

Extractions from selected Baptist association meetings, 1836 – 1863

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*Editors' Note: The extractions that follow were taken from the minutes of annual and semi-annual meetings of the Chautauque Baptist Association (1836), the Harmony Baptist Association (1842, 1847, and 1848), and the Erie Baptist Association (1848 through 1863), all of which were found among documents collected by A. Z. **Madison** during his more than four decades in Fredonia, New York. These associations included Baptist churches of Chautauqua County, western Cattaraugus County, and northwestern Pennsylvania. **Madison's** collection does not include the records of every year. Missing are those for 1837-1841, 1843-1846, and the semi-annual meeting of 1856. Leaving aside the routine business of the meetings, these extracts include the names of all participants. Also included are quotes from all the statements that relate to slavery, temperance, and other social/cultural issues of the time. The transcription attempts to reproduce the original text including odd spellings and typographical errors.*

Of particular importance is the typography in what was sometimes called the "Statistical Table," which appears in most of the associations' minutes. The Statistical Table is a list of the churches represented at a particular meeting, the name of each church clerk, the names of the delegates from each church, and any relevant statistics, such as the number of people added to a church by baptism, total church membership, etc. The Statistical Table was made up from the data in the "letter," or report, submitted by the clerk of each participating church. Because the functions and powers of the church officials varied, the designation of each office was indicated in the Statistical Table typographically. The names of ordained ministers were given in small capital type, and that of licentiates in italics. A single line (_____) indicated the church in question had no settled pastor at that time. In these extractions, these notations have been replaced by an editors' note in brackets.

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1836 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Thirteenth Anniversary of the Chautauque Baptist Association held in the Baptist Meeting House in Harmony, Sept. 8 & 9, 1836. Printed by H. C. Frisbee, Fredonia, 1836.*

J. W. **Sawyer** (Moderator), Orren **Witherell** (Clerk), B. N. **Leach** (Assistant Clerk and Corresponding Secretary), and M. W. **Abell** (Treasurer).

Guests: A. **M'Clay**, D. **Bernard**, I. **Sawyer**, and J. **Boardman**.

Churches and Messengers:

Pomfret: B. N. **Leach**, Joy **Handy**, Ira **Corwin**, Josiah **More**.

Mayville: J. W. **Sawyer**, Dea. H. **Walker**, J. **Parkhurst**.

2nd Hanover: A. S. **Jones**, D. **Woodbury**.

Harmony: P. **Cross**, S. **Powers**, H. **Cramer**.

2nd Stockton: O. **Witherell**, C. **Batchellor**, A. **Seymour**, S. **Crissey, Jr.**

Ellery: J. **Wilson**, Dea. J. **Putnam**, P. **Annis**, Job **Arnold**.

Jamestown: Z. M. **Palmer**, P. H. **Bonney**.

Carroll: Jacob **Balcom**, Luther **Howard**.

1st Hanover: James **Bennet**, Dea. **Brownell**, Dea. **Taylor**.

Busti: I. C. **Stoddard**, Stephen **Frank**, Emry **Davis**, J. **Bullock**.

Randolph: Alonzo **Frank**, H. P. **Cradle**, Elmore **Draper**.

Clymer: E. R. **Swain**, T. **Raveling**, D. P. **Phinney**, John **Raveling**.

Canadaway: [No pastor], Thomas **Morton**.

Westfield: Rumsey **Sexton**.

Ashville: D. J. **Graves**, S. **Eaton**, N. **Kissler**.

Portland: Charles **LaHatt**, Ethem **Post**, A. B. **Post**.

Cassadaga: W. **Winsor**, A. B. **Fisher**, Ebenezer **Smith**.

North Harmony: Wm. **Butts**, Daniel **Walden**, Dea. D. **Cowles**.
Gerry & Charlotte: James **Scofield**, Alfred **Dan**, Cyrus **Whipple**.
Dunkirk: [No pastor], M. W. **Abell**, J. **Lincoln**.
Silver Creek: [No Pastor], Dea. C. **Strong**, Ebenezer **Slawson**.
North East & Ripley: Orange **Spencer**, Levi **Orton**.
1st Stockton: [“Supply half the time”], D. **Knowlton**, Francis **Soul**, Jan **Vanwort**.
Pine Grove: Levant **Rathbun**.
Ellington: James **Glasier**, Dea. W. **Bonney**, Dea. S. B. **Stone**.
__ Ripley: John **Sawin**, Samuel **Codington**.
Perrysburgh: [No pastor], (Letter)
Villanova: I. L. **Frary**, Ziba **Balcome**.
Leon: (no information)
Napoli: (no information)
Cherry Creek: Stephen **Tanner**.
Lottsville: Samuel **Clivard**, R. **Paine**, Ansel **Estee**.
Warren: Elisha **Doty**.
French Creek: Alanson **Pease**.
Sherman: (no information)
Mina: Orange **Spencer**.
1st Ripley: Geo. **Sawin**.
Harbor Creek: (no information)

Selected Actions:

21st Resolution:

Resolved, That this Association regard the making and vending of ardent spirits, and its use as a drink, as being dangerous to the civil and religious institutions of our country, to the peace and happiness of individuals, families, and churches; and to the eternal interests of men; that patriotism, philanthropy and religion, imperiously require, that all men should unite to banish this great evil from our land, by the practice of total abstinence; and that those who are engaged in this unholy traffic, should cease from it, and no longer presume upon the forbearance of God.

Others mentioned in the Treasurer’s Report or in Pledges:

J. **Wilson**, Mrs. T. **Bucknall**, Aaron **Gleason**, Mrs. Welthy **Winsor**, Sister **Barns**, Silas **Terry**,
 Thomas **Morton**, Benj. **Rice**, Jr., Silas B. **Stone**, Elizabeth **Johnson**, Rebecca **Chamberlain**,
 Lois **Crandle**, Polly **Sherman**, Mrs. **Godington**, Syntha **More**, Harriet **Brayton**, Electa **Sexton**,
 Lydia **Rice**, Caroline F. **Salsbury**, Laomy **Frink**, Julia **Sherman**.

1842 / Extracts from: *The Fourth Session of the Harmony Baptist Association held in the Baptist Meeting House of the Clymer Church, August 30th, 31st, and September 1st, 1842. Printed by A. Fletcher, Jamestown, 1842.*

Orrin **Dodge** (Moderator), A. **Chapin** and E. R. **Swain** (Clerks), J. B. **Burrows** (Treasurer)

Guests: James **Going**, Whitman **Metcalf**, Zenas **Freeman**, Oliver **Alford**.

Clerks: A. A. **Atherly** (*Ashville, Harmony*), Emry **Davis** (*Busti*), David **Boyd** (*Carroll, 1st Carroll*), Lyman **Howard** (*Frewsburg, 2nd Carroll*), D. P. **Phinney** (*Clymer*), H. H. **Lebaren** (*Dewittville*), W. A. **Street** (*French Creek*), Samuel **Fisher** (*Greenfield*), Jesse P. **Backus** (*Wesleyville, Harbor Creek*), Noble **Gates** (*Panama, Harmony*), Wm. **Breed** (*Jamestown*), Silas **Estee** (*Lottsville, PA*), Jesse **Brooks** (*Mayville*), George **Collier** (*Mina*), Ira B. **Lott** (*North East & Ripley*), David **Jackson** (*Magnolia, North Harmony*), George **Ewers** (*Russelburgh, Oak Hill, Pine Grove*), H. **Mason** (*Ripley*), D. O. **Montague** (*Mina, Sherman*), Norman **Snyder** (*Warren*), J. P. **Grant** (*Wayneville*), Titus **Roe** (*Centreville, West Portland*).

Delegates:

Ashville: W. R. **Brooks** [ordained], H. H. **Phelps** [licentiate] Dea. N. **Kessler**, Dea. J. J. **Atherly**, J. **Ticknor**, Wm. **Nichols**, A. **Southwick**.

Busti: E. R. **Swain** [ordained], Dea. J. **Bullock**, F. **Sowl**, J. **Frank**, S. **Frank**, Spencer **Abbott**, H. **Miller**.

1st Carroll: M. **Colby** [ordained], D. **Boyd**, M. **Boyd**, Luther **Howard**.

2nd Carroll: M. **Colby** [ordained], P. **Annis**, E. **Howard**.

Clymer: L. **Rathbun** [ordained], T. **Ravlin** [ordained], H. **Connelly** [licentiate], Dea. D. P. **Phinney**.

Dewittville: E. **Richmond** [ordained], Dea. J. **Putnam**, J. W. **Hines**.

French Creek: Dea. J. **Ravlin**, G. F. **Herrick**, P. S. **Hawley**, W. A. **Street**.

Greenfield: J. S. **Leonard** [ordained], N. **Darrow**, C. **Craft**.

Harbor Creek: A. **Williams** [ordained], Dea. S. **Alden**, H. **Luther**, W. **Avery**, S. **West**.

Harmony: C. **Sanderson** [ordained], S. **Powers** [ordained], J. **Arnold** [licentiate], Dea. S. **Brayton**.

Jamestown: A. **Chapin** [ordained], I. C. **Stoddard** [ordained], Z. M. **Palmer** [ordained], I. **Stoddard** [licentiate], Dea. J. C. **Breed**, Dea. A. **Partridge**, Dea. N. H. **Stow**, Wm. **Breed**, S. **Hall**, S. **Shearman**, R. **Warner**, E. **Edgerton**, J. **Marsh**.

Lottsville: E. **Gill** [ordained], J. **Estee**.

Mayville: O. **Dodge** [ordained], Dea. H. **Walker**, J. **Brooks**, J. **Chamberlain**, J. B. **Burrows**, O. H. **Gibbs**, Wm. **Bloomer**, G. **Shaver**.

Mina: D. **Waldo, Jr.**, G. **Collier**.

North East & Ripley: Dea. T. **Histed**, A. **Bush**, D. **Sailes**, H. **Guile**.

North East Borough: E. M. **Alden** [ordained], O. **Spencer** [ordained and not present], Dea. E. B. **Paine**, M. **Jones**, Wm. H. **Johnson**.

North Harmony: P. **Cross** [ordained], Wm. **Butts** [ordained and not present], Dea. Wm. **Acocks**, C. C. **Hurlburt**.

Oak Hill: Dissolved.

Pine Grove: S. **Alvord**.

Ripley: G. W. **Davis** [licentiate] G. **Sawin** [ordained and not here], G. H. **Wattles**, J. **Selden**, A. **Mason**, G. P. **Wattles**, E. C. **Wattles**, M. **White**.

Sherman: E. B. **Sparks** [ordained], Dea. J. **Hill**, B. **Boorman**, D. O. **Montague**, K. **Dean**, G. **Vanness**, B. **Selden**.

Warren: E. **Gill** [ordained], J. B. **Staunton**.

Waynesville: A. **Williams** [ordained], Dea. J. **Harris**, S. **Dunham**, R. **Beaver**, H. **Butler**, D. **Dunham**, A. S. **Harrington**.

Westfield (no information)

West Portland: J. **Wilson** [ordained], F. **Herrick**, C. B. **Andrews**, L. **Taylor**.

Guests:

Chautauque: J. L. **Richmond**, J. **Johnson**, H. **Smith**, A. **Fink**, J. **Waugh**, S. S. **Walker**, E. **Draper**.

French Creek: Roswell **Cheeny**, Wm. **Look**, Thos. R. **Clark**, F. **Kidder**, Dea. J. **Chamberlain**.

Cattaraugus: E. C. **Rogers**.

Buffalo, Madison, Niagara: W. **Metcalf**

Ontario: Z. **Freeman**

Selected Actions:

4. Resolved, That total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks as a beverage is the imperative duty of every christian, and we recommend to all our churches, to recognize this principle in the reception of members.

5. Resolved, That we look upon Slavery as it exists at the South as a great moral evil, and do most affectionately beseech our brethren, to put away this sin for their own good and the good of the oppressed.

1847 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Ninth Annual Session of the Harmony Baptist Association, held with the Harmony Baptist Church in Panama, Chautauque, N.Y., August 24th, 25th, and 26th, 1847, Mayville, N.Y., Printed by John F. Phelps. 1847.*

Moderator: Orrin **Dodge** (*Mayville*), Treasurer: Jabez B. **Burrows** (*Mayville*), Corresponding Secretary: Spencer S. **Ainsworth** (*Panama*).

Guests: C. B. **Keyes** (*Philadelphia*), Bro. A. **Handy** (*Home Mission Society*), J. J. **Fuller** (*Chaut. Home Miss.Soc.*), Bro M. A. **Richards** (*Rock River, IL*).

Clerks:

A. A. **Atherly** (*Harmony*), Emry **Davis** (*Busti*), H. S. **Boyd** (*Carroll*), W. R. **Connelly** (*Clymer*), H. H. **LeBaren** (*Dewittville*), W. A. **Street** (*French Creek*), E. **Howard** (*Frewsburg*), J. **Crain** (*Harbor Creek, PA*), A. **Blackmer** (*Harmony, Panama*), E. **Mitchell** (*Jamestown*), No information (*Lottsville, PA*), J. **Brooks** (*Mayville*), J. B. **Lott** (*North East, PA*), D. **Jackson** (*North Harmony, Magnolia*), E. A. **Sawin** (*Ripley*), K. **Dean** (*Sherman*), E. **Winchester** (*Warren, PA*), A. **Estee** (*Wayneville, Wayne, Erie co., PA*) D. **Hall** (*Westfield*), G. **Spencer** (*West Portland*).

Delegates:

Ashville: Levant **Rathbun** [ordained], H. H. **Phelps** [licentiate], Dea. J. J. **Atherly**, Bro. T. **Jenner**, Bro. W. **Nichols**.

Busti: F. **Kidder** [ordained], I. C. **Stoddard** [ordained], Benj. **Oviatt** [ordained and not present], Ira Joy **Stoddard** [licentiate], Dea. J. **Bullock**, Dea. H. **Abbott**, Bro. Asa **Phillips**, Bro. E. **Davis**, Bro. J. **Frank**, Bro. W. **Frank**, Bro. S. **Abbott**, Bro. Andrew **Phillips**, Bro. C. F. **Temple**, Bro. A. A. **Stoddard**.

Carroll: [No pastor], Bro. J. **Boyd**, Bro. M. **Boyd**, Bro. O. **Weatherby**, Bro. W. **Lazelle**.

Clymer: N. **Thomas** [ordained], Dea. D. P. **Phinney**, Bro. H. **Case**, Bro. S. **Terry**, Bro. E. **Underwood**.

Dewittville: E. B. **Sparks** [ordained], O. **Putnam**, Dea. J. **Putnam**, Dea. N. **Kesler**.

French Creek: P. S. **Hawley** [ordained], Br. A. **Goodrich**.

Frewsburg: A. **Frink** [ordained], Dea. P. **Annis**, Bro. J. **Myers, Jr.**, Bro. G. W. **Fenton**, Bro. E. M. **Curtis**.

Harbor Creek: A. L. L. **Potter** [ordained], Dea. S. **Alden**, Dea. J. **Slade**, Br. S. **Stephens**.

Harmony: S. S. **Ainsworth** [ordained], C. **Sanderson** [ordained], Dea. H. **Blackmer**, Dea. N. **Chamberlain**, Brn. A. **Button**, Bro. H. H. **Glidden**, Bro. D. G. **Powers**, Bro. A. **Matteson**.

Jamestown: [No pastor], Z. M. **Palmer** [ordained], Dea. J. C. **Breed**, Bro. H. **Covey**, Bro. G. J. **Butler**, Bro., E. **Mitchell**, Bro., J. **Southland**, Bro. G. B. **Ford**.

Lottsville: (no information)

Mayville: O. **Dodge** [ordained], Dea. J. B. **Burrows**, Dea. H. L. **Walker**, Bro. R. **Jones**, Bro. N. **Van Ness**, Bro. A. **Russell**, Bro. O. H. **Gibbs**, Bro. R. **Windsor**, Bro. B. **Darrow**.

Mina: (no information)

North East, PA: A. L. L. **Potter** [ordained], Dea. E. **Mallory**, Dea. S. **Malick**, Bro. W. **Johnson**, Bro. H. **Dean**.

North Harmony: P. **Cross** [ordained], Dea. D. **Cowles**, Br. S. **Barney**.

Pine Grove, PA: (no information)

Ripley: M. **Roberts** [licentiate], Dea. J. A. **Newbury**, Bro. G. B. **Wattles**, Bro. E. A. **Sawin**.

Sherman: C. **Sanderson** [ordained], Bro. A. E. **Lyon**, Bro. K. **Dean**, Bro. J. **Chamberlain**.

Warren, PA: W. R. **Northrop** [ordained].

Wayneville: A. **Williams** [ordained], Bro. P. **Maynard**, Bro. C. **Hackett**, Bro. C. C. **Capron**.

Westfield: Bro. D. **Hall**, Bro. S. **Coddington**.

West Portland: C. **LaHatt** [ordained], Dea. L. **Bartholomew**, Br. G. **Spencer**.

Guests:

A. C. **Barrell** (*Buffalo*), C. **Carlton** (*Buffalo*), W. **Walden** (*French Creek*), N. **Thomas** (*French Creek*), W. **Look** (Chautauque Home Mission Society), A. **Frink** (Chautauque H. M. S.), J. M. **Purinton** (Chautauque H. M. S.), A. **Handy** (Chautauque H. M. S.), J. J. **Fuller** (Chautauque H. M. S.), M. A. **Richardson** (Rock River Association, Illinois), W. **Walden** (Cassewago, PA).

Selected Actions:

Resolution 5: Resolved, That we bear unequivocal and decided testimony against the use of Alcoholic drinks -- American Slavery – and Secret, Oath bound Societies of all names; and recommend that the Churches keep themselves clear in these matters.

Digest of Letters:

Westfield: “They hate Slavery and all other institutions of the Devil.”

1848 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the First Anniversary of the Erie Baptist Association (in Cattaraugus & Chautauque Counties, N.Y.) Held in the Baptist Meeting House, in the Village of Forestville, Chautauque County, N. Y., September 5, 6, 7, 1848.*
Printed at the Censor office, Fredonia, N.Y., 1848.

Moderator: Alfred **Handy** (*Randolph, N.Y.*)
Treasurer: N. **Mixer** (*Forestville, N.Y.*)
Corresponding Secretary: B. C. **Willoughby** (*Cherry Creek, N.Y.*)
Clerk: S. **Barrett** (*Forestville*)

Special Committee: Br. J. **Chandler**, Samuel **Price**, N. **Mixer**, D. **Morse** and J. J. **Fuller**, to consider the matter between this body and the Chautauque Association.
Committee of Arrangements: Brn. B. C. **Willoughby**, J. B. **McClanathan**, A. **Frink**, I. J. **Kennan**, and M. T. **Wadsworth**.

Guests: Br. **Danforth** (*Evans, Erie County*), Br. S. **Ainsworth** (*Panama*), S. **Ackerly** (*Genesee River Association*), Charles **LaHatt** (*Harmony Association*), F. **Kidder** (*Busti*), Spencer **Ainsworth** (*Harmony*), C. M. **Richmond** (from *Indiana*), A. P. **Mather**.

Clerks:

Casadaga: A. B. **Fisher**
Cherry Creek: Furman **Mount**
Clear Creek: J. C. **Cady**
Dayton: S. M. **Shaw**
Ellery: C. G. **Maples**
Forestville: Dr. S. **Barrett**
1st Hanover: N. **Hopper**
3rd Hanover: C. R. **Leland**
Leon: H. H. **Horner**
Poland: Jos. **Brininstool**
1st Perrysburgh: E. M. **Pettit**
Randolph: James R. **Thomas**
Sinclairville: R. D. **Shearman**
2d. Stockton: A. P. **Leach**

Delegates:

Casadaga: M. T. **Wadsworth** [ordained], A. **Lyon**, N. **Munger**, A. B. **Fisher**
Cherry Creek: B. C. **Willoughby** [ordained], Dea. C. **Strang**, Fitch **Hyatt**, Jairus **Nash**, Furman **Mount**, Alford **Wilcox**
Clear Creek: A. **Frink** [ordained], Dea. S. B. **Stone**, J. C. **Cady**, John **Cox**, John **Green**, R. B. **Clark**.
Dayton: J. J. **Trumbull** [ordained], S. M. **Shaw**, Ebenezer **Roberts**, H. **Merrill**, H. **Fuller**.
Ellery: J. J. **Fuller**, Dea. C. **Parker**, J. R. **Brownell**, Harvey **Hale**, Abel **Lewis**, Wm. H. **Atherly**.
Forestville: [No pastor], Dea. J. B. **Stutson**, Dea. W. **Downer**, Dea. C. **Glass**, S. **Barrett**, N. **Mixer**, J. B. **McClanathan**, Thomas **Frink**, S. **Convis**, J. **Dennison**, Wm. **Cranston**, Wm. **Everett**.
1st Hanover: W. B. **Williams** [ordained], Alva **Davis**, Jesse **Livermore**, George **Love**, N. **Hopper**.
3d Hanover: [No pastor], Dea. D. **Gardner**, Dea. L. **Tower**, S. **Eaton**, S. **Record**, C. R. **Leland**.
Leon: A. **Frink** [ordained], Dea. Geo. **Shannon**, Sam'l. B. **Shannon**, Wm. **Saunders**, D. **Morse**.
Poland: Jos. **Brininstool**, Elijah **Divine**.

1st Perrysburgh: J. C. **Allison** [ordained], N. **Wood** [ordained].

Randolph: A. **Handy** [ordained], Harvey **Frink**, Samuel **Price**, James N. **Price**, L. J. **Kennan**.

Sinclairville: [No pastor], John **Chandler**, R. D. **Shearman**, John **McAllister**.

2d Stockton: S. P. **Way** [ordained], Dea. J. **Crissey**, H. **Crissey**.

Selected Actions:

Resolution: Whereas 1st Hanover, 3d Hanover, 2d. Stockton and 1st Perrysburgh churches, have made propositions to unite in association with the churches composing the Connewango Association: Therefore, Resolved, That we recommend to the delegates from the churches composing the Connewango Association, to unite with the delgates from the said sister churches in an Association to be called the Erie Baptist Association, and that said Erie Association adopt the constitution and by-laws of the Connewango Association, and that this be the first session of the Erie Baptist Association; which was adopted, with the exception that the 13th rule of order be stricken out from the minutes.

Other Resolutions:

1. Resolved, That any Secret Society, under whatever plausible pretext of benevolence, is utterly unworthy of our support and fellowship.
4. On motion of Br. C. R. **Leland**, it was Resolved, that we would advise the Churches to discourage all unreasonable jealousies against members of Secret Societies, and to treat them with the forbearance and charity which the gospel requires.
5. On motion of Br. D. **Morse**, it was Resolved, That we deeply deplore the connexion of any portion of the Christian World, and especially the Baptist denomination, with the sin of Slavery; and we recommend to the Ministers and Churches composing this body, that by every instrumentality which the Gospel furnishes wherewith to combat sin, they labor for its extinction.

1847-1848 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Tenth Annual Session of the Harmony Baptist Association. Held with the Baptist Church in Frewsburg, Chautauque Co., N. Y., August 29th, 30th, and 31st, 1848. F. W. Palmer & Co., Printers, Jamestown.*

Franklin **Kidder**, *Busti* (Moderator), Jabez B. **Burrows**, *Mayville* (Treasurer), Spencer S. **Ainsworth**, *Panama* (Corresponding Secretary)

Guests: D. **Searl** (*Buffalo*), G. **Dodge** (*French Creek*), L. S. **Stowell** (*Madison*), J. J. **Fuller** (*Conewango*), A. **Frink** (visiting delegate).

Clerks:

Ashville, Harmony: A. A. **Atherly**

Busti: E. **Davis**

Carroll: H. S. **Boyd**

Clymer: Wm. R. **Connelly**

Dewittville: H. H. **LeBaren**

Frewsburg: E. **Howard**

Harbor Creek, Wesleyville, PA: S. C. **Stevens**

Harmony, Panama: A. **Blackmer**
Jamestown: E. **Mitchell**
Mayville: J. **Brooks**
North East, PA: Ira B. **Lott**
North Harmony, Magnolia: D. **Jackson**
Pine Grove, PA: George **Ewers**
Ripley Centre: E. A. **Sawin**
Sherman: Kiler **Dean**
Warren, PA: E. **Winchester**
Wayneville, PA: C. **Hackett**
West Portland, Portland: G. **Spencer**

Delegates:

Ashville, Harmony: G. W. **Sisson** [ordained], H. H. **Phelps** [licentiate], Alex. A. **Mead** [licentiate], Dea. J. J. **Atherly**, Edsen **Hurlbut**, Orange **Phelps**.
Busti: Franklin **Kidder** [ordained], I. C. **Stoddard** [ordained], I. J. **Stoddard** [ordained], W. R. **Northrop** [ordained], Benj. **Oviat** [ordained], Dea. J. **Bullock**, Dea. H. **Abbott**, J. **Frank**, A. **Philips**, T. **Tuttle**, S. **Abbott**.
Carroll: E. B. **Sparks** [ordained], Joel **Boyd**, H.S. **Boyd**.
Clymer: N. **Thomas** [ordained], H. H. **Connelly**, A. S. **Underwood**.
Dewittville: R. D. **Pierce** [ordained], O. **Putnam** [licentiate], Dea. J. **Putnam**, Dea. R. **Herrick**.
Frewsburg: E. B. **Sparks** [ordained], Dea. P. **Annis**, Dea. L. **Howard**, G. W. **Fenton**, J. **Miner**, Jr., E. **Howard**.
Harbor Creek, Wesleyville, PA: B. M. **Alden** [ordained].
Panama, Harmony: S. S. **Ainsworth** [ordained], Ambrose **Blackmer**, John F. **Smith**, Handy **Cramer**, Warren **Daniels**, R. E. **Winsor**.
Jamestown: Levant **Rathbun** [ordained], Z. M. **Palmer** [ordained], Dea. J. C. **Breed**, Chauncey **Ide**, L. **Wellington**, G. J. **Butler**, E. **Mitchell**.
Mayville: [No pastor], I. C. **Stoddard** [ordained], Dea. J. B. **Burrows**, N. **Van Ness**, R. **Jones**.
North East, PA: Zebina **Smith** [ordained and not present], A. **Partridge**.
North Harmony: Palmer **Cross** [ordained], Samuel **Barney**, E. **Berry**, M. **Butts**.
Pine Grove, PA: [No pastor], Calvin **Ellis** [licentiate], Dea. J. **Allen**.
Ripley Centre: Malcom **Roberts** [ordained], George **Sawin** [ordained and not present], Dea. J. A. **Newbury**.
Sherman: Chas. **Sanderson** [ordained], Dea. J. **Hill**, D. **Eastman**, J. **Brooman**.
Warren, PA: [No pastor], E. **Doty**.
Wayneville, PA: A. **Williams**, C. **Hackett**.
West Portland, Portland: Charles **La Hatt** [ordained and not present], J. **Brown**, E. **Monfort**.

Clergy: B. C. **Willoughby**.

Selected Actions:

Resolutions: 1st: That we bear unequivocal and decided testimony against the use of alcoholic drinks and against American slavery.

Selections from Digest of Letters:

“... Busti -- rejoice in their preservation as a church, and in the administration of the gospel and its ordinances – regret the loss of some valuable members by death, and their indifference to spiritual things – are sometimes cheered by hope, and then disappointed – express their disapprobation of secret societies, slavery, and all sin – and ask to be remembered in prayer by the Churches composing this body.

“... Jamestown -- grasp the warm hand with pleasure indicative of the brotherly love glowing within – have been wading through difficulties – secured the labors of their pastor in March last – the Church revived – some sinners converted – have paid an oppressive debt of two hundred dollars – enjoy peace among themselves – abhor oppression, and pity the slave and his oppressor.

“... North Harmony -- send no special good tidings – their cup is mixed – rejoice that the Lord reigneth – mourn their want of holiness and consecration to God – peaceful but not without trials – sustain the Free Mission but have no war with their brethren – wish some secret societies were annihilated – commend rather Christian society – they hate slavery, but expect to reform themselves or others only as they have the spirit of Christ.

“Many of the Churches sustain, as they inform us, interesting Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes; and others besides those noticed above express their abhorrence of secret societies, of slavery, and of all popular sins, but the detail is omitted, to prevent repetition.”

1849 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Second Session of the Erie Baptist Association held in the Baptist Meeting House in the Town of Stockton, Chautauque County, N.Y., September 4, 5, & 6, 1849. Printed at the Censor office, Fredonia, N.Y., 1849.*

Association Officers:

Moderator: B. C. **Willoughby** (*Cherry Creek, N.Y.*)

Corresponding Secretary: J. C. **Allison** (*Versailles, Catt. Co., N.Y.*)

Treasurer: A.Z. **Madison** (*Fredonia, N.Y.*)

Meeting Officers:

Moderator: B. C. **Willoughby**

Clerk: S. P. **Way**

Assistant Clerk: W. B. **Williams**

Treasurer: N. **Mixer** (excused), J. B. **McClanathan** (appointed, excused)

Guests: G. W. **Sisson** (*Harmony Association*), David **Searl** (*Buffalo Association*), S. S. **Ainsworth**, L.S. **Stowell**, L. **Rathbone**, M. **Roberts**, O. **Crittendon** (*French Creek, Pa. Association*), J. **Blake** (*Grand River, Ohio Association*)

Clerks:

Casadaga: [No pastor]

Cherry Creek: J. D. **Wheeler**

Clear Creek: R. B. **Clark**

Dayton: H. M. **Shaw**

Ellery: W. H. **Atherly**

1st Hanover: N. **Hopper**

Forestville: J. B. **McClanathan**

2d Hanover: C.R. **Leland**

Leon: H. H. **Holmes**

Sinclearville: R. D. **Shannon**

Poland: J. **Brininstool**

Stockton: A. P. **Leach**

Randolph: J. H. **Thomas**

1st Perrysburg: E. M. **Pettit**

1st Pomfret: A. Z. **Madison**

Sheridan: J. A. **Jones**

Laona: A. **Gardner**

Delegates:

Casadaga: M. T. **Wadsworth** [ordained], A. **Lyon**, B. **Merill**.

Cherry Creek: B. C. **Willoughby** [ordained], A. **Wilcox**, Dea. **Strang**, Fitch **Hyatt**, J. D.

Wheeler, J. **Essex**, A. F. **Willoughby**.

Clear Creek: Harvey **Frink** [ordained].

Dayton: J. **Trumbull** [ordained], H. **Fuller**, J. M. **Shaw**.

Ellery: J. J. **Fuller** [ordained], R. D. **Pierce**, S. **Higby**, Dea. C. **Parker**, Dea. J. R. **Brownell**, A.

Lewis, M. **Wood**.

1st Hanover: W. B. **Williams** [ordained], J. **Bennett**, S. N. **Slawson**.

Forestville: N. **Wood** [ordained], Dea. U. **Downer**, Dea. J. B. **Stutson**, N. **Mixer**, J. B.

McClanathan, Wm. **Cranston**.

2d Hanover: W. B. **Williams** [ordained], David **Woodbury**, Dea. A. **Tower**, S. **Eaton**, A.

Watrous, S. **Record**.

Leon: A. **Frink** [ordained], J. B. **Shannon**, Wm. **Saunders**.

Sinclearville: J. **Leach** [ordained], Dea. J. **Summer**, E. **Chapman**, H. **Arnold**, O. **Harris**, J.

Manning.

Poland: David **Morse** [ordained], Dea. J. **Miller**, R. **Bullock**.

Stockton: S. P. **Way** [ordained], H. **Crissey**, C. **Thompson**, J. **Crissey**, A. **Crain**, B. **Miller**, C.

Cady.

Randolph: J. **Howard** [ordained], Dea. O. **Hitchcock**, E. **Draper**, J. C. **Cady**.

1st Perrysburgh: J. C. **Allison** [ordained], H. **Herrick** [licentiate], N. B. **Hills**.

1st Pomfret: S. T. **Griswold** [ordained], Dea. J. **Hamilton**, Dea. J. R. **Parker**, Chas. **Batcheller**,

A. Z. **Madison**.

Sheridan: A. **Handy** [ordained], J. **Fuller**, A. **Giles**, J. **Scott**, J. A. **Jones**.

Laona: J. **Messenger** [ordained], Wm. **Higgins**.

Selected Resolutions:

Resolved, That we kindly, earnestly, and importunately entreat brethren not to jeopardize their usefulness and the peace of their churches, to sustain a membership in societies not required by scripture.

Resolved, That we deeply deplore the connection of any portion of the christian world, and especially the Baptist denomination with the sin of Slavery, and we recommend to ministers and churches composing this body, that by every instrumentality which the gospel furnishes wherewith to combat sin, they labor for its extinction.

Excerpt from the Circular Letter:

“Let the tears, the groans and sufferings of the oppressed Africans speak....”

1850 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Third Session of the Erie Baptist Association, held in the Baptist Meeting House in the Town of Cherry Creek, Chautauque County, N.Y., September 3, 4, & 5, 1850. Printed at the Censor Office, Fredonia, N.Y., 1850.*

Moderator: Rev. Nathan **Wood** (*Forestville, N.Y.*)

Clerk: Rev. J. J. **Fuller** (*Sheridan, N.Y.*)

Assistant Clerk: J. **Howard**

Corresponding Secretary: Rev. J. C. **Allison** (*Versailles, Cattaraugus Co., N.Y.*)

Treasurer: A. Z. **Madison** (*Fredonia, N.Y.*)

Notice:

A semi-annual meeting of the Association will be held at Clear Creek on the Tuesday before the second Wednesday in February, 1851, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

Some Apparent Guests: Bro. **Rathbun**, Bro. O. D. **Taylor**, J. **Blake**

Clerks:

Casadaga: [No pastor]

Cherry Creek: J. D. **Wheeler**

Clear Creek: R. B. **Clark**

Dayton: T. M. **Shaw**

Ellery: W. H. **Atherly**

Forestville: J. B. **M'Clanathan**

1st Hanover: N. **Hopper** (*Nashville*)

Leon: H. H. **Holmes**

Napoli: A. W. **Wilks**

1st Perrysburgh: E. M. **Pettit**

Poland: J. **Brinninstool**

1st Pomfret: A.Z. **Madison** (*Fredonia*)

Randolph: J. C. **Cody**

Sheridan: J. A. **Jones**

Sinclairville: R. D. **Sherman**

Stockton: A. P. **Leach**

So. E. Stockton: O. **Fish**

Delegates:

Cherry Creek: B. C. **Willoughby** [ordained], A. I. **Wilcox** [licentiate], Dea. I. **Nash**, Dea.

Clement **Strang**, Dea. Fitch **Hyatt**, A. **Fairchild**, A. J. **Arnold**, S. S. **Benedict**, W. S. **Bullock**,

C. **Hildun**, D. **Stone**, I. B. **Tanner**, J. B. **Babcock**, A. **Ells**, L. L. **Swetland**, S. W. **Hyatt**.

Clear Creek: V. **Bemus** [ordained and not present], Dea. S. B. **Stone**, R. B. **Clark**, E. **Bagg**, W. **Ware**.

Dayton: H. **Fuller**, A. **Allen**, O. **Wait**, T. M. **Shaw**.

Ellery: H. H. **Phelps** [licentiate], Dea. C. **Parker**, Dea. J. R. **Brownell**.

Forestville: Nathan **Wood** [ordained], Dea. J. B. **Stutson**, Dea. U. **Downer**, Dea. C. **Glass**, Dea. E. **Davis**, A. **Cody**, W. **Cranston**.

1st Hanover: J. C. **Allison** [ordained], Dea. N. **Hopper**, R. **Gage**, S. N. **Slawson**, J. **Livermore**, N. **Wheeton**.

Leon: A. J. **Wilcox** [licentiate], G. **Shannon**, H. H. **Holmes**, S. B. **Shannon**.

Napoli: B. **Braman** [ordained], J. **Glazier** [ordained], W. **Fisher** [ordained and not present], Dea. A. **Cady**.

1st Perrysburgh: J. C. **Allison** [ordained], H. **Herrick** [licentiate], J. **Rosenburg**.

Poland: D. **Morse** [ordained], Dea. J. **Cady**, J. **Brininstool**, A. **Randall**, S. **Ackerly**, H. **Morse**, G. H. **Chandler**.

1st Pomfret: [No pastor], S. T. **Griswold** [ordained], Dea. J. R. **Parker**, C. C. **Woodruff**, A. Z. **Madison**, A. C. **Guild**, T. B. **Sweet**.

Randolph: J. **Howard** [ordained], Dea. D. **Bowen**, Dea. O. **Hitchcock**, J. C. **Cody**, S. **Price**, J. W. **Price**, E. **Draper**, L. **Wright**.

Sheridan: J. J. **Fuller** [ordained], Dea. J. A. **Jones**, Dea. I. **Fuller**, A. S. **Giles**.

Sinclairville: J. **Leach** [ordained], J. **McCallister**, A. **Arnold**, E. A. **Merryfield**.

Stockton: A. **Irons** [ordained], J. **Crissey**, S. **Crissey**, Wm. O. **Miller**.

So. E. Stockton: A. H. **Waterman** [ordained], U. **Putnam**, O. **Fish**, S. C. **Belden**.

Selected Actions or Resolutions:

“The Prudential Committee recommended that, in view of the mysterious disappearance of Bro. J. J. **Trumbull** in October last, and the painfully destitute condition of his wife and children, the several Churches of this Association be requested to raise funds for their immediate aid, and that Br’n. B. **Braman** and J. **Glazier** be a committee to receive and superintend the appropriation of the same – adopted. A collection was taken for the present help of Sister **Trumbull** – amount \$10.38 – and placed in the hands of the above Committee.”

Resolved, That the thirty dollars contributed by the 1st Baptist Church of Pomfret, for the American Baptist Home Mission Society be applied to constitute Bro. J. R. **Parker** a life member of same.

Resolved, That we kindly, earnestly, and importunately entreat brethren not to jeopardize their usefulness and the peace of their churches, to sustain a membership in societies not required by Scripture.

Resolved, That we deeply deplore the connection of any portion of the christian world, and especially the Baptist denomination, with the sin of Slavery; and we recommend to ministers and churches composing this body, that by every instrumentality which the gospel furnishes wherewith to combat sin, they labor for its extinction.

1851 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Fourth Session of the Erie Baptist Association held in the Baptist Church in the Village of Fredonia, Chautauque County, N.Y., September 2, 3, and 4, 1851.* Printed at the Censor Office, Fredonia, N.Y., 1851.

Moderator: Rev. J. **Howard** (*Randolph*)

Treasurer: A. Z. **Madison** (*Fredonia*)

Clerk: Rev. N. **Wood** (*Forestville*)

Assistant Clerk: C. B. **Crumb** (*Villanova*)

Corresponding Secretary: Rev. J. C. **Allison** (*Versailles, Cattaraugus Co.*)

Guests: J. **Howard**, L. S. **Stowell** (*Harmony Association*), S. P. **Way**, Rev. N. **Thomas** (*French Creek Association and Harmony Association*), Rev. O. L. **Crittenden** (*French Creek Association*), J. **Johnson** (*French Creek Association*), Rev. C. N. **Chandler** (*Monroe Association*), Bro. S. **Ewer** (*American Baptist Free Mission Society*), D. Searl (*Buffalo Association*).

Clerks:

Casadaga: A. B. **Fisher**

Cherry Creek: A. J. **Fairchild**

Clear Creek: R. B. **Clark**

Dayton: T. M. **Shaw**

Dunkirk: L. **Parsons**

Ellery: W. H. **Atherly**

Forestville: J. B. **M'Clanathan**

1st Hanover: N. **Hopper** (*Nashville*)

Laona: A. **Gardner**

Leon: H. H. **Homes**

Napoli: A. **Wilks**

1st Perrysburg: E. M. **Pettit**

Poland: J. **Brinninstool**

1st Pomfret: A. Z. **Madison** (*Fredonia*)

Randolph: J. C. **Cody**

Sheridan: J. A. **Jones**

Sinclairville: R. D. **Sherman**

Stockton: A. P. **Leach**

S. E. Stockton: O. **Fish**

Delegates:

Casadaga: J. **Halladay** [ordained], B. **Merrill**, A. **Lyon**, N. **Munger**

Cherry Creek: H. **Fuller** [ordained], B. C. **Willoughby** [ordained], Dea. J. **Nash**, Dea. C.

Strang, J. **Ingles**, C. B. **Crumb**

Clear Creek: V. **Bemus** [ordained], Dea. Geo. **Myres**, Jas. **Hammond**.

Dayton: H. **Herrick** [licentiate], N. **Randall**, H. **Fuller**, E. **Robards**, S. **Jones**, A. **Allen**

Dunkirk: A. **Kingsbury** [ordained], M. W. **Abell**, L. **Parsons**, E. W. **Howe**.

Ellery: H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], Dea. C. **Parker**, Dea. J. R. **Brownell**, N. **Wilmarth**, W. H. **Atherly**.

Forestville: N. **Wood** [ordained], Dea. W. **Downer**, Dea. C. **Glass**, N. **Mixer**, J. S. **Pattison**, J. **B. M'Clanathan**.

1st Hanover: E. M. **Ney** [ordained], N. **Hopper**, S. N. **Slawson**, T. **Bagley**.

Laona: A. **Gardner**, Wm. **Higgins**, D. **Sanders**.

Leon: V. **Bemus** [ordained], Wm. **Sanders**, Dea. Geo. **Shannon**, S. B. **Shannon**.

Napoli: B. **Braman** [ordained].

1st Perrysburg: J. C. **Allison** [ordained], H. **Herrick** [licentiate].

Poland: D. **Morse** [ordained], Dea. J. **Miller**, A. **Leach**, H. **Morse**.

1st Pomfret: A. **Kingsbury** [ordained], L. B. **Grant**, D. **Barrell**, A. Z. **Madison**, D. A. **Woodruff**, J. **Hamilton, Jr.**, E. **Dudley**, J. C. **Sweet**.

Randolph: J. **Howard** [ordained], Dea. D. **Bowen**, J. C. **Cody**, T. **Hitchcock**.

Sheridan: A. J. **Wilcox** [ordained], Dea. I. **Fuller**, M. E. **Winslow**, H. C. **Fuller**.

Sinclearville: W. H. **Husted** [ordained], Dea. E. **Manning**, J. **Chandler**, E. A. **Merrifield**, J. **McAllister**.

Stockton: A. **Irons** [ordained], D. **Bernard** [ordained], S. **Shepard**, H. **Crissey**, Wm. **Putnam**.

S.E. Stockton: A. H. **Waterman** [ordained], O. **Fish**, Dea. S. C. **Belden**, S. **Belden**.

Selected Actions:

“It appearing from remarks of Bro. J. C. **Allison** that the 3d Baptist Church of Hanover had ceased to exist, its name was dropped.”

“Resolved, That the \$30 donated by the 1st Baptist Church of Pomfret to the American Baptist Home Mission Society be applied to constitute Bro. John **Hamilton, Jr.** a life member of said Society. “

1851 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Erie Baptist Association held at Clear Creek on Tuesday, February 11, 1851.*

Listed clergy and participants: Rev. J. **Leach**, Bro. J. **Reed** (visiting), Bro. A. **Irons** (Moderator, pro tem), Bro. L. **Rathbun** (visiting), F. **Kidder** (visiting), E. M. **Ney** (visiting), Bro. **Allison** (substitute chair), Bro. **Willoughby**, Bro. **Phelps**, Bro. **Braman**, Bro. **Bemus**, Bro. **Morse**, J. **Howard** (clerk).

Participating churches: *Cherry Creek, Clear Creek, Ellery, Forestville, 1st Hanover, Napoli, 1st Perrysburgh, Poland, 1st Pomfret, Randolph, Sinclearville, Stockton, S. E. Stockton.*

1851 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Twenty-Eighth Annual Session of the French Creek Baptist Association held with the Baptist Church, at Exchangeville, Mercer Co., PA, September 16th, 17th, 18th, 1851. Printed at the Chronicle Office, Meadville, PA, 1851.*

Rev. George **Spratt**, *Holland, Venango Co.* (Moderator)

Rev. I. M. **Chapman**, *Meadville, Crawford Co, PA* (Clerk)

David **Sexton**, *Meadville, Crawford Co., PA* (Recording Secretary)

Rev. E. M. **Alden**, *Lines Mills, Crawford Co., PA* (Corresponding Secretary)

George **Gallowhur**, *Girard, Erie Co., PA* (Treasurer)

Visitors: W. **Storrs**, J. **Blake**, N. **Burwell**, D. B. **Thomas**, R. **Turner**.

Guests: J. **Hicks** (*Grand River, Madison*), D. **Colley** (*Grand River*), E. **Richmond** (*Grand River*), C. **Gillett** (*Grand River*), A. **Gillett** (*Grand River*), J. **Hicks** (*Trumbull, Southampton and Farmington*), Wm. **Simkin** (*Trumbull*), A. **Truesdall** (*Trumbull*), W. **Thomas** (*Harmony, Panama*), C. M. **Leavitt** (*Beaver, Providence*).

Clerks:

Allegheny, Holland, Venango Co: H. G. **Davis**
Carmel, Cussewago, Crawford Co: D. C. **McKay**
Conneautville, Crawford Co: C. **St. John**
Cherry Tree, Venango Co: G. **Kees**
Concord, Erie Co: J. F. **Cook**
Erie: S. M. **Smith**
Elk Creek, Erie Co: N. S. **Rogers**
Girard: Geo. **Gallowhur**
Georgetown, Exchangeville, Mercer Co: D. C. **McCoy**
Spring and Cussewago, Crossingville, Crawford Co: J. S. **Bacon**
Meadville, Crawford Co: H. **McCoy**
Mead Corners, Crawford Co: Ira **Hatch**
McKean, Erie Co: J. **Steadman** 3rd
Randolph, Guy's Mills, Crawford Co: C. **Hatch**
Rockdale, Crawford Co: S. **Clark**
N. Richmond, Crawford Co: H. **Hooker**
Rockdale & Bloomfield, Crawford Co: S. **Chapin**
Rome, Centreville, Crawford Co: H. **Weatherbee**
Springfield, West Springfield, Erie Co: H. **Bump**
Spring, Crawford Co: A. F. **Owen**
Spartanburg: __. D. **White**
Washington, Edinboro, Erie Co: T. J. **Randall**
Warren, Warren Co: D. **Titus**
Bloomfield, Crawford Co: C. **Shreve**
Steuben, Crawford Co: S. B. **Gillett**

Delegates:

Allegheny: George **Spratt** [ordained], Dea. H. G. **Davis**.
Carmel: Ray **Green** [ordained], D. C. **McKay**, Orren Nye.
Conneautville: J. S. **Fuller** [ordained].
Elk Creek: E. C. **Rogers** [ordained], N. S. **Rogers**.
Georgetown: J. H. **Hazen** [ordained], Moses **Bishop**, S. W. **Bolster** [licentiate], I. **Philips** [licentiate], W. **Church**, O. W. **Miller**, R. R. **Hosick**, D. C. **McCoy**.
Spring & Cussewago: James **Going** [ordained], Dea. G. Head Walter, P. **Case**.
Meadville: I. M. **Chapman** [ordained], G. L. **Stevens** [ordained], Dea. R. C. **Bolleaw**, G. C. **Little**, Samuel **Derickson**.
Mead Corners: E. M. **Alden** [ordained], Ira **Hatch**.
McKean: J. **Johnson** [ordained], Dea. J. **Thompson**, W. **Marsh**.
Randolph: Alfred **Curtiss**.

Rockdale: O. L. **Crittenden** [ordained], Dea. J. **Root**.
Richmond: W. D. **Bradford** [ordained].
Rockdale & Bloomfield: R. D. **Hays** [ordained].
Rome: Dea. George **Fuller**, F. **Wetherbee**.
Springfield: S. **Carr** [ordained], E. O. **Patterson**.
Spring: J. J. **Fuller** [ordained], O. D. **Shelden**, A. **Shelden**.
Spartanburg: R. D. **Pierce**, Dea. A. J. **Millard**.
Washington: E. C. **Rogers** [ordained], Dea. O. **Miller**, I. C. **Munson**.
Warren: Wm. **Everett** [ordained].
Bloomfield: R. D. **Hays** [ordained], Dea. W. **Earl**, I. **Shreve**, C. **Shreve**, Cyrus **Shreve**.
Steuben: W. D. **Bradford** [ordained], W. D. **Lamb** [ordained], S. B. **Gillett**, E. **Carpenter**.

Resolutions:

3rd: That the slavery of men, by men is contrary to equality of birthright, contrary to just views of property-ship, is contrary to the great law of love, and we cannot in the light of the 19th Century fellowship any person who in any way is guilty of this sin.

Digest of Letters

“...*Rome* – are remembered of the shortages of time by this annual call for a letter, have been wading through trials and difficulties the past year, acknowledge the mercies and goodness of God. They sustain temperance, oppose slavery, and are friendly to all the benevolent operations of the day.

“...*Steuben* – As a church they are in favor of benevolent operations, are willing to cast their mites into the treasury of the Lord. – The spirit of the Lord is in their midst, and sinners are converted from the error of their ways. They are opposed to slavery.”

1852 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Fifth Session of the Erie Baptist Association held in the Baptist Church in the Village of Nashville, Chautauque County, N.Y. August 31 and Sept. 1 and 2, 1852. Printed by W. McKinstry & Brother, Printers, Censor Office, Fredonia, N.Y. 1852.*

Moderator: B. C. **Willoughby** (*Stockton*)

Treasurer: A. Z. **Madison** (*Fredonia*)

Clerk: Rev. J. **Howard** (*Randolph*)

Assistant Clerk: Rev. H. H. **Phelps** (*Ellery*)

Corresponding Secretary: Rev. A. **Kingsbury** (*Fredonia*)

Guests: D. **Searl** (*Agent of the A. B. H. M. Society*), S. **Ewer** (*Agent of A. B. Free M. Society*), A. J. **Wilcox** (*Buffalo Association*), O. **Tayntor** (*Cattaraugus Association*), C. **Boss** (*Cattaraugus Association*), J. G. **Stearns**, J. **Harris**, H. **Harris**, B. F. **Mace** (*Harmony Association*), J. **Vincent** (*Tonawanda*), J. **Starks** (*Monroe Association*), Rev. J. C. **Stoddard** (*Harmony Association*), Rev. H. S. **Card** (*Cattaraugus Association*).

Clerks:

Cassadaga: A. B. **Fisher**

Cherry Creek: J. **Nash**

Clear Creek: R. B. **Clark**
Dayton: T. M. **Shaw**
Dunkirk: L. **Parsons**
Ellery: A. J. **Smith**
Forestville: D. E. **Ellis**
1st Hanover: N. **Hopper** (*Nashville P.O.*)
Laona: A. **Gardner**
Leon: H. H. **Holmes**
Napoli: R. **Booth**
1st Perrysburg: J. C. **Allison**
Poland: J. **Briminstool**
1st Pomfret: A. Z. **Madison** (*Fredonia P.O.*)
Randolph: J. C. **Cody**
Sheridan: J. A. **Jones**
Sinclairville: R. D. **Sherman**
Stockton: A. P. **Leach**
S. E. Stockton: O. **Fish**
Little Valley: A. **Fay**

Delegates:

Cassadaga: A. **Irons** [ordained], T. D. **Phillips**.
Cherry Creek: H. **Fuller** [ordained], Dea. J. **Nash**, Dea. F. **Mount**, S. **Adams**, J. **Ingles**.
Clear Creek: V. **Bemis** [ordained].
Dayton: S. **Akerly** [ordained], Dea. H. **Fuller**, A. **Allen**.
Dunkirk: Z. **Smith** [ordained], L. **Parsons**.
Ellery: H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], Dea. J. R. **Brownell**.
Forestville: N. **Wood** [ordained], N. **Gage**, Dea. U. **Downer**, Dea. C. **Glass**, N. **Mixer**, J. **Bartoo**, D. E. **Ellis**, A. **Cooley**, W. **Cranston**.
1st Hanover: E. M. **Ney** [ordained], Dea. N. **Hopper**, A. **Davis**, A. **Vinton**.
Leon: V. **Bemis** [ordained], W. **Saunders**.
Napoli: W. G. **Raymond** [ordained], B. **Braman** [ordained], W. **Fisher** [ordained and not present], Dea. E. **Eddy**, J. **Wilbur**.
1st Perrysburg: J. C. **Allison** [ordained], C. M. **Richmond** [ordained and not present], H. **Herrick** [licentiate], N.B. **Hills**, J. **Rosenburgh**, J. **Meacham**, J. S. **Bettis**.
Poland: D. **Morse** [ordained], J. **Briminstool**, S. **Akerly**, N. **Barnes**, L. **Perigo**.
1st Pomfret: A. **Kingsbury** [ordained], Dea. J. R. **Parker**, Dea. C. **Batcheller**, T. B. **Sweet**, A. Z. **Madison**, C. E. **Barkley**, J. C. [S]**weet**, A. J. **Gillett**, A. C. **Guild**.
Randolph: J. **Howard** [ordained], Dea. C. **Strang**, S. **Price**, D. **Bowen**, T. **Hitchcock**, J. C. **Cody**, N. **Nichols**, F. **Nichols**.
Sheridan: A. H. **Waterman** [ordained], J. A. **Jones**, J. **Fuller**, A. **Jiles**, H. C. **Fuller**.
Sinclairville: W. H. **Husted** [ordained], J. **McAllister**.
Stockton: B. C. **Willoughby** [ordained], A. **Irons** [ordained], A. P. **Leach**, E. **Thompson**, S. **Johnson**, H. **Crissey**, F. **Crissey**.
S.E. Stockton: A. A. **Mead** [licentiate], J. **Scovel**, G. **Fish**, J. **Smith**.
Little Valley: W. G. **Raymond** [ordained], J. **Wright**, N. **Whitford**.

Selected Actions:

“The Trustees of the Widow and Orphan Fund reported that there is now in the Treasury, belonging to this Fund, subject to their order, \$34 44, and that no application having been made to the Board for aid, no disbursements have occurred. They also recommended that the money now in the Treasury belonging to this Fund be deposited, on interest, in H. J. **Miner’s** Bank at Fredonia. Report accepted and adopted.”

“The Corresponding Secretary reported that he had sent a copy of our last Minutes to all the Associations in this State, and to the A. B. M. Union, A. & F. Bible Society, A. B. H. M. Society, A. Bible Union, A. B. Pub. Society, A. B. Free M. Society, N.Y. S. B. M. Convention, N. Y. B. Register, A. Baptist, N. Y. Recorder, N. Y. Chronicle; and had received, in return, Minutes from the following Associations, viz: Buffalo, Broome and Tioga, Chenango, Cortland, Dutchess, Franklin, Hudson River North, Harmony, Livingston, Lake George, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Saratoga, Seneca, Steuben, St. Lawrence, Union, Washington Union, Worcester, Wayne, and Canada Eastern Baptist Associations. He further reported that he had examined all the minutes received, and found nothing in them demanding the special attention of this body. Adopted.”

“Whereas, the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage is one of the greatest evils in our State, and one of the greatest obstacles in the way of religion and morality – Therefore, Resolved, That we recommend to the members of our Churches, and especially to every legal voter, to use their utmost endeavors to secure the passage, next winter, in our Legislature, of the Maine Liquor Law, by voting for no Legislator who is not in favor of the principles of that Law.”

Excerpt from the annual Circular Letter:

“Indeed, the Christian Church of the present day has entered upon a period in her history, in which the precious word of God is being distributed as if borne on the wings of the four winds of heaven, both to the cottage of the peasant and the palace of the prince. The gates of the pagan nations are thrown open, and invite the entrance of her missionaries to reap their ripened fields; while Afric’s oppressed sons and daughters stretch forth their manacled hands in eloquent pleadings for liberty and the bread of life.”

1852 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Erie Baptist Association held at Delanti, Feb. 10, 1852.*

Moderator: **J. Howard**

Clerk: **C. B. Crumb**

Delegates:

Cassadaga: Dea. **A. Lyon**

Cherry Creek: Rev. **H. Fuller**, **C. B. Crumb**

Clear Creek: Rev. **V. Bemis**

Dunkirk: **L. Parsons**

Ellery: Rev. H. H. **Phelps**

1st Hanover: Rev. E. M. **Ney**

Leon: Rev. V. **Bemis**

1st Perrysburg: Rev. J. C. **Allison**

1st Pomfret: Dea. J. R. **Parker**, G. W. **Lewis**, A. Z. **Madison**

Randolph: Rev. J. **Howard**

Sinclairville: Rev. W. H. **Husted**

Stockton: Rev. B. C. **Willoughby**, Rev. A. **Irons**, Dea. C. **Thompson**, S. **Shepard**, O. **Brigham**, H. **Seymour** and S. **Eaton**

S.E. Stockton: Rev. A. H. **Waterman**, O. **Fish**

Guests: Bro. D. **Bernard**, S. **Ewer**, Bro. **Lord** (missionary from China), Bro. **Elliott**, Bro. D. **Barrell** (*Pomfret*), Bro. John **Hamilton**, Jr. (*Pomfret*)

1853 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Sixth Anniversary of the Erie Baptist Association held in the Baptist Church in Randolph, Cattaraugus County, N. Y., September 6, 7, and 8, 1853. Printed by C. K. Judson Publisher, Whig Office, Randolph, N.Y., 1853.*

Moderator: Rev. A. **Kingsbury** (*Fredonia*)

Treasurer: H. **Crissey** (*Stockton*)

Clerk: Rev. J. **Howard** (*Randolph*)

Assistant Clerk: Rev. W. H. **Husted** (*Sinclairville*)

Corresponding Secretary: Rev. B. C. **Willoughby** (*Stockton, Chautauqua Co., N.Y.*)

Guests: S. M. **Osgood** (*Orleans Association*, agent of the A. B. Missionary Union), W. **Sawyer** (*Buffalo Association*, agent of the A. B. H. Missionary Society), F. **Kidder** (*Harmony Association*, agent of the N.Y. B. Missionary Convention), H. **Miller**, W. H. **Randall**, J. G. **Stearns** (*Harmony Association*), H. S. **Card** (*Cattaraugus Association*).

Clerks and Delegates:

Casadaga: A. B. **Fisher** (Clerk), A. **Irons** [ordained and not present].

Cherry Creek: J. **Nash** (Clerk), H. **Fuller** [ordained], Dea. F. **Mount**, J. **Ingals**, T. W. **Wilcox**, G. **Dunning**.

Clear Creek: R. B. **Clark** (Clerk), V. **Bemis** [ordained], W. **Ware** [ordained], J. **Hammond**, Jas. **Hammon**.

Dayton: T. M. **Shaw** (Clerk, *East Leon, P.O.*), S. **Akerly** [ordained], Dea. H. **Fuller**.

Dunkirk: L. **Parsons** (Clerk), J. H. **Walden** [ordained].

Ellery: J. A. **Smith** (Clerk), D. **Anson** [ordained], A. H. **Phelps** [ordained], Dea. J. R. **Brounell**.

Forestville: Dr. D. E. **Ellis** (Clerk), O. **Wing** [ordained], N. **Gage** [ordained], Dr. C. **Parker**, A. **Cooley**.

1st Hanover: N. **Hopper** (Clerk, *Nashville, P.O.*), E. M. **Ney** [ordained], A. **Davis**.

Laona: A. **Gardner** (Clerk).

Leon: H. H. **Holmes** (Clerk), V. **Bemis** [ordained], Dea. G. **Shannon**.

Little Valley: A. **Fay** (Clerk), W. G. **Raymond** [ordained], A. **Whitney**, J. **Wright**, N. **Bryant**, J. **Wilber**, N. **Whitford**, A. **Jackson**, R. **Jackson**, Z. **Wait**.

Napoli: R. **Booth** (Clerk), J. **Glazier** [ordained], B. **Braman** [ordained and not present], W. **Fisher** [ordained], Dea. E. **Eddy**, J. **Arms**.

1st Perrysburgh: E. M. **Pettit** (Clerk), J. C. **Allison** [ordained], H. **Herrick** [licentiate], N. B. **Hills**.

Poland: J. **Brininstool** (Clerk and Delegate), *Falconer, P.O.*, H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], D. **Morse** [ordained], Dea. J. **Miller**, E. **Divine**, A. **Leach**, A. **Randal**.

1st Pomfret: A. Z. **Madison** (Clerk), A. **Kingsbury** [ordained], Dea. J. R. **Parker**, Dea. D. A. **Woodruff**, R. B. **Morgan**.

Randolph: J. W. **Price** (Clerk), J. **Howard** [ordained], E. **Mills** [licentiate], Dea. B. **Archer**, Dea. C. **Strang**, S. **Price**, P. **Carr**.

Sheridan: O. **Mallett** (Clerk), Dea. J. **Giles**.

Sinclairville: R. D. **Sherman** (Clerk), W. H. **Husted** [ordained].

Stockton: E. **Thompson** (Clerk), B. C. **Willoughby** [ordained], Harlo **Crissey**, S. **Johnson**, S. **Crissey, Jr.**, H. **Thompson**.

S. E. Stockton: O. **Fish** (Clerk), A. A. **Mead** [ordained], J. **Scovell**, H. **Youngs**, W. **Strong**, J. E. **Curtis**.

Selected Actions:

“Voted, That Dr. C. **Parker** be constituted a life member of the A. B. H. M. Society, by an appropriation of funds now in the hands of the Treasurer. Also that Brn. W. G. **Raymond**, B. C. **Willoughby**, W. H. **Husted** and Dr. A. **Irons** be constituted life members of the N. Y. S. B. M. Convention.”

Excerpts from Digest of Letters:

Clear Creek: “This little church is still trying to maintain the christian walk, amid external discouragements. They speak of the smallness of their number and the feebleness of their graces, but still desire to be recognized as a member of the Association. They enjoy the preaching of the word once in two weeks, and feel strengthened thereby. V. **Bemis**, Pastor.”

Dunkirk: “This new and promising interest is now favored with the labors of Eld. J. H. **Walden**, in whose service the church is happily united and deeply interested. They have large congregations, but have not been favored with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the conversion of sinners. They have entered liberally upon the work of building them a house of worship, in the completion of which they need and ask the aid of sister churches. They are now dependent upon the liberal aid of the Convention, for the support of the Ministry, but are confident that when their house shall have been completed, it will be self-supporting; so that, instead of needing foreign aid, they will be able to impart to others. J. H. **Walden**, Pastor.”

Laona: “This church has made no report to the Association for the last three years.”

Leon: “ ‘Faint, yet pursuing’ .” They deplore the languishing state of Zion, yet some love her solemn feasts. They hope in the divine promises and are looking for their fulfillment. They have preaching half of the time. V. **Bemis**, Pastor.

Napoli: “Rejoices in the sovereign grace of God, who has not left himself without a witness among them. They are favored with preaching one half of the time. J. **Glazier**, Pastor.”

1st Perrysburgh: “No letter in the hands of the Clerk, from this church.”

1st Pomfret: “This church has been afflicted in the death of several, who for many years, had been associated with them as disciples of Christ. They have completed and are now occupying their new house of worship. Though they have incurred a heavy expense in its erection, they have not failed to remember the objects of their former liberality. A. **Kingsbury**, Pastor.”

Sheridan: “This church is small, and appears to write under feelings of discouragement. They have no Pastor.”

Stockton: “This church has been afflicted by the death of several of their beloved and valued members, especially that of Dea. **Cooley**, a pioneer in the establishment of the church, of which he was an efficient member. Although they have enjoyed no special religious revival, they enjoy a good degree of spirituality, and many are praying and laboring for a revival of God’s work of grace. B. C. **Willoughby**, Pastor.

1853 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Erie Baptist Association held at Sinclearville, Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1853.*

Moderator: B. C. **Willoughby**

Clerk: H. H. **Phelps**

Guests: Rev. J. **Elliot**, L. **Rathbun**, and O. **Putnam** (*Harmony Association*), Bro. **Lord**, Bro. J. **Hamilton, Jr.**, Bro. **Fuller**.

Delegates:

Casadaga: Rev. A. **Irons**, Dea. **Lyon**, T. D. **Phillips**

Clear Creek: Rev. V. **Bemis**, Dea. H. **Wells**

Dunkirk: Rev. J. H. **Walden**, L. **Parsons**.

Ellery: Rev. H. H. **Phelps**, Dea. C. **Parker**, J. R. **Brownell**.

Forestville: J. **Bartoo**.

Leon: Rev. V. **Bemis**.

Poland: Rev. D. **Morse**.

1st Pomfret: Rev. A. **Kingsbury**, Dea. J. R. **Parker**, A. Z. **Madison**, T. B. **Sweet**.

Sinclearville: Rev. W. H. **Husted**, J. **McAllister**.

Stockton: Rev. B. C. **Willoughby**, Rev. A. **Irons**, Dea. H. **Crissey**.

S.E. Stockton: Rev. A. A. **Mead**, O. **Fish**, H. **Young**.

Selected Actions:

“Resolved, That in view of the self-denying and persevering efforts of the small church in Westfield, to secure a lot and build a suitable house of worship, and the importance of the enterprise, we earnestly recommend their pastor, Bro. L. **Rathbun**, to the sympathies and cordial

cooperation of the churches of this and other Associations, and hope he may receive from them substantial encouragement in his endeavors to raise funds for the above object.

“It was also resolved that the same sentiments be entertained by the body in reference to the church at Dunkirk.”

1854 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Seventh Anniversary of the Erie Baptist Association held with the First Baptist Church in Ellington, Chautauque Co., N.Y., September 5th, 6th, & 7th, 1854.* Printed by W. McKinstry & Brother, Fredonia, N.Y., 1854.

Moderator: Rev. A. **Irons**, M.D. (*Casadaga*)

Treasurer: H. **Crissey** (*Stockton*)

Clerk: Rev. J. **Howard** (*Stockton*)

Assistant Clerk: Rev. J. B. **Smith** (*Dunkirk*)

Corresponding Secretary: Rev. B. C. **Willoughby** (*Sheridan*)

Guests: W. **Stewart** (*Madison University*), A. J. **Wilcox** (*French Creek Association*), W. **Look** and D. **Bernard** (*Harmony Association*), J. **Edmunds** (*Niagara Association*), J. L. **Smith** (*Agent of American Bible Union*), D. **Powell** (*Pastor of Ellington Congregational Church*).

Clerks and Delegates:

Casadaga: A. B. **Fisher** (Clerk), A. **Irons** [ordained], Dea. B. **Merrill**, C. **Phillips**.

Cherry Creek: J. **Nash** (Clerk), H. **Fuller** [ordained], Dea. F. **Mount**, Dea. J. **Nash**, W. S. **Bullock**, J. D. **Wheeler**.

Clear Creek: R. B. **Clark** (Clerk), J. **Glazier** [ordained], Dea. H. **Wells**, Dea. G. **Myers**, E. **Bagg**, W. **Ware**, J. **Hammond**, Jas. **Hammond**, R. B. **Clark**.

Dayton: J. **Waite** (Clerk, *East Leon, P.O.*), S. **Akerly** [ordained], H. **Fuller**, J. **Waite**, T. M. **Shaw**.

Dunkirk: L. **Parsons** (Clerk), J. B. **Smith** [ordained], R. **Nelson**, J. W. **Strong**.

Ellery: J. A. **Smith** (Clerk), G. W. **Varnum** [ordained], Dea. C. **Parker**, Dea. J. R. **Brownell**.

Ellington: J. C. **Cody** (Clerk), H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], Dea. J. **Cady**, J. C. **Cody**, R. **Bullock**, A. C. **Leach**, R. **Briggs**, H. N. **Barns**.

Forestville: Dr. D. E. **Ellis** (Clerk): C. G. **Purrett** [ordained], Dea. U. **Downer**, I. **Fuller**, A. **Mallett**.

1st Hanover: N. **Hopper** (Clerk, *Nashville, P.O.*), J. C. **Allison** [ordained], J. **Bennett**, Dea. N. **Hopper**.

Hanover Center: J. M. **Barclay** (Clerk, *Smith Mills, P.O.*), A. **Frink** [ordained], L. **Tower**, A. **Watrous**.

Leon: H. H. **Holmes** (Clerk): S. **Akerly** [ordained], Dea. W. **Saunders**, Dea. G. **Shannon**, S. B. **Shannon**, E. **Patch**.

Little Valley: A. **Fay** (Clerk), G. W. **Raymond** [ordained].

Napoli: R. **Booth** (Clerk), B. **Braman** [ordained], W. **Fisher** [ordained], J. **Palmer**, S. **Booth**, W. **Waite**.

1st Perrysburg: E. M. **Pettit** (Clerk, *Versailles, P.O.*), H. **Herrick** [licentiate].

Poland: J. **Brininstool** (Clerk and Delegate, *Falconner, P.O.*), H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], D. **Morse** [ordained], Dea. J. **Miller**, S. **Ferry**, S. **Akerly**.

1st Pomfret: A. Z. **Madison** (Clerk and Delegate, *Fredonia, P.O.*), A. **Kingsbury** [ordained], Dea. C. **Batcheller**, D. A. **Woodruff**, H. A. **Buck**.

Randolph: J. **Price** (Clerk), Dea. O. **Hitchcock**, D. **Bowen**, S. **Price**, T. **Hitchcock**, N. **Nichols**.

Sheridan: O. **Mallett** (Clerk), B. C. **Willoughby** [ordained], H. C. **Fuller** [licentiate], Dea. A. J. **Giles**.

Sinclairville: R. D. **Sherman** (Clerk), A. **Irons** [ordained], L. **Walker**, A. **Arnold**, O. **Harris**.

Stockton: E. **Thompson** (Clerk), J. **Howard** [ordained], H. **Crissey**, H. W. **Seymour**, S. **Johnson**.

S. E. Stockton: O. **Fish** (Clerk), A. A. **Mead** [ordained], J. E. **Curtis** [ordained], S. **Scovell**, U. **Putnam**, O. **Waterman**.

Selected Actions:

“Whereas, the use of intoxicating drinks, as a beverage, is one of the greatest evils in our State, and one of the greatest obstacles in the way of religion and morality. Therefore, Resolved, That we recommend to the members of our Churches, and especially to every legal voter, to use their utmost endeavors to secure the passage, next winter, in our Legislature, of the Maine Law; by voting for no Legislator who is not in favor of the principles of that Law. Adopted.”

“It was voted that the collections taken at this and the last Annual Meeting be appropriated to aid the Widow of the late Elder Arza **Stone** of Cherry Creek. A collection was also voted and taken, to be added to the appropriations above made, amounting to \$8 06.”

“The Trustees of the Widow and Orphan Fund reported, that the sum of \$34 44, and interest accrued thereon, remains on deposit, in H. J. **Miner’s** Bank, at Fredonia; and that the contribution of last year, amounting to \$2 37, remains in the hands of the former Treasurer, subject to the order of the Association; and that the usual collections for this object at this session amounts to \$5 45. Accepted.”

“The following delegations were appointed to corresponding bodies, viz: Cattaraugus Association, Brn. **Purrett**, **Varnum**, **Morse**, **Allison** and **Smith**; Buffalo Association, Brn. **Kingsbury** and **Batcheller**; Genesee River, Bro. **Fuller**.”

“It was voted, That the Moderator be appointed a Director in the Board of the N. Y. Baptist State Convention. Also that Bro. **Kingsbury** be a Delegate to that body; and that Brn. George W. **Lewis**, Rev. Arnold **Kingsbury**, and Rev. A. A. **Mead**, and Mrs. Bliss C. **Willoughby**, be constituted Life Members of the same. Also, that Bro. Clark C. **Woodruff** be constituted a Life Member of A. B. Home Mission Society.”

“Resolved, that this Association deeply regret the condition of our country as regards American Slavery. Resolved, That we regard the aggressive movements of the Slave Power in the passage of the wicked Fugitive Slave Law, and the infamous Nebraska bill, as a violation of the rights, and an invasion of the liberties of the free portion of this Republic.”

“Resolved, That we feel called upon a patriots, philanthropists and Christians, to conform, in all our political action, to the principles of the Gospel and of universal Freedom, and that we deem it

inconsistent to vote for any man for office who does not fully and openly adopt these principles. Adopted.”

1854 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Erie Baptist Association, Casadaga, Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1854.*

Visitors: Rev. B. F. **Mace** (*Harmony Association*), Rev. J. **Reed** (Agent of the A. F. Bible Society).

Delegates:

Casadaga: Rev. A. **Irons**, Dea. B. **Merrill**, C. **Phillips**.

Cherry Creek: Rev. H. **Fuller**.

Clear Creek: Rev. V. **Bemis**.

Dunkirk: Rev. J. H. **Walden**.

Ellery: Dea. C. **Parker**.

1st Hanover: Rev. E. M. **Ney**.

Leon: Rev. V. **Bemis**.

Poland: Rev. D. **Morse**.

1st Pomfret: Rev. A. **Kingsbury**, Dea. J. R. **Parker**, Dea. C. **Batcheller**, Dr. E. A. **Merrifield**, S. **Webster**, J. P. **Cobb**, J. **Hamilton, Jr.**, A. Z. **Madison**, G. W. **Lewis**.

Randolph: Rev. J. **Howard**.

Sheridan: Rev. B. C. **Willoughby**, Dea. A. J. **Giles**.

Sinclairville: Rev. W. H. **Husted**, Dea. E. **Manning**, L. **Walker**.

Stockton: Rev. B. C. **Willoughby**, J. **Crissey**, S. **Crissey**, E. **Thompson**.

S. E. Stockton: Rev. A. A. **Mead**, J. **Covell**.

Selected Actions or Statements:

“On motion it was voted that a Quarterly Meeting of the Association be holden, on the Tuesday preceding the second Wednesday in June, with the Baptist Church in Ellery. Also that Bro. **Willoughby** be requested to preach the opening sermon.”

“It was voted that a sufficient amount of the funds raised for the Bible Union be applied to constitute Bro. B. C. **Willoughby** a life member of that Society.”

“This like all the recent meetings of this body, was a most delightful season, richly characterized by the most perfect harmony and brotherly love, and the presence of the Holy Spirit. It was good to be there. A. **Kingsbury**, Moderator. J. **Howard**, Clerk.”

1855 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Eighth Anniversary of the Erie Baptist Association held with the Baptist Church in Stockton, Chautauque Co., N.Y., Sept. 4th, 5th, and 6th, 1855. Printed by W. McKinstry & Co., Censor Office, Fredonia, N.Y., 1855.*

Moderator: Rev. A. **Kingsbury** (*Fredonia*)

Treasurer: H. **Crissey** (*Stockton*)

Clerk: Rev. J. **Howard** (*Stockton*)

Assistant Clerk and Corresponding Secretary: Rev. J. B. **Smith** (*Dunkirk*)

Guests: Brn. C. B. **Keyes**, J. G. **Stearns**, and J. **Elliot** (*Harmony Association*), E. **Mills** and A. J. **Willcox** (*French Creek Association*), B. C. **Willoughby** (*Buffalo Association*), W. **Sawyer** (*Agent of A. B. Home Mission Society*), M. **Byrne** (*Agent of A. F. Bible Society*), H. C. **Fuller** and E. G. **Douglass** (*Rochester University*).

Clerks and Delegates:

Casadaga: A. B. **Fisher** (Clerk), J. J. **Fuller** [ordained], Dea. A. **Lyon**, Dea. B. **Merrill**, T. D. **Phillips**, C. **Phillips**.

Cherry Creek: J. **Nash** (Clerk), D. **Morse** [ordained], H. **Fuller** [ordained], Dea. F. **Mount**, I. **Ingals**, B. W. **Wilcox**.

Clear Creek: R. B. **Clark** (Clerk and Delegate), H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], Dea. H. **Wells**.

Cattaraugus: L. **Turkey** (Clerk), N. **Smith** [ordained], Dea. J. **Johnson**, S. **White**.

Dayton: J. **Waite** (Clerk, *Leon Center, P.O.*), S. **Akerly** [ordained], Dea. H. **Fuller**, T. M. **Shaw**.

Dunkirk: L. **Parsons** (Clerk), J. B. **Smith** [ordained], R. **Nelson**.

Ellery: J. **Smith** (Clerk), G. W. **Varnum** [ordained], Dea. J. R. **Brownell**, Dea. C. **Parker**, W. **Traphagen**, O. **Waite**.

Ellington: J. C. **Cody** (Clerk and Delegate), H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], A. **Ells**.

Forestville: J. **Bartoo** (Clerk), W. **Luke** [ordained], N. **Gage** [ordained], Dea. U. **Downer**.

1st Hanover: N. **Hopper** (Clerk and Delegate, *Nashville, P.O.*), J. C. **Allison** [ordained].

Hanover Center: C. **Stebbins** (Clerk and Delegate, *Silver Creek, P.O.*), A. **Frink** [ordained], Dea. W. **Mark**, S. **Eaton**.

Leon: H. H. **Holmes** (Clerk), S. **Akerly** [ordained], Dea. W. **Saunders**.

Little Valley: A. **Fay** (Clerk), W. G. **Raymond** [ordained], J. **Wilbur**.

Napoli: R. **Booth** (Clerk), B. **Braman** [ordained].

1st Perrysburg: J. **Meacham** (Clerk and Delegate, *Versailles, P.O.*), H. **Herrick** [ordained], J. **North**.

Poland: J. **Brininstool** (Clerk): H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], D. **Morse**.

1st Pomfret: A. Z. **Madison** (Clerk and Delegate, *Fredonia, P.O.*), A. **Kingsbury** [ordained], Dea. C. **Batchelor**, Dea. J. R. **Parker**, G. W. **Lewis**, H. A. **Buck**, A. B. **Post**, W. **Webster**.

Randolph: J. W. **Price** (Clerk), M. T. **Wadsworth** [ordained], Dea. C. **Hitchcock**, S. **Price**, T. **Hitchcock**, D. **Bowen**.

Sheridan: O. **Mallett** (Clerk), A. **Irons** [ordained], J. **Bennett** [ordained].

Sinclairville: R. D. **Sherman** (Clerk), W. H. **Husted** [ordained], J. **McAllister**, L. **Walker**, L. **Parker**, R. D. **Sherman**, O. **Harris**.

Stockton: C. **Smith** (Clerk), J. **Howard** [ordained], C. **Smith**, S. **Shepard**, S. **Scofield**, B. **Miller**, S. **Crissey**, B. **Holmes**, H. **Crissey**, A. **Putnam**, H. **Thompson**.

S. E. Stockton: O. **Fish** (Clerk and Delegate), [No pastor], O. **Putnam** [licentiate], S. E. **Curtis**, S. **Scovil**.

Selected Actions:

“The Little Valley Church having requested a dismissal from this body to the Cattaraugus Association, said request was referred to the Committee of Arrangements. The Committee of Arrangements further reported, recommending that the Little Valley Church be dismissed from this body. Adopted.”

“A Letter was received from the Indian Church at Cattaraugus Reservation, requesting admission to membership in this Association. The subject was referred to the Committee of Arrangements. [The Committee of Arrangements] recommended that, in responding to the request of the Indian Brethren at Cattaraugus, the Association appoint a Committee to investigate the state of things among them; and which may, if on examination they shall deem it expedient, and if the Indian Brethren shall see fit to choose for them that purpose, act as a Council, to publicly recognize them as a regular Gospel Church, agreeable to the usages of our Denomination, preparatory to their being received to this body; and that, if they shall be recognized, they be entered upon our list of membership. Rejected.”

“Voted that the Cattaraugus Church be received to membership in the Association.”

“Resolved, that this Association entertain a favorable opinion of the establishment of an Academy, or Collegiate Institute, embracing a Male and Female Department, at some favorable point in the County of Chautauque, affording facilities for giving instruction in all the branches of education taught in our best Academies and Female Seminaries; a majority of whose Trustees shall be members of the Baptist denomination.”

“Voted that the collection for the Widow and Orphan Fund taken at this session be appropriated to aid the widow of the late Eld. Arza **Stone**.”

“Delegates appointed as follows: Ohio Baptist State Convention, Brn. **Kingsbury** and **Howard**. New York Baptist State Convention, Brn. J. B. **Smith**, **Husted**, and **Varnum**. Buffalo Association, Brn. **Luke**, **Husted**, A. **Frink**, J. B. **Smith**, **Kingsbury**, **Morse** and S. **White**. Onondaga Association, Bro. J. B. **Smith**, Cattaraugus Association, Brn. **Morse** and **Varnum**. Canesteo River Association, Brn. **Varnum** and **Morse**. Genesee River Association, Bro. **Akerly**. Harmony Association, Brn. **Akerly**, **Varnum** and **Phelps**.”

Excerpt from the Circular Letter:

“In some churches we hear nothing of the evils of Slavery from their pulpits; in others it is the leading topic of nearly every sermon.”

1855 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Semi-Annual meeting of the Erie Baptist Association held at Leon, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 1855.*

Delegates:

Cherry Creek: Dea. F. **Mount**, A. **Fairchild**, A. J. **Arnold**, J. **Ingals**.

Clear Creek: Rev. J. **Glazier**, J. **Hammond**.

Dayton: Rev. S. **Akerly**, Dea. H. **Fuller**, D. **Williams**, J. **Waite**.

Dunkirk: Rev. J. B. **Smith**.

Ellery: Rev. G. W. **Varnum**.
Ellington: Rev. H. H. **Phelps**, A. **Ells**.
Forestville: D. H. **Horton**.
Hanover Center: Rev. A. **Frink**, C. **Stebbins**.
Leon: Rev. S. **Akerly**, Dea. W. **Saunders**, Dea. G. **Shannon**, H. H. **Homes**.
1st Perrysburg: Rev. H. **Herrick**, N. B. **Hills**.
Poland: Rev. H. H. **Phelps**.
Sheridan: Rev. B. C. **Willoughby**.
Sinclearville: Rev. A. **Irons**, Dea. R. D. **Sherman**, L. **Walker**.
Stockton: Rev. J. **Howard**.
1st Pomfret: Rev. A. **Kingsbury**, J. **Hamilton, Jr.**, D. A. **Woodruff**.

Selected Actions:

“Voted that the funds in the Treasury, for the Bible Union, be applied toward constituting Bro. B. C. Willoughby a life member of said Society.”

1856 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Ninth Anniversary of the Erie Baptist Association held with the Baptist Church in Fredonia, Chautauque Co., N.Y. Sept. 2nd, 3d, and 4th, 1856. Printed by C. M. Beecher, Tribune Office, Dunkirk, N.Y., 1856.*

Moderator: Rev. J. **Howard** (*Stockton*)
Treasurer: Bro. F. **Hyatt**
Clerk: Rev. W. **Luke** (*Forestville*)
Assistant Clerk: Rev. S. **Keyes, Jr.** (*Dunkirk*)
Corresponding Secretary: Rev. J. **Howard** (*Stockton*)

Guests: Rev. A. **Bryant** (*Cattaraugus Association*), Rev. W. **Sawyer** (*Buffalo Association*), Bro'n. Emerson **Mills**, Ephraim **Mills**, L. L. **Gage**, I. C. **Stoddard**, and I. J. **Stoddard** (*Harmony Association*), Rev. D. **Bernard** (*Bible Union*), Rev. E. Mills (*Westfield*).

Clerks and Delegates:

Cassadaga: A. B. **Fisher** (Clerk), J. J. **Fuller** [ordained], Dea. B. **Merrill**, Dea. A. **Lyon**, S. **Merrill**, N. **Munger**.
Cherry Creek: J. **Nash** (Clerk), J. C. **Allison** [ordained], Dea. F. **Mount**, S. **Ingalls**, J. D. **Wheeler**, A. J. **Fairchilds**.
Clear Creek: R. B. **Clark** (Clerk), H. H. **Phelps** [ordained and not present], A. J. **Wilcox**, Dea. A. **Wells**.
Cattaraugus: L. T. **Williams** (Clerk, *Versailles*), N. **Smith** [ordained and not present], S. **White**, S. **Jemison**, W. **Jemison**.
Dayton: H. **Fuller** (Clerk and Delegate), H. **Herrick** [ordained], T. M. **Shaw**.
Dunkirk: L. **Parsons** (Clerk and Delegate), S. **Keyes, Jr.** [ordained], L. **Brownell**.
Ellery: O. **Hale** (Clerk), G. W. **Varnum** [ordained], Dea. C. **Parker**.
Ellington: J. C. **Cody** (Clerk and Delegate), H. H. **Phelps** [ordained and not present], R. **Briggs**.
Forestville: A. **Sexton** (Clerk), W. **Luke** [ordained], Dea. U. **Downer**, N. **Mixer**, F. **Hyatt**.

1st Hanover: S. N. **Slawson** (Clerk, *Nashville*), H. **Herrick** [ordained], Dea. N. **Hopper**, A. **Allen**, G. **Collins**.

Hanover Center: C. **Stebbins** (Clerk, *Silver Creek*), A. **Frink** [ordained], Dea. W. **Mark**, L. **Eaton**, S. **Rechard**.

Leon: H. H. **Holmes** (Clerk), S. **Akerly** [ordained], Dea. W. **Saunders**, D. H. **Horton**.

Napoli: R. **Booth** (Clerk), W. **Fisher** [ordained], Dea. E. **Eddy**.

1st Perrysburgh: E. M. **Pettit** (Clerk), S. **Akerly** [ordained], J. **Rosenburgh**, J. **North**.

Poland: W. **Smith** (Clerk), H. H. **Phelps** [ordained and not present], J. **Brininstool**, J. **Morse**.

1st Pomfret: A. Z. **Madison** (Clerk).

Randolph: J. W. **Price** (Clerk), M. T. **Wadsworth** [ordained], T. **Hitchcock**, N. **Nichols**.

Sheridan: O. **Mallett** (Clerk), A. **Irons** [ordained], W. **Baldwin**, H. A. **Shelly**, W. **Edgarton**.

Sinclairville: R. D. **Sherman** (Clerk), W. H. **Husted** [ordained], Dea. V. **Patterson**, A. **Arnold**.

Stockton: C. **Smith** (Clerk), J. **Howard** [ordained], S. **Shepherd**, S. **Johnson**, H. **Crissey**, S. **Crissey**, O. **Brigham**.

S. E. Stockton: O. **Fish** (Clerk and Delegate), J. J. **Fuller** [ordained], W. H. **Young** [ordained], J. E. **Curtis**.

Selected Actions:

“It was announced that Bro. **Glazier** had fallen in death, in view of which afflicting dispensation, Br. **Frink** led the Association in prayer.”

“The committee of arrangements further reported, recommending that Rev. E. **Mills** of Westfield be invited to preach at 10 1-2 A. M. Also that Br. **Jemison** of the Indian church at Catt. Res. address the Association at 3 P.M. and that other member of that church present have an opportunity to engage in singing; after which the agents of the several Benevolent societies will be allowed ten minutes in which to present their claims.”

“Delegates were appointed to the N. Y. State Convention. Br. **Herrick**, **Howard**, **Frink**, **Irons**, **Allison**, **Jemison**, **Varnum**, **Husted**, **Fuller** and **Keyes**.”

“The time of service having arrived, our Indian Brethren favored us with the singing of a hymn in their native language, followed by prayer, after which Br. **Jemison** delivered an interesting address.... Resolved, that this body confidently and earnestly recommend the church on the Cattaraugus Reservation, as one needing prompt and liberal aid from the N. Y. Baptist State Convention, and as promising encouraging prospects of success if liberally sustained.”

“Note: the first copy of the Minutes, including the ‘Semi-Annual Meeting,’ having been destroyed by fire, we are unable to make out our record beyond this point. It is desirable that all who are under appointment by the Association report themselves to the Corresponding Secretary.”

1857 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Tenth Anniversary of the Erie Baptist Association held with the Baptist Church in Cherry Creek, Chautauque Co., N.Y. September 1st, 2nd, & 3d, 1857.*
Printed by John F. Phelps, Printer, Mayville, N.Y., 1857.

Moderator: W. H. **Husted** (*Sinclairville*)
Treasurer: H. **Crissey** (*Stockton*)
Clerk: G. W. **Varnum** (*Ellery Center*)
Assistant Clerk: H. H. **Phelps** (*Clear Creek*)
Corresponding Secretary: G. W. **Varnum** (*Ellery Center*)

Guests: Brn. J. **Fuller** and G. W. **Lewis** (*Fredonia*), A. **Wheelock** (*Elbridge, Onondaga Association*), W. B. **Bingham** (*French Creek Association*), T. J. **Knapp** (*Newark, New Jersey*), I. C. **Stoddard**, I. J. **Stoddard**, Emerson **Mills**, D. D. **Woodworth** (*Harmony Association*), B. C. **Willoughby** (*Buffalo Association*).

After opening services and business, “The Association then listened to a Song of Zion by our Indian Brethren.”

Clerks and Delegates:

Cassadaga: A. B. **Fisher** (Clerk), W. H. **Husted** [ordained].

Cherry Creek: J. **Nash** (Clerk and Delegate), J. C. **Allison** [ordained], Dea. J. B. **Babcock**, J. **Essex**, J. **Ingalls**, J. D. **Wheeler**, A. J. **Arnold**, W. S. **Bullock**.

Clear Creek: R. B. **Clark** (Clerk): H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], A. J. **Wilcox** [ordained], O. **Putnam** [ordained].

Dayton: H. **Fuller** (Clerk, *Leon Center, P.O.*), [No pastor], J. **Green**, T. M. **Shaw**, L. **Rathbun** [ordained], B. **Dodge**.

Dunkirk: L. **Parsons** (Clerk)

Ellery: O. **Hale** (Clerk, *Ellery Center, P.O.*), G. W. **Varnum** [ordained], Dea. C. **Parker**, W. R. **Traphagen**.

Ellington: J. C. **Cody** (Clerk), [No pastor], A. J. **Wilcox** [ordained], Dea. J. **Cady**, J. C. **Cody**, R. **Briggs**, T. **Thorn**.

Forestville: A. B. **Cooley** (Clerk), H. C. **Fuller** [ordained], N. **Gage** [ordained], Dea. F. **Hyatt**, R. **Johnson**, H. **Stone**.

1st Hanover: S. N. **Slawson** (Clerk, *Nashville, P.O.*), H. **Herrick** [ordained], Dea. N. **Hopper**, N. **Wheaton**, A. **Allen**.

Hanover Center: C. **Stebbins** (Clerk, *Silver Creek, P.O.*), S. **Akerly** [ordained], Dea. L. **Tower**.

Leon: H. H. **Holmes** (Clerk), H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], Dea. W. **Saunders**, H. **Wells**, D. **Horton**.

Napoli: R. **Booth** (Clerk), A. **Frink** [ordained], B. **Braman** [ordained], W. **Fisher** [ordained], Dea. E. **Eddy**, Dea. G. **Shannon**.

1st Perrysburg: E.M. **Pettit** (Clerk, *Versailles, P.O.*), S. **Akerly** [ordained], H. **Herrick** [ordained].

Poland: Wm. **Smith** (Clerk, *Falconer, P.O.*), H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], H. **Morse**, J. **Burnett**.

1st Pomfret: A. Z. **Madison** (Clerk, *Fredonia, P.O.*), [No pastor].

Randolph: J. W. **Price** (Clerk), [No pastor], M.T. **Wadsworth** [ordained], Dea. D. **Bowen**, S. **Price**, N. **Nichols**, T. **Hitchcock**.

Sheridan: O. **Mallett** (Clerk and Delegate), [No pastor], J. J. **Kendall**.

Sinclairville: R. D. **Sherman** (Clerk, *Gerry, P.O.*), W. H. **Husted** [ordained], L. **Walker**, J. **McAllister**.

Stockton: C. **Smith** (Clerk), J. **Elliot** [ordained], Dea. J. **Crissey**, Dea. C. **Thompson**, H. **Crissey**, J. H. **Parkhurst**, S. S. **Crissey**, H. **Thompson**.
S. E. Stockton: O. **Fish** (Clerk and Delegate), [No pastor], J. E. **Curtis**, W. H. **Young**.

Selected Actions:

“Whereas, it has pleased God, since the last meeting of this Association to remove, by death, our beloved brother, A. **Irons**, for many years one of its pastors, Therefore, Resolved, That we recognize the hand of God in this solemn dispensation that has deprived us of the presence of one, wise in counsel, and faithful in presenting gospel truth; and we would hear, in this bereavement, the voice of our Lord, calling us to greater devotion in his service while the day of life shall last. Resolved, that we assure the family of Br. **Irons** of our warmest sympathies, and fervent prayer in his bereavement; and that we deeply feel for the Church in *Sheridan*, in the loss of their pastor; and pray that our Divine Master will compassionate and provide for them in their destitution of an under shepherd.”

“Whereas, It is exceedingly desirable that a Literary Institution of a high order, for both Female and Male Instruction, be established in the County of Chautauque, under the influence and direction of the Baptist Denomination; and as the people of Stockton have raised by subscription nine thousand dollars, or more, for the purchase of a lot, and the erection of a building for such an Institution to be located in that place; and have obtained a charter from the Regents of the University of the State of New York, under the name of “The Chautauque Collegiate Institute,” therefore, Resolved, That we recommend the enterprise to the support and aid of all the friends of sound and moral scientific learning.”

“The *Cattaraugus* Church requested a letter of dismission to unite with the Buffalo Association. The request was granted.”

“In response to a communication from the *1st Pomfret* Church, the following was adopted: Whereas, a communication is received from the *1st Pomfret* Church, couched in respectful language, and dictated in a spirit of christian kindness, but as it alludes to a difficulty with a sister church, which is still unadjusted, therefore Resolved, In accordance with our principles and the Constitution of this Association, that it cannot be a subject of adjudication by this body. But heartily fraternizing with that Church in the spirit which dictated their address, we cannot forbear to express the general sentiment which should guide our churches on questions of that kind. And further Resolved, That this Association, in accordance with the principles of the gospel, and the usages of our denomination, disapprove and condemn the practice of Churches in receiving into their fellowship excluded members from sister churches, unless they have first ascertained by an official and thorough examination that such exclusions are contrary to the laws of Christ’s Kingdom.”

“On motion, Mrs. Clarissa C. **Varnum** of *Ellery*, Horace **Thompson**, and Mrs. Nancy **Thompson**, of *Stockton*, and John **McAllister**, of *Sinclairville*, were constituted Life Members of the Baptist State Convention.”

“On motion, Brn. C. **Thompson** and J. **Hyatt** were appointed a committee with power to examine in relation to the Widow and Orphan Fund, and report at the next session of t his body. On motion, the money contributed last year and this be appropriated for the benefit of the widow of the late A. **Irons**.”

“The committee on the moral destitution in this Association reported, a copy of which is the following: The field occupied by this association contains an area of at least eight hundred square miles, and a population of about forty thousand souls. Our body embraces twenty churches, with aggregate membership of less than thirteen hundred. We have fifteen ordained ministers and one licentiate. Only ten of these are acting as Pastors. Five of the churches, namely *Randolph, Ellington, Dayton, Sheridan, and S. E. Stockton*, are destitute of pastors, and have preaching irregularly. Some of these occupy important places, and the cause demands attention to their condition. Five of the churches reporting pastoral labor, are supplied only part of the time. We believe a thorough survey, would show a number of localities where there are no churches, in which the gospel might be preached with good promise of success. As a denomination, we occupy as important a position, numerically and in other respects, for usefulness as any other body of professed christians in this field, and it is required by the Master that we make a wise improvement of the vantage ground which God hath given us.”

1857 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Erie Baptist Association held at Cassadaga, Tuesday, Feb. 10th, 1857.*

Moderator: J. Howard

Clerk: W. Luke

Treasurer: H. Crissey

Guests: Rev. H. C. **Fuller**, Bro. **Phelps**, Bro. H. A. **Smith**

Delegates:

Cassadaga: Rev. J. J. **Fuller**, B. **Merrill**, C. **Phillips**.

Ellery: Rev. G. W. **Varnum**.

Forestville: Rev. W. **Luke**.

Stockton: Rev. J. **Howard**, H. **Crissey**, J. **Crissey**, M. **Crissey**, J. **Parkhurst**, C. **Thompson**, J. **Thompson**, T. **Clute**.

Sinclairville: Rev. W. H. **Husted**, L. **Walker**.

Selected Actions:

Voted, To postpone the reading of the Historical Sketches of the Churches until the Annual Meeting of the Association.

Voted, That the Historical Committee correspond with the Harmony Association, inviting them to join with us in publishing the early history of the Baptist Churches in Chautauque County.

Voted, That Bro. L. **Walker** be made a life member of the Missionary Union, with the funds raised for that Society. Voted, That the funds of that society which remain after making Bro. **Walker** a life member of the Union, shall be appropriated toward making Bro. W. **Luke** a life member of the same society.

Individual contributors to funds as listed in the Treasurer's report:

Elder **Husted**, G. W. **Varnum**, Miss Mary J. **Goodrich**, A. J. **Wilcox** & Lady, L. **Rathbun**, S. **Akerly**, Mr. **Wright**, John **Jay**, Baxter **Dodge**.

1858 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Eleventh Anniversary of the Erie Baptist Association held with the Baptist Church, Sinclearville, Chaut. Co. N.Y. August 31, Sept. 1st and 2d, 1858. Printed by W. M'Kinstry & Brother, Printers, Censor Office, Fredonia, 1858.*

Moderator: Rev. A. **Wheelock**, D.D. (*Fredonia*)

Treasurer: H. **Crissey** (*Stockton*)

Clerk: Rev. G. W. **Varnum** (*Ellery Center*)

Assistant Clerk: Oscar **Hale** (*Ellery Center*)

Corresponding Secretary: Rev. G. W. **Varnum** (*Ellery Center*)

Notices: "First Quarterly" meeting to be held in Cassadaga on November 10th, 1858. "Semi-Annual" meeting to be held in Hanover Center on Feb. 8th, 1859.

Guests: Revs. J.C. **Drake**, W. **Look**, E. **Mills**, N. **Thomas** and Deas. N. **Kesler** and J. C. **Breed** of the *Harmony Association*; Rev. A. J. **Wilcox** of the *Buffalo Association*; Rev. R. **Edmund** of the *Rock Island Association*, Ill.; Rev. J. A. **Bullard**, Agent of the American Baptist Mission Union; Rev. D. **Bernard**, Agent of the Bible Union; Rev. W. **Shadrach**, D. D. of *Philadelphia*.

Churches and Clerks: *Cassadaga*, A. B. **Fisher**; *Cherry Creek*, E. **Northrup**; *Clear Creek*, R. B. **Clark**; *Dayton*, Henry **Fuller**; *Dunkirk*, L. **Parsons**; *Ellery, Ellery Center, P.O.*, O. **Hale**; *Ellington*, J. C. **Cody**; *Forestville*, J. A. **Mixer**; *1st Hanover, Nashville, P.O.*, J. S. **Bettis**; *Hanover Center, Silver Creek, P.O.*, C. **Stebbins**; *Leon*, H. H. **Holmes**; *Napoli*, J. **Palmer**; *1st Perrysburgh* (no report); *Poland, Falconer, P.O.*, (no clerk named); *1st Pomfret, Fredonia, P.O.*, A. Z. **Madison**; *Randolph*, J. W. **Price**; *Sheridan* (disbanded); *Sinclearville, Gerry, P.O.*, A. **Arnold**; *Stockton, C. Smith*; *S. E. Stockton, Stockton, P.O.*, O. **Fish**.

Delegates:

W. H. **Husted** [ordained], A. B. **Fisher**, Charles **Phillips**, N. **Munger**, A. **Putnam**, Thomas **Clute**, W. **Smith**, G. **Munger** (*Cassadaga*); Deacon F. **Mount**, R. N. **Tanner**, T. **Morgan**, E. **Northrup**, A. F. **Robbins**, D. **Slow**, J. D. **Wheeler**, J. **Bullock**, W. S. **Bullock** (*Cherry Creek* [No pastor]); H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], O. **Putnam**, J. **Westley**, R. B. **Clark**, E. **Phelps**, C. **Myers** (*Clear Creek*); A. **Frink** [ordained], J. **Green**, H. **Fuller**, A. E. **Farmington** (*Dayton*); L. **Rathbun** [ordained] (*Dunkirk*); G. W. **Varnum** [ordained], Dea. C. **Parker**, Dea. J. R. **Brownell**, Dea. G. W. **Cone**, O. **Hale**, W. R. **Traphagan**, M. **Barney**, H. **Haskin**, A. **Warner**, H. **Hale**, A. **Lewis** (*Ellery*); J. C. **Cody** [licentiate], Deacon J. **Cady**, J. **Thorn** (*Ellington* [No pastor]); H. C. **Fuller** [ordained], N. **Mixer**, J. **Bartoo**, E. **Downer**, E. **Knapp**, J. **Conrad**, M.

Boomer, Deacon R. **Rider**, Deacon F. **Hyatt** (*Forestville*); H. **Herrick** [ordained] (*1st Hanover*); S. **Akerly** [ordained], Deacon L. **Tower** (*Hanover Center*); H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], E. **Stickney**, J. M. **Treate**, N. **Winchell**, M. C. **Treate**, W. **Saunders**, H. **Wells**, D. H. **Horton**, H. H. **Holmes**, R. C. **Jackson** (*Leon*); W. **Fisher** [ordained], Deacon E. **Eddy**, George **Sherman**, D. **Ewel**, S. **Barrett** (*Napoli*); M. T. **Wadsworth** [ordained], H. **Morse**, W. **Smith** (*Poland*); A. **Wheelock** [ordained], Geo. W. **Lewis**, J. R. **Parker**, I. **Fuller**, A. Z. **Madison**, A. B. **Post**, Philip **Phillips**, F. W. **Post**, H. A. **Buck** (*1st Pomfret* [No pastor]); Deacon B. **Archer**, J. W. **Price**, N. **Nichols**, F. **Nichols**, I. **Archer** (*Randolph* [No pastor]); W. H. **Husted** [ordained], Dea. V. **Patterson**, Dea. E. **Manning**, J. **McAllister**, O. **Harris**, E. **Edmunds**, L. **Walker**, A. **Arnold** (*Sinclearville*); J. **Elliott** [ordained], Dea. C. **Thompson**, S. **Shepard**, H. **Crissey**, J. L. **Kazer** (*Stockton*); J. E. **Curtis**, S. C. **Belden** (*S. E. Stockton* [No pastor]).

Selected Actions:

Voted, that Brethren A. **Wheelock**, W. H. **Husted** and L. **Rathbun** be our delegates to the New York Baptist Convention to be held at Gloversville on the 2d of Wednesday in October next.

Voted, that a collection be taken and added to the amount collected yesterday for the purpose of purchasing tomb stones for the lamented A. **Irons**.

On motion, a collection was taken to pay the sum at which a watch was prized, belonging to a brother in Clear Creek (which was a family relic of four generations) that he might keep the treasure inasmuch as he felt so ardently for the destitute in heathen lands. Collection amounted to \$4 88 and a gold ring.

The following persons were constituted Life Members of the New York Baptist State Convention: Miss Amanda **Waterman** (*Stockton*); Charles **Phillips** (*Cassadaga*); Mrs. Martha A. **Husted** (*Sinclearville*); Rev. Hugh **Herrick** (*Nashville*); Misses Nora **Guild**, Sarah M. **Madison**, Adele **Jennings** (*Fredonia*); Mrs. Sarah A. **Rathbun** (*Dunkirk*); Rev. G. W. **Varnum** (*Ellery Center*); Rev. Samuel **Akerly** (*Hanover Center*); Rev. Henry H. **Phelps** (*Clear Creek*); Miss Lucy **Coe** (*Ellery Center*).

Selected Reports:

By C. **Thompson** and F. **Hyatt** (Widow and Orphan Fund: “Your committee on Widow and Orphan Fund, find in the hands of Brother Madison, former Treasurer, a certificate of Deposit on H. J. **Miner’s** Bank for the sum of \$34 44 deposited Sept. 3, 1852 at 7 percent payable to D. **Barrell**, L. B. **Grant**, and H. **Crissey**, Trustees, or their order. Also we find by the Minutes that the collections taken in 1853, ’54, and ’55 were, by a vote of the Association, appropriated to the widow of Elder **Stone**; and that the collections taken in 1856 and ’57 were appropriated to the widow of Elder **Irons**. Your Committee would further suggest the propriety of drawing the interest on the deposits, and appropriate it, together with the collection taken this session, to the widow of Elder A. **Irons**. We would also refer this Body to a Resolution recorded in our Minutes of 1851 (which see), for the further disposal of this matter.”

By A. Z. **Madison**, B. C. **Willoughby**, H. **Crissey**, and N. **Mixer** (a committee): “Believing it to be the instruction of Christ, that we remember the poor, and that the case of indigent widows and orphans of deceased ministers of our denomination (whether ordained or licensed) who at the time of their death were in good standing, devolves on us increased obligations. Therefore, Resolved, That we endeavor to enlarge the fund for this object of benevolence....”

1858 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Semi-Annual meeting of the Erie Baptist Association at Randolph, N. Y. on Feb. 9, 1858.*

Moderator: J. **Elliot**

Clerk: G. W. **Varnum**

Guests: O. D. **Hibbard**, Minister of the Congregational Church; D. M. **Stever**, Minister of the Methodist Erie Conference; Bro. L. B. **Starr** of the Free-Will Baptist Church.

Delegates:

Cassadaga, Rev. W. H. **Husted**; *Cherry Creek*, Bro. J. **Ingalls**; *Clear Creek*, Rev. H. H. **Phelps**, and Brn. O. **Putnam**, G. **Meyers**, C. **Meyers**, R. B. **Clark**; *Dayton*, Rev. O. **Putnam**, H. **Fuller**; *Ellery Center*, Rev. G. W. **Varnum**, O. **Hale**; *1st Hanover*, Rev. H. **Herrick**; *Hanover Center*, Rev. S. **Akerly**; *Leon*, Rev. H. H. **Phelps**, D. **Horton**, W. **Saunders**, H. **Wells**, R. C. **Jackson**; *Napoli*, Rev. A. **Frink**, E. **Eddy**; *1st Perrysburgh*, Rev. S. **Akerly**; *Poland*, Rev. H. H. **Phelps**, Wm. **Smith**, A. **Steadman**; *Randolph*, Rev. M. T. **Wadsworth**, O. **Hitchcock**, B. **Archer**, S. **Boyce**, J. W. **Price**; *Sinclairville*, Rev. W. H. **Husted**; S. E. **Stockton**, W. H. **Young**

Selected Actions:

The committee of Arrangements made their final report (1) That the monthly meeting for March be held with the church in Randolph...; (2) In April with the Conewango Church...; (3) In May at Napoli...; (4) That the next Quarterly Meeting be held with the Church at Versailles (1st Perrysburgh)....

Individual Contributors to various funds, as listed in the Treasurer’s Report:

Rev. J. **Elliot**, Rev. G. W. **Varnum**, Dea. B. **Archer**, Mrs. B. **Archer**, Dea. O. **Hitchcock**, Mrs. O. **Hitchcock**, Dea. **Bowen**, Br. L. **Wright**, Miss M. J. **Goodrich**, Hollis **Thompson**, Br. C. **Myers**.

1859 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Twelfth Anniversary of the Erie Baptist Association held with the Baptist Church, Forestville, N.Y., Sept. 6th, 7th and 8th, 1859. Printed by W. McKinstry & Brother, Printers, Censor Office, Fredonia, 1859.*

Moderator: Elder A. **Kingsbury** (*Fredonia*)

Treasurer: David **Barrell** (*Fredonia*)

Clerk: Elder G. W. **Varnum** (*Ellery Center*)

Assistant Clerk: Elder H. H. **Phelps** (*Clear Creek*)

Corresponding Secretary: Elder G. W. **Varnum** (*Ellery Center*)

Guests: Eld. C. **Marton** (Agent of the Am. Baptist Home Mission Society), G. Cyrus **Sedwick** (Agent of the Am. B. Union), Elds. L. **Rathbun**, O. L. **Crittenden**, P. **Cross**, F. **Glanville**, Emerson **Mills**, E. B. **Sparks**, J. C. **Drake**, B. C. **Willoughby** W. R. **Connelly** (*Harmony Association*); A. D. **Williams** (*Rochester Seminary*), F. **Kidder** and A. J. **Wilcox** (*Buffalo Association*), R. **Cherryman** (*Cattaraugus Association*), H. W. **Brown** (*Buffalo*).

Churches and Clerks: *Cassadaga*, A. B. **Fisher**; *Cherry Creek*, E. **Northrup**; *Clear Creek*, A. **Randall**; *Dayton*, D. **Jones**, *East Leon*, P.O.; *Dunkirk*, L. **Parsons**; *Ellery*, Oscar **Hale**; *Ellington* (disbanded); *Forestville*, J. A. **Mixer**; *Fredonia*, A. Z. **Madison**; *Hanover Center*, C. **Stebbins**; *1st Hanover*, J. S. **Bettis**, *Nashville*, P. O.; *Leon*, R. C. **Jackson**; *Napoli*, J. **Parmer**; *1st Perrysburgh*, E. M. **Pettit**, *Versailles*, P.O.; *Poland*, Wm. **Smith**, *Falconer*, P.O.; *Randolph*, W. **Price**; *Sinclairville*, A. **Arnold**, *Gerry*, P.O.; *Stockton*, C. **Smith**; *S. E. Stockton*, O. **Fish**.

Delegates:

Cassadaga: [No pastor], T. W. **Clute**, N. **Munger**.

Cherry Creek: N. **Thomas** [ordained], J. C. **Allison** [ordained], J. D. **Wheeler** [licentiate], Dea. F. **Mount**, Wm. **Bullock**, J. **Ingalls**, T. **Wilcox**, A. **Ells**, R. N. **Tanner**, R. **Gage**.

Clear Creek: H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], O. **Putnam** [ordained], J. C. **Cody**, Dea. R. D. **Rider**, Henry **Hammond**.

Dayton: S. **Akerly** [ordained], Dea. J. **Green**, D. **Jones**, T. U. **Shaw**, H. **Fuller**.

Dunkirk: [No pastor], L. **Parsons**, B. **Dodge**.

Ellery: G. W. **Varnum** [ordained], Dea. C. **Parker**, J. R. **Brownell**, H. **Haskin**.

Forestville: W. **Look** [ordained], N. **Gage** [ordained], Eld. **Woodbury** [ordained], Dea. U. **Downer**, Dea. F. **Hyatt**, J. B. **Pattison**, E. **Knapp**, W. **Knapp**, J. A. **Mixer**, A. **Olnatt**, J. **Denison**.

Fredonia: A. **Wheelock** [ordained], Dea. J. R. **Parker**, D. **Barrell**, A. Z. **Madison**, I. **Fuller**, T. B. **Sweet**, O. **Daily**, H. **Mount**, J. C. **Sweet**, W. J. **Sharp**, J. J. **Parker**, J. **Traverse**.

Hanover Center: E. M. **Ney** [ordained], Dea. W. **Marsh**, Dea. J. **Tower**, C. **Stebbins**, A. **Wartrous**, L. **Tower**, S. **Eaton**.

1st Hanover: E. M. **Ney** [ordained], S. **Slawson**, N. **Wheaton**, G. **Collins**.

Leon: H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], Dea. Wm. **Saunders**, Dea. D. H. **Horton**, E. **Stickney**, M. **Treat**.

Napoli: S. **Akerly** [ordained], Dea. G. **Shannon**, S. **Barrett**, O. **Booth**.

1st Perrysburgh: A. **Frink** [ordained], H. **Herrick**, J. **Meacham**, G. **Parker**, J. **Rosenburg**, H. **Hugoboom**.

Poland: M. T. **Wadsworth** [ordained], H. **Morse**, C. **McNall**, M. **Randal**, E. **Devine**.

Randolph: A. **Plumley** [ordained], Dea. B. **Archer**.

Sinclairville: W. H. **Husted** [ordained], Wm. **Look** [ordained], Dea. R. D. **Sherman**, J. **McAllister**.

Stockton: A. **Kingsbury** [ordained], J. **Elliott** [ordained], Dea. J. **Crissey**, Dea. C. **Thompson**, H. **Crissey**, M. **Thompson**.

S. E. Stockton: No report.

Selected Reports and Actions:

Chairman A. **Wheelock**: Your business committee would report ... That Eld. B. C. **Willoughby** have ten minutes to present the interests of the Church at *Warren, Pa.*

Bro. H. **Crissey** offered a resolution: Whereas, The Am. Tract Society of New York has long professed to be a powerful engine against the powers of darkness, and has hitherto been largely sustained by all evangelical demominations, North and South, and whereas, it has more recently inclined to favor American Slavery by inculcating obedience on the part of the slave to the master, and refusing to publish corresponding obligations of masters to servants, and refused the prayer of its friends, to give its influence against the African Slave trade (the scorn of the civilized world), therefore Resolved: We recommend to Churches, Societies, and individuals, to withhold patronage from said Society, and favor the Am. Bap. Publication Society.

Whereas, The Methodist Brethren of this place, in view of the serious loss to which their Baptist Brethren have recently experienced in the burning of their house of worship, voluntarily and in true Christian courtesy, tendered us the use of their house of worship during the session of this body, furnished and cared for, at their own expense, therefore, Resolved, That this Association, with the Baptist Church of this place, do present their sincere thanks to them for their Christian hospitality and kindness, in so cordially providing them with the use of their house on this occasion. And we do pray that they may be rewarded with the Divine blessing. And that we also present our sincere and hearty thanks, as an Association, to the Church and community here, for their kindness and hospitality; and to the choir, who have so acceptably aided us in the devotional exercises.

Excerpt from Digest of Letters:

Stockton: A. **Kingsbury**, Pastor – Hope our meeting together may bind us more closely. Doing what they can for the glorious cause of Christ. Eld. J. **Elliott** resigned the pastorate, and A. **Kingsbury** has accepted it. Have enlarged and beautified their house of worship, at a cost of twenty-seven hundred dollars. Prayer meetings increasing in interest. Sunday School and Bible Class well attended, and congregations large and solemn.

Individuals listed in the Treasurer's report as contributors to various funds:

Mrs. H. H. **Phelps**, G. W. **Varnum**, Asa **Brown**.

1859 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Erie Baptist Association, Hanover Center, Feb. 8th, 1859.*

Moderator: Bro. J. **Elliott**

Clerk: G. W. **Varnum**

Guests: Rev. E. M. **Ney** (*French Creek Association*).

Delegates:

Cassadaga: Rev. W. H. **Husted**.

Cherry Creek: Rev. N. **Thomas**, Dea. F. **Mount**, J. **Ingalls**, and Bro. J. D. **Wheeler**.

Clear Creek: Rev. H. H. **Phelps**.

Ellery Center: Rev. G. W. **Varnum**.

Forestville: Rev. H. C. **Fuller**, N. **Gage**, Deas. U. **Downer**, A. **Giles**, M. **Gage**, and Brn. J. **Barto**, N. **Mixer**, W. **Hyatt**, Henry **Downer**.

1st Hanover: Rev. H. **Herrick**, Dea. **Slawson**.

Hanover Center: Rev. S. **Akerly**, Deas. L. **Tower**, W. **Marks**, and Bro. Chas. **Stebbins**.

Leon: Rev. H. H. **Phelps**, Dea. W. **Saunders**, and Bro. Morris **Treat**.

Poland: Rev. M. T. **Wadsworth**, C. **McNall**, V. **Page**.

1st Pomfret: Ira **Fuller**.

Sinclairville: Rev. W. H. **Husted**.

Stockton: Rev. J. **Elliott**, S. **Johnson** and Hollis **Thompson**.

Selected Actions:

The Business Committee reported in full, recommending that the next Quarterly meeting be held with the Church at Poland on the first Tuesday in June at 1 o'clock, P.M.

1860 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Thirteenth Anniversary of the Erie Baptist Association held with the Baptist Church at Ellery Center, Chautauque County, N.Y., Sept. 4th, 5th, and 6th, 1860. Printed by John F. Phelps, Printer, Sentinel Office, Mayville, 1860.*

Moderator: Rev. W. H. **Husted** (*Sinclairville*)

Clerk and Corresponding Secretary: Rev. G. W. **Varnum** (*Ellery Center*)

Treasurer: David **Barrell** (*Fredonia*)

Guests: (*Harmony Association*) Rev. E. B. **Sparks**, Jedediah **Howard**, Rev's. F. **Glanville**, A. **Wells**, B.C. **Willoughby**, J. M. **Derby**, L. **Rathbun**, P. **Cross**, W. R. **Connelly**, and S. B. **Dawly**. (*Buffalo Association*) Rev's. A. J. **Wilcox** and F. **Kidder**.

Churches and Clerks:

Cassadaga (A.B. **Fisher**), *Cherry Creek* (E. **Northrup**), *Clear Creek* (A. **Randall**), *Dayton, East Leon, Catt. Co.* (D. S. **Jones**), *Dunkirk* (L. **Parsons**), *Eller Center* (Oscar **Hale**), *Forestville* (J. A. **Mixer**), *Fredonia* (A. Z. **Madison**), *First Hanover, Nashville, Chaut. Co.* (J. S. **Bettis**), *Hanover Center, Irving, Chaut. Co.* (C. **Stebbins**), *Leon* (R. C. **Jackson**), *Napoli* (J. **Palmer**), *1st Perrysburgh, Versailles, Cattaraugus Co.* (E. M. **Pettit**), *Poland* (W. **Smith**), *Randolph* (J. **Price**), *Sinclairville, Gerry, Chaut. Co.* (A. **Arnold**), *Stockton* (C. **Smith**), *S. E. Stockton* (O. **Fish** in 1858; no report in 1860).

Delegates:

Cassadaga: [No pastor], E. **Mills** [ordained], Dea. B. **Merrill**, Brn. A. B. **Fisher**, W. **Smith**, A. **Putnam**, E. **Putnam**, M. **Griffith**.

Cherry Creek: N. **Thomas** [ordained], Dea. J. D. **Weeler** [licentiate], F. **Mount**, T. **Wilcox**, A. **Ellis**, W. **Bullock**, R. N. **Tanner**.

Clear Creek: H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], O. **Putnam** [ordained], Dea. R. D. **Rider**, E. L. **Crumb**. *Dayton:* S. **Akerly** [ordained], J. **Green** [licentiate], H. **Fuller**, D. S. **Jones**.

Dunkirk: [No pastor], L. **Parsons**, J. **Patterson**.

Ellery Center: G. W. **Varnum** [ordained], Dea. C. **Parker**, A. **Babcock**, H. **Hale**, J. **Miller**, G. **Parker**.

Forestville: E. **Mills** [ordained], N. **Gage** [ordained], Dea. U. **Dower**, A. S. **Giles**, N. **Mixer**, H. **Harris**, Wm. **Squires**.

Fredonia: A. **Wheelock** [ordained and not present], Dea. J. R. **Parker**, D. **Barrell**, G. W. **Lewis**, R. B. **Clark**, A. Z. **Madison**, A. C. **Guild**, J. R. **Madison**.

First Hanover: J. C. **Allison** [ordained], H. **Herrick** [ordained], E. M. **Ney** [ordained], N. **Wheaton**, S. **Slawson**.

Hanover Center: S. D. **Ross** [ordained], J. S. **Foster** [ordained].

Leon: H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], Dea. W. **Saunders**.

Napoli: H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], W. **Fisher** [ordained and not present], J. **Palmer**, G. **Shannon**, S. **Barret**, O. **Booth**.

1st Perrysburg: M. T. **Wadsworth**, H. **Herrick**, J. **Meachem**.

Poland: J. **Elliott** [ordained], L. **Jenks**, J. **Burnett**.

Randolph: A. **Plumley** [ordained], J. N. **Nichols**, D. F. **Nichols**, T. **Hitchcock**, I. **Archer**, H. **Rogers**.

Sinclairville: W. H. **Husted** [ordained], Deas. V. **Patterson**, R. D. **Sherman**, Brn. J. **McAllister**, E. **Edmunds**, S. G. **Patterson**, J. P. **Bellows**, J. **Bellows**, O. **Harris**.

Stockton: A. **Kingsbury** [ordained], J. **Elliott** [ordained], Dea. J. **Crissey**, S. **Shephard**, Horace **Thompson**, J. **Mitchell**, A. **Smith**, A. **Perrin**, J. **Kazer**, S. **Johnson**, L. **Ames**, W. **Parkhurst**, S. S. **Crissey**.

Selected Actions and Reports:

Voted that Bro. A. Z. **Madison**, Dea's B. **Merrill** and H. **Fuller**, be the Trustees of the Widows and Orphans' Fund....The Trustees of the Widows and Orphans' Fund would report, That they have examined it, and would recommend that it be read, and, if approved, printed in the minutes.

On motion a committee of two were appointed to look after the bibles and testaments in the Depository at J. **Hamilton's** Jr., make a disposition of the same, and report at the next session of the Association.

The Committee on the Circular Letter reported. The letter was then read by Rev. A. **Kingsbury**, the author. Adopted and ordered printed in the minutes.

Voted that the sketch of the history of the Fredonia church be now read, according to a resolution passed by this body at its last Session.

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to each church in this Association to observe the first Monday in January next as a day of prayer for the deliverance of the oppressed, the suppression of vice and crime, the success of the gospel in all the earth, and particularly for a precious and glorious revival of God's work in our midst.

Rev. B. C. **Willoughby** made a kind acknowledgement of money received for the aid of the Baptist Church at *Warren, Pa.* On motion by H. **Crissey**, a committee was appointed to draft a

resolution expressive of our sympathy with Rev. B. C. **Willoughby**, and the interest of the church at *Warren, Pa.* Brn. H. **Crissey**, A. **Kingsbury**, E. **Mills** were appointed said committee.... The committee on Resolutions reported a resolution in favor of Rev. B. C. **Willoughby** and *Warren Church, Pa.*.... Resolved, In view of the condition of the Baptist Church located in Warren, a flourishing village in Western Pennsylvania, on the Sunbury and Erie Rail Road, and the noble efforts of their efficient and devoted pastor in connection with themselves, in erecting their beautiful and commodious house of worship, and of the fact, that after all their efforts, and aid from the Harmony and Erie Associations, there remains yet the sum of \$400 resting entirely upon their pastor, Rev. B. C. **Willoughby**, we do, therefore, most cordially recommend our dear brother to the kind regards of our sister churches wherever he may be, in raising funds to liquidate the debt. Adopted.

Bro. G. W. **Lewis** made some remarks in favor of a revision of the English Scriptures.

Digest of Letters

“*Cassadaga* – Rejoice in God’s goodness; mourn over the loss of their pastor, whose faithful labors they have enjoyed during the year, he feeling it his duty to enter another field; desire an interest in the prayers of their brethren that God would send them an under shepherd. One year ago, Rev. E. **Mills** came to them, promising only one sermon a Sabbath, but, his health improving, they usually have had two. Have a School and Bible class, and have enjoyed some tokens of Divine favor. A good number of papers taken.”

“*Cherry Creek* – N. **Thomas**, Pastor – Are glad to meet the brethren again. Rejoice in a preached gospel. They have become established in the doctrines thereof. Cannot cheer the hearts of their brethren by reporting one soul converted. Have many contending elements around them., God has called one to himself, and they have been necessitated to enforce discipline, which resulted in the exclusion of some. Are happily united in their pastor. Good S. School well supplied with ‘papers’.”

“*Clear Creek* – H. H. **Phelps**, Pastor – Anticipate a good meeting Have preaching only a fourth of the time. Regret the hardness of the hearts of those around them, who oppose Christ. Sustain prayer meetings and a good S. School.”

“*Dayton* – S. **Akerly**, Pastor – This church anticipates a joyful meeting together. Mourn that they cannot cheer the hearts of their brethren with the tidings of the salvation of sinners in their midst. Have preaching half of the time by their pastor, the other half by J. **Green**, who was licensed last spring. Maintain the order of the gospel in the ordinances. Need more faith. Maintain a S. School. Have 150 volumes in their library. Request prayers in their behalf.”

“*Dunkirk* – Another year has rolled away and they are still without a pastor, consequently are not enjoying the means of grace. Hope the N. Y. B. State Convention will find a man and send him to them. They will do what they can. They have newly roofed and windowed their house of worship at an expense of \$275, and desire greatly to hear the word of life dispensed therein.”

“*Ellery Center* – G. W. **Varnum**, Pastor – Rejoice in a faithful ministry. Glad to retain their pastor, who they thought in the spring would leave them. Open their barns and pastures for the horses that bring their brethren among them, and their houses, pantries and hearts to receive their brethren. Have completed their parsonage during the year, and have purchased a bell for their meeting house. Are yet a little in debt. Sustain prayer meetings and S. Schools and a Bible class. Take “Young Reaper,” 22 copies; “Child’s Paper,” 10 copies; “American Messenger,” 25 copies; and some “Examiners” and “American Baptists.” The number of members reported by far exceeds their strength. Valuation of Church, \$2,100. In six years have expended \$5000 for religious purposes, (with the aid of Society.) They have about 300 volumes in their S. School library.”

“*Forestville* – Emerson **Mills**, Pastor – Rev. W. **Look** has left them and they have called Rev. E. **Mills** to the pastorate, who will soon enter upon his labors. Speak of union and harmony. Are rebuilding their house of worship. Have labored under disadvantages during the year, not having a convenient place since their house was consumed a year ago. Hope to be permitted to occupy their new house in November next. Desire to be useful.”

“*Fredonia* – A. **Wheelock**, D.D., Pastor – Their pastor has been sick for six weeks. Now convalescent, though unable to attend the Association. Complain of coldness on the part of some; others are still active. Are somewhat embarrassed by a debt resting upon them, chiefly arrears on their church edifice. Seven have been called to their reward. Contributions for benevolent objects somewhat lessened, owing to their indebtedness. J. Hamilton, Jun., resigned as Superintendent of their Sabbath School, having removed to New York City for a time. Bro. J. R. **Madison** was elected to the office. Number of scholars in the S. School, 114; teachers, 14; two Bible classes of 30 members; 400 volumes in the library. Present their church history as per resolution of 1855 and 1859.”

“*First Hanover* – J. C. **Allison**, Pastor – They acknowledge the hand of a merciful God in preserving them in peace. No revival news this year. Numbers few, but strong in faith. Rev. E. M. **Ney** closed his labors as pastor last spring. Since then Rev. J. C. **Allison** has filled the desk. They have two weekly prayer meetings, Union S. School and Bible class. Take in the bounds of the church 80 copies of “S. School Papers,” and 20 copies of the “Macedonian.” Request the Association to meet there next year.”

“*Hanover Center* – S. D. **Ross**, Pastor – Rev. E. M. **Ney** closed his labors with them last April, at which time Rev. S. D. **Ross** came to them. Hope the meeting may be profitable to all. Feel the need of weeping between the porch and the altar, because of anti-Christ. – They hope only in God. S. School and Bible class under the superintendence of their pastor. Congregation not large, but attentive.”

“*Leon* – H. H. **Phelps**, Pastor – Rejoice in a faithful gospel by their pastor. Preaching only one-fourth of the time since April. Desire a revival of God’s work. Are opposed to every organization designed to supplant the true church. Regard God’s word as the only guide for his people. Pray that the spirit of Christ may give tone to all the exercises of the Association.”

“*Napoli* – H. H. **Phelps**, Pastor – Rev. S. **Akerly** closed his labors with them last spring. Have obtained the labors of H. H. Phelps one-half of the time. Hold their meetings in two places. In the A. M. at a school house, at 4 P.M. in the Congregational Church. Feel their need of a temple of their own. Congregation and attention good. Prayer meeting sustained. Hate slavery everywhere, and all organizations but Christ’s church. They regard it as the “light” and “salt” whereby the world is to be blessed. They oppose all sorts of error to the extent of their ability.”

“*First Perrysburg* – M. T. **Wadsworth**, Pastor – Have secured the services of their pastor. Have no cheering news to communicate – Feel depressed in spirit. Are poor, yet persevering. Trust in God, and look for light and prosperity. Earnestly hope for an interest in the prayers of Saints and God’s favor upon them.”

“*Poland* – J. **Elliott**, Pastor – Have reason to rejoice in securing the services of their pastor, who preaches two or three sermons every two weeks to them. Maintain the ordinance of the Lord’s house. Have a union S. School six months in the year. Are grateful to God that the heresy, which for some years has molested them, has passed away. That union is existing among them in the maintainance [sic] of the doctrines of the gospel according to the Baptist church. Feel a confidence in the success of the gospel.”

“*Randolph* – A. **Plumley**, Pastor – Recognize God’s hand in preserving them. Some of them have been revived during the year. Have been repairing and beautifying their house of worship. Pray the Lord to fill it with his presence. Have a S. School conducted by Bro. D. **Nichols**. Their contributions for benevolent objects they have expended at home, believing it their duty.”

“*Sinclearville* – W. H. **Husted**, Pastor – Rejoice in God’s sparing mercy. Feel a deep solicitude for the prosperity of Zion everywhere. Have enjoyed some mercy drops. Souls have been brought to Jesus. In February last the servant saw a ‘little cloud.’ Rev.’s E. **Mills**, of *Cassadaga*, and F. **Glanville**, of *Frewsburg*, came to the assistance of their pastor, and the Lord came too. He was in his word and made it effectual in the conversion of twenty-five or more, chiefly youths – S. School scholars. Of a class of 13, 10 gave their hearts to Christ. Feel much encouraged. S. School interesting, with a full corps of faithful teachers. Congregations good. Prayer meetings well sustained. Continue still to take their monthly collections for benevolent societies.”

“*Stockton* – A. **Kingsbury**, Pastor – Are happy to mingle again with their brethren. Are sorry they cannot cheer their hearts with revival intelligence. They have been blessed with the faithful preaching of the gospel during the year, and have, by it, been confirmed in the faith thereof. They enjoy peace and union, and maintain meetings for prayer. While some are ready to halt by the way, others are praying and believe that God will answer in his own time. Their S. School is interesting to all, and augurs future good. Request the Association to meet with them next year.”

Individuals Contributing to Various Funds mentioned in Treasurer’s Report:

S. **Stone** (*Clear Creek*), J. **Grover** (*Clear Creek*), J. C. **Cady** (*Ellington*), Lucy **Stickny** (*Leon*), Rev. G. W. **Varnum**, W. **Mason** (*Hanover*).

Also in Treasurer's Report: Association collected funds to constitute Rev. Norman **Thomas** a life member. The Fredonia church contributed \$125,45 for "Baptist Education at Hamilton and Rochester." The Fredonia Ladies' Society contributed \$100,00 for "Home and Pease Mission, N.Y."

1860 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Erie Baptist Association at Clear Creek, February 7th, 1860.*

Delegates:

Cassadaga: Rev. E. **Mills**

Cherry Creek: Rev. N. **Thomas**, J. D. **Wheeler**, Dea. F. **Mount**, J. **Ingalls**, A. **Ells**, A. J. **Arnold**.

Clear Creek: Revs. H. H. **Phelps**, O. **Putnam**, J. C. **Cody**, Dea. R. D. **Rider**, E. L. **Crumb**, G. **Myers**.

Dayton: S. **Akerly**.

Ellery Center: Rev. G. W. **Varnum**.

First Hanover: Rev. E. **Ney**, S. **Slawson**, J. S. **Bettis**.

Hanover Center: Rev. E. M. **Ney**.

Leon: Rev. H. H. **Phelps**, Dea. W. **Saunders**, D. H. **Horton**, S. **Treat**, N. **Winchel**, E. **Stickney**.

Napoli: Rev. S. **Akerly**.

Poland: Rev. M. T. **Wadsworth**, E. **Divine**, L. **Jenks**, J. **Burnett**, H. **Morse**, A. D. **Harris**.

Randolph: Rev. A. **Plumley**.

Stockton: Rev. J. **Elliott**, J. S. **Parkhurst**.

Selected Actions and Reports:

Whereas God has taken from the world a *steady shining light* in calling from it sister Nancy **Akerly**, and from the church, of which she was a *worthy member, a strong pillar*, and from her afflicted husband a faithful and always affectionate wife, therefore, Resolved, That Bro. S. **Akerly** has our *warmest sympathies* in his bereavement, the church our earnest prayers that others may be raised up to fill her place, and that the community in which she lived may seek and obtain her deep piety and christian faithfulness.

Voted there be a quarterly meeting at *Napoli* on the Saturday preceding the second Sunday in June at 10-1/2 o'clock A. M.

1861 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Fourteenth Anniversary of the Erie Baptist Association held with the First Hanover Baptist Church at Nashville, Chautauqua County, N.Y., Sept. 3d, 4th and 5th, 1861. Printed by Sacket & Bishop, Journal Book and Job Office, Jamestown, N.Y., 1861.*

Moderator: Rev. E. **Mills** (*Forestville*)

Clerk and Corresponding Secretary: Rev. G. W. **Varnum** (*Ellery Center*)

Treasurer: David **Barrell** (*Fredonia*)

Notices:

First Quarterly Meeting at *LaGrange* on the first Tuesday in December at 1 o'clock, P.M.
Semi-Annual Meeting at *Randolph* on Tuesday preceding the first Wednesday in February next at 1 o'clock, P.M.

The Fifteenth Anniversary at *Stockton* on Tuesday preceding the first Wednesday in September, 1862 at 1 o'clock, P.M.

Churches and Clerks: A. B. **Fisher** (*Cassadaga*), J. D. **Wheeler** (*Cherry Creek*), A. **Randall** (*Clear Creek*), D. S. **Jones** (*Dayton, East Leon, P.O.*), L. **Parsons** (*Dunkirk*), Oscar **Hale** (*Ellery Center*), J. A. **Mixer** (*Forestville*), A. Z. **Madison** (*Fredonia*), J. S. **Bettis** (*First Hanover, Nashville*), C. **Stebbins** (*Hanover Center, Irving, Chaut. Co.*), R. C. **Jackson** (*Leon*), J. **Palmer** (*Napoli*), E. M. **Pettit** (*First Perrysburg*), W. **Smith** (*Poland*), J. W. **Price** (*Randolph*), A. **Arnold** (*Sinclairville, Gerry, P.O.*), H. **Thompson** (*Stockton*).

Delegates:

Cassadaga: W. H. **Husted** [ordained], N. **Munger**, H. H. **Persons**.

Cherry Creek: N. **Thomas** [ordained], J. D. **Wheeler** [licentiate], Dea. F. **Mount**, D. H. **Horton**, Brn. R. **Gage**, A. **Ells**, R. N. **Tanner**, T. W. **Wilcox**, T. **Morian**, J. **Ingalls**.

Clear Creek: H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], O. **Putnam** [ordained], J. C. **Cody**, E. **Bagg**, O. W. **Phelps**.

Dayton: J. **Green** [licentiate], S. **Akerly** [ordained], C. **Hall**, D. S. **Jones**, T. M. **Shaw**.

Dunkirk: L. J. **Fisher** [ordained], B. **Dodge**, J. K. **Patterson**, F. C. **Toles**.

Ellery Center: G. W. **Varnum** [ordained], H. **Haskin**, M. **Barney**.

Forestville: E. **Mills** [ordained], D. **Woodbury** [ordained], N. **Gage** [ordained], Dea. U. **Downer**, E. **Graves**, W. **Ashley**, J. A. **Mixer**, C. **Allnate**, H. **Stone**, W. **Knapp**.

Fredonia: G. D. **Downeg** [licentiate], A. **Wheelock** [ordained], Dea. J. R. **Parker**, D. **Barrell**, A. Z. **Madison**.

First Hanover: J. C. **Allison** [ordained], J. **Carter** [licentiate], Dea. N. **Hopper**, Dea. N. **Wheaton**, Brn. A. **Davis**, T. **Bagley**, H. **Merrill**, L. **Brownell**, J. S. **Bettis**.

Hanover Center: C. **Berry** [ordained], Dea. L. **Tower**, W. **Mark**, C. **Stebbins**, A. **Watrous**, J. P. **Kent**.

Leon: H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], Dea. W. **Saunders**, E. **Stickney**, S. **Treat**.

Napoli: H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], B. **Bramin** [ordained], W. **Fisher** [ordained and not present], Dea. G. **Shannon**, S. **Barrett**, O. **Booth**, A. **Wait**, J. **Palmer**, R. **Palmer**, P. **Vincent**.

First Perrysburg: M. T. **Wadsworth** [ordained], H. **Herrick** [ordained], H. **Rosenburgh**, J. **Hugoboom**, P. **Taylor**, G. **Hugoboom**, J. **Meachem**, J. **North**.

Poland: J. **Elliott** [ordained and not present], L. **Jenks**, E. **Divine**, J. **Burnett**, W. **Smith**.

Randolph: [No pastor], Dea. B. **Archer**, H. A. **Buck**, T. **Hitchcock**, O. **Hitchcock**.

Sinclairville: W. H. **Husted** [ordained], M. B. **Craw**.

Stockton: [No pastor], J. **Elliott** [ordained], Dea. J. **Crissey**, H. **Crissey**.

Selected Actions and Reports:

[The business committee reported] That a collection be taken at the close of the Sermon this morning, for the N. Y. Baptist Convention, with the request that it be appropriated to the Mission among the Cattaraugus Indians, to aid in building their Meeting House.

[The committee on religious exercises recommended] That Rev. A. J. **Wilcox** preach this A. M. at 11 o'clock at the Methodist House of worship, because of the crowd, which cannot be accommodated here. Observed. [The committee recommended further] That Rev. G. W. **Varnum** be invited to preach this P. M. at 2 ½ o'clock at the Methodist House of Worship. Adopted.

The committee appointed last year to look after the Bibles and Testaments in the depository at J. **Hamilton's** Jr. reported that they saw Bro. **Hamilton** and he advised them to let them remain. Accepted, and committee discharged.

By request of Bro. J. **Crissey**, a collection of \$6.60 and some pledges of needed articles was taken for the benefit of Rev. S. **Akerly**, to which he responded with gratitude.

Whereas, Our Country is now in the midst of a most distressing civil war, during which, the entire public mind is strained to its utmost tension of anxious suspense – and whereas, in this great struggle, it believed by many that God is at work, and that religious interests, vital and priceless, will be settled on firmer foundations – it seems fitting, that as a body of Christians, we express our decided convictions; and place them on enduring record. Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Erie Baptist Association unite its sympathies and efforts for the preservation of the Federal Government and the crushing out of rebellion. Resolved, that we regard Slavery as the originating, substantial cause of this rebellion, and its removal the only cure – for which our prayers shall be offered, and to which all our energies should be directed, until the cause is effectually removed. Resolved, That we trust and rejoice in God as the God of Zion and all nations, and that we see in these troubles, the steady march of justice, claiming and procuring its rights; that we see the shaking down of slavery from its pedestal of power; that we see with exulting hope, the prophecy and pledge of that time, when God will establish righteousness in all the earth. Resolved, That in view of our present afflicting calamities, we recommend to all our Churches, the observance of Thursday the 26th inst, the day named by our Honored National Executive – as a day of Humiliation, fasting and prayer.

Sabbath Schools and Superintendents, from the Minutes of the Sabbath School Convention:

Chas. **Phillips** (*Cassadaga*), T. H. **Morean** (*Cherry Creek*), Chauncey **Myers** (*Clear Creek*), Daniel A. **Blasdell** (*Dayton Station*), L. **Parsons** (*Dunkirk*), G. W. **Varnum** (*Ellery*), J. A. **Mixer** (*Forestville*), J. **Hamilton, Jr.** (*Fredonia*), J. **Hamilton, Jr.** (*Laona*), B. **Robbins** (*First Hanover Union School*), E. M. **Pettit** (*1st Perrysburg Union School and Hanover Center Union School*), Ezra **Newton** (*Poland Union School*), V. **Patterson** (*Sinclearville*), W. **Parkhurst** (*Stockton*), J. **Green** (*Dayton*).

Individuals mentioned as contributors to various funds in the Treasurer's Report:

E. **Knapp** (*Clear Creek*), a sister (*Sinclairville*), Chester **Thompson** (*Stockton*), Lucy **Smith** (*Stockton*), A. **Armstrong** (*Conewango*), J. C. **Cady** (*Ellington*), Mr. and Mrs. C. **Booth** (*Ellington*), W. **Kidder** (*Cattaraugus Station*).

Corresponding Letter:

“The Erie Baptist Association to Corresponding Associations: Dearly Beloved Brethren. – The past year has been one of spiritual dearth in all our borders. Our united prayer is: ‘Savior, visit thy plantation; Grant us, Lord a gracious rain; All will come to desolation, Unless thou return again; Lord revive us! All our help must come from Thee. May we hear in your response to this lamentation and prayer, the cheering tidings – The Lord into His garden comes! The spices yield a rich perfume; the lilies grow and thrive. Refreshing showers of grace divine, From Jesus flows the living vine, Which makes the dead revive.’ G. W. **Varnum**, Corresponding Secretary, Ellery Center, Chautauqua Co., N.Y.”

1861 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Erie Baptist Association held in Cherry Creek on Feb. 5th, 1861 at one o'clock P.M.*

Moderator: W. H. **Husted**

Clerk: G. W. **Varnum**

Guests: J. D. **Foster** (*South Valley*), Rev. A. J. **Wilcox** (*Buffalo Association*), Rev. O. L. **Crittenden** (*Harmony Association*).

Delegates:

Cherry Creek: Rev. N. **Thomas**, J. D. **Wheeler**, Dea. F. **Mount**, R. N. **Tanner**, A. J. **Arnold**, T. W. **Wilcox**, A. **Ells**.

Clear Creek: Rev. H. H. **Phelps**, O. **Putnam**, J. C. **Cady**, Dea. R. D. **Rider**, A. **Randall**, O. W. **Phelps**.

Dayton: Dea. H. **Fuller**.

Ellery Center: Rev. G. W. **Varnum**.

Forestville: Rev. E. **Mills**, M. **Gage**.

Fredonia: H. **Mount**.

First Hanover: Rev. J. C. **Allison**, F. C. **Trask**, S. **Slawson**.

Leon: Rev. H. H. **Phelps**, Dea. Wm. **Saunders**, Dea. D. H. **Horton**, M. **Treat**, O. **Booth**.

Napoli: Rev. H. H. **Phelps**.

First Perrysburgh: Rev. H. **Herrick**.

Poland: N. **Page**, E. **Divine**, F. **Jenks**, M. **Randal**.

Sinclairville: Rev. W. H. **Husted**, A. **Arnold**, M. B. **Craw**.

Stockton: H. **Crissey**, Wm. **Miller**.

Selected Actions and Reports:

A motion was made that a Sabbath School Convention be organized separate from the Association. Entertained. After some discussion, it was adopted.

Sabbath Schools and Superintendents, from the Minutes of the Sabbath School Convention:

Chas. **Phillips** (*Cassadaga*), T. H. **Morean** (*Cherry Creek*), Chauncey **Myers** (*Clear Creek*), L. **Parsons** (*Dunkirk*), G. W. **Varnum** (*Ellery*), J. A. **Mixer** (*Forestville*), J. **Hamilton, Jr.** (*Fredonia*), J. **Hamilton, Jr.** (*Laona Mission School*), B. **Robbins** (*First Hanover Union School*), E. M. **Pettit** (*1st Perrysburg Union School and Hanover Center Union School*), Ezra **Newton** (*Poland Union School*), V. **Patterson** (*Sinclearville*), W. **Parkhurst** (*Stockton*), J. **Green** (*Dayton*).

1862 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Fifteenth Anniversary of the Erie Baptist Association held with the Baptist Church Stockton, Chaut. Co., N.Y. Sept. 2d, 3d and 4th, 1862. Printed by Osmer & Daily, Book and Job Printers, Union Office, Dunkirk, N.Y., 1862.*

Moderator: Rev. A. **Wheelock**, D.D. (*Fredonia*)
Clerk: Rev. Lyman J. **Fisher** (*Dunkirk*)
Corresponding Secretary: Rev. G. W. **Varnum** (*Ellery Center*)
Treasurer: Dea. David **Barrell** (*Fredonia*)

Guests: Rev. Samuel **Akerly** (*Harmony Association*), Rev. L. **Rathbun** (*Harmony Association*), W. R. **Connelly** (*Harmony Association*), Rev. A. J. **Wilcox** (*Buffalo Association*), Rev. W. B. **Bingham** (*French Creek Association*), Rev. J. R. **Merriman** (*Chemung River Association and Agt. for the Bible Union*), Prof. G. W. **Northrup** (*Rochester Theological Seminary*).

Churches, Pastors, Delegates, and Clerks:

Cassadaga: Rev. A. **Frink** ([ordained]Pastor), Bro. A. **Putnam**, Bro. Chas. **Phillips**, Bro. H. H. **Persons**, Bro. W. **Smith**, Charles **Phillips** (Church Clerk).

Cherry Creek: Rev. N. **Thomas** ([ordained]Pastor), Dea. F. **Mount**, Bro. N. R. **Tanner**, Jas. D. **Wheeler** (Church Clerk).

Clear Creek: Rev. Jesse **Elliott** ([ordained]Pastor), Rev. O. **Putnam** [ordained], Rev. J. C. **Cody** [licentiate], Bro. G. **Myers**, Richmond **Hammond** (Clerk).

Dayton: Rev. J. **Green** [licentiate], D. S. **Jones** (Ch. Clerk, *East Leon, Catt. Co., N.Y.*).

Dunkirk: Rev. Lyman J. **Fisher** ([ordained]Pastor), Bro. Levi **Parsons**, Bro. Baxter **Dodge**, Bro. Joseph **Nelson**, Levi **Parsons** (Church Clerk).

Ellery Center: Rev. G. W. **Varnum** ([ordained]Pastor), Dea. J. R. **Brownell**, Bro. H. **Haskin**, Bro. M. **Barney**, Bro. D. E. **Smith**, Oscar **Hale** (Church Clerk).

Forestville: Rev. Emerson **Mills** ([ordained]Pastor), Rev. William **Look** [ordained], Bro. E. **Downer**, Bro. J. A. **Parsons**, Bro. J. **Smith**, Bro. N. B. **Brown**, Bro. H. **Burgess**, Bro. William **Knapp**, Bro. E. **Knapp**, Bro. E. **Dennison**, Bro. Samuel **McKee**, J. A. **Mixer** (Church Clerk).

Fredonia: Rev. George D. **Downey** ([ordained]Pastor), Rev. A. **Wheelock** [ordained], D.D., Dea. David **Barrell**, Dea. Joel **Traverse**, Dea. Thomas B. **Sweet**, Dea. Samuel S. **Crissey**, Bro. A.Z. **Madison** (Church Clerk), Bro. John **Hamilton, Jr.**

First Hanover: Rev. F. E. **Miller** ([ordained]Pastor), Dea. N. **Hopper**, John S. **Bettis** (Church Clerk, *Nashville, Chaut. Co.*).

Hanover Center: Rev. C. **Berry** ([ordained]Pastor), Bro. C. **Berry, Jr.**, Charles **Stebbins** (Church Clerk, *Irving, Chautauqua Co.*).

Leon: Rev. N. **Thomas** ([ordained]Pastor), Everett **Stigney** (Church Clerk).

Napoli: Rev. W. H. **Husted** ([ordained]Pastor), Dea. Phineas **Barrett**, Dea. George **Shannon**, Bro. Orrin **Booth**, Bro. Alexander **Wait**, Jason **Palmer** (Church Clerk).

First Perrysburg: Rev. M. T. **Wadsworth**, ([ordained]Pastor), Bro. J. **Meacham**, H. **Hugoboom** (Church Clerk).

Poland: Rev. Jesse **Elliott** ([ordained]Pastor), Bro. L. **Jenks**, Bro. A. D. **Harris**, Br. Harvey **Morse**, William **Smith** (Church Clerk).

Randolph: Rev. W. H. **Husted** ([ordained]Pastor), Dea. B. **Archer**, Bro. C. **Myers**, Bro. H. **Gates**, James W. **Price** (Church Clerk).

Sinclairville: Dea. V. **Patterson**, Bro. A. **Arnold**, Bro. E. **Edwards**, Bro. O. **Harris**, Bro. S. G. **Patterson**, Andrew **Arnold** (Church Clerk, *Gerry, Chautauqua Co.*).

Stockton: Rev. A. L. **Freeman** ([ordained]Pastor), Rev. Jesse **Elliott** [ordained], Bro. Z. **Buck**, Bro. S. **Johnson**, Bro. Aaron **Smith**, Bro. L. **Southworth**, Bro. H. M. **Thompson**, Bro. H. **Crissey**, Bro. J. L. **Lamphear**, Bro. Samuel **Crissey**, H. **Thompson** (Church Clerk).

Selected Actions, Reports, Resolutions, Announcements:

“Notices: 1. A quarterly Meeting will be held at Ellery Center on the first Tuesday in November next at 1 o’clock P.M. 2. The Semi-Annual Meeting will be held at Fredonia on the Tuesday preceding the first Wednesday in February, 1863, at 1 o’clock P.M. 3. A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Dunkirk, commencing at 1 o’clock P.M. on the Saturday before the 3d Sabbath in June and continuing over the Sabbath. 4. The next Annual Meeting will be held at Randolph on the Tuesday before the first Wednesday of September, 1863. Note: At each of the above meetings there will be held “A Ministerial Conference,” commencing at 2 o’clock P. M. of the day previous. The afternoon session, private, at the Pastor’s study. The evening session, public, at the Church.”

“Your Corresponding Secretary would respectfully report: That he has conducted the correspondence of the Association as usual. The fraternal exchanges of minutes and reports have been most gratifying. Amid the clash of arms and the perils of our country, there has been an outspoken sentiment of loyalty to our country, and a pledge of fidelity thereto and sacrifices offered for its defense. A large majority of the Churches speak of their gallant sons as having offered themselves upon their country’s altar; and one remarkable feature in those cases is, that God has given such Churches the tokens of his love, in the conversion and addition to their members, “of such shall be saved.”

“...The special communication of Bro. **Smitzer** was then submitted to the Association, in which he appealed for aid in behalf of the Dunkirk Church....The proposition of Rev. J. **Smitzer** to raise money for the Dunkirk Church was then discussed. Voted to raise \$125.”

“As the present rebellion was inaugurated more than a year ago, we had occasion to give expression to our sentiments and convictions at our last annual meeting; and have no occasion for changing the opinion there expressed relative to the nature and cause of the rebellion, only, if possible, it has become more odious in our estimation. But in view of the magnitude of the

interests involved, we would renew our sympathy with the Government in its time of peril. Therefore, Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with our once united and happy, but now painfully torn and distracted country in this its hour of great peril; that we pledge to the President of the United States our united prayers to the God of battles, that he will vouchsafe to him His aid in suppressing the present unholy rebellion, and grant certain and speedy victory to our arms, and restore to us our cherished government without the loss of a single star from the glorious constellation of States, purified from all the corruption and sin which have been the cause of all our deep trial and calamity. Resolved. That in view of the present aspect of our country, it is imperatively binding on all the lovers of Education, morality and religion, to use persevering, vigorous and prayerful efforts to preserve the youth and community at large from the moral corruptions incident to the belligerent condition of the nation, and that they may be qualified by the grace of God and the acquisition of sound knowledge and wisdom, for a faithful and successful discharge of the new duties which will devolve on them, arising from the new phases of social and civil Society which will, in all probability result from the present state of the nation....”

“Deacon Joel R. **Parker**, of Fredonia, died suddenly in the midst of his years and his usefulness. In his death the church and community have lost a most valuable member. As a citizen and business man, Deacon Parker was upright and universally respected, and as a christian and officer in the church, he was faithful and beloved. He possessed large benevolence, a childlike faith, and attached to himself all men, rich or poor, high or low, as their helper and adviser.”

“Deacon S. B. **Stone** of Clear Creek has also gone to his rest after a long and faithful life of service to Christ and his church.”

“Bro. Andrew **Fisher** of Cassadaga, who for twenty years had served as clerk of the church has also left us; dying in the triumphs of faith, closing a life of usefulness by an abundant entrance into the world of light.”

Extract from the annual “Circular Letter,” this time by Rev. Emerson **Mills**: “The Erie Baptist Association, to the churches composing its body, sendeth Christian salutation. Dear Brethren, Never have we addressed you under such peculiarly trying circumstances as at present. In common with all portions of our beloved American Zion, our hearts are burdened with trembling solicitude for the welfare of our most cherished interests....It is because civil and religious liberty, the corner stone of our Republic, is threatened with removal, that we are filled with direst alarm. Who of us can fail to recognize the fact that the tendency of Southern ideas, and the spirit of the great rebellion, is adverse to civil and religious freedom? Therefore, we think it proper to remind you ...[of] a trust confided to us by the struggling victims of regal and religious despotism....To be recreant to this would be to merit the condemnation and scorn of all men; would be worthy only of chains and slavery.”

Extracts from *Minutes of the Sunday School Convention held in Stockton on Tuesday evening, Sept. 2d, 1862.*

President: Bro. John **Hamilton**, Jr.

Schools, Superintendents, and Delegates:

Cassadaga: A. **Putnam** (Superintendent and Delegate), M. **Griffith**, Wm. **Smith**.

Cherry Creek: D. **Horton** (Superintendent), Rev. N. **Thomas**.

Clear Creek: O. **Putnam** (Superintendent and Delegate), J. C. **Cody**.

Dunkirk: L. **Parsons** (Superintendent), Rev. L. J. **Fisher**.

Fredonia: J. **Hamilton**, Jr. (Superintendent and Delegate), D. **Barrell**, Rev. G. D. **Downey**.

Mission School of Fredonia at Laona: J. **Hamilton**, Jr. (Superintendent and Delegate).

Mission School of Fredonia at Cordova: T. B. **Sweet** (Superintendent and Delegate).

Ellery: Rev. G. W. **Varnum** (Superintendent and Delegate), H. **Haskin**, M. **Barney**.

Union S. Ellery Ch. L. **Haynes** (Superintendent).

Forestville: J. A. **Mixer** (Superintendent), Rev. E. **Mills**, J. A. **Parsons**, E. **Downer**.

Hanover Center Union School: _____ **Gould**, C. **Stebbins** (Superintendent).

Leon: M. **Treat** (Superintendent).

Poland Union School: E. **Newton** (Superintendent), Rev. J. **Elliott**.

Randolph: C. **Myers** (Superintendent), Rev. W. H. **Husted**, C. **Myers**, T. **Hitchcock**, George **McCapes**.

Sinclairville: V. **Patterson** (Superintendent and Delegate), L. **Walker**, S. G. **Patterson**.

Stockton: W. **Parkhurst** (Superintendent and Delegate), H. **Thompson**, Mrs. W. A. **Lazell**, and Miss **Arminda Dye**.

Two Mission Schools of Stockton: H. W. **Seymour** (Superintendent and Delegate), H. **Thompson**.

Individuals mentioned as contributors in the Treasurer's Report: Orrin **Booth** (*Napoli*), J. C. **Cody** (*Ellington*), Dea. O. **Hitchcock** (*Randolph*), Mrs. A. S. **Giles** (*Forestville*).

1862 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Semi-Annual Convention of the Erie Baptist Association at Randolph, Feb. 4th, 1862.*

Moderator: Rev. N. **Thomas**

Clerk: G. W. **Varnum**

Guests: R. **Morey** (*Agent of Miss. Union*), Revs. R. **Cherryman**, R. D. **Hoyes** (*Cattaraugus Association*).

Churches and Delegates:

Cherry Creek: N. **Thomas**, J. D. **Wheeler**, Deacon F. **Mount**, J. **Ingalls**, A. **Ellis**.

Clear Creek: H. H. **Phelps**, O. **Putnam**, Deacon R. D. **Rider**, C. **Myers**.

Ellery Center: G. W. **Varnum**.

Dayton: J. **Green**.

First Hanover: J. C. **Allison**, S. **Slawson**, A. **Babcock**, J. S. **Bettis**.

Leon: N. **Thomas**, Deacon W. **Saunders**, M. **Treat**, E. P. **Patch**, N. M. **Winchel**.

Napoli: H. H. **Phelps**, Deacon G. **Shannon**, S. **Barrett**.

Poland: A. D. **Harris**, L. **Jenks**, E. **Devine**, W. **Smith**.

Randolph: H. **Herrick**, Deacon B. **Archer**, O. **Hitchcock**, J. W. **Price**.

Stockton: A. L. **Freeman**, H. **Thompson**.

Selected Actions:

“...Whereas the National trials through which we are passing, the often repeated and very urgent calls from our Government, in aid of our suffering soldiers, having a tendency to draw our mind from, and diminish our contributions to, the Mission Treasury. Therefore Resolved. That it is our duty, in addition to our praying for and talking about our obligations, to so exert ourselves, if possible, as to prevent the embarrassment of our several Missions. [and] Believing the Bible to be the word of God,...therefore, Resolved. That its importance makes an imperative demand on us to do all we can to give the word of God, unadulterated, to all the families of the earth.”

1863 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Sixteenth Anniversary of the Erie Baptist Association held with the Baptist Church, Randolph, Cattaraugus Co., N.Y. on September 1st, 2d and 3d, 1863.* Printed by Dean & Daily, Printers, Union Office, Dunkirk, 1863.

Moderator: Rev. Jesse **Elliott** (*Stockton*)

Clerk: Rev. Lyman J. **Fisher** (*Dunkirk*)

Assistant Clerk: John **Hamilton, Jr.** (*Fredonia*)

Corresponding Secretary: Rev. Geo. W. **Varnum** (*Ellery Center*)

Treasurer: Dea. David **Barrell** (*Fredonia*)

Notices: The Semi-Annual Meeting will be held with the Church in Leon on the Tuesday preceding the first Wednesday in February, 1864 at 1 o'clock P.M. The next Annual Meeting will be held with the Fredonia Church on Tuesday before the first Wednesday in September, 1864, at 1 o'clock P. M.

Guests: Rev. A. **Kingsbury** (*Harmony Association*), Rev. A. **Wells** (*Harmony Association*), Rev. Samuel **Akerly** (*Harmony Association*), Rev. F. **Kidder** (*Buffalo Association*), Rev. H. H. **Phelps** (*Buffalo Association*), Rev. Ira W. **Simpson** (*Allegany Association*), Rev. B. C. **Willoughby** (*French Creek Association*), Rev. R. D. **Hays** (*Cattaraugus Association*), J. V. **Schofield** (*St. Louis, Mo.*).

Churches, Pastors, Delegates, Clerks:

Cassadaga: Rev. A. **Frink** (Pastor), Charles P. **Phillips** (Church Clerk).

Cherry Creek: Rev. N. **Thomas** (Pastor), Dea. Furman **Mount**, Bro. Thos. H. **Morian**, Bro. Aaron **Ells**, Bro. Jared **Ingalls**, Bro. Hezekiah **Mount**, Bro. Thos. W. **Wilcox**, James D. **Wheeler** (Church Clerk).

Clear Creek: Rev. O. **Putnam** (Pastor), Dea. R. D. **Rider**, Bro. E. **Bagg**, Bro. Geo. **Myers**, Richmond T. **Hammond** (Church Clerk).

Dayton: [No pastor], Bro. H. **Fuller**, D. S. **Jones** (Church Clerk).

Dunkirk: Rev. Lyman J. **Fisher** (Pastor), Levi **Parsons** (Church Clerk).

Ellery Center: Rev. G. W. **Varnum** (Pastor), Dea. J. R. **Brownell**, Bro. M. **Barney**, Bro. H. **Haskins**, J. J. **Aldrich** (Church Clerk).

Forestville: Rev. Wm. **Look** (Pastor), Dea. U. **Downer**, Dea. A. S. **Giles**, Bro. E. **Dennison**, Bro. A. **Hopper**, Bro. H. **Burgess**, Bro. Manly **Boomer**, J. A. **Mixer** (Church Clerk).

Fredonia: Rev. Howard M. **Jones** (Pastor), Dea. D. **Barrell**, Bro. Jno. **Hamilton**, Jr., Bro. Geo. **W. Lewis**, A. Z. **Madison** (Church Clerk).
First Hanover: Rev. F. E. **Miller** (Pastor), Rev. H. **Herrick**, Rev. J. C. **Allison**, John S. **Bettis** (Church Clerk).
Hanover Center: Rev. Wm. N. **Tower** (Pastor), Charles **Stebbins** (Church Clerk).
Leon: Rev. N. **Thomas** (Pastor), Dea. Wm. **Sanders**, Bro. Horace **Wells**, Bro. J. M. **Treat**, Bro. Edmund **Patch**, E. **Stickney** (Church Clerk).
Napoli: Rev. W. H. **Husted** (Pastor), Rev. B. **Brayman**, Rev. Wm. **Fisher**, Dea. S. **Barrett**, Bro. O. **Booth**, Bro. J. **Palmer** (Church Clerk).
Perrysburgh: Rev. M. T. **Wadsworth** (Pastor), H. **Hugaboom** (Church Clerk).
Poland: Rev. Jesse **Elliott** (Pastor), Bro. LaFayette **Jenks**, Bro. Harvey **Morse**, Bro. S. K. **Ferry**, Wm. **Smith** (Church Clerk).
Randolph: Rev. W. H. **Husted** (Pastor), Dea. B. **Archer**, Dea. O. **Hitchcock**, Dea. Bro. C. **Myers**, J. W. **Price** (Church Clerk).
Sinclearville: Rev. Geo. D. **Downey** (Pastor), Bro. O. **Harris**, Bro. John **McAllister**, Andrew **Arnold** (Church Clerk).
Stockton: Rev. A. L. **Freeman** (Pastor), Rev. Jesse **Elliott**, Rev. L. P. **Judson**, Bro. W. **Parkhurst**, Bro. Newton **Crissey**, Bro. Zadoc **Buck**, Bro. Wm. **Miller**. H. **Thompson** (Church Clerk).

Sunday Schools, Superintendents, and Delegates:

Cassadaga: Allen **Putnam** (Superintendent), Rev. A. **Frink**, Wm. **Smith**.
Clear Creek: Richmond T. **Hammond** (Superintendent and Delegate), Ellison **Bagg**.
Ellery Centre: G. W. **Varnum** (Superintendent and Delegate), H. **Haskin**, M. **Barney**, J. **Hale**, Mrs. R. C. **Haskin**, Mary **Hale**.
Forestville: D. W. **Blanchard** (Superintendent), Rev. Wm. **Look**, A. **Hopper**.
Fredonia: J. **Hamilton**, Jr. (Superintendent and Delegate), Rev. H. M. **Jones**, D. **Barrell**, Geo. **W. Lewis**.
Laona Mission: J. **Hamilton**, Jr. (Superintendent).
Sheridan and Arkwright: Edson **Wilcox** (Superintendent).
Dunkirk: Wm. H. **Furness** (Superintendent), Rev. Lyman J. **Fisher**.
Sinclearville: James **Cato** (Superintendent), Rev. Geo. D. **Downey**.
Stockton: W. **Parkhurst** (Superintendent and Delegate), H. **Thompson**, Mrs. Sarah **Thompson**, Miss Jennie **Grant**, Miss Marian **Thompson**, Newton **Crissey**.
Randolph: Chauncey **Myers** (Superintendent), C. **Hilddum**, D.F. **Nichols**, Miss Frances **Griswold**, Miss Susan **Reed**.
Poland: Ezra **Newton** (Superintendent and Delegate), Wm. **Smith**.

Selected Actions, Resolutions, and Reports:

...The Associations generally, and denominational societies have re-uttered their resolutions of loyalty to their country. An appeal from the Secretary of the State Convention is herewith submitted. Yours to serve, G. W. **Varnum**, Corresponding Secretary. Rev. G. W. **Varnum** then read a letter from Rev. J. **Smitzer**, Secretary of the New York Baptist Convention, appealing to the Association for aid, to the amount of \$87.50, in behalf of the Dunkirk church, to liquidate all demands against the Convention up to October 1st. Bro. **Varnum** then addressed the Association,

presenting the claims of the Convention, and pleading especially in behalf of the Dunkirk interest. He was followed for the same object by Br'n. **Freeman** and **Downey**. Voted that we recommend to the churches of the Association to raise the \$87.50 due October next from the State Convention to the Dunkirk church.... Voted that the apportionment of the \$87.50, desired to be raised for the Dunkirk church, be referred to the Missionary Committee.

Resolved, That we have special occasion for thankfulness to God, in the emancipation last January, of nearly three millions of our fellow men from bondage, and still another such occasion in our recent National victories.

...One has fallen in the ministry, Bro. J. **Green**, pastor of the Dayton church, where his loss is most deeply felt. Thus are all admonished that our time is short, and that it becomes us to pass the time of our sojourning here in fear, for the time of our departure is at hand.... Your Committee on Obituaries would report that we are again called upon to regard the hand of God in the removal of twenty-five beloved brethren and sisters by death during the year.

Excerpt from the Circular Letter:

“...[I]t became known that one of the first ladies in one of the largest villages within the bounds of this (the Erie) Association, was about to make a public profession of religion.... The pastors of the other churches became, of course, very much interested in her case, paid her frequent visits, sometimes twice a day, urging her to join their churches.... [S]he finally told them, ‘Gentlemen, it is useless to talk; I would join the Baptist church if its members were all colored’.”

Individuals mentioned as contributors to funds in the treasurer’s report: Dea. U. **Downer** (*Forestville*), Rev. J. **Elliott** (*Stockton*), Dea. Horace **Wells** (*Leon*).

*Postscript to the foregoing extracts: A. Z. **Madison** (1803 – 1892) served as the clerk of the Fredonia Baptist Church from 1848 until his death. His collection of association minutes became part of the church archives, which also include the minutes of the annual meetings of the Erie Baptist Association from 1864 through 1877, the minutes of the annual meetings of the Chautauqua Baptist Association from 1879 through 1906, the minutes of the twenty-third anniversary of the Holland Purchase Baptist Association in 1838 [Appendix A], the minutes of the nineteenth annual meeting of the Seneca Baptist Association in 1841 [Appendix B], and the minutes of the forty-third annual meeting of the Cayuga Baptist Association in 1843 [Appendix C].*

Appendix A

1838 / Excerpts from: *Minutes of the Twenty-Third Anniversary of the Holland Purchase Baptist Association held with the Baptist Church in Sardinia, Erie Co., N.Y. on the 22d & 23d Aug. 1838.*

Moderator: Rev. Whitman **Metcalf**
Clerk: Rev. J. O. **Choules**
Assistant Clerk: Br. D. W. **Williams**

Guests: Br'n. **Caldicott** and **Williams** (*Niagara Association*), Br'n **Minor**, **Wilcox** and **Going** (*Cattaraugus Association*), Br. **Handy** (*Monroe Association*).

Churches and Clerks: *Springville* (Wm. F. **Church**, *Springville, Erie Co., N.Y.*), *Collins* (Daniel **Platt**, *Collins, Erie Co.*), *1st Evans* (Elisha **Barrett**, *Evans, Erie Co.*), *2d Evans* (Joseph **Mory**, *Evans, Erie Co.*), *Evans & Hamburg* (Ebenezer **Ames**, *East Evans, Erie Co.*), *Hamburg* (P. W. **Powers**, *Hamburg, Erie Co.*), *Eden* (Elisah **Welch**, *Eden, Erie Co.*), *Arcade* (Ira **Shed**, *Arcade P.O. Erie Co.*), *Lodi* (Edward **Covel**, Pastor, *Lodi, Erie Co.*), *Sardinia* (H. **Bowen**, *Sardinia, Erie Co.*), *Buffalo* (R. W. **Padelford**), *Shelden* (M. **Buell**), *Aurora* (Wm. **Warren**, *Aurora, Erie Co.*), *Strykersville* (H. B. **Rounds**), *Wales* (John M. **Joslin**, *Wales, Erie Co.*), *Holland* (Harvey **Lanckton**, *Holland, Erie Co.*), *Florence & Colden* (Thos. **Williams**), *1st Boston* (Wm. Southworth, *Boston, Erie Co.*), *Amherst* (O.F.H. **Barnard**, *Williamsville, P.O.*), *Boston & Concord* (___ **Ellis**, *Boston, Erie Co.*), *Clarence Village* (Horatio **Lyon**), *2d Buffalo* (Dea. Henry **Fields**).

Ministers and Delegates:

Springville: David **Searl** [ordained minister], ___ **Eaton**, ___ **Persons**, J. **Bloodgood**, E. **Blake**, C. **Vaughn**, H. A. **Sears**, S. K. **Cutter**, S. **Eaton**, Chancey **Pierce** [ordained minister].

Collins: Daniel **Platt** [ordained minister], Asa **Jennings**, John **Arnolds**, Augustus C. **Boon**.

1st Evans: D. **Platt** [ordained minister], Harvey **Barrell**.

2d Evans: S. **Bailey**, H. **Fobes**.

Evans & Hamburg: ___ **Moore**, ___ **Potter**.

Hamburg: Sterling **Mallery**, Martin **Cotten**, John **Mills**.

Eden: Hosea **Fuller** [ordained minister], James **Green**, John **Estee**.

Arcade: W. **Met[c]alf** [ordained minister], James **Steel**, Samuel **Upham**, Wm. **Drake**, Chester A. **Calkins**.

Lodi: Edward **Covel** [ordained minister], A. **Wells** [ordained minister], J. C. **Allison** [ordained minister], ___ **Page**, Daniel **Stebbins**, Harrison **Leland**.

Sardinia: W. **Metcalf** [ordained minister], S. **Hudson**, B. **Kinney**, W. W. **Cornwell**, L. **Beach**, H. **Crittenden**, James **Colwell**, B. H. **Colegrove**.

Buffalo: J. O. **Choules** [ordained minister], John **Bush**, J. P. **Morgan**, A. **Morgan**, D. W. **Williams**, W. S. **Smith**, Joseph **Piddington**, Joseph **Humphrey**, ___ **Chamberlain**.

Shelden: Abel **Buell**, Horation **Buell**, Solomon W. **Knapp**.

Aurora: Benjamin **Sawin** [ordained minister], Ira **M'Call**, Wm. **Warren**, I. R. **Calkins**, Samuel **Emory**, S. B. **Briggs**, Martin **Palmer**, James W. **Kellogg**.

Strykersville: E. **Blakesley** [ordained minister], Charles **Reed**, H. B. **Rounds**, C. **Richardson**, James **Ives**, Calvin **Rodgers**, Lyman **Emery**, Fredrick W. **Hall**.

Wales: John **Trowbridge**, J. Coleby, Jr., J. M. **Joslin**, G. W. **Brown**.

Holland: L. **Cooper**, H. **Lanckton**, J. **Barron**.

Florence & Colden: J. P. **Culer**, Eleazor **Hammond**, John **Marsel**.

1st Boston: Howell **Smith** [ordained minister], Wm. **Southworth**, Ebenezer **Drake**, Joseph **Potter**, E. H. **Drake**, Isaac **Drake**.

Amherst: E. **Curtis** [ordained minister], John **Coe**.

Boston & Concord: Truman **Horton** [licentiate], Timothy **Taylor**, Daniel **Horton**.

Clarence Village: Elijah **Leach**, Peter **Degar**.

2d Buffalo: Henry **Fields**, Charley **Smith**, Carr **Johnson**.

Selected Notes:

“Interesting Communications were received from the following Female Missionary Societies, viz: -- Buffalo, and Springville. –Donations were received from other F. M. Societies.”

“Appointed Delegates to ... Chautauque [Baptist Association]: Br’n. **Sawin**, **Covel**, **Smith**, **Fuller**, **Este**.”

“A very interesting communication was read by Father **Wells**, who was followed by remarks from Father **Sawin**, which he presumed would be the last which he should be permitted to make to this Association, as was about to leave for the far West.”

Selected Actions:

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary send a copy of our Minutes to all the Associations in this State and Canada, and that any Brother of this Association who shall present to any Association in this State or Canada, a copy of our Minutes, shall be a Delegate to said Association and request Correspondence.

Resolved, That any Brother of this Association who shall present a copy of our Minutes to any Association in Pennsylvania, Ohio, or Michigan, be a Delegate.

Resolved, That we open a Correspondence with the French Creek Association, and that Br’n **Platt** and **Curtis** be our Delegates.

Resolved, That from the information brought before this Committee, the Church heretofore known on our Minutes as the Waterville Church, has now no existence, being dissolved by the mutual consent of the Members; and that the said Church be dropped from our Minutes.

Resolved, That the Association feel a deep interest in the great Religious enterprises which address themselves to the sympathies of the Baptist Churches. We feel anxious that our Br’n should afford steady and increasing support to the Hamilton Institution; to that Seminary, under God, many of our Churches look for their Pastors and Missionaries....

Resolved, That we deplore the existence of Slavery, as a great moral evil, a blot upon our nation’s escutcheon, and a curse to the Christian Church; we therefore recommend that Christians feel themselves bound to pray for its abolition, and use every prudent and Constitutional means for its accomplishment.

Other persons mentioned in the Treasurer’s Report: Rebecca **Warner**, Harriet **Smith**, Lydia Ann **Howard**, Calista **Warren**, Sister Hannah **Clapp**.

Appendix B

1841 / Excerpts from: *Minutes of the Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Seneca Baptist Association held in the Meeting House of the Baptist Church in Ithaca, Tompkins County, N.Y. on Wednesday and Thursday, the sixth and seventh days of October, 1841.*

Moderator: Brother G. **Carpenter**

Clerks: Brethren B. R. **Swick** and Peter **Colegrove**

Guests: A. **Bennett** [ordained minister], A. **Caldwell** [ordained minister], A. P. **Mason** [ordained minister], and M. M. **Everts** [ordained minister] (*Cortland Association*); L. **Leonard** [ordained minister] and A. **Bennett** [ordained minister] (*Madison Association*); E. W. **Martin** [ordained minister], C. G. **Smith** [ordained minister], and H. **Hallida** (*Steuben Association*); E. **Winans** (*Livingston Association*); Z. **Bateman** (*Cayuga Association*); J. R. **Burdick** [ordained minister] (*Bradford Association*); P. B. **Peck** [ordained minister], P. **Taylor** [ordained minister], S. **Hough** [ordained minister], and H. L. **Gross** (*Broome and Tioga Association*); I. **Smith** and B. **Notrip** (*Canistee River Association*); D. **Robinson** [ordained minister] (*Oneida Association*).

Minutes received from the *Hudson River Association*. No returns received from the following Associations: *Genesee, Genesee River, Ontario, and Wayne.*

Churches, Year Constituted, and Clerks:

Big Flat, 1807, T. N. **Bennet**

Catlin, 1828, C. **Merchant**, *Moreland, P.O.*

Caton, 1832, P. J. **Rowley**, *Wormly P.O.*

Covert, 1803, L. **Porter**

Danby, 1838, L. **Kendall**

Elmira & Fairport, 1840, I. **Mather**, *Fairport P.O.*

Enfield, 1817, Wm. H. Bradley

Factoryville, 1824, Wm. A. **Lain**

Farmerville, [no date given], J. P. **Rappleyea**

1st Hector, [no date given], J. **Swick**, Jr.

Ithaca, [no date given], M. B. **Squires**

Lodi, 1821, J. D. **Miller**

Mecklenburg, 1817, C. **Treman**

Newfield, 1820, S. T. **Brown**

Ovid, 1828, J. **Dunlap**

Peach Orchard, 1820, A. **Hanly**

Reading, 1834, E. **Keeler**

Romulus, 1795, H. **Swan**

Southport & Elmira, 1829, G. J. **Booth**

Trumansburg, 1819, T. **Burr**

Delegates:

Big Flat: [No pastor], A. **Edminston**

Catlin: E. W. **Martin** [ordained minister], T. S. **Sheardown** [ordained minister and not present], C. **Merchant**, J. C. **Mallery**.

Caton: J. **Woodworth** [ordained minister], W. A. **Brown**.

Covert: C. **Bateman** [ordained minister], N. **Cole**, N. **Heminway**, L. **Porter**.

Danby: E. **Kimball** [ordained minister], H. **Yaple**, J. **Wilsey**, Wm. **Wilsey**, H. **Dakin**, Wm. **Persons**, L. **Kendall**.

Elmira & Fairport: P. D. **Gillett** [ordained minister], J. **Smith**, J. **Mather**, I. **Mather**.

Enfield: [No pastor], I. **Beach**, A. **Zerphas**, W. H. **Bradley**.

Factoryville: P. **Work** [licentiate], Wm. A. **Lain**, P. **Goo** [not present], R. **Woolsey**, C. **Covert**, J. P. **Rappleyea**.

1st Hector: [No pastor], S. **Frost**, Wm. **Vaughan**, John **Swick**, Jr.

Ithaca: J. D. **Cole** [ordained minister], H. K. **Webster**, S. **Hunt**, I. **Earl**, I. **Bower**, E. **Sydney**.

Lodi: C. **Deland** [ordained minister and not present], A. **Lyon**, Wm. **McCoy**, A. **Westcott**.

Mecklenburg: B.R. **Swick** [ordained minister], P. **Colegrove** [ordained minister], O. **Sears**, J. **Owen**, J. R. **Neat**.

Newfield: J. **Leach** [ordained minister], M. **Kellogg**, C. **Gillett**, S. T. **Brown**, I. L. **Smith**.

Ovid: L. **Ransted** [ordained minister and not present], A. **Bloomer**, N. **Rowley**, T. **Vanhusen**, A. **Wilson**.

Peach Orchard: R. G. **Lewis** [ordained minister], A. **Hanly**, J. **Vanhusen**.

Reading: P. **Shed** [ordained minister], I. J. **Hurley**, R. **Holden**, R. **Lafever**, T. **Drake**, D. S. **Ausburn**, J. D. **Davis**.

Romulus: C. G. Carpenter [ordained minister], E. **Beach**.

Southport & Elmira: M. **Merriam** [licentiate], J. **Grovener**, Jr., A. **Houston**, T. F. **Owen**, Wm. **Ogden**.

Trumansburg: Wm. E. **Locke** [ordained minister], J. **McLallen**, D. B. **Ayres**, T. **Burr**, R. **Smith**, E. J. **Ayres**, C. **Aikin**, H. **King**.

Excerpt from the Circular Letter:

“For the physician to withhold the needed medicine from the languishing patient, is equivalent to administering poison.”

1841 / Excerpts from: *Minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Seneca Baptist Association held in the Meeting House of the Baptist Church in Lodi, Tompkins County, N.Y. on Wednesday and Thursday, the 20th and 21st days of January, 1841.*

Moderator: Brother C. G. **Carpenter**

Clerk: Brother B. R. **Swick**

Guest: Br. J. F. **Bliss** (agent of the American and Foreign Bible Society)

Appendix C

1843 / Extracts from: *Minutes of the Forty-Third Annual Meeting of the Cayuga Baptist Association held with the Baptist Church, Cato, Cayuga County, N.Y., September 21st and 22d, 1843.*

Moderator: Br. J. **Jeffries**
Clerks: Brn. H. J. Eddy and J. W. **Osborne**
Treasurer: Dea. A. **Case**

Guests: Z. **Freeman**,

Churches and Clerks:

Auburn (A. D. **McMaster**), *Aurelius & Mentz* (S. **Hix**, *Montezuma*), *Cato* (P. P. **Meacham**, *Cato 4 Corners*), *Conquest* (E. P. **Goodhue**), *Fleming* (J. **Martin**), *Ira* [No clerk listed], *Jordan* (A. **Case**), *1st Mentz* (W. A. **Foster**, *Throopsville*), *Port Byron* (Wm. **Miner**), *Owasco* (E. **Parsons**, *Skaneateles*), *Scipio* (J. **Daniels**), *Sempronius* [No clerk listed], *Sennett* (W. **Tanner**), *Springport* (H. **Crane**), *Venice & Scipio* (L. H. **Mills**, *Venice*), *Victory* [No clerk listed], *Weedsport* (E. **St. John**), *Sterling* (N. **Vilas**).

Delegates:

Auburn: J. S. **Backus** [ordained minister], A. **Pierce**, D. **Everts**, R. **Chappel**.
Aurelius & Mentz: John **Jeffries** [ordained minister], W. F. **Purington** [licentiate and not present], Fitz **Herrick**.
Cato: [No pastor], Dea. T. I. **Ferris**, Dea. J. M. **Pasko**, Dea. W. S. **Ingham**, S. **Dudley**, P. P. **Meacham**.
Conquest: W. A. **Needham** [ordained minister and not present], H. **Taylor** [ordained minister], A. **Walker**, S. **Rathbun**.
Fleming: S. S. **Wheeler** [ordained minister], S. M. **Plumb** [ordained minister], Dea. J. **Martin**, C. **Simmons**, E. **Strong**.
Ira: J. S. **Evringham** [ordained minister], Reuben **Pierce**, Henry **Coonrad**, Stephen **Pierce**.
Jordan: H. J. **Eddy** [ordained minister], Dea. T. **Clements**, Dea. A. **Case**, A. **Crossman**, M. T. **Sperry**.
1st Mentz: E. **Miner** [ordained minister], E. **Wethy**, W. A. **Foster**, P. **Monro**, E. **Phelps**.
Port Byron: W. **Frary** [ordained minister], Z. **Wooden**, G. **Jeffries**, A. **Jacobs**, A. **Morehouse**, E. V. **Root**.
Owasco: P. **Lyon** [ordained minister], C. P. **Wyckoff** [ordained minister].
Scipio: J. W. **Osborne** [licentiate], Dea. W. **Daniels**, Dea. J. **Daniels**, D. **White**, H. **Allen**.
Sempronius: N. L. **Moore** [ordained minister and not present], "No information."
Sennett: J. **Bennet** [ordained minister], N. **Bullock**, P. **Crossman**, J. **Faraby**, W. **Turner**.
Springport: E. **Marshall** [ordained minister], I. **Brewster**.
Venice & Scipio: F. **Glanville** [ordained minister], B. **Ames** [ordained minister], B. **Whipple**, F. P. **Howe**, J. S. **Westlake**, A. R. **Ticknor**, S. **Westlake**.
Victory: [No pastor], J. O. **Pryne**, J. **Hooker**, C. **Cramer**, W. **Blanchard**.
Weedsport: J. S. **Ladd** [ordained minister], W. **Beech**, P. **Ocobock**, A. **Puffer**, J. **Abrams**, L. M. **Woodruff**.

Sterling: T. H. **Green** [ordained minister], J. **Mason**, B. **Clark**.

Correspondence from other Associations: Br. **Leonard** (*Madison Association*), Brn. **Butterfield**, **Rasco**, and **Fisher** (*Onondaga Association*), Brn. **Bennet** and **Curtis** (*Wayne Association*), Brn. **Wooden**, **Curtis**, **Lawton**, and **Foot** (*Oswego Association*), Z. **Freeman** (*Ontario Association*, *Cattaraugus Association* and *Livingston Association*), G. **Mabie** (*Harmony Association*), H. **Cowell** (*Broome and Tioga Association*).

Minutes received from: *Cortland Association*, *Hudson River Association*, *Chenango Association*.

Selected Actions:

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be directed to send a copy of the minutes to all the bodies with whom we correspond.

Resolved, That Brethren S. M. **Plumb**, C. P. **Wyckoff**, J. **Jeffries**, and E. **Marshall**, be a committee to correspond with the Rev. Mr. **Benedict** in reference to the history of this Association.

Resolved, That the last Monday evening in the month be observed as a concert of prayer for the peaceful and speedy abolition of Slavery throughout the world.

Excerpts from the Digest of Letters:

“*1st Mentz* – Say the labors of their pastor have been abundantly blessed to the enjoyment of a precious revival. Earnestly contend for the faith amidst opposing errors. Sabbath Schools, Temperance, and Abolition, receive due attention from them.”

“*2d Mentz* – The Lord has blessed them with a powerful revival of religion. Congregation generally large. Have a Sabbath School; and are in favor of the benevolent enterprises of the day. Are somewhat divided on the subject of Slavery; are in debt for their house of worship; and have passed a resolution disfellowshipping Slave-holders.”

“*Sennett* – Speak of a good degree of union, and a refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The converts are mostly steadfast. Have a very interesting Sabbath School. Have no fellowship with disorganising [sic] infidel abolition; yet feel obligated to labor for the speedy removal of slavery.”

“*Victory* – Complain of coldness, and that some have deserted the cause. They support the benevolent institutions, and have ‘no fellowship for slave holders, or slavery’.”

“*Weedspert* – ‘During the winter enjoyed a precious revival.’ They speak of their inability to do much for benevolence, in consequence of their debt for their house of worship. While they would use all proper means for the abolition of slavery, they demure from those who would unite Christ’s with Caesar’s kingdom.”

Other Individuals mentioned in the Treasurer's Account: Mrs. **Deming**, Miss **Seymour**, Dea. **Crane**, Mr. **Ween**, Dea. **Healy**, O. **Chappel**, L. **Barnes**.

1843 / Excerpts from: *Semi-Annual Meeting of the Cayuga Association*.

Moderator: Br. H. **Smith**

Clerk: S. M. **Plumb**

Guests: Br. **Bailey** (Agent of the F[oreign] M[ission] Society), Br. **Bliss** (Agent of the Bible Society).

Churches and Delegates:

Auburn: A. **Pinney**, A. **Wheeler**, J. **Gaston**, P. D. **Cornell**, A. D. **McMaster**, and A. V. **Palmer**.

Aurelius and Mentz: J. **Jeffries**, A. H. **Greggs**.

Fleming: D. C. **Crandall**, J. **Martin**.

Jordan: H. J. **Eddy**, A. **Case**.

1st Mentz: N. **Barrell**, G. B. **Harlow**.

Scipio: Howell **Smith**, H. **Allen**, I. **Akin**, B. **Wybert**, G. **Barber**.

Springport: E. **Marshall**, H. **Crane**, S. **Weed**, P. **Clark**.

Venice and Scipio: S. M. **Plumb**, B. **Whipple**.

Selected Actions:

Resolved, That the churches be instructed to send epistles to the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Association, stating whether the Monthly Concert of Prayer is observed...and likewise a statement of the feelings of the church on the above subjects.