

Fredonia Baptist Church
Letters, Reports, Receipts
1890s

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.

Text in { } is written in a different handwriting than the main item.

Items are not necessarily in chronological order.

For the following items please see the **1880s** Letters, Reports, and Receipts:

Item 157 **1890** H.P. **Perrin**'s order to A.Z. **Madison** to pay C.E. **Smith**

Item 158 **1890** An order to A.Z. **Madison** to pay Mrs. **Morian**

(Item 1)

The Baptist Church, Georgetown.

Under the pastoral care of the Rev. [blank]

to any Baptist Church of the same faith and order, with Christian salutation:

Dear Brethren;

Our beloved Pastor Revd. M. **Mac Gregor** a member of this Church, in regular standing, having requested a Letter of dismissal from us to unite with you, we do hereby cordially commend Him to your Christian fellowship and watch-care. If received by you within six months from this date and we are so notified, we shall regard Him 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.

Robt. F. **Bessey**(?) Clerk

April 26th **1890**

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

(Item 2)

Fredonia N.Y. May 5th. **1890**.

Mrs. Ada **Olney**

Irvineton Pa.

Dear Sister,

You were recently notified by Bro. H.P. **Perrin** of our attempt to revise the list of members in the Fredonia Baptist Church [crossed out: and that we wanted to learn your wishes, in regard to your membership.]

You had been absent about nine years, and we had known very little of you during that time. With ten others, you were baptized by Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. April 26th **1874**. On the 4th of April in the Covenant meeting when you were received as candidates, our Pastor was sick, and the baptism was delayed [crossed out: to April 26th]. Do you recollect that I was appointed a committee to converse with your parents & learn if there were any objections [crossed out: to your uniting with the Baptist Church,] as you were young & your relatives were Presbyterians. I went up to your house, and talked with your mother, who consented & made no objection. Your father absent. I do not know what Bro. **Perrin** wrote to you, but have no doubt of its propriety & mildness. I commend you for replying to him, and in the apparently honest & sincere style that you did. I am an old man now, nearly 87. and I do not now attend the evening meetings in business, but do in A.M. Sundays in the Auditory. [crossed out: We had a good preacher, after Bro. **Williams** left, Rev. Malcolm **MacGregor** now in the City of New York, a Scotchman.] Our present Pastor Rev. Chas. E. **Smith** is an excellent preacher, and my wonder is, that such preaching from week to week, & year to year, should have so little effect on the people of this place.

Until last Sunday I had not seen your letter, then it was handed to me, & I was glad to read it. Some misspelling, and some wrong words used, but I could understand your meaning, & was pleased with it, in whole. You ask him to get you a letter from this Chh. as you hardly know how &c. [crossed out: Had you

written years ago, to me, (the Chh. Clerk,) you would have been replied to at once, and your request answered.]

A Baptist Church gives only a Certificate of good moral & Christian character to one who goes to any other than a Baptist Church, but to another church of our denomination, a letter of commendation and dismission, to unite. After reading your letter, more than once, I am inclined to send you what you ask for, a letter to any other Bap. Church, rather than the usual Certificate so that if you have an opportunity to join a Baptist Church wherever you may be, you can do so, but, if you decide to join a Presbyterian Chh. [crossed out: or any other evangelical Chh.] the letter will be just as good, as a Certificate for you. Were I, just in your place, I should delay some time, before uniting with any other than a regular Baptist Church. You have a kind & loving husband, (possibly not religious,) and you have lovely and interesting children, one, more than ordinary, so, responsibilities rest on you to try to guide them aright. God bless & guide you in the right way, and help you to discharge your obligations, and bring you & yours to His kingdom at last.

Your friend & Bro in Christ

A.Z. **Madison**

(Item 3)

{ **1890** Mrs. Ada **Olney** Mch 31. **1890.** }

Irvineton Pa.

March 31st **1890**

Mr. **Perrin**

Dear Sir I received a letter from you which I was very glad to get.

Will say in reply I have been thinking for a long time of writing to some friend for our minister's address so as to write for a letter. We have no Baptist Church here and not likely to ever have as this is a small place of only between 3 and 4 hundred inhabitants, and 3 Churches in the place, the Catholic being the largest; then this Winter the Methodists erected a small Church and Presbyterian Church which only has service in twice a month on Sunday eve. I think I am the only Baptist in the place. I hate to with draw from them as I feel more at home with the Baptists. I have thought from year to year Mr. **Olney** would be called else where and probably we go where there was a Baptist Church so I would wait and see but we are likely to remain here for a long time as I think it best for me to unite with the Presbyterian Church here. We are expecting to have a minister here every Sunday eve after next Sabbath - Rev. **Bell**. He is young and an excellent Minister, just what we knead in the place. There are some good Christian people here but we all knead waking up. He will preach in Clayesendon in Morning and here in eve. That is about 9 miles from here.

In the 7 years that I lived here I been to Fredonia but a few times, my cares are here and it's hard for me to leave. I often think how well I liked to attend Sunday School once more there and the good old fashion prayer meetings in that little room in the basement I have never forgotten and I hope I have not been forgotten there although it is 9 years about since I have had the pleasure of meeting with you there and the dear pastor that then preached they tell me has gone to rest in his Heavenly home. Many Changes have taken place since then.

Would you please be kind enough to get a letter for me as I hardly know how and not acquainted with the Pastor or his name even. I regret that I can not be present the 5 of April to Fellowship Meeting with you but it is impossible I hope some day to meet with you all once more in that Church which I so hated to leave for there I felt at home. I have been like a wandering Jew ever since.

I have a kind and loving husband and two Children both boys, the oldest 6 years old, the youngest 4. The oldest one is [a] very religious little fellow and talks about God a great deal. He been going to Sunday school 3 years this coming June. The other eve after he finished saying his prayer he says Mama why do I say ever night "If I should die before I wake now I don't want to die before I wake up because I want to see the Angels carry my spirit to heaven. He has an old head on a little body and the Bible is a great study to him and we have taken great pains to teach him the right way. The baby has been sick a great share of his time. We have not expected to raise him but the dear God has been so kind to spare our darling. He is growing stronger as he grows older. I shall have to bring this to a close remaining

Mrs. Ada **Olney**

Irvineton

Warren Co Pa

(Item 4)

Belmont, N.Y. May 12, **1890**.

Rev. C.E. **Smith**,
Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Sir, Your kind letter was duly rec'd and should have been answered before. Please inform the Church at Fredonia that both Mrs. **Crissey** and myself would like letters of dismissal.

Please accept my earnest thanks for your good wishes for our future welfare.

Yours very truly,

Jay **Crissey**.

{ May 30/90 Request granted & letters forwarded by mail to Belmont N.Y.

May 31st/90 A.Z.M. Ch Clk }

(Item 5)

Office of the Luttet Candy Co.

(incorporated)

Manufacturing Confectioners by Steam

27 and 29 Ellicott Street

Buffalo, N.Y. Jan 9th. **1891**

Rev. C. **Smith**.

Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Pastor; -

When I was home last week I expected to see you in regard to my letter, but it was so stormy I did not get out of the house. I would like to get my letter from the Church and join the Washington Baptist Church of this City. The reason I have never asked for it before is, That I was attending a Freewill Baptist Church as it was so near where I was living, But I have lately made a change and am now on the other side of the City and attend the one named above.

We are having our usual week of prayer this week most of which I have been in attendance. As you are no doubt aware our Minister is quite sick and has been for some time, and we have one from Rochester to take his place, But I heard at the meeting last night that he was much better and think he will be with us soon.

I have not time to write more, Hoping to receive my letter soon, I remain.

Yours Very Truly.

Grace E. **Lewis**.

(Item 6)

Binghamton, July 16th, **1890**.

My Dear Brother;

Complete statistics from our churches are very important, and are very greatly desired. But it is impossible to gather them without great painstaking, and considerable labor on the part of the clerks of the churches. Please give us full returns from your church, as they are asked for in the accompanying blank. Let the blanks, filled, accompany the letter to the association, and ask the clerk of the association to send them to us. If he will not send them, please send them to us yourself. The blanks were printed when the conventions office was at 116 Nassau St, N.Y. Please do not send them there, but to me at Binghamton. Be careful to fill the blanks at the top of the sheet calling for the name of the church, and of the association, and also the blank at the bottom calling for the name of the superintendent of the Sunday school.

Truly Yours,

H.W. **Barnes** Secretary.

{ Each & every question answered, after the return of Miss Ella J. **Davis** from Allegany Co. & sent to Secy at Binghamton N.Y. Sept 22/90

Not presented to the association at all. }

(Item 7)

Our Mission fund was organized Jan 17 **1891**. Our President is Kattie E. **Blin**(?)

V. President – Mary **Morgan**

Sec and Treas – Dora R. **Barker**

We have sent to the Randolph Home comfortables, sheets and napkins to the value of \$19.50

(Item 8)

Miss Anna

Have you this report of our Home Mission work? It ought to be sent in with the other reports. We have sent 10 dollars to the Training School in Chicago & have sent 39.62 to a poor family at South Dakota. I do not know who is collector for our Home Mission Circle. No one has been to me. The reports should be sent in to the Association this week. Yours with love

Mrs. **Edmunds**

(Item 9)

As an example of Christian faith, & enduring unto the end, we commend to your consideration, the life of this very aged & devoted Sister **Payne**, who, living for years almost entirely alone, and under peculiarly trying circumstances, without any religious privileges, except the companionship of her Bible, & the occasional calls from her pastor & sisters in Christ, ever exhibited a cheerful, & loyal spirit looking forward hopefully to the time when the Master should call her, to be at rest.

We feel we cannot close this letter without referring to the faithful services of our beloved brother A.Z. **Madison** whose name, through its long connection, of about 43 consecutive years, as Clerk of this Church, has become almost a household word in this Association. On account of his advanced age, he felt that he must resign this office, and reluctantly the church accepted, feeling that they have lost from active service, one whose integrity & Christian fidelity, is a living example.

(Item 10)

1890

Copy of Report for Bap. Anl. Sent to Rev. H.W. **Barnes** Secy N.Y.S. Bap. Miss'y. Convention at Binghamton N.Y.

Sept. 22nd. **1890**. after part was corrected by Miss Ella J. **Davis** when home from Allegany Co. after 1st. made by L.M. **Wilcox** before association.

[written 90 degrees to the previous]

Delegates to Association

Rev. C.E. **Smith**

Dr. F.B. **Palmer**

A.Z. **Madison**

Prof. F.S. **Lyon**

Mrs. Harriet A. **Lyon**

Albert J. **Moran**

Miss Clara **Watson**

(Item 11)

Number 1.

[To be filled up and sent to the Association with the church letter, or, if that cannot be done, send it to "State Convention, Box 3661, New York."

Statistics for **1890**, from the Fredonia Baptist Church, in Fredonia, Chautauqua County, & State of New York, of the Chautauqua Baptist Association.

1. What is the name of your church, and in what year was it constituted? "The Fredonia Baptist Church", constituted in **1808**, Oct. 20th.
2. In what town and county is it situated? Pomfret, Village of Fredonia, (Chautauqua Co.)
3. What is the name and post-office address of your church clerk? A.Z. **Madison** Fredonia N.Y. P.O.
4. What is the name and post-office address of your pastor, and in what year was he settled? Rev. Charles E. **Smith** settled Jan'y 31st **1885**. do. do. do.
5. If without a pastor, do you maintain preaching, and if so, what is the name and address of your supply? Some 3. during vacation
6. How many weekly prayer-meetings does your church maintain? Two. 2.
7. How many members does your church number? Two hundred and eighty eight. 288.
8. How many were added to your church during the Associational year just closing:
 - a. By baptism? Four. 4

Bradford, Pa., April 29 **1890**

This letter is valid for six months only.

Note. Clerk of Church receiving member, will please fill up blank on first page and return to clerk of First Baptist Church, Bradford, Pa., when we are notified of her reception by you her connection with this church will cease.

{A.Z.M. Recd. May 4th Joined May 2nd/90}

(Item 13)

Constableville Lewis Co. N.Y.

September 8th **1890**

To the Baptist Church at Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Brethren, I hereby give you notice that Sister Elizabeth **Black** from your church has been received as a member of the First Baptist Church of Constableville and Turin.

Yours fraternally

Wm R. **Wadsworth**

Clerk

(Item 14)

{21st Sept/90 Deas. Met at call of Pastor to see about bread & wine for Com & who should produce. 28th settled it(?) 4 Mos & paying for Grape Juice & sugar}

Mayville N.Y. Aug 23rd **1890**

To the First Baptist Church in Fredonia N.Y.

This certifies that Miss Lena **Potter**, is a member, in good standing, of the First Baptist Church, and in compliance with her own request, is affectionately recommended and dismissed to your fellowship.

If notified within six months, of her union with you, we shall consider her as dismissed from us; otherwise this letter shall be null and void.

In behalf of the Church.

W.P. **Gleason**, Clerk.

(Item 15)

Letter of Dismission.

The First Baptist Church of McLane Pa.

To the First Baptist Church of Fredonia

Dear Brethren:

This is to Certify,

That Mrs. Florence **Goodrich** is a Member of this Church in good and regular standing; and is, at her own request, hereby dismissed from us to unite with you. When she shall have so united, of which you will please inform us, her connection with us will cease.

May the blessing of God rest on her and on you.

Done by order and in behalf of the Church.

July 7 **1806(?)**

Mrs. H.P. **Jeffords** Church Clerk.

This letter is valid for six months.

(Item 16)

Temple Court, No. 7 Beekman Street,

\$10.61 New York, Jan. 9 **1890**

The American Baptist Home Mission Society

Acknowledges the receipt of Ten and 61/100 Dollars, from Bapt. Sunday Sch. Fredonia N.Y.

J.G. **Snelling** Treasurer.

{Chh. 30.89

S. Sch 10.61

Sent \$41.50}

(Item 17)

Rochester Theological Seminary.
\$25.86 Rochester, N.Y., May 27 **1890**.
Received, of A.Z. **Madison** Treas
Twenty five and 86/100 Dollars,
for the New York Baptist Union for Ministerial Education,
From the Fredonia Baptist Church
Including S.M. of A.Z. **Madison** \$1.50
Do do Mrs. R.E. **Morian** 2.00
With Thanks. S.P. **Merrill** Cor. Sec'y,
No. 5 Trevor Hall.

(Item 18)

No. 239 New York, Feb 3rd **1890**
Received for the Baptist Missionary Convention of the State of N.Y., Thirty three and 73/100 Dollars, from
Fredonia Baptist Church Per A.Z. **Madison**
\$33.73 H.W. **Barnes** Sec

(Item 19)

Temple Court, No. 7 Beekman Street,
\$30.89 New York, Jan. 9 **1890**
The American Baptist Home Mission Society
Acknowledges the receipt of Thirty and 89/100 Dollars, from Baptist Ch Fredonia N.Y.
J.G. **Snelling** Treasurer.

(Item 20)

Cook Academy.
\$42.25/100 Havana, N.Y., July 16, **1890**.
Received of Fredonia Bapt. Church, per A.Z. **Madison**, Forty two 25/100 Dollars, In full payment of
Subscription to \$50,000 Endowment Fund.
Albert **Coit** Treasurer
Thanks for promptness.

(Item 21a)

Rev. J.N. **Murdock**, D.D., Foreign Sec'y.
Rev. W. **Ashmore**, D.D., Home Sec'y.
E.P. **Coleman**, Treasurer.

The American Baptist Missionary Union,
Tremont Temple,
Boston, Mass., Aug 27 **1890**

\$15. 88/100
The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of fifteen 88/100
Dollars, from Bap. Ch. Fredonia N.Y. to be held in Suspense a/c tow & on Life Membership by A.Z.
Madison Esq. Treas.
E.P. **Coleman** Treasurer.

(Item 21b)

The same as *Item 21a* except dated Mch 7 **1890** in the amount of \$7.56 and with a note at the bottom
reading "We are holding nothing in Susp a/c but this"

(Item 22)

A.Z. **Madison** Treas Fredonia Baptist Church
Please pay Anna **Colburn** Five Dollars from the Poor Fund on a/c Mary **Bishop**
Fredonia NY Feby 17th 91
H.P. **Perrin**
{Feb. 18./91 Paid Miss A. **Colburn** \$5.00 cash & chgd. on Ch. Bk. }

(Item 23)

Mr. **Perrin** -

Please pay to Mrs. **Mugrr**(?) five dollars (\$5-) for five days work.

Mrs. G.W. **Blood**

Per H.E.B.

{A.Z. **Madison** Treas

Please pay Above & oblige.

Yours

H.P. **Perrin** }

{Fredonia Nov 28th(?) 1888 }

(Item 24)

[Written on Baptist Minister's Home stationery]

New York, Dec. 29. 1890

Mr. A.Z. **Madison** -

Fredonia N.Y.

My Dear Brother

Your letter Containing Draft on New York of #32.93 from the Fredonia Baptist Church, N.Y. to the Bap. Mins. Home Society, has come to hand. I send you a receipt for the same with hearty thanks.

I have no successor. I am still at my post of duty, where I have been Consistently for nearly six years. Rev. M.F. **See**. The Gentleman you refer to, volunteered his services for three months to visit Associations, and represent the Home, as it was impossible for me to visit all the Associations in the three States* [off to the right: {N. Yk N. Jersey & Conn}] to which the Home belongs, I am the proper person to whom letters and money should be sent(?). I have had no one to help me in this(?) work till Brother **See** offered his Services with out charge; for three months. And the Trustees of the Home accepted the offer thankfully. This is a noble benevolence, and I am happy today it is growing in favor, with the Churches as they become acquainted with its object.

I wish you would thank your Church for remembering the Baptist Ministers Home - May the promised blessing contained in the 41st Psalm, 1, 2, 3, verses rest upon you all.

Yours in Christian work

N.W. **Miner**

(Item 25)

1/12/91

Silver Creek, N.Y.

My Dear Pastor

Some days ago, I think it was New Years day, I sent you, by a friend who was going to Fredonia, the request for a letter dismissing me from the Fredonia Baptist Church to the First Baptist Church in Silver Creek, but not hearing from you I judge you did not received it.

Please lay this request before the church at your earliest convenience for it was gone too long already.

At first I understood Mother that she would make my request to the church but I was mistaken. Then I made the second mistake of trusting any one but Uncle Sam to carry important letters.

We are now worshipping in our own property, the rent of which about pays the interest on the purchase price. The lower floor is occupied as a furniture store.

We are hearing(?) the Gospel instead of lectures on Geography, Biography, Newspapers, Prohibition or Politics and it does us good.

Praying for plentiful harvest in the dear Home Church & in the new one, I am as ever Yours

Wm. A. **Noble**

(Item 26)

1/26/91

Silver Creek, N.Y.

A.Z. **Madison** Esq.

Fredonia, N.Y.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am informed that my request for a letter has been granted. May I ask as a special favor that the letter reach here before Friday as it seems important that it be presented at our Covenant meeting this week.
Hoping this will find you in health and prosperity
I am very respectfully
Yours in the Faith
Wm A. **Noble**

(Item 27)

Silver Creek, N.Y.,

Feb. 9, **1891**.

To the Fredonia Baptist Church.

This certifies, that Bro. Wm A. **Noble** recommended and dismissed from you by a letter dated Jan. 21, **1891**, has been received as a member of the First Baptist Church of Silver Creek.

Attest:

Kate(?) **Knight**

Clerk.

(Item 28)

Constableville

Lewis Co. NY

August 25 **90**

To the Clerk of the Baptist Church

I wrote to the Church requesting a letter to unite with the church at Constableville not knowing now who to direct it to I directed it to the Pastor C.E. **Smith**. I also enclosed a letter from the Church Clerk here. It is about four weeks since I sent it and getting no return I write again. Please send me a return immediately.

Yours in Christ

Elizabeth **Black**

(Item 29)

Leon, N.Y. May 18, **1891**.

To the First Baptist Church in Fredonia,

In behalf of the members of the First Baptist Church in Leon you are invited to send your pastor and other delegates to sit in council with them on the 3rd day of June **1891** to assist them by your prayers and counsels and if it be judged agreeable to the will of God to ordain their pastor elect Frank B.L. **Putnam**

By order of the church

Emma **Stickney**

Clerk.

(Item 30)

Letter of Dismission.

The Baptist Church of the Epiphany of NY

To the Baptist Church of Fredonia New York

Dear Brethren:

This is to Certify,

That Mrs. Minnie **Abeel** is a Member of this Church in good and regular standing; and is, at her own request, hereby dismissed from us to unite with you. When she shall have so united, of which you will please inform us, her connection with us will cease.

May the blessing of God rest on her and on you.

Done by order and in behalf of the Church.

N.Y. Oct 30th **1889**

D.J. **Newland** Church Clerk.

This letter is valid for six months.

(Item 31)

The Baptist Church,

Cherry Creek, N.Y.

To any church of the same faith, &c.,

Sendeth Christian Salutation:

Dear Brethren:

This Certifies, That Mrs. Fannie **Guest** of Fredonia N.Y. is a member in Good Standing and Fellowship with us; and at her request, this Letter of Dismission was granted for the purpose of uniting with you. We most affectionately recommend her to your Christian Fellowship and watchcare, praying that the Lord will crown your union with mutual and eternal blessings.

This letter is valid for one year from date.

Done by order and in behalf of the church at Cherry Creek, this 12th day of September **1891**

J.A. **Morian** Church Clerk.

(Item 32)

Treasurer's Annual Report, of the First Baptist Church, Fredonia for the year **1891 & 92**

Receipts

From pew rentals \$1072.13

" Sunday Collections	153.52	
" Sections	\$84.95	
" Suppers	94.51	179.46
" Dinner for Institute	27.00	
" Rentals of sheds		<u>49.50</u>
	Total	\$1481.61
" Pew Rental & Subscriptions (Due April)	\$234.13	
" Shed Rents – (Due Apr 1 st)	\$20.50	
		\$1736.24

Expenses

Paid Rev. C.E. Smith	\$900.00	
" C.S. Lewis Chorister	60.00	
" Hattie E. Allen , Organist	56.25	
" for Wood & Coal	25.03	
" for Gas.	20.80	
" Janitor	91.67	
" for (Supply) to Dr. Waterman	6.25	
" " " " Rev. King	10.00	
" " " " Thos. Elgar	25.00	
" " Supplies & Labor	22.95	
" D.S. Wright Int.	12.00	
" Taxes	<u>69.00</u>	
		\$1298.95

Expenses – Brot forward \$1298.95

Due Rev. C.E. **Smith** April 1st 300.00

" C.S. Lewis	" "	20.00	
" Hattie E. Allen	" "	18.75	
" For Coal to	" "	20.00	
" " Gas	" "	20.00	
" " Water rent	" "	6.00	
" " Janitor	" "	<u>8.33</u>	
	Total		\$1692.03

Total Receipts – received & due. \$1736.24

" Expenses to Apr 1 st .	<u>1692.03</u>	
		Balance \$44.21

Statement for the year **1890-91**

Indebtedness at last meeting \$254.06

Received on Subscription \$97.44

" from Zetesian(?) Society, \$10.00

"	by private subscription	<u>32.50</u>	<u>\$139.94</u>
Arrears at last annual meeting			\$114.12
Gain in 1891-92		<u>44.21</u>	
In Arrears Apr. 1 st 1892			\$69.91

(Item 33)

Roseburg Ogn.

Feb. 3 **1891**,

Mr. A.Z. **Madison**

Dear Brother

Your letter was received and we glad to know that we were still remembered by some of our Christian friends. We would both like a letter from that Church if we are considered worthy after neglecting so long in sending for one. It is my hope and prayer that in the future we may be more careful of our Christian duty. There is a Baptist Church here and we will properly unite with it unless we move from here soon. Mr. **Morian** is working on the R.R. and is liable to be changed at any time to some other division of the Road. With love to all inquiring friends I remain yours respectfully Mrs. A.L. **Morian**

(Item 34)

Feb. 23/96

Mr. **Madison**

Dear Sir

Mrs. Emily **Mallory** was my mother. She has lived with me a number of years & died in my home. The one who sent the notice to the Examiner did not know of her different membership. She was baptized by Eld Elisha **Tucker** into the Fredonia church, her name then was Emily **Clark**, afterward married by him, to Mr. Elias **Mallory** then of Westfield, removed there in /24, from there to North East Penn, from there to Castile in /53 where she remained a member until her death.

Yours Respectfully

Mrs. L.A. **Fallman** or **Tallman**

(Item 35)

Agency of the Fireman's Fund

Insurance Co. of California

Fredonia June 19th **1891**

A.Z. **Madison** late Clerk Fredonia Baptist Church,

List of sums receipted for Baptist Minutes Augt. 25.6.7./91

Ministers Home, West Farms N.Y. City Col. Dec 26/90 \$32.93

1st. Am. Bap. Missy Union. E.P. **Coleman** Sec Col. by E. **Davis** Feb 3/91 73.48

Randolph Home, Rev.

Ministers Home, West Farms N.Y. City Col. Dec 26/90 \$32.93

1st. Am. Bap. Missy Union. E.P. **Coleman** Sec Col. by E. **Davis** Feb 3/91 73.48

Randolph Home, Rev. C.E. **Smith** Col. (Jany 14/91 not Baptist By our chh.) 25.30

Jany 7th 91 Am. Bap. Home Mission Society. Temple Court no 7. Beekman St NY 45.20

Feb 9/91. N.Y. State Bap. Miss'y Convention H.W. **Barnes** Cor Sec 34.21

Mch 28/91 New York Baptist Union for Ministerial Education S.P. **Merrill** Rochr. 39.93

2nd Am. Bap. Miss'y Union E.P. **Coleman** Bal. overlooked 9.02

\$260.07

Whatever else besides the above shall be paid for anything of the sort to you, up to Augt. 25th./91 you will add & report it in letter to association then. A blank sheet for the letter will come to you a few days before that time, but you had better be thinking of those matters & getting all together from now.

Yours A.Z.M.

(Item 36)

The First German Baptist Church,

Rochester N. York

To the Baptist Church Fredonia N.Y.
With Christian salutation
Dear Brethren:

This is to Certify that our beloved Sister Mary **Strobel**, is a member in good Standing and full fellowship with us, and her own request, we do hereby grant her this Letter of Dismission for the purpose of uniting with you. We most affectionately recommend her to your Christian fellowship and watchcare, praying that God may crown your union with mutual and eternal blessings.

By Order and in behalf of the Church
Oct. 14, **1889**.

John **Strobel** Church Clerk.

(Item 37a)

466. Broadway Paterson N.J.

My present office.

Paterson Oct. 16. **1891**

Mr A.Z. **Madison**

My dear Brother

Your letter containing check of #33.25 came duly to hand. And I have forwarded the sum to the Treasury of the Baptist Minutes Home Society of New York. I send you a receipt for the same and my thanks to the Church who contributed it. May the Lord reward you for your kindness to the poor. See 41. Psalm 1,2,3.

Yours in Christian work.

N.W. **Miner**

Mr. A.Z. **Madison**

(Item 37b)

[Note in A.Z. **Madison**'s handwriting.]

Collection all, \$33.25 sent by A.Z. **Madison** Oct. 9/91 to Rev. N.W. **Miner**, Supt of the Bap. Ministers Home, West Farms, New York.

He got hurt by being thrown from an English Omnibus while in Europe in **1891**. Had just returned. His writing worse than ordinarily.

(Item 38)

New York, Dec. 27 **1892**

\$112.14

The American Baptist Home Mission Society

Acknowledges the Receipt of

One hundred twelve & 14/100 Dollars,

From Bapt. Church Fredonia N.Y.

J.G. **Snelling** Treasurer.

(Item 39)

421, Bellefontaine SA Indianapolis

Indianapolis, May 18th/91

Mr. A.Z. **Madison**

Dear Sir.

I would like very much to get a letter from the Baptist Church in Fredonia. I am now settled where I would like to unite with a church again. I thought you were the one to write about it. I have never lost my interest in the church, but circumstances have prevented me from attending Church in Fredonia. I shall be very much obliged if you can send me a letter.

Respectfully Mrs. Mercy C. **Sweet**

[The following note is in A.Z. **Madison**'s hand.]

{E.J. **Crissey**

Please present to the Chh. & when request is granted, sign the letter and date in two places & mail to Mrs. **Sweet**. She sent the Stamp, which is only one of a hundred. A.Z.M.

You will not be offended because I write chh. letter for her & also direct to her.}

(Item 40)

Baptist Ministers' Home Society of New York.

New York, Oct. 16th **1891**

Received of the Fredonia Bap. Ch. Thirty three 25/ Dollars, for the general purposes of the Society.

\$33.25 N.W. **Miner** Corresponding Secretary and Supt.

{To go into minutes of **1892**. sent by A.Z.M. Oct 9/91 }

{Col. Min. Home West Farms N.Y. \$31.

A.Z.M. added Mrs. A. **Haywood** 2/ to 6/ .25

" Mrs. R. **Haywood** 2.00 = \$33.25 }

(Item 41)

Rev. Thomas **Elgar** came & preached acceptable to the Ch Sunday morn. & eve. Nov. 15th **1891** & a collection was taken up at close of evening service amt'g to \$15.30.

This amt. should be reported with the benevolent contributions next spring at annual meeting &a.

(Item 42)

No. 27 New York, Jan 26 **1892**

Received for the Baptist Missionary Convention of the State of N.Y., Twenty Seven and 91/100 Dollars, from Fredonia Church per E.J. **Crissey**

\$27.91/100 T.R. **Jones** Treasurer.

(Item 43)

Rochester Theological Seminary.

\$44.55 Rochester, N.Y., April 13, **1892**

Received, of E.J. **Crissey** Treas'r

Forty Four and 55/100 Dollars,

for the New York Baptist Union for Ministerial Education,

From the Fredonia Baptist Church

Including S.M. subscription of two Dollars of Mrs. **Morian**

With Thanks. S.P. **Merrill** Cor. Sec'y,

No. 5 Trevor Hall.

(Item 44)

Westfield, N.Y., Dec. 1st **1891**

Mr. **Smith** D.D.

Brother in Christ:

I had an interview with brother **Wingblade** and wife last night, hence this letter. We would like a letter for him – his wife is an Episcopalian, I believe – to this church.

I trust you will present the request to your church.

Hoping that God will bless you in your work

I am

Yours Fraternally

Pastor Baptist Church C.C. **Haskell** D.D.

(Item 45a)

Ripley, N.Y.

July 2, **1891**.

Rev. Chas. **Smith**,

Please forward my letter of membership of your church to this place. We now have a Babtist Society here and I thought it well to bring my membership in connection with this church here.

I will not state farther particulars as I think Sister has written to that effect, and oblige.

Respectfully Yours

Carrie E. **Holcomb**,

Ripley N.Y.

(Item 45b)

Ripley Chaut. Co. New York.

June 30 **1891**.

Rev. C. **Smith**

Fredonia, N.Y.

Dear Pastor,

As the Baptist element in this place has revived and started a church, which now numbers twenty-five and I wishing to join them also, write you asking a letter from the Fredonia Baptist Church to the First Baptist Church in Ripley. We have as our pastor Rev. G. **Woodbury**, who began his labors with us last Sabbath. He is a student from Colgate University. Please send a letter so as to be here by the 11th of July as we have a Church Meeting in that date.

I am sorry that I have not been able to meet with you more but being so far away and teaching also, it has not been possible for me to do so, I have tried to do whatever came at hand to do to help on the Christian work.

Yours in Christian fellowship,

Hattie R. **Holcomb**

Motion E.J. **Crissey** seconded, the then following letters of dismission were granted.

Miss Hattie **Johnson** May 23/86(?)

" " R. **Holcomb** Apr 5/84(?)

" Carrie E. " Mch 7/80(?)

(Item 46a)

Ripley July 11th **1891**

To the Baptist Church of Fredonia

Dear Brethren

This is to certify that Miss Hattie **Johnson** was received by letter from your Church into Membership in the First Baptist Church of Ripley N.Y.

Dated Ripley July 12th

R.A. **Holcomb**

Church Clk

(Item 46b)

The Fredonia Baptist Church:

To the Ripley Baptist Church,

Or to any other church of the same faith,

Sendeth Christian Salutation:

Dear Brethren:

This certifies that Miss Hattie **Johnson** is a member in good and regular standing with us, and at her request, to the Pastor, 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 & we are notified, 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 third day of July **1891**.

Edward J. **Crissey** Church Clerk.

(Item 47)

The Baptist Church,

Cherry Creek, N.Y.

To any church of the same faith, &c.,

Sendeth Christian Salutation:

Dear Brethren:

This Certifies, That Mary **Darwin** member in Good Standing and Fellowship with us; and at her request, this Letter of Dismission was granted for the purpose of uniting with you.

We most affectionately recommend her to your Christian Fellowship and watchcare, praying that the Lord will crown your union with mutual and eternal blessings.

This Letter is valid for one year from date.

Done by order and in behalf of the church at Cherry Creek, this 17th day of August **1895**

Mrs. J.W. **Pickard** Church Clerk.

(Item 48a)

To the Baptist Church of Fredonia

Dear Brethren

This is to certify that Miss Hattie R. **Holcomb** was received by letter from your Church into Membership in the First Baptist Church of Ripley N.Y.

Dated July 11th **1891** R.A. **Holcomb** Church Clk

(Item 48b)

The Fredonia Baptist Church:

To the Ripley Baptist Church,

Or to any other church of the same faith,

Sendeth Christian Salutation:

Dear Brethren:

This certifies that Miss Hattie R. **Holcomb** is a member in good and regular standing with us, and at her request, made at a Covenant meeting, held July 3rd **1891** this letter of dismissal was granted to her for the purpose of uniting with you.

We cordially commend her to your Christian fellowship.

When united with you & we are notified, her membership with us will cease.

By a standing Resolution of this Church, letters of dismissal 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 third day of July **1891**.

Edward J. **Crissey** Church Clerk.

(Item 49)

The First Baptist Church of Springfield, Ohio.

To the Baptist Church of Fredonia, N.Y.

Dear Brethren:

This is to certify that Bro. G.O. **King**, and wife are members in good standing with us, and at their own request, are granted this letter of dismissal for the purpose of uniting with you.

We most cordially commend them to your watchcare and fellowship.

In behalf of the Church,

J.D. **Wolf**

Clerk

July 5, **1893**.

(Item 50)

Baptist Missionary Convention

Of the State of New York.

Times Building, N.Y. Feb 9 **1890**.

Dear Bro. **Madison**

Your favor enclosing draft of \$34.21 from the Fredonia church for State Convention reached me here this morning. Please accept our very hearty thanks for the offering and for your services in sending it. I am here this year caring for the printing of the Annual as I was last year at the time you wrote me. I am very glad to say that I have given the last proof into the hands of the printer this morning. I anticipate that the printing will all be ended by tomorrow and the annual will begin to reach its destination this week.

Very truly yours

H.W. **Barnes**

(Item 51)

Rochester Theological Seminary.

Rochester, N.Y., April 15th, **1891**,

Dear Bro. **Madison**/

Your kind letter came in very good time. Please accept our thanks and express them to the church, and ask their prayers. I enclose to you your receipt. You have surely been spared to do a good service for the Master. He has fulfilled his word to you. I trust that you may yet live to do good these many years. Please thank Mrs. **Morian** for her gift. I put all under one receipt. Please mention it to her.

Again thanking you I am Yours Truly,

S.P. Merrill

Cor. Sec.

(Item 52a)

Western New York Society
For the Protection of
Homeless and Dependent Children.
Randolph, N.Y. Jan. 14th, **1891**.

Rev. C.E. **Smith**: -

My Dear Sir,

Enclosed you will find my receipt for the very generous collection taken in your Church and Sunday School, we feel truly thankful for this kind remembrance and under many obligations, this amount will make you or any person your people may name a "Life Member" of this Society, and soon after hearing from you we will take pleasure in sending the certificate.

We would be glad to see you or any of your members at the Home, visitors are always welcome and we like to have our friends come and see how we care for our little ones, and to what use the means so kindly contributed by them is put.

Wishing all health and prosperity,

I am Very Truly,

Charles Merrill.

Sec'y.

(Item 52b)

This is a listing of all the Trustees of the Society for the Protection of Homeless and Dependent Children, the Officers of the Board of Trustees, Assistant Lady Managers of the Home, and the members of the following Committees: Executive Committee, Finance Committee, Committee on Buildings, Grounds and Furniture, and Children and their Homes. **Charles Merrill** is listed as a Trustee, the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, and a member of the Executive Committee.

(Item 53)

The American Baptist Home Mission Society,
Temple Court, No. 7 Beekman Street.

New York, Jan 7th **1891**

Mr. A.Z. **Madison**

Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 6th inst. is received, with enclosure as stated.

Enclosed please find a receipt for 45.20.

Yours truly

J.G. Snelling Tr.

(Item 54)

Fredonia, N.Y. Nov 1 **1890**

Baptist Society for Mrs. **Bissell**

Bought of D.L. **Shepard** & Co,

Dealers in

General Hardware, Plated Ware, Stoves, Iron &c.

Branch Store, Brocton, N.Y.

2 Cord Wood Del 2.00 4.00

{ Approved
H.P. **Perrin** }
Recd Payment
D.L. **Shepard**

(Item 55)

Selkirk Nov 5th **1892**

To the Baptist Church in Fredonia.

This certifies that Sister Ernestine **Urmy** is a member in good standing of the Regular Baptist Church of Selkirk and in compliance with her own request is affectionately recommended and dismissed to your fellowship.

If notified within six months of her union with you we shall consider her as dismissed from us otherwise this letter shall be null and void.

Done By order and in Behalf of the Church

Wm H. **Smelser**

Ch Clerk

(Item 56)

First Baptist Church.

Bradford, Pa.

To The Baptist Church in Fredonia N.Y. Greeting.

This certifies that Mrs. Clara **Elliot** is a member of this Church, and at her own request she is dismissed from us to unite with you. We most affectionately commend her to your fellowship and watchcare.

By order of the Church.

Wm. H. **Dennis**

Church Clerk.

Bradford, Pa., Decr 26 **1890**

This letter is valid for six months only.

Note. Clerk of Church receiving member, will please fill up blank on first page and return to clerk of First Baptist Church, Bradford, Pa., when we are notified of her reception by you her connection with this church will cease.

{ Recd Jany 21st **1891** A.Z.M. }

(Item 57)

One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism.

First Baptist Church,

Jamestown, New York.

Under the Pastoral Care of Rev. A.E. **Waffle**

To the Baptist Church of Fredonia N.Y.

Of like faith and order with ourselves, sendeth Christian salutation.

Dear Brethren This is to Certify that Bro. Wales M. **Martin**, Sister Hattie W. **Martin** & Bro. W. Allen **Martin** are Members in good standing and full fellowship with us, and that at a Church meeting held August 19th **1891**, this Letter of Dismission was duly granted for the purpose of uniting with you. We most affectionately commend them to your Christian fellowship and watchcare.

Yours Affectionately,

Jerome **Preston** Clerk.

Jamestown, N.Y., Aug 19th **1891**

This Letter is Valid for Six Months.

(Item 58)

{ Answered this letter Apr 10/92 E.J.C. }

Appleton Minn.

March 29 **1892**

To the Clerk of the first Baptist Church of Fredonia N.Y.

It is with a heavy heart that I write what I should like to be present to say at your Annual Fellowship meeting. I have quite recently been informed that some of the Members of your Church thought that I was unworthy a place among you. What such insinuations mean I know not. I was not aware that I had an enemy in your town much less among God's Church Family of which I was a member. I feel very much injured for it was unjust and undeserved on my part. I had no chance to defend myself for I was not aware that any one had unkind feelings towards me and that these thoughts should be harbored year after year grieves me deeply.

By the Grace of God in my heart I can forgive those members who have thought ill of me but I wish to withdraw my name from your Church Book for I have no desire to belong to a Church Family who bear malice towards me.

The Allwise & merciful Father who can look into the Heart and see if it be pure knows that I have ever lived a faithful Christian life to the best of my ability and shall continue on in the Christian course and work for the Master in my feeble way for I have many warm Christian Friends here.

Though I bear no ill will towards your Church I wish you in kindness to drop my name from your Church Book.

Mrs. H.W. **Little**

Appleton

Swift Co.

Minnesota

Formerly Elsie H. **Skillman**

(Item 59)

Rochester June 21/90

Rev. Mr. **Smith**

Dear Pastor I suppose you think it strange my not asking for my letter before this time. But Mrs. **Morris** wanted me to come back.

But Ma's health was so poor, I waited from time to time for her improvement, she is better now but not so as to be left alone.

She was away for a time and came back yesterday.

I don't see that I can be with you for a while if ever. So if you will please send me my letter I will be obliged to you.

I intended to call on you before I left but was busy to the last minute.

I often wish I could be at your meetings again, I did enjoy them so much, I should like to be remembered in your prayers. We have a very good pastor but don't expect to keep him much longer.

If you ever come to Rochester I should be pleased to have you call. I must close hoping to here [sic] from you soon.

Your Friend and Sister in Christ.

Mary C. **Strobel**

106 Caledonia Ave..

Rochester

N.Y.

(Item 60)

Roseburg Ogn

Jan 10, **1892.**

Mr. E.J. **Crissey**

Dear Brother

We will probably remain here some time longer, and if the Church consider me worthy I would be pleased to receive a letter of dismissal from that Church in order to unite with the First Baptist Church of Roseburg as soon as possible.

I should be able to do more good and feel more at home by holding a membership here. There is no regular Pastor here at present but one has been called and will be here some time next [The rest is missing.]

(Item 61)

Rev. J.N. **Murdock**, D.D., Foreign Sec'y.

Rev. H.C. **Mabie**, D.D., Home Sec'y.

E.P. **Coleman**, Treasurer.

The American Baptist Missionary Union,
Tremont Temple,
Boston, Mass., Feb. 10 **1892**
\$62. 80/100

The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of Sixty two 80/100 Dollars, from Baptist Church Fredonia New York by E.J. **Crissey**
E.P. **Coleman** Treasurer.

(Item 62)

Boston, March 22, **1893**.
Received from Bapt. Ch. Fredonia N.Y.
One Hundred & ninety 52/100 Dollars
By E.J. **Crissey** Tr.
\$190.52 E.P. **Coleman** L.A.B.M.U.E.(?)

(Item 63a)

{From Mrs. Eliza **Brownell**
Buffalo}

Buffalo NY June 18, **95**

Dear Pastor

I write requesting a letter of dismissal from your Church. I am attending the Walden Ave Baptist Mission in which I am very much interested and which will be organized into a Church next month. I wish to unite with this Church with my Daughter Mag who has recently been converted. Mr. **Brownell** will leave his membership with you for the present.

Very Respectfully Yours,

Mrs. Eliza **Brownell**

#64 Brinkman St.

East Buffalo N.Y.

(Item 63b)

Buffalo July 29th **1895**
The Walden Ave Baptist Church of Buffalo
To the Fredonia Baptist Church
Greeting:

This is to certify that Sister Eliza **Brownell** was received by letter from you into membership with us July 11th **1895**.

William S. **Truesdell**

114 Goemle Ave.

Church Clerk.

(Item 64)

The Baptist Ministers' Home Society of New York.
Paterson Sept. 20th **1892**
Received from the Fredonia Bap. Ch. N.Y.
Thirty one 61/ Dollars, for the general purposes of the Society.
\$31.61 N.W. **Miner**

(Item 65)

Rev. J.N. **Murdock**, D.D., Foreign Sec'y.

Rev. H.C. **Mabie**, D.D., Home Sec'y.

E.P. **Coleman**, Treasurer.

The American Baptist Missionary Union,

Tremont Temple,
Boston, Mass., April 13 **1892**
\$36.

The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of Thirty Six Dollars,
from Bap. Church Fredonia N. York for the Tel.(?) Famine Fund by Per. J.E. Fruth(?)
E.P. **Coleman** Treasurer.

(Item 66)

Monroeville(?) Ohio
Nov. 6th **1894**

The Monroeville Baptist Ch. to the Fredonia Baptist Ch. N. Y.

Dear Brethren

At the regular Ch meeting Nov 1st Sister Louise M. **Bosoveski**, dismissed & recommended by you, was rec
by us.

By Order of the Ch.

Garnes S. **Tinsson** Ch Clk

(Item 67)

95 Paul(?) St.
Providence R.O.
Jan. 30. **1895**

Rev. Dr. **Smith**

My Dear Bro.:

Mrs. Eliza H. **Franklin**, formerly Miss **Jenks** wishes a letter of dismission from your Church to unite with
the Stewart Street Baptist Church of Providence, R.O.

Trusting you will give early attention to the matter.

I am

Yours in Jesus

Edwin **Brownley**(?)

Pastor of Stewart St. Bap. Ch.

(Item 68)

New York, Feb 10 **1892**

The American Baptist Home Mission Society,

Gratefully acknowledges the receipt of

Sixty nine and 92/100 Dollars,

From Bap. Church Fredonia NY

By E.J. **Crissey**

For Missions

\$69.92

Yours truly

J.G. **Snelling** Tr.

(Item 69)

First Baptist Church,

Bradford, Pa.

Rev. Wm. T.C. **Hanna**, Pastor.

Bradford, Pa., Oct. 8 **1896**

Rev. Mr. **Smith**

Dear brother,

I write to ask you to obtain and forward to me a letter of dismission for Miss Bertha **Koch** from the Baptist
Church of Fredonia to unite with the 1st Baptist Church of Bradford. Her mother and sister are to unite next
Sunday, and she would like her letter as soon as possible to unite with them,

Fraternally yours,

Wm. T.C. **Hanna**, Pastor.

(Item 70)

{S. Ella **Britton**

Motion by EJC

Seconded F.S. **Lyon**}

Letter of Dismission.

The First Baptist Church of Corry, Pa.,

To Fredonia Baptist Church of Like Faith and Order, Greeting.

Dear Brethren:

This is to Certify, That Mrs. S. Ella **Britton** is a Member of this Church in good and regular standing; and is, at her own request, hereby dismissed from us with liberty to unite with you. When she shall have so united, of which you will please inform us, her connection with us will cease.

May the blessing of God rest on --- and on you

Done by order and in behalf of the Church.

Corry, June 16 **1892**

C.M. **Hall** Church Clerk.

This letter is valid for one year.

(Item 71)

Letter of Dismission.

The First Baptist Church of East Otto N.Y.

To any Baptist Church of like Faith and order

Dear Brethren:

This is to Certify, That Sister Nellie **Slaght** is a Member of this Church in good and regular standing; and is, at her own request, hereby dismissed from us to unite with you. When she shall have so united, of which you will please inform us, her connection with us will cease.

May the blessing of God rest on her and on you.

Done by order and in behalf of the Church.

July 30 **1892**

Surlanty **Barns** Church Clerk.

This letter is valid for six months.

(Item 72)

Gowanda N.Y. May 15th **1893**

Perrysburgh Baptist Church of Gowanda N.Y.

To the Baptist Church of Fredonia N.Y. Greeting, This is to certify that Mrs. Hattie **Shaw** (now Mrs. D.H. **Huff**) is a member in good standing of this Church and by her own request is dismissed by us to unite with you, may the Lord Bless her and the church to which she may become a member

Done by order of the Church

G.W. **Press**

Church Clerk

(Item 73)

{Recd the 18 May at the regular prayer meeting}

Dear Brothers & Sisters

This is to certify that Sister Jennie **Rich** is in good & regular standing with the Sinclairville Baptist Church and although we are loath to part with any of our few members yet we cordially recommend her to our Sister Church; Done in behalf of the Sinclairville Baptist Church this day May 6th **1893**

Mrs. Mary **Westley**(?)

Ch Clk.

(Item 74)

[Pre-printed invitation.]

Baptist Parsonage,

Fredonia, N.Y., March 1st, **1892**.

Dear Friend:

Our beloved Fredonia Baptist Church is now "three-score years and ten." She would like to see all her children around her on her approaching Fellowship Day. Will you not make an earnest effort to be present this year, on Saturday, Apr. 2nd, at 2:30 P.M.?

If you cannot be present, write, and tell us how it is with you. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

C.E. Smith,
Pastor.

(Item 75)

Statement of Account.
Fredonia [sic], N.Y. Mar 17 **1881**
Baptist Society for Mrs. **Bissell**
In Account with D.L. **Shepard** & Co.
General Hardware,
45 Main Street.
1 Load(?) Wood \$2.00
{Correct H.P. **Perrin**}
Recd Payment
D.L. **Shepard**

(Item 76)

Fredonia N.Y. Oct 18 **1882**
A.Z. **Madison**
Bought of **Parker & Miller**,
Dealers in
Groceries, Provisions, Tobacco & Cigars, Yankee Notions &c.,
No. 49 Main Street.
1 Sack Flour 1.55
1 Bu Potatoes .70
2.25
Recd Payment
Parker and Miller
{For Mrs. E. **Barker**
H.P. **Perrin** order,
Approved by E.M. **Pettit**}

(Item 77)

Montvale, Bergen Co. N.J.
1. 25th.93.
Dear Brethren and Sisters of Fredonia Baptist Church
To each and every one of you, I send heartfelt
Greeting:

The record of a year and a month in our history has closed since I sat with you in the Covenant meeting and at the communion table of our Blessed Lord and Master and as I still claim a membership with you, it is proper for me to report to you, as I promised in my former letter, sent to the Annual Meeting last spring. We are quite near the northern boundary of the state and the nearest Baptist Church is in Nanuet, N.Y. the second station from Montvale, and about 3 miles (or more) from here. So we do not get there very often, but I would like to join and have a Church home there even though I cannot attend all the meetings of the Church, or be of much service. There is only one Baptist family that I have found in this neighborhood and they attend the Meth. Ch. here the same as I have done because it is nearer and therefore more convenient being only ½ mile. Prayer meetings on Thurs. evenings. This is at Upper Montvale. In other direction, below at the next station, Park Ridge. There are two Churches, Congregational, and Dutch Reformed. Both these have a Society of Christian Endeavor and are quite active. The Pastor of the Baptist Church at Nanuet seems to be well liked and the congregations large, as that is the leading Ch. there. When summer comes again, if we are spared, hope to get there oftener and get acquainted. I have felt somewhat like a child away

from home the last year. While there are warm Christian hearts here among our neighbors in the Meth. Ch. with whom I can clasp hands in Christian work, yet something is lacking, and it is a Church Home. The little help I am able to give the friends here is highly appreciated, for the field is wide and laborers few and I cannot doubt but there is work for me which the Lord has planned right here. I have never felt deserted by the Lord, although I have missed many former privileges and the society of brothers and sisters whose memory is precious to me and will be always. I do not feel disabled, only sidetracked, and as I become familiar with surroundings feel renewed desire to be more actively engaged in the Master's service. Pray for us, that we may all find Christ, and a family altar yet be raised in our new home. Lovingly your
Sister in Christ
Lucy M. **Ellsworth**

(Item 78)

Dear Brethren:

This is to Certify, that Lucy M. **Ellsworth** having presented a Letter of Dismission from you dated Feby 3rd **1893** has been received a member of the Nanuet Baptist Church of Nanuet N.Y.

In behalf of the Church,

Eugene A. **Brokauk** Clerk.

Dated Jany 24, **1894**

Address this Letter

Fredonia Baptist Church

Fredonia N.Y.

(Item 79)

North East, Penna.

March 14, **1895**

The First Bap. Church of North East, Pa.

To the Baptist Church of Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Brethren,

We request you to send your pastor and one delegate to sit in council with us on Tues. March 26 at 2 P.M. (or as soon thereafter as delegates arrive) to advise in relation to settling some difficulties in our church.

We also request Dr. F.B. **Palmer** to come in addition to the others.

In behalf of the church

J.C.(?) **Williams**(?)

Ch Clerk

(Item 80)

The Harmony Baptist Church,

Panama, N.Y.

To the Fredonia Baptist Church

Dear Brethren:

This is to Certify that Mrs. Agnes **Eddy** is a member in good and regular standing with us, and by her request is dismissed from our membership to unite with you. If received by you, you will please fill the accompanying blank and forward to us, on receipt of which we will consider her as no longer under our watch care and discipline.

In behalf of the Church,

Harmony Baptist Church

W.L. **Eddy** Church Clerk.

N.B. – This letter is valid for three months.

(Item 81)

The Baptist Church of Stockton NY

To the Baptist Church in Fredonia NY Greeting

Dear Brethren

This is to certify that Sister Florence **Raymond** is a Member with us in good and regular Standing and at her request we cheerfully recommend her to your fellowship & confidence and when notified of Her uniting with you shall consider her dismissed from us.

Done by order and in behalf of the Church
May 24 **1893**
H.W. **Seymour** Church Clk

(Item 82)

The Baptist Church of Stockton NY
To the Baptist Church in Fredonia NY
Sen Christian Salutation
Dear Brethren

This is to certify that Sister Hariet E. **Fargo** is a member with us in good and regular Standing and at her request we cheerfully recommend her to your fellowship & Christian confidence and when we are officially notified of her uniting with you shall consider her dismissed from us.

Done by order and in behalf of the church

Dated this 21st day of May **1893**

H.W. **Seymour** Church Clerk

(Item 83)

To the Baptist Church at Fredonia, New York.

Dear Brethren:

This Certifies that Bro E. Jay **Willard** & Sister Anna M. **Willard** having presented a letter of Dismissal from you, dated July 20th **1893** has been received as members of the South Baptist Church of Belvidere Ills.

J.M. **Humphrey** Clerk.

Belvidere Ill Aug 5th **1893**

Address this letter to

E.J. **Crissey**

Clerk Baptist Church, Fredonia, N.Y.

(Item 84)

For church Clerk

Names of those who erected the Parsonage Veranda.

Mrs. Elizabeth **Haywood**

Mrs. Frances **Haywood**

Mrs. Betsey **Davis**

Mrs. Louisa M. **Edmonds**

Mrs. Rachel E. **Morian**

Mrs. Almira **Belden**

" Sophronia **Webster**

I memorium

Mrs. Eliza C. **Gates** by her daughter M R.B. **Day**

Mrs. Mary E. **Wright** by her daughter Cora **Wright**

Mrs. Cordelia **Stanley** by her daughter Mrs Mary **Coddington**

R.E. **Morian**

To E.J. **Crissey**

(Item 85)

Mayville, N.Y., Sept. 2nd **1893**.

To the First Baptist Church in Fredonia N.Y.

This certifies that Mrs. Lavantha L. **Godard** is a member, in good standing of the First Baptist Church, and in compliance with her own request is affectionately recommended to your fellowship.

If notified within Six months, of her union with you, we shall consider her as dismissed from us: otherwise this letter shall be null and void.

In behalf of the Church

W.P. **Gleason**, Clerk

(Item 86)

Mayville, N.Y., Sept. 2nd **1893**

To the First Baptist Church in Fredonia, N.Y.

This certifies that Miss Anna **Nourse** is a member, in good standing of the First Baptist Church, and in compliance with her own request, is affectionately recommended and dismissed to your fellowship.

If notified within Six months of her union with you, we shall consider her as dismissed from us: otherwise this letter shall be null and void.

In behalf of the Church,

W.P. **Gleason** Clerk

(Item 87)

First Baptist Church,

Rob't T. **Jones**, Pastor.

Miss Helen M. **Elliott**, Clerk,

Residence, 10 W. Mill St.

Ithaca, N.Y., April 8th **1892**

Mr. E.J. **Crissey**,

Dear Sir; Mr. Freeman L. **Morris** was received into the First Baptist church April 6th on his letter from the Fredonia Baptist Church dated March 3rd **1892**.

Yours respectfully

Miss Helen M. **Elliott**

(Item 88)

Titusville, Pa., March 6th, **1893**.

The Fredonia Baptist Church,

Fredonia, N.Y.

Dear Brethren:

Lucenia A. **Chapman** was received into membership with the First Baptist Church of Titusville, December 29th, **1892**.

H.B. **Crane**

Church Clerk.

(Item 89)

Letter of Notification.

Silver Creek June 5 **1893**

To the First Baptist Church of Fredonia

Dear Brethren:

You are hereby notified, That Mrs. Jennie **Anderson** was received by letter from you to membership in the First Baptist Church of Silver Creek Church.

April 28 **1893**

Miss N. **Chadsey** Church Clerk.

Per A.B.M.

(Item 90)

Beaver Dam Wis. Oct 3. **94**

Mr. E.J. **Crissey**,

Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Sir

I thank you for your letter which came by due course of mail. Its contents surprised me much. If I were in Fredonia, or were it possible for me to be there I would not abide by the advise [sic] of the Deacons. I have done no wrong, but feel entitled to Sympathy and pity from my Church, not censure. I was forced from my pleasant home and feeble husband in my poor health myself, by his grasping Children. Had my poor husband retained his mental faculties, no trouble would have arisen, but he was too feeble to advise or protect me from the cruelties of his children and I quietly came away with my Daughter who had come to me in my trouble. One side of the story is known, my side is not. I talked very little with Church members except Mr. S.S. **Crissey** & his wife whom I considered my friends at that time. You say the pastor did receive my letter one year ago, but for some reason not known to yourself, failed to answer it, and inform me of the action taken upon it. His indifference is unchristian like and deserves chiding.

My always kind husband, during my long illness discharged his son-in-law (Dr. **Richmond**) and recalled my old Physician Dr. **Couch**. We always felt that Mr. **Smith** resented it as he never called even in sickness again. Should personal feelings govern Church business?

Mr. **Crisssey** I have a desire to know if you have received your pay in full for putting in the Furnace and making other improvements. I hope you have, Mr. **Warren** and myself were well pleased with all you done for us, and felt our pleasant home had been made so comfortable for our old age.

Sincerely Yours.

Mrs. E.F. **Warren**

Lock Box

869

(Item 91)

[Pre-printed notice.]

Form of Bequest to the Society.

"I give and bequeath to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, formed in New York, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-two, the sum of ----- for the general purposes of said Society."

Bequests for special features of the Society's work should be properly expressed in the will, thus: "For the Freedmen's Work of the Society," "For Endowment Fund for Christian Schools among the Freedmen and the Indians;" "For the Maintenance of Students for the Ministry, in Schools for the Freedmen and the Indians;" "For the Benevolent Department of the Church Edifice Fund."

The following form of attestation by three witnesses, who should write against their name their places of residence, will answer for every State in the Union: "Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the said (A.B.) as his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who, at the request of the said (A.B.), and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses." A codicil must be attested in the same manner. In some States it is required that charitable bequests should be made at least two months before the death of the testator.

Better than Your Will.

If you have money, an income from which you may require for yourself or other purposes during your life, but at your death you wish to devote to this object, the Society will receive it, give you a Bond securing you a semi annual income as long as you live.

The Baptist Home Mission Monthly.

Illustrated.

The list of Contributors embraces the names of leading Ministers, Laymen, and Women in the Denomination, from all parts of the Country. It furnishes the latest facts about our Missionary Operations, our Church Edifice Work and our Educational Work among the Freedmen; also, Editorial Notes on current topics; itemized list of Contributions; Appointments of Missionaries, &c., &c.

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(Item 92)

{Granted May 31/94}

Appleton Minn(?)

April 4th 1894

To the first Baptist Church of Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Pastor, Brothers and Sisters,

I did not receive your card of invitation to the Fellowship meeting in time to get a reply back to you for that day. I should liked to have been present at that meeting. My thoughts and prayers were with you. I have ever tried to live a Christian Life and have been a Faithful worker in the Congregational Church since my marriage 6 years ago that being the church which my Husband and all his Family attend. For me the lines

have fallen in pleasant places. God has blessed me with a Good Home – a kind Husband – and two lovely Children and after giving the subject much thought I have decided to ask for a letter of dismissal from Your Church that I may unite with the First Congregational Church of Appleton as there is no church of my choice here. I think it wiser to join with my Husband and Family. You as a church do have and ever will have my Prayers and best wishes for your Future Welfare and Prosperity. Your Sister in Christ

Mrs. H.W. **Little**

Formerly Elsie H.(?) **Skillman**

Address

Mrs. H.W. **Little**

Appleton

Minnesota

(Item 93)

I hereby Certify; That Emel L. **Wingblad** was baptized and taking in as member in our Church The fourth day of March in the year Eighteen hundred Eighty-one (**1881**) In Skedevi Sweden And was member of our Church until **1883** When he Emigrated to Amerika

P. **Nelson**

Reverend

(Translated from Swedish)

{Recd the 24 of May **1894**}

(Item 94)

The First Baptist Church

Of Rockford, Ill.,

Under the pastoral care of Rev. T.G. **Soares**(?)

To any Baptist Church of

Of Like Faith and Order with Ourselves,

Sendeth Christian Salutation

Dear Brethren:

This is to Certify that our beloved Sister Anna **Burdsall** is a member of this Church, in good and regular standing; and having requested a letter of Dismission from us to unite with you, we do hereby cordially commend her 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 her as dismissed from us.

By order of the Church:

I.(?)F. **Hopkins**

Clerk.

Oct 8th **94**

This letter of Dismissal is good for only six months, and if not used within that time a renewal should be applied for.

(Item 95)

First Baptist Church,

Titusville, Pa.

To Fredonia N.Y. Bap. Church of our faith and order

Greeting:

This certifies that Mrs. Mary **Correll** is a member of this church, and at her own request she is dismissed from us to unite with you. We most affectionately commend her to your fellowship and watch-care.

By order of the Church.

Wm M. **Gordon**

Church Clerk.

Titusville, Pa., Apl. 5, **1894**

This Letter is valid for six months only.

Note – Clerk of Church receiving member, will please fill up blank on First Page and return to clerk of First Baptist Church, Titusville, Pa, when we are notified of her reception by you, her connection with this Church will cease.

(Item 96a)

The American Baptist Home Mission Society
The General Missionary Organization
Of American Baptists for the Evangelization of North America.
New York, Dec 20th **1894**

The American Baptist Home Mission Society
Gratefully acknowledges the receipt of
Ninety five & 38/100 Dollars,
From Fredonia N. York
By First Bapt. Church
For General Fund
\$95. 38/100 Halsey **Moore**

(Item 96b)

The same as *Item 96a* except dated Jan. 30 **1894** in the amount of \$3.50 from the Fredonia Baptist Church by E.J. **Crissey** for Missions and signed by J.G. **Snelling**, Tr. of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

(Item 96c)

The same as *Item 96a* except dated Nov 23rd **1895(?)** in the amount of \$86.05 from the Fredonia Baptist Church by E.J. **Crissey** for Missions and signed by J.G. **Snelling**, Tr. of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

(Item 97)

American Baptist Publication Society,
1420 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Jun 27 **1894**

E.J. **Crissey**
Fredonia N.Y.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of your remittance of \$30.05 as a contribution from Fredonia Baptist Sunday-school for the Missionary Work of the American Baptist Publication Society. Children's Day, **1894**.

Please accept and convey our hearty thanks for the donation. May it be made a great blessing to the givers and receivers.

Yours truly

C.C. **Bitting** Bible and Missionary Secretary
Per B

(Item 98)

Rochester Theological Seminary.
New York Baptist Union for Ministerial Education,
Room 5 Trevor Hall,
Rochester, N.Y., July 14, **1893**.

E.J. **Crissey**, Clk,
Dear Sir & Bro.:

Your kind favor of the 8th inst is at hand with enclosed Dft for \$43.27 from the Fredonia Baptist Church for the N.Y. Baptist Union for Ministerial Education.

Please express our thanks to the Church and the pastor.

I enclose our receipt.

Gratefully Yours

S.P. **Merrill**
Cor Sec'y.

(Item 99a)

No. 151 New York, Feb 7 **1894**

Received for the Baptist Missionary Convention of the State of N.Y., Thirty Two and 15/100 Dollars, from Fredonia Church "per" E.J. **Crissey**
\$32.15 Theo. E. **Schulte** Treasurer.

(Item 99b)

The same as *Item 99a* except dated No. 17 New York, Jan 22 **1895** in the amount of \$35.56.

(Item 99c)

The same as *Item 99a* except dated No. 803 New York, Mch 5 **1896** in the amount of \$1.00.

(Item 100a)

The Baptist Ministers' Home Society of New York.

New York 27 Novr **1893**

Received from Fredonia Bap Ch NY

Thirty 63/100 Dollars,

For the general purposes of the Society.

\$30.63 W.H. **Palmer** Treasurer

(Item 100b)

The same as *Item 100a* except dated October 9th **1894** in the amount of \$32.20 from the Fredonia Baptist Church, N.Y., per E.J. **Crissey**, Clerk, and the receipt signed by M.H. **Pogson** Financial Secretary.

(Item 100c)

The same as *Item 100a* except dated New York October 5th **1895** in the amount of \$33.00 from the Baptist Church, Fredonia, N.Y., per E.J. **Crissey**, Ch. Clerk, and the receipt signed by M.H. **Pogson**.

(Item 100d)

The same as *Item 100a* except dated New York March 5th, **1896** in the amount of \$1.50 from The Fredonia Bap. Church, N.Y., and the receipt signed by M.H. **Pogson**. (Balance of **1895** collection)

(Item 100e)

The same as *Item 100a* except dated New York Dec. 3, **1896** in the amount of \$34.96 from E.J. **Crissey**, Ch. Clerk, and the receipt signed by M.H. **Pogson**.

(Item 101a)

Rev. J.N. **Murdock**, D.D., Honorary Secretary.

S.W. **Duncan**, D.D.,

H.C. **Mabie**, D.D., Corresponding Secretaries.

Rev. E.F. **Merriam**, Editorial Secretary.

E.P. **Coleman**, Treasurer.

The American Baptist Missionary Union,
2 A Beacon St., (Lowell Building.)

\$10. 67/100 Boston, Mass., April 24 **1894**

The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of Ten & 67/100 Dollars, from Baptist Church Fredonia N.Y. additional by Ely **Davis** Tres(?)

E.P. **Coleman** Treasurer.

(Item 101b)

The same as *Item 101a* except dated March 1. **1894** in the amount of \$120.00 from the Baptist Church Fredonia N.Y. by Mr. Ely **Davis** and signed by E.P. **Coleman**.

(Item 101c)

The same as *Item 101a* except dated Mch 30 **1895** in the amount of \$105.00 from the Baptist Ch. Fredonia N.Y. tow. Sup. of Rev. R. **Wellwood(?)** of China & Rev H. **Richards** of Congo Mission and signed by E.P. **Coleman**.

(Item 102)

\$47.48

Rochester July 19, **1894**

Received of E.J. **Crissey**, Tr. Forty seven and 48/100 Dollars, for the N.Y. Baptist Union for Ministerial Education, from the Fredonia Baptist Church.

With thanks,

S.P. **Merrill**,

Cor. Sec.

(Item 103)

Baptist Ministers' Home Society of New York.

West Farms, N.Y., Octr 9th **1894**

Dear Sir & Brother,

I am in receipt of your favor of the 8th. inst. with check for \$32. 20/100 enclosed, being the amount of collection taken by the Fredonia Bap. Church, N.Y., for our work.

I enclose receipt. Allow me in the name of the Trustees of our Society & for myself, to thank you & the people of your Church for their generous aid.

Very truly yours

M.H. **Pogson**

(Item 104)

New York Jan 22 **1895**

My Dear Brother

Your letter dated Jan 17 with its remittance of \$35.56 for the work of the Baptist Missionary Convention is very gratefully acknowledged. The offering is placed to the proper credit on our books. Please accept our thanks for it, and our assurance that we will seek to use it faithfully in the work. Herewith find receipt for the above amount.

Very truly yours

Theo. E. **Schultz(?)** Treas.

T.R. **Jones** has not been Treasurer since **1892**.

(Item 105)

Ordered a copy of minutes presented to brother Thomas **Elgar** and one retained by clerk and the clerk

Ordination Council

Minutes of Council, met to ordain brother Thomas **Elgar**, of Williams Bridge, Westchester Co., N.Y. – who has been a member of the Fredonia Baptist Church, of Fredonia, N.Y., since April 28/87 and was licensed to preach, by this church some three or four years ago.

Fredonia, N.Y., Dec 17 **1895**.

Pursuant to call, council met and was called to order by E.J. **Crissey**, church clerk, at 2:20 p.m. Call for the council was read, and names of delegates enrolled.

The following responded: -

Cassadaga	Dea. Allen Putnam Bro. Charles Phillips
Dunkirk	Rev. W.J. Meador Bro. Oscar Wheeler
Fredonia	Rev. Chas. E. Smith Rev. G.O. King Bro. E.J. Crissey
Findley's Lake	Bro. A.D. Findley
Frewsburg	Rev. E.S. Gates

	Dea. J.D. Bain
Panama	Rev. A.D. Bush
Jamestown	Bro. Newton Crissey
Brocton	Rev. C.E. Christian
	Dea. W.N. Becker
West Portland	Rev. A. Knight
	Bro. Earl Raynor
Randolph	Rev. G.G. Newcomb
	Bro. M.M. Abbey
Ripley	Rev. M.B. Comfort
Silver Creek	Rev. Geo. Ford
	Mrs. Geo. Ford

After calling roll of delegates the council was declared open for business of ordination. Rev. A.D. **Bush** of Panama, was chosen Moderator.

E.J. **Crissey**, of Fredonia chosen clerk of council.

Motion prevailed, that visiting brethren be invited to sit with council. Moderator invited any such present to come forward and take seat with the delegates.

While awaiting the arrival of candidate, who was not able to reach Fredonia at opening of council, Moderator suggested a season of devotional exercises be participated in by council: called upon brother **Comfort** to lead in prayer, and brethren **Meader, Gates, King, Ford** & others followed.

Hymn – “Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove.” And, “Come thou Fount of every blessing,” were sung.

At this juncture brother Thos. **Elgar** arrived and was introduced with appropriate remarks by his pastor, Rev. Chas. E. **Smith**.

The moderator then asked Bro. **Elgar** to relate his experience to the council. Bro. **Elgar** gave an account of his conversion, call to the ministry, and views on Christian doctrine. After being questioned at length, by members of council, motion was made by Rev. Chas. E. **Smith** & carried, that council retire for consideration of candidate’s statements. Council immediately met in secret session, and after due deliberation upon the matter, motion made by Newton **Crissey**, prevailed, “that this council express itself as satisfied with the candidate’s Christian experience; statement of Christian doctrine, and call to the ministry.”

Motion prevailed that council proceed to arrange for ordination service at 7:30 o’clock p.m.: which was as follows: - Ordination sermon, Rev. C.A. **Adams**; alternate, Rev. G.O. **King**; ordinating prayer, Rev. A. **Knight**; hand of Fellowship, Dr. F.B. **Palmer**; charge to candidate, Rev. Chas. E. **Smith**; benediction, brother Thomas **Elgar**.

Call for reading of minutes, same read, corrected and approved.

Ordered a copy of minutes presented to brother Thomas **Elgar** and one retained by clerk, and the clerk instructed to prepare notice for publication in the “Examiner.”

Adjourned to 7:30 o’clock p.m.

Evening session opened by singing Doxology, lead by choir.

Invocation, by moderator.

Anthem, by the choir.

Reading Scripture, by Rev. A.D. **Bush**.

Prayer, Rev. C.E. **Christian**

Hymn, by choir, No. 1163, Bap. Praise Book.

Ordination sermon was preached by Rev. G.O. **King**, as Rev. **Adams** failed to come, Text – John 14:26; and 15:26.

Hymn, by choir, No. 1167.

Ordinating prayer, Rev. A. **Knight** with Laying on of hands by Rev. C.E. **Smith** & Rev. A.D. **Bush**.

Hand of Fellowship, Dr. F.B. **Palmer**.

Charge to candidate Rev. Chas. E. **Smith**.

Hymn by choir, No. 1173.

Benediction, by Rev. Thomas **Elgar**

Attest.

A.D. **Bush** Moderator
Edward J. **Crissey**, Clerk.

(Item 106)

5 [the other pages seem to be missing]
Whose integrity and Christian fidelity is a living example.

Statistics of Membership

Membership one year ago	287
Rec'd by baptism during year	2
" " letter " "	<u>4</u>
Total	293
Dismissed by letter	7
Died	<u>5</u> <u>12</u>
Present number	281

We send as delegates our

Pastor Rev. Chas. E. **Smith**

Bro. Alexander **Morian** & wife,

" F.B. **Palmer** & wife

Dea. F.S. **Lyon** & wife

Rev. A. **Kingsbury** & wife

May this gathering prove a great spiritual blessing to all who attend is the prayer of this church.

Edward J. **Crissey**

Ch. Clk.

(Item 107)

Benevolent Contributions

Home Missions (by Church)	\$45.20
Ministers Home N.Y. City	\$32.93
Missionary Union	82.40
Ladies Foreign Miss Union	45.00
Children's Home, Randolph	25.30
" " by Young People's Band Mission	19.50
N.Y. State Bap. Mission'y Con.	34.21
Ministerial Education	39.93
Bap. Pub. Society	19.46
By Ladies Home Mission Band	<u>54.47</u>
	\$398.40

(Item 108)

[This also appears to be missing a portion of the document.]

10. How much money was actually paid by your church & congregation during the Associational year just closing, for the ordinary expenses of the ch. including pastors or supply salary? \$1673.65

11. How much money has been actually paid during the Associational year for the permanent improvement of your ch. property?

\$149.18 Closet

158.32

302.50 also carpets by clothes(?)

12.

13. What is the amt. of your indebtedness if any:

a. In mortgage debt. \$

b. " floating " \$

(Item 109a)

S.W. **Duncan**, D.D.,
H.C. **Mabie**, D.D., Corresponding Secretaries.
Rev. E.F. **Merriam**, Editorial Secretary.
E.P. **Coleman**, Treasurer.

The American Baptist Missionary Union,
Tremont Temple.

\$1 25/100 Boston, Mass., Feb. 25. **1898**
The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of One & 25/100 Dollars from Baptist Church Fredonia N.Y. addl. for famine relief in India by Mr. G.O. **King**
E.P. **Coleman** Treasurer.

(Item 109b)

The same as *Item 109a* except dated Feb. 25 **1898** in the amount of \$102.59 from the Baptist Church Fredonia N.Y. by Mr. G.O. **King** and signed by E.P. **Coleman**.

(Item 109c)

The same as *Item 109a* except dated Feb. 25 **1898** in the amount of \$8.17 from the Baptist Church Fredonia N.Y. for Boys School Tokyo Japan c/o Prof. E.W. **Clement** by Mr. G.O. **King** and signed by E.P. **Coleman**.

(Item 109d)

The same as *Item 109a* except dated Mch 22 **1898** in the amount of \$1.00 from the Baptist Church Fredonia N.Y. by Mr. G.O. **King** and signed by E.P. **Coleman**.

(Item 110)

Friday Evening Dec. 5th, **1890**.
Covenant Meeting.

Matter of elections of two additional Deacons, was presented by the pastor.

On motion by Mrs. **Morian**, proceeded to the election of deacons by ballot.

E.J. **Crissey** & E. Jay **Willard** appointed as tellers.

Proceeded to ballot for one deacon.

1st ballot – 26 votes cast. Prof. **Lyon** received 21 votes, scattering 5. Prof. **Lyon** declared elected.

2nd ballot 23 votes cast. Bro. **Hardenburg** 9, Bro. **Benjamin** 5, Bro. **Belden** 5, Dr. **Palmer** 3, Jay **Willard** 1.

No one having a majority, proceeded to another ballot.

3rd ballot Bro. **Benjamin** 7, Bro. **Hardenburg** 5, Bro. Geo. **Belden** 6, Bro. **Willard** 3.

As no one received a majority on this ballot, Bro. **Hardenburg** moved that Bro. **Benjamin** be declared unanimously elected. Carried.

Bro. **Lyon** stated that he thought on account of age & lack of proper qualifications he ought not to accept & should do so until he had given it more consideration.

E.J. **Crissey**

Asst. Clerk

{Reported to A.Z.M. Ch Clk Dec 14/90}

(Item 111)

Aug **1891**

At the regular prayer meeting held on the date above, the matter of choosing delegates to sit with the asso. to convene at Forestville Aug --,--,-- was taken up & the following were chosen.

Rev. Chas. E. **Smith** – pastor.

Bro. Alex. **Morian** & wife

" F.B. **Palmer** & wife

Dea. F.S. **Lyon** & wife

Rev. A. **Kingsbury** & wife

The asso. was appointed to meet with Dunkirk church, but this church were without pastor, Bro. **Keyes** having left shortly before & removed to Buffalo, and felt they could not very well entertain the asso. & it was therefore appointed to meet at Forestville Sabbath morning Aug. – **1891** the Asson. letter was read before the church, who remained after the sermon, & after some slight alterations suggested, upon motion of Dr. **Palmer** was accepted unanimously as their letter to the Asson. By suggestion of pastor some things relation to Mrs. **Payne**, deceased & to A.Z. **Madison** services were added to letter.

E.J. **Crissey**
Clerk

(Item 112)

Fredonia Bap. Ch.		
No. last year		301
<u>Baptized</u>		
William Morgan Mch 20/90 Moran		
Miss Clara E. Watson Moran		
<u>Recd by letter</u>		
Mrs. Dorliska Manley Nov 1/89		
Miss Mary C. Strobel " " "		
Mrs. Minnie Abeel " 3 "		
" Carried M. Flint May 2 nd /90		
<u>Recd by Experience</u> 0		
<u>Restored</u> 0	8	
		309
		<u>22</u>
	Present No.	287
	Add error	<u>1</u>
Number according to count		288

Died

Mrs. Josie H. **DeWitt** 34 Mch 12/90
 Roswell B. **Morgan** age 82 May 7. 90
 Mrs. Mary E. **Van Scoter** 66 Apl 13. 90
 " Martha D.D. **Manton** 59 May 23. 90.
 Miss Susan **Rowe** Young lady in **1874** (said to be dead) Apl 18
 Mrs. Joanna **Gahm** In **1869** saved evidence (said to be dead) Apl 18.
 Mrs. Laura N. **Hart** (said to be dead) some 20(?) to 25, in **1868**. Apl 18
 Miss Lucy **Miller**

Dropped

Henry S. **McAllister** Apl 22/
 Franklin L. **Lord** Apl 22
 Mrs. Jane W. **Evarts** Apl 22

Excluded

Julius J. **Parker** Apl 22
 Mrs. Alma B. **Allen** Apl 22

Dismissed by Letter

Miss Mary C. **Strobel** to 1st Germ. Rochester July 3
 Jay **Crissey** to Belmont NY May 3
 Mrs. Alice M. **Crissey** [to Belmont NY] May 3
 Chas. H. **Scoville** to Cairo W. Vir. Jany 3rd
 Mrs. Lillie M. **Scoville** [to Cairo W. Vir. Jany 3rd]
 Frank D. **Shaver** to Watertown Nov. 1/90
 Mrs. Ada **Olney** (see over) Apl 22/90

Dismissed

William **Marshall** to Mayville Apl 5./90
 Jane **Marshall** [Same as William **Marshall**]

Baptized

William **Morgan**

Clara E. **Watson**
 Thomas **Moran**
 Albert J. **Moran** [all] Mch 30/90
Recd by letter
 Mrs. Dorliska **Manley** from Panama Nov 1/89
 Miss Mary C. **Strobel** 1st. Ger. Roch. Nov 1/89
 Mrs. Minnie **Abeel** Epiphany N. Yk Nov. 3rd/89
 Mrs. Carrie M. **Flint** 1st Bradford May 2nd/90

Dismissed by letter.
 Frank D. **Shaver** to Watertown Nov. 1./89
 William **Marshall**
 Mrs. Jane **Marshall** to Mayville April 5/90
 Mrs. Ada **Olney** " 22/90
 Chas. H. **Scoville**
 Mrs. Lillie M. **Scoville** to Cairo W.V. Jany 3/90
 Jay **Crissey**
 Mrs. Alice M. **Crissey** to Belmont NY May 30/90
 Miss Mary C. **Strobel** to 1st. Ger. Rochester July 3/909

Excluded
 Julius J. **Parker** Apl 22/90
 Mrs. Alma B. **Allen** Apl 22/90 2
Dropped
 Henry S. **McAllister** Apl 22/90
 Franklin L. **Lord** " " "
 Mrs. Jane W. **Evarts** " " " 3
Died
 Mrs. Josie H. **DeWitt** Mch 12/90 age 34 Yrs.
 " Mary E. **Van Scoter** Apl 13/90 " 66
 Roswell B. **Morgan** May 7/90 " 82
 Mrs. Martha D.D. **Manton** May 23/90 " 59 4
Reported dead April 1890, (absent some 20. yrs.)
 Mrs. Joanna **Gahm**
 Miss Susan **Rowe**
 Mrs. Laura N. **Hart**
 Miss Lucy **Miller** 4

(Item 113)

Fredonia N.Y. Jan 30. **1895**
 To The First Baptist Church
 Dear Brethren

The Committee to which was referred the request of Mrs. E.F. **Warren**, for a letter from this church to the Baptist Church in Beaver Dam Wis. have given the subject very careful consideration. They have heard many things concerning sister **Warren** that, if true, are inconsistent with Christian character, but have not been able to find sufficient testimony, such as would meet the requirements of evidence, to warrant them in preferring charges against her.

The Committee therefore feel compelled to recommend that, in accordance with her request a letter be granted. unanimously adopted at a full meeting of the committee.

H.P. **Perrin**
 Chairman

(Item 114a)

Dunkirk July 30th **1893**
 My
 Dear Pastor will you Please

Grant me a letter so I can join our Baptist Church here as we have moved and would like to unite here that is if you think me worthy of it. Please send and oblige
Your Sister of the Church
Mrs. Clara **Elliott**
To my Dear Pastor C.E. **Smith**
Fredonia

(Item 114b)

Wildwood, Pa.

Aug 7. **1893**

Dear Bro. **Crissey**:

Please ask the church to grant this letter, as the sister certainly deserves it. We are very well and pray daily for God's best(?) blessings on you all. The collection for the Minister's Home should be taken the last Sunday before the Association and should be announced the previous Sunday.

Your Brother in Christ

C.E. **Smith**

(Item 115)

The First Baptist Church

Of North East, Erie Co., Pa.,

To Any "Baptist Church"

Of Like Faith and Order with Ourselves,

Sendeth Christian Salutation.

Dear Brethren:

This will introduce to you Miss Cora B. **Williams** who was a member of this Church in good and regular standing, and who is hereby at her own request dismissed from membership with us, and whom we cordially commend to your Christian fellowship and watch care. May the blessing of the Master abide with you and the sister who leaves us.

By order of the Church;

J.E. **Williams** Clerk.

North East, Pa., Apr. 18 **1895**

(Item 116)

First Baptist Church Findley's Lake

Dear Brethren,

This certifies that Sister Ella **Brinson**(?) is 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 & watchcare; & if received by you within six months from this date, & 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 & the sister who leaves us. By Order of the church

May 24th **97** C.E. **Giles** ch. clk.

(Item 117)

Sandy Hill, N.Y. Nov 4 **1897**

To the Clerk of the Baptist Church, of

Fredonia, N.Y.

Dear Brother: This certifies that on the 4 day of Nov **1897** Miss Sarah J. **Bond** was received by letter to membership in the Baptist Church, of Sandy Hill, N.Y.

R.C. **Tefft** Clerk.

(Item 118)

Hancock, N.Y. Oct. 20 **1897**

E.J. **Crissey**

Clerk,

This is to certify that Miss Edith P. **Chace**(?) was accepted as a member with the Hancock Baptist Church Oct. 14th.

Respy
S.J. **Whitaker**
Clerk

(Item 119)

Mayville, N.Y., Nov. 11 **1895**

To the Baptist Church in Fredonia, N.Y.

This certifies that Mrs. M.V. **Potter**, is a member, in good standing, of the First Baptist Church, and in compliance with her own request, is affectionately recommended and dismissed to your fellowship.

If notified within six months of her union with you, we shall consider her as dismissed from us: otherwise this letter shall be null and void.

In behalf of the Church.

W.B. **Gleason** Clerk

{Recd Dec 19 **1895**}

(Item 120)

To the Fredonia Baptist Church

Dear Brethren

This is to certify that Sister Maud **Farrington** is a member with us, in good and regular standing, and at her request is granted this letter to unite with you, and when received by you we shall consider her dismissed from us.

Done by order of the West. Portland Baptist Church

Nov. 30th **1895**.

J.C.(?) **Walker** Clerk

(Item 121)

To the Fredonia Baptist Church

Dear Brethren

This is to certify that Sister Blanche **Farrington** is a member with us, in good and regular standing, and at her request is granted this letter to unite with you; and when received by you we shall consider her dismissed from us.

Done by order of the West Portland Baptist Church Nov. 30th **1895**

J.C. **Walker** Clerk

(Item 122)

Oil City Pa Apl 3/95

To the Fredonia Baptist Church

This Certifies that Miss Annie **Wheelock** having presented a letter of Dismission from you dated February 28th **1895** was received Apl 3 **1895** as a member of the First Baptist Church of Oil City Pa

In behalf of the Church

Sam'l. **Neidich**

Clerk

(Item 123)

Prov. R.I. Feb. 28. **1895**

The Stewart St. Baptist Church

To the Fredonia Bapt. Church

Dear Brethren

You are hereby notified that Mrs. Eliza H. **Franklin** was received by letter from you to membership in the Stewart St. Baptist Church. Feb. 28. **1895**

Harry A. **Mason**

Asst Church Clerk

(Item 124)

The Baptist Church,

Cherry Creek, N.Y.

To any church of the same faith, &c.,

Sendeth Christian Salutation:

Dear Brethren and Sisters in Christ

This Certifies, That Mary A. **Jenks** is a member in Good Standing and Fellowship with us; and at her request this Letter of Dismission was granted for the purpose of uniting with you.

We most affectionately recommend her to your Christian Fellowship and watchcare, praying that the Lord will crown your union with mutual and eternal blessings.

This Letter is Valid for One Year from Date.

Done by order and in behalf of the church at Cherry Creek, this 17th day of Feb. **1894**.

Mrs. J.S. **Benton** Church Clerk.

{Recd at Prayer Meeting Feby. 22nd/94 }

(Item 125)

The Baptist Church,

Cherry Creek, N.Y.

To any church of the same faith, &c.,

Sendeth Christian Salutation:

Dear Brethren and Sisters in Christ

This Certifies, That Walter **Darwin** [is a] member in Good Standing and Fellowship with us; and at his request this Letter of Dismission was granted for the purpose of uniting with you.

We most affectionately recommend him to your Christian Fellowship and watchcare, praying that the Lord will crown your union with mutual and eternal blessings.

This Letter is Valid for One Year from Date.

Done by order and in behalf of the church at Cherry Creek, this 17th day of August **1895**

Mrs. J.W. **Pickard** Church Clerk.

(Item 126)

Letter of Dismission.

The First Baptist Church of Corry, Pa.,

To Fredonia Baptist Church of Like Faith and Order, Greeting.

Dear Brethren:

This is to Certify,

That Mrs. Ann. M. **Gibbs** is a Member of this Church in good and regular standing; and is, at her own request, hereby dismissed from us with liberty to unite with you. When she shall have so united, of which you will please inform us, her connection with us will cease.

May the blessing of God rest on her and on you

Done by order and in behalf of the Church.

Corry, Nov. 16 **1892**

C.W. **Hall** Church Clerk.

This letter is valid for one year.

(Item 127)

To the Fredonia Baptist Church

Dear Brethren

This is to give you notice of the reception of your letter of commendation of Sister Electa **Blowers**, and that she has united with us.

April 9th **1892**.

W.L. **Devereaux** Ch Clerk

Clyde Baptist Church

Clyde, N.Y.

June 23, **1892**

(Item 128)

Washington D.C.

2// 9th St., S.W.

Sept 22, '96

Rev. C.H. **Smith**

Dear Pastor –

It is not with out a feeling of sincere regret that I write for a letter from the home church to the Calvery Baptist Church of Washington. I regret leaving the dear friends and their kind help and sympathy; but still I feel that duty calls me to unite here and enter heart and hand into the Master's service. We have a very beautiful Church here, with every convenience and device for aiding in the great work, one could ask for. The membership ranges about fifteen hundred and each one seems to have a part to perform and does it in an earnest whole-hearted manner, which is inspiring to say the least. I consider it a great privilege and blessing to be counted among Christ's followers, even in this large city, where one person seems to be of so little consequence.

And now as I step out from the home Church I want to ask for your most earnest prayers for both Mr. **Mason**'s and my spiritual growth. We do want to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I do desire to thank you for all your past help and inspiration, and although I anticipate great joy in serving Christ in the new Church home yet I shall always hold in tenderest memory the dear Fredonia Church, and the Pastor who led me to publicly confess Christ, by the holy ordinance of baptism.

Yours in Christian love and sympathy

Matie(?) S. **Mason**

Please make the letter out to Mrs. E.G. **Mason**, as it will avoid confusion there being other **Masons** in the Church.

(Item 129)

Denver, Colo., Feb. 17th, **1896**.

To The Baptist Church at Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Brethren: -

This is to certify that Mrs. Catharine **Cornell** is a member with us in good and regular standing, and at her own request is given this letter of dismissal and recommendation to you.

If notified within six months of her union with you we shall consider her dismissed from us; otherwise this letter to be null and void.

Fraternally yours,

The Mount Olivet Baptist Ch.

W.S. McDaniel

Church Clerk.

c/o Globe A&R Co.

{Mch 6/96, at Friday evening meeting, Mrs. Catherine **Cornell** was received unanimously, & Chas. O. **Mason** was rec'd unanimously as candidates for baptism & membership into church.

Series of revival meetings were begun Monday eve July 24 & continued every evening except Saturday eveg. for two weeks, Rev. G.O. **King** preaching every evening.

(Item 130)

Parkside Baptist Church.

Rev. Robert **Scott**, Pastor,

248 Parker Avenue,

Buffalo.

Rev. C.E. **Smith** D.D.

Dear Sir & Bro.

A, Mr. L.A. (or A.L.) **Aldridge** & wife are now residing in this Community & attending the Parkside Church. They are members of your church in Fredonia, but now expect to make Buffalo their home & so desire to unite with us. They requested me to ask that you grant letters to them to unite with the Parkside Church, please give this your earliest attention & forward letters to the above address & oblige.

Yours fraternally

Robert **Scott**

{Dec 12 **94**}

(Item 131)

American Baptist Missionary Union,

Tremont Temple,
Boston, February 13th. **189**
Mr. E.J. **Crissey**,
Fredonia, N.Y.

My dear Sir, --- Yours of February 11th. is just at hand, and I note contents of same. We usually enter funds received in part for Life's Membership in the Suspense Account, but as no reference was made to that in your advice the same went into the regular donation account. We will, however, keep track of this amount and when subsequent funds are received will constitute whoever may be mentioned as Honorary Life Member.

Yours very truly,
E.P. **Coleman**, Tr.

(Item 132)

The First Baptist Church,
Spencer, N.Y.

Under the pastoral charge of

Rev. G.M. **Whittemore**

To the Baptist Church of Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Brethren:

Our Bro. Jason **Dikeman** a member of this Church, in regular standing, having requested a Letter of Dismission from us, to unite with you, we do hereby cordially comply, and commend him to your Christian fellowship and watch care. If received by you within six months, and we are so notified, we shall regard him as dismissed by 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,

L.S. **Shepard** Clerk.

Spencer, N.Y., Oct 4 **1896**

N.B. – The Church receiving this letter will please fill up the annexed blank and return it to us as soon as practicable.

(Item 133)

J.N. **Murdock**, D.D., Honorary Secretary.

S.W. **Duncan**, D.D.,

H.C. **Mabie**, D.D.,

Rev. E.F. **Merriam**, Corresponding Secretaries.

E.P. **Coleman**, Treasurer.

The American Baptist Missionary Union,
2 A Beacon Street, (Lowell Building.)

\$5. 75/100 Boston, Mass., Mch 31 **1893**

The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of five & 75/100 Dollars bal. Centennial Offering from Baptist Church Fredonia N.Y. E.J. **Crissey** Tr
E.P. **Coleman** Treasurer.

(Item 134)

Rochester Theological Seminary.

\$43.27 Rochester, N.Y., July 14, **1893**.

Received, of E.J. **Crissey**, Clk.

Forty three and 27/100 Dollars,

for the New York Baptist Union for Ministerial Education,

From the Fredonia Baptist Church.

With Thanks. S.P. **Merrill** Cor. Sec'y,

No. 5 Trevor Hall.

(Item 135)

C.E. **Giles**,
Wholesale and Retail Dealer in
Flour, Feed and Grain,
Seeds and Salt.

Findley's Lake, N.Y., Dec 14 **1896**

To the first Baptist church in Fredonia

This certifies that sister Maria **Bronson**(?) is a member in good standing of the first Baptist church & in compliance with her own request is affectionately recommended and dismissed to your fellowship.

If notified with in three months of her union with you, we shall consider her as dismissed from us; otherwise this letter shall be null & void.

Done by Order of the church

C.E. **Giles** ch. clk.

(Item 136)

The American Baptist Missionary Union.

2 A Beacon St.,

(Lowell Building.)

S.W. **Duncan**, D.D, Foreign Secretary.

H.C. **Mabie**, D.D., Home Secretary.

Rev. E.F. **Merriam**, Editorial Secretary.

E.P. **Coleman**, Treasurer.

Boston, Mass., Apr 10 **1896**

Mr. E.J. **Crissey**

10 Water St. Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Sir. Yours of 8 inst. just at hand.

We have transferred Your Suspense a/c \$165.94 held for Hon. Life Membership, and whenever you send the names of three persons, we will enter them & prepare the usual certificates.

Very truly Yours

E.P. **Coleman** Treas.

(Item 137a)

Silver Creek, N.Y.

Nov. 6 **1896**

To the Baptist Church in Fredonia

This certifies that Miss Jennie A. **Chadsey** is a member in good standing of the First Bapt. Ch. and in compliance with her own request is affectionately recommended and dismissed to your fellowship.

If notified within six months of her union with you, we shall consider her as dismissed from us, other wise this letter shall be null and void.

In behalf of the church.

Mrs. A. Wm. **Anderson**

Ch. Clerk.

(Item 137b)

The same as *Item 137a* except for a Miss Nellie L. **Chadsey**, with the same date of Nov. 6 **1896**.

(Item 138)

The First Baptist Church of Kane, Pa.

To the Baptist Church of Fredonia, N.Y.

Dear Brethren:

This is to certify, that Brother P.C. **West** is a member of this church in good and regular standing; and is, at his own request, hereby dismissed from us to unite with you. When he shall have so united, of which you will please inform us, his connection with us will cease. May the blessing of God rest on him and on you.

Done by order and in behalf of the Church.

May 7, 1892.
A.B. **Cody**,
Church Clerk.

(Item 139)

Letter of Dismission.

The First Baptist Church of East Otto N.Y.

To any Baptist Church of like faith and order

Dear Brethren:

This is to Certify, That Bro. Charlie S. **Slaght** is a Member of this Church in good and regular standing; and is, at his own request, hereby dismissed from us to unite with you. When he shall have so united, of which you will please inform us, his connection with us will cease.

May the blessing of God rest on him and on you.

Done by order and in behalf of the Church.

July 30. 1892

Surlanty **Barns** Church Clerk.

This letter is valid for six months.

(Item 140)

June 26th 1896

1st Baptist Church,

Fredonia, N.Y.

Greeting:

This certifies that Mrs. L. **Chapman** is a member in good standing of this church and is at her own request dismissed from us to unite with you.

Done by order of the 1st Baptist Church

Titusville, Pa.

R.U.(?)M. **Reid**, Clerk.

(Item 141)

The American Baptist Missionary Union.

2 A Beacon St.,

(Lowell Building.)

S.W. **Duncan**, D.D, Foreign Secretary.

H.C. **Mabie**, D.D., Home Secretary.

Rev. E.F. **Merriam**, Editorial Secretary.

E.P. **Coleman**, Treasurer.

Boston, Mass., Mch 21 1896

Mr. E.J. **Crissey** Treas.

Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Sir. I wrote in Feb. relative to \$165.94 sent from the Fredonia Ch. at sundry times, & held in suspense a/c tow. Hon. Life Membership. We have since recd. \$102.80(?) this month, but no reference was made to this amt, which has never been entered in our receipts.

We should be glad to enter 3 names for Hon. Life Members, & thus have \$165.94 added to our current receipts.

Very truly Yours

E.P. **Coleman** Treas.

(Item 142)

The American Baptist Missionary Union.

2 A Beacon St.,

(Lowell Building.)

S.W. **Duncan**, D.D, Foreign Secretary.

H.C. **Mabie**, D.D., Home Secretary.
Rev. E.F. **Merriam**, Editorial Secretary.
E.P. **Coleman**, Treasurer.

Boston, Mass., Feb 12 **1896**

Mr. Edward J. **Crissey** Treas.

Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Sir. We have been holding in Suspense a/c for Hon Life Memberships the following amounts from Fredonia Bap. Church.

Recd.	Mch 17 1890	\$67.56
	Aug 27 "	15.88
	Mch 21. 1891	73.48
	June 18 "	<u>9.02</u> \$165.94

We should be very glad to receive \$34.06 to add to this sum & enter two names for Hon. Life Members, then transfer the whole \$200 to our Donation a/c. We have been holding this amount a good while, Expecting to hear from you relative to the matter.

Very truly Yours

E.P. **Coleman** Treas.

(Item 143)

The First Baptist Church of
North East, Erie Co., Pa.,
To Any "Baptist Church"
Of Like Faith and Order with Ourselves,
Sendeth Christian Salutation.

Dear Brethren:

This will introduce to you Miss Carrie **Griffin** who was a member of this Church in good and regular standing, and who is hereby at her own request dismissed from membership with us, and whom we cordially commend to your Christian fellowship and watch care. May the blessing of the Master abide with you and the sister who leaves us.

By order of the Church;

J.E. **Williams** Clerk.

North East, Pa., Apr. 18, **1895**

(Item 144)

The First Baptist Church of
North East, Erie Co., Pa.
Under the Pastoral care of Rev. R(?) **Mathews**
To Any "Baptist Church".
Of Like Faith and Order with Ourselves,
Sendeth Christian Salutation.

Dear Brethren:

This will introduce to you Sister Edith **Chase** who is a member of this Church in good and regular standing, and whom we cordially commend 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 as dismissed from us. And may the blessing of the Master abide with you and the Sister who leaves us.

By order of the Church;

Mary A. **Griffin**, Ck.(?)

North East, Pa., Oct. 3rd, **1895**

N.B. – The Church to which this letter is presented is requested to fill up the annexed blank, and to return it immediately, 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.

This Letter of Dismissal is good only for six months, and if not used within that time a renewal should be applied for.

(Item 145a)

New York District.
The American Baptist Home Mission Society,
The General Missionary Organization
Of American Baptists for the Evangelization of North America.
New York, April 7th **1896**

The American Baptist Home Mission Society
Gratefully acknowledges the receipt of
Five Dollars, Add'l
From Fredonia Ch. N.Y.
By E.J. **Crissey**, Clerk.
For General work of the Society
\$5.00
Yours Truly
Halsey **Moore**,
Per A.S.

(Item 145b)

The same as *Item 145a* except in the amount of \$41.50 and dated March 13th **1896**.

(Item 146)

J.N. **Murdock**, D.D., Honorary Secretary.
S.W. **Duncan**, D.D.,
H.C. **Mabie**, D.D., Corresponding Secretaries.
Rev. E.F. **Merriam**, Editorial Secretary.
E.P. **Coleman**, Treasurer.

The American Baptist Missionary Union,
2 A Beacon St., (Lowell Building.)

\$122. 80/100 Boston, Mass., Mch 11 **1896**

The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of One hundred twenty-two & 80/100 Dollars from Bap. Church Fredonia N. Y. by E.J. **Crissey** Esq. Treas.
E.P. **Coleman** Treasurer.

(Item 147)

Rochester Theological Seminary.
\$5.00 Rochester, N.Y., April 22, **1896**.
Received, of Rev. C.E. **Smith**, D.D.
Five Dollars,
for the New York Baptist Union for Ministerial Education,
From the Fredonia Baptist Church.
With Thanks. S.P. **Merrill** Cor. Sec'y,
No. 5 Trevor Hall.

(Item 148)

Conneaut Ohio May 1st **1892**
The First Baptist Church of Conneaut Ohio
To the First Baptist Church of Fredonia New York.
Dear Brethren:
This is to certify that Bro. Geo. L. **Harris** and Sister Mrs. Geo. L. **Harris** and Julia **Harris** are members of this church in good & regular standing and are at their request hereby dismissed from us to unite with you and when they are so united their connection here shall cease. Done by order of & in behalf of church.
S.C. **Andrews** Church Clerk.

(Item 149)

Oct 24th **1896**

Received of R.E. **Morian** per George W. **Blood** (trustee) \$100 dollars in full of all demands for the erection of a veranda at the Baptist Parsonage.

Sly & Coddington

(Item 150)

American Baptist Publication Society
Missionary Department
Robt. G. **Seymour**, D.D.
Missionary and Bible Secretary.
A.J. **Rowland**, D.D., Secretary
1632 Chestnut Street

Philadelphia 7 – 15 – **96**

E.J. **Crissey**

Fredonia N.Y.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of your remittance of \$26.05 as a contribution from Fredonia Baptist Sunday-school for the Missionary Work of the American Baptist Publication Society, Children's Day, **1896**.

Please accept and convey our hearty thanks for the donation. May it be made a great blessing to the givers and receivers.

Yours truly,

American Baptist Publication Society
Per S

(Item 151)

Ellery Oct 5th **1893**

The First Baptist Church of Ellery to the Baptist Church of Fredonia

Dear Brethren

You are requested to send your Pastor & one Delegate to sit in council with us Oct 24th at Eleven O'clock to consider the propriety of publicly setting apart to the work of the gospel ministry our Pastor brother

James L. **Chase**

By order of Church

Mrs. A.D. **Hale**

Clerk

(Item 152)

The First Baptist Church of St. Paul Nebr. To the Baptist Church of Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Brethren:

This is to certify that Mrs. Ida E. **Jolls** is a member of this church in good and regular standing; and, at her own request is hereby dismissed from us to unite with you.

May the blessing of God rest on her and on you.

By order of the Church

Dec. 16 **1891**

Miss Lillian **Quick**(?)

Clerk

(Item 153a)

Baptist Ministers' Home Society of New York.

West Farms, N.Y. City, Novr 30th **1897**

E.J. **Crissey** Esq:

My Dear Bro.

I am just in receipt of your favor of the 28th instant enclosing a Check for \$29.70 for the Baptist Ministers Home Society of New York. I thank you for your Kindness & courtesy in forwarding the same, & I herewith send you receipt for the amount. I should take it as a favor if you would express to the members of the Fredonia Baptist Church our high appreciation of their continued interest in our work.

Yours Fraternally
M.H. **Pogson**

(Item 153b)

The Baptist Ministers' Home Society of New York.
New York, Novr 30th **1897**
Received from E.J. **Crissey** Ch. Clerk for Fredonia Baptist Ch. N.Y.
Twenty-nine 70/100 Dollars,
For the general purposes of the Society.
\$29.70 M.H. **Pogson**

(Item 154)

Conklin Ave.,
Baptist Church,
Binghamton N.Y.,
Sept. **1897**

To the ladies of the church,

We ask the kind sympathy of the ladies of the church to the following: We are about to make a great effort to remove a heavy debt upon our church. By the end of October we hope to remove the entire debt of \$3500, or at least the greater part of it. This large sum has crippled our usefulness, and is the cause of a great deal of embarrassment to us. We are made up of a class of people that are by no means rich, and find it very hard to meet our obligations.

We earnestly appeal to you in this our hour of need. We have always been read as a church to help others in similar straits.

Will you kindly send us at least a dollar to help in this our great effort to serve God with our gifts?

In behalf of the Ladies Aid Society of the church,

Mrs. C.A. **Rogers**,
Secty.

{Tompkins St.
Binghamton}

(Item 155)

American Baptist Publication Society
Missionary Department
Robt. G. **Seymour**, D.D.
Missionary and Bible Secretary.
A.J. **Rowland**, D.D., Secretary
1420 Chestnut Street

Philadelphia, Aug 24 **1897**

E.J. **Crissey**
Fredonia N.Y.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of your remittance of \$27.28 as a contribution from Fredonia Baptist Sunday-school for the Missionary Work of the American Baptist Publication Society, Children's Day, **1897**.

Please accept and convey our hearty thanks for the donation. May it be made a great blessing to the givers and receivers.

Yours truly,
American Baptist Publication Society
Per Ki

(Item 156)

J.N. **Murdock**, D.D., Honorary Secretary.
S.W. **Duncan**, D.D.,
H.C. **Mabie**, D.D., Corresponding Secretaries.

Rev. E.F. **Merriam**, Editorial Secretary.
E.P. **Coleman**, Treasurer.

The American Baptist Missionary Union,
Tremont Temple.

\$106. Boston, Mass., Feb 16 **1897**

The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of One hundred six Dollars from Baptist Church Fredonia N.Y. [crossed out?: by Mr. Ely **Davis**]
E.P. **Coleman** Treasurer.

(Item 157)

New York, Dec. 9th **1897**

The American Baptist Home Mission Society,
Gratefully acknowledges the receipt of
Eighty eight and 23/100 Dollars
From Fredonia Baptist Church, N.Y.,
By E.J. **Crissey**, Esq., Church Clerk,
For Home Missions

\$88.23

Yours very truly,
W.P. **Gleason**(?)
Asst. Treasurer.

(Item 158)

Franklin Aug 5th **1897**

Mr. E.J. **Crissey**

Fredonia NY

Dear Bro in Christ

As I do not expect to return to Fredonia I would like to unite with a church here if the Fredonia church will please grant me a letter to unite with the First Baptist Church of Farmington Michigan .

Fraternally Yours

Olive **Cook**

Franklin

Oakland Co.

Mich.

If I have made a mistake in address'g my request to you please excuse me, I have enclosed a stamp.

(Item 159)

Acme Printing Company.

H.T. **Pratt**, Manager.

Corry, Pa., Jany 14, **1897**

E.J. **Crissey**, Esq.

Church Clerk, Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Sir & Bro.

Bro. Walter **Darwin** and Sister Mary **Darwin** were accepted as members of the First Baptist Church, of Corry, Pa, January 3, **1897** upon letters from you presented by them.

In behalf of the Church.

H.T. **Pratt**

Ch. Clerk

(Item 160)

Fredonia, N.Y., 9/19 **1897**

E.J. **Crissey** For Baptist Church

To F.H. **Edmunds**, Dr.
73 Main Street.
Druggist & Pharmacist.

1897

8/19	1 qt Grape Juice	.50	
	19 pt. " "		<u>3.56</u>
			\$4.06

{Rec'd Payment
F.H. **Edmunds**
By C.A.G.(?)}

(Item 161)

The Cedar St. Baptist Church,
Of Buffalo, N.Y.,
Rev. Geo. **Whitman** Pastor,
To the Baptist Church of Fredonia N.Y.
Of like faith and order with ourselves,
Sendeth Christian Salutation.
Dear Brethren and Sisters:

This is to certify that Mrs. Marion **Spade** is a member of this Church in good and regular standing, and at her request, we do hereby dismiss and commend the same to your Christian fellowship and watch-care. If received by you within six months from this date, and we are so notified, we shall no longer regard her as a member with us.

May the blessing of the great Head of the Church abide with you and the member who leaves us.

By order of the Church,

Harry Fisher

Church Clerk.

Buffalo, N.Y., June 13 **1897**

(Item 162)

Rev. Chas. H.(?) **Smith**,
Fredonia New York.

My dear Pastor. I am not quite sure whether I ought so to address you for I do not know my real relationship with your church. Of course you remember the circumstances were somewhat peculiar, as I did not know my letter from the North East church had been received at Fredonia until nearly a year after its acceptance. I intended to go to you and have the matter straightened in my mind before I came away, but circumstances prevented. Now however, I wish to unite with the Baptist church at this place, where I am engaged in teaching, and I ask your advice. Not knowing whether I am really a member of your church I do not know what to do or ask for but you will know what is necessary to enable me to join with another band of Believers, in name as well as in purpose. I want you to know, Dr. **Smith**, that though I may have been drawn away in some ways from my blessed Father, He is leading me back again into the fullness of His love and presence. "O, how safe are all who trust Him, In the hollow of his hand."

I shall always be pleased to remember your friendly handshake and helpful sermons.

Kindly remember me to Mrs. **Smith**.

Yours In Him,

Edith P. **Chace**,

Hancock, Delaware County, New York,

October third, **1897**.

(Item 163)

The Baptist Church of Stockton NY to the Baptist Church at Fredonia Ny Greeting

Dear Brethren. You are invited to send your Pastor and One Delegate to sit with us in Council to consider the Propriety of Ordaining our Pastor Bro. E.A. **Sermons** to the work of the Gospel Ministry on

Wednesday April 13th **1898** at One O clock P.M.

Done by Order of the Church

Dated April 5th **1898**

H.W. **Seymour** Church Clerk

(Item 164a)

New York Dec. 31, **1898**

My Dear Brother

Your letter dated Dec. 19, **1898** with its remittance of \$41. 11/100 for the work of the Baptist Missionary Convention, is very gratefully received. The offering is placed to its proper credit on our books. Please accept our thanks for it and our assurance that we will use it faithfully in the good work. Find receipt for the amount enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Theo. E. **Schulte** Treas.

(Item 164b)

No. 1952 New York, December 31, **1898**.

Received for the Baptist Missionary Convention of the State of New York,

Forty-one and 11/100 Dollars,

From Fredonia Bapt. Ch. per E.J. **Crissey**

\$41 11/100 Theo. E. **Schulte**, Treas.

(Item 165)

American Baptist Publication Society,

1420 Chestnut Street,

Philadelphia, 8/3 **1891**

No 4248

A.Z. **Madison**

Fredonia N.Y.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of your remittance of \$19.46 as a contribution from Fredonia

Baptist Church for the Missionary Work of the American Baptist Publication Society.

Children's Day, **1891**.

Please accept and convey our hearty thanks for the donation. May it be made a great blessing to the givers and receivers.

Yours truly,

C.C. **Bitting**, Bible and Missionary Secretary

(Item 166)

Amts to be reported to Asson. **1891**.

Home Missions 45.20

Ministers Home N. Yk. City \$32.93

Miss'y Union 73.48

Do Do 9.02

Children's Home Randolph (not Excl. Bap.) 25.30

" " " by Young P. Miss Bd 19.50

New York State Bap Missy Convention 34.21

Ministerial Education 39.93

Bap. Publication Society 19.46

\$279.53

{ Young Ladies Home Miss. Band 51.87

Ladies Foreign Miss'y Union 45.

19.50

395.37

(Item 167)

Sinclairville

April 10th **1898**

The Baptist Church of Fredonia

This is to certify that Mrs. Viola **Apthorp R(?)** a member of our church is in good standing and full fellowship and at her request we grant her a letter to unite with your church we commend her to your church and lose her here with deep regret.

Alice **Jackson**
Church Clerk

(Item 168)

No. 1198 New York, January 12, **1898**.
Received for the Baptist Missionary Convention of the State of New York,
Thirty-eight and 33/100 Dollars,
From Fredonia Bapt. Church per E.J. **Crissey**
\$38 33/100 Theo. E. **Schulte**, Treas., R.

(Item 169)

Hamilton, N.Y.
Apr. 10, **1898**.
Mr. E.J. **Crissey**,
Fredonia, N.Y.

Dear Brother,

Yours with enclosed \$31.77 rec'd. Thank you and all the others for the money. It came at a very opportune time as for that matter, money at any time does.

I was glad to see your letter dated Fredonia which shows that you spend at least some of your time in Fredonia. Are you still working for **Fenner**?

I have just returned from our Annual Glee Club trip. We had a very pleasant and successful time.

The weeks are few now till graduation and I will be so busy the time will soon pass.

Every thing is going well except my finances and the amount you sent will help them for a while.

Hope you are all well,

Yours sincerely

Wm. W. **Barker**

(Item 170)

Fredonia N.Y. March 17 **1898**
The Church of Christ at Fredonia
To the Baptist Church

This is to certify that the bearer Mrs. **Lawson** is a member with us in good standing and full fellowship and we cordially commend her to your Christian love and oversight.

By order of the Church this 17th day of March **1898**.

E.O. **Irvine** Pastor

May **Blume** Clerk

(Item 171)

The First Baptist Church of Forestville, N.Y.,
Under the Pastoral Care of
Rev. C.D. **Hazleton**

To the first Baptist Church of Fredonia N.Y.

Sendeth Greeting:

Dear Brethren:

This is to Certify, That Samantha **Kingsley** is a member in good and regular standing with us, and at Her own request is hereby dismissed for the purpose of uniting with you.

May the blessing of the Great Head of the Church abide with you, and the Sister who leaves us.

Done by order of the Church.

Forestville, N.Y., Jan 3 **1898**

W.G. **Loomis**

Church Clerk.

N.B. – This letter will be valid for six months. Please fill up the annexed blank, and return as soon as possible.

(Item 172)

Baptist Ministers' Home Society of New York.

West Farms, N.Y. City, October 21st 1898

My dear Bro. **Crissey** –

I am just in receipt of your favor of Oct. 18th in which you enclose a check from Fredonia Bap. Church, for \$22.34. Therewith enclose receipt for the amt. with many thanks for this continued evidence of your practical sympathy with us.

Yours Fraternally,

M.H. Pogson

(Item 173)

Hyattsville, Md., Nov. 1, 1898.

Bro. E.J. **Crissey**,

Clerk Fredonia Baptist Church,

Fredonia, N.Y.

Dear Brother;

This certifies that sister Flora E. **Davis**, having presented a letter of recommendation and dismission from you, dated Aug. 4, 1898, has been received as a constituent member of the Hyattsville Baptist Church at Hyattsville, Md.

Harry E. **Davis**,

Church Clerk.

(Item 174)

American Baptist Publication Society

Missionary Department

Robt. G. **Seymour**, D.D.

Missionary and Bible Secretary.

A.J. **Rowland**, D.D., Secretary

1420 Chestnut Street

Philadelphia, Aug. 22. 98.

E.J. **Crissee**,

Fredonia N.Y.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of your remittance of \$31.65 as a contribution from Fredonia Baptist Church N.Y. for the Missionary Work of the American Baptist Publication Society.

Please accept and convey our hearty thanks for the donation. May it be made a great blessing to givers and receivers.

Yours truly,

American Baptist Publication Society

A.J. **Rowland**, Secretary and Acting Treasurer

Per K(?)

(Item 175)

\$500.00 Fredonia N.Y. Nov. 29th 189

To Geo. W. **Belden**, Custodian,

Please pay to Geo. **Tate** or bearer for investment Five Hundred & no/100 Dollars the Barrel Fund now in your possession and this shall be your receipt for the same.

P.C. **West**

W.J. **Benjamin**

O.W. **Fargo**

D.S. **Wright**

M.N. **Munger**

Trustees of the Fredonia Baptist Society

The above amount together with \$500. Poor Fund – (Bequest of Mrs. **Morris**) were this day – Nov. 30th **1898** invested in a mortgage given by Mrs. Rebecca E. **Forbes** on property at the corner of Mechanic & Barker Streets Fredonia N.Y. - \$1000 for 5 years, interest at 5% payable semi-annually – held by E.J. **Crissey** Treas. Poor fund

(Item 176)

Rev. J.N. **Murdock**, D.D., Foreign Sec'y.
Rev. W. **Ashmore**, D.D., Home Sec'y.
E.P. **Coleman**, Treasurer.

The American Baptist Missionary Union,
Tremont Temple,
\$1287. 48/100 Boston, Mass., May 29 **1890**

The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of twelve hundred eighty-seven 48/100 Dollars, bal. in full from the Estate of the late D. **Barrell** Fredonia N.Y. by H.P. **Perrin** Esq. Executor
E.P. **Coleman** Treasurer.

(Item 177)

Extract from the Will of David S. **Wright**.

I also give and bequeath to the Baptist Church in Fredonia, N.Y., which is my customary place of worship the sum of Two hundred dollars but upon condition that said church use \$50. thereof for the Choir of said church and Fifty thereof for the Sunday School of said Church. I also give and bequeath to the Baptist Church of Dunkirk, N.Y., the sum of \$100.00.

(Item 178)

Office of
George I. **Hovey**,
Justice of the Peace.
Deansboro, N.Y., June 13th, **1898**.
Treasurer of the Baptist Church,
Fredonia, N.Y.
Dear Sir, -

I enclose to you a receipt for the amount of the Legacy of the Baptist Church in the Estate of Marion H. **Morris**. Kindly sign where marked, acknowledge before a Notary Public and return to me and I will send to you a New York Draft for the said amount.

Respectfully,
George I. **Hovey**
{Sent Receipt as requested June 15th, **1898**}

(Item 179)

To the Baptist Church of Fredonia N.Y.
Copy of bequest
{Mrs. Marion H. **Morris**}

Office of
George I. **Hovey**,
Justice of the Peace.
Deansboro, N.Y., June 20th, **1898**.
Mr. George **Tate**
Fredonia N.Y.
Dear Sir.

I enclose you Draft for the sum of Five Hundred Dollars in payment of the Legacy of Marion H. **Morris** to the Baptist Church of Fredonia N.Y.

Respectfully,
George L. **Hovey**. Ep.(?)

(Item 180)

To The Presbyterian Church in Fredonia N.Y.

To the Baptist Church in Fredonia N.Y.

To the Methodist Episcopal Church in Fredonia N.Y.

and the Episcopal Church in Fredonia N.Y.

Please take Notice that under the Will of Mrs. Marion H. **Morris**, late of Fredonia N.Y. now deceased, the following Legacy, among other Legacies was given, to-wit:-

“To the Presbyterian Church in Fredonia N.Y. To the Baptist Church in Fredonia N.Y. To the Methodist Episcopal Church in Fredonia N.Y. and the Episcopal Church in Fredonia N.Y. I give each of them Five Hundred Dollars, the interest of the same to be used in behalf of the Poor in those Churches, annually.”

In accordance with such provisions of said decedents Will we herewith remit to each of you the sum of \$500. to be used and enjoyed according to the said provision of said Will-

Dated June 13th **1898**

Very Truly

George I. **Hovey**

Kate J. **Hotchkin**(?)

Executors of said decedents Will

(Item 181)

Shumla, N.Y.

Jan. 21, **1899**.

Mr. E.J. **Crissey**

Fredonia, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter which had been forwarded to me from Chattanooga my former residence. I will try and explain to you as best I can on paper. I joined the Baptist Church when a girl quite young while staying with a friend of that place. My home was at Laona, and as you know there was no church there for me to attend and being young I soon lost all interest in Church for some years. After my marriage we moved south and as it was more convenient we attended the M.E. Church, (my husband's people being members of that church), and becoming interested I wished to join. I first wrote to this friend of mine – Mrs. Lizzy **Barker** – inquiring if my name was still on the record; which I thought had long since been removed on account of my neglect.

I asked her if it was still there if I could get a letter to join the M.E. Church, and was informed that it was against the rules of the Church.

I have now been a member of the M.E. Church about ten years.

I request that my name be taken off of the Books.

And oblige,

Mrs. Mary **Boyd**

Shumla N.Y.

(Item 182)

Buffalo Jan 10th **1899**.

Mr E.J. **Crissey**

Fredonia

Dear Bro

Your letter received and in reply say that Byron S. **Clark** died in Dunkirk the latter part of August or first of September **1897** aged 49 years and 9 months.

For more particulars concerning him, see Mrs. Chas. **Gillson** 37 West Sixth St. Dunkirk as she was with him when he died.

Yours sincerely

Lewis **Aldrich**

422 Goethe St.

Buffalo, N.Y.

(Item 183)

Buffalo N.Y.,

Jan. 20th, /99

Mr. **Crissey**,

Fredonia,

Dear Sir

Having received your letter, in regard to Mr. **Brownell**'s membership, would say that he requests a letter of dismissal from the Fredonia Baptist Church.

Address S.M. **Brownell**, 1595 Broadway, Buffalo, N.Y.

Respectfully yours,

Eliza **Brownell**

(Item 184)

Missionary Department.

New York, Feb. 15, **1899**

\$96.48

The American Baptist Home Mission Society

Gratefully acknowledges the receipt of

Ninety six and 48/100 Dollars, from Fredonia Baptist Church, N.Y., per E.J. **Crissey**, Clerk for Home Missions

Frank R. **Hathaway** Treasurer.

(Item 185)

Farmersville Sta. N.Y.

Mar. 1. **1899**

To the Baptist Church in Fredonia:

This certifies that Elmer E. **Hardy** and Mrs. Ettie **Hardy** are members of the First Baptist church. In times past they have been very earnest workers, but for a few years they have been away from this place. In compliance with their own request, they are recommended and dismissed to your fellowship, and may the blessing of God rest upon them and you is our prayer.

If notified within six months of their union with you, we shall consider them as dismissed from us; otherwise this letter shall be null and void.

In behalf of the church.

(Miss) Nettie M. **Charles** Clerk.

(Item 186)

110 Second Street.

Williams Bridge,

New York City.

August 1st **1898**.

My Dear Pastor,

I address you thus for, probably, the last time. It is far from a pleasant duty to ask for a letter of dismissal from the Church at Fredonia, but after long consideration and much waiting upon God I have decided to do so. the Fredonia Church took me by the hand in dark days – let sunshine into my life, and under God, made it possible for me to live along lines of righteousness, and ultimately, to enter the Christian Ministry.

Providence called me away from your section of the State, and my home has been here during the past ten years. My children have been a joy to me inasmuch as they have all surrendered their lives to the Saviour, and are members of the Church. On June 15th Nellie was happily married, and it appears as though my second daughter Ethel will soon follow in her sister's footsteps. The interests of my life necessarily cluster here. A good brother who had been associate pastor at the Peddie Memorial Church, Newark – the Rev.

Clayton **Grimell** – is, largely through my commendation – pastor here. My Nellie with her husband have gone to live a few miles nearer the centre of the City. These facts have brought about my decision to ask you to request for me at the August Covenant Meeting or any other convenient time a letter of dismissal to Immanuel Baptist Church, Williams Bridge, New York City, Rev. Clayton **Grimell**, Pastor.

It may be that in the future I may be able to do something in a material way for the Church I have fellowshiped with in spirit these several years – but you know how it has hitherto been with me in this regard.

With cherished memories, and praying continually that [The rest of the letter cuts off here, except for the words "Church may" later in the line. It appears that the letter has been crinkled at the bottom and thus is not legible.]

(Item 187)

Delevan N.Y. Apr. 2 '98

To the First Baptist Church of Fredonia

Dear Brethren:

This is to certify that Mrs. Sonia **Arnold** is a member with us in good and regular standing and at her request is affectionately recommended to your fellowship and when notified by you we will consider her as dismissed from us.

Done in behalf and by order of the Yorkshire Ctr First Baptist Church at the last Covenant Meeting Apr. 2. '98. Your brother in Christ.

Murray **Cobb** Ch. Clerk.

(Item 188)

The Baptist Ministers' Home Society of New York.

Brooklyn, October 21st 1898.

Received from E.J. **Crisey** – Clerk First Bap. Church Fredonia N.Y.

Twenty two 34/100 Dollars, for the general purposes of the Society.

\$22.34 M.H. **Pogson**

(Item 189)

Letter of Notification.

Buffalo Mch 7 1898

To the Fredonia Baptist Church

Dear Brethren:

You are hereby notified,

That Bro & Sister **Aldrich** was received by letter from you to membership in the Parkside Baptist Church.

Jany 12 1898

Wm **Kelderhouse** Church Clerk.

(Item 190)

[This is a blank letter of commendation and dismissal from the Fredonia Baptist Church.]

The Fredonia Baptist Church:

To any other church of the same faith,

Sendeth Christian Salutation:

Dear Brethren:

This certifies that ----- is a member in good and regular standing with us, and at --- request, made at a ----- meeting, held ----- 18-- this letter of dismissal was granted to --- for the purpose of uniting with you.

We cordially commend --- to your Christian fellowship.

When united with you & we are notified, --- membership with us will cease.

By a standing Resolution of this Church, letters of dismissal 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 ----- day of ----- 18--
----- Church Clerk.

(Item 191)

Rochester Theological Seminary.

Rochester, N.Y., Apr 12 1899

My Dear Friend:--

Yours at hand enclosing the sum of \$35.80 from Fredonia Bapt. Church for the New York Baptist Union for Ministerial Education. I herewith enclose my Receipt for the amount. Thanking you for the timely offering and kind interest, I am
Gratefully yours,
J.R. Henderson.

(Item 192)

The American Baptist Missionary Union.
Tremont Temple.
J.N. **Murdock**, D.D., For. Sec.
Wm. **Ashmore**, D.D., Home Sec.
E.P. **Coleman**, Treasurer.

Boston, Mass., June 11 **1890**

H.P. **Perrin** Esq.

Exr.

Fredonia N.Y.

My dear Sir

Herewith find receipt for \$1287.48 recd, May 29 in full for bal. due the Union from the **Barrell** estate.

Very Respectfully Yours

E.P. **Coleman** Tr.

(Item 193)

[Typewritten, unsigned, and not labeled.]

TWELFTH.—I hereby give, devise and bequeath to the Fredonia Baptist Society the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, (\$500.00) the interest thereon to be used and expended annually for the first five years as the trustees of said church shall direct and at the expiration of said five year period the principal thereof to be used and expended as the said trustees shall direct, or be invested by them as they shall deem meet and proper. The intention being that at the expiration of said five year period the said trustees should have power and authority to use or expend the said bequest of \$500.00 in any manner they see fit.

(Item 194)

The first Baptist Church,
Duluth, Minn.

To the First Baptist Church of Fredonia N.Y.

of like Faith and Order with ourselves, sendeth Christian salutation:

Dear Brethren:

Our beloved Bro & Sister Mr. & Mrs. N.J. **McLean** a member of this Church in regular standing, having requested a letter of Dismission from us to unite with you, we do hereby cordially recommend them to your Christian fellowship and watch-care. If received by you within three months from this date, and we are so notified, we shall regard them as dismissed from us.

Done by order of the Church:

Alvin **Bonsfield**

Clerk.

Dated this 2nd day of Nov. **1899**.

(Item 195)

Letter of Dismission.

The First Baptist Church of Corry, Pa.,

To Fredonia Baptist Church of Like Faith and Order, Greeting.

Dear Brethren:

This is to Certify, That Wm. **Greshem Gibbs** is a Member of this Church in good and regular standing; and is, at his own request, hereby dismissed from us with liberty to unite with you. When he shall have so united, of which you will please inform us, his connection with us will cease.

May the blessing of God rest on him and on you

Done by order and in behalf of the Church.

