fredonia 26. Decr. **1862** of A.Z. **Madison** by the hand of D. **Barrell** Eighteen 50/100 Dollars on a/c of salary. Geo. D. **Downey**

(Item 85)

\$14 Recd. of A.Z. Madison by the hand of D. Barrell Fourteen dollars on a/c of Salary.

Fredonia 10th Jany **1863** G.D. **Downey**

(Item 86)

\$10 Recd. Fredonia Sept 26. 1862 of A.Z. Madison by D. Barrell Ten dollars on a/c of salary

G.D. Downey

(Item 87)

\$25. Recd Fredonia 6. Oct. 1862 of A.Z. Madison by D. Barrell Twenty five Dollars on a/c of Salary.

Geo. D. Downey

(Item 88)

\$46.25 Recd. Fredonia 27. Oct. **1862** of A.Z. **Madison** Treasr. by the hand of D. **Barrell** Forty Six 25/100 Dollars, on a/c of Salary.

G.D. Downey

(Item 89)

\$28.88 Recd. Fredonia 29. Oct. **1862** of A.Z. **Madison** by the hand of D. **Barrell** Twenty Eight 88/100 Dollars on a/c of salary.

G.D. Downey

(Item 90a) Rev H.M. Jones Recpts 1863-4 & 5

Fredonia July 30th '63

Received of Thomas Sweet Three dollars and fifty cents on acct of First Baptist Church

Howard M. Jones

(Item 90b)

\$10. Recd. of A.Z. Madison Treas. Fredonia Bap. So. Ten dollars cash on Salary.

Fredonia Nov. 17. 1863

Howard M. Jones

[There are three lines here that are indecipherable.]

(*Item 90c*)

\$6. Recd. Fredonia 8 Decr. 1863 of A.Z. Madison by the hand of D. Barrell Six Dollars

Howard M. Jones

Also of A.Z.M. Dec. 5th Five dollars H.M.J.

(Item 90d)

\$20.12 Recd. Fredonia 30th Oct. **1863** of A.Z. **Madison** by the hand of D. **Barrell** Twenty 12/100 dollars.

Howard M. Jones

Also Nov 25th \$2.50

H.M.J.

(*Item 90e*)

\$44.25 Recd. Fredonia 10. Oct. **1863** of A.Z. **Madison** Treasr. by the hand of D. **Barrell** Forty four 25/100 dollars Howard M. **Jones**

(Item 90f)

Fredonia Oct 27th '63

Received of J. Hamilton Jr. Twenty dollars on acct of Baptist Church

Howard M. Jones

(Item 90g)

\$20.75 Recd. Fredonia 30th Jany **1864** of A.Z. **Madison** by the hand of D. **Barrell** Twenty 75/100 dollars. Howard M. **Jones**

(Item 90h)

\$35.95 Recd. Fredonia 15. Jany **1864** from A.Z. **Madison** by the hand of D. **Barrell** thirty five 95/100 dollars. Howard M. **Jones**

(Item 90i)

Fredonia Mch 23rd 1864

Recd of J. Hamilton Jr. \$43.55 on salary as pastor of Baptist Church

Howard M. Jones

(Item 90i)

Also recd of J.H.Jr Nov. 30th **1863** \$10.00 on same acct. any previous receipt for the same being hereby canceled. Howard M. **Jones**

(*Item 90k*)

\$6.50 Recd. Fredonia 3rd May **1864** of A.Z. **Madison** by the hand of D. **Barrell** Six 50/100 dollars in full for year ending April 1st/64

Howard M. Jones

(Item 90l)

\$8.75 Recd. Fredonia 10. March **1864** of A.Z. **Madison** by the hand of D. **Barrell** Eight 75/100 dollars. H.M. **Jones**

(Item 90m)

Fredonia Mch 31st '64

Recd of D. Barrell on behalf of Baptist Church Six dollars on salary as pastor.

Howard M. Jones

(*Item 90n*)

\$32.75 Recd. Fredonia 23rd April **1864** of A.Z. **Madison** by the hand D. **Barrell** Thirty two 75/100 Dollars. Howard M. **Jones**

(Item 90o)

\$59.25 Recd Fredonia 4 April **1864** of A.Z. **Madison** by the hand of D. **Barrell** Fifty nine 25/100 Dollars Howard M. **Jones**

(Item 90p)

\$25. Recd. Fredonia 21. July **1864** of A.Z. **Madison** Treasr. of Fredonia Bap Society, by the hand of D. **Barrell** Twenty Five Dollars

Howard M. Jones

(Item 90q)

17.89

Rec Fredonia July 27/63 of J.H.Jr Seventeen 89/100 Dollars in Full for first quarter of my Salary due on the first inst Howard M. **Jones**

(*Item 90r*)

\$25.00

Recd Fredonia July 27/63 of J.H. Jr Twenty five dollars freight bill

Howard M. Jones

(Item 90s)

Fredonia Oct. 13th '65

Recd of A.Z. Madison by D. Barrell Twenty-five dollars on salary as pastor of Baptist Ch

Howard M. Jones

(Item 90t)

\$77.11 Recd Fredonia July 23/63 of John **Hamilton** Jr. collection Pf the Fredonia Baptist Church Seventy Seven 11/100 Dollars to apply on the first quarter of my salary as pastor due on the first inst

Howard M. Jones

(Item 90u)

\$100. Recd. Fredonia July 1. **1864** from the Fredonia Baptist Society by the hand of D. **Barrell** One Hundred dollars on salary

Howard M. Jones

(*Item 90v*)

Fredonia Apr. 1st '64

Recd of J. Hamilton Jr. Twenty dollars on salary as pastor of Baptist Church

Howard M. Jones

(Item 90w)

\$15. Recd. Fredonia 29. July **1864** of Treasr. of Fredonia Bap. Society by the hand of D. **Barrell** Fifteen dollars, on Salary.

Howard M. Jones

(*Item 90x*)

\$10. Recd. Fredonia 6. Augt. **1864** of Treasr. of Bap. Society by the hand of D. **Barrell** Ten Dollars on Salary Howard M. **Jones**

(Item 90v)

\$50. Recd. Fredonia July 11. 1864 from Treasr. of Bap. Society by the hand of D. Barrell Fifty Dollars.

Howard M. Jones

(Item 90z)

\$11.35 Rec Fredonia Aug 19th **1863** of John **Hamilton** Jr. Eleven 35/100 Dollars in full for freight bill due from Fredonia Baptist Church

Howard M. Jones

(*Item 90aa*)

Fredonia Nov 11th '63

Recd from S.B. Webster \$5.62 on acct of Fredonia Baptist Church

Howard M. Jones

(Item 91)

State of New York

County of Chautauqua Oss.(?)

L. Avery **Barmore** of the town of Pomfret in the County of Chautauqua and State of New York and Joseph R. **Wheelock** of the same place, being severally sworn depose and say: and first, the said L. Avery **Barmore** for himself says that he is a householder and resident in the said town of Pomfret and is worth the sum of Two thousand five hundred dollars, over and above all debts and demands against him, and the said Joseph R. **Wheelock** for himself says that he is a householder and resident.

(Item 92)

D. Barrell's collections for Chh. expenses	1863-4.			
1	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter	Total
Mrs. More	5.00			5.00
J. Chandler	3.75	3.75	3.75	11.25
L.B. Grant	6.25	6.25	6.25	18.75
D. Barrell	6.25	6.25	6.25	18.75
J. Moir	4.75	4.75	4.75	14.25
G.W. Lewis	5.75	5.75	5.75	17.25
Mrs. Lewis & Miss(?) Steele	2.50	2.50		5.00
Clarence Lewis	1.25	1.25	1.25	3.75
J.M. Van Kleek	3.75	3.75	3.75	11.25
Alva Colburn	5.	5.	5.	15.00
Margaret Morian	1.25			1.25
Mrs. Coburn	1.50		3.00	4.50
Doct Eaton	5.00	5.00		10.00
G.N. Frazine	3.75	3.75	3.75	11.25
Capt. J. Inson	9.00		4.50	13.50
Mrs. Cobb	2.50			2.50
Mrs. Geo. Norton	1.			1.00
" Augusta Barmore	5.			5.00
Jane Colburn		1.25	1.25	2.50
David Wright		4.00		4.00
I.H. Jennings		5.00	3.75	8.75
Mrs. J.R. Parker		6.25	6.25	12.50
Calista Parker		1.25	1.25	2.50
Porter Manton		2.50	5.00	7.50
J.F. Brown		3.75	3.75	9.50
Mrs. H.L. Taylor		6.00		6.00
Caleb Stanley		2.25	2.25	4.50
Hero. Smith			2.00	2.00
Thos. B. Sweet			3.00	3.00
M. Fuller			3.00	3.00
Theo. B. Wheelock [crossed out line]			6.25	6.25
E. Winsor			3.00	3.00
Mrs. A. Walker			1.50	1.50
Lizzie Walker			.75	.75
R.B. Morgan			2.00	2.00
J.J. Parker			10.00	10.00
Theo. Wheelock pr J.H.Jr.			6.25	6.25
	73.25	80.25	103.00	\$256.50
W.R. Wilcox			10.00	10.00
C.F. Osburn			1.50	1.50
A.C. Guild			5.00	5.00
Clara Coonrad			1.50	1.50
S.S. Crissey			3.75	3.75
Levi Doolittle			5.00	5.00
	73.25	80.25	129.95	283.25
Cash pd. for wood		10.68		

1863				
Oct 10.	pd. N	Ars Jo i	nes see Receipt	44.25
" 30	"	"	"	20.12
Nov 4	"	"	"	2.50
Decr. 8	"	"	"	6.00
1864				
Jany 15	"	"	"	35.95
" 30	"	"	"	20.75
March 10	"	"	"	8.75
" 31	"	"	"	6.00
April 4	"	"	"	59.25
" 15	"	"	"	35.25
" 23	"	"	"	32.75
May 5	"	" i	n full	<u>6.50</u>
				288.75

Amt. Collected 283.25

Advanced by D.B. 5.50 \$288.75

(Item 93)

During the year past I have collected to pay off debts

Viz

Recd from

Paid To

L.B. Grant Putnam debt	188.7?
A.N. Clark &c	64.5?
Revd A.C. Barrell	35.00
" Geo. D. Downey advanced by D.B.	18.5?
A.Z. Madison	29.4?
Frazine & Hart a/c	3.8?
	\$340.04

Also for Putnam Stove in Basement, Buying Coal Stove &c

Recd from	
L.B. Grant	11.00
S.S. Crissey	5.00
G.W. Lewis	5.00
A. Colburn	10.00
J.M. Van Kleek	3.00
A.Z. Madison	4.50
J.J. Parker	5.00
Doct Eaton	2.00
J. Hamilton Jr.	2.00
G.N. Frazine	5.00
J. Champlin	5.00

W.R. Wilcox	1.00
J.H. Rowe	1.00
Mrs. Parker	4.00
J.F. Brown	.50
Calista Parker	1.00
D. Barrell & much work	5.68
A.C. Guild	<u>5.50</u>
	\$76.18
Paid to	

Paid to

F.A. **Redington**(?) 33.6?
G.N. **Frazine** 36.5?
For coal & Hauling 6.0?
\$76.18

(Item 94)

Fredonia NY. Nov 2 1864

To the Fredonia Baptist Church

Dear Brethren

The pastoral relation which has existed between you and myself has been for the most part pleasant and to me profitable. This, my first pastorate was undertaken with much prayerful solicitude, and with some misgivings as to my ability to answer the demands of this people in respect to pulpit gifts. These fears, it seems have been realized in so far as that some of your members are unwilling to contribute towards my support, and others are desirous of a change in pastors.

The knowledge of the existence of such sentiments is an obstacle to a further continuance of my pastoral relations with you.

I cannot labor freely nor can you heartily cooperate with, or be greatly benefited by my labors while a divided sentiment exists.

I therefore must respectfully resign my connection with you as pastor. Which resignation may be regarded as taking effect immediately or at the end of three months at the discretion of the Church.

Praying always for your prosperity and that the Holy Spirit may guide us both I remain

Yours in the Gospel

Geo. D. Downey

(Item 95)

Fredonia July 15. 1864

To the Pastor or Clerk of the Stockton Baptist Church.

Dear Brethren,

A council is to convene with us on Wednesday the 20th inst at 2 O'clock P.M. for the purpose of examining and ordaining (if approved) Br. Cyrus A. **Chilcott** to the Christian Ministry.

You are requested to present the matter to your Church that it may send your Pastor & two brethren to sit in Council with us.

Fraternally Yours

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Fredonia Baptist Ch

(Item 96)

Madison

The Stockton Baptist Church

To the Fredonia Baptist Church

Dear Brethren

In accordance with your request we send to sit in Council with you our brethren J. Crissey, & Chester Thompson.

By order of the Church

Stockton July 17th 1864

H. Thompson Ch Clk.

(Item 97)

Rev H.M. Jones

Letter asking adv. In Salary

[envelope addressed to]

Mr L.B. Grant

Fredonia N.Y.

To the Trustees of the Fredonia Baptist Society,

Dear Sirs,

As nothing has been said on either side with reference to my salary for the second year of my pastorate, & as the first quarter of that year is almost past, I presume it is taken for granted that the salary will be the same as heretofore. It is well known, however, that within a year the prices of even the necessaries of life have been greatly enhanced, so that what was last year a small salary, becomes this year entirely inadequate to the support of my family. I have hitherto been silent in the matter, hoping that the church or the trustees would take some steps towards an increase of the pastor's salary. But having heard of no movement in that direction, I have now taken the liberty to bring the subject before you, not doubting that the suggestion will meet with your approval as a matter of simple justice. At the same time, allow me to thank you, gentlemen, for the promptness with which last year's salary was paid, & especially for the personal interest taken by your chairman in securing that promptness.

Truly yours,

Howard M. Jones,

Pastor.

Fredonia June 20th 1864

(Item 98)

Forestville Oct 18. 1864

David Barrell

Dear Brother

Permit me to call your attention to that Subscription for Colporturage, which the Association instructed us to refund to the Donors as far as practable [sic]. The amount which I received at the Association in Randolph, and which I subsequently payed over to you at Fredonia was Eighteen Doll (\$18.00) The names of the Donors of the above sum are as follows

Eld Brayman	1.50
Lyman J. Fisher	5.00
Mrs. Sally Green	3.00
Christeen Green	2.00
Mrs. C.S. Tubbs	2.50
H.H. Herick	1.00
Mrs. J. Nelson	1.00
Manley Boomer	2.00

Subsequently during the season I received on subscription ten Dolls. more. Five of Br. W.N. **Tower**, and Five of Br. E. **Dennison**, which I retained in my own hands. Agreeable to the instructions of the Association I payed back to Br. **Tower** \$5.00. At the close of the Association at Fredonia, I received of you in Br **Grant**'s Store, Five Dolls. Two of which I payed to Manley **Boomer**. One to Br. H. **Herick.** One to Mrs J. **Nelson**, and one I enclose and return to you. The Names of the persons not yet payed, and the amounts due them are as follows.

Rev L.J. Fisher	5.00x
" B. Brayman	1.50
Sister Sally Green	3.00
" Christeen Green	2.00
" C.S. Tubbs	2.50

It will not be practicable for me to reach any of these persons at present, so you may make such a disposition of the matter as you think proper.

Affectionately yours

W. Look

(Item 99)

The Harmony Baptist Chh of Christ at Panama to the Fredonia Baptist Chh.

Greeting

This certifies that Sister Elizabeth J. **Wedge** is a member of this church in good standing and as such we cheerfully commend her to your fellowship with liberty to unite with you and when so united and we notified her relation to us will cease.

Done by order of the church. Panama Aug 14, 1864

Ambrose Blackmer Chh. Clk.

(Item 100)

The Harmony Baptist Church of Christ in Panama,

To the Baptist Church in Fredonia

Sendeth Greeting:

This certifies that Mary Jane **Prettejohn** is a member of this Church in good standing, and as such, we cheerfully commend her to your fellowship, with liberty to unite with you, and when so united and we notified her relation to us will cease.

Done by order of the Church.

Panama Aug. 14, 1864.

Ambrose Blackmer Chh. Clerk

(Item 101)

To all whom presents Shall come. Greeting:

Be it known that Sister Electa **Hyatt** is a member of the Baptist Church of Cherry Creek N.Y. in good Standing, and full fellowship, and as such we commend her to the watch-care of any Sister Church with liberty to unite and when united is dismissed from us.

Done by order of and in behalf of the Church this 10th day of March **1866**

James D. Wheeler Ch. Clk

(Item 102)

Palo Linn County Iowa

Octr. 15th. 1864

Mr. A.Z. Madison

Church clerk of the Baptist Church at Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Brother.

We are happy to inform you that Bro. Lewis M. & Sister Lucinda **Walker** united with the Palo Baptist Church Situated in Linn County Iowa at our covenant Meeting of Octr. 9th A.D. **1864**. by letters from your church Date of their letters Decr. 6th **1863**.

Yours Respectfully

M.L. Coyner church clerk

(Item 103)

The Baptist Church of Christ at Sinclairville

To the Baptist Church of Christ at Fredonia

Sendeth Christian greeting

Dear Brethren

This is to certify that Brother James **Cato** is a member in good and regular standing with us and at his own request is granted this letter of dismissal and commendation in order that he may unite with you.

We rejoice in the prosperity which has visited you as a church in the conversion and baptism of souls into the Kingdom of Christ. Will you not remember us in our Spiritual dearth and feebleness and pray that we may share like mercies with yourselves.

Done by order and in behalf of the church in Covenant meeting May 14th 1864

G.D. Downey Pastor

S.G. Paterson Clerk

(Item 104)

The Harmony Baptist Church of Christ in Panama, to the Baptist Church in Fredonia

Sendeth Greeting:

This certifies that Alanson **Wedge** is a member of this Church in good standing, and, as such, we cheerfully commend him to your fellowship, with liberty to unite with you, and when so united and we notified his relation to us will cease.

Done by order of the Church.

Panama Aug. 14, 1864.

Ambrose Blackmer Chh Clk

(Item 105)

Versailles N.Y.

November 5th 1863

The Baptist Church in Perrysburgh to any church of the same faith

This is to certify that Sister Helen E. **Barker** is a member of our church in good standing, and we recommend her to your fellowship and watchcare.

By order of the church

H. (?) Ch Clerk

(Item 106)

Versailles N.Y.

November 5th **1863**

The Baptist Church of Christ in Perrysburgh, to any church of the same faith

This is to certify that Brother Eber. M. **Pettit** is a member of our church in good standing, & we recommend him to your fellowship & watchcare.

By order of the church

H. (?) Ch Clerk

(Item 107)

Versailles N.Y.

November 5th **1863**

The Baptist Church of Christ in Perrysburgh, to any church of the same faith

This is to certify that Sister Euretta S. **Pettit** is a member of our church in good standing, and we recommend her to your fellowship and watchcare.

By order of the church

H. (?) Ch Clerk

(Item 108)

This First Baptist Church in Rockford III under the Pastoral Charge of Rev Dr. J. **Kerr**(?)

To the Baptist Church in Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Brethren,

This is to Certify that Bro Augustus **More** is a member in good standing and full fellowship with us, and at his request we thereby grant this Letter of Dismission, for the purpose of uniting with you.

We most affectionately recommend him to your Christian fellowship and watchcare, praying that the Lord may crown your union with mutual & eternal blessings

By order of the Church

Jany 8th 1861 S.P. Crawford Clerk

(Item 109)

The first Baptist Chh Portland to any sister chh sendeth Christian salutation.

This certifies that Sister Fanny **Barber** is a member of this chh. in good standing with us and as such we recommend her to the fellowship of any chh of the same faith and order

Done by order and in behalf of the chh.

June 11th/ 69

A.B. Post Clk.

(Item 110)

The first Baptist Church of Portland to the Baptist Church of Fredonia Sendeth Christian Salutation.

Dear Brethren

This may certify that Sister Nancy **Noble** is a member of this Church in good & regular standing as such we cordially commend her to your Christian fellowship and watch Care with liberty to unite with you when so united we shall consider her dismissed from us.

Done by order of the Church this 12th day of March **1864**

N. Mason Clerk

(Item 111)

Akron and Middlebay(?) Bap Ch

Akron June 4. 1863

Bro. A.Z. Madison

Ch Clk Fredonia NY

This may certify that Sister Martha M. Lake presented this church a letter of dismission dated May 2. 63 from you on which she was recd. as a member with us at this date.

Truly &c

H.G. Fuller

Ch Clk

(Item 112)

Mr. D. Barrell

Dear sir

I here send you three Dollars and fifty cents for Leon Church being ten cents over their average as Made out at the Ch association of the \$1.25 going to Eld **Fisher** at Dunkirk and one Dollar and ten cents from Cherry Creek being I have collected here. You will see this is forward to Br(?) **Fisher** before the state convention As talked at Delanti Yours in haste

Cherry Creek Oct 2 1862

Eld. N. Thomas

(Item 113)

N.Y. Nov, 16/65

Dear Bro. Barrell,

Yours of the 13th is received, I like to have the names of the contributing churches specified as the churches like to see their names mentioned in the annual Report.

Yours truly, Silas **Ilsley**(?)

Received from the Treasurer of the Erie Bap. Assoc. fifty two dollars for the Am. Bap. Pub. Society. Twenty five dollars from the church in Fredonia.

Silas Ilslev

\$52.00 Nov 16/65 Dist. Secretary

(Item 114)

Cash Receipts at Association 1864

Cash Receipts at Association 1004		
Miss'y Union	Home Mission	Publication Society
Ellory Ch 4.50	Cherry Creek Ch 4.50	Forestville 20.00
Forestville " 20.00	Forestville " 20.00	G.L. Cody <u>1.00</u>
Leon " <u>7.60</u>	Leon " 2.50	21.00
\$32.10	Sinclairville " 11.50	
	Stockton" 23.29	
	S. Barritt 2.00	
	Orin Booth 1.50	
	G.L. Cody <u>1.50</u>	
	\$66.79	

State Convention Free Mission
Leon – 2.50 Cherry Creek 1.50
Fredonia Ch 13.50 Ellory Center 4.50

\$16.00 Forestville 12.70 \$18.70

(Item 115)

Treasurers Minutes of the Semiannual Meeting of the Erie B. Association held at Randolph Feb 4th & 5th 1862

Ticas	urci	s will dies of the Semiannian Meeting of the	ic Life D
Recd.	fror	n the Leon Ch for A.B.M.U.	2.70
"	"	" Cherry Creek Ch " " "	3.35
"	"	" Stockton Ch " " " "	19.50
"	"	" Ellery Centre Ch. " " " "	16.02
"	"	" Clear Creek Ch " " "	4.50
"	"	" Napoli Ch for Free Mission	3.00
"	"	Dea. O. Hitchcock " "	2.00
"	"	Bro. Hilldurn " "	.25
"	"	Dea. C. Thompson for B.U.	.50
"	"	B.F. Nickols " " "	1.00
"	"	M. Treat for Home M.	1.00
		Wm Saunders " "	.50
"	"	Stockton Ch. for Educational Society	7.00
		Total for M.U.	46.07
		" " F.M.	5.25
		" " B.U.	1.50
		" " H.M.	1.50
		" " E.S.	7.00
			61.32

H. **Thompson** Trea. Protem

(Item 116)

The Sinclairville Baptist Church

To the Fredonia Baptist Church or to any other Church of the same faith

Sendeth Christian Salutation

Dear Brethren

This certifies that Sister Sarah **McAlister** is a member in good and regular standing with us and at her request, this letter of dismission was granted to her July 9th **1865** for the purpose of uniting with you, We cordially commend her to your Christian fellowship. When united with you her membership with us will cease.

By a standing Resolution of this Church, letters of dismission and recommendation are valid for one year only from their respective dates.

Done by order, and in behalf of the Church at Sinclairville, Chautauqua Co. N.Y. this 9th day of July **1865**.

S.G. Paterson Clerk

(Item 117)

The Sinclairville Baptist Church

To the Fredonia Baptist Church or to any other Church of the same faith

Sendeth Christian Salutation

Dear Brethren

This is to certify that Brother Lewis **Walker** and Sister Chloe **Walker** his wife are members of this Church in good and regular standing and as such having requested letters of dismission from us, we do hereby cordially commend them to the Christian fellowship and watch care of any church in communion with us, May the blessing of the Great Head of the Church abide with the Brother & Sister who leave us.

By a standing resolution of this church letters of dismission and recommendation are valid for one year only from their dates.

Done by order and in behalf of the church at Sinclairville Chaut Co NY this 16th day of Sept 1865.

S.G. Paterson Church Clerk

(Item 118)

The Baptist Church in Sardinia, To any Church of the same faith and order.

This is to certify that Br Washington **Crocker** and his wife Nancy are members in good Standing with us and as such we commend them to the Christian watch care of and fellowship of any Sister Church of like faith and order Done by order of the Church

Sardinia, N.Y. May 10th 1865

Wm H. Bowen Church Clerk

(Item 119)

The regular Baptist Church of Christ in Allegany Venango Co Penna.

This may certify that Sister Mary Ann **Porter** is a member with us in good standing and as such we cheerfully recommend her to the communion and Fellowship of any sister church wherever god in his providence may cast her lot

Done by order and in behalf of the church this 27th day of July 1865

A. Merrick, Ch. Clerk

(Item 120)

The Stockton Baptist Church at Stockton Chaut. Co. N.Y.

To any Baptist Church

Greetings

Dear Brethren

This Certifies That Bro. Lyman **Rocester** is a member with us in good standing, and at his request we have granted him this letter, and do cordially recommend him to your fellowship.

When admitted to membership with you his membership with us will cease.

Given by order and in behalf of the Church, this 8th day of Feb. **1862**

H. Thompson Ch. Clk.

(Item 121)

The Forestville Baptist Church

To the Fredonia Baptist Church

Sendeth Christian Salutation

Dear Brethren,

This certifies that Sister Cordelia **Cooly** is a member in good & regular standing with us & her request this letter of dismission is granted to her for the purpose of uniting with you.

We cordially commend her to your Christian fellowship & when united with you her membership with us will cease. Done by order & in behalf of the Church at Forestville this 4th day of January **1862**

Jno. A. Mixer

Church Clerk

(*Item 122*)

Copy of Mrs. Ann Whittier alias May to Mrs Jane Colvin

"Lynn Augt 3rd. **1866**. (Lynn Mass.)

Dear Friend: It is a long time since I heard from you, and I would have answered your kind letter long before now, but many things have happened to prevent: I have almost given up all correspondence. My health has been quite poor most of the time – neuralgia has troubled me very much, especially in my eyes. I wish that I had taken a letter from the Church when I left Fredonia, but I thought perhaps I might go back for it sometime – it is not likely now that I shall ever travel so far: and I thought perhaps you my friend would be so kind as to get one for me and send it or let some of the deacons send it. There is one thing I wish and that is to have it written in the name with which I entered the church, and which is probably on the Church record – that of **Whittier** – that is the name my friends here call me by. I have been a regular attendant of the Baptist church here, only I cannot receive the right hand of fellowship until I get my letter. If Mrs **Miller** is living, please let me know when you write, and send me her address. Give my love to all my friends and acquaintances, and believe you have a large share. I hope your family are all well. I often think of you and them, and wish that I could see you and talk with you as I used to. But it may never be perhaps in this world. Trust we shall meet in the next where partings are unknown – there will every thing be made manifest, and we shall know each other better than ever we have here.

With much love I remain your affectionate friend

Annie Whittier

P.S. You will attend to my request, will you not, dear friend, I am so anxious about the letter. I shall be so much obliged. A.W."

Ann Whittier

Now Mrs. May

Recd. Mch 6. 1853

(Item 123)

The Washington St. Baptist Church, Buffalo,

To the Baptist Church in Fredonia

Dear Brethren,

This may certify that Sister Ann Whittier is a member in good and regular standing with us, and, at her request this letter of dismission was granted, at a regular meeting of the Church held on Friday evening Jan. 14 1853, for the purpose of uniting with you.

By order and in behalf of the Church

Jas. O. Brayman

Ch. Clerk.

Buffalo Jan. 15 1853

(Item 124)

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Money Recd. at Session of Association Sept. 4 th /66						
	Foreign	Home	N.Y. State	Publinn. Free	Other	Minutes Total
	Mission	Mission	Convention	Society Missio	n Objects	
Cassadaga Ch						2.55
Cherry Creek "	1.50	7.00	8.00		1.00	2.60&.50
Dayton "						.85
Dunkirk "						2.00
Ellory Center "		2.00				3.00
Forestville "	2.00				1.00	3.56
" C.S. Abbott	t 1.00	1.00				
" W. Barto	1.00					
" A. Friends	1.00					
Fredonia Ch.		1.00				6.25
1 st Hanover "			2.00			3.00
Hanover Center "		8.00		2.50		2.00
Leon "	2.00	13.00		(Bible Union) 2.00		1.50
Napoli "	1.50			20.00		1.50
Perrysburg "						1.00
Poland "						2.01
Randolph "						2.43
Sinclairville "			5.00	1.00		2.50
Stockton "	20.08	30.00	7.53			4.45
Collection	31.17			31.72	9.10	
Mrs. G.C. Allison		1.00				
G.C. Cody Ellington	on					.25
On Subn for Conve	ention					
per Revd. H.M.	G.		30.75			
" " " "						
G.W. Lewis			10.00			Sept. 15
	61.25	63.00	63.28	32.72 22	50 13.10	42.75

For Convention Cash & Pledges all 143.53

Pd. Revd **Lockwood** 60.00

" " Brasted 50.00 110.50 Balance 33.03 (Item 125)

(Iowa) 1870

Belle Plaine Ia Jan. 12th

Dear Brethren & Sisters in Christ: The grace of God saluteth you. Though I have been absent from you in body yet my spirit has been with you, you have ever been remembered by me in my prayers at the throne of grace and I trust that I also have been remembered by you. Since I have been here I have been deprived of the blessed privileges of the church and I feel that I have lost some-what of that warm affection for my Saviour which I once had, but my hope and faith is still in Christ and in him alone do I put my trust.

I have now a new source of encouragement in that there has been a church lately organized here and it is my desire and privilege to unite with this church, therefore I would wish a letter of dismission and recommendation from you that I may become a member of this church, that I may unite my humble efforts with theirs in trying to promote the cause of Christ here on earth and that I may have their watch care and protection. I feel very thankful that God has permitted this young Church to spring up here and I trust that we may have an interest in your prayers that now a tiny sprout it may grow and become a great tree in the vineyard of our Lord, and now with my hearts desire for the prosperity of Zion I remain as ever your fellow laborer and brother in Christ.

E. Hawley

(Item 126)

Sinclairville Oct 6th 1862

Mr. **Barrell** Dear Sir Enclosed you will find six dollars, which I think was the amount assest to the Baptist Church in Sinclairville for the Support of Brother **Fisher** as Pastor of the Dunkirk Church.

Yours with much respect

A. Arnold Clerk

(Item 127)

Cherry Creek Chaut. Co. N.Y.

Sept 6th **1866**

Recd of H.M. **Jones** for D. **Barrell** Treas. of Erie Baptist Association \$60.25, on appropriation for Randolph Church, from the N.Y. Baptist Missionary Convention.

D.T. Lockwood

Pastor Bap. Ch. Randolph

(Item 128a)

Rev A. Wheelock

Recpt for cash pd at his house by D.B. Col \$2.50

(Item 128b)

Rev A. Wheelock

Recpt for cash pd by A.Z.M. at his house Mch 16. \$10.00

(Item 128c)

Rev A. Wheelock

Recpt \$54.72 April 14, 1860

(Item 128d)

Rev A. Wheelock

Recpt \$42.75 April 21, 1860

(Item 128e)

Rev A. Wheelock

Recpt to Hor. Webster \$3.00 (Brother)(?)

(Item 128f)

Rev. A. Wheelock

Recpt \$136.49

JRP Recpt \$37.40 Jno **Van Kleek** 3.84 R. **Porter** 3.00 44.34 D.B. & Ru W ch. 30.96 Academy Recpt 4.18 Cash 34.34+22.67=57.01 \$136.49

(Item 128g)
Rev. A. Wheelock
Recpt \$21.18
D.B. Col. 6.50
A.Z.M. do 14.66

\$21.10

Jany 21, 1866

(Item 128h)

Rev. A. Wheelock

Recpt \$42.00

(Item 129)

The Baptist Church of Forestville To any Sister Church

Dear Brethren

This is to certify that Sister Abbie **Eaton** is a member with us in good and regular standing. And at her request we grant her this letter dismissing her from our membership, and most cheerfully recommend her to the Christian fellowship of any church of the same faith and order with us with liberty to unite with the same.

Done by order and in behalf of the Church this Sixth day of November 1869.

Julius A. Parsons

Church Clerk

(Item 130)

Fredonia Sept 20th 1866

Received of Fredonia Baptist Church a contribution of \$43.35 for the N.Y. Baptist Missionary Convention.

B.H. Brusted.

(Item 131)

\$64.00

American Baptist Home Mission Rooms,

No. 132 Nassau Street,

New York, July 20 1864

Received of the Bapt. Ch. Fredonia N.Y. per Mr. Howard M. **Jones** Sixty four Dollars for the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

John(?) Whitehead Ass. Treas.

(Item 132)

\$60. /100 American Baptist Missionary Union,

335 Broadway, New York, Aug 13 1866

The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of Sixty Dollars, from the S.S. of the Fredonia Ch per Rev H.M. **Jones** Pastor, toward Sup of Miss A.M. Field Bankok Siam By O. **Dodge** District Secretary.

(Item 133)

Recd. of Fredonia Baptist Church Twenty & 45/100 Dollars Cash the Baptist Education Society State of New York Fredonia May 24 **1860**

\$5. more to be paid to A.Z.M. Charles (?)

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(Item 134)
$26.20 Fredonia Sept. 3. 1860. Received of the Fredonia Bapt. Church per L.B. Grant Esq. twenty six dollars & 20
cents to apply on a Life membership in the Am. Bapt. Home Mission Society, to be named.
                 A. Morton Agent.
Also $0.50
(Item 135)
[printing on the stationery reads]:
Sheldon & Company,
Publishers and Booksellers,
498 Broadway, nearly opposite St. Nicholas Hotel.
(After next May will occupy 498 and 500 Also.)
Smith Sheldon,
Hezekiah Shailer,
                         New York, June 20th 1865.
Isaac E. Sheldon,
Recd of Rev H. Jones one Hundred and Twenty two Dollars for the Home Mission Society funds from Fredonia
Baptist Church and Sabbath School.
J.S. Bookus
   (?)
By(?) Smith Sheldon
$114.72 from A. Cleule(?)
122
114.72
  7.28
(Item 136)
American & Foreign Bible Society,
No. 116 Nassau Street,
U.D. Ward, Corresponding Secretary.
New York, 11th Jany 1866
Received from Rev Howard M. Jones Pastor of Fredonia Ch.
Five 00/100 Dollars
$3 from W.R. Wilcox & Wife and the bal $2. from J. Hamilton Jr
$5.00/100
                U.D. Ward (?)
(Item 137)
[in the left margin]
The Correspondence of the American Baptist Missionary Union
is conducted by the Rev. ----- for the Foreign Department,
and the Rev. Jonah G. Warren, for the Home Department.
Nehemiah Boynton, Esq., is Treasurer.
Freeman A. Smith is Assistant Treasurer, to whom communications
containing moneys for the Treasury should be addressed. Remittances by draft or
check should be drawn in his favor.
$85 x/100 Baptist Missionary Rooms,
12 Bedford Street, Boston, Mar 25 1864
The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of Eighty five x/100 Dollars, in
(?) on Metropolitan Br. N. York, from the Bap. Ch. Fredonia N.Y. with peer Dona. & Cons. Thomas B. Sweet
H.L.M., for Rev. Howard M. Jones
By F.A. Smith Asst. Treasr.
(Item 138)
[in the left margin]
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The Correspondence of the American Baptist Missionary Union is conducted by the Rev. ------ for the Foreign Department,

and the Rev. Jonah G. Warren, for the Home Department.

Nehemiah **Boynton**, Esq., is Treasurer. [crossed out line]

Freeman A. **Smith** is Assistant [crossed out 'Assistant'] Treasurer, to whom communications containing moneys for the Treasury should be addressed. Remittances by draft or check should be drawn in his favor.

\$58 x/100 Baptist Missionary Rooms,

33 Somerset Street, Boston, Augt. 3 1864

The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of Fifty Eight x/100 Dollars, from the Bap. Ch. Fredonia N.Y. for Rev. C.A. **Chilcott**

F.A. Smith Treasr.

(Item 139)

\$63.00

American Baptist Home Mission Rooms,

No. 132 Nassau Street,

New York, Oct. 22nd 1866

Received of D. **Barrell** Esqr. Treas. of Erie Asso. Sixty three Dollars, for the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

John(?) Whitehead Asst. Treas.

Thank you

(Item 140)

\$60.27

American Baptist Home Mission Rooms,

No. 39 Park Row,

New York, Augt 29, 1869

Received of the Fredonia Bapt. Ch. & S. School per David **Barrell** Treas, Erie Asso. Sixty 27/ Dollars, for the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

John(?) Whitehead Asst. Treasurer.

(Item 141)

P.S. I will send the certificates by Express to be paid by yourself or the individuals made Life Members unless you inform me that you will send for them, They will be ready in a fortnight, at the rooms of the Am & For Bible Soc. 116 Nassau St. N.Y.

(Item 142)

Fredonia Bap. Ch. 1861-2

Raised for.

3. Recpts Am. Bap. Miss'y. Union \$90.50

No Recpt Am. Bap. Home Mission So. Cash 18.00

" " Ladies So. Box 65.40

Recpt Am. & For Bible So. 7.50

No Recpt. Am. Bible Union Rept. G.W. Lewis 82.55

1. Recpt Am. & For. Christian Union 18.79

A.Z.M. pd Treas cash at asso. N.Y.S. Bap. Missy Convention 17.71

No Recpt Aid a Theological Student at Rochester 26.00

No Recpt Ladies So. aid of destitute at home 21.30

A.Z.M. pd Treas. cash Print Minutes 3.00

(Item 142a)

\$4.00

American Baptist Home Mission Rooms,

No. 132 Nassau Street,

New York, Feby 14 1866

Received of the Bapt. Ch. of Poland N.Y. per Rev. G.W. **Varnum** Four Dollars, for the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

John(?) Whitehead Asst. Treas.

(*Item 142b*)

\$154.26

American Baptist Home Mission Rooms,

No. 132 Nassau Street,

New York, Oct. 25 1865

Received of D. **Barrell** Esqr Treas. of Erie Asso. One hundred fifty four 26/100 Dollars, for the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

John(?) Whitehead Asst. Treas.

(Item 142c)

\$38.27

American Baptist Home Mission Rooms,

No. 132 Nassau Street,

New York, June 16 1866

Received of the Ladies of Bapt Church Forestville N.Y. per Rev. C. **Wardner** Thirty eight 27/100 Dollars, for the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

John(?) Whitehead Asst. Treas.

(Item 143)

N. York Ocr 31. 1864

D. Barrell Esq

My dear Brother

Yours with \$32.10 for the Miss'y. Union from the Erie Asso came to hand this Morning for which please find receipt

We are struggling here to raise \$150,000 which is the least sum that will meet the Expense of the year & pay the Enormous Exchange

I hope your Ch & asso will do all they can for us before the year closes

With regards to your family

I remain

Fraternally & truly yours

O. Dodge Dis Sec

(Item 144)

\$10.04 Recd. of D. **Barrell** Treasr Erie Bap. Association Ten & 04/100 Dollars amt. of Collection at Forestville Sept. 5. **1865**, for the Widow & Orphan fund.

A.Z. Madison Trustee

Fredonia Sept. 16. 1865

(Item 145)

Received of D. **Barrell** Treasr. Erie Association per Rev A. **Wheelock**, for Free Missions from Leon Church \$6.75 Mrs **Austin**(?)

\$\frac{1.0}{\$7.75}\$

N. Brown

For H. Chamberlain

Treasr F. M Soc.

New York, Oct 28/ 1861

(Item 146)

\$9 60/100 Recd Fredonia 15. Sept **1862** from Rev N.L. **Freeman** pr hand of W. **Parkhurst** 9. 60/100 dollars from Stockton Ch. for State Convention

D. Barrell Treasr.

(Item 147)

Recd. Cherry Creek Sept. 5/66 from Sinclairville Sunday School by the hand of D. **Barrell** One Dollar for Pubtn Sov.

\$1. Silas Ilsley(?)

Dist. Secy

(Item 148)

Received of the Bap. Church in Forestville \$6.00 For the Am. Baptist Pub. Society.

Joseph Ballard Agent.

June 1, **1863**

Joseph Ballard

Norwalk A.

(Item 149)

The Mayville Baptist Church of Christ in Mayville, To Any Church of the same faith and order Sendeth Greeting:

This certifies that Sister Harriet **Winsor** is a member of this Church in good standing, and, as such, we cheerfully commend her to your fellowship, with liberty to unite with you, and when the accompanying certificate is filled out and returned to us, showing that she has united with you, her relation to us will cease.

Done by order of the Church.

Dated Mayville, Aug. 27th 1866.

M.E. Northam Clerk.

(Item 150)

The Mayville Baptist Church of Christ in Mayville, To Any Church of the same faith and order Sendeth Greeting:

This certifies that Brother Paris **Winsor** is a member of this Church in good standing, and, as such, we cheerfully commend him to your fellowship, with liberty to unite with you, and when the accompanying certificate is filled out and returned to us, showing that he has united with you, his relation to us will cease.

Done by order of the Church.

Dated Mayville, Aug. 27th **1866**.

M.E. Northam Clerk.

(Item 151)

The Baptist Church in Stockton to any Sister Church of the same Faith and order Greeting

This is to certify that Sister Hortensia Y. **Perrin** is a member with us in good standing and at her request we grant her this letter of dismission and recommendation to unite with any Sister Church of our Faith and practice.

Done by order and in behalf of the Baptist Church in Stockton

Dated Oct. 13th **1866**.

N. Crissev Clerk.

(Item 152)

Sinclairville Nov 17th 1866

The Sinclairville Baptist Church

To the Fredonia Baptist Church

Sendeth Christian Salutation

Dear Brethren

This certifies that Sister Sabra **Parker** is a member in good and regular standing with us and at her request this letter of dismission is granted to her for the purpose of uniting with you.

We cordially commend her to your Christian fellowship.

When united with you her membership with us will cease.

By a standing resolution of this Church letters of dismission and commendation are valid for one year only from their respective dates.

Done by order and in behalf of the Church at Sinclairville Chaut. Co. N.Y. this 17th day of Nov 1866

S.G. Paterson Church Clerk

(Item 153)

This Certifies, That Sister Mary **Canfield** is a Member of the Baptist Church in Springville, in good and regular standing: As such she is at her own request, hereby affectionately recommended to the Fellowship of the Baptist Church in Fredonia or of any other Sister Church with whom God in his providence, may appoint her residence, and when received by such Church, her peculiar relation to this Church will be dissolved.

By order of the Church,

Ira W. Simpson Pastor

Thomas **Peirer**(?) Clerk.

Given at Springville. N.Y.

July 1st A.D. **1865**

This Certificate is valid only one year from date, "except where there has been no opportunity of presenting it to a Church."

(Item 154)

The Sinclairville Baptist Church to the Fredonia Baptist Church or to any other Church of the same faith and order Sendeth Christian Salutation

Dear Brethren

This certifies that Sister Jerusha **White** is a member in good and regular standing with us and at her request this letter of dismission was granted to her for the purpose of uniting with you.

We cordially commend her to your Christian fellowship, When united with you her membership with us will cease. By a Standing Resolution of this Church letters of dismission and recommendation are valid for one year only from their respective dates

Done by order and in behalf of the Church at Sinclairville Chaut Co. N.Y. this 17th day of Nov 1866

S.G. Paterson Church Clerk

(Item 155)

The First Baptist Church of Racine Wisconsin

To the Baptist Church at Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Brethren

This is to certify that Sister Sarah **Parsons Cobb** is a member with us in good and regular standing and at her own request is hereby dismissed, for the purpose of uniting with you, When she has so united her connection with us will cease.

Done by order of the Church Racine November 14, 1866

W.T. Bull

Church Clerk

Recd Cov M Dec 1, 1866

(Item 156)

William Taylor

Letter recd. Aug. 31/61 on his return from Missouri & he again a member here. A.Z.M. Clk

Returned Augt. 31, 1861

The Fredonia Baptist Church:

To any other church of the same faith,

Sendeth Christian Salutation:

Dear Brethren

This certifies that Brother William **Taylor** is a member in good and regular standing with us, and at his request, made in his behalf, (he being gone about a year) at a Covenant meeting, held March 31, **1860** this letter of dismission was granted to him for the purpose of uniting with you.

We cordially commend him to your Christian fellowship.

When united with you, his membership with us will cease.

By a standing Resolution of this Church, letters of dismission and recommendation are valid for one year only from their respective dates.

Done by order, and in behalf of the Church at Fredonia, Chautauque Co., N.Y. this 31st day of March **1860**.

A.Z. Madison Church Clerk.

(Item 157)

The Baptist Church of Stockton to the Baptist Church of Fredonia

This is to certify that Sister Elvira M. **Kazer** is a member with us in good and regular standing and as such at her request we grant her this letter of dismission and recommend her to unite with you and when having done so her relation with us will cease.

Done by order and behalf of the Church this 11th day of May **1867**.

N. Crissey Clerk

(Item 158)

The Hanover Center Baptist Church to any Church of the same faith & order

This Certifies that Sister Camilla **Horton**(?) is a member with us & in good & regular standing & as such we recommend her to your fellowship & watch care with liberty to unite with you

Done by order of the Church this April 1st 1865

Charles **Stebbins**(?)

(Church Clerk)

(Item 159)

S. **Falls** Mar 6th **1865**

A.Z. Madison

Dear Brother

In accordance with a letter from the Fredonia Baptist Church dated Jan. 21st **1864** Mrs. Almina N. **Rossiter**, now Mrs. **Moran**, was received to our Church on Jan 12th of this year.

Yours in Christian fellowship,

A. Judson Sage(?)

Pastor of the Baptist

Church, Shelburne Falls.

(Item 160)

The Sinclairville Baptist Church to the Fredonia Baptist Church

Sendeth Christian Salutation

Dear Brethren

This certifies that Sister Caroline **McAlister** is a member in good and regular standing with us and at her request made at a regular meeting held Apr 20th **1867** this letter of dismission was granted to her for the purpose of uniting with you, We cordially commend her to your Christian fellowship, This letter valid one year from this date only. Done by order and in behalf of the Church in Sinclairville Chaut Co. N.Y. this 20 day of Apr **1864**

S.G. Paterson Chh Clk

(Item 161)

The Baptist Church of Christ in Moriah N.Y. to the Baptist Church of Christ in Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Brethren,

This Certifies that sister Katie A. **Hendee**, a member of this Church in good and regular standing, is, at her own request, dismissed from us to unite with you.

Done by order of the Church, September 2nd **1866**.

R.F. Train Ch. Clk

By Ira D. Burwell Pastor

(Item 162)

Letter granted Mch 31/66

Jamestown N.Y. Mar 29/66

Mr. A.Z. Madison

Dear Sir

Having decided to remain in Jamestown during the present year at least We have thought best to unite with the Church here and would therefore request letters for myself and wife if the church see fit to grant them. It seems like breaking the last link in the chain that binds us to home but we think that we should feel more freedom to act and greater personal responsibilities if we were connected with the church in this place. There is an unusual degree of interest manifested here now meetings are held every evening of the week. Several have been converted and the interest increases daily. Eleven have already been baptized and others are waiting. I wish we might hear as good news from home.

Respectfully Yours Jno. S. Lathrop

J.S. Lathrop Letter Mch 29/66 asking letter from Ch.

(Item 163)

Ouincy J. Clanois May 22nd **1866**

Mr A.Z. Madison

Your letter came to hand in due Season, And I must say I was quite surprised that the Church missed me at all but it seems they have after three months absence.

I will admit tis nearly true what you write in regard to the course I have pursued, but I will say that I have an excuse for so doing which I will not relate.

I have always put my trust in God as I have passed through dangers seen and unseen, which I can assure you have been many.

As I was walking to [crossed out 'to' and replaced with 'from'] church with a friend [crossed out: (or I meant to say from) with a friend] I told him I was going to write to the church to which I belonged and see if they will grant me a Letter for I wish to unite with the Baptist Church in this place.

They have a Splendid Church here, as business hour draws nigh I will close by asking you to have the voice of the Church in regard to giving me the desired Letter.

I remain as ever. &c

J.K. Hempsted.

Jno. K. **Hempsted** Letter read June 2nd **1866** and Letter dism. Granted

(Item 164)

Freeport Dec 14th 1866.

To the dear Church in Fredonia

Christian Friends

I write to you for the purpose of obtaining a letter, to unite with the Church here, I have not had the privilege of attending Church but very little since I came here until now and I did not think it best to cast my lot with them then, there was trouble brewing, and I did not wish to know anything about it. Now we have an excellent Pastor, a very young man, but a Zealous advocate of the Bible, one who is doing a great deal of good, a Praying Man, a worker in the vineyard. He was formerly from New York State, but recently from Chicago, (Rev Mr Tonsey(?)). There is a good deal of interest here among all the Churches, and among us, where it was needed so much, Last Sabbath evening there were three baptized, and at the last Covenant, there were five united by letter. This sounds very small to you, but it is good tidings to the little band here. I believe there are only thirty eight members in all, but they are as one family. Some of you perhaps, have not forgotten, in days that are past and gone, of a few that gathered together to pray for Sinners, when they felt such a burden of Prayer, for lost-souls. We are having some such meeting. Now and may our Heavenly Father impress upon each one of us the necessity of Prayer, to Stay(?) without ceasing(?), I feel that I have lost so much precious time, in not working in the vineyard before, as I should have done, that I should work diligently now, pray for me, that I may not be a stumbling block in the way of others. I think it is necessary as well as a privilege to be under the watchcare of Christian People, hoping this may meet your approbation, please answer so I may present my letter at next Covenant meeting.

With many kind wishes for your welfare, and (?) prayer, for your prosperity, believe me ever your friend, and Sister in Christ,

Helen M. Tyler

Helen M. Tyler

Once Handy

(Item 165)

Waterville NY Dec(?) 31st 65

The Sangerfield Baptist Church at Waterville, under the Pastoral Charge of Rev. William Clarke, to her Sister Church at Fredonia

Sendeth Greeting:

This is to certify that Sister Emily **Dailey** is a member with us in good and regular standing, and at her request we grant her this letter Cheerfully recommend her to your fellowship and watchcare, with the privilege of uniting with you, and shall hereby consider her dismissed from us. By order & in behalf of the Church.

Thomas B. Stevens

Church Clerk

Recd. Feb. 4th 1866

(Item 166)

Heard relation Exp. of Hiram **Tate** (?) 17 2. wks ago thought he experienced favor of God had been anxious some time before. Geo(?) **Tate**(?) & T.B. **Sweet** satisfied with his conversion & have full confidence. **Sweet** moved & 2 & candidate recd. for baptism.

(Item 167)

1864 Nov. 2nd Recd Sister Mary Downey

The Erie St. Baptist Church in Cleveland to the Baptist Church in Fredonia

Sends affectionate Greeting

This certifies that our Beloved Sister Mrs. Mary **Downey** is a member with us in good and regular standing, and at her request is affectionately dismissed and recommended to your Christian Fellowship and care.

By order and in behalf of the Church,

Edgar **Adams**

Ch Clerk

Cleveland Ohio Oct 4th /61

(Item 168)

This may Certify to whom it may concern that Sister Malinda S. **Grant** is a member of the Baptist Church in Smithville in good standing and as such we recommend her to any sister Church of our faith and order with liberty to unite and when united dismissed from us in behalf of the Chh.

Smithville Jan 5th 1861

N.(?) B. Yoms(?) Pastor

(Item 169a)

\$15. Recd. Fredonia Sept. 18. **1866** of D. **Barrell** fifteen Dollars on last quarter salary.

Howard M. Jones

(Item 169b)

\$20. Recd. Fredonia May 19./65 of D. Barrell Twenty dollars.

Howard M. Jones

(Item 169c)

\$50. Recd. of D. Barrell fifty Dollars on salary.

20. Jany 3

30. " 14 Fredonia Jany 14. 1867

Howard M. Jones

(Item 169d)

\$15. Recd. Fredonia 7. Oct. 1864 of D. Barrell Collector for the Bap. Ch. Fifteen dollars, on salary.

Howard M. Jones

(Item 169e)

\$35.25 Recd. Fredonia 15. April **1864** of A.Z. **Madison** by the hand of D. **Barrell** Thirty five 25/100 dollars, on salary.

Howard M. Jones

(Item 169f)

\$8. Recd. of A.Z. Madison Eight Dollars per D. Barrell on Salary

Howard M. Jones

Fredonia April 23rd 1864

(Item 169g)

\$15.00 Recd. May 31. **1865** of D. **Barrell** fifteen Dollars in full for balance due on Salary up to April 1st **1865**.

A.Z. Madison a/c 7.50

Cash <u>7.50</u> \$15.00

Howard M. Jones

(Item 170)

Fredonia "Natural Gas" Company.

Elias Forbes, President.

Preston Barmore, Superintendent.

Fredonia, N.Y. March 5 1860

Baptist Church of Fredonia

To

Fredonia Natural Gas Co Dr

1859

Decem 1st To 172 8/12 feet Gas Pipe or Fittings furnished

=	
& put up in Basement Church 18¢	\$31.08
To 12 9/12 feet of 1 1/4 inch Service Pipe from line of street to	
& through wall & up to the meter as per plan on this paper 22¢	2.78
To 1 1/4 inch Meter Cock & Brass Union	4.50
" size 10 Dry Gas Meter	20.00
" Paid Geo McClure(?) for Soldering Connections to Same 2/	.25
To 9 Stiff Joint Brackets 6/	6.75
" 1 Paper (?) 4/	.50
" 2 3 Joint Brackets for Pulpit 16/	4.00
March 5 th To ¹ / ₄ Day Extra time putting up additional lights by Gas fitter 16/	50
	\$70.36

Recd Payment per A.Z. Madison Secy

March 28th **1860** Recd Cash forty Dolls \$40.00

(Item 171)

Copy of letter mailed to Mrs. Ann Whittier alias May Sept 10. 1866

Fredonia Sept. 10th. **1866**.

Mrs. Ann Whittier,

Several days since Mr. L. **Colvin** handed to me your letter of Augt. 3. addressed to his wife, in order that I might present your request, contained in it, for a letter of commendation and dismission. This I could not very well do before our Covenant Meeting of Sept. 1st. So much time has lapsed since your brief residence here, and so many changes in the membership of the church have occurred in the interim, that few now here could remember you very distinctly.

Soon after your marriage to Mr. Stephen **May**, to wit on Sabbath March 6th. **1853**, you presented your letter of Jany 15. **1853** from the Washington Street Bap. Ch. Buffalo, in which you are named "Ann **Whittier**", but as you was then "Mrs. **May**", your name was entered on the Church Record, "Ann **May**" on your reception as a member with us.

We do not recollect seeing you very much in our meetings after said March 6th.

After living with Mr. May about seven months, you left him rather abruptly, and went east; and until the receipt of your letter to Mrs. Colvin, we were ignorant as to whether you were living or dead. We are glad to hear from you after the lapse of time, and to learn that you are "a regular attendant of the Baptist Church" in Lynn, and that you, even at this late day, "desire a standing and fellowship in the Baptist Church" there.

The time, and the circumstances, are such, that we, as a Church, cannot act very intelligently in the matter of your request, without some information from the brethren at Lynn, where you have latterly resided.

We therefore suggest, that you show this letter to the Pastor, Deacons & Clerk of the church with which you wish to unite, (We have been informed that there are three Bap. Churches in Lynn,) so that they can write to us what they know of your Christian character and deportment, for the past and present, and if they express satisfaction and desire for your union with them we will, without delay, do what we can for such a consummation. Hoping soon to hear further through the Pastor and officers of the Church there, & from yourself also, I am Truly Yours,

A.Z. Madison Clerk of the Fredonia Bap. Ch. at Fredonia Chautauqua Co. N.Y.

1866

Mrs. Ann Whittier Alias May

(Item 172)

Dismission

The First Baptist Church, of Jamestown N.Y.

Under the Pastoral care of Rev. E. Mills

To the Fredonia Baptist Church, Fredonia N.Y.

Sendeth Christian Salutation.

Dear Brethren:

Our beloved Bro & Sister Mr. & Mrs. R.P. **Tunstall** a member of this Church, in regular standing, having requested a Letter of Dismission from us to unite with you, we do hereby cordially commend them to your Christian fellowship and watch-care, and if received by you within six months from this date, and we are so notified, we shall regard them as dismissed from us.

May the blessings of the Great Head of the Church abide with you and the Brother & Sister who leaves us. By order of the Church,

J. Preston Clerk.

A. (?) Sawyer Pro tem.

September 1 **1867**

N.B. – The Church to which this letter is addressed, is requested to fill up the annexed blank, and to return it soon as practicable, as this Church regards no member as dismissed from its watch-care and discipline, until informed that such member is received by another Church of the same faith and order.

(Item 173)

The first Portland Chh to the Fredonia Baptist Church Greeting

Dear Brethren, In accordance with your request we send our Pastor Alfred **Dickson** Rev. H.R. **Connelly** and [crossed out Brother **Corrington** (?)] to sit with you in council

By order of the chh

July 17/64

A.B. Post

Clk

(Item 174)

Southern Relief Commission

The Executive Committee of the Southern Relief Commission have the pleasure of acknowledging the Receipt of a donation of Thirty six 35/100 Dollars from Fredonia Baptist Church.

Jas. M. Boorn(?) Treasurer

59 Wall Street

March 21 1867

[Something indecipherable is written across the body of the document.]

(Item 175)

1863. Dec. 27.

Rev. A. **Kingsbury** & wife, from Jamestown Bap Ch.

She Recd. Apl 14. **1870**

He & she, recd Jany 3. 1889

(all on this letter.)

As on record at the dates Apl 14/70 & Jany 3/89

This is to certify that the Revd. A. **Kingsbury** and his wife Mary C. **Kingsbury** are members of the First Baptist Church Jamestown N.Y. in good and regular standing and as such we cheerfully recommend them to any church of like faith and order, and when united, will be considered dismissed from us.

Done by order and in behalf of the church this 27th day of December A.D. **1863**.

W.T. Botsford

Church Clerk.

(Item 176)

The First Baptist Church of Racine Wis to the Baptist Church of Fredonia N.Y.

Sends Greeting

Dear Brethren

This Certifies that Bro C.H. **Parsons** and his wife Sister Angeline **Parsons** are members of this church, in good and regular Standing and as such we cheerfully recommend them to your Christian regard and fellowship with liberty to unite with you, and when so united, will be considered dismissed from us.

By order & in behalf of the church

June 4th **1867**

W.T. Lewis

Church Clerk.

(Item 177)

To the Christians church in N. America

Mr A.J. **Gahm,** born in Krigsberga Eastern part of Sweden July 28 **1818**, His wife Johanna, born in Hellestad Eastern part of Sweden December 29 **1814**, were on their profession Baptized the 29 July **1854** are now members of the Christian Baptist Church & are now to Emigrate to America they are Brotherly recommended to be received as members of your church.

Hellestad November the 7 1868.

Hellestad 7 November The members of the Baptist church in Sweden

G. Larsson

Translation of original letter by Mrs Holligreen

(Item 178)

Council

Call for an Ordaining

Dunkirk 28. Oct. 68

The 1st Bap. Ch. of Dunkirk

To the Bap Ch of Fredonia

Dear Brethren

You are requested to send Your Pastor & two Brethren to sit in Council with us Nov. 5th at 2 Oclock P.M. to Consider the propriety of publicly setting apart to the work of the Gospel Ministry our Pastor Bro P.L. **Jones** By Order of the Church

Jno. K. Patterson

Clk

Resolved to respond by appoint Pastor Rev. A. Wheelock & Br E.M. Pettit

Fitch Hyatt & wife

(Item 179)

The regular Baptist Ch. of West Portland to the regular Baptist Church of Fredonia N.Y.

Sends greeting.

You are invited to send your Pastor & delegates to sit with us in council on Wednesday November 11th **1868**. at 2. O.clock P.M. at our place of worship to consider the propriety of Ordaining to the Gospel Ministry our Bro. D.E.

Burt.

Done by Order of the church. Oct. 31st **1868**.

A.O. Ellis

ch. clk.

(Item 180)

Lynn Ocr. 27. 1868.

To the Baptist Church in Fredonia N.Y. Brethren:

An aged lady by the name of Ann **May** has attended our church, and its ordinances, regularly, for some years: And sustains a good name in this Community.

She left your town some 14 years since, I think, and now wishes a Letter from you to the 1st Bapt. Church in this City.

An early reply is solicited.

Respectfully yours in Christian bonds.

James M. Nve,

Clerk 1st Bapt Church,

Lynn, Mass.

(Item 181)

Jas. M. Nye Clk Bap Ch. Lynn Mass. as to Mrs Ann May

Pastor(?) & Lels(?) granted(?)

Letter recd from Mrs Ann Whittier about a year ago mislaid & cannot find it Oct 31/68

Recd Oct 30/68

Sent Letter for Mrs Ann May to Clerk 1st Bapt. Ch. Lynn Mass

Nov. 2nd **1868**

Ann **May** Recd. on letter to Ann **Whittier** from the Washington St. Bap. Church Buffalo March 6. **1853** Sab. at Communion

She was excluded on Mo. of E. Merrifield seconded by J. Hamilton Jr. at a Ch. Meeting March 14, 1856

(Item 182)

Cleveland, O., Oct 9th 1868

The First Baptist Church,

Of Cleveland, Ohio,

To the Baptist Church of Fredonia N.Y.

Sendeth Christian Salutation:

This Certifies, That Miss Malvina S. **Drake** is a member with us in good standing, and in compliance with her own request is commended to membership with you.

If Sister **Drake** is received into your fellowship, and the enclosed letter of acknowledgement or verbal notice is returned to us within six months, we shall consider her as no longer under our watch, care and discipline. In behalf of the Church.

C. Prentiss Ch. Clerk.

(Item 183)

The First Baptist Church of N. East Penna

To the Baptist Church of Fredonia N.Y.

Sendeth Christian Salutation

This certifies that Brother Chauncy and Sister Laura N. **Hart** are members with us in good standing and in compliance with their request are commended to membership with you.

Done by order and in behalf of the Church.

North East. Penna. Nov. 22 1868

S.N. Griffin,

Church Clerk

(Item 184)

[on the left hand side]

American Baptist Missionary Union.

The Central District now comprises New York, East and Sussex Associations in New Jersey, and Canada West. Rev. O. **Dodge**, 335, Broadway, New York City, is District Agent, and authorized to receive funds, and transmit them to the Treasury, at Boston, and also subscriptions for the Missionary Magazine, and Macedonian.

[horizontal across the rest of the receipt]

\$78.42/100

American Baptist Missionary Union,

12, Bedford Street, Boston, Mar 2nd 1863

The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of

Seventy Eight 42/100 Dollars from David Barrell Esq Treas of the Erie Bap Asso. N.Y.

By O. **Dodge** District Agent.

(Item 185)

New York Mar 28 65

Dear Bro Barrell

Please find Receipt for the \$100. It is liberal and came in good time.

I will get the certificate per Bro Crissey as director

Kind regards to your family

Fraternally & truly

O. **Dodge** Dis Sec

(Item 186)

Perrysburg Feb 28. 1868

Mr. Madison

Sir I would like a letter from the Church to unite with the church at Dayton please send it if you can so that I can get it the first of next week

& oblige me.

James Cato

Direct to Perrysburg

Catt Co

N.Y.

Letter granted Mch 5/68 at Prayer Meeting & sent Mch 6 to Perrysburg

(Item 187)

Dunkirk N.Y.

"Christmas" 1862

Received of the Church at Ellery Center per Pastor Rev. G.W. **Varnum** Nine Dollars for the benefit of the Dunkirk Church & to be credited to the N.Y. Bap. State Convention. \$9.00.

Lyman J. Fisher

N.B. Bro. **Barrell** has credited to the Ellery Center Ch. \$1. received at the Association, which he has transmitted to me with the monies.

L.J.F.

(Item 188)

Received of Rev. O. **Dodge** for David **Barrell** Treasurer Erie Baptist Association for Free Missions Twenty Two dollars fifty cents (\$22.50)

N. Brown

For H. Chamberlain

Treasr Free Mission Soc

New York Nov 21. 1866

(Item 189)

Fredonia Oct. 19 1868.

Received of Fredonia Bapt. Church

Twenty six 50/100 Dollars,

For the New-York Baptist Union for Ministerial Education, on

Beneficiary fund

\$26.50

Thomas J. Morgan

Cor. Sec.

(Item 190)

\$10. Recd. of Mrs. David **Smith** per A.Z. **Madison** Clerk of the Fredonia Baptist Church & Society ten dollars to apply on rent of house past & future

Fredonia Dec. 31. 1868 F.E. Smith

Paid by direction of Dea. E.M. Pettit

(Item 191)

Tract House, 28 Cornhill,

\$20. Boston, Dec 29 **1864**

The American Tract Society acknowledge the receipt of

Twenty dollars from the Bapt. Ch. & so. Fredonia N.Y., which constitutes Rev. Howard M. **Jones** a Life Member. H. **Hill** Treasurer.

(Item 192)

Aug. 29. 1869

Received of A.Z. **Madison**, Treas. of the Fredonia Baptist Church Twenty Eight 77/100 Dollars for the N.Y. Baptist Education Society at Hamilton

\$28.77/100 J.N. Folwell Sec.

(Item 193)

\$42.12 Recd Fredonia 25. Feby. **1863** from Fredonia Bap. Ch. by the hand of A.Z. **Madison** Forty two 12/100 Dollars for Missionary Union.

D. Barrell Treasurer Erie Bap. Asson.

(Item 194)

Rev. Jonah G. Warren, D.D.

Rev. J.N. Murdock, D.D. Cor. Secretaries

Freeman A. Smith, Esq., Treasurer.

American Baptist Missionary Union,

12 Bedford Street,

Boston, Mass. July 29 1868

\$6 /100

The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of Six Dollars, from Baptist Ch. Fredonia N.Y. By hand Rev. H.M. **Jones**.

R.W. Hall for Treasurer.

Date Jun 16/68 H.M.J.

(Item 195)

American Baptist Home Mission Rooms,

No. 39 Park Row,

\$55.00 New York, Sept. 15 1868

Received of the Fredonia Bapt. Ch. N.Y. per Rev. Howard M. **Jones** Fifty five 00/ Dollars, for the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Jno.(?) Whitehead Ass't Treasurer.

Accept our hearty thanks – J.B.S.(?)

(Item 196)

American Baptist Publication Society,

No. 530 Arch Street.

Philadelphia, Decem 11 1867

Rev. Howard M. Jones

Dear Brother

Your favor of 9th inst enclosing \$10.50 as the donation of the Bapt Church of Fredonia, N.Y., to the Benevolent Fund of the Society, \$3.00 for your Subscription to the Baptist Quarterly, and \$3.50 for Tract(?) to be forwarded, is just to hand, for which you have our best thanks.

Your order will have due attention.

Yours truly

B. Griffith Cor Secty

J.H.K.

For Publication Society

(Item 197)

Deed

The Fredonia Baptist Society to Royal Smith Dated August 28, 1869

See paper dated(?) inside. Money paid back & settled.

This Quit Claim Deed from the Fredonia Bap. So. to Royal **Smith** was tendered to him by Lewis B. **Grant**, one of the trustees, Monday morning, Sept. 20th. **1869**, in said **Grant**'s Store, in presence of Genl. David S. **Forbes**, Joel E. **Hendee**, K.W. **Forbes**, Milton **Cole** of Arkwright, and A.Z. **Madison**, also Fred. **Moir**.

Mr. R. **Smith** declined to accept the deed as it would give him no title, he said, - If he had had the deed some time before, he said he could have secured the building at least, but now it was (?) that a fence put up, by him on the lot, should be immediately torn down. If Mr. **Grant** would give him the \$200. money that he had paid to him for it he would give him the interest. He further said he would give up the Contract at any time.

(Item 198)

This Indenture, made the Twenty Eighty day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and Sixty Nine Between The Fredonia Baptist Society of Fredonia Chautauqua County New York of the First Part in pursuance of an order of the County Court of Chautauqua County made on the seventeenth day of May Eighteen Hundred and Sixty Nine and Royal **Smith** of the Town of Pomfret County and State aforesaid of the second part, Witnesseth, that the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred Dollars lawful money of the United States of America, to them in hand paid, by the said party of the second part, at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have remised, released and quit-claimed, and by these presents do remise, release and quit-claim, unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns for ever, All that price or parcel of land situate in the town of Pomfret and Village of Laona and bounded and described as follows. Northerly by lands of Alanson C. **Straight**, Easterdly by the lands of said **Straight** and the public highway; Southerly by the highway running from **Grahams** Store in the Village of Laona Easterdly, supposed to contain about three fourths of an acre to the same more or less: d.

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues, and profits thereof. And also, all the estate, right, title, interest, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, as well in law as in

equity, of the said party of the first part, of, in, or to the above described premises, and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances. To have and to hold, all and singular the above mentioned and described premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns for ever.

In Witness whereof, the said party of the first part, have by its Trustees, in pursuance of said order Sealed and delivered in the presence of executed and delivered these presents under their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Lewis B. Grant Eber M. Pettit

Alonzo **Wheelock** Geo. N. **Frazine** Samuel S. **Crissey** Alva **Colburn**

(Item 199)

The Fredonia Baptist Society, in acct. with A.Z. Madison Treasr.

June 6. By balance in Treasury as then reported Cr. \$19.49 By Amts recd. at Communion since, to wit: July 2 1.93 Augt. 2 Pastor gone to Mass. (None) 000 Sept. 3. " " (A.Z.M. gone Phila. Recd of L.B. **Grant**) 1.58 Oct. 1. " 1.47 Nov 5. " " " 1.51 Dec 3. " "taken by H.A. Buck 1.14 1877 Jany 7. " 1.46 Feby 4. " 2.42 Mch 4. " 1.56 April 1 " 1.68 May 6 " 1.59 June 3 " "(Cash in yr. \$17.17) 0.84 \$36.66

Dr.			
1876			
Sept. 5. To Cash paid Asson. for pr.g Minutes			
Oct 23	"	" L.B. Grant on H.A.B.'s order Mrs B.	2.50
Nov 6.	"	" H.A. Buck furnishing wine	6.00
Dec 30	"	" L.B. Grant on H.A.B.'s order H. Doar (?)	1.00
1877			
Jany 3	"	" Mrs. H. on E.M.P.'s request.	5.00
Mch 19	"	" Miss J. Sweet , E.M.P.'s order for H. Doar	<u>5.00</u>

\$24.50 = 24.50 17.17

Amt. over collections 7.33

Balance in Treasury June 6 1877 - \$12.16

The foregoing Report made in Annual Meeting June 5, 1877, and same then duly accepted and adopted. as see So. Record.

(Item 200)

State of New York

Chautauqua County Ys.(?)

On this thirty first day of August in the year One thousand eight hundred and sixty nine before me, the subscriber, personally appeared Lewis B. **Grant**, Alonzo **Wheelock**, Samuel S. **Crissey**, Eber M. **Pettit**, George N. **Frazine** and, Alva **Colburn**, each to me known to be the same described in and who executed the within instrument, and each to me personally known to be a trustee of the Fredonia Baptist Society, and they severally acknowledged that they executed the within instrument for the purpose therein mentioned.

A.Ž. Madison

Notary Public.

(Item 201)

Adopted Mch 5 59 Proposed by A.Z.M.

Oct 5. 1861 Rescinded on Mo D.B.

Resolved, That no business matter of the Church, or society, other than the granting of letters of commendation and of dismission, or the reception of members, shall hereafter be introduced, entertained or acted upon in any Stated Covenant meeting of the church unless permitted by a vote of two thirds of the members then present.

Readopted in Covt. Meeting

Sept 4th. **1869**. On Mo Rev. A.W. 2nd by E.M. **Pettit**

(Item 202)

Fredonia June 11th **1867**

Received of A.Z. Madison by D. Barrell Thirty-five dollars on salary as pastor of Baptist Church.

Howard M. Jones

Also of the same by the same Twenty-five dollars

Howard M. Jones

(Item 203)

The Westfield Baptist Church

To any other sister church of the same faith & order

Sendeth Greeting

This certifies that Sister Mary **Bishop**, is a member of this church in regular standing, and as such we commend her to your fellowship (and watch care) with liberty to unite with you, and when so united will be considered as dismissed from us

Done by order of the church

Chas. Hathaway

Church Clerk

Dated Westfield N.Y. June 8th 1863

(Item 204)

Danville Iowa May, 12th A.D. 1859(?)

To the first Baptist Church as Pomfret,

This certifies that Frances W. **Post** recommended and dismissed by you, by a letter dated October 2^{nd} **1858**, was on the 7^{th} of May received as a member of the Danville Baptist Church in Danville

Jacob Alter Clk

(Item 205)

Dea. Fitch Hyatt & wife from Cherry Creek N.Y. Recd Dec 1/66

Recd Cov. M. Dec 1/66

To all whom these presents shall come. Greeting:

Be it known that Dea. Fitch **Hyatt** is a member of the Baptist Church of Cherry Creek N.Y. in good standing and full fellowship and as such; we commend him to the watch-care of any Sister Church, with liberty to unite, and when united; is dismissed from us.

Done by order of and in behalf of the Church, this 10th day of March **1866**

James D. Wheeler

Church Clerk

(Item 206)

\$10.00 North East Pa. Jany 12/69

Recd of Fredonia Church pr. Howard M. Jones, pastor, Ten dollars on the Convention debt.

James French, Rev.(?)

Pr. W.H. Husted.

(Item 207)

Rev. Jonah G. Warren, D.D.

Rev. J.N. Murdock, D.D. Cor. Secretaries

Freeman A. Smith, Esq., Treasurer.

American Baptist Missionary Union, 12 Bedford Street, Boston, Mass. March 13 **1868** \$110 /100

The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of One hundred ten x/100 Dollars, from Baptist Ch. Fredonia N. York pr Howard M. **Jones**.

F.A. Smith Treasurer.

(Item 208)

New York, Jan. 29 1864

Received of A.Z. Madison Fredonia

Forty 62/ Dollars for The Examiner,

For sub(?) of 33-

To Feb. 1 **1865**

For the Proprietor, J.M. Wagner(?)

(Item 209)

Holland Sept 1856

This is to certify that sister Francis **Bradley** is a member of the Baptist Church in Holland in good standing and fellowship and as such we recommend her to any other Church of the same Faith and order and when so united shall Consider her dismissed from us.

Done by order and in behalf of the Church

Calvin Bozier Ch. Clk

(Item 210)

Wilsen(?) May the 20 **1869**

To the Clerk or Pulpit Care of the

Fredonia Bap Ch

Dear Br or Brethren

Suffer me to institute the inquiry at your hands whether you have yet settled or have any one in view as Pastor. If none and it should be desired I should be pleased to spend a Sabbath with you Supply your pulpit. The Wilsen(?) Bap Ch with whom I have been beloved(?) three or four years Past is a strong & united Church numbering 250 members. Last Sabbath I baptized 5 and extended the right hand of fellowship to 15 whom I had baptized 3 weeks ago. Others stand as candidates for the Ordinance. Four years ago as many as one hundred made a public profession of Christ – as a Stranger to you I mention these things that my desire to Change fields may be seen, not for want of success on the field, but for Another Cause namely School Privileges. I have two boys, that are away from home attending school, our Academy having failed us. This was the reason of my resignation and desire for Another field of labour.

Should you be without a Pastor and should desire reference to my ministerial life & success As a Servant of Christ I would most Cheerfully refer you to Prof Williams of Buffalo, Rev. S.C.(?) **Smith** of Lockport, Rev. J. **Morgan** or **French** of Rochester All of whom are intimately acquainted with me and have been for years. Dr. **Wheelock** your former Pastor with whom I have a slight acquaintance may remember me. I trust I shall be pardoned for this direct inquiry, instead of trusting others who proffered to send my name for your Consideration. A Statement of your Condition and desires in response to this note of inquiry will be most gratefully acknowledged.

Yours Most Truly

W. Mudge

Pastor Bap Ch Wilsen N.Y.

(Item 211)

Bristol R.I. Dec 30, 1869

To the Fredonia Baptist Church in

This certifies, that, by virtue of a letter of recommendation, and dismission, signed in your behalf by A.Z. **Madison** bearing date of Nov 26/69 Mary W. **Jones**, has been admitted to membership with us.

In behalf of the First Baptist Church in Bristol

Geo. Ulric Arnold.

Secretary

Received Dec 15/69

(Item 212)

Bristol R.I. Dec 30, 1869

To the Fredonia Baptist Church in Christ

This certifies, that, by virtue of a letter of recommendation, and dismission, signed in your behalf by A.Z. **Madison** bearing date of Nov 26/69 Rev. Bro. H.M. **Jones**, has been admitted to membership with us.

In behalf of the First Baptist Church in Bristol

Geo. Ulric Arnold.

Ch. Secy

Received Dec 15/69

(Item 213)

Iowa Falls Ia. Dec 19th 1869

To the Baptist Church at Fredonia N.Y.

My dear brethren and sisters

Through the providence of The Lord our God my lot has been cast here in this pleasant place – and wishing to serve Him as best I can I deem it necessary to ask of you a letter dismissing me from your number and recommending me to the church here.

It is with heartfelt emotion that the thought comes to me of asking to be transferred to another church – but, as God wills, so be it.

Strong and dear are the ties which bind my affections to the church I call my own – where in youth first fell my tears of penitence – followed by a covenant with my Heavenly Master – and with you to live a life worthy the name of Christian – where first my voice was lifted in prayer for you and I that Jehovah might ever bless us – and where first I strove to teach young souls the way which Christ has pointed out though his word for their salvation.

God has blessed my feeble efforts and caused me praise and Thanksgiving that some of those loved ones under my immediate charge – have found that sweet peace to their souls which only the true Christian can enjoy.

"Bless the Lord, O, my Soul! And forget not all His benefits!"

I have striven to do my duty at all times and many times have failed – but the Lord is gracious and willing to forgive.

My desire is still to work for Him and I leave my labors with you only to continue them with the little church here. They need me and they welcome me. Let your prayers go with me, dear ones, that through Divine Aid I may be instrumental in winning souls to Jesus.

I bid you farewell, praying that you may share in Gods richest blessings always.

Very affectionately

Your brother in Christ

G. Wilton Lewis

(Item 214)

1869 Feb. 18th. Resignation of Rev. H.M. **Jones** Accepted March 6. **1869** in Covt. Meeting.

To the Fredonia Baptist Church

Dear Brethren.

For various reasons, not the least of which are the health of myself & family, it has seemed best to me to tender you my resignation as your pastor, to take effect on the 1st day of April next. For several months, it has seemed to me that I ought to seek some new field of pastoral labor, where I might labor more efficiently, & be freed from embarrassments that hamper me here. I have not until recently been satisfied however that it would be right for me

to forsake a field where I have enjoyed so many tokens of the Divine favor as have been vouchsafed to me in Fredonia; & rend the ties wh. Bind me so closely to this loving people. &, now, that I ask you to release me, the request costs me a sorrow far deeper than you imagine. My acts will, I trust, bear witness, stronger than mere words, of my deep affection for you. I could not willingly part from you except, in the hope, that, by the grace of God some one else may awaken in you a stronger faith in Jesus, & a more thorough consecration to his service. I thank you heartily for the support & sympathy you have given me ever since I came among you six years ago. & I earnestly pray that the richest blessings of our Heavenly Father may be bestowed upon you continually.

Howard M. Jones

Fredonia Feb. 18th 1869

Clerk read the foregoing to the Ch. Sab. Feb. 21st. **1869**. And again, on call for it in Cov. M. Mch 6th.

On Mo. L.B. Grant seconded by S.S. Crissey & Remarks by each & by Brn Geo. Lewis, D. Barrell, E.M. Pettit, W. Crocker, C.H. Parsons & A.Z. Madison

Resolved to accept the resignation of our Pastor Rev. H.M. Jones.

(*Item* 215)

Fredonia Sept 15 1862

To the Fredonia Baptist Church

Your committee appointed at your last Covenant Meeting to whom was referred a communication received from Elias **Johnson**, would respectfully report as follows

That in said communication he requests 1st that the vote of the Church passed April 5th **1850** excluding him, be rescinded And 2nd that a letter of dismission be granted him such as would place him on the same footing as those who received letters from the two bodies uniting to form the present body.

After due deliberation your committee find no adequate reason for granting these requests, All of which is submitted.

Thos. B. Sweet S.S. Crissey Geo. D. Downey David Barrell Joel Traverse

(Item 216)

[Account] Baptist Society

To Fredonia Natural Gas Company, Dr.

Premises Church

For Gas consumed from Dec to Feby. 1866

State of Meter at this date 29000 Feet.

Less do. at last settlement 28200 Feet.

Consumption 800 Feet, at \$6 per thousand feet, \$4.80 Less 5 per cent, if paid upon presentation, or if paid at the Office of the Company within five days after

delivery of this Bill

\$4.56

Rent of Size Gas Meter, Bill Rendered Feby. 1 **1866**

\$4.56

Received Payment, Elias Forbes Treas.

Elias **Forbes**Gas bill
Dec/65 to Feb/66
\$4.56

(Item 217)

At a meeting of Trustees of the Fredonia Baptist Society held at the office of George W. Lewis January 12th. 1861, Present John Hamilton Jr. Chn., J.R. Parker, D. Barrell, L.B. Grant, and Geo. W. Lewis.

Resolved, That we accept the resignation of our Pastor, Rev. A. **Wheelock**, to take effect April 1st. **1861**, and that the Clerk of the Society be instructed to address a letter to him expressing the sympathy of the brethren, in view of his illness, which lays him aside, even for a limited time, from the work of the Ministry.

A.Z. Madison

Clerk

Fredonia January 26. 1861.

(Item 218)

[This appears to be an envelope.]

Mrs. Harriet **Jennings**

From Bridgeport (?)

Recd. Nov. 4, 1854

Mrs. Harriet Jennings

Present

(Item 219)

Fredonia January 5. 1861

A.Z. Madison,

Clerk of the Bap. Church Fredonia

My dear Brother,

By a stipulation entered into between this church & myself when I became its Pastor, neither party was to terminate voluntarily the relation without first giving the other three months notice. My health has become so impaired that I think it for our mutual interest to terminate my Pastorate here. I therefore tender to you my resignation, to take effect the first of April next, or the first of May, as may best subserve the interest of the Church.

With earnest desires for your prosperity, I remain yours in the Lord,

A. Wheelock

Rev. A. **Wheelock's** Letter of Resignation Jany 5th. **1861** Read in Cov. M.

(Item 220)

Rules & Regulations

Fredonia Bap Ch.

Rules and regulations for the government of the Fredonia Baptist Church and its members, as adopted Augt. 6th, 1864.

Sec. I. Meetings for business.

- 1. Meetings for business shall be held at such times as may be designated by the Pastor and Deacons.
- 2. All such meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Sec. II. Dismission.

- 1. It shall be the duty of every member in regular standing, upon removing to the bounds of another church of the same faith, to obtain a letter of dismission and recommendation thereto, and to present themselves there for membership.
- 2. Such letters shall be valid only one year from date.
- 3. The names of those persons from whom no information can be obtained for two years, may be erased from the record.

Sec III. Discipline.

- 1. Any member neglecting to walk with the Church in gospel order for twelve consecutive months without proper excuse, shall be subject to discipline.
- 2. Cases of personal grief between brethren, shall be conducted according to our Saviour's rules as given in Matthew XVIII.
- 3. It shall be the duty of the Deacons, with such other persons as the church may from time to time select, to undertake a similar course of labor with those who may be accused of immoralities requiring censure or exclusion.
- 4. If on impartial investigation, it shall appear to them that such charges are unfounded, they shall make no report of it to the church.

5. Otherwise, they shall lay the case before the Church, for action, in such form as to them may seem best. Sec IV. Letters of occasional communion.

The Church Clerk is authorized to give a letter of commendation to any member in good standing, whenever requested by such member, for the purpose of traveling or transient residence.

Sec. V.

Besides the duties already mentioned (Sec. III.) and the usual duties of deacons, it shall also be their duty to make personal inquiry, as often as once a year, into the spiritual condition of each and all the members of the church.

(Item 221)

Bristol R.I. Nov. 22nd 1869

Dear Bro. Madison,

You may have heard that since I left Fredonia circumstances have occurred to lead me hither instead of to Waterville. I am here as pastor, & the field though considered a hard one has its encouraging features. My family are not yet with me, but probably will be within a week or so. the church are anxious that I should unite with them at once. Please therefore procure for me as soon as possible a letter of dismission for myself & wife to unite with the church in this place. The situation here is beautiful, on the shore of Narragansett Bay, only an hour from Providence by R.R. or steamboat so that I shall have the satisfaction of being very near my aunt in her old age. Our Thanksgiving at Newton passes off very pleasantly. My wife & her two sisters with their husbands & children made a delightful family gathering.

I trust you are all as well as usual. Please remember me to Mrs **Madison** & your daughter if she is with you. Yours truly,

Howard M. Jones

(Item 222)

Extract from the minutes of Cedar St. Baptist Church Buffalo

Sabbath Morning July 1st 1864

The Pastor read a letter from the Baptist Church in Fredonia N.Y. requesting us to send our Pastor & two brethren as delegates to sit in Council with them on Wednesday the 20th inst for the purpose of examining & if approved ordaining Brother Cyrus A. **Chilcott** to the work of the Gospel Ministry.

On motion their request was granted & our Pastor Rev. B.D. Marshall & Brethren John Bush & J.C. Harvey were appointed as such delegates.

A.J. Finch

Church Clerk.

(Item 223)

Public notice is hereby given that an annual meeting of the Fredonia Baptist Society will be held in the Lecture room on Monday the eleventh day of June next at 2 O'clock P.M. for the purpose of electing two trustees of said Society in place of Julius J. **Parker** and Alva **Colburn** whose respective terms of office will then expire.

Other business for the action of the Society may at that time be presented.

By order of the Trustees

A.Z. Madison Clk

Fredonia May 26. 1866