Fredonia Baptist Church Record Book D
Transcribed by Marsia Painter with Wendy Straight
[Transcriber's notes are placed in brackets.]
Last names and years are set in **bold** font.

Rules and Regulations
For the Government of the Fredonia Baptist Church and its members, as adopted August 6th, **1864**.
Sec. I. – Meetings for Business.
1. Meetings for business shall be held at such times as may be designated by the Pastor and Deacons.
2. All such meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.
Sec. II. – Dismission.
1. It shall be the duty of every member in regular standing, upon moving to the bounds of another Church of the same faith, to give a letter of dismission and recommendation thereto, and to present themselves there for membership.
2. Such Letters shall be valid only one year from the date.
3. The names of those persons from whom no information can be obtained(?) for two years, may be erased from the record.
Sec. III. – Discipline.
1. Any member neglecting to walk with the Church in Gospel for twelve consecutive months, without proper excuse, shall be subject to discipline.
2. Cases of personal grief between brethren, shall be conducted according to our Savior's rules as given in Mathew XVIII.
3. It shall be the duty of the Deacons, with such other persons the Church may from time to time select, to undertake a similar course of labor with those who may be accused of immoralities requiring censure or exclusion.
4. If on impartial investigation, it shall appear to them that such charges are unfounded, they shall make no report of it to the Church.
5. Otherwise they shall lay the case before the Church for action in such form as to them may seem best.
Sec. IV. – Letters of Occasional Communion.
The Church Clerk is authorized to give a letter of commendation to any member in good standing whenever requested by such member, for the purpose of traveling or transient residence.
Section V.
Besides the duties already mentioned (§III.) and the usual duties of Deacons, it shall also be their duty to make personal inquiry as often as once a year into the spiritual condition of each and all the members of the Church.

In force **1870**, January 1st.
Standing Resolutions of the Fredonia Baptist Church.
1. Resolves, That the Church Clerk be authorized and empowered to give letters of commendation to any member of the Church, in good standing and full fellowship, whenever requested by such member, for the purpose of traveling, or transient residence beyond our limits.
Passed November 7, **1852**.

2. Resolved, That letters of dismission and commendation, given by this Church, shall be valid for one year only from the date. Passed March 14, **1856**.
3. Resolved, That any member absenting himself or herself, and neglecting to walk with the Church for twelve consecutive months, without proper excuse, shall be subject to discipline. Passed March 14, **1856**.
4. Resolved, That no business matter of the Church, or Society, other than the granting of letters of commendation and dismission, or the reception of members, shall hereafter be introduced, entertained, or acted upon in any stated Covenant meeting of the Church unless permitted by a vote of two thirds of all the members then present. (?) Sept. 14, **1869**.
5. Resolved, That the Pastor and Deacons be authorized and empowered to call Church meetings whenever they shall deem it necessary for the transaction of the business of the Church. Passed March 10th, **1857**.

1870.
In Church meeting held April 6th, **1866**, the Deacons Bro't: David **Barrell**
Joel **Traverse**
Thomas B. **Sweet** &
Samuel S. **Crissey**
And Brethren Eber M. **Pettit**
Washington **Crooks**
Joseph C. **Sweet** &
Almond Z. **Madison**, Clerk,
were duly appointed the Executive Committee of the Church, pursuant to (?) 3rd Sec. 3rd of the Rules and Regulations, on page 301 of Ch. Bk. No. 1.
The Records of Ex. Committee relating to Church discipline &c are kept on a small book, which see. (?) April 6th **1866**.

In Church meeting held March 22nd **1870** after various remarks and discussions in relation to the late irregularity in the Sunday congregations as to uniformity of rising during the singing caused by the request of Rev. C. **Thompson**, made without knowing the resolutions of the Ch. previously passed, and in force:
On motion of Bro. D. **Barrell** Seconded by Bro. L. B. **Grant**: Resolved that during service on Sabbaths, that Congregation remain seated at the first singing, and arise and stand at the second and third singings. Passed March 22nd **1870**.

Resolved, That the first quarter in the year, (?) for the Am. Bapt. Missionary Union
Second quarter, do do. Home Missions.
Third quarter do do Bible Publication So.y
Fourth quarter do do Ministerial (?)
Passed by ex. Com. & recommended to ch. Jany 11, **1870**.
Adopted by Chh. Feb. 5th **1870**
A. Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

1881
Copy of a Resolution presented by Br. F. B. **Palmer** at close of Covenant Meeting March 5th **1881**, and then adopted unanimously by the Church.

"Resolved, That the Pastor, Deacons and Clerk of the Church, be a Committee through whom requests for admission and dismission shall be presented; and that all other business not specially provided for by the Church, shall come through the Executive Committee of the Church, and that any business presented by the Executive Board shall not be discussed in any meeting in connection with a regular devotional meeting of the Church nor acted on if any one expresses a desire to discuss it."

Foreign Missions Collection in Feby
Ministerial Education in Mch
Am Bap Pub. Society in June
Ministers Home in Aug.
Home Missions in Oct.
State Conventions in Dec
Randolph Home

1870 Rev. Chas **Thompson** (?) still a supply
January 1st **1870**.
Covenant Meeting.
Present, Rev. Charles **Thompson** & few Brethren & Sisters. Clk. Prevented from being present. The day stormy. The usual exercises of the Covenant meeting occurred and adjourned.

Covenant meeting Feby 5th, **1870**.
Present Rev. Chas. **Thompson** & Rev. A. **Wheelock**, 12 Brethren & 32 Sisters.
Opened by Prayer, Reading, Singing.
Remarks of Bro. **Thompson** followed by Brn. & Sisters.
Clerk read letter of request from Bro. Evert **Hawlers**(?) for letter of dismission & commendation to the Baptist Church lately organized at Belle Range(?), Iowa.
Resolved to grant request.
Also a letter of commendation & dismission given to Sister Abbie **Eaton** from Bap. Ch. of Forestville.
Resolved to receive her as a member with us on same.
Resolved that the communion service hereafter, be attended at one O'clock P.M.
Resolved that the plan recommended by the Ex. Com. For Collections for benevolent objects be adopted. (see Ex. Committee Record Book) Jany 11
Resolved to dispense without(?) ending Solicitors around this present quarter as we had(?) by(?) (?) & Col. (?) Closed with Doxology & Benediction.
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Sabbath February 13th Rev. C. **Thompson** gone to supply the Bap. Ch. Stockton, and administer the Sacrament. Efforts to procure Rev. Chas. N. **Gradenburgh**(?) or Dr. C. W. **Armstrong** of N. & Fr. School, to preach, or J. **Hamilton** Jr. to read a discourse all failing, the Ch. Clerk, read a sermon, lately preached at Elbridge by the Pastor there and published in the Examiner & Chronicle. A. Z. M. Ch Clerk

Covenant Meeting March 5th **1870**
Present Rev. Chas. **Thompson**, Chn Rev. A. **Wheelock**, and 12 Brn & 31 Sisters.

Opened with prayer by Chairman. He then read in (?) and offered remarks. Then remarks by Brn & Sisters. More than usual interest was manifested, and united desire for the revival of God's work, that men might come to the knowledge and the acknowledgement of the truth. Closed Covenant Meeting by singing one verse, (?) by Bro. (?) and the benediction.
After the retirement of Sisters, on (?) own (?) , a Church meeting to (?) was(?) opened, Bro. **Thompson** in the chair, Rev.(?) A. **Wheelock** and(?) Executive Committee, (?) in the case of Covenant(?) Meeting(?) (?) residence(?) is(?) (?) in the to as one of(?) the(?) . [Transcriber's Note: Most of the second half of page 11 is indecipherable.]
bring disgrace and scandal on the Ch. and religion. Brn. **Wheelock** & Jos. C. **Sweet** visited her last week. She did not deny the Charges, but appeared indifferent, and said "Nobody cared for her, and she cared for nobody." After this as they talked with her of the consequences, she appeared some more pliable and promised to come to the meeting today and confess her faults and reform her life. She had failed to fulfil her promise to appear before the Ch. as the brethren expected she would.
After hearing explanations from both brn **Wheelock** & J. C. **Sweet**, On motion of Bro. E. M. **Pettit**, seconded by Bro. S. S. **Crissey**,
Resolved that the hand of fellowship of this Church be withdrawn from Sarah F. **Fuller** alias **Opal**(?) for her unchristian conduct as substantiated against her.
Brethren present in this meeting Revs. Ch. **Thompson** & A. **Wheelock**, D. **Barrell**, E. M. **Pettit**, W. **Crocker**, Henry **Morrison**, T. B. **Sweet**, G. W. **Lewis**, Geo. **Tate**, J. C. **Sweet**, S. S. **Crissey** & A. Z. **Madison**.
On motion, Resolved to adjourn.
A. Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

1870
Pursuant to notice given in Church Sabbath Morning March 20th **1870**, by Rev. A. **Wheelock**, Chn. Of the Executive Committee,
A Church meeting was held Tuesday March 22nd, **1870** in Lecture Room.
Present Rev. A. **Wheelock**, Moderator, Isaac H. **Damon**, Eppenetis **Winsor**, A. Z. **Madison**, L. B. **Grant**, E. M. **Pettit**, Thos. B. **Sweet**, David **Barrell**, Rowland **Porter**, S. S. **Crissey**.
Moderator called on Bro. T. B. **Sweet**, who offered the opening prayer. Moderator then, as one of the Sub. Committee of Exec. Com. stated the first object of this meeting to be to take action as to engaging a Pastor for the ensuing year from the first of April, and that Bro. **Pettit** & himself as sub Com. had conversed with Rev. Chas. **Thompson**, and he had consented to officiate in that capacity for a salary of $800 per annum, until either party, the Church or himself, should for any cause deem it best to terminate the compact.
Remarks were made by Clerk, **Pettit, Grant, Barrell,** & Moderator. On Motion of L. B. **Grant** 2nd D. **Barrell**, Resolved to accept the Report of Committee. On Motion of Clerk, 2nd L. B. **Grant**, Resolved that the Executive Committee be instructed to procure Rev. Charles **Thompson**, as Pastor, from April 1st prox. At the rate of Eight hundred dollars per year.
On Motion of Bro. **Pettit** 2nd Resolved that the Clerk prepare a notice to be read next Sunday in Ch. for a meeting Tuesday 29th inst. At 10. A. M. to rent Slips, and that Bro. **Wheelock** explain fully the object to rent all Slips & urge the congregation & all to attend at that time. On motion Bro. **Barrell**, seconded by Bro. **Grant**, Resolved that during service on Sabbaths, the

Congregation remain seated at the first singing, & arise & stand at the 2nd & 3rd singing. A free talk on the Ch music & as to books for choir. Contributions handed to Bro. **Crissey** $
On Mo'n. Resolved to adjourn. A. Z. **Madison**

Covenant Meeting April 2nd, **1870**.
Present Rev. Chas. **Thompson**, Pastor, & Rev. A. **Wheelock**, & 11 Brn & 15 Srs amongst others, Brn. D. **Shepard** & D. B. **Sweet**, not often here. Opened by singing, prayer & reading by Pastor followed by remarks by Brn & Sisters. Clerk then read Letters of commendation and dismission from Dunkirk 1st Bap. Ch. as presented by Rev. Chas. **Thompson** & wife, Mrs. Alice **Thompson** & their daughter Mrs. Rebecca **Williams**. On motion of Rev. A. **Wheelock**, seconded, Resolved that on those letters of commendation they be severally received to membership with us. Then to close the meeting sung the Doxology L. M. "Praise God &c"
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

At the regular prayer meeting held in Lecture room Thursday evening April 14/70. On request & Motion of D. **Barrell** seconded, Resolved that a letter of commendation & dismission be granted to Sister Nancy H. **Stedman** to Newark, New Jersey.
On the request of Sister Mary C. **Kingsbury** Stated by Church Clerk, & on Motion of L. B. **Grant** seconded by Rev. A. **Wheelock**, Resolved that Sister, Cornelia(?) Mary C. **Kingsbury** be received as a member with us on the letter given by the Baptist Church at Jamestown to Rev. Arnold **Kingsbury** and herself as explained by Clerk.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting April 30, **1870**.
Present Rev. Charles **Thompson** Pastor, Rev. A. **Wheelock** & Rev. D. **Bernard**, 7 brethren & 21 Sisters.
Pastor offered prayer, read Eph. 4: & spoke on it as to the characters of the Christian. Others followed in remarks. Clerk read letters from 1st Bap. Ch. Meadville, Pa. commending Bro. Henry A. **Buck**, his wife Sr. Olivia H. **Buck** & their daughter Sr. Beulah **Noble**. Also letters from the Allegany Baptist Church of Pleasantville Pa. commending Bro. William **Porter**, his wife & their daughter Mary Jane **Porter**. On Motion of Bro. A. **Wheelock**, 2nd Bro. **Grant** Resolved that on letters read, Bro. H. A. **Buck**, wife & daughter be received to membership in this Church. On motion of Bro. L. B. **Grant** 2nd Bro. **Wheelock** Resolved that on letters read, Bro. Wm **Porter**, his wife, & daughter be received as members with us.
Bro. G. W. **Lewis** on his request was allowed to speak a second time, of the value of the Church over Secret Societies as Odd Fellows, Grange, Masonic, Life Insurance & others. So many that we are lost in them. Elder **Wheelock** replied as to Grange, a Farmers Society of which he is a member. Pastor spoke of his trial with a son who had recently united with the Masons & c.
Sung a hymn & benediction by Pastor
A. Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday evening May **1870**, after sermon, Bro. D. **Barrell** stated that Rev. Chas. **Thompson** Pastor is a Life M of several societies (?) our denomination & that he was to attend the anniversaries at Philadelphia next week & suggested & moved that he be appointed a delegate from this Ch. to (?) Was so appointed. A. Z. M. Clk

Brother Chas. **Thompson**, Pastor went to Philadelphia to attend the Anniversaries. Started Monday May 23rd & returned safely Wednesday Jun 1st. On the 29th May (Sab.) Dr. Jno. N. **Armstrong**, Pres't of Fredonia Normal School. Preached to a full congregation, as reported, while D. **Barrell** & Clk were gone to Angola to attend the funeral of their Sister Lois M. **Barrell** (the mother of Rev. A. C. **Barrell**) – A. Z. M. Clk

Covenant Meeting June 4th **1870**.
Rev. Chas. **Thompson** & Rev. A. **Wheelock** present, and about 12 Brn & 40 Sisters. Services as usual, & in general interesting. On a letter from Dunkirk Baptist Ch. Bro. George **Blood** & wife Sister Sarah E. **Blood** were recd. as Members with us. Singing & benediction to close.
A. Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting July 2nd **1870**.
Rainy. Present Rev. Chas. **Thompson**, 11 Brn & 6 Srs. Prayer by Pastor, Singing & Reading Scripture. Remarks by Members. Good meeting. Raining. Doxology & benediction to Close.
A. Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

At prayer meeting July 28th **1870** Clerk read a letter from Bro. Hiram **Tate**, now residing at Middletown, Orange Co. N.Y. requesting a letter of dismission & commendation from the Church to unite with the Bap. Ch. there. On Motion of L. B. **Grant** 2nd by D. **Barrell**, Resolved that same(?) will be granted.
A. Z. **Madison** Clk
Letter as above written & Mailed July 29/70. Aug 4. A. Z. M.

Covenant Meeting August 6th **1870**
Present Rev. Chas. **Thompson**, Rev. George (?) . 12 Brn & 23 Sisters
Exercises as usual, Prayer, singing reading Scripture & remarks.
Bro. G. W. **Lewis** requested a letter of dismission & commendation for Sister Louise M. (?) (formerly **Steele**) to unite with Bap. Ch. at Janesville(?) Wis. where she now resided.
On Motion of Bro. D. **Barrell** seconded, Resolved that such letter be granted. On motion of Bro. A. **Wheelock**, Resolved that Clerk have the annual (?) to the Erie Association ready & present them to the Church at next Covenant Meeting. clerk read a letter from [blank] of Lincoln, Nebraska acknowledging the request of $14. from this Ch. to use in the building of a Bap. Ch. edifice there; and giving insurance(?) on concession the date Dr. George O.(?) **Goodrich** & wife(?) recent deceased there. (His corpse was buried in Forest Hill Cemetery Fredonia, NY July 24th **1870**.)
Singing to close(?).
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting Sept. 3rd **1870**
Present(?) Rev. Chas **Thompson** Pastor Rev. A. **Wheelock**, 8(?) Brn & 6(?) Sisters.
Opened by Singing, reading Scripture & Prayer, followed by remarks of Pastor & Members.
Sister Amanda(?) **Walker** & (?) Harriet A. **Walker** (?) were present & (?) to remove to Ti() Ill. They requested letters to the Bap. Ch. there. On Motion, Resolved that their requests be granted; On suggestion of Elder **Wheelock** the Clerk read the letter written to the Erie Association in session at Dunkirk 6th inst. On Motion of same, Resolved to adopt it, as read, as

our (?) the Association. On nomination, the following brethren were appointed to represent this Church in the Association: Viz. Rev. Chas. **Thompson**, Pastor, L. B. **Grant**, E. M. **Pettit**, Rev. A. **Wheelock**, S. S. **Crissey**, Geo. W. **Lewis**, Geo. (?), Dayton K.(?) **Morgan**, A. Z. **Madison**, & Washington **Crocker** (added Sunday Sept 4th)
On Motion Resolved to send five dollars for printing minutes. Doxology & benediction to Close. ([part of this is illegible] Few in attendance)
A. Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting October 1st (?) **1870**.
Present Rev. C. **Thompson** & Rev. A. **Wheelock** 10(?) Brethren & 40 Sisters
Opened by singing prayer & reading Scripture. Remarks by Members (?) with more than usual interest.) So that (?) could say, "It is good, for(?) us to be here."
A Sister Martha **Elliott** from Geneva was present with a letter, on which she was duly recd. As a member with us. The Sisters **Walker** who were dismissed a month ago to go to Illinois, (?) for the present to leave Fredonia, gave each their letters, and are again deemed members with us. (Amanda and Harriet A. **Walker**) Clerk read a letter, (after Elder **Thompson**'s Closing remarks in reference to the meeting tomorrow & the anticipated (?) Call of the Members,) from Bro. Edwd. L. **Mark** of Michigan University at Ann Arbor, to Eld. **Wheelock**, which was well received. Meeting Closed with Doxology & benediction.
A. Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Roll Call
[Side note: Roll Call by Clerk at request of Pastor]
Sabbath Oct. 2nd **1870** A.(?) M.
Rev. Chas. **Thompson**, preached to a full house from (?) 1:13, a brief history of (?) from the day of St. Paul & then a concise statement of the beginning of the(?) 1st Baptist Church Pomfret & its(?) progress to the present Fredonia Bap. Ch. & the present day.
In the P. M. the roll of the presence(?) of Members was attended to by the Clerk, including only members at this time. Members(?) in(?) day 2 of (?) 152 were (?)
Thompson the Communion Service was had.
(?) of Pastor (?).
Doxology & benediction.
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting November 5th(?) **1870**
Present Rev. Chas. **Thomp'n** Pastor, Rev. A. **Wheelock** & some 15 Brn. & 30 Sisters. Services as customary, Singing, prayer, reading Scripture & remarks of Pastor, who spoke(?) on the objects of (?) to edify and interact, and raise up to a right Christian life, the (?) of Christ. Remarks by members present, manifesting desire (?) of grace personally(?) and in the Church and every where. Clerk and(?) the (?) Church Record book of Aug. **1832** and (?) on Feb'y **1848**, (?) present and explained as to Elisabeth **Adams**(?), now **Wilbur**, who was bap. May 15th **1858**, and Elisabeth **Wilbur** who was baptized March 5th **1848**. [Two Elisabeth **Wilbur**s] The latter has not been heard from since about the time of her (?) (?) or not, is not known by Clerk. The name of the former stands on the old book as stated, Elizabeth **Adams**, and was not on the list of members returned by L. B. **Grant** to present Clerk in February **1848**. She was not present in this Covenant Meeting. Resolved into a Church meeting. Rev. A. **Wheelock**, chn of Exec.

Committee, spoke of the suggestion in a meeting of a com. in regard to a printed(?) (?) of letter for absent members (?) on same, to be defrayed by the Com(?) in the (?) from the (?) so (?) for distribution, and a resolution(?) (?) was read by Clerk, as (?) (?) That (?) affairs of the Church be referred to the Executive Committee, and they are (?) empowered to act upon all considerations(?) as may arise (?) to the church (?) or (?) of the Church as it may seem wise. Resolved That for this purpose, a report(?) from(?) Executive Committee shall be made (?) once in six months for (?) consideration (?) or otherwise. Considerable discussion (?) Wm(? **Porter** (?) . Bro. **Crissey** moved as an amendment that if the (?) meeting was (?) recorded this was carried. (?) (?) extended(?) remarks regarding the monthly collections for the poor of the Church and as to report of the Sale & use of (?) funds, at least(?) annually the (?) use of same & that no part of it (?) for their purchases(?) &c. The Treasurer stated the account(?) on hand to be something over $100. now. Other remarks were made. On motion, resolved that the Deacons report the condition of the Treasury at the covenant meeting in (?) next, as they have the duty(?) of disbursing this fund. Resolved to adjourn. Prayer by Bro. **Sweet**.
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Sabbath Nov. 6th **1870**. In the fore noon(?), the Pastor Rev. Chas. **Thompson**, preached an excellent discourse from Roms.(?) 10:10th, to a full Congregation. In the afternoon, the communion service was observed. The Clerk had observed the presence of Mrs. Elisabeth **Wilbur**, originally of(?) (?) & of (?) (?) with (?) Bro. **Grant** had (?) the matter of the (?) that (?) . He(?) (?) to Clk. A desire to be received(?) as a member of the Fredonia Baptist(?) Church, as it now is (?) whoever(?) her name (?) written(?) on the Church Record. Clerk then politely(?) explained (?) present, is stated(?) on (?) age, and (?) the (?) a member is present, in (?) (was as the (?) show, and (?) (?) (?) (?) on the (?) (?). The motion Rev. C. **Thompson** (?) union(?) results in the afternoon(?) (?) Pastor gave an (?) on Patriotism(?)
A. Z. **Madison** Clerk(?)

Covenant Meeting December 3rd **1870**
Present Rev. Chas. **Thompson** Pastor, Rev. A. **Wheelock** and 12 Brn & 31 Srs. Meeting opened as usual. Remarks by Brn. & Srs. Interesting & instructive. Clerk read two letters from the Baptist Ch. at Richburgh Allegany Co. N.Y. commending Sisters Mary **Buckley** & Hannah **Cleaveland** to the fellowship, sympathy, respect & watch care of the Fredonia Church during their stay here while connected with the Normal Fr. School. Covenant Meeting Closed with benediction by Pastor. A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Opened Church meeting by suggestion of Elder **Wheelock** Chn. Of Ex. Com. to attend to business laid over Novr. 5/70 & for Bro. **Crissey** to announce arrangements for Donation vis. For benefit of Pastor, Wednesday evening 7th. Inst. At close of Bro. **Crissey**'s announcement, Clerk read record of last Ch. Meeting in regard to the Resolution recorded page 20th. Rev. A. **Wheelock** again read the Resolution & also a substitute, and offered remarks on the necessity & propriety of it. The Moderator, (Pastor) spoke against it, and of the feeling existing amongst some members as they had been expressed to him as to the prominence in Ch. business of a very few. Rev. A. **Wheelock** told his experience years gone by in this direction. The Clerk stated the Resolution of Ex. Com. recommending that the Church invite Rev. Pastor to preach in regard to

the So. At Rochester for Ministerial Education Sab. 11. Inst. & take Collection in its behalf. Both the above named matters were dropped & no further motion on them. On motion of D. **Barrell** seconded by T. B. **Sweet** Resolved that Bro. Lewis B. **Grant** be added as a member of the Executive Committee. Rev. A. **Wheelock** offered the following resolution and moved its adoption which, on being seconded by Bro. **Grant**, was duly adopted, to wit:
"Resolved, That in accordance with the past practice in this Church, our board of Deacons be authorized to draw from the amount of Collections taken at our communion service, so much of the funds as may be required to pay for the bread & wine to furnish the table for that service.
Closed with benediction by Pastor.
A. Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Pursuant to previous public notice from the Desk, a Church Conference was held at church Sat. Decr. 24th **1870**. Present Rev. C. **Thompson**, D. **Barrell**, H. A. **Buck**, S. S. **Crissey**, T. B. **Sweet**, L. B. **Grant**, Geo. W. **Lewis**, A. Z. **Madison**, Mrs. D. R. **Barker**, Mrs. B. I. **Noble**, Mrs. D. E. **Shepard**, Marge A. **Draper**, Mary **Stanley**, Jennie **Sweet**, Mary **Briarton** & 8 other younger girls. Prayers by Pastor & D. **Barrell** & Singing. Pastor then spoke of some to relate experience with a view to Baptism & Membership. The following, in turn, gave relation, Viz. Mrs. Carrie **Parker**, 2nd wife of Francis B. **Parker**, Mary F. **Lord**, Hattie E. **Colburn**, Fannie A. **Lord**, Carrie M. **Damon**. They all retired to pastor, while Ch. acted on their requests. After some explanations, they were all recd. On separate votes, as candidates for baptism & membership. Clk gave notice of the death of Jno. M. **Van Kleek**, formerly a member here, at his home Elmira N. Y. last Sunday morn. Closed with Singing, prayer & benediction.
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Sabbath evening Dec. 25, **1870**. After sermon on Acts 8:36, "See, here is water, what doth kinder (?) to be baptized?" the above named five persons, were all baptized by Pastor **Thompson** aided by Eld. **Wheelock** & Deacons **Barrell** & **Sweet** & Sisters(?). A. Z. M. Clk

Covenant Meeting Decr. 31st, **1870**. Present Rev. Chas. **Thompson** Pastor, Rev. A. **Wheelock** Resident(?) 9 Other brethren & 18 Sisters. The customary services of singing & Prayer at the opening followed by remarks of Pastor, succeeded by Brn & Sisters. All the services were adapted to the time – the Close of the year, & the opening of a new year tomorrow.
Closed with Doxology & benediction.
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Meetings held in union with the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, each evening at the several Churches, alternating, from Jany 2 **1871** to Sab. Eveg. Jany 15. At Bap. Ch. all quite interesting, though comparatively few attended. One extra meeting per week after Tuesday(?) we separately.

Sabbath Jany 15, 1871*. Clerk read circular from Brooklin(?), and notice of a Ch. meeting 16th inst. [The rest of page 24 is missing.]

Covenant meeting Feb'y 4th **1871**. Present Rev. Chas. **Thompson** Pastor, Rev. A. **Wheelock**, 13 Brethren & 33 Sisters. Sung 320 Hymn, Read Scripture. Remarks by Pastor, bearing(?) the (?) Union meetings & the few who attended & results below hopes(?) and expectations, &c &c. D.

Barrell read letter of from Mary L.(?) **Hart** of (?) N. Y. Remarks by Brn & Sisters in course(?). Mrs. Mary **Case**, and Mrs. Caroline H. **Barber**(?) in turn related their religious experience, the former desiring baptism & membership, the latter had been baptized and a member of the Methodist Church. On Motion of Clerk, Sister Mary **Case** was recd. As a Candidate for baptism & Membership in the Church when baptized. Ignorant of the facts pertaining to Mrs. C. S. **Barber**, Clerk made some inquiries and statements. Bro. T. B. **Sweet** explained & moved her reception as a member. His statements fully indorsed by Brn. D. G. **Sweet** & Joseph C. **Sweet**. On the motion, she was unanimously recd. as a member of this Church, on her relation of Christian Experience. Sister Lucy **Payne** formerly a member with us, late of 1st Bap. Ch. Corry Pa., now again residing here, presented a letter from Corry Ch. on which she was duly recd. to membership again with us. On explanation & Motion of L. B. **Grant** Resolved that a letter of Commendation and dismission be granted to Sr. Eliza R. **Tinkham** (formerly **Webster**) now residing at (?) . T. B. **Sweet** & A. Z. **Madison** were appointed a committee to solicit funds to pay for some tracts(?) for distribution. Elder **Wheelock** offered remarks on the subject of the necessity of certain tracts for distribution. Agreed to have another extra meeting. Pastor to preach next Tuesday eve'g. Benediction to close. A. Z. **Madison** Clk

To Baptist Churches in the State of New York

Dear Brethren: - At its last anniversary the Long Island Baptist Association appointed a committee to consider, and, if practicable, to secure from the Legislature an Act for the Better Incorporation of Baptist Churches, and by which our church property can be held by a safer tenure than at present is done.

A year before a similar committee was appointed by the same body, and one for like purpose, to cooperate with them, by the Hudson River South Association. For certain reasons nothing was done by either committee during the year. It is now proposed to prosecute the endeavor; and in this attempt we ask your cooperation.

According to the law under which our churches now incorporate, passed in **1813**, trustees, for holding property and the management of financial affairs, are elected, not by the church but by something called a society, composed of all persons of legal age attending worship, and contributing to its support. Now a society connected with a church, managing a part of its affairs, even though many, or most of its members, be members of the church, is something unknown to the genius and polity of Baptist Church life, and clearly at war with that church independency which we so earnestly hold and cherish.

Trustees, by the present system of election, are not chosen by the church, nor amenable to the church; nor can the church displace them if found incompetent or unfaithful; but are legally independent of the body whose property they hold, and whose temporal affairs they manage. It is not, therefore, strange that conflicts of policy and authority, sometimes serious, even disastrous, frequently occur between the church on the one hand, and trustees and the society on the other. Indeed trustees can close a house of worship against the church whose property it is, and even in certain cases alienate it wholly from their use. This occurred, under similar laws, in New England during the conflicts of the Unitarians with the Orthodox churches. (The same has transpired in the West and Southwest, in connection with the Campbelite defection from the Baptist churches; also in England, in conflicts between Open and Close Communion Baptists.) It would not only be probable but almost certain, should any serious conflict arise in our churches as to questions of doctrine or church order involving legal decisions on the rights of

conflicting parties to hold the property, that we should lose greatly, since societies and courts usually take the part of dissentients against orthodoxy.
What we need and desire is an act of the Legislature simply allowing our churches, as such – calling them societies if they like – to elect their trustees according to our customs and usages as a denomination, the same as we elect deacons or other officers in the church. Then the churches would control their temporalities without interference by others; thus being strictly independent, as in the management of their spiritual concerns.
We do not need the laws to prescribe the methods by which our church affairs shall be administered, but simply to protect us in the methods we may choose. If our churches are competent to direct their more important spiritual concerns, they surely are the less important and less difficult temporal concerns, without the aid of any society. Whether competent or not, as independent bodies it is their privilege and right to do it, and to be legally protected in so doing.
Will the Legislature grant such an act as we desire? We see no reason why they should not. Since the present act for the incorporation of religious societies, passed in **1813**, new or supplementary acts have been granted in favor of nearly all the denominations – Episcopalians, Reformed Dutch, Presbyterians, Methodists, Reformed Presbyterians and Roman Catholics. Baptists have never asked for legislation in their favor, and of course have not received it.
Will you, therefore, cooperate with us, and as soon as practicable, certainly by or before the twentieth of January, at some church-meeting, regular or special, vote the resolution found below, or one to the same effect, and duly signed, with blanks filled, forward the same by mail to Rev. E. T. **Hiscox**, 209 Carlton avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.
E. T. **Hiscox**
S. **Baker**
H. P. **Freeman**
Com. L. I. Bap. Association.
Brooklyn, December 22nd **1870**.

Covenant Meeting June 3rd **1871**.
Present Rev. C. **Thompson** Pastor, Rev. A. **Wheelock** Resident(?) 7 Brethren & 20 Sisters.
The usual exercises were had. Sister **Gates** was present, and spoke feelingly of the contrast between those residing in & near the village, whose(?) privileges were multiplied, & those who lived remote from such enjoyment. Also of her faith and attachment to the Saviour. Others also exhibited a good degree of religious feeling & prosperity(?) and a desire to be nearer to Christ.
At the Close, opened Church Meeting for business.
On Motion of Bro **Pettit** seconded by Bro. **Grant**, After Clerk at request of Bro. **Wheelock**, had stated the Resolution of the Executive Committee recommending a vacation for our Pastor.
Resolved that the Church, pursuant to recommendation of the Executive Committee, permit our Pastor, Rev. C. **Thompson**, to have a vacation at his convenience, of such part of four weeks, as he may desire. Also on the suggestion of Ex. Com. as stated by (?) . On motion of Bro. **Grant** 2nd by Bro. **Pettit**, Resolved that this Church invites the Chautauqua County Sunday School Convention, to hold their annual meeting in June **1872**, here in Fredonia. Also on Agreement of Ex. Com. as stated by Clk, Resolved that the Pastor of this Church, for the time being, by virtue of that office, be Ex official a member of the Executive Committee. On Motion, Resolved to adjourn. Closed by Benediction.
A. Z. **Madison**

Covenant Meeting July 1st **1871**.
Present Rev. Chas. **Thompson** Pastor, Rev. A. **Wheelock** resident, 11 Brn & 20 Sisters.
The meeting opened and conducted as usual. Bro. D. **Barrell** so far recovered from sickness as to be present. Many remarks from Brn & Sisters & one a stranger sister, calculated(?) to strengthen us in the Christian hope & to increase our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
Closed with Doxology & benediction.
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting August 5th **1871**.
Present Rev. Chas. **Thompson** Pastor, Rev. A. **Wheelock** Rest., D. **Barrell**, E. **Winsor**, A. Z. **Madison**, Geo. F. **Bansum**(?), S. S. **Crissey**, Geo. **Tate**, Mrs. **Law**, **Noble, White, Pettit,** Chs. **Barber**, L. **Baldwin**, **Handy**, R. **Haywood**, C. **Thompson**, L. B. **Grant**, R. W.(?) **Wood**, C. **Clothier**, Flora **Birch**(?), Mary **Stanley**, Harriet **Sweet**, Mary **Peterson**, Carrie M. **Damon**, Mary **Bishop**, Emily **Daily**.
Services Singing, prayer, Reading of the Spirit(?) to the Churches in Rev(?) Remarks by Pastor, singing. Remarks by Brn & Sisters present. Bro. **Crissey** spoke of all attending the Study of the Bible in Sabbath School of the few who attend the evening services &c. Sister **Clothier** spoke of her absence & her desire to be again a member of the ch. She was not(?) recognized by Clk nor others present. Clk spoke to her, and found who she was, & then announced it to those present, when(?) much joy at meeting her was expressed by former acquaintances. Pastor spoke of omitting preaching sab. evening – also of Br. **Crissey**'s remarks in regard to all attended Bible Class in Sab. School. Closed with Singing & benediction.
A. Z. **Madison** Clerk

In prayer and conference meeting in the Church August 24th **1871**, Rev. Chas. **Thompson** presented the request of Sister Eliza **Law** for a letter of dismission and commendation to the 1st Baptist Church of North East Pa. to which she has returned. On motion of L. B. **Grant** seconded, Resolved that the request be granted.
A. Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting Sept. 2. **1871**
Present Rev. C. **Thompson** Pastor, Rev. A. **Wheelock** Resident, 15 Brn one stranger from Pa. & 20 Sisters. Opened by Singing prayer & Reading Scripture followed by remarks from each present. Closed, & opened ch. meeting for business. Nearly all of the Sisters left when the remark was made that they need not unless they wished to. Heard the Clk read the letter to the Association with explanations, especially as to contributions to the Howard Mission N. Y. last March or Feb. and also in regard to the omission of our payments for benevolence in the Treasurer's Report printed in Minutes **1870**. On these, there was considerable discussion. On Motion, Resolved to accept and adopt the letter to Association. On Nomination Resolved to appoint Rev. Chas. **Thompson,** Rev. A. **Wheelock** & Brn. A. Z. **Madison**, E. M. **Pettit**, S. S. **Crissey**, Berton(?) **Crocker**, Geo. W. **Lewis** and Geo. H. **Bansum**(?) our Messengers to the Association. Closed with benediction.
A. Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Dea. E. M. **Pettit**, A. Z. **Madison**, S. S. **Crissey**, B. W. **Crocker** & Geo. H. **Bansum** attended meeting of Asson. which was harmonious throughout. A. Z. M. read History of this ch. from the beginning Oct. 2nd(?) (?) & before the (?)

Covenant Meeting September 30th **1871** (for October)
Present Rev. Chas. **Thompson** Pastor, Rev. A. **Wheelock** rest., 8(?) Brethren & 21 Sisters. The Meeting opened as usual, with singing, prayer, reading scripture & remarks of Pastor. Then followed remarks of the Members present.
At the Close, Clerk read a letter from the Cedar Street Bap. Ch. Buffalo NY commending and dismissing to unite with us Sister Harriet **Daniel**, formerly **Handy** & a member here.
Resolved to receive her as a member with us. Elder **Wheelock** spoke of a meeting of the N.Y. State Bap. Miss'y Convention at Ithaca soon(?) and of the importance of a delegate from this Church & inquired if the Pastor could not go? He declined & suggested Eld. **Wheelock** as being well acquainted with the business. On Motion of Bro. Geo. **Tate**, seconded, Resolved that Rev. A. **Wheelock** be appointed a delegate from this Church to the meeting of the Convention named. Closed by singing & benediction.
A. Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting November 4th **1871**.
Present Rev. Chas. **Thompson** Pastor, Rev. A. **Wheelock** resident
Present 10 Brn 27 Sisters. Usual services. Some interest in several remarks of Pastor & Brethren & Sisters – allusion to the late Calamities by fire in Chicago & in Michigan & Wisconsin &c. Pastor spoke of difference between faith and devotion in all our experience. Several young ladies, strangers from Normal School &c present. Also Mrs. (?) **Morian** late Rachel E. **Widner** spoke like an intelligent and faithful Christian – lately come here to reside. Pastor spoke of closing his Ministry, when it should close here, would cooperate with ch. for revival &c but not to propose measures. Closed with Doxology.
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Sabbath November 5, **1871**, At the close of one of Pastor **Thompson**'s good discourses from Luke 23:34 1st Clause, like his early preaching here in **1869** & on, the Clerk read a letter of acknowledgement of $111.80 Collected last Sunday for the Sufferers by the late(?) fires at the West, by Rev. J. **Donnelly** Jr of Port Huron, Mich. Prior to Communion at 1. P.M. Pastor read a letter from the first Baptist Church of Buchanan(?) M(?) dismissing and commending Sisters Rachel E. **Widner** (now **Morian**) and Addie **Widner** to our fellowship. On Motion of D. **Barrell** seconded by Elder A. **Wheelock** Resolved that they be received as members with us. On Motion of D. **Barrell**, (at the request of Sister Margaret **Morian**) seconded, Resolved that a letter of dismission & commendation be granted to her, to unite with the Church at Byron, Kansas, to which place she is about to return soon.
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting Dec. 2nd **1871**
Present Rev. Chas. **Thompson**, [Rev.] A. **Wheelock** & ordinary number of Brn & Sisters.
The usual services had – Clerk detained by the sickness of wife by Apoplexy of which she died same evening. Frank D. **Shaver** received on the relation of his Christian experience. He experienced religion while living in Ripley Chaut. Co. and united with the Baptist Church there,

which has subsequently become extinct. Mrs. Irene **Carter** recd. by letter from the North Baptist Church of Jersey City. On Motion, Resolved to drop from the list of members of this ch. the names of Emma M. **Guild** (now **Goff**) and Helen S. **Steadman** (now) both having united with Pedv(?) Baptist Churches. On Motion of Rev. A. **Wheelock** Resolved to take a collection 2nd Sab. in Jan'y for Am. (?) So'y.
S.S. **Crissey** Clk P.T.

Covenant Meeting January 6th **1872**.
Present Rev. Chas. **Thompson** Pastor, Rev. A. **Wheelock** Resident 12(?) Brn 24 Srs. Usual services observed. A German, Rev. William H. **Gedenhagen** present. Said he was Infidel 14 years ago, then converted at St. Louis, seemed to be alive in religion. He was soliciting aid for the Col. 1st. Miss'y Bap. Ch. at Cairo Ill.
A. Z. **Madison** spoke of the Club(?) for Examiner & read Circular. Elder **Wheelock**, in regard to Sab. School Session(?) as to uniformity &c. Elder **Thompson** on the week of prayer, also the two above named agreed to meet Monday eve'g. Singing and benediction to Close.
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

[note to the side reads]: July 16, **1872** et. E. M. has recd the $10. from Supt Sab. Sch. & also $10. from ?? by EM **Pettit** & he mailed Drft N.Y. $20. to Rev. T.J. **Shores** Cairo Ill

Sabbath Jay 7. **1872** Sabbath School agreed to raise $10. for the Ch. at Cairo represented by Rev. to be sent to the Col. Pastor Rev. T. J. **Shores** some few contributed $3.00 which was given to Rev. Wm H. **Gedenhagen** direct. Probably some more to be paid in & sent with that from the S. Sch. Meeting held 2. weeks & more, with week of prayer, Wm(?) **Bristol** from Buffalo spoke at Presb. Ch. Sunday eve Jany 21st in Bap. Ch. Jany 22nd and at Meth. Ch. 23rd to Union congregations & inquiry meeting at Presb. ch. Jany 24th.

At our regular Thursday evening prayer meeting Jany 25th a letter was read by Clerk from Sister M. Luella **Wheelock** lately married and removed to Arcade N.Y. requesting a letter of dismission & commendation to unite with the Baptist Church there. Her name now **Waldo**. On Mo. of L. B. **Grant** Resolved to grant the request.
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting February 3rd **1872**. Present Rev. Chas. **Thompson** Pastor, Rev. A. **Wheelock** Resident, 17 Brn & over 30(?) Srs. Services as customary. Pastor's remarks very plain to Ch. in regard to spiritual conditions, referred to the late meetings in January – his own disappointment in regard to attendance & interest &c at(?) also the interruptions by other meetings & for the next week, the Musical convention here. Some members appeared engaged, others cool. A request was made that the Church aid the Choir to attend the Musical Convention, and on Motion of D. **Barrell** seconded by S. S. **Crissey** Resolved That the Church aid the Choir to attend the Musical convention by contributions & that Bro. **Crissey** be a committee to raise funds for the purpose. To Close, sung "Nearer My God to thee" &c and then the benediction by Pastor.
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

[Note to the side reads: Rev C. **Thompson** offered remarks as to the way of relating exp. to tell it & to answer questions. The former best. D. **Barrell** then told of the difference recently from former, and gave a specimen.]
At the Stated prayer Meeting of the Church held Thursday evening Feb'y 22nd **1872** Present Pastor Rev. C. **Thompson** & the west ch. parlor filled. After the usual opening, the four young ladies, who, in a meeting held 12th. inst., had requested baptism were seated on the front seat, & in turn related their several experience, Viz: Belle **Wright**, Lizzie **Miller**, Rachel **Miller** & Cora **Wright**. At the close of each, the Vote was taken. As to the first named, on motion L. B. **Grant** 2nd D. **Barrell** – 2nd on Mo. **Grant** 2nd **Crissey** – 3rd on Mo. **Crissey** 2nd **Grant** - & 4th on Mo. **Grant** 2nd H. A. **Buck** All were severally duly received as candidates for baptism & then membership. Baptism to be attended Sab. ev'g next. Susan **Butcher** proposed & spoke but Elder T. invited(?) her to call at his house 23rd 3 P.M. Here Clk left meeting to be with sick daughter at home.
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Sabbath evening Feb. 25th **1872**. At a meeting held in Audience room of Ch. the house tolerably well filled with members and spectators, and the four candidates named on preceding page being present after the religious services, in which the Pastor, Rev. C. **Thompson** spoke more especially in regard to proper fitness for the ordinance – its significance, and proper administration &c and then baptized Belle **Wright**, Lizzie **Miller**, Rachel **Miller** and Cora **Wright**. Closed with Doxology & benediction.
A. Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting March 2nd **1872**
Present Rev. Chas. **Thompson**, Rev. A. **Wheelock** 20 Brn 53 Srs. Usual exercises observed. After Brn & Srs had spoken in turn, and before the relation of experience by Candidates, Elder **Wheelock** requested at that stage of the meeting to state a matter of business. On Motion of E. M. **Pettit** seconded by A. Z. **Madison**, Resolved that Elder **Wheelock** be permitted to present the business which he had referred. He then read a Communication to the Church as follows: "Whereas it was voted Feb. 13, **1862** by a majority of four to one, 'That this Church adopt the plan set forth, in the document just read by Dr. **Wheelock**', that is, concerning the Scriptural authority for the appointment and the duties of Church Elders: and whereas this vote has stood a dead letter upon our books for more than ten years: and whereas a difference of opinion concerning the measure still remains among our members, with little prospect of a change: and knowing that to the Master, each one of us must stand or fall for himself for the acceptance or rejection of this place, Therefore, Resolved, that, without expressing any opinion as to the scriptural merits of the "plan", the vote passed Feb. 13th, **1862** be rescinded."
After remarks by E. M. **Pettit**, and D. **Barrell** commendatory of Dr. **Wheelock** for the sacrifice that he makes for the peace of the church; and from G. W. **Lewis** on the absurdity of voting contrary to plain(?) Bible teaching, and the assurance that he could not vote to rescind &c the vote on the question was called & the Preamble & Resolution to rescind were adopted by a comparatively small vote, some half dozen voting for it & none against it.
Lucy **Colburn** & John **Maw**(?) then in turn gave relations of their several Christian Expe. and on Motion of L. B. **Grant** were received as candidates for baptism, & after, to membership in the Church. Baptism to be attended tomorrow evening. After this Philander **Barber** who indulged hope twenty years ago, spoke a few words of his intention hereafter to be on the side of the Lord.

A. W.(?) **Edwards**, who was present, replied to some inquiries by Elder **Wheelock** also. Some consultation as to holding meetings every evening of the next week – appointed a meeting of inquiry in ch. parlor Monday eve and the regular Prayer meeting Thursday eve'g. at 7 O'clock. Closed with Doxology & benediction.
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Sabbath evening Mch 3, **1872** a pretty full house, after general remarks by Pastor on baptism with scriptural references, he administered the ordinance in case of Lucy **Colburn** & Jno. **Maw**(?) Closed with Doxology & benediction.
A. Z. **Madison** Church Clerk

Thursday evening Prayer Meeting Mch 7(?) **1872** full attendance & some late converts present. Near Close, Clerk read letter recd from Henry V. **Perrin** now of Jackson Mich, asking for a letter to unite with Bap. Ch. there. On Motion of L. B. **Grant** Resolved to grant the request. Clerk then read the letter soliciting aid to build Ch. at Catskill N. Y. in place of one burned Augt 7, **1871**. No response to this. Closed with Doxology & benediction.
A. Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Thursday evening Prayer meeting March 28th **1872** Present Rev. C. **Thompson** & Rev. A. **Wheelock** & pretty full attendance. After preliminary religious exercises, prayer, reading Scripture, exposition and Singing, Philander **Barber**, Squire **Edwards** & John **Moore** [blank] **DeWitt** in order & in turn, related their several religious Experience, after each of which, on Motions of S. S. **Crissey**, & D. **Barrell** they were severally received as Candidates for baptism & Membership. Clerk then read a letter of dismission & Commendation from the Baptist Church of Stockton, on which the bearer Edward J. **Crissey** was received a Member with us.
A. Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Mch 29, **1872** in Meeting of Ex. Com. (?) read that Pastor would present his resignation [to] take effect 6. Mos. from 1. Apl next. Ex. Com. Records. A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Sabbath evening March 31, **1872** after the customary services in explanation of the ordinance, Rev. C. **Thompson**, assisted by Rev. A. **Wheelock** & Br. D. **Barrell**, baptized Jno. M. **DeWitt**, Squire **Edwards** & Philander **Barber**.
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting April 6th **1872** Present Rev. Chas. **Thompson** 12 Brn 32 Srs. Usual exercises, The death of Sister Mary W.(?) **Parker** this morning tended to solemnize the meeting. Miss Kellie K.(?) **McClanathan** related her experience and on request, and motion made and seconded, was recd. as a candidate for Baptism & Membership.
The ordinance of baptism to be attended 11th inst. at evening. Closed with singing and benediction
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Prayer Meeting Thursday evening April 11th **1872** in Ch. Parlor full attendance. After usual services, Miss Eva **Case**, daughter of Sr. Mary **Case** related her experience and desired baptism & membership with Ch. Sundry questions were proposed by Elders **Thompson** & **Wheelock**, &

Dea. **Barrell** & correctly answered. On Motion made by D. **Barrell** & seconded, Resolved that Miss Eva **Case** be received as a candidate for baptism and when baptized to membership in the Ch. Closed with Doxology & Benediction.
A. Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sabbath evening April 14, **1872** Rev. Chas. **Thompson** baptized Nellie(?) K. **McClanathan** & Eva **Case**, as reported by D. **Barrell**.
A. Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting May 4th **1872**. Present Rev. Chas. **Thompson** P., Rev. A. **Wheelock** and 11 Brn & 26(?) Srs. Prayer by Pastor, singing, reading 92 Ps. Remarks by Pastor succeeded by Brn & Srs. Some interest & anxiety manifest for our increase of faith. A young lady, Addie Belle **Freese**, related her experience, and desired baptism & membership in Church. On call of Bro. **Wheelock**, she was vouched for by Philander **Barber** & Cora **Wright**, who were acquainted with her. Her relation was brief & in several important particulars, as love to Christ, love of the Bible and a decision, by the Savior's aid, to be a true Christian, satisfactory. On Motion of Bro. **Grant** Resolved that she be recd. as a candidate for baptism & after to membership. Baptism next Sunday eve'g. Elder **Wheelock** stated the request of Pastor for a vacation of 3. Sabbaths to go & visit his sons in Kansas, and that the Executive Committee after due consultation, agreed unanimously to recommend that the Church vote him such vacation. On Motion of Bro. **Grant**, Resolved that Rev. C. **Thompson** Pastor have a vacation of three Sabbaths, after the next, or 5th of May. Closed with Singing and Benedictions.
A. Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sabbath evening May 5. **1872**. Rev. C. **Thompson** baptized Miss Addie Belle **Freese**. Usual services on the occasion.

Monday May 6th Bro. **Thompson** started on his journey to Kansas to visit his sons. Was prospered all the way & time & returned safely & was here last day of May and in Covt. Meeting June 1st, **1872**.

Covenant Meeting June 1st **1872** Present Rev. Chas. **Thompson** Brn & Srs. Customary services. Having the company at my house of my brother in law B. H. **Vary**, wife & boy of Ogdensburgh I was not present but was informed by D. **Barrell** that no business for record transpired more than the customary services of Covt. Meeting. A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Thursday evening Prayer meeting June 6th **1872** Clerk read a letter from Jno. H. **Prettyjohn** from Livonia Liv. Co. N.Y. requesting a letter of dismission to unite with Bap. Ch. there; and giving reference to Jas. **McCrawson** & Esq. **Neal**, Deacons, as he had been absent from Fredonia over three years. On Motion of G. W. **Lewis** 2nd by S. S. **Crissey** Resolved to grant letter as requested, & that Clk send it inclosed to the Deacons referred to, so that if not all right we may by them be advised. Pastor spoke of the time now for a collection for Am Bap. Home Mission So. On Motion of Clerk, Resolved that we take a collection for that object on Sabbath June 16th **1872** The Subject of the Sab. School Convention to be held here June [blank] inst. **1872** was stated by Bro. **Crissey** and the (?) attendance. It was deemed best to appoint a Committee of hospitality

to be composed mostly of females. On Nominations the following persons were placed on said Committee & others to be added as expediency may indicate.
Males
Samuel S. **Crissey**
George W. **Lewis**
Washington **Crocker**
Females
Mrs. Helen E. **Barker**
″ Louise E. **Taylor**
″ Eliza M. **Tate**
″ Martha D. D. **Wanton**
″ Caroline L. **Barber**
″ Nancy **Noble**
″ Irene **Carter**
″ Julia L. B. **Wilcox**
Miss Mary A. **Draper**
″ Martha J. **Prescott**
″ Ada **Frazine**
″ Hattie J. **Safford**
″ Mary **Stanley**
Meeting Closed by benediction by Pastor.
A. Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

An interesting session of the Sunday school (?) Convention was held here from June [blank] to June [blank] **1872**.

Covenant Meeting July 6th **1872** Present Rev. Chas. **Thompson** Pastor, [Rev.] A. **Wheelock**, Res. & [Rev.] Geo. O. **King** late of Jamestown, 7 Brn & 26 Srs. After singing & Invocation Pastor read Gen. 32:1-13. (1st Clause). Remarks on above showing Jacob's fear of his brother, Esau and that for him the Lord did provide that he will do so at all times for his own. Remarks of Brn & Sisters confirming each other in the faith. Bro. Elisha **Rossetter** was duly recd on Motion of Clerk after reading his letter of commendation and dismission from the Baptist Church at Brocton. A. Z. **Madison** spoke of subscriptions for the Macedonian & Home Mission record 30 copies at 18¢ each. $5.40 inst. Postage(?). Also of the propriety of a Committee of Supply for the desk to be vacated Oct. 1. by the Resignation of Elder **Thompson**. On Motion of Bro. **Grant** Resolved that Rev. A. **Wheelock**, D. **Barrell** & S. S. **Crissey** be such Committee for the Supply of the Desk. Closed with Singing and the benediction.
A. Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting August 3rd **1872**. An accident occurred yesterday at the residence of our Pastor, Rev. C. **Thompson**, corner of Center & Barker Streets. A trap door to Cellar was left open and he fell down on to stairs & then against the wall and cut his head & hurt his back. Being confined to his bed, in his absence Rev. A. **Wheelock** presided as Chairman. About 9 Brn & 1 Srs. were present. Services as usual & a good interest. At close of remarks, Chn. called on Clk. for any business. None except to prepare letter to Association. Decided Clk prepare it as usual. After remarks in regard to the services in Ch. tomorrow we are to expect Bro. **Wheelock**

in A. M. and it was decided to omit Communion owing to his ill health, as well as that of Pastor. On Motion of Bro. **Grant**, Resolved that Bro. S. S. **Crissey** be prepared to read a Sermon in A.M. Closed by prayer offered by Bro. **Crissey** and benediction by Rev. A. **Wheelock**.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting August 31st **1872**. Present Rev. C. **Thompson** Pastor, Rev. A. **Wheelock**, 9 Brn & 16 Srs. Singing, reading Scripture, & Prayer, succeeded by remarks of Pastor Brn & Sisters. Considerable good & right feeling manifest – Remarks on Christian experience – of doubts & fears and of the full assurance of faith. At close of remarks, on motion of D. **Barrell**, Resolved that Brethren E. M. **Pettit** and L. B. **Grant** be added to the Committee for the supply of the Desk as recorded July 6/72. Bro. **Barrell** was here called out. On Nominations, Resolved that the following named brethren be appointed our Messengers to the Erie Bap. Association at Randolph Sept 3rd Viz. Rev. Chas. **Thompson**, Pastor, Rev. A. **Wheelock**, Dea. E. M. **Pettit**, Brn S. S. **Crissey**, A. Z. **Madison**, W. **Crocker**, with power of substitution. The above resolution was passed after the Chh letter to the Association was read by the Clerk. The Sunday School, & the Women's Miss'y Circle had been omitted by Clerk, in the letter. Brn thought they should both be noticed. On Motion, Resolved that Br. S. S. **Crissey** be associated with Clerk to aid in revising the letter, which was adopted as the letter of the Ch to the Association.
Closed with singing Doxology and then benediction. A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Sabbath Sept. 29, **1872** Rev. Charles **Thompson** Closed his labors with this Church. In A. M. his text was Rev. 22:20, "He which testifieth these things saith; surely I come quickly; Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." In the evening, Clerk unwell & not present, he again preached from same text, especially the last clause. Brother **Thompson** commended as a supply. Feby 21 **1869** for Rev. H. M. **Jones** whose resignation was to take effect 1. April **1869**. From the latter date Bro. **Thompson** was a supply one year or to Apl 1/70, when he was engaged as Pastor at $800. salary. He had spent nearly 3 2/3 years faithfully preaching the Lord Jesus Christ from week to week, with little comparative interruption during the term. It is hoped that much good will yet be manifest as the result of his instructive teaching. The prayers of many are offered for God's blessing to rest on him and his.

Thursday evening prayer meeting Oct 3rd **1872**. Rev. A. **Wheelock** Moderator. Conducted as usual. At Close, Clerk read a letter from Rev. J. B. **Vrooman** of Stockton asking the appointment of a delegate from this Ch. to a meeting to be held at Cassadaga 29th inst. at 10 ½ A.M. to advise ways and means for a home for Rev. A. **Frink** and wife now aged and infirm. The Harmony Asson. to be represented also. On Motion of A. Z. M. Resolved that Br. G. W. **Lewis** be a delegate to said meeting, with power of substitution, in case he cannot consistently attend personally. Clerk also read a letter from Mell(?) **Winslow** of New York, a lecturer, proposing to lecture in this Ch. for $25. on "Want," Oct. 20th or 25th. On Motion L. B. **Grant**, Resolved to lay it on the table. Benediction to close.
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Sabbath Oct 6th Rev. J. N. **Fradeburgh**(?) preached
″ ″ 13. Rev. C. S.(?) **Seeley** preached in A. M. as Candidate and administered sacrament in P. M. & preached again in evening.
″ ″ 20. N. G.(?) **Luke** preached in A. M. an excellent sermon

″ ″ 27. Rev. J. N. **Fradenburgh**(?) preached in A M another.

Prayer meeting Thursday eve Oct. 31, **1872** Rev. A. **Wheelock** present. Young people more ready to take part in the meeting & other attendance. At Close Clerk read a letter from George F. **Bansum** of Rochester N.Y. requesting a letter of commendation and dismission to unite with the 2nd Bap. Ch. in Rochester. On Motion of L. B. **Grant** 2nd by Clk. Resolved to grant the request.
A. Z. **Madison** Clerk

Sabbath Nov. 3rd **1872** Rev. J. N. **Fradenburgh** preached
″ ″ 10th ″ Same in A. M. & Rev. Mr.(?) **King** Bap. in eveg

Covenant Meeting Nov. 2nd **1872** Rev. A. **Wheelock** Chn. Opened with 3 Brn & 11 Srs after 5 & 17. Sung 325th Hymn (?) & (?) Bk. Read Eph. 4th in Bible Union version & remarks on same, followed by remarks of Brn & Srs. present. The funeral of Mrs. **Ellis**(?) nice, and other circumstances affected the attendance at this meeting.
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

No communion service Nov 3rd **1872**

Sabbath Nov. 17, **1872**. Rev. W. C. **McCarthy** of Catskill preached A. M. & evening on request of the Pulpit(?) Committee & remains to preach on(?) Sab. 24th inst. as Candidate for the Pastorate.

Thursday evening Prayer meeting Nov. 21 **1872**. Present Rev. W. C. **McCarthy** Chn, More than ordinary number present, some increase of interest on the part of the young members manifest. Prior to the close, Clk mentioned the request of bro. Jesse **Tate** for a letter of commendation and dismission to unite with the Bap. Ch. at Middletown Orange Co. N.Y. or other ch. as he might be located, he having gone with his brother Hiram to Middletown last week. On motion made & seconded, Resolved that the request of brother Jesse **Tate** be granted. Meeting closed with singing and the benediction.
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Sabbath Nov. 24th **1872** Rev. W. C. **McCarthy** preached again A. M. & evening. He left for his home Monday Nov 25th.

Thursday Nov. 30th 10 ½ A. M. **1872** National Thanksgiving. Services in Bap. Ch. in Union with Meth. & Presby. – Rev. Geo. O. **King** Bap. Rev. **Crafts** Meth. & Rev. A. L. **Benton** Presb(?) in Desk. Mr. **Benton** pronounced the discourse which was (?).

Covenant Meeting Novr. 30th **1872** Present Rev. Geo. O. **King** Chn. [blank] Brn & [blank] Srs. Sung "Nearer My God to thee," Prayer by Chn. who also read Eph. [blank] & explained interestingly. Sung "On the Cross of Christ I glory," Remarks of Brethren & Sisters, with good Spirit apparent. At Close, On Motion of Br. D. **Barrell** Resolved that Br. **King** be invited to (?) Communion tomorrow P. M. as he preaches in the(?) Clerk then read a letter from Jamestown Ch dismissing and commending Sister J. S. **Lathrop** or Leonora K. **Lathrop**, or rather, as now, Leonora G. **Lathrop**. Resolved that she be recd again, as a member with us. Clerk then read a

"Card" or the Preamble and Resolutions adopted Oct. 29/72 in a meeting of delegates from the Churches, at Cassadaga, in regard to making some provision for Elder A. **Frink** & wife and a letter from Rev. J. B. **Vrooman** on the subject. The 1st Resolution recommended the raising of not less than 12 cts per member through the Erie & Harmony Associations. The 2nd Resolution recommended that the sum so raised this year should be divided equally between Rev. A. **Frink** & Rev. D. **Bernard**. On motion of L. B. **Grant**, Resolved that we appoint a committee of one to collect funds for the above object. On Motion of Bro. **Grant** Resolved that Bro. S. S. **Crissey** be such Committee. Rev. A. **Wheelock** just here, came into the meeting, and as Chairman of the Pulpit Committee, stated that Rev. W. C. **McCarthy** who had preached the two preceding Sabbaths for us, could probably be settled as our Pastor at a salary of $1200. pr An. if so desired by the Church, and as the number present was comparatively small he suggested that a vote by ballot be taken at the Communion tomorrow P. M. for and against such employment of Rev. W. C. **McCarthy**. On Motion made and seconded, Resolved that we do so vote on the question of settling Br. W. C. **McCarthy**, or calling him to the Pastorate of this Ch. tomorrow at Communion, Yea or Nay, For or Against, by ballot. Clerk agreed to furnish ballots and have them in readiness at the time. Closed by singing the Doxology & chn. pronounced the benediction.
A. Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sab. Decr. 1 **1872** Rev. Geo. O. **King** preached in A. M. & also administered Sact, Lord's Supper in P. M. At this time & before Communion a vote was taken by ballot aye and nay or For & Against, Calling Rev. W. C. **McCarthy** to be our Pastor. D. **Barrell** announced the vote to be not unanimous, but a majority for calling him, afterwards stated about 2/3 for & 1/3 agst. It being thought that some misunderstanding existed, and as Br. S. S. **Crissey** wrote to Br. McC. that the matter would be called up the next Sab. Dec. 8th it was deemed best to vote again on the question. At this time remarks were made on it by Bro. **Barrell** (?) **Crissey** & **Pettit**, & the vote was to be by rising instead of ballot. After the brn above named spoke favorably, A. Z. **Madison** spoke that he had voted negatively & should again but was not willing to vote by rising or other show without explanation, and gave some reasons why. G. W. **Lewis** spoke to same effect. The vote was taken by rising & with similar result as before, after which on Motion of Bro. **Grant**, (?) was (?) to Bro. **Crissey** to inform Bro. **McCarthy** that the vote was not such as to warrant the Committee to [elect (?)] him to the Pastorate. Rev. J. N. **Fradenburgh** preached Dec 8th, 15th, & 22nd the latter in regard to Christmas.

Dec. 29(?) **1872**, agreeably with invitation of Pulpit Committee, Rev. B. D. **Marshall** of Buffalo preached A. M. & evening. Before he left Monday A. M. he stated his expectation(?) is Salary $2500 & that he was having at Buffalo $3000 or over when Committee deemed it best(?) to dismiss the subject. It was evident that a good impression was made by him on this Congregation, but our means does not warrant the attempt to raise such Salary.

Covenant Meeting January 4th **1873** (see next page)
Sab. Jany 5, **1873** Rev. Saml. **Adsit** preached A. M. & took collection for N. Y. Union for Minl. Ed. Rochester N. Y. ($26.40) In P. M. administered the Lords Supper.

Sunday Jany 12, **1873** Rev. J. N. **Fradenburgh** preached for us in Morning.

Sunday Jany 19th **1873** Rev. Lester Williams Jr. of Oswego, as a Candidate, preached Morning & evening. He remained during the week & was in several evening meetings. He also preached Sunday Jan. 26th morning & evening, and Monday 27th Jany. At noon he left for home. His terms, to serve as Pastor, $1200 & moving expenses & Parsonage.

Covenant Meeting January 4, **1873**, Present Rev. A. **Wheelock** 16(?) Brn & 20 Srs. Opened by singing & prayer by Bro. **Crissey**. Chn read Scripture & offered remarks. Remarks by Brn & Srs. In his turn, Clk read a letter from Bro. T. B. **Sweet** mailed Dec 17th at Irving Kansas, requesting a letter of recommendation and dismission to unite with a Baptist Church recently organized at Pine Rapids Kansas 7 miles from his place & 5 miles from Irving. On Motion of D. **Barrell**, Resolved that the request be granted. Further remarks by Elder **Wheelock** and closed with benediction.
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting Feb'y 1st **1873** Present Rev. A. **Wheelock**, 13 Brn & 23 Srs. Sung "Blest is the tie that binds", Prayer by Bro. **Crissey**. Remarks after reading Scripture (1 Cor. 12th) by Chn followed by Brn & Srs. When through A. Z. M. gave notice to subscribers for Examr. & of the Picture for 30. at his office. Also of the contribution for Elders **Frink** & **Bernard**. Elder **Wheelock** then spoke in regard to the Chs. calling Rev. Lester **Williams** Jr. to be our Pastor. Brn **Lewis** & **Madison** spoke on same – the latter as to way of voting whether by ballot or otherwise. L. B. **Grant** spoke of $1500 On Motion of Bro. **Tate** Resolved that the vote should be by standing. On Motion L. B. **Grant** Resolved unanimously to call Rev. Lester **Williams** Jr. as our Pastor at $1500. per an. Salary to include moving Expenses & Parsonage. On request of Sister Flora C. **Clothier**, & on Motion of L. B. **Grant**, Resolved to grant letter of Comn. & dismission to Sister Mary L. **Woodworth** to Bap. Ch. Arcade Wyoming Co. N.Y. Prayer by Bro. **Pettit** Benediction Elder **Wheelock**.
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Sunday Feby 2nd Rev. J. N. **Fradenburgh** preached in Bap. Ch. from Ps 23: 1. "The Lord is my Shepard." Eld. **Wheelock** (?) (?) P. M.
Sunday Feby 9th Rev. J. N. **Fradenburgh** preached from Mark 10:44,
Sunday Feb 16th Rev. J. N. **Fradenburgh** preached from all of Ps. (?) an excellent & instructive discourse. After he had announced the notices of ordinary meetings Clerk read a letter from Rev. Lester **Williams** Jr. of Oswego N.Y. accepting the call of the Ch. through the Pulpit Committee to be here about first of March next. Letter to Rev. A. **Wheelock** Chn(?) of Committee.

Sunday Feb. 23rd Rev. J. N. **Fradenburgh** preached from Malacki 3:8ths "Will a man rob God?" A searching sermon, showing many ways in which man may "rob God" (?) (?) Rev. A. **Wheelock** was sick, having been confined to his room from about 15th or 16th Feby inst.
He died Feb. 25th **1873** at 2 ¼ P.M. and was buried Feb. 27 P. M.
Rev. Chas **Thompson** Preacher
- ″ Jarvis Episl. Read the Scripture as in Episl (?)
- ″ A. L. **Benton** Presb offered first prayer

Br. **Thompson**'s Sermon from the words "It doth not appear what we shall be"
Rev. J. B. **Vrooman** of Stockton added some remarks at close of discourses. Singing as usual, directed by M. **Riggs**(?). Rev. J. N. **Fradenburgh** offered the concluding prayer & benediction.

March 1st Rev. Lester **Williams** arrived in Morning as expected, to assume the Pastoral Charge of the Church.

Covenant Meeting March 1st **1873** Present Rev. Lester **Williams** Jr. who now enters upon his service as Pastor of the Ch. 13 brethren & about 34 Srs also present. Opened by singing. Pastor read Scripture, offered prayer & remarks as to his coming amongst us, its object and our mutual hopes & what should be our aims & efforts. Brn & Sisters followed in turn – spoke of joy to be present & to meet & greet our new Pastor mingled with regrets and mourning for the loss, to us, of our loved brother **Wheelock**. An interesting meeting. Pastor in closing remarks said he felt strengthened and encouraged; & he exhorted all to work with alacrity for the cause of Christ. Closed with singing the Doxology L. M.
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Sabbath March 2nd [The rest of page 53 is missing.]

Dark & dismal. Rain Th. & Lightning
Covenant Meeting April 5th **1873**
Present Rev. Lester **Williams** Jr. Pastor, [Rev.] Chas. **Thompson**, 14 Brn & over 30 Srs. Usual services. After remarks of Brn & Srs, pastor read letters, first, from Bap. Ch, in West Portland(?) commending Sr. Anna **Lewis** wife of Alonzo **Lewis** – the date of this letter May 12th **1855** which fact was referred to by Pastor, with the statement that there were sufficient explanations to be given to any who should inquire. Second from Baptist Ch. North East pa, date March 23rd **1873**, commending Bro. Alonzo **Lewis** and daughter Hattie **Lewis**. L. B. **Grant** moved & Geo. W. **Lewis** seconded that all three be recd. on the letters read and same passed. At suggestion of Pastor, two young girls took a front seat and related their several religious experience. First Elizabeth Vincent **Dickey** and Second Frances A. **Wilcox**. Opportunity was given for inquiries – none made. On Motion L. B. **Grant** 2nd Geo. W. **Lewis**, Voted to receive the first as a candidate for baptism & when baptized to membership. On Motion L. B. **Grant** 2nd A. Z. **Madison**, Voted to receive the 2nd same as above. Baptism deferred. Bro. A. **Lewis**, wife & daughter then each spoke. Closed with Doxology & Benediction.
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Pursuant to arrangements & Notice given, the Recognition services were held Thursday April 10/73 at 2 ½ P.M. according to representation in sheet attached(?). Congregation small – about 150 present. Evening services substituted by regular Prayer Meeting.
A. Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

April 20th **1873**. At close of evening service, Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. baptized Elizabeth V. **Dickey** and Frances A. **Wilcox** as named on opposite pages. The Ch. was pretty well filled at time.

Monday April 21st **1873** he attended the funeral of Sister Euretta S. **Pettit** at her late residence. A full attendance – some 27 teams in procession.

Covenant Meeting May 3rd **1873** (Cold rain storm) Rev. Lester **Williams** Jr. Pastor & [Rev.] Geo. O. **King** present Also 7 Brn & 20 Srs. Exercises as usual. At Close of remarks, Clerk read

letters of commendation from Baptist Ch. Oswego N.Y. for Rev. Lester **Williams** Jr. & his wife. D. **Barrell** moved their reception as members of this Ch & Clk called the vote by arising which was unanimously carried. Sister Martha **Husted** wife of Rev. W. H. **Husted** then presented letters given to her husband herself & their daughter, Ella M. **Husted**, commending & dismissing them to become members with us, which Clerk read severally, & on Motions made they were severally duly recd as members of this Church. Pastor then spoke of two to relate Exp. – Miss Harriet **Dodge** now residing with Sister **Edmonds** & Miss Kittie **Morian**, the latter not present. At request Miss H. **Dodge** gave a very brief relation & after, explanation of some repetition. On motion of Br. S. S. **Crissey** 2nd by Bro. **Grant**, Resolved that she be recd. as a candidate for baptism & when baptized to membership in Ch. On Mo. D. **Barrell** Resolved to (?) Br. **King** to extend hand of fellowship of ch. to Pastor & wife. On Motion & request of D. **Barrell** Resolved to grant a letter of commendation & dismission to Sister Josephine M. **Tibbets** now of Greeley Colorado. Closed with Doxology.
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Sabbath May 4th **1873** When met for Communion service, pursuant to Resolution at Covt. Meeting yesterday, Rev. Geo. O. **King** presented the hand of fellowship in behalf of Ch. to our Pastor Rev. Lester **Williams** & his wife, After which, Br. **Williams** presented same to Sister **Husted** & daughter, recd on letters, & to Eliz V. **Dickey** and Frances A. **Wilcox**, recently baptized by him. Kittie M. **Morian**, being present, on suggestion of Pastor, related her experience and on Motion of L. B. **Grant** was recd as a candidate for baptism, & when baptized to membership in Church.
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Sunday Evening May 18, **1873**
After sermon by Pastor Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. to a pretty full congregation, He baptized Harriet **Dodge** and Kittie M. **Morian**. The sermon one of the best, especially the illustration of the change wrought in the heart making "a New creature," compared to a piratical Vessel, afterward changed to a merchant (?), engaged in the lawful business of commerce, and yet the same vessel.
A. Z. M. Clk

Sunday May 25th **1873**
Present Pastor & Rev. [blank] of [blank] Ill.(?)
Pastor preached in A. M. In evening Rev. [blank] preached, describing the past and present condition of Illinois & surrounding states & presenting the cause of Home Missions being the field in which he had, for a few years past, (4 or 6) been engaged. He is a fluent speaker, understands the subject and gave very interesting statistics.
A. Z. M. Clk

Covenant Meeting May 31, **1873**
Present Pastor Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. & some 30 or 40 Srs & some 10 Brn. Services as usual. Clk went in for a few minutes, but being engaged with other, Vil. assessors comparing Roll & Copy was obliged to leave, giving the record in charge of Bro. L. B. **Grant**, who brought two letters to Clk. which had been recd. One, date Jany 13th **1873** commending & dismissing Sister Elizabeth W. **Barker** (formerly **Walker** residing here) from the Bap. Ch. at Tamaroa Ill. to the Bap. Ch. at

Mount Vernon Ill. The other, date May 3rd **1873**, from the Bap. Ch. at Mount Vernon Ill. commending and dismissing Edmund **Barker** & Perley(?) N. **Barker** to the Fredonia N.Y. Bap. Ch. It seems that the first named letter had not been used, but is recd. here – that all the above mentions are of one family. As informed by Bro. **Grant**, all were duly recd. as members with us.
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Sunday June 1st **1873**.
Previous to Communion service in P. M. A letter was read from the Bap. Ch. Clarinda Iowa commending and dismissing Sr. Helen **Morton** from said Ch. to any other of same faith & order. On this, she was duly recd. a member with us.
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting July 5th **1873**. Present Rev. Lester **Williams** Jr. Pastor, 8 Brn & 18 Srs. The opening services were had before arrival of Clerk. Pastor was speaking of the duties & privileges of Members of Ch. – of Christians. Brethren & Sisters communicated in turn. Pastor read a letter from the Sinclairville Church commanding and dismissing to unite with us, Bro. Edward **Edmunds**. On motion of A. Z. **Madison**, seconded, Resolved to receive him to membership with us, on the letter presented. Pastor then read another letter from same Ch. commending and dismissing Sister Louicy(?) **Edmonds** for same purpose. On Motion of L. B. **Grant** seconded, Resolved to receive her as a member on same. A. Z. **Madison** spoke of Club(?) subscription for Home Mission Herald, and Macedonian and Helping hand. Closed by Singing & benediction.
A. Z. **Madison** Clk

[Transcriber's Note: The following is a printed pamphlet.]
Services of Recognition of Rev. Lester **Williams**, Jr.
As Pastor of the Baptist Church, Fredonia, N. Y.
Thursday April 10th **1873** 2 ½ P. M.
Order of Exercises.
1. Invocation, by Rev. H. S. **Westgale**(?) Rev. [crossed out D. E. (?)] absent Dayton Summit
2. Hymn. Mr. **Riggs** leader of choir
3. Scripture, Rev. H. S. **Westgate**, Westfield.
4. Prayer, by Rev. W. H. **Husted** [crossed out printed name, wrote "absent"] Mayville.
5. Hymn. Rev. W. H. **Husted** read hymn
6. Sermon, Rev. Isaac **Butterfield**, Oswego.
[handwritten] Text 1. Cor. 16.9. "For a great door &c" a good discourse
7.Prayer of Recognition, Rev. A. **Kingsbury**, Fredonia.
8. Anthem.
9. Hand of Fellowship, Rev. Charles **Thompson**, Dunkirk.
[handwritten] No(?) authority or requirement, but (?) the Pastor & this Ch. agreed to have (?) service.
10. Address {of Welcome} to Pastor, Rev. J. B. **Vrooman**, Stockton.
11. Address to Church, {none.} {Regretted.}
12. Doxology and Benediction {by Pastor.}
Opening Services
7 ½ O'Clock P. M.

Sermon, {None (regretted) [crossed out "Rev. A. D. **Bush**] absent. Prayer meeting instead as usual.}

1873
Covenant Meeting August 2nd, **1873**
Present Rev. L. **Williams**, Jr. Pastor, 16 Brn & 28 Srs. Sung a hymn & prayer by Br. W. **Crocker**. Pastor read and explained 1st. Cor. 13. Chap. followed by interesting remarks of Brn & Sisters.
Clk read letter from 1st Bap. Ch. of Newburgh N.Y. commending and dismissing Br. Jesse **Tate** & moved his reception which was voted.
Clk then read a curious letter from S.F. **Crane**, Missionary dated Elmira N.Y. May **1873**, (recd. last week) soliciting funds.
It called forth remarks from Brn **Pettit**, **Grant** & others, & finally was dropped for the present.
Bro. G.W. **Lewis** made request for a letter of commendation and dismission for his niece, Sister Eva **Steele Purdy**, now of Jamesville Wis. who has been absent several years. He explained the cause, and on motion a letter was granted agreeably with the request.
The meeting of Erie B. Association was spoken of to occur at Forestville before our next Cov. M. – On Motion resolved that we appoint Delegates to represent us, and on nominations Resolved that our Pastor Rev. Lester **Williams** Jr., Rev. Wm. H. **Husted**, Deacons E.M. **Pettit** & Washington **Crocker**, and Brethren A.Z. **Madison**, S.S. **Crissey**, Jesse **Tate**, Franklin L. **Lord**, and John M. **DeWitt** be our delegates, with power to substitute in case of failure.
Directed Clk to have letter to Asson. ready & read it to Ch. Sunday A.M. prior to meeting of Asso. Collection to be taken to pay for printing the Minutes of Asson.
Closed with benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Sabbath Augt. 31st, **1873**, at Close of A.M. service Rev. L. **Williams** Pastor returned after 3 weeks vacation, & present.
Agreeably with vote of 2nd. inst. A.Z. **Madison** presented letter of Ch. to Erie Asson.
Before reading it, He read a card signed by Ministers in Erie & Harmony Asson.'s requesting the Churches to vote For or Agst consolidating the two & enter vote in their letters to Asson.
After explanations by several brethren on Mo. of Br. E.M. **Pettit** 2nd by Br. **Grant** Voted unanimously For consolidation.
Clerk then read the Letter to Asson. On Mo. Resolved to adopt it as our letter to Association, with the necessary changes. On Mo. Bro. **Pettit**, Resolved that we rescind the vote to have Collection for printing Minutes at this time, (it being rainy & few present) and that Clk pay $5 for the purpose and have a collection before the Communion service next Sab. to meet it.
Clk explained the sessions of the Asson. here **1851**, **1856**, **1864**, and suggested whether we would invite it here in **1874** – (Here Br. **Crissey** stated that Harmony Asso. voted to consider the question of consolidation till next year.)
On Mo. Resolved that Clk insert in the letter an invitation to Asso. to meet with us next year.
The business closed & dismissed.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk
[Bottom] Sept 1st, **1873**, A.Z.M. Clk wrote the above record, and at evening was taken sick and confined to his house over two Months with Typhoid Fever.

Covenant Meeting Sept 6th **1873** (Clk sick & not present)

Covenant Meeting Oct, 4, **1873** (Clk still sick.)

Covenant Meeting November 1st **1873** (Clk still sick.)

At evening of Nov. 1/73 Bro. Geo. **Tate** brought to Clerk at his house, a letter from the Bap. Church in Westfield commending and dismissing Bro Arthur **Clour**(?) to unite with us, which had been acted upon & he duly recd. on same.

Covenant Meeting Decr. 6, **1873** at 2 ½ P.M.
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Pastor, 13 Brethren & 31 Sisters.
The usual services were observed. Pastor offered prayer, & then remarks, followed by Brn & Srs. in remarks showing a good degree of interest & union as Disciples of Christ.
At Close Pastor spoke of business, and of the care of the poor & the fund for that purpose.
Br. Geo. W. **Lewis** also spoke of the fund & thought a Report should be made at least once a year, that the Church might know how it was, not knowing that the Ch. Treasurer did report it at last Annl. Meeting of Bap. So'y, he not being present.
On Motion of Bro. S.S. **Crissey**, Resolved that Treasurer report the condition of the poor fund at next Covenant meeting, that the Church may know how it is.
The Pastor requested the Executive Committee, so far as present, to remain after the Covenant Meeting should be dismissed.
Closed with singing Doxology.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk
See record of Committee business on the Record book for that purpose. This request was for the Committee to act on the request of Bro. Geo. W. **Lewis**, for use of the Church for Ministers of the sect of Disciples to preach in when not in use by the Baptist denomination or the Church here.

Covenant Meeting January 3rd, **1874**.
Present Rev. Lester **Williams** Jr. Pastor, 14 Bren & 29 Sisters. Usual services and remarks by Brn & Sisters. More than ordinary anxiety for a deeper work(?) of grace & increased faith, in the body, and the conviction & conversion of those without was manifest in remarks generally.
The efforts for the promotion of Temperance that has been in operation some three weeks past, following the lecture of Dr. Dio **Lewis** of Boston, immediately after which, women of the town & village turned out over 100, in procession & visited the Taverns & Saloons & the drug Stores and petitioned the Venders of spirits and liquors(?) to abandon that business & traffic, so far at least as to not sell to be used as a beverage, was referred to by a few Brn & Sisters.
Thus has been repeated several times, but(?) with small satisfactory results so far.
At close of remarks by members, Clk spoke in reference to subscriptions for the Macedonian & Helping Hand – the Home Mission heard, and the Examiner & Chronicle, - Also in regard to time of commencing Covenant Meetings, & his forgetfulness to bring a report, as (?) a month ago, of the state of the fund for the poor of the Church.
Pastor spoke of "the week of prayer" to commence tomorrow.
On Motion of Br. **Grant** seconded by Br. **Buck**(?) Resolved that we do observe the week of prayer. Closed with the benediction.

A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk
The last above Resolution carried out by Pastor & a portion of the Members, and so on through the month.

Covenant Meeting held in Ch. January 31st, **1874**
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Pastor, Rev. W.H. **Husted**, 17 Brn & about 35 Sisters. Sleighing & firm.
The usual exercises were observed – Clk entered when Sisters were speaking – Apparent increased interest – evident revival with many.
Pastor spoke of 20 or more hopeful converts amongst the youth.
Clk read a letter from Jesse **Sortore** Ch Clk Belmont N.Y. Baptist Ch. commending Brother Ely **Davis** & wife to the full fellowship of any Ch. of same faith; Bro. **Davis** & family now reside on Cushing St. in this Village.
He explained that the letter was as a traveling letter, but not to unite.
In pursuance of the Resolution of De. 6th **1873** Clerk Reported the Poor fund up to & including the collection of January 4th, **1874**.

Whole sum	$249.96
Less disbursements directed by Deacons	74.35
	$175.61
Also his a/c against Ch. as stated Gas. Ins. &c bal.	137.54

Which suppose applied leaves in hands of Clk bal poor fund $38.07
Some remarks by Brn **Pettit**, **Lewis**, & Clk.
Pastor presented the request from Titusville Pa. for a letter of commendation & dismission for Sister Mary Ann **Porter**, wife of Geo. W. **Porter** formerly resided in Fredonia. On Motion seconded, Resolved to grant request. Letter written by Clk. accordingly.
Meeting closed with benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting Feb'y 28th(?) **1874**.
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Pastor & Rev. R.A. **Paterson**(?) Evangelist – some 20 Brn & 40 Srs. Singing, Remarks & prayer by Bro. **Paterson**. Reading scripture & remarks by Pastor. Remarks by Brn & Sisters, in order.
Pastor then called 7 young persons forward, as they had requested, to relate their religious experiences to the Church, Viz: Eugene L. **Wright**, Harry E. **Davis**, William D. **Lord**, Belle **Bond** alias Mabel **Bigart**, the real name, Hannah D. **Arnold**, Ida M. **Leitch**, Ella J. **Davis**.
On separate Motions made and seconded they were severally received as candidates for baptism, and when baptized, to membership in the Church.
Clerk then read a letter from Pastor & Clerk of the Baptist Church at Sandy Hill N.Y. dated June 6th, **1857** recommending Sister Emeline **Bond**, who from that date has resided in this place, & been a regular attendant in this church. Some remarks on the form of the letter, and the long delay in its presentation to ch., which Clerk endeavored, with Pastor, to explain. On Motion of Clerk, seconded, Sister(?) E. **Bond** was unanimously recd. as a member with us, on the letter presented, & on what we know of her, personally.
Clerk then read another letter, dated Feb. 9, **1856**, signed by the Pastor, Clerk & Deacon of Bap. Ch. at Racine Wis. commending Sister Elisabeth **Bissel**, now widow of Elisha **Bissel** dec'd. On

Motion of Bro. L.B. **Grant** seconded, Resolved unanimously to receive Sister E. **Bissel**, who also has resided here several years, as a member of this Church.
On Motion, Resolved that Deacons invite sisters to assistance of baptism tomorrow eve'g.
Closed with Doxology & benediction,
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Sabbath March 1st, **1874**.
Pastor L. **Williams** Jr. preached his annual sermon from John 7:37, & stated his labors in general during the past year, in A.M.
In the evening Rev. R.A. **Patterson** preached from Gen. 6:3 to a full congregation, at close of which, Pastor **Williams** baptized the seven candidates mentioned on last page preceding.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk
Meetings continued daily, P.M. & evening.

Sabbath March 15th, **1874**. Pastor preached in A.M. & Bro. **Patterson** in desk(?). At Close of A.M. service, Ch. on Pastor's request remained to hear the experiences of Mrs. Hannah J. **Edwards** and Mrs. Ellen M. **Lewis**, (the latter to leave town tomorrow). After hearing the first, and further explanations by Pastor & Bro. David G. **Sweet**, On Motion of Bro. L.B. **Grant** seconded, she was recd. as a candidate for baptism this eve'g & when baptized, to Membership with us.
So also after hearing Mrs. **Edwards**, & further from Pastor, D.G. **Sweet** & A.Z. **Madison**, on the motion of Br. **Grant** seconded, Resolved that she be recd. as a candidate for baptism & membership in church.

Mrs. **Lewis** & Mrs. **Edwards** were baptized by Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Sab. Evening Mch 15, **1874**. After which the closing meeting near the doors of ch. of Mr. **Patterson**. Rev. R.A. **Patterson** left here Mch 16th, **1874** about (?) Monday. He was here from Feb. 27th or 28th to Mch 16 & was paid $150 for his labors by L.B. **Grant**.

At Prayer Meeting Friday 3 P.M. Mch 20/74 Pastor **Williams** sick & absent & Present Rev. **Morley** Co. Missionary as Chairman of the Meeting. Pursuant to previous notice, & invitation of Pastor a goodly number were present, & some for the purpose of uniting with the Church. After prayers & remarks &c The Chairman called on such to arise. Three arose & afterwards two others. Mr. Alexander **Morian** gave his relation prs't(?) and on motion by Bro. **Grant**, seconded, he was duly & unanimously received, as a candidate for baptism & when baptized, to membership in the Church. In like manner others were received in the following order, Viz; Martin **Bissikummer**(?), Miss Cordelia C. **Williams** (daughter of Pastor,) Theron E. **VanScoter**, & Edwin H. **Jones**. The Clerk was called out by Mr. Mitchell **Smith**, to do some business, and after some remarks & explanations in regard to his order(?) (?) left the meeting before the close. Same evening Rev. **Morley** preached to an attentive congregation, & with more than ordinary energy on the subject of faith in Christ.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Sabbath Mch 22nd 74. Pastor still sick, with ergsip(?) and confined to his house.
Rev. W.H. **Husted** preached in A.M. & evening (?) (?) Congregations rather small, as it was(?) the day of re-union, and Presbyterian Church prior to (?) taking down the old church, to build a

new church on same site, and Rev. Mr. **Cowles**, Rev.(?) Mr. E.L. **Wright** Pastor (?), Pastors(?) **Pratt**, L.M. **Clement**(?) et. al. were present it was an interesting union(?). O.W.(?) **Jonson**(?) to address the(?) Congregation Monday 23rd Mch at 2 (?) P.M. an(?) iwe(?) a note(?) general history of the time of the origin of Ch. than that of Dr. **Wright** yesterday. A.Z.M. present P.M. & evening – Services very interesting. Reminiscences of the past by Dr. **Cowles** & others, of peculiar interest.

Monday P.M. 3 O'clock Mch 30th Rev. W.H. **Husted** who preached during sickness of Pastor, held an inquiry meeting. Present T.B. **Sweet**, S.S. **Crissey** & A.Z.M. – Mrs. E. **Halligreen** & 5 youths expressed hope in Christ.
Tuesday evening Mch 31st a meeting for conference & prayer & from this time only two meetings per week besides Sabbaths. Tuesday & Thursday evenings.

Covenant Meeting Sat. P.M. April 4, **1874**. Present Rev. W.H. **Husted** Chn, Rev. G.O. **King**, 20 Brn & 49 Srs.
Singing, reading & prayer – then remarks in course, by Brethren & Sisters.
At the close, several persons came forward to relate their religious experience.
1st. Lizzie **Sweet**, On Mo. **Grant** 2nd **Lewis** Recd. as a Candidate
2nd Ruth **Wright** On Mo. **Pettit** 2nd Recd. ditto
3. Carrie **Burgalt** On Mo. **Lewis** 2nd **Grant** Recd. ditto
4. Grace **Lewis** On Mo. **Grant** 2nd **Crocker** Recd. ditto
5. Mrs. Ellen **Halligren** On Mo. **Lewis** 2nd **Grant** & **Barrell** Recd. ditto
6. Ada **Harrison** On Mo. **Pettit** 2nd Recd. ditto
7. Grace **Parker** On Mo. D. **Barrell** 2nd Recd. ditto
8. Lizzie **Roesch** On Mo. S.S. **Crissey** 2nd Recd. ditto
9. Willard A. **Webster** On Mo. **Grant** 2nd **Crocker** Recd. ditto
The 3rd, 5th, & 6th in families where parents do not belong to Church. When the 3rd had spoken & motion was made to receive, Clerk offered some remarks on proper & caution in such cases, & the obtaining consent of parents &c. This called out other remarks from several brethren, as D. **Barrell**, G.W. **Lewis**, L.B. **Grant**, E.M. **Pettit**, S.S. **Crissey** & Chn. On No. 6. by suggestion of S.S. **Crissey** A.Z. **Madison** was appointed to see the parents of Ada **Harrison** to learn if any objections there. Sister Cora **Wright** spoke at length of her sister Ruth, No. 2.
Closed with Doxology & benediction.
The candidates asked to wait & consult as to time of baptism. Delayed in hope Pastor would be well enough by Sab 19th inst.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

April 19 '74
April 26, '74
Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. was so far recovered from sickness as to be able to preach Sab Apl 19/74 – also April 26th. and at evening of last date, he baptized eleven of the 14 Candidates recd. March 20th and April 4/74 Viz: Willard A. **Webster**, Theron E. **VanScoter**, Martin **Bissikummer**, Lizzie **Sweet**, Carrie **Burgalt**, Grace **Parker**, Grace **Lewis**, Ada **Harrison**, Cordelia C. **Williams**, Lizzie **Roesche**, Edwin H. **Jones**, in presence of a full congregation.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting May 2nd **1874**
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., 14 Brn & about 40 Srs. Clk detained in office & in late. Services as usual. After remarks by members, Charles Henry **Martin** related his religious experience, and on motion of E.M. **Pettit** seconded by L.B. **Grant**, he was received as a candidate for baptism and membership when baptized.
Closed with singing & the benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sabbath May 3rd. previous to Communion service two letters from Baptist Ch. of Stockton were presented dismissing & commending James **Robinson** & wife, Mary **Robinson**, and on Motion they were severally recd. as members with us.
Pastor then extended the hand of Church fellowship to them & to ten others latest baptized. Clk inquired for statistical information of Rev. Chas. **Morton**, to enable him to reply to a letter of inquiry from Rev. G.B. or S.B. **Page** of Cleveland Ohio. Some knew him from **1822** on but not many before & little was learned of his youth.
A.Z.M. Ch Clk

Sabbath evening May 10th, **1874**
Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. preached from the words "Put off the old Front(?)" in 4th Eph. and then announced that he had taken cold & dare not baptize the Candidates as noticed, but that he was glad to say the service would be performed for him by his brother Rev. G.O. **King** who was present.
Rev. G.O. **King** then offered prayer and proceeded to baptize, in order, Mrs. Ellen **Halligren**, Mr. Alexander **Morian**, Mr. Charles Henry **Martin**, after which Pastor closed with the benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting June 6th, **1874**
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., Rev. Chas. **Thompson**, some 12 Brn & 25(?) Srs. Usual services had. At Close of remarks by Brn & Sisters, our former Pastor C. **Thompson** offered some feeling ones in regard to his protracted sickness 13 Mos. past – his frame of mind & religious experiences.
Pastor closed with remarks of satisfaction in seeing father **Thompson** when he had not expected to see here again, and offered prayer & dismissed. Bro. Wm. F.(?) **Howe** & his sister wife Susan **Howe** were recd. as members on a letter from Dkk. Ch. On Motion of Jos. C. **Sweet** 2nd by A.Z.M.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Sabbath June 7th **1874**, Pastor preached & no Brn attended the Sacrament – Rev. C. **Thompson** & wife were present & by vote, the collection was given to him, the amount being made $13.50 & Bro. **Pettit** took it for that purpose.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting July 4th **1874**.

Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Pastor & 8 others. Observed usual services. No business done. Most people of (?) & congregation gone to a Temperance picnic at Cassadaga, & also frequent & severe thunder showers during the day & especially the afternoon.
Ordinary number present at Communion service in P.M. of Sunday 5th July inst.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting August 1st, **1874**
Present Rev. L. **Williams**, Pastor., Rev. G.O. **King** Res., 15 Brn & some 30 Srs. Usual services & remarks. More than ordinarily interesting thoughts. At close of Covt. M. Clerk having referred to the meeting of the Asson. Sept 1st prior to next Covt. Meeting, On Motion of Br. S.S. **Crissey**, Resolved to appoint delegates to the association. On Nomination of Br. L.B. **Grant**, the following were duly appointed, Viz: Rev. L. **Williams**, Deacons Washington **Crocker** & E.M. **Pettit** & Brn A.Z. **Madison**, Franklin L. **Lord**, Geo. **Tate** & Alexr. **Morian**. On Motion of Brn Geo. **Tate**, Resolved that other Brn of the Ch. who may be in attendance be substitutes for such appointees as cannot attend. Pastor called up the matter of salary for Rev. B. **Morley** Home Missionary in this Asson. & various explanations were made. On Motion of S.S. **Crissey**, Resolved that there be a church meeting appointed to consider the matter of missionary's salary, and afterwards, any other business that may be presented, to be held Friday evening Augt. 28th, **1874** at 7 ½ O'clock. Closed with prayer by Br. D. **Sweet**
A.Z. **Madison**
Wm. H. **Husted** Agt. Madison U. preached Aug 23rd **1874**.

Church Meeting, according to appointment, August 28th **1874** at 7 ½ P.M.
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., Rev. W.H. **Husted** Res., L.B. **Grant**, A.Z. **Madison**, I.H. **Damon**, S.S. **Crissey**, Geo. W. **Crocker** and Mrs. **Morian** & Mrs. A. **Grant** each a part of (?) . Opened with prayer by Bro. **Husted**. Chairman called up the subject of the deficiency of past year's salary, or our quota, (by Assessment of it, for Rev. B. **Morley** the home Missionary in Erie Bap. Association). Resolved that we request our Pastor to present the same to the Congregation next Sabbath Morning, and that a Collection in Cash and pledges, to meet the balance unpaid and due be then taken. L.B. **Grant** had read a list of payments of 60¢ each or more by members showing that of 272 x .60 =$163.20 the whole quota for Fredonia Ch. the sum of 7.70 had been paid to him. Leaving $85.50 unpaid.
A draft of letter from the Church to the Association was then read by Clerk, and criticized to some extent, and suggestions for sundry changes and improvements by Brethren **Crissey**, **Husted**, **Williams**, & **Lewis**, especially in regard to the daily meetings of the Ch held during January, February & March last, up to the sickness of Pastor and subsequently by Rev's. B. **Morley**, Home Missionary, and R.A. **Patterson**, Evangelist, developing some material difference of views, especially between Brn. **Crissey** & **Lewis**.
Clerk to rewrite letter and read it to Church next Sabbath.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sabbath August 30th **1874**
After the services of the A.M. Pastor **Williams** spoke of the deficit in payment of Salary of Rev. B. **Morley**, and a Collection to meet it or in part was then taken amt $ [blank].

And after dismissing Congregation, the Church remained & heard Clerk read the letter to the Erie Association. After the reading of letter, Clk spoke of our invitation last year for Asson. to meet with us & of the time now 11 years since a session was held here.
On Motion, Resolved that we renew the invitation to the Association to meet with us next year.
On Motion of L.B. **Grant**, Resolved that we send six dollars to pay for printing Minutes of asson. On Motion of S.S. **Crissey** seconded, Resolved that the letter read be adopted as the letter of the Church to the Erie Association.
[Transcriber's Note: The bottom of this page is missing from the Record Book.]

By request of M.G. **Clarke** Cor. Sec. Bap. State Conv. M.(?) and blank furnished, Clerk made return with letter to Association, Sept 1st **1874**, of name of Ch. & Post Office. Pastor & other Ministers connected and the general Statistics of the Church. Rev. Lester **Williams** Jr. Pastor, Rev. Chas. **Thompson** Dkk & Rev. W.H. **Husted** Agt. Mad. Uy. Members – and Rev. G.O. **King** temporary resident, Rev. A. **Kingsbury** resident, not holding Ch. relation here. Recd by Bap. 24 by letter 7 by Exp. Dismissed by letter 1 Died 5. Set aside 0. Excluded 0. Present number 297 less about 70 absent who might be set aside. Whole number in S. Sch work 200. Value of Ch. property $20,000. Indebtedness on it $0. Con'n. to Home Missions $49.72. Foreign ind.(?) Women's(?) work $ [blank] Ministerial Ed. **Adsit** $34.31 Rev. (?) Bible & Pub'n. So. $50.50. Sab. Sch Con's. $90.94 Miscellaneous Con's. $213.72.

Covenant Meeting Sept 5th **1874**, Clk detained & not present. Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. informed him that there was ordinary attendance and the usual services had. No business requiring more extended record.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting Oct. 3rd, **1874**
Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. present and some ½ doz. Brn & 3 times that number Sisters mostly young. Usual services had – no business presented. Clk present.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

[Note to the side reads: Resignations of Deacons David **Barrell** – Died Jany 3rd **1888** & Eber M. **Pettit** – Died Nov. 13th **1885** - not granted as long as they lived.]
Covenant Meeting Oct. 31, **1874**.
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., 7 Brn & 7 Sisters, in snow storm. Singing, reading & prayer, followed by remarks from each present.
At Close, Bro. D. **Barrell** presented the written resignation as Deacons of himself & Bro. E.M. **Pettit**, Read by Clerk. Brethren responded with regret, and hoped the resignations might be withdrawn. Bro. **Barrell** stated some reasons, and prominent the want of hearing. Bro. **Pettit** made some statements – Had hardly felt that he was a Deacon at any time.
On motion of A.Z. **Madison** seconded by Geo. W. **Lewis**, the Resignation was laid on the Table for the present. The Pastor requested a letter of commendation and dismission for Sister Elisabeth **Dickey** to the Baptist Church at Addison N.Y. After some explanations by Pastor & Clerk On Motion, Brn Geo. W. **Lewis** & David G. **Sweet** were appointed to solicit funds for the Bible and Publication Societies for the present quarter.
Closed with prayer by Bro. **Lewis**.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

[Note to the side reads: Notice – Complaint about communion wine – Too much Alcohol! Vote to buy unfermented wine! Must have used the real stuff up to now!]
Covenant Meeting December 5th, **1874**
Present Rev. Lester **Williams** Jr. & 11 Brn & 32 Sisters. Opened as usual. Prayer by Pastor followed by remarks, and succeeded by remarks of Brethren & Sisters. At close opened for business, and Pastor made a statement in regard to the Wine used at Communion – that there is much complaint in regard to it. Br. D.G. **Sweet** followed & said it was retorted on him by outsiders when he spoke to some in regard to Temperance &c. Clerk said it was the first he had heard of any complaint & he would like to know what is the matter with it. This brought the explanation that it was fermented wine & contained too much alcohol. Several spoke in regard to it. G.W. **Lewis**, L.B. **Grant**, E.M. **Pettit**, Clerk, Sisters **Lathrop**, **Colburn** & some others.
On Motion of G.W. **Lewis** seconded by D.G. **Sweet**, Resolved that we procure unfermented wine for communion purposes. Clerk then read the request of Edmund **Barker** for letters of recommendation for himself & son Perley N. **Barker**. Some queries expressed by Pastor **Pettit**, **Grant** & Clerk and **Lewis** & perhaps others. On Motion of Br. E.M. **Pettit** seconded by Br. D.G. **Sweet** Resolved to lay the request on the Table till next Covt. Meeting.
Clerk spoke of the Resignations that were laid on the Table at last Cov't Meeting, but they were not called up.
Dismissed with the L.M. Doxology.
A.Z. **Madison** Notary Public

Covenant Meeting January 2nd **1875**. Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., 7 Brn & 8 Sisters, during a snowstorm & wind. Reading & Prayer by Pastor & remarks. Remarks by Brn & Sisters. The subject of observing the week of prayer was discussed and decided to have meetings each evening. Visiting from house to house in the Church was also spoken of, and left to be again called up at the Communion tomorrow. Closed with prayer by Bro. D.G. **Sweet**.

January 3rd, **1875**
At Communion Pastor stated in regard to Visitations, that Bro. J. **Hamilton** Jr., Bro. G.W. **Lewis**, D.G. **Sweet**, Sister **Tate** & some others would engage as they could devote the time in that way.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Jany 6th **1875** Rev. Chas. **Thompson** died at Dkk. A.Z.M. Clk
Sabbath A.M. Jany 31, **1875**, on request of Pastor L. **Williams** Jr. members of Ch. tarried after benediction. He then presented written request of Sister Helen S. **Wright** for a letter of dismission and recommendation on which she could unite with the second Baptist Ch. in Lexington Ky. On Motion of A.Z. **Madison**, seconded, her request was granted.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

From 1st week in Jany the three denominations, Baptist, Methodist & Presb'n. together held Union services, alternating from house or church to church till about 1st Mch when Meth's. formally withdrew, save that certain Members, personally, continued with Baptist & Presbyterians, till after the interesting S. Sch. Institute held in Presb'n. Ch. (Payne Ch.) about 17 & 18 Mch and the formal closing of the Union Meetings occurred in Bap. Ch. Rev. **McBenton**

leading, Sunday evening Mch 21st House well filled. (some 20 conversions the result, besides the reviving in Christian hearts – no general attendance of the unconverted. A.Z.M.

Covenant Meeting Feb'y 6th **1875**.
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., 15 Brn 30 Srs. Opened by singing 13th Hymn. Pastor read 12th Romans & offered prayer & remarks. Remarks by Brn & Sisters followed, and much reference to the Series of Union meetings now in progress here.
At close Clk spoke of the Resignation of Deacons **Pettit** & **Barrell** now lying on the table; and of the request of Dec 5/74 for letters by Brn Edmund **Barker** & his son Perley N. **Barker**.
On Motion of Bro. **Grant** 2nd by D.G. **Sweet** Resolved that a letter of dismission & recommendation be granted to Bro. Perley N. **Barker**. (This after A.Z.M.'s Mo. for both not (?))
On Motion of Bro. A. **Morian** seconded by D.G. **Sweet**, Resolved that a Com. be appointed to investigate the matter of the separation, by mutual consent, of Bro. Edmund **Barker** & his wife Elisabeth W. **Barker**. On nominations, Resolved that Brn L.B. **Grant** & D. **Barrell** be such Com. to investigate and report to Ch. Regarding the resignation of Deacons, On Motion of H.A. **Buck** 2nd by L.B. **Grant**, that Whereas we regard the services of Brn. Deacons E.M. **Pettit** & D. **Barrell** too important to the Church for them to resign as Deacons for the present, Therefore Resolved that the Church cordially & respectfully requests them to withdraw their Resignations.
On Motion of L.B. **Grant** seconded, Resolved that Brn Geo. W. **Lewis** & D.G. **Sweet** be a committee to visit members of Ch. and collect funds for A. Bap. Mis'y Union.
Closed by prayer by Bro. **Grant.**
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting March 6th **1875**
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., 15 Bren & 40 Sisters. Opened by singing. Prayer & singing 1. v. Rock of Ages. Remarks by Pastor, followed by Brn & Sisters in turn – More than usual revival feeling – An interesting meeting.
Committee in regard to Bro. Edmund **Barker** by Bro. **Grant** stated not ready to report. Clk announced that he had sent letter to the son Perley N. **Barker** and notified his father that a Com. to investigate the matter had been appointed. The matter of resignations of Deacons **Pettit** & **Barrell** was spoken of. They declined to withdraw their resignations, each offering a few remarks. On Motion of L.B. **Grant**, Resolved That the three Deacons, including Dea. W. **Crocker**, be a Committee to present three new names for additional Deacons at next Covenant Meeting. Closed with prayer by Bro. David G. **Sweet** & the benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting April 3rd **1875**.
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., 15 Brn & some 35 Srs.
Singing, reading scripture, Prayer & Remarks by Pastor. Remarks by Brn & Sisters.
William Chas. **Dunn** and Jay **Crissey** related experience and on Motions of L.B. **Grant** & E.M. **Pettit** each recd. as candidates for baptism and membership in Church.
Clerk read letter of Bro. Arthur P. **Clow** of North East Pa requesting letter to unite there, & on Motion of Clk it was granted. Clerk read letter of commendation and dismission from Geneva Ohio for Sr. Ada **Sliter**(?) to unite with us & then moved her reception, seconded & Received. Clerk then read similar letter from Cassadaga Bap. Ch. to Dea. Benj. **Merrill**. On Motion 2nd he was duly received. Clerk then read similar letter from the 1st Bap. Ch. of South Bend, Ind. to

Brother Almond B. **Hamilton** & his wife Sister Sarah J. **Hamilton** & On Motion L.B.G. 2nd they were also received. Br. E.M. **Pettit** then spoke in regard to his & Br. D. **Barrell**'s resignations as Deacons and closed by recommending & nominating Brn. Saml. S. **Crissey**, Henry A. **Buck** & Jno. **Hamilton** Jr. as Candidates for the office of Deacon; respectively, On separate motions seconded in regular course, they were all, unanimously elected as Deacons of the Fredonia Baptist Church. On Motion of Bro. L.B. **Grant**, seconded, Resolved unanimously that it is the desire of the church that Brn. Eber M. **Pettit** & David **Barrell** continue and remain as Honorary Deacons of the Church though freed from the onerous and regular duties of the office. Carried up. On call for other business, if any by Pastor, the Clerk stated that there was a Committee to report, if ready, referring to the Comm'e. appointed to investigate the matter of Bro. Edmund **Barker**. Bro. L.B. **Grant** stated that the Committee was not ready to report, had done nothing. Clk urged that something ought to be done to have it settle & ended. On Motion of Bro. L.B. **Grant**, seconded, against the objects of Clerk, Resolved that A.Z. **Madison** be added as one of the committee above referred to. Closed with Doxology.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sabbath April 4th **1875**
Before communion, Hand of fellowship to four. After the Communion service, the Church remained and heard the relation of experience by Wilbur D. **Boynton** son of Sister C.F. **Boynton**. Statements in regard to him were made by Pastor, Sister **Boynton** & his S.S. Teacher, Sister Ely **Davis**. On Motion of Bro. L.B. **Grant** seconded, Resolved that Wilbur D. **Boynton** be received as a Candidate for baptism & membership in Church.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sabbath Evening April 11, **1875**, as the Closing service William Chas. **Dunn**, Jay **Crissey** & Wilbur Douglass **Boynton** were severally baptized by Pastor Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. as reported by L.B. **Grant**.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting May 1, **1875**.
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., 8 Brn & 9 Srs. Prior to the opening of the Cov't. Meeting some half hour, the Com. to investigate the matter of Bro. Edmund **Barker** had a consultation together with Pastor & Brn H.A. **Buck** & D.L. **Shepard**, in Church. After various remarks, on the suggestion of Bro. D. **Barrell** a Report to the Ch. was agreed upon, and written out by the Clerk. The Covenant Meeting was opened by Pastor by reading & Prayer and followed by remarks. At Close, on Call for business, the Clerk read the Report of Committee as above stated to wit: "The Committee appointed to investigate the matter of Bro. Edmund **Barker**'s request for a letter of commendation and dismission for himself, Respectfully Report that we recommend to the church to direct the Church Clerk to write to Bro. **Barker** That we, as a Church, do not feel at liberty to grant him a letter of commendation & dismission, as a member in good and regular standing with us, he having separated from his wife in the manner he has, unless he is disposed to, and does satisfy this Church of his innocence in the matter. L.B.G., D.B. & A.Z.M. Com. On Motion of Bro. **Buck**, seconded, Resolved to accept and adopt the report of Com'e. Clerk read two letters from Bro. J. **Hamilton** Jr. declining the office of Deacon to which he was elected April 3rd **1875**. On Motion of Bro. **Buck** seconded Resolved to accept Bro. Jno. **Hamilton**'s declination as Deacon. Clerk stated the substance of a request in a letter to Bro. **Williams** Pastor,

from Bro. Wm. N. **Rowe**, for a letter of commendation and dismission for himself to unite with the Bap. Ch. at Grand Rapids Mich. On Motion D.B. seconded the request was granted. Clerk then read a Circular to the Churches comprising Social Union of Western New York, by the Com'ee. Emerson Mills et al in regard to the Centennial Movement in the bounds of the Union, and the meeting with the Washington Street Baptist Church of Buffalo May 4th inst. On Motion of Bro. L.B. **Grant** seconded, Resolved that Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. and any brother or brethren of this Church who can attend the Meeting with the Washington Street Baptist Church in Buffalo, to be held May 4 inst. be appointed to represent this Church in the same. Pastor made explanatory remarks of the objects of the Centennial Movement. Prayer by Dea. W. **Crocker**, Closed. A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Prayer Meeting May 13, **1875**. Clerk read letter of request from Brother Jesse **Tate** for a letter of dismission to unite with the Calvary Bap. Church of Davenport, Iowa. On Motion seconded, Resolved to grant his request.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

(again rainy)
Covenant Meeting June 5, **1875**.
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., 6 Brn & 18 Srs. Pastor read 1. Pet.(?) 5th and offered prayer & then remarks. Remarks by Brn & Srs. Miss (Nellie) or Helen Amerette **Pemberton**, a daughter of Henry I. **Pemberton**, gave a relation of her religious experience, and on motion of Bro. L.B. **Grant**, Resolved that she be received a candidate for baptism & then Membership in the Church. Pastor introduced the Centennial Movement in our Baptist denomination which was discussed & explained to some extent. He also spoke of lay preaching & the propriety of licensing some in our Ch., for such work, and on his own responsibility named three that he thought adapted to such position, J. **Hamilton** Jr., S.S. **Crissey** & Geo. **Tate**. Miss Phebe Puella **Osborn** then related her past & present religious exercises and on Motion of Bro. **Grant**, she was also recd. as a Candidate for baptism and membership in ch.
Closed by prayer by Sister **Morian**.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Sabbath P.M. June 6th after the Communion service, Miss Emily E. **Starr** came forward to A.Z. **Madison**'s slip, and related her religious exercises, heretofore, and now, giving an interesting and intelligent statement of her conversion to Christ, which was so announced by the Clerk as his view of it, and on his Motion she was duly received as a Candidate for baptism & Membership in the Church.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk
At Close A.M. service Res.(?) Mis(?) Stockton(?) solicited aid to build a Bap Ch at Council Bluffs Iowa & took collection.

Sabbath evening June 20th **1875**.
At close of sermon by Pastor Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. he baptized Sisters Emily E. **Starr**, Phebe Puella **Osborn** and Helen A. **Pemberton**. The church nearly filled with respectful listeners to a plain practical discourse from 1. Cor. 2. 16: "But we have the mind of Christ."
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting July 3rd **1875**.
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Pastor, Rev. D. **Bernard**, (but silent.), 11 Brn & 31 Srs. Pastor read – prayed & offered remarks, Brn & Sisters followed as usual in order. Bro. D. **Barrell** requested a letter of commendation & dismission for Sister Mary **Briarton** to unite with a Baptist Church in Buffalo N.Y. On Motion, Resolved to grant the request. Bro. Forrest W. **Crissey** late of Cleveland O. was present and spoke & presented a letter from 3rd Bap. Ch. Cleveland in due form on which he was received as a Member with us.
Clk spoke of the next session of the Association with us, and it was found that it commenced Augt. 31st. Some remarks as to the letter of welcome to be prepared by Clk and it was left that he should present such letter to Ch. next Cov. M. July 31st.
Pastor desires to visit his friends in Mass. & wishes a vacation to cover three Sabbaths, at most four. On Mo. Bro. D.G. **Sweet** Resolved to grant Pastor's request. Pastor then stated it would be more difficult than usual to find supplies by regular Ministers, but there is material in the Ch. to read sermons, or to preach & commended that way(?) during his absence. Closed by prayer Bro. G.W. **Lewis** & Doxology.
A.Z.M. Clk

Covenant Meeting postponed by vote of Church July 25th to August 7th on account of the absence of Pastor on his vacation of 4 weeks to Massachusetts.
Covenant Meeting Aug 7th, **1875**
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. returned, 11 Brn & 25 Srs.
Opened with Singing, reading 2 Cor. 5: Prayer & Remarks by Pastor, followed by remarks of Brn & Sisters in turn. At close of remarks in Cov't. M. opened as a business meeting. Bro. S.S. **Crissey** suggested the appointment of a Committee on Entertainment for the session of the Chautauqua Bap. Asso. to meet with us 31st Aug't. inst. before the reading of the ch. letter to the Association and before Brn & Sisters should any of them leave. This course was pursued. Some explanatory remarks were made by Pastor, Clerk & other brethren. On Motion of Bro. L.B. **Grant**, Resolved that Brethren S.S. **Crissey**, D.L. **Shepard**, and then Bro. L.B. **Grant** was nominated by S.S.C. These three be the Committee on Entertainment of Association, carried. Then, On Mo'n. Bro. S.S. **Crissey**, Resolved that the Chairman (Pastor) Nominate five Sisters to act with & be a part of the Committee above. Pastor named Sisters R.E. **Morian**, L.K. **Lathrop**, S.E. **Shepard**, A. **Lewis** and C.L. **Barber** who were duly added to the Comm'ee. Bro. **Grant** suggested to these sisters to agree whether dinners Wednesday and Thursday should be prepared in the ch. or at the houses of members. Sister **Lathrop** & some others then suggested cleaning the Church above and below. After various remarks it was agreed to submit to the Committee on Entertainment, in whole, the manner and time for Cleaning the house.
On nominations made & seconded, Resolved that Rev. Lester **Williams** Jr., Rev. W.H. **Husted**, Deacons E.M. **Pettit** & D. **Barrell** and Brethren A.Z. **Madison**, A. **Morian**, Geo. **Tate**, D.G. **Sweet**, S.S. **Crissey** and Eugene **Wright** be our delegates to sit with the Association. On Motion, Resolved that the Ch. Treasurer furnish of Ch. funds for the printing of Minutes, $6.00. On the suggestion of Clerk, as so many had left, the reading of the letter was deferred to tomorrow at Communion. Bro. **Crissey** offered prayer to Close.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Sabbath August 8th, **1875**, after the Communion service, Clerk read the letter prepared by him, (having some blanks to be fitted,) from the Church to the Chautauqua Bap. Association to sit

with us Aug't 31st, 1875*, giving explanations and inviting corrections if needed. On Motion of L.B. **Grant**, Resolved that the Church adopt the letter, as recd by the Clerk, (subject to the necessary additions & corrections,) as our epistle to the Chaut. Bap. Association.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

About 24 Augt. Recd. letter from "East Charleston" without date or signature, supposed from Bro. Edmund **Barker** explaining about his separation from his wife &c.

Augt. 31st, Sept 1. & 2nd **1875**, the Chautauqua Baptist Association met with Fredonia Baptist Church. Present Dr. **Strong** of Rochester and spoke on Ministerial Education Tuesday evening. Also Missionaries from Swatow(?) China Dr. **Ashmore** & wife and from Ningpo(?) China, Dr. E.C. **Lord** all of whom spoke of their Missions on Wednesday evening, interestingly. The session was fully attended & all business amicably attended to the provisions full and satisfactory, and closed at noon Thursday with a brief and good conference, conducted or led by Rev. John **Trowbridge** of Cassadaga.

Covenant Meeting September 4, **1875**
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Pastor, Rev. E.C. **Lord** Miss'y to Ningpo, 8 Brn & 21 Srs. Opened with Singing. Reading Scripture & Prayer by Pastor, Remarks by Pastor followed by Brn & Srs. Closing with Dr. **Lord.** Br. **Williams** requested members of Executive Com. to remain after dismission, and spoke of the Centennial movement, and as to appointing some solicitors. Br. **Grant** in reply thought that payments to the dollar pr Member had better for the present be made to Pastor. This being conceded, several did pay to Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. then & there. After which, Closed with prayer by Bro. E.C. **Lord**.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting Oct. 2nd, **1875**. Rainy.
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Pastor, 9 Brn & 23 Srs. Opened by singing, prayer, reading & remarks by Pastor, and then by remarks of Brn & Sisters. Pastor spoke of what he did 4 Mos. ago – the licensing Brn. Jno. **Hamilton** Jr., Saml. S. **Crissey**, and Geo. **Tate** to preach the Gospel of Christ. Many remarks by Pastor & brn **Crocker**, **Buck**, **Grant**, **Madison**, **Lewis** & D.G. **Sweet** & Sr. **Morian**. On Motion of Clerk, Resolved to defer action until next Covenant Meeting.
Br. Alex'r. **Morian** made a Statement of the organization of a Society for investment in Point Chautauqua near DeWittville. 40 acres for a summer resort. [Note to the side reads: 70 as 300 $21000, 40 as 200 8000] No action on it. Pastor spoke again of the Centennial fund. It moved slow. He thought Solicitors should be appointed before Cong. Bro. G.W. **Lewis** offered prayer to Close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Prayer & conference Meeting Thursday evening October 14th **1875**, a quite fair attendance and a desire manifest for increased spirituality and a general revival of religion. At close of services, Pastor **Williams** stated that Bro. Benjamin S. **Dunn** & Sister Eliza A. **Dunn** his wife, who had both spoken in the meeting, were desirous to unite with this church by baptism. That Bro. **Dunn** professed religion about five years ago & united with the Methodist Church but now saw differently as to the rite of baptism; and that Sister **Dunn** had not before made any profession. After some inquiries, mainly by Clerk, On his Motion, seconded, Resolved that Brother

Benjamin S. **Dunn** be received as a Candidate for baptism, & when baptized, to membership in the Fredonia Baptist Church. On Motion of A.Z. **Madison**, also seconded, Resolved that Sister Eliza A. **Dunn** be received as a Candidate for baptism & Membership in same named. Meeting closed with singing Doxology.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday Oct. 17th, **1875**. Rev. J.S. **Barlow** preached in Bap Ch an excellent discourse on Ps. 8:4th first clause, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?" A different view of Man from ordinary. Greater than the Terrestrial heavens – the Moon, stars &c – a little lower than the Angels &c. Thursday eve'g. Oct 20/75 An excellent Temperance lecture by Miss Frances E. **Willard**. Sunday evening Oct. 24th/75, Bro. Benj'n. S. **Dunn** & his wife, Sister Eliza A. **Dunn** were both baptized by Pastor L. **Williams** Jr.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting Nov'r. 6, **1875**
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., 11 Brn & 27 Srs. Meeting in Ch. Parlor as the Main room was being cleaned after the last evening's supper for the benefit of the new pipe organ contracted for. The services were about in the customary order, and a deeper feeling for the cause of Christ than ordinary, manifest. After remarks by Brethren and Sisters, on call, Clerk explained as to recent doings of Executive Committee regarding Bro. Edmund **Barker** & his wife's separation, and then read a letter or statement which the Ex'e. Committee recommended the Ch to adopt, and to direct the Ch. Clerk to write and forward to Bro. E. **Barker**. On Motion of Br. **Grant** seconded by Br. **Buck**, Resolved to adopt the report of Ex. Committee. After this, Clk read what he had written further than the action of Ex. Com. in order to complete a dismission of Bro. **Barker** from this Ch. Much discussion or talk followed by both brethren & sisters, and Motions were made and seconded by both, & again withdrawn, showing considerable diversity of opinion, when at last Bro. G.W. **Lewis** moved & Bro. **Grant** seconded, thus: "Resolved that the Clerk be instructed to inform Bro. **Barker**, that after thorough investigation by a Committee appointed for that purpose, That the Church cannot feel satisfied that he is entitled to receive a letter of dismission and recommendation until he shall satisfy the Church of his innocence of wrong, which, if he fails to so do, necessary steps for Christian labor with him, (as a wrong doer,) must be taken." [Note to the side reads: Rescinded Nov 11/75]
This resolution passed without dissent none voting in negative, and it may now be seen that we are just as far along with the matter as we were May 1, **1875**, as see the report adopted May 1, **1875** on 82nd page. Prayer by Bro. **Lewis** to close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

As some members were not satisfied with the result of Ch. meeting Nov. 6th **1875** a Notice was given at the Communion by Pastor that there would be another Ch. Meeting after the Close of prayer meeting Thursday evening Nov 11, **1875** to further consider the same matter in regard to request of Bro. E. **Barker**.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Church Meeting after close of Prayer Meeting Thursday evening Nov'r. 11th, **1875**.
Present Pastor as Chairman, and a goodly number of brethren & sisters. The meeting was opened with prayer by Bro. S.S. **Crissey**. Pastor as Chn. called on Clerk, who stated that Sister Elisabeth

W. **Barker** had called at his office this morning, and desired him to say in her behalf to the Church, at this time, That when she separated from her husband Brother Edmund **Barker**, she thought that she was, under all the circumstances, doing right, and that she still thinks that she did right, - That she had always felt a strong attachment to the Fredonia Baptist Church since her union with it, and was grieved to leave it, but learning that the Church disapproved of her action in seeking a separation between herself and her husband, she requested that her name be dropped from the roll of members.
Clerk then read the Resolution of the Church in regard to Bro. Edmund **Barker** of May 1st, **1875**, and also the Resolution of the Ch. of Nov. 6th, **1875** to show what progress had been made with the case of Bro. E. **Barker** in 6 Mos(?) and pronounced the two resolutions substantially the same or that we were in status quo. Clerk then read the letter recommended by the Executive Committee and adopted by the Church Nov. 6th, **1875**, and after it, his proposed appendix including a dismission of Brother **Barker** from this Church, which was not in the recommendation of the Ex. Com. On Motion of Bro. **Grant** seconded Resolved to rescind the Resolution of Nov 6th. Brother H.A. **Buck** then moved the adoption of the Resolution recommended by the Executive Committee, together with the appendix above named to dismiss Bro. **Barker**; and this was seconded by some one. To this, Bro. **Crissey** moved an amendment, to omit part of the address, and only direct to any Sister Church of our faith – also to modify the word insult, in appendix, by substituting embarrass, to which Clerk acceded, and the amendment was carried. Here, an interesting discussion arose on the Main question embraced in Bro. **Buck**'s Motion, in which several offered remarks, Viz: Brn **Tate, Lewis, Crissey, Grant**, Rev. W.H. **Husted**, Sister **Noble**, Clerk & perhaps others. Finally On Motion of Bro. S.S. **Crissey** seconded by Bro. L.B. **Grant**, (after some explanation by Chairman) an amendment was submitted, to Bro. **Buck**'s Motion, That after the words, "The Fredonia Baptist Church, To any other Church of the same faith", all following, should be omitted or struck out, and the ordinary letter of Commendation and dismission of Brother Edmund **Barker**, should be substituted in lieu thereof. The same was carried without dissent. Then, recurring to the main question, on motion of Bro. **Tate**, seconded, it was unanimously Resolved that the Motion of Bro. **Buck**, as thus amended, be adopted, & that, Clerk forward such letter of Commendation & dismission to Bro. E. **Barker**. Some remarks were then being made in regard to the case of Sister Elizabeth W. **Barker**, when on Motion of Bro. S.S. **Crissey** to adjourn, which was seconded, it was Resolved to adjourn.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk
Letter sent to Bro. **Barker** Nov. 15/(?)

Covenant Meeting Dec'r. 14, **1875**. Present Rev. L. **Williams**, Pastor & 9 Brn & 20 Srs. Opened and conducted as usual. After Brn & Sisters had spoken in turn Pastor made some closing remarks on our needs & the needs of our place. He then inquired if any business to be presented. Clerk did not recollect any. Bro. **Grant** then spoke of the request of Sister Elisabeth W. **Barker** to have her name dropped from the list of Members of the Church, and moved that Brethren E.M. **Pettit** & H.A. **Buck** be a Committee to investigate as to the request, and Report at the next Covenant Meeting. This was seconded by Bro. S.S. **Crissey**. Before the question was put, Clerk desired to present in Standing Resolution No 4 of the Church & explain in its origin & object, which(?) he proceeded to do. See Resolution Page 2. Bro. **Grant** withdrew his motion. On Motion of Bro. **Crissey**, seconded, Resolved to open a Church Meeting for business. Bro. **Grant** then renewed his motion as above recorded & Bro. **Crissey** seconded it. The same was carried without dissent and Brethren **Pettit** & **Buck** were duly appointed a Committee to investigate and

Report to Ch. at next Cov't. Meeting in regard to Sister E.W. **Barker**'s request. Meeting Closed by prayer led by Bro. S.S. **Crissey**.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting of the Centennial year of our Nation, January 1st **1876**.
Present Rev. L. **Williams**, Pastor, 19 Brn & 23 Srs. Opened and conducted as usual, remarks first by Bro. L.B. **Grant**. The meeting developed increased interest and desire for the revival of the work of the Lord. At close of remarks by Brn & Srs, Bro. Timothy **Starr** spoke of his first connection with a Baptist Ch. in Vermont, then at Sinclearville & afterwards at Laona till that Ch. became extinct. Would now unite with this Church if there was no objection – spoke of relating his experience from the beginning – Bro. **Grant**, who had known him more than thirty years, thought it unnecessary, and moved his reception as a member with us, & Clk seconded the motion, at same time saying that as there was no letter from Laona Ch. a few words of Exp? would be well. Bro. **Crissey** moved to amend, by "reception by experience" which was accepted by Mover & 2nder and Bro. **Starr** was so duly received as a member of this Church by Experience. On Motion of Bro. **Grant** 2nd by Bro. **Buck** Resolved that we observe the next Week of prayer by meetings each evening. Bro. **Grant** spoke of the Committee to investigate as to the request of Sister E.W. **Barker**, Br. **Buck** present, had not seen Bro. **Pettit** & nothing done. Clk explained **Pettit** here & he had notified Bro. **Buck**. Bro. **Lewis** asked for Solicitors to be appointed to collect for the Bible So & Miss'y Union, as the last quarter had been omitted for the proper object. After talk, on Mo. of Bro. **Crissey** 2nd by A.Z. **Madison** Resolved to defer appointing Solicitors till next Cov. M. as the col. for Rochester University came in now & the Bal. for Organ. Clerk then spoke of Exr & Chrn. & Bro. **Crissey** closed by prayer.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Monday evening January 3rd **1876**. Commended the observance of the week of prayer and continued each evening of the week, with considerable manifestation of interest & increased in numbers.

At the close of the prayer meeting Thursday evening January 6th, **1876**, pursuant to the Notice given the evening previous, members of the Church remained for the transaction of business.
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Chn, 11 Brn & 11 Srs.
The Chairman stated that the Call was to take action in regard to Kittie M. **Morian**, whose Christian character had been brought into notorious disrepute for the last few months. He had received a letter from her, stating that she would be present with the Church at the last Covenant Meeting on the first inst. but she had failed to fulfil her promise, and was not then present. He remarked further that the case with her, had become very fully known and understood so that the knowledge had become quite general. Brother L.B. **Grant** then offered the motion, That the hand of fellowship be withdrawn from Kittie M. **Morian** for her unchristian conduct, licentiousness and fornication, which has brought disgrace upon the cause of Christ and his Church. The Motion was seconded by Brother H.A. **Buck** and passed. Bro. **Grant** suggested that Clk. give notice & (?) (?). Some remarks principally between Bro. G.W. **Lewis** & Pastor relative to the instructions of Mat. 18. the Pastor reading & asserting that that related to personal differences, which this case was not but public scandal. On Motion, Resolved to adjourn.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting Feb'y 5th, **1876**. Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., 12 Brn & 33 Sisters. Sr. E.W. **Barker** present. Opened and conducted as usual. Many good remarks, as though from the heart. Only Bro. **Buck** of Committee regarding request present, & he not ready to report. – Com. continued. Resolved to appoint Solicitors to collect funds for Am. Bap. Missionary Union. Resolved that Brn. G.W. **Lewis** & D.G. **Sweet** be such solicitors. Clerk presented a proposition and subscription to raise balance $19. to insure Church building $66.50 & Organ $1500. No response. Prayer by Bro. G.W. **Lewis**. Benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting March 4th **1876**.
Present Pastor **Williams**, 14 Brn & 20 Srs. Opened and conducted as ordinarily. After Remarks by all, Clk. stated the request of Sisters Mrs. Julie Ann **Porter** & her daughter Miss Mary Jane **Porter** for letters to unite with the Church at Pleasantville Venango Co. Pa. whence they came. Resolved to grant the same. Clerk then made a statement regarding arrearages for Examiner & Chron. Also another in reference to insuring the Church building and Organ. The Committee in regard to Sr. E.W. **Barker**'s request to be dropped from roll of members Reported that she had withdrawn her request by Bro. **Buck**. Bro. **Pettit** didn't know much about it – had not seen her, - he had no objection to her doing as she did, or had done, & thought there were cases where it would be right. Bro. **Grant** moved to disch'ge Com. & S.S. **Crissey** to amend by accepting their verbal report, which **Grant** accepted, & Resolved to accept Report & dischge Com. Closed with Doxology. A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting April 1st, **1876**
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Pastor 10 Bren & 30 Srs. Opened & conducted as usual. Pastor remarked that the winter had passed & not one soul converted here as Renewal(?) although (?) there had been many in other places around us. The Cov't. Meeting was what we call a good one. Many interesting remarks by Brn & Sisters. At close on the call for business, the Clk. spoke of the case of a Member taking a letter of dismission, & not using it to become a member of another Church, but holding it, & deeming themself a member nowhere, were by Baptist usage still under the jurisdiction of the Church which granted the letter and it had been suggested to him that there was such a case now, in reference to Brother Marsena N. **Munger**, who on going West, took such letter April 3rd, **1869**, and still held it, though having returned and resided here, after a brief absence and there might be others in same condition. Clerk moved a Committee to advise Br. **Munger** and other, if any, of their duty in this regard and Bro. D.G. **Sweet** seconded it. On Motion, Resolved that Bro. D.G. **Sweet** be such Committee. Pastor then spoke of the propriety of more insurance on our Church edifice – now $3000 & should be at least $6000 or $7000. A.Z. **Madison** also for the third time explained further by late statistics of Churches burned. Bro. G.W. **Lewis** objected to insurance and was reminded that the security of his building consisted in lightning rods. Bro. L.B. **Grant** explained as to the insurances on the building, organ &c and of all the Society's incidental expenses. Bro. Geo. **Tate**, being present, from his home in Cattaraugus, spoke of the deficiency in our way of collecting the society funds & cited his brother Hiram, who does this duty in Orange Co. & has on his hand a surplus all the while. Prayer by Bro. D.G. **Sweet** and Closed with the benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

April 9th, **1876** Sunday, at close of A.M. service, Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. requested the attention of the audience a moment for Mr. D.L. **Shepard** to explain in regard to having Congregational singing in this Church. Mr. **Shepard** declining to speak on the subject Elder **Williams** then stated that the subject had been proposed and he would call for a vote on the question, and asked those of the Congregation who were in favor of having congregational singing, to signify it by raising the hand. He then called for those opposed to such change from choir singing, and announced the vote a 20 to 1 in favor of Congregational singing.

Sunday April 16th also at close of A.M. service, Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. asked the congregation to be seated after the benediction, and he then reminded all that they had recently voted to have congregational singing in the Church, and that to effect that, something more was necessary to be done – that some books, note, or Hymn and tune books must be procured so that all might have the words and tune before them, in order to such change in the mode of singing; and he said there were different books for the purpose & suggested a committee to make a selection and decide or some other method or plan might be mentioned by any one. He requested an expression of views on the subject. After a little delay, no one responding the Clerk arose, and stated that he was present on the 9th inst. – that the subject was new to him then, and as there was no discussion nor explanation then had, to show whether the Choir favored the movement for congregational singing or not, he had neither voted for nor against it at the time. Also that he had not known choirs generally, to be in favor of it. [Here Elder **Williams** explained that the Choir were in favor, & had voted for it, the request having come from them. Clk. continued, that he had seen an instance at Lockport, where it was well done, but he thought the number of persons comparatively few, in this congregation, who had much knowledge of the science of music, so as to qualify them to read the notes; & as such Greek books would be as good as note books as they would still sing by rote. [Clarence S. **Lewis** (Father of Edith **Lewis Morse**), the Organist spoke and read from his place to show that the Choir, of some 9 or 10 persons, favored the trial of Con'g singing.] L.B. **Grant** moved a Committee of Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., Darwin L. **Shepard** & S.S. **Crissey** to make examination of the books, to report & recommend. Adjourned.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting May 6th, **1876**. Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Pastor, 13 Brn & 21 Sisters. Opened as usual with prayer by Pastor &c. Remarks by Brn & Srs. Albert **Collis** & Priscilla **Collis** his wife present. Pastor presented letter from the Church of the United Brethren in Christ certifying to their membership there & also commending them (unsigned). Also a letter from N.R. **Luce** Pastor U.B.C. to them in regard to that Society, which were read by Clerk, who then suggested that they unite with this Church by experience, instead of the letters, and by baptism as they desire. Considerable discussion followed, participated in by Brn. **Crissey, Lewis, Grant**, D.B. **Sweet** & Clerk & Br. **Buck**. Finally on Mo. Br. **Buck** 2nd by Br. **Grant** Resolved to receive Bro. Albert **Collis** (on what we know of his Christian Experience by hearing from him from time to time in meetings & now,) as a Candidate for baptism & when baptized, to membership in this Church. Mrs. **Collis** made no remarks. On Mo. Bro. **Grant** seconded by Bro. **Sweet** Resolved to receive Sister Priscilla **Collis** also as a candidate for baptism & Membership as above. Clerk read letter from Brockton Bap Ch Commending & dismissing Brother Henry W. **Thompson** and his wife Eliza J. **Thompson** & their daughter Jennie **Thompson** to unite with us. Bro. **Grant** moved & Clk 2nd & Ch Resolved to receive Bro. **Thompson** on the letter. A.Z. **Madison** moved & **Grant** 2nd & Ch Resolved to receive Mrs. E.J. **Thompson**, same. On Motion of Clerk, seconded

by Bro. **Crissey**, Resolved to receive Sister Jennie **Thompson** also on same letter to Membership with us. Pastor also presented a letter from the German Bap Church of Erie Pa dismissing & commending Henry **Doarr** and his wife, Catharine **Doarr**. Pastor explained the case, and on mo. Br. **Grant**, seconded by Bro. **Lewis** Resolved to receive Bro. Henry **Doarr** as a member with us on said letter. On Mo. Bro. **Crissey** seconded by Br. **Grant** Resolved to receive Sister Catharine **Doarr** also a Member with us. [Note to side reads: 1st books for congregational singing to be ready for use tomorrow! Baptist Praise Book!]
Bro. S.S. **Crissey** made a statement in regard to the decision of the Con. on books for Congregational Singing and the purchase that had been made so that people could be supplied tomorrow. Prayer to Close by Bro. **Sweet**.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday May 28th at Close of service A.M. Pastor presented the request of the Sinclairville Bap. Ch for delegates from this Ch. – the Pastor & two Brn to attend a Council to examine & if approved ordain their Pastor J.L. **Power**(?) on Wed. 31st inst. at that place in P.M. On Motion L.B. **Grant**, Resolved to respond to request. On Mo. same Resolved that our Pastor, Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. and Br. S.S. **Crissey** & any other Brn who can attend (after the declinature of Brn. **Pettit**, **Madison**, & **Thompson**,) be our delegates to said Council.
At evening, after service, the two candidates of May 6th Mr. Albert **Collis** and his wife Priscilla **Collis** were baptized by the Pastor of the Church L. Wms. Jr. His reading & the singing of the Choir responsive. From the new Bap. Praise Book.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting June 3rd **1876**
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Pastor, 13 Brn & 23 Sisters. Opened as customary by reading prayer & singing. Remarks by Pastor followed by Bren & sisters. Brother James(?) Wm. **Jarrett**(?), a member of Rev. C.H. **Sturgeon**'s Ch. in London who has resided in Fredonia some two years past, and attended our meetings & Sunday School, with more or less regularity, spoke in turn & confessed his faults quite fully, & his backslidings &c & showed that he was for this course, excluded, or as he worded it, dismissed from the Church in London. He was a firm believer in Christ & a firm Baptist, and had repented of his wrong doing &c. He asked to be recd. as a member in this Ch. with a full determination to strive to honor the cause of Christ & to do good & benefit others. Many words of like character he uttered. G.W. **Lewis** Moved & D.G. **Sweet**, 2nd that he be received as a member of this Ch. on his Statements & what we know of his religious experience by his remarks now & heretofore since his residence here. Clk suggested a delay of one month for the vote, but made no such motion. Moderator (Pastor) called vote on the Motion as seconded to receive & then declared it without opposition to receive him as a member. Clk then read a letter from A. **Williams** Ch Clk Dunkirk Bap. Ch. requesting letters of commendation & dismission of Bro. James **Robinson** & Mary **Robinson** his wife to unite with 1st Bap. Ch. Dunkirk. On Motion, seconded, Resolved to grant the request. Br. Benj'n. S. **Dunn** then requested letters for himself and wife, Sister Eliza A. **Dunn** to unite with Bap Ch at Franklin, Venango Co. Pa. On Motion, seconded, Resolved to grant the request.
[Note to the side reads: Bro. **Grant** says he can't J?? the church debts any more from his own funds.]
Bro. L.B. **Grant** offered some remarks about the financial matters of the Church - $200. deficit, of last year. He could not do as he had done in blotting out his claims – could not take funds

from his business to pay Salary of Pastor & expenses of Ch. So few present, it was left for further consideration at Annual So'y Meeting next Tuesday 6th inst. Closed with prayer by Pastor & Doxology.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk
Sabbath Evening July 9th, **1876** at Close of service Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. baptized Thomas A. **Osborn**. Same record interlined page 106th.

Covenant Meeting July 1st, **1876**
Present Pastor, 11 Brn & 19 Sisters. (Rainy) Opening exercises as usual. Remarks by Brn & Sisters, & Singing. At Close of this service Thos. A. **Osborn**, introduced by Pastor **Williams**, spoke of his religious exercises & views requesting baptism & Membership with us. On Motion of Bro. **Pettit**, seconded by Bro. **Grant**, Resolved to receive him as a candidate for baptism & when baptized to Membership in the Church. Pastor then spoke of Collections for the Home Mission So'y & the N.Y. State Convention – Had been written to by Bro. **Bright** for $100 for the latter, and he though we could raise $100 for Conv'n & $50 for Home Mission So'y if we tried. Bro. **Grant** deemed so large sum doubtful – thought individuals should pay their honest debts first before being extra or very liberal for any benevolence. [Note to the side: True! Pay honest debts first then take care of missions!] Bro. **Pettit** & **Madison** spoke in same strain. Pastor replied that he thought not best to dwell on the dark side all the time, but look to the light side. The subject left for the present. Pastor made request for a vacation, did not name time, but left that to Ch. On Motion of Bro. **Grant**, seconded by Frank **Lord** & E.M. **Pettit**, Resolved that Pastor have a vacation of three Sabbaths when he desires it. D.G. **Sweet** Comm'ee. Reported in regard to Marsena N. **Munger** who holds a Ch. letter. He had seen him. He had been so long away that he did not know as the Ch. would receive him again. He had thought of it & desired a place in Church as formerly. On Motion of Br. **Grant** seconded by **Madison**, Resolved that Bro. **Munger** be cordially invited to return his letter to Clk & have his name reentered on the Church roll a member as heretofore. Clerk then stated the new law of the last session passed May 15, **1876** securing to Baptist Churches of this State, the benefits of incorporation, and asked members to read it in the last two Examiners of June 22nd & 29th and judge if we had better have a meeting to vote that this Ch. & So. will organize under said act according to its provisions. Closed with prayer by Bro. **Grant**.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

July 9th, **1876** Eve'g. Thos. A. **Osborn** was baptized by Eld. **Williams**. A.Z.M. Clk

1876 July 10th. Pastor left for Massachusetts.
" " 16th Praise service by the three denominations in Bap. Ch. by Prof. **Palmer**s choir & Prof. **Harkon**(?) organ
" " 23rd Rev. W.H. **Husted** preached
" " 30th Br. Newton **Crissey** read a sermon

Covenant Meeting August 5th, **1876** Pastor absent on vacation, Ch. Clerk in charge. Present 5 Brn, 13 Srs. Singing led by Bro. **Lord**. A.Z.M. read Rom. 12th. Prayer by Bro. **Grant** sug(?) Remarks by all but one or two present. Some Notices by Clk & Bro. **Grant** given. Sung "Bles't be the tie that binds" &c. Geo. **Lewis** spoke of the Church Communion Sr Lord's Supper – That

it is a relic of Popery that a Priest only could administer it. It was perfectly proper for any brother to administer in absence of Pastor &c. Close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Aug't. 6th, **1876**. Bro. J. **Hamilton** Jr. read a discourse in A.M. and lead in a prayer & conference meeting in the evening.

Sunday Aug't 13th, **1876**. Pastor L. **Williams** Jr. having returned from Mass. preached in A.M.

Covenant Meeting Sept. 2nd, **1876**
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., 13 Brethren & 28 Sisters. Usual service to open. Pastor was speaking to 8 Brn & 6 Sisters when Clk entered. Remarks by brethren & sisters with manifestation of increased desire for a deeper work of grace in the Church and the conversion of those without. At close of these, Pastor spoke further of the duties & privileges of (?) . Then Clerk read a letter to the Church from Bro. John **Hamilton** Jr. asking for a letter of commendation and dismission, to unite with the Bap. Church at his place of residence Orange, New Jersey. On Motion of Bro. **Grant** seconded, Resolved that such letter be granted to Bro. **Hamilton**. Clerk then read the letter of the Church, as prepared by him, to the Chautauqua Association at Stockton Sept. 5th inst. On nominations made & seconded Resolved that we send as our delegates to the Association, Rev. L. **Williams** Pastor, Rev. W.H. **Husted**, Deacons H.A. **Buck**, & Washington **Crocker** and brethren S.S. **Crissey**, Henry W. **Thompson**, A.Z. **Madison** & Willard A. **Webster**. On Motion of Br. L.B. **Grant**, seconded Resolved that we adopt the letter read by Clk with the necessary additions as the letter of Ch. to Asson. ordered $5. for pr'g Minutes. Closed with prayer by D.G. **Sweet** & Doxology.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Chautauqua Baptist Association at Delanti in Stockton Sept. 5th **1876**.
Delegates as appointed & some others attended an interesting session.

Prayer & Conference Meeting Thursday evening Sept. 7th, **1876** At Close on Motion & request of Bro. L.B. **Grant** seconded Resolved that a letter of Commendation and dismission be granted Sister Lucy **Barclay** to unite with the Dunkirk Bap. Ch.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting held during the absence of Clerk while gone to Phil'a. to the Centennial Exhibition. Present Rev. L. **Williams** Pastor & Brn & Sisters. Services as usual. No ch. business transacted as reported by Pastor & Brn **Grant, Buck** & others.

At the Communion on the following day (Sabbath) when it was said more than the ordinary number were present, the money of the usual collection for the poor, was taken in Charge by Bro. L.B. **Grant** as he & Br. **Buck** reported to Clerk above Nov 4th/76

Sabbath Oct. 15, **1876** in A.M. the Pastor Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. announced that there would be a meeting at 2 ½ P.M. at Mr. **Gates** residence near the Lake and a baptism to occur. The day was cold with a raw west wind. Accordingly, Elder **Williams**, L.B. **Grant**, S.S. **Crissey**, N. **Crissey**, G.W. **Lewis**, W. **Crocker**, A. **Morian** & others met according to the appointment. Mr. Phineas

Gates related his views and desired to be baptized and admitted a member of this Church. After hearing his remarks and request, On Motion of L.B. **Grant** seconded, Resolved that Mr. Phineas **Gates** be received as a candidate for baptism and when baptized to membership in the Fredonia Baptist Church. Elder **Williams**, Mr. **Gates** & those present then repaired to cove at the margin of Lake Erie on the farm of Mr. **Gates** where he was duly baptized by Elder **Williams**. After the return to his house, some religious services were had and the meeting was dismissed. The foregoing as reported to Clerk by Brn **Grant** & N. **Crissey** & S.S. **Crissey**.
A.Z. **Madison** Clerk

At Prayer & Conference Meeting Oct 19, **1876**. Clerk read the written request of Sister Almon B. **Hamilton** for letters of Commendation & dismission to unite with the Church of Kennedy. On Motion of Bro. **Grant** seconded Resolved that the request be granted. On suggestion of Bro. **Grant** & Motion of Clerk Resolved that the Thursday evening meeting commence for the present hereafter at 7 O'clock. At close of Meeting, Marsena **Munger** handed in the letter granted to him Apl 3rd **1869** & his name is again entered. Closed with Doxology.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting November 4th, **1876** Present Br. D. **Barrell** who opened the meeting by reading Scripture prayer & remarks, and then left as he could not hear, & as his business received him to do so. Br. L.B. **Grant** was then in charge of the Meeting. Clerk was delayed till after the Brethren (8) had spoken – Sisters (20) spoke afterward & then himself. Pastor Wms was gone to Phil'a. & not in this meeting. He returned at 8. in the evening, & preached & administered Communion Sabbath Nov. 5th, **1876**. No business transacted.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting Dec'r. 2nd **1876**
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Pastor & about the usual number Brn & Sisters. Clerk not present. Recd. report from Pastor & Brn that no business was transacted. Services usual.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

At Communion service Dec. 3rd, **1876**, Clerk being present, he made request in behalf of Sister Martha A. **Elliott** which he should have done at Covt. Meeting 2nd inst. On motion made & seconded, Resolved that a letter of commendation & dismission be granted to Sister Martha A. **Elliott**, to unite with the Bap. Ch. at Titusville, Pa, her husband Mr. Robert **Elliott** being about to remove to East Titusville as RR agent.
A.Z.M. Clk

Sunday Dec 10th **1876** the 2nd day of seven snow storm. Services in Lecture room. Frank B. **Scott** of Buffalo present, & after close of Sabbath School, drew on black book Faith Hope & Charity with additions very nicely.
A.Z.M.

Covenant Meeting January 6th, **1877**.
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Pastor, 13 Brethren & 21 Srs. Prayer by Pastor – singing. Remarks by Pastor followed by Brn & Srs. Closing with Pastor again.

The subject of holding meetings next week, "The week of prayer," was introduced by Pastor & spoken of by Brn **Grant** & **Crissey** & on Motion of A.Z. **Madison** seconded, Resolved to hold & attend such meetings during the evenings of next week in this parlor/room to commence & then if necessary, by the attendance, adjourn to other rooms till we (?) up stairs. The Clerk spoke of letter given to Marsena **Munger** in **1869** Apl 3. & its return unused, Oct. 18th, **1876** & his name reentered as a member, and in regard to the extension of the hand of fellowship by the usual form. Clerk also spoke of subscriptions for the Examiner & Chronicle & urged (?) to give Notice whether to continue or to stop as soon as possible before the close of this Month. Bro. **Grant** suggested a further statement at Close of communion tomorrow. Bro. Frank **Lord** offered prayer & ch then sung Doxology to close.
A.Z. **Madison**

Pastor spoke of the subscriptions for the Examiner & Chron as suggested by Bro. **Grant** at the Communion service Sab Jan'y 7th.

Meetings were held each evening of the Week of prayer during cold weather, and an unusually deep snow (2 to 4 ft.) the first three evenings in Ch. parlor 30 to 35 present & nearly the same persons – then from Thursday evening by announcement of Pastor in the Lecture room, with a somewhat less attendance, the weather & walking being still worse. The next week, similar meetings were held Wed. Thurs. & Friday evenings, Tuesday omitted for a general donation in Union Hall for the poor.
Sunday Jan'y 21 Pastor announced meetings for this week, Tues. Wed. & Thurs. evenings. Sunday evening Jan'y 21st A Union Temperance prayer meeting in Bap. Ch. some Presb. & some Methodists present, not general, as service was had at Presb. Ch.
On Friday evening Jan'y 19th in the Bap. Prayer Meeting Bro. L.B. **Grant** stated that Sister Eleanor B. **Baldwin** the widow of the late Levi **Baldwin**, was about to remove west near Milwaukie [sic], and that she desired a letter of commendation and dismission if the Ch could grant her request. On his motion seconded, Resolved that such letter be granted to her. Clerk made same & left the letter with L.B. **Grant** Jay 23rd/77 for Mrs. **Baldwin** to call for.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Thursday evening prayer meeting. January 25th, **1877**.
Present Pastor **Williams** & some 35 others, mostly members of the ch. A.Z. **Madison** Clerk presented a letter from O.J. **Chamberlin** Clerk of the First Portland Baptist Ch. to the Fredonia Baptist Church with request that we send our Pastor & two other delegates to sit in Council Tuesday Feb 6th at 1. P.M. to consider the matter of the ordination of Bro. H.P. **Cogswell** as their Pastor. On motion & nomination of H.A. **Buck** seconded by Clk, Resolved that we answer the request, & appoint Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. & Brn Henry W. **Thompson** & S.S. **Crissey** our delegates to (?) council.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Prayer & conference Meetings were held as announced by Pastor Sabbath 21st Jan'y on the following Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday & then added Friday evenings, with about same number & similar results.

Covenant Meeting Feb'y 3rd **1877**.

Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Pastor, 15 Brn & 25 Srs. After prayer & remarks by Pastor, the Brethren & Sisters, in turn, offered remarks. Geo. W. **Lewis** commencing on Missionary Matters & conversions, & baptisms by Bro. A. **Clow**. At Close of remarks, in general, which showed increased interest in the cause, it was agreed to have meetings continued next week on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday evenings. On motion of Bro. S.S. **Crissey** seconded, Resolved that the meeting on Wednesday evening, though for all, shall be regarded more especially, as the young people's meeting. On nomination, after some remarks, it was Resolved that Bro. Geo. W. **Lewis** on a Committee to collect funds for the Am. Baptist Missionary Union, during this first quarter of the year, and at his request, H.W. **Thompson** was appointed to act with him in this matter. On the motion of Sister L.M. **Edmunds** that a Committee be appointed to visit members who stay away from the meetings of the Church, Sister L.K. **Lathrop** moved an amendment that our Pastor be requested to lay out work for some members, and set them to do it. This was carried. After remarks by Bro. D. **Barrell** on the doing away & abandoning the appointment for a Missionary Concert Monthly, as it was formerly observed and on his motion seconded by G.W.L. & (?) Resolved That on the next Thursday evening after the first Sunday of each Month, commencing with March next, the Missionary Concert be resumed and observed somewhat as formerly. Bro. W. **Crocker** offered closing prayer.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

The meeting Feb 6th was led by Bro. N. **Crissey** as requested by Pastor, in his absence to the Ordaining Council at Brocton & was about as those heretofore. Bro. Artemas **Perrin**, formerly of the Bap. Ch in Stockton, a resident here the past 14 or 15 years, spoke voluntarily of his attachment to the Cause of Christ, for the first time here, & with much feeling. Meetings held 7th & 8th in Basement & 9th at Bro. **Thompson**'s residence. The following week same at Ch. till Friday (16th) evening, returned into Ch parlor about same number 32 to 35 present, & increased interest 4 or 5 youths arising to signify their interest in the Cause of Christ.

Saturday Feb'y 17th at 10 A.M. by invitation of L.B. **Grant**, the following brethren met at the office of Ch. Clk. Viz: D. **Barrell**, G.W. **Lewis**, L.B. **Grant**, A.Z. **Madison**, Henry W. **Thompson**, & Ely **Davis** (not a member). After consultation on the existing condition of the Church &c agreed to call a Church meeting for free expression in regard to the interests of the Church & to make arrangements for the coming year, to be held in the Lecture room Saturday 24th inst. at 1. P.M. Some other brethren intended to have present in this preliminary meeting were not present, by reason of sickness or absence from home &c as Brn. E.M. **Pettit**, S.S. **Crissey**, H.A.B, D.L. **Shepard**, Rev. W.H. **Husted** or those living at a distance, as Bro. W. **Crocker** & others. At this meeting the brethren present drew up a notice to be read in Ch. Sab. A.M. 18th inst. in the following words, to wit: "As the year for which our Pastor is engaged is near its close, a Church meeting will be held in the Lecture room, on Saturday the 24th inst. at One O'clock P.M. for a free expression in regard to the interests of the Church, and to make arrangements for the coming year. The best interest, in every sense, demands a full attendance of the members, both male & female, in this meeting. By request of brethren#,
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk Fredonia Feb'y 17, **1877**"
D. **Barrell**, L.B. **Grant**, G.W. **Lewis**, H.W. **Thompson**, A.Z. **Madison** & Ely **Davis** not a member of ch but supposed to be by L.B.G. who invited him. S.S. **Crissey**, H.A. **Buck** & W. **Crocker** not present.

The Clerk carried the notice to Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. at his same evening & he made no objection to reading it before the congregation, and he did so read it at Close of the A.M. service 18th. Amongst other notices given in the morning Pastor announced meetings for the current week same as heretofore, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday evenings. The German preacher, Mr. **Lang**, gave his farewell discourse from Philippians 1:3-6 both inclusive at 3. P.M. 18th inst. An affecting & interesting time. A supply to be with the German people in our Lecture room two weeks from that time.

Our Meeting Tuesday evening 20th in Lecture room about 40 present & considerable interest, apparently increased. On 21st not quite so many present, some depression of feeling manifest, and some expressions of sympathy & reference to cause, the town meeting having been held 20th & some results a disappointment. Sister **Morian** exhorted to renewed energy & increased labors; & in closing, the strongest ebullition was manifest in remarks of Pastor in his desire for greater consecration on the part of all of us, and for conversions to be multiplied here.

Thursday evening Feb. 22nd a goodly number 35 or more in, some who had not attended much if any & the meeting of usual interest. Notice given at Close that the next evening meeting would be in the Ch. Parlor & those who desired an increase of religion, personally, were specially invited by our Pastor to be present.
Friday evening Feb 23rd, Pastor & Brn **Thompson**, **Madison**, **Davis**, **Grant** & **Dunn**, & Sisters **Collis**, **Edmunds**, **Boynton** & others as Miss **Colburn**, **Williams** & several young ladies not known, or not recognized by Clk, making the whole number present 25. The interest was good, & some six or eight young ladies arose to express their hope in Christ, on request of Pastor, & afterwards, he desired those to arise who thought they had been benefited by the series of meetings this winter, & all in the room arose.
Tuesday evening Feb'y 27th A Temperance lecture at the Methodist Ch. for all denominations. Wed. eve Feb 28 & Thurs. eve March 1st meetings in Lecture room, about usual attendance & interest. Friday eve Mch 2nd Meeting in Ch. parlor. Wet & muddy, Pastor & 6 of each sex, in all 13 present. Meetings simultaneously held at Dwellings on Gardner St. & at Cordova as reported in Cov't. Meeting Sat. Mch 3rd.
Mch 7th There was a prayer meeting in Lecture room about 23 present. Clerk in at opening but left soon for ill health at home.
Mch 8th The time for Miss'y Concerts as Resolved on Motion of Bro. D. **Barrell** page 114. There was a storm of wind & rain & the house not warmed when Pastor, Bro. **Lewis** wife his wife & Daughter Estelle. Brn. **Grant** & **Madison** came & it was adjourned. Mch 9th some 11 or 12 met in parlor & had a good meeting. Pastor, **Davis**, **Thompson**, **Madison**, **Grant**, **Munger**, Mrs. L.M. **Edmunds**, Mrs. **Boynton**, Mrs. B. **Edmunds**, Miss J. **Colburn**, Miss E.F. **Damon**
Mch 14. in Parlor 20 nearly same
Mch 15 in Lec. Room 33. First resume Miss'y Concert. Pastor prayed, talked & read Miss'y news – **Davis** & **Barrell** & some prayed. G.W. **Lewis** talked & Estelle read of Miss **Stetson**.
Mch 16th in Parlor 21. same nearly. Pretty good meeting. Notice repeated for Gillespie Temp(?). Mr. **Gillespie** failed to come & late Sat. night Mch 17th Pastor & D.L. **Shepard** went to Dkk & brought Rev. Rob't. **Boocock**, an Englishman, who preached a gospel & Temperance discourse Sunday A.M. & also evening, 18th. & continued meetings evenings during the week to Friday eve.

Ch. Clk first after opening prayer by Bro. G.W. **Lewis**, stated that as his words were frequently misunderstood (or misconstrued) he had written his explanatory remarks, that he might know what he had said. He then read the following.
On the first day of Feb'y **1873**, at the close of Covenant Meeting, Rev. A. **Wheelock** Chn introduced the subject of calling Rev. Lester **Williams** Jr. to be our Pastor. Brother **Williams**, (as a Candidate) had preached here 19th & 26th of January. His terms proposed, $1200. salary, his expenses for removal from Oswego, and a parsonage. After sundry remarks by brethren **Lewis**, **Tate**, **Grant** & **Madison**, on the motion of brother **Grant**, Resolved, unanimously, to call Rev. Lester **Williams** Jr. as our Pastor, at $1500. per an. Salary, (To include his moving expenses and parsonage.) Rev. A. **Wheelock** died Feb'y 25th, **1873**.
March 1st **1873**, Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. was present and presided in our Covenant Meeting. He commenced preaching March 2nd and has been our Pastor to the present time. The four years of his pastorate will expire with the present month of February, tomorrow being the last Sunday of the fiscal year. Nothing has been said, officially, at the termination of each year, since the engagement in **1873**, whether the Pastorate should be continued the then ensuing year or not; and it is remembered, That at the beginning of the year now closing, there were some complaints heard, because the members of the Church, (and perhaps of the Congregation and Society,) were not seasonably consulted to ascertain their wishes on the subject. Not a little anxiety, trouble and labor to some of the brethren, has resulted, in the effort to devise and provide means to defray all the expenses consequent; and even now, after all such effort, there remains for the time so soon to close, considerable deficit, so far as payments have actually been made. Most of us, if not all, have found it unusually difficult to procure funds to pay our general and ordinary expenses, and our share of the Church expenses, as in former years; and some are made so sensible of this, that they say, frankly, they cannot any longer do as they have been accustomed to do, in this direction. Several of the brethren, knowing the facts, and feeling the force of them, have after consultation deemed it advisable that this meeting be held, for a (?) and free interchange of views, and to devise ways and means for the best interests of the Church and its pastor, and of every person concerned; and more emphatically, of the cause of our Lord, Jesus Christ in all spiritual regard. An opportunity is here and now afforded to any and all members present in this Church meeting, for a full expression, in declaration of their views and wishes relating to the matter for which we are convened.

Pursuant to public notice read by Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. on request of several brethren on Sunday Feb'y 18th **1877**, a Church meeting was held in the Lecture room Saturday February 24th at one o'clock P.M. Present C.H. **Parsons**, A.Z. **Madison**, L.B. **Grant**, H.W. **Thompson**, Jos. **Moir**, Jos. C. **Sweet**, Tim. **Starr**, David G. **Sweet**, H. **Doarr**, D.L. **Shepard**, E.J. **Wilcox**, G.W. **Lewis**, S.S. **Crissey**, E.M. **Pettit**, Alex. **Morian**, W. **Crocker**, Willard A. **Webster**, H.A. **Buck**, Philander **Barber**, Henry A. **Morrison**, Willard **Webster**, Harry E. **Davis**, Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. & Also Alva **Colburn**, Porter **Manton**, B.F. **Skinner** of Congregation
Mrs. C. **Boynton**, E. **Halligreen**, S.J. **Skinner**, S.E. **Shepard**, B.M. **Edmunds**, Mrs. O.H. **Buck**, M. **Green**, L. **Martin**, J. **Frazine**, R.E. **Morian**, Mrs. H.E. **Barker**, E. **Bissell**, L.M. **Edmunds**, C. **Parker**, A.S. **Parker**, Mrs. M.D. **Manton**, M.E. **Wright**, L.E. **Taylor**, L.K. **Lathrop**, F. **Haywood**.
& Miss J. **Colburn**, E.E. **Starr**, J. **Sweet**, H.A. **Pemberton**, J. **Halligreen**, Miss Estella **Lewis** & Mrs. Mary C. **Holt** of Congregation & probably some others who coming in late were not observed by Clerk.

After some waiting for people to come in, Bro. L.B. **Grant** announced that it was probably time to open the meeting, and nominated Bro. S.S. **Crissey** for Chairman, which being seconded, Ch. Clerk called the vote, & declared the election to have been unanimous. On taking the Chair, the Chairman called on Bro. G.W. **Lewis** who offered the opening prayer. The Clerk then read a brief explanation to announce the objects of the meeting. (See flag(?) leaf) Bro. **Shepard** then spoke of the absence of Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. from the meeting, & thought he ought to be present, and moved that he be invited to come into the meeting. Sr. **Boynton** seconded the motion. Remarks by L.B. **Grant**, A.Z. **Madison**, Mrs. **Morian** & others. Question called, and Resolved unanimously that Bro. **Williams** be invited to attend the meeting. Chairman appointed Bro. **Shepard** a comm'ee. to invite him. While he was gone for that purpose, Bro. L.B. **Grant** made some statements in regard to the financial matters of the Church for the past year to show that some who had subscribed had not paid, and there was still after all efforts like to be a deficit of $100 or $150. That there had been paid to him about $900. & that he had paid it all or nearly all over to the Pastor up to about 1st Feb'y inst and had not reserved it for the rent of his house occupied by Pastor. In reply to the foregoing several Sisters offered remarks in reference to the collections as Srs. **Morian**, **Barker**, **Skinner**, **Sweet** et al. Bro. G.W. **Lewis** commenced speaking as Brn. **Shepard** & **Williams** came in, & he ceased. The Chairman then requested Bro. **Williams** to take the Chair & permit him to retire from it, but he declined, & Chn. retained it. Bro. **Grant** then offered a resolution, to wit: Resolved That Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. be continued as our Pastor for the next year from the first of March next, conditioned, that funds enough can be raised to pay the Salary and all the incidental expenses of the Church. Bro. E.M. **Pettit**, seconded the above motion, Remarks were made by Brn. **Shepard**, **Pettit** & E.J. **Wilcox**. Bro. **Shepard** thought it not definite enough, as it might leave the pastor at close, without anything tangible for a salary. While this was pending, Miss Jennie **Sweet** moved that Bro. **Grant** now repeat what he had said of the finances before, and without vote Bro. **Grant** briefly repeated. Sister **Morian** then offered further remarks on the subject of collecting & disbursing the funds Ch should have as financial & an Auditing Com'ee &c. Bro. **Williams** then spoke of the Church expenses & explained as he understood the matter – That over $1800 had been subscribed, & that there had been some unusual expenses as two coal stoves, the organ platform & then the Coal & the wood(?) &c and that there would be no deficit. Also, that he had paid rent by its being retained as he supplied(?). Amendments were made to the Motion of Bro. **Grant** by Bro. **Shepard** seconded by Mrs. **Skinner**, That we pay Bro. **Williams** a salary of $1200 & a Parsonage, and this was carried unanimously. Bro. **Lewis** & **Grant** & Clk suggested that a debt incurred might be a lien on the ch. & lot. Sr. **Skinner** spoke at some length – thought the Ch. able to pay, & that all the ladies say so &c. On Motion of Bro. **Pettit**, seconded, Resolved that there be a Finance Committee appointed of three men, to raise the salary, & all the Church expenses, & to provide a parsonage, and to appoint their own Collector. On Motion of Bro. **Grant**, seconded, resolved that Bro. D.L. **Shepard** be the first(?) & Chairman of such Committee. (Brn **Crocker** & **Thompson** were successively nominated & declined.) On Nomination, seconded, Resolved that Bro. E.M. **Pettit** be one of Finance Committee. On Nomination of Chn (S.S. **Crissey**) for the third member of said Finance Committee seconded, Clk called the vote, & it passed unanimously, electing S.S. **Crissey**. The Finance Committee consists of Brn. D.L. **Shepard** Chn., E.M. **Pettit** & S.S. **Crissey**. Bro. **Grant** spoke of the new renting of Slips & that no renting had been had for some years past. It was agreed to have a day for renting from 1st April next, soon. Bro. **Shepard** then read a report of the Musical Committee, or Committee on Music. On Motion of Mrs. **Morian** seconded by Bro. **Crocker** Resolved to accept & adopt said report. On

Motion of Bro. E.M. **Pettit** seconded, Resolved that the same committee on Music, to wit: D.L. **Shepard**, S.S. **Crissey**, be continued for the ensuing year, and that they engage Mr. J.S. **Lathrop** to conduct the singing in Church. The Committee on Music expected to attend to this, & to pay the expenses. Talk of $100 of which Miss **Skinner** said Ladies would raise, $100 & that Trustees **Shepard**, **Grant** & **Crissey** met & authorized the acts & doings of the Mu'c. Committee last year, as she understood it. Clk remarked that as Clk of the Trustees, this was the first he had heard of it. (Explained as a gathering at Bro. **Shepard**'s – the three trustees **Shepard**, **Grant** & **Crissey** being present.) On Motion of Bro. **Pettit** seconded by Bro. **Grant** Resolved that the interest of $500. in the hands of Bro. **Grant** secured by Mortgage, a bequest from Dea. Levi **Selleck**, be set apart for the purpose of paying the expenses of insurance of the Church Edifice so far as it will go. On Motion of Bro. **Pettit** seconded, Resolved to adjourn, after prayer. Chairman called upon Bro. **Williams** who offered the closing prayer. Adjourned.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting March 3rd **1877**
Present Pastor Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., 19 Brn & 35 Srs. Opened & conducted as usual. When Clk entered, Pastor was earnestly speaking to arouse members to activity in religious duties and privileges. Brethren & Sisters followed in turn. After many interesting remarks by nearly all present, and at Close Bro. C.H. **Parsons** read from a Manuscript (which he retained,) his connection with the Church by letter nearly ten years ago, his baptism before, and his views of restricted on Close Communion, as termed. [Note to side reads: He subsequently some days later handed the manuscript to A.Z.M. Clk – see on file.] He had not been much in Covenant Meetings nor at Communion of the Church in 2 or 3 years. He had told a brother of the Ch. his views on the subject of Communion some time ago, and the brother replied, That if those were his views & they had been known when he united here he probably would not have been received, and if this was the feeling of the Church, he desired his name dropped from the list of members, or words to such effect, & he soon after left the meeting. The Pastor spoke of having received a letter lately from Sister Helen S. **Wright** now at San Jose California, formerly a member here & who was dismissed Jany 31/75 to 2nd Bap. Ch. Lexington Ky. & who now wishes to become a member with us again on a letter of commendation & dismission dated Oct 23rd **1876** given by "Pilgrim Baptist Church Lexington Ky. On Motion of L.B. **Grant** seconded by E.M. **Pettit** Resolved that she be so received as a member with us.
Pastor then explained the case of a Sister Estella M. **Wiggin**, a hf. sister of Sister Almira **Webster**, who at the place of her former residence, had united with a Methodist Church on probation & was there immersed or baptized, and who now desired to become a member with us. Inquiries were made in regard to her knowledge of our articles of faith, and as to her baptism. She replied that the former had been explained to her & she accepted them. On Motion of E.M. **Pettit** seconded by H.W. **Thompson** Resolved that Sister Estella M. **Wiggin** be received as a member of the Fredonia Baptist Church on her profession of faith, she having previously received Christian baptism. Bro's. Henry **Doarr**, Geo. W. **Lewis** & Wm. **Higgins** spoke of the holding of prayer meetings at private dwellings on Gardner Street, the results & prospects, & that it was not intended to be hostile in any way to the prayer meetings held at same time in the Church. Bro. David G. **Sweet** also spoke of some interesting prayer meetings having been held for a few days past at Cordova. Pastor was glad to hear of these & deemed them no injury to those held in the Church but a benefit. Bro. W. **Higgins** expressed himself glad there was no objections to them. Bro. L.B. **Grant** stated that he was probably the man referred to by Bro. C.H.

Parsons, who replied to him that if his sentiments in favor of open Communion had been known, he would not have been received as a Member of this Church. Several remarks followed by Bro. E.M. **Pettit** who sympathized in same, direction & Brn. **Thompson** & G.W. **Lewis** who did not. E.M. **Pettit** moving that Ch. appoint a comm'ee. to invite Bro. C.H. **Parsons** to resume his walk with the Church & then On Motion of Clerk amending seconded by D.G. **Sweet**, Resolved that Bro. L.B. **Grant** be a Committee of the Church to converse with Bro. C.H. **Parsons**, and invite him to resume his walk with the Church, & to report to Church. Then followed remarks by Pastor & several of the brethren & sisters in regard to the Meeting that had been held since Jan. 8/77 the attendance of members & others in them, their results, & what the best course for the future. All manifesting increased interest for a thorough work of the spirit both in and out of the Church. Many had left at the late hour, when an expression regarding the next week was called for, and it was voted that prayer Meeting be held in the Church on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday evenings of the next week. Pastor called on Sr. L.M. **Edmunds** who offered closing prayer.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Gospel & Temperance Meetings by Rev. Rob't. **Boocock** of England evening from Mch 18th to 23rd and German Baptist meetings at same time in the Dr. Payne Ch. by Rev. Wm. C. **Rabe**(?) of 3rd Germ'n Bap. Ch. Buffalo, both with some success considering the weather & traveling.
Mch 25th Dr. **Boocock** lecture to a full house in Presb. Ch. & to fair audience 26th, 27th.
A brief record of the German interest and also of the Gospel Temperance interest amongst all classes & denominations, kept for future reference, as peculiar.

March 25th Sunday A.M. Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., Rev. Rob't. **Boocock** & Rev. William C. **Rabe**, all in Desk & took parts in Service, Rev. R.B. preached a good discourse from 1. Pet. 5th, 10th. Rev. Mr. **Beldin** was also present in Slip with G.W. **Lewis** from a Ch. of Disciples Troy N.Y. Rev. Wm. C. **Rabe** preached in German in P.M. in Lecture room & then in the Payne Ch. during the week. After A.M. service, the Ch. stopped, on request, and heard the relations of Christian experience from three who had been attending the German meetings to wit: Mrs. Mary **Whitney**, Miss Mary **Margnardt** & Miss Malvina W. **Erdle**. On separate Motions seconded by L.B. **Grant** & W. **Crocker**, S.S. **Crissey** & others, they were all received as Candidates for baptism & when baptized to membership in this Church. On request, Mrs. A. **Morian** saw Mrs. **Whitney** & conversed with her, & her baptism was delayed for a week. She had stated her conversion at 16 years of age & (?) in neglect &c. In the evening, before a full house of 600 or 700, Rev. Wm. C. **Rabe** spoke at length in the German language. Rev. Mr. **Beldin** then followed, in English eloquently & logically a few minutes after which Rev. William C. **Rabe**, Pastor of 3rd German Bap. Church Buffalo N.Y. baptized Misses **Margnardt** & **Erdle**.
Monday Mch 26, Very rainy – In evening a Temperance meeting. Judge Geo. **Barker** presiding, about half the usual attendance. A.Z.M. unwell & not present.
Mch 27 Tuesday evening a similar meeting, & a fair audience, Judge **Barker** presiding, speaking & announcing the order, Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., A.L. **Benton**, J.M. **Bray** and W.H. **Husted** & the speaker Rob't. **Boocock** also present.
Meeting Mch 28. A.Z.M. not present.
Meeting 29th quite full. A.Z.M. in & Rev. A.L. **Benton** & J.M. **Bray** & others present.
Friday Mch 30th Still larger audience. Same ministers also present. A.Z.M. left before Dr. **Boocock** delivered any set speech, he being out of health with an oppressive cold & catarrh. By

the determination of the Committee, a series of meetings Gospel & Temperance was opened in the Presbyterian Ch. by Rob't. **Boocock** M.D.
Sunday eve April 1, **1877**, the house being filled, A.Z.M. there till near 9. P.M. & left.

Covenant March 31st, **1877**.
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Pastor, 14 Brn & 31 Srs. Singing – reading scripture 1. Peter, prayer by Pastor & then he made remarks, which were followed by remarks of Brethren & Sisters. Then Rev. Wm. C. **Rabe**, & Rev. F.A. **Licht** of Rochester, his successor in the German interest here came in, and on the invitation of our Pastor, brother **Rabe** spoke at length interestingly in English language in regard to the Germans residing in this vicinity, and of the obligations that we are under to endeavor to promote their religious welfare. He had been here two weeks holding daily meetings (except Saturdays) in the Free Meth. Ch. (Dr. **Payne**'s) had an attendance of 80 to 100 & some conversions, two of whom had united with us and brother **Licht** was to remain & visit Laona where many more German families resided & the **Morian** Station was also mentioned. Br. **Rabe** spoke of the sacrifices they had to make to be here & the expense of transport & the expense for coal to warm the Ch &c for the year to come to keep up the German meetings it might require $200. from Fredonia Ch to sustain it. Bro. **Williams** suggested finding 8 persons who would pay ea 1/8 & he would be one for 1/8th. Bro. **Grant** thought that plan difficult to accomplish & favored diffusing the privilege & the responsibility more generally among our members. On motion of G.W. **Lewis** seconded by L.B. **Grant**, Resolved to appoint a Committee of five, to wit: S.S. **Crissey**, Geo. W. **Lewis**, Sr. R. **Morian**, W. **Crocker** & Sr. L.K. **Lathrop**, to collect funds for carrying on this German work. Then Anna **Powell** related her Christian experience being explained & vouched for by Sr. H.J. **Colburn**. Also Miss Mary Ann **Wright** gave relation of hers and Sisters **Colburn**, **Lathrop** &c explained & gave their confidence & on separate Motions made & seconded, they were severally recd. as candidates for baptism & then Membership. Mrs. Rachel **Karl** gave a lengthy relation of her experience in the German language and was interpreted by Rev. W.C. **Rabe**. Over 30 years ago in Switzerland had great dejection as a Catholic – met a Baptist preacher, was baptized, & was with Baptists two months, & left. Her husband was a Catholic & opposed &c. She had been here [blank] years, had met & listened to Elder **Williams** & he had explained to her &c. On motion by L.B. **Grant** seconded by Bro. H.A. **Buck** Resolved to receive her as a member of this church on her relation of Christian experience, she having previously received Christian baptism. Pastor then read a plan of Christian work which he had copied in part from that of the Bap. Ch. at Elisabeth New Jersey. After some remarks, on motion made and seconded, Resolved to adopt, complete and carry out the plan. Clerk then presented the request of Sister Caroline F. **Boynton** for letters of commendation and dismission for herself & her son, Wilbur D. **Boynton**, who this day remove to Meadville Pa. On Motions made & seconded, Resolved to grant the several requests. Clerk then read a letter of request from the Baptist Church at Randolph for Pastor & two brethren to attend as members of a Council to be convened there Tuesday April 3rd at 1 P.M. to examine & ordain (if approved) brother D.P. **Leppens** to the gospel Ministry.
On nominations & Motion, Resolved to appoint Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. & Brn. Franklin L. **Lord** and Henry A. **Buck** our delegates to said Council. Closed with prayer led by Bro. F.L. **Lord**.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday eve April 8th/77 Prof. Wm. Mason **Evans** & Mr. Chas.(?) **Wenzel** of Pittsburgh et al from Dkk addressed the most crowded House in Bap Ch. on temperance.

Monday ev 9th Apl. Dr. **Boocock** addressed some 130 in same ch. calling it his farewell.

Sunday A.M. April 8th Rev. M. **McManchan** of Erie preached in Bap. Church to a fair audience in behalf of the Sailors on our Western Waters, Lakes & Rivers very effectively after reading John 3rd: 1-21. Rev. W. Mason **Evans** spoke again in Union Hall Wednesday evening (House full) Apl 11th & Mr. **Wenzel** also Friday evening 13th.
Sunday P.M. Apl 15th a full house in Union Hall addressed by Rev. Mr. **Bray**, Mr. **Williams** & Mr. **Benton**. Mrs. **Tremaine** & Dr. Mirza N. **Benjamin**. Mr. O. **Stiles** presided. Good Music & Enthusiastic. Dr. **Boocock** went to Sinclearville Sat. 14th declared that evening 60 signed pledges.

Sunday evening April 15, **1877**, after the close of service Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. baptized Miss Mary Ann **Wright**, only, (see page 124).

Gospel Temperance meetings were held in Union Hall each evening of the week to Friday 20th full attendance & addressed by Mr. **Wenzel**. Then Sunday 4 P.M. a crowded hall, both Mr. **Evans** & Mr. **Wenzel** spoke & best of Music. Monday eve 23rd both again addressed a full audience; Upon prayer meeting in Temperance Hall conducted by Prof. **Evans**.
Tuesday P.M. a Mass Meeting in Park, set at 3 o'clock, but interrupted by thunder storms till after 4 when after being give up, it was resuscitated & both E. & W. made brief talks to a fair audience, under all the circumstances. Meeting full in Hall at eve'g & both spoke again.
Wed eve'g 25 Apl. Chas. **Wenzel** spoke in Hall here, & **Evans** in Ch. at Laona. 84 signed pledges there & a few more here.
Thurs. eve 26. C. **Wenzel** at Laona & W.M. **Evans** here. Friday 27th **Evans** in hall, one of his last, most religious lectures. Sat Morn 28th Prof. **Evans** left & Cs. **Wenzel** remained & spoke to a good house in the shower. Sat eve 28th He left for Sinclearville. Sunday P.M. 29th to speak there that evening. An auxiliary society to the National [blank] was formed in Fredonia.
Friday eve May 4th Rev. **Kummer** of Dk spoke well to a 2/3 Hall full and Sunday 4 P.M. Mr. **Wenzel** here & spoke then Rev. (?) , Dr. **Armstrong**, Rev's. **Benton**, **Wms**, Mr. **Stiles** in Hall.

Sunday April 29th, **1877** Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. absent at Sinclearville on exchange & Rev. J.L. **Powell** here and preached A.M. & evening. At Close of A.M. service Church remained and on request of Clerk, Resolved to grant letter of commendation and dismission to Bro. George **Tate** and Sister Eliza M. **Tate**, his wife, to unite with the Bap. Church at Clymer N.Y.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting May 5th, **1877**.
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., 10 Brn & 21 Srs. Usual opening services. Remarks by Pastor, followed by brethren & sisters. Then Clerk read a letter from H.R. **Denrocise** Clk of 1st Regular Bap. Ch. of Greewy(?) Colorado, commending Bro. & Sr. James **Kibler** and dismissing them. On Mo. D. **Barrell** 2nd by Clerk, Resolved to receive as Members with us Bro. James **Kibler** and his wife, Sr. Josephine M. **Kibler**, (formerly Josephine M. **Tibbets** & baptized here Nov. 3rd, **1867** [Bottom of page 127 is missing. May be blank.]

Sunday P.M. May 13th Temperance Meeting in U. Hall, addressed by Rev. C.W. **Low** & a Mr. **Place**, a stranger from Albany N.Y. who claimed to be a reformed inebriate. No meetings in U.

Hall like the above May 20th or 27th during both of which A.Z.M. was at home sick. The Holly Tree inn opened Sat. eve'g. May 19th/77

Sunday evening May 20th, **1877**, Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. baptized Miss Anna **Powell** after the service of the evening. She was received as a candidate for baptism & then membership, at the Cov't Meeting of Mch 31st, **1877**, Page 124.

Covenant Meeting June 2nd **1877**. Rainy after a long, dry spell. Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., 11 Brn & 1 small boy & 8 Sisters. The usual services observed to open & conduct the meeting. Remarks by Pastor, Bren & Sisters. At close of more interesting than there was at first, encouragement for Cov't M. Pastor made request for a letter of commendation & dismission for Sister Hannah D. **Arnold** of Cherry Creek who was baptized here, while a Student, March 1st, **1874**. On Motion of Bro. H.A. **Buck** the request was granted. Clerk read letter from Dunkirk Ch. commending & dismissing Sister Mary A. **Kendall**, & on his Motion she was recd. Clerk also read a letter from Baptist Church of Cuba N.Y., commending & dismissing Bro. Frank **Bartlett**. On Motion of E.M. **Pettit**, he was recd. On Pastor's call for further business Clerk stated the case of Mrs. Mary **Whitney**. Pastor explained, & several remarks from different members followed, When Clk read a preamble & resolution which he had just written & moved its adoption & Bro. E.M. **Pettit** seconded, & it was unanimously passed, to wit:
"Whereas, Mrs. Mary **Whitney** made request for baptism & membership with this Church Sabbath March 25th, **1877** and gave such relation of experience as resulted in a vote for her reception as a Candidate at that time, but has since (as we are credibly informed,) united with the Presbyterian Church, Therefore, Resolved, That the vote, above referred to, be rescinded."
Pastor then called to him, the boy present Jay **Willard**, a young son of Erial(?) T. **Willard**, of Water Street, who he said desired to be received by this Ch. as a candidate for baptism & Membership. He stated that the lad was ten years old but extremely diffident & unable to make much, if any, communication to the Ch. On Pastor's statements, & the lad's assent; and Pastor's statement of the state of Mr. & Mrs. **Willard**, & their wishes regarding their son, On Motion of Geo. W. **Lewis**, 2nd by E.M. **Pettit**, Resolved that Jay **Willard** be received as a candidate for baptism & after, to membership in this Church. Bro. S.S. **Crissey** offered prayer & Closed with benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Prayer & Bible reading meeting June 14, **1877**, Scriptural lesson discussed 1st Thess. 4:13-18. At Close of service, Clerk read postal card request of Rev. C.B. **Parsons** of Dunkirk for a letter of dismissal & recommendation of Sister Ada **Sliter** to unite with Dk Bap Ch. On motion seconded, Resolved to grant the request.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting June 30th **1877**
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., 10 Brn & 16 Srs. Sung a hymn then read in 5th Gal. & prayer to open. Remarks by Pastor followed by Brn & Sisters. In course (Helen) Hettie E. **Willard**, a sister of Jay and Mrs. Viola M. **Griblin**, (an older sister of both,) both related their religious exercises, and a more full statement in regard to each, was made by Pastor, at the close of remarks by Brn & Srs. On Motion of L.B. **Grant** 2nd by G.W. **Lewis**, Hettie E. **Willard** was recd. as a Candidate for baptism & when baptized, to Membership in this Church. On Motion of S.S. **Crissey**, who

knew these persons well in our Sab. School some three or four years ago, seconded by W. **Dunn** Mrs. Viola M. **Griblin** was also recd. as a candidate for baptism &c as above. Pastor requested the usual letter of commendation & dismission for Mrs. Ellen M. **Lewis** to unite with Mayville Bap. Ch. and on Motion of G.W. **Lewis** seconded, the same was granted to her. Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. requested a vacation for himself a fraction of July next. He would be here tomorrow the first Sabbath & (?) last Sabbath. On Motion of L.B. **Grant** seconded Resolved to grant the request. Bro. W. **Crocker** offered the Closing prayer. Benediction
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday evening July 1, **1877**, the three candidates above named were severally baptized by Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. in the Church in presence of about the usual number of persons on such occasions. Rev. Mr. **Bray** of Meth. Ch. was present. A.Z.M.

In the absence of our Pastor **Williams**, on Sabbath July 8th Rev. Ira **Corwin**, being here, on a visit preached in A.M.
July 15th. Rev. Geo. P. **Guild** of Annapee, Wis.(?) preached A.M. & exercise & took two collections to help seat the new Church with 50 chairs in that burned(?) district, Amt $20 in all. July 22nd '77 Through the efforts of Br. G.W. **Lewis** The Rev. W.A. **Belden** of Troy N.Y. a Disciple, preached in A.M. & evening in very good sized audiences& were acceptably in general. He was present in a good prayer meeting July 26th - The general Rail Road Strikes occurring the following week and deranging travel. Rev. W.A. **Belden** was detained here, & as our Pastor did not return home, he preached again A.M. & evening of Sab. 29th July. He left Monday 30th & Pastor returned Augt 2nd/77.

Covenant Meeting August 4, **1877**
Present Pastor **Williams**, 8 Brn & 20 Srs. Usual exercises throughout & good(?) state of feeling apparent. At Close of remarks by Brn & Srs. On the written request of Ch. Clk 3rd German Baptist Ch, Hermann **Mensdoerffer** in her behalf, Sr. Mary **Margnardt** was on Motion of Br. F. **Lord** dismissed & commended to that Church.
Clerk then read three letters from the Baptist Church of Castle Creek Broome Co. N.Y. commending with liberty to unite with us, Sister Harriet **Lull** and her two daughters, Frank **Lull**, and an invalid, Anna **Lull**. On Motions made by A.Z. **Madison** & D.G. **Sweet** they were all severally recd. Clerk spoke of preparations for & Letter to Chautauqua B. Assn. to be held at Ellery Sept 4th, **1877**. Prayer by Bro. D.G. **Sweet** & Doxology to close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

At prayer meeting in Ch. Thursday evening Aug't. 16th, **1877**, On request presented by Pastor in her behalf, & on Motion of Br. F. **Lord** seconded by Clk Resolved that a letter of commendation and dismission be granted to Sister Harriet C. **Winsor** to unite with Mayville Bap. Ch.
A.Z. **Madison** So Clk

Covenant Meeting September 1st, **1877**
Present Pastor L. **Williams** Jr., 14 Brn & 26 Sisters.
When Clk entered, Pastor was offering remarks as to the low spiritual condition of the Ch. and how little fruit of his labors & efforts was perceptible. He had heard from one brother this day, that he had been benefited by one of his sermons, & he knows of no more. This one case was

encouraging. Then followed remarks of Brn & Sisters. At close of these, Mr. Albert H. **Wheelock** on invitation of Pastor related his religious experience – Thought he was converted to Christ when about fourteen years old. Spoke of differences between his views, and those of the Baptist Church on communion. He liked Baptists but did not think they were the only ones who were Christians. He fellowshipped others also as Christians. He thought it better for him to be connected with some Church and if he should be received by the Bap. Ch. he would expect to be subject to, & act in agreement with its views. Several remarks were made on the case of Bro. **Wheelock** by Pastor, Sister **Morian** & Brn. **Grant**, F.L. **Lord**, A.Z. **Madison**, S.S. **Crissey**, Geo. W. **Lewis**, and on his motion, seconded, Resolved that Br. A. **Wheelock** be recd. a candidate for baptism & when baptized, a Member of the Church. Bro. **Wheelock** had made additionally remarks and explanations. Bro. Wm. **Higgins** & his present wife, Mary **Higgins**, were also present. He had primarily belonged to the Methodist Church but now believed with Baptists. He requested to become a member with us & made some statements & Bro. **Lewis** for him in regard to his first marriage and the separation of his first wife from him &c. After several remarks on the subject, On Motion of Bro. Frank L. **Lord** seconded by Bro. H.A. **Buck**, Resolved that Bro. **Higgins** request for membership be referred to a Committee, (and On Amendment offered by Clk, seconded) that the Committee be the Executive Committee of the Church, and that said Executive Committee report on the case to the Church at the next Covenant Meeting. Sister **Higgins** did not wish to become a member unless her husband was recd. Bro. F.L. **Lord** then offered complaint that the Organist practiced on the organ during the hour fixed for the young people's prayer meeting Sunday evenings, thus being an annoyance to those meetings. On Motion of Bro. S.S. **Crissey** seconded, Resolved that the complaint of Bro. **Lord** be referred to Brethren Henry A. **Buck**, Henry W. **Thompson** & L.B. **Grant**. On call of Pastor, the Clerk then explained and read letter prepared but incomplete to the Chautauqua Baptist Association. He explained that Rev. W.H. **Husted** Clk of Asson. had made an assessment on the churches for printing the Minutes of Asson. & that Fredonia Bap. Ch. was assessed $8.00. On Motion of Bro. **Grant** seconded by Bro. S.S. **Crissey**, Resolved that we send for pr. Ms. $6.00 – Remarks of Clk & others as to the raising of the above $6.00 whether from the Poor fund or otherwise, & was left. On Nominations Resolved that we send as delegates to the Asson. Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., Rev. W.H. **Husted**, Dea. H.A. **Buck** & Brn A.Z. **Madison**, G.W. **Lewis**, F.L. **Lord**, & Srs. Jennie **Halligreen** & R.E. **Morian**. Prayer by Bro. F.L. **Lord** and singing to close the Covenant Meeting of Sept 1st, **1877**.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Sunday Sept. 2nd **1877**
Pastor preached a plain and feeling sermon regarding Christian obligation to labor & to suffer & showed that obligation was no more on St. Paul according to circumstances, than on each of us. At close of Communion service Clerk brought up the matter of raising the Six dollars for printing minutes & suggested that the contribution to be made now be appropriated to that purpose.
Collection taken – amount – all $4.38
Collection at Close A.M. sermon for Home Miss 12.25
On nomination of S.S. **Crissey** seconded by L.B. **Grant**, the Church Resolved that Rev. W.H. **Husted** & Henry W. **Thompson** be added as members of the Executive Committee.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday evening Sept. 9th, **1877**

Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. preached from [blank] after which, he baptized Bro. Albert H. **Wheelock** and pronounced the benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

The Methodist Erie Conference held in Fredonia Sept 25 to Oct 1st an interesting session. On Sept. 30th Meth. Ministers supplied the Baptist & Presbyterian Desks. Pres't. **Taylor** of Beaver Pa. preached an acceptable discourse ea Morning & evening in Bap. Ch.

Covenant Meeting Oct. 6, **1877**
Present Pastor L. **Williams** Jr., some 6 Brn & 17 Srs. Opened with usual services. After remarks, that manifested a more than ordinary desire on the part of several who spoke, for stronger faith & repentance, & works meet therefore Clerk read a letter from the Baptist Church of Castle Creek, Broome Co. N.Y. dismissing & commending Sr. Louise **Chapin**, on which she was duly recd. a member with us. She was not present. The latter handed by Pastor. Pastor spoke of the case of Br. Wm. **Higgins** and explained the action of Executive Comm'ee & the Sub Committee to investigate by inquiry of Mr. Dewitt C. **Colson**(?) wife & others, and stated their conclusion as to the separation from Mrs. **Colson's** mother, that it was her fault & not his, and that there is no obstacle in the way of Br. **Higgins** being received as a member with us. On motion of A.Z. **Madison** seconded by G.W. **Lewis** Resolved that on the recommendation of the Executive Committee after a full investigation of the case, this Church receive Bro. William **Higgins** as a member with us, on his Christian experience, he having been a member of the Laona Baptist Church while it existed before it became extinct. Some remarks by Bro. **Higgins** followed by Pastor & Brn **Madison** & **Crissey**. The case of Sister **Higgins** was then mentioned. She was not present. Bro. G.W. **Lewis** was in favor of acting on her case now. Clerk thought it better for her to be personally in presence of the Church & to make a further statement; and it was put over to the time of Communion tomorrow. Sister Beulah I. **Noble**, for the past six months sick, was present & led in singing "Rock of Ages" Prayer to close by Bro. S.S. **Crissey**.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday P.M. Oct. 7, **1877** after communion Pastor mentioned the case of Sister Mary **Higgins**, explaining what had passed at the last two Covenant Meetings in regard to her, & called on her to make a Statement of her Chn. Experience. She then arose & stated in substance (if rightly understood) that when she was about fourteen years old, she thought she experienced the religion of Christ & gave herself to it to service & that it was her determination, He helping her, to always adhere to Him. She spoke somewhat low – Bro. **Williams** then, in her presence, rehearsed what she had before stated, and on Motion of Bro. S.S. **Crissey** seconded by Bro. H.A. **Buck** Resolved that she be received as a Candidate for Baptism & when baptized to membership in the Church.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

The Presb'n. Synod held with Presb. Ch in Fredonia Oct. [blank] **1877**, and part of the delegates were entertained by Baptist families, as those to Meth. Con. Had been in Sept. and several Baptists attended the meetings. This Record made to show kind feeling of the different denominations towards each other, and the gradually increasing fraternity. May all who love our Lord Jesus Christ soon see eye to eye.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting Nov. 3rd, **1877** in (?) Snowstorm begun 2nd inst.
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., Rev. W.H. **Husted**, D. **Barrell**, S.S. **Crissey**, A.Z. **Madison** and later, L.B. **Grant**. Had a free talk of the condition of the Church & cause of Christ here with us. Hopeful of good to result. To Close, Brn. **Williams**, **Husted**, **Crissey**, & **Barrell** offered prayer in succession.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sabbath Nov. 4th, **1877**
Present Pastor **Wms**., Rev. W.H. **Husted** & about the usual number of Brn & Sisters 50 to 75. Before the Communion service, Pastor spoke of the Chh. – the Cov't. Meeting on 3rd inst. and the anxiety for a better condition of religious feeling & principle in it. Bro. **Husted** also offered more extended remarks on same subjects and while the broken loaf was being passed, Bro. D. **Barrell** expressed his emotions & desires & (?) feelingly on the objects of the Communion service to commemorate the sorrow and suffering of our Lord.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sabbath evening Nov 11, **1877** usual services by Pastor L. **Williams** Jr. after which Sister Mary **Higgins** was by him baptized. Clk not present. The above reported by Bro. **Husted**.
A.Z. **Madison**

Covenant Meeting Dec'r 1st, **1877**
Present Pastor Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., 13 or 14 brethren & 20 or over Sisters. Opened as usual with singing, reading Col. with comments, prayer and remarks by brethren & Sisters in turn. The meeting was increasingly interesting by the manifest of Christian spirit that pervaded the assembly. Prayer was offered by Brn. S.S. **Crissey** & Geo. W. **Lewis**, and impromptu singing two or three times. Some reference was had to the last previous Covenant Meeting that was attended by so few, and some regrets expressed for the failure to attend it. No Matter of business was presented except that Clerk presented extra copies of the Examiner & Chronicle for gratuitous distribution to Nonsubscribers, announce the 1st of Feb'y, two months hence, as the time for renewing Club subscriptions for **1878.** At same time, referred to the remarks of two brethren this P.M. and stated his views of the way of salvation by Christ. That the Lord Jesus is a whole Savior.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clerk

Sabbath Dec'r. 2nd, **1877**, After the Communion service, a request was presented by Pastor for letters of commendation and dismission for Bro. Edward C. **Edmunds** and his wife Belle M. **Edmunds** to unite with the Bap. Church at Brocton, their present residence, and on motion made and seconded, Resolved that the same be granted.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Wintry day.
Covenant Meeting January 5th, **1878**.
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Pastor, Rev. **Lull**, 13 Brn & 28 Sisters. Sung & Pastor read words of St. Paul Prayer, Remarks of Pastor, followed by Brn & Sisters interspersed with frequent voluntary singing. Pastor stated the invitation received at the last meeting of Chaut. Asso'n. at

Ellery, from the Harmony Bap. Association to meet with them at their Annual Meeting next August at Point Chautauqua, and then called for an expression in regard to accepting the invitation. Bro. E.M. **Pettit** offered remarks that the two associations were formerly one, - and that such a meeting as named, might be a means of the reunion of the same, which he favored, and he Moved that we accept the invitation, but further moved, that the motion lie on the table till our next Covenant Meeting, till after Brn & Sisters had reflected on, & discussed the same. The First part of Mo'n. seconded by F. **Lord**, and afterwards second part, seconded by S.S. **Crissey**. Brn Geo. W. **Lewis**, A.Z. **Madison**, S.S. **Crissey** & E.M. **Pettit** & Pastor made further explanatory remarks. Then voted to postpone, for action at next Cov't Meeting. Prior to the above, Pastor spoke of the week of prayer from tomorrow the 6th during the work, and called for an expression in regard to attendance so far as each member, could Result generally in favor of so doing. Clerk then read a letter from Rev. Henry L. **Morehouse**, present Cor. Sec'y of "the New York Bap. Union for Ministerial Education at Rochester, addressed to the Fredonia Baptist Church, urging a liberal collection by this Ch. for beneficiaries. On Motion of S.S. **Crissey** seconded Resolved that the letter be reread before the congregation one Sunday soon & a Collection then taken for this object. Prayer by Br. F. **Lord** and benediction by Pastor.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Deep snow & good sleighing.
Covenant Meeting Feb'y 2nd, **1878**.
Present Pastor **Williams**, 18 Brn & 30 Srs.
Services as usual. After remarks by Pastor, Brn. & Srs. Miss Sarah L. **Stevens** related that she had been living at Gowanda and hoped that she there passed from death unto life. Pastor related more fully the conversations he had had with her & the evidence thus obtained. She desired baptism & membership with us. On Motion of Bro. H.W. **Thompson** seconded by G.W. **Lewis** Resolved to receive her as a candidate for same & when baptized to be a member of this Church. On Motion of S.S. **Crissey** seconded, Resolved to take up the motion of E.M. **Pettit** from the Table – regarding meeting with Harmony Bap. Asso. next Aug't. at Point Chautauqua. H.W. **Thompson** inquired in relation to the place – Sister R.E. **Morian** explained & said the Point Chau. Asso'n invited both & A.Z. **Madison** made inquiries & statements. Pastor made some explanations – Clk & Mrs.(?) **Morian** explained more fully, & S.S. **Crissey**. Vote taken, & Resolved to meet at Point Chautauqua as invited. Bro. G.W. **Lewis** spoke of its being the season to collect for Foreign Missions. Sister **Morian** moved that Bro. **Lewis** act in the matter as before & E.M. **Pettit** 2nd & Ch Resolved that he do act as a Solicitor & Collector of funds for that object. A.Z.M. stated the amount of collections for Min'l. Ed'n. Rochester $13.00 & added $4.50. Bro. H.W. **Thompson** offered prayer. Sung Doxology to close.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

[Note to the side is partially obscured, but reads: Case and the (?) (?) (?) produced, and the inquiry to the three churches Bap. Meth. & Presb. & to all community, feared. A.Z.M.]
The so called, Dr. O.D. **Bacon**
Sunday evening February 10, **1878**, in Bap. Chh. before a fair audience, and under the auspices, as announced, of the Fredonia Women's Christian Temperance Union, a Dr. O.D. **Bacon**, late from Wayne County, (where he says 40,000 (of the population of 47,498, as in the Census of that County for **1865**) signed the pledge, (as he has it, which excludes cider as well as Beer & Strong drink,) and 3500 were converted to Christ,) Made his debut as a gospel Temperance lecturer.

Rev's. Lester **Williams** Jr. Pastor of the Baptist Church. A.L. **Benton** Pastor of the Presb. Ch. and Rev. A.J. **Merchant** Pastor of the Meth. Church, all being seated on the Platform with him, and a young man Mr. T.E. **Joolin** from Canada a late convert in Wayne Co. was with the choir as a tenor singer, and, did his part very well. Few, if any, in the audience, but what were shocked from the first, with the harsh declamatory & denunciatory manner of the speaker. At the close a prayer meeting at 3 P.M. Monday & another lecture in same evening, were named, and so for each P.M. & evening during the week. It was said by some that that the prayer meeting Monday was very interesting, but Clk did not find it so as not to be hindered at 3 P.M. until Thursday 14th, when considerable was good & promising. The evening lectures he had attended. Tuesday evening, the first talk, like that of Sunday & Monday evenings, rough, but after excuses, apologies or partial indorsement by the Pastors present, whichever it may be called, the latter talk, after prayer, was more subdued & mild, & consisted in many anecdotes of drunkenness abuse & murder imprisonment & the gallows &c &c. The lecturer claims to be under the immediate control and guidance of the Lord Jesus Christ & to speak as and whatever He directs him to speak. Many things seem to be right, and according to divine truth, that he says, but we believe that the Lord Jesus Christ who was & is verily God, had & has a right, by virtue of his perfect knowledge of all & every human heart, to say many things, & pronounce certain persons hypocrites, or a generation of vipers, while to a man, our equal, who can know nothing, or at most, very little of the workings of the human heart, such right is in no case delegated. The style of the Braggadocio and the Denunciator, and the too evident ebullitions of temper, often repeated by the lecturer, not only grieved the hearts of many Christian men & women, but aroused a feeling in the outside community, urging to deeds of violence, right and mobocracy. So it continued during the day & evening but by the efforts of well disposed citizens and the Village police, this was allayed, so that no other outbreak, occurred save the burglarious entering of the Basement of the Church by some boys & the opening the front doors & ringing of the Bell, & the collection of a crowded audience to listen, in & with order, to the lecture of Friday evening 16th. At the prayer meeting in P.M. of same day, about 60 in all were present, mostly women & of the three Churches – a few others. Each Minister in order **Wms**., **Benton** & **Merchant**, spoke plainly of the good & of the faults of Dr. **Bacon** & he contended against them, & most of the women by standing vote, at request, took sides with him. A scene was the result that no Christian can desire to have repeated. Dr. B. & several women, & perhaps men claimed that Pastor **Wms**. & the others should have gone to his room & talked privately first, but the whole being public on his part may change it. A.Z.M.

Friday 15th Feb'y seemed to be the crisis and Sat. P.M. the prayer meeting was very different & the attendance increased from 60 on Friday to twice or more that number. The Saturday evening lecture milder & undisturbed Also the prayer meeting of Sunday P.M. said to be quiet and interesting. Clk did not attend either. Sunday evening 17th opened the Presb'n Ch. Not less than 1,000 persons present probably – all quiet & services milder, as to denunciation & c. Clk present. Monday 18th 3 P.M. in prayer M'g in Presby Lecture room – some 150 present – Dr. B. led. converted and also Tuesday 19th he had about same number for awhile, much as before & took the test of those who could love God with all their might mind & strength and their neighbor (to include their enemies,) as themselves. The Major part voted so, but some did not vote. Soon after this Dr. B. said he was worn down with the strain & must have rest. He must be about the Temperance part of the work & that the Pastors must take charge of the religious part of it, and then gave the charge of this meeting to Bro. **Williams**, who though unexpectedly called on, &

surprised by it, assumed the charge: He had made some remarks explanatory of his acts & sayings of last Friday, denying having meant the C. Ws. Temperance Union then, when he said the Reformer needed to be reformed, as Mrs. **McNeil** & some had understood him. He made some further remarks, & Mrs. **McNeil**, Mrs. **Tremaine**, Mrs. **Morian** & others made lengthy remarks, after which the meeting became more interesting by remarks & prayers by the other Pastors & Lay members, men & women & a few new converts. Dr. **Bacon** having gone out. The evening meeting reported full & interesting & confined more to the Temperance part. A.Z.M.

Feb'y 20th Thaw & muddy. Clk in P.M. prayer M'g Presb. Ch. Dr. **Bacon** led at first & prayed at greater length, and very loudly that God would remove the stumbling block professors out of the gray. About the 150 present. Rev. Mr. **Benton** led the latter part of meeting & well by appropriate remarks – some too lengthy speeches & an interruption in vehement style by Dr. **Bacon** that rather marred the best interest. Prayed God to remove the stumbling blocks. The evening meeting quite full, and it is reported that near 100 had requested prayers and some indulging hope.
Feb 21st increased mud. Clk in P.M. prayer Meeting. After the harangue by Dr. B. and some speeches by 8 or 10(?) young men & some others, Rev. Mr. **Merchant** took the leadership – was interrupted by Dr. B. in a notice(?) & exhortation &c. Some good things followed. More open talk at P.O. &c regarding the character of Dr. B. & some strong opposition to his course. At 7 P.M. Clk was in a pleasant and profitable short prayer & conference meeting in Parlor of Bap. Ch. Bro. G.W. **Lewis** quite plain in opposition to the ways of Dr. **Bacon**. Clk did not attend at Presb. Ch. in evening, but is informed by some who attended that it was more interesting than those before.
Feb 22, at 3 P.M. promptly present. The meeting led wholly by Dr. B. At first, he spoke loudly – clamorously against those who could not see that his way or, as he called it, God's way, was & is perfect and talk of it behind his back, & not to him face to face. Many good remarks made – many too lengthy & in some cases from those of slight good influence. Clk left near the Close, while Mr. **Meacham** was talking. Clk in evening meeting through Dr. B.'s first talk & to see some 150 come in from Lecture room into main room from prayer said to have been very interesting. His talk the most unexceptionable that I have heard & the latter part, reported very good, & some(?) converts.

Monday Feb 25th P.M. 3 O'clock Clk attended the meeting at Presb. Ch & heard that it was to be run at expense of T.S. **Hubbard** this week. Excitement against Dr. B. quite high. He had bills from Wayne Co. presented to him by **Mose** (the negro) from **Morris'** office Sat. eve. & sued on them to day. The meeting not so full, but as usual, some good, & some very harsh talk by Dr. B. In the evening to a full house, he gave a relation of his own experience as a drunkard from the beginning to the end in Delirium Tremens accompanied by earnest exhortations & advise to the young of both sexes. He delineated the horrors of delirium tremens to the point of four men to hold on, (as some have seen it, but never personally knew it) very correctly, and then carried it forward, as the imagination of the subject, would have it, to the coffin & the grave, with all the ceremonies of the funeral & of the condition of the some in the world beyond. Many young men & young women present to hear & see, and some gave herd, & some did not. May they all remember for their own, and the World's good.
Tuesday P.M. Feb. 26th A fair number in the prayer & conference meeting. Considerable discussion as to keeping the ten commandments. Some stumbled by understanding the speaker to

mean literally & practically, when he qualified that it was by faith in Christ & his help. Just at close A.Z.M. for the first time during this service of Dr. **Bacon**'s meetings spoke a few words relative to the subject that had been discussed & his vote when the test was called being because of the qualification. Clk in forepart of evening service, which seemed more dry & repetitious.
Wed. A.M. 27th Feb. Eld **Wms** & G.W. **Cranston** in my office.
Wed Feb 27th Clk in latter part of prayer meeting. Much as usual. Tennesseans came in with their Manager & sung 4 or 5 pieces. One of them on invitation spoke well as a Christian and gave some of the best of lessons as to the culture of children – the **Willies** &c & after, the Manager spoke very well. Prayer meeting 7 to 8 in evening & then adjourned to Union Hall.
28th Thursday P.M. not in. Evening meeting about as usual, hardly so full – did not stay – said to be very well – Preparatory lecture at Presb. Ch. Friday P.M. (So I was told, but after, was informed that it was one of Dr. **Bacon's** as usual.)
Friday evening Mch 1. A full house & the Dr. held a handbill in regard to "shoddy religion" & "Sham revival" to which he often alluded, repeating the words "shoddy" & "sham" with strong emphasis and denouncing the idea of universal salvation. Mr. **Benton** called for a contribution to aid the Wo's. Chr. Tem. Union in defraying the expense of Dr. **Bacon**, who said he was going to Wolcott Wayne Co. Mch 2nd & would return here next Wednesday his wife & Mr. **Joslin** to remain here.
Saturday P.M. Mch 2nd Prayer meeting in Presb. Lecture room conducted by the three Pastors. In even.
Sunday evening the first Union Meeting in Methodist Ch. Mr. **Benton** preached & then in Lecture room where he presided at prayer & conference & So Meetings continued day after day, the Pastors alternating. Mch 7th P.M. dismissed the division of meetings in Meth. Ch.
Thurs. Mch 7th Dr. **Bacon** back here 6th – on 7th eve held his first meeting in Union Hall while Rev. **Merchant** preached in the Meth Ch. &c.
Friday Mch 8. Clk heard L. **Williams** Jr. Pastor in Meth. Ch. text Isa. 3:3 "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." to a moderate sized congregation, while Dr. **Bacon** spoke in Union Hall again to a tolerable full house as was said. No further appointments at Meth. Ch. until Sunday.

Sunday evening Mch 10, **1878**, a Union meeting was held in the Bap. Ch. and Rev. **Merchant** preached from Jer. 36: & I think 22, 23rd, an eloquent discourse to a full congregation on the truth of the Bible, as against the arguments of Scientists or Modern "Jehoikims" who would destroy it. No further Union meetings were announced.
Monday P.M. & eve 11 Mch. Dr. **Bacon** held Meetings in Un'n Hall & full attendance. Nearly a riot in evening. Young men **Moffat, Woodward** et al desiring to read a petition. Quitted.
Tuesday ev'g. 12 Mch his audience 500 to 600 as estimated by A.Z.M. and Rev. Mr. **Benton** and a Mr. **Fox** with Dr. B. on stage. Mr. B. offered prayer as A.Z.M. stood at Hall door. Neither Rev. **Merchant** nor **Williams** there. Law suits followed for disturbing a religious meeting withdrawn. Carmic E. **Daily** exam'd for perjury in the affidavit for warrant – on which he was held to bail &c. A lawyer, **Robinson**, from Clyde here and spoke satisfactorily, about Mch 13th to 18th. Dr. **Bacon** & wife left for Canada 18th to return 20th as stated by Mr. **Robinson**, 18th eve to a full Hall. He left 19th, Dr. **Bacon** did not come back 20th but a telegram came that he was sick in Canada. Meetings are still held in the Hall and led by converts a Mr. **Stringham** & a Mr. **Rogers**. Mch 26th Rev. A.L. **Benton** spoke

Wed. P.M. Mch 27. the Dr. **Bacon** came with D.L. **Livery** vis. (?) Bennett Road to L.A. **Barmore**'s then to Mrs. **McNeil**'s & there learned enough of the H.I. Ct. matter & C.L. **Webster** from Thos. **Barber** to fear an arrest, & he suddenly left town.
Friday P.M. Handbills for a meeting in Union Hall to be addressed by Rev. Horace **Eaton** D.D. of Palmyra et al (two others) – are out. At the time no speaker appeared, & L.A. **Barmore** spoke at length in explanation. (Much newspaper discussion these days & much talk also.)
April 4th A. **Colburn** reported to have spoken in P.M. Meeting in Union Hall, manifesting a change of heart. Apl 6th Dr. B. back from Penn Yan & in meetings daily as before P.M. & evening, in Union Hall. Much excitement & trouble & changes by Dr. B. & other Wayne Co. coadjutors all along up to 30th April when Dr. B. opened the Opera House Dkk & closed too then with one lecture to & got no signer. (see page 155.)

Very windy & Rainy
Covenant Meeting March 2nd, **1878**
Present Rev. Lester **Williams** Jr., 18 Brn & 23 Srs. Opened by Singing, Reading, and prayer followed by Remarks of Pastor, Brethren & Sisters. Mr. Erial T. **Willard** spoke in turn and said he formerly was a member of the Bap. Ch. & when he came here he brought a letter, but had neglected to present it being in a back-slidden state, but now he felt differently and hoped to do in the future and follow Christ as he had not in the pat, and desired to present his letter for membership in this Church. And also stated that he had with him a letter for his wife Mrs. Eliza **Willard** which he would also present, though she was not able to attend the meeting today. George W. **Cranston** of Sheridan spoke of his religious feeling and harmony of views with Baptists, but was not yet fully settled as to the duty, in view of his remote residence, and his friends of Meth. Ch. Sheridan. James H. **Bridgeford** and Angelina **Bridgeford** his wife late converts under the harangues of the noted Dr. Oliver D. **Bacon**, related their several religious experience, both first awakened by their little boy, who asked them, "Why poor people couldn't be Christians as well as the rich?" S.S. **Crissey** moved, & it was seconded that they be recd. as candidates for baptism and when baptized to membership with us. Carried. Clerk read the letter from Sherman Bap. Ch. commending Erial T. **Willard** (in letter Rial) Nov 10 **1866** On motion made and seconded, he was duly recd. Clerk then read the letter shewing [sic] that Mrs. Eliza **Willard** had been a regular member of the Sherman Free Will Baptist Church & when it is informed that she has united with some other evangelical chh it would consider her regularly discharged from that church. Dated Sherman Dec. 10, **1877**. Pastor **Williams** related conversations had with Mrs. Eliza **Willard** in which she told him her agreement with the Regular Bap. views &c. And on motion made and seconded that she be received as a member with us, Clk remarked that there seemed no difficulty in the way, except that she was not present personally to speak for herself – that perhaps that was covered if we could receive the statement of Pastor as a substitute, & that he would be satisfied with it. The vote was called and she was duly recd. Sister R. **Morian** then asked for three minutes in which to relate her exercises in regard to baptism, to which she was prompted by remarks of Mr. **Cranston**. Her remarks were pertinent to the subject, & her references to the New Testament. She was followed by Bro. H.W. **Thompson** on same subject, with his experiences, and Baptist faith. A few words by Pastor, who then called upon Bro. **Thompson**, who offered prayer, & the meeting closed with singing the Doxology.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday A.M. at close of service March 3rd **1878** Pastor **Williams** Baptized, in Baptistery, three to wit. Miss Sarah L. **Stevens** and James H. **Bridgeford** & his wife, Mrs. Angelina **Bridgeford**.

Sunday evening Mch 10th, **1878** the closing Union Meeting (Bap. Meth. & Presb'n.) was held in Bap. Ch. and Rev. Mr. **Merchant** preached an excellent discourse from Jer. 36:23 on Modern Jehoiakims or disbelievers in the Bible. Rev. **Williams** & **Benton** both on the platform. A full congregation 500 or 600. Dr. **Bacon** at same time in Union Hall.

See record of Ch & So'y Meeting on the Society Book at date, Mch 12, **1878**. Also Adjourned Meeting Mch 26, **1878**.

Covenant Meeting April 6th, **1878**. Present Rev. L. **Williams** Pastor & 24 Brethren & some 30 Sisters. Usual services Singing reading & prayer. Remarks by pastor, Brethren & Sisters in order In the course, Alexander T. **Morian** and William H. **Martin** spoke briefly of their late conversions. Then brethren of Ch. continued, and Sisters spoke in customary order. Pastor explained, and requested a letter of commendation & dismission for Harry E. **Davis** to the Baptist Ch at Belmont N.Y. On Motion seconded Resolved to grant the request. Clerk read a letter from Stockton Bap. Ch. given to Mrs. Jane **Wilson Everts**. On Motion made and seconded, Resolved that she be received a member with us, on same. Clk read letter from 1st Bap. Ch. in Portland given to Sr. Mary E. **Manson**, on which she was duly received to membership with us. And another given to Sister Lucy F. **Ryckman** from same Ch. on which she was duly received. Clerk also read a letter from Pilgrim Baptist Church Lexington Ky. given to Bro. Horace P. **Perrin**. On Motion made and seconded, Resolved that he be received a member with us on same. Heard further relation by Alex'r. T. **Morian** and on motion made & seconded Resolved that he be received as a candidate for baptism & when baptized to membership in this Church. William H. **Martin** then repeated his previous remarks with additions, and on Motion made and seconded he was also received as a candidate for baptism & membership. Mr. George W. **Cranston** of Sheridan then gave an extended & interesting relation of the work of the Holy Spirit with him all along since the week of prayer last January in the Meth. Church in Sheridan & his exercises in regard to coming to the Baptist Church away from his friends & kindred in the Meth. Church, and that it was on the conviction of duty & right that he did so and asked a place with us. E.M. **Pettit** moved & H.A. **Buck** seconded & Resolved that Geo. W. **Cranston** be recd as a candidate for baptism & then a member with us. Mrs. Mary H. **Cranston** his wife then gave a relation of her religious experience & on Motion of A.Z. **Madison** seconded Resolved that she also be received as a Candidate for baptism and then membership in this Church. Their Mother, Sister Sarah Ann **Haskin**, formerly a member in this Ch. Apl 5, **1856** and after a member of Sheridan Bap. Ch. which is now extinct spoke a few words appropriate, & desired a place with us. On Motion of S.S. **Crissey** seconded, Resolved that on her Christian experience Sister Sarah Ann **Haskin** be received a member with us. A dark Cloud & rain came on and meeting was concisely closed by singing the Doxology L.M.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

1878 April 7th Alexander T. **Morian** & William H. **Martin** were baptized by Rev. L. **Williams** Jr.

1878 April 21 Geo. W. **Cranston** & wife Mrs. Mary H. **Cranston** were baptized by Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. at close of evening service.
A.Z.M. Clk

Covenant Meeting May 4th, **1878**.
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Pastor, 17 Brn & 26 Sisters. Usual services to open. Then remarks by Pastor followed by brethren & Sisters. After this Edward B. **Crocker**, son of Dea. **Crocker**, related his Christian experience & made request for admission to membership, in satisfactory manner & on Motion made & seconded he was duly received a candidate for baptism & when baptized to be a member of this church. Miss Susan **Burrows** also gave a brief relation of her religious exercises which were more fully explained by Pastor and Sister R.E. **Morian** and on Motion of S.S. **Crissey** seconded by F.L. **Lord** Resolved that she also be received a Candidate for baptism & when baptized to membership with us in the Church. Pastor then communicated to the Chh the request of Sister Carrie M. **Flint** for a letter of commendation & dismission (as it was finally fixed after various remarks) she having lately removed to Mexico Oswego Co., N.Y. On Motion of S.S. **Crissey** seconded by F.L. **Lord** Resolved that her request be granted. Pastor then stated that a Baptist Minister Rev. T.F. **Smith** from Rose, Wayne Co. N.Y. had very recently been in Fredonia and here in a public meeting made remarks concerning this Church & its Pastor injurious to character, that he had written to him in relation to it, but to the present, had received no reply from him & he suggested the appointment of Rev. W.H. **Husted**, & Brn S.S. **Crissey** & H.P. **Perrin** a committee to take such action as they may deem wise & best in regard to it. This done appointed. Prayer by Sister R.E. **Morian** and sung Doxology to close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

At close of service Sunday evening May 19th Miss Susan **Burrows** was baptized by Pastor (**Wms**) in presence of a small audience – high south wind prevailing.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting June 1st, **1878**
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. & 10 Brn & 24 Srs Clerk late in, as much to do to receive his daughter Sarah & son Jas. after an absence of two months of Buffalo. Usual services to open the meeting. Brethren then speaking. Sisters followed in remarks. Then closing remarks by Pastor. Clerk presented a letter that Pastor had handed to him, dated Apl 2nd **1878**, and signed by M.A. **Maxwell** Clk 1st Bap. Ch. Ludington, Mich. (Mason Co.) requesting the modest sum of $1.00 to aid in the erection of a Church Edifice worth $1000. They could raise $500 at home & asked 500 Churches to pay one dollar each to make the balance $500, a contribution was made at Clk's request for $2. or double the request of $1.45 over Clk's. Prayer by Dea. W. **Crocker**. Sung Coronation to Close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

I collected enough over the 1.45 to make $2.00 and sent letter & Fredonia Bk Drft on N.Y. to the Clerk of Ch. above named for two dollars. June 5th, **1878**
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Recd. letter of June 10th **1878** from Jno. N. **Foster** Prin. Pub School Ludington & Supt. Bap. S.S. in absence of M.A. **Maxwell** Ch Clk to Chicago acknowledging the $2.00 with thanks and further reference, & that Ch was up & roof on which Clk read in a prayer meeting June 13.
A.Z.M. Clk

Prayer meeting June 27th, **1878** Clk read letter of W.D. **Lord** from Grand Rapids Mich. requesting a letter dismission to Ch. there: On Mo. S.S. **Crissey** seconded, Granted request.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk Letter sent June 28

(From page 148.) Fredonia June 28th, **1878**.
The matters of Dr. O.D. **Bacon** & the excitement, has been, in various ways, kept up to this time and not much prospect of any thing better at present. Geo. B. **Edmunds** after some 7 weeks sickness, died 23rd inst. At a meeting of the adherents of Dr. B. in Temp. Hall on the evening of the 26th June **1878**, it was reported by Mr. **McGowan**(?) & others who made notes at the time that Dr. B. then stated his belief that that young man (**Edmunds**) was in Hell – that he had hissed him here in the world, & that he was now hissing in Hell, &c &c. This excited the populace more & more, & in the P.M. of 27th a printed handbill appeared calling for a meeting of citizens in Academy Hall in the evening. About 9 a throng assembled & elected Hon. O. **Stiles** Chn.
The Chairman after remarks &c appointed a Committee to visit Dr. **Bacon** & <u>warn & advise him to leave town in 30 Minutes</u> – the Committee named by Chairman is Theodore S. **Hubbard** chn of com., Albert **Haywood**, Dr. Wm. L. **Wilbor**, A.M. **Reuther** & Anthony **Laux.** This Com. repaired to the residence of Mrs. **McNeil** & there found Dr. B. & made known to him the requirement of the meeting, and in less than 30 minutes the Dr. left town in a buggy. Stories were afloat 28th inst that he was at Cassadaga endeavoring to get warrants for the leaders in the riot, but failed & went on to Jamestown for that purpose. On the 19th it was stated that he had got 16 warrants – (July 22nd **1880**.) But they were never served, & probably never procured. He sued the Publishers of Dk Union & Advertiser & the Forestville Chautauqua Farmer(?), but after months or near two years the suits were permitted to go down. The organization, "Reform Club" in Temperance Hall has been sustained to the present time, and meetings held there twice daily, generally P.M. & evening with A. Colburn (?).

Sunday June 30th, **1878**. On request of Pastor, the members of Church present remained a moment after service. Pastor requested leave of absence for a vacation, to go East. On Motion of L.B. **Grant**, Resolved that Pastor have leave of absence at his discretion. Notice was given, at the suggestion of Dea. **Buck**, that the Covenant Meeting will be held next Saturday P.M. as usual. Adjourned sine die.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting July 6th, **1878**
Present 5 Brn & 10 Sisters – Pastor absent. Opened by singing by Misses Florette & Mary **Lewis** at request of Clerk who presided. Prayer by Bro. David **Barrell**. Clerk read Mal. 3 & Jno. 13th & offered brief remarks, after which Bro. Geo. W. **Lewis** led in explanation of Scripture read & interesting remarks & was followed by Brn D. **Barrell**, H.A. **Buck** & L.B. **Grant**. Sister **Lathrop** then spoke & the others present except Sister **Kendall**. Sister **Winsor** sen'r. & Sr. **Gates** & others spoke feelingly at this time. Clk then spoke of the place of meeting of the Association in Aug't. or Sept. next. Point Chautauqua or Dunkirk, not decided which. Also as to

dropping some of our absent & delinquent members. Gave notice no service in A.M. tomorrow, on account of the unsettled state of the house after cleaning, & no preacher engaged. Closed by singing Doxology L.M.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

July 28. Rev. Wm. **McMahon** Supt & Financial Ag't. Seamen's Bethel, Erie Pa. presented the cause of the sailor and took collection, in A.M. $9.00 - & same at the Meth. Ch. in evening.
A.Z.M.

Covenant Meeting August 3rd, **1878**
Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. having returned was present & some 8 Brn & 9 Sisters. Opened as usual. Pastor speaking when Clerk entered. G.W. **Lewis** endorsed by Clk spoke of the discouraging appearances & prospects for this Church. Bro. **Crissey** & Pastor & some others talked of the encouraging side. Associational meeting spoke of. Probably to be at Dunkirk & after Meeting Pastor rec'd letter fixing it there. Clerk to have letter & present at next Cov't Meeting & then appoint delegates. Prayer by Bro. G.W. **Lewis** & Doxology to Close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday Aug't 25, **1878** in S. School, Rev. Dr. **Roberts** of Augusta, Georgia, was here and spoke of the Augusta Institute for the education of Col'e. Ministers of which he is at the head. Also more at length in an evening service held talk after 9 o'clock. He is an intelligent & learned man but some broken with age & infirmity.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting Aug't 31, **1878**
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., 12 Brn & 15 Srs. Opened with usual service & then Remarks by Pastor followed by Brn & Sisters. An apparent anxiety for more real heart religion. Pastor spoke at length of one of the ways to begin by a better attendance on the Sunday evening services – told of his mortification when Bro. **Lull** preached, & when Dr. **Roberts** of Georgia spoke. Clerk then read the letter prepared by him for presentation to the Chaut. Association, after several explanatory remarks, and saying that the responsibility was now on the representations of the Church now present, either to adopt or reject it or any part of it. Several, & first, Mrs. **Edmunds** did not want the name of "Dr. O.D. **Bacon**" mentioned in the letter. Bro. S.S. **Crissey** moved an amendment of the portion referring to & naming him & then Geo. **Lewis** moved the adoption of the letter by the Church as altered & amended which motion being put, was carried. On Motion of S.S. **Crissey**, Resolved that we send $6. for printing Minutes of Asso'n. and that the collection at communion tomorrow be for this purpose & the balance to make it $6.00 be made up from Collection for Ch. expenses. Closed by prayer & singing.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk
Some talk by Brn **Crissey**, **Lewis** & Clk after close, regarding an Amended letter – Clk finally wrote a substitute for the first omitting the name as desired, & some besides, & after Communion Sept. 1st, read the whole letter except statistics (not with him) & the same was adopted on motion by the Ch. A.Z.M. Clk

Sunday Eve'g Sept. 1st **1878** after service, Edwd. B. **Crocker** (see page 153) was baptized by Eld. **Williams**. Hand of fellowship extended to E.B. **Crocker** Oct 6, **1878**.

A.Z.M. Clk

Covenant Meeting Oct. 5th, **1878** (Rainy)
Present only Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., G.W. **Lewis**, O.A. **Buck,** A.Z. **Madison**, Mrs. **Lull**, **Wiggins**, **Kendall**, **Edmunds**, **Lathrop**, Nellie **McClanathan**, Margaret **Morian**, & Ella **Husted** and one other name forgotten.
Opened by reading, singing & prayer. Remarks of Pastor, Brethren & Sisters with more than usual feeling apparent. Three spoke twice. No business done. Closed with prayer by Bro. **Lewis** and then the Doxology.
A.Z. **Madison**

Covenant Meeting Nov'r. 2nd, **1878**
Dark & Gloomy & rain at close
Present Pastor **Williams** and about 10 Brn & 30 Srs.
Exercises as usual. Sr. **Thompson** of Dkk & **McPage** of Nor'l. School present. A general dissatisfaction with self and a desire to be more fully consecrated to the cause of Christ. Closed with prayer by Bro. S.S. **Crissey** and singing the doxology.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Novr. 7, **1878** Clk had recd. from Sr. **Williams** 25¢, Br. **Morian** 10¢ & Bro. H.P. **Perrin** 25¢ towards the request of Roselle Ch Union Cr N.J. & forwarded the one dollar asked for as directed, in letter. After about Nov. 26. Geo. W. **Lewis** pd 25¢. In evening same date a Mo'ly Miss'y Concert D. **Barrell** leading in absence of Pastor to Court. {Dr. O.D. **Bacon**, Perjury} On Mo. Sr. **Davis** seconded Resolved that there be a collection at each concert to add to the G.S. vote to raise $50 last(?) Sab. for an extra Miss'y to Teleogev(?) or Telugu. On Mo. Sr. **Lathrop** seconded, Resolved That Eugene S. **Wright** be a Committee to receive such collections at Mo'ly concerts.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting Nov'r. 30, **1878**, a mild and beautiful day for the season.
Present Rev. L. **Williams**, Pastor, and 18 Brethren & 24 Sisters. Rev. Dr. **Belding** of Troy a Disciple present. Remarks generally interesting. At close Br. S.S. **Crissey** spoke of the desire of Bro. Artemas **Perrin** to become a member of this Church, and some matters at Stockton where he was formerly a member, would require consideration, and that it would be necessary to have a Committee appointed to investigate & report to the Church. Bro. **Buck** moved the appointment of such a Committee and it was carried. The Pastor Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. & Bro. S.S. **Crissey** were nominated, but before action, Br. **Crissey** said he was a good deal mixed up with the matters of Stockton, his former residence, and he wished to be excused from the Committee, & he nominated the Clerk, Bro. **Madison** in his stead, which was accepted, and then Resolved that Rev. L. **Williams** and Bro. A.Z. **Madison** be such Committee. Prof. E.D. **Page** of Nor'l. School being present, handed to Clerk a letter dated Nov. 7, **1878** from the first Bap. Ch. of Groton N.Y. commending him to this Ch. & dismissing him to unite with us, which Clerk read & moved that he be recd a member with us on the letter, seconded & same Carried. Prayer by Bro. G.W. **Lewis**, & closed by singing Coronation: " All hail & c"
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

After Rev. Barnard H. **Damon** had preached each evening for about a week since the Close of the two days meetings, by 6 or 8 Ministers (**Thomas**, **Miller**, **Tenant**, **Parsons**, **Williams**, **Husted**, **Lull**) of this County, On Thursday evening Dec 12th, **1878** a meeting was appointed for 13th at 2 P.M. for prayer conference & confession. It was held – few present, but considerable interest. Moffet, (?) G.W.L. a Disciple Meeting began same time in the Dr. Payne Ch.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Meetings were continued Rev. B.H. **Damon** preaching nearly every evening some three weeks, & he closed & went to Cassadaga.

Covenant M'g Jany 4, **1879** not had.
Saturday Jan'y 4th, **1879** A severe snowstorm blowing & drifting prevailed for days, & was so violent this day that the Covenant Meeting was abandoned & the Church not heated.
Sunday Jan'y 5th **1879**. The Pastor L. **Williams** Jr. & about twenty others got to the Church & held service & also Sab. School – Supt. Sr. **Lathrop** present. A.Z.M. made the 3rd in the Pastor's Class present. The following week of prayer was observed by a few – about 20 to 25. A.Z.M. was driven with work and was in only two evenings of the week. Meetings were continued. by about the same number, varying some about four evenings of the next succeeding week, & appointments for Tues. Next & Thurs evenings of the next week commencing 20th inst.
Jany 19th, **1879** Rev. Bro. **Elgin** was here & preached in behalf of Min'l. Ed. Rochester NY & took up a collection.
A.Z. **Madison**

Covenant Meeting Feb'y 1, **1879**.
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Pastor, 15 Brn & 21 Srs. Clerk detained at office till Brn near through with their remarks. Bro. **Lewis** had spoke in regard to the Disciples & injured some feelings & been answered by Bro. C.H. **Parsons** & others as Clk was informed. Except this, exercises as usual. After Sisters closed their remarks, Pastor spoke of the impropriety of such argument & hoped it would not be repeated. He then spoke of the case of Br. Artemas **Perrin** who desired to be a member with us & of the difficulty regarding him in the Stockton Ch. Of the committee appointed to investigate – the letter written to Stockton inquiring & the terse reply from Bro. Hollis **Thompson** the Clerk there that if the Fredonia Bap. Church should receive Bro. A. **Perrin** as a Member the responsibility would rest with the Fredonia Ch. Clerk then explained so all might understand that no ch. is authorized to receive an excluded member from a sister Church. Bro. S.S. **Crissey** explained as to the facts & the rule of Stockton Ch. if only one member votes against granting a letter to a member, none can be granted, which was the precise case as to Bro. **Perrin**. Pastor gave notice for a meeting of the Exec. Committee next Tuesday evening & will repeat same tomorrow. Closed by prayer by Bro. S.S. **Crissey** & sung Doxology.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting March 1st, **1879**.
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Chairman, Rev. [blank] **Crittenden** of Wisconsin & Elder A.B. **Chamberlain**of Auburn N.Y. Disciple Ch. with G.W.L., 16 Brn & 20 Sisters & Miss **Chittenden** once a member here (Mrs. Myron **Frisbee**). Pastor read Scripture and then offered prayer. Then remarks and was followed by Brn & Srs. At close of these, Pastor stated that there were two items of business which the Clerk would present. Clerk then read a letter from Bro.

F.L. **Lord** for a letter of commendation and dismission to unite with the Bap. Ch. at Grand Rapids Mich. and then stated that there were two views as to granting his request. About a year ago in the excitement then, he had said, "he was ashamed of his own Ch. & its Pastor, and that 90 percent of its members were hypocrites, in public speeches there & in surrounding towns. Some thought best to give him a letter & not discourage him & other members thought he should not have a letter till he apologized to Ch. After some discussion, Bro. S.S. **Crissey** moved to grant his request & a sister 2nd. Mrs. **Morian** suggested a letter to him in Christian faithfulness, that he might retract &c. Pastor called on Clk for a form. Clerk read it. Sister J.P. **Clark** & others objected to it. Resolved to appoint a Committee to write to him, and as such Comm'e Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. & Geo. W. **Lewis** were appointed such Com'ee. This matter disposed of for the present. Clerk then announced the Report of the Executive Committee in regard to the request of Brother Artemas **Perrin** an excluded member from the Stockton Baptist Church, a sister Church with the Fredonia Baptist Church, in the Chautauqua Baptist Association. Clerk verbally announced the Report to the Chh. by Executive Committee, to wit: "Resolved that the Ex. Com. after having heard the case, recommend to the Fredonia Bap. Ch. to receive Bro. Artemas **Perrin** to membership." Clerk also stated that this resolution was passed unanimously by Ex. Com. except himself – that he did not vote at the time, but had made request to be heard by the Church before any action should be had on it by the Church. He then read in the Constitution of the Chautauqua Baptist Association Articles 7 & 8 it was in **1856**, when a similar case came up, by the Sheridan Bap. Church's having received to membership, Stephen **May**, then an excluded member from this Church – He also read the 5th article of the same Constitution, as altered & abridged, in **1863**, and argued that all the force of the former Constitution, was still retained in the latter, by the one word, "disorderly" in said fifth section. He disclaimed all personality of feeling in regard to Bro. **Perrin**, admitted that Stockton Ch. may have been in error, & probably was, in its act of exclusion of Bro. **Perrin**, but yet, it is an Independent Bap. Church, & that the Fredonia Bap. has no right of jurisdiction over it. That the Bap. Ch. is at the top. We have no Presbyterians, Synods or General Assemblies like Presbyterians, to appeal to, nor Bishops like the Methodists, to whom to appeal. He did not speak of the probability that Stockton Ch. would prefer a complaint against the Fredonia Ch, but of the bare possibility of such a thing, & of the right of the case. Clerk also explained the real case of the difficulty between Bro. **Perrin** & a Br. **Parkhurst** of Stockton – the nonpayment of $15. as directed by the Ch there. He also read the letter of the Ch. Clk. Bro Hollis **Thompson** in regard to this matter to our Pastor. Also the letter of justification for receiving Stephen **May** into the Sheridan B. Ch. written by the Clerk of that Ch. to show the arguments for the act then, which would be the same now, if we should be called to account by the Stockton Ch. for having received a member excluded by them. The hour getting late, and several Brn & Sisters having left the meeting, Clerk forbore to read many other documents bearing on the subject, & to offer further remarks. Pastor called upon Bro. S.S. **Crissey** who was familiar with Stockton & with this case, who related what he knew of it. Others were invited by Chn. to speak if they desired to do so. The number now present had become reduced to little more than a dozen. Bro. S.S. **Crissey** moved that Bro. Artemas **Perrin** be received as a member of this Church and Sister R. **Morian** seconded same, and it was carried, only two voting in the negative, as announced by Chairman. On request of Pastor, Bro. S.S. **Crissey** offered prayer to Close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Saturday March 8th, **1879**.

This record made as it embraces things that pertain to the stability, peace and welfare of this Fredonia Baptist Church. During the week closing with this day the meetings of Disciples in the church owned by George W. **Lewis**, were continued by Elder A.B. **Chamberlain** of Auburn N.Y. and said G.W. **Lewis** had been importunate in his requests for the use of our Church & Baptistery for Elder **Chamberlain** to hold a service Sunday evening Mch 9th & to baptize four or five candidates. Under the influence of his representations that the preceding trustee seen by G.W. **Lewis** was not only willing but anxious that the House & Baptistery should be so had & used, some four of the trustees had been led to partially consent to it, at same time referring it to the Pastor of the Church. Bro. **Williams**, the Pastor not liking to take the responsibility of a decision of the question called a meeting of Members of Church, Trustees, & Ministers residing here, and at 2 P.M. such meeting occurred in Church parlor, at which the following persons were present Viz: Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., Chn., Rev. W.H. **Husted**, L.B. **Grant**, H.A. **Buck**, S.S. **Crissey** Trustee, Geo. N. **Frazine** Trustee, A.Z. **Madison**, Mrs. Julia Ann F. **Grant**, Mrs. L.G. **Lathrop**, Mrs. S. **Shepard**, Mrs. H.N. **Lull**, Rev. **Lull**, D.L. **Shepard** Trustee, H.P. **Perrin** Trustee, Mrs. Lydia **Martin**, Mrs. Sara J. **Skinner**, (16) about in the order of arrival. Chairman called to order, & offered Prayer. He then introduced the subject above named, & stated the remarks of Bro. G.W. **Lewis** at the last Thursday even'g meeting & his own response to him. Also that four came forward for baptism by Elder C. in the meeting the previous evening, & that notice was given that the ordinance of baptism would take place in the Baptist Chh on the next Sunday evening. He also named the Candidates. The Trustees present then stated their several conversations with G.W. **Lewis** on his request. First S.S. **Crissey**, then Geo. N. **Frazine**, D.L. **Shepard**, and H.P. **Perrin**. Then A.Z. **Madison** stated the application of G.W.L. to him in street last Monday & his knowledge of the case. Rev. W.H. **Husted** his. Rev. **Lull** on request, spoke no principle violated by permitting, & favored that way. D.L. **Shepard**, S.S. **Crissey**, A.Z.M. & Chn. Spoke 2nd or 3rd time. Mrs. **Lathrop**, Mrs. **Grant**, Mrs. **Skinner** also spoke for & against. A.Z.M. suggested that no vote or Resolution be passed by this meeting, but if on the whole, we thought best under the circumstances, to comply with the request, let it be by tacit consent. After some other remarks L.B. **Grant** suggested the same idea & on an explanation that Clk had spoken to same. Chairman closed the meeting with benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Sunday March 9, **1879** A.M.
Rev. [blank] **Crittenden** preached from John 10: 27, 28. a sound gospel discourse.
In evening a Congregation of 300 to 1,000 met in Bap Ch. Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. reading hymn & offering first prayer. Elder A.B. **Chamberlain** then conducting the service, explaining the ordinance of baptism & at close, baptizing into the name of the Father, the Son & the Holy Spirit, (but not yet in connection with any Church) The following in order Mrs. Alpha **Parsons**(?), Mrs. **Chandler**, her daughter, Mr. **Porter** & Mr. D.N. **Thayer**.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

At prayer meeting Thursday evening March 13, **1879**, Clerk of Ch. read a letter of request from Bro. J.M. **DeWitt** for a letter of commendation and dismission with liberty to unite with the first Baptist Church in Elmira N.Y. After clerk left the meeting, On motion made and seconded, Church Resolved to grant the request of Bro. **DeWitt**, and as he had referred to the Rev. Mr. Henry the Pastor of Bap Ch. Elmira, Clerk mailed the letter to him Mch 15, **1879**. (Reported by Elder **Williams** Jr.)

A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

A Church Meeting called by the Executive Comm'ee and announced by Bro. W.H. **Husted**, the Preacher (on account of Pastor's illness, Sunday 23rd inst.) was held in the Lecture room Tuesday P.M. at 2 O'clock, March 25th, **1879**.
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Chn., A.Z. **Madison** Clerk, S.S. **Crissey**, H.A. **Buck**, D. **Barrell**, E.M. **Pettit**, H.W. **Thompson**, D.L. **Shepard**, Rev. W.H. **Husted**, & L.B. **Grant** (later) of the Ex. Com. George W. **Lewis** present all the time from the opening. Other members of the Church also present. Viz: William **Higgins**, Philander **Barber**, Alex'r. **Morian**, Eugene L. **Wright**, Chatfield H. **Parsons**, Horace P. **Perrin**, Erial T. **Willard**, Edson J. **Wilcox**, Marsena **Munger**, Willard A. **Webster**, Mrs. Rachel E. **Morian**, Elisabeth **Bissell**, L.G. **Lathrop**, Mrs. Frances **Haywood**, Mrs. Sarah J. **Skinner**, Mrs. Harriet N. **Lull**, Mrs. Almira **Webster**, Mrs. S.E. **Winsor**, Mrs. Elisabeth **Haywood**, Mrs. Ann E. **Williams**, Mrs. Anna **Lewis**, Miss Belle **Bond**, Ella M. **Husted**, Miss Mary **Bishop**. and Mrs. H.F. **Holt** of So'y. [some unreadable word at bottom of page.]

Minutes of Ch. M. Mch 25th
To open the Church meeting Sung "Nearer my God to Thee." Chairman read Ephesians 4th and offered prayer. Sung again. Chairman then announced the object of the meeting, and called upon Clerk for the Report of Executive Committee. Clerk then read and stated the meetings had in the Dr. **Payne** Church now owned by Bro. G.W. **Lewis** since Dec. 13th, **187?** by Elder R. **Moffett** of Cleveland Ohio and by Elder A.B. **Chamberlain** of Auburn N.Y. and the last Sunday by Dr. **Belding** of Troy N.Y. all Ministers of the sect known as Disciples – referring to the course of Bro. G.W. **Lewis** briefly and labors with him by the Ex. Com'e. from time to time, and closed with reporting to the Church the Preamble and Resolution adopted by the Executive Committee for that purpose to wit:
"Whereas, our brother George W. **Lewis** holds the views peculiar to the sect called Disciples, [or Campbellites (expunged by vote of Ch.)] and notwithstanding his pledge and covenant made at the time he first became a member of the Regular Baptist Church, and subsequently, he persists strenuously to inculcate those views in the Fredonia Baptist Church and community much to the grief of members of this Church:
And whereas, after repeated entreaty and admonition, he declines to discontinue his efforts to build up the above named denomination in our midst, and avows it to be his desire and determination to turn this Baptist Church into a Church of Disciples [or Campbellites (expunged by vote of Ch.)] for the accomplishment of which, he is willing to spend his time and money in supporting preachers of that sect in this place and claims that a large number of the members of this Church now hold his views:
And whereas, he, being denied the use of our house of worship for his schismatic purposes; has purchased a meeting house in this village, in which, with his preachers he is now seeking to make converts to the Disciple [or Campbellite (expunged by vote of Ch.)] faith:
And whereas, gospel labors with him by the Executive Committee of this Church, and subcommittees of the same, at various times, by night and by day, to induce him to desist from his exertions, to influence members to join with him, and thus divide and distract, have been protracted, faithful and exhaustive, and after all, have proved unavailing:

Therefore, deeply regretting the necessity, Resolved, That this Executive Committee recommended that the Fredonia Baptist Church immediately withdraw the hand of Church fellowship from brother George W. **Lewis**."
On the inquiry by Moderator of the Church, What should be done with the Report of the Executive Committee? Bro. Edson J. **Wilcox** moved, and Bro. Alex'r. **Morian** seconded the motion, That this church receive and adopt the Report of the Executive Committee, Preamble and Resolution.
Chairman then stated that remarks on the motion would be in order, and suggested to Bro. G.W. **Lewis**, that he might speak in regard to the Report, which he did at some considerable length in justification of his acts. Bro. **Lewis** in his remarks said he could not reply to the Report of the Ex. Committee, as no charge was made in it except that he was a Campbellite, which he utterly denied. He was no more a Campbellite than the Baptists were. It was a name of reproach, an opprobrious epithet. There is a marked difference between a Campbellite and a Disciple in their views. He had taught in his Bible Class, Sunday School and Church the same doctrine that he teaches now, for the past thirty five or six years, and it is true, as the Bible says. He rehearsed many passages of Scripture to show that this contest was with Christ, Peter, & other Apostles & Evangelists. He said that he gave no pledge or promise when he united with the Baptist Church that he would not teach the Bible as it is, and as the Disciples understand & teach it.
Sister R.E. **Morian** replied to Bro. **Lewis** with much plainness & distinctness, & referred to some of the teachings of the books that he had furnished her to read, which taught the principles of the Disciples. At this point Bro. **Husted** stepped out, and Bro. **Crissey** explained as to the presentation of the matter to the Ch. by Clk, Bro. **Husted** & himself and that Bro. **Husted** would soon be in & speak. As Bro. **Lewis** had referred to the word read by Clerk in the resolution, "Church fellowship" and found fault with it, The Clerk at this little delay, improved the time to explain and show to members of the church that did not mean Christian fellowship which we might have, and do have with some members of the Methodist, Congregational, Presbyterian, Episcopal or even Catholic Church with none of whom, we have any Church fellowship, That each and every member of the Church could still feel all the Christian fellowship with Bro. **Lewis** that they ever had, if the resolution should pass, but the severing would be from this Baptist Church, an organization upon the Earth. The object, to place Bro. **Lewis** as near as possible, just where he was, before he became a member of the Baptist Church thirty five years ago. Bro. **Crissey** read of Church fellowship from a manual of Baptist usage &c. Bro. **Husted** having returned, was called upon and at length spoke of the difficulty and the ineffectual labor, so far, with Bro. **Lewis** & of the preamble and Report of Ex. Com'ee.
Bro. **Lewis** again replied to Bro. **Husted**. Bro. **Crissey** then explained as to Baptist usage, and read extracts from works on the subject, spoke of the faithful labor had with Bro. **Lewis** &c.
Bro. D. **Barrell** spoke of matters in the past – Bro. **Lewis**'s first uniting with the Ch. in Academy – of his wife's baptism in Creek by his house with his adopted daughter (Mrs. **Clark**) at same time – of the **Lewis's** subsequent distributions of books and picture of Alex'r **Campbell** amongst the Members of the Church at low rate – Of the scene in the vestibule of Ch. when Pastor **Williams**, in a talk with Bro. **Lewis**, as to opening the Chh. for Disciple Ministers, on his request, quoted a passage of scripture & was replied to by Bro. **Lewis**, that it was not in the bible, and Pastor went & got a bible and showed it to him verbatim, as he had repeated it, and how the interview closed. More about his requests for the Church for Disciple Ministers to preach in. Of the acceptance of our Covenant & Articles of faith as they now are, on their adoption when the two bodies came together in **1848** from the old frame ch. on this ground, and

the Academy. That he approved the Covenant fully & heartily, and the Articles of faith with one or two unimportant exceptions and to the inquiry by Dea. Joel R. **Parker** at that time – he replied that he would conform to all while a member of the Baptist Ch. Also that there were some still living who heard his first pledge in the Academy to similar effect.
Bro. E.M. **Pettit** spoke & desired that the request of Bro. **Lewis** for the word Campbellite wherever it occurred in the Report of the Ex. Com. to be expunged, should be granted. He thought nothing should have been said on the subject but let him have his meeting with the Disciple Ministers in his Dr. **Payne** Church, and in three weeks it would all have been over. He spoke something of his own & Bro. **Barrell**'s resignation as Deacons – of his opinion formed when young as to the Baptist usage of excluding members when no crime, no immorality was charged against them. He preferred a letter of dismission, and he moved that a letter of dismission be granted to Bro. **Lewis**. Br. **Pettit** talked further of the fundamental error for an unregenerate one who asked baptism to be baptized. Bro. **Crissey** moved to expunge the word Campbellite from Report of Ex. Comm'ee.
Bro. **Lewis** thanked Bro. **Pettit** for the justice he had extended in the matter of a letter of dismission & hoped it might prevail &c. He then spoke of Bro. **Barrell** tenderly, and admitted the talk of the Articles & Cov. as he was reminded of it. Here Sister **Morian** had some further debate with Bro. **Lewis**. Deeming the debate sufficiently protracted and being anxious to leave, or being called out, Bro. H.P. **Perrin** moved the previous question, and Bro. A. **Morian** seconded it. That is, to adopt the Report of the Ex. Com'ee. The matter of Bro. **Pettit**'s motion to amend the Report by granting a letter instead of exclusion, was spoke of. Chairman explained his understanding of parliamentary usage, on moving the previous question – that on such Motion, the Report must go unaltered, as it was, or is.
Bro. **Pettit** here moved to strike out the word Campbellites and Bro. S.S. **Crissey** seconded it and it was carried without dissent, after Bro. **Husted** had spoken explanatory of the use of the word in this connection, and Clerk had also spoken of it, & told the story of Charles **Carleton**, who Bro. **Lewis** sent years ago direct to Alex. **Campbell** at Bethany Va. to be educated & made a Disciple Minster of him. Bro. **Pettit** moved and Bro. **Thompson** seconded to amend the Report, by striking out the Resolution, & instead, grant to Bro. **Lewis** a letter of dismission. Bro. **Husted** submitted a short form of letter, Clerk inquired what? The Preamble & letter of dismission or nothing but letter? Brn. **Grant** & **Barrell** also inquired what sort of letter? Bro. **Pettit**'s motion for letter voted upon & declared lost. A vote was then taken on the Motion to Adopt the Preamble & Resolution, as now, and the same was carried by some 15, or 16, to 5. Some further remarks on the inquiry by Bro. **Lewis**, if this vote cut him off from attendance or meetings here? Answered no to the first, and yes to the last, especially by Sister **Morian**, Eld. **Husted** & others. On Motion seconded, Resolved to adjourn.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting April 5th, **1879**
Present Pastor **Williams**, 9 Brn & 17 Sisters, Meeting opened by singing, reading, singing and remarks by Pastor & then Brn & Srs. After Pastor a second time on a better attendance at all meetings of Ch he referred to the request of F.L. **Lord** at last Cov't. Meeting, and read a copy of the letter written to him by Comm'ee and said no reply yet recd. After suggestion by Clk of the possibility that it had miscarried & was not recd, On Motion Clk seconded by Bro. **Buck**, Resolved to add Bro. S.S. **Crissey** to the Committee with Pastor, (Bro. **Lewis** being out.) On Mo. Clk 2nd by **Buck** resolved that Comm'ee write again to Bro. F.L. **Lord**. On Motion of S.S.

Crissey 2nd by Clk Resolved that Com'ee. write also to the Pastor Dr. **Graves** or Chh. Clerk at Grand Rapids Mich. of the matter of Bro. F.L. **Lord**. On Mo. Clk seconded, Resolved that the same Musical Committee of last year Viz: D.L. **Shepard**, S.S. **Crissey**, Mrs. S.J. **Skinner**, & Mrs. A.E. **Williams**, be reappointed for the current year. On Mo. S.S. **Crissey** 2nd H.A. **Buck**, Resolved that Chh approve Comm'ees engagement of J.S. **Lathrop** Chorister on same terms as last year. On Mo. Clk 2nd by S.S. **Crissey**, Resolved to sanction the engagement of C.S. **Lewis** as Organist same ($50) Prayer by Bro. S.S. **Crissey**.
Sung Doxology to Close
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting May 3rd, **1879**.
Present Pastor L. **Williams** Jr. Present 7 Brn & 23 Sisters. Usual opening services. When clerk came in Br. D. **Barrell** was speaking. At close of remarks by Brn & Srs, Pastor offered a few words as to condition of Ch. and then said that there were two who desired baptism & membership in Chh. Viz: Jessie **Taylor** and Esther L. **Wilcox** – the first present, the other not here though had expected her to be present. He then stated that Jessie had spoken a few words in her turn – that he had known of her religious feelings & that she thought she had found the Saviour some six years ago and that her mother could speak of her though she might not be able to say much herself. Mrs. **Taylor** spoke of Jessie & her confidence of a change &c.
Clerk desired that candidates if possible, say a few words, at least, themselves, personally. Bro. **Crissey** wished her to repeat the remarks that she had made when speaking in turn. (not done) Sister **Lull** cited her own case, when young, & she could not remember any thing she did say &c. Mrs. **Edmunds** made similar remarks of herself when 14 years old – diffident and embarrassed & could not remember what she said, & she moved that Jessie be received a candidate for membership in Ch. after being baptized. A Sister seconded the motion, and on the motion, the vote was unanimous in favor of her reception.
Clerk spoke of the move of Bro. **Buck** at last Cov't Meeting in regard to Martin **Bissikummer** but did not mention the name, and he stated his profanity in Livery office since Cov't Meeting in Apl. On Mo. Br. **Crissey** Resolved that Brn H.P. **Perrin** & Frank **Bartlett** be a Com. to endeavor to win him back to religious life. Sung Doxology to close.
A.Z.M. Clk

At Prayer Meeting Thurs. evening May 8/79 at close Miss Esther L. called Ella **Wilcox** daughter of Edson J. **Wilcox** gave a brief relation of her Christian experience. On Motion of S.S. **Crissey** seconded by A.Z. **Madison** Resolved unanimously that she be recd. a candidate for baptism & when baptized that she be received to membership in Church.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Sabbath evening May 8th, **1879**. Misses Esther L. **Wilcox** & Jessie **Taylor** were both, in turn, baptized by Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. in presence of a pretty full congregation after the reading of the case of Philip & the Eunuch & other appropriate religious services.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Thursday evening Prayer Meeting in Lecture Room of Ch. May 22nd **1879**. At close of services, Bro. D. **Barrell** informed those present that he had been thinking of going to Saratoga next wk to attend the Anniversaries of our Societies & though uncertain still about his going, he had

thought, if he should go it might be well to be appointed a delegate to represent this Ch. notwithstanding he is a Life Member of the Societies. Clk spoke on the subject & of possibility of going too & moved that Br. D. **Barrell** be a delegate as above. Mo. seconded & carried unanimously. Clerk then read a letter from Rev. Geo. J. **Squier** Pastor of M.E. Ch. Silver Creek to Pastor **Williams** written at request of Henry **Doarr** a member of this Ch. asking for a Church letter for himself & wife, Catharine **Doarr** that they might unite with the Meth. Church while they remain there. Some inquiries and remarks were made and on Motion of Bro. S.S. **Crissey** seconded by Bro. E.S. **Wright**, Resolved that we grant Bro. Henry **Doarr** and wife a letter of dismission and recommendation to unite with any Baptist Church of the same faith and order with us. Closed with singing.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting May 31st, **1879**, as for June.
Present L. **Williams** Jr. Pastor, & Rev. W.H. **Husted**, Brn S.S. **Crissey**, Forrest W. **Crissey**, H.A. **Buck**, Erial T. **Willard**, A.Z. **Madison**, F.B. **Palmer**, Washington **Crocker**, Isaac H. **Damon**, Sisters **Gates**, **Taylor**, E.W. **Lewis**, **Lull**, **Green**, **Bissell**, Fr. **Haywood**, E.M. **Wiggin**, **Skinner**, **Bishop**, Anna **Lewis**, L.M. **Edmunds**, **Lathrop** & Col'd. Leonora **Davis**. 14
Usual service of singing, reading scripture & prayer to open, then remarks by Pastor Brn & Sisters, after which Clerk requested a letter of dismission & commendation for Sister Helen **Morton** now of Warren Pa. and moved that it be granted. Seconded by S.S. **Crissey** & same granted. Clerk made similar request for a letter for Sister Louise **Chapin** now of Lockport N.Y. and moved it be granted. S.S. **Crissey** seconded & same granted. Bro. E.T. **Willard** requested similar letter for his daughter Mrs. Viola M. **Griblin** now of Metamora Ill. & on Motion made & seconded, same was granted. Pastor then spoke of Miss Leonora **Davis**, now a resident of Fredonia, formerly resided at Shumla. He stated her recent conversion and desire to be baptized & to become a member of the Church. She then related her Christian experience & answered questions somewhat diffidently, and brokenly, but satisfactorily. On Motion of S.S. **Crissey**, seconded, Resolved that Leonora **Davis** be received as a candidate for baptism & when baptized to membership in the Church. Pastor then spoke of the case of Franklin L. **Lord**'s request for a letter to unite with Bap. Church at Grand Rapids Mich. and as he was about to read a copy of letter written by Comm'ee Clerk said there might be some present who had not heard his letter of request & suggested to begin with that. Clk then stated the case & read the letter requesting a Church letter of dismission &c. Pastor then stated & read the proceedings of the Committee & no reply but a letter to Clk instead. Clk read letter which he had recd. Pastor then explained further & of the Comm'ee 2nd letter and copy of the first, & of writing to Dr. **Graves** & his letter to Com. and of Frank's letter to Comm'ee which he also read and some thought it modified partially, the one written before, to Clk. Some discussion followed. Miss Mary **Bishop** moved that a letter, such as we usually give, be granted to him. Bro. I.H. **Damon** seconded, & Bro. **Husted** sustained the motion. Further discussion ensued. (and while this was in progress, a Mr. **Halstead** called for Clk to go to his office & he left.) Afterwards reported to Clk by Brn. W. **Crocker**, H.A. **Buck**, S.S. **Crissey** & Pastor, that on the question the vote was 4 to give full commendation, and 12 to give a modified letter. On Mo. S.S. **Crissey** seconded, Resolved that Clerk prepare a modified letter & present at prayer meeting Thursday evening June 5th for action then. Adjourned.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Bro. W. **Crocker** left request with Clk for a letter for himself & wife to unite with the Bap. Ch. at Brocton where they now reside – also for a letter for their son Edward B. **Crocker** who was baptized Sept 1, **1878**. Clk presented the above requests at the Communion service June 1st, **1879**, & moved they be granted and was seconded & granted by Ch. accordingly.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Mo'ly Missionary Concert prayer & Conference in parlor June 5th, **1879**.
Present Pastor **Williams**, S.S. **Crissey**, I.H. **Damon**, Eugene S. **Wright**, A.Z. **Madison**, Rev. W.H. **Husted,** Jas. H. **Bridgeford**, W. **Higgins** & Sisters **Husted, Lull, Edmunds, Lathrop, Porter**, C. **Parker, Kendall, Bissell, Bishop, Wiggin**, F. **Haywood**. and in all some 22. After the services in the Miss'y Concert Bro. **Williams** spoke of the business of a modified letter for F.L. **Lord** that Clerk would present for the action of the Ch. now. Clk after some general remarks On Missions part unpaid now, held by him & his desire to have it paid so that he could remit to the Treas'r, he read the letter prepared, which stated the facts as they occurred in Spring of **1878**, and certified to his good & regular standing up to about 1st. April of that year & commended him to the Ch. at Grand Rapids. The letter was excepted to by several brn. & sisters present, in remarks, but on motion of S.S. **Crissey**, seconded, to adopt it, and after various expressions of views, Clerk, just as the question was about to be put, explained his view of Frank's letter to the committee as more in justification than modification of his previous letter to Clerk, and then offered and moved as an amendment to the motion of Brn. S.S. **Crissey** to adopt the letter presented and read, "That a letter be granted to Bro. F.L. **Lord** as in good and regular standing up to about the first of April **1878**, and that Clk send such letter, and also Bro. F.L. **Lord**'s two letters, (to Clk & to Pastor, as Com'ee) to Rev. Saml. **Graves** D.D. the Pastor of the Baptist Church at Grand Rapids Mich"
This Motion was seconded by Sister L.M. **Edmunds** and put, and Pastor announced the result of the vote to be a three to one in favor. He then dismissed, with the benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

On the 9th June **1879**, Clerk mailed a letter for bro. F.L. **Lord** agreeably with the foregoing amended Resolution, in the following words:
"The Fredonia Baptist Church, To the Baptist Church at Grand Rapids, Mich.
Dear Brethren,
This certifies that brother Franklin L. **Lord** was baptized into the fellowship of the Fredonia Baptist Church by Rev. Howard M. **Jones** April 4, **1869**. Since then he has been a consistent, active and valued member up to about April 1st, **1878**.
On his request he is now by vote of the Church, dismissed from membership with us and hopefully commended to the watch care and fellowship of the Baptist Church at Grand Rapids. When we shall be duly notified that he has been received as a member of that Church, his membership with us will cease. By a standing Resolution, letters of dismission are valid for one year only from their respective dates. Done by order and in behalf of the Chh. Fredonia N.Y. June 5th, **1879**
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk"
Explanation written on 3rd Page of Sheet of Notepaper. "In assigning a reason why the foregoing letter does not embrace the time between April 1st, **1878** and August 1, **1878**, when he left Fredonia for Grand Rapids, the two inclosed letters written by him to the Clerk and to the Pastor,

as Chairman of a Committee of the Church, and the acquaintance which you have formed with him during his ten months residence amongst you, are deemed a sufficient explanation."
Clerk also inclosed with the letters above described his own private letter to Dr. **Graves** with a copy of Bro. **Lord**'s first letter of request to Clk for a Church letter of dismission & commendation of date Feb. 12th, **1879**, & his form for reply of Mch 1, **1879** that was rejected in the Cov't. Meeting by this Ch. & some further explanations, touching the case.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Thursday evening prayer meeting, June 19th, **1879**, at Close, Pastor spoke of a letter in the hands of the Clerk which would now be read. Clerk then remarked, though it was a letter asking admission into the Church, it was not an ordinary letter of that kind. He then read it & sat down. Pastor inquired what would the Church do with the case? & stated that he thought it very full & satisfactory. No one immediately replied, and Clerk again arose and stated that he could see but one way to treat the case. It might be desirable that the writer, Kittie M. **Morian**, be with us and speak to us, but she had written her confession and resolution & desire, and it was for us to forgive, if need be, to "seventy times seven": and he moved & a Sister seconded and Church present unanimously Resolved that on her letter, Kittie M. **Morian** be restored to membership in the Church.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

June 22nd, **1879** at the Close of forenoon service the candidate for baptism & membership named on page 179. Leonora **Davis** was baptized by Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. with all appropriate services, just before the Sunday School exercises. Rainy & few present.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Monday June 23rd/79 Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. left for Mass. & a vacation & without any formal action of the Ch. previously arranging with Rev. W.H. **Husted** to preach for him 29th inst. and then leaving for the Ch. to procure its own Supply subsequently.

Sabbath June 29th. Rev. W.H. **Husted** preached A.M. & evening. Col. for N.Y.S. Com'n. $6.58

Thursday July 3rd P.M. Clerk recd mail from Rev. S. **Graves** in a package, all the correspondence transmitted to him in regard to Franklin L. **Lord**, returned and also a letter from himself, shewing [sic] that the Grand Rapids Bap. Ch. declined to act on the matter as presented between the Fredonia Bap. Ch. & Bro. **Lord**. Clk called a meeting of the Ex. Com. Monday evening July 7th, **1879**, 7 Present. Clerk stated the case above & the return of the correspondence &c and after some discussion on motion of S.S. **Crissey** seconded Resolved by Ex. Com. to lay it on the table.

Covenant Meeting July 5th, **1879**.
Present D. **Barrell** Chn. Brn. **Buck**, **Tate**, **Madison**, Edwd. **Edmunds**, **Damon**, Sisters **Gates**, **Bishop**, **Bissell**, (Ely) **Davis**, **Green**, M.S. **Grant**, **Lathrop**, L.M. **Edmunds**, Belle M. **Edmunds**, Mrs. **Husted**, **Kendall**. #Frank D. **Shaver** here from New Orleans.
A.Z. **Madison** being invited to take the lead by Br. **Buck** when 8 only were present, was speaking to express his despondence, as the others came in, & referring to the responsibility of each member. He then went to and asked Br. **Barrell** to take the Chg. which he reluctantly did at

2.50 P.M. Bro. **Barrell** after some remarks offered prayer & again spoke feelingly. Bro. **Buck** then spoke & so in turn each present, except Br. **Damon** (who went out), Sister **Bishop**, & Sister **Manton** who was in the Hall but not in the lecture room. Sister **Lathrop** related the organization of Sunday Schools at Milford, Laona & Shumla – Interesting. Notice of Prof. **Palmer** to preach Sunday A.M. Sang Nearer my God &c. Prayer by Bro. **Tate** to Close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk
#Bro. F. **Shaver** spoke interestingly on the instruction to & urging of young Christians to take up their cross and testify for Christ, when it should be no cross but all joy to speak for Him, & also on other points.

Sunday P.M. July 6th, **1879**
Prof. F.B. **Palmer** preached to a fair number as an audience from Malachi 1:2nd & 3rd ## "yet I loved Jacob, and I hated Esau," ## After discharging his duties as Supt. of the Sunday School, as appointed last month, and giving an explanation of the occurrences or some of them during the 4-16 years intervening before the times of Malachi Nehemia &c to the opening of the New Testament dispensation as in Matthew, he also administered the Communion service appropriately. A.Z.M.

Sabbath July 13th, **1879**.
Rev. G.O. **King** being here on his vacation from Cleveland Ohio, he complied with the request of Bro. **Palmer**, and preached to a fair congregation in A.M. from Rom. 5:1-5 and also in the evening from Prov. 3:33 both excellent, and engaging the strict attention of the audiences.
A.Z.M. saw him and inquired as to his expectations financially for his services, & he replied $10 or $15. A.Z.M. gave him a five dollar bill & would see other Brn. about more which he did, & finally arranged that D.L.S. should send $7.00 more to the address of Rev. G.O. **King** Agawam Mass. on 16th inst. from Ch. funds.
S.S.C. pd on A.Z.M.
(?) .50
D.L.S. .50
L.B.G. .50
D.B. 2.00
A.Z.M. 1.50 = 5.00

Prayer Meeting July 17, **1879**.
Present 8 females Dr. **Johnson** & I.H. **Damon**, when Clk entered, (after being hindered by going to house with Express pkage some 20 or 30 Minutes, and the Dr. **Brown**, Disciple, leading the meeting. His remarks correct and appropriate enough; but the attendance pretty slim & the necessity peculiar under existing circumstances.

Sabbath July 20th, **1879**. Prof. **Palmer** absent attending State Teachers convention, at Penn Yan and Rev. W.H. **Husted** preached in Bap. Ch. to a fair audience from Phil. 4:4. "Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say, Rejoice."

Friday morning July 25th. Clk learned that Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. had returned home.
Sabbath July 27, **1879** Prof. F.B. **Palmer** preached in Presb. Ch. according to appointment last Sunday while he was gone to Penn Yan Teachers Conv'n. Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. & his

congregation present. A.M. Text James 4:3,4th. & Evening text 1. Cor. 1:37, 38th. Audience some 500 in A.M., 200 eve'g. The best yet heard from him by Clk

Covenant Meeting August 2nd, **1879**.
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Chairman, D. **Barrell**, H.A. **Buck**, Wm. **Higgins**, S.S. **Crissey**, A.Z. **Madison** after E. **Davis** & no p(?), Rev. **Lull**, Rev. **Husted**, Prof. **Palmer**. Srs. M.S. **Grant**, M. **Bishop**, Mrs. **Bissell**, Mrs. **Coddington**, **Davis, Kendall**, after Mrs. **Lull**, Mrs. **Shepard**, Mrs. **Walker**, Mrs. **Palmer**, Mrs. **Wiggin**.
Chairman was speaking when Clk entered. At close of his remarks, he called on Brn to speak in turn, which was done by Brn & Sisters. The matter of Association to come before the next Cov't. Meeting was mentioned; On Motion of S.S. **Crissey**, seconded by Rev. W.H. **Husted**, Resolved that the Clerk have the letter to the Association ready to present for the action of the Church at the prayer meeting Thursday evening next before the week of the meeting of the Association at Point Chautauqua and that notice of the reading of the letter at that time be given from the Desk the Sunday previous and also that our delegates to Chaut. Association, be then appointed. Clerk then read a letter which he had just received from Br. C.W. **Dunn**, (entered in list Wm. Chas. **Dunn**) requesting a letter from this Ch. to unite with the Me. E. Ch. at Sheridan. Bro. **Crissey** made a motion & Clk seconded it, but it was afterward withdrawn on Chn's saying he would endeavor to see Bro. **Dunn**. Clerk then read the letter of Henry F. **Lane** Cor. Sec'y N.Y.S. Miss'y Convention, acknowledging the late Collection for that society $16.58 & offered remarks on that & on Am. B. Miss'y Union subscription. Clerk then read three letters soliciting funds, Moriah N.Y. Illion N.Y. & Rainbow CT (?). No further action. Prayer by Bro. S.S. **Crissey** to Close.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk
Aug't 1st Pastor L. **Williams** gave notice Letter to Asson. would be read at prayer m'g 21st inst.

Prayer meeting Aug't. 21st **1879**, at Close Clerk read copy of the letter to the Chautauqua Baptist Association in print Session with the Harmony Bap. Association at Point Chautauqua 26th to 28th inst. On Motion of S.S. **Crissey** seconded Resolved to adopt same as our letter to the Association. On Nominations made and seconded Resolved that Rev. Lester **Williams** Jr., Rev. W.H. **Husted**, Prof. Francis B. **Palmer**, and Brethren A.Z. **Madison**, Willard **Webster** (substituted), Eugene L. **Wright** (not present) and Samuel S. **Crissey**, and Sisters Rachel E. **Morian**, Ann E. **Williams** & Julia P. **Clark** be our delegates to represent this Church in the Chaut. Bap. Association at Point Chautauqua. Sung L.M. Doxology to Close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

All the above delegates except as marked, A.T. **Morian** & E.L. **Wright**, were present in the session & genially enjoyed the same. Willard **Webster** being there was substituted by Clk. The attendance of the Chaut. & Harmony Associations in a place, where there is no Church organization only a large Amphitheater called a Tabernacle, a Grand Hotel & some 40 Cottages & Tents, on very beautiful grounds with a splendid grove & as splendid Lake Chautauqua with numerous Steamers & other watercrafts, numbered nine hundred to twelve hundred or more. The union of the two Associations was discussed embracing as permanent meeting at some place. The question was referred to the several Churches for next 3 mos. A.Z.M.

Covenant Meeting Sept. 6th, **1879**

Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. & 6 Brn & 14 Sisters. D.B., Wm. H., J. **Moir**, A.Z.M., H.A.B. & Wales **Martin** (a former member), Mrs. McCl., Mrs. **Davis**, Mrs. **Higgins**, Mrs. **Gates**, Mrs. **Green**, Mrs. **Kendall**, Mrs. **Palmer**, Miss E. **Husted**, Miss **Davis** & four others not recognized (young ladies). Meeting opened before arrival of Clk. Remarks of Brn & Sisters. Spoke of Comm'ee to report not pres't. No business done. Remarks & then prayer by Pastor to close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sept 2nd Pastor exchanged with Rev. C.H. **Parsons** of Dunkirk.
Covenant Meeting Oct. 4, **1879**. Present Pastor Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., 9 Brn & 16 Srs. of whom 3 Brn & 4 Srs were in at the opening of the meeting, with the customary service of reading Jno. 4th Singing & prayer. Remarks by Brn & Sisters promiscuously and with interest by several of each. After these remarks, Pastor called up the matter of a vote by the Church on the question which had at least twice been announced publicly, on the Card to Clerk from Rev. C.B. **Parsons** of Dkk Chn of Com. to wit:
"Are you in favor of forming an organization with Harmony Association in a body to be known as the Chautauqua Baptist Association?" After an explanation that the submission of the question to the Churches was for 3 Mos. from Aug't 28th On Motion of S.S. **Crissey** seconded & amended by E.M. **Pettit**, Resolved that a vote on the subject be taken at our next Covenant Meeting Nov. 1st. and that due public notice of same be given from the Desk.
Pastor spoke of the case of scandal in connection with the name of Mrs. Rachel **Karl** & that some action should be had. On motion of Mrs. **Edmunds** seconded, Resolved that sisters A.E. **Williams**, M. **Husted** and S.E. **Shepard**, be com. to visit Mrs. **Karl** & report result to the Church. Mrs. **Edmunds** spoke of the matter of Wine for Communion for some time past made at Bro. **Buck**'s. That he was so busy & also so poorly in health that it could not be made by them this year. Mrs. **Noble** present stated same. After some remarks, & motion by Clerk (subsequently withdrawn,) on motion made & seconded Resolved that Sisters **Edmunds, Shepard** & **Lathrop** be a Comm'e. to see to the Wine Matter. Pastor, with proper explanatory remarks, requested a letter of commendation and dismission for Sister Kittie M. **Goodwin** to the Bap. Ch. at Burlington Kansas, On motion made & seconded, the same was granted. Bro. E.M. **Pettit** just then remembered that some time since Sister Rebecca **Wheeler** of Versailles Thomas Asylum had asked him to request a letter for her to the Bap. Ch. at Hornellsville N.Y. On motion made & seconded, this request was also granted. Closing prayer by Br. S.S. **Crissey** and benediction by Pastor.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sab. Oct 5/79 Pastor spoke of the Examr & Chr. referring to Clk who would procure copies for 30¢ ea to Jany 1st/80. Pastor went to attend funeral of Miss **White** & Rev. A. **Lull** served at Com'n. when Clk explained for the fourth step & had 4 requests and asked more.
A.Z.M.

Oct 12th Pastor exchanged with Rev. J. **Child** of Frewsburg, who engaged attention of the congregation by his peculiar style of thought, expression, and action. He had charge of the Bible Class & was interesting & instructive.

Oct 26th. Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Pastor, preached from Mat. 18:7 as to offences in the world &c but "Wo to that man by whom the offence cometh." After having read the last hymn and before

the closing singing, he remarked that he had a Communication to make first, and then referred to his coming here near seven years ago, & commencing as Pastor of this Church March 1st, **1873** at request of Ch. to the onerous & difficult labors that he had had to perform in all honesty & the comparatively small results &c and closed with his resignation of the Charge that had been committed to him, the same to take effect at close of the calendar year. Decr 31st, **1879**. This determination, as announced, doubtless came unlooked for to most, if not all, who were present in the comparatively small congregation. There was no response at the time. The Choir sung, & the benediction was pronounced.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting Nov'r 1, **1879**.
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Pastor, Rev. Abner **Lull**, 9 Brn & 21 Srs. Opened by reading scripture, singing & prayer by Pastor, followed by his remarks & those of Brn & Sisters, promiscuously. No report from Com. M. **Bissikummer**. None from Com. Mrs. R. **Karl**. Com. on Wine reported 4 Galls made. The question of the Harmony and Chautauqua Bap. Associations uniting in one to be called the Chautauqua Baptist Association was called up, explained and discussed by several, to wit Pastor, Clerk, S.S. **Crissey**, W. **Webster**, Sister **Kendall** & perhaps others. The question was called by Pastor, and of those present six voted in favor of union and three against it and Chn declared the vote in the affirmative, carried. Closed with doxology.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

In Prayer Meeting Nov'r 13th, **1879** Pastor & some 20 Brn & Sisters present, at Close Clk according to consultation of a few Brn. called up the propriety of holding a Chh. meeting to take action on the resignation tendered by Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. as Pastor, at Close of Sermon Oct. 26th and such other things as relate to the best interests of the Church & all concerned. On motion of S.S. **Crissey**, seconded by Clerk Resolved that a Church meeting be held for purposes above stated Tuesday P.M. at 2 O'clock 18th Nov. inst. Notice of same to be announced from the Desk, Sunday 16 inst.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Church Meeting in Ch. parlor Nov 18, **1879**. pursuant to public notice, to act upon the resignation of pastor as tendered by him at Close of service Sunday Oct 26, **1879**. Present, S.S. **Crissey** Chairman, A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clerk, E.M. **Pettit**, J. **Moir**, Wm. **Higgins**, H.A. **Buck**, T.A. **Osborne**, D.L. **Shepard**, I.H. **Damon**, D.G. **Sweet**, and of So'y P.M. **Manton**.
Mrs. **Lathrop, Kendall, Manton, Frazine, Shepard, Bartlett**, Anna **Lewis**, J.P. **Clark**, **Crissey** and Miss J. **Bond**, J. **Taylor**, E. **Husted**, A. **Powell** (some late) (others later) After rather tedious waiting, At 2.40 P.M. Clerk called to order, and stated the object of the meeting, and that it would be in order to nominate a Chairman. On motion of Br. **Pettit** seconded, Resolved unanimously That S.S. **Crissey** be the Chairman of this meeting.. On invitation of Clerk, he took the Chair, and then called upon Deacon **Buck** to lead in prayer, which he did. Chairman then inquired the pleasure of the meeting, and invited any suggestion on proposition regarding the business before us and referred to Clerk who might have a proposition. Clerk then offered and read a preamble and resolution for the reception and acceptance of the resignation of Brother **Williams**, as follows:

"Whereas Rev. Lester **Williams** Jr. did by letter from Oswego N.Y. dated Feb'y 12/73, accept the Call of the Fredonia Baptist Church to become its Pastor, and did enter upon such service March 1st, **1873**, and has labored since then, in that capacity:
And whereas he did on the 26th of October last, tender to the Church his resignation of said Pastorate and charge, to take effect at the close of the Calendar year **1879**.
Now therefore, We, who are here assembled in Church meeting, held November 18th, **1879**, Do hereby express our sincere regards for our Brother **Williams**, his wife and their children and we tender to him, and to them, our best wishes, sympathies and hopes for their future well being – their prosperity and usefulness in the cause of Christ, while on earth, and their ultimate felicity in the joys of Heaven. Resolved, That, regretting the necessities of a separation between Pastor and people, after an acquaintance of nearly seven years, during which time many ties have been formed with him, and with his family, hard to sever, his said resignation, according to its terms, is hereby duly received and accepted by this Church." Seconded by Br. **Pettit**. After the foregoing was read the Clerk remarked that the meeting had heard the preamble and resolution to accept the resignation, and that remarks on same were now in order. Bro. E.M. **Pettit** arose and spoke feelings of regard to our Pastor & family, he thought best in this, as in all similar cases, when a resignation had been offered by the one who knew best the reasons for it, to accept it. Sister **Kendall** then spoke fully corroborating the remarks of brother **Pettit**. Some came in at this point, and per request, Clerk a second time read preamble and resolution. On Chairman's calling for a vote by raising the hand on the motion, Sister **Frazine** inquired if the vote could not be by ballot? And expressed a desire to have it so. After remarks by several, the Chairman decided to take the vote by ballot, those in favor of accepting the resignation to vote "yes" & those opposed to its acceptance to vote "No." Chairman appointed Brn. D.L. **Shepard** & J. **Moir** Tellers, who distributed ballots, & then received the votes and canvassed them and found that eighteen votes had been cast, of which ten were No, and eight Yes. And so Chairman declared the vote lost. Then came remarks, as to what next? From different persons. A few other members of the Church still came in at so late a time; and for their special benefit and understanding, it was suggested that the preamble & resolution should again be read a third time, and Clerk read it again. After several remarks from different persons, Brn. & Srs. and the Chn. deciding that no one except one who had before voted no could properly make a motion for a second ballot; On the motion of Sister **Shepard**, balloted again, and the result was, on canvassing, 12 to 12 tie. Chn declined to give casting vote, & balloted again & the result was thirteen yes, and ten no and the vote was so declared in the Affirmative, and the resignation of Pastor duly accepted, by the Chairman. Here, Sister **Kendall** inquired if it would be in order to ask Bro. **Williams** to remain his year out, or two months till 1st of March next? And was answered that it would, but she finally left, without making any motion. Chn. inquired for any other business, and delayed for several minutes for such introduction, but no proposition being made from any one on Motion of Br. **Pettit**, Resolved that this meeting be now adjourned.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Close of Rev. L. **Williams** Jr.'s Pastorate with Decr /79.
Covenant Meeting Dec'r 6th, **1879** in Ch. Parlor. Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Pastor, & 2 Brethren 3 Sisters at commencement, 4/6 do after, 8/10 do (Rainy & warm.) Pastor read scripture & offered prayer, then remarks, followed by remarks by Brn & Sisters. When it seemed closed, Pastor spoke of Sister J.P. **Clark**'s daughter, Louise M. **Wilcox**, called Lulu May W. who would speak of her conversion & desire to become a Member of this Church. She said a few words &

then her mother gave further relation. Also E.J. **Wilcox**, S.S. **Crissey** & Pastor. On Motion of S.S. **Crissey** 2nd by E.J. **Wilcox** Resolved that she be received as a candidate for baptism & membership when baptized. Closing prayer by Br. **Crissey**, and sung Doxology L.M.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Sunday Dec'r. 28th, **1879** Rev. Lester **Williams** Jr. preached his final sermon as Pastor of this Chh. agreeably with his resignation of Oct. 26th, **1879**, from Luke 19:10th to a tolerably full congregation. At close offered brief remarks that his was the 3rd longest Pastorate since the Ch. was organized. Only Rev. Joy **Handy**'s & Rev. Elisha **Tucker**'s longer than his (6yrs 10 mos) Mentioned the number recd during the term by baptism, teller & exp'ce. Its record is made &c. He would not say how it is, but placed it as medium in the scale.

Dec. 28th, **1879**.
In the evening in presence of quite a fair congregation, Eld. **Williams** read and commented on appropriate scriptures – Acts 8:26-39, Rom. 6:3 &c. He afterwards baptized Louise M. **Wilcox** – All parts of service were performed first best – never better than any one, in judgment of
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting January 3rd, **1880**.
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Chairman per request of S.S. **Crissey** elected Chn., 9 Brn & 22 Srs. At 2.10 P.M. and before Brn. **Williams** or **Palmer** came in, A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk called to order, and after some remarks on our present condition, without a leader, and his own lack of ambition to be put forward and made prominent as a leader, suggested that the Ch. present elect Bro. S.S. **Crissey** as the leader of this Covenant Meeting. On Motion of Sister **Morian**, seconded by Bro. Jos. C. **Sweet**, voted unanimously that Bro. S.S. **Crissey** be the leader of this Cov't. Meeting. Just as Bro. **Crissey** to the seat as Chairman Brn. **Palmer** & **Williams** came in, on which Bro. **Crissey** requested Bro. **Williams** to assume the Chair in his stead, which he did, very properly, and he asked the Ch. to sing "Nearer My God to thee &c" Chairman then read a portion of Scripture, offered prayer and offered a few remarks and yielded the time to others. Bro. L.B. **Grant** immediately spoke, followed by Brn. J.C. **Sweet**, S.S. **Crissey** & so on through nearly all. Matters of business was then called for, first as to the next week as "the week of prayer." Some remarks by Bro. **Williams**, Clerk & **Crissey** on that subject & a proposed change of time, & on Motion of S.S. **Crissey**, seconded, Resolved to observe the next week as a week of prayer heretofore. The question of supply of the Desk was spoken of, and on motion of Bro. L.B. **Grant** seconded by a sister, Resolved that Brn. S.S. **Crissey**, E.M. **Pettit**, and H.P. **Perrin** be a Committee of Supply of or for the Desk. The subject of Deacons was named, & Sister **Lathrop** inquired who were Deacons now? This was replied to by Clerk and others that Brn. **Barrell**, **Pettit** & **Buck** were the only Deacons now, since Dea. **Crocker** had left. On motion of Sister **Morian** or S.S. **Crissey** seconded by Clk Resolved That the business of Electing Deacons at next Covenant Meeting take precedence of all else.
1st. Clerk then read a Communication from the Bap. Church at Binghamton as he was requested to do by Bro. **Williams**. He then read communications from other Church &c, soliciting aid in lesser degree, as follows:
2nd From **Whitehall**, Mich. of Oct 7, **1879** to save their Ch. from sale on foreclosure of Mortgage, asking a Collection for their aid.

3rd From Waukon, Iowa of Dec 1st, **1879**, asking for one dollar to help them pay a debt of $1245.95 dollars hanging like an incubus over them, and save to them their brick Ch. building valued at $4,000.
4th. From Leland University, New Orleans La. Asking generous Contributions through the Am. Bap. Home Mission Society to help train preachers and teachers for the half million of the colored race of which that is a center, 60,000 being in New Orleans. S.J. **Axtell** Jr. President.
On Motion of Sister **Morian** seconded, Resolved to take up a Collection now, & from it, pay first the "One dollar" to Waukon Iowa & the rest to the Collection for Whitehall Mich. Collection taken by Bro. S.S. **Crissey** in all $3.00 or $1.00 & $2.00 ea.
On Motion of S.S. **Crissey** (I think) seconded Resolved to respond to the request of the Ch. at Binghamton the 18th inst. 2 wks from & then have a Collection. Here on the suggestion of Sister J.P. **Clark**, the Clerk announced the death of Sr. Rebecca **Wheeler** of Olean 22nd stating so far as yet known the circumstances of it [and] her relation to this Ch. at the time, she having received a letter of commendation and dismission to the Ch. at Hornellsville Oct. 4th, **1879**. [Note to side: (Mch. 13 **1880** Sr. **Clark** told Clk in P.O. that she had a letter from a sister of Mrs. **Wheeler** & that she had used her Ch. letter as fit.]
Sister Rachel E. **Morian** having assumed to act as Chairman of a Committee appointed in Covenant Meeting Oct 4/79, as a Substitute for Sister Ann E. **Williams** in the case of Sr. Rachel **Carl** or **Karl**, here made a report of said Committee, Viz:
That the Committee had investigated the case, and had found her convicted of the sins of lying, of drunkenness, and later of licentiousness. Sister M. had asked Mrs. **Carl** to be here in Cov't. M. today. On motion of A.Z. **Madison**, seconded, Resolved that on the report of the Committee We accept, and adopt the same, and that the hand of Christian fellowship be withdrawn from her. Chn. called upon Bro. S.S. **Crissey** who offered the closing prayer. Sung the Doxology L.M.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sabbath Jany 4th, **1880**. Rev's Wm. H. **Husted**, L. **Williams** Jr. & F.B. **Palmer** present. Rainy & warm – very small congregation – say fifty. Bro. **Husted** preached from Heb. 10:22nd "Let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith." Br. **Palmer** gave an interesting explanation of the indented parchments of the Old & New Testaments & how ancient Deeds were written given & read, and Bro. **Williams** administered the Communion, after giving the Ch's. hand of fellowship to Louise M. **Clark**, Brn. **Barrell** & **Buck** Deacons present. A very rainy day.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday Jany 11th, **1880**. Rev. L. Wms. & family in slip & sermon by Prof. F.B. **Palmer** from Heb. 10:12 "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins, forever sat down" ## present, read & offered prayer & sermon by Rev. A. **Kingsbury** from the best discourse from him, heard by Clerk, in many years, particularly in style of delivery. Time some 52 Minutes. To much for these latter days probably.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Sunday January 18th, **1880**. Ground bare, warm & rainy.
Rev. William **Elgin** Cor. Sec'y Theological Seminary Rochester N.Y. here & preached in A.M. a good S'mon from 2nd Timothy 2:2 in behalf of Ministerial Education Col. to be taken up in Feb'y as the Col. this day is for the Binghamton Bap. Ch. to clear it from debt of over $43,000 which is

provided for save $10,000 by simultaneous collections this day through the State. The amount in this Ch. as counted by S.S.C. & A.Z.M. is $12.08. In the evening Rev. Abner **Lull** preached from "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" He said many good things, especially to the inquiry what shall we do to not secure the great salvation? Do nothing – Just be indifferent & neglect it. that is all.

Sunday A.M. Jan'y 25th. Rev. C.B. **Parsons** Dk. preached a.m. on the Divinity & also Humanity of Christ and also in evening from Sundry texts in Jonah on his refusal to go to Nineveh as God directed & starting on his own impulse for Tarshish, & the results &c.

Sunday Feb. 1, **1880**. Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. preached from Heb 12:1 and in evening a Union Meeting Bap., Meth., Presb. All Pastors present & late. **Wms**, **Merchant** & **Benton** on the Platform with Rev. Mr. **Strong** of Randolph who addressed a fair congregation on the Orphan Home at that place.

Monday Feb 2nd S.S. convention in Bap. Ch.

Sunday Feb 8th, **1880** Preaching Morning & Evening by Rev. G.O. **King**. In A.M. on the office of the Holy Ghost – coming in well with the discourses of Bro. **Parsons** Jan'y 25th on Divinity & humanity of Christ.

Sunday Feb 15, **1880**. Rev. Abner **Lull** preached in A.M. In evening preaching by Rev. A. **Kingsbury** to few, as **Newzell**, **Hardley** & a full congregation were at Meth. Ch. for Union service.

(**Williams** still here and working (?)
Covenant Meeting January 31st, **1880**.
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., Chn., 11 Brn 19 Srs. Before Bro. **Wms** came in at 2 ¼ P.M. Clerk called to order and on Motion of Br. **Grant** 2nd by P. **Barber**, Resolved that Bro. S.S. **Crissey** be the Chn of this meeting. He accepted until Bro. **Wms.** should come in, and named a Hymn to be sung. Just then Bro. **Williams** came in & at request of Brother **Crissey** he assumed the chair. After singing he read scripture, offered prayer & remarks, & was followed by Brn & Sisters promiscuously, or not in regular rotation. When all who desired had spoken, Clerk, at suggestion of Pastor, mentioned the case of Sister Carrie M. **Flint**, to whom a letter was granted May 4th, **1878**, and who has returned here to reside, & wishes to become a member of this Church again. Her husband being a Methodist, she had united with Meth. Ch. in Mexico Oswego Co. with the letter. She also brought a letter from the Meth. Pastor, which, being called for by Bro. **Grant**, Clerk read. On Motion of Bro. **Grant**, amended by Bro. **Crissey** & seconded, Resolved that Sister Carrie M. **Flint** be recd. as a member of this Ch. again, on what we know of her Christian experience & life. According to the Resolution in last Cov't. Meeting, Balloted for two Deacons of this Church. Bro. **Grant** & Bro. **Crissey** Tellers. The result was 21 ballots & of such votes, Bro. Horace P. **Perrin** recd. 20. Bro. Edson J. **Wilcox** 19, Bro. E. **Paige** 3 & **Davis** 1. The first two declared duly elected. Some talk by Clk & others on the Binghamton Collection & others of the late end of the one 2nd Sab. Feb for Minl. Ed'n. & on Motion of Clk 2nd by Bro. **Grant** Resolved to take such Collection Feb 8th. Prayer by Bro. S.S. **Crissey** to close.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

At close of prayer meeting Thursday even'g Feb. 19 Rev. L. **Williams** & some 15 Br. & Srs present, Miss Annie N. **DeWitt** & Miss **Emmonds**, **Johnson**, (a Swede,) each gave a relation of their several Christian experience and requested baptism & membership with Ch. On the requisite several motions, made and seconded, the three were severally received as Candidates for baptism & membership when baptized.
A.Z. **Madison**

Sunday Feb'y 22nd, **1880** the day set for Rev. Dr. **Peltz** of Jamestown to preach here. On Saturday 21st he telegraphed to Prof. **Palmer** that he was so out of health that he could not fill the appointment; Then it was fixed that either Elder **Williams** or Prof. **Palmer** would preach & when the time came Prof. **Palmer** preached a discourse from Math. 5:3-12th the Beatitudes, that was well recd. and accounted good. In evening, Union Meeting in Presb'n. Ch. Chas **Wenzel** the speaker.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Sunday Feb'y 29th, **1880**. Rev. Mr. **Coit** of Wellsville N.Y. was here and preached in A.M. from John 15:7 an instructive discourse. He was also in the S. School & at close addressed the pupils. In evening, he also preached from John a very plain discourse to the impenitent. After the close of it, Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. passed to the Baptistery, assisted by Deacons **Barrell** & H.P. **Perrin** & J.M. **DeWitt** and then & there he baptized Sisters Annie W. **DeWitt**, Josie H. **DeWitt** & Emma **Johnson**, in presence of a fair congregation.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting March 6th, **1880**.
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., Chn., Rev. Abner **Lull**, Prof. F.B. **Palmer** & later Rev. M. **McGregor** & 14 Brn & 24 Sisters. Opened by Singing, prayer by Chn. & Reading remarks, followed by remarks of Brn. & Srs. Rev. M. **McGregor** spoke briefly & well near the close. Clerk spoke of & explained the request of Bro. Wm. C. **Dunn** for a letter of commendation & dismission, his residence now being in Sheridan where he has married a Methodist wife, the daughter of Methodist parents. Some remarks were made by Bro. **Grant**, Srs. **Bishop** & **Morian**, Bro. **Lull** and Clerk, and on Motion of Clerk, seconded by Sister [blank] Resolved that an ordinary letter, as printed, be granted to him. On the request of Sister Jennie **Halligreen**, who was present, and on Motion made and seconded, Resolved to grant to her sister Mrs. Emma M. **Colberg** of Titusville Pa. a letter of commendation and dismission to unite with the Bap. Church at that place. Meeting then closed with singing the Doxology. After which Bro. H.P. **Perrin** introduced Rev. M. **McGregor** to Brn & Sisters as the Brother who is to preach tomorrow, as a candidate for the Pastorate.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday Mch 7th, **1880** Rev. M. **McGregor**, of Georgetown Ont, preached acceptably, so far as known, morning and eve'ng & remains over the next Sunday Mch 14th also. He administered at Communion in P.M. and was present to lead Prayer Meeting Thurs. even'g 11th.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Sunday March 14, **1880**. Rev. M. **McGregor** again preached in A.M. and in Evening. Rev. L. **Williams**, W.H. **Husted** & A. **Lull** & F.B. **Palmer** all being present in Congregation. Notice was given that there will be a Meeting of the Church held on Wednesday 2 P.M. Bro. Thos. B. **Sweet** of Ohio, was also present Sunday A.M. Bro. **McGregor** visited Monday & left for his home Monday evening.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

[Note to side reads: "Present in this meeting" and lists the following: Prof. F.B. **Palmer**, S.S. **Crissey**, I.H. **Damon**, Rev. W.H. **Husted**, Rev. A. **Lull**, L.B. **Grant**, E.J. **Wilcox**, A.Z. **Madison**, D.L. **Shepard**, E.M. **Pettit**, Thos. A. **Osborn**, Marsena **Munger**, Frank **Bartlett**, Wm. **Higgins**, J.A. **Bridgeford**, E.T. **Willard**, Artemas **Perrin**, Mrs. Miriam **Green**, Mrs. J.A. **Grant**, Mrs. J.P. **Clark**, Mrs. S.E. **Shepard**, Mrs. M.N. **Guild**, Mrs. S.J. **Skinner**, Mrs. M.S. **Grant**, Mrs. E.K. **Crissey**, Mrs. Elg. **Haywood**, Mrs. Frances **Haywood**, Mrs. G.E. **Blood**, Mrs. H.A. **Lull**, Mrs. F.B. **Palmer**, Mrs. L.G. **Lathrop**, Miss F.A. **Lord**, Miss E.M. **Husted**, Miss Belle **Bond**, Miss E.J. **Davis**, Miss Anna **Lull**, Miss S.L. **Stevens**, Miss Harriet **Sweet**.]
Pursuant to the notice from the desk as above stated, A Church meeting was held in Ch. Parlor Wednesday at 2 P.M. March 17, **1880**, there being present 19 Brn & 20 Srs around. At about 2.10 P.M. Clk called to order, and asked for the nominations of a Chn. On Motion of S.S. **Crissey** seconded by L.B. **Grant**, Resolved that Rev. W.H. **Husted** be Chairman of this meeting. On taking the Chair, Chairman proposed to sing, "I love thy kingdom Lord." Chairman then read Eph. 4th and Rev. A. **Lull**, at his request, offered prayer. Chairman then explained regarding the object of the meeting & as to Rev. Malcolm **McGregor** for Pastor. Bro. L.B. **Grant** asked for information from the Pulpit Committee, as to the facts as ascertained by same. Bro. S.S. **Crissey** of Com'ee. replied in part & called upon Prof. **Palmer** with whom Bro. **McGregor** stopped the last week. Bro. **Palmer** spoke at some length and well on various & important points, and favorably on all. Referred to the necessity of prayer on the part of the Ch. on so important a matter as the settling of a Pastor. Ch'n. suggested a Motion, so that we might have something to speak to. After a slight confusion by a premature vote, upon a motion by L.B. **Grant** seconded by S.S. **Crissey** to call Bro. **McGregor**, On motion of Br. S. S. **Crissey** seconded, to call Bro. **McGregor** as our Pastor (is open for discussion).
Bro. S.S. **Crissey** then explained not fully his interviews with Rev. M. **McGregor** and what he had learned from him, & also read his letter to Cong'n. & letters of commendation from Dr. **Hotchkiss** & Dr. **Gordon** of Buffalo. L.B. **Grant**, D.L. **Shepard**, Clerk, Rev. A. **Lull**, and other Brn as **Higgins**, E.M. **Pettit** E.J. **Wilcox**, & Srs. J.P. **Clark**, L.G. **Lathrop**, & others spoke generally favorably. Here Chn. called upon Bro. S.S. **Crissey** who offered prayer prior to a vote. Clerk called for the question. Chairman called for a vote by raising the hand. There was a quite full vote, and Chairman declared it unanimous in favor of extending a call to Bro. **McGregor** to be our Pastor. On Motion of L.B. **Grant** seconded, Resolved that Bro. **McGregor** be requested to commence his Pastorate with us, if convenient, on the first Sunday in April next. On Motion of E.J. **Wilcox**, seconded by Clerk and after, amended by L.B. **Grant**, & accepted by the Mover, Resolved that we propose as a Salary $1200 to cover house rent, and that the Ch. pay his Moving expenses besides. On Motion of Bro. E.M. **Pettit** seconded, Resolved to adjourn. On suggestion of Chairman, sung Doxology and Bro. **Lull** pronounced the benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

In prayer meeting of Ch. Thursday evening March 18th, **1880**. Ch Clk read a letter of 13th inst. from Clk of Ellery Bap. Ch. requesting Pastor & one member as delegates to sit in Council P.M. & eve'ng March 25th to examine their Pastor H.H. **Thomas** for ordination. Clk offered remarks. On Motion of L.B. **Grant** seconded, Resolved to appoint Rev. Abner **Lull** who resides here, & Bro. S.S. **Crissey** with power of substitution to attend said Council. (Clk thinks no delegate attended)
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday Mch 21, **1880**, Rev. W.H. **Hawley**, from Adams Jeff. Co. N.Y. preached morning & evening very acceptably, & especially so to some.

Sunday Mch 28, **1880**. Rev. A. **Knight** of Brocton preached morning & evening.
Bro. F.B. **Palmer** exchanging with him.

Covenant Meeting April 3rd, **1880**.
Present Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Chn, S.S. **Crissey**, Wm. **Higgins**, G.W. **Cranston**, A.Z. **Madison**, Rev. W.H. **Husted**, D. **Barrell**, L.B. **Grant**, Wales **Martin**, Rev. A. **Lull**, Mrs. B.I. **Noble**, S. **Gifford**, M. **Kendall**, L. **Davis**, Mrs. S. **Shepard**, E. **Barker**, O.M. **Kazer**, M. **Bishop**, A. **Lull**, Mrs. L.M. **Edmunds**.
Chairman read a chapter in an Epistle, offered prayer. Sung "Rock of Ages" Chn. offered remarks, then Brn & Srs. After speaking around, Chn inquired if any business – Clk had none. Bro. **Crissey** spoke of Rev. A. **Parker** who in last prayer meeting spoke of funds for Cook Academy, & that he would preach here the 3rd Sab. in April and have a Collection, if thought best. Clerk then spoke of Cook Academy, Am. Bap. Miss'y Union, Ministerial Education and many other benevolent objects anxious for money – of our being taxed for the Normal School & taxation on the Village by the $100,000 & more &c. L.B. **Grant** spoke in favor of Cook Academy & moved to have a Collection for it 3rd Sab. Apl. seconded & so resolved. Prayer by S.S. **Crissey** & sung Doxology to close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday April 4th, **1880**, (showery) Rev. C.N. **Brooks** an Evangelist, holding meetings in Dunkirk, in Rev. C.B. **Parson**'s Ch. through exchange with Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., preached in A.M. and administered the communion at 1 ½ P.M. with assistance of Rev. W.H. **Husted**. At 7 ½ evening Rev. A. **Kingsbury** preached to a small congregation of say 50, from "remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom," Luke 23/42 a good discourse – But what a change from the days when the same minister preached regularly to some 500 or 600, then occupying the same seats, now empty before him.

Sunday April 11th, **1880**. Rev. Abner **Lull** preached in A.M. & Rev. Wm. F. **Zell**, (Swiss) in desk & took part. Then during week in Tem. Hall with Reform Club, (as called). The following week in Dkk Union Temperance service in eve'g in Bap. Ch. Rev. A.J. **Merchant** Meth. preached.

Sunday April 18, **1880**, Rev. A. **Parker** of Palmyra preached & solicited funds for Cook Academy, and took collection and subscriptions. He alone in Desk, but other preachers present. Viz: Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., W.F. **Zell**, A. **Lull**, W.H. **Husted** & F.B. **Palmer**, and all six in Sunday School after A.M. service.

Sunday April 25th, **1880**. Rev. F.B. **Palmer** preached in A.M. from "A bruised reed he will not break the smoking flax he will not quench." (Rev. L. **Wms** Jr. gone to Mass.) In P.M. at 3 O'clock, Rev. W.F. **Zell** preached in German in Lecture room to some 70 or 75 Americans/Germans. No service in Bap. Ch. in evening. Rev. W.F. **Zell** preached in Tem. Hall in English. A good preacher.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

See Records of Ch & So'y Meeting April 26th, **1880**, on the Society book, for condition of finances as reported by Com. of Finances.

Rev. M. **MacGregor** Pastor May 1, **1880**
Thursday P.M. April 29, **1880** Rev. M. **MacGregor** arrived with his family, and stopped with Prof. F.B. **Palmer**, awaiting the arrival of his household goods. Pastorate to begin May 1st.

In Prayer Meeting April 29/80. Clerk read letters lately received by him, one from sister Josie H. **DeWitt** now settled in Buffalo, requesting a letter of commendation and dismission for the purpose of uniting with the Washington Street Bap. Ch. in that City. On motion by L.B. **Grant** seconded, Resolved that her request be granted. Also, one from sister Estella M. **Wiggin**, now residing at Potsdam N.Y. containing a similar request for letter to unite with the Baptist Church in Potsdam. On motion by L.B. **Grant** seconded, Resolved also to grant her request. Rev. M. **McGregor** led the meeting, and evidently produced a favorable impression. about 13 Bren & 24 Srs. present.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting May 1, **1880**.
Present Rev. M. **MacGregor** Pastor, about 15 Brn & 25 or more Sisters. Services as usual, except that two or three brethren spoke more at length than usual & when all brethren had spoke there was but little time left for the Sisters, & only a few spoke. At close Clk read letters presented by Br. **MacGregor**, Viz: One from the Baptist Church, Georgetown (N. Ca.(?)) commending himself – one same, for his wife, & one for Sister Mary **Knowland**, a member of his family. On three separate motions by Bro. L.B. **Grant**, each seconded, they were each duly recd. to membership with us. Sung Doxology to close.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

At the close of Prayer meeting Thursday evening, May 27th, **1880** an opportunity was given for business, and Bro. L.B. **Grant** explained and proposed that there be held with this Church in the immediate future Recognition Services in relation to the union between the Church & Rev. Malcolm **MacGregor** as Pastor from May 1st, **1880**. After the proposition by Bro. **Grant**, seconded, Bro. S.S. **Crissey** only spoke in regard to it, and in favor of having such services, and the time named for same, Tuesday June 15/80. Question called, and unanimously carried. Clk then inquired if a Committee of arrangements should be appointed, & Rev. A. **Lull** suggested such Committee also. On motion and nomination of Br. H.A. **Buck** seconded, Brn. L.B. **Grant**, S.S. **Crissey** & A.Z. **Madison** were duly appointed such Committee. Meeting then dismissed by Pastor.

Friday morning 28th inst. Clerk on coming down Street was informed by Bro. **Barrell** that Sister Helen E. **Barker** died at 7 A.M.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting June 5th, **1880**. (Rainy) Present Rev. M. **MacGregor**, Rev. A. **Lull**, A.Z.M., Ely **Davis**, D. **Barrell**, W. **Higgins**, Prof. **Palmer**, L.B. **Grant**, Mrs. **Kendall**, M. **Bishop**, F. **Lord**, A.W. **DeWitt**, Mrs. **Davis**, Mrs. **Lathrop**, Mrs. **Edmunds**, Miss **Palmer**.
Opened with 75th Hymn & prayer by Pastor – He then read in the gospel sermon Song of Jonas, lovest thou me & offered good remarks. Then remarks of heart searching by Brn & Sisters. No business. Closed with singing & the benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk
After Cov't Meeting closed Pastor **MacGregor**, L.B. **Grant**, & Clerk consulted about Recognition & agreed on singing services, sub(?) Pastor to write to Rev. Jno. **Gordon** Buffalo (?) Chh & Clerk to write Rev. C.B. **Parsons** to address the Pastor & to give verbal invitations to local Pastors or Ministers to attend evening of 15th inst. viz Rev's. A. **Kingsbury**, W.H. **Husted**, Abner **Lull** & Dr. F.B. **Palmer** – also to Rev. A.L. **Benton** Presb & A.J. **Merchant** Meth.

Tuesday evening June 15, **1880** at 8 O'clock a fair audience assembled in the Church for the purpose of Recognition services pursuant to arrangements and public notice –
Rev. W.H. **Husted** Chn,
1st Introduced by Chn., Rev. Wm. F. **Zell**, read the 95th Psalm and offered prayer.
2nd Rev. C.B. **Parsons** of Dunkirk read 1174th Hymn & the Ch. Choir led by J.S. **Lathrop**, Clarence S. **Lewis** Organist – sung same.
3rd Chn introduced Rev. John **Gordon** of Washington Street Church, Buffalo N.Y. who preached an appropriate discourse founded on Acts 9:31. 'Then had the Churches rest throughout all Judea, and Galilee, and Samaria, and were edified, and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied."
4th The Choir sung a voluntary.
5th Rev. C.B. **Parsons** introduced by Chn also very appropriately addressed the Pastor elect, Rev. Malcolm **MacGregor**.
6th Rev. Arnold **Kingsbury**, of Fredonia ex-Pastor of this Church, on similar introduction, made a supplemental address to Pastor **MacGregor**, certifying to the Church, from his own experience of six years, and during a Revival, when one year, more than sixty converts were baptized; and pledging his sympathy with Bro. **MacGregor** and his aid at all times, when his services could be of use.
Singing here omitted as getting late.
7th Rev. J. **Gordon** then in an apt as solemn and an entertaining manner performed the double service of addressing the Church, uttering many terse things, and amongst others, quoted the wedding present by a father in law to his son-in-law, of a Pail, with parental instruction and admonition what to do whenever Susie should throw fire. He charged the Church to pray for the Pastor and to aid him in his labors – to support him well financially and in every way, and to obey him as the Scripture requires. He believed in large Salaries, that a Pastor might not be restricted for means to do good.
8th Rev. A. **Knight** of Brocton addressed Pastor very concisely with sympathy & (?)
9th Rev. A.L. **Benton** Pastor of Presb'n. Chh then gave a brief address of welcome to the Pastor Elect, **MacGregor**, in behalf of the Ministry of Fredonia, as well as himself, in which he

expressed some wonder that such men as Rev'd. **Gordon** & **MacGregor** descendants from the line of John **Knox**, should be other than Presbyterians. Considerable facetiousness characterized his remarks generally.
Rev. Malcolm **MacGregor**, our Pastor, then in well chosen phrase, expressed his warmest gratitude to Rev. Dr. **Gordon** for the kind words that he had uttered to the Chh and himself – Also to Rev. A. **Kingsbury**, a former Pastor of this Church for his kind words of greeting and fraternal fellowship, and to all the ministering brethren who had addressed him with words of Christian kindness, and advised them, & all that it was his determination, with God's help, to do all in his power for the advancement of the cause of Christ, in this place & wherever he should be. He thanked all, and felt new inspiration, responsibility and hope. Referring especially to the remarks of Rev. Mr. **Benton** & his wonder that he should have strayed so far from the precepts of John Knox and his example, he said that more than one half of his Library, now, were Presbyterian books, and they were good books, but in his own case, he had been enabled to carry the principles out a little farther, & hence became a Baptist; and he hoped, & rather expected his Brother **Benton** should do the same. Choir & congregation sung Doxology in old 100th and Bro. **MacGregor** pronounced the benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

At the opening of the prayer meeting by Rev. M. **MacGregor** Thursday evening July 1st Clerk presented the request of Bro. Emmett D. **Page** for a letter of dismission and commendation to 1st Bap. Ch. of Groton, Tompkins Co. N.Y. whence he came, as he is to return here no more as Prof. in Nor'l. School, but going to College. Clk moved that we grant his request, which was seconded, and duly passed.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting July 3rd, **1880**.
Present Rev. M. **MacGregor** Chn & Brn 8 & Srs some 18. Clk in rather late. Usual opening services. Bro. **Barrell** was speaking as Clk entered. Nearly all said something & there was deeper desire than usual manifest on the part of several for a revival of pure & edified religion. After Sisters had spoken, Bro. **Pettit** & then Clk spoke. At close he mentioned the necessity of revising our list of Members in some way, and that it should be done before the session of Association soon to be at Point Chautauqua or Forestville. After these remarks Pastor concurred & gave notice that it had been settled to hold the Association at Point Chautauqua. On motion of Bro. **Grant** 2nd Resolved that Brn. D. **Barrell** & H.A. **Buck** with Clk be a committee to revise the list of names of members, & report to drop such as should be dropped & report such as should be otherwise dealt. Sung Coronation & benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

July **1880**.
Clerk had talk with Brn **Barrell** & **Buck** but both so deaf could not do (?) and he requested a meeting of Executive Committee that all the hearing & all the wisdom we have, might now(?) in 12 years (?) be brought(?) into requisite (?) Sunday 25th Notice for Sat. 31st. 10 A.M.

Covenant Meeting July 31st, **1880**
Present Rev. M. **MacGregor** Chn, 8 Brn & 20 Srs, nearly all of whom offered remarks. Bro. F.B. **Palmer** spoke generally and then particularly of the Sabbath School, of which he is

Superintendent, and of its want of teachers at this time, several classes being destitute. Pastor then spoke of Bro. Frank D. **Shaver** now with us, from New Orleans where he has been for some years teaching the colored race science & religion, and who desires this Church to give him a license to preach, in order that he may be clothed with more authority to do that work than is usually delegated to a Sunday School Superintendent. Bro. **Shaver** then spoke interestingly of the work in which he is engaged – the condition of the colored people of Louisiana & the south subjected as they are to the influences of Catholics and at same time so poorly instructed in the true religion and in every thing. Action deferred for the present. Prayer & benediction to close.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Thursday evening Aug't 5th/80 in Miss'y Concert led by Pastor **MacGregor**. Exercises much as usual. At Close, the money collected on such occasions for a few months past – say 3 Mos. was spoken of by Bro. **Crissey** & that some had been taken by one & some by another & he suggested that someone should be appointed to hold it, so it might be known where it was. Sister Fanny A. **Lord** was nominated but she said she was to be absent. Clk said he held that for two past Mos. and finally someone moved & another seconded, and A.Z. **Madison** was duly appointed to take up collections and hereafter at each concert to report eh amount taken at the last preceding meetings. Collection then taken $1.95
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Pursuant to notice from the Desk Sab. 15th inst. a Church meeting was held in the Lecture room Tuesday Aug't. 17th, **1880** at 2 P.M. Present Rev. M. **MacGregor** Chn and A.Z. **Madison** Clerk. Present D. **Barrell**, L.B. **Grant**, H.A. **Buck**, S.S. **Crissey**, F. **Bartlett**, Thos. A. **Osborn**, I.H. **Damon**, Philander **Barber**, Miss Fannie A. **Lord**, Mrs. Augusta M. **Barmore**, Mrs. M.S. **Grant**, Mrs. Elisabeth **Bissell**, Mrs. Mary A. **Kendall**, Mrs. H. **Barden**, Mrs. Mary **Wheelock**, Mrs. Carolina L. **Barber**, Mrs. **Morian**, **Green**, Miss Harriet **Walker**.
Pastor **MacGregor** read scriptures and offered prayer, and then offered remarks appropriate to the occasion – the necessity of Ch. discipline. Clerk then made remarks in regard to the business, and the responsibilities, and after some preliminaries, suggested by Br. **Crissey** & Clk, proceeded to the business. Clerk presented and read a list of thirty one named that the Executive Committee recommended to the Church to drop from our list of members, and then again read & explained, as he could, the case of each one, getting also such further information from members present as they could give in relation to the person whose name had been announced. This being done, then on separate motions, being made and seconded, mostly by Brethren L.B. **Grant**, S.S. **Crissey**, H.A. **Buck** & F. **Bartlett**, Resolutions were passed to Drop each one named in the following list from membership in the Church. Mostly for long continued absence from the Church & neglecting to walk with or have any correspondence in any way with it. It was deemed best for the Clerk to write to six of the list before dropping them. See next page.
On motions made and seconded, Resolved to drop from our record of Members, the following named persons, to wit
1. Mrs. Mary Ann **Jones**
2. Mrs. Elenora **Delvin**
3. Mrs. Elisabeth **Wilbur** (not certain but deceased)
4. Mr. John **Snow**
5. Mrs. Elisabeth **Snow**
6. Mrs. Elida N. **Anson**

7. Miss Anna **Ryan** (alias) if married (do.)
8. Mrs. Mary E. **Hamilton** (do.)
9. Mr. Caspar **Strobel**
10. Mr. William H. **Mason**
11. Mr. Albert C. **Bond**
12. Mrs. Hellen E. **Doolittle**
13. Mr. Carlton **Kapple**
14. Miss Ella L. **Drake**
15. Mrs. Adelia R. **Fuller**
16. Mr. John **Bissel**
17. Mrs. Sarah **Bissell**
18. Miss M. Leonora **Parish**
19. Miss Henrietta **Lynn**
20. Mr. Charles E. **McAllister**
21. Miss Hanay P. **Colby**
22. Mrs. Matilda **Bangs**
23. Mr. John **Maar**
24. Miss Carrie **Burgalt**
25. Mr. James W. **Parrett**

Six several resolutions, on motions made and seconded, were passed, That Clerk still further inquire and if their localities can be ascertained, write to the following six members, to wit:

1. Mrs. Cornelia **Post**
2. Miss Eva W. **Daily**
3. Mrs. Alice A. **Kendall**
4. Mr. Alfred **Lamkin**
5. Miss Mary E. **Fuller**
6. Mrs. Malvina S. **Playter**

Clerk made the suggestion that as we now have a new Pastor, who would like to form acquaintances with persons who are member of this Church but whose walk with it, as a Christian, has seemed faulty, to greater or less extent, we leave it for him in an informal way to visit those, as opportunity and convenience offers, and then report to the Church such cases as he may deem necessary & proper to report, without our appointing any other committee formally, at present – therefore no Committees were appointed. Some remarks were made in regard to withdrawing the hand of fellowship from a member without previous labor by committee and Chairman said, in many cases it was not customary to have prior labor, as who it was established by common fame that they had severed themselves from the Baptist Church, or were guilty of some flagrant sin. Clerk then announced the name of Mrs. Ada **Hamilton** who some weeks ago was confirmed by Bishop Cox as a member of Trinity Episcopal Church. On Motion of S.S. **Crissey** seconded by H.A. **Buck** Resolved to withdraw from her the hand of Christian fellowship.

Clerk then named Willie K. **McAllister** & stated his connection with the Ch. by baptism and his subsequent walk, and the interview with him at Fredonia Depot & his statement that he was a member of the Catholic Church where he resided a little out from New York(?) & wanted no more to do with the Baptists. On Motion of L.B. **Grant** seconded by H.A. **Buck**, Resolved to withdraw from him the hand of Christian fellowship.

Clerk next named Mary **Tate** who some time ago wrote to Rev. L. **Williams** and desired a letter on which to unite with Presbyterian Ch. & without it did so unite. On Mo. L.B. **Grant** seconded by S.S. **Crissey**, Resolved to withdraw from her the hand of fellowship.
Clerk then gave the name of Addie **Ball Freese**, concerning whom, common fame pronounced badly, and who had not, for several years, since her baptism in **1872**, walked with or paid any attention to the church. Some further particulars were mentioned as common report by others and Clerk also. On motion of H.A. **Buck** seconded by S.S. **Crissey**, Resolved to withdraw the hand of Christian fellowship from her.
Clerk then announced the name of Martin **Bissikummer**, who, in a revival when Rev. **Morley** County Missionary was here, & about a year after Bro. L. **Williams** Jr. became our Pastor, and only four days after Rev. R.A. **Patterson** an Evangelist, who had spent 2 ½ weeks in Fredonia, had left, gave a relation of his religious exercises & experience, at the time regarded sincere & interesting. He was one of eleven candidates who were baptized by Bro. **Williams** April 26th, **1874**, soon after his recovery from sickness, erysipelas. Some time after he was found to be associating with bad Company, playing ball on Sunday, and deserting the Sabbath, & was expostulated with by Sister R.E. **Morian** and came into a meeting of the Church, being seemingly penitent & weeping as with sorrow. Still, subsequent to the foregoing, he became the employee of B.W. **Cotton** & son in their Livery Stable, where he was in the midst of much profaning of God's name, as well as desecration of His day. Martin, under these influences, also became very profane as Clk had heard repeatedly from his mouth when in the stable. Had talked with him, & a Com'e. had been appointed, & seen him but had not formally reported to Ch. On motion of S.S. **Crissey** seconded by L.B. **Grant**, Resolved that from Martin **Bissikummer** the hand of Christian fellowship be withdrawn. Prayer & benediction by Pastor and a resolution to adjourn sine die closed this Church meeting on the 77th birthday of
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk
(Aug't. 17, **1880**)

[The following is a typed program]
Outline Programme of the Chautauqua County Sunday School Convention,
Fredonia, N.Y. Thursday and Friday, May 13 & 14, **1880**.
Local Committee.
L.A. **Barmore**, Chairman.
Rev. A.L. **Benton**.
Rev. A.J. **Merchant**.
Rev. M. **MacGregor**.
J.M. **Rodenbaugh.**
Miss Jennie **Kinsman**.
Prof. F.B. **Palmer**.
T.S. **Hubbard**, Pres't Town Association.
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Outline Programme
First Session – Introductory.
Thursday Afternoon, 2 o'clock,
2.15 Address of Welcome By Rev. A.J. **Merchant**, of Fredonia.
Response by the President.
Reports – By the Secretary of the Association, and by Representatives of Townships.
3.15 County Work. Address by Rev. J.M. **Bray**.
4.00 Appointment of Committees.
Second Session – General.

Thursday Evening, 7.30 o'clock.
Responsive Praise Service.
7.45 A Century of Sunday School Work. Address by Rev. Chalon **Burgess**
8.15 Questions and Answers. Conducted by Rev. G.A. **Peltz**, D.D.
8.45 Work and Wages. Address by Rev. N.H. **Holmes**.
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Third Session – Normal.
Friday Morning, 9 o'clock.
Consecration.
9.30 A Specimen Teachers' Meeting. Conducted by Mr. **Skinner**.
10.15 What is Teaching, and How to Do it. Address by Prof. F.B. **Palmer**, Ph.D.
10.45 My Difficulties and their Remedies. Conversation led by Rev. G.A. **Peltz**, D.D.
Fourth Session – The Book.
Friday Afternoon, 2 o'clock.
Scripture.
2.30 How to Use the Bible Effectively. Address by Rev. W.J. **Erdman**
3.15 How to Conduct a School Effectively. Addresses by Prof. C.H. **Wicks**, Mr. W.H. **Hart**.
4.00 Business – Reports of Committees. Election of Officers.
Fifth Session – Closing.
Friday Evening, 7.30 o'clock.
Responsive Praise Service.
7.45 The Bible a Perfect Book. Address by Rev. H.L. **Hubbell**.
8.15 A Summary of our Work. Address by Rev. G.A. **Peltz**, D.D.
Closing Words. Brief Addresses.
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Executive Committee.
President – C.P. **Skinner**, Westfield, N.Y.
Vice Presidents.

Arkwright,	Mrs. C. **Abbey**.
Busti,	O.J. **Stoddard**.
Carroll,	C.H. **Miller**.
Charlotte,	Edwin **Williams**.
Chautauqua,	Rev. J.H. **Miller**.
Cherry Creek,	J.L. **Lawrence**.
Clymer,	L.S. **Terry**.
Dunkirk,	Rev. R.N. **Stubbs**.
Ellery,	Hiram **Haskins**.
Ellicott,	Hon. Jerome **Preston**.
Ellington,	Rev. Milton **Smith**.
French Creek,	Lorenzo **Goulding**.
Gerry,	William **Scott**.
Hanover,	Rev. G.J. **Squiers**.
Harmony,	George R. **Butts**.
Kiantone,	Wellington **Woodward**.
Mina,	L.V. **Babcock**.
Poland,	Rev. D.E. **Burt**.

Pomfret, T.S. **Hubbard**.
Portland, Josiah **Holbrook**.
Ripley, John A. **Tennant**.
Sheridan, Rev. J.S. **Albertson**.
Sherman, W.H. **Hart**.
Stockton, Rev. J.F. **Stocker**.
Villenova, Dr. M.S. **Corwin**(?)
Westfield, John **Heron**.
Secretary.
L.A. **Barmore**, Fredonia.
Treasurer.
Dr. J.G. **Gifford**, Westfield.

August 20th, **1880**, Clerk recd. a letter from Bro. James **Cato** of Perrysburgh Catta. and then examined the Records and found that the retention of his name by transcribing same from the former book to this book was an error of Clk as he had been granted a letter to Sinclearville Ch. in a prayer meeting held May 14th, **1863** & the record overlooked when the new list was made on this book.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sept. 2nd, **1880** at Close of prayer meeting led by Dr. F.B. **Palmer** in absence of Pastor, Clerk stated the requests of Sister Estelle **Daniels** of Clear Springs(?) Cerro Gordo Co. Iowa, by her father, G.W. **Lewis**, for a letter of dismission and commendation to unite with Bap. Ch. there. On Motion of L.B. **Grant** seconded by S.S. **Crissey** Resolved to grant the request.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting Sept. 4th, **1880**.
Present Rev. M. **MacGregor**, Pastor, and some 30 Brn & Sisters in all at the Close, though only 6 Brn & 11 Srs at opening. Singing – Reading & prayer & then remarks as usual after which Miss Marietta F. **Kendall** and Miss Eliza M. **Prescott** severally related their religious experience, and answered questions proposed by Pastor severally – On motion of A.Z. **Madison** seconded by L.B. **Grant** Resolved that Miss M.F. **Kendall** be received as a candidate for baptism & when baptized to membership in the Church. On Motion of H.A. **Buck** seconded by Clerk Resolved same as above regarding Miss E.M. **Prescott**. Clerk then read the Report of Church Statistics for publication in the Baptist Annual.
Clerk, after some preliminary and explanatory remarks, then read a Draft of letter from the Church to the Chautauqua Association, giving explanations as he deemed necessary, and soliciting criticisms, as if adopted, it would be the letter of the Church. On Motion of L.B. **Grant**, seconded, Resolved that it be our letter to the Association. On motion of L.B. **Grant**, seconded, Resolved that we send five dollars ($5.00) for printing the Minutes of Asson. On Nominations made and seconded, Resolved that the following named persons be our delegates to sit with the Chautauqua Bap. Association Sept 7th, **1880**. Viz: Rev. Malcolm **MacGregor**, A.Z. **Madison**, David **Barrell**, Lewis B. **Grant**, Rev. Abner **Lull**, Edson J. **Wilcox**, Ely **Davis**, Mrs. Rachel E. **Morian**, Mrs. Betsey **Davis**. On Mo. A.Z.M. seconded, Resolved that any delegate may substitute if cannot attend. On motion seconded, Resolved to adjourn. Prayer & benediction by Pastor.

A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday Sept. 5th, **1880**, Previous to Communion service in P.M. Clerk read a letter from Sister Sarah M. **Kimbel** of Milwaukee (late **McAllister**) requesting a letter of Commendation and dismission to unite with the South Baptist Church of that City. On Motion of L.B. **Grant** seconded Resolved that the request be granted.
Same evening Sept. 5, **1880** Pastor read several passages in the Gospels, Acts & Epistles bearing on Baptism & then preached on the subject very pointedly, contrasting the views of Baptists & Pedobaptists at Close of which, he baptized Miss **Kendall** & Miss **Prescott** named on preceding page.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Pursuant to notice, on Sunday Sept. 12th, **1880**, in A.M. Bro. Frank D. **Shaver**, a Teacher in New Orleans, and who married Miss Florette **Lewis** the 25th of August last, and had some weeks ago made request of the Church for a License to preach to the people whom he is teaching the freedmen, improved the opportunity and preached before the Ch. & congregation from Mat. 25:18. In the evening of same day he addressed the congregation on the condition, needs and capacities of the freedmen in the South, and at Close, a Contribution amounting to $5.59 was given for the Institution, Leland University N.O. through the Am Bap. Home Mission So'y. Bro. **Shaver** & wife left for N.O. Sept. 13th, **1880**.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting Oct. 2nd, **1880**.
Present Pastor M. **MacGregor**, 11 Brn & 23 Srs. The usual opening by singing, prayer, reading & remarks by Pastor followed by prayer by Bro. **Pettit** and remarks by Bren & Sisters, all more than ordinarily interesting and edifying. After close of remarks, Clerk read a letter handed him by Pastor, from First Portland Bap. Ch. commending and dismissing Sister Mrs. Malvina R. **Wilber** who was present and had requested membership with us. On Motion of Bro. **Grant** seconded, it was resolved that she be recd. a member. Sister Mrs. Mary **Fuller**, (once Miss Mary **Peterman**) was present, from Onondaga Hollow and requested a letter to unite with the Central Bap. Church of Syracuse N.Y. On motion of Clerk seconded by Bro. **Buck**, Resolved to grant her request. Clerk then read letter from Mrs. Malvina W. **Gates**(?) (once Miss M.W. **Erdle**) to Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. and his letter inclosing it to Clerk from West Springfield Mass. On motion of Bro. **Grant** seconded, Resolved that a letter be granted to her according to her request (as construed by Bro. **Williams**,) to unite with Bap. Ch. at Franklin, Venango Co. Pa. Clerk then read from a letter to him from Sister Caroline **Parker** now of Binghamton N.Y. regarding herself and her son Edwin H. **Jones**, in which she requested letter (only for herself) to unite with the Bap. Ch. at Binghamton. (Her son E.H. **Jones** did not incline to do anything about it at present.) Bro. **Grant** volunteered to write to him, as Mrs. **Parker** had requested. On Motion of L.B. **Grant**, seconded by H.A. **Buck**, Resolved that the usual letter of commendation & dismission be granted to Sister C. **Parker** as requested, to Binghamton. Clerk then stated the case of Bro. F.D. **Shaver** and his request for a license to preach where he goes as a Teacher, in "Leland University" New Orleans La. and Pastor appended remarks in explanation of his embarrassments Sept. 12th and of the difference between a License & an Ordination & of his own personal satisfaction with Bro. **Shaver** & readiness to grant him a License. On motion of A.Z. **Madison**, seconded by H.A. **Buck**, Resolved to License Bro. F.D. **Shaver** as he requested. Clerk then

recited the case of Elijah **Bliss** and his wife, absent since Apl 5/56 and not known whether living or dead. Mrs. **Bliss**' name remaining a member after his exclusion. (her given name not returned by L.B.G./unknown) On motion of L.B. **Grant** seconded by A.Z. **Madison** Resolved to drop the name of Mrs. Elijah **Bliss** from list. Clk then stated the case of Mrs. Jane **Lamkin**, and on suggestion of Clk, Pastor named L.B. **Grant** & A.Z. **Madison** a Committee to investigate the case of Sr. **Lamkin**. Closed with prayer & Benediction by Pastor.
A.Z. **Madison**

Covenant Meeting Nov'r. 6th, **1880**.
Present Rev. M. **MacGregor**, Pastor, 9 Brn & 18 Sisters. Usual opening services. Remarks by Pastor followed by Brn & Sisters. At Close, On motion of A.Z. **Madison** seconded by L.B. **Grant** Resolved that the request of Sister Nellie K. **Rolph** for a letter of commendation & dismission to the first Bap. Church in Fargo, Dacotah[sic] Ter. be granted. Clerk then read a letter from first Bap. Ch. in Brooklyn N.Y. commending and dismissing Francis B. **Palmer** to our fellowship, and on Motion of L.B. **Grant** seconded by Sister R.E. **Morian**, he was duly recd. a member with us. Clerk then read a like letter for his wife, Sister Sarah G. **Palmer**, on which she also was in same way recd. a member with us. Again a letter in same words for his daughter, Sister Nellie **Palmer**, who in like manner was received a member with us. Clerk & Bro. **Grant** then made some remarks, & explanations of Committees, but nothing ready for special report. The meeting Closed by Pastor in prayer.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

The matter of License for Bro. F.D. **Shaver** had been neglected & his father-in-law G.W. **Lewis** spoke of it to Clk about 18th Nov. & he again reminded Rev. M. **MacGregor** of it, who was to furnish a form. He did so 19th Nov. which Clerk then dated, signed officially and mailed to Bro. **Shaver** at New Orleans, same date as see copy next page.

Copy.
"This certifies that the bearer, Brother Frank D. **Shaver**, is a member of the Regular Baptist Church in Fredonia N.Y. without reproach, and that he has the full and cordial approbation of his brethren, by a vote passed October 2nd, **1880**, to exercise his gifts in preaching the gospel of Christ.
M. **MacGregor** Pastor
A.Z. **Madison** Church Clerk of the Fredonia Baptist Church

Thursday November 25th, **1880**.
Pursuant to the Proclamation of Rutherford B. **Hayes** Pres't. U.S. & Alonzo B. **Cornell** Governor of the State of New York, and the prearrangements of the Pastors of the Baptist, Methodist & Presbyterian Churches in this Village, a Union service was held in the Presbyterian Church on this day of Thanksgiving. Rev. M. **MacGregor**, Pastor of the Baptist Church preached from Eph 5:20. "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Present other Pastors Rev. A.L. **Benton**, Presb. and Rev. **O'Neil**, Meth. in the Desk & a Union Choir & fair Congregation. All very good, though not in exactly the New England, Puritanic style & order.

Sunday Nov. 28th, **1880**. Bro. **MacGregor** preached a very pungent discourse in A.M. from the words, "What think ye of Christ?" Mat. 22nd:42nd.

Covenant Meeting December 4th, **1880**.
Present Rev. M. **MacGregor** Pastor, Rev. **Lull**, 11 Brn & 21 Sisters. Usual opening services to open, followed by remarks of Pastor, Brn & Sisters, several of whom expressed increased desire for "more love to Christ," & his cause. Without the introduction of any item of business (though Clerk had expected to report on several cases of inquiry, disciplinary) as deemed best by Pastor & Clerk, the meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting January 1st, **1881**
Present Pastor M. **MacGregor**, 8 Brn & 17 Sisters. Sung 293 Hymn. "I need thee every hour." Prayer & Reading by Pastor (no exposition) Remarks followed, at the close of which, Pastor stated the programme for the week of prayer next week. Also the necessity for some change as to the general objects of benevolence. On motion of H.A. **Buck** seconded by S.S. **Crissey**, Resolved that a committee be appointed to solicit & collect funds for the Am. Bap. Miss'y Union this first quarter of the year. Pastor mentioned that Rev. William **Elgin** had proposed to be here an Ag't for Ministerial Education Sunday A.M. 23rd Jany or 4th Sunday. After some remarks, especially Bro. F.B. **Palmer** in regard to plans for collecting funds for benevolence. On Motion of Br. S.S. **Crissey** seconded by Bro. L.B. **Grant**, Resolved that Pastor **MacGregor**, Prof. **Palmer** and A.Z. **Madison** Clerk be a Committee to appoint Committees for each quarter of the year as they may judge of expediency.
Covenant Meeting of January 1st, **1881** cont'd.
Here it was apparent that some wanted to leave & it became a question whether any other matters should be considered now, as had been anticipated. After some remarks by Clerk of his desire to unload, it was decided that he proceed with the business. Clerk then explained as to subscriptions for the Am. Bap. Magazine & the Missionary Map. which hung on the wall of the room. Then as to the Examiner & Chronicle those who decline to let him know, and as many as could just as well pay now, to do so, that he might send it next Monday. He spoke of errors in Minutes of the Associations just recd – especially Obituary omissions. He then Reported for Committee to visit & inquire of Mrs. Jane **Lamkin**, what he had learned at Dkk of Rev. C.B. **Parsons** & A. **Williams** & recommended that her case be passed for the present & so ordered. Then he stated the case of Sr. Mrs. M.S. **Playter** now near London Eng. Directed that Clk find her address, fully, & write to her there inquiring. He then reported the case of Miss Mary E. **Fuller**, supposed to be somewhere in Cattaraugus Co. but Clerk had learned by one of the family on Eagle St. that she had gone from Catta. Co. to one of the western states, not known which, whereupon Resolved that her name be dropped from our list of members. Clerk then reported the case of Alfred **Lamkin** who is now a Freight Conductor on the Lake Shore R.R. from Buffalo to Erie Pa. & lives in Buffalo, to which place he had addressed a letter some time ago & had no response yet. On Motion Resolved to likewise drop his name from our list.
Clerk then reported the case of Mrs. Alice A. **Kendall** of Findlay, Hancock Co. Ohio, formerly Alice A. **Story** of this Village, and read her letter in response to his written to her. In her letter she requests a letter from this Church for her to unite with the Lutheran Church where she resides. After some remarks by Pastor, it was ordered that Clerk write to her that no such letter

can be granted. (Subsequently, Clerk wrote again to her as above directed about two weeks after, as time was occupied.)
Clerk then reported the case of Mrs. Eva W. **Treat** of Polo, Ogle Co. Ill. formerly Eva W. **Daily** of Fredonia. That he had written to her but received no reply. Sister Emily **Daily** (her aunt) being present, informed the Church, that she had some time ago united with a Baptist Church in Polo by experience whereupon it was Resolved that her name be dropped from our list of members. Clerk then announced the name of Mrs. Cornelia **Post** of Ithica N.Y. (an elder sister of the last above named) and that he had some time ago written to her inquiring in regard to her desires as to membership in this Chh. or to have a letter to unite with some other Bap. Church, where she resides, and that he had recd no letter from her in reply, but that Sister **Daily** had told him that Mrs. **Post** had asked her to tell him that his letter had been received by her, and also that she had gone to the Methodists. Pastor made remarks as to usage in such case, & on Mo. Bro. **Buck** seconded by Bro. **Grant** Resolved to withdraw from her the hand of Church fellowship for breach of Ch Covenant. Clerk then mentioned the case of Miss Mary O. **Barkley**. That he had written to her at Corry Pa. while she was living there, and had recd. a letter from her desiring the continuance of her Ch. relation with this Ch. as her stay in Corry was uncertain. Also, that since the receipt of that letter she had removed into this Village, & now resided on Terrace Street. Ordered that this be passed for the present. Here Clerk said that he would present nothing more at this time. It was agreed to observe the week of prayer. Pastor declared the meeting Closed and pronounced the benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

1881 Jany 5th. Recd. letter from Com. of Randolph Bap. Ch. asking for Pastor & one or two other delegates to a Council Jan'y 18th at 3 P.M. in regard difficulties in that Ch. by the charges of Rev. B.F. **Bowen** against Rev. B.C. **Willoughby** and reports detrimental to the character of Rev. B.F. **Bowen**. Read request in evening prayer meeting, but deferred action till tomorrow evening. Also reported a letter just this evening recd. from Binghamton Bap. Ch. Clk showing that Sister Caroline **Parker** united with Ch. on our letter of Oct. 2nd the 31st Dec'r. **1880**.
Monday evening Jan'y 3rd, **1881**, Commenced service in observance of the week of prayer. Clk engaged that evening with a meeting in his office, of the Farmer's & Gardener's Club and did not go to the meeting at the Church. It was regarded at close of week, so interesting, as to warrant the continuance of meetings during the following week. These meetings continued to Friday eve'g Jan'y 21st when 6 or 7 professed to have hope in the Saviour.
Sunday A.M. Rev. Wm. **Elgin** preached & col. for Min'l. Ed. & Rev. M. **MacGregor** gave notice of meetings through this week.

Friday evening Jan'y 7th. After the close of the religious services, Pastor **MacGregor** repeated the subject for the meeting Saturday evening to be the cause of Missions; and he then submitted the question whether to continue the prayer meetings next week. Brn. **Grant**, **Buck**, **Palmer**, D.H. **Morgan**, S.S. **Crissey**, **Madison**, **Thompson**, & Rev. A. **Lull** spoke, all favoring the continuance of meetings next week, and a vote was called, and nearly all present (near 40) arose in favor. Pastor then called up the matter of collection for benevolence, the four quarters of the year, as recorded at bottom of page 3rd of this book; and Clerk rehearsed them as there stated, & the changes which the Committee appointed in Cov't. Meeting Jany 1, **1881** Viz: Pastor **MacGregor**, Prof. **Palmer** & Clk. **Madison**, proposed to wit:
The 1st qur. Jan., Feb. & Mch. for Am. Bap. Miss'y Union (as (?))

2. " Apl., May, June, for Am. Bap. Home Mission So. &
3. " July, Aug., Sept. for Am. Bap. Pub'n. So. &
4. " Oct., Nov., Dec. for this purpose.

On motion of S.S. **Crissey** seconded, Resolved to accept & adopt the report of the Committee. On the suggestion of Bro. **Palmer** that four elderly Sisters be appointed to have charge of such collections & they to appoint three younger Sisters as solicitors for funds for the several quarters of the year, and to superintend the same on four, they were duly elected, to wit.
Sisters Martha **Husted**, Frances **Haywood**, Rachel E. **Morian**, Julia P. **Clark**. The request of Randolph Ch. for delegates to attend a council 18th inst. was called up & on Motion Rev. M. **MacGregor** & Br. S.S. **Crissey** were duly appointed as such delegates. Afterwards changed to an Expartie(?) and Rev. W.H. **Husted** and S.S. **Crissey** Attended In all 30 present.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk
[Note to side reads: Rev. B.C. **Willoughby** exhonerated, & Bro. B.F. **Bowen** condemned.]

Monday P.M. Jan'y 10th. Miss Lucy **Geer** died & M.L. **Woodford**, Undertaker, being applied to by Mary **Geer**, a surviving niece, came to L.B. **Grant**, D. **Barrell** & A.Z. **Madison** to learn what the Bap. Ch. & So'y would do. Stated his lowest terms for casket & attendance $30. besides digging grave & livery. A.Z. **Madison**, after introduction of subject by Pastor, made sundry statements & some discussion was had, resulting in the opinion that we were under same obligations as citizens of Fredonia generally, and on the scale of common humanity. The Bap. Ch. & So. contributed towards the whole expense about $18. or over. The whole being Viz.
Casket $30
Attendance M.L.W. gratuitous
Digging grave pd by D. **Barrell** gratuitous 2.00
B.W. **Cotton** Livery gratuitous worth 3.00 = $35.00
Citizens of the village contributed the balance, as collected by S.S. **Crissey** & handed to A.Z. **Madison**.
Jan'y 13th A.Z. **Madison** paid Cash to M.L. **Woodford** as recd. by him $26.80 there being on Subsc'n. $2. unpaid & with 50¢ pd to M.L.W. by Clk Debt left about 70¢ improved for, to make $30.
Feb. 28. A.Z.M. pd M.L.W., 1.00 recd ac(?) Fred. A. **Moir** also
The evening meetings were continued up to Friday evening Jan'y 28th **1881**, during which time about eight expressed a hope in Christ. Probably no such class ever had better instruction in the true way. Sunday evening Rev. M. **MacGregor** preached after Rev. Wm. **Elgin** Ag't. had preached in A.M. and taken a Collection for Min'l. Education. Bro. **Elgin** preached again Monday evening Jan. 24th.
Sunday 30th. Bro. **MacGregor** announced that the evening meetings except that of Thursday evening, would be discontinued for the present.

Covenant Meeting February 5th, **1881**.
Present Rev. M. **MacGregor**, Pastor, Rev. Abner **Lull** and about 40 Brn & Sisters. The usual opening services, Singing, Reading, remarks & prayer by Pastor, and then remarks of Brn & Sisters, promiscuously interspersed with singing. Then near the Close, Rev. A. **Lull** offered a letter from the Bap. Ch. of Westfield upon which, to unite with us, He gave a very full, verbal autobiography of himself, recounting his early desires to labor as a minister among the poor, (not as a Salary-seeker,) which he had done with some success, and gave a relation of his several

Pastorates in Broome Co. Ohio, & Wisconsin, and hence had honestly & honorably procured for himself a measure of poverty, (not the lowest) but so that in that way of help, he could not be a valuable acquisition to this Chh. Other remarks made are omitted. The Pastor to whom he handed his letter then read it, prefixing remarks of his ignorance of the rehear(?). On motion of Bro. L.B. **Grant**, seconded by (?) Resolved that Bro. **Lull** be recd. on the letter presented, a Member with us. Clerk then read a letter from 1st Bap. Church Jamestown N.Y. that had been referred to in the remarks of Bro. Wales M. **Martin**, and explained as to the date of letter, (had been mislaid) and that Br. **Martin** was Baptized here, and then moved his reception on the letter read, and it was seconded, & the resolution passed, to receive him a member with us again. Pastor offered prayer to Close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting March 5th, **1881**.
Present Rev. M. **MacGregor** Pastor, Rev. A. **Lull** resident, 10 Brn & 24 Sisters. Meeting opened by singing, prayer, Reading & singing. Remarks by Pastor, Brn & Sisters, at close of which five in turn related Christian experience with the view of uniting with the Church. Viz: William A. **Noble**, Marion (Mamie) **Scott**, Belle **Ribbel**, Amanda **Johnson** (a Swede), Mary **Kingsbury**. All retired to church parlor. Pastor called the names in order. On motion of L.B. **Grant**, seconded by Clerk, that William A. **Noble** be received as a candidate for baptism and when baptized, to membership in the Church, he was duly recd. On same motion in regard to Marion **Scott** by Prof. **Palmer** seconded by L.B. **Grant**, she was recd. On motion of A.Z. **Madison** seconded by same (L.B.G.) in regard to Belle **Ribbell**, she was recd. On motion of Prof. **Palmer** seconded by Bro. **Grant**, in regard to Amanda **Johnson**, (Swede) she was recd. On motion of H.A. **Buck** seconded by L.B. **Grant**, in regard to Mary **Kingsbury**, she was also duly recd. Clerk then presented the case of Sister Emma M. **Colberg** to whom a letter of commendation and dismission to unite with the Baptist Chh at Titusville Pa. was granted Mch 6th, **1880**, and who subsequently removed to Silver Creek N.Y. where there is no Baptist Church, and who has returned said letter to Clk with written request to still be considered a member of this Church. On motion of [blank] seconded, her request is granted. Clk then, in behalf of Sister Carrie M. **Flint**, requested a letter of commendation and dismission to unite with the Baptist Ch. at Bradford Pa. to which place she is soon to remove. The same on motion of L.B. **Grant** seconded was duly granted to her. Bro. Prof. F.B. **Palmer** then offered a Resolution for the adoption of the Ch. in reference to business. See over. See page 4 with Standing Resolution
"Resolved That the Pastor, Deacons and Clerk of the Church, be a Committee, through whom requests for admission and dismission should be presented, and that all other business not specially provided for by the Church shall come through the Executive Committee of the Church; and that any business presented by the Executive Committee, shall not be discussed in any meeting in connection with a regular devotional meeting of the Church, nor acted on, if any one expressed a desire to discuss it."
A few minutes before the above resolution was read by Prof. **Palmer**, he showed it to Clerk who till then, was entirely ignorant of its existence. It was a question whether it in any respect conflicted with the 4th Standing resolution at 2nd page or, in view of that, was redundant, and hence the explanation by Clerk. Others as Rev. A. **Lull**, S.S. **Crissey** offered some remarks and Bro. **Lull** moved and Br. **Crissey** seconded as an amendment, That it be deferred one Month, and committee to five brethren who should then report in regard to it. By a meager vote of some three this motion to amend was declared carried. Some further talk, & Bro. **Lull** thought best that

it should not go so, and he again moved that the vote on the Amendment be reconsidered; and Clerk seconded this motion, and the same was carried. Immediately Bro. **Lull** had perhaps a third thought and he moved the same amendment & Br. **Crissey** seconded and the same was lost. Clerk understood this reconsidering as equivalent to rescinding, and as further remarks were made regarding the Amendment, was confused. A motion was then made to adopt the original Resolution, (as at top of this page) by [blank] and seconded. No further remarks, and vote called, and Chairman declared the Resolution adopted unanimously. He then closed with the benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk
[Note to side reads: Clk probably in error as to parliamentary usage.]

Covenant Meeting April 2nd, **1881**.
Present Rev. M. **MacGregor** Pastor, 9 Brn 14 Srs. (Sleighing, as in winter.) Opened with singing, prayer, reading & remarks by Pastor, followed by Remarks by Brn & Sisters. Many interesting, regretting the little done & a desire to do more to benefit men and to honor Christ. Closed with the benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Pastor, Rev. M. **MacGregor** commenced a course of Sunday eve'g Lectures on or about 20th March **1881**.

Miss **Belden** baptized May 1, **1881** by Rev. M. **MacGregor**.

Covenant Meeting April 30th, **1881**.
Present Rev. M. **MacGregor** Pastor, 6 Brn & Dea. C. **Batcheller** & 16 Sisters. Usual services to open before Clk came in. Remarks by D. **Barrell** & other Brn & Srs. Pastor offered prayer to close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday evening May 1st, **1881**, Rev. M. **MacGregor** took for text Rom. 6:3rd, 4th & preached a clear & instructive discourse on the subject & then, in the presence of a large audience, (for these days,) baptized Marion **Scott**, Belle **Ribbell**, Amanda **Johnson**, Mary **Kingsbury** and William A. **Noble**, the candidates mentioned page 231 who have been delayed by ice in the water works from Mch 5th. All the services and the singing, & the good order, and attention of the audience were unexceptionable. A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Thursday evening May 12th, **1881**. called the Monthly Miss'y Concert, (as, forgotten a week before the regular time,) as Reported by Pastor to Clerk, (he being at Court, at Mayville). On request, & motion seconded Resolved to grant Rev. Abner **Lull** letter of commendation and dismission to unite with the Baptist Church at Kennedy where he is now a supply. (He made request to Clk & he reported to Pastor.) After discussion, and on Motion made & seconded, Resolved That Bro. David **Barrell** be the delegate from this Church to the several Anniversary meetings of Am. Baptist Missionary Union, Am. Bap. Home Mission, Am. Bap. Pub'n. So'y &c. to be held at Indianapolis, Ia. May 18th to 23rd. (He failed to go.)
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting June 4th, **1881**
Present Rev. M. **MacGregor** Pastor 8 Brn & 20 Srs. Usual opening exercises. Then remarks by Pastor, Brn & Sisters – some interest. Heard request by Pastor for letter of recommendation & dismission to Bro. Forrest W. **Crissey**, to unite with Stockton Bap. Church. On Motion of A.Z. **Madison**, seconded, Resolved to grant his request. Pastor closed with prayer.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

(new stained glass windows June **1881**)
Covenant Meeting July 2nd, **1881**.
Present in midst of the tumult of Cleaning Ch. & nailing Carpets after the overhauling & putting in new stained windows (4. Memorial):
Rev. M. **MacGregor** Pastor, Rev. W.H. **Husted**, L.B. **Grant**, A.Z. **Madison**, D. **Barrell**, Mrs. L.M. **Edmunds**, Mrs. Ely **Davis**, Mrs. M. **Green**, Miss M. **Kendall**, Mrs. A. **Walker**, Mrs. Mary **Codington**, Mrs. E.W. **Lewis**, & Miss M. **Bishop**. Usual services to open, singing reading prayer & remarks of Pastor. Nearly all present then spoke in turn, and of trust in God. The attempted shooting of President James A. **Garfield**, this morning, at a ticket office in Washington, occasioned feeling & remarks from several. Closed by prayer by Pastor.
A.Z. **Madison** Clerk

Covenant meeting August 6th, **1881** in hot time (?), but nice showers just at tolling of the bell on the very dry earth.
Present Rev. M. **MacGregor**, Pastor, H.A. **Buck**, A.Z. **Madison**, L.B. **Grant**, Misses Fannie A. **Lord**, Marion **Scott**, (sung 293 Hymn & other after) and after the reading by Pastor, of 2nd Peter 3rd: and his very instructive remarks on the subjects, especially of making progress on the divine life. Sisters L.M. **Edmunds** & Jennie **Halligreen** and still later, just as Pastor was about to Close Bro. Wales **Martin** came in & though at disadvantage, said some very good things of personal piety, & Christian desire. Two remarked that they had never before seen so few members present in a Covenant Meeting. One said, although he had once been a member of a church composed of only sixteen members. Clk spoke of the necessary preparation for the session of Association, but so few present, it was left. Prayer to close by Pastor.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Pastor & family spent the weeks of vacation at Point Chautauqua and Fair Point or Chau(?) and about that Lake. He returned to Fredonia and preached on the 14th Aug't to a full Congregation of the three denominations, Bap. Meth. & Presbn. morning & evening. Rev. A.L. **Benton** Presb. absent on his vacation, repairing Ch &c and Rev. J. **O'Neil** Meth. very sick at Chautauqua.

On the 21st Aug't. No service in either of three churches, and meeting goers went to Episcopal Ch. & heard Rev. J.J. **Landers** Rector & Rev. Chas. **Avery** who preached or went to hear Rev. L.S. **Brown** Disciple or neither according to choice. At the usual hour, the Sunday School was attended, Supt. **Palmer** being present.

Aug't 25th, Thursday evening prayer meeting Rev. M. **MacGregor** having returned home was present to preside. Rev. Francis D. **Shaver** also present read from an Epistle of Paul, and delivered a brief discourse. Prayer, remarks & singing followed. Then Pastor announced that he understood that the Ch. Clk had written a letter to the Chaut. Association to hold its annual

session at Point Chautauqua 30th inst. and he called for the reading of same. Then with some preliminary remarks Clerk read so much as he had written which included the seven deaths but no other statistics. On Motion of Dr. **Palmer** seconded L.B. **Grant**, Resolved that the letter read be adopted as the letter of this Church to the Chautauqua Bap. Association. On nominations made by several persons and seconded, Resolved that the following named persons be our delegates to sit in the forthcoming session of the Chautauqua Bap. Association Viz. Rev. M. **MacGregor**, Dr. F.B. **Palmer**, A.Z. **Madison**, Rev. F.D. **Shaver**, Alex'r. **Morian**, Sisters Rachel E. **Morian**, Sarah G. **Palmer**. On motion Dr. **Palmer** seconded, Resolved that the Ch. Clerk pay the proper quota of this Church for printing the Minutes of the Association from Church funds in his hand. Pastor dismissed with benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting Sept. 3rd, **1881**.
Present Rev. M. **MacGregor** Pastor, 4 Brn & 12 Srs. Singing, Prayer by Pastor, Read Scripture from one of the Epistles. Remarks on same & the remarks by Brn & Srs. Singing & benediction by Pastor to close.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

(Record made Dec 3rd **1881**)
Clk Recd. from Rev. M. **MacGregor** Aug't 27/81 Blank Census inquiries as to Fredonia Bap. Ch. Clk Receipted same on Card inclosed Aug. 29th and on Sept. 2nd, **1881**, sent the filed blanks to Dr. Henry Randall **Waite** Pelbam Manor, WestChester Co. N.Y. as requested giving a condensed history of same.

Covenant Meeting October 1st, **1881**.
Present Rev. M. **MacGregor** Pastor, 9 Brn & 15 Sisters. Slightly wet. The usual services singing, reading & prayer to open. Remarks of Pastor, Brn & Sisters. Clk read letter from Sister M.A. **Kendall** of Tidioute Pa. & spoke of attendance at Covenant Meetings from Jan'y to the present time. Clerk also read a letter from Bap. Ch. in Clymer commending and dismissing Bro. George **Tate** and his wife, Sister Eliza W. **Tate** to unite with us. On motion made & seconded, Resolved that they be recd. as members with us on same. Clerk then read a letter from the Baptist Church in Evans Erie Co. N.Y. commending and dismissing to union with us Sister Laura **Adams**, who had recently removed to this place. Formerly S. (?) On motion of Clerk, seconded, Resolved that she be recd. on the letter as a member with us. Pastor offered prayer & benediction to close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting November 5th, **1881**.
Present Pastor M. **MacGregor** & 8 Brn & 19 Sisters. Pastor read & offered remarks, after singing & prayer. Brn & Sisters generally spoke of the desire for a true revival of religion. Sister **Kazer** requested a letter to re-unite with Stockton Church. At close of the services, Clerk moved & Bro. **Grant** seconded & Ch. voted that Sister Elvira M. **Kazer** have a letter on her request, to re-unite with Stockton. Clerk then read a letter from Jamestown Bap. Ch. commending & dismissing Prof. A. **Frank** (?) to unite with us. On motion of Bro. L.B. **Grant**, seconded, Resolved that he be recd. a member with us. Closed with benediction by Pastor.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting Dec'r. 5th, **1881**.
Present Rev. M. **MacGregor** Pastor and 9 Brn & 3 Srs. Usual services, singing, prayer, reading & remarks by Pastor, followed Brn & Srs. Many good remarks in a spontaneous way, or without following by course as seated. Clerk spoke of the Miss'y Magazine – the year now closed and afterwards of the Committee of Sisters to Collect funds for benevolent objects – that some of the four desired to be excused from farther service as such Committee. Also of the fact that this Ch. had paid nothing this year for the Bap. Miss'y Convention of the State of New York, important as it is. Some others who had not spoken did so, and the meeting was closed with benediction by Pastor.
A.Z. **Madison** Clerk

Covenant Meeting Dec 31/81 (Omitted) as Bro. Joseph **Moir** had died Dec. 28th and there was a delay in finding Frederic **Moir**, by telegram, who went to New York the 27th inst and the funeral was allowed to take the place & time of Cov't. Mg. The Communion service occurred as usual Sunday P.M. Jan'y 1, **1882**.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Amongst the appointments of Sunday 1st inst. was in for the observance of the week of prayer each evening, except Saturday, of this first week in January **1882**. A.Z.M. The meetings were held each evening till Saturday evening, & a benefit to the few who attended.

Friday evening January 6th, **1882**. At close of meeting Clerk presented a request for a letter of dismission for the purpose of uniting with the Portland Bap. Church at Brocton, made by Bro. Eugene L. **Wright**, and on seconding by L.B. **Grant**, such letter was voted.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting February 4th, **1882**.
Present Rev. M. **MacGregor** Pastor, & Rev. J.R. **Goddard** of the Mission to Ningpo China & his wife, a daughter of Dr. Wm. **Dean** of Bankok Siam [sic]. Services as usual by Pastor, & singing. Remarks by Brn & Sisters. Br. **Tate** spoke of our condition & of some members leaving & being seen no more with us, feelingly and instructively. Pastor & Clerk referred to it. Rev. J.R. **Goddard** spoke appropriately of Mission work & his joy to be again in this Country in the atmosphere of religion of Christ as compared with heathendom – of his interest in the Fredonia Ch. in connection with the pastorate of Rev. H.M. **Jones**, born at Bankok [sic] Pastor gave notice at opening & at Close that Bro. **Goddard** would preach tomorrow morning. He closed with benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Pursuant to request of Pastor Sunday morn Feb 12th, **1882** the members of Ch. stopped after benediction and Bro. Frank W. **Bartlett** made statement of debts of Ch. that were pressing & something must be done to liquidate them – Mr. **Colburn** for Gas – Mr. **Frazine** for (?) Mr. **Shepard** for Heaters, and arrears on Salary of Pastor. Bro. **Shepard** spoke of his & some more $4(?) Bro. **Grant** talked, (hardly heard) but at last that $600. would be the amt. of debt April 1/82. On motion of F.W. **Bartlett** seconded by A.Z. **Madison**, Resolved that brethren Henry W.

Thompson, Geo. **Tate**, L.B. **Grant**, D.L. **Shepard** & Edson J. **Wilcox** be a Com. to investigate the matter & devise Ways and means to collect & pay the debts named.
A.Z. **Madison**
The above Committee accomplished nothing. A.Z.M.

Prayer & conference meeting Thursday evening Feb'y 23rd **1882**, Pastor, Clerk & some 25 Brn & Sisters present. Sister L.G. **Lathrop**, having recd. a letter from Sister Angelina **Bridgeford** now of Albany N.Y. presented in her behalf, a request for a letter of commendation and dismission, so that she could unite with a Bap. Church in that City. On motion of L.B. **Grant** seconded, Resolved that the request be granted. Clerk accordingly forwarded such letter. There was nothing mentioned of her husband, James H. **Bridgeford**, who is also a member of this Church. The address given in her letter is 167 3rd Street Albany N.Y.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Sunday Feb'y 26th, **1882**, Pastor **MacGregor** made request from the Desk, as one of the morning Notices, that members of the Church and those interested in its finances &c remaining for a few minutes after the benediction to hear a report from the Committee that was appointed by the meeting on the 23rd inst. to examine & itemize the accts against Society. A good number of those present stopped. Pastor then spoke of the meeting of 23rd inst & the Committee Brn H.P. **Perrin** & Geo. **Tate**. H.P. **Perrin** Reported the subscriptions /81 $1100., Amt. Paid 880, unpaid $220. Liabilities $580. of old Subscriptions good (estimates) 138., Conditional subscriptions Thursday 23 inst. 180. 262 or 240 still to be raised. A few made additional subscr. as supposed. 45 then. Various remarks were made by E.J. **Wilcox**, F.W. **Bartlett**, S.S. **Crissey**, L.B. **Grant** & D. **Barrell**, the latter on the $2480.30 that he had paid for this Ch. over Missionary & other contributions & 2nd (?) purchase which he thought absolved him from arrearages. S.S. **Crissey** was not satisfied with the Report of the Comm'ee. He wanted everything included &c, the windows & all, so that people might know of what they were asked to pay for. On motion of H.P. **Perrin** seconded by A.Z. **Madison**, Resolved that a Committee of Nine Viz. Dr. F.B. **Palmer,** E.J. **Wilcox**, Geo. **Tate**, Philander **Barber**, S.S. **Crissey**, L.B. **Grant**, Alex'r. **Morian**, Henry W. **Thompson** and Henry **Morrison**, be appointed to class the names of members of the Church, and each to see & solicit subscriptions from all on their respective lists. On motion of F.W. **Bartlett** seconded by Clerk, Resolved to adjourn. Benediction by Pastor.
A.Z. **Madison** Clerk
For the desire of S.S. **Crissey** H.P. **Perrin** made a further report that should have been Recorded before the motion to adjourn above. Viz. Pastor's salary $1200, Int. on Bond D.B. 30, Boy: blowing Organ 26, A. **Colburn** Gas Bill 40, Coal bill 75, Janitor 75 = $1446.

Tuesday Feb 28th, **1882**. The Committee met at A.Z. **Madison**'s office to wit: F.B. **Palmer** Chn, S.S. **Crissey**, L.B. **Grant**, Alex'r. **Morian**, H. **Morrison** – also F.W. **Bartlett** to exhibit a Subscription and they agreed on their several allotments of names to see & made lists as clerk read the names of members of the Church & adjd.
A.Z. **Madison** Clerk

In prayer & conference meeting, Mch 2nd, **1882**, Clerk stated having sent letter to Sr. A. **Bridgeford** & recd. one this day in return, in which she requests a letter also for James H.

Bridgeford, her husband at his desire. It was moved & seconded & Resolved that his request be granted, To unite with the Tabernacle Baptist Church Albany N.Y.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk
Mch 11/82 Recd letter from Ch Clk that both were recd. in Tabernacle Ch

Covenant Meeting March 4th, **1882**.
Present Pastor M. **MacGregor** and 7 Brn & 21 Srs. (seven only at opening 2.00 P.M.) Usual service to open, - sung 225 small book. Read 1st John 1. Chap. & very instructive & appropriate remarks on it; and then Brn & Sisters, part of those present made some interesting remarks. After these, Pastor spoke further, and then pronounced the benediction to close.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk
Mch 15/82 Clk wrote to Sister Malvina S. **Playter**, Rawcliffe near Selby, Yorkshire Eng. inquiring her religious state & wishes as to membership. See page 250 her reply recd. July 18, **1882**. A.Z.M.

Saturday evening March 18th, **1882**. The Committee met again at A.Z. **Madison**'s office. Present Prof. F.B. **Palmer**, L.B. **Grant**, Henry A. **Morrison**, George **Tate**, & F.W. **Bartlett** and A.Z. **Madison** Ch & So. Clerk. (S.S.C. absent.) Looked over and compared the subscriptions recently made to meet the Deficit for Ch. expenses, paid & unpaid. Committee had found the debts to amount to about $442.00 to Apl 1st and the subscriptions to be $396.77 & some $9.00 or $10. not reported, and the 10% by L.B. **Grant** say $44 would be clear off the debt. Some talk regarding the next year and an agreement for Prof. **Palmer** to report the above, & also to offer a Resolution at close of service tomorrow. Adjourned.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Sunday Mch 19, **1882**.
Pastor requested Ch. to remain 5 Min. and Prof. **Palmer** then Reported substantially as above stated & then moved, & L.B. **Grant** 2nd Resolution Viz: "Resolved, that the Trustees be requested to devise, if possible, some financial plan to be presented to the Church, that shall make reliable provision, at the beginning of the coming (fiscal) year, for the ordinary annual expenses." Immediately adjourned to the Sab. School in Basement.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk
(See So'y Record Book **1882** Mch 22 Trustee Meeting & doings.)

Sunday March 26th, **1882**. Rev. M. **MacGregor** preached a discourse adapted to the great need of many of the members of this Church and congregation, on the subject of pay in their several shares towards the current annual expenses of the Church & Society, from the text 1. Cor. 16:2. Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in Store as God hath prospered him &c – He had read 2nd Cor. 8th Ch. At the Close of service, he called upon Dr. F.B. **Palmer**, whom the Trustees of the Society had deputed to explain & report in their behalf to the Ch. & congregation, as to the past, the present & the future, as regards the finances of same. He came forward, and in a plain masterly manner performed the duties imposed on him by the appointment, and showed to all, what must be done, if we desire to keep clear of embarrassment for the future, & live as a Ch. & Society. That all must pay something, and that those accustomed to pay, must raise their amount about 20% over those of last year, to avoid a deficit, at the end of the year to come. He reported the plan agreed upon by the Trustees Mch 22nd inst. as on Society

Book, explained it fully, & repeated notice of the meeting to rent pews in afternoon of Wednesday next 29th inst. & the social & supper, to succeed same evening in Church parlors. The plan for raising funds by weekly offerings. He then spoke of action by the congregation on the adoption of the plan, and on motion of H.P. **Perrin** seconded by Prof. **Jenks** Resolved that we adopt the plan presented and recommended by the Trustees. Benediction, & adjourned to Sunday Sch. where under the arrangement of Prof. **Jenks** and the aid of seven Teachers #, we had the best kind of quarterly Review, by summary explanations of the 1st 5. Chapters of Mark.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk
Renting slips P.M. of 29th Mch **1882** & Social in the evening.
#[Note: Not all portions of this are decipherable.]
1st
his Gospel
Palmer
2nd
Baptist
Perrin(?)
3rd
& Chronology
(?) A. **Stevens**
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(?) & Custom by
(?) of buildings
(?) **Palmer**
5th
(?) of Jesus raising the dead
Frank **Jenks**
6th
of Apostles that rank & (?)
(?) **Morian**
7th
of Jesus,
(?) Practical
(?)
MacGregor

Thursday evening March 30th, **1882**.
at Close of prayer meeting, Sister Harriet A. **Walker** being present, Rev. **MacGregor** presented her request for a letter of commendation and dismission to unite with the Bap. Church at Warren Pa. On motion made & seconded, Resolved that her request be granted. A letter just then presented to Clerk by Sister **MacGregor**, he read it to Church it being from the first Church, Woodstock, (?) commending Sister Fannie A. **Carryer**, with liberty to unite with any Ch. of same faith. On motion made and seconded, Resolved that she be received on said letter, a member with us. The Teachers Class followed, as for several weeks past, under the lead of Prof. **Jenks** the S.S. Superintendent.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting April 1st, **1882**.
Present Rev. M. **MacGregor**, 6 Brn & 21 Srs. Sung "More love to thee O Christ" Prayer Reading Faith Hope Charity, or love. Remarks by Pastor – then Brn & Sisters. Some allusion to finances & compared to spiritually in ch. as nothing, Sisters **Edmunds** & **Davis**. After by Dr. **Palmer** & Clk touching all this. Further remarks by Srs and brief prayer by Pastor to Close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Prayer and conference Meeting Thursday evening April 27th, **1882**, at Close of which Miss Helen **Rockwell Parker**, Nellie P., related her recent religious experience – her hope & trust in Christ as her Redeemer and her desire to be baptized & become a member of this Church. On motion of Prof. A.F. **Jenks**, seconded by S.S. **Crissey**, Resolved that she be received a candidate for baptism & membership when baptized.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sabbath evening April 30th, **1882**, at Close of the discourse by Rev. M. **MacGregor**, from [blank] he baptized Miss Helen R. **Parker**, and then with benediction dismissed the congregation.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting May 6th, **1882**.
Present Rev. M. **MacGregor** and 7 Brn and 19 Sisters. Sung "Nearer my God to Thee." Prayer – Read a Psalm & gave exposition of it. Remarks by Brn & Sisters. Singing 2 or 3 times interspersed. More interest generally apparent, so that it seemed a good meeting to those present. Benediction by Pastor to Close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

At a quite fully attended Missionary Concert held May 11th, **1882**, near the close Rev. M. **MacGregor** verbally stated the request of the first Bap. Ch. of Jamestown for the Fredonia Bap. Church to send its Pastor and one delegate to meet with them on Tuesday, May 23rd at 2.00 P.M. to aid in the examination of its Pastor Ransom **Harvey** with a view to ordination &c. On Motion of Clerk seconded, Resolved that in answer to the request, we send our Pastor Rev. M. **MacGregor**, and Brother A. Frank **Jenks** as delegates. On Motion of F.B. **Palmer** seconded, Resolved that Br. A.Z. **Madison** be the alternate in case of the failure of Br. **Jenks**.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

May 23rd, **1882**. Pastor Rev. M. **MacGregor** & George **Tate** substitute, Reported at Jamestown as Fredonia delegates and had a good time there.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting June 3rd, **1882**.
Present Rev. M. **MacGregor**, Pastor, 8 Brn & 24 Sisters. Opened with Singing, Reading, Prayer and remarks by Pastor, followed by remarks by Brethren & Sisters. The scripture was in Jno. and of his similarity to Christ in disposition. In the process of remarks by Sisters, a daughter of Bro. Geo. **Tate** spoke & related her Christian experience, very intelligently for one of 14 years. Elnora L. **Tate** then retired to Hall while her case was considered. Bro. **Tate** on being called to speak, gave a good & a feeling account of her, after which on Motion of Dr. **Palmer** seconded

she was recd. as a candidate for baptism & when baptized to membership in Ch. Some Sisters then offered further remarks and at close Pastor stated that there were letters of request to present, when Clk responded by brief remarks as to the present meeting & a coincidence that would appear in the requests for letters of dismission. He then read a letter from Rev. L. **Williams** requesting letters of commendation & dismission for himself & wife, Ann E. **Williams** to the Baptist Church at West Springfield Mass and for their daughter Cordelia C. **Williams** now Mrs. H.S. **Munson** of Colorado Springs Col. and spoke of the receiving & the dismissing of members being a personal & not a wholesale matter, & moved that such letter be granted to Rev. Bro. L. **Williams**, (His father, Lester **Williams** died in about **1881**, the Jr off) and L.B. **Grant** seconded & motion was carried. After delay for some one else to offer a motion, & none doing so, Clerk moved to grant a similar letter to Mrs. A.E. **Williams** which was seconded & carried. S.S. **Crissey** moved & it was seconded that the request in behalf of Mrs. Cordelia C. **Munson** be granted & same carried. Clerk then read a letter from Rev. Wm. H. **Husted** requesting similar letters of commendation and dismission for his wife, Mrs. Martha **Husted**, their daughter, Miss Ella M. **Husted** and himself to unite with the Baptist Church at Norwalk Huron Co. Ohio, and moved that such letter be granted to Br. Wm. H. **Husted**, - same was seconded & carried. On motions made & seconded in Succession similar letters were duly granted to Mrs. **Husted** & Ella M. **Husted**. Pastor then pronounced the benediction to close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

On return to his office, Clk wrote out three letters Viz. to West Springfield Mass. – to Colorado Springs Col. and to Norwalk Ohio covering the six several letters of certification and mailed them same evening to their destinations.
A.Z.M. Clk

All the above named except Cordelia C. **Williams** were received as members on letters from Oswego N.Y. & Panama Chaut. Co. N.Y. at same time, May 3rd, **1873**, 9 years & one month ago.
A.Z.M. Clk
Cordelia C. **Wms** baptized here Apl 26th, **1874**.

About this date, Prof. **Palmer** says; in a Thurs. eve prayer m'g a Committee on several denominational (?) was appointed. Viz: Prof. **Jenks**, Dr. **Palmer** & A.Z. **Madison** and at or about same time, Pastor & [blank] were (?) appoint a set of Committees. Clk absent.

Thursday evening June 8th, at Close of prayer meeting, several young persons gave relations of their several religious exercises to wit. On Motion Prof. A. Frank **Jenks**, seconded Ellie A. **Hutchinson**, on mo Mrs. **Morian** Ada T. **Tate**, on mo. Prof. **Jenks** Margaret Elis'th **MacGregor**, on mo. A.Z. **Madison** Olive **Cook**, on mo. Dr. F.B. **Palmer** Mary Clementine **MacGregor**, on mo. S.S. **Crissey** Walter **Daniel**, on mo. Prof. **Jenks** Nellie **Bartholomew**, on motion Dr. F.B. **Palmer** Hattie **Blood**, and requested membership in the Church by being baptized. On several motions made and seconded, after their several statements and answers to questions put to them by the Pastor & others, which were much more intelligent than ordinarily for the young, they were severally recd. as candidates for baptism & membership when baptized.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

June 11th. A.M. Dr. A.H. **Lung** preached & took collection for A.B. Publication $17. and some pledges, so Clk called it $20 in letter to Association.

Sunday evening June 11th, **1882**, at the regular evening service, Pastor Rev. M. **MacGregor** preached to a very full congregation filling the house – some in the gallery from [blank] and very pointedly, in this reopening exceeding himself, [blank]. He then read passages from different books of the New Testament, explaining Christian baptism and left them mainly "without note or comment, the reflection of the audience, and at once proceeded to baptize, in turn, all those named as candidates on page 249, leaving the one named on page 248 whose health did not permit her being baptized at the present time, Viz. E.L. **Tate**.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting July 1st, **1882**.
Present Rev. M. **MacGregor**, Pastor and 6 Brn 11 Srs & 3 children. Clk was hindered in office & was late over quarter of an hour, & until the opening services were done up to 2nd singing. Remarks by brethren & sisters. Then closed with prayer by Pastor.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

July 18th, **1882**. Recd. a letter from Sister Malvina S. **Playter**, now residing at RawCliffe, Yorkshire, England near Selby. No Baptist Church within 30 or 40 miles. Rejoiced to be remembered, & for Christian Watch care. Remains strong in faith & her love greater each day. Attends Methodist service, but wishes to hold her interest with us, and to be remembered kindly to all dear friends. Her husband & two daughters, within about a year, had professed Christ.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

About July [blank] **1882** it was reported that John **Hamilton** Jr. who was given a letter to Orange N.J. Bap. Ch. Sept 2/76 & who returned to Fredonia, had united with the Presb'n. Ch. here.
A.Z.M.

Covenant Meeting July 29th, **1882**.
Present Rev. M. **MacGregor** Pastor, 4 Brn. D. **Barrell**, L.B. **Grant**, W. **Noble** & A.Z. **Madison** & about 15 Srs among whom Sr. E.W. **Lewis**, L.M. **Edmunds**, L. **Martin**, E.A. **Gates**, A. **Walker**, Eliz **Barker**, Ella **Davis**, Effie **Hutchinson** & other young persons. Opened by singing, "More love to thee." Prayer, Reading 1 Jno. 1: & explained same. "God is light &c" Bro. **Barrell** opened with remarks, followed by each Bro. present & several sisters. Clerk read Cft. Of Clk Bap. Ch. West Springfield Mass. that on 2nd July/82 Rev. Lester **Williams** & Sr. Ann E. **Wms** united there on our letter to them. Clerk then read a letter from Sister M.S. **Playter** mentioned Page 250. It seemed to make a good impression. On motion of L.B. **Grant** seconded by W. **Noble**, Resolved that Ch Clk prepare a letter from the Church to the Association for Aug't. 29th. Clerk stated the meagerness of our Church contributions this Associational year, so far, Foreign Missions $43.46 Pub. So. $17. and Women's M'y Circle about $30 or less. [Notes to side are a column with 166.40 minus 100 equals 66.40 left in safe and a separate column that totals to $125.40.] Pastor proposed a Committee to raise funds to be equally divided between Home & Foreign Missions. Clerk suggested that Pastor as Chn. of this meeting appoint three for such Committee. Pastor then appointed three young sisters viz. Ella J. **Davis**, Effie A. **Hutchinson** & Marietta F. **Kendall** such Committee (over book S(?)) On motion of L.B. **Grant** 2nd Resolved to

grant request of Sister Mary **Knowland** for a letter of commendation and dismission to 1st Bap. Church at St. Paul, Min. Clerk then stated the condition of funds in suspense a/c in the Treasury of the Am. Bap. Miss'y Union at Fremont Temple Boston Mass. and that there is now over $100. in that a/c which can make someone a Life Member, and he moved that our Pastor Rev. Malcolm **MacGregor** be nominated for such Life Membership. Clk called the vote, and same passed unanimously. Pastor returned thanks for the kind act of the Church, and pronounced the benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday Morning July 30, **1882**, Pastor **MacGregor** preached from Eph. 1:6 "To the praise of the glory of his god" a third discourse on the preciousness of Christ to them that believe. He announced that he would leave the next day on his Month of vacation. (His family left for Canada a week ago.) No provision made for meetings during Aug't. Communion service as (?) After preaching in the evening, Elnora L. **Tate** (who, being out of health June 11th & was not then baptized) being now ready, Pastor read appropriate scriptures, and then baptized her.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday Aug't. 6th/82 Many of the Baptist congregation attended at Presb. Ch. on the first day of the new Pastor of that Ch., Rev. Mr. **Kneeland** as there was no service but young peoples prayer meeting & Sunday School, Bap. Ch. T.A. **Osborn** heard the Sen'r Bible Class.
Sunday Aug't 13th/82 Rev. Abner **Lull**, after reading Rom. 12th preached from Jude 21st v. "Keep yourselves in the love of God," a plain & truthful discourse in his own style, that may well set every professor who heard him, to inquiring whether he or she "Keep himself or herself," in the love of God." A.Z.M. heard (?)
Sunday Aug't 20th, **1882**
No service but S.S. & young peoples prayer Meeting.

Thursday evening Aug't. 24th, **1882**.
After prayer meeting, a meeting of Church was called by Dea. H.P. **Perrin** to hear the Ch. letter to the Chau. Bap. Asso'n. prepared by the Clerk A.Z. **Madison** before he left home for Chicago, on the 17th inst. and left with Bro. **Perrin** to present to the Church. After the reading of said letter, and discussion of same, "it was voted to accept and adopt the letter, with statement of "less money raised for benevolent purposes than for last thirty years," stricken out. Also, added a statement of revival in Sunday School, overlooked by Clerk, mostly. Delegates appointed to Association. Rev. M. **MacGregor**, Prof. F.B. **Palmer** & [crossed out the following: his wife, not there, Mrs. Sarah G. **Palmer**, Alex'r **Morian** & wife, sick mother there, Mrs. Rachel E. **Morian**] & S.S. **Crissey**. (3) attended. Voted to pay in usual way, (i.e. from Collections in hands of Ch. Treas. A.Z.M. at Communions) the usual amount, (last year $4.00) for printing Minutes. The foregoing record, handed to Clerk by H.P. **Perrin** after return from Chicago Sept. 1/82.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting Sept. 2nd, **1882**, Rev. M. **MacGregor** Pastor, though at home from his vacation, went this P.M. to Dkk to meet his family & was not present. Dea. D. **Barrell** led the meeting, on urgent request of Br. **Grant** he being deaf, First, read Phillipians 4th Chap. – then offered prayer & remarks. Sung a hymn, in Pleyels. Present Brn 8 Srs 17. Voluntary singing twice Sr. **McClanathan** and once more in concert. Brethren spoke in course – then Sisters spoke

promiscuously. At close Clerk spoke of the Letter to Association – the part expunged and the facts in the case. Closed with Old Hundred, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow,"
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

A lady stranger was in Cov't. Meeting above, and spoke earnestly in turn & at considerable length. She said that fifty one years ago she professed Christ & was baptized here in this Ch. It was ascertained that she was then Sarah **Shepard**, now **Mitchell** of New Jersey, a daughter of Providence L. **Shepard**. She was baptized Sept 4/31 by Rev. E. **Tucker**, as on oldest Record Book.

Thursday evening Sept. 14th, **1882**, in regular weekly Prayer meeting, after opening, Pastor Rev. M. **MacGregor** made report as Chn of the Committee for (?) purpose, and announced the following Committees for the various kinds of Church work indicated to wit:
1st. Student Committee: Mr. **Holmes**, Misses Helen R. **Parker** and Emma **Fox**.
2nd. Prudential Committee: The Pastor, and brethren, H.P. **Perrin**, F.B. **Palmer**, Edwd. J. **Crissey** and Dayton H. **Morgan**.
3rd. Committee for looking after the sick: Mrs. Julia P. **Clark**, Mrs. R.E. **Morian**, Mrs. Albert **Haywood**, Mrs. Ely **Davis**, and Messrs. S.S. **Crissey** & Henry W. **Thompson**.
4th. Decorating Committee: Mrs. Charlotte **Colburn** & Miss Annie **Powell**, with the assistance of the Sunday School Classes.
5th. Welcoming Committee: Mrs. P.M. **Manton**, Mrs. J.B. **McClanathan**, Mrs. A.D. **Lewis**, Mrs. A. **Morian**, Mrs. H. **Daniel**, Mrs. J.H. **Porter**, Mrs. Dr. **Palmer**, Mrs. G.N. **Frazine** and Messrs. H.P. **Perrin**, S.S. **Crissey**, H.W. **Thompson**, and D.L. **Shepard**.
6th. Visiting Committee: Miss Cora **Wright**, Mrs. P. **Barber**, Mrs. P.M. **Manton**, Mrs. Sophronia **Webster**, Mrs. M.L. **Rice**, Br. E.J. **Wilcox** & Miss Emily **Starr**. These, each for their several localities.
Also for Village work (Fredonia): Misses Jennie **Sweet**, Nellie **Palmer**, Sarah L. **Stevens**, Lizzie **Roesch**, Mrs. Albert **Haywood**, Mrs. Dr. **Palmer**, Mrs. A. **Morian**, Mrs. Geo. **Tate**, Mrs. B.F. **Skinner** and Mrs. J.S. **Lathrop**.
Committee on general denominational benevolence: Prof. A. Frank **Jenks**, Dr. F.B. **Palmer**, and A.Z. **Madison**. There was no discussion had regarding any of the foregoing Committees. Pastor to explain to each, their respective duties, & committees to report to him from time to time. On Motion of L.B. **Grant**, seconded by Prof. A.F. **Jenks**. Resolved to accept and adopt the report in whole.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday Sept. 17th, **1882**. Pastor called the members of the Church to tarry after benediction for an item of business. When others of the congregation had left, he called attention to the request of the Chau. Bap. Association, that the Churches vote on the question of place for holding the Session of Association in **1883**, whether it should be held at Point Chautauqua or at Forestville. L.B. **Grant** moved that the next session of Association be held at Point Chautauqua. [blank] seconded same. Chairman called the vote by show of hands, and announced that the motion for Point Chautauqua as the place, was carried nearly unanimously, one vote against.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Monday Sept. 18th. Clerk mailed a letter to Rev. C.B. **Parsons** Clk of Asson. at North East Pa. advising him of the result, & returning the Ch. letter to Asson. & the Report to Convention for Bap. Annual, and at same time mailed a letter to the Treasr of Asson. J.H. **Hulburt** Point Chau. with voucher recpts & Chk of Fredonia Nl. Bk $7.00 being $3.00 bal to Am. Bap. Pub'n. So. & $4.00 to pay for printing minutes.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting September 30th, **1882**.
Pastor M. **MacGregor** absent to attend the funeral of Mrs. **Wilson**. Present 6 Brn & 17 Sisters. Sung "God is the refuge of his saints," Ward.(?) Clerk read Mark 14th & offered prayer. Brn & Sisters spoke in course. Clerk brought up the subject of an Honorary Life Membership in the Am. Bap. Missionary Union by the application of the balances in suspense account at the Treasury in Boston to the Credit of the Fredonia Bap. Chh and the Fredonia Bap. Sunday School, same as he explained in S. School last Sunday. After some interchange of views in regard to the Nominee, On the motion of Sister R.E. **Morian**, seconded, Resolved that if the Sunday School concur herewith, Sister Ella Irene **Davis** be nominated as an Honorary Life Member of the American Baptist Missionary Union by the application of One Hundred dollars, Money held in suspense account in the Treasury of that Society Boston Mass. to the credit of the Fredonia Baptist Church $69.89 and the Sunday School in connection therewith, $36.82 = $106.71. The same to be voted upon in the Sunday School tomorrow. Closed with singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," (Old Hundred)
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Oct. 29th, **1882**, our Pastor Rev. M. **MacGregor** exchanged pulpits with Rev. Ransom **Harerey** Pastor of the Jamestown Bap. Ch.

Covenant Meeting Nov'r. 4th, **1882**.
Present Pastor Rev. M. **MacGregor**, and 6 Brn & 23 Sisters. Opened by singing, Reading & prayer by Pastor, followed by remarks from him, on our several obligations to God for all his mercies to each of us, in a lengthy enumeration, of special favors, both temporal and spiritual. These services were succeeded by remarks of brethren, beginning with Bro. D. **Barrell**, & then remarks of Sisters. At the close of these remarks, which, together, were appropriate & timely in view of so general delinquency regarding attendance at Covenant, prayer and other meetings of the Church, Pastor spoke of a letter commending Sister Anna M. **Lawson** to our fellowship with liberty to unite with us; and then Clerk read the letter from 1st Bap. Ch. of Corry Pa. On motion of Clerk, seconded, Resolved that Sister **Lawson** be received as a member with us on the letter presented. Clerk then Reported the result of preamble and Resolution presented for the concurrences of the Sunday School Oct. 1/82 to make Sister Ella I. **Davis** a Life Member of the Am. Bap. Missionary Union – That it was laid on the table by the Sunday Sch. On motion of Dr. F.B. **Palmer** seconded, Resolved that if the Sunday School shall concur, Miss Marietta F. **Kendall** be our nominee for the H. Life Membership in the Am. Bap. Miss'y Union by the funds explained on page 256. (The reason of the change of names is because Bro. Ely **Davis** had made provision for an Honorary Life Membership in the same for his daughter Ella I. previously.) Clerk then read a Certificate of T.J. **Fisher** Chh Clerk of 1st Bap. Ch. Colorado Springs, Col. that on the 20th of Sept **1882** Sister Cordelia C. **Munson** (late **Williams**) had been recd a member of that Church on a letter from this Chh. of June 3/82. This was read merely for the information and

gratification of members. No action required. Clerk then presented the requests of Sister Kate E. **Lyon** in behalf of herself and her sister Jessie **Taylor** for letters of commendation and dismission from the Church to unite with the Olivet Chapel Baptist Church Delaware Avenue, Buffalo. On Motion of Dr. F.B. **Palmer** seconded by Wales M. **Martin** or W. **Noble**, Resolved that such letter be granted to Sister Kate E. **Lyon** with liberty asked. On Motion by same seconded by same, Resolved that similar letter be granted to Sister Jessie **Taylor** with same liberty. [Note in the margin reads "Last record of Taylors."]
Clerk then read a letter from Sister Mary **Lord**, now of Savannah, Georgia, requesting "a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Congregational Church of Savannah. Sister **Lord** has been for some time a teacher in a school connected with that Church, & it was stated in this meeting by Sister **Morian** that her procuring the situation was conditioned upon her disconnecting herself from the Baptist Church. When Clerk had read her request, Bro. D. **Barrell** made a motion that our usual letter to a sister Baptist Ch. with a clause added that we considered her by such letter dismissed from our Church, (not Christian) fellowship. This was not seconded, but he made further explanatory remarks. (Perhaps ought not to be recorded.) Some remarks by Dr. **Palmer** & others & Clerk stated other similar cases & the action of Ch. and also read Rev. Dr. **Gordon**'s views of right & usage, in such cases. On Motion of Dr. F.B. **Palmer**, seconded by W.M. **Martin** Resolved that the Chh Clerk write to Sister Mary F. **Lord** a Certificate of Christian character & her membership in this Church. (Dec 7/82 Pastor **McGregor** a request was made by him, and a letter of recommendation & dismission granted to Sr. Jennie E. **Evans** to unite with Bap. Church at Lockport at this meeting which Clk failed to hear & record.) Letter written. Pastor closed meeting with brief prayer.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sabbath, November 5th, **1882**. The Church Clerk reported in the Sunday School, the action of the Church, Saturday 4th inst. in reference to the Honorary Life Membership in Am. Bap. Miss'y Union as see on page 257, nominating Miss Marietta F. **Kendall**. On Motion made & seconded, it was Resolved that this Sunday School heartily concurs with the action of the Church, by its Resolution in the matter named.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk
(wrote to Miss **Kendall** elc'n/ day Nov 7/82. Recd her reply Nov 10.82 & wrote to Treas. in S. Sch. Nov. 12 Clk read Miss **Kendall**'s reply.)

Letter to Mary F. **Lord**, Savanna Ga. written by Clerk Nov 6th but not mailed till 9th Nov.
Copy
Fredonia Chautauqua Co. N.Y. Nov 6/82
This certifies, That the bearer, Miss Mary F. **Lord**, upon the profession of her faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, was baptized and received as a member of the Fredonia Baptist Church on the 25th day of December **1870**; and that so far as known, she has maintained a good Christian character subsequently while residing here. Done by direction of the Church, November 4th, **1882**.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk
On 3rd page of note paper, the following explanation.
"Your letter was received October 12th. Being so early in the month, no appropriate opportunity occurred for its presentation to the Church until Sat. Nov. 4th. Since then we have had an election in New York as well as in Georgia and some other places, and having had many things to look after, this is not mailed till this 9th inst. Nov. A.Z.M."

Nov. 14/82 A.Z.M. taken sick for near 2 weeks & not in meetings.
Nov. 30/82 Union Thanksgiving services as for years. Rev. M. **MacGregor** Bap., Rev. **Kummer** & [blank] Meth., & Rev. **Kneeland** Presb. Preached 1. Saml. 4:21 (?)

Covenant Meeting December 2nd, **1882**.
Present Rev. M. **MacGregor** Pastor and [blank] Brn & [blank] Sisters, about as usual in number. The exercises also much the same. Miss Elsie **Skillman**, a member of some Baptist Church, & now living here, gave a relation of her Christian experience, on which she was duly received into membership with us, as reported, by Pastor to Clerk, who was just recovering from two weeks sickness, & unable to be in the Covenant meeting.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday Dec'r 10th, **1882**. The Parlor west side in Basement yielded to Dr. F.B. **Palmer** for his class of young men and the Sen'r. Class sits above near organ. A.Z.M. present after sickness for the first Dec 17
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting January 6th, **1883**
Present Pastor **MacGregor** 8 Brn & 16 Srs & 1 boy (**Barker**?) Usual services to open. Remarks by Pastor & Brn & Srs. – by Bro. **Barrell** at length & true. Sister Sarah (**McAllister**) **Kimbel** presented a letter from the South Bap. Church of Milwaukee Wis read by Pastor. On motion of Clerk seconded by H.A. **Buck**, Resolved that she be recd. a member with us on same. Closed with benediction by Pastor.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday Jan'y 7, **1883**. Pastor **McGregor** preached in A.M. then he was sick & did not have a Bible class & for his substitute Rev. F.B. **Palmer** officiated at the Communion. Prior to this service, Clk explained as to the Missionary Magazine – the Examiner, and then the request from the Minister at Sinclearville for our Pastor for a letter of commendation & dismission for Mrs. **DeLisle** – Sister C.L. **Barber** had this explained to Clerk that Lizzie **Miller**, a member of Church had married a son of Mrs. D.H. **DeLisle** and that she desired the letter & not Mrs. D.H. **DeLisle** as he had supposed, whom he had first known at Sinclearville and then in Fredonia. After stating the explanation, Clerk moved and S.S. **Crissey** seconded that Lizzie **Miller** now Mrs. **DeLisle**, have such letter agreeably with her request, and the same was voted by the Church.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Clerk wrote the letter as above, & reported to Pastor **MacGregor**, who request Clk to Mail it to Rev. A.V. **Eddy**, Pastor at Sinclairville, which he did about Jan'y 8/83.

Thursday P.M. about 4. o'clock Clerk was in the Union Meeting, midweek of prayer. He was not in similar meeting at Meth. Ch. Tuesday. Present Rev. **Kneeland** Leader, Rev. **Kummer**, and Rev. M. **MacGregor** & some 90 or 100 persons. Pretty good meeting. Another announced to be in the Presb. Ch. Saturday at 10 ½ A.M. Meetings held in each Ch. during the evenings of the week.

A.Z. **Madison** Clk
Clk was in the Union Meeting Sat 10 ½ A.M. A very good one. Dr. **Palmer** & others spoke to the purpose. In Bap. Ch no more special meetings the next week.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting Feb'y 3rd, **1883**.
Present Pastor **MacGregor** & 7 Brn & 8 Srs in rainy & icy time. Usual services & remarks by brn & srs. Closed with prayer by Pastor.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

See the Fredonia Baptist Society Record Book in regard to the death of Sister Elisabeth **Bissell** on the 13th March inst. – her Will & Deed of lot to said Society & subsequent proceedings.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting March 3rd, **1883**
Present Rev. M. **MacGregor** Pastor 6 Brn & 14 Srs.
The usual services had to open the meeting. Pastor spoke with increased energy as to the Christian life. Remarks of Brn. Bro. **Barrell** & **Buck** leading & of Sisters Sr. **Morian** & **Davis** leading & **Lull** also by full reliance on Christ. Clerk read letter from Rev. M.V. **Thomas** Pastor of the Bap. Ch. at Defiance Ohio who attended the late funeral of Sister Mary P. **Smith** who died at Cecil Feb'y 19/83. Also spoke of Examiner, desiring payments to make up the 4th Club of ten. Pastor closed with benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

At the weekly prayer meeting of the Chh. held Thursday evening March 22nd, **1883** after Pastor, M. **MacGregor**, Dea. H.A. **Buck** and Clk A.Z. **Madison** of the Committee, as recorded at top of page 4 of this book, had briefly examined them immediately before the opening Miss Katie E. **Hendee**, Miss Annie A. **Carryer** and Mr. Geo. Clayton **Robertson** were announced by pastor as being desirous to unite as members of the Church. Clk being called on stated the interview with these persons and his personal satisfaction with their several relations of religious experience, and their trust in our Lord Jesus Christ. They were then asked to make their several statements to the Chh. as here represented. First Mr. **Robertson**, then Miss **Hendee** and Miss **Carryer**, after which they retired and on Motion made & seconded Resolved that Geo. Clayton **Robertson** be received as a candidate for baptism and when baptized, to membership in the church. On motion made and seconded, Resolved that Miss Katie E. **Hendee** be received as a candidate for baptism and membership in same. On motion made and seconded, also Resolved that Miss Annie A. **Carryer** be likewise received a candidate for baptism and membership in the Church. Then Pastor read letters from Sinclairville Church commending Bro. William **Marshall**, & from North East Pa. Ch commending his wife, Sister Jane **Marshall**, and on separate motions, seconded, they were each recd. as members with us. Devotional services which had been suspended, were then resumed, & altogether, the reading and remarks of Pastor, supported by remarks of Rev. G.O. **King** of Cleveland O. and others in their several parts in the services rendered a more than ordinary interesting meeting.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting March 31st, **1883**. Fair & raw.

Present 9 Brn & 16 Sisters. Waited till 2.50 P.M. As Pastor did not appear Bro. F.B. **Palmer** persuaded Bro. Geo. **Tate** to preside, which he did. Sung a hymn. Chn. read in John 15th. Bro. D. **Barrell** offered prayer. Chn spoke of the first time in such position & of the old way of speaking by course. Then W. **Higgins** opened with remarks followed in course by most of the Srs present – then other Brn. At 3. P.M. Pastor came in & took his place. A Sister Martha C. **Bowdish** spoke & then presented a letter from Mayville Ch for herself which Clerk read & on Mo. F.B. **Palmer** 2nd she was recd. a member with us. She also presented another letter from Schoolcraft 1st Bap. Ch. Kalamazoo Co. Mich for her absent daughter Martha E. **Bowdish** & on Motion of A.Z. **Madison** seconded, Resolved that she be recd a member with us. Pastor then spoke and also explained his tardiness by head ache & sleep and closed with prayer.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Sunday evening April 29th, **1883**.
Rev. M. **MacGregor** preached to a considerably large congregation from Exodus 12:26. "What mean you by this service?" He stated the original meaning of the words in their connection in the text, and that he used them on this occasion as though he were inquired of concerning the baptismal service for which we were met, "What mean ye by this service,"? conceding that it was a proper question for any one to propose, and regarding it as proposed to him, he would proceed to answer it, which he did in the plainest language. At the conclusion of his discourse, he baptized, in order, Miss Katie E. **Hendee**, Miss Annie A. **Carryer** & Mr. George Clayton **Robertson** who had been received as candidates for the ordinance & Membership in this Church Mch 22/83 and whose baptism had been procrastinated because ground & water pipes, outside the Ch Edifice northwly end in rear, where formerly covered by the Howard building, since removed for Watch Factory, was frozen & the water could not easily be let into the Baptistery. It is deemed proper to give the reason for the delay of the baptisms.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting May 5th, **1883**, Pastor absent and Dr. F.B. **Palmer** presiding, Brn. D. **Barrell**, Wm. **Noble**, A.Z. **Madison** & 16 Srs. present. Sung "Sweet hour of prayer" – then prayer by Br. **Barrell**. Dr. **Palmer** read in Jno. 15th. Sung "He leadeth me". Remarks by Brn & several Sisters **Morian**, **Bowdish**, **Davis**, **Noble**, **Cook**, **Palmer**, & **Green**, **Barker**, & others younger. Sung "My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus' blood & righteousness." Closed with prayer by Dr. **Palmer**.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

May 6/83 In the absence of Pastor, a Rochester student Mr. **Silhine**(?) preached Sunday A.M. & evening & Dr. **Palmer** presided Communion P.M. and very effectively gave hand of fellowship to the three baptized Apl 29 & also Bro. & Sister **Marshall** who united on letters 22nd March. They were all & each very appropriately reminded of their obligations to the Savior & to the Church, and the Church of its obligation to Him & to them.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting June 2nd, **1883**.
Present Pastor **MacGregor**, 7 Brn & 16 Sisters. Usual services. Clk late in being detained by a call of Mrs. **Porter** at house. Dr. **Palmer** was speaking & of the state of the Ch. & of its organization. He was followed by Bro. Geo. **Tate** in similar strain & same continued by Sister

Morian. Other sisters spoke as ordinarily & Sister **Edmunds** of the Condition at Oakland Oregon, where she spent the last winter. Pastor read a letter from Bap. Ch. Stockton commending to our fellowship Bro. Charles **Goulding** and Sister Aggie B. **Goulding**. On motion of Dr. **Palmer** seconded by S.S. **Crissey** Resolved, that on the letter Bro. Chas. **Goulding** be received a member with us. On motion of S.S. **Crissey** seconded by W. **Noble** Resolved that Sister Aggie B. **Goulding** be received a member with us. Closed, after a few other sisters had spoken, with prayer by Pastor.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Thursday evening Prayer Meeting June 7, **1883**.
Prior to the Meeting Pastor **MacGregor** & Clerk proposed some general questions as to their religious experience, to Miss Elcie B. **Conger** (18) & Miss Dora R. **Barker** (12), and then in the meeting they severally gave relations of same, and on separate motions seconded, they were both recd as Candidates for baptism, & when baptized, to membership in the Church. Motions were made and seconded by brethren Dr. **Palmer** & Bro. Geo. **Tate**, I think.

Sunday evening June 10, **1883**, at Close of discourse Rev. M. **MacGregor** baptized Miss Elcie B. **Conger** and Miss Dora R. **Barker** as reported by Dr. F.B. **Palmer**. Clk not present.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting June 30th, **1883** For Mo. July
Present Pastor M. **MacGregor**, 7 Brethren & 25 Sisters. Usual services to open the meeting, by the Pastor. Remarks by Brn & Sisters. Afterwards Pastor proposed a Committee to collect funds for the Am. Bap. Missionary Union which had been neglected at the proper time, for last year. For, & as, such Committee Pastor then nominated & the Church sanctioned the appointment of Mrs. A.D. **Lewis**, Mrs. Geo. W. **Blood**, Miss Louise M. **Wilcox**, Miss Eliza M. **Prescott**. Pastor then dismissed with benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Clerk

At close of prayer meeting Thursday evening July 26th, **1883**, Pastor **MacGregor** stated that Bro. A.F. **Jenks** late Prof. in the Nor. & Tr. School, had requested a letter of recommendation and dismission from this Ch. to unite with the Bap. Church in Jamestown N.Y. On motion of A.Z. **Madison** seconded by a Sister, Resolved that his request be granted. Accordingly Clerk prepared and sent such letter July 27, **1883** par Mail.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting Aug't. 4th, **1883**.
Present Rev. M. **MacGregor** Pastor & brethren A.Z. **Madison**, Wm. A. **Noble**, Wales M. **Martin**, & Sisters Mrs. **Gates**, **Green**, **Davis**, **Noble**, **Edmunds**, **Bowdish**, Miss **Cook**, **Lord**, **Bowdish** & 2 or 3 young girls. Pastor & Miss **Lord** sung. "Take the name of Jesus with you." Pastor read a Psalm & offered prayer. Brn. M. & each Bro. & several Sisters offered remarks, and verses were sung. At conclusion Pastor spoke of objects of benevolence & the necessity of doing fairly for Home Missions & for the N.Y. State B.M. Conv'n. On motion, Voted that Pastor nominate a Committee to Collect for those two objects. He then nominated Brethren **Goulding** & **Noble**. On motion of A.Z. **Madison** seconded, Resolved that the sum so collected be equally divided between the Am. Bap. Home Mission Society, and the New York State Bap. Missionary

Convention. Clerk then read letter so far as written from this Church to the Chau. Bap. Association. On motion of Wales M. **Martin**, seconded, Resolved that Church accepts the same subject to filling blanks with the correct statistics &c as its letter to the association. Closed with singing – prayer and benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

In prayer meeting Thursday evening Aut 2(?) **1883**. Present Rev. M. **MacGregor** Pastor and about 30 Brethren & Sisters. Amongst the customary services, Brother Isaac H. **Damon** was the first voluntarily to offer prayer, after the usual opening services by Pastor. At the close, Bro. **MacGregor** announced that Bro. **Damon** had liberty, agreeably with his expressed desire, to offer some explanatory remarks. He embraced the opportunity, and stated substantially, that he had recently left the Baptist Church and united with the Church of Disciples, July 1st, **1883**, but he had since seen his mistake and now desired to return to his place in the Regular Baptist Church where he has been a member over forty years, and which seems more like home to him, and in that endeavor to live a Christian life. Pastor thought to extend all courtesy to Bro. **Damon** & spoke to that effect, and Bro. **Buck** moved and it was seconded, that we express our cordial satisfaction with his statement. Clerk here suggested that it was an anomalous case and as the church had not acted upon it at all, he could not see any necessity for action by the Church now. Pastor thought we should be courteous to Bro. **Damon**, and the motion being put, it was Resolved that the above motion of satisfaction pass. Pastor inquired for other business, if any. Clerk explained the matter of the Executive Committee from the beginning, when & how, it had been composed, from time to time, and that now of those who had been members at some time, at least five, by removal, and by death, were not now members of the Ex. Com'ee. and to supply the deficiency, he moved that Brethren Geo. **Tate** & Dr. F.B. **Palmer**, be now elected members of the Executive Committee. This motion was seconded and duly passed. The full Board of the Executive Committee, as now is as follows, Viz:
Rev. M. **MacGregor** Pastor, Exofficis Chairman
Deacons, Exofficis, Members, David **Barrell**, Eber M. **Pettit**, Henry A. **Buck**, Horace P. **Perrin**, Edson I. **Wilcox**, and brethren Lewis B. **Grant**, Samuel S. **Crissey**, Darwin L. **Shepard**, Henry W. **Thompson**, George **Tate**, Dr. F.B. **Palmer** & A.Z. **Madison** Clerk.
An inquiry by Pastor for further business, the Clk stated what had been done in Covenant Meeting regarding letter to association & the appointment of delegates to the Association 28th inst. at Pt. Chau. After some inquiries as to who could and would go, On nominations made and seconded, Resolved that our Pastor Rev. M. **MacGregor**, Dr. F.B. **Palmer**, Brethren A.Z. **Madison**, Geo. **Tate**, & Alexander **Morian**, and Sisters Rachel E. **Morian**, Julia P. **Clark**, Beulah J. **Noble** be our delegates to the Association. The meeting was here dismissed to the Superintendent & Teachers in Sunday Schools.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clerk

A rain storm day & night of 28th Aug't. and only Pastor, Br. **Tate**, & Br. & Sister **Morian** who were there living, attended Asso'n.

Covenant Meeting Sept. 1st, **1883**
Present Rev. M. **MacGregor** Pastor, D. **Barrell**, Chas. **Goulding**, A.Z. **Madison**, & late Erial T. **Willard**, Mrs. **Gates**, **Adams**, **Edmunds**, **Davis**, **Barker**, **Blood**, **Codington**, **Green**, **Grant**, **Goulding**, & Miss **Bishop**, **Cook**, F.A. **Lord**, & Dora **Barker**. Opened by singing, prayer,

Reading Ps. & expository remarks on "How precious to me are thy thoughts, O. God." Then remarks by Bro. **Barrell** & those then in followed by Sisters, most of whom spoke, and feelingly. Singing interspersed. Pastor offered further remarks & pronounced benediction to close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting October 6th, **1883**
Present Rev. M. **MacGregor** Pastor, Brn. D. **Barrell**, A. **Morian**, A.Z. **Madison**, & Harlow **Crissey** of Stockton. Srs **Morian**, girl, Mrs. **Gates, Blood, Noble, Lull, Green, Buck,** F. **Haywood, Lathrop, Bowdish, Playter** of Eng., M.S. **Grant**, Miss **Cook, Skillman, Bishop**, Mrs. **Hutchinson**. Opening, prayer, reading & remarks. Singing. Then remarks by Bro. **Barrell**, Sr. **Morian** & other Srs. & Bro. H. **Crissey** & A.Z. **Madison**. Clerk then presented the recommendation of Ex. Committee in relation to Sr. Flora **Clothier**, who had united with Presb'n. Ch. recommending the Church to withdraw from her the hand of Church fellowship. On Motion of Sister **Morian** seconded, Resolved that we as the Church adopt the recommendation of the Ex. Com. Prayer by Pastor to Close. Then introductions to Sister M.S. **Playter** of Rawcliffe Eng.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

At regular stated prayer meeting Thursday evening October 18th, **1883**, it was Resolved That Bro. David **Barrell** be appointed a delegate from this Church to the Baptist Missionary Convention of the State of New York in session at Buffalo N.Y. Oct. 24, **1883**. (as reported by Rev. M. **MacGregor**)
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk
And further as reported by Sister Ely **Davis** & H.P. **Perrin**, at same meeting above, it was Resolved that there be an appropriation from the fund for the poor for the benefit of Miss Mina **Olds**, now sick, (& one of our So'y) of $5.00 which sum Clk paid to Bro. H.P. **Perrin** Oct. 30, **1883**.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting November 3rd, **1883**.
Present Rev. M. **MacGregor**, and 9 Brn & 25 Sisters, about as usual, one, Mrs. **Playter**. Usual service. Brn & Sisters offering remarks as Clk entered the room. At close, on Motion of Dr. **Palmer** seconded by Wm. A. **Noble** Resolved to grant the usual letter of commendation & dismission, on request that had been made to Bro. Nathan L. **Martin** to unite with the 1st Bap. Ch in Portland at Brocton where his wife is now a member. Closing prayer by Pastor.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting Dec 1, **1883**. Clk not present. Rev. M. **MacGregor** reported to Clk that no business was done except the usual services of the Covenant meeting. Few present.
A.Z. **Madison**

The subscription made up for sheds &c and work begun on Society's ground about 10th Dec/83.
A.Z.M.

Moderating of a severe wind & snow storm.
Covenant Meeting January 5th, **1884**.

Present Rev. M. **MacGregor**, Pastor, 3 Brn (H.A. **Buck**, F.B. **Palmer** & A.Z. **Madison**) & 7 Sisters Mrs. **Palmer**, Mrs. **Edmonds**, Mrs. **Wheelock** (Rev.), Mrs. **Morian**, late, Mrs. **Martin**, Miss **Daily**, **Lord**, **Palmer**, **Bowdish**, **Bishop** & **Cook**. Opened with usual service, singing, prayer and remarks by Pastor followed by remarks of the brethren present and part of the sisters. On call of Pastor, the Clerk read a letter from Ch. Clerk Beaver Dam Wis. recommending Sister Eleanor B. **Warren** once a member of this Church as Sr. E.B. **Baldwin**. On motion of H.A. **Buck** seconded by Mrs. **Palmer** Church Resolved that we receive her as a Member with us on said letter. Pastor offered prayer to Close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk
Certificate returned to A.S. **Hutchins** Clk same day.

Covenant Meeting February 2nd, **1884**.
Present Rev. M. **MacGregor** & 9 Brn & 30 Sisters. The usual preliminary services. Then remarks by Brn. Those of Dr. F.B. **Palmer** on Self-denial most significant and to the purpose. Several others in point. (A License or no license Caucus at same time, & several brethren there.) (Clk spoke of Ex'r. & Miss'y Magazine.) Some paid. Pastor spoke of meetings for next week & his approval of Dr. **Palmer**'s remarks &c and then offered prayer, to close. (Good meeting.)
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Continuous evening meetings have been held in the lecture room with few exceptions since the week of prayer, Rev. M. **MacGregor** preaching brief discourses followed, as well as preceded, by social prayer and remarks, interspersed with hymns of praise. These have been attended with considerable interest.
Friday evening Feb'y 8th part of the Executive Committee attended with Pastor in Ch. parlor & there met seven persons who were indulging hope in Christ, and desired baptism & membership in the Chh. Conversation was had with each, briefly, which resulted in the recommendation that they severally make statement of their exercises or religious experience to the Church, in body, at Close of preaching this evening. Accordingly at conclusion, Rev. M. **MacGregor** called upon the following named persons in order, to relate their exercises of mind. Viz: Mr. James H. **McGraw**, Kosciusko R. **Palmer**, Mr. Cassius M. **Stearns**, Mrs. Alice M. **Stearns**, Miss Alice M. **Kennedy**, William **Bansum**, Arthur N. **Bickers**. When each had closed remarks & answers to questions proposed, the severally retired to the parlor, while such case was considered by the Church. On several motions made by Bro. H.W. **Thompson** [blank] and others & seconded, each of the foregoing named were, on separate votes, duly received as candidates for baptism & when baptized, to membership in the Church. Pastor announced the continuation of meetings next week, & offered prayer & benediction to Close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday evening February 10th, **1884**.
Rev. M. **MacGregor** preached to a full house of some 700 (chairs in aisles, & Gallery opened for some,) from Exodus 32:26. "Who is on the Lord's side? Let him come unto me." After the close of these services, he answered four or five questions often proposed for the reason of Baptist usage in regard to Christian baptism, by reading or repeating the Bible language on the subject and explaining the true meaning of the same. He then proceeded to baptize the seven names on the preceding page as received by the Church 8th inst. as candidates to wit: Miss Alice M. **Kennedy**, Mrs. Alice M. **Stearns**, Mr. Cassius M. **Stearns**, James H. **McGraw**, Kosciusko

R. **Palmer**, William H. **Bansum**, Arthur N. **Bickers**, and then pronounced the benediction to dismiss the assembly.
A.Z. **Madison** Church Clerk

[Note to side of the following three records reads : Reported by Rev. M. **MacGregor**, all having been done in absence of A.Z.M. Clk – sick at house]
In prayer meeting held Thursday evening Feb'y 21st, **1884** Misses Sadie **Woodworth** and Hattie **Woodworth** related their several Chr. Experience and were duly recd. as candidates for baptism & Ch. membership.

On Thursday evening Feb. 28th, **1884** David S. **Wright**, Clinton H. **Fletcher**, Mrs. Emma G. **Lewis**, also related experience and were duly recd. for baptism and membership.

Covenant Meeting Mch 1st, **1884**
Services as usual. Mrs. Aurilla **Kennedy** recently baptized among the Christian sect, related her Chr. Experience and on same & statement of her views agreeing with ours, or Regular Baptists, she was duly received a member with us in this Church. Mrs. Aurilla **Kennedy** agrees with us as to the Divinity of Christ & baptism.

Sunday March 2nd, **1884** After the close of Communion or Lord's Supper Joel **Wheelock Parker** related Chr. Experience and was duly recd. a candidate for baptism and Ch. membership. On his request & on motion made and seconded Resolved that William H. **Bansum** be granted a letter to unite with the Baptist Church at Blue Rapids, Kansas. Mrs. Lucinea A. **Chapman** was recd on letter from B. Chh at Panama Ch – not reported to Clk who was sick & letters lost by Pastor **MacGregor**. The request of a body of believers in Dunkirk, for this Church to send our Pastor & one delegate to meet with them in Council March 10th. at 2.30 P.M. **1884**, was read, and on Motion made and seconded, Resolved that we appoint our Pastor Rev. M. **MacGregor**, and our Clerk, A.Z. **Madison**, to meet in the Council at the time named.

Reported by Rev. M. **MacGregor**. A.Z.M. sick – forgot to write to Sr. **Curtis** Dkk & not able to attend Council.

Sunday evening March 2nd, **1884**.
The foregoing named persons as candidates were severally baptized by Pastor **MacGregor**, to wit. Miss Sadie **Woodworth** and Miss Hattie **Woodworth**, Mrs. Cornelia Irene **Webster**, Mrs. Emma G. **Lewis**, Mr. Clinton H. **Fletcher**, Mr. Joel **Wheelock Parker** & David S. **Wright**.
(Rev. M. **MacGregor** expected to return from Canada in time to attend Council at Dkk.)
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

[Note to side: Reported Mch 21/84 by Rev. M. **MacGregor**]
In prayer meeting March 20th, **1884**, Arthur N. **Bickers** requested a letter of commendation & dismission, to unite with the 1st Portland Ch. at Brocton where he resides. On motion made & seconded, Resolved that the request be granted. Letter written & sent to Dea. Washington **Crocker** for A.N. **Bickers**.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

[Note to side: Reported to sick Clerk by Pastor & by Prof. F.B. **Palmer** as to their names.]
In prayer meeting March 27th, **1884**, Joseph **Beleal** and Emerson **Turk**, each gave relation of their religious experience and on motions made and seconded, they were severally received as candidates for baptism, and when baptized to membership in the Church.

[The following record was crossed out and a note to the side explains: "Written twice being reported to Clerk at different dates."]
In prayer meeting April 3rd, **1884**
George **Merrill**, Joseph **Beleal** and [blank] **Turk** each related their religious experience, and on motions made and seconded they were received as candidates for baptism and membership in the Church [The crossed out record ends here.]

Covenant Meeting April 5th, **1884**
Clerk sick at home. No report. Suppose services as usual (At roll call April 4, **1885**, found Hattie R. **Holcomb** recd. See her name interlined in list. She was baptized by Meth. Min. & recd. on that.)
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk
Also suppose that Cora L. **Main**, Charlotte **Rossetter**, Henry **Rosseter**, Frederic **Lilly** & George **Merrill** each gave relation of experience & were severally received as candidates for baptism & membership & that they, with the two so received Mch 27th Viz Joseph **Beleal** & Emerson **Turk**, were all baptized Sunday evening, April 6th **1884**. If not then possibly Apl. 13th as Pastor **MacGregor** & all others failed to duly report the above to the sick Clk.

Covenant Meeting May 3rd, **1884**.
Clk still unwell, though convalescent. Supposes as above.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting (for June) May 31st, **1884**
Clerk in Gouverneur St. Lawrence Co. N.Y. Suppose attendance & services about as usual.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

From information gained from the Pastor of the Bap. Ch. Patterson, New Jersey, about June 5/85, it seems that Miss Harriet **Baxter** recd. a letter from that Ch. about May 4/84 and was on same recd. a member here May 31st./84 when Clk was sick or absent & he not notified till Apl 4/85 Fellowship day of Rev. C.E. **Smith**. Rev. M. **McGregor** then Pastor has, or, has lost the letter. Her name now placed on book as recd. at that date. She is now married, and Mrs. H.A. **Morrison**.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday June 29, **1884**, Pastor **MacGregor** was present & preached from Rev. 2:2nd.17th aptly illustrating that wonderful book by a scene he once had on Lake Memphremagog, the sun shining at inlet & outlet & a dark cloud over the center.
A.Z.M.

Covenant Meeting July 5th, **1884**.

Pastor M. **MacGregor** absent – Gone towards, or to, New York. Present Bro. Charles **Goulding**, presiding. 4 Brn & 18 Srs. Opened with singing. Bro. **Goulding** offered prayer & read Scripture and remarks on the Chapter. Remarks by Brethren & Sisters, not in regular rotation, but promiscuously. Apparent desire for increase of faith and corresponding works, to constitute a revival amongst our members and to produce convictions & conversions amongst those without. Singing interspersed. Closed with prayer by Bro. H. **Buck**.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk present after 3 Mos. Absence sick & off on journey to his birthplace & former homes.

Sunday July 6th, **1884** Rev. A. **Kingsbury** preached in lieu of Pastor, who was gone to Tarrytown, N.Y.

Sunday July 13, **1884** Rev. A. **Kingsbury** also preached for Pastor who was still absent.

Sunday July 20th, **1884**. Pastor **MacGregor** having returned, preached from Acts 17.7 "there is another king, one Jesus." At close of A.M. service, with a brief statement of a call to him from the Bap. Ch. at Tarrytown N.Y. and of his acceptance of the same, he tendered to this Church & congregation, his resignation as Pastor to take effect at such time as the Ch. & himself should hereafter agree upon.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday July 27th/84 Notice was given at Close of forenoon service in Church that a Church meeting would be held in Ch. at 4 P.M. July 28th/84 to consider the foregoing resignation and other business if any. Pursuant to the above notice, a Church meeting was held at the time named. July 28th. On the nomination of Rev. M. **MacGregor**, seconded Resolved that Horace P. **Perrin** be the Chairman of this meeting. Chairman called on Pastor, who offered prayer, and afterwards made some remarks as to his labors here & that it might be better if another should assume the pastorate, & that a call had been extended to him which he had accepted, & tendered his resignation as Pastor of this Ch. & he hoped it would be accepted to take effect the first of Sept. next. Strictly a longer time might be required (3 mos notice.) On motion of H.A. **Buck** seconded by A.Z. **Madison**, Resolved that this Church accepts the resignation of Rev. M. **MacGregor** as Pastor to take effect first of Sept, next. On motion of H.A. **Buck** seconded, after some declining & one change by an Amendment passed, Resolved that Dr. F.B. **Palmer**, H.P. **Perrin** & Ely **Davis** be a Pulpit Committee, or Committee of supply. Various remarks were made by different ones. On motion of S.S. **Crissey** seconded, Resolved to adjourn.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting Aug't 2nd, **1884**.
Pastor Rev. M. **MacGregor** absent on 2. wks vacation – gone to Canada. Bro. D. **Barrell** modestly assumed the place of Chairman, saying it was somebody's duty to lead. He read John 14th at which time there were 8 brn & 9 sisters present. Four more sisters came in afterwards. He also offered prayer, touching many appropriate points. Br. A.R. **Thompson** then led in singing, in Coronation, "All hail! The power of Jesus' name," Bro. **Barrell** then offered interesting remarks and was followed by Brn & Sisters, nearly all, and promptly, & to the purpose generally. More like the former days – speaking being in order. Notice was given by Clk & again by Chn.

(who had not heard) of preaching expected on the 3rd inst. Sunday – On call of Chairman, Bro. C. **Goulding** offered closing prayer.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday Aug't 3rd, **1884**, Sent down by Dr. F.B. **Palmer** from Point Chautauqua, Rev. Mr. **Frederic** of Centralia Ill. preached to a moderate congregation very acceptably. Led the Sen. Class in S.S. instructively, & administered the Communion services appropriately, & about as the former usages of Baptists. He attended the Young peoples meeting & talked there much to their edification & then preached to a small audience, (as rain was threatened, & came in a thunder shower before close,) a good discourse from Luke 11:8, "he will rise and give him as many as he needeth." on prayer.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

No preaching in Bap. Ch. Aug't 10/84 A.Z.M.

Sunday Aug't 17th, **1884** Rev. Mr. **Wilkinson** of Tarrytown N.Y. preached in A.M. Pastor **MacGregor** in Evening. Rev. Mr. **Kneeland** offered 1st Prayer. He dismissed service at Presb'n Ch. supposing this the last discourse of Pastor **MacG**. A.Z.M.

At the prayer meeting of the Church held 21st Aug't **1884** after some talk of Pastor **MacGregor** and Ch Clk concerning the neglect to make a collection as usual for Am. Bap. Miss'y Union in the month of July. On motion it was Resolved to take a collection Sunday A.M. the amount to be divided between the Foreign & Home Mission Societies. Accordingly, at close of sermon, Pastor appointed Brn. H.P. **Perrin** & C. **Goulding** for the east Aisle & Brn A. **Morian** & E.J. **Wilcox** for the west Aisle to take up such Collection and subscription to be paid to H.P. **Perrin** by Next Monday evening. Clerk read the state of funds before contributed by the Chh within the last Associational year. Also the Church statistics as prepared for the Chh letter to the Chaut. Asso'n. On motion of Dr. F.B. **Palmer** seconded Resolved that the Chh Clk, the Pastor of Ch & Dea. H.P. **Perrin** be a committee to get the facts together for the letter to Association. On motion of Sister R.E. **Morian**, principally, and others seconded. Resolved that the following six persons be the delegates from the Fredonia Bap. Church to the Chautauqua Bap. Association to meet Aug't 26th inst at Point Chautauqua, Viz: Dr. Francis B. **Palmer**, S.S. **Crissey**, [crossed out Charles **Goulding**], William A. **Noble**, and Mrs. R.E. **Morian** & Mrs. Sarah E. **Shepard**.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

August 31, **1884**, the last day to hear Bro. **MacGregor** as our Pastor. He preached in A.M. from Exodus 14:15. "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." to a fair and mary [sic]congregation, & well. In evening also to a full house incl. Meth. & Presb'n. from Rom 16:24th "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."

Sept. 4th, **1884** about 6 A.M.
Rev. Malcolm **MacGregor** and his family left Fredonia for Tarrytown N.Y.

Prayer Meeting Thursday evening Sept. 4th, **1884**
Bro. Chas. L. **Goulding** at request of Dea. H.A. **Buck**, presiding. About 30 present, several encouraging features in the early time of our destitution. Clerk present & took measures to

straighten up some items of business that had become confused by neglect to report to him acts of the Ch. for record, while he was sick last Feb., Mch, April & May. It seemed that on the 5th of April **1884** in Covenant Meeting, On request, a letter was granted to Bro. Wales M. **Martin** who about then moved to Jamestown. This act was so assumed, & no objection made to it, and letter written & sent to him. Rev. A.S. **Thompson** of Forestville had written to Clk requesting a letter for our young Bro. Clinton H. **Fletcher** who resides near there and who was baptized here Mch 2nd, **1884**. On motion made & seconded, Resolved that the request be granted. Dr. F.B. **Palmer** had made request for letters from this Chh to Tarrytown Westchester Co. N.Y. Bap. Ch. for Rev. M. **MacGregor** & wife & two daughters – Mrs. Belinda – Margaret E. & Mary C. **MacG**. On several motions made & seconded for each, Letters were severally granted to the four & Clerk wrote & mailed the six letters that were above granted, Sept. 5th in A.M. that they might be recd for use at the several Covenant Meetings tomorrow 6th inst.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting Sept 6, **1884**
Without Pastor – Dea. D. **Barrell** Chn, 5 Brn & 21 Srs present. Opened with singing – Chn. Read in Eph. and offered prayer – again sung – then remarks by Chn, followed by Brn & Srs. Near close Clk read a letter from Chh at Yates Center, Kansas, commending Sister Margaret **Morian**, a former member of this Chh. and on motion of H.A. **Buck** seconded Resolved that Sister **Morian** on the recommendation, be recd. a member with us. Prayer by Dea. H.A. **Buck** and Singing to close.
A.Z. **Madison**

[Note to side, in handwriting different from A.Z. **Madison**'s: His first sermon here.]
Sept. 7, **1884** Rev. Chas. E. **Smith** preached A.M. and evening.

Sept. 14th/84 Rev. Chas. E. **Smith** again preached in A.M. from 1. Pet. 1:8th. and again in evening.

Sept 21st/84 Rev. Chas. E. **Smith**, again present and preached in A.M. from Col. 3rd:1 and again in Evening from Ps. 1:3rd 1st Clause "And he shall be like a tree." With other Notices given from the desk was one at call of Committee of Supply, for a meeting of Church & Society at the close of prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock Sept. 25, **1884**.

Sept 28th/84 Rev. H.A. **Delano** of Norwich N.Y. a friend of Prof. S.H. **Albro** preached, but not as a Candidate.
Oct. 5th Rev. A. **LeRoy** of Dk preached A.M., Rev. A. **Kingsbury** preached evening
" 12th Rev. **Eccles** from Rochester preached simple Gospel.
" 19 Rev. A.E. **Rose** of Westfield preached.
" 26 Rev. C.E. **Smith** preached Mat. 5:48 searching A.M.
Do eve'g Zech 3rd:2
Some consultation after service with committee(?)

At close of Prayer meeting 8 P.M. Sept 25/84 Dr. **Palmer** the leader called to order, and Ch Clk, asked for a nomination for Chairman. On motion made, seconded, Resolved that S.S. **Crissey** be the Chairman of this Meeting. On taking the Chair, he remarked that Ch Clerk would act as

Secretary. Dr. **Palmer** of Ch. Committee of supply offered some remarks in regard to Rev. Chas. E. **Smith** who has supplied the desk three Sabbaths past. Remarks from several others followed. Here H.P. **Perrin** another member of Com. of supply came in, and was immediately called on to report. He did so & read a letter from Dr. **Strong** of Rochester. Several others then spoke briefly. Mrs. R.E. **Morian**, H.W. **Thompson**, A.Z. **Madison**, David **Barrell**, George **Tate** & perhaps others. The desire seemed to be, a better acquaintance with Bro. **Smith** than had yet been afforded, especially socially. On motion of Bro. **Tate** 2nd by Bro. H.W. **Thompson** Resolved to take a formal ballot as to inviting Rev. Chas. E. **Smith** to become our Pastor. Ballotted. Geo. **Tate** & E.J. **Crissey** Tellers. Geo. **Tate** declared result, Viz: 41 for, 4 against, 3 blank. Much more talk ensued. On motion made and seconded, Resolved that the Comm'ee. of Supply be authorized to ask Rev. Mr. **Smith** such questions as they may wish, for the information that is needed. On motion of H.W. **Thompson** seconded by Geo. **Tate**, Resolved that Comm'ee. write to Bro. **Smith** to come for a month if he can as supply, or for some time, & so as to be in our prayer meetings & other meetings of the Church. On motion made & seconded, Resolved to adjourn (one half probably of those in at the balloting, having gone out, it being about 10 o'clock)
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting Oct 4, **1884**
Present 3 Brn W.A. **Noble**, J.E. **Webster** & A.Z. **Madison** & 22 Sisters. Miss **Palmer** at the organ. Sung three or four pieces. Clerk then spoke of our condition – was willing to take his own responsibility as Clerk, but not to be Chn & Clk both at same time. Only two Brn present besides Clk. Sisters greatly in the majority, and no objection to their organizing meeting. Mrs. **McClanathan** made a motion. Mrs. **Edmunds** objected so long as there were brethren present. Then on motion of Mrs. **McClanathan** seconded by Mrs. **Edmonds**, Clerk called the vote. Resolved that Br. W.A. **Noble** be the Chairman of this meeting. He then took the place and read scripture. Called on A.Z. **Madison**, who offered prayer. Sung Nearer My God to Thee. Then Sisters spoke rather promiscuously. Dea. **Buck** came in & spoke. After this, Clerk read Closing words of a letter from Rev. M. **MacGregor** & also, a letter from West 33 St. Bap. Ch. New York, commending Sister H.W. **Ellsworth**, once Miss Lucy M. **Coe**, student in old Fr. Academy. Clerk moved & Br. **Buck** seconded, and Ch Resolved that she be recd. on said letter, a member of this Church. Clk then made some further remarks on the discouraging & encouraging circumstances of the meeting. Again sung to Close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Oct 5, **1884**, Rev. A. **LeRoy** of Dkk preached in A.M. from same text (Col. 3:1) used by Rev. C.E. **Smith** Sept 21st A.M. After close of services Dea. H.P. **Perrin** of Committee of supply, called the chh to remain a little & read the reply of Rev. C.E. **Smith** to the vote requesting him to supply us a month. He could not comply with that request, and Committee wanted further instructions. Rev. Mr. **LeRoy** remained & Rev. A. **Kingsbury** also, who was invited by Dea. **Perrin** to preside & accepted. He also spoke very favorably of Rev. Mr. **Smith** as he had heard him one Sunday here. Rev. Mr. A. **LeRoy** spoke in high commendation of Mr. **Smith**, from personal acquaintance. S.S. **Crissey** then offered remarks at some length and said we had no time now to act on this, & to vote on it by ballot, and he made a motion to adjourn to a meeting to be held on Tuesday next to consider the matter. A.Z. **Madison** replied if we lack time now, we would lack people then. No one seconded this motion to adjourn. And just here, Wm. A. **Noble**

made a motion, & it was seconded, that we now act on a formal resolution, to extend a call to Rev. Chas. E. **Smith**, to become the Pastor of this Church. The chairman, Rev. A. **Kingsbury**, called for remarks. H.W. **Thompson** made extended speech favoring Mr. **Smith** though noncommittal about action. Chairman was about to call for an expression on the motion, & Dea. **Perrin** & others raised the question as to mode, whether by ballot or rising, or raising the hand &c, finally fixed to vote by rising. Chairman called for the Affirmative & a large portion of those present arose. Then for the negative, & none arose, and after delay he declared the vote unanimous in favor of the motion. Still, S.S. **Crissey**, desiring to preserve the rights of the minority, or those 8 or 10 who had not voted, as he observed, again raised the question of voting by ballot & his son Jay **Crissey** said he came expecting to vote by ballot, & other remarks were being made, when on motion of Prof. S.H. **Albro** and seconded, it was Resolved to adjourn.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk
Elder **Kingsbury** remarked, that he had been in the ministry fifty years and had never known of a vote by ballot to call a minister, and also that the vote just taken, was as unanimous as any one he had ever seen taken.

Prayer meeting Oct. 9, **1884**. S.S. **Crissey** leading and speaking when Clk entered. At Close of prayer meeting about 8 O'clock organized a Ch & So'y Meeting. On motion of Dr. F.B. **Palmer**, seconded, Resolved that S.S. **Crissey** be the Ch'n of this meeting. Chn then called on Committee of supply, who had called this meeting by advertising in Censor, to make statement of object. Dr. **Palmer** then stated it to be for the purpose of fixing on a sum for salary, to be proposed to Rev. Chas. E. **Smith**, with our call to him to become our Pastor. After some delay, Prof. **Albro** moved that such sum for salary to Rev. C.E. **Smith** or whomsoever we should call to the Pastorate be $1200. and the free use of the Baptist Parsonage. A.Z. **Madison** seconded the motion, after inquiry & repetition. Remarks were called for by Chn & several spoke to the question, as Dr. **Palmer**, Chn, H.W. **Thompson**, Clerk, Ely **Davis**, et al including Mrs. R.E. **Morian**, after which the vote was taken by rising. Probably 2/3 or ¾ of those present arose. After being seated, the contrary was called to express by same sign, and none arose, and Chairman declared the vote unanimous in favor of the Resolution. No other business. Sung Doxology and Chairman declared the Meeting adjourned.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Should have been Mo'ly Concert, but overlooked & no Collection taken. Rev. Chas. E. **Smith**, after preaching for us Oct. 26th and consulting with some brethren after even'g service, on Monday 27th at noon returned home to Syracuse without deciding whether to accept our call or not.
Sabbath Oct. 26th, **1884** Rev. Chas. E. **Smith** here & pr'd as at bottom Page 283.

After Prayer & conference meeting Oct. 30, **1884** A.Z. **Madison** Clk after some remarks, read a letter from the Church at Brocton or 1st Bap. Ch. in Portland requesting this Church to send two delegates to Sit in council Wed'y Nov 5th at 1.30 O'clock P.M. to advise concerning difficulties existing in that church. On motion of Clerk, seconded by W.A. **Noble**, Brother H.W. **Thompson** was appointed as delegate. Bro. Geo. **Tate**, then leader of the meeting was nominated as a delegate. About same time A.Z. **Madison** was nominated by Bro. H.A. **Buck** & seconded as a delegate, (each of those named desiring the other to go,) finally the question was taken on A.Z. **Madison** and carried giving him the power of substitution, if necessary. Clerk read a certificate

that he had just written in regard to the character of Bro. Washington **Crocker**, a member of the 1st Portland Ch. previously a member & Deacon in this Ch. and asked if there were any who differed with him in regard to Bro. **Crocker**? And if so, desired them to say so. None dissented from the views in Certificate. Chairman **Tate**, then pronounced the meeting adjourned.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk
[Note to side of this record: Nov 5, **1884** Brn H.W. **Thompson** & S.S. **Crissey** went to attend Council. Also, J. **Hamilton** Jr. went on the invitation of Bro. **Crocker**. A.Z.M. on account of age, infirmity & haggard & the objections of family & Dr. **Couch** was excused. Also Geo. **Tate** who was subpoenaed on the Geo. **Smith** road lawsuit. Delegates in prayer meeting Nov 6th reported result of Council favorably.]

Covenant Meeting Nov'r 1, **1884**
Bro. Geo. **Tate** Chn, Present 7 Brn & 17 Sisters. Usual exercises to open the meeting. Clk called away at bell ringing & entered while Br. S.S. **Crissey** the last of brn, was speaking. Then Sisters spoke, generally. Chairman spoke of want of proper organization in the church for effective work. Then Clk spoke on same, & drew some comparisons. After this Sister **Ellsworth** who came in near the close, spoke instructively & well.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Nov 2nd **1884** Think no service

Prayer meeting Thursday evening Nov. 6th, **1884**
S.S. **Crissey** leader. Fairly full attendance – and fair interest manifested. Brn occupied the time so fully, that no sister took part. At Close, S.S. **Crissey** continued in chair on motion of F.B. **Palmer**, seconded. Dr. **Palmer** then handed to Clerk, to read, a letter from Rev. Chas. E. **Smith** in which he declines the call of this Church, after mature deliberation, but with many kind remarks. Dr. **Palmer**, Br. H.W. **Thompson** & others offered remarks regarding Rev. Geo. O. **King**. Some questions were asked and answered by several persons. On motion of Br. **Albro** seconded by Clerk, Resolved that this Church through the Comm'ee. of supply extend a call to Rev. Geo. O. **King** to become our Pastor. Clerk then read letter received to day from Rev. Ransom **Harvey**, of Jamestown N.Y. with a letter of appeal from the Pastor, 4 Deacons & Clk of the Baptist Church at Carthage N.Y. recently burned out in a general conflagration of 70 acres of buildings there, praying that this Church, with others, give them a contribution in this their time of destitution & need. It was by this time late & Clerk would not detain the congregation for any action at present, but asked them to think the matter over & try to do, as in like circumstances, they would be done by. Did not read action of Pastors conference at Rome N.Y. Oct 29/84
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday Nov 9th, **1884**. Dr. F.B. **Palmer** preached well – then came down & explained the vote Thursday evening calling Rev. G.O. **King**. On mo. Clerk 2nd by H.A. **Buck** Dr. **Palmer** continued in Chair. On mo seconded Resolved unanimously by rising to call Rev. G.O. **King**, as Pastor.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday Nov. 16th, **1884**
Rev. G.O. **King** preached before a pretty full house – generally liked. Weather good. Did not answer as to call.
Sunday Nov. 23rd **1884** Rev. **Powell** from Rochester preached well. Very windy, rainy & snow storm in night. Few present.

Thursday Nov. 27th, **1884** Thanksgiving, held in Baptist Church by Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and Disciple Churches. Sermon by Rev. W.P. **Bignall** of M.E. Ch. other services by Rev. M.D. **Kneeland** & [blank] **Moore**, Disciple.

Sunday Nov. 30th. Rev. E.L. **Scofield** D.D. Cor. Sec'y Baptist Minister's Home Soc'y of New York including Connecticut, New York & New Jersey. 9 Murray St. N.Y. City. Preached from Ps. 41st. 1-3rd, after reading Mat. 25:31-45 and Mat. 26:6-13, impressively, and a collection for the object was taken $20.00 Later, E.M. **Pettit** pd $5.00(?). He also preached in evening very acceptably from [blank]. Before the sermon Prof. **Palmer** read an excellent letter from Rev. G.O. **King**, but closing with his declinature of the call extended to him to become our Pastor.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

At close of prayer meeting Thursday evening Dec'r 4th, **1884**, Dr. F.B. **Palmer** spoke of the close of negotiations with Rev. Geo. O. **King**, & that there were some who desired to inquire further in regard to Rev. Chas. E. **Smith** and to learn whether he would not reconsider his declinature to become our Pastor. On motion, seconded, Resolved that S.S. **Crissey** be the Chairman of this meeting. Professor **Albro** then with a few preliminary words submitted for the consideration of the meeting, the following resolution.
"Resolved, That the Pulpit Committee be instructed to address a letter to Rev. Charles E. **Smith**, urging him to reconsider the matter of accepting the call of this Church, and if possible, consistently with his sense of duty, to reverse his decision"
The above resolution was seconded by W.A. **Noble**. Chairman called for free remarks on the motion. Several Brn & Sisters spoke in succession, to wit: Brn **Damon**, Chairman, then Sister **Clark** that she thought there were some not in favor, & for that reason she thought best to not call again. Then H.W. **Thompson**, A.R. **Thompson**, Dr. **Palmer**, Prof. **Albro** and Clerk, & prior, Mrs. **Morian**, generally in favor. Clk thought "self-examination" necessary, to find out the reason why two good men should decline our Call. The question was taken by rising vote. Chairman declared the Resolution adopted. Some did not vote either way – Sister C. voted for – the last up. After this Clerk spoke in relation to the Clubs for the Baptist Teacher. Examiner, Missionary Magazine, & in regard to Monthly Concerts, Carthage N.Y. burning request for aid, & the Executive Committee of the Chh. In reference to the aid asked for the Church at Carthage N.Y. On motion of Prof. **Albro**, seconded, Resolved that the Church & So. take up a Collection for that object, next Sunday A.M. Resolved to adjourn, or dismissed by Chn.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting Dec. 6th, **1884**. Rain storm commenced.
Present – Dea. D. **Barrell** in Chair. W.A. **Noble**, (Mrs. **Topliff**, a stranger), Miss Olive **Cook**, Mrs. M. **Green**, Mrs. **Blood**, Hattie **Blood**, A.Z. **Madison**, Miss M.S. **Grant** now at organ and A.R. **Thompson** in late & depressed by late loss of So.(?) Opened by prayer by Chn. Then sung, "There is a fountain filled with blood" & c. Chairman read John 16th and made remarks. Thought

he had not in 60 years attended a Covenant Meeting with so few as ten present, before now. Remarks by Brn & Sisters – all. Sung "Nearer my God to Thee," to Close. Clk announced Rev. **Rose** for tomorrow.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Sunday Dec 7th, **1884**
Rev. A.E. **Rose** of Westfield preached and administered Comm'n. Took up collection for Carthage N.Y. Bap. Ch. $8.9 (?) Bro. **Rose** preached to very few in evening during severe rain & wind Storm. Clk at home.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

1884
Resolved, that the pulpit committee be instructed to address a letter to the Rev. C.E. **Smith** urging him to reconsider the matter of accepting the call of this Church and, if possible, consistently with his sense of duty, to reverse his decision.
Resn. of Prof. **Albro** carried Dec 4, **1884**

A.Z.M. held col. & added from E.M.P. $10 & others 3.70=Coll $22.65 and sent to Rev. Frank P. **Stoddard** Pastor or a Dea. or Clk of Carthage Bap. Chh. Fr. Nat'l Bk draft on New York Dec'r 17, **1884**.

Sunday Dec 14, **1884**. No service in Ch except Sunday School at 1 P.M. & Young peoples prayer & conference at 6 P.M.

Wednesday Dec 17/84 the Fredonia Censor announced the acceptance by Rev. C.E. **Smith** of our 2nd call of Dec 4/84 Page 291, and would be present to preach next Sunday 21st inst.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

The health of Rev. C.E. **Smith** prevented his being here 21st Dec. & Rev. A.E. **Rose** again supplied.

Prayer meeting Dec 25, Clk read letter of request for a letter of com'n. & dismissal for Sister Eliza M. **Prescott** to unite with 1st Bap. Ch. Topeka Kan's. Voted & Clk mailed it Dec. 26th/84. Notice given of no service in Bap. Ch. except Sun. Sch. & evening prayer meeting next Sunday Dec 28th.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday Dec. 28, **1884**, as Bro. C.E. **Smith** failed to come & so wrote to Dr. **Palmer**, it was decided to have no service except Sunday School & Sunday evening prayer meeting Sab. Dec'r 28th, **1884**.

Sunday Jan'y 4th, **1885**, Rev. C.E. **Smith** still unwell and not here. Sunday School & young people's meeting the only services.

Monday evening January 5th, **1885** The observance of the week of prayer commenced Bro. H.W. **Thompson**, by appointment of Com. was the leader, a fair attendance & interest, but the room

too highly heated. Clerk read request from Stockton Ch. for Pastor & one Bro. as delegates to a Council 28th inst, at 1 P.M. to examine & if approved, ordain their Pastor, Bro. J.C. **Hale**, so that it might be understood & hereafter acted upon. with some other remarks, Clerk left, in hope to preserve his own health. Meetings continued through the week except Sat. evening – Also most of the following week.

January 11th, **1885**. Rev. A.E. **Rose** preached in A.M. only, from Rev. 21:1. last clause, "and there was no more sea." An ingenious discourse, and many good remarks interspersed.

Jan'y 16th, **1885**. Rev. C.E. **Smith** & family came & stopped at Park House, in severe cold & Storm for several days. He was in the last meeting for that week & those then present regarded it a meeting of interest.
[Note to the side: Dr. **Smith** came. Famous storm of **1885**.]

Sunday A.M. Jan'y 18th, **1885**, he preached his first discourse as pastor from Mat. 6:10th "Thy kingdom come." A very excellent sermon & closely listened to by a fair audience. Pastor sick & no preaching even'g.

Thursday evening Jan'y 22nd an excellent Prayer & conference meeting reported by some who were present. Clk not there on account of his health.

Sunday Jan'y 25th. Rev. C.E. **Smith** preached his 2nd discourse from [blank].

Monday January 26th, **1885**.
Dr. **Palmer** corroborated that which S.S. **Crissey** had said to Clk a day or two before, Viz: That on the 8th inst. in evening prayer meeting the request of Stockton Church as read by Clk 5th inst was called up, and it was learned that Dr. **Palmer** had been specially invited to attend the Council to be convened 28th inst. at 1 P.M. On motion made & seconded, Resolved that our Pastor Rev. C.E. **Smith** and Sister Louisa M. **Edmonds** be our delegates to said Council, and, that in case Sister **Edmonds** can not attend, Bro. S.S. **Crissey** be her substitute.
As reported, A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting Jan'y 31st for Feb'y **1885**
Present Rev. Chas. E. **Smith**, Pastor, 15 Brn & 31 Srs. (Weather mild & fair after 2 weeks about zero.) Pastor read Scripture, and offered remarks, and presented three letters from 1st Bap. Ch. of Syracuse for himself, his wife & their daughter to wit: Rev. Charles E. **Smith**, Mrs. Kate A. **Smith**, & Miss Grace L. **Smith**. On motion of Dr. **Palmer**, seconded by Dea. H.A. **Buck**, Clerk called the vote, and they were severally duly recd. as members with us on their several letters of commendation & dismission. Then beginning with Bro. H.W. **Thompson** all or nearly all Brn & Sisters offered remarks making it a more interesting meeting than usual, conducted more in the former way of Covenant meetings. Pastor made further remarks, prayer & benediction to close. Clk distributed Minutes of Asson. recd. 5 months after the meeting.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday Feb'y 1, **1885**

Another mild and pleasant day & best of sleighing. Congregation larger than usual. Pastor **Smith** preached from Mat. 6:22, 23 & at close of sermon administered the Communion service, before Sunday School service. Prior to this Bro. F.B. **Palmer** appropriately gave, in behalf of the Church the right hand of fellowship to Pastor, Rev. C.E. **Smith**, his wife & daughter. A larger number than usual, of communicants present, and the services pleasant & satisfactory to all, especially the more aged, being nearer the customs of former days.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk
Thursday evening prayer meeting & Miss'y Concert February 5th, **1885**.
Pres't Rev. C.E. **Smith** Pastor and an increased number of both sexes. Agreeably with prior arrangement between Pastor & Clerk, after singing & prayer by Pastor, he called on Clerk to read letters of request, for letters of dismissal and commendation to wit: Sister Helen R. **Parker** of Chatsworth Ill. who does not expect to be a resident of Fredonia again & desires a more efficient work for the Lord where she is. On motion of S.S. **Crissey**, seconded, her request was duly granted by unanimous vote. Sister Helen S. **Wright** wrote at greater length the circumstances she had been for the past 9 years surrounded in San Jose (Ho-sa`) California while Principal of the Ladies department in the State Normal School at that place. Of the late division of the Ch. and the new interest, of the large minority, to be organized as a Chh. Feb. 24/85, and she desired a letter before that date. On motion of [blank] seconded, her request was unanimously granted. Clerk then reluctantly retired from the over heated room for prudential reasons. (Health)
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday Feb'y 15, **1885**, after A.M. service of preaching by Pastor Chas. E. **Smith** from Gen. 2:16 & 17 and before Sunday School, the church being together fully represented, the substance of a letter of request from the Baptist Ch. Brocton, dated Feb. 10, **1885**, & signed by Rev. J.M. **Bates** Pastor & O.J. **Chamberlain** Clerk, was stated, to wit, that the Fredonia Bap. Chh. send its Pastor, and the brethren who attend the Council that met with same Chh Nov 5, **1884** Viz: Henry W. **Thompson** & Sam'l. S. **Crissey**, to sit in council Wednesday Feb'y 18, **1885** to advise further concerning the same difficulty, which is not yet settled. On motion of [blank] seconded Resolved that the Fredonia Bap. Church in response to the request of the Baptist Chh Brocton, late 1st Bap. Chh. of Portland do hereby appoint our Pastor Rev. Chas. E. **Smith** and Brethren Henry W. **Thompson** and Samuel S. **Crissey**, delegates to sit in a council to be convened at Brocton February 18th at 1 O'clock P.M. **1885**.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting Feb'y 28th, **1885**. for March
Present Rev. Chas. E. **Smith**, Pastor, 11 Brn & 29 Sisters. Pastor was talking of the Covenant of its deep meaning – embracing Christ &c. Then sung. Then remarks of Brn & three Sisters, when Pastor said time had passed – that we would commence with Sisters next time. Some further remarks of Pastor when a lady handed him a letter which he read from Rev. J.M. **Bates** Pastor & O.J. **Chamberlain** Clk commending Sisters Hannah **Mayborn** and Selina **Mayborn** & dismissing them from Brocton Ch. On motion of W.J. **Noble**, seconded, they were recd. by unanimous vote. Dismissed with benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Pursuant to prior public notice from the desk, and in the Village papers, and Committee's letters to absent members of the Church so far as residences were known, a Covenant and fellowship or

partnership meeting of the Fredonia Baptist Church, was held in the Auditory Saturday at 2 O'clock P.M. April 4, **1885**. Present, Rev. Charles E. **Smith** Pastor & Chairman, and some 125 Brn & Sisters, (say Brn 34, Srs 91) Some 24 Brn, 61 Srs [Total 85] residing in the Village and vicinity, not present – some aged – some sick – some indifferent – Others absent in N.Y., P.A., Ohio, Wis., Iowa, Ill. and in California. Religious services, were singing, prayer and remarks by Pastor, after which he, himself, called the roll of members, alphabetically, commencing with Sister Laura **Adams** & so on to W. omitting a few by accident. Those present responding with remarks, briefly. Pastor placed a blackboard with a written question, "What will you do for Jesus this year?" with five methods of service, as Watchcare, Teaching, Visiting. Members were expected to answer to one or more of these inquiries. Many did so. There was very little said of absentees, for want of time, except an occasional brief explanation by Clerk. In the investigation, it was learned that about a year ago, two members had been received on, or without letter, whose names were not in the list, for the reason, that they had been voted members, in a prayer or Covenant meeting, in absence of Clk, and neither Pastor, Deacons nor any other member had reported them to the Ch. Clk. One, Miss Harriet **Baxter**, with letter from Bap. Chh. at Patterson N.J. now Mrs. H.A. **Morrison**. The other, Miss Hattie R. **Holcomb**, who told Clerk this day, that she was received (on Exp.) just a year ago which Covenant Meeting day was April 5th when Clerk was very sick, and received no report of the meeting, as see top of page 277 & interlined in list with red ink. Quite a number of responsive letters from absent members who had been invited, had been received by Pastor **Smith**, and were read by him to the meeting. One letter was from Vacaville Solano Co. California, from one first entered in our list June 6th, **1858**, baptized by Rev. A. **Wheelock** during "the great awakening," Viz; Miss Harriet S. **Brown**, later married and Mrs. Harriet S. **Thompson**, then a widow, and went to California, Rio Vista, Solano Co. now, Mrs. Harriet S. **Korns**, of Vacaville in same county. In her kind and satisfactory epistle, she asks for a letter of commendation and dismission. On motion made and seconded, it was Resolved that her above request be granted, and Clk mailed letter to her April 13th, **1885** to any Bap. Ch. of same faith as us. Pastor read a letter from Washington Street Bap. Church, Buffalo, commending and dismissing John M. **DeWitt** and wife, Josie H. **DeWitt**, to this Ch. On Motion made & seconded, it was Resolved to receive John M. **DeWitt** to our membership on the letter. About at this point in the meeting, Miss Jennie M. **Merrill** related her religious experience and on mo Dr. F.B. **Palmer** seconded she was duly recd. a candidate for baptism & then for Ch. membership. Because Mrs. **DeWitt** was at present, deranged, & now in the Asylum at Buffalo, action was, in her case, omitted. Several could not see the propriety, and two, Fanny A. **Lord** & Leonora G. **Lathrop** came to Clk to inquire. He could not, and then explained the case and after, moved the reception of Mrs. **DeWitt**, regardless of her temporary condition, on the letter containing her name. Same seconded, and the vote carried, without dissent. (Mrs. Josie H. **DeWitt** was recd. on profession, and baptized here by Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Feb. 29, **1880**.) After the close of reading names of members and letters recd. Pastor made further remarks & expressing satisfaction with the exercises, & prayer adjourned to basement where an abundant supper had been prepared by Mrs. E. **Haywood** & numerous assistants, and all seemed pleased. A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting May 2nd, **1885**.
Present, Pastor C.E. **Smith** & 6 Brn & 30 Sisters. Prayer by Pastor, singing, Pastor read Covenant and remarked on the same interestingly. Then called on Sisters to commence remarks first, Sister **Bishop** & so on, till all had spoken. Prayer & singing interspersed. Pastor read

several letters from absent members, which had been received since the 4th of April, Fellowship day. Clerk then read a letter received by him, to Pastor & Members from Mr. & Mrs. David A. **Smith** of Petaluma Sonoma Co. Cal. Closed with prayer by Pastor.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday evening May 3rd, **1885**, at the close of preaching service, Pastor **Smith** baptized Miss Jennie M. **Merrill**, mentioned in red ink on the opposite page 298, as reported by Geo. W. **Blood**. Clerk not present.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clerk

Sunday May 24th, **1885**. Rev. C.E. **Smith** preached in A.M. a very interesting discourse from John 1:29. "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh, away the sin of the world." At the close a Collection was taken for the Am. Bap. Missionary Union, in cash & on Cards both paid & unpaid & well mixed up. Amount finally collected & pd to A.Z.M. and by him sent to E.P. **Coleman** Treas'r June 20th/85 $45.74 with bal. collection Mo'ly Concerts $12.52 = $58.46 Recpt in suspense a/c a small bal to be collected on pledges.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Thursday June 4th, **1885**, in Prayer Meeting, requests were made for letters for Joel E. **Hendee** & Katie A. **Hendee**, and their daughter, Katie E. **Hendee**, to unite with the Baptist Church at Stockton, near which they now reside, On separate motions, Letters of commn'n & dismission were granted to each, and Clerk mailed them together to Delanti, June 5/85.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting June 6th, **1885**,
Present Pastor Chas. E. **Smith**, & about 35 Brn & Srs. Pastor, after singing & prayer, spoke of the Preamble and Ch. Covenant, especially in regard to Christian Watchcare of members. That it was neglected, and sometimes a member would be sick weeks, and even die before other members or himself would know of it, hence the efforts of watching lately organized. Very good. Then remarks of Brn & Sisters, at least, of some, were of increasing interest. Mrs. Harriet M. **Ellsworth** and Mrs. Minnie **Berg** each related Chr. Experience. On motion of Dr. F.B. **Palmer**, seconded, Mrs. Harriet M. **Ellsworth** was received a candidate for baptism, & when baptized, to membership in the Church. On motion of A.Z. **Madison**, seconded, Mrs. Minnie **Berg** was recd. a candidate for same. On request by Pastor, and motion made and seconded, Frederic **Lilly** was granted a letter of commendation & dismission to unite with the West Portland Bap. Ch. P.O. Westfield N.Y. (mailed June 12/85) Also, on motion made and seconded, on similar request, Resolved to grant the request of Anna M. **Lawson**, (recently married, and now Mrs. Anna M. **McCollum**) for letter of commendation & dismission to unite with the Bap. Church at Cherry Creek, as told by Pastor June 12th. Pastor to close, of offered thanks to the Lord, and invoked his blessing in merciful answers to the requests of desires that had been made.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk
(Mailed to Cherry Creek June 12th On day Pastor told Clk)

Covenant Meeting July 3rd, **1885**. (Friday)
Present Pastor C.E. **Smith**, 9 Brn & 38 Sisters. Opened with singing. Prayer by Pastor – singing. Pastor read Mayville Ch. letter commending (Mrs. Chas.) Altima A. **Tarbox**. On motion of Dr.

Palmer seconded she was duly & unanimously recd. Remarks of Pastor on that part of the Covenant containing our pledge to "uphold the worship of God." The remarks commencing with Sisters & closing with brethren. Singing & prayer again, by Pastor in middle. Closed with Br. A.R. **Thompson**. Pastor read another letter from Bap. Ch. of Stockton commending Sister Hannah T. **Roberts** & on Motion of Dr. **Palmer** seconded she was also recd. Remarks in regard to prayer for the Pastor & the aid so given to him. Closed.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Previous to Communion service, July 5th, **1885**, Pastor read a letter from 1st Portland Bap. Church commending & dismissing Bro & Sr. John M. **Hardenburg** & wife Julia Ann **Hardenburg**. On motion of Prof. **Palmer**, seconded they were together received as members with us. At evening, same date, after the sermon, the two recd. as candidates for baptism June 6th/85, were baptized by Pastor, Viz. Mrs. Harriet M. **Ellsworth** & Mrs. Minnie **Berg**.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Pastor's vacation from July 26th, **1885**, except that he was present in the next Covenant meeting Aug't 1st, **1885**, with the few who met at the ringing of the bell, (see next page) till Thursday eve'g Sept. 3rd, **1885** when he was again present & led the meeting. He read & explained Ex. 33rd feelingly, & applied it to our case solemnly.
A.Z.M. Clk

Covenant Meeting August 1st, **1885** though not noticed Sunday last because house might be torn up for repairs. Left Thursday evening, to be governed by ringing of the bell. Bell rung. Present Pastor C.E. **Smith**. Brn. R.B. **Morgan**, A.Z. **Madison**, W. **Higgins**, H.A. **Buck**, Srs. **Wiggins**, M. **Green**, **Gates**, **Lord**, B.J. **Noble**, H.N. **Lull** & L.M. **Edmonds**. Sung 336 Hymn (small Book) Prayer by Clerk. Pastor read Scripture & remarks after. Then remarks by Brn & Sisters, each one present. Spoke of Letter to Asso'n Clk to write. Sung "He leadeth me" to close. No business done.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Meeting for prayer, & Church business, hearing letter of Church, & statistics, to the Chautauqua Bap. Association at Forestville 25th inst. to which our delegates were appointed, was held in Basement August 20th, **1885**. By mutual consent, Geo. **Tate** Chn, A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk & some 30 in all, pursuant to notice in Sunday Sch. last Sunday, & also in Censor of 19th. Chairman **Tate** read scripture, and Dea. H.A. **Buck** offered prayer. Sung a hymn, Miss E.I. **Davis** playing organ. (Geo. **Tate** made Chn of this meeting.) Clerk then read some preliminaries regarding funds for printing minutes, & contribution for the Widow & Orphan, or Relief fund, and settled on those, by a resolution. On motion of H.P. **Perrin** seconded, Resolved that from the general fund of the Ch. & So'y in hands of Col. & Tr. (?) E.J. **Crissey**, there be taken $10. for Ch. contribution to the Widow & Orphan fund of the Association, and $3.50 from same fund for printing the minutes of the Association, both to be refunded to said general fund by a Ch & So'y contribution, after we finish the repairs now in progress & resume ch. services. Clerk read the letter he had prepared as from Church, with the statistics of the past year, & the account of benevolence to the Chautauqua Bap. Association. On motion [blank] seconded, Resolved to adopt the letter read as our letter to the Association. On Nominations made the following persons were duly appointed as the delegates of this Church to the association. Viz: Rev. Charles E.

Smith, Charles L. **Goulding**, Dr. F.B. **Palmer**, Prof. S.H. **Albro** (not member of ch.), Mrs. Malinda S. **Grant**, Mrs. Sarah E. **Shepard**, Mrs. Julia P. **Clark**, Mrs. Harriet **Morrison**, Henry W. **Thompson**, John E. **Webster**, Mrs. Cornelia J. **Webster**, Miss Elsie **Skillman**. On motion of A.Z. **Madison** seconded, Resolved that we accord to the above named delegates, the power of substitution in cases where they cannot personally attend the meeting of the Association. Here this meeting closed, as H.W. **Thompson** remarked that a meeting of Trustees &c was to follow, in order to submit the question, whether the Auditory should be frescoed or papered, &c (maj. for frescoing). Some things which Clerk had prepared for submission were in the hurry, forgotten, and he may submit some of them to the Association over his own signature only, as, an amendment to the Standing Resolution on 4th page of minutes of **1884**. Clerk left the meeting, still considering the questions concerning the Ch. building &c.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting Sept. 5, **1885**
Present, Pastor Rev. C.E. **Smith**, 10 Brn & 32 Sisters. Pastor engaged in prayer when Clk entered. Sung "There is a fountain filled with blood." Remarks of Pastor on that part of our Church Covenant that treats of closet religion & the training up of our families & those under our care &c. Followed by remarks from Sisters & then brethren. Increased searching of the heart. Sung a hymn to close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday Sept. 6th, **1885**. The staging being up for frescoing the ceiling which is in progress. Meeting was held in Lecture room & Parlors. Pastor Rev. C.E. **Smith** preached from 1 Pet. 2:5 & repeated Rev. 1:6 & 5:10 to show that all true Christians are an holy priesthood &c. The weather fair after a month of rain, or 26 days in Aug't, less or more rain. After sermon Communion & then S. School prior to Com'n. on request of H.A. **Morrison** & on motion of Clerk seconded by W.A. **Noble** Resolved that a ch. letter of commendation & dismission be granted to Sister Susan **Burrows** to some Church of same faith & order, in Worcester Mass. where she has gone. Letter handed to H.A. **Morrison** to send.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Thursday evening Sept 10/85 Missionary Concert. Pastor & near 50 present – After singing, reading scripture and prayer, Pastor remarked that he would depart from usual course, & read of things of the Indian Territory – the cheating of the tribes by the cattlemen and the determination of President **Cleveland** in removing them from the Territory, just now. It was an interesting meeting.

Sunday Sept. 13th. Meeting again in Lecture room, & a fair congregation for a rainy morn'g. Text from 1. Pet. 2:9 "A peculiar people." Illustrations about home, & very plain.

Sunday Sept. 20th. In same place & good attendance & fair day. The best discourse for the unconverted, yet, in A.M.

Prayer meeting Thursday evening Sept 24th. Present Rev. C.E. **Smith** & a fair number of members & of youths. On request of Miss **Scott** and on motion of A.Z. **Madison**, seconded,

Resolved that a letter of commendation and dismission be granted to Sister Elcie B. **Scott** to unite with the 1st Portland Baptist Church at Brocton. Then exposition of Leviticus 2nd Chap.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sept 27th. Mrs. R.E. **Morian** informed Clk, that Miss **Conger** married about a year ago – now Mrs. **Scott**, living near the Thayer Hill in Portland, and as Clk wanted to write to O.J. **Chamberlin** Chh Clk Brocton, he inclosed letter to said O.J.C. Ch Ck
Sunday Sept. 27. Services in Lecture room. Pastor preached in A.M. of Na?aman the leper and in evening from N.T. the other story of lepers, the words, "But where are the nine?" Bro. A. **LeRoy** & family present in audience at both.

Covenant Meeting October 3rd, **1885**.
Present at 2.30 P.M. Pastor C.E. **Smith** and 4 Brn and 12 Srs. More came later 4 Brn 21 Srs = 8 Brn & 33 Srs. Sung, "My hope is built on nothing less." Prayer, by Pastor. Sung again. Pastor then read a letter from 1st Bap. Chh. Dunkirk N.Y. commending and dismissing to our fellowship Sister E.D. **Bacon** & her son Bro. Henry **Bacon**. On motion of Bro. H.A. **Buck**, seconded, Resolved to receive them as members with us. [Note in margin: **1886** May 30th. A.Z.M. inquired of Mrs. **Bacon** her 1st name & learned the E.D. was her late husband's initials & that her own 1st name was Zipporah.] Pastor then read another letter from same Dkk. Church commending and dismissing to our fellowship, Rev. Alphonzo **LeRoy** and Sisters Clara **LeRoy**, Bertha **LeRoy** and Minnie **LeRoy**. On motion [blank] seconded, Resolved that they too be received as members with us. A Resolution in regard to the separation from Dkk Ch. accompanied the last letter. Then Pastor read part of Covenant and explained. Commenced with remarks by brethren & afterward part of Sisters spoke, one, not a member here, at length of Chr. Experience. Closed with singing "Praise God &c"
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday Oct. 4th, **1885**, Service in Lecture room still. Pastor preached to fair audience from Luke 17:20 "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation", or outward show. Pastor read letter from Donaghmore, Co. Tyrone Ireland commending Mrs. Elisabeth **Black**. On explanation by Dea. **Barrell** & on his Motion seconded she was unanimously recd a member with us. Hand of fellowship to her and communion followed.

Sunday Oct. 11th, **1885**, the repairs being so near done inside Ch, paint & varnish dry, cushions newly colored & covered & red carpet died [sic] in aisles, Services were with full attendance in the auditorium. Pastor C.E. **Smith** preached in A.M. from Ex. 20: 24 "in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee and I will bless thee." In evening from [blank] on the character of Gen. U.S. **Grant**.
Also, Sunday Oct. 18/85 A.M. & evening
Sunday Oct. 25th **1885** on exchange with Pastor **Smith**, Rev. R. **Harvey** of Jamestown preached in A.M. & in evening. A fair day, & full congregation.

Covenant Meeting Oct. 31st, **1885** for Nov'r.
Present Pastor C.E. **Smith**, 8 Brn & 26 Srs. After the opening by singing & prayer, Pastor spoke plainly and feelingly on part of Ch. Covenant as to walking circumspectly in the world, that we

may win their souls. Then nearly all Sisters present spoke in turn, and after, the few brethren present, also. Pastor offered prayer to close.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk

Sunday Nov. 1, **1885**. Present Pastor Rev. C.E. **Smith** and preached very instructively in A.M. from an old Testament text regarding the first born of the Hebrew.

[Note in the margin, in handwriting different from A.Z. **Madison**'s: Communion now held after A.M. sermon & S. School to follow. For first time in all ch. history.]
Communion, as generally since he became Pastor, immediately after sermon, & then S. School. He urged subscribing 30¢ for Examiner & also gave notice of request, & that there would be memorial services on account of decease of Rev. L. **Williams**, next Sunday evening.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Sunday Nov. 8th, **1885**. Services as usual. Rev. C.E. **Smith** preached in A.M. from Isa. 32:20 "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters." Hardly in his ordinary style of preaching, but very suggestive and instructive, showing the multitudinous ways and opportunities for dropping a word at home & among strangers, that would help on to the "sowing beside all waters." After sermon a collection was taken up for the Am. Bap. Home Mission Society, Amt. Cash paid $16.34 and card pledges $19.50 in all $36.84 & some added afterwards making in all the sum $42.09.
At 7 o'clock P.M. a fair congregation met for the Memorial service, including members of other Churches amongst whom were Dr. **Landers**, A.C. **Cushing** & Judge Geo. **Barker** ["my uncle" above judge's name, written in the same handwriting as the note about Communion above.] & others of Epis'l Ch. The desk was appropriately draped, with black & white flowers. A portion of the membership took front seats. Others occupied their own slips in different parts of the house. The organ was well played by Geo. **Manton**, and the Choir also sung well. After the preliminary services, & notices, Rev. C.E. **Smith** offered remarks suited to the occasion of a memorial, of a former pastor of this Church Viz: Rev. Lester **Williams** decd. He was brief in remarks, yielding to those who had had more personal acquaintance. He was succeeded by Rev. Dr. **Palmer**, who gave an ingenious address, culminating in integrity attributable to the subject. Then followed Rev. A. **Kingsbury** of longer and more intimate acquaintance with Rev. L. **Williams**. He said many true and appropriate things – in his eulogy, and comparisons with Elders A. **Wheelock**, J.D. **Cole**, B.N. **Leach**, E. **Tucker** & even Dr. F. **Wayland**, he came well up in the superlative. Here, as singing commenced, and the house was overheated by a red-hot stove in the Vestibule and a full head of gas in the Chandeliers, the Clerk for his own personal safety, left the Church and went home. On the 9th inst Deacon H.P. **Perrin** informed him, the closing part of the services, was the reading by Pastor **Smith** of preamble and resolutions, and their adoption by the Church present. These were written by Samuel S. **Crissey**, who was appointed a Committee for that purpose, at the last Thursday evening prayer meeting, and were as follows:
"Whereas the sad news has reached us, of the sudden death of Rev. Lester **Williams**, for seven years pastor of the Fredonia Baptist Church, We the members thereof, do adopt the following:
Resolved – That we most sincerely mourn our beloved brother and ex-pastor, as one who was a true and steadfast friend: a wise and valued counselor: a sympathetic and faithful spiritual guide and instructor: and whose broad and catholic impulses, whose ready and constant charities,

whose pure and consistent life, had won the respect and love of this entire church and community.
Resolved – That in his official and public labors, there was ever shown an unswerving loyalty to the distinctive principles of our faith – a fearless and untiring advocacy of the great reforms of our times – and a profound and conscientious devotion to the special work of the sacred office, to which he was called, - and that in this bereavement, we believe the Baptist ministry and denomination, sustain a great loss.
Resolved – That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the family of the deceased, as an expression of our regard, in this, their hour of trial and deep affliction.
Closed with the benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk
Tuesday morn Nov. 10th/85 I wrote letter & copy of Preamble and resolutions at home last evening, & mailed to Mrs. A.E. **Williams** this morning. A.Z.M. Ch Clk

[A.Z. **Madison**'s handwritten note at the top of a printed pamphlet: This was placed in Slips Nov 15/85 A.M. prior to the Collection of $35.84 and some more added after (6.25) = $42.09]
American Baptist Home Mission Society.
"North America for Christ!"
What it Involves.
The motto of the Am. Bap. Home Mission Society is "North America for Christ." This means the evangelization of the people of North America – that the entire continent is the field of its work. This field embraces British America, the United States, Mexico and the Central American States. It extends from the Arctic Ocean to the Isthmus of Panama, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. This field is larger than two continents like Europe, and has in it about 75,000,000 of people. The inhabitants of Mexico and the Central American States numbering some 13,000,000, are a mixed race of Spanish and Indian, nominally Roman Catholic but largely Pagan. Among the 4,500,000 in British America are a large number of Pagan Indians, and also a large ignorant Roman Catholic population. In the United States with a territory almost as large as Europe, we have about 300,000 Indians two-thirds of whom are Pagan – nearly 7,000,000 of Freedmen the most of whom are ignorant and unevangelized – about 8,000,000 of Foreign population most of whom are strangers to evangelical religion – and our own native American people. Last year the missionaries of our Society preached the gospel to Americans, Germans, French, Swedes, Danes, Norwegians, Mexicans, Indians, Negroes and Chinese. This shows the peculiar character of the field, its different nationalities, and the vast amount of work that needs to be done. For the occupation and evangelization of this field, the christians of America are responsible. It is their own **home** and **special** work. The christians of other countries will not come here to do this work for them. North America must be won to Christ, if at all, by the christians of North America. **It is their work.**
Consider now the three departments of this work, as carried forward by our Home Mission Society.
First – Christian Education. This relates particularly to the Freedmen and the Indians. Its object is to furnish them with preachers and christian teachers of their own color and blood. Qualified native workers can do among and for them what no others can. Upon the emancipation of the Freedmen, it was seen that their greatest need was qualified preachers and teachers, of their own race. Of this kind they had almost none. They formed churches, but very few among them were qualified and competent to be pastors. Slavery with its oppression and ignorance had not

produced such men. The destitution in this respect was general and alarming. Hence the Society began its schools. These have been increased until now there are fifteen as follows: Wayland Seminary, Washington, D.C., Richmond Institute, Richmond, Va., Hartshorn Memorial College, for women, Richmond, Va., Shaw University, Raleigh, N.C., Benedict Institute, Columbia, S.C., Atlanta Seminary, Ga., Spelman Seminary, for women, Atlanta, Ga., Roger Williams University, Nashville, Tenn., Jackson College, Jackson, Miss., Leland University, New Orleans, La., Florida Institute, Live Oak, Fla., Alabama School, Selma, Ala., Bishop College, Marshall, Texas, Kentucky Institute, Louisville, Ky., Creek Freedmen School, Tullahassie, Ind. Ter. In these schools there were last year over 3,000 pupils, about 400 of whom were preparing for the christian ministry. From these schools have already gone forth scores of the most able and effective preachers and teachers among the colored people of our country. Some have gone as missionaries to Africa, others are preparing to go. The hearts of these people turn to their father-land. The millions of Pagans in Negro Africa are to be evangelized mainly through the christianized Freedmen of America. In our schools we are preparing the laborers who shall go forth to this work; as in them we are also preparing the preachers and pastors for the 800,000 colored Baptists, and one-half of the colored population of the United States. If we will furnish them with qualified preachers and laborers, they will in the main support and take care of them. We also have a school in the Indian Territory at Muskogee, for the education of Indian preachers and teachers. Native Indian preachers and christian laborers, can do among their people what white men cannot do. Scores of Indians are now preaching the gospel successfully to their countrymen. Our school will help to largely increase this number and qualify them better for their work. We also have a christian school in connection with our missions in Mexico, at Monterey.

The Home Mission Society is thus one of the most important agencies in ministerial education, in our country. Many of the students are poor and need to be helped in obtaining an education. Fifty dollars will sustain a pupil in our Schools for a year.

Second – Our Mission Work. This is of course the direct and principal work of the Society, to which its efforts and funds are mainly appropriated. This work is carried forward among the Foreign population in our country, among the Indians, the Freedmen, our native American people, and the Mexicans. Among these different classes the Society had last year 702 missionaries and teachers. These organized 139 churches; received by Baptism 3,317; by letter and experience 3,474; and had under their care 740 Sunday Schools, with an attendance of 48,802.

The work is great and prosperous; but the existing need and destitution are far beyond the ability of the Society to supply them. Hundreds of villages and settlements in the great and growing West, are without a preacher or a church. More laborers are needed among the Foreign population, which is increasing upon us at the rate of half a million a year. The work among the rapidly multiplying Freedmen needs constant enlargement. The field in Mexico is opening and calling for increased laborers and means. The needs and claims of the Indians press upon us with constantly growing force. Of the 300,000 of them in the United States, about 200,000 are still Pagans. These hundreds of thousands and even millions in our own country and field, are perishing without the gospel and the means of salvation. They cry unto us to come to their rescue. What shall be the response?

Third – Our Church Edifice Work. There are hundreds of our churches in the West and South that are without houses of worship, and are unable of themselves to build them. Many of these churches are in growing cities, villages and prominent fields. They can do but little in the way of

permanent and successful religious work, without meeting houses. A suitable place of worship becomes vital to their existence and growth. Delay in many of these cases will not only increase the expense of building, but peril all their interests. Now is the time to strike. The Society aids such churches to build, by gifts of from two hundred to five hundred dollars, and upon the condition that the house shall be free from debt when dedicated. A legal paper is also given by the church to the Society, by which it can reclaim its interests in the property should the church become extinct or fail to use the house for worship. In the last year the Society thus aided 74 churches to build meeting houses. The Society also has a fund form which it makes loans to churches for a series of years, to aid them in building. This is often a very great help. But the plan of **giving** in small sums directly to the churches, seems the most useful. The fund from which these gifts are made, needs to be largely increased. This church edifice work, is one of the most important and promising departments of the Society's service. In all 113 churches were aided last year.
Such in brief, is the field and work of our Home Mission Society. It is entitled to the confidence and appeals to the aid of every christian citizen, and lover of his country and race. No more important and imperative work is on the hands of the Baptists of America. The receipts from New York the last year were $79,472,68, and from northern New Jersey $8,193,25, - total $87,665,93, and not including the receipts of the Women's Societies. The receipts of the Society from all sources was $447,379,05. It needs and ought to receive the present year $500,000. Let all, pastors, churches, individuals, ALL aid to secure this amount and help on this great work. It is a duty and an honor committed to our hands by our divine Lord and Master. Shall we "**Retrench?**" God forbid!
C.P. **Sheldon**, Dist. Secretary. Troy, N.Y.
American Baptist Home Mission Rooms, Temple Court, New York City; Rev. H.L. **Morehouse**, D.D. Corresponding Secretary.

Sat. Nov. 14/85 Rev. M. **MacGregor** was here, but left in P.M. to preach in Washington St. Bap. Ch on 15th in Buffalo.
[Note in margin: See name in list on page 602.]
[Other note: Death of my grandfather Geo. W. **Lewis**. Insert by Edith **Lewis Morse** Jan. **1948** (63 yrs, later)]
After a few days illness with pneumonia on the evening at 7 ¼ o'clock of Thursday Nov. 12th George W. **Lewis**, (who had been a member of this Church about 35 years, though really a Disciple, in faith,) died. His funeral was attended in his Chh of that denomination, on Free Street, Sunday P.M. at 2 O'clock Nov 15 the service by [blank] of that Ch., Rev. C.E. **Smith** & Rev. A. **Kingsbury** – the house well filled & the exercises deemed good. The first considerable snow, some six inches deep fell the night before. The other Clergymen of this village Viz. Dr. J.J. **Landers** of Epis., Rev. W.P. **Bignall**, Meth. & Rev. M.D. **Kneeland** Presb'n were all present in the congregation. The use of the Bap. Chh. Edifice, being larger, was offered for the funeral but the children of deceased present, Estelle **Daniels** had left Wed before her father died, (2 sons & 1 daughter thought best that the services should be in his own Church.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday Nov. 22nd/85 Pastor **Smith** preached from Mat. 23:36, 37 with great plainness directed to me and all professors who would receive it. At close took collection for benefit of the Infant

class in S.S. He said $25 was wanted, doubtful if raised. Closing S.S. Dr. **Palmer** with a diagram on Bk-board explained the Temple.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Thursday Nov. 26th, **1885** Thanksgiving in the Meth. Ep. Church at 11 A.M. Present Rev. W.P. **Bignall** Meth., Rev. M.D. **Kneeland** Presb., Rev. Chas. E. **Smith** Bap & a full congregation. Singing by Meth. Choir. Mr. **Bignall** read a Psalm. Mr. **Kneeland** offered prayer. Mr. **Smith** preached, from Ps. 28: 5. "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies." Referenced to Gen. **Grant** & his compatriot(?), and then to the doings of the Lord for this people. All interested. A.Z.M.

Sunday Nov. 29th, **1885**. An exchange between Rev. C.E. **Smith** & M.D. **Kneeland** of Presb. Chh. Mr. **Kneeland** preached a good scriptural discourse from Prov. 4:23rd. "Keep thy heart with all diligence:" for out of it are the issues of life."

[Note to side: Minutes, Dec 3rd Recd 55 copies from Clk asso'n A.A. **Jones** of Panama]
Thursday evening Dec'r 3rd, **1885**. Prayer meeting. Clerk carried in some copies Minutes of the Association & gave notice of them. Then explained as to Rev. A. **LeRoy**, now the Pastor of the Forestville Bap. Chh. and that he requested letters to unite with that Church for himself, wife & one daughter, and Clerk moved & it was seconded that Rev. Alphonzo **LeRoy** receive the usual letter of commendation and dismission to unite with the Forestville Bap. Church and the vote unanimously carried. Clk then made similar motion, & it was seconded, for a letter for Sister Clarissa **LeRoy** his wife, & it was carried as above. The Clk moved a similar letter for Miss Bertha L. **LeRoy** their daughter, which was seconded & carried same.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting Dec 5, **1885** in cold & snow storm
Present Pastor C.E. **Smith** & 9 Brn & 16 Sisters. Opened by singing, prayer, reading 2nd Ps. & remarks by Pastor. Remarks by Brn & then by Sisters. Minutes of Asso'n distributed. Sung Doxology to close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Church Meeting Monday evening Dec. 14, **1885**.
Present Rev. C.E. **Smith** Pastor & Chn., Chas. L. **Goulding** Clerk Pro. Tem & some 20 others. Meeting opened by Pastor reading & prayer. Pastor announced an invitation from the Presb'n. Chh that we unite with them in services, will alternate in regard to place, during the approaching week of prayer. H.W. **Thompson** moved and it was seconded that we accept the invitation. Remarks by Brn A.R. **Thompson**, H.W. **Thompson**, Ely **Davis** & S.S. **Crissey**. Question called and was carried without a dissenting voice. Pastor spoke of the Executive Committee of the Church, and the need of some additions to that Committee for efficiency, and of the necessity of action by it. Clk P.T. thinks that Bro. **Buck** moved and it was seconded, That our Pastor be instructed to make nominations of proper persons to fill vacancies in said Executive Committee. Motion was carried.
Chas. L. **Goulding** Clk P.T.

Sunday Dec. 20th, **1885**, Pastor C.E. **Smith** preached to pretty full congregation the true gospel of Christ from John 19th 30th especially, the words "It is finished." – Unexcelled. A.Z.M.

" Dec 27/85 John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Also good.

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Jan'y 3rd. John 20:28. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Another of the best, to annihilate Unitarianism, and all infidelity.

Jan'y 10. Mat. 17:20. "Because of your unbelief, for verily I say unto you, if ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed &c

Jan 17. [blank]
" 24 Exodus 32:26 Who is on the Lord's side? Moody – Ingersol

Covenant Meeting January 2nd, **1886**
Present Rev. C.E. **Smith**, Pastor, and 9 Brn & 36 Sisters.
Sung, "Nearer My God to Thee," Prayer by Pastor, & sung again. Pastor presented letter of Miss Cora A. **Wright** requesting a letter for Mrs. Frank **Parker**, late Rachel **Miller**, now of Abilene Dickinson Co. Kansas. On motion of H.A. **Buck** seconded by S.C.C.(?) such letter of commendation & dismission was granted. General remarks by Pastor, and then by Sisters & after, by Brethren. All spoke in turn, & the meeting interesting. Concluding remarks by Pastor. And closed by singing, "My God permit me not to be a stranger, to myself & Thee." And the benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Week of Prayer				Union Meetings
Monday evening, Jan'y			4th/86	in Presb'n Church
Tuesday	"	"	5. "	in Bap. Ch
Wed'y	"	"	6. "	in Meth. Ch
Thursday	"	"	7. "	Ea. Denom'n in their own Ch.
Friday	"	"	8. "	in the Disciple Ch.
Sat.	"	"	9. "	no Union meeting
Sunday	"	"	10. "	Un. In Presb. Ch.
Monday	"	"	11. "	None
Tues.	"	"	12. "	Un. In Bap. Ch.
Wed.	"	"	13. "	" in Meth. Ch.
Thurs.	"	"	14. "	Ea. In their own ch.
Fri.	"	"	15. "	
Sun.	"	"	17. "	
Tues.	"	"	19. "	Un in Disciple Ch
Wed.	"	"	20. "	Un in Meth Ch
Thurs.	"	"	21. "	Ea its own
Sun.	"	"	24. "	Un in Bap. Ch. Rev. Mr. **Bignall** pr.

Meetings continued 2 extra ea. week Wed & Th. to Feb 10th

Thursday evening prayer meeting by this chh alone. Clk too unwell to be present. Pastor present and full attendance. Clk sent letter for Prof. **Albro** & daughter by H.A. **Morrison** who gave to Pastor for ch. action. On motion of H.P. **Perrin** seconded by H.A. **Buck** Resolved that Bro. Samuel H. **Albro** be recd a member with us on his letter from the Norwich Bap. Ch. N.Y.
On motion of H.W. **Thompson** seconded by S.S. **Crissey**, Resolved that Sister Alice H. **Albro** (his daughter) be also recd a member with us, on commendation in same letter.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting Feb'y 6th, **1886**
Pastor C.E. **Smith** sick, sore throat, and Dea. D. **Barrell** Chn, Reading Scripture, prayer & singing. Agreeably with arrangement by Pastor & Clerk, A.Z. **Madison** presented business at opening of meeting. First the letters from Forestville Ch. commending & dismissing to our fellowship Sister Sabrie **Kendall** and her daughter Esther **Kendall** of Sheridan. On Motions made & seconded by brn. **Buck**, H.W. **Thompson** & D.S. **Wright** they were on separate motions, both, duly recd as members with us. Clk also read & explained Recpt $42.09 the sum contributed for Home Missions some weeks ago. After which he read the letter of Sister Ann E. **Williams**, in regard to the memorial service for Rev. Lester **Williams**, decd., & at close referred to her quotation, "I was dumb &c" & told of the unreconciled young widow in Alabama to show the contrast. Brn & Srs spoke & sung to close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Monday Feb. 8th, **1886** at 2.30 P.M. A Ministers Conference commenced in our Ch. sparsely attended – some 10 Ministers & but few of our congregation – our Pastor C.E. **Smith** Chn, Two Disciple Ministers present. Meetings continued to Tuesday noon Feb. 9th. Weather fine but sleighing melting off with sun. Much good talk by ministers – too much to be lost. Clk attended part of each day. Adjd at 12 9th.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday evening Feb. 14/86 A Union meeting in Bap. Ch. & good attendance on the subject of Temperance. Same that Pastor **Smith** and the other Ministers in their several desks had preached upon in the A.M. as reported.
A.Z.M. Clk

Covenant Meeting March 6th, **1886**.
Present Rev. C.E. **Smith**, 16 Brn & 33 Sisters. Sung "Just as I am &c" Read a Psalm & remarks. Again sung a hymn. Brethren spoke in turn. Then some few sisters. Six Viz: Willie **Walker Barker**, George Harvey **Morgan**, and Misses Florence **Playter**, Carrie Estella **Holcomb**, Hortense **Huntley** & Minnie Eliza **Winship** in turn related their several Christian experience and retired. On several motions seconded they were individually duly received as candidates for baptism & when baptized to membership in the church. Sung the Doxology L.M. to close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday evening March 7, **1886**, at close of service the above named six candidates were severally baptized as reported to Clk. See names in list, of above date.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

March 21st, **1886**
Pursuant to a Resolution of the Fredonia Bap. Society, in Annl. Meeting 9th inst. requesting the Pastor of the Chh. (at an early day) to lay before the congregation the question of contribution for Church support. Rev. Chas. E. **Smith** complied with said request, in the most scriptural and instructive manner ever heard by Clk founding his remarks on St. Paul's words 1st Cor. 16:2. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him."
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

March 28th, **1886**. A.M. Pastor Take heed how ye hear. A. 1

[The following letter is printed.]
To the Members of the Baptist Church in Fredonia.
Dear Brethren and Sisters:
Our annual Fellowship and Covenant meeting will be held on Saturday the 3d of April, at 2:30 and 7 p.m. Social, with opportunity for pew-rental between the two services, and supper at 6. The roll of the church will be called, and it is hoped that every member will be present or send a letter. The special subject of this gathering is Church Work. The particular question which we are all asked to answer is: What definite service for Jesus can I do, have I done, do I propose to do, during the coming year? If every one will answer this question carefully, prayerfully, as to the great Master, we shall have a very delightful and profitable meeting. Come one, come all.
Your friend and Pastor,
C.E. **Smith**
Fredonia March 18th, **1886**.
[A.Z. Madison's handwritten note at the bottom: The correct & legal name of the Church is "The Fredonia Baptist Church." And of So'y The Fredonia Baptist Society.]

Covenant & Fellowship Meeting April 3rd, **1886**. 2 ½ P.M. Present Pastor & some 150 Brn & Sisters. Opened with Prayer by Pastor – singing – Remarks by Pastor as to work of members for Jesus. Sung one verse. Then Pastor commenced calling the roll of members, beginning with W. and running backwards to include M. near 5 P.M. Then adjourned to 6 P.M. for tea after which to finish calling roll from L. to A. incl the evening services. Tea was had by all who wished. At 7 P.M. Clerk not present, from age & liability to colds in the wintry weather. Reported by Pastor & others, as usual with less number than in P.M. – the rest of roll called – some who were dead more than three years ago, as Mrs. Sarah A. **Haskin** & Mrs. Mary P. **Smith** owing to incorrect list used, instead of a fresh one from the correct record.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

April 4, **1886**, Pastor Rev. C.E. **Smith**, preparatory to the anticipated union services, conducted by Rev. Mr. E.E. **Davidson**, of M.E. Ch. to commence this evening in the Presb'n Ch & the rest of this week, in the Meth. E. Ch. preached an excellent discourse on the text Zechariah 4:6. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

In the evening Apl 4th/86 Rev. E.E. **Davidson** preached his 1st discourse in Fredonia, in the Presb'n. Ch. to a very full congregation, as reported.

Monday P.M. Apl 5th A prayer meeting in M.E. Ch. & preaching there in evening,
A snow storm that night & Tues. morn Apl 6th 10 inches of wet heavy snow & a thorough rain falling into it. Prayer meetings at 3 P.M. & preaching at 7 ½ P.M. during the week in Meth Ch. – well attended though muddy.

Sunday Apl 11th Pastors preached in A.M. in their several Chh's
Same " 18th do do " " "
Monday Apl 12. Meetings daily & nightly as last week, but in Bap. Ch. Better weather, all the week , & so all the next week in Presb. Ch.
Friday & Sat Apl 23 & 24th Notices scattered that meetings would be continued another week & that Mr. E.E. **Davidson** would hold a meeting in Bap. Ch. Sunday evening Apl 25. of all men & that a meeting for women would be held at same time for women. The Pastors occupied each their own desk in A.M. April 25/86 – Young Peoples Union Meeting at Meth Ch. P.M. 4
Evening of same Bap. Ch. filled with men & youth and Rev. Mr. **Davidson** talked on the several ten Commandments. At same time Rev. C.E. **Smith** preached to a full house of women & girls in Meth. House, as reported to Clerk. No rain yet here, but in Buffalo Sat A.M. 24th. (The Town clock now being put in Steeple of Bap. Chh.)

Friday May 7th Meetings still continued P.M.s in Meth. Lec room and evenings in Presb. Ch. Clk in 2 or 3 P.M. prayer meetings. Fewer in attendance as the labors on farms &c increased, but full in evenings, as informed.

May 11/86
Tuesday evening in Presb. Ch. the closing service by Rev. E.E. **Davidson** evangelist. House full to overflowing. Clerk so found it and left for home.

Covenant Meeting May 1st, **1886**.
No announcement of this Cov't. Meeting last Sunday, but at the time bell was rung, and D. **Barrell**, A.Z. **Madison** & some (?) women were on hand, and after a little delay others came so it was deemed best to have a meeting. S.S. **Crissey** came in, & at request of Br. **Barrell**, took the chair & read Luke 10th & called upon Sister R.E. **Morian** who offered prayer. Then Brn spoke & after, Sisters. Sung no 225. All the brethren present, S.S. **Crissey**, D. **Barrell**, W.A. **Noble**, A.Z.M., Geo. **Tate**, H.P. **Perrin**, **Hardenburgh**, Sisters R.E. **Morian**, **Buck**, **Manton**, **Noble**, **Gates**, **Greene**, **Collis**, **Lathrop**, **Blood**, **Wiggins**, **Hardenburgh**, **Codington**, Miss **Bishop**, H. **Stevens**, **Bartholomew** & another (23 or 24). Sung a hymn at request of young lady. Chairman added some remarks. Then Clk after general remarks, read a letter of request for the usual letter of dismissal & commendation for Sister Belle A. **Ribbell** of Elgin Ill. Giving some explanations as to no opportunity till now to present the request. On motion of W.A. **Noble** seconded by Mrs. **Morian**, Resolved to grant the request. Again sung to close. (Cft returned by Clk Elgin May 21st/86)
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

May 2nd **1886**. No Communion service, as Pastor did not design to have any on account of union meetings.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Resumption of the regular Ch. prayer meeting after the Close of Union Meetings in charge of Evangelist Rev. E.E. **Davidson** Thursday evening May 13th, **1886**. Sixty or over present with Pastor C.E. **Smith**. Singing – Prayer by Rev. A. **Kingsbury** on request. Singing – Pastor read from John 4th last paragraph. Singing – Brief prayers by several – Then, many testimonials of faith & trust in Christ. After which Pastor announced that Mr. & Mrs. **Belden** wished to relate their several experience & to unite with the Church by baptism - that he and the advisory committee had conversed with them – that their exp'sions mostly alike – they hardly knew the exact time of their conversion, but they believed in & trusted in Jesus – and they could say no more to the Chh. and he suggested that they retire to the Ch. parlor while the Church should act on their request, or words in substance as above. Candidates retired. Clerk then stated his objections to establishing such a precedent, wholly one side of the usages of the regular Baptist Church – that it was not the pastor nor any committee to decide such question but the Church. That two persons had been received as members of this Bap. Chh. without the relation before it, of one word of Christian experience, but contrary to the usage of the Church. It was not deemed best to ask their return before the chh. Clk to explain the case to the Chh. said further That a regular Bap. Chh had no Bishop like the Methodist & Catholic churches, nor a Board of Ruling Elders, like the Presbyterian Chh. but it was simply for the Church itself to decide all such matters. On motion by [blank] seconded by Mrs. L.E. **Edmonds** & another Resolved unanimously that they be recd. as candidates for baptism & membership. They were called in, & Pastor announced the vote to them. The Clk asked letters for Bro. F.W. **Bartlett** & wife, which were voted to them. Sung the L.M. Doxology to close.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Sunday May 16, **1886** the customary services by Pastor in A.M. and also in evening when his text was, Mark 8:38. "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me, and of my words &c" and at the close the baptismal service was attended in as impressive a manner, in the case of Bro. Geo. W. **Belden** and his wife, Mrs. Almira **Belden**, as I have ever seen it done.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Thursday evening prayer meeting May 20/86 quite full. Opened by singing, & prayer by Pastor. More singing & Reading of the man at the pool of Bethesda & exposition. Then the ten converts who were before the Executive Committee last Tuesday evening, of those lately converted during the meetings conducted by Rev. Edgar E. **Davidson**, were called upon for rehearsals, before the Church, which was done in the following order, somewhat varied from Tuesday evening, Viz: S. Monroe **Brownell**, Spencer M. **Munson**, (Mrs. Mary E. **Morgan**, Hiram F. **Morgan**), Erick A. **Berg**, Fred L. **Kendall**, Miss Eliza H. **Jenks**, Miss Hattie **Johnson**, Master Newton K. **Crissey** 12 yrs, Master Luther B. **Adams** 9 yrs. The above named candidates retired to Ch. parlor, and on ten several motions, made and seconded, they were severally recd as candidates for baptism and then Church membership. Pastor then read letters from Sherman Bap. Ch. commending and dismissing to our fellowship Bro. Daniel Payson **Topliff** & Sister Emma **Topliff**. On motions, **Buck** et al seconded, They were severally duly received to membership with us. Singing to close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday May 23rd, **1886**. Pastor C.E. **Smith** preached in A.M. from Hosea 6:4 of that kind of religion which is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew that goeth away. Interesting &

instructive and no doubt needed just now. In the evening, he preached from Acts 8:26-40, and at conclusion baptized six of those candidates recorded on page 320. Viz: Miss Hattie **Johnson**, and S. Monroe **Brownell**, Erick A. **Berg**, Master Newton K. **Crissey**, Fred L. **Kendall**, & Master Luther B. **Adams** as reported by Dea. H.P. **Perrin** & H.A. **Morrison**. Clk left the Ch. during the sermon.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Thursday evening May 27th, **1886**, at prayer meeting Executive Com. recommended the following persons to the Church present, as having related their several Christian experience last Tuesday evening before said Committee, & by it approved and they then repeated same before the Ch. to wit. Miss Josie I. **Bishop** (12), Raymond G. **Lewis** (13), Alice J. **Bickers** (14), Mary S. **Morgan** (11), Blanch E. **Wood** (13), Mrs. Mary J. **Morgan**, George B. **Lewis** (12). [Note to side: Some six of this seven referred to convictions prior to the meetings of Mr. E.E. **Davidson**.] On separate motions seconded, each & all of the above named seven were duly received as candidates for baptism and when baptized to membership in the Church. Mr. Charles W. **Adams** presented a letter of commendation & dismission from the Evans Bap. Chh. & on motion made & seconded he was received a member with us. The meeting closed. The foregoing reported to Clk by Geo. **Tate** who acted as Clk P.T. at his request.
A.Z.M. Ch Clk

1886 May 30 Sunday Decoration day, Pastor C.E. **Smith** preached from in A.M. Gen. 45:28. The sight of the Egyptian wagons enough for Israel, added to the testimony of the 11 brethren of Joseph – We have the testimony to Christ of the 11 Apostles who saw him & ate with him before & after his resurrection & added to this, we may see the wagons in which we are to be carried where he is, to wit the Bible & the Church.
Same evening a full union meeting in Presb. Ch. Rev. Mr. **Bignall** speaker on the late war & result &c. Present also Rev's. **Kneeland**, C.E. **Smith** & **Manley** & surviving veterans. Some 30. (?) Geo. **Tate** read list of the dead, Pomf't & Dkk.

Prayer meeting Thursday evening June 3rd, **1886**
In course of this meeting as reported by D.H. **Morgan** who sent proceedings to Ch Clk Sat Morn June 5th by his son, the request, by letter to Dr. **Palmer**, for a letter of commendation & dismission was acted upon, & granted to Jas. H. **McGraw** to unite with the 5th Bap. Ch. Phil'a. Pastor, Rev. John **Peddie**. Also, a letter from Manlius Bap. Ch. was presented, J.N. **Loomis** Clerk (no date) commending and dismissing, to this Ch. he says Charles H. **Scoville**, on which he was duly recd. as a member with us. Also the following named, of those persons who met the Executive Committee Tuesday evening June 1st. also met the Chh. and severally related their religious experience, & were severally received as candidates for baptism & when baptized to Membership with Church. Mrs. Frances J. **Woodworth**, Mrs. Lillie M. **Scoville**, Miss Annie M. **Wheelock** [Died in **1938** & buried in Fredonia. Mansfield Ohio], Miss Anna **Colburn**, Miss Jessie A. **Playter**, and besides those, also Mrs. Jane **Miller** (sister of D.S. **Wright**). As reported to Ch Clk by D.H. **Morgan**.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting June 5, **1886**.

Present at opening Rev. C.E. **Smith**, 12 Brn & 38 Sisters. Sung "Arise my soul &c" Pastor read 126 Ps. & remarks. Bro. **Goulding** commenced remarks & to Mrs. A. **Grant**. Sung, "O for a Closer Walk with God," and then to Mrs. **Kendall** of Sheridan & sung, "Come we that love the Lord" then the remainder. Pastor then told of an aged sister who had no faith, no hope & offered prayer for her, asking all to unite with him. Closed with singing "All hail the power of Jesus' name."
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

June 6th, **1886** A.M. Rev. C.E. **Smith** preached to a good Congregation from 1. Timo. 3:15 "The church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." And in the evening to a very full house from Acts 16:31. A collection was taken at close of A.M. discourse for the New York Baptist Union for Ministerial Education at Rochester N.Y. Amount Cash pd $5.26 & 3 Subscriptions C.E.S., F.B.P. & H.P.P $9 = $14.26. At the close of evening discourse the following named persons were baptized Viz: Mrs. Lillie M. **Scoville**, Mrs. Frances J. **Woodworth**, Mrs. Jane **Miller**, Mrs. Mary J. **Morgan**, Miss Jessie A. **Playter**, Miss Josie I. **Bishop**, Miss Alice J. **Bickers**, Miss Mary S. **Morgan**, Miss Blanche E. **Wood** and Raymond B. **Lewis**, & George B. **Lewis**, Miss Eliza H. **Jenks**, Rept'd by H.H.(?) **Perrin** June 28th. Clk unwell & left the meeting for home, before the baptisms occurred. These were reported to him by H.A. **Morrison** (who accidentally omitted Miss E.H. **Jenks**, in red.)
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Regular Prayer meeting Thurs. eve'g June 10/86 Merritt E. **Wheelock** & Josephine R. **Wheelock** related their religious experience & were duly recd as candidates for baptism & membership by the Chh, as reported by Pastor.
A.Z.M. Clk

Sunday June 13th, **1886**.
Usual A.M. service. Pastor C.E. **Smith** preached to a full audience from Isa. 52:11th on having a pure Church, with great plainness. At close, the Chh was seated for the Communion, which had been adjourned, or postponed, one week to accommodate some before leaving school for their homes, who were baptized last Sunday evening. Of recent baptism 24 were in line around the desk and all received the hand of fellowship from Pastor, and then joined in the Communion service. The whole made interesting.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Thursday evening June 17th, **1886**.
Pastor C.E. **Smith** present and a quite full attendance. He read & commented on the central part of John 8: from about 31st verse "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed, & on. Near the close, Mrs. Emma **Wood** ? related her religious experience, then retired to ch. parlor. On motion of a Sister, seconded, by a Bro. Resolved that she be received a candidate for baptism & when baptized to membership. Pastor then read a letter from the 1st Baptist Church Warren Pa. commending to this Chh. and dismissing Sister Eliza **Brownell**. During this meeting, Pastor offered remarks in regard to our views on the subject of baptism being in accord with the Bible. S.S. **Crissey** & one or two more, referred to same subject.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday June 20th, **1886**. Pastor C.E. **Smith** in A.M. gave an appropriate preamble, & preached from Isa. 52:8th. An excellent sermon on baptism.

Thursday evening June 24th **1886** in Prayer meeting after other exercises, & the remarks of Mr. **Bishop** of W. Hills Miss Jennie **Wilbur** (daughter of Dr. **Wilbur**) related her Exp. & was duly recd a candidate for baptism & membership.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk

Sunday June 27th, **1886**. Pastor read Eph. 4th and also preached from 1st verse of same. In the evening he again from Meth. 6:33, "B seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, &c" All very plain preaching. At close he baptized the following nine persons Viz. Hiram F. **Morgan**, Mrs. Mary E. **Morgan**, Merritt **Wheelock**, Mrs. Josephine R. **Wheelock**, Miss Annie M. **Wheelock**, Miss Anna **Colburn**, Mrs. Emma **Wood**, Miss Jennie **Wilbur**, Spencer M. **Munson**, - service well rendered. Notice given A.M. & evening of a Collection by some half doz. Ladies, Treasurers, of certain Committees to pay expenses of Ch. music, direct, without the customary annual Strawberry Festival, & this agrees with the faith of Clerk on the subject.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Saturday July 3rd, **1886**. Covenant Meeting 2 ½ P.M.
Present Rev. C.E. **Smith** Chn, 6 Brn & 24 Srs. The usual services to open. Pastor read Covenant & spoke on the latter part as to contributing for expenses & benevolent objects. Clk spoke of the passing over Col. for Miss'y Union & that it should be done now, before meeting of Asso'n. And also of the suspense a/c at Tremont Temple Boston, & that at least one Life Member could be made & wished information on that point. Pastor presented letter of request, for letter of commendation & dismission for Miss Nellie **Bartholomew** to unite with the Baptist Church at Peoria Ill. On Motion of A.Z. **Madison**, seconded the request was granted & letter mailed to her July 8th **1886** when Pastor bro't letter to show her address No. 1321 Main St.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday July 4th, **1886**. Usual services & Communion in A.M. Morning text Isa. 9:6. "and the government shall be upon his shoulder," – Evening text Mat. 25:15th, "and to another one," Both good sermons, filled with new thoughts. One talent more valuable than most people suppose – In money, say in round number, $1000 & God claims interest on that &c &c.

Sunday July 11/86 Pastor **Smith** preached to a full congregation, from Eph. 2:2, "according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air," on the subject of navigation, "whither bound?" & A.1. is(?) applied to all. At this time, he said "so soon after the late excellent meeting, (Revival) some who had made profession, were turned again, & were rowing down the stream to destruction. Or, to that effect. In the evening at 7.30 pursuant to announcement from the desk, & notice in paper, Pastor, to open, read deliberately & with natural & proper emphasis the 14th Ch. of John, & commented on parts of it, then after appropriate singing & prayer, preached to a full audience from the 2nd verse of same, "if it were not so, I would have told you." to show the mistake made by modern spiritualists by resorting to doubtful methods – the spirits of the dead relatives and acquaintances, - instead of to Christ, the subject of the Bible, the true and proper source. Thus showing that they are all hostile to Christ. He said at

the beginning, that he could not say all he desired to in our discourse, & that he would continue the same subject on the next Sunday evening 18th inst – see page 327 at top.

Thursday evening July 15, **1886**.
At close of prayer meeting, Pastor **Smith** remarked that after another Sabbath, he would take a vacation – that he had spoken with some who were unwilling to go without one service on Sunday, & it would be necessary to appoint a Pulpit Committee, as brn did not like to act without proper authority. On motion made & seconded, Resolved that there be a Pulpit Com'ee appointed. Inquiry, how? Suggested that Pastor appoint, and he then appointed Horace P. **Perrin** Chn, D. **Barrell** & E.J. **Crissey** such com'ee.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday evening July 18th, **1886**. Pastor **Smith**'s 2nd discourse on the mistake of modern spiritualism or as some write "spiritism." Text, Acts 16:18 "But Paul being grieved &c to end" Plain, instructive & to many, conclusive. He read firstly, Acts 13:4&c, 16:16&c, 19:1-20.

Thursday evening July 22nd, **1886**. Prayer meeting, the last before Pastor's vacation. Remarks on the scriptures shewing [sic] the raising of Lazarus from the dead, and with great earnestness. A fair attendance & amongst others present, Mary A. **Draper** who for years has not been accustomed to meet with us. She offered prayer, after having spoke with much readiness & fervor. Many others testified of their interest in the cause. Few present, who could not realize that it was good to be there. Jno. 11:17. Before opening the meeting for devotional exercises Pastor read a letter from Jamestown N.Y. Bap. Chh. commending & dismissing Sr. Mrs. Cordelia **Bradford** to our fellowship. On motion of A.Z. **Madison** seconded, Resolved that she be recd. a member with us, on letter read. Her residence at Mr. **Blowers** on West Hill. Aged & infirm. Pastor then read another letter from 1st Bap. Ch. of Lockport, N.Y. commending and dismissing Sister Mrs. Louise **Chapin** to unite with us. On motion of W.A. **Noble**, seconded. Resolved that she be recd. a member on the letter read. (A daughter of Rev. A. **Lull** decd.) Closed the meeting with prayer by Pastor & singing.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Pastor left on vacation, Friday July 23rd/86
Sunday July 25/86 Rev. G.O. **King** in Desk with Rev. A. **Kingsbury**. The former served in preliminaries, & the latter preached from 1. Pet. 1:13th. & well for him in his broken and infirm condition.

Covenant meeting July 31, **1886** (For August) Pastor absent on vacation. Present 3 Deacons. Deacon D. **Barrell** Chn. He read Phil. 2nd – Singing – Prayer by Chn. (9 Brn 13 srs) Sung "So let our lips & lives express." Mr. **Barrell** opened with remarks, & next Rev. G.O. **King** who had come in, spoke interestingly, and was followed by brethren present, and then Sisters. Clk spoke of some things necessary to prepare for the meeting of Chaut. Bap. Association. Sung No. 114 to Close. (Mrs. **Noble** at the organ.)
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Aug't 1, **1886** Rev. G.O. **King** of Cleveland O. preached from Gen. 4:9. "I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?" Ingenious & instructive.

Prayer Meeting & Mo'ly Miss'y Concert Thursday evening Aug't 5, **1886** Bro. Wm. A. **Noble**, Conductor. Singing, prayers & remarks. The reading, was of the Crucifixion, in Luke. Near the close, Clerk announced the request, two days before, of Rev. A. **LeRoy** for a letter of commendation & dismission for his daughter Miss Minnie A. **LeRoy** on which to unite at Forestville. On motion of A.Z. **Madison** seconded, Resolved that the request be granted. Clk mailed such letter Aug't 9th to Rev. A. **LeRoy** Clerk then read Cft. Of Clk of 5th Bap Ch. of Phil'a. as to reception of Bro. Jas. H. **McGraw** and one as to a competitive scholarship in Madison University.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Aug't 8th, **1886**. Rev. J.D. **Foote** Supt. "Western New York Home", at Randolph N.Y. Presented its claims & took collection for same. Cash Silver & cents 20.52 & 4 unpaid card pledges Amt $6.=$26.52.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk
He read appropriate scriptures but took no text.

Prayer meeting Thurs. evening Aug't 12th, **1886**
Rev. G.O. **King** present on request of Dea. **Perrin** took charge of the meeting. After singing & prayer, he read 40th Ps. And explained many parts of same very interestingly – especially 1st, 2nd, 6, 7, 8th verses, "I delight to do thy will, O my God" Near the time to close, it was announced that there would be preaching next Sunday A.M. by Rev. [blank] to be sent down from Chautauqua by our Pastor. Clerk then spoke again of the necessary preparations to be made for the meeting of the Chaut. Bap. Association & that if a suitable number of experienced Brn & Sisters should be present at the prayer meeting next week 19th inst. he would if living & well, read the customary letter to the association in reference to the condition of the Church and our present statistics. On Motion by Mrs. R.E. **Morian**, seconded by some three, it was Resolved that the thanks of the Church and society be tendered to Dea. H.P. **Perrin** & Brethren K.R. **Palmer**, Henry A. **Morrison** and all who had exerted themselves for the success of the R.R. excursion of the 4th inst. to Niagara Falls, which netted a profit of $327. To close, sung Doxology L.M.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Thursday evening Aug. 19, **1886**. Prayer meeting Rev. G.O. **King** Presided. Sung "Jesus lover of my soul"; Chn offered prayer, sung again, Read scripture & explained well of the transfiguration. Two brethren offered prayer. Sung. Chn. called for Clk to read Ch. letter to Chau. B. Asso'n. Clk offered remarks, a brief history of the beginning of this Ch. & its progress to the present, and then read the Ch. letter, with sundry explanations. On motion of S.S. **Crissey**, seconded, Resolved to receive and adopt the letter as that of the Ch. to Chau. Bap. Association. Clk nominated our Pastor Rev. C.E. **Smith** as a delegate to the association, and then others nominated five more, so the list reads, Rev. Chas. E. **Smith**, Dr. F.B. **Palmer**, S.S. **Crissey**, Mrs. R.E. **Morian**, Spencer M. **Munson** & Chas. L. **Goulding** with power of substitution. Chairman called the vote and then declared the six duly elected. Then took up a collection to pay for printing the Minutes of Asso'n by S.S. **Crissey** & W.A. **Noble**, & on counting found the same $1.52 & in hands of Clerk before 50¢= $2.02 (.25 Mrs. **Morian**) rest to be made up to 3 or 3 ½.

Col(?) $1.23 bap.(?) by previous notice. Taken from col. at Com'n. Nov 7/86 When Minutes were recd & distributed.
On motion made & seconded, Resolved that a Collection for the Relief fund be taken up next Sunday. Close with benediction by Chn.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday Aug't 22/86 Rev. G.O. **King** preached in A.M. from 2nd Timo. 1:12 "I know whom I have believed" to a fair congregation & well. Took up collection for W. & O. or Relief fund. Amt. $10.58 to send to Asso'n.

1886 Aug't 26th. Thursday evening Prayer meeting led by Br. Frank D. **Shaver** of Texas. At close Clerk read request for a letter from Sr. Grace **Parker Miles** of Livermore Humboldt Co. Iowa. On motion by D.H. **Morgan** seconded Resolved that her request be granted, Closed with singing & brief prayer by Br. **Shaver**.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday August 29th, **1886**. A service of praise, prayer and reading in concert responsive, led by Dea. H.P. **Perrin** & Dr. **Palmer**, quite good and interesting.

Thursday evening prayer meeting Sept. 2nd, **1886** led by Pastor C.E. **Smith**, returned from his 6 wks vacation – well attended, some 57 to 60 & made interesting.

Covenant Meeting Saturday Sept. 4th, **1886**.
Present Rev. C.E. **Smith**, Chn & 11 Brn & 28 Sisters & amongst them Mrs. C. **Bradford** a member, and Mrs. **Morgan** of Buffalo when baby girls swam the creeks on horse who spoke of her mother Mrs. Sophia **Williams** a constituent member of this Church. Usual singing, prayer, Reading & exposition & remarks by Pastor. Then remarks by Sisters & brethren and again by Pastor & sung to Close. A more than ordinary interesting meeting.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday Sept. 5, **1886** the first Sabbath of Pastor at home from vacation. Full congregation, & sound preaching after reading "Go to the ant, thou sluggard," & Prov 6:6-19 the Text was Ecclesiastes 9th 10th "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Large attendance at communion services that immediately followed.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Thursday Sept. 16, **1886**. Almost a Cyclone about 7.30 & attendance in prayer meeting few, & mostly young. Yet not without interest. Clk read letter of request from Rev. E.A. **Woods** Pastor of 1st Bap. Ch. Cleveland O. for a letter for Miss Maybelle B. **Biggart**, to unite with that Ch. and moved that it be granted – same seconded, & so voted.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday Sept. 19/86 A.1. discourse by Pastor from Eph. 1:22,23 "the church which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all."

Rainy Sunday Sept 26/86 Pastor Mat. 24:13 & Mark 13:13 & in even'g 1 Cor. 14:34, 35 To the good.

Sunday Sept. 26, **1886** A.M. & evening, Rev. C.E. **Smith** gave public notice that an experiment was to be tried in regard to the Covenant meetings of this Church. Many had complained that their business was such that they could not attend the Covenant meeting Saturday afternoon, & desire that C. meeting be held Thursday evening, and to accommodate that class we would try it next Thursday evening ¼ to 8 O'clock.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting Thursday evening Sept. 30th **1886**, promptly on the above time, opened. Present Rev. C.E. **Smith**, Pastor and about 20 Brn & 60 Srs. or near 80 in all. Sung "On Jordan's stormy (rugged) banks I stand," Prayer by Pastor. Sung again. Pastor read the Ch. Covenant in somewhat different words, (nearly same) from those adopted by the Church at the Union Feb'y 26th, **1848**. Pastor then read the substance of a letter from Clymer Baptist Church, commending and dismissing Mrs. Eugenia **Morris** and Freeman **Morris** to our fellowship. On motion of W.A. **Noble**, seconded, Resolved that they be received to membership with us. (Out of order, but Clerk quiet.) Pastor then read substance of a P. Card from J.M. **Gleason** Clk of same Church (Clymer) dated Sept. 13th, **1886**, requesting the appointment of Pastor C.E. **Smith** and one delegate to attend a Council to examine & if approved ordain Brother Daniel H. **Conrad** to the work of the gospel ministry, at the Baptist Church in Clymer, Wednesday Oct. 13th, **1886** at one o'clock P.M. Pastor asked who for the delegate besides himself, or other delegate? On motion of A.Z. **Madison** seconded, Resolved that Bro. Geo. **Tate** be the delegate to said Council. Here, Pastor announced the decease of our sister Helen E. **Willard** (Hettie) this morning & funeral to be in the Church. Pastor offered personal remarks as to himself and then called on Brethren & Sisters in turn. Nearly every one present spoke briefly, and made good profession. Sung again. Pastor spoke of a new organization or Society of Christian Endeavor. One of the pledges of the members is that they will attend the Covenant meetings of the Church. The Sec'y a young lady, promptly called the roll consisting of some Males & more females, to which all but one, (who was out of town) responded. Pastor announced that some ladies were to have a meeting of another organization after the Close of this. To close, Sung. "Hold the fort."
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday Oct. 3rd, **1886** Pastor **Smith** preached from Gen. 28th 22nd. "And of all that thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto thee." To show us our duty & what God requires of us. Though right, no doubt, unwelcome doctrine to many.

Sunday Oct. 10th, **1886**. A Union meeting in Presb. Chh Present Mr. **Kneeland** and Meth. & Disciple Pastors & Mrs. E.E. **Davidson**. Pastor **Smith** not present. A very full house. After the preliminary services by the 3 Pastors Rev. E.E. **Davidson** spoke from Acts 15:36. He opened quite happily, in view of his labors here last spring & told the converts of that time, that he had come to "see how they do." and in what sense it was. Clk left about this time rather than to stand up through the entire service. In evening of 10th inst Pastor preached to his own congregation in Bap. Chh.

Sunday Oct. 17, **1886**, Rev. J.C. **Hale** of Stockton in exchange with Pastor preached well, on the character of John the Baptist in A.M. [Note to side: (?) failures but Christ, & he (?) on Judas.]

Oct 24th/86 Pastor on John 17:4 & contrasted the success of Jesus & Byron, or even Kuskin, or any of the rest of us.

Pursuant to announcement from the desk last Sunday evening, a Church meeting was held in the Lecture room Tuesday evening 12th of October **1886**. Present Pastor **Smith** Chn. and about 16 Males & 15 Females, older & younger. Chairman called to order, & sung "I love thy kingdom Lord." Prayer – Reading from Rom's. Then stated the first business for the meeting to elect two Deacons. On motion of Dr. **Palmer**, seconded, Resolved that we now proceed to an informal ballot for two Deacons. Chairman appointed two tellers, Viz: Edward J. **Crissey** and George **Tate** tellers. Prepared ballots, with two names. Balloted. Tellers canvassed same, and Geo. **Tate** made report, That 56 Votes had been cast, and that of these, Dayton H. **Morgan** had received 20 votes, Henry W. **Thompson** 8, Edward J. **Crissey** 16, John M. **Hardenburg** 3, George **Tate** 6, and Dr. F.B. **Palmer** 3, and that Dayton H. **Morgan** and Edward J. **Crissey** had received the two highest numbers of votes each to wit. 20 & 16. On motion of Charles W. **Adams**, seconded Resolved that the Election of Brethren D.H. **Morgan** & E.J. **Crissey**, be made unanimous. Chairman announced the second order of business to be, as to discipline of members, and called upon Bro. **Tate** to report Resolutions on that point. Bro. **Tate** then read a preamble and three resolutions, for the action of the meeting. At this point, Clerk stated that there were a Code of Rules and Regulations for the government of the Church adopted Aug't 6th, **1864**, in the days of Rev. H.M. **Jones** & Dr. A. **Wheelock**, now in force. Clerk read these, at request of Chairman. Bro. **Tate** said he was ignorant of there being such Code of Rules & Regulations in force, as it was done while he was South in the war of the Rebellion, or he would have written his Report somewhat differently. The query was, whether any conflict between the two. On motion of H.W. **Thompson** seconded, to adopt the Preamble & Resolutions presented by Bro. **Tate**, Bro. S.S. **Crissey** moved an amendment to be affixed to them, "And anything, in any standing resolution of the Church, or in its prior Rules and Regulations, inconsistent with the foregoing preamble and Resolutions, is hereby rescinded." The amendment above being seconded, the same was passed by a full vote. The question then recurred on adopting the Report as amended, and the same was adopted by a similar full vote. The Chairman then, at some length, stated the third subject for our consideration to be, the necessity for a good Sunday School Library and the why to procure funds to buy it, say $100 that a class had begun, & raised $16 towards it. Dr. **Palmer** moved & H.P. **Perrin** seconded, that a Committee of five, be appointed to solicit for such S.S. Library, and Dr. **Palmer** suggested that Lizzie **Roesch** be one, Nellie **Palmer** and Anna **Colburn** were in succession nominated, when Chairman nominated Dr. F.B. **Palmer** Chn & Bro. H.P. **Perrin** as concluding member of the Committee. Moved & seconded & Resolved to adopt the nominations. On motion of Dr. **Palmer** seconded, Resolved that Pastor **Smith**, Prof. **Jewett** and Anna **Lull** be a Committee on the selection of proper books for the said S.S. Library. On motion seconded Dr. F.B. **Palmer** & Mrs. Eliza **Tate**, were added to the above committee to select books. On motion seconded, Resolved to adjourn.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk

Preamble and Resolutions presented by Bro. George **Tate** and adopted in Chh meeting Oct. 12th, **1886** as see Page 335.

"Whereas, in the history of our Church, some have, through neglect to meet and communicate with the body at the appointed meeting for that purpose, become regardless of all their covenant obligations and walked no more with us, and since we have in our covenant engaged to exercise a mutual care one of another," Therefore,
Resolved 1st. That whenever any resident members have absented themselves from the covenant meeting and failed to indicate their union with the Church in any other way, without apparent excuse, for a period of four consecutive months, it shall be the duty of the Clerk or Pastor, without action of the Church, to address a letter to such members kindly inquiring about their delinquencies and exhorting them to a closer walk with the church, and, in cases where no satisfactory reply to such letter or renewal of church relations is made within two months, to report such members to the church for such action as it may deem best.
2nd. That the same action shall be taken with nonresident members who fail to report their standing with the Church, at least once a year.
3rd. That the Clerk and Pastor may prepare a suitable form of letter for convenient use in compliance with this resolution. And any thing in any standing resolution of the Church, or in its prior Rules and Regulations, adopted August 6th, **1864**, inconsistent with the foregoing preamble and Resolutions, is hereby rescinded. See Page 335.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting Thursday evening November 4th, **1886**.
Present Rev. C.E. **Smith** Chn and some 17 Brn and 50 Sisters in all, old & young. Sung "Come we that love the Lord." Prayer by Br. H.W. **Thompson**. Sung again. Chn. spoke of some business to be attended to, and mentioned Certificates for Mrs. **Freman** who was about to unite with the Presbyterian Ch in Fredonia, and for Mrs. **Colberg** who desired to unite with Presb. Church in Silver Creek. After some delay, Dr. F.B. **Palmer** moved, and it was seconded, that a certificate be given to Mrs. Katie E. **Freeman**, nee **Hendee**. The vote was taken & declared, carried by Chn. Then Br. Henry W. **Thompson** moved & it was seconded, that a certificate be given to Mrs. Emma M. **Colberg**, nee **Holligreen**. Chairman called the question & declared the vote carried. Clk wrote as to this to Editors of Examiner & Censor [Note to side: Nov 5. Clk wrote Cfts of regular standing in Fr. B. Ch. and delivered one to Prof. **Freeman** & Mailed one to Mrs. **Colberg** at Silver Creek.] Pastor then read the Covenant. Sung No. 314 "My Jesus I love thee." Pastor then spoke of a volunteer to collect funds for the Am. Bap. Miss'y Union the current year and named Bro. Ely **Davis** & desired Ch. to appoint him. On motion of Dr. **Palmer**, seconded, Resolved to appoint Bro. Ely **Davis** to that position. Pastor solicited others to volunteer to collect for other objects as Home Missions, State Convention & Publication Society. None responded at the time. He then called on Bro. D. **Barrell** to open with remarks, as he is about to leave Fredonia. [D.B. left Buffalo for California Nov 17th/86] After he, & several others had spoken, Clk left to get Mail & go home as his daughter was not well, & he feared to be in basement.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Nov 6th. Saturday P.M. 1 O'clock Bro. David **Barrell** left house & home for S.G. **Kennedy**'s in Buffalo – Uncertain whether he will go to California yet. Spencer M. **Munson** recd traveling letter from Clerk Nov. 7th to leave with Henry G. **Wilson** for Los Angeles Cal. Tuesday 9th inst. D.B. left Buffalo Nov [blank] for same place with Mr. **Fish** of Hamburgh

Sunday Nov. 7th. Pastor C.E. **Smith** preached A.M. from Heb. 7th:16. "but after the power of an endless life." & then Communion when the four junior Deacons served together, being the first service of the late elected brethren, Dayton H. **Morgan** & Edward J. **Crissey**.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Friday even'g Monthly Concert of Prayer, in the Lecture room November 11th, **1886**. Clk not in. Report by Dayton H. **Morgan** pr son Geo. H. M. Usual service to open. Pastor **Smith** presented letter of request from Randolph Bap. Ch. for Pastor & two Brn to sit in Council at Bap. Ch. Randolph Nov. 18th inst. 1 P.M. to consider the propriety of ordaining to the work of the Gospel ministry, Bro. George B. **Spencer**. On motion seconded, Resolved to answer the request by appointing delegates to Council. On nominations made and seconded, Resolved that our Pastor, Rev. C.E. **Smith** and Brethren John M. **Hardenburg** and George W. **Belden** be our delegates to sit in Council above named, at 1 P.M. Nov. 18th.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday Nov 14 Pastor **Smith** preached from [blank].

Sunday Nov 21st Pastor preached.

Thursday evening Nov 25 or Wed eve'g 24th the prayer meeting, the letter from Warren Pa of Nov 3rd/86 was presented and acted upon commending Sister Harriet A. **Walker** & dismissing her, to reunite with us. On which she was duly recd. as reported to Clerk 28th by D.H. **Morgan**.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday Nov 28th, **1886**.
Pastor **Smith** preached from Dan. 2:35. "and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth." An excellent discourse on things past & yet to be. Text. Same words that were used by Rev. J.N. **Fradenburg** when our supply in **1872**.

Sunday Dec 5. Rev. C.E. **Smith** also Dec 12th seemed different in style of speaking. Loud and energetic – also Dec 19 & 26th P. said

Thursday evening Dec 2nd, **1886**. I suppose there was a Covenant Meeting which Clerk did not attend on account of hazard, & the solicitude of daughter. No report to him.

Thursday evening Dec. 30th, **1886** Covenant Meeting.
Quite cold & Clk at home as at last Cov't M. No report, only a Resolve to observe the week of prayer 5 evenings.

Jan'y 2nd, **1887** Pastor's sermon 2nd Cor. 4: For the weapons &c Proclaiming plainly his post Millennial view. After Communion Clerk spoke of the Chh's nominating three names for Life members of the Am. Bap. Missionary Union, money $100 ea, now ready for two, & another soon.

Jan'y 9/87 Pastor's text Gal. 6:3rd "For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself." One of the very best. Showed real religion.

Sunday A.M. Jan'y 16th, **1887**, Pastor's text Ps. 119:97. "Oh how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day." On the Book of all books, and its value.

Jany 23/87 Pastor preached.

Jan'y 30/87 Text 2nd Cor. 6:17, 18. Chemical separation. Sul. & iron spoil welding &c.

Prayer Meeting Thurs even'g Jany 27, **1887** Mrs. Lena **Morian** related her religious experience & was duly recd as a candidate for baptism & membership as reported to Clerk by H.A. **Morrison**.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Covenant Meeting in evening of Feb'y 3rd, **1887**
Clerk not present. Reported by H.A. **Morrison**. Usual services by Pastor & about 70 members. On letter of Clerk requesting nominations of three for Life Membership in Am. Bap. Miss'y Union Mr. G.W. **Blood** & Mrs. **Noble** (Beulah J.) were made a Committee to attend to this matter. Miss Georgia **Gardner** related experience and was received a candidate for baptism & membership. Benjamin C. **Barlow** & wife, Sister Louesa A. **Barlow** were received on letters of June 12/86 from 1st Portland Bap. Church. Also received Sister E.F. **Southwick** as a member on letter of Feb. 6th, **1886** from 1st Bap. Chh. of North East Pa.

Sunday A.M. Feb. 6th/87 Pastor preached from Ps. 73:25 "Whom have I in heaven but Thee, and there is none upon earth, that I desire besides Thee." Explaining the infinity and attributes of God, and the feebleness of man in contrast. In the evening, (Clerk not present, in rain,) at close of discourse, Mrs. Lena **Morian** and Miss Georgia **Gardner** were baptized by Rev. C.E. **Smith**. Reported to Clerk by Pastor **Smith**.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday A.M. Mch 13th, **1887**, Pastor **Smith**'s text was Luke 17:32. "Remember Lot's wife." And a close discourse from it.

Prayer Meeting Mch 31, **1887**.
On Motion of Mrs. R.E. **Morian** seconded, after the ordinary services, & on request, Resolved that Mrs. Lena **Morian** have a letter of commendation and dismission to unite with the Cedar St. Bap. Church in Buffalo N.Y. – as reported by Alex'r. **Morian**
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Saturday 3 o'clock P.M. April 2nd **1887**
Covenant, and Fellowship Meeting in the Church pursuant to Notices by letter and repeated Announcement from the Desk. Present, Pastor Rev. Chas. E. **Smith**, and over 100 Members and others. Pastor, when convened, procured a small bell, & asked Br. Edson J. **Wilcox** to take charge of it, at the table, and to ring it when any one had spoke two minutes. He also requested A.Z. **Madison** Clk to call the names of members on the Church roll, commencing alphabetically with A. Both complied with requests. Sung a hymn, and on Pastor's request Br. E.J. **Wilcox** offered prayer. Sung another hymn. Brief remarks by Pastor, after which, Clerk commenced to

call the roll, after the Church had duly received, as a member with us, Brother Sobieski **Burt**, on a letter presented by Pastor, from the Baptist Church of Tarrytown N.Y. on motion of A.Z. **Madison**. When Clerk read the names, those present responded – three not present, but from whom Pastor or Clerk had recd. letters, the same were then read. There were 93 personal responses & 6 or more, who left before we got to W. and there were 18 letters read, in all 117 reported and of absent members not heard from 201 =318 whole no. The reading of names was closed 15 M before 6 P.M. Pastor offered a few remarks, & the meeting was adjourned for supper in lecture room at 6 by singing, "All hail the power of Jesus' name." It was afterwards reported to Clerk that the supper was plentiful & good, and the gathering in evening for renting slips, pleasant.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Pastor **Smith** preached Sunday April 3rd, **1887**, on the desecration of the Sabbath from Isaiah 58:13, 14th on a fair day, to a good congregation. May his words be remembered & the results good. Communion service had immediately after service of A.M. & then Sunday School.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

April 24/87 On exchange, Rev. M.D. **Kneeland** of the Presb'n Chh preached for us a good discourse.

At prayer meeting April 28th, **1887**, and Covenant meeting in one, in evening.
Thomas **Elgar**'s case which had been considered in a meeting of the Executive Committee Tuesday evening 26th inst. was introduced and explained by Pastor C.E. **Smith**. He had been a member of a Baptist Chh. in Boro Road Bap Ch. London Eng. some years ago, and while in Chicago in **1882** had used money that belonged to the firm for which he was at work, calculating to return the same. He was suspected and complained of, convicted & sent a convict to the Illinois States prison at Joliet, Ill. He had repented of the wrong, & had suffered much; He believes in and trusts in Christ, and is now trying to live a true & honest Christian life, in hope that he is forgiven of God, and he desires membership in this Chh. that he may have that benefit to help him on in the right way. On motion of [blank] seconded Resolved that on this explanation, and with what we have knowledge of him for several months past, he be received on his Christian experience a member of this Chh. with us. As reported to Chh Clk in substance by Dea. E.J. **Crissey** and after by said Thos. **Elgar**.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk

Sunday May 1st, **1887** before communion service Pastor **Smith** gave the hand of fellowship to Thomas **Elgar** Recd. on Exp. Apl 28th, **1887**. A.Z.M.

May 1, **1887**, Pastor **Smith** spoke in S. School of the new books purchased, & their quality & expense and commended certain books to be read by the scholars specially.

May 8th, **1887**. Pastor preached plainly from the text "And they shall all be taught of God."

May 19th, **1887**. At usual prayer meeting in Chh. after the opening services, Pastor called attention to the matter of three names for Life Members of the Am. Bap. Miss'y Union for which Br. G.W. **Blood** & Sister Beulah J. **Noble** were appointed a Comm'ee in Cov't. Meeting Feb'y

3rd, **1887**. Sometime since then, the com. had reported, & Church had accepted, as such three names, Dr. F.B. **Palmer**, Mrs. Rachel E. **Morian** and Mrs. Melinda S. **Grant**. It was afterwards learned that Mrs. **Grant** was already a Life Member of same. The object now is to supply a new name & that Mrs. Frances **Haywood** had been named instead of Mrs. **Grant**. Pastor submitted the question to vote, which was unanimously carried. Mrs. **Haywood** being present, here announced her choice to make herself a Life Member and declined the offer, & she or another moved the name of Mrs. Harriet **Daniel** who also being present, declined the offer. Then someone moved that the name of Mrs. A.R. **Thompson** be approved for the Life Membership - & it was remarked that she was not a member of the Chh. Pastor remarks that that would be no valid objection – the Chh. if pleased, could give it away &c and the name of Mrs. **Thompson** was adopted by vote.
Present A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk

Sunday May 22nd, **1887**. Pastor **Smith** offered for the first, a brief & peculiar prayer after 1st singing & a more full one next prayer of same kind. He took for a text Acts 9:4. "And he fell to the earth," and preached a brief but pleasant discourse, shewing how a man could be changed, thoroughly changed from what he had been before, as was the case with Paul, or then, Saul of Tarsus.

Monday May 23rd, **1887**, I wrote to E.P. **Coleman** Treas. Am. Bap. Miss'y Union & sent the names of Dr. Francis B. **Palmer**, Mrs. Rachel E. **Morian** & Mrs. Emily B. **Thompson**, for Life Members of the Am. Bap. Miss'y Union and also a Drft on New York Contributed by the Fredonia Bap. S. School for said Society of $30. Not on Life Memberships, but to return a Receipt for it for Miss Ella I. **Davis**, Treasr. A receipt was returned & given to Miss **Davis** & promise of Life Cfts to the above 3 names when Treas'r. **Coleman** should return from the meetings at Minneapolis Min.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Thursday evening June 30th, **1887**. Prayer and Covenant Meeting in Lecture room. Usual services. A letter from 1st Bap. Chh. in Belfast, Allegany Co. N.Y. was presented commending Mrs. Electa D. **Blowers** as a member in good standing with liberty to unite with us, date Oct. 14, **1883**. On motion seconded, she was duly recd. a member with us. Blank Cft with same which Clk filled and mailed to C.L. **Ford**, Ch Clk Belfast N.Y. July 2/87. On motion of Dr. **Palmer** seconded, Resolved that the Deacons of this Church, be appointed a Pulpit Committee of supply for the time of Pastor's vacation, soon to occur. As reported by I.H. **Damon** & Dr. **Palmer**
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting Thursday evening June 2nd, **1887** the day that D. **Barrell** arrived back from Pasadena Cal. With Carrie (?) E. **Daily**. Pastor C.E. **Smith** present. Usual service to open. No business done, only Pastor read, & announced, some letters recd since the Fellowship meeting from absent members in reply to invitation to that meeting. Bro. D. **Barrell** was the first one to speak. About 2/3 present, spoke, & the rest failed to. Probably 60 to 80 present, as reported by A. **Morian**.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday June 5th, **1887**. Pastor C.E. **Smith** preached from [blank] a good sermon. See record of June 30/87 Cov't. Meeting over back next page. Cov't M'g Letter & Pulpit Com

July 3 & 10th. Pastor **Smith** preached. On 10th his last before his vacation of 6 weeks.

July 15th. He went to Chautauqua Point & his family on the 16th also went there.

July 17th. Rev. A. **Cornell** preached as a supply at $10. "Let me die the death of the righteous &c"
July 24th Rev. A. **Cornell** preached again in A.M. a good discourse.

July 31. Rev. A. **Kingsbury** preached [blank] by Rev. G.O. **King** performed the other services except the last prayer. A good discourse. As through the Bible mainly.

August 7th. Rev. G.O. **King** of Cleveland O. preached, & all services. Text Mark 12:30th and attended the communion service at close of preaching.

August 14th. Rev. A. **Cornell** preached his 3rd discourse from 1. Cor. 3:22 "all are yours." The best of three. All good.
August 21, Rev. G.O. **King** of Cleveland preached from [blank] and went through the world nearly.

Covenant Meeting July 28th, **1887**, with prayer meeting in evening, attended by Rev. G.O. **King**. A good meeting, as reported by Dea. E.J. **Crissey** but no business done.

Prior to Communion, Sunday Aug. 7, **1887** A.Z. **Madison** gave notice of the meeting of Chaut. Bap. Association at Jamestown the last days of this month, and of the Chh. letter to be acted on previously, & of the delegates to be appointed, & pledged money for Foreign & Home Missions to be paid in at once, as requested by Bro. Ely **Davis** at the moment.

Thursday evening meeting August 25, **1887**
Rev. C.E. **Smith** had returned from his vacation & was present. A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk also present with letter, nearly complete, to Association. After singing, and prayer by Rev. G.O. **King**, and singing again Pastor proposed that the letter be then read. To make the Ch. Book agree with the Statistical account, the Clk called the attention to the cases of Mrs. Emma M. **Colberg** and Mrs. Katie E. **Freeman** who had Cfts to unite with S. Creek & Fredonia Presbyterian Churches Nov 4, **1886**. A.Z. **Madison** moved & W.A. **Noble** seconded that their names be dropped from our list, and Church so resolved. Clerk then read the letter to Chaut. Association and general Statistics in the main. Some questions & explanations. On motion seconded, Resolved to accept the letter as ours to the association. Clerk called attention to the question of inviting the next meeting of Association to be held here. As to a Collection for Relief fund in this Chautauqua Bap. Association. As to a contribution for a Bap. Ministers Home in New York & announced himself a Collector, having now $2.00. And as to provision for our share for printing the Minutes of the Association. He then sat down – No action on any of these. On nominations made and seconded Resolved that Rev. C.E. **Smith**, Dr. F.B. **Palmer**, Dea. David **Barrell**, and

Bro. George W. **Belden** be our Messengers to the association, with power to appoint alternates. Sung a hymn & closed the meeting.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clerk

Sunday Aug't 28, **1887**. Rev. C.E. **Smith** home from his 6 w. vacation & preached. In giving notices, he mentioned the Chaut. Bap. Asso'n. but wholly neglected those matters left unfinished as above stated. Aug't 29th he told Clerk that he entirely forgot them. Clerk finished letter to Asso'n & mailed it to the Clk of Asso'n the 30th to be at Jamestown in time for reading on 31. Aug. Probably no person went from this Chh. as Messenger, except Pastor the 2nd day. He was detained to attend the funeral of Mr. & Mrs. **Allen**'s son child – A.Z.M. attended to the things omitted.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sept. 8th, **1887**. Pastor C.E. **Smith** reported to Clk that on Sept. 1, **1887**, in prayer meeting, brother Thomas **Elgar**, who has been away lecturing & preaching with various Churches two months, & who was then present, desired from us the usual license to preach. The Chh then voted that he have such license. He Pastor had written & signed one, & at his request I signed same, as Ch Clk.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sept. 9, **1887**, both Rev. C.E. **Smith** & E.J. **Crissey** were together in my office and reported the business done last evening Sept. 8th, **1887**, in the regular prayer meeting. The request of the Frewsburg Bap. Church for our Pastor & one member as delegates to attend a Council with them Sept. 21. inst at 1 P.M. to consider the matter of ordaining their pastor Bro. J.C. **Hankinson**(?) to the work of the gospel Ministry. The Chh then appointed Rev. C.E. **Smith** & Bro. F.B. **Palmer** such delegates, and Clk wrote same to J.D. **Bain** the Ch Clk. Sister Miss Jennie M. **Merrill** now at Frewsburg, had written to Pastor requesting a letter from this Chh to unite with that. The Chh on Motion seconded, granted her request. The Clk of the Bap. Chh at Forestville sent a letter to this Chh being a certificate of the membership and regular standing of Sister Minnie A. **LeRoy**, (now here to attend the Nor. Sch.) and cordially recommending her to our watch care and fellowship. Pastor **Smith** understood that the design was for her to be recd. as a member of the Fredonia Bap. Ch. on the above, and on motion made & seconded, she was so recd. as a member with us.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk

Sunday Sept 18/87 Pastor **Smith** preached a first rate discourse on "the Golden rule" from Mat. 7:12th to a full congregation.

Sunday Sept. 25th/87 Rev. C.E. **Smith** preached a good sermon from a singular text in Rev. 1st Ch. "the seven Candlesticks", "seven stars" & "the Sun." Some thought a point omitted, & too much made of College & theological education. Optimistic.

Oct. 31, **1887** I gave to Dea. D. **Barrell** and Dea. Dayton H. **Morgan** each a traveling letter, as they start this week for California. They started Wed. Nov. 2/87 at noon.

Covenant Meeting held Thursday evening Nov. 3rd, **1887**. Usual services, but no business transacted for record.

Covenant meeting, as above, held Dec. 1st, **1887**. No business for record.
Jan'y 3, **1888**. David **Barrell** died at Henry G. **Wilson**'s in Pasadena, California.

Covenant meeting held Thursday evening January 26th, **1888**, with usual service, and also, a Mr. George H. **Hollister** related his religious experience, concisely and on Motion of Dea. H.A. **Buck**, seconded, agreeably with the request, Resolved that Geo. H. **Hollister** be received as a candidate for baptism and when baptized, to membership in the Chh. Meeting closed as usual. Reported to Clerk by E.J. **Crissey**.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk

Sunday evening Jan'y 29th, **1888** After sermon, Rev. C.E. **Smith** baptized Geo. H. **Hollister** above named. Reported by Dea. H.P. **Perrin**.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk

Prayer meeting February 2nd, **1888**,
Pastor Rev. C.E. **Smith** unwell & not present. Prof. **Jewett** lead the meeting. On request by letter of James P. **Thoms** of Bradford Pa. and on motion made and seconded, Resolved that a letter of commendation and dismission be granted to Bro. George **Merrill** that he may unite with the Baptist Church at Bradford. Also, on request, motion &c Resolved that a letter of similar character be granted to Sister Leonora G. **Lathrop** as she is about to remove to Plattville, Wis. where her husband is now. Miss Mary J. **Black** related her Christian experience, and on motion of Bro. Charles W. **Adams**, seconded, Resolved that She be received as a candidate for baptism, & when baptized, to membership in the Church. The matter of J.W. **Downs** letter to Presbyterian Chh for admission was read, but as our Pastor, who is supposed to know more of the case, is not present, it was tacitly deferred until Pastor shall be present, in a future meeting.
The above reported by E.J. **Crissey**.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clerk

Sunday Feb. 12th, **1888**. Our Pastor **Smith** exchanged with Dr. J.H. **Griffiths** of Washington St. Church Buffalo. A very fair winter day, & sleighing. Dr. G's text Eph. 1: & last verse, after having read & explained much of the Chapter. Wholly extempore, & a good discourse clearly spoke, save a few words in whisper and these evidently of most importance. Also, an exchange with Rev. Rutger **Dox** of Olean.

Feb'y 17, **1888**. Chh Clk recd a letter from H. **Burgess** also Chh Clk at Forestville asking for delegates to a Council for the ordination of Alex **Watt**. Pastor presented the letter in prayer meeting Thursday evening Feb. 23rd, and the Church appointed as such delegates Rev. Chas. E. **Smith**, Dr. F.B. **Palmer** & Dea. Horace P. **Perrin**, the latter with power of substitution, if necessary. To H.P. **Perrin**. Chh Clk gave letter accordingly Feb 24th/88 the council to sit at Forestville March 1st, **1888** at 10 O'clock A.M.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk

Prayer Meeting March 15, **1888**.

Pastor presented a letter from Sister Frances A. **Sackett** (nee **Wilcox**) of Mch 1/88 from Council Bluffs requesting a letter to unite there with 1st Bap. Chh. On motion [blank] seconded, Resolved that her request be granted. Pastor also presented written request from the Baptist Chh of Stockton for the appointment of Pastor & two lay members as delegates to a Council at Delanti Mch 19/88 at one o'clock P.M. to hear the charges of that Chh against their former Pastor Rev. Geo. B. **Spencer**, and to take such action as the Council may deem expedient. On motion of Dr. F.B. **Palmer**, seconded, Rev. Charles E. **Smith**, Dea. Horace P. **Perrin** and Bro. John M. **Hardenburg** were appointed delegates to the Council named. May substitute. Reported to Ch Clk by H.P. **Perrin**, F.B. **Palmer**, and Rev. C.E. **Smith** Sunday Mch 18, **1888**, and Recorded.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk
& Letter mailed Monday 19 Mch/88 to Mrs. **Sackett** daughter of E.J. **Wilcox**
March 19/88 E.J. **Crissey** reported additionally that Mrs. [blank] **Hollister** was recd a candidate for baptism & membership Mch 15th. And that she & Miss Mary J. **Black** were both baptized Mch 18/88
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

In prayer meeting March 22nd, **1888**. Pastor C.E. **Smith** presented a letter from Miss Hattie E. **Woodworth** to him, with the request that this Church grant letters of recommendation and dismission to her mother, Mrs. Francis J. **Woodworth**, her sister, Miss Sadie **Woodworth** and herself, so that they might unite with the Baptist Church of Mendon N.Y. Monroe Co. Their residence Victor Ont. Co. On motion [blank] seconded, in case of each person named, to wit: Mrs. Frances J. **Woodworth**, Miss Hattie **Woodworth**, Miss Sadie **Woodworth**, Resolved That their several requests be granted. Letters were written & mailed to the Pastor or Clerk of the Church at Mendon Monroe Co. N.Y. this March 23rd, **1888**. their residence Victor Ont. Co.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk

Sunday March 25th, **1888**, Pastor **Smith** sick and Prof. Franklin N. **Jewett** was his substitute and performed the usual services. His discourse as to the reception of Christ by the different classes of people of that day, would have been good, if uttered with tones firm enough to be distinctly understood – Text. Mat.

March 31st, **1888**
Fellowship and Covenant Meeting day at 3 O'clock P.M. More than 100 present in Church – several absent. Nearly 200. Opened by singing "Come thou Fount of every blessing." Prayer by Pastor, and singing again, Remarks by Pastor. He then called on Bro. W.A. **Noble** to read the list of names, and Bro. Edwd. J. **Crissey** to ring the bell when any one exceeded two minutes in speaking. Bro. **Noble** used a copy of the new alphabetical list of members as prepared by Pastor, and copied by Miss Anna **Colburn**, & taken to the Printing office of J.C. **Frisbee** by her, in which there are several omissions and other mistakes. He commenced with letter A. and read through that letter without a response except by a letter read by Pastor from Miss Alice H. **Albro**. At the last name we found that Miss Minnie E. **Winship** had married and her name is **Eighme**, & she had moved to Dakotah. When the reader, read the names, Clark C. **Woodruff** and his wife, Almira **Woodruff**, the Chh Clerk read a request made by said C.C. **Woodruff** dated March 3rd, **1888**, that both names be dropped from our list of members for the reasons stated in said request, on file. On motion of A.Z. **Madison** seconded by H.A. **Buck**, Resolved to drop those two names from our list, accordingly. Pastor had a letter from H.W. **Seymour** Clerk

of the Bap. Chh. of Stockton recommending and dismissing (U.) Grant **Hendee** to unite with us. On motion of H.A. **Buck** seconded, Resolved that on same, he be received a member with us. I learned from him that his name is Ulysses Grant **Hendee**, & so enter it on this book. In responding to roll call, a few arose, but were silent, and Ch. Clk. failed to check them as being present. I checked 84 and there were 16 letters representing 21 absent, in all 105 or say 110 responses from 304, in list now. Clerk was quiet, whether names as read, were correct or otherwise, and excepting the cases mentioned in this record, remarks were not made in reference to other delinquent absentees. Less of this now, than at any other roll call. Probably some good in these exercises, because the names of the whole membership of the Chh. is brought to mind annually. At this meeting, we heard of the death of Dea. Thomas B. **Sweet** in Ohio, formerly a beloved brother with us, and that his body would be brought here for interment. Closed for supper, by singing "My days are swiftly gliding by."
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

The Covenant Meeting which has been held without any act of the Church on first Thursday evenings before 1st Sab. of the month was, to accommodate some young people in the Normal School, appointed for the following Friday evening May 4th, **1888**, and so held. At this meeting, a letter was presented commending Bro. Harry E. **Davis**, who was baptized here, Mch 1, **1874**, by Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. with liberty to unite. On motion made and seconded, Resolved that on said letter he be again received a member with us. Reported to Clk by Bro. E.J. **Crissey**.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk

May 10th, **1888**. Monthly Concert of prayer.
A letter from Sister Marietta K. **Lyon** to Clerk requesting a letter of commendation and dismission to unite with the High Hills Bap. Ch at Jarratts (Sussex Co.) Va. was presented by Pastor **Smith**, and on motion seconded, Resolved that her request be granted. Clerk, A.Z.M. mailed such letter to her May 11, **1888** in A.M. Collection for For. Missions $2.32. The rest, the regular services of the meeting. Reported to Clerk by Bro. E.J. **Crissey**.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

May 31st, **1888**. Covenant meeting, as heretofore of late, in evening.

And, June 2nd, **1888**, at 3 O'clock P.M. also a Covenant meeting to accommodate those who cannot attend in evenings. About 25 present, and among them Mrs. **Buck** & Mr. H.A. **Buck**, Mrs. **Gates** & A.Z.M. Near close of remarks by Pastor & Members a Miss Evangeline **Kendall**, daughter of Sister Sabrie A. **Kendall**, of Sheridan, being present, related her experience and on motion of a Sr. seconded, Resolved that she be received a candidate for baptism, and when baptized, to Membership in Church. Sung a hymn to close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Deacon David **Barrell**, who died Jan'y 3rd, **1888** in So. Pasadena, California, left by Will, beside his other bequests, and the same was settled about Aug't **1890**, by Dea. Horace P. **Perrin**, his Executor, as follows:

For the Fredonia Baptist Society	$2710.50
" " American Bap. Publication So'y	1355.24
" " N.Y. State Bap. Miss'y Convention	1355.24

"	" Am Bap. Missionary Union	1355.24
"	" Am. Bap. Home Mission So'y	855.24
		$7,631.46

Baptist Parsonage,
Fredonia, March 14, **1887**.
Dear Friend,
The annual Fellowship meeting of the Fredonia Baptist Church will occur Saturday, April 2nd, at 3 P.M. At 6 P.M. supper will be served, and in the evening the pews will be rented. I hope you will be present if possible, to answer to your name at the calling of the roll and to say where you are laboring, or proposing to labor, in the service of your Master. If you cannot come please send a line or two to tell us how you feel and what you are doing. Non-residents are required, by a vote of the church, to report their standing at least once a year. If you are a non-resident an answer to this invitation will be considered sufficient for this year. Let every brother or sister show a warm interest in this annual gathering! And let it serve to stimulate each one to find some place and to do some work which will please Christ and help his cause.
Your friend and Pastor,
Charles E. **Smith**.

July 8th, **1888**, Sunday, Rev. C.E. **Smith** preached in A.M. from 1. Pet. 2:25 his last A.M. service before his vacation. At Close of sermon & communion, with a little unpleasant delay, he baptized Miss Evangeline **Kendall**, which was hindered last Sunday by a rain in Sheridan, though not much here. Dismissed with benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Deacons & brethren & others deem it best to not keep up service by supplies during Pastor's vacation. Only to keep up the prayer meetings & the Sunday School. These are observed.

Thursday July 26th. Clerk recd. letter of request from Sister Laura **Adams** for letters to unite with the First Bap. Church of Hillsdale, Mich. Same acted on that evening, in prayer meeting, when it was voted to grant requests, which were in behalf of Bro. Chas. W. **Adams**, Sister Laura **Adams** and Luther B. **Adams**, their young son. As reported by Dea. Horace P. **Perrin**.

July 27th. Clk made this record, wrote and mailed the letters, to Mrs. L. **Adams**.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clerk

August 5th, **1888**. The first Sunday when we had preaching since Pastor **Smith** left on vacation. Rev. G.O. **King** preached to a fair congregation & afterwards administered the communion to Chh. Fair attendance & among the rest Rev. Mr. **Landers** of Episcopal Ch. Dr. A.J. **Phillips**, Prof. **Lyon** & Rev. **Foster** of Saratoga Spa. & another & wives. H.A. **Morrison** had some talk with them for Rev. **Foster** to preach in evening, but not done.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk

Thursday evening Prayer meeting Aug't 16, **1888**.
At about 8.15 the appointee to lead the meeting not being present, (whoever it may have been) at the instance of others, A.Z. **Madison** being there to talk of the approaching Associational

Meeting at Brocton 28th inst., he stepped to Rev. G.O. **King**, who had come in, and asked him to take the lead. He readily, & modestly, complied, not intending to trespass on any one. Singing and prayer, and reading scripture and expounding same, and opportunity given for further prayer & remarks, accepted by a few, and then Bro. **King** called on Clk to present the matters of the Chau. Bap. Association, which he did by a few remarks, and the reading of the letter and the statistics he had prepared, and a letter from the Rev. N.W. **Miner**, to himself, dated Dec. 31, **1887**. Dr. **Miner** is Cor. Sec'y & Financial Ag't. of the Baptist Minister's Home, West Farms N. Yk. City. This was read, because of the remarks of Sister R.E. **Morian**, that our Association did not place the funds in the hands of this So'y in New York, now in the hands of our Trustee of the W. & O. or Relief Fund for this Chau. Association showing lack of confidence in the New York institution. On motion made & seconded, Resolved that the letter read by Clk to the Association be adopted as our letter. (To appoint delegates next meeting, 23rd inst.) Clk called attention to appointing delegates of this Chh. to the Asson – furnishing money for printing the Minutes & Contributions for the Relief fund & for the Home for aged & worn-out Ministers in New York. Bro. **King** dismissed with benediction.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk

Sunday Aug't 19th. Rev. **Foster** of 11th(?) Bap. Ch. Saratoga preached to a tolerable full congregation, and very satisfactorily.
A.Z.M. Chh Clk

Prayer meeting Aug't 23rd, **1888**.
Pastor Rev. C.E. **Smith** had returned home and was present to Conduct this meeting. He seemed fresh and recruited by his vacation, and as much engaged in the Cause of our Lord as ever. Much better than when he left. The usual services were had and the meeting submitted to members, and several of both sexes took part in prayer & remarks. At 8.45 Pastor called on Clerk as to the preparation for the meeting of the Chaut. Bap. Asso'n. Clerk stepped to a light in front, and read the Report of questions and answers for publication in the Baptist Annual. Then the first part of the letter read and adopted Aug't. 16th. He remarks that though the next paragraph was, in his opinion, true, yet, some conversation had this day had induced him to believe it inexpedient to send it to the association, and he asked liberty to withdraw it, or, that it might be expunged from the letter. Some words passed, and on Motion of Dr. **Palmer**, seconded, Resolved that the matter be submitted to the Pastor & Clerk to make such change in the letter as they should agree upon. S.S. **Crissey** moved and it was seconded that we now elect Messengers, or delegates to the meeting of the Association at Brocton. Inquiry as to the proper number? Clerk replied about 6 and moved that Pastor C.E. **Smith**, Dr. F.B. **Palmer** & Bro. Geo. W. **Belden** be nominated as delegates, others then nominated Mrs. Sarah G. **Palmer**, Mrs. Rachel E. **Morian** and Prof. Franklin N. **Jewett**. Question taken, and Resolved that the foregoing six be the Messengers from the Fredonia Bap. Church, to the Chautauqua Bap. Association. On motion of S.S. **Crissey** seconded, Resolved that there be added in the Church letter our invitation to the Association to hold their next years session with the Fredonia Baptist Church. On motion of S.S. **Crissey**, seconded, Resolved that the Messengers appointed have each the power of substitution, if they cannot attend, or that any brother who may be at Brocton, have the power to fix the substitution. On motion of Dr. **Palmer**, seconded, Resolved that Clerk pay four dollars for printing the Minutes of the Association, the same to be refunded to him. Also that we take up a Contribution

for the Relief or Widow & Orphan fund, Next Sunday. Pastor dismissed. (Contribution Cash $21.85 sent, & pledges $3.50 unpaid.)
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk

Sunday Aug't 26th, **1888**, Rev. C.E. **Smith** preached his 1st discourse after his 6 wks vacation to a full congregation. He appeared better than when he left. The Chh remained after service, and on the request of Sister R.E. **Morian** she was excused as a delegate to the association. On motion of A.Z.M. and E.J. **Wilcox**, simultaneously, seconded, Dea. D.H. **Morgan** was appointed in her stead. (Not knowing it, he did not go.) Pastor presented a letter of commendation & dismission to unite with us, to Prof. F.S. **Lyon** & wife ([blank] **Lyon**) & Miss Hattie **Lyon** & Miss Lizzie **Lyon**, late of Clarksburg W. Virginia, signed by L.E. **Peters** Pastor & Wheeler **Boggers** Clerk. On motion of some one, seconded, Resolved that they be received members with us on the letter above. Dismissed.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk

Sabbath Sept. 23rd, **1888** A fair comfortable day and a good sized congregation. Rev. C.E. **Smith** whose preaching has been A 1 all along, again preached from Mat 12:30, "He that gathereth not with one, scattereth abroad." I think one of his best sermons. By the strict attention given, I judge that many others thought the same.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sept. 30th & Oct. 7th two more good discourses. The last explanation between a special sin & a sinful state. Prayer & Covenant meeting Thursday evening Oct. 4th, **1888**. Said to have been a good meeting, Clerk not present. A letter from Miss Minnie A. **LeRoy** was presented asking for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Baptist Church at Astoria, Oregon, where her father, Rev. A. **LeRoy** is Pastor. On motion seconded, Resolved that the request be granted. Reported to Clerk by Rev. C.E. **Smith** Sunday Oct. 7/88.
A.Z. **Madison** Church Clerk
Letter with one to Rev. A. **LeRoy** sent Oct 7/88.

Monday Oct. 29th **1888** A.Z.M. was in Church yesterday, and heard an excellent discourse from Pastor **Smith** from 1. Cor. 1:18th. He discussed the object for which preaching is sustained by so great expense every way. What is it for? What is it to him, or to any one, &c?

Nov. 2nd, **1888** Covenant Meeting. A letter from 1st Bap. Chh in Jamestown, recommending Sister Miss Minnie E. **Dickson** to this Chh. On motion seconded, Resolved that she be recd. as a member with us. Sr. Mrs. Lucy F. **Wilson** requested a letter of commendation and dismission to Pasadena Bap. Ch. California. On motion, seconded, Resolved that her request be granted. Clerk wrote a letter.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk

Several first-rate sermons since I have written any thing about them.

On this 16th December **1888** Rev. C.E. **Smith** read in the 1st Chap. Acts, and afterward took for text Acts 2nd 1st "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they, (the 120) were all with one accord in one place." They were agreed about holding the meeting, the protracted meeting,

and were all there. Just as he desired this Church to be about the week of prayer 1st January, & what should follow. He wished every member of the Chh to remain after dismission and then made a statement concerning the season of the year – the general time of gayety and the storms & cold that might be then expected, and the benefits of that time, and desired to submit to the decision of the Church. Whether they would have a meeting of one week or more, time to be fixed. Quite a goodly number remained in, and the majority voted in favor of having a meeting of one week or more, on the motion of Dr. **Palmer**, seconded. Next came the question whether it should be on the time usually observed for the week of prayer, or later – say, in time of lent, when gayety was avoided by Episcopalians and such opposition would not have to be met. Several made remarks, as Mrs. **Ellsworth**, Mrs. A.R. **Thompson**, Mrs. A. **Morian** and S.S. **Crissey**, perhaps others. On motion of A.Z. **Madison** seconded Resolved, that the fixing of the time for the meeting, be deferred one week.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Adjd. meeting Dec. 23, **1888** Remarks by Pastor, Mrs. **Ellsworth**, & may be another. On motion made & seconded, Resolved that our meeting be on the time for week of prayer.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting January 3rd, **1889**. Evening.
Services as usual. Clerk not present. Letters were presented from Stockton Bap. Chh commending & dismissing Sisters Miss Myrtie **Batcheller** & Miss Lettie B. **Batcheller** & on motions made and seconded, Resolved, that they severally be recd. as members with us. A letter from first Bap. Church in Jamestown dated Dec. 27th, **1863**, was also presented, recommending and dismissing Rev. Arnold **Kingsbury** and his wife, Mary C. **Kingsbury**. On motion made and seconded, they were duly recd. as members with us. But to explain, see page 14 of this book, the record of April 14th, **1870**, when on this same letter, and an explanation then by Clerk, and on the request of Sister **Kingsbury**, she was recd. member with us, & so has been, from that date to the present time. Her name, then given as Cornelia M. instead of Mary C. being in our list of members, is not inserted again now. 3 Letters handed in by Dea. E.J. **Crissey**.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clerk

Sunday Jan'y 6th, **1889**. Pastor gave notice that the week of prayer would be a union meeting, as the Presbyterians had invited him to unite with them & Methodists. First meeting at Presb. Chh Tuesday evening 8th day **1889**.
Wed. evening 9th at Meth. Ch. & Friday evening 11th at Bap. Ch. Thursday evening 10th as. in their one place.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday Jan'y 20th. Union have been held to the present and one tonight at 7. P.M. at Meth. Chh. Pastor preached this A.M. from 2 Cor. 5:20 one of his best.
Feb'y **1889** E.J. **Crissey** informed me that Harry E. **Davis** moved back to Allegany County, and that the chh had voted him a letter. Not knowing just where he had moved, & how to direct a letter, I waited to inquire, & forgot it.

March 1, **1889** Bro. Ely **Davis**, his father, came to my house & inquired if I had sent &c and said he was at Belmont, and if I would mail before 1 P.M. today he would have it to use tomorrow. I

therefore write & mail in time to him, at Belmont N.Y. say 12 o'clock noon, supposing the vote Feb. 14/89
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk

At prayer meeting March 1, **1889** a letter from Dunkirk Bap. Chh was presented commending Sister Miss Abbie **Bacon** on which she was duly recd. a member with us, as stated by Dea. E.J. **Crissey**, who handed the letter to Clerk.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

March 3rd, **1889**. After two Sabbaths absent Feb. 17th supplied by Dr. **Palmer** because unwell, & Feb. 24th exchange with Rev. J.J. **Keyes** of Dunkirk (both good) Rev. C.E. **Smith** preached from Gal. 2. 20th as in Revised Version another good & instructive discourse, shewing [sic] the character & office of Christ as the Son of God and that we have been crucified with Christ but yet live – not we, but Christ liveth in us.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

April 5th, **1889** At prayer meeting & Covenant meeting in evening a letter was presented from 1st Portland Bap. Chh. commending and dismissing Bro. Wm. T. **Benjamin** and his wife Sister Louisa **Benjamin** to unite with us. On motions seconded they were severally recd. on same, as members of this Church. Letter handed to Clk with what had been done by Dea. E.J. **Crissey**.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk

[The following is a printed notice.]
"And truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His son, Jesus Christ." I John 1:3.
Fellowship Meeting,
Fredonia Baptist Church,
Saturday, April 6th, **1889**.
Afternoon Services at 2:30.
Supper at 4:30.
Pew Rental at 5:30.
Come, Remain through, enjoy all!
If providentially detained write to the Pastor.
God bless the day! Dated, Fredonia, N.Y., March 19th, **1889**.

Fellowship Meeting & Roll call April 6th, **1889** from 2 ½ O'clock P.M. to 4 ¼ P.M. in Auditory. The Choir, Mrs. **Allen**(?) at the organ, sung. Pastor Rev. C.E. **Smith** read the 84th Psalm, and offered prayer. Choir again sung old tune. Roll Call. E.J. **Crissey** read the names. Prof. **Albro** & **DeWitt** and H.W. **Thompson** held copies of Roll, to minute alterations that might be made. When the name Mary O. **Barclay** was read, Ch Clerk announced that he had a letter from her and read the same. No action, but left for him to write to her. On the reading of Chas. L. **Goulding** & wife, Clk announced & read a letter & for them paid on Pastor's Salary $5.00. When the names of Spencer M. **Munson** & his wife of Pasadena Cal. were read, Pastor read a letter from them asking letters from this Church to unite with Baptist Church where they now live. On motion of A.Z. **Madison**, seconded, Resolved that their request be granted and letters forwarded to them. At close of reading the roll, the Choir again sung a hymn. After this, Pastor called on Mrs. Lucy M. **Ellsworth** to read a history or review of the Church for the year now

closing, as to what has been done, which she did. She read specially of some 30 members aged or sick, or both calling their names & how they were severally afflicted & how they bore their adversities – then of the four weeks of Union meetings with Presb. & Meth. the past winter, with some good results, though few converts, then of a day spent at Dunkirk Point, and the good story told by Pastor – the Christmas festival & the story there – the work of women in Chn. for Minister in Kansas – of Bro. & Sister **Hollister** and some other things – the reading about a half hour. Clerk then read a letter from Dunkirk Bap. Chh commending & dismissing Sister E.C. **Johnson** the widow of Rev. **Johnson** decd. to this Chh. Clk moved & Back & another 2nd & she was recd. a member of this Church. Then Br. Saml. H. **Albro** explained at some length, in regard to the Committee and the condition of the funds for Pastor's Salary &c. That we needed about $1350, and each should add 1/7th to his last years subscription, to make it, &c. Clerk then reported the amount approximately, paid by the Church for the different items of benevolence during the last Church year from April 1st **1888** to April 1, **1889**, not the Associational year of Sept. 1, **1888** to Sept. 1/89. Viz:

Amt for	Am. Bap. Miss'y Union	$122.02
do	" Mr. **Cergini**, Bldg in Italy fund	11.00
do	" Am. Bap. Home Mission So'y incl Clothing	61.52
do	" Clotho So'y (for Cutlery)	31.95
do	" W & O or Relief Fund Chaut. Asso'n	21.85
do	" Bap. Minister's Home West Farms N.Y.	5.00
do	" N.Y. Union for Min'l Education, Rochester	36.35
do	" Same 2's. Col. by Miss Anna **Powell**	28.33
do	" N.Y. State Bap. Missionary Convention	28.15
		$446.17

Here Miss Dora R. **Barker** said that $10.15 had been sent to Chicago to build a Sunday School house, that was not in that report. She has over $2 more now & will have still more, & report all before Asso'n. Clerk then reported the state of the Poor fund Viz:

Amt. on hand Mch 9th **1886**		$48.68
"	Collections at Communions since	111.32
		160.00
Cr. By disbursements per order of Deacons		135.44
Amt now on hand by Clk		$24.56
Also a donation of Sister Theresa **Strong** decd		4.00

Then hastily took a collection to defray the expenses of Cards & c to notify members of this meeting, postage &c. Pastor asked for $2.50. A.Z. **Madison** who took the money from Prof. **DeWitt**, paid the same to Pastor. Amt of Collection $3.22. Singing to close.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk

Prayer meeting April 18th, **1889**.
Rev. C.E. **Smith** presented the letter of Sister Mary O. **Barclay** with request for a letter to unite with the 1st Baptist Chh at Meadville Crawford Co. Pa. which had been delayed some days. On motion of Sr. H. **Daniel**, seconded, Resolved to grant her request. As reported by Pastor to Clk.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk

Pastor sent letter by Br. **Hollister**, who understood it to be for So'y Clk & gave it to S.S. **Crissey** So'y Clk. On the 24th of April Clk saw Pastor & inquired & found that Mrs. **Crissey** had

returned letter to him. Clk then went with him to his house & got it, wrote letter & explanation & the above record & mailed letter to Sr. **Barclay** at Meadville Pa.
April 30th/89 Recd. letter from Miss M.O. **Barclay** acknowledging recpt of above, thanking &c.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk

April 25th, **1889**. At prayer meeting, Preston G. **Cato** related his religious exercises and requested baptism & membership in Chh. On motion made & seconded, Resolved that Preston G. **Cato** be received a candidate for baptism & when baptized to membership in the Church. Reported by E.J. **Crissey**, & also by Rev. C.E. **Smith** June 12th/89.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

May 23rd, **1889** At Prayer meeting, Miss Celestia **Sloane** and Mr. Peter A. **Wingblad** severally related their religious experience, and on several motions seconded they were each received as Candidates for baptism & when baptized, to membership in the Church. Reported by Rev. C.E. **Smith** June 12/89.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Preaching service as usual in Church June 2nd, **1889**. At the close two, to wit: Preston G. **Cato**, and Peter A. **Wingblad**, were baptized by Rev. C.E. **Smith**, as reported by him to Clerk June 12th, **1889**.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk

2nd Timothy 4:7 was the text of Pastor C.E. **Smith** Sunday June 23rd, **1889** in A.M. and a first rate sermon the result, to a still Congregation. The words "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept this faith." He said that what we are here for is, to fight. To fight sin; of every form, at all times and also many other appropriate things. May his hopes be realized in the conviction and conversion of many. A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Prayer meeting Thursday evening June 27, **1889**.
Pastor suggested a committee to act with Chh Clerk in writing the Church letter to the Association last of August. On motion & nominations made & seconded, Resolved that Dr. F.B. **Palmer** & Dea. E.J. **Crissey** be such Committee. Also, on motion made and seconded, Resolved that Dr. Saml. H. **Albro** be a committee with the Trustees of the Bap. So'y to get up ways & means to pay for it, and to lay a Stone-walk, on Church lot, west side of Temple Street for a side-walk.
Reported to Clerk by H.P. **Perrin** & Dr. **Palmer**.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Covenant meeting held Friday evening July 5th, **1889**, in Lecture room as usual. Services as ordinarily by Pastor & those present. A letter was presented by Sister Mrs. Lulla **Moran** from 1st Portland Baptist Church N.Y. and on motion seconded, it was Resolved that she be received a member with us. Date of letter, Oct. 11, **1884**. Reported by Dea. E.J. **Crissey** July 9th, **1889**.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Heard Pastor **Smith** in A.M. & evening July 7th, **1889**, his last before a six weeks vacation. Two good discourses. Pastor & family & Dr. **Richmond** & his family left together for a vacation & visit to the Doctor's family relatives in Central N.Y. about 9th or 10th of July.

July 14th. Rev. [blank] of Knowlsville N.Y. preached or talked Bible - & read rapidly in A.M. at $2x.
July 21. No service in Bap. Ch. till evening.
Then Miss **Varnum** talked temperance to an audience of some 600 and is to talk in same place each evening for a full week. She did so & a lady singer from Lockport was also with her, a good one & they had full houses, to Sunday evening July 21st.

August 4th, **1889**. Rev. Malcolm **MacGregor**, who Lectured last Wed. evening at Chautauqua & came here Thursday, staid over this day and preached in A.M. from 2nd Cor. 9:15. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." the same that he used when Pastor here on the 24th Aug't **1884**. A good discourse. At close he administered the Communion service, with the Deacons, E.J. **Crissey** & D.H. **Morgan**. A goodly number of members present. After the singing of Hymn the Chh. Clerk called attention to the session of the Chaut. Bap. Asso'n at Cherry Creek Aug. 27, 8 & 9, and of the necessity of reports to himself by all Secretaries of Societies of the Chh so that he could prepare a letter and all statistics to the Asso'n. in due time.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk

August 22nd, **1889**, the regular Thurs. evening Prayer Meeting: Rev. C.E. **Smith** Pastor had just returned from his vacation and was in place. Rev. G.O. **King** also present, and about 60 other persons. A.Z. **Madison** was in, and Pastor gave notice that the Chh letter would be read by Chh Clerk, as prepared for the Association, and called on me to read it. This I did, but accidentally omitted to read the closing words. What had been read was submitted to the Church for adoption, & on motion seconded it was adopted. The omission to read the closing words at top of 3rd page was soon discovered, Viz: Blank (?) to be sent for Widow & Orphan or Relief fund in this asson. And for Ministers Home N.Y. and for printing the Minutes & delivery to Chh's in two months, not five. Invitation for the next session at Fredonia. And the appointment of messengers now. After remarks & explanations by Pastor, Clerk and others, On motion of A.Z. **Madison** seconded, Resolved that we take a Collection next Sunday morning, & instead of for our own Church expenses, it be divided equally for the W & O. or Relief fund here, and for Ministers Home at West Farms N.Y. Mrs. L.M. **Ellsworth** moved to amend Mo. – as all went to W. & O. last year, now all to Min Home and (?) (?). On motion seconded Resolved that we soon take up another collection to pay four dollars, that we now ask the Clerk to forward as our share for printing the minutes. This closed the business matters and Pastor resumed the meeting by reading and explaining scripture, & others offered prayer and remarks, then singing to close.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Also, the following named persons were duly appointed at above meeting, as our Messengers to sit in the association at Cherry Creek on the 27th of August inst. On nomination of Sister R.E. **Morian**, Dr. F.B. **Palmer** & wife, Mrs. Sarah G. **Palmer**, John M. **Hardenburgh** & wife, Julia Ann **Hardenburgh**. Then some one nominated our Pastor, Charles E. **Smith** and again, two Deacons were nominated Viz: Edward J. **Crissey** & Dayton H. **Morgan**. After, Pastor & Clk talked & Clk added Erick A. **Berg** who went & carried letters – others did not. When, on motion,

seconded, Resolved that the seven named be our Messengers duly appointed to sit in the Chaut. Bap. Association at time & place, with power of substitution.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Aug't 27th, **1889**. I finished up the Chh letter to the Chaut. Bap. Asson. at Cherry Creek, and by the suggestion of Rev. C.E. **Smith**, sent it by Bro. Erick A. **Berg** whom we found would go, while several appointed delegates would not. I inserted his name as a delegate in place of one of them. I sent avails of Sunday Col. for Ministers Home West Farms N.Y. to Supt. $23.33 Making all this year $28.33.
A.Z. **Madison**

Our Pastor Rev. C.E. **Smith** was home from his vacation, as before recorded, Aug't. 22nd. and on Sunday 25th inst preached to the congregation. He only of seven appointed and Bro. Erick A. **Berg** went to Cherry Creek, and attended the meeting of the Association and they said it was good. Also, that the session would be with us in **1890**.
Oct. 19/89 To this date I have seen no notice of the above session of the Chaut'a. Association in the Examiner. Why?
Bro. **Smith** has preached several first best sermons since he returned, but perhaps none better than that of last Sunday, Oct. 13th from Heb. 6:19. "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure, and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the vail."

About Oct. 16th/89 Clerk recd. a card from the Clerk of Bap. Chh. Clymer, requesting this Chh. to send our Pastor & one member as delegates to sit in Council on Tuesday Oct. 29th. at one o'clock P.M. to examine & ordain its Pastor Bro. E.L. **Gates**, to the work of the Gospel Ministry. Clerk handed the card to Rev. C.E. **Smith** have acted upon. He hesitated & delayed till Oct. 27th after A.M. service, when he had called the Executive Com. together to consult. He said he could not go himself. On motion of H.P. **Perrin**, seconded by Dr. **Palmer**, Resolved that at close of the S. School, now in session, we will organize a Church meeting, and present the request there. Members of Ex. Com. present were Rev. C.E. **Smith** Chn., A.Z. **Madison** Clk, Dr. F.B. **Palmer** & Deacons H.P. **Perrin** & E.J. **Crissey**. Bro. **Smith** reported to Clk that such Chh meeting was organized & on Nominations duly made, it was Resolved by the Church that Brn. Franklin S. **Lyon** & John M. **Hardenburgh** be our delegates to the above named council.
This was Oct. 27, **1889** The next Tuesday evening of 29th.
Clk saw Pastor who reported the foregoing appointments. He did not know whether they had gone. Of course, if they had gone, it was without credentials. Some days later, Nov. 3 & 4th Clk saw both delegates and learned from them that they both went and the Council received them as delegates, and that the Bro. **Gates** was examined, approved and ordained.

In Covenant Meeting Nov. 1, **1889**.
Pastor presented a letter from Harmony Bap. Chh commending and dismissing Sister Dorliska **Manley** to unite with us. On motion seconded, Resolved that she be received a member with us. Also, a letter from 1st German Bap. Chh. Rochester commending & dismissing Sister Mary **Strobel** to our fellowship. On motion seconded, Resolved that she be received. Also, a letter from Bap. Church of Epiphany New York commending and dismissing Mrs. Minnie **Abeel** to this Chh. On motion made & seconded, Resolved that she be recd. to our membership. Also, a letter from Rev. Frank D. **Shaver**, formerly of Marshall Texas as a Missionary, now of

Watertown N.Y. requesting a letter from this Church, to unite with the Watertown Bap. Chh. His letter gave likewise a history & explanation of his case. On motion, seconded, Resolved that a letter of commendation and dismission be granted on above request. The same sent by Clk Nov. 6th, **1889**.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk

Dec 12th, **1889**. I sent Drft on New York endorsed by me payable to the Treasurer of the Am. Bap. Miss'y Union to apply on unpaid bal. of Cfts for Mrs. Francis B. **Haywood** & Harriet **Daniel**. Drft $21.95 still unpaid on Cfts $6.51, and also wrote of new Cft for Mrs. Emily B. **Thompson**.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

Sunday January 5th, **1890**. Rev. C.E. **Smith** handed a letter from C.H. **Scoville** from Cairo (he said) West Virginia requesting letters from this Church to him & his wife to unite with the Baptist Chh at Cairo. Rev. Mr. **Smith** said the letter was acted on at the Covenant meeting last Friday evening January 3rd, **1890** – that then, on motion made and seconded, letters were voted in compliance with the request, to Charles H. **Scoville** and to his wife Mrs. Lillie M. **Scoville** to so unite.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk
Sent letters to ea. in one pkge to Cairo, Ritchie Co. West Virginia Jany 9th, **1890**. A.Z.M. In Feb, recd. card that Mr. **Scoville** & wife had united with Chh at Cairo W Va
A.Z.M. Clk

Feb 27th, **1890** In Cov't meeting, a candidate came & related his experience, to wit: William **Morgan** & he was received as a candidate for baptism & membership when baptized. As reported by E.J. **Crissey**.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Feb 5th or 6th. Recd. card from J.D. **Bain** Chh Clk Frewsburg Bap. Chh dated Feb 3rd/90 with request for Pastor & one member to sit in Council Feb 19/90 at 11 O'clock A.M. to Examine & ordain their Pastor Bro. Albert **Read**. Clk had La Grippe & forgot till Sunday Feb 16th. Then remembered the card & got it from his pkt. & sent to Pastor **Smith** while in Desk, by Dr. **Dods**., Pastor laid it by to read during next singing & then forgot it, and it was not acted on at all. He handed it back to Ch. Clk March 10th/90 when Clk wrote an explanation to said J.D. **Bain** same day, that there was no intention to disregard it.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

[The following is a printed notice.]
"And truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His son, Jesus Christ." I John 1:3.
Fellowship Meeting,
Fredonia Baptist Church,
Saturday, April 5th, **1890**.
Afternoon Services at 2:30.
Supper at 4:30.
Pew Rental at 5:30.
Come, Remain through, enjoy all!

If providentially detained write to the Pastor.
God bless the day! Dated, Fredonia, N.Y., March 19th, **1890**.

March 27th, **1890**. In prayer meeting, in Bap. Chh Miss Clara E. **Watson**, daughter of John **Watson**, related her religious experience, and on motion made & seconded, she was received on her request, as a candidate for baptism and when baptized, to membership in this Church. as reported by Rev. C.E. **Smith**.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk

Sunday evening March 30th, **1890**, at Close of preaching service, as reported also, by Rev. C.E. **Smith**, Miss Clara E. **Watson**, and William **Morgan**, recd February 27/90 were both baptized by Elder **Smith**, who reported this to Clerk, March 31, **1890**.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clerk

Fellowship Meeting & Roll call April 5th, **1890**. in Auditory. Present a pretty full house and Rev. C.E. **Smith** came in at 2.40 P.M. and at 2.55 he called to order, & to come up front. Opened by an Anthem from the choir. Prayer by Rev. J.J. **Keyes** of Dunkirk. Remarks by Pastor, Then Bro. Wm A. **Noble** of Silver Creek read the Roll of names, with very little delay, for more reply, then present, (if so,) if not, no reply, in general. A few letters were read by Pastor, amongst which was a letter from Bro. Wm. **Marshall** & wife Jane **Marshall** now residing at Mayville N.Y. at close of which they requested letters to unite with the Bap. Church there. On motion of A.Z. **Madison**, seconded, Resolved that we grant the request. (Clerk sent them letters per mail.) Beginning with Bro. E.J. **Wilcox**, who had just come in, several spoke, as in a Covenant meeting. On call of Pastor, a Mr. Thomas **Morah** spoke very briefly, and requested baptism & membership. On motion made & seconded he was recd as a candidate for baptism & membership. Mrs. Beulah J. **Noble** then made an obituary report of Sisters Jane **Lamkin** and Josie H. **DeWitt**. Choir sung a hymn. A.Z. **Madison** Clk then reported the amount raised by the Church for benevolence during the Church year from April 1st to April 1st which was $290.56. Also for the Associational year 1st Sept. to 1st Sept. which in **1889** was $364.88. He also reported the state of the Poor fund receipts & disbursements for the last year to wit: The balance on hand a year ago $24.56
Monthly Collections at Close of Communion services for year 37.04 =$61.60
Disbursements by order of a Deacon 34.12
Balance now on hand $27.48.
Prof. F.N. **Jewett** Superintendent of the Sabbath School then made a full report of the School, the number now, 238. The amount of expenses [blank]. What they had raised for benevolence &c.

After this, Prof. F.S. **Lyon**, for the President (who was not present) of the Temperance Society in connection with the Sabbath School, that the no. was 61 members &c and then hauled it over again – 238 numbers in Sunday School, 61 of whom were in the Temperance Society – Should it not be the whole school? He emphatically asked the question. He made good remarks & inquiries. Pastor Reported the Clotho Society begun with 28 members – this about the 6th year. The object, to furnish the Kitchen & care for the carpets & any thing wanted. Began the year with $5.81 Raised 152.27. Had pd for Matting $30. (?) $12. Exps 15. 169. On hand $35.24. Have done well. Dr. F.B. **Palmer** made general remarks in relation to our relations as members of the chh. In the mouth of two witnesses, every word should be established. It was ordained that

there should be churches. By the ordinances, the Chh. is the pillar & ground of the truth. One, may drive a thousand, and two, put ten thousand, to flight. We, as a church, if we will take thought, we can see the best, but the Chh. will be weak, if the most, or greatest number do nothing, & let the Pastor, Deacons, Trustees & a few only, do the work. Col. **Baker**, at Ball's bluff was asked to lie down out of the way of bullets. He replied, "If you were a senator of the U.S. you would not lie in the mud." We must not fail to estimate our obligations, and act accordingly. Then Pastor with increased tones spoke to impress what had been said &c. Let us love and work for the Church, and for God. Conclusion by an Anthem from the choir. Adjourned to the tables in Parlors where plenty, and good provisions, were found. And later, the Trustees attended to the leasing of Slips for the ensuing year, as their account will shew [sic].
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk.

April 20th, **1890**. Pastor **Smith** announced a Chh meeting for evening of 22nd inst. to revise our list of members as recommended by the Executive Committee.

Church meeting as announced, April 22nd, **1890**. Tuesday evening in Church. 30 to 40 present. Pastor Rev. C.E. **Smith** Chn, On motion seconded, Resolved that E.J. **Crissey** be Sec. Pro. Sung & Prayer by Pastor.
1. After a brief statement by Chn. as to the object of the meeting Viz: To take into consideration the report and recommendations of the Ex. Com. upon absent and delinquent members.
2. Proceeded to consider the case of Mrs. Alma B. **Allen**, now of Akron, Ohio. On motion of E.J. **Crissey**, seconded Resolved that the hand of fellowship, be withdrawn from Mrs. Alma B. **Allen**.
3. On motion of Mrs. B.J. **Noble**, seconded, Resolved that the name of Mrs. Jane **Evarts**, be dropped from our list of members.
4. On the announcement of Mrs. Leonora D. **Bennett**, Mrs. Louisa M. **Edmonds** stated that she was present in a meeting about three years ago, as near as she could remember, when Mrs. **Bennett** asked for a letter of dismission, and it was voted to her then.
5. Report of Brn. H.W. **Thompson** & S.S. **Crissey** on the case of Jas. N. **Rowe** received.
6. On motion Prof. F.S. **Lyon**, Resolved that D.S. **Wright** correspond with him in regard to his standing with this Church.
7. On motion of S.S. **Crissey**, seconded, Resolved that the name of F.L. **Lord** be dropped from our list of members, and that he be notified of the action of the church.
8. On motion of H.W. **Thompson**, seconded, Resolved that Henry **McAllister** be dropped from our list of members. On motion of S.S. **Crissey** seconded, Resolved.
9. that Mrs. Ada **Olney** be granted a Cft. of membership, to unite with the Presbyterian Chh where she resides in Irvington Pa.
11. H.W. **Thompson** suggested that the Church adopt a resolution fixing a limit of time of membership, of absent and delinquent members, when they shall be dropped from our list.
12 On motion of E.J. **Crissey**, seconded, Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to draft such Resolution for the action of the Church.
13. Chairman appointed as such Committee, brethren E.J. **Crissey** & H.W. **Thompson**.
10. On motion of E.J. **Crissey**, seconded, Resolved That we withdraw the hand of fellowship from Julius J. **Parker**.
14. On motion of Prof. F.S. **Lyon**, seconded, Resolved, That we do now adjourn.
15. Dismissed by prayer by Bro. **Lyon**.

E.J. **Crissey** Clk Pro tem

Covenant Meeting May 2nd, **1890**.
Rev. C.E. **Smith** Chn present et al. Usual services were had. A letter was presented from the 1st Bap. Chh. of Bradford Pa. commending to us our former Sister Mrs. Carrie E. **Flint** who was baptized here, to our fellowship again, and to unite with us. On motion, seconded, she was duly received to membership in this Church. Albert J. **Moran** related his Christian experience with request for Baptism and membership. On motion, seconded, Resolved that he be received a Candidate for baptism and when baptized, to membership in this Church. Dismissed.
E.J. **Crissey** Clk P.T.

Covenant Meeting, evening May 30th, **1890**. Reported by Bro. E.J. **Crissey**. Services as usual & present Rev. C.E. **Smith** Chn. Chairman presented a letter from Jay **Crissey** now of Belmont N.Y. in behalf of himself and his wife requesting letters of dismissal. On motion of E.J. **Crissey** seconded by D.S.W. Resolved that the request be granted. Dea. H.P. **Perrin** suggested that as the Chh. Clerk was not able to be at the meetings held in the evening, an assistant Clerk be chosen, and on his motion, seconded, Resolved That Bro. E.J. **Crissey**, be appointed our Assistant Church Clerk. Meeting closed as usual.
Edward J. **Crissey** Asst. Chh Clk
Per A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk

Sunday evening June 1, **1890** Pastor **Smith** Baptized both Thomas **Moran** & his son Albert J. **Moran**, candidates.

Reported by E.J. **Crissey** July 5/90 that on July 3rd/90 at Covenant meeting on Motion of D.S. **Wright** seconded by Jno. M. **Hardenburgh**, in answer to the written request of Sister Mary C. **Stobel** of 106 Caledonia Avenue, Rochester N.Y. Resolved, That a letter be granted to her to reunite with the 1st German Bap. Church (whence she came here,) Rochester N.Y. as she could not return to Fredonia, her mother being sick.
E.J. **Crissey** Asst Ch Clk
Per A.Z. **Madison**

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening August 21st, **1890**. the following were appointed delegates to the Association Viz: Rev. C.E. **Smith**, Dr. F.B. **Palmer**, A.Z. **Madison**, Prof. Franklin S. **Lyon**, & wife, Mrs. Harriet A. **Lyon**, Albert J. **Moran**, Miss Clara **Watson.** On several motions, seconded. List handed by S.S. **Crissey**.
A.Z. **Madison** Clk

August 26th, **1890** at 1 P.M. Delegates met with us in our Church edifice and opened the session of the Chautauqua Baptist Association of 31 Churches. After the preliminary services Rev. B.E. **Hillman** preached, and was afterwards made Moderator, and did well as such officer, and all the services for the three days, were as good as any that I had ever seen. The hospitality of our people was satisfactory to the delegates, as expressed by resolution of the body, and I think all were provided for, and I hope none of ours, excessively burdensome. Some rain & cooler, but mostly fair weather, days. Closed Thursday Aug. 28th at noon, and after dinner, the people returned to their homes respectively, and apparently well satisfied. I read the epistle of the

Fredonia Bap. Chh. to the association on Tuesday P.M. it being the 42nd letter that I had written for this Church, besides some 8 before, in Gouverneur & Bath, in St. Lawrence & Steuben Counties.

At Church Sunday Aug't 31st, **1890**.
Rev. C.E. **Smith** Pastor, presented the request of Miss Elisabeth **Black** for a letter of commendation and dismission to unite with the church at Constableville, Lewis Co. N.Y. where she now is. On the motion of H.P. **Perrin**, seconded, the request was granted.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk
Letter filled & sent Sept 1, **1890** A.Z.M.
Sept 9/90 Recd letter from Wm R. **Wadsworth** Clerk that she had been recd as a member of the First Bap. Chh of Constableville and Turin.

September 21st, **1890**, the Deacons met in Church at call of Pastor Rev. C.E. **Smith** to see about Bread & wine for Communion, as Mrs. **Noble** had declined to furnish it longer. They consulted and saw Mrs. **Noble**, and September 28th met again and settled it that Mrs. **Noble** continue the work as heretofore and have 4/ ea mo. instead of 2/ & the Church pay her for sugar used & labor of heating wine over to preserve it. as reported by Dea. E.J. **Crissey**
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

October 3rd, **1890** Evening in Lecture room. Covenant Meeting as for Months past. A letter from Mayville Certifying as to Miss Lena **Potter** being a member in good standing in the Bap. Chh. there was presented. On motion of Dea. E.J. **Crissey**, seconded by D.S. **Wright** Resolved that she be recd. a member with us. Same. Certificate returned W.B. **Gleason** Clk Oct 15/90
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Also, On mo. Dea. **Perrin** seconded by D.S. **Wright** Resolved to receive Dr. LeRoy **Allnatt** and Mrs. Jessica **Allnatt** from Cherry Creek Baptist Chh. on letters of Feb 12th/87 & April 9th, **1887** ((?)) (right or wrong)
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk
Above reported by Dea. E.J. **Crissey** some days after Oct 3/90

Friday evening Dec. 5th, **1890**
Covenant Meeting
Matter of election of two additional Deacons was presented by the Pastor. On motion by Mrs. **Morian** proceeded to the election of Deacons by ballot. E.J. **Crissey** and E. Jay **Willard** appointed as Tellers. Proceeded to ballot for one Deacon. 1st ballot 26 votes cast. Prof F.S. **Lyon** recd 21 votes. Scattering 5. Prof. F.S. **Lyon** declared elected. 2nd ballot. 23 votes cast. Bro. John M. **Hardenburg** recd 9. Bro. Wm. T. **Benjamin** recd 5. Bro. G.W. **Belden** 5. Dr. F.B. **Palmer** 3. E. Jay **Willard** 1. No one having a majority, proceeded to another ballot. 3rd ballot. Bro. Wm. T. **Benjamin** 7. Bro. J.M. **Hardenburg** 5. Bro. **Belden** 6. Bro. **Willard** 3. As no one recd. a majority on this balloting, Bro. **Hardenburg** moved that Bro. **Benjamin** be declared unanimously elected. Carried. Bro. **Lyon** stated that he thought on account of age and lack of proper qualifications, he ought not to accept, & he should do so until he had given it more consideration.
E.J. **Crissey** Asst Clk

Reported to A.Z.M. Ch Clk Dec 14, **1890** and same Recorded Dec. 15th, **1890**. A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Dec. 21, **1890**, At close of A.M. service the Chh in a fair number for a dark day, when Pastor had a lamp to see by, at his request remained in Slips, & he asked the members to decide whether we would observe the week of prayer 1st January **1891**. A few brethren offered some remarks and the question called by a rising vote. Nearly all arose in favor of so observing it. Immediately dismissed. Clerk now present and voted for it, which he would not have done, if it had been for a union with Presb'ns & Meth. & perhaps Disciples, as before. as things now are.
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

January 21st **1891** At a meeting in Lecture room The following letters were presented & acted(?) upon(?). Bro. Wm. A. **Noble** of Silver Creek to Pastor asking for letter of dismission & commendation to the first Baptist Church of or in Silver Creek. On motion of Dr. F.B. **Palmer** seconded by E.J. **Crissey** Resolved that the request be granted. Sister Grace E. **Lewis** of Buffalo wrote also to Pastor, requesting dismission and a letter of commendation to the Washington Street Baptist Church in Buffalo. On motion of Dr. **Palmer** seconded by E.J. **Crissey** Resolved that the request be granted. Sister Martha A. **Elliott** who was received Oct. 1, **1870**, from Geneva N.Y. and was a member here for several years, and as recorded on page 110 she was dismissed to Titusville Pa Dec 3rd, **1876** as the wife of Robert **Elliott** not Wm as on the Bradford Pa. letter which letter from the first Bap. Chh Bradford Pa. by Wm. H. **Dennis** Chh Clerk certifies to Mrs. Clara **Elliott** and commends her to the Baptist Church in Fredonia, N.Y. On motion of D.H. **Morgan** seconded by some one, (?) Resolved that Sister **Elliott** be received a member with us on the letter presented. (But the Chh knew nothing of the misnomers mentioned.) Reported to Chh Clerk January 23rd, **1891** by Dea. E.J. **Crissey**.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clerk

April 9th, **1891** Having become satisfied that I had been mistaken as to the identity of Mrs. Clara **Elliott** I wrote explaining to Bro. Wm. H. **Dennis**, the Clerk of 1st Baptist Church of Bradford Pa. A.Z.M.

Feb 19th, **1891**
Clerk recd letter from Kate **Knight** Clk of Silver Creek Baptist Church, recently organized requesting our Pastor Rev. C.E. **Smith** and one other delegate to sit in council there on the 11th of March **1891** at 10 o'clock A.M. and if judged right to recognize the brethren & sisters there as a regular Baptist Church in fellowship with us, and also, if found right, to ordain their chosen Pastor Mr. Arden B. **Miller** on same day. This letter was handed by Clerk to Pastor **Smith**, & he laid it before the Church at prayer meeting March 5th, **1891**. On nominations seconded, it was Resolved, That Rev. Charles E. **Smith** and Rev. Francis B. **Palmer** be our delegates to the Council to be held at Silver Creek March 11th at 10 A.M. **1891**. Clk made letter to Clk of the Council March 7, **1891** & handed to Pastor Mch 8th, **1891** at Church.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clerk

At the Covenant meeting of the Church held in the evening of April 3rd, **1891** in Lecture room. On motion of E.J. **Crissey**, after hearing her relation of Christian experience, seconded by D.S.

Wright Resolved that Miss Millie **Mayborn** be received as a candidate for baptism, and when baptized, to membership in this Church. As reported by E.J. **Crissey** Asst Chh Clk
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clk

[**Madison**'s handwritten note: A.Z.M. replied to Wm. H. **Dennis** as see bottom page 384 April 9th, **1891**.]
Wm. H. **Dennis**
101 Kennedy St.
Bradford, Pa Jan. 31, **1891**
Mr. A.Z. **Madison** Clerk,
Dear Brother
In answer to yours with reference to Mrs. **Elliot** I would say that I think the only trouble is that you are mistaken as to her identity. The Mrs. Clara **Elliot** whom we dismissed to your fellowship was Baptized into our Church Jan. 20th, **1889**. She was married here a few years previous to that time to a Mr. **Logan**(?) who died about a year ago since which she has become the wife of Wm **Elliot**. Martha A. **Elliott** must be another person.
Fraternally,
Wm. H. **Dennis**
Clerk First Baptist Church

[The following is a printed notice.]
Fredonia Baptist Church.
Fellowship Day.
April 4th, **1891**.
Roll-Call at 2:30. "If we walk in the light we have fellowship one with another." I John 1:7.
"Give an account of thy stewardship." Luke 16:2,
Supper at 4:30. "Jesus saith unto them: Come and dine." John 21:12.
At 5:30. "Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good-works." Hebrews 11:24.
Come or Write.
C.E. **Smith**, Pastor.

Fellowship Meeting and Roll call April 4th, **1891**. at 2 ½ O'clock P.M. Rev. Chas. E. **Smith** Chn Present and called the people who had come in & taken the seats near the doors, to come forward. Opened with singing by the choir. Prayer by Pastor. Sung 62nd Hymn and again, there was a more urgent call for people to come up forward, which brought some. Pastor, read in 1st Saml. 7th Chapter, and then offered remarks. Sung Hymn 849. "Come thou fount of every blessing." E. Jay **Willard** read for Roll Call the 287 present members of the Church, very well for his first time, but in too low a voice. Pastor then read letters from Mrs. Nancy M. **McClanathan**, Miss Hortense **Huntley**, now Mrs. **Crosby**, of Garnaville Iowa, Miss Emily **Daily**, Mrs. Hannah **Roberts**, Miss Olive **Cook** of Flint Mich. and Mrs. Harriet A. **DeWitt**, also a letter from Mr. Thomas **Elgar** (in Philadelphia Penn.) all developing a good spirit. Brother **Elgar**'s closing with a desire to come here at time of meeting of the next Chautauqua Baptist Association, and have ordination here, if deemed worthy. Pastor invited any who had not of late been in Covenant meetings, to speak, and seven embraced the opportunity. Sister Beulah J. **Noble** had prepared obituary notices of Sisters Martha D.D. **Manton**, Effie A. **Hutchinson**, and

Mrs. Dr. A. **Wheelock**, and these were read by Miss Dorah R. **Barker** & returned to her. (Mrs. **Noble**)
A.Z. **Madison** Clerk Reported the sums collected the last year, for benevolence, but committed two errors by omitting the sum of $32.93 collected for the Bap. Ministers Home at West Farms, New York City, (as the letter & recpt were laid away in Desk where he did not see them, and also his Recpt to Ely **Davis** $9.02 for the Am. Baptist Missionary Union. Correct amt. of Collections in last year $362.56. He also reported the state of the Poor fund in his hands receipts $73.58. Disbursements $38.27, leaving a balance in his hands of $35.31. After which, he told those present when and how he was elected as Clerk, and later, Treasurer, of this Church, about 43 years, & two months ago, on the 26th of February **1848**. In this connection he resigned his offices of Clerk and Treasurer of this Church, at the same time commending Brother Edward J. **Crissey** the Assistant Chh Clerk as his successor. Dr. F.B. **Palmer** moved, & it was seconded, and Resolved, That we accept the resignations and that our act be sent to the Examiner for publication as see preamble & Resolutions herewith. On motion of Dr. F.B. **Palmer** seconded, Resolved That Bro. Edward J. **Crissey** be elected Clerk and Treasurer of the Church. Preamble and Resolutions, passed by the Church at this time, on motion of Dr. F.B. **Palmer** seconded:
"Whereas, Brother A.Z. **Madison** has served this Church as its Clerk and Treasurer with preeminent fidelity and prudence during a period of forty three years, and now feels compelled to resign, in consequence of advancing age, (4 months & 13 days short of 88)
Therefore Resolved,
1st That we record with gratitude to God, for giving him to us, and sparing his life so many years, our hearty appreciation of Bro. **Madison**'s important services – an expression of our sincere hope, that he may be spared to us as a member of the Church, yet many years, and our earnest prayer, that his latter days may be crowned with even richer blessings than the days gone by.
Resolved 2nd. That we accept the resignations yielding only to seeming necessity.
Resolved 3rd. That this action be spread on the minutes of the Church, and sent to the Examiner for publication."
Professor F.S. **Lyon** Superintendent of the Sab. Sch Reported the state, and benevolence, of the Sunday School. (Benevolence fair, but not recorded.) Then as to three schools. He had known schools where not 10 percent of the families had family prayer. That made hard work for teachers. He made good, & sensible remarks. Mrs. Sarah McA. **Kimbel**, made an encouraging report of the Clotho Society. No report of the Christian Endeavor So'y. The Mission Band meeting at Mrs. **Edmond**'s, Reported interestingly by Miss Hattie **Blood**. They have a contribution at each meeting. Miss Anna **Lull**, Reported a Missionary So'y in her S.S. Class. Could hear but little of this. Pastor **Smith** offered closing remarks. Sung the 100th Hymn, to close. Then most of congregation adjourned to the Lecture room & Church Parlors, to a well prepared supper. At 5.30 P.M. Trustees held a letting of Slips.
A.Z. **Madison** Chh Clerk

About April 16th, **1891** Rev. C.E. **Smith** & wife left home for Washington D.C. &c.

Sunday April 19th/91 Prof. F.S. **Lyon** on invitation of Dea. H.P. **Perrin** conducted religious service very acceptably reading a printed sermon on the text. "Come and see where the Lord lay." The fault was in speaking too low, not as loud as ordinary for him.
[Archivist's note: End of A.Z. **Madison's** entries in the Church Record.]

At covenant meeting of church held on Friday evening May 1/91 Homer **Ellis** related his Christian experience, & on motion by D.S. **Wright** seconded by E.J. **Crissey** was received as candidate for baptism & membership into the church.

Sunday morning May 10, the Pastor presented an aspect from the "Columbian Sunday Association" asking that, in view of the eminent danger threatening our Sabbath, arising from the effort being made to open the World's Fair of **1893**, upon the Sabbath day." He presents the matter to his congregation and asks for an expression by a rising vote, and that the result be recorded upon one of the petitions enclosed, & forwarded with the other selection of "legal votes" only, to the World's Fair Commissioners of this state. The pastor called for an expression & the audience unanimously voted against the Sunday opening.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clk.

Request for letter of dismission & commendation received from Mrs. Mercy E. **Sweet**, of Indianapolis, Ind., & presented by pastor at regular prayer meeting Thursday evening May 28/91. On motion E.J. **Crissey** seconded by D.H. **Morgan**, letter was granted. Request from the Leon church that we send delegates to sit in council with them June 3d **1891** at the ordination of their pastor, Frank B.L. **Putnam** was presented by pastor, at same time & place, and on motion by D.H. **Morgan**, seconded by Mrs. **Morian** Resolved that we send Pastor & such others, for delegates, as the ch. clk. might be able to find, who could attend.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

Sunday evening May 31st. Mr. Homer **Ellis** & Miss Millie **Mayborn** were baptized by the Pastor Rev. C.E. **Smith** & the following Sunday morning at the communion service, were extended the "Hand of Fellowship." Also the hand of fellowship given to Mrs. Clara **Elliott** & Mrs. Jessica **Allnatt**.

At the regular covenant meeting held July 3d/91 on motion by E.J. **Crissey**, seconded, letters of dismission & recommendation were granted to Miss Hattie R. **Holcomb**, Miss Carrie E. **Holcomb** and Miss Hattie **Johnson**, to unite with the Ripley Baptist Church.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

At the regular prayer meeting held Aug. **1891** the matter of choosing delegates to the Chaut. Baptist Asso'n to convene at Forestville Aug. [blank] was taken up & the following were chosen: Our pastor Rev. C.E. **Smith**, Bro. Alex **Morian** & wife, Bro. F.B. **Palmer** & wife, Dea. F.S. **Lyon** & wife, Rev. A. **Kingsbury** & wife. The Asso'n was appointed to meet with the church at Dunkirk, but as their pastor Rev. **Keyes** had left them but a short time before, & they felt their inability to entertain the Asso'n it was therefore appointed to convene with the Forestville church. The assessment for this church's share in printing minutes, viz. $4.00 was later on sent to G.F. **Woodbury** Clerk of Asson through Bro. **Stoddard** of Busti. Advanced $2.00 of this amount.
Edward J. **Crissey** Ch Clk

At the regular covenant meeting of the church Oct. 2nd evening, a letter from the Cherry Creek church, recommending Mrs. Fannie **Guest** to our Christian Fellowship & watch care was presented & upon motion of Bro. D.S. **Wright** was accepted unanimously. Upon request of Mrs.

Electa **Blowers** a letter of dismission & recommendation to the church in Clyde, was duly granted.
Edward J. **Crissey** Ch Clk

Rev. Thos. **Elgar** preached very acceptably to the church Sabbath morning & evening Nov. 15th **1891** and in the evening a collection was taken for him amounting to Fifteen & 30/100 Dollars.
E.J. **Crissey** Clk

At the regular covenant meeting Dec. 3d **1891** a letter of dismission & recommendation was granted to Bro. Peter A. **Wingblad** to unite with the Baptist Church at Westfield, N.Y. Motion by Prof. **Lyon**, seconded by Dea. **Morgan**. Also, Wales M. **Martin**, Mrs. Hattie H. **Martin**, & W. Allen **Martin**, were received by letter from the Jamestown Baptist Church. Motion by D.S. **Wright** second by E.J. **Crissey**.
E.J. **Crissey** Clk

Dec. 29th, **1891** was appointed by the church & S.S, at the Christmas entertainment, as the time set for giving to the poor & needy, especially to those of our own church & congregation, & the people were requested to bring in such as they had, that would be useful to those that were needy. The result was not so satisfactory as was anticipated, on account of the rainy weather prevailing all that day & evening, but a considerable was brought in, such as, potatoes, apples, beets, turnips, squashes, sugar, &c &c. Some money, in all, Seven & 68/100 Dollars was donated & divided between four or five families. The receiving & distributing committee, were, deacons **Perrin**, **Morgan** & E.J. **Crissey**. The intent of this move was to help the needy & educate the children in giving.
E.J. **Crissey** Clk

Rev. Thomas **Elgar** was invited by our pastor, (after consultation with & advice of the deacons,) to preach upon the first Sabbath evening of the new year Jan. 3rd **1892**. and remain with us through the "week of Prayer." in hope that his earnest plea & manner might arouse the church to new activity, & interest sincere in behalf of their souls salvation. Bro. **Elgar** preached every evening, earnestly. The attendance was very good, but not as large as was anticipated. A good spirit pervaded the meeting, but not sufficient to warrant continuing Bro. **Elgar**'s labors further. Thus closed the meetings of the week, & none to follow the next week except the regular meeting.
E.J. **Crissey** Clk

Jan. 27th, **1892** At a regular prayer meeting, letters of recommendation were received by Mrs. Ida **Jolls** of St. Paul, Minn. & Miss Ira **Urmy** of Selkirk, Canada & they were duly received into membership upon said letters.
E.J. **Crissey**, Clk.
At the same meeting as above, a letter of dismission & recommendation was granted to Mrs. Hattie **Morian**, of Roseberg, Ore. to unite with Baptist Church there.
E.J. **Crissey**, Clk.

Fellowship Meeting & Roll Call, April 2/92

At 2:30 o'clock the Pastor called the meeting to order by announcing a hymn. After singing by choir, Dr. **Palmer** read scriptures and offered prayer.
Anthem by the choir. The pastor then read interesting items from a small pamphlet compiled by Bro. A.Z. **Madison**, relative to the organization of the church in **1808**, also in relation to the first fellowship meetings held in connection with this church. The Clerk then read the membership roll to which 110 responded in person or by letter. 19 absent members responded by letter as follows: Martha E. **Bowdish**, Mrs. Martha C. **Bowdish**, Mrs. Cordelia **Bradford**, Olive **Cook**, Mrs. Harriett A. **DeWitt**, Miss Emily **Daly**, Lucy M. **Ellsworth**, Minnie E. **Eighme**, Thomas **Elgar**, Ida E. **Jolls**, Sara M. **Madison**, Dayton H. **Morgan**, Mrs. Nancy **McClanathan**, Geo. C. **Robertson**, Hannah T. **Roberts**, Mrs. Hannah **Tefft**, Louise M. **Wilcox**.
Obituary report was given by Mrs. Geo. W. **Tate**, the average age of the eight who died during the year being 74 years. Clerk read a resolution at this time which was unanimously received by rising vote:
Resolution.
Resolved That we do hereby express our increased appreciation of our Pastor, as our Annual Fellowship Day rolls around, and do extend to him and his family, our heartfelt sympathy in his affliction*, and do here renew our pledge to stand by him in his labors, for the advancement of the church, and the kingdom of God over the world, and to be co-laborers with him. [Note to side reads: *Referring to death of his little granddaughter Joyce **Richmond**, who was taken away by diphtheria.]
W.T. **Benjamin** Ch. & Society Treas. read his report of finances. This being a new plan, suggested by the pastor, as so many were not present at the church meeting in March, to hear it then. Report of the benevolence of Church was given by E.J. **Crissey** Treasurer. The Total Amt. being $305.05. Report of F.S. **Lyon**, Supt of S.S. was next given followed by an earnest appeal to adult members to attend the Sunday School. Report of Christian Endeavor So. given by Bro. William **Barker**. Report of Clotho Society by Mrs. **Kimbel**. Report of Sunday School Temperance Society was given by J.M. **DeWitt** president of the society. Bro. Geo. **Tate** read the report of the Poor Fund that was in the hands of the late A.Z. **Madison** & the same was received & Bro. **Tate** paid the balance of $11.22 over to the treasurer of the "Poor Fund" E.J. **Crissey**. The audience was then dismissed & invited to the church parlors below where a bountiful supper had been provided & a social time was enjoyed. The committee on pew rental at this time attended to renting of pews.

Received at Communion service by Coll.	42.90
Paid for care of service	6.00
" out upon orders of Deacons	8.00
April 2/92 Bal. in Treasurers hands as per report	28.90
" " Amt paid, from Geo. **Tate**	11.22
Total bal.	40.12

Edward J. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

Special Church Meeting
After a meeting of the Pastor & deacons, held at the Pastor's Study April 26th 8 o'clock p.m. the pastor called a special church meeting Tuesday evening May 3rd, **1892** to consider some important matters relative to the church. Seventeen were present. Pastor in the chair. Opened by prayer, by pastor. He then explained the object of the meeting, viz: to take action upon church matters which were thought not proper to bring before open meeting. We then referred to the

case of Mrs. John **Christy** and after some discussion & explanation of the case, Bro. Geo. **Tate** moved her name be dropped from our roll. Seconded by E.J. **Crissey**. Carried unanimously. The case of Mrs. Sarah J. **Skinner** next taken up. After an explanation of Mrs. **Skinner**'s request &c Dea. **Perrin** moved, seconded by Geo. **Tate**, that she be granted a certificate of membership in good standing , - said certificate to state that she was dismissed at her own request. Carried. The matter of Bro. James **Kibler** not walking with the church was next considered. After some explanations by Bro. **Damon** as to Bro. **Kibler**'s religious views, Mrs. R.E. **Morian** moved that Bro. **Damon** & Dea. **Perrin** be committee to labor with Bro. **Kibler** & if not able to reclaim him, get a definite answer as to what he would wish the church to do with his name. Seconded and carried. Remarks by Bro. **Tate** urging members to careful consideration, & kindness toward members who may be in some degree alienated from church fellowship. Other cases were then considered. Mrs. **Morian** moved – seconded – that inasmuch as Miss Emma **Johnson** who united with the Free Methodist Church had entirely forsaken us as a church, - her name be dropped from the roll. Carried. Mrs. **Morian** moved, seconded by Bro. **Tate**, that Miss Amanda **Johnson**'s name be also dropped from Church roll. Carried. Bro. Geo. **Tate** moved – seconded – that Pastor, Clerk, & Dea. **Perrin** be committee to examine church list & report names of those who have not been heard from for some time, for consideration of the church. Amended by adding to committee the name of Bro. Geo. **Tate**. Adjourned.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clk

At the regular prayer meeting Thursday evening May 19th, **1892** the Pastor presented a letter of recommendation from the Baptist Church at Kane, Pa. recommending to our fellowship, Bro. P.C. **West**. On motion by E.J. **Crissey** seconded by Geo. **Tate**, Bro. **West** was received unanimously.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

At the Covenant Meeting of the church, on Friday evening May 2nd, **1892**, letters were received recommending Geo. L. **Harris**, his wife & daughter, from the Baptist Church at Conneaut O. to the Fredonia Baptist Church. Upon motion of Bro. Geo. **Tate** seconded, they were unanimously received.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clk

On July 9th, **1892** Mrs. Irene C. **Frazine** passed into rest, eternal. She suffered a long sickness and was taken from her home to Stockton, N.Y. where she died, at the residence of her niece, Mrs. **Lamphear**.

[Transcriber's Note: The following entry was written in pencil in handwriting different from E.J. **Crissey**'s.] Enter minutes respecting vote of Trustees on granting money for supply during vacation. Such minutes to be had of G.W. **Beldin**s.

Rev. C.E. **Smith**, our pastor, took his vacation earlier this year, than formerly, beginning the 14th of June & continuing for six consecutive Sabbaths, returning to occupy his pulpit on the last Sabbath of July, both himself & Mrs. **Smith** being very much improved in health by their sojourn in the mountains of eastern New York.

At the regular Covenant meeting, on Aug. 5th, **1892**, on motion of Geo. **Tate**, Mr. Charlie **Slaght** and his wife, Mrs. Nellie **Slaght**, were received upon letters of recommendation from the First Bap. Church of East Otto, N.Y.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting of the church, Aug. 18th, **1892**, the letter of dismission & recommendation presented by Mr. E.R. **Britton** from Corry, Pa. was considered. On motion of E.J. **Crissey** seconded by S.S. **Crissey** Mr. **Britton** was duly received. Also, Mrs. S. Ella **Britton** was, upon motion of E.J. **Crissey** seconded by F.S. **Lyon**, duly received into membership of the church.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clk

At the Thursday evening prayer meeting Aug. 25th, **1892**, - the pastor being absent attending a Young Peoples Baptist Convention, convened at Meadville, Pa., Geo. **Tate** led the meeting. The clerk had prepared the letter to the association, which was at this meeting presented and read, and upon the motion of Bro. **Tate**, was accepted as our letter to the association. The delegates appointed were as follows:
Rev. C.E. **Smith** & Mrs. **Smith**
Prof. F.S. **Lyon** & Mrs. **Lyon**
Mrs. D.L. **Shepard**
Mrs. P.J. **Morris**
Four dollars was raised the following Sabbath for the minutes. E.J. **Crissey**, Ch Clk

Sept. 30th **1892**
At the regular covenant meeting of the church on Friday evening of above date, Mrs. Lucenia A. **Chapman** asked for letter of dismission from our church, to unite with the Baptist Church in Titusville, Pa. On motion of Prof. F.B. **Palmer** seconded by E.J. **Crissey** the letter was granted.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clk

At the regular prayer meeting of the church Oct. 27 **1892** – Mr. Cornell N. **Pfohl** & his wife Mrs. Etta D. **Pfohl**, presented themselves to the church as candidates for baptism. They came from Bradford to join us as there was a dissension in the Baptist church there, and they preferred the Baptist faith to any other. The matter of the propriety of our church receiving them was taken up by the pastor & deacons, at one of their meetings previously held & was thought a proper thing to do under the circumstances. Upon relating their experience, motion was made by Dea. **Morgan**, seconded that they be received, Carried unanimously. Immediately after the close of meeting, the audience repared to the audience room & the ordinance of baptism was administered to Mr. & Mrs. **Pfohl**.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clk

At the regular prayer meeting held Thursday evening Nov. 24th, **1892**, Miss Ernestine **Urmy** was received by letter, from the Baptist church at Selkirk, Canada, in fellowship with us. (Clerk was absent) Reported by Pastor.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clk

Dec. 24/92 the clerk sent to J.G. **Snelling** Treasurer of Home Missions, at new York $112 34/100 less cost of draft 20 cents, viz: $112 14/100 & received receipt for same, the amount being the same raised by the church as her Annual contribution to Home Missions.
E.J. **Crissey** Clk

Sabbath morning, Dec 18th **1892** the Pastor asked church members to remain a few moments after the service, to consider the matter of observing the week of prayer & other matters connected with it. After presentation of the matter by the pastor, it was voted unanimously to observe the week of prayer, also to observe Wednesday of that week as a special day of prayer for missions. Also voted that the church make the week one of self denial & that at the end of the week or the last meeting of the week we bring our offering to the meeting.
E.J. **Crissey** Clk

At the regular covenant meeting of the church the pastor presented letter from Mrs. Lucy M. **Ellsworth**, now of Montvale, N.Y. asking for a letter of dismission & recommendation to the Baptist Church at Nanuet, N.Y. this being the nearest one to her. On motion by Bro. Geo. **Tate** seconded, her request was granted.
Feby 3rd **1893** E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

At the regular Covenant meeting Mch 3d/93, Mrs. Ann M. **Gibbs**, was received by letter from the First Baptist Church of Corry, Pa. Motion by Bro. J.N. **Hardenberg**, seconded by S.S. **Crissey**.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

Fellowship Day.
April 1st, **1893** was observed as Fellowship Day. Meeting opened at 2:45 p.m. by the Pastor. Singing by choir, Hymn 849n Scripture reading – 92nd Psalm. Prayer by the Pastor. Singing by choir – Hymn 850. Pastor then read a letter from Corry, Pa. Baptist Church, recommending to our fellowship Bro. Gersham **Gibbs**, who was duly & unanimously received. The Roll was then called by the Clerk to which about 103 responded by word or by letter. Quite a number came in afterward who did not have an opportunity to hear roll call. Total number of members 277. Letters were received & read from Sisters Olive **Cook**, Mrs. Hortense H. **Crosby**, Lizzie A. **Lyon**, Mrs. Nancy **McClanathan**, Mrs. Elisabeth **Gates**, Mrs. Rachel **Morian** (who is sick), & Miss Sara **Madison**: Brethren Rev. Thos. **Elgar** & Raymond B. **Lewis**, Miss Sara **Madison** in her letter, very kindly offered to pay the deficit in year's expenses (amounting to about $75) in appreciation of the kindly feeling the church held toward her father, & her love for the church. The pastor asked if any would like to speak, to which several responded to his invitation. Clerk then read report of deaths of members during the year. Dea. Henry A. **Buck**, Mrs. Miriam **Green**, Mrs. Roxy M. **Morgan**, Mrs. Charlotte **Porter**, Miss Emily **Daily**, Mrs. Irene C. **Frazine**, Erial T. **Willard**, Mrs. Annie A. **Reed**. Bro. **Tate** made report of plan for Pew Renting – raising subscription for church expenses. Collection was taken to defray expenses of printing Fellowship Day invitations, amounting to about $6.25, Pastor announced Committees for ensuing year as follows:
Festivals –
Mr. C.E. **Smith** Gen. Treasurer
Miss Elnora **Tate** & Adina **Tate** – Strawberry

Mrs. H.W. **Thompson**, Mrs. Hattie **Allen** – Oyster
Mrs. Marsena **Munger**, Mrs. Henry **Morrison** – Sugar
Mrs. Lucy **Crissey**, Mrs. Addie **Morian** – Fellowship.
Com. Foreign Missions:
Mrs. Geo. **Tate,**
Mrs. Alex. **Morian,**
Mrs. E.R. **Britton,**
Mrs. Albert **Grant,**
Mrs. Philander **Barber,**
Com. Home Missions:
Mrs. Geo. W. **Blood**
Mrs. **Goddard**
Mrs. Erskine **Webster**
Miss Emily E. **Starr**
Miss Selina **Mayborn**
Flower Committee:
April – Miss Hattie **Blood**
May – Miss Nellie **Collis**
June – Miss Marion **Scott**
July – Miss Julia **Harris**
August – Mrs. Jennie **Cobb**
Septem. – Miss Anna **Powell**
October – Miss Mary S. **Morgan**
November – Miss Lizzie A. **Lyon**
December – Miss Nettie **Cowden**
January – Mrs. Grace **Richmond**
Feby – Miss Nellie **Palmer**
March – Mrs. Lottie **Colburn**
Report read by Clerk of Poor Fund for year ending Apr 1/93 as follows –
Amt in Treas. Apr 2/92 $40.12
Amt collections for year ending Apr 1/93 34.84
Total $74.96
Paid for care of Com. service $6.00
Paid upon order of deacons $15.00
bal. in Treasury $53.96
Report of Benevolence given by clerk for year ending Apr 1/93 was as follows:
Foreign Missions:
Annual Collection by Church 195.52
Women's For. Mission Society 35.70
Telugu Famine Sufferers 36.00
Sunday School Collections 12.00= $279.22
Home Missions:
Amount Collection by Church $112.34
Women's Home Mission Society 54.56
Selina University (Y.P.S.C.E.) 16.00 = $182.90
Ministerial Education 44.55

Am. Bap. Pub. Society 19.50
Ministers Home 31.61
Total for benevolence 557.78
Report for Sunday School made by the superintendent, Prof. **Lyon**, who spoke earnestly about how few boys attend the Sunday School, & consequently correspondingly few young men in the church, & urged that an effort be made to bring them in. Report of Christian Endeavor made by Miss **Harris**. Singing Hymn, after which all repaired to basement where a most excellent & bountiful supper had been prepared, & all partook of with thankful & joyous hearts.
Edward J. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

Revival Services
The pastors of the Methodist, Presbyterian & Baptist churches, united in asking Rev. E.E. **Davidson**, the Evangelist, to come & hold a series of revival meetings with the three churches. He came & began his labors in the M.E. Church on Sunday morning April 9th **1893** continuing one week in that church: - the second week in the Baptist Church & the third week in the Presbyterian Church. These meetings proved very interesting & beneficial, large accessions being made to the three churches. Rev. **Davidson**'s labors proved very acceptable to all. He exhibited a very quiet, kind & teachable spirit & great pursuasive [sic] powers. He went from this field of labor carying [sic] with him the love & esteem of a large portion of the community.
Edward J. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

At the regular prayer conference meeting held May 11th almost the entire meeting was devoted to listening to the experiences of new converts who wished to unite with the church by immersion. The following were received as candidates for baptism upon relating their experience – most unanimously – Miss Emma **Harvey**, Miss Frances **Topliff**, Miss Clara **Britton**, Miss Jessie **Lewis**, Miss Maud **Southwick**, Miss Jessie **Morian**, Miss Ruth **Perrin**, Miss Mabel **Jenks**, Miss Mabel **Slaght**, Mr. Byron **Clark**, Mr. Geo. **Britton**, Mr. Israel **Raymond**, Mr. Bert **Munger**, Mr. O.W. **Fargo**, Mr. Dwight H. **Huff**, Mr. Lewis **Aldrich**, Master Clare **Morris**.

On Sunday evening May 14th **t**he following received the ordinance of baptism, ten in number: Emma **Harvey**, Frances **Topliff**, Clara **Britton**, George **Britton**, Jessie **Lewis**, Maud **Southwick**, Jessie **Morian**, Ruth **Perrin**, Mabel **Jenks**, and Clare **Morris**.
E.J. **Crissey** Clerk

May 18th, at the regular prayer meeting the Pastor read a letter from the Sinclairville Church, recommending to our watchcare & fellowship, Miss Jennie **Rich**, who was unanimously received. At the same meeting the experiences of the following persons, were related & they were unanimously received as candidates for baptism & membership into the church. Will **Adkins**, Frank **Moran**, Lucius **Cole**, Miss Grace E. **Wood**, Miss Lottie **Foote**.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

On Sunday evening May 21st twelve received the ordinance of baptism at the hands of the pastor, Rev. C.E. **Smith**, as follows: Byron S. **Clark**, Israel **Raymond**, Bert **Munger**, O. Webster **Fargo**, Dwight H. **Huff**, Lewis **Aldrich**, Will **Adkins**, Frank **Moran**, Edward **Moran**, Misses Mabel **Slaght**, Grace E. **Wood**, & Lottie **Foote**.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

At the regular prayer meeting May 25, letters of recommendation were read as follows, from the Perrysburg Bap. Ch. of Gowanda N.Y. recommending Mrs. D.H. **Huff.** She was unanimously received; from the Stockton Bap. Ch recommending Mrs. Harriett E. **Fargo**, also from same ch. recommending Mrs. Florence **Raymond**, both being received unanimously.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

At the covenant meeting held June 1, **1893**, Mr. Emmons **Ellsworth** related his Christian experience and was unanimously received as candidate for baptism & membership into the church.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

On the morning of June 8th, about 7 oclock the spirit of our dear brother, Arnold **Kingsbury**, passed from its tenement of clay to be forever with the Lord. He had been in failing health for several years, suffering occasionly [sic] with severe spells of sicknesses. His last sickness was of about a week & one half duration, in which he suffered a great deal. He died as he had lived, trusting in his Redeemer. We miss his kindly greeting, - we miss his Christian counsel.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clk

Tuesday evening June 20, the pastor called the Advisory Committee together to consider matters of importance connected with the Sunday School, and also nominate officers for the S.S., to be voted for at some future time, by the church & school. The pastor as chairman called for a statement of the matter of the funeral expenses of our Bro. **Kingsbury**, which had been thought advisable, by the deacons, for the church to assume. The clerk stated the matter & upon motion of Bro. **Tate** they voted to so do, to the amount of sixty five ($65.) dollars, (the undertakers bill,) Brethren E.J. **Crissey**, George **Tate** & Horace P. **Perrin** were appointed a committee to raise as much of this amount as possible by subscription & the balance to be taken from the Poor Fund of church. Then proceeded to discussion of Sunday School matters. After considerable talk of matters in general & particular, the following nominations were made for S.S. officers: E.J. **Crissey**, Superintendent, H.P. **Perrin** Asst. Supt., Miss Sarah L. **Stevens**, Sec & Treasurer, Miss Mary J. **Morgan**, Librarian; Miss Ella I. **Davis**, Chorister, she to choose her own organist, Superintendent of Inf. Dept. Mrs. F.B. **Palmer**.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clk

Sunday morning June 18. Pastor called the church together, after morning service, to hear the experience of Miss Bertha **Martin** who wished to be baptized. She gave good evidence of her conversion to Christ and was unanimously received as candidate for baptism & ch membership. In the evening the ordinance of baptism was administered to Lucius **Cole** who related his experience one month before & was received, also Emmons **Ellsworth** rec'd June 1st, and Miss Bertha **Martin**, June 18. The right hand of fellowship was given to the foregoing candidates, received, to the larger part at communion service June 8th and to the others July 2nd.
E.J. **Crissey** Clerk

At the regular covenant meeting of the church June 29, after usual exercises, Pastor referred to election of S.S. officers & asked all to stay to the election. Those officers as nominated by "Advisory Committee" were then elected.

E.J. **Crissey** Clerk

At the regular prayer meeting July 6, **1893**, Miss Matie **Sackett**, Miss Minnie **Sackett**, Miss Nettie **Cowden**, & Miss Nellie **Collis**, related their Christian experience and each was unanimously received as candidate for baptism & church membership. Each gave a very clear experience. Letters were also received from the Springfield Ohio Church recommending Rev. G.O. **King** & wife to our watchcare & fellowship. They were unanimously received into membership with us.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

On Sunday evening the 9th of July the above candidates referred to, viz: Miss Matie **Sackett**, Miss Minnie **Sackett**, Miss Nettie **Cowden** and Miss Nellie **Collis**, were baptized by pastor Rev. C.E. **Smith**.
The Tuesday following July 11th the Pastor took his annual vacation, to be about six weeks, going in to the mountains near Williamsport, Pa. The first Sunday after his absence July 16th there was no service in church except S.S. & Y.P.S.C.E. meeting. It is expected there will be service, each Sabbath thereafter during the pastors absence.
E.J. **Crissey** Clk

At the regular prayer meeting July 13th Prof. F.S. **Lyon** leader, at the request of Mrs. Melea M. **Meahen**, now of Dunkirk, a letter of dismission from this church & recommendation to unite with Dk church, was granted her.
E.J. **Crissey** Clk

At the prayer meeting July 20th **1893** Rev. G.O. **King** officiating, letters were granted (upon motion of D.H. **Morgan**, seconded by S.S. **Crissey**,) to Mr. & Mrs. E.J. **Willard** to unite with the South Baptist Church of Belvidere Ill.
E.J. **Crissey** Clk

At the regular prayer meeting Aug 10th a request was made by Mrs. Clara **Elliott** for letter of dismission from this church to unite with the Bap. Church at Dunkirk. On motion, seconded, her request was granted.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clk

Pastor returned from his six weeks vacation Aug. 26th, **1893** and preached on the 27th Sunday, to a good sized congregation. The church letter prepared by the clerk was read before the church. The members being called together after sermon to hear the letter & receive or reject it. The letter was read and adopted as the church's letter to the Chautauqua Ass'n to be held at Ripley Aug. 29th, 30th and 31st **1893.** Delegates were also elected to the Ass'n as follows: Rev. C.E. **Smith** & wife, Dr. F.B. **Palmer** & wife, Rev. G.O. **King**, Brethren Bert **Moran** and George **Morgan**. At the prayer meeting following the meeting of the Association, Pastor spoke of the excellent meeting at Ripley, hoping its influence might be wide extended.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clk

The Baptist Church of Ellery, sent a requeste, dated Oct. 5th **1893** asking the Fredonia Baptist Church to send its Pastor and one delegate to sit in council with them Oct 24, **1893** for the

purpose of ordaining their pastor, Bro. James L. **Chase**, to the ministry. The matter was presented by Bro. **Smith** at the prayer meeting Oct. 12, **1893** & upon motion the pastor & Rev. G.O. **King** were appointed as delegates with power of substitution.
E.J. **Crissey** Clk

At the regular Covenant meeting Nov. 3/93 Mrs. S.S. **Godard** and Miss Anna B. **Nourse** were duly received into membership of our church, by letter from the Mayville Baptist Church.
E.J. **Crissey** Clerk

At a regular prayer meeting Feby 22 **1894** the letters of Mrs. Emma **Powell**, from Canada, & Mrs. Mary A. **Jenks** from Cherry Creek, were received and they became members with us.
E.J. **Crissey**, Clerk

On Thursday morning Mch 8, **1894**. Mrs. Eliza Ann **Gates**, who has for several years been residing with Mr. R.B. **Day**, died, after a long period of sickness. Aged 84 years.
On Mch 1st **1894** Mrs. Nancy **McClanathan** after long period of sickness, died, in full faith, aged 83 years.
On Jany 1st, Mrs. Jerusha **White** died, at the residence of her daughter Mrs. L.T. **Parker** – Aged 93 years.

On Saturday the 31st day of March **1894**, the Church observed their "Annual Fellowship" day and came together upon invitation of Pastor, at the church. Pastor Rev. Chas. E. **Smith** called the meeting to order by announcing Organ Voluntary. Anthem by the choir. Scripture reading by Dr. F.B. **Palmer**. Duet by Mr. **Harris** & daughter. Prayer by Rev. G.O. **King**. Roll call by the Clerk. Letters from absent members. Report of deaths by Clerk. Report of Finance by Geo. **Tate**. Report of Church benevolence by Clerk. Appointments of committees by Pastor.
Flower Com: - For Apr Clara **Britton**; May, Mabel **Jenks**, June; Mrs. Anna **Hall**, July; Mabel **Slaght**, August; Cora **Wright**, September; Ruth **Perrin**, October; Blanche **Wood**, November; Ida **Urmy**, December; Miss Jennie **Bond**, January; Ada F. **Tate**, Feby, Jessie **Lewis**, March, Frankie **Topliff**.
A collection was taken to defray expenses of meeting. Amt $7.02.
Solo by Miss Julia **Harris**
Report of Poor Fund.
" " Y.P.S.C. Endeavor by president Mrs. **Nourse**.
" " Junior Endeavor by Conductor Miss **Blood**
" " "Will & Way" society by Mrs. Dr. **Palmer**
Rev. E.E. **Davidson** (conducting series of meetings in Westfield) came in & Pastor asked him to make a few remarks, which he did. The doxology was then sung and all adjourned to parlors below where a bountiful repast was awaiting, & a social time was enjoyed by a large number. This closed one of the pleasantest and most profitable Annual gatherings we have had. There were during the year six deaths in the church, - the youngest 69 years old, and the oldest 93 years. The average age being 81 2/3 years.
Report of Poor Fund
Amt in treasury Apr 1st, **1893** $53.96
" raised by Coll. to Apr 1st, **1894** 36.92
" " " special subscriptions 27.00 = $117.88.

Amt paid for supplies & care Com'n. service $6.13
" " upon order of Deacons 79.47 = $85.60
Balance in treasury $32.28
Foreign Mission Committee appointed for year.
Mrs. R.E. **Morian**, Mrs. S.S. **Crissey**, Mrs. C.E. **Smith**, Mrs. Harriet **Daniel**, Miss Ella **Davis**
Home Mission Committee:
Mrs. Eugenia **Morris**, Mrs. Harriet **Lyon**, Mrs. Hiram **Morgan**, Mrs. Addie **Morian**, Mrs. Anna **Hall**.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

At the regular prayer meeting April 5 **1894**, a request from Mrs. Jessie **Culver** of Silver Creek, was received & presented asking for letter of dismission & recommendation to unite with Baptist Church at Silver Creek. Voted that such a letter be granted & chh sent her a letter. Mrs. M.D. **Playter** also made request for a letter to unite with the M.E. Church in Fredonia. A certificate of membership was granted her on motion of Mrs. **Morian** & seconded by clerk.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

May 17th at the regular prayer meeting Mrs. **West** & Mrs. **Wingblad** related their experience with wish to join the church by baptism. They were then unanimously received as candidates for baptism & membership in church.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

May 24th, at the regular prayer meeting Mr. Emil L. **Wingblad** was received upon letter from Baptist Church in Skidevi, Sweeden [sic]. His wife joining by baptism later.

May 27, Sunday evening, after the sermon, the ordinance of baptism was administered to Mrs. **Wingblad** & Mrs. **West**.

May 31st at the regular prayer meeting upon request of Mrs. D.W. **Little**, nee **Skillman**, for a certificate of membership to join the congregational church at Appleton, Minn, upon motion of George **Tate** the pastor was instructed to write her a certificate of membership.

At the same time the application of Mrs. Mary **Amell** by letter from Titusville, Pa. to unite with us was unanimously received.
E.J. **Crissey** Clerk

At the regular prayer meeting held Sept. 6th, **1894** letters of dismission were granted to Mrs. Louise M. **Bozorski** to unite with the Monroeville Baptist Church of Monroeville, O. Also to Miss Maud **Southwick** to unite with the Dunkirk Baptist Church.
E.J. **Crissey** Clerk

On Thursday evening, Nov. 15th, **1894**, at the regular prayer & conference meeting Miss Sula M. **Douglas** related her Christian experience, in a clear & straightforward manner, and was unanimously received as candidate for baptism & church membership.
On Sabbath evening following, Nov 18th she was baptized by the pastor, Rev. Chas. E. **Smith**.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

At the conclusion of the Thursday evening prayer meeting, Nov. 22nd **1894** the pastor asked the members of the church to remain, when he presented the case of Emily A. **Frazine** who had been accused of conduct unbecoming a Christian, At a deacons meeting, at the pastors, some time ago, a committee was appointed, consisting of Mrs. **Morian** & Mrs. **Tate** to visit Miss Emily **Frazine** and ascertain her feelings toward the church, and her wishes as to the disposition of her case before the church. They reported their interview, which was to the effect that they were coldly received and not even asked inside the screen door and that she answered some of their questions, & others she refused to answer, and expressed herself as desirous that the church should take her name from the roll and that she should never step inside the church again. Upon motion of E.J. **Crissey**, seconded by D.H. **Morgan**, the church voted unanimously to withdraw the hand of "Fellowship" from Miss Emily A. **Frazine**. The Clerk wrote a letter to notify her of action taken by the church.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

On Tuesday Nov. 27th, **1894** Miss Tabitha **Eddy**, who for several years has resided with her niece, Miss Belle **Stewart**, passed from this life into the presence of the Savior, fully trusting in his promises. She was advanced in age (87 years) and on account of infirmities of old age had not attended church for several years, but trusted in her Jesus.
E.J. **Crissey**, clk

At the covenant meeting of the church on Friday evening Nov. 30, **1894**, the matter of Mrs. E.F. **Warren**'s request for a letter of dismission from this church to unite where she resides, Beaver Dam, Wis., now considered. It was expressed, that before a letter was granted to her, some of the charges or reports that were told about her, had better be cleared up, or explained. Bro. S.S. **Crissey** moved a committee of three be appointed to examine into the charges and report to the church. The pastor was instructed in motion to appoint such committee. It was suggested the committee consist of more than three & this was embodied in motion. This motion was unanimously carried. Pastor appointed brethren H.P. **Perrin**, S.S. **Crissey**, G.O. **King**; sisters Caroline **Jones** & Mrs. Rufus **Haywood**.

December 20th, **1894**, at the regular prayer meeting a request was presented by the Pastor, from Mrs. Ida **Urmy Meahem**, asking for a letter of dismission & recommendation, to unite with the Baptist Church at Dunkirk. On motion, seconded, the requested was voted.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clk

At the regular Monday evening meeting of the "week of prayer" Jany. 14th, Mrs. Anna **Binisan**(?) **Martin**, wife of Charles **Martin**, brought her letter of dismission from the First Baptist Church of Rockford, Ill. and presented it for admission to church, and was unanimously received.
E.J. **Crissey**, Clk

At the Thursday evening meeting Jan 17th Mr. Albert **Smith** was received upon his experience as related before the church; he having been baptized at the Christian Chapel, about two years previous.
E.J. **Crissey** Clerk

At the Thursday evening Covenant meeting Jan. 31st, the Committee appointed to examine into the reports concerning the character of Mrs. E.F. **Warren**, made their report as follows:
Fredonia N.Y. Jan. 30th, **1895** To the First Baptist Church.
Dear Brethren:
The committee to which was referred the request of Mrs. E.F. **Warren** by a letter from this church to the Baptist Church in Beaver Dam, Wis., have given the subject very careful consideration. They have heard many things concerning sister **Warren** that, if true, are inconsistent with Christian character, but have not been able to find sufficient testimony such as would meet the requirements of evidence, to warrant them in preferring charges against her. The committee therefore feel compelled to recommend that in accordance with her request, a letter be granted. Unanimously adopted at a full meeting of the committee.
H.P. **Perrin**, chairman
The foregoing report of the Committee, was adopted by the church, at aforesaid meeting, thereby entitling Mrs. **Warren** to a letter of dismission & recommendation which has been duly forwarded to Mrs. **Warren** at Beaver Dam, Wis.
E.J. **Crissey**, clerk

Sabbath morning, Feb'y 17th, **1895**, the pastor presented a "Petition, to the Legislature of the State of New York in the Senate assembled, for strengthening amendments to the existing Statutes which require in the public schools, the study of the laws of Hygiene, including those concerning the use of alcoholic drinks and other narcotics." This petition had been previously presented to the Women's C.T.U. – the Presbyterian Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, and sanctioned by them & signed by the Pastor & clerks of each. Pastor **Smith** presented it before his congregation & it was by vote unanimously adopted, & signed by Pastor & ch. Clerk.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

At the weekly prayer meeting following the foregoing Sabbath, a vote was taken and Two ($2.00) Dollars, was voted from the poor fund to assist in forwarding the above work relating to the petition.

Feb'y 26th a telegram was received at Fredonia, by Mr. **Jolls**, announcing the death of sister Ida **Jolls**, who died at the asylum for insane, where she had been sent for treatment. Her funeral was held at Baptist Church Mch 1, **1895**.

At the covenant meeting Feb'y 28 a letter of dismission was granted to Miss Anna **Wheelock** to unite with the First Baptist Church in Cory, Pa.

At the prayer meeting held March 7/95, the matter of giving the amount of the collection for Ministerial Education to Bro. W.B. **Barker** now preparing for the ministry at "Colgate University" was presented by the pastor, and it was so voted, to give him this collection. On Sunday Mch 10th, the collection was taken amounting to about Forty three ($43.00) Dollars.
E.J. **Crissey** Church Clerk

At the regular prayer meeting on Thursday evening March 21st a letter was presented from the Baptist Church at Northeast, Pa., requesting that delegates be sent to sit in council on Mch 26th at

2 p.m. to try and adjust some existing troubles in that church. The pastor, Rev. Chas. E. **Smith**, Dr. F.B. **Palmer** and Rev. G.O. **King**, were appointed as such delegates, & clerk gave them credentials.
E.J. **Crissey**, Ch Clerk

April 4th, **1895**, at the covenant meeting of the church, pastor presented a letter from the Harmony Baptist Church, Panama N.Y. recommending for membership with us Mrs. Agnes **Eddy**, who was unanimously received.
E.J. **Crissey**, Clerk

Fellowship Meeting April 6th, **1895**
Assembled at 2:30 p.m. Pastor opened the meeting by announcing hymn 832. Scripture reading by Rev. G.O. **King**. Prayer by Dr. F.B. **Palmer**. Anthem by choir. Remarks of welcome by pastor. Calling of Roll of Membership. Pastor read letters from absent members. The following responded by letter, to the pastor's cards of invitation: Alice H. **Albro**, Dora R. **Barker**, Olive **Cook**, Mrs. Hortense H. **Crosby**, Mrs. Harriet **Daniels**, Mrs. Louisa M. **Edmunds**, Rev. Thos. **Elgar**, Geo. H. **Hollister**, Raymond B. **Lewis**, Mrs. Frances E. **Haywood**. News was brought of the death of sister Mary A. **Wright** by Mrs. Bert **Belden**. Mrs. **Wright**'s funeral was to be held this Saturday at Buffalo. Report of Deaths was given by clerk as follows: Miss Tabitha **Eddy**, Mrs. Mary E. **Wright**, Mrs. Martha **Bowdish**, Mrs. Evangeline R. **Adams**, Mrs. Ida E. **Jolls**, Mrs. Mary A. **Wright**. Bro. George **Tate** made report of the financial condition of society & church. Appointment of committees by the pastor as follows.
Com. for next Fellowship Day.
Mrs. F.S. **Lyon**
Mrs. George W. **Belden**
General Treas. Of Festivals
Mrs. W.T. **Benjamin**
Strawberry Festival Com.
Mrs. Hiram **Morgan**
Mrs. Anna B. **Martin**
Harvest Festival Com.
Mrs. Dayton H. **Morgan**
Miss Elizabeth A. **Lyon**
Oyster Supper Com.
Mrs. Hattie **Skidmore**
Mrs. Preston **Cato**
Sugar Festival Com.
Mrs. Darwin L. **Shepard**
Mrs. Eugenia **Morris**
Chairman of Sections
Sec. A. & B. Mrs. Hattie E. **Allen**
" C. " Mary **Coddington**
" D.E.F.&G. " Harriet **Daniel**
" H.I.J.K.&L. " Hattie **Jewett**
" M. " Ellen **Munger**
" N.O.P.R. " Miss Anna **Powell**

" S to W " Mrs. Helen **Sloan**
Foreign Mission Com.
Mrs. R.E. **Morian**
" S.S. **Crissey**
" L.L. **Goddard**
" Grace S. **Richmond**
" C.E. **Smith**
Home Mission Com.
Mrs. F.B. **Palmer**
Miss Nellie **Palmer**
Mrs. Anna **Martin**
Mrs. Elizabeth **Barker**
Miss Sarah **Bond**
A collection to defray expenses was taken up amounting to $5.50/100. Report of the C.E. Society was given by Miss Lena **Potter**. Closed by singing hymn 779. Benediction by Pastor. After benediction, the church adjourned to parlors of church, where a bountiful supper was served, and a social time enjoyed. The whole exercises were interesting and one of the most successful anniversaries was thus closed.
E.J. **Crissey** Clerk

At the regular covenant meeting on May 2nd, **1895** the following related their Christian experience and were received as candidates for membership & baptism: Eleanor **Crissey** & Sarah **Powell**.
At the prayer meeting on Thursday eve May 9 Lola **Slaght** related her Christian experience & was received as candidate for membership & baptism.
Sabbath morning May 12 after sermon Joseph **Rogers** gave his Christian experience & was received as candidate for baptism & church membership. In the evening the ordinance of baptism was administered to the four candidates, above mentioned. A very beautiful and impressive service.

The pastor announced his intention of taking a vacation the next two Sabbaths but service would be held each Sabbath.
E.J. **Crissey** Clerk

Rev. G.O. **King** occupied the pulpit two Sabbaths, during pastor's absence to Toronto, Canada.

June 20th at the regular prayer meeting request for letters of dismission were rec'd & granted to Mrs. Mary **Correll** and Mrs. Eliza **Brownell**.
E.J. **Crissey** Clerk

At the regular covenant meeting Aug. 29, **1895**, the letters of recommendation &c of Mr. **Darwin** & Mrs. **Darwin** of the Cherry Creek church were received & voted upon. They were unanimously rec'd.
E.J. **Crissey**, Clerk

At the covenant meeting Oct. 3rd, **1895**, Miss Carrie **Griffin** was received by letter from the First Baptist Church of Northeast, Pa. Also, Mr. Wm. E. **Kaiser** was received upon the relating of his experience, having formerly been member of a Baptist Church, but for two or three years past has been out of fellowship with the church.
E.J. **Crissey** Clerk

At the prayer meeting Oct. 10th, **1895** a letter of recommendation was presented by Miss Edith **Chase**, from North East, Pa asking for membership with us, which was granted unanimously.
E.J. **Crissey** clerk

The regular prayer meeting, Nov. 21st, **1895**, was varied from the usual course, by the pastor, immediately after the usual opening services, calling upon Mr. Edward M. **Hayhurst** to relate his experience with a view to being received by the church into membership. Also Mrs. Ella **Hayhurst** related her experience and desired to be received into membership. Both having been members of Baptist churches years before, but as Mr. H. expressed it, "Had been wanderers for several years and not permitted to have a home with any ch." they were unanimously received into membership. Paul **Hayhurst** & Marian **Hayhurst**, their children, both related their experience and asked to be received as candidates for baptism & membership. Both were most unanimously received by the church.
E.J. **Crissey** ch clerk

Nov. 21st, **1895**.
Pastor read a letter from Bro. Thos. **Elgar** asking that the church ask for a council to be called to examine Bro. **Elgar** for ordination to the ministry. Church asked to call such council & appointed as delegates Pastor, Rev. G.O. **King** & the church clk. Unanimously carried. Time for ordination appointed Dec. 2nd, **1895**. Owing to the numerous lectures, & teachers Institute which had been appointed for the first week in December, the ordination services were postponed until the 17th of Dec at 1.30 p.m.
E.J. **Crissey**, Clerk

At the prayer meeting Dec. 12th a request was presented from Mrs. May **McGowan** of Warren, Pa. asking for a certificate of membership to unite with the Episcopal church of that place. On motion & seconded, it was granted, & clerk instructed to send such certificate.
E.J. **Crissey** Clerk

At the prayer meeting Dec 19th, **1895** Mrs. W.T. **Potter** was unanimously received by letter, from the Mayville Baptist Church.
E.J. **Crissey** clerk

Jan 2nd, **1896** Miss Maud **Farrington** and her sister Blanche **Farrington** were received by letter from the West Portland Church.
E.J. **Crissey** clerk

On Dec. 17th, **1895** according to the call of the Fredonia Baptist Church, for a Council to ordain Bro. Thomas **Elgar**; said Council met at the Baptist Church at 2.20 p.m. for the examination of candidate & ordination service. Bro. **Elgar** passed a very satisfactory examination, and in the

evening was held the ordination service. For a short time previous to the ordination, Bro. **Elgar** had been holding meetings in Syracuse & came here directly from that place. The next day he left Fredonia for his home at Williams Bridge, Westchester Co. N.Y. Bro. **Elgar** thinks the Lord has indicated to him that he should become a settled pastor, and asked for ordination, with that in view. See copy of "Ordination Minutes" on file with papers.
E.J. **Crissey**, clerk

Feb'y 24, **1896**. Beginning with this date was held for two & one half weeks, a series of revival meetings, closing Thursday evening Mch 12. The pastor being in poor health, brother G.O. **King** kindly consented to take the charge of meetings & preach each evening. Meetings were omitted on Saturday evenings. An excellent spirit prevailed from the first and several feel that they have been hopefully converted.
The 6th of March, at the evening meeting, Chas. O. **Mason** related his experience and made application for membership with the church. He was unanimously received as candidate for baptism & member: At the same meeting a letter was presented from the Mount Oliver Baptist Church of Denver, Col. recommending Mrs. Catherine **Cornell** to our fellowship. She was unanimously received.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch. Clk.

On Sunday evening Mch 22nd, **1896** the following persons were baptized: all but Mr. **Mason**, having been received as candidates for baptism & membership at the Thursday evening meeting previous: those baptized were Miss Bertha A. **Koch**, Chas. O. **Mason**, George W. **Blood**, Jr. and William D. **Collier**.

At the Thursday evening meeting the matter of disposition of the collection for Ministerial Education to be taken Sunday morning Mch 20th was voted upon & decided to give it to Bro. Wm. W. **Barker**.

At the Thursday evening meeting Mch 26th, **1896** Florence A. **Sackett**, Watie E. **Shaw** and Flora E. **Davis** related their Christian experiences and were received as candidates for baptism & membership in the church.
E.J. **Crissey** Clerk

On Sunday evening Mch 29, **1896**, the three above named candidates were baptized by pastor **Smith**. A very beautiful and impressive service.
E.J. **Crissey** Clerk

Thursday evening April 2nd, **1896**, Mr. Bert **Belden** & Mr. Bennie **Belden** related their Christian experience and were received as candidates for baptism & church membership.

Sunday evening April 18th Bert **Belden** and Bennie **Belden** were baptized, both standing in the water during the baptismal service.

Pastor took a two weeks vacation beginning April 12 – returning to occupy pulpit May 23rd.

July 2nd, **1896** Mrs. Lucenia **Chapman** was received by letter, from the Titusville Baptist Church.
E.J. **Crissey** Clerk

Mrs. Augusta **Barmore** died at the home of her sister Mrs. John **Miller** in Fredonia. She was a patient sufferer for a number of years, was not able to get to church, but her faith was strong & she loved the church. She died May 27th **1896** Aged 67.

Miss Mary **Draper** died July 31st, **1896**, after a long sickness, pronounced consumption of blood & nerves. She had not attended church for a number of years.

Mrs. Laura **Wiggins** died at the residence of her son in law W.J. **Gibbs**, having suffered for a long period, with cancers. She passed away Aug 21st, **1896** – in full faith.

Thursday evening Oct. 15 the people who attended the prayer meeting were treated to a surprise after the service. Mrs. R.E. **Morian** asked for a few minutes to make some remarks. She said that while she had not been present very much lately, she had not been asleep but had been at work for the church, as subsequent statements proved. She then proceed [sic] in a very happy manner, to present to the church, through its board of Trustees, the new veranda recently added to the parsonage, and which the following ladies had paid for in full, & now took great pleasure in presenting to the church. The names of those who erected the veranda were then read, Mrs. Elizabeth **Haywood**, Mrs. Frances **Haywood**, Mrs. Betsey **Davis**, Mrs. Louisa M. **Edmunds**, Mrs. Rachel E. **Morian**, Mrs. Almira **Belden**, Mrs. Sophronia **Webster**.
In Memoriam.
Mrs. Eliza Ann **Gates** – by her daughter Mrs. R.B. **Day**
Mrs. Mary E. **Wright** – by her daughter Cora **Wright**
Mrs. Cordelia **Stanley** – by her daughter Mrs. Mary **Coddington**
Motion made & carried that the church accept the gift of the ladies, so generously made, & that the Clerk be instructed to enter this record on the Church books.
E.J. **Crissey** Clerk

Letters of dismission & recommendation were asked for, by Miss Bertha **Koch** to unite with the 1st Baptist Church of Bradford, Pa., and by Mrs. Matie S. **Mason** to unite with the Calvery Baptist Church of Washington, D.C. Letters were granted to both applicants.
E.J. **Crissey** Clerk

Letters of recommendation, with desire to unite with the church, were presented to the church at the regular covenant meeting, on Thursday evening Dec 3rd, **1896** by Miss Nellie L. **Chadsey** & Jennie A. **Chadsey** from Silver Creek, and Mr. Jason **Dikeman** from Spencer N.Y. They were unanimously received into membership. Bro. Geo. **Tate** lead the meeting as the pastor was sick.
E.J. **Crissey** Clerk

Letters of dismission and recommendation to unite with the Corry, Pa church, were requested and granted at the regular covenant meeting Dec. 31st, **1896** to Mr. Walter **Dorwin** and Mrs. Mary **Dorwin**.
E.J. **Crissey** Clerk

At the communion service on Sabbath, Jan'y 3rd the pastor presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the First Baptist Church of Findleys Lake, N.Y. commending to our fellowship sister Maria **Bronson**, who was unanimously received and accorded the hand of fellowship together with brother Jason **Dikeman** who was received Dec 3/96.
E.J. **Crissey** Clerk

Feb 5th, **1897** Mrs. Jessica **Allnatt** died at her residence on Webster St., aged nearly 68 years. The remains were taken to Cherry Creek for burial.

At the regular prayer meeting on Thursday evening March 11th the pastor brought before the meeting the facts that brother and sister H.W. **Thompson** had united with the Christian Church in Fredonia, without first asking for letters of dismission, or in any way manifesting their intention of leaving this church, and that such conduct was unbecoming them, and a wrong to the church, and asked what action the church would take in the matter. Upon motion of Mrs. R.E. **Morian**, seconded, the church voted unanimously, to drop their names from the church roll.
E.J. **Crissey** Clerk

Sabbath next, March 14/97 is the regular day for the collection for Ministerial Education and pastor asked the church to take action as to the object to which they desired to devote this collection. On motion, it was unanimously voted to give this collection to our brother W.W. **Barker** who is at Colgate University Hamilton, N.Y.
E.J. **Crissey**, Clerk

At the prayer meeting March 11th the pastor stated that in way of preparation for the revival meetings to be held by the Methodist, Presbyterian, & Baptist Churches, it was decided by the pastors to ask their respective congregations to appoint such committees as had been suggested by the evangelist, Mr. **Rees** – Viz. Executive, Music, Finance, and Canvas committees. Accordingly, on motion, carried, that pastor name these committees, he nominated the following. Executive Com. – Dr. F.B. **Palmer** and George **Tate**. Music Com. – Miss Julia **Harris** and Mrs. Hattie **Allen**. Finance Com. – E.J. **Crissey** and E.R. **Britton**. Canvas Com. – O.W. **Fargo** and Charles S. **Slaght**.
E.J. **Crissey** Clerk

March 12, **1897** about 8 o'clock a.m. Mrs. Eliza **Willard** died at her residence on Water St. Funeral held on Sabbath afternoon from the Baptist Church.

On Thursday evening March 25, **1897** at the regular prayer meeting Mr. Duane G. **Sackett** related his experience and was received as candidate for baptism & church membership. On Sabbath the 28th he was baptized, immediately after the morning sermon.

Fellowship Meeting.
Saturday, Apr. 3rd, **1897**, was observed as the Annual Fellowship day. There was a large attendance and a very interesting meeting was enjoyed. The social part never being surpassed by any previous gathering. After the usual opening exercises, the Roll was called, and several letters were read from absent members, full of interest, and expressions of Fellowship for the home

church. The various reports were read and adopted &c. The matter of the election of two Deacons, as previously announced, was then taken up, and after several informal ballots were taken the following brethren were chosen: brother P.C. **West** and bro. George W. **Belden**. After dismission a bountiful supper was enjoyed in the basement rooms of the church, and thus ended one of the most pleasant and profitable annual gatherings of the church.
E.J. **Crissey**, clerk

April 4th, a series of revival meetings were begun, in which the Methodist, Presbyterians, and Baptist churches united under the efficient direction & leadership of Rev. M.I. **Rees**, evangelist, and his wife as assistant. The meetings were continued nearly three weeks, alternately in the churches, beginning in the Methodist church. Considerable interest was awakened, several were hopefully converted, some reclaimed, and the Christian membership very much quickened.

April 29th, at the prayer meeting, the following persons related their experience, and asked for admission to the church by baptism: John **Sanford**, Emma E. **Patterson**, Anna B. **Haskin**, Nellie **Ives**.
Sunday evening May 2nd John **Sanford** and Emma E. **Patterson** were baptized by the pastor.
E.J. **Crissey** Clerk

May 6th, **1897** at the covenant meeting the following persons were received upon their experience as candidates for baptism and church membership: Walter **Sackett**, Mabel **Benjamin**, Anna **Britton**, Gertie **Topliff**, Mabel **Goat**, Susie S. **Britcher**, Edith I. **Lewis**, Alice **Munger**, Mary **Eddy**, Hattie C. **Ives**, and Michael **Geers**.
May 13th, at prayer meeting Celia **Wingblad** was received as candidate for baptism & church membership.
On Sunday evening May 16th the above received Apr 29th, making fourteen in all were baptized by the pastor. It was a very beautiful and impressive service.
E.J. **Crissey** clerk.

At the regular prayer meeting May 20, Miss Cora B. **Williams** of North East, Pa. presented a letter of dismission from that church, and recommendation to this church, and was duly received.
E.J. **Crissey**, Clerk.

At the regular covenant meeting, June 3rd Miss Maud **Douglas** related her experience and asked for admission to the church. On motion was unanimously received. Miss **Douglas** lives with Mrs. Devillo **Sloan**.

At the same meeting Miss Ella **Bronson** presented her letter of recommendation from the Findley's Lake church, and on motion was duly received.

Also at this meeting Miss Sarah J. **Bond** asked for letter of dismission and recommendation to unite with church at Sandy Hill Washington Co. N.Y. On motion, granted.
E.J. **Crissey** Clerk

Pastor's Resignation

On Sunday May 13th, the pastor Rev. Chas. E. **Smith**, handed in his resignation as pastor of the church, stating that he had been considering the matter for some time and had fully come to the decision that it was the right thing for him to do. A notice for a church and society meeting was immediately given, and according to law must be given twice at least one week apart. The meeting was called for the last day of May, Monday evening the 31st to consider his resignation. On the above date the church met, about ninety being present. Bro. H.P. **Perrin** presided in the chair. S.S. **Crissey** society clerk was present and read the resignation and call for the meeting, after which resignation was considered. After some waiting Dea. George W. **Belden** moved "that we do not accept the resignation of our pastor." Remarks were made by Brethren **Davis**, **Lyon**, & **Palmer** and sister **Morian**. On motion by Dr. F.B. **Palmer**, it was carried that the expression be taken by ballot. The result of the ballot was as follows:
90 ballots cast.
75 in favor of the resolution.
13 against the resolution.
2 blanks
Dr. **Palmer** then moved that we offer our pastor a vacation of six months, without pay and ask him to resume his labors at the close of this period. The vacation to begin at his discretion. Carried. A committee of Dr. **Palmer** and D.L. **Shepard** was then appointed to wait on pastor, notify him of the action of church and get his answer & report to the meeting at once. The pastor expressed his gratitude at the expression of the ch. but said the result was so unexpected that he would necessarily require time to think the matter over, and he would let the church know at an early date of his decision.
E.J. **Crissey**, clerk.

On the following Sunday June 6th, **1897** the pastor gave to the Church his answer to the request that he withdraw his resignation which was favorable to the church. See his answer as appended to this page in his own handwriting.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clk

[The following is Rev. C.E. **Smith**'s answer.]
Fredonia N.Y. June 6, **1897**
To the Fredonia Baptist Church
Dear Brethren & Sisters,
In reply to the request of the Church to withdraw my resignation of May 16th, I answer that, after careful and prayerful consideration I have concluded so to do. In withdrawing my resignation I think it proper to say that I have been impelled to take this course chiefly by my respect for the wishes of the Church as expression of the Will of God in the matter. When I offered the resignation I did so because I had lost my confidence in the tenure of my commission as pastor, and felt bound in conscience to open the way for a change if the Church desired it. Believing that the Church probably did desire such a change, and fully expecting that the resignation would be accepted, I permitted myself to consider the attractions of a life unburdened with pastoral cares and responsibilities, but occupied with work which I believe myself capable of doing, which seems equally important to Christ's cause with pastoral service. Had you seen fit to release me, I should have taken it as the divine permission to engage in this other work, and to be free from the special and peculiar responsibilities of the pastoral office. But you have seen fit to withhold your approval of my retirement, and to call me again to service as your pastor, and you have

done this with such a degree of positiveness and unanimity as to leave no room for doubt in my mind that you have been guided and governed by the Divine Spirit. Under those circumstances I have no choice, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, but to do my Master's bidding, as thus indicated and retain the place thus again tendered me. The cordial manner in which you have returned to me my commission makes the duties which it includes(?) seem less severe and arduous, since it appears to pledge to me your renewed support and cooperation, while the liberty and leisure which I have longed for I am willing to forego, for Christ's sake, & for your sake. It is not often that a pastor receives such renewed expressions of kindness and goodwill as it has been my happiness to receive, and I should be at all insensible to God's great goodness, and to your love and loyalty, if I were not exceedingly grateful, and ready to do any work, or make any sacrifice, which he and you ask for at my hands. With regard to the 6 months vacation which you have so kindly tendered me, I shall accept it, because I believe it is wise to do. After so long a term of service I think myself entitled to such period of rest and recreation, and hope it may prove to be a prudent measure to recruit health(?) and store up strength for days to come. But I think it(?) best to take only a small portion of it, perhaps a month, during the summer, and reserve the remainder so as to be able to spend the severer months of the coming winter in a softer climate. In this as in all else I shall try to be guided by the indications of Providence. And I bespeak the earnest and continual prayers of all my brethren and sisters that this renewal of my pastorate with you may be with many signs of the evident favor of God, and his all-wise and all loving control. May the great Head of the Church cause us all to feel that he is ruling in our hearts & shaping our history!

On June 13th, Miss Maud **Douglas** was baptized by pastor, after evening service.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clk

Thursday evening, June 17, at the prayer meeting, Mrs. Marion **Spade** was received by letter from the Cedar Street Baptist Ch of Buffalo, N.Y.
E.J. **Crissey**

Thursday evening Aug. 12th at the prayer meeting, Bro. G.O. **King**, leading, in the absence of our pastor, on his vacation, the request of Miss Olive **Cook** was presented asking for a letter from this church to unite with the First Baptist Church of Farmington, Mich. The letter was granted.
E.J. **Crissey**, Ch Clerk

October 7th at the prayer meeting, the pastor presented a letter from Miss Edith P. **Chace**, asking for a letter of recommendation to the Baptist Church at Hancock, Delaware Co., N.Y. where she is teaching. Request was duly granted.
E.J. **Crissey** Clk

On Sept. 20th, **1897**, Sister Frances E. **Haywood** died, aged 72 years. She lead an exemplary Christian life and departed this life in full faith in her Savior.

Sister Amanda M. **Wilcox**, died on Sunday morning Nov. 21st, **1897**, aged 69 years, 4 mos., and 9 days. She passed through a long and painful illness, but the end came very peacefully, and she gave convincing evidence of the power of Christian faith.

Bro. Will. **Adkins** death occurred in Florida Dec 1st, **1897**, after a long illness, where he had gone for his health. He was buried at Findley's Lake, Sunday Dec. 5th, **1897**.

Thursday evening Dec 9th, **1897** Mrs. Caroline F. **Bridge** was received into membership in the church by relating her experience, she having been immersed several years ago, since which time she had for a time been a member of the Christian Church, through circumstances explained, but expressed herself as a Baptist in faith, and wished to unite with us.

Thursday evening Dec. 16th, a letter from pastor of the Parkside Baptist Church, of Buffalo, was presented, asking for letters of dismission &c, to unite with that church, for Mr. & Mrs. Lewis A. **Aldrich**, who are now living in Buffalo. On motion said letters were granted. Miss Margaret **Sadon** a young lady about 14 or 15 years of age related her experience and expressed a desire to unite with the church. On motion she was received as a candidate for baptism & church membership. Margaret **Sadon** received ordinance of baptism, by our pastor, Sunday evening Dec 26th, **1897**.
E.J. **Crissey** Clerk

The pastor Rev. C.E. **Smith** started for California about middle of Jany, to take about three months of his vacation voted him by church May 31st, **1897**. Rev. G.O. **King** was invited to act as pastor in absence of Bro. **Smith**, and accepted, for compensation of $15.00 per Sabbath.

At the Thursday evening meeting, it was voted that letters be granted to Bro. W.P. **Morgan** & Sister **Morgan** of Gerry, N.Y. to unite with the Baptist Church at Jamestown, N.Y. It was also voted that Sister Samantha **Kingsley** be received into membership of the church, from the first Baptist Church of Forestville, N.Y.

At the meeting Mch 10th it was voted that the collection taken for Ministerial Education be appropriated to Bro. Wm. W. **Barker**. Amt of Annual Collection was $31.77.
At the Annual Meeting in Mch **1898**, by vote of church Miss Lena **Potter** was chosen as Clerk protem, in the absence of the regular clerk.
At subsequent meeting Thursday evening Mch 17th Miss **Potter** was excused from acting as clerk, and Mrs. E.J. **Crissey** elected clerk protem in absence of regular clerk.
G.O. **King**, clk. Protem

Mrs. Anna M. **Lawson** related her experience at the Thursday evening covenant meeting Mch 31st and was received to membership of church. She was formerly a member of the Baptist ch. but in moving about from place to place had united with churches of Methodist faith, and lately with the Disciple church, but now wished to come back to the Baptist church. She brought a certificate of "membership in good standing" from the Disciple church.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clk

The Annual Fellowship Meeting, which has taken place formerly, the Saturday before the first Sabbath in April, this year was postponed, on account of absence of Pastor Rev. C.E. **Smith**, until April 16th the 3rd Saturday, when the pastor expects to be home.
E.J. **Crissey** ch clk

During the absence of the clerk from Fredonia, Mrs. Priscilla **Collis** died, Feb'y 1st, **1898**, at the age of [blank] years. Sister **Collis** was a great sufferer from a cancer, but died quite suddenly from paralysis.

Mrs. Jane **Miller**, of Cordova, died April 1st **1898**. Sister **Miller** was a sister of Bro. D.S. **Wright** having been a member of the church about 12 years.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch. Clk.

Mrs. Harriett **Lull** died suddenly, Tuesday Apr 5th **1898**, of Epilepsy aged nearly 80 years. She was the widow of the Rev. Abner **Lull** who died in **1886**.
E.J. **Crissey**, Ch Clk

At the Thursday evening meeting, (Rev. G.O. **King** acting pastor) a letter was presented from the Baptist Church at Stockton N.Y. asking that we send our pastor and one delegate to sit in council to consider the propriety of ordaining to the ministry brother E.A. **Seymour**, April 13th **1898**. Brother **King** and **Hardenburg** were chosen as such delegates.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clk

Pastor Rev. C.E. **Smith** returned from his vacation trip, the 5th of April, but not to take up the duties of pastor until the 24th inst. On Friday evening April 8th, the church tendered him a reception, to welcome him and his wife home. It was one of the finest & most enjoyable social gatherings the church has enjoyed in several years.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clk

Fellowship Day, Apr 16, **1898**.
The services opened at 2:30 p.m. – with the pastor Rev. C.E. **Smith**, Rev. G.O. **King** and Dr. F.B. **Palmer** in pulpit. Services were conducted by Dr. **Palmer** and Rev. **King**, as pastor was suffering from severe hoarseness. Singing hymn 849. "Come thou fount of every blessing." Reading of 122nd Psalm by Dr. **Palmer**. Prayer by Rev. G.O. **King**. Anthem by the choir. Roll Call, by clerk, to which 154 responded, including eleven by letter, two or three inclosing money remittance for church expenses. Reading of letters from the following absent members: Wm. W. **Barker**, Geo. **Britton**, Hortense H. **Crosby**, Rev. Thos. **Elgar**, Sarah M. **Hauldsworth**, Sarah **Madison**, Duane G. **Sackett**, John C. **Sanford**, Elizabeth A. **Wilbur**, Cora B. **Williams**, Rachel E. **Morian**. Pastor presented a letter from Sinclairville church, dismissing and recommending to our watchcare Mrs. Viola **Ruland**, who was unanimously received. Reading record of deaths by the clerk. Singing by choir and congregation. Financial statement of church, made by Bro. Geo. **Tate**. Statement of Benevolence by the clerk. Collection taken to defray expenses of Fellowship day, amounting to $6.00. Report of Sunday School by clerk. Report of Christian Endeavor by Miss Dora **Barker**. Report of Junior Endeavor Society by Miss Hattie **Blood**. Report of Women's Aid Society by Miss Hattie **Blood**. Report of Women's Missionary Society by Mrs. **Daniel**. The services were closed by singing hymn 779 and benediction. All repaired to the room below where a bountiful supper had been spread by the ladies of the church and all seemed to enjoy a social time, thus closing a very successful Fellowship Meeting.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

At the regular prayer meeting May 12, **1898** Rev. G.O. **King** and wife, and Mrs. A. **Cornell**, were appointed as delegates to attend the meetings of the Am. Baptist Missionary Union, and the Am. Baptist Home Mission Society, at Rochester, N.Y. Clerk gave delegates certificates of appointment.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clk

At covenant meeting June 2nd **1898**, a request was presented in writing by John E. **Sanford**, asking for a letter of dismission & recommendation from this church to unite with the Baptist Church at Chesaning, Mich. – Granted.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

On July 21st, **1898**, sister Almira **Webster**, after a long illness, passed away, leaning upon Him whom she had so many years trusted.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

Aug. 4th, **1898**, at the regular prayer meeting a request from Flora E. **Davis** was presented asking for a letter to unite with a new Baptist Church to be formed at Hyattsville Md. Request granted.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clk

At the covenant meeting held Thursday evening Sept. 1st, **1898**, requests were presented from Rev. Thos. **Elgar** and brother U.G. **Hendee** for letters of dismission and recommendation to unite with their respective churches as follows:
Rev. Thos. **Elgar** with the Immanuel Baptist Church at Williams Bridge, N.Y. City.
Rev. U.G. **Hendee**, with the Stockton Baptist Church, Stockton, N.Y.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clk

At the regular prayer meeting Sept. 15, **1898** a request from G. Clayton **Robertson** was presented by pastor, asking for letter of dismission to unite with a Presbyterian church. After remarks by the pastor, certification of membership was granted according to custom of Baptist Church.
E.J. **Crissey** Clk

By vote of the church at communion service on the 2nd of October **1898**, a license was granted to Wm. W. **Barker** to preach, He being about to enter the Theological seminary at Hamilton N.Y.
E.J. **Crissey** Clerk

At the regular covenant meeting Nov. 3rd the pastor presented a letter from the First Baptist Church of Yorkshire Center N.Y. recommending Mrs. Sonia **Arnold Cole** to our fellowship and by a unanimous vote she was received.

At the same meeting, Mr. Earle **Peake** related his Christian experience, and asked to be admitted as candidate for baptism and church membership. He was unanimously received.

Nov. 3rd/98 At a union prayer meeting of the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Baptist societies, held about three weeks ago in the Baptist Church, Mrs. **Kummer**, widow of the late Rev. J.A. **Kummer**, of the Methodist church, spoke of her desires to enter upon a city missionary work

here in Fredonia, and with a view of solicitating the sanction and cooperation of the Christian people of these churches in this effort. At the covenant meeting the matter was presented by the pastor and the church asked to take some formal expression, which, after some considerable discussion and explaining of the nature of the work to be done, Dr. F.B. **Palmer** offered the following resolution, which was most unanimously endorsed & adopted.
"Resolved, That the Fredonia Baptist Church approve of the proposition of sister **Kummer** to do missionary work among the families of the village, and that our pastor and brother **King** be a committee to act with similar committees of the M.E. and Presbyterian churches, in advising with her as to methods of work, and also to suggest to the churches a method for raising money for her support."
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting held Nov 10th a request was presented by George **Britton** for a letter of dismission to unite with the Corry Baptist Church, Corry Pa. Granted.
E.J. **Crissey**

John E. **Sanford** who went to Mich last spring, and on June 8, **1898**, was granted a letter of dismission & recommendation to unite with the Baptist church at Chesaning, Mich. Returned to Fredonia, and not having used his letter the church received him back, by taking up the letter without special action.

On Wednesday evening Dec. 1st, **1898** Mrs. Eliza **Dailey** and her daughter Carrie **Dailey** presented themselves as candidates for baptism & church membership, Miss Carrie having united with the M.E. Ch. brought a certificate of character and membership from that church. They were unanimously received by the Church. Three weeks previous to the above date Mr. Earle **Peake** related his Christian experience, and was received by the church as candidate for baptism and church membership.
On Sunday evening Dec. 4 the three were baptized by pastor Chas. E. **Smith**.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

[Note in red ink: Forbes Bond & Mortgage Nov. 30th, **1898**.]
Record of money "Loaned" on Bond & Mortgage, on the Elias **Forbes** house & lot, cor. Mech & Barker Sts. Fredonia, N.Y. Said loan being to Mrs. Rebecca **Forbes**.

On Nov. 30th, **1898** was delivered into the hands of the church clerk and treasurer for safe keeping, and collection of interest &c, a "bond, mortgage and insurance policy" on the property known as the Elias **Forbes** property, corner of Mechanic and Barker streets, Fredonia, N.Y. This mortgage is given by Mrs. Rebecca **Forbes**, wife of the late Elias **Forbes**, to the trustees of the Fredonia Baptist Society, in consideration of $1000.00 loaned on said property. This loan is composed of $500. belonging to what is known as the "Barrell Fund," held in trust by the trustees of said society, interest to be used for church, and $500. belonging to the Poor Fund of the church, bequeathed to said church fund by the late Mrs. W.H. **Morris** (as per copy of bequest on file with bond & mortgage) the interest to be used for the poor of the church. The trustees of the society and the treasurer of the church poor fund decided to combine these two amounts, and invest them as above, and furthermore voted that the mortgage be made out in name of "Trustees of Fredonia Baptist Society" and be held by the clerk and treasurer of the church, who should see

to their safe keeping, and the collection of interest thereon. This is first mortgage on paid property. The mortgagor, satisfying the mortgagees, by procuring search from County Clerks office reaching back to purchase of said land from Holland Land Co. in **1812**. Said mortgage is due in five years from date of obligation which is Nov. 30th, **1898**. Interest thereon is payable semiannually, on the 30th day of May and the 30th day of Nov. in each year. The mortgagor is bonded to keep the buildings insured in some solvent company, to an amount not less than $1000.00 and assign the policy to the mortgagees as collateral security. Interest on the mortgage to be paid within twenty days from time specified for it to be due.
Signed E.J. **Crissey** ch clerk

Dec. 8 at the regular prayer meeting the pastor presented the matter of the advisability of the church printing a pamphlet containing a list of church members, resulting in a motion, carried, that the pastor appoint a committee to prepare and publish said list of members. Brethren George **Tate**, E.J. **Crissey** & John **Sanford** was appointed such committee. At a subsequent prayer meeting held Dec 21.98 the question of revising the church list before publication, was considered, and on motion of Dr. **Palmer**, carried, the matter of revision, correspondence & visitation was referred to the church deacons to consider & recommend to the church what action they deemed best to take in regard to revision.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

At the covenant meeting Dec 29th, Mr. Bert V. **Torrance** related his Christian experience and asked for admission to the church. Upon motion of Mr. **Tate**, seconded, he was unanimously received.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

Mrs. Mary A. **Kendall** died at Tidioute Pa, sometime in latter part of year **1898**. Clerk did not hear of her death until reported by Dea. P.C. **West**, at a meeting of the deacons to consider revision of ch list. She was present at the Fellowship meeting April 16th, **1898**.
E.J. **Crissey**

Byron S. **Clark** died in Dunkirk about the 1st of Sept. **1898**, as I was informed by Lewis **Aldrich**, he not knowing the exact date. He was aged 49 years and 9 months.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clk

Mrs. Alice A. **Kendall** (formerly Miss Alice A. **Story**) of this place, died at Findlay, O about the year **1890**, aged 32 years. Her identity was unknown to the clerk, until upon making inquiry, it was suggested that she was probably the Miss Alice **Story** who formerly lived here, and sister of Charles & George **Story**. Upon inquiry of them, found out the above fact.
E.J. **Crissey**, ch clk

At a meeting of the deacons, called by the pastor Dec 28/98 for the purpose of considering revision of church list, motion prevailed, that the members who had absented themselves from the church for a long time and had not been heard from for some time, should be classed in one of three lists.
1st Those who are non-residents, residence unknown
2nd Those who are non-residents, residence known

3rd Those who live here but do not come to church.
1st list contained 10 names. Voted it be recommended to the church to drop these names from the active list and consider them as on suspended list – trying to ascertain their whereabouts.
2nd list – it was voted that clerk be instructed to correspond with pastors or some one where they now live, asking them to visit them and report result of visit.
3rd list – committees were appointed to visit these members, who have absented themselves, with a view to ascertaining if they can be persuaded to return. Adjourned to call of Pastor.
E.J. **Crissey** ch clerk

Bro. Joel W. **Parker** died at his home, E. Main St., Jan 24th, of tuberculosis, aged 32 years.
E.J. **Crissey** clerk

Feb'y 2nd **1899** at Covenant meeting, the request of Mrs. Mary A. **Boyd**, that her name be dropped from our list, was granted. Mrs. **Boyd** moved away from Fredonia several years ago and subsequently married a man who was a Methodist. She wrote for a letter to join the M.E. Ch. but as informed by Mrs. Elizabeth **Barker**, to whom she wrote, that it was not the practice of the Baptist Church to grant such letters. Therefore she joined the M.E. Church without further correspondence. After the ch clk had written her, she replied to his letter giving above information, and asked that her name be dropped. At the same meeting the request of brother S.M. **Brownell** of Buffalo for a letter of dismission from this ch. was granted.
E.J. **Crissey** ch clk

Feb'y 7, **1899** at the residence of Mrs. Geo. H. **White** on Dk avenue, occurred the death of sister Caroline **Jones**, at the age of seventy eight years, and two months. She died, as she had lived, trusting in the Master.
E.J. **Crissey** ch clk

Feb'y 27, **1899**, at his home, brother D.L. **Shepard** passed away to the other life, aged nearly 58 years. He was a great sufferer for years but bore it patiently, and died peacefully.

The death of sister Malinda S. **Grant** occurred on the 10th of Mch **1899** at her home on White st. after a long illness. Aged 72 yrs 8 mos. and 23 days.
E.J. **Crissey** clerk

At the regular covenant meeting Mch 30th, **1899** letters of recommendation were presented from Baptist Church of Farmersville Sto(?) N.Y. recommending Bro. Elmer E. **Hardy** & sister Ettie **Hardy** to our watchcare and Christian fellowship. On motion, seconded they were unanimously received.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clk

At the above covenant meeting Mch 30th, the matter of the revision of the church list, preparatory to printing same in pamphlet form, was brought before the members present, and the following disposition of the names was made:
On motion of D.G. **Sackett**, seconded, carried, the hand of fellowship was withdrawn from Mrs. Ida M. **Cowden**, by her own request. On motion of Rev. G.O. **King**, seconded & carried, the hand of fellowship was withdrawn from J.N. **Rowe** because of long absence from ch. and the

fact that he had not been heard from or responded to fellowship invitations. On motion, seconded & carried, (by Mrs. **Morian**) that Albert **Brooks** be excluded from the ch. because of conduct unbecoming a Christian. Motion by C.O. **Mason**, seconded, carried, that Kosciusko R. **Palmer** be excluded from church because of conduct unbecoming a Christian. On motion of Rev. G.O. **King**, carried, the following were dropped from church roll, because of their absence, all knowledge of them has been lost. – They having neglected to communicate with church. Mrs. Lenora D. **Bennett**, Joseph **Beleal**, Lodasca **Hinkle**, Chancey **Hart**, Sarah **Robin**. Motion by Rev. G.O. **King**, carried, that the names of Edwin H. **Jones** and James **Ribler**(?) be dropped, as they have been absent for several years & have not responded to the fellowship letters sent them. While the church deplore the action of these members in absenting themselves from the church and regret that they have ceased to communicate with the church, yet they feel that it is for the good of the church and the cause of Christ, that this action be taken by the church, and feel that should any of these persons manifest by their words and living that they are repentant for wrongdoing, and desire to again identify themselves with the church, the church will gladly welcome them back.
E.J. **Crissey**, ch clerk

Fellowship Day, **1899**.
April 1st – Meeting opened by Pastor at 2:30 o'clock. Singing "Come thou fount of every blessing" by the choir & congregation. Reading of 84th psalm. Prayer by Dr. F.B. **Palmer**. Anthem by the choir "O be joyful in the Lord." Calling roll of members by clerk, to which 150 responded present, and 18 by letter. Pastor read letters from absent members. The following responded. Mrs. Harriet **Daniels**, Irving A. **Wilcox**, Anna M. **Lawson**, Edward J. **Moran**, Lena **Potter**, Hortense H. **Crosby**, Sarah M. **Madison**, Dora R. **Barker**, Nellie **Collis**, Mr. & Mrs. E.M. **Hayhurst**, Minnie E. **Eighme**, Cassius M. **Stearns**, Mrs. C.M. **Stearns**, Charlotte **Rossitter**, Elmer E. **Hardy**, Jennie A. **Chadsey**. These letters were all expressive of loyalty to the church and the cause of the Master. Music by the Quartette, Misses Harriet **Davis** and Mrs. **Richmond** and Jennie(?). Solo by brother Wm. W. **Barker**. Financial statement of church & society given by brother George **Tate** the Treasurer. Collection for defraying expenses of fellowship notices and postage, amounting to $4.19. Report of the benevolence of the church given by clerk, followed by reports from the Ladies Missionary societies, Sunday School Endeavor societies &c. Total amt benevolence for the year ending Mch 31/99 $454.51. After singing and benediction, all adjourned to the room below, to enjoy the supper which the ladies had prepared, and have a social time, all of which was pronounced to be the best and most enjoyable of any yet held. About 175 members and friends were seated at the tables.
E.J. **Crissey** ch clerk
P.S. – The obituary report read by the clerk, recorded the deaths of eight of our number as having occurred within the past year, as follows. Mrs. Almira **Webster**, Mrs. Mary K. **Crosby**(?), brother Joel W. **Parker**, Mrs. Caroline **Jones**, brother Darwin L. **Shepard**, Mrs. Malinda S. **Grant**, brother Byron S. **Clark**, & Mrs. Mary A. **Kendall**. Also sister Alice A. **Kendall** formerly Alice **Story** who moved from Fredonia several years ago, and was married at Northeast, Pa., then removed to Findlay O. where she died about **1890**. The knowledge of these facts not having come to the church clerk until recently.
E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

At the annual meeting of the church held Mch 7th, **1899** the matter of the legacy of Mrs. Frances P. **Haywood**, of One Hundred Dollars given to the church, without stipulation as to its use, was brought before the meeting for consideration. The Trustees at a subsequent meeting, had considered the dispersion of the funds, & thought it would be satisfactory to the friends of the donor to apply it in payment toward the gallery improvement, and so voted it, with the understanding that if it did not meet the approval of the church & friends, it should be returned. Upon consideration by the annual meeting it was voted to approve the action of the Trustees with reference to this "One Hundred Dollars," and authorized the framing(?) of the following resolutions.
"Whereas, our beloved sister Frances P. **Haywood** kindly left to the Fredonia Baptist Church a legacy of One Hundred Dollars, Therefore, Resolved, that the same be used in part payment for the construction of the gallery improvement, to furnish a room for the Infant department of our Sunday School, and that the room be called, "The Haywood Sunday School Room", to show our regard for the memory of our honored and lamented sister. Resolved, that a copy of those resolutions shall be inscribed upon the church records and another sent to the son and executor of Mrs. **Haywood**.
E.J. **Crissey**, ch clerk

July 14, **1899**. At the regular prayer meeting On motion of Rev. G.O. **King** seconded and carried bro. C.L. **Goulding** elected Church Clerk protem during absence of Dea. E.J. **Crissey**.
C.L. **Goulding**, ch clerk pro tem

July 20, **1899**. At the prayer meeting, a request from Mrs. Altima(?) A. (?) was presented asking for a letter to unite with the church at Cherry Creek, N.Y. Request granted.
C.L. **Goulding**, ch clerk pro tem

[At the home] of her parents at 72 Center St occurred the death of Sister Eleanor **Crissey** age of 16 years. She was an earnest and devoted Christian and active in junior endeavor and Sunday School.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clerk pro tem

At the regular prayer meeting August 17th(?) it was voted that we extend an invitation to the Chautauqua Association to meet with our church in **1900**.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clerk pro tem

August 24, **1899** At the regular prayer meeting after singing a hymn and prayer by rev. G.O. **King** the church letter was read. Moved by bro. G.L. **Harris** seconded by Bro. Wm. B. (?) That the letter be recd as our letter to the Chautauqua Association. Carried. Moved and seconded that the following brethren and sisters be our delegates to the Association, Rev. Charles E. **Smith** D.D., Mrs. Chas. E. **Smith**, Bro. J.M. **Hardenburg**, Mrs. J.M. **Hardenburg**, Sisters Mrs. A. **Cornell**, Miss Lena **Potter**, Miss Dora **Barker**, Miss Mary **Morgan**. Moved and seconded that the delegates have the power of substitution. Moved by Bro. G.L. **Harris** sec. by Bro. C.L. **Goulding** that four dollars ($4) be appropriated from the general church fund for the printing of the minutes. All the above motions carried.
C.L. **Goulding**, Ch Clk Protem

At the regular prayer meeting Sept. 14, **1899** A communication was received from Mrs. Minnie **Eighme** of Red House, N.Y. asking for a letter of dismission and recommendation from the church to unite with the Baptist Church at Salamanca, N.Y. Granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk Protem

At the regular prayer meeting, Thursday evening Nov. 1, **1899** Miss Frances **Saden** related her Christian experience and was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk pro tem

At the regular prayer meeting, Thursday evening, Nov. 16, **1899**, Miss Lydia **Douglas** related her Christian experience and was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk pro tem

At the regular prayer meeting, Thursday evening Nov. 23, **1899**, Mrs. Evaline **Webster** related her Christian experience and was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk pro tem

Sunday evening November 26, **1899** Frances **Saden**, Lydia **Douglas**, and Mrs. Evaline **Webster** were baptized after a very impressive sermon by the pastor. Subject: a model sermon by a model preacher to a model hearer.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk protem

At the regular covenant meeting Nov. 29, **1899** the question was discussed as to our helping William **Barker** with his expenses this year either by appropriating our annual collection for Ministerial Education or by special effort. Motion made and carried that we devote our annual collection to the Educational Society of Hamilton College.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clerk protem

A letter was read from the First Baptist Church of Duluth, Minn. recommending to our membership Mr. and Mrs. O.J. **McLean**. Upon motion they were unanimously received Nov. 29, **1899**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clerk protem

At the covenant meeting Nov. 29, **1899**, the question of revival meetings was discussed. The Pastor suggested that we engage the Rev. Dr. **Hellings** of Jamestown, N.Y. during the week of prayer to help us conduct a series of meetings.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clerk pro tem

On the afternoon of Jan. 2, **1900**, at her home on Lake View Avenue, Sister Harriet A. **Lyon** passed peacefully away after a long illness which she endured with much patience and Christian fortitude. Aged 70 years.

Beginning Jan. 7, **1900** and continuing through two weeks Rev. W.P. **Hellings**, D.D. of Jamestown, N.Y. assisted our pastor in hold evangelistic services during which about [blank] were converted.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk pro tem

February 1, **1900**, at the regular covenant meeting, the following persons related their experience and were accepted by the church as members of the church after baptism. Mary **Cranston**, Lena **Johnson**, Charles **Chapman**, Mabel **Goat**.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk pro tem

February 8, **1900**. At the regular prayer meeting of the church, the following persons related their Christian experience and were received as candidates for baptism and church membership. Florence **Gibbs**, George **Moran**, Charles **Moran**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk pro tem

At the above meeting a letter was read from Bro. Frank **Moran** asking for a letter of dismissal and recommendation to join the church of Everett, Washington. Granted. Also a request from Bro. Albert **Smith** & his wife Blanche **Smith** for letter to join the church at Conneaut, O. upon motion letters granted.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk pro tem

February 10, **1900**. At the regular prayer meeting of the church, Miss Mary Maud **Kimball** related her Christian experience and was accepted as a candidate for baptism and church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk, pro tem

At the same meeting the Pastor explained the organization of the Anti Saloon League and that the Pastors were to choose two from their church either by selection or election as the church might decide. A motion was made and seconded that the Pastor select his workers, carried.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk pro tem

February 18, **1900**. After the Sunday evening service the following persons were baptized – Chas. **Chapman**, Chas. **Moran**, George **Moran**, Lena **Johnson**, Mabel **Goat** and Mary Maud **Kimball**.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk pro tem

After the morning sermon, Sunday Feb 25, **1900** our pastor Chas. E. **Smith** tendered his resignation a copy of which is appended to this page. At a meeting immediately after the service Mr. **Tate** chairman, action was postponed until the annual meeting March 6th.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk pro tem

[The following is the printed notice, presumably in the newspaper.]
Resignation of Rev. Dr. **Smith**.
Most of the congregation at the Baptist church Sunday morning, small on account of the storm, were surprised and pained to hear the pastor, Rev. Dr. Charles E. **Smith**, read his letter of resignation at the close of the morning service. He has been longer in service than any other pastor in the village, is a preacher of great power, a scholar of great breadth and rare literary ability, and a Christian of unwavering faith, and his friends take comfort in the hope that he will retain his residence in Fredonia. His letter of resignation follows:
Fredonia, N.Y., Feb. 25, **1900**.

To the Fredonia Baptist Church:
Dear Brethren and Sisters – It is now nearly three years since, at your urgent request, I withdrew my resignation of the pastorate. Your kind insistency has given me three years of happy service, in which I have enjoyed my work as pastor and preacher, almost more than ever before. But I now feel that it is time to renew that resignation, and to be equally insistent that the terms of my labors as your pastor shall cease by the last Sunday in March. This step is not taken without long consideration and prayer. I take it not on account of health, for I am well and strong, but from the conviction that it is right and best to lay off the cares of the pastorate, and occupy myself in less responsible, but perhaps quite as useful ways. I cannot end my official relation to you without expressing my great gratitude to God and to this church for the long, and on the whole, delightful period, during which we have been permitted to live and labor together. For more than fifteen years we have enjoyed a degree of harmonious cooperation which has been fruitful in blessing, and which will be pleasant and profitable to remember. My strongest desire is to be able, in severing this relation, to keep you all as my Christian friends and helpers, and you may be sure that, in the future, nothing which I can do for the welfare of this beloved church will remain undone. With the warmest wishes for the peace and prosperity of you all, I remain
Your Friend and Brother,
Rev. Charles E. **Smith**

At the covenant meeting March 1, **1900** A letter was granted to bro. Alexander T. **Morian** to join the Baptist church at Roseberg, Oregon.

[This record is typewritten and signed.]
Meeting of the Fredonia Baptist Church in the Lecture Room immediately following the annual business meeting of the Fredonia Baptist Society March 6, **1900**. Meeting called to order with H.P. **Perrin**, Chairman. Report of Committee to consider the resignation of the Pastor was read as follows: The Committee appointed by the Church on March 4th to consider the resignation of the Pastor and to recommend what action should be taken by the Church, desire to report that we are satisfied from the form of the resignation and from a personal interview that his decision is final and we therefore recommend that his resignation be accepted in accordance with his request. Fredonia, March 6, **1900**. G.J. **Dikeman**, F.B. **Palmer**, Horace P. **Perrin**, Committee. On motion report was received and resignation of the Pastor accepted in accordance with report. Motion made and carried that we observe Fellowship Day as usual the Saturday before the first Sunday in April. Motion made and carried that a committee of three be appointed to make arrangements for the services of that day. Motion made and carried that the Secretary of the Sunday School, the Church Clerk and Mr. C.S. **Slaght** be made such committee. The following resolutions were read and on motion approved:
WHEREAS, the Reverend Charles E. **Smith** has been the Pastor of the Baptist Church in the Village of Fredonia, N.Y., for more than fifteen years last past, and has at all times so conducted himself as to gain and retain the love, esteem and confidence of not only the entire congregation but also of the Entire village and
WHEREAS, In order to be released from the arduous duties of the said pastorate and in order also to devote his energies to other and less trying pursuits under the guidance of our Common Father, our beloved Pastor under date of Feb. 25th, **1900**, tendered his resignation to take effect on the last Sunday of March inst., and

WHEREAS, There now exists the most fraternal feeling between the entire congregation and our beloved pastor,
BE IT RESOLVED, That it is with the deepest sorrow that we receive this letter of resignation, and further
BE IT RESOLVED, That trusting his labors may be as fruitful in the future as in the past, and that he may have many years to enjoy the rest he has so fully earned, and wishing him a God-speed, we, in deference to his insistent wishes, accept his resignation as offered, and it is further
RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be engrossed and presented to our beloved pastor,
Dated this 6th day of March, **1900**.
Motion made and carried that Brothers **Perrin**, **Palmer** and **Fargo** be a committee on pulpit supply. On motion adjourned.
Ada T. **Drake** Clerk pro tem

At the regular prayer meeting of the church on March 8, **1900** A letter was received from the first Baptist Church of Evans, N.Y. dismissing Mr. F.E. **Allen** and his wife Sophy **Allen** and recommending them to us. On motion they were accepted as members of our church.
C.L. **Goulding** church clerk pro tem

March 25, **1900** the last Sunday of Dr. C.E. **Smith**'s pastorate. In A.M. the pastor preached to a large audience from Phil. 4:8. The pastor was suffering from a hard cold but he preached an excellent sermon.
C.L. **Goulding** church clk pro tem

Covenant Meeting March 29, **1900**
Present Rev. G.O. **King** in chair. There was a good attendance and meeting was enjoyed by those present. A letter of dismissal and recommendation to join any other church of like faith was granted to sister Nancy C. **Noble**.
C.L. **Goulding**, church clerk pro tem

Fellowship Day **1900**
Saturday March 31, **1900**
Dr. F.B. **Palmer** called the meeting to order and acted as president of same. Hymn No. 849. Scripture reading – Psalm 84 by Rev. G.O. **King**. Prayer by Rev. G.O. **King**. Music by choir. Roll of membership called – 143 members of church answered to the Roll – several by letter. Inquiry made for P.O. address of several members. Letter read from Hortense H. **Crosby** – Letter accompanied with remittance of five dollars. Letter read from Bro. Rev. W.W. **Barker**, Waterville, N.Y. Telegram read from Sisters Anna **Nourse** and Mrs. L.L. **Goddard** – Telegram stated that a letter had been written and was on the way hither. Letter from Sister Emma E. **Paterson**. Letter from Bro. L.S. **Allnatt**. Letter from sister Elizabeth **Wilbur**. Letter from Sister Lettie B. **Wilbur**, Brooklyn, N.Y. Sister **Wilder** made request for church letter to enable her to join Hanson Place Methodist Church. Motion made and carried that a letter of Christian character be granted to Sister **Wilder**. Letter read from Bro. E.E. **Peake**. Hymn no. 169. Obituary report by church clerk protem. 2 members have died during past year Sisters Eleanor **Crissey** and Harriett **Lyon**. Financial Report by Sister Ella I. **Davis**, Treasurer. Report of church benevolent contributions by church clerk pro tem. Remarks by Dr. **Palmer** suggested by reference to resignation of our Pastor Dr. C.E. **Smith**. Collection to pay expense of printing and

mailing Pastor's letter of invitation to Fellowship meeting. Hymn no. 914. Report of Sunday School attendance, finance &c by Carrie **Daily**, Sec'y. Report of Christian Endeavor also Junior Endeavor by Bro. **Taylor**. Report of Women's Foreign Mission Society read by Sister Ella I. **Davis**. Money collected all sent to Women's Foreign Mission Society Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass. Report in writing of the Ladies Aid Society by Sister Jennie **Prescott** including a financial report and also very pertinent and valuable remarks about the work of the past year. Report – verbal – of the work of the No License Campaign in the Town of Pomfret by Bro. G.O. **King**. Amount contributed for the expense of said campaign by this church was forty-nine dollars. Report in regard to Poor fund since July 6, **1899** by Bro. O.W. **Fargo**. Bro. **Fargo** is to call upon church clerk pro tem **Goulding** and they are together to look over the book as to the poor fund for the whole year. Dr. **Palmer** reported from Committee on Expressing Resolutions of Church on Resignation of Pastor Dr. C.E. **Smith** – that same was suitably engrossed, framed and hung in Vestibule of Church. Hymn no. 779. After singing the meeting adjourned to church Parlors and partook of Fellowship Supper. No reported 310.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk pro tem per George **Cranston**

Sunday April 1 Services conducted by Rev. Mr. **Jamison** of Rochester Theological Seminary (student) preached very acceptably to a large audience morning & evening. Morning theme "The Chief Comer Storm", evening John III:3.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk pro tem

Sunday April 8. Services conducted by Bro. Rev. G.O. **King** who preached fine sermons to a fair audience.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk pro tem

Sunday April 15 Pulpit supplied by Rev. G.O. **King**, good sized audience.
Sunday April 22 pulpit supplied by Rev. Mr. **Jamison**. There was a large attendance both morning and evening.
Sunday April 29 pulpit supplied by Rev. Mr. **Meader** of Dunkirk.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk pro tem

Thursday evening May 3 at Covenant Meeting Dr. C.E. **Smith** was the leader. Good attendance.
Sunday May 6 & 13 the pulpit was supplied by Rev. Mr. **Replis** of Rochester N.Y. who preached eloquent sermons to large audiences.
Sunday May 20 Dr. C.E. **Smith** preached very acceptably in the morning.
Sunday May 27 and June 3 pulpit supplied by Dr. C.E. **Smith**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk pro tem

At a special meeting of church and society in lecture room of church Tuesday Eve. May 22 for the considering the calling of a Pastor Bro. H.P. **Perrin** presided and Bro. Homer **Ellis** the society clerk acted as secretary. Moved by Dr. F.B. **Palmer** seconded by Bro. S.S. **Crissey** that there should be more delay and that when we adjourn it be subject to a call by pulpit supply committee. After much taking pro & con the motion was lost. Moved by Bro. O.W. **Fargo** that we extend a call to Rev. D.L. **Jamison** to become our pastor after extended remarks the informal ballot was 50 for 30 against. The second or formal ballot was 49 for 15 against many having

retired from the room after the first ballot. On motion of Dea. F.S. **Lyon** the vote was declared unanimous when the meeting adjourned.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk pro tem

At the regular covenant meeting May 31 Sister Mary A.T. **Lucas** was received as a member of this church on presentation of a letter from the First Baptist Church of Rushford, N.Y.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk pro tem

Sunday June 10. Pulpit supplied by Rev. D.L. **Jamison** both morning and evening.
Sunday June 17 and 24. Pulpit supplied by Rev. M. **McCutcheon** of West Virginia.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk pro tem

At the regular covenant meeting June 28, Sisters Maude **Johnson** and Amanda **Gustus** related their Christian experience and were rec'd as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk pro tem

Dr. C.E. **Smith** supplied the pulpit Sunday July 1 and preached an inspiring sermon from Gal. 5:1. After the sermon he officiated at the communion service and read a letter from the First Baptist Church of Cory Pa. dismissing Bro. George **Britton** for the purpose of joining with. He was unanimously received. Dr. **Smith** again supplied the pulpit in the evening preaching from Psalms 60:4. After the sermon he baptized Sisters Mary **Cranston**, Florence **Gibbs**, Maude **Johnson** and Amanda **Gustus**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk pro tem

Rev. G.O. **King** supplied the pulpit on Sunday morning July 8th to 21. Our brother Newton K. **Crissey** entered into his heavenly rest on July 26 aged 27 years. He was taken sick and died at Fort Wayne, Ind. while traveling in the employ of Dr. M.M. **Fenner**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk pro tem

At the prayer meeting Aug. 23, **1900**. The church letter was read and delegates appointed to attend the Chaut. Bap. Association to be held at Frewsburg, N.Y.
Aug. 28, 29 & 30. Letter accepted. Delegates Brethren Dr. F.B. **Palmer**, **Crissey** and **Goulding**. Sisters **Palmer**, **Huff**, **Shaw**, **Shepherd** and **Barker**. Voted to take a special collection at close of morning service Aug. 26 for minutes. Miss E.I. **Davis** read letter in absence of Ch Clk.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk pro tem

Brother William **Barker** preached to good congregation Sunday morning August 19 and to union services Aug. 26th in evening. His classmate a Bro. **Burton** on the morning of the 26th.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk pro tem

At the regular covenant meeting of the Fredonia Baptist Church Thursday evening August 30, **1900**; upon motion, the hand of fellowship was withdrawn from Albert **Collis** for ungentlemanly and unchristian like conduct.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk protem

Sunday September 8, **1900**, the Rev. D.L. **Jamison** preached his first sermon as our pastor to a good sized audience. Text: 1 Cor. 12;27.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk protem

On Sunday Sept. 2nd, **1900** Sister Lydia **Douglass** passed away at the home of her parents East of the village after a relapse from Typhoid Fever. Aged 19 years. She was a devoted Christian and member of the C.E. Society.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk protem

Prayer meeting Sept. 27, a communication was received from the church at Ellery, N.Y. inviting us to send our pastor and one delegate to sit in council to advise as to the propriety of ordaining Bro. [blank] whom they have called to be their pastor. Moved and carried that we send our pastor and one delegate to this council. Moved that we appoint bro. Chas. L. **Goulding** as delegate: Carried. Moved that we appoint Bro. Alex. **Morian** as alternate delegate, Carried.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk protem

At Covenant Meeting Oct. 7 Sister Mary **Lucas** asked for a certificate of Christian character and dismissal to join the Fredonia Christian Ch.
By Pastor C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk protem

At prayer meeting Oct. 11 letters were received from the church at Parkersburg, W. Va. Dismissing the Rev. D.L. and his wife Janet **Jamison** for the purpose of their uniting with us. Moved that they be accepted. Carried.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk protem

Willard **Webster** Died at his home on Webster Street, Oct. 30, **1900** aged 78 years, having been a member as long or nearly as long as any member. Always a conscientious and faithful Christian.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk protem

At the regular prayer meeting Nov. 8, **1900** a request was rec'd for a letter of dismission and recommendation for sister Caroline A. **Bridge**. On motion of Dr. **Smith** the letter was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk protem

On Friday morning, Nov. 16, **1900**, Sister Elizabeth **Wilbur** was burned to death in her home on the Lake Road at the advanced age of 84 years, having been a member of this church more than 60 years.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Died at his home on the Brigham Road on the evening of Nov. 23, Bro. David S. **Wright** Aged 76 years.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

On Sunday Nov. 25, **1900** our Sister Hannah **Tefft** passed away at her home on Canadaway st. Aged 91 years 7 mos.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening Dec. 13, **1900** A letter of dismissal was granted to Sister Louise **Chapin** to join the First Baptist Church of Cortland, N.Y. also to Sister Anna **Lull** to join same church.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the same meeting Sister Roxana **Vidal** presented a letter from the First Baptist Church of Bradford, Pa., dismissing her to join with us. On motion of Rev. C.E. **Smith** she was unanimously accepted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

During the fall and early winter the regular services of the church well attended and apparently enjoyed.
Jan. 6 morning 212 evening 200.
[Geo. & Eliza M. **Tate]** At the regular prayer meeting Jan. 10, **1901**. A request was received from Bro. & Sister **Tate** for a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the Cavalry Baptist Church of Washington, D.C. Moved by Bro. S.S. **Crissey** that a letter be granted Bro. **Tate**. Carried. Moved by Bro. C.L. **Goulding** that a letter be granted Sister **Tate**. Carried.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

[Edward J. & Lucy **Crissey**] At the regular prayer meeting Jan. 18, **1901** a communication was received from Bro. & Sister **Crissey** asking for a letter of dismission and commendation to unite with the Newton, (N.J.) Baptist Church. On motion letters granted.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Beginning with Tuesday evening Jan. 15 Our pastor conducted a series of meetings with good success, in which we hope about 30 were converted.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At prayer meeting Feb. 8, **1901**, Rev. Mr. **Jamison** explained what we agree to do when we join the Baptist Church – Stating in this connection that we agree to take the Bible as our guide and agree to the Covenant adopted by the local church. Each person gave her experience and any questions were asked the candidates that were thought necessary to ascertain their acceptance of Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Moved that Miss Susie **McKenzie** be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Carried. Moved by Bro. S.S. **Crissey** that Miss Rose **McElphatrie** be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Carried. Moved that Mrs. Ara (W. Allan) **Martin** be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Moved that Miss Jeanette **Pettit** be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Carried. Moved by Dr. C.E. **Smith** that Miss Ida **Faust** be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Carried. Moved that Miss Ida **Gustus** be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Carried. Remarks by our pastor expressing his thankfulness to see these new members coming into the church. The ordination of baptism was left to be arranged later.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

AT prayer meeting Feb. 14, **1901** the following named persons were received as candidates for baptism and church membership. Miss Alice **Horton**, Miss Effie **Colberg** and Mr. Harry **Chapman**.
At the same meeting Mr. Albert **Brooks** was reinstated.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Sunday evening Feb. 17, **1901**, After a strong sermon by the Rev. D.L. **Jamison** from Acts 2:41 to a house full – about 500, the ordinance of baptism was administered to Alice **Horton**, Rose **McElphatrie**, Ara **Martin**, Jeanette **Pettit** and Harry **Chapman**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

AT prayer meeting Feb. 21, **1901**, the lecture room was well filled. Pastor Rev. D.L. **Jamison** presided. Home Missions was the subject. After papers by Mrs. **Daniel**, Mrs. **Huff**, and Miss **Chadsey** an opportunity was given to any who wished to unite with the church to relate their experience. Miss Maud **Coe** related that she had experienced a change and wished to join the church. Moved by Bro. O.W. **Fargo** that she be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Carried. Miss Adonine(?) **Waite** said she was converted at Jamestown, N.Y. one year ago but owing to opposition in family had not presented herself before for church membership; but she now considered her duty. Moved and seconded that she be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Carried. Lester L. **Goulding** said that he had accepted the savior and he thought that the savior had accepted him. Moved and seconded that he be accepted as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Carried. Fred **Man**(?) and George **Kimball** both said that they had been converted in the meetings during the past few weeks. Moved and seconded that they be received as candidates for baptism and church membership: Carried.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At Warren, Pa., Feb. 21, **1901** Sister Viola **Ruland** passed away.
Sister Cordelia C. **Bradford** died at Centralia, N.Y. Feb. 22, **1901** at the advanced age of 80 years 2 mo 20d.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Sunday eve. Feb. 24, **1901**. At the close of the eve. Sermon the following candidates were baptized by our pastor Rev. D.L. **Jamison**. Ida **Gustus**, Ida **Faust**, Lester L. **Goulding**, Fred **Man** and George **Kimball**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At prayer meeting, Feb. 28, **1901**. Mrs. Grace **Richmond** asked for a certificate of membership as she wished to unite with the Presbyterian Church. Moved by Bro. S.S. **Crissey** seconded by Sister Dora **Barker** that certificate be granted: carried. At the same meeting the following named persons related their Christian experience and were received as candidates for baptism and afterward to church membership: Charles **Fargo**, Henry **Danks**, Mrs. Ellidia **Danks**, Miss Carrie **Bud**, Miss Dotteya(?) **Luce**.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the communion service the pastor read and explained the church covenant and then extended the hand of fellowship to those who were recently received.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At prayer meeting March 7, **1901** Fred **Powell** related his Christian experience. Moved by Bro. O.W. **Fargo** seconded by Bro. D.G. **Sackett** that he be rec'd as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Carried. Benjamin **Raymond** related his experience. Moved by Bro. D.G. **Sackett** sec. by Bro. C.O. **Mason** that he be received. Carried. Frank **Gould** related his experience. Moved by Bro. O.W. **Fargo** that he be received. Carried. Edward **Topliff** related his experience. Moved and carried that he be received. A.W. **Colburn** related his experience. Moved by Bro. O.W. **Fargo** seconded by Bro. D.G. **Sackett** that he be received. Carried. Mrs. Grace **Colburn** expressed a desire to be baptized into the membership of our church having been a member of the Methodist church 25 years. Moved by Sister Rachel **Morian** that she be received. Carried. Miss Ella **Man** related her experience. Moved and seconded she be received. Carried. Miss Minerva **Carr** related her experience. Moved and seconded that she be received. Carried.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Sunday evening March 10, **1901** at close of service the following were baptized: Miss Maud **Coe**, Effie **Colburg**, Alonine **Wait**, Charles **Fargo**, Henry **Danks**, Lydia **Danks**, Carrie **Budd**, Dottya **Luce**, Fred **Powell**, Benjamin **Raymond**, Frank **Gould**, Edward **Topliff**, A.W. **Colburn**, Mrs. Grace **Colburn**, Ella **Man**, Minerva **Carr**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting March 21, **1901** Alvah **Cameron** and Thomas **Vidal** related their experience and were accepted as candidates for baptism and church membership. C.L.G.

Thursday evening March 28, **1901** at the regular prayer meeting, Miss Katie **Saden** related her Christian experience and asked to be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. At the same meeting Miss Lydia **Wingblad** related her experience and asked to be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Moved and seconded that both of these young ladies be received. Carried. Also at the same meeting Mrs. Emily B. **Thompson** related her Christian experience and asked to be received into the membership of our church. Moved and seconded that she be received. Carried.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening Apr. 4, Ethel **Powell** related her Christian experience and upon motion of Dea. D.H. **Morgan**, she was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. At same meeting Anna **Man** related her Christian experience. Moved and seconded that she be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership: Carried. At same meeting Florence **Carr** related her Christian experience upon motion of Bro. **Fargo** she was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. At the same meeting Mrs. Mary **Welch** related her Christian experience and upon motion of Sister Dora **Barker** she was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. At the same meeting Charles **Cobb** related his Christian experience and upon motion of Bro. Geo. L. **Harris** he was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. At the same meeting Sister Amanda **Gustus** asked through

the pastor for a letter of occasional communion. Moved by Dea. D.H. **Morgan** that the letter be granted. Carried.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Fellowship Day **1901**
Saturday April 6, **1901** services commenced by singing. Pastor read 121st Psalm. Roll Call. 129 responded to their names. Letters were read from Mrs. Hortense **Crosby**, Dr. and Mrs. Chas. E. **Smith**, Miss Lula M. **Douglass**, Mrs. Eliza **Dailey**, Mrs. Sarah **Hauldsworth**, Miss Sarah **Madison** and Mrs. Carrie **Perrin**. Obituary read by Mrs. Harriett **Daniel**. Report of Treasurer Miss Ella I. **Davis**. Report of benevolence C.L. **Goulding**. Report of Poor fund O.W. **Fargo**. An opportunity was then offered for testimonies to which several responded. Sung hymn 779. Report of S.S [Sunday School]. D.G. **Sackett**. Report of Christian Endeavor Susie **McKenzie**. Report of Ladies Aid Society – Miss Helen **Stevens** and Mrs. P.G. **Cato**. Report of Missionary Societies Mrs. Agnes **Eddy** and Mrs. **Edmunds**.
Election of Deacons.
Dea. D.H. **Morgan** nominated Bro. C.L. **Goulding**.
Dea. Geo. **Belden** seconded nomination Carried.
Dea. Geo. **Belden** nominated Bro. E.R. **Britton** Carried. Bro. **Britton** refuses to serve.
Doxology. Benediction.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Sunday April 7, **1901** The pastor Rev. D.L. **Jamison** gave the hand of fellowship to 15 members at the communion service. At the evg service the pastor baptized Charles **Cobb**, Mrs. **Welch**, Florence **Carr**, Anna **Man**, Ethel **Powell**, Lydia **Wingblad**, Katie **Sadon** and Thomas **Vidal**, Alvah **Cameron**.
C.L. **Goulding**, Ch Clk

Thursday April 11, **1901** at prayer meeting Sister Eugenia **Morris** asked for a letter to join the Sherman Baptist Church. Letter granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the regular prayer meeting, April 18, **1901** the Church proceeded to elect a(?) deacon. The pastor presided and appointed as tellers Brethren Dayton H. **Morgan**, **Harris**, **Crissey** and **Belden**.
Nominations made Bro. W.T. **Benjamin** and Bro. C.O. **Mason**. There were 46 ballots cast of which Bro. **Benjamin** received 37 and Bro. **Mason** 9. Bro. **Benjamin** was declared elected.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the regular prayer meeting, April 25, **1901** Sister Jennie **Sweet** communicated with the church desiring that her name be dropped from our roll. Her request was unanimously granted.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the same meeting Mrs. Alice E. **Clute** presented letter from the church at Stockton, w/ dismissing her from their fellowship and recommending her to ours. She was unanimously received.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the same meeting the church considered the advisability of appointing a committee to try and correspond with our non-residence members that did not respond to fellowship day invitations and ascertain their standing with the church and report at a future meeting. Moved by Bro. **Sackett** that Dr. **Smith** and Bro. **Goulding** and Bro. **Perrin** be such committee. Carried.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the prayer meeting May 16, **1901**. Mrs. Mabel Kent **Stearns** presented a letter from the church at Cherry Creek, N.Y. dismissing her from their fellowship and recommending her to ours. She was duly received.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Thursday evening, May 16, **1901**. Mrs. Jesse **Powell** related her Christian experience. Moved and seconded that she be received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. At the same meeting Miss Cora **Francis** related her Christian experience and was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Thursday evening, June 6, **1901**, at the prayer meeting Sister Catherine **Cornell** communicated with the church asking for a letter to unite with the Baptist Church at Albuquerque, N.M. The letter was granted and the church expressed regrets on parting with our Sister.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Thursday evening, June 6, **1901**, At the prayer meeting, Miss Clare **Mead** related her Christian experience and was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward to church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Thursday evening, June 6, **1901**, a communication was received from the Dunkirk, N.Y. church asking our church to send our pastor and two delegates to meet in counsel with that church at 2.30 P.M. June 13, **1901** for the examination of their Brother Mahlon H. **Day** for the gospel ministry and if he be accepted to attend the ordination services on the same day. Ch chose our pastor Rev. D.L. **Jamison**, Rev. Chas. E. **Smith** D.D. and Rev. F.B. **Palmer** Ph. D. as delegates and Dea. Geo. **Belden** and Dea. H.P. **Perrin** as alternate delegates.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Sunday June 9, at the morning service Sister Lucenia **Chapman** and Bro. Charles **Chapman** asked for letters of dismissal and recommendation to the church at Titusville, Pa. Moved by Bro. Duane **Sackett** that the letters be granted. Carried.

Sunday evening, June 9, **1901**, At the close of the evening service Mrs. Jesse **Powell**, Miss **Francis** and Miss Clare **Mead** were baptized.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the regular prayer meeting June 20, **1901** Bro. & Sister **Afohl** asked for a letter to join the 1st Baptist Church of Bradford, Pa. The letter was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the regular prayer meeting July 11, **1901** the church voted unanimously to adopt the individual communion cup service.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the regular prayer meeting July 18, **1901** the church appointed Mrs. **Allen**, Mrs. **Sackett** and Mrs. **Jewett** and Bro. **Perrin** a committee to examine new hymnals and advise as to advisability of a change.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the regular prayer meeting Aug. 29, **1901**. Moved and seconded that we invite the Chautauqua Baptist Association to meet with us next year. Carried.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the regular prayer meting Aug. 22, **1901** the letter to the Chautauqua Baptist Association was read by clerk and on motion by Dea. **Morgan** adopted, following delegates elected to represent the church in the association to convene at Brocton Aug 27-29, **1901**. Rev. and Mrs. D.L. **Jamison**, Dr. and Mrs. F.B. **Palmer**, Rev. and Mrs. G.O. **King**, Mrs. Harriett **Daniel**, Dr. and Mrs. C.E. **Smith**. Moved by Bro. C.L. **Goulding** seconded Rev. G.O. **King** that we appropriate four (4) dollars for printing minutes.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the regular prayer meeting, Sept. 26 B. Florence **Colberg** presented a letter from the Frewsburg (?) Church. She was received.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch clk

At the regular prayer meeting, Oct 3 the committee appointed July 18th to examine Hymnals and report if advisable to adopt new Hymn Books, what Hymn Book to adopt; reported that they considered advisable to change and recommended the Sursum Corda, The report of committee was laid on table for one week.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the regular prayer meeting, Oct. 10, **1901** the church discussed the advisability of adopting the Sursum Corda. Remarks by Bro. **Perrin**, Dr. **Smith**, Bro. **Davis** and Dea. **Lyon** after which the church voted to adopt the Sursum Corda. Dea. **Perrin** suggested that those owning the Baptist Hymnal exchange them if the publishers of the new Hymnals would do so for new ones which ought to furnish about 20 new ones 12 of which to be used for the choir 2 for the pastor's use and the remainder for strangers. And if any one owning the old Hymnal and do not feel able to purchase the new that they might turn in the old one in part pay. Dea. **Perrin** also moved sec. by Sister **Raymond** that there be a committee be appointed to see how many old Hymnals there are and the wish of those owning them as to their disposal also to solicit subscriptions for the new Hymnal. Prices $1.00 without responsive readings $1.10 with and reading 25 cents separate. Motion carried.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the same meeting Bro. Emory **Martindale** presented a letter from the first Baptist Church of Ripley, N.Y. Move by Bro. **Goulding**, seconded by Bro. O.W. **Fargo** that he be received. Carried.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the covenant meeting, October 31, Miss Ruth **Bailey** related her Christian experience and expressed a desire to present herself as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Moved by Dea. **Morgan** that she be received seconded and carried. At the same meeting Mrs. Lutie **Jackett** related her experience. Moved by Bro. **Goulding** that she be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Seconded and carried. Also at the same meeting, Miss Hazell **Jackett** related a very clear experience. Moved by Bro. **Goulding** that she be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Seconded and carried.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the regular prayer meeting Nov. 7, **1901**, Miss Carrie **Bailey** related her Christian experience and upon motion she was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward to church membership. At the same meeting upon request a letter of dismissal was granted to Miss Carrie **Griffin** and recommendation to the Cherry Creek, N.Y. church.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

On Sunday evening Nov. 10, **1901** after preaching a sermon to a large congregation the pastor baptized Miss Ruth **Bailey**, Miss Carrie **Bailey**, Mrs. Lutie **Jackett** and Miss Hazell **Jackett**.
C.L. **Goulding**

At the services Thursday evening Nov. 31, **1901**. The church granted a letter of dismissal and recommendation to Rev. G.O. **King** and Mrs. Eliza A. **King** to unite with the Lyell Ave Church, Rochester, N.Y. At the same meeting Bro. Oscar E. **Smith** and Sister Bertha E. **Smith** presented letters from Cassadaga, (?) church and were accepted. Bro. Clinton O. **Tarbox** presented a letter from the church at Cherry Creek, N.Y. also his mother Sister Altana A. **Tarbox** presented a letter from the same church, both were accepted. At the same meeting Sister Alice **Sessions** presented a letter from the First Baptist Church of Erie, Pa. and was accepted.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Died: On the morning of Nov. 16, **1901** after an illness of 3 weeks of Pneumonia Mrs. Julia **Harris** wife of Duane G. **Sackett**. She had been leader of the choir for several years.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

Commencing Nov. 19, **1901** protracted meetings were held for 4 weeks conducted by our pastor assisted the first week by Dr. **Hillings** of Jamestown, N.Y. At these meetings about [blank] were converted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening Dec. 5 Mrs. Katharine **James**, Miss Katharine **Bigelow** and Mr. Glen **Arnett** related their Christian experience and were accepted as candidates for baptism and church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the Prayer meeting Thursday evening Dec. 12 Mr. William W. **Harris**, Mrs. **Harris** and M. Maxwell **Harris** and Miss DeEtte(?) **Woocester** related their Christian experience and were accepted as candidates for baptism and church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

On Sunday evening after the preaching service Wm. W. **Harris**, Mrs. **Harris**, Maxwell **Harris**, Miss Katharine **Bigelow**, and Mrs. Katharine **James** were baptized.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Died on Friday evening, Dec. 27, **1901** at her home on Barker St. Sister Olivia H. **Buck** aged 85 years 11 days. She was one of the oldest and most devoted members. Funeral service conducted in the church by Dr. C.E. **Smith** on Sunday Dec. 29.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the Covenant meeting Thursday eve. Jan. 2, **1902** Miss Emma **Gibbs** presented a letter of dismission from the First Baptist Church of Dunkirk, N.Y. On motion of Sister Dora **Barker** she was received as a member of this church. At the same meeting Miss Lou **Weed** related her Christian experience. On motion of Bro. S.S. **Crissey** she was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

January 9, **1902** At prayer meeting the following related their Christian experience Miss Mabel **VanDaacke**, Nellie **Holland**, and Lillian **Coman** and on motion were received as candidates for baptism and church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

December 16 at the regular prayer meeting Mr. Fernando **Haskin**, Mrs. Hattie (C.F.) **Dewy**, Lewis **Tastor** and Leonard N. **Carr** related their Christian experience and on motion were received as candidates for baptism and church membership. At the same meeting Mr. C.F. **Dewy** was received as member of the church after relating his Christian experience. At the same meeting the name of Dr. S.H. **Albro** was dropped from our church roll.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Sunday morning Jan. 19 the pastor announced from the pulpit that he had received a call to the pastorate of the Jamestown church. At the evening service the clerk read a call for a meeting in the church parlor for Monday evening Jan. 20. After the preaching service the following persons were baptized by the pastor – Fernando **Haskin**, Mrs. Hattie **Dewy**, Lewis **Tastor**, Leonard N. **Carr**, Mabel **VanDaacke**, Nellie **Holland** and Lillian **Coman**.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Thursday evening Jan. 30, **1902**, committee appointed to recommend to the church a more systematic method of gathering our benevolent offerings, Dr. C.E. **Smith** appointed. At the same meeting the pastor was authorized by the church to appoint an advisory board of pastors cabinet to be composed of the deacons, chairman board of trustees, Superintendent of Sunday School, president of young people's society and president Ladies aid society.

C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Thursday evening Feb. 6, **1902** committee appointed to revise church roll and publish list. Committee E.R. **Britton**, W.M. **Martin**, Bert **Belden**

Thursday evening Feb. 6, **1902** letter granted to brother Earl **Peake** to join the Baptist church at Olean, N.Y.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

On Monday afternoon Feb. 17, **1902** sister Anna M. **Gibbs** died suddenly of paralasis and old age. Age 91 years.
On Thursday morning Feb. 20, **1902** Sister Alice E. **Clute** died suddenly of Heart disease.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Thursday evening March 6, **1902**, at the prayer meeting the room was filled to the doors. Dr. **Smith** made a report in regard to a systematic method of raising our benevolence. The following plan was submitted that the collections for various objects be taken on Sundays as follows.
4th Sunday of January for Foreign Missions
3rd Sunday of April for New York State Convention
2nd Sunday of June for Publication Society
3rd Sunday of Sept. for Aged Ministers Home and Ministerial Education
4th Sunday of November for Home Missions
2nd That a duplicate subscription card be given each member of the church in April or May one copy for committee or pastor and the other to be retained by the member. Condition that when a member severs his connection with the church during the year his pledge will not be binding for the remainder of the year. After remarks by the pastor the report of com. and plan suggested was adopted on motion of Bro. **Goulding** seconded by Bro. **Mason**.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

At the same meeting the committee appointed to correspond with non resident members who have not responded to recent fellowship invitations submitted their report. Committee consisted of Dr. **Smith**, Bro. **Goulding**, and Bro. **Perrin**. Bro. **Goulding** made report. Mrs. Maud **Miller** formerly of Sheridan address not known, lengthy explanation by Dr. **Smith** that she had not walked with the church much since she was baptized by him several years since. Moved by Bro. S.S. **Crissey** that her name be dropped from our roll. Carried. The address of Miss Lottie **Foote** has not been known for some years. Moved by Bro. **Mason** that her name be dropped. Carried. Letters addressed to Mrs. Georgia **Harrington** receive no response. Moved by Sister **Raymond** that her name be dropped. Carried. Letters addressed to Wm. E. **Kaiser** E. Liverpool C. received no response. Motion and carried that his name be dropped. Address of Miss Jennie **Rich** not known. On motion her name was dropped. At the same meeting a letter was granted to Mrs. Minnie **Smith** of Gowanda, N.Y. to join the Jamestown, N.Y. Baptist Church. A letter was granted to Mrs. Mary A. **Jenks** of Mansfield, Pa. to join the Cherry Creek, N.Y. church. Also to Miss Mabel **Jenks** to join the same church. A letter was granted to Miss Emma E. **Paterson** to join the church at Ripley, N.Y. A letter was granted to Mrs. Josie **Palmer** to join the Conneaut C. church.
C.L. **Goulding** church clk

At prayer meeting March 13 Mrs. Mary (Benj(?)) **Raymond** related her Christian experience and was received as a candidate for baptism and after membership in the church. At the same meeting Mr. B.F. **Welch** related his Christian experience and was received.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk
At the same meeting letters of dismission and recommendation to the Jamestown Baptist church were granted to Bro. W.D. **Collier**, Bro. Henry **Danks** and Sister Lydia **Danks**.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At prayer meeting Thursday evening Mar. 20, **1902** Mrs. Lillian (Mrs. S.W.) **Kendall** related her Christian experience and was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. At the same meeting a letter was granted to Amanda **Gustus** to join the Riverside Cal. Church
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Thursday evening March 27, **1902**
There was a large attendance. The pastor led and read and commented on the 14 chap of John. At this meeting Sister Nettie **Skinner** of Fairbault, Minn. asked for a letter of dismission. Moved by Bro. D.G. **Sackett**, seconded by Bro. O.W. **Fargo** that she be granted one. Carried. After remarks by the pastor in regard to Bro. Emerson **Turk**, whom our pastor had seen and talked with, Bro. W.T. **Benjamin** moved we withdraw the hand of fellowship from him. Seconded and carried. Miss M. Hellen **Randall** related her Christian experience and expressed a desire to be baptized and afterward be received as a member of this church. Moved and seconded that she be received. Carried. Miss Amber **Graham** related her Christian experience. Moved and seconded that she be received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. Carried. Miss Berdena **Graham** related her Christian experience. Moved by Dr. Geo. L. **Harris** that she be received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. Carried. Eugene **Welch** related his Christian experience. Moved and seconded that he be received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. Carried.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Easter Sunday March 30, **1902** The pastor Rev. D.L. **Jamison** preached to large congregations. At the close of the evening service he baptized Miss Amber **Graham**, Miss Berdena **Graham**, Miss Nellie Francis **Hough**, Mrs. Lillian **Kendall** (Mrs. S.W.), Mr. B.F. **Welch**, Eugene **Welch** and Lou **Weed**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Fellowship Day April 5, **1902**. Opened by singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" Reading of Psalm 122 by Dr. Chas. E. **Smith**. Prayer by Dr. **Smith**. Calling of Roll by D.G. **Sackett** for the clerk, about 155 answered to their names. Obituary report was ready by Mrs. **Shepard**. Report adopted. Report of $545.16 total raised for benevolence accepted and approved by motion. Report of poor fund by Bro. O.W. **Fargo** adopted by motion. Treasurer's report by Miss E.I. **Davis** adopted by vote of thanks. Report of Sunday School by C.O. **Mason** adopted by vote. Report of Home department by Mrs. Agnes **Eddy**. Report of Christian Endeavor Society by Anna **Haskins**. Adopted by vote. Ladies Aid Society by Miss **Stearns** adopted by majority vote. Woman's missionary societies by Mrs. Roxana **Vidal** and Mrs. L.M. **Edmunds** adopted by vote.

Remarks by Rev. W.H. **Day** of Dunkirk. Remarks by pastor D.L. **Jamison** after which they adjourned to the basement and enjoyed the annual supper.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk By D.G. **Sackett**
[Note to side: At about this time the name of Helen **Pemberton** was dropped from the list.]

At prayer meeting April 3, **1902** Frank **Valone** related his Christian experience and was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At prayer meeting April 11, **1902** Rev. & Mrs. J.J. **Keyes** presented letters from the Cazenovia, N.Y. Baptist Church and were gladly received.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At prayer meeting, Thursday evening May 1 Rev. and Mrs. G.O. **King** presented letters of dismission and recommendation from the Lyell Av Church Rochester, N.Y. On motion they were received. At the same meeting Mrs. **Hayhurst** said that she had found Mrs. Maud **Miller** living in town of Dunkirk north of her place and that she still has an interest in religion. On motion voted that she be restored. At the same meeting Rev. Wm. **Barker** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Sandusky St. Church Allegheny, Pa. On motion letter granted. About this time the pastor informed the clerk that he had learned of the death of Miss Martha **Bowdish**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

On Sunday evening May 4, **1902** Sisters Miss Nellie **Holland** and Mrs. Mary J. **Raymond** were baptized by our pastor Rev. D.L. **Jamison**.
C.L. **Goulding** church clerk

On Sunday May 25 a communication was received from the Stockton church asking us to send our pastor and one delegate to meet with them to ordain their pastor the Rev. Cy **Brown**. On motion our pastor Rev. D.L. **Jamison** and Rev. G.O. **King** were appointed.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At prayer meeting June 5 a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Delaware Ar. Bap. Ch. was granted to Sister Helen M. **Phillips**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At prayer meeting June 12 a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Northeast, Pa church was granted to sister Ella **Man**. At the same meeting sister Marie **Gibbs** was received on the relation of her Christian experience having been baptized before.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

At the prayer meeting July 31, **1902** the clerk read the annual letter which he had written for the association. On motion the letter was adopted. On motion voted to send for minutes and expenses of association $8.58 the collection from the next communion service be appropriated and the balance applied from treasury.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At prayer meeting Aug 21 the following delegates were chosen to sit in association: Rev. Chas. E. **Smith**, D.D, Rev. F.B. **Palmer** Ph.D., Rev. G.O. **King**, Mrs. G.O. **King**, Rev. J.J. **Keyes**, Mrs. J.J. **Keyes**, Dea. H.P. **Perrin**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Aug. 26 to 28 the Chautauqua Baptist Association met with our church. At prayer meeting Sept. 4 Bro. Richard and Sister Kate **Martin** presented letters from the First Portland Church. On motion they were received.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Sept. 18, **1902** Sisters Emma (Mrs. John) and Sarah and Ethel **Powell** asked for letters to unite with the Jamestown, N.Y. Church. On motion letters granted. At the same meeting Mr. Floyd **Harris** presented a letter from the First Portland, N.Y. Baptist. On motion Bro. **Harris** was received. At the same meeting Miss Ferne **Reed** presented a letter from the Second Baptist Church at Atlanta Ga. On motion sister **Reed** was received.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

On October 6, **1902**, Sister Lavantia **Goddard** passed away at Westfield, N.Y. hospital after a lingering illness.
C.L. **Goulding**, Church Clerk

At prayer meeting, November 20, **1902** Mrs. Robert (Anna) **Honseadel**(?) was restored to membership upon her request.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Nov. 27, **1902** at prayer meeting Bro. and Sister **Gleason** presented letters from the church at Clymer, N.Y. and upon motion were received as members of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Dec. 11, **1902** at prayer meeting, Mrs. E.A. **Chambers** was received on her Christian experience and on the following Thursday she presented a letter from the Hydetown, Pa. Baptist Church and was accepted.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Dec. 18, **1902** at the prayer meeting, Mrs. Clara **Bierce** presented a letter from the Forestville, N.Y. Baptist Church. On motion she was accepted.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

1903
Jan. 1, **1903** At the prayer meeting, Oscar **Ames** presented a letter of dismission from the Reid Memorial Church of Buffalo. On motion he was accepted.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the same meeting Miss Dora **Pickett** related her Christian experience and motion she was elected as candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.

C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Jan. 9, **1903**, At the service in church parlor Mrs. Bessie (B.S.) **Belden** related her Christian experience and on motion she was elected as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Jan. 15, **1903** At the prayer meeting Mrs. Hattie (Mrs. G.W. Jr.) **Blood** related her Christian experience. She was converted 5 or 6 years ago and joined the Congregational Church at her home but as she had come here to live she desires to join this church. On motion Bro. D.G. **Sackett**, sec. that she be received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. Carried.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the prayer meeting Jan 22, **1903** Bro. Burt **Wright** related his Christian experience. On motion he was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the same meeting Bro. Charles P. **Sampson** and Sister Hannah **Sampson** his wife related their Christian experience and on motion they were received as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Sunday eve Jan. 25 after the service the following brethren and sisters were baptized Miss Dora **Pickett**, Mrs. Bessie **Belden**, Mrs. Harriet **Blood**, Burt **Wright**, Chas. C. **Sampson**, Mrs. Hannah **Sampson**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Jan. 28, **1903**, At the meeting Leland **Jackett** and John C. **Sadon** related their Christian experience and on motion were received as candidates for baptism and church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Jan. 30, **1903**, At the meeting Miss Mary **Markham** and Miss Jennie A. **Kinghom** related their Christian experience and on motion they were received as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Feb. 5, **1903**, At the prayer meeting Miss Julia E. **Kirk** related her Christian experience. On motion she was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Sunday evening Feb. 8, **1903** after the evening sermon the pastor Rev. D.L. **Jamison** baptized sister Julia E. **Kirk** and brethren Leland **Jackett** and John C. **Sadon**.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the prayer meeting, Feb. 12, **1903** Miss Elnora **Scranton** of Grun (?) related her Christian experience and on motion was received as a candidate for baptism and church mem. Also at the same meeting Miss Mabel **Hooker** related her Christian experience and on motion was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, Feb. 19, **1903** Miss Minnie **Dean**(?) related her Christian experience and as she had been baptized she was received into full membership. At the same meeting Gretchen (Mrs. C.H.) **Dillingham** related her Christian experience and on motion she was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.
C.L. **Goulding**, ch clk

Sunday evening, March 8, **1903**. At the close of the sermon the pastor baptized Sisters Elnora **Scranton**, Mabel **Hooker** and Gretchen **Dillingham**.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

On Jan. 27, **1903** Misses Benna and Berenice **Vinens**(?) related their Christian experience and having been baptized were received into the church.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

The pastor took a vacation during the last three Sabbaths of March and the pulpit was supplied March 15 by Rev. W.H. **Day** of Dunkirk, March 22 by Rev. Guy **Brown** of Stockton and March 29 by Rev. J.J. **Keyes**.
C.L. **Goulding**

[The following is a printed notice.]
The First Baptist Church
Fredonia, New York.
Annual Fellowship Day
April 4, **1903**.
Exercises begin at 2:30 P.M.
Supper will be served at 5 P.M.
Church Statistics.
(For one year, ending with March 9, **1903**.)
Membership:
Added.
By Letter, 13
Baptism, 21
Experience, 5
Restored, 1
Total Increase, 40
Decreased.
By Letter, 11
Death, 3
Dropped, 7
Excluded, 1

Total Decrease, 22
Present Membership, 362.
Financial:
Paid
For local expenses (all departments), $2,170.00
For Missionary and other benevolent objects, 718.00
Total paid by the Church, $2,888.00

Fellowship Day **1903**.
April 4 at 2.30 P.M. Meeting called to order by the pastor Rev. D.L. **Jamison**. After singing the pastor read a portion of scripture and Rev. J.J. **Keyes** offered the prayer. D.G. **Sackett** then called the roll of membership of the church 134 answered to their names, quite a number responded with a passage of scripture. 15 of the absent members responded by letter. Singing of an anthem by the choir. Report of church clerk read by Bro. **Sackett** as the clerk was absent. Report of Poor fund by Bro. O.W. **Fargo**. Report of Church treasurer Bro. C.O. **Tarbox**. Report of Sabbath School by Bro. D.G. **Sackett**, On motion voted clerk's report be adopted. On motion voted that the report of the poor fund be adopted. On motion voted that the report of the Sabbath School be adopted. On motion voted the treasurers report be adopted. Report of the Junior Endeavor by sister Julia **Mayborn**. On motion voted the report be adopted. Bro. S.S. **Crissey** then read a list of several resolutions to be sent to the State Legislature which were unanimously adopted. Singing. Report of Ladies Aid Society read by Sister **Cato**. On motion voted report be adopted. Report of Woman's Mission Society by Sister **Vidal**. On motion voted report be adopted. Report of Married Men's Association by Bro. O.W. **Fargo**. On motion voted that the report be adopted. Report of Royal Daughters by Sister Watie(?) **Shaw**. On motion voted that the report be adopted. After singing "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love" a collection was taken. Rev. W.H. **Day** of Dunkirk offered a prayer and then pronounced the benediction. After the services in the Audience room supper was served in the basement.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk by W.T. **Benjamin** pro tem

At prayer meeting, April 9, **1903** Miss Helen Laura **Hovey** related her Christian experience. Moved by Bro. S.S. **Crissey** that she be received as a candidate for baptism afterward church membership. Miss Lillian Elizabeth **Hovey** related her Christian experience, on motion of Bro. **Crissey** she was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. Miss Helen **Wright** related her Christian experience on motion of Bro. G.L. **Harris** she was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. Miss Eva **Wright** related her Christian experience. On motion of Sister Dora **Barker** she was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. Mrs. Katherine **Straight** related her Christian experience. On motion Bro. **Crissey** she was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. Miss Ellidia **Record** presented a letter of dismissal and recommendation from the Hanover Center Church. On motion Bro. **Goulding** she was received. At the same meeting the pastor read letters from Bro. & Sister **Stearns** of Dunkirk and Bro. & Sister **Dewey** of Grand Valley, Pa. The letters came too late for fellowship day. There was a large attendance. The subject the last week of our Saviour via(?) this life.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

After the sermon, Sunday evening, April 12, **1903**, Easter Sunday, our pastor Rev. D.L. **Jamison** baptized Mrs. Katherine Helen **Straight**, Miss Helen **Wright**, Miss Eva **Wright** and Miss Lillian Elizabeth **Hovey**. A full house witnessing the ordinance.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the regular prayer meeting April 16, **1903**. Bro. Roy **Martin** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the First Portland Church. On motion he was received as a member of this church. At the same meeting Bro. Herman C. **Bock** related his Christian experience. On motion he was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. By Rev. D.L.J.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the covenant meeting, April 30, **1903**. Mr. Bryon F. **Thompson** related his Christian experience and on motion was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Sunday evening May 4, **1903** the pastor, Rev. D.L. **Jamison** baptized Helen Laura **Hovey**, Herman C. **Bock** and Byron F. **Thompson**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

On Thursday evening May 14, **1903** a meeting was held for the purpose of choosing delegates to the Annual May Meeting at Buffalo, N.Y. The following delegates elected.
American Baptist Home Missionary Society – Rev. G.O. **King**, Mrs. Sarah(?) **Shepard** and Mrs. Harriet **Daniel**. American Baptist Missionary Union – Rev. D.L. **Jamison** and Ella I. **Davis**.
American Baptist Publication Society – Rev. C.E. **Smith**, D.D.
Woman's Home & Foreign Missions – Dora **Barker**
At the same Mrs. **Harrison** related her Christian experience and on motion was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At prayer meeting Thursday evening, May 21, **1903** a communication was received from the church at North East, Pa. asking that we send our pastor and one delegate to sit in council with them for the purpose of ordaining their pastor the Rev. E.E. **Brown**. On motion we appointed our pastor and the Rev. C.E. **Smith**, D.D. At the same meeting a motion was made and carried that we dispense with the duplicate benevolence subscription card for one year.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At prayer meeting, Thursday evening July 3, **1903**. A letter of dismission and recommendation to the first Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich. was granted to sister Nellie **Holland**.
By Rev. D.L.J. C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At prayer meeting, Thursday evening Aug 13(?) the church letter was used by the clerk. Dr. C.E. **Smith** asked that the statistics for the year be read; explanation was made by the pastor and the clerk that the statistics are made and forwarded to the clerk of the Association on the first of Aug. After some remarks the clerk agreed to furnish the statistics next Thursday evening. Also

suggested that the names of the delegates be incorporated in the letter. Moved by C.E. **Smith** and seconded that the letter be received with the suggestions incorporated. Carried. The following brethren and sisters were nominated as delegates to the Association to be held with the church at Forestville, N.Y. Aug. 25, 26, & 27. to wit – the Pastor, Rev. C.E. **Smith**, D.D., Mrs. D.L. **Jamison**, Mrs. C.E. **Smith**, Bro. John **Hardenburg**, Sister Sarah E. **Shepard**, Sister Ada R. **Kazer**(?), Rev. J.J. **Keyes**, Sister Harriett **Daniel**. Moved by Bro. S.S. **Crissey** and seconded that the above named persons be chosen as our delegates to the association. Carried. Moved by Sister Dora **Barker** that the delegates have the power of substitution in case they are unable to attend. Carried. Moved by Bro. C.L. **Goulding** that we send five dollars for printing of minutes. Carried.
C.L. **Goulding**, ch clk

Sister Dorliska **Manley** died at the home of her nephew Dr. C.M. **Rathbun** on Central Ave. on the evening of Sept. 22, **1903**. Interment at Panama, N.Y.
C.L. **Goulding**, Ch Clk

At her residence, 36 E. Main St. Oct. 9, **1903** Sister Fannie A. **Carryer** departed this life after a long illness aged [blank]
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening, Oct. 22 Mr. F.S. **Lyon** related the experience of Bro. Geo. **James**(?) as previously related to a committee that called upon as he is an invalid and not able to come to the church. Sister **James** related her experience. Moved and carried that Bro. & Sister **James** be received upon their Christian experience.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Sunday Oct. 18, **1903**. Our pastor, Rev. D.L. **Jamison** read a petition prepared by the W.C.T.U. asking the U.S. Senate to dismiss Senator **Grant**(?) of Utah because as he is not living in conformity to our constitution. Moved and seconded that we sign the petition. Carried.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Died at her home on Temple St. Sunday evening Nov. 1 Sister Elizabeth **Sweet** aged 77 yrs 9 mos.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clerk

At the close of communion Sunday Nov. 1 the pastor Rev. D.L. **Jamison** presented a communication asking three months leave of absence commencing about the first of March **1904** for the purpose of visiting the Holy land. Two months to supply the pulpit himself and the other month to be counted as his vacation. Moved and carried that his request be granted.
C.L. **Goulding**, ch clk

At the prayer meeting Nov. 5th Miss Rose **MacElphatrie** asked for a letter to join the church(?) at Marietta, O. A certificate of membership was granted her.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

Died at her home on Temple Street, Nov. 10, **1903** Sister Alice (Mrs. G.L.) **Harris** after an illness of 15 years duration which she had born with Christian fortitude aged 68 years.

C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Died at her home on Seymour Street Nov. 10, **1903** Sister Cornelia **Kingsbury**, widow of Rev. A. **Kingsbury** a former pastor of the church, at the advanced age of 84 years.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the morning service Nov. 22, **1903** the trustees stated the indebtedness of the church and asked the congregation to provide some means of meeting it. A subscription paper was passed with good results. Pastor **Jamison** announced a pulpit committee during his absence. George **Cranston**, Wales M. **Martin**, Dwight **Huff**, P.G. **Cato**, Hiram **Morgan**.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clk

Died at his home on Monday evening, Nov. 30 Henry A. **Morrison** after several years of suffering aged 70 yrs 5 days.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

At prayer meeting Thursday evening Dec. 17 Geo. LeRoy(?) **Hampstone**(?) and his wife, Sister Louise K. **Hampstone** presented letters of dismission and recommendation from the Covenant Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N.Y. On motion they were received as members of this church. At the same meeting Sister Rachel **Adams** and her son Ernest **Adams** presented letters of dismission and recommendation from the 1st Baptist church of Attica, N.Y. On motion they were received as members of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening, Dec. 31, **1903** Bro. E.L. **Husted** and his wife and daughter Martha **Husted** presented letters from the Forestville N.Y. Baptist Church. On motion they were received as members of this church. At the same meeting Bro and Sister **Wells** presented letters from the East Sixth Street Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., and on motion received as members of this church. Also at the same meeting Sister Mrs. Grace H. **Clough** presented a letter from the Second Baptist Church of Rochester, N.Y. and on motion was received as a member of this church. Bro. John **Clough** related his Christian experience and was received into membership of the church at the same meeting.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk per D.L.J.

At 7 o'clock Sunday morning Jan 24, **1904** Sister Rachel **Morian** passed away at her home on Spring St. After a very active life she had been confined to her home a long time. She was 75yrs 1mo. 17da. of age.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the services Jan. 22, **1904** Sister Catherine **Brown** was received into fellowship of the church on her Christian experience.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the services, Jan. 29, **1904** Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. **Kurtz** told their Christian experience and on motion were received as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Sister Emily B. **Thompson** passed away at her residence, 185 Water st. Sunday evening Feb. 14, **1904** after a short illness of apoplexy, aged 78(?) years.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

The married men held their annual banquet in the church parlors Wednesday evening Feb. 12, **1904**. 50 plates were laid.
C.L. **Goulding**, ch clk

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening Alice **Sardison** and Leo **Vidal** related their Christian experience and motion were received as candidates for baptism and church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Sunday evening Feb. 14, Mr. William T. **Kurtz**, Mary E. **Kurtz** and Samuel **Kendall**.
Sunday evening Feb. 28. Samuel **McKelvey**, Leo **Vidal** and Alice **Sardison**.
C.L. **Goulding**, ch clk

Sunday morning Feb. 28, **1904** Bro. Lobeski **Burt** passed away at Mrs. **Stewarts** on Temple st. after a short illness at the advanced age of 91 years.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Thursday evening, March 3, **1904**. Miss Mabel **Sharp** related her Christian experience. On motion she was accepted as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. Also at the same meting Miss Emma Christina **Johnson**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Fellowship Day.
Fellowship day and the annual meeting of the society was held Saturday March 5, **1904**. The Services began about 11 A.M. by all repeating the Lord's Prayer followed by singing No. 251. Scripture read 103 Psalm by the pastor Rev. D.L. **Jamison**; anthem by the choir. Prayer by Bro. **Jamison**. Offering with anthem by choir Hymn no. 110. A very interesting and eloquent sermon by the Rev. O.P. **Gifford**, D.D. of the Dexman(?) Roe(?) Baptist Church of Buffalo, N.Y. Text Hebrews 3-6. Dinner was served in the basement. Afternoon session. Prayer by Rev. M.H. **Day** of Dunkirk. History of the church by Bro. S.S. **Crissey**. Election of officers of society. Trustee P.C. **West** reelected. Trustee M.N. **Munger** reelected. Society Clerk D.G. **Sackett**. Treasurer C.O. **Tarbox** reelected. Asst Treasurer Mary **Morgan** reelected. Music Committee Mrs. F.B. **Palmer**, Mrs. C.O. **Mason**, Mrs. Bert **Belden**. Treasurers report by Bro. C.O. **Tarbox**. Church Clerk's report by C.L. **Goulding** read by Pastor. Poor Fund report by Bro. O.W. **Fargo**. Sunday School report by Bro. D.G. **Sackett**. Junior S.C.E. report by Sister Salenia **Mayborn**. Woman's Mission report by Mrs. **Daniel**. Royal Daughters report by Sister **Pickett**.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk by D.L.J.

Sunday March 6th was the last Sabbath our pastor was with us before his departure for the Holy Land. There were large congregations both morning and evening. At the Communion 138 sat down, In the evening Sisters Mabel **Sharp** and Emma Christina **Johnson** were baptized.

At the covenant meeting, Thursday evening April 28(?) Sister Mabel **Sharp** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Dunkirk, N.Y. Baptist Church which was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch clk per Pas.

Ministers while pastor is away
March 13 Rev. W.L. **Dugan** (?) March 20 Rev. J.J. **Keyes**
March 27 Rev. J.J. **Keyes** April 3 Rev. J.J. **Keyes**
April 10 Rev. M.H. **Day** Dunkirk N.Y. April 17 Rev. B.P.(?) **Powell** (?) England(?)
April 24 Rev. Rob. **Scott** Park Side, Buffalo, N.Y. May 1 Rev. F.B. **Palmer**
May 8 Rev. George D. **Knights** East Aurora, N.Y. May 15 Rev. T.G. **Gass** Allen, N.Y.
May 22 Rev. G.G. **Johnson** (?) Buffalo, N.Y. May 29 Rev. C.E. **Smith** old
June 5 Rev. C.E. **Smith**, old June [blank]
" 12(?) Sunday(?) School(?)

Died at his residence on Canadaway St. after a short illness Bro. Alonzo D. **Lewis** aged 76 yrs 11 mos. April 30, **1904**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening Sister Amanda **Gustus** presented a letter from the Bay Riverside California church and on motion the letter was accepted and she was received. At the same meeting Sister Mary T. **Eddy** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Sherman, N.Y. church which was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Church clerk

At the prayer meeting June 2, **1904** a communication was received from the First Baptist Church of Clymer, N.Y. inviting us to send our pastor and two Brethren to sit with them in council to consider and advise as to the expediency of publicly setting apart to the work of the gospel ministry their Brother Eli S. **Way**. On motion of Bro. C.L. **Goulding**, the church voted to send our pastor Rev. D.L. **Jamison**, Rev. C.E. **Smith** D.D. and Bro. S.S. **Crissey**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

[The following is a printed pamphlet.]
The First Baptist Church
Fredonia, New York.
Annual Fellowship Day
March 5th, **1904**.
Sermon by the Rev'd O.P. **Gifford**, D.D., at 11 A.M.
Dinner at 12:30 P.M.
Business Session at 2:00 P.M.
Fredonia, New York,
Jan. 15, **1904**.
To the Members of the Baptist Church.
Dear Brethren, -
By vote of the Church, the annual Fellowship Day will be observed this year on Saturday, March 5th. It affords me much pleasure to announce that the Reverend O.P. **Gifford**, D.D., of Buffalo, will be present and preach at 11 o'clock A.M. on that day. Dinner will be served at 12:30 instead

of at 5 o'clock as heretofore, and the Business session will begin at 2 P.M. We expect reports from all departments of the church. And as excellent work is being done, these reports will doubtless give us cause to rejoice. Thirty-eight persons have united with the church during the calendar year just past, nineteen of whom came in by Baptism. Let us assemble therefore on March 5th to cultivate Christian fellowship, to thank god for past blessings, and to plan for larger service in the future. I trust that any who cannot come will send a message to the church.
Your brother in Christ,
David Lee **Jamison**, Minister.

After a lingering illness our sister Mabel **VanDacke** passed away at the home of her parents in Laona on June 17. Aged 16 years. A beautiful Christian character.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

On June 18, our brother Gresham **Gibbs** died at Corry, Pa. aged [blank]
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

On June 19th our pastor was greeted by a large audience which gave him the Chautauqua Salute when he entered the pulpit it being his first Sunday after his journey in the Holy Land. His sermon included a brief outline of his trip. On the following Wednesday evening the church and congregation gave a large reception in the Church parlors to the pastor and Mrs. **Jamison**.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

On Thursday evening June 30, **1904** at the Covenant meeting a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the Dunkirk, N.Y. Church was granted to Catharine **Bigelow**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk per D.L.J.

At the prayer meeting, Thursday eve. July 14, **1904** letters of dismission and recommendation were received from the 1st Portland Church for Mrs. Aurelia (Mrs. A.M.) **Rumsey**, Miss Amelia **Spencer** and Mrs. Adella **Spencer** (Mrs. A.R.) **Hilton**. On separate motions they were received.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

Sister Katherine E. **Straight** passed away Monday July 18 at her home in Laona N.Y. after a brief illness of typhoid fever, her husband died only the day before with the same disease.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening July 28, **1904** Bro. Albert **Smith** and his wife Blanche **Smith** were received on their Christian experience.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk D.L.J.

At the prayer meeting Thursday eve. August 11, brother Y.E. **Smith** and his wife Lida **Smith** presented letters of dismission and recommendation from the church at Cherry Creek N.Y. On motion they were received as members of our church.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk per D.L.J.

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening August 25, Harry **Chapman** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the 1st Baptist Church of San Francisco Cal. On motion letter was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the same meeting Mrs. Flossie Rose(?) **Thompson** presented a letter from the Methodist Episcopal church. She related her Christian experience and on motion was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. **Goulding**, Church Clerk.

At the same letter the clerk read the letter written to the Chautauqua Association which was adopted. Delegates elected Dr. F.B. **Palmer**, Miss Jennie **Chadsey**, Miss Lena **Potter**, and S.S. **Crissey**. Miss **Barker** was elected as alternate and the pastor has the power to substitute others if any are absent. Five dollars was voted for minutes a special collection to be taken for that purpose on the Sabbath previous to the Association and if enough is not raised balance to be taken from Church treasury.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Suffering(?) from(?) illness of two years Sister Elizabeth **Green** died at her residence on Center St on the morning of August 24, **1904**. Aged 72 years.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At prayer meeting, Thursday eve. Sept. 15, **1904** Mrs. Rosa **Brooks** related her Christian experience and on motion she was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening Sept. 22 Mr. Charles **Wilbur** and his wife, Mrs. Hattie **Wilbur** related their Christian experience and on motion were received as candidates for baptism and church membership. At the same meeting Mr. Fredrick J. **Johnson** and his wife Mrs. Hattie L. **Johnson** related their experience and were received as candidates for baptism and church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening Sept. 29, **1904** Mr. Robert A. **Wilbur** and his wife Mrs. Lillie **Wilbur** related their Christian experience and on motion they were received as candidates for baptism and church membership. At the same meeting Miss Lottie **Worster** related her Christian experience and was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

On Sunday evening Oct. 2, **1904** at the close of the evening service the pastor Rev. David Lee **Jamison** baptized the following named persons to wit: Robert A. **Wilbur**, Lillie **Wilbur**, Charles **Wilbur**, Hattie **Wilbur**, Fredrick **Johnson**, Hattie **Johnson**, Lottie **Worster** and Rosa **Brooks**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening Oct. 13, **1904** Sister A.J. **Edwards** presented a letter from the church at South Orange, N.Y. On motion she was received as a member of this church.

C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

Sister Clara **Wheelock** died at the Dunkirk Hospital after an operation on Saturday Nov. 12 aged 52 years.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening Nov. 17, **1904** Sister Alice **Robinson** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the church at Pike, N.Y. On motion she was received.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the same meeting Sister Janeviev M. **Cobb** asked for a letter to unite with the Delaware Av. Baptist Church of Buffalo, N.Y. On motion a letter was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the same meeting, on motion the name of Minnie A. **Priest** was dropped from our rolls she having united with the Roman Catholic Church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the same meeting, on motion the name of George H. **Hollister** was dropped from our list. No communication having been received from him for several years.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the same meeting, a certificate was granted to Byron F. **Thompson** as he desires to unite with the M.E. Church of Fredonia, N.Y.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the regular prayer meeting Nov 24 **1904** A letter was read by the pastor from Mrs. Eva **Curtis** asking for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Dunkirk, N.Y. On motion the letter was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk (Mrs. C.E.G.)

Sister Sophronia **Webster** passed away at Townwood, O. Nov. 18, **1904** at the advanced age of 84.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clerk

On Thursday evening Dec. 29, **1904** Sister Eliza **Bargar Bond** presented a letter of dismission from the Topeka Kans. Church to unite with us. On motion of Rev. G.O. **King** she was received.
C.L. **Goulding**, ch clk

At the same meeting Brother Albert **Adge** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the Forestville, N.Y. Church. On motion of Rev. G.O. **King** she was received. At the same meeting Sister **Adge** presented a letter from the same church. On motion of Sister Harriet **Daniel** she was received.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the gospel meeting, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 31, **1905** the following named people related their Christian experience as candidates for baptism and church membership Viz. Miss Harriett **Randall**, Miss Mabel **Morrison**, Miss Pearl **Morrison**, Miss Effie **Shaw** and Alvin **Harper**, Howard **Hollenbeck**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the communion service Sunday Feb. 5 Harrold **Martin** and Harrold **Guest** related their Christian experience separate motions, were received as candidates for baptism and church membership.

At the Sunday evening service, Feb. 5, **1905** the following candidates were baptized by the pastor Rev. D.L. **Jamison**, viz.
Miss Harriett **Randall**, Miss Mabel **Morrison**, Miss Pearl **Morrison**, Miss Effie **Shaw**, Alvin **Harper**, Harrold **Martin**, Howard **Hollenbeck**, Harrold **Guest**.
C.L. **Goulding**, Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Feb. 16, **1905** a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Baptist Church of Moravia(?) Cal. Was granted to Sister Ella **Bronson**. At the same meeting Gladys **Gibbs**, Bessie **Sardison** and Ellen **Shew** related their Christian experience. On separate motions were received as candidates for baptism and church membership. At the same meeting Mrs. Addie **Fox Johnson** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from 1st Baptist Church of Dunkirk. On motion she was received as a member of this Church. At the same meeting Mrs. Mabel **Sharp Sly** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the 1st Baptist Church of Dunkirk, N.Y. On motion she was received as a member of this church. At the same meeting George **Griffith** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the Meigs St. Baptist Church of Rochester, N.Y. On motion he was received as a member of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk per D.L.J.

At the prayer meeting Feb. 16, **1905** Sister Aslonia(?) **White Racey(?)** asked for a letter to unite with the First Church of Christ in Tonawanda, N.Y. On motion a certificate was granted her.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the prayer meeting Feb. 23, **1905** Edgar **Clarke**(?) related his Christian experience. On motion he was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the communion service March 5 the pastor pointed a committee to prepare a program for Fellowship Day, Viz: Deacon H.P. **Perrin**, Bro. S.S. **Crissey**, Bro. George **Cranston**, Sister **Palmer** and Sister **Fargo**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

On Sunday evening March 12, after the sermon the pastor baptized Gladys **Gibbs**, Ellen **Shew** and Bessie **Sardison**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

On Sunday evening, March 26, the pastor baptized Bro. Alvin **Poole**.
C.L. **Goulding**, Ch Clk

April 1st.
Fellowship Meeting called to order by the pastor Rev. D.L. **Jamison**.
Report from the Sunday School by the secretary Bro. D.G. **Sackett**. Report of the Home department by Sister Dora **Barker**. Moved and seconded that the report of the Sunday School be adopted carried.
Report of the finances of the church by the treasurer, Bro. C.O. **Tarbox**.
Disbursements $2174.02.
Cash on hand 4.53.
Due on subscriptions and slip rents $157.40.
Church owes $187.02.
Treasurer ordered to collect interest on 2 certificates of over $20. which if all received will leave a small balance in treasury.
Report of Young People's society by Sister Nellie **Hough**. Moved and seconded that the report of Sister **Hough** be adopted. Carried. Report of Ladies Aid Society by Sister Hattie **Huff**. Moved and seconded that the report of Sister **Huff** be adopted. Carried. Report of Woman's Mission Circle by Sister Harriet **Daniels**. Have sustained monthly meetings with average attendance of 12. Have been studying about Japan. They have raised for Foreign Missions $48.81, for Home Missions $80.70 and goods valued at $179.75. Moved by Bro. S.S. **Crissey** that the report of Sister **Daniels** be adopted. Carried. Report of Farther Lights Society by Sister Alice **Robinson**. Moved by Sister Dora **Barker** that the report of Sister **Robinson** be adopted. Carried. No report from Men's Association.
Report of Statistics of church by clerk, C.L. **Goulding**.
No. members reported March 5, **1904** – 383.
Added by Baptism 22
Letter 14
Experience 6
Restored 2
Reduction by death 7
Letter 9
Dropped 2
Net gain 22.
Present membership 405
Benevolence report for
Ministerial Education $10.20
Am. Pub. Society 21.55
Aged Ministers Home 22.68
State Missions 30.60
Home Missions 294.45
Foreign Missions 212.51
Care of Poor 10.84
=$602.85
Moved by Bro. S.S. **Crissey** that the clerk's report be adopted. Carried. Obituary report was made by Sister Harriet **Daniel** who spoke of the 7 who have passed away during the past year.

Moved by Sister Elizabeth W. **Barker** that Sister **Daniel**'s report be adopted. Carried. Prayer by Dr. F.B. **Palmer**. Report of the poor fund by Bro. O.W. **Fargo**. Moved by Bro. S.S. **Crissey** that Bro. **Fargo**'s report be adopted. Carried. The pastor appointed a committee to prepare a new church directory – Bro. C.O. **Mason**, Bro. S.S. **Crissey** and Bro. Geo. E. **Smith**. A pulpit committee to continue during present pastorate – Bro. Geo. **Cranston**, Bro. Wales M. **Martin**, Bro. Bert **Belden**, Bro. D.H. **Huff** and Bro. H.F. **Morgan**. Collector for trustees – Bro. P.G. **Cato**. Benevolence Treasurer Bro. D. Benson **Belden**. Church Historian Bro. S.S. **Crissey**. Singing Hymn no. 15. About 125 present at this session. Adjourned to the dining room at 12:30 P.M. Reconvened at 2 P.M. Hymn no. 627. Prayer by Rev. G.O. **King**. Communication cup racks placed in the pews by Mr. and Mrs. A.N. **Colburn**. Moved by Bro. G.O. **King** that a vote of thanks be tendered Mr. & Mrs. **Colburn** for them and clerk advised to notify them. Carried. Rev. G.O. **King** presented to the church the portraits of former pastors and made some very interesting remarks in connection with the presentation of them.
Rev. George D. **Downie 1861-1863**
7 present that were members then.
Rev. Howard M. **Jones 1863-1869**
16 present were members then
3 that were baptized by him
Rev. Charles **Thompson 1869-1872**
21 present were members then
2 that were baptized by him
Rev. Lester **Williams 1873-1879**
30 present were members then
5 baptized by him were present
Rev. Malcolm **MacGregor 1880-1884**
36 present were members then
4 present were baptized by him
Rev. Chas. E. **Smith**, D.D. **1885-1900**
86 present were members then
17 present were baptized by him.
Bro. D.G. **Sackett** and wife were appointed a committee that these portraits are hung on the walls of the lecture room. Collection take by Bro. R.C. **Wells** and Bro. M.E. **Wheelock**. Remarks by the pastor along the lines he wishes us to work the coming year. Roll Call. 139 were present. 9 responded by letter. 2 phoned the pastor they were not able to be present. Closed with Hymn 31.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the close of the preaching service Sunday morning, Apr. 16, **1905**. Miss Florence **Derby** related her Christian experience. She wants to live for Christ. Wishes to unite with the church and receive its help. Moved and seconded that she be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Carried. At the same meeting Miss Anna **Gustus** related her Christian experience. She desires to live a Christian life and unite with the church. Moved by Sister Sabrie **Kendall** that she be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Carried. At the same meeting Mrs. Amanda **Graham** related her Christian experience. Answered satisfactorily questions of pastor. Moved by Sister Sabrie **Kendall** that she be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Carried. At the same meeting Miss Georgiana **Stebbins** related

her Christian experience [and] wishes to unite with the church. Moved and seconded that she be received as a candidate for baptism and Church membership. Carried. At the same meeting Miss Eva **Stebbins** related her Christian experience. Moved and seconded that she be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Carried.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting on Friday evening Apr. 21, **1905** the following sisters related their Christian experience and on separate motions were received as candidates for baptism and church membership: Miss Grace **Ives**, Miss Cecilia **Morgan**, Miss Ida M. **Wood** and Mrs. Belle **Winner**.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk
By D.L.J.

At the close of the evening service Sunday, April 23, (Easter) the pastor baptized the following to wit: Mrs. Amanda **Graham**, Mrs. Belle **Winner**, Miss Grace **Ives**, Miss Florence **Derby**, Miss Anna **Gustus** and Miss Ida May **Wood**.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

At the prayer meeting Friday eve. Apr. 21 a certificate was granted to Sister Cecelia W. **Hauser** that she might unite with the Grace Lutheran Church of Dunkirk, N.Y. Also to Bro. C.T. **Dewey** and his wife Sister Hattie **Dewey** that they might unite with the U.B. Church of Enterprise, Pa.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk by Rev. J.

At the prayer meeting, Apr. 27, **1905** Miss Gertrude **Hill** related her Christian experience and on motion she was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. At the same meeting Miss Effie **Colburg** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the 1st Baptist Church of Jamestown, N.Y. which was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

On Sunday evening, Apr. 30, **1905** the pastor baptized Miss Gertrude **Hill**, Miss Georgiana **Stebbins**, and Miss Eva **Stebbins**.
C.L. **Goulding**

At the prayer meeting Apr. 27, **1905** Mr. Michael **Vullo** was received on his Christian experience.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, May 4, **1905** Mr. & Mrs. Fred **Kester** presented a letter of dismission from the Forestville, N.Y. church and on motion they were received as members of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the same meeting the hand of Fellowship was withdrawn from Miss Mamie **Dean**, on account of immoral conduct.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Bro. & Sister **Adge** granted a letter to Forestville, N.Y.

Resolution
Resolved, That the Office of Pastor Emeritus be created.
At the communion service, June 4th the church elected Rev. C.E. **Smith** D.D. Pastor Emeritus and on the following Wednesday evening they tendered him a reception in the church parlors.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the prayer meeting June 22, **1905** Sister Ellidia **Record** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Hanover Center Church. On motion letter was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the morning service Sunday June 25, **1905** our pastor tendered his resignation to take effect Sept. 1. At a special meeting a committee was appointed to go and endeavor to persuade Rev. **Jamison** to withdraw his resignation which was without avail. On Thursday evening June 29, **1905** the following resolutions were adopted to wit:
Whereas: Our Pastor Rev. D.L. **Jamison** has tendered his resignation as pastor of this church to take effect Sept. 1st, **1905**. Therefore Resolved, That this, the 1st Baptist Church of Fredonia, N.Y. hereby accepts Bro. **Jamison**'s resignation, to be effective Sept. 1st (?) Returning to the resignation of Rev. D.L. **Jamison** of the office of pastor of this church, (?) of the membership of same in covenant and official meeting assembled in the parlor of the church June 29, **1905** P.M. desire that the following minute be added to the church's record, of the Culmination of Brother **Jamison**'s pastorate.
We would place this separation, we have tried to in the undated future: because he has filled the office of teacher, Guide, and Friend to this church, in the pulpit, and out of it with distinguished ability, unflagging zeal and the most heartsome devotion to our personal and spiritual welfare. We mention now in contemplating the severance of his relation to this church, the rejoicing of heart that has come to us in the growth of the church as one of the fruits of his labors in its unity of spirit in its bonds of peace. We know that our pastor has accepted a call to another part of our Master's Vineyard after the most careful consideration of the condition of the field he leaves, and the needs of the one he enters; subordinating his own personal feelings and wishes, as well as ours, to the leading of God's present and guiding Spirit. Previous calls to other fields more attractive than ours, or this one affirmatively answered have been considered as we believe, in the light of God's guiding counsel: and we have been the profited and happy gainers: now that a conclusion has been reached, not according to our will, but as our Heavenly Father appears to direct, or accept it as due to our faith and obedience; wishing happiness to our beloved Pastor and family; and the largest measure of success to (?) his labors.

At the prayer meeting of the church July 20, **1905** the following call for a church meeting was read. To the members of the First Baptist Church Fredonia, N.Y. The Pulpit Committee were in receipt of recommendations from members of the church, and from our Pastor, advising that a meeting be held to consider the condition of the church with special reference to the supply of the Pulpit after September 1st, **1905**. Your committee would therefore suggest, that such a meeting be appointed for Thursday evening July 27th at 7:30 P.M. in the parlors of the church.
Fraternally, George **Cranston**, W.M. **Martin**, H.F. **Morgan** and D.H. **Huff**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

July 27, **1905**. There was a prayer meeting from 730 to 8 o'clock led by C.L. **Goulding**. At the close of this meeting Bro. **Goulding** asked Dea. **Perrin** to take the chair but Bro. **Perrin** moved that Bro. C.L. **Goulding** be the chairman of the special meeting. After the chairman of the meeting read the call see above, there were general remarks by Dea. H.P. **Perrin**, Bro. O.W. **Fargo**, Dea. **Perrin**, Bro. S.S. **Crissey**, Sister Lena **Potter**, Bro. **Fargo**, Bro. E. **Martindale**, and then Bro. **Crissey**. Moved that Bro. **Fargo**, Bro. R.C. **Wells** and Bro. W.W. **Harris** retire to a side room and nominate a committee of not less than 5 to act as a pulpit supply committee after Sept. 1, **1905**. Motion seconded and carried. The committee retired and after about 10 min. returned and offered the names of Dea. H.P. **Perrin**, Bro. C.L. **Goulding**, Bro. George **Cranston**, Bro. C.O. **Mason** and Bro. R.C. **Wells** as a pulpit committee. Moved by Bro. S.S. **Crissey** that the brethren named be our committee and that the committee have the power to fill any vacancy that might occur in the committee. Motion by Dea. **Perrin** that the motion be amended to substitute Rev. C.E. **Smith** for himself. Amendment carried. Motion as amended carried. Moved by Dea. **Perrin** that this committee be a pulpit supply committee and act as such until authorized different by a vote of the church.
C.L. **Goulding** church clerk

At the close of the morning service, Aug. 20, **1905** a meeting of the church pointed a committee of the Deacons and trustees to devise means of raising the deficiency.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Tuesday evening, Aug. 29, the above committee met in the church vestibule Dea. **Perrin** suggested that the church be divided into sections of 10 and one of these be a chairman to see the others and solicit them and try to raise on the average of one dollar from each member. Moved by trustee D.G. **Sackett** and seconded that we adopt this plan and that Dea. **Perrin** be the Chairman of a committee to divide the church and select his assistants. Carried.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Sunday morning Aug. 27 Rev. D.L. **Jamison** preached his farewell sermon to a very large audience. Text [blank] He also preached at a union service in the village park to a large audience. The Church met in the parlors on Tuesday eve. Aug 29 and tendered him a farewell reception. On Thursday evening he conducted the prayer meeting and at its close all repaired to the audience room where he administered the ordinance of baptism.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

On Thursday evening Aug 31, **1905** Sister Susie **Aldrich** asked for a certificate of good standing and dismissal that she might unite with the M.E. Church of Fredonia, N.Y. At the same meeting a certificate was granted to Sister Ferne **Reed** to unite with the same church. At the close of the same meeting Cecelia **Morgan** baptized.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

Sept. 3rd Rev. C.E. **Smith** D.D. preached and administered the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. Thursday evening, Aug. 31, at the prayer meeting the church read the annual letter which he had written to the Chautauqua Association to be held at Westfield, N.Y. Sept. 5th and 6th. Moved by Rev. G.O. **King** that the letter read be our letter to the association when the statistics of the past year are added. Carried. The following persons were nominated as delegates to the association to

wit: Rev. and Mrs. C.E. **Smith**, Rev. F.B. **Palmer** Ph.D., Bro. Wales M. **Martin**, and Sister Emma **Gibbs**. Moved by Rev. J.J. **Keyes** that the persons named serve as our delegates. Carried. Moved by Sister Dora **Barker** that anyone attending may act as alternate delegates. Carried. Moved by Dr. **Smith** that we send four dollars to defray our [share] of the expense of printing the minutes. Carried.
Thursday evening, Sept. 7, **1905** Rev. G.O. **King**, leader. 28 present. At this meeting Bro. J.G. **Wilcox** asked for a letter of dismissal that he might unite with the 1st Cong. Church of Portland, N.Y. Moved by Dr. C.E. **Smith** seconded by Dea. D.H. **Morgan** that a certificate be granted Bro. **Wilcox**. Carried.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Sept. 10th. Madam(?) **Silke**(?) who was a captive with Mrs. **Stone** when captured by brigands in Turkey spoke at a union service in the Pres. Ch.
Sept. 17th Rev. G.O. **King** preached both morning and evening.
Sept. 24 Rev. Wm. **Barker** preached acceptably to large audience morning and evening.

Sunday Oct. 1 Dr.(?) **Harris**(?) preached in the morning and Rev. J.J. **Keyes** in the evening. Brother D.A.(?) **Topliff** died at the Dunkirk, N.Y. Hospital Wednesday evening Oct. 4 at (?) A.M. after a long illness. He was a quiet (?) Christian gentleman.
C.L. **Goulding** church clerk

At the prayer meeting, Oct. 5, **1905** Brother B. Fand(?) Eugene and Sister **Welch** asked for letters of dismission and recommendation to the Baptist Church at Wilson N.Y. The letters were granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

Sunday, Oct. 8 pulpit was supplied morning and evening by Rev. J.L. **Roy** Ph.D. of Norwich, N.Y.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Thursday eve., Oct. 12 at the prayer meeting, Dea. H.P. **Perrin** leader a communication was received from the 1st Portland Church inviting us to send our pastor and one lay member to sit in council with them at the ordination of their Sister P.J. **Trey** on Oct. 20, **1905** at 2 P.M. On motion Rev. C.E. **Smith**, D.D. and Rev. J.J. **Keyes** were elected such committee. At the close of the prayer meeting Bro. C.L. **Goulding** was elected superintendent of the Sunday School vice Pr. Geo. E. **Smith** resigned.
C.L. **Goulding**, ch clk

Sunday Oct. 15, **1905** Rev. C.E. **Smith**, D.D. supplied the pulpit in the morning and there was a union temperance service in the Presbyterian church in the evening.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Sunday Oct. 22, **1905** Rev. J.J. **Keyes** preached in the morning and in the evening there was a union temperance meeting. C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the prayer meeting, Oct. 26, **1905** Rev. J.J. **Keyes** leader Sister Agnes P. **Eddy** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Sherman N.Y. Church. On motion the letter was granted. Also at the same meeting one to Brother W. Floyd **Harris** to unite with the 1st Baptist Church of Arcade, N.Y. C.L.G.

Sunday Oct. 29, **1905** Rev. Robert **Scott** of Buffalo occupied the pulpit in the morning and assisted in the union temperance service in the M.E. Church in the evening.

Sunday Nov. 5, **1905** Dr. C.E. **Smith** preached in the morning union temperance service in the Presbyterian Church in the evening.

Sunday Nov. 12, **1905** Rev. J.J. **Keyes** supplied the pulpit both morning and evening.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Sister Almena S. wife of L.P.(?) **Parker** died suddenly at her home at Laona N.Y. Wednesday morning Nov. 15, **1905** aged 79 years having been a member of the church since a child.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening Nov. 23, **1905** Rev. D.L. and Mrs. Janet B. **Jamison** asked for a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the First Baptist Church of Albion, N.Y. On motion letter was granted. At the same meeting a letter was granted to Sister Mabel **Sharp Sly** to unite with the church at Dunkirk, N.Y.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Pulpit supplied –
Nov. 19 Rev. G.O. **King**
Nov. 26 Rev. John J. **Barboser**, Mumford, N.Y.
Dec 3 Rev. Dr. C.E. **Smith**
Dec 10 Rev. Eugene **Haines**, Cooperstown, N.Y.
Dec 17 Rev. J.J. **Keyes**

At his home 61 Eagle St. after a short illness Brother Isaac H. **Damon** passed away on the morning of Dec. 15, **1905** after a consecrated life of 95 years. Funeral services at the house on Dec. 17 conducted by Dr. **Smith**.

Pulpit supplied
Sunday December 24th Rev. G.O. **King**
Sunday December 31st Rev. **Babbitt** of Buffalo
Sunday Jan. 7th Rev. **Babbitt** of Buffalo

At the morning service Sunday Jan. 7 Dr. C.E. **Smith** presented to the members of the church the booklet "His Life." At the communion service Dr. F.B. **Palmer** moved a vote of thanks to Dr. **Smith** for the booklet motion carried
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Saturday Jan. 13, **1906** Sister Hannah I. **Edwards** passed away at her home in Shumla, of Neuralgia, aged [blank]
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

On Thursday evening Jan. 18, **1906** Sister Fannie **Lord Bansam** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the College Ave. Baptist Church at Annapolis, Md. On motion letter was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Pulpit supplied Jan. 14 and 21 by Rev. S.A. **Perrine** of Trenton Junction, N.J.
C.L. **Goulding**, Ch Clk

At the evening service Jan. 21 Dr. C.E. **Smith** Chairman of the pulpit supply com. announced that the adjourned meeting of the church to consider the calling of a pastor would convene at 7.30 P.M. Jan. 23rd. Pursuant to the above call about 80 members of the church convened on Tuesday evening Jan. 23rd and elected Dea. H.P. **Perrin** as chairman and Bro. D.G. **Sackett** as secretary of the meeting. The church not being able to agree to issue a call to any of the ministers that have supplied the pulpit since Rev. **Jamison** resigned they unanimously instructed the committee to continue their work.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Sunday Jan. 28, **1905** pulpit supplied by Dr. C.E. **Smith** both morning and evening.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Thursday evening Feb. 1 at the covenant meeting the following communication was received and read by the leader Rev. G.O. **King** and on account of small attendance action deferred one week by the leader.
Fredonia Feb. 1st Feeling unable to longer perform the duties of a Deacon I respectfully request the church to accept my resignation.
D.H. **Morgan**
At the same meeting it was reported that a man named **Morris** is delivering an illustrated lecture on (?) to be made that continues about 2 weeks. Moved by Sister Dora **Barker** and seconded that we invite him to come here next week and deliver the lecture motion subject to the approval of Dr. C.E. **Smith** pastor emeritus, and the Board of Trustees.
C.L. **Goulding**, Ch Clk

Pulpit supplied Feb. 4th morning and evening by Rev. J.J. **Keyes**.
At the prayer meeting Thursday evening Feb 8 Moved by Dr. C.E. **Smith** seconded by Bro. S.S. **Crissey** that the resignation of Bro. D.H. **Morgan** as Deacon be accepted – carried.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Pulpit supplied Feb. 11th morning and evening by Rev. M.J. **Winchester** of Elbridge, N.Y.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

On Sunday Feb. 11, **1906** Bro. Erick A. **Berg** passed away after a short illness at his house in Sheridan aged 48. A very conscientious Christian.

C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

On Monday evening Feb. 12 the men's society held a social in the church parlor to which the church and congregation were invited. Rev. **Winchester** remained and a pleasant time was spent by a large number.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

After prayer meeting Thursday evening, Feb. 15, **1906** a special meeting of the church was held at which Rev. M.J. **Winchester** was called unanimously to be our pastor.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Pulpit supplied Sunday Feb. 18 by Rev. G.O. **King**. C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk
Pulpit supplied Sunday Feb. 25 by Dr. C.E. **Smith**. C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At covenant meeting March 1st, the acceptance and a communication from Rev. Merritt J. **Winchester** of Elbridge, N.Y. was read to the church. At the same meeting Sister Helen Louise **Hovey** present name **Burlupts**(?) asked for a letter of dismissal that she might unite with the Ashbury Methodist Church of Rochester, N.Y. Which letter was granted. The above meeting was largely attended leader Dr. F.B. **Palmer**.
C.L. **Goulding** per Mrs. G.
Church Clerk

Sister Sabrie A. **Kendall** passed away Sunday Feb. 18 at the home of her daughter in Sheridan after a very brief illness of Pneumonia. Aged 65.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clerk

Sunday March 4, **1906** pulpit supplied by Rev. J.J. **Keyes**. C.L. **Goulding** ch clk
Sunday March 11, **1906** Pulpit supplied by Rev. G.O. **King**. C.L. **Goulding** ch clerk

Deacon Franklin **Lyon** passed away Friday March 16, **1906** after an eventful and consecrated life of 87 years. He had not had the use of his sight during the past 9 years. Funeral in the Church on Sunday afternoon Jane(?) 16th Dr. **Smith** officiating.

Sunday Mar. 18, **1906** Dr. C.E. **Smith** supplied the pulpit.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk
Sunday March 25, **1906** the pulpit was supplied by Rev. J.J. **Keyes**. Theme of morning sermon "The Model Church." C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Fellowship **1906** March 31, **1906** opened by involuntary Hymn 671. Rev. M.J. **Winchester** being present took part in exercises read Psalm 27 in part. Prayer by Dr. C.E. **Smith**. Anthem. Dr. **Smith** read letter from the church at Elbridge, N.Y. dismissing Rev. Mr. **Winchester** and wife. They were unanimously received. Remarks by the pastor Rev. M.J. **Winchester**. Roll Call by clerk C.L. **Goulding**. 163 present Letters read 19. Obituary report by Mrs. G.O. **King** 7 deaths during past year. Statistics by C.L. **Goulding**.
No. Apr. 1, **1906** 404
Additions by baptism 10

By letter 2
By experience 1
Total 13
Diminished by letter 20
By death 7
By exclusion 1
Total 28
Net loss 15
Present membership 389.
Pastor and wife not included in report. Sung hymn 601. Collection $7.02. History by S.S. **Crissey**. Report of Sunday School by Edith I. **Lewis**. Number enrolled 21 officers and teachers 230 pupils. Average attendance 150. Y.P.S.C.E. by R.C. **Wells** 79 were(?) prosperous condition. Ladies Aid Society by Mrs. H.C. **Drake**. Woman's Mission Society. Mrs. Harriett **Daniel** studying Africa. No report from Men's Society the pres. O.W. **Fargo** was ill. Report of finances by C.O. **Tarbox**. Report of poor fund by O.W. **Fargo** per Mrs. **Fargo**. No report from Church directory com. the pastor extended the committee. Hymn 654. Benediction 4.30 P.M. Adjourned to supper.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Sunday Apr. 1, **1906** Rev. M.J. **Winchester** preached his first Sermon as pastor of our church to a large congregation. Text from Col. 4:18 "Remember my bonds." There were 141 at the communion service. The evening service was well attended Text 119:57 "Thou art my portion, O Lord"
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

Good congregation. Rev. M.J. **Winchester**, Pastor preached in morning from Eph. 2:12 Apr. 8, **1906**.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

At the Covenant meeting, May 3, **1906** a certificate was granted to George **Morgan** to unite with an Episcopal church in Buffalo. At the same meeting Mrs. Mertie **Morgan** was received by letter from Gerry, N.Y.
C.L. **Goulding** Church clerk per Mrs. G.

At the communion service Sunday May 6, **1906** the letter of Mrs. J.E. **McCroskey** was received from the Dunkirk, N.Y. church. On motion she was received as a member of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk.

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening May 17, **1906**, requests were made for letters for Sisters Ida **Lawson**, B. Florence **Peterson**, and Michael **Gerres**(?) to unite with the 1st Baptist Church of Jamestown, N.Y. Requests were granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the covenant meeting June 28, **1906** Mrs. Maria **Winchester**, mother of the pastor presented a letter of dismission and commendation from the church at Elbridge, N.Y. On motion she was received as a member of this Church. Mrs. Mary **Davey** presented a letter of dismission and

recommendation from the First Baptist Church of Jamestown, N.Y. On motion she was received as a member of this church. The pastor requested the church elect a pulpit supply committee to supply the pulpit during his summer vacation: Moved by Dea. H.P. **Perrin** that the committee consist of George **Cranston**, Chairman, O.W. **Fargo** and R.C. **Wells**. The church then proceeded to an informal ballot for a Deacon to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Bro. Dayton H. **Morgan**. Bro. **Harper** appointed to assist clerk in taking the vote. Result Bro. George **Cranston** 14, Bro. Thomas **Moran** 5 Bro. R.C. **Wells** 4 scattering 26. Moved by Bro. S.S. **Crissey** that the clerk be instructed to cast a ballot for Geo. **Cranston**. Carried.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

At the prayer meeting, July 19, **1906** Miss Jennie **Johnson** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the First Baptist Church, Mansfield, Pa. On motion she was received as a member of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Bro. Thos. W. Church Clerk

At the prayer meeting, July 26, **1906** Miss Esther M. **Blodgett** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the 1st Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich. On motion she was received as a member of this Church. At the same meeting Sister Lucy **Stringham** presented a letter from the First Baptist Church of Ripley, N.Y. On motion she was received as a member of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

At the prayer meeting, Aug. 16, **1906** Sister Elnora **Guest** was granted a certificate that she might unite with the Presbyterian church at Silver Creek, N.Y.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the covenant meeting Aug. 30, **1906**, Bro. Fred **Powell** asked for a certificate of character to unite with the M.E. Church of Fredonia. Moved and seconded that his request be granted. Carried.
C.L. **Goulding**

At the same meeting, C.L. **Goulding** leader, about 45 being present the letter to the Association was read and adopted. Delegates elected Dr. F.B. **Palmer**, Mrs. Sarah **Blood**, Miss Dora **Barker**, Miss Lena **Potter**. Four Dollars appropriated for publishing of minutes.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Sunday Sept. 2, **1906** The pastor Rev. M.J. **Winchester** was back from his vacation and preached to a large audience. At the communion service Bro. Nathaniel **Gage** his wife and son Esler presented letters from the church at Forestville, N.Y. Upon the motion of Bro. E.L. **Husted** they were received as members of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Mrs. Florence **Goodrich** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the 1st Baptist Church of McLane, Pa. On motion she was received as a member of this Church.

At the prayer meeting, Sept. 20 Sister Elnora **Scranton** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the church at Panama, N.Y. On motion of Sister Dora **Barker** the letter was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the covenant meeting Thursday evening Oct. 4, **1906** the following named persons related their Christian experience and were received as candidates for baptism and church membership: Mr. Joseph H. **Williams**, Miss S. Margaret **Williams**, Miss Ruth L. **Morgan** and Miss Lillian L. **Connaro**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk per Rev. M.J.W.

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening, Oct. 11, **1906** a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Dunkirk, N.Y. church was granted to Sister Minerva **Carr Baker**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk per Rev. M.J.W.

At the prayer meeting, Thursday eve. Oct. 25, **1906**, Sister Benna D. **Vincent** asked for a letter to unite with the Baptist Church at Earlville, N.Y. On motion voted that the letter be granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

After the sermon on Sunday evening, Nov. 2 **1906** the pastor baptized Bro. Joseph H. **Williams**, Sisters S. Margaret **Williams**, Ruth L. **Morgan** and Lillian L. **Connaro**.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

At his home at Norwalk, Pa. Bro. Fredric **Morian** passed away aged about 53 years.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting (?) (?) **1906** Miss Viola **Everts** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the(?) 1st(?) Cuba(?), N.Y. Baptist Church. On motion she was received.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk per M.J.W.

At the prayer meeting Dec. (?) **1906** Bro. & Sister Fread **Erwin** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the First Portland Church of Brocton, N.Y. On motion they were received as members of this Church.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk Mrs. C.L.G.

At the covenant meeting Dec. 27, **1906**. A letter of dismission and recommendation was granted Bro. and Sister **Kester** to unite with the Forestville, N.Y. Baptist Church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

On New Year's Day **1907** Sister Susan **Straight** passed away at her home on Chestnut Street.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the prayer meeting Jan. 17, **1907** Mrs. G.B. **Everets** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the 1st Portland Church and on motion was received as a members of this Church. At the same meeting Mrs. Louis **Shaver** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the First Baptist Church of Meadville, Pa. On motion she was received as

a member of this church. At the same meeting Mrs. Mary **Pullman** was received by experience she having been a member of the Christian Church at Denver, Col.
C.L. **Goulding**, Ch Clk

On February 1st, F.T. **Tunstall** passed away at his home in Buffalo, N.Y. Aged 63 years.

At the prayer meeting, Thursday eve. Feb. 7 Miss Bessie **Wright** related her Christian experience and on motion she was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At a special meeting of the church Sunday evening, February 10, Mr. Herbert **Neeve** related his Christian experience and was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward Church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday eve. Feb. 14 Bro. George E. **Britton** requested a letter of dismission and recommendation to the First Baptist Church of Jamestown, N.Y. On motion letter was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the same meeting Sister Dora **Dewey** asked for a letter to the same church which was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Feb. 21st Mrs. Leroy S. **Allnat** related her Christian experience and on motion she was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. At the same meeting Norman S. **Peters** related his Christian experience and on motion he was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

At Buffalo, N.Y. on Saturday Feb. 23 Sister Lizzie A. **Roesch** died.

At the service Sunday evening Feb. 24 the pastor baptized Bessie **Wright**, Norman S. **Peters** and Herbert **Neeve**.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the covenant meeting Feb. 28 the Deacons having had a meeting recommended the following persons names be dropped from our church roll and for reasons given. Walter **Daniel** has not communicated with the church in several years. Dr. **Smith** after some remarks moved that his name be erased, seconded and carried. Fred **Kendall** has not communicated with the church in at least ten years. After remarks by Dr. **Smith** and clerk, Rev. **Keyes** moved that his name be erased from our roll. Carried. Mrs. Caroline **Hollister** has not been heard from in a great many years and her address is not known. On motion of Sister **Cotter**(?) her name was dropped from our roll. Mrs. Eva **Curtis** took a letter Nov. 24, **1904** to unite with the Dunkirk, N.Y. church but has never deposited it nor walked with the church. On motion her name was dropped.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Sister Anna **Lewis** passed away on March 2, **1907** at the home of her daughter in Leavenworth, Kan. of Brights Disease. Aged 63 years.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Sister H.A. **DeWitt** passed away at her home on Center Street after an illness of but one week on Monday morning March 11, **1907** at the advanced age of 87.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Thursday March 14th Sister Addie **Fox Johnson** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Dunkirk, N.Y. church. On motion said letter was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk. per Rev. W.

Sister Ellen **Holligreen** died at Silver Creek, N.Y. Friday, March 22, **1907** aged 77 years. She was brought to Fredonia for burial on the 25th.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

After the evening service, Sunday March 31 the pastor Rev. M.J. **Winchester** baptized sister **Allnat**.
C.L. **Goulding**, Ch Clk

Thursday evening, April 4, **1907** Sister Jessie **Wood** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the First Baptist Church of Rochester, N.Y. On motion she was received as a member of this church. At the same meeting Bro. Geo. **Cranston** having been and had a talk with Bro. A.W. **Colburn** moved that the name of Bro. **Colburn** be dropped from our roll. After some remarks the motion was carried.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

Fellowship day **1907** Came on Saturday April 6. After dinner in the basement of the church. The meeting was called to order by our pastor the Rev. M.J. **Winchester**. Sung Hymn No. 67. Scripture read by Rev. H.L. **Howard** of Dunkirk, N.Y. 1 Cor. 12:13-31. Prayer by Rev. G.F. **Johnson** the pastor at large for the association. Anthem by Choir. Roll Call by Clerk. There were 168 present besides 19 responded by letter. Obituary report by Mrs. G.O. **King**. Statistical report by C.L. **Goulding**. Remarks by Rev. **Johnson**, telling of his work. Collection. Hymn 491. Report of Sunday School by Edith **Lewis**. Report of Y.P.S.C.E. by Miss Anna **Haskins** 60 members. 4 members have joined the church. Report of Ladies Aid Society by Miss Elisabeth **Lyon**. Report of Woman's Mission Society by Mrs. J.J. **Keyes**. Report of Men's Association by D.G. **Sackett**. Treasurers report by C.O. **Tarbox** read by D.G. **Sackett**. Benevolence report by D. Benson **Belden**. Report of Poor Fund by O.W. **Fargo** read by Clerk. Hymn 654. Benediction by Rev. **Johnson**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, Apr. 18 **1907**, Brother William S. **Blaisdell** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the First Free Baptist Church of Buffalo, N.Y. On motion he was received as a member of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Thursday May 9, **1907** Sister Lena **Potter** asked for a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the Mayville, N.Y. Baptist Church. On motion letter was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

[The following is a printed pamphlet.]
Fellowship Day
April 6, **1907**
First Baptist Church
Fredonia, New York
Rev. Merritt J. **Winchester**, Pastor
Fredonia, N.Y., March 20, **1907**
Dear Brothers and Sisters:
Our Fellowship Day occurs this year on Saturday, April 6. It has been thought best to assemble for a social hour at 12:30, and have dinner together at 1 o'clock. At 2:30 P.M. will follow the Roll call and the reports from the organizations of the church. Fellowship Day has become preeminently the occasion for the reunion of our church family. It is hoped that the home of the church may be well filled on that day and that there may be few gaps in the family circle. Plan to meet your brothers and sisters there, and come praying. If forced to miss the joy and inspiration of attendance, send to Dea. Charles L. **Goulding**, 12 Free St., a message to be read in response to your name at Roll-call. Thus your brethren will be assured of your continued interest and sympathy, the church will seem dearer to you, and the Great Head will undoubtedly bless you. Is not this a great reward for a small effort? Hoping to see you face to face; failing in that, to listen to a message from you, I am
Your pastor,
Merritt J. **Winchester**.

At the prayer meeting May 8, **1907** the pastor and Dr. C.E. **Smith** were chosen as delegates to represent our church at the national May meetings.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the covenant meeting, May 30, **1907** the name of Mrs. Emma **Harvey Cook** was dropped from church roll.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, June 6, **1907**. Bro. E.R. **Britton**, sister S. Ella **Britton** and Sister Anna **Britton** asked for letters to join the 1st Jamestown church. On motion the letters were granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the residence of her son on Central Ave. Saturday evening, June 8, **1907** occurred the death of sister Lydia **Martin** after a very brief illness aged 79 years. She had lived here continuously 73 years.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

On Thursday evening, June 13, **1907** Mr. W.H. **Keith**, Mrs. W.H. **Keith**, Miss Alice **Keith**, George **Keith** and Walter **Keith** presented letters of Dismissal and recommendation from the first Baptist Church of Ottawa, Kans. On motion they were received as members of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the close of the morning service July 21, **1907** the pastor baptized Lansing **Husted** who had previously related his Christian experience.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At her home, 490 Chestnut Street, Aug. 22, Sister Amanda **Graham** passed away after a lingering illness. Aged 70 years. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J.J. **Keyes**, our pastor being absent.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the covenant meeting, Thursday eve. Aug. 29, Rev. J.J. **Keyes**, leader, the church letter was read and adopted and the following delegates appointed with power to fill any vacancy or vacancies that should occur. Viz: Rev. M.J. **Winchester** Ex. Officio, Dr. C.E. **Smith**, Rev. J.J. **Keyes**, Mrs. **Keyes**, Mrs. **Winchester** and Dr. F.B. **Palmer**.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk by Geo. **Cranston**

At the prayer meeting Thursday eve. Sept. 26, Brother Lansing **Husted** requested a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Titusville, Pa Baptist Church. Letter was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the prayer meeting Thursday eve. October 24 Sister DeEtte E. **Worster** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to unite with the first Baptist Church at Sherman, N.Y. On motion Bro. D.H. **Morgan** the letter was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Mrs. Eliza **Dailey** passed away at her home in Providence, R.I. after a short illness of Pneumonia, Nov. 7, **1907**. Aged 64 years. The funeral service was held at the residence of her brother Simon **Aldrich** on Gillis St. Fredonia, N.Y. and she was buried in Forest Hill Cemetery on Sat. Nov. 4th. Services conducted by Dr. C.E. **Smith** assisted by Rev. M.J. **Winchester**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting Nov. 14 Sister Cassie **Dailey Perrin** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Calvary Bap. CH. Providence R.I. Letter Granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the regular meeting, Thursday evening Nov. 21 Miss Jennie **Merrill** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the First Baptist Church of Ralnoy(?), N.J. On motion she was received as a member of the Church.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening Dec. 12, Sister Maria V. **Wilson** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Mayville N.Y. Baptist Church, which was granted.

C.L. **Goulding** ch. clk.

On Sunday morning, Dec. 15, **1907**, Bro. Fernando **Haskin** passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Geo. **Cranston** having been confined to the house 8 months.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Our church united with the M.E. and Pres. churches in meetings during the week of prayer, on the following week we continued the meetings assisted by Rev. W.P. **Hellings** of Buffalo and the week following that we continued the meetings with our pastor the Rev. M.J. **Winchester** as leader.
C.L. **Goulding** Chh Clk

On Thursday evening Jan. 30th at covenant meeting, Mrs. Sarah **Stedman** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the F.B. Church of Hamlet N.Y. On motion she was received as a member of this church. At the same meeting Mr. Arthur **Burton** related his Christian exper. and on motion was received as a member of this church. Also his wife Anna related her experience and was received as a member, they having both been previously baptized. At the same meeting Mrs. Geo. J. (Anna May) **Zahm** related her Christian experience. On motion she was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. At the same meeting Sister Julia P. **Clark** asked for a letter for dismission and recommendation to the Dunkirk, N.Y. Baptist Church which was granted. At the same meeting Bro. Walter M. **Sackett** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Homewood Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa which was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk Per Rev. W.

At the close of the preaching service, Feb. 23, **1908** the pastor Rev. M.J. **Winchester** baptized Mrs. Geo. J. (Anna May) **Zahm**. After a short illness Bro. Alex. **Morian** passed away at the Brooks Memorial Hospital in Dunkirk at the advanced age of 91 yrs. (?)
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

On Tuesday afternoon Feb. 25, **1908**. Brother Joseph H. **Williams** was run over by a locomotive light about one mile north of the Fredonia depot while walking the track on his way home from work in the locomotive works at Dunkirk.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the covenant meeting, Feb. 27 there was a good attendance and a good spiritual feeling. Mrs. O.C. **Blodgett** and her son Willard **Blodgett** and stepson William(?) **Swanson** presented letters of dismission and recommendation from the Stockton Baptist Church. On motion, seconded they were received as members of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, March 6(?) brother Howard **Hollenbeck** requested a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Lafayette As. Bap. CH. of Buffalo. Letter granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Fellowship Day Apr 4th

Clk being unable to be present Rev. G.O. **King** acted as clerk protem. The service was opened by singing a hymn followed by reading of scripture by the pastor. Anthem by the choir. Prayer by the Pastor. Hymn 561. This was followed by the election of officers for the Sunday School which resulted as follows:
Superintendent Chas. L. **Goulding**
1st Asst. " O.W. **Fargo**
2nd " " Wm. S. **Blaisdell**
Sec. & Treas. Edith I. **Lewis**
Asst " " Alice **Munger**
Librarian Roy **Martin**.
Reports were read as follows: Statistics of the church by Rev. G.O. **King**. Ladies Aid Society by Mrs. Hattie **Huff** Sec. Christian Endeavor Society by Mary **Cranston**. Sunday School by Edith **Lewis**. Poor Fund by D.G. **Sackett**. Committee of church history S.S. **Crissey**. On motion Bro. D.G. **Sackett**, C.L. **Goulding** and O.W. **Fargo** were added to that committee. A committee on centennial programme was appointed consisting of the Pastor Rev. M.J. **Winchester**, Dr. C.E. **Smith**, Dr. F.B. **Palmer**, Rev. J.J. **Keyes** and Rev. G.O. **King**. Benevolence report by D. Benson **Belden**. Women's Missionary Society by the Vice Pres. Mrs. M.J. **Winchester**. The offering was taken amount $4.54. Hymn 671. The petition to the Legislature of the State of New York to pass the bill requiring the reading of the Bible in the Public Schools was presented by Rev. G.O. **King** and adopted. Obituary report was presented by Mrs. G.O. **King**. Roll call by Rev. G.O. **King**. Treasurer's Report given. Dr. **Palmer** announced that he was authorized to make pledge for the deficiency of the church by vote requested Dr. **Palmer** to convey most hearty thanks to the donor. After singing the Doxology all were served with an elegant repast. 137 answered to Roll Call.
Rev. G.O. **King** Clerk Pro Tem

Thursday evening, April 9, **1908**. Clerk read a communication from the Mayville N.Y. Baptist Church asking us to send our pastor and one delegate to meet with them in council, Apr. 21, **1908** to consider the propriety of ordaining to the work of the ministry Fred J. **Peters**. On motion of Dr. **Palmer** the church voted to send our pastor, Rev. M.J. **Winchester** and Rev. G.O. **King** and Rev. J.J. **Keyes** as alternate. At the same meeting a communication was read from Sister Jennie M. **Johnson** requesting a letter of dismission and recommendation to the First Baptist Church of Mansfield, Pa. On motion the letter was duly granted. At the same meeting, Alice **Munger** leaving tendered her resignation as Ass't Sec. & Treas. of the Sunday School. On motion of Mrs. F.B. **Palmer**, Miss Bessie **Sanders** was elected to succeed her.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clerk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening, Apr. 16 a communication was read from Sister Gretchen **Dillingham** asking for a certificate of membership stating that she wishes to unite with the M.E. Church of Shinglehouse, Pa. because her husband has united with that church. On motion her request was granted. At the same meeting it was announced that neither Rev. **King** and Rev. **Keyes** would be able to go to Mayville on the 21st inst to sit in ordination council so on motion Dea. P.C. **West** was chosen as delegate. At the same meeting, Mrs. B.F. **Eastman** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the First Baptist Church at Evans N.Y. On motion she was received as a member of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk per Mrs. G.

[The following is a printed pamphlet.]
Fellowship Meeting
April 4th, **1908**
Fredonia Baptist Church
Fredonia, N.Y.
Merritt J. **Winchester**, Pastor
Fredonia, N.Y., March 10, **1908**
Dear Brothers and Sisters:
For years the Annual Fellowship Day has been an established institution in our church life. It is a time of re-union, of delightful Christian fellowship and of spiritual profit. If you have long been a member you have already learned to anticipate and prize it. If you have recently come into the fellowship of our church you have an unexperienced pleasure awaiting you. The date this year is April Fourth. We shall assemble promptly at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon to listen to the reports of the church's activities and answer to our names. At 4:30 o'clock we shall sit down together for supper. If it is possible to attend, every member is expected to be present. Those who are unavoidably detained will send a letter to the church clerk, Deacon Charles L. **Goulding**, 12 Free St., to be read in answer to their name. In this way, though absent, the brothers and sisters will be assured of your continued interest. God has been very good to us during the past year. Let us testify our gratitude and benefit our own souls by a full and joyous acceptance of this invitation.
Your Pastor,
Merritt J. **Winchester**.

At the covenant meeting, Apr. 30 Bro. Wm. **Keith** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation for himself, his wife, daughter Alice and sons Walter and George. Motion of clerk seconded by Dora **Barker** the letters were granted to unite with the 1st Baptist Church of Ottawa, Kas.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Sunday, Apr. 26, **1908** was decision in the Bible School. Rev. D. Frank **Johnson** was with us and preached and talked to the intermediate department after which about 60 expressed a desire to become Christians, many of whom are undoubtedly converted.
C.L. **Goulding**

Wednesday, May 6 Our sister Dora R. **Barker** was married in the church by our pastor Rev. M.J. **Winchester** to Arthur L. **Boas** of Forestville, N.Y. The church was well filled at this occasion.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Thursday evening, May 7th was a memorable time in the present pastorate (?) for baptism and church membership (?) . (?) Ruth(?) Sherman(?) by experience. Mrs. (?).
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clerk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening, May 14 the church voted to send our pastor the Rev. M.J. **Winchester** to the May Anniversaries at Oklahoma City, Okla., May 20-27. The Ladies Aid and Men's Association raising $50 towards defraying his expenses.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

On Sunday May 17th our pastor preached two excellent sermons on the theme "Cheer Up" in the morning from Eph. 5:18 and in the evening Eph 5:19, 20, 21. And at the close of the evening service baptized five candidates viz: Ruth E. **Franklin**, Addie **Sherman**, Smith **Wilbur**, Hubert **Morgan**, Richard **Wells**.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At her home 48 Canadaway St., our Sister Mary **Bishop** passed away May 15, **1908** quite suddenly. Although not living under the most favorable conditions during her later years. Yet she had a strong faith in her Redeemer.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday eve June 4th Sister Cora **Lusk** related her Christian experience and on motion she was received as a member of this church she having been formerly baptized.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the close of the evening service, Sunday June 7, the pastor baptized Eleanor **Swanson**, Jessie **Stedman**, Edna **Slaght** and Vivian **Bond**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, June 11, **1908** Mrs. Louiza **Shane** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the Baptist Church at Eden, N.Y. On motion she was received as a member of this church. At the same meeting the pastor read a letter from Bro. Charles H. **Cobb** of Hamilton College asking for a license to preach. After some discussion the license was unanimously granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

At the close of the evening service June 14, **1908** the pastor baptized Evelyn **Sadon**, Bessie M. **Eddy**, Sarah **Brown** and May **Ives**.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

At the prayer meeting, June 18, **1908** Mr. Arthur **Boss** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the Forestville, N.Y. Baptist Church. On motion he was received as a member of this church. At the same meeting Miss Jessie M. **Took** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the 1st Bap. Church of Forestville, N.Y. On motion she was received as a member of this Church. At the same meeting Bro. George **Tate** and his wife Eliza M. **Tate** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from Calvary Bap. Church of Washington, D.C. On motion they were received as members of this church. At the same meting Mrs. Helen **Hollister** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the 1st Bap. Ch of Newport, N.Y. On motion she was received as a member of this church. At the same meeting Stewart E. **Wallace** related his Christian experience and on motion he was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. At the same meeting, the church voted a pulpit supply committee for the month of August to wit: Brethren Bert **Belden**, George **Cranston** and C.L. **Goulding**.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

At the close of the evening service June 28, **1908** the pastor baptized Stewart E. **Wallace**.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

At the prayer meeting July 2, **1908** the pastor presented the request for a letter of dismission and recommendation for Sister Lynn **Johnson** to the 1st Bap. Church of Pamisula O. On motion the request was granted. At the same meeting, the pastor read a request for a similar letter for Sister Addie **Sherman** to the Baptist Church at Sarona, N.Y. which was granted. At the same meeting our aged Sister Julia P. **Clark** who was present spoke very feelingly her long relation with this church and requested that the letter presented to her Jan. 30th last be recalled and that she desired to spend the remainder of her life as a member of this church. On motion of Dr. F.B. **Palmer** the church voted to recall the letter. At the same meeting the Clerk read the statistics which he had prepared for the association. On motion of Rev. G.O. **King** the report was accepted. Summary.

Mem. last year 398	Dismissed by letter 14
ad by Bap. 16	" " Death 6
" " Exp. 5	Number July 1, **190** 405
" " letter 12	

The pastor presented a request for a letter for Mrs. **Deever** nee Lottie **Foote**, as her name was dropped from the roll March 6, **1902**. On motion of Dr. **Palmer** she was restored to membership. On motion of the clerk the letter of dismission and recommendation to the Baptist Church at North East Pa. July 23, **1908**
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

After a severe illness of several weeks duration Sister Louisa R. wife of Prof. Henry J. **Humpstone** entered into rest on Sunday morning July 19th aged 36 years. Mrs. **Humpstone** came to Fredonia in the autumn of **1903** to take the position of teacher in vocal music in the State Normal School which position she held at the time of her death. She was well liked by the people of the community.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

During the pastor's vacation, the pulpit was supplied by the following ministers to wit:
Aug. 2 Dr. F.B. **Palmer**.
" 9 Rev. Eugene **Haynes** of Rutland Vt.
" 16 Rev. J.J. **Keyes**
" 23 Rev. G.O. **King**. The congregations have kept very well this summer.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the covenant meeting, Thursday eve. Sept. 4, **1908** the clerk read the letter to the association which he had previously written. Moved by Rev. **King** seconded by Dr. **Palmer** that this be the letter of this Church to the Association. Carried. Moved by Dr. **Palmer** that we send five dollars for printing of Minutes and other expenses. Seconded and carried. Then the following members were chosen as delegates, to wit: Rev. M.J. **Winchester**, ex officio, Dea. H.P. **Perrin**, Dr. F.B. **Palmer**, Arthur D. **Boss**, Mrs. Arthur D. **Boss**, Mrs. M.J. **Winchester** and Miss Elizabeth **Lyon** as alternate. The church also voted to instruct our delegates to oppose the changing of the date of the association from September to June.

At the prayer meeting Sept. 17, **1908** Bro. Lansing **Husted** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the 1st Baptist Church of Titusville, Pa. On motion he was received as a member of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the covenant meeting, Oct. 1, **1908** Bro. J.M. **DeWitt** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Lafayette Ave. Baptist Church of Buffalo, N.Y. On motion the letter was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk Mrs. C.L.G.

At the prayer meeting Thursday eve Oct. 15 Mrs. Martha M. **Hughes** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the 1st Portland Church. On motion of Rev. G.O. **King** she was received as a member of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Thursday eve. Oct. 15 On motion of Mrs. F.U.(?) **Jewett** Sister **Wallace** was received on the relation of her Christian experience in addition to a letter from the pastor of the 1st church of East Aurora N.Y. stating that their records showed that she has previously taken, but which she says is an error.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

After a lingering illness Mrs. Malvina R. **Wilbur** passed away at her home near Van Buren aged 58 years 6 mos.

Centennial Anniversaries were held in the Church Oct. 18-21, **1908**. The church voted to have the historical and other papers as far as possible recorded in church record book.
[The following is a printed article from The Fredonia Censor.]
The Fredonia Censor.
Wednesday, October 28, **1908**.
Rev. Dr. Charles E. **Smith**'s Sermon.
Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of Fredonia Baptist Church.
There was a large audience in Fredonia Baptist Church Sunday evening, October 18, **1908**, to commemorate the organization of the church, in Judge Zattu **Cushing**'s barn October 20, **1808**. The original members were nine in number, now there are 402. The original members were: Zattu **Cushing**, Rachel **Cushing**, Eliphalet **Burnham**, Rhoda **Burnham**, William **Gould**, John **Van Tassel**, Benjamin **Barrett**, Sophia **Williams**, Silence **Barton**.
The following is the major part of Dr. **Smith**'s excellent discourse:
The Church of One Hundred Years.
1 Tim., 3:15 – "That thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the House of God, which is the Church of God, the Pillar and Ground of the Truth."
We celebrate the existence of this Baptist Church of Fredonia for one hundred years. Why? What valuation shall we put upon this fact? Is it a great fact, or only a small one? The answer depends upon our idea of the Church, what it is, what are its functions, what it is worth to have it perform those functions for a century. If we accepted some human ideas and estimates of the Church we might not rejoice much to day. I take this text because it gives us God's idea, God's estimate, and I am sure that if we accept it we shall be in fit mood for a most enthusiastic celebration.

There are three facts which have an important bearing on our subject, which impress us, as we look back and survey the century behind us. The first is the rudeness of its beginning; the second its intense and absorbing materialism; the [third] the rampant and sweeping infidelity of its close. How rudely(?) it began: Scarcely one of the improvements which make our civilization ci(?) as complete (?). People lived as their [ancestors] had lived for all the previous centuries, and did not dream that there could be anything more desirable. It was the age of the pioneer, when most of the American continent remained to be discovered, conquered and possessed, at the cost of innumerable hardships, privations and sufferings. The place where this village stands was a primeval forest, tenanted by wild beasts and haunted by savages. [Archivist's note: historic research does not bear out the claim that Native Americans in this region were savages.] The first comers had to be content with the rudest dwellings, and the severest struggle for existence. What a light upon their situation is shed by such a fact as that recorded of that brave woman, Mrs. Sophia **Williams**, who, on account of her husband's sickness, carried the mail on horseback from Fredonia to Buffalo, when the creeks were swollen by a spring freshet, and she had to swim her horse through them, and had to pass through two hostile tribes of Indians! [Archivist's note: historic research does not bear out the claim of hostile tribes.] How significant of the strenuous conditions of that early time is the fact that the infant church had to be cradled, like its Master, in barn! But for that very reason how welcome it must have been! To those few lonely hearts, far from the more genial associations of their previous years, in the wild and gloomy forest, what an event to be hailed with joy, and chronicled as momentous, when God's home was established among them. That barn became a sacred place, the house of God and the gate of heaven. Solomon's temple was not more august and glorious when the divine cloud filled it with the splendor of heaven itself. For the Father himself was there, communing with His children, hearing their prayers and gladdening them with His promises, and they were safe and happy. It was the highest ideal of a true home. And what that was to them, this church has been to a multitude of others who have joined them and succeeded them. Out of the wilderness of human sin where there is no God and no hope, no comfort in sorrow, no refuge from temptation, no prospect but death and retribution, a great number of souls have entered this church to find it a haven of rest and the family of God. For a hundred years it has been all that. Is it not a fact to be celebrated with joy? But now reflect upon the intense and absorbing materialism of the century we are reviewing. First of all, that commercial materialism in which all the millions who have bread to earn have a part, and are tempted by all their opportunities to get gain, to think only of the bread that perishes. Was there ever a century before in which such opportunities multiplied in such an extraordinary degree? How rich the world is today in the (?) of arable land which were unknown, savage wildernesses and deserts a hundred years ago. And beneath the surface, what dazzling treasures of gold and silver and useful metals, still more precious, have been brought to light, besides vast stores of coal and numerous other minerals serviceable to man! What discoveries have been made of the methods by which the almost limitless forces of nature have been harnessed to do man's bidding, so that he seems to have become lord of the earth, the seas, the air, the lightning, and everything else on the earth, beneath the earth, and above the earth. How many great cities have risen in what were formerly desolate places; what vast fortunes have been acquired, and what multitudes dwell in ceiled houses whose ancestors burrowed in huts and caves in the earth! Under what temptation the race has been to think and feel like the rich fool of the parable, who was so wholly taken up with building bigger barns to hold his harvests that he had not thought for his soul. Nor have the scientists and philosophers helped the matter very much. They have been so occupied and engrossed in finding out and speculating upon the hidden

secrets of the realm of matter that they too have had little thought about the soul, or fancied that it might be, after all, matter in disguise. It was, in fact, seriously propounded by one of the most notable philosophers of the nineteenth century that matter and spirit may be only opposite sides of the same thing; and so the favorite way to study the soul became to investigate the body. To know the mind you were to observe the convolutions of the brain. As if one could tell from examining Shakespeare's pen and inkstand the entire cause which produced his immortal Hamlet and Macbeth. The natural heirs of this material science and philosophy were the agnostics. Alas, how prominent they became in the middle of the past century. Atheists, masquerading under this new and less offensive name, and merely affirming in the great name of science, that having searched in every direction they could find no proof of a Creator of the reality of answered prayer, and gravely proposing that Christians should prove it by praying for the invalids of one hospital, and leaving those of another, equally needy, unprayed for. This, they thought, might settle the question in a manner that science could respect. Ah, my friends, what a blessing it was that through all this period of man's withered(?) wisdom, God had a church here(?) and elsewhere to which he was (?), and which (?) a better way to test Him, (?) church, a spiritual body; thought and found satisfactory proof of Him who is Spirit, by spiritual methods learned from His own revelation, and consisting first and chiefly in spiritual gifts, bestowed in answer to fervent supplication. What could evidence a holy and loving God better than the transformation of sinful, depraved men, women, and children into meek, upright, loving followers of the Lord Jesus Christ? This was the proof of which the prophet gave his figurative description when he said: "Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the briar shall come up the myrtle tree, and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off." This sign this church had in its numerous revivals of religion, and this sign the church gave to the country and the world in those great revivals that changed for the better so many towns and cities and brought to general remembrance the living God.

The third and most impressive fact of the century is the rampant and sweeping infidelity of its close. Thank God! there is another side to be considered, but to appreciate it one needs first to look at this side. The progress of unbelief in the nineteenth century has been like the spread of a contagion which begins in isolated districts and is carried on unseen wings, till it infects the world. The time was when it ventured only to whisper its doubts, and insinuated its objections only to minor matters, of secondary importance. But now it challenges every religious belief, and boldly storms the very citadel of faith, - the Sacred Writings on which all faith must rest. Its line of battle extends through all the agencies by which human opinions are affected, and includes many of the most notable teachers of the age. Its champions are editors of great newspapers and magazines, professors in colleges and theological seminaries, ministers in supposedly Christian pulpits, teachers in Sunday schools, and editors of Sunday school lesson quarterlies. Such and so formidable are the propaganda of infidelity in this age, and all who know what it has effected must be appalled at the ruin. It is said that there is no longer a single theological seminary of one of our great, supposedly orthodox, denominations, which teaches the fundamental doctrines of Christianity. A Unitarian minister from Massachusetts assured me, this last summer, that there is no longer a right wing of his denomination that adheres to the comparatively positive belief of Channing, but all have gone over to the position of Theodore **Parker**, who denied that we are sure of anything but God, conscience, and immortality.

But are they sure of even these facts? Senator **Beveridge** of Indiana, recently published the result of an inquiry, made during a summer vacation, of every young minister that was met. They were all, he says, particularly high grade ministers. Everyone of them had had unusual successes with

fashionable congregations. They were asked three questions: about their belief in God the Father, the deity of Christ, and the certainty of a future life. But not one of them was sure of either of these fundamental truths. Not one of them gave a positive and unequivocal answer. Are these the men to whom the multitudes must look for the bread of life? It is enough to make an angel weep to think that such teachers, who are not sure that they know anything which they need to know, are the best instructors whom living and dying men can obtain.

But there is something far more cheering to be said, and I am glad that I can say it. Senator **Beveridge** thinks that these instances are exceptions, and that "bye and large the twentieth century Christian ministry is sound and sure." I believe that to be true, and that whilst unbelief in the pulpit makes itself notorious, by getting advertised in the newspapers, the good men who really preach the everlasting gospel, are never heard of outside of their own congregations.

Ah! my friends; it is better not to be notorious by the manner in which we mislead immortal, responsible beings, and affront high Heaven. I am glad to say that this church has never had a minister who was a skeptic or an infidel at heart. Every pastor has had a Bible which he preached, instead of retailing his own worthless opinions. The members of this church have got their faith from the Bible, and have steadily cherished it as God's own book. I do not eulogize them as perfect; I, of course, cannot claim that they realized its perfect ideals in their life and conduct. But they did, as a church, believe in and proclaim the Bible as a Divine Revelation, and the only rule of faith and practice. This church has been for a hundred years the Pillar and Ground of the Truth. It is a splendid fact of which the record is on high. This lighthouse has stood for an hundred years, and the light which it was appointed to shed upon the dark and stormy ocean of human life has never gone out.

III. And now what shall we say may be hoped for from the continued existence of this church for a hundred years to come? I am not a prophet or the son of a prophet, but I can, I think, form some conception of its future, drawn from its present condition, and the evident characteristics of the twentieth century. I can see at least four of those characteristics from which may be expected increased power and prestige for the Church of Christ. The century will be one of greater intelligence than any that has preceded, for everywhere knowledge is increasing; even China is said to have already hundreds of newspapers, and what is more important, the Bible is being introduced into its schools and colleges. It will be a century of freer institutions, for already Russia and Turkey and Persia are obtaining constitutional government. It will be a century of higher moral standards, for already in commerce, and in politics, the old mottoes of "everyone for himself," and "to the victors belong the spoils," are giving way to the idea of "a square deal" and an "honest service of the people." And it will be a century I am sure of more intense religious convictions. This assault upon the Bible, proud and pretentious though it be, is destined, like Pickett's magnificent charge at Gettysburg, to fall as that did before the determined defense of the friends of the Union. The cause of Revelation may seem to have met with a Bull Run, but it is certain to have its triumphant Appomattox. The old Bible has fought through too many campaigns for us to think that it is going to be ignominiously retired from human confidence. On the contrary every doubt thrown upon its integrity only results in its vindication, and strengthens its authority. But when it rises from this conflict, and dominates the minds and consciences of men everywhere, will not the Church gain added influence? When men are more intelligent will not the Church find them apter pupils? Let us not believe that old saying that "ignorance is the mother of devotion." That may be true of the corrupt Church, which thrives better in the darkness, but the Church which is the "Light of the World" appeals to reason, and good sense, and truth. And then, this raising of moral standards cannot fail to favor the Church, for it is by

the enlightenment and rectification of the conscience that Jesus Christ and his people win their way into human confidence. And when, finally, increased intelligence, and higher moral standards, and the enthronement of the Bible as the great Sacred Book of the World, shall all conspire to bring mankind near to the kingdom of heaven, and freer institution shall leave them at liberty to express their convictions, may we not expect that the Church which Jesus instituted and which he declared the "gates of hell shall not prevail against," will rise to a supremacy among human institutions, such as Daniel predicted when he said that "the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven shall be given to the Saints of the Most High?" Oh, I believe it, and anticipate for this church a future far more prosperous and glorious than anything it has yet seen. In common with the great host of God's elect, in which, with its sister churches, it is only one company, it is destined to share the victory of Him to whom it was said: "Ask of me and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." In that great and glorious triumph, may we all have a share!

List of Pastors.

Joy **Handy 1811-22**
Elisha **Tucker**, D.D. **1822-29**
David **Bernard 1830**
Jirah D. **Cole**, D.D. **1834-35**
Beriah N. **Leach 1836-37**
John F. **Bishop 1838-39**
1838-48.
John F. **Bishop** J.L. **Richmond**
A.C. **Barrell**
B.C. **Willoughby** Alfred **Handy**
Ebenezer **Loomis**
S.P. **Way** A.C. **Barrell**
Salem T. **Griswold 1849-50**
A. Kingsbury 1851-55
Chas. N. **Chandler 1856-57**
Alonzo **Wheelock**, D.D. **1857-61**
Geo. D. **Downey 1861-63**
Howard M. **Jones 1863-69**
Charles **Thompson 1869-72**
Lester **Williams**, Jr. **1873-80**
Malcom **MacGregor**, D.D. **1880-84**
Charles E. **Smith**, D.D. **1885-00**
David L. **Jamison 1900-05**
Merritt J. **Winchester 1906-**

Mrs. **Jewett**'s Centennial Hymn.
[Tune Materna.]

Our Fathers' God! We lift our hearts
To Thee in prayer and praise.
We pray for courage, strength and cheer
To walk life's weary ways;
All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Triumphant songs ascend,
The hand that led us safe thus far
Lead onward to the end.
Our Fathers' God! They Spirit comes
Within these sacred walls
To bless us now, all silently,
As dew at evening falls.
May heaven come down to earth, O Lord,
Our waiting souls to greet!
May glory from thy throne above
Now crown the mercy seat.
Our Fathers' God! We worship thee,
Here in they courts below,
And spirits blest seem with us now,
The friends of long ago.
O Father, in Thy courts above,
When strife and toils are o'er,
May all Thy people gather home,
To wander never more. Amen.

that our(?) school has been no small (?), during the long history, in (?) the Cause & Kingdom of Christ. May its part be only a prophecy & promise of granted (?) in the future.
Baptists and Methodists(?) (?) in the last (?).
Perhaps no other character in bible history, perhaps no other character in all history, is as distinctly human as that of Jacob. He was not a hero. In the record of events there are sources (?) (?) detailed and complete biography of him. (?) of any other individual of that early age; but there is not a (?) or aspiration that stirs the imagination and the blood of youth. He was not a saint. There is no great act of self denial or deed of mercy to illumine his long and eventful life. He was not a hero nor a saint, but he enjoyed divine protection and guidance and rescue from himself to an extent recorded of no one else. He sang no song to elevate the mind or to express his own elevation. His personality has inspired no epic. He is never idealized in literature or the thoughts of men. That(?) his name, as Jacob or Jarad, is more frequently called in scripture and in religious literature to point a lesson or inspire consideration in Jehovah than any other human name. The chose people were called Jarad for him and they are not (?) to (?) irate the (?) of Abraham, (?) great father, nor praises their great deliverer, nor Joshua their great leader. he was human, and if he does not appeal to us as heroic or saintly he touches our sympathies as one whom we can understand and one whose human characteristics expanded to heroic proportions, and as one who yielded to saintly influences that kept a fair balance of devotion to his God. No other chosen(?) (?) (?) us at so many points as Jacob. Nor should all this seem strange. Jacob's life and aspirations expanded along the lines of God's purposes and he was blessed in being used as a blessing to men. His career did not bring him great glory, but it brought him infinite good. If I shall seem this evening to claim any particular superiority for my own denomination, let it not be supposed I am claiming superior glory. Protestants are not more truly pious, devoted and self-sacrificing than Catholics, Baptists are not more (?) religious or human than Christians of other names. but the Baptist denomination has developed faith along certain lines of the greatest importance to the church and the world, and God has used them as he

has not (?) other people. Sometimes they have been put to fiery trials, sometimes they have been given visions of truth not so clearly given to others. All this has not brought them greater glory, but it has brought them and the world infinite good. The first thing I would name is the influence of Baptists upon the public policy of the state. I once heard an eloquent leader in one of the great denominations charge those in civil authority with partiality in the selection of chaplains in the army and navy, and other officers of prominence and power. He added the warning that his great denomination would not long submit to this, but would make their numbers count in the selection of such men for officer as would give them their proportion of public place. The Baptists have never worked along this line, and the moment they thought of doing so they would see that they could not. It is contrary to the vital scheme of the denomination. They have no organization with authority outside of the local church, and the leader who can stand for the masses. They would be like oxen in the furrow before a plow without a yoke. There is no way of hitching the team and load together. There is no ecclesiastical yoke by which the united strength may be directed to serve a common purpose. There is weakness in this, but it is human weakness. There is also strength, and the strength is divine. The individual is supreme and responsible to his Maker first of all, while organizations are but servants. There is a vital, real, compelling unity in the human race, but it is a sinful race. We can not break the bonds of this unity in masses, but individually, and only by union with Christ and by submission to his will. There (?) be voluntary association with one another, but there is no supreme, compelling power for spiritual and ecclesiastical ends save in Christ. This is the divine order. The Baptists have chosen it, or have fallen into it, and there are many indications that their choice has met the approval of divine favor. Real unity has nowhere else been so consistent. The divine favor has not only been manifest in the expansion of the church. In relation to the state, where it would seem to be especially weak, it has proved to be the strongest directing force of all the churches. Do not think of generals and presidents and governors, of legislators and ambassadors, but think by the national life and the trend of national development. The underlying thought of religious freedom, freedom of conscience, for which Baptists have stood from the beginning of this history, and for the most part have stood alone, has been imposed on the constitution and developed in the history of our country as no thought or principle of any other religious organization has been impressed. Much might be said of the influence of the Baptist democratic form of church government, as a model for political democracy, but its special importance here is that this form of church policy made it natural and consistent for Baptists to urge this principle for incorporation into the constitution and laws of the new republic. It meant religious liberty or freedom of consciences, as separation of church and state. [Transcriber's Note: The previous few sentences have "Omitted" written across them.] The struggle, and even the story of it may(?) be forgotten by some of you. By others it may not have been heard of. All of you may think it is old enough to remove it from the era(?) of our discussion. But it has been kept alive even to the present generation. Some of us now living have come in contact with those whose property has been sold at auction to pay church rates because they denied the right of any earthly power to dictate their religious convictions. In Russia meetings of Baptists in private houses are broken up, Ministers are forbidden to preach the gospel as they understand it, and some of them have been sent to Siberian exile. In other areas(?) the Baptist principle is still trampled on in England and other countries. It will not be out of plan here, therefore, to review as briefly as possible the struggle for soul-liberty.

In the first plan toleration, whether by law or by general consent, is not freedom. A natural right is not simply permission. The right to freedom of worship is not held at the beck of man but by

the command of God. Until near the time of the Revolution the idea of religious freedom as distinct from toleration does not seem to have penetrated the brains of men in general. The Catholics of Maryland granted religious toleration but could not have believed in the natural right to religious freedom, of opinion. Where and when did the idea originate? The germ was in the defense of Peter and John "whether it be right in the sight of God to (?) write (?) on more than wrote God, judge (?). From this time it was doubtless present to the religious consciousness of some Christians; and some sects before the Reformation seem to have recognized it as a general principle. But it remained for the Baptists to make it a rallying cry, and they were aided by the Quakers(?) and open large minded men of no ecclesiastical connection. It was first prominently proclaimed by Anabaptists of the continent early in the Reformation. In **1551**, but thirty from (?) after **Luther** had posted his theses, Bishop **Korper**(?) said that this doctrine was one of the very pernicious and damnable doctrines of the Anabaptists. The name Anabaptists includes a set of enthusiasts who brought discredit on it by their extravagance and there was no disposition on the part of any established church to make a distinction. If one held to the doctrine of soul-liberty; it was enough. All such belonged to one clan, only to be condemned. [Transcriber's Note: The previous few sentences have "omitted" written on them.] The principle was cherished by the Baptists of England, fired(?) by the very nature of their organization from complication with any order of continental Anabaptists and it flourished in Anglo Saxon soil, blossomed in Bedford jail, shed its fragrance on the night when Bungan(?) dreamed his immortal dream, and from there it came to America where it was formally acknowledged as queen regnant in the colony of Rhode Island.

Without doubt the crisis in this struggle was when Roger **Williams**, driven out from Massachusetts, established a new colony and a Baptist church on Narragansett Bay. When charged with fomenting anarchy he answered with these classic words: "there goes many a ship to sea, with many hundred souls on our ship, whose weal or woe is common and is a true picture of a commonwealth… It hath fallen out sometimes that both Baptists and Protestants, Jews and Turks may be embarked on one ship; upon which supposal I affirm, that all the liberty of conscience that ever I pleaded for turns upon these two bridges; that name of the Baptists, Protestants, Jews or Turks be pressed(?) to come to the ship's prayers or worship, nor compelled from their own…I further add, that if any of the seamen refuse to perform their service; or passengers to pay their freight; if any should preach or wait, that there ought to be no commanders and officers because all are equal in Christ, therefore no masters or officers, no Laws or orders, no corrections or punishments I say. I never denied but in such case so the commanders may judge, resist, compel and punish such transgressions, according to their deserts and merits."

Many messengers were required to prepare the way before **Williams** and many martyrs must follow to enforce the doctrine before the advocates of religious freedom could claim any substantial victory. A hundred years before the city of Providence was planted, at the very beginning of the Reformation, the Swiss Baptists from(?) claimed their adhesion to the doctrine, even to the extent of martyrdom by means and in numbers which shock us as we read. It has recently been said "Over the whole field swept by the Reformation Government(?) Protestant state churchism soon reigned supreme. **Luther** and Melanchthon imposed it on Germany; Zwingli(?) and Calvin riveted it upon Switzerland; Knox and his associates fastened it upon Scotland; Thomas **Cromwell** and Henry the Eighth, bound the accursed incubus upon the life of England, to which it clings relentlessly and oppressively, until this day." The Baptists alone of any considerable body, by their articles of faith, by the power of the printing press, and by

passing resistance to state assumption of spiritual authority have stood before the world from the beginning of their history for religious freedom. The seed was in Baptist soil, and it had ripened consistently into Baptist behavior before the time of Roger **Williams**, but it had not been incorporated into any government until the founding of Rhode Island. Comparing the value of moral principles with physical discoveries and opinions Bancroft says "A moral principle has a much wider and nearer influence on human happiness. If Copernicus is held in perpetual (?) (?) because, on his death bed, he published to the world that the sun is the center of our system; if the name of Kepler is preserved in the annals of human excellence for his sagacity… if the genius of Newton has been almost adored for dissecting a ray of light and weighing heavenly bodies in a balance – let then be for the name of Roger **Williams**, at least some humble place among those who have advanced moral science and made themselves benefactors of mankind." A prospering German writer says that Rhode Island was founded upon "principle, which have not only maintained themselves here, but have spread over the whole Union… and given laws to one-quarter of the globe."

As Baptists pioneering had been necessary to prepare the way for Rhode Island Baptist determination and perseverance would still be necessary for a hundred and fifty years before the principles should be embodied in any supreme constitution. Sets inflicting penalties, forfeiture, imprisonment, flogging and banishment were to be found on the statute books of the colonies and were enforced until near the time of the Revolution. Little by little the more barbarous penalties, burning at the stake, imprisonment, flogging, excessive fines and legal banishment were discontinued, until persecution was mainly confined to compulsory support of an established church, and certain disabilities, imposed on those who did not conform to its principles and usages. Imprisonment was continued in Massachusetts as a compulsory measure till after the Revolutionary storm had begun to gather. Appeals were made to the British government by the Baptists and the colonial laws were declared illegal. This led to the fear that the whole company of Baptists might side with the mother country. (while it is said that there is no record of one thorough Baptist tory, still this fear and the use made of the Declaration of Independence gave a vantage ground to the Baptists, and their consistency was recognized by such political leaders as Patrick Henry, Jefferson, and Madison who supported them in all their contentions. When it came to the adoption of the constitution, the Baptists feared the Greeks, even bearing gifts, and demanded that the principle of religious liberty should be formally recognized. When the final draft was ready to be presented for adoption they were at first inclined to oppose it, but Gen. **Washington** and other leaders who advocated the adoption acknowledged the justice of the principle, and assured them that although it was too late to insert it then it should certainly be added in an amendment. This pledge was fulfilled by the adoption of the first amendment in **1791** which reads "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

Thurs the principle of personal responsibility to one's Maker alone for religious opinion and practice became a fundamental law for the United States. This contribution to the growth of civil government was distinctively made by the Baptists, after struggling through centuries of persecutions which many times involved death at the stake together with all the woes that accompany this extreme barbarous penalty.

It may seem to the present generation that such things could never have been in civilized hands. But so it was. The fruit of this tree of liberty, planted in the gospel strewn field of the Prince of Peace, the garden of God, a field in which the ending has sowed many times, has matured in God's own way, and it has never been charged that the Baptist servants of the divine householder

have ever attempted to reel(?) up the tares(?) by persecution and so destroy the wheat against their Lord's command.

Much remains to be done and Baptists are in the van of the contending army, more than one way has been invented to tax for religious purposes. Instruction in the doctrine of an established church may be supported by taxation. This is now going on in England and many refuse to pay such taxes and suffer rather, the penalties of the law. Judge **Willis**, a member of Parliament, in his opening address as President of the Baptist Congress in London three years ago, said "The recent Education Act, which compels us to provide money for teaching the Catechism of the Church of England, is the most afflictive action of the legislature which the brethren of the Baptist Church have ever known." It was said that nearly two hundred persons had already been sentenced to imprisonment for refusing to be disloyal to their conscience, and that hundreds of children belonging to the Baptist church in Wales had been rendered fatherless and women rendered widows by this oppressive act. Another form of oppression still continued is that of placing disabilities on those who cannot subscribe to certain doctrines of the church. Against all these forms of oppression Baptists have been leaders in resistance and suffering. Delegates from other religious bodies came and paid their respects to the Baptist Congress and every delegation spoke of this struggle and said they were glad to acknowledge that the Baptists had naturally taken the lead, but the nation would follow. Baptists are leading in opposition to giving money from public fund, to institutions under church control, and some contend that it is only consistent to tax churches and charitable institutions the same as other property protected under the Law. But there is not time for the dismission of all the intricate questions which arise.

In Russia there are two kinds of Baptists, as viewed by their law. There are those who have descended from Baptists, and those who have turned to Baptist faith from other families. The former are now exempt in certain things from persecution, but the latter are not recognized by law and legally have no right to live. There(?) is the grandfather clause of Russian law.

It will be seen that there is still much to be done, and the half has not been told. It has seemed necessary to go over the history in this specific and somewhat extended con(?) (?) others who would help me see what seed the Baptists have been sowing. Allow me to quote here some lines from Tennyson which he might well have written to describe the Baptist situation.

"Once in a golden hour
I cast to earth a seed,
Ah(?) then came a flower,
The people said, a weed.
"To and fro they went
Through my garden bower,
And muttering discontent
Cursed me and my flower,
"Then it grew so tall
It wore a crown of light,
But thieves from o'er the wall
Stole the seed by night,
"Sowed it far and wide
By every town and tower,
Till all the people cried,
Splendid is the flower.
"Read my little fable:

He who runs may read,
Most can grow the flowers now
For all have got the seed."
The thieves are they who by persecution have scattered the seed far and wide. Baptists have laid emphasis on soul-liberty and they have been specially blessed in undertaking this part of the Great Commission, to teach all nations, Has it not been worth while?

The relation of Baptists to education does not require extended treatment, there is nothing in the subject peculiar to the denomination. It has shared in the work the same as other denominations. Indeed there have been times when Baptists have stirred to moderate the advantages of learning and culture. Perhaps what is technically called education for the business of life should generally be provided for outside of the church. Btu what shall be done where inadequate or no education is provided for? There are home and foreign missionary fields where ignorance and vice are the chief characteristics. Shall the churches supply the lack in education? The early Baptist missionaries in Burma attempted it when progress was so slow that their supporters at home took it for the frown of the Master on such a use of their opportunities, and decided to cut out their work. But the workers on the field found it impossible to teach the gospel to the poor without teaching something else. Gradually the educational work has been restored and increased and it is believed to be in accordance with the command to teach all nations. The women missionaries were especially successful in this work. The experiences in Burma has been considered a sufficient demonstration of the policy to be pursued. All grades of instruction were introduced and the Baptist college at Rangoon was the first college planted on the foreign missionary field by any denomination.
The colored people of the South are woefully ignorant. Baptists are especially responsible for their education because of the number professing Baptist faith. They took up the burden immediately after the close of the war. They did not make the mistake of giving too much attention to theory and books that taught practical things, as well, and sought to make self-respecting men and women. The Home Mission Society has now under its charge eight institutions of higher education with twice the number of students found at Tuskegee, and it is doing at least as practical and successful work in fitting negroes for the responsibilities of life.
The Baptists have been preeminent in the development of individuals prominent in education. It is probably just to say that Dennis **Wayland** of Brown University, was the greatest college President America has produced, and the late President **Harper** has probably never had his equal as a teacher at the same time of supreme enthusiasm, inspiration and learning in a chair of any American college. When the large Peabody educational fund was given for the South, a Baptist of prominence in education, Dr. **Sears**, was chosen as chief adenines leader of the fund, and latter Dr. **Carry**, and the Baptist the largest individual gifts, ever made for general education have been made by a Baptist who has also given largely for Baptist institutions, and may give age & millions more.
In the number and patronage of distinctly Baptist colleges and secondary schools no preeminence can be allowed but in quality they are equal (?) the best. This much seems sufficient to pay(?) for the century of Baptist education.
One June morning in **1834**, well long in the century under review, the inhabitants of Calcutta looked up to their Indian sky and beheld the flags of the great British East India Company which were wont to float high above their buildings, drooping at half mast. Is the present or some other high officer of the company dead? Had some great disaster brought death to a host of their

servants or to their ships at sea? Is there sudden news of the death of the king? No, it is none of those. William **Carey** is dead. Forty one years before, this same Company had refused to give this same **Carey** a permit to step on their East Indian preserves. When he went there without their permit they drove him away. When he took refuge under the Danish flag they demanded his surrender with other refugees who harbored him that all might be returned to England. His projects were condemned and all efforts to carey them out forbidden. He continued his work there eight years under Danish protection. But today there is felt to be a loss that is irreparable and the proud company pays this (?) tribute to the memory of one of the greatest citizens of the world of all Time.

He was called truly, but in derision, the consecrated cobbler. If you think of him as an ignorant laborer, of advancing age, sitting on his bench with nothing much to occupy his mind and gloomily meditating on the world's greatest destination(?) until it became a hobby, and that he became only the accidental occasion of arousing the world's attention you (?) mistake the case. He was apprenticed at fourteen; mastered the Latin, Greek, Hebrew, French and German languages while still on the bench, received a license to preach at about 20; later learned Sanskrit and numerous Indian dialects for which he prepared lexicons and grammars that have been the store house for comparative philologists ever since; translated the scriptures into twenty four tongues which were spoken by one third of the human race, and became the recognized leader of his age in Oriental literature and philosophy. While he was still in exile Marquis **Wellesley** founded a college in Calcutta and **Carey** was reckoned as the fittest person in all the world for the chair of Oriental languages. He was offered it at a salary of $3500 which was afterward raised to 9000(?). He held the chair for thirty years, meanwhile studying, making translations and doing missionary work, and devoting his salary, except what was required for his bare living, to his various missionary enterprises. About a hundred years ago Dr. Adam **Clark**, writing of **Carey** and (?) for the British Quarterly, said "In fourteen years they have acquired the gift of (?)," and "have done more toward spreading the knowledge of the scriptures among the heathen than has been accomplished or even attempted by all the world besides." By all denominations **Carey** is accorded the primary among modern missionaries. One writer says "We may speak of the Carey Epoch with every whit as much propriety as of the Luther Reformation… we may as fitly term him the apostle of modern missions as Paul the apostle to the Gentiles, another says "He has become the glorified leader of the grandest movement of modern history." Another speaks of him as "All things considered, the greatest missionary since the apostle Paul."

It was not great genius alone that gave him power and success. It was consecrated genius. When teaching school he had made a leather globe on which he outlined the continents, islands, and countries of the world. As he looked upon it he was startled by the thought that so large a proportion of her russet surface was required to represent heathenism. And not a thing was doing in all the world to reclaim these vast fields from wickedness and woe, Christian land had definitely settled down, after a few fitful efforts, to a lopsided Calvinism which threw all the responsibility on the Creator. Look at this picture. Being asked to propose a theme for discussion at a ministers' meeting **Carey** rises and timidly suggests the responsibility of the church to lands without the scripture. The venerable and venerated Dr.(?) **Rigland**(?) says, "Sit down young man. When God wishes to convert the heathen, he can do it without your help." But **Carey** came up to the help of the Lord, determined that he should not bear the curse of mercy. He wrote, argued and preached to arouse a sense of responsibility in others. The crisis comes at last. Andrew **Fuller** and another preach on the same evening and by chance both take this theme of responsibility. The audience is profoundly moved and are set to thinking of **Carey**'s claims for

the heathen. Will anything happen? No. The audience is dismissed to go away and forget, if they care, the (?) appeal. No? Yes. Something happens. With choking voice **Carey** seized the arm of Dr. **Fuller** and bursting into tears cries. "Brother **Fuller**, let us do something." His sobs call the audience to silence and his pleading bring a resolution to hold another meeting, and do something. Another meeting is held and results in the organization of the first modern missionary society in the world, after which, it is said, all others have been patterned. How big an enterprise was born amid those sobs that articulated "Bro. **Fuller**, let us do something." Eternity will tell. I need not repeat the story of **Carey**'s life in India, nor of **Judson**'s with his tail(?) and suffering and years of imprisonment in Burma, of the **Kurins(?)** and **Telugers**(?) and of Anikin(?) in Germany. These are all familiar. But let me give you two incidents of the work at Angola which resulted in an in(?) unsurpassed in missionary history with a little company of Christians, Dr. **Jewett** had been drive from this Qeluga(?) city, fearing, perhaps, for their lives, and as they went up a mighty wing fell. They turned and looked down upon the wickedness below. They were led to appoint a prayer meeting for(?) at(?) which they proceeded to hold then and there. It was given to Dr. **Jewett** to see by faith a host of redeemed ones coming from that city, and by their faith and the reception of this vision he was enabled to stand by this people against the despair of other laborers and the judgment of the society at home for years, and till victory was in sight. A trial of another kind awaited his Clough. He had made a strong impression on many members of the higher caste and caste was strong with the Qelugus, and they told him they were persuaded of the Christian doctrine and had decided to come over to him with their entire clan. But they would not be placed on the same footing as the low caste. A meeting had been appointed to hear some of the poor people who were to come many miles on foot to ask for baptism. These must be rejected or the others would not come. It was a question of interpreting the providence that seemed to open the way to such a large and influential class of this large tribe, and through them the lower classes in some way, or following the example of their Master who had no respect of persons. The missionaries were sorely perplexed and deliberated long, but finally said that these poor people must be heard, and if they gave good evidence that Christ had accepted them baptism could not be denied. They came, told of their love for Christ and received baptism. The high caste people refused further intercourses, but the little bond grew till one July Sabbath 2222 were baptized, and within the period of four months more than nine thousand were added to the church while in a five years grew to sixteen thousand. The vision of the prayer meeting held was realized.

God has wonderfully blessed the labors of Baptist missionaries. I have quoted what Dr. **Clark** said early in the century. Not so many years ago statistics showed greater results from these efforts than from all other Protestant agencies combined. Recent statistics of all American Societies show that for the year reported of the four largest societies which embraced most of the foreign work the income of the Baptist Missionary Union, not including the Southern Baptists, was but about one sixth of all, the members of churches and membership about two fifths for each, the additions for the year reported about three fourths, and the adherents, or people under the influence of the charities one half. Perhaps we are giving as much as other denominations in proportion to our wealth, but not in proportion to our numbers, and we do not measure up at all in proportions to the blessings received. Let us glory in the prayer made but not boast. If any Baptist feels inclined to boast it aught to be sufficient to remember that the two greatest of our missionaries were neither descended from Baptist ancestry, nor trained under Baptist influences, **Carey** fell to us soon after his conversion from the Church of England in which his father was curator, and **Judson** from the Congregationalists after starting for his field. The Baptist mission

to the wide world: What would humanity take in exchange for Baptist struggles for freedom of conscience? What would the church take to drop out of our present civilization modern missions in which the Baptists had the initiation and leadership? We cannot claim glory beyond others, but through us has come infinite good. May not the curse of mercy fall on any Baptist church.

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Baptists and the Home Field.
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I have been asked to speak upon the relation which Baptists have sustained, during the last century, to the home field. Whether you regard the home field as the village of Fredonia, the county of Chautauqua, the state of New York, or the United States as a whole, it is an entirely different field that confronts us today than that which confronted the Fredonia Baptist church at its organization one hundred years ago. The cluster of houses has expanded into a prosperous village that must soon take its place among the cities of the Commonwealth. The forests that covered the hillsides have disappeared before vineyards and grain fields. Along the trails where the solitary red man stalked his game, steel rails carry steam and electric cars that bear the thousands of our citizens in pursuit of pleasure or gain. The boundaries and physical features of the State remain the same, but everything else is changed. In the increase in the number of its inhabitants, in their industrial development, and in their accumulation of wealth, there have been changes which the wildest enthusiast would not have dreamed possible.

It is difficult for us to project ourselves into another age and picture to ourselves a life that has become obsolete or forgotten. We somehow come to feel that that which is now, ever was and ever shall be; but I wish you would try to imagine yourselves present with that little company of men and women when this church was organized one hundred years ago. Those pioneers had come from different states, they had been trained under different social ideals, but they had one common bond, they were animated by a common purpose, they feared God and were anxious to found a Christian civilization in this wilderness.

Your historian calls attention to the sturdy character of those who constituted this church. This is not surprising to one who is familiar with the history of this period. The fires of persecution were still burning, and it was only those who were willing to endure hardships who dared espouse the Baptist faith. The union of church and state was the theory of the governments of all the so-called civilized nations of the world. There were governments of different sorts and churches of different denominations. Sometimes the state controlled the church and at others the church controlled the state, but nowhere were they independent; nowhere was man allowed to follow out the Divine command “Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” Many of our colonies were settled by those who fled from persecutions in the old world, and persecutions in the colonies, led to the settlement of others. It seems strange that persecution has never taught the persecuted to accord to others the right of private judgment in matters of religion. Baptists were imprisoned in Virginia for preaching without the sanction of the established church. In Massachusetts Roger **Williams** was driven into exile in midwinter, Holmes and Clark were flogged, William **Dunstan**, the first President of Harvard college, was deposed, and others were imprisoned because they were suspected of being guilty of the crime of being Baptists. In Connecticut Baptists saw their fields and orchards, and even the graves of their

dead, sold at auction to build a needless church of another denomination, the pastor of that church being present and bidding in much of the property for a mere song.

There was but one of the thirteen colonies in which there was absolute freedom of conscience for all – that was the Baptist colony of Rhode Island. Most of the state constitutions adopted during the revolutionary period provided for a religious establishment and a religious test. In three of them no minister of the gospel could hold a public office, in four of them Roman Catholics were ineligible, and in nine Jews were debarred. It was very largely through the protests of Baptists that the union of church and state was prevented from becoming a national feature.

When Isaac **Backus** plead with the Massachusetts delegation to the first Continental Congress on behalf of the persecuted Baptist brethren, John **Adams** replied "You might as well attempt to turn the heavenly luminaries from their course as to ask the Massachusetts delegation to give up the union of church and state."

The first amendment to the national constitution forbade Congress to make any law respecting no establishment of religion, but the states were allowed to act for themselves, and it was not until forty years after the adoption of the amendment that the separation of church and state was effected in all the states. It was out of such a controversy as this and from states where they had suffered persecution that the members of this church came. No wonder that they were sturdy Christians of sturdy character; the sifting process had eliminated all who were not willing to sacrifice for their religious convictions.

Whether we measure time by the flight of years or by achievements, we are separated from them by a long distance. George **Washington** had been dead only eight years when this church was organized. Fulton's steamboat was a year old. The Erie canal, the great waterway of the early part of the last century, was not completed for two decades. A quarter of a century must pass before steam roads were shown to be practicable. It was not until **1842** that it was possible to travel from Buffalo to New York by rail. The century has brought even greater changes in the nation. The Louisiana purchase had added an empire to the territory of the United States, but the people themselves thought of the Mississippi river as the western boundary and said that it would be one hundred years before any settlers would venture into this Indian-infested wilderness. They would have found it difficult to believe that within that time the center of population of the country would cross the Mississippi and advance half way to the Rocky Mountains.

Suppose the newly organized church had wished to send the news of its organization to New York; it might sent it by mail, for mail was carried on horseback once a week to Buffalo, but it would have taken a man half a day to earn enough to pay the postage, 25 cents, on the letter.

It is hardly likely that they organized a Sunday school, at once for, so far as we know, there were but two Baptist Sunday schools in the United States. The first Sunday school had been organized by Robert **Raikes** only twenty-eight years before. The good brethren of that time were suspicious of anything new. The question whether it was sinful to warm churches by artificial means was agitating the minds of the faithful. Someone wrote:

Extinct the fires of sacred love,
Our seal grown cold and dead,
In the house of God we fix a stove
To warm us in their stead.

Suppose the pastor of the newly organized church had urged the members to subscribe for a denominational paper that they might be intelligently informed concerning the doings of the Baptist Brotherhood; the only Baptist publication of any sort in the United States was a little missionary magazine published in Massachusetts for the purpose of disseminating missionary

intelligence, but it was unpretentious in its appearance and irregular in its issue. It was not until **1819** that the Christian Watchman the first Baptist Weekly in America appeared. The church was sixteen years old before the Baptists Register, the real ancestor of the Examiner, appeared in Utica. If they wished to make a missionary offering they could not send for any one of a score of secretaries representing any one of half a score of national Baptist missionary societies.

The Lake Missionary Society had been organized the year before for work in New York State and it was in need of money for in the largeness of its faith it had promised to pay its missionaries four dollars a week. The American Baptist Home Mission Society having North America as its field was not organized until the church was nearly a quarter of a century old. There was not a foreign missionary society of any denomination in America. The church was five years old before a society was organized to support the **Judsons** in India. If some son of the church wished to prepare for the ministry in a college of his own denomination he would have found but one in America.

When we think of the lack of organization and meager educational equipment of that time and compare it with our own perfection of organization and magnificent educational endowment we wonder that anything could be accomplished under such disadvantageous conditions. But when we compare the results we are shamed by the comparison. This church received its largest accessions in its earlier years. I find by reference to the statistical table that in **1834**, 56 were baptized, in **1837**, 93, in **1852**, 65, in **1858**, 61, and these figures have not been approached in recent years. This same thing is true of the church as a whole.

One hundred years ago the proportion of Baptists in the population was about one in 53, now it is one in 18. But this remarkable gain is confined to the first three quarters of the century; for twenty-five years we have done little more than keep pace with the growth of the population.

It is time for us to ask if we have the same grasp upon the great truths of the Gospel which our fathers had and the same zeal for the Kingdom's upbuilding. The calls that come to us are louder and more varied than ever came to them. The population of this state has multiplied nine times in the hundred years. Instead of a few dying Indian tribes and a few scattered hamlets, there are millions of immigrants of every name and nation needing to be taught the American conception of liberty and law and religion. It is our duty to give them the simple Gospel of Christ as the most effective agency of democracy and civilization. We do not know the exact form that the future will assume, we do not know the details of the service required, but for ourselves and our church we can say:

To this one state my spirit clings,
I know that God is good,
I dimly Judge of blessing known
Of greater out of sight,
And with the chastened Psalmist own
His Judgments too are right.
And so beside the silent sea
I wait with muffled oar,
Assured no harm will come to me
On ocean or on shore.

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The present hi(?) Soc.(?) of the Baptist Church of Fredonia may be supposed to be the outcome of a sewing society organized in the mythical eye(?) of the church about a hundred years ago.

We can not conceive of a church in modern times as existing for any considerable period without some such organization. The earliest record I have found was in **1836**, when at some meeting the following resolution was given.
"That we recommend to the female members of this church to adopt such an organization as they deem expedient, but still such an one as would give each Sister in this Church an opportunity of casting their mite(?) into the treasury of the Lord." The organization has been known under the several names of Sewing Soc., Bell Soc., Mite(?) Soc., & Aid Soc. (?) under whatever name it has gone, it has always been a working, efficient organization. There may have been short intervals where it has seemed in a state of suspended animation, but these have been few and brief. A prominent feeling has been the help it has given in sustaining the social life of the church, but this has never been its principal aim. As a Sewing Soc. its purpose has been to aid the needy in the church and community and to make donations of clothing and goods to the destitute in frontier settlements. Large donations of the latter kind have been sent to the West & South. At home the children of the Sunday School have been especially looked after and this branch of the work has called into use some of the best talent of the Church in looking up and providing for the society. During the war they provided delicacies(?) & such other things as were required by the Sanitary & Christian Commission for the sick and wounded soldiers. Under the name of the Bell So. the organization raised funds to pay for the original bell of the Church during the fifties. Under the name of the Aid Soc. for many years it has paid for the music of the church entirely or in part, a number of years taking the entire responsibility for this branch of service. At one time the ladies of the Church were divided in sections alphabetically, each section having a treasurer and the funds placed in the hands of the Church trustees, designating, however the purpose for which it was to be used. The meetings of the Soc. of late years, have been held as socials, for the greater part at private houses, with light refreshments, and occasionally a social has been given at the church when a more elaborate supper has been furnished. There has been but little difficult in maintaining the interest of the Soc. and the work done has been of great value in many ways. The social life of the church has been helped, some definite financial work of importance has always been in mind. Practical acquaintance with the wants of the poor has been fraternal(?). An(?) organization has always been ready to render service in case of special crises, such as any church is liable to pass through in raising extraordinary funds. In many ways it has shown its usefulness and given good reason for its existence.

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the Fredonia Baptist Church owes much to the character of its constituent members. Of Puritan descent, inured to hardships, full of resources, patient but energetic, self-denying, frugal, poor, they were the ideal pioneers. Few were rich enough to come with ox teams & household goods but most came with only an axe, saw, hammer & adg(?) with which to hew their way to a home & independence. With houses of logs, chimneys of stone, clay for mortar, home made tables chairs & bedsteads, straw for mattresses, corn & potatoes planted by chopping a place between the stump roots on the nearly cleared land, they bravely bore the discomforts of life far from friends and the conveniences of their former homes – In order to live the head of the house must by daily labor obtain the daily food for himself & family, often in the form of grain which must be carried on his back to the mill to be ground & he considered himself fortunate indeed if he could find employment to meet his daily wants. For this labor no money could be obtained & to meet the payments on his home, his only resource was to collect the ashes from the burned

timber produced in clearing his land & by leaching & boiling obtain black salts which alone had a money value. The clearing of the land was largely done by night after the days work was done. Such was the character of the early settlers of Fredonia & such the character of the persons who organized the Fredonia Baptist Church – That their lives were commendable & that their influence was felt the remarkable history of the Church shows. In 30 years notwithstanding a loss of over 100 members in **1831** on account of disturbances of more than local causes, the membership had increased from 9 to 346. If so many had felt constrained by their examples & efforts to become members of the Church by publicly professing their faith in Christ & publicly pledging themselves to live a new & better life, to how many others was their influence a restraining power keeping them from many a sin & causing them to honor the Church and its great work. The great calamity which overtook the Church in **1839** & which in ten years lost to the church an additional 150 members must ever be a source of sorrow & regret. It is useless to speculate as to what would now be position of the Church in point of membership & influence had it not occurred, but it has taken seventy years to repair the loss in membership alone – How long it will take to repair the loss in prestige & influence no one can tell. During the hundred years which this meeting commemorates there have been added to the Church more than 1800 members, more than 900 by baptism. We can not doubt that the influence for good of this vast army of Christians upon the community has been great indeed & that the morality & security of the village of Fredonia of which we boast is due in large measure to their example & influence. It has been my privilege to know nearly all the Deacons of the Baptist Church. Beginning my studies in Fredonia Academy in **1853** & being in attendance upon the Sunday worship I was greatly impressed with the character of the Deacons & members. This impression has deepened as I look back & compare them with other congregation in other places. In all my experience I have never known a Church where there were so many strong & active members. Truly there were Giants in those days. Among the Deacons of 50 years ago I remember especially Deacon Joel R. **Parker** – my impressions of him were that he was a man who lived up to his convictions & that his time & means were consecrated to the Cause of Religion. Among the later Deacons I became intimately acquainted with Deacons **Barrell**, **Pettit** & **Buck** & **Lyon**. My impressions of these men is that none nobler, more devoted or more sacrificing, have ever been members of the Fredonia Baptist Church. It was the desire of Deacon **Barrell** in addition to the large amounts he gave the Church in his lifetime to leave as an endowment to the society a sum sufficient, so that the income would continue the amount he had annually paid towards the current expenses. I knew Deacon **Pettit** probably as few or none others in the Church knew him – A man of great sympathy with the poor & unfortunate. This led him to take such an active part in the underground RR scheme through which so many slaves were taken from bondage to a land of liberty. It was his custom frequently to make inquiry as to the Church poor & to personally send such supplies as seemed needed. Especially at Christmas time. I was instructed to supply them with seasonable gifts & have the bills sent to him. I can say not only of these men but also of the present board of Deacons that it has been a pleasure & an honor to be associated with them. If I may be allowed at this time to make a suggestion it would be that like the Judicial officers the term of office for a Deacon should have a term or age limit & thus when physically unfitted, the work could be placed in younger & more energetic hands. There are some other members of the Church who deserve to be called to mind at this time, many if time would permit, but of three attention must be called. L.B. **Grant** who financed the affairs of the Church for so many years & made up the annual deficit out of his own pocket doubtless to the harm of the Church by lightening the responsibility of the membership which has never recovered to this day. A.Z.

Madison so peculiarly fitted for Church Clerk which he held for 43 years. To his careful painstaking habit, he united the zeal which his consecrated fidelity to the interests of the Church made easy & which gives us to day so full a record of the doings of the Church during this long period. The third member which I must mention is John **Hamilton** Jr. who for 18 years was the efficient Superintendent of the Sunday School. It was during this time that more than 300 members of the school were converted. A man of pleasing address and an earnest zealous Christian worker, the Church owes much to his untiring zeal. In looking back over the history of the last hundred years & taking as a standard the measure of success which ought to have been attained, doubtless we must conclude that they did not reach the ideal success which the evangelization of Fredonia required but it seems to me that they came nearer to it than any church I have ever known. Beginning with 9 members, in one hundred years receiving 1800 members, & many others who were here converted & joined elsewhere means an amount of labor & devotion which makes the record of this church one to be envied & of which we ought to be thankful. And now in conclusion what ought we to strive for & hope for & expect in the hundred years to come – If we live up to the model set before us in the past by avoiding the mistakes they made, how many times 1800 members ought we to expect if we keep pace with the increasing population of the Village – we have a noble heritage. To prove worth of our inheritance means fidelity, labor & self denial as it meant to them but in no other way can the Church meet & prove itself worth of its record of the last hundred years.

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening Oct. 29, **1908** Bro. Wesley **Swanson** asked for a letter to unite with the 1st Baptist Church of Manchuria, Fla. On motion letter was granted. On the same evening a letter was granted to Willard **Blodgett** to unite with the same church. At the same meeting the name of Mrs. Sophia **Blodgett** was dropped from our roll, she having previously united with the church at Manchuria Florida.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting Nov. 19, **1908** Bro. Michael **Gerres** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the First Baptist Church of Jamestown. On motion he was received as a member of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** ch. clk.

At the prayer meeting, Nov. 19, **1908** a letter of dismissal and recommendation was granted to sister Ida **Woods Goldheart** to unite with the 1st Baptist church of Dunkirk, N.Y.
C.L. **Goulding** ch. clk.

At the covenant meeting, Nov. 26, **1908** Bro. Burton **Wright** and his wife Nellie were granted letters to unite with the 1st Baptist Church of Ripley, N.Y. At the same meeting Sister Sarah F. wife of Dea. P.S. **West** presented a certificate of membership from the M.E. church of Lakewood, O. but as she could not be received into our communion upon these credentials she also related her Christian experience and on motion was received as a member of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At an early hour Tuesday morning December 29, **1908** Sister Miss Nellie **Collis** passed away at the residence of Sly **Lamphear** on Washington Ave. after a linger illness.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clerk

1909
At the morning service Mar.(?) 7 the pastor read a letter from Emory **Martindale** requesting a letter of dismission and recommendation to the First Bap. Church of Los Angeles, Cal. On motion letter was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

Commencing Feb. 17th and continuing 3(?) weeks meetings were held on each evening except Saturday in union with the Methodist and Presbyterian churches. The meetings were well attended by Christians and a few others and we are hoping for good results.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting on Mar. 11, Mr. Albert **Knight** the son of Rev. A. **Knight** who has recently moved on Perry(?) St. related his Christian experience. He was baptized into the West Portland church and afterward joined the South Cleveland O. church by letter but having been away from there for some time his name had been dropped from their roll. He was unanimously received as a member of this church. At the same meeting his wife Hattie presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the West Portland Church. On motion she was received into our fellowship. At the same meeting Mrs. Ethel **Cadwell** related her Christian experience. She dated her conversion at the age of 15 years at which time she was immersed by the pastor of the Free Methodist church at Gerry, N.Y. On motion she was received into the fellowship of this church. At the same meeting Sister Jennie **Munger** related her Christian experience. On motion she was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting on Thursday evening, March 17, **1909** Mr. Gerald A. **Wilbur** related his Christian experience and on motion was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening, March 24, **1909** Mrs. F.H. **Aspen**(?) related her Christian experience and was received into the fellowship of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** ch. clk.

On Sunday March 28, **1909** Bro. Edson I. **Wilcox** passed away at the residence of his daughter Mrs. D.G. **Sackett** at the advanced age of 94 years. Dea. **Wilcox** had been in failing health for several years occasioned by old age.
C.L. **Goulding** ch. clk.

At the prayer meeting Thursday eve. April 15, **1909** Sister Alice **Robinson** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Baptist church at Pike(?) N.Y. On motion the letter was granted. At the same meeting Mrs. Alexander **Watt** and her daughter Alexandria **Watt** presented letters of dismission and recommendation from the church at Webster, N.Y. On motion they were received as members of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

On Sunday evening April 11, **1909** the pastor baptized Bro. Gerald **Wilbur** and Sister Mrs. Geo. **Munger**.
C.L. **Goulding** ch. clk.

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening, May 6, **1909** the following young people members of the Sunday School related their Christian experience and on separate motions were received as members of the church after baptism to wit. Rose M. **Carlson**, M. Louise **Barker**, Lucina J. **Blodgett**, Marjorie J. **Jewett**, Harold A. **Jewett**, and Deleo L. **Smith**. At the prayer meeting on May 20th Jessie(?) **Stedman** related her Christian experience and was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** ch. clerk

At his home on Webster Street brother Benj. C. **Barlow** passed away on Sat. morn'g May 15 aged (?) yrs.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the close of the evening service Sunday May 23rd the pastor Rev. M.J. **Winchester** baptized the following candidates, to wit: Rose M. **Carlson**, M. Louise **Baker**, Lucina J. **Blodgett**, Marjorie J. **Jewett**, Harold A. **Jewett**, Deleo C. **Smith** and Jessie **Stedman**.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

After a short illness Sister Clara W. **Cato** passed away at her home on Seymour St. on Thursday morning June 10th aged 37 yrs.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the Thursday evening meeting June 10, **1909** Harry **Kickendorf** related his Christian experience and on motion was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the same meeting Dr. **Palmer** and Dr. C.E. **Smith** were chosen as delegates to the Northern Baptists convention at Portland Oregon.
C.L. **Goulding** church clerk

On Sunday afternoon, June 20, **1909** our pastor conducted services at Van Buren and at their conclusion he baptized Harry **Kickendorf** in Lake Erie.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

On Thursday evening July 1, **1909**, Mrs. Alvin **Harper** related her Christian experience. She also presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the W.B. Church of Mt. Pleasant. On motion she was received as a candidate for Baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clerk

On Thursday evening, July 8, **1909**, Sarah **Raymond** related her Christian experience. On motion she was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** ch. clk.

On Thursday evening July 15, **1909** Mr. & Mrs. Chas. **Dix** related their Christian experience and on motion were received as candidates for baptism and church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

On Sunday afternoon July 25 at the Christian Endeavor service the pastor baptized the following persons to wit: Chas. **Dix**, Mrs. Chas. **Dix**, Mrs. Alvin **Harper** and Sarah **Raymond**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the covenant meeting, Thursday eve. July 29, **1909** Sister Lena **Johnson** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the First Baptist Church of Painesville, O. On motion she was received as a member of this Church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the covenant meeting, Thursday eve. Sept. 2, **1909** the letter of the church to the Chautauqua Baptist Association was read and accepted. The following brethren and sisters were chosen as our delegates to wit: Rev. F.B. **Palmer**, Ph.D. Brn. And Sister Arthur **Boss**, Bro. and Sister O.W. **Fargo**. At the same meeting Sister Flora **Jackett** presented a letter of dismission from the M.E. Church of this place and also related her Christian experience and on motion she was received as a member of this church, she having previously been immersed.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening, Sept. 16, **1909** Sister Sarah M. **Hauldsworth** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to unite with the Baptist Church at Rockville Conn. On motion letter was granted.
At the same meeting, a letter was asked for Mrs. James **Wallace** and her son Stewart **Wallace** to unite with the Virden(?) Baptist Church at Montreal, Can(?) On motion letters were granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

Friday noon Oct. 1, **1909** Sister (?) **Gleason** passed away after a long illness at the home of her son in Elmira, N.Y. aged (?) yrs.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

Thursday evening Oct. (?) **1909** Sister Helen **Hollister** asked for a letter of dismission to unite with the 1st Presb. Ch. of Fredonia, N.Y. On motion a certificate was granted her.
C.L. **Goulding** ch. clk.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 1st Rev. F.H. **Devim** preached in our church and told us in a very forcible manner what the Am. Bap. Home Mission Soc. is doing. After the sermon the pastor baptized Sister Lena J. **Dederick** who is attending the Normal School.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

In the autumn of **1909** the Sunday School workers of the village united on(?) invitation of our School and organized a teachers union of Fredonia for the study of the lessons and to promote an interest in Sunday School work.

On Monday, Nov. 22, **1909** Sister E.D. **Bacon** passed away at her late residence on East Main Road after a long illness. Aged 90 yrs. 8 mo. 2 days.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clerk

At the covenant meeting, Dec. 2, **1909** sister Mary **Davey** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Delaware Ave. Bap. Ch. of Buffalo. On motion letter was granted. At the same meeting Sister **Rumsey** asked for a letter to the 1st Portland Church. On motion this letter was granted. At the same meeting Sister Amelia **Spencer** asked for a letter to unite with the 1st Portland Church which was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk per Rev. M.J.W.

At the prayer meeting, Dec. 9, **1909**, Bro. Harold **Martin** asked for a certificate of membership and dismissal that he might unite with the M.E. Church of Sheridan, N.Y. On motion request was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Dec. 16, **1909** Bro. Joseph **Rogers** asked for a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the Dunkirk Bap. Ch. On motion request was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

During the week of prayer commencing Jan. 2nd **1910** our church held meetings except on Saturday evening and during the two weeks following each evening except Saturday. Rev. D.L. **Jamison** our former pastor preached each evening and also on Sunday Jan. 16(?) he exchanged with Rev. M.J. **Winchester**. The meetings have been well attended and we believe many have been born again.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

On Sunday Jan. 23rd a Men's Bible class was formed in connection with our Sunday School of men who have not recently taken part in the Bible School work. The men were called together by Bro. O.W. **Fargo** one of our ass't superintendents. This seems like a move in the right direction.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

On Thursday evening Jan. 27th the following were received for baptism: Fred **Glorenflo**, 33 Temple St.; Belden **Heston**, 18 Chestnut St.; Mrs. Sueana(?) L. **Winner**, 10 Cushing St.; Mrs. Harriet A. **Kesner**, 53 Gardner St.; Miss Corabelle C. **Einhouse**, 36 Center St.; Miss Ida **Wilder** Central Ave.; Mrs. Ruth **Deitgen**, 101 Temple St.; Mrs. Mary **Shero**, 35 East Main St.; was received by experience into our fellowship (?)
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

On Sunday evening after preaching a plain sound sermon of the subject "Why baptize her?" Jno. 1:25. our pastor baptized the following candidates: Miss Ruth **Deitgen**, Miss Eva **Wilder**, Mrs. Sueana L. **Winner**, Belden **Heston** and Fred **Glorenflo**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk

On Saturday Jan. 29, Bro. Squire **Edwards** passed away at his home in Shumla, aged 75 years.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

On Monday Jan. 31 Sister Cora Francis(?) **Campbell** passed away at Roswell, N.M. where she had gone in quest of health. The funeral was held at the residence of Mr. (?) **Kauffman**(?) on Brigham Road Dunkirk.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

On Thursday evening, Feb. 3rd, Miss Anna M. **Johnson**, 30 Free St. and Miss Hazel **Hall**, 146 Temple St. were received for baptism.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

On Saturday Feb. 5th our Sister Mrs. Grace A. **Colburn** passed away at her residence 38 White St. after a lingering illness aged 49 yrs 11 mos. 27 da.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the close of the evening service Sunday Feb. 6th our pastor the Rev. M.J. **Winchester** baptized the following sisters: Mrs. Harriet A. **Kesner**, Miss Corabelle C. **Einhouse**, Miss Hazel **Hall** and Miss Anna M. **Johnson**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the home for aged women, at 134 Temple St. our sister, Mrs. E.A. **Chambers** passed away after a lingering illness on Thursday Feb. 10 aged [blank]. She was a faithful Christian woman.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening, Feb. 24, **1910** a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Grove City, Pa. church was granted to J. Lellan **Morris**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening, March 10th the church granted a letter of dismission and recommendation to Mrs. Cora **Allen** formerly Miss Cora **Williams** to unite with the First Baptist Church at Wallingford, Conn.
C.L. **Goulding** ch. clk.

At the same meeting Bro. Russel A. **Dewey** and his wife presented letters of dismission and recommendation from the church in Bradford, Pa. and on motion they were received as members of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At his home in Dunkirk, N.Y., March 12, **1910** Bro. Cassius M. **Stearns** passed away aged [blank].
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday eve. March 24, **1910** the pastor brought to the attention of the church the names of several members that the Deacons recommend that their names be erased: Moved by Rev. G.O. **King** seconded by Bro. P.G. **Cato** that the name of Emmons R. **Ellsworth** be erased from our roll on account of absence from place and apparent lack of interest. Carried. Moved by Rev. G.O. **King**, seconded by Mrs. F.B. **Palmer** that the name of Gertrude **Hill** be

erased because of absence and residence unknown. Carried moved by Sister Dora **Boss** moved that the name of Mabel **Hooker** be erased because of absence and silence. Carried. Moved by some one seconded by Bro. P.G. **Cato** that the name of Sister Julia E. **Kirk** be erased by her own request, carried. Moved by Rev. G.O. **King** seconded by Bro. P.G. **Cato** that the name of Wm. H. **Martin** be erased because of absence and silence. Carried. Moved by Mrs. F.B. **Palmer** that the name of Sister Blanche **Skinner** be erased because of absence and silence. Carried. Moved by Dr. **Palmer** seconded by Rev. G.O. **King** that we reconsider the name of Blanche **Skinner** and lay it upon the table until Mrs. G.O. **King** can write or visit her. Carried. Moved by Bro. G.O. **King** seconded by Mrs. F.B. **Palmer** that the name of Sister Margaret **Tunstall** be erased because of absence and silence. Carried. Moved by Dr. **Palmer** seconded by Bro. **King** that our church letters be valid only 3 months. Carried.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the prayer meeting on Thursday evening, Mar. 31 a motion was made and carried that the name of William H. **Martin** be restored to our roll he having been heard from.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

The 87 Annual and Fellowship meeting on Apr. 2, **1910** was called to order by Bro. D.G. **Sackett**, clerk of the Society; moved by Rev. G.O. **King** that our pastor the Rev. M.J. **Winchester** act in the capacity of chairman. Prayer by Rev. G.O. **King**. Minutes of the last annual meeting read by Bro. D.G. **Sackett** and were approved. Report of the treasurer Bro. C.O. **Tarbox**. Moved by Bro. O.W. **Fargo** that the report be accepted. Carried. Moved by the soc. clerk that we proceed to the election of two trustees in the place of Brethren L.S. **Allnat** and M.N. **Munger**. Carried. Moved by the church clerk that Brethren O.W. **Fargo** and P.G. **Cato** be the tellers. Carried. Bro. Bert **Beldin**, O.W. **Fargo** and W.W. **Harris** were put in nomination when Bro. **Harris** withdrew his name and on motion the Sec. was instructed to cast a ballot for Brethren **Belden** and **Fargo**.
[The following is typed.]
Report, of Sec. & Tres. Baptist Sunday school, **1909** & **1910**.

No of Officers & Teachers in Sunday school,	26
" Scholars in Bible classes	126
" " Intermedia Department	102
" " Primary "	39
" " Cradle Roll	38
Total No. enrolled in Sunday school	319
Average attendance	172
Highest " Jan. 30	211
Lowest " April 5	117
Treasurer's Report,	
Balance on hand April 1st.	$5.90
Received Sunday collections,	227.60
Received cash donation Picnic expences,	19.00
Received Xmas. Donation, cash, clothing, & provisions,	110.51
Total receipts,	$363.01
Paid Amer. Baptist Pub. Society for Mission work	$16.59
Paid County S.S. association dues,	1.55

Paid Lords Day Alliance per. Vote of S.S.	1.78
" Baptist County S.S. association,	3.00
Paid cash, and Delivered clothing, **Griffith** family,	77.83
" " To needy in Fredonia,	7.25
Sent clothing to needy in Fredonia, with provisions	23.00
Paid express on goods sent West,	2.43
Paid Missionary Union for foreign field,	40.00
Paid Sunday school picnic expences,	21.10
Paid Tres. Of Church, for church expences, per S.S.	34.00
Paid S.S. Total expences for supplies	109.19
Total expenditures for S.S.	$337.72
Balance on hand April 1st. **1910**,	$25.29

Signed Chas. O. **Mason**, Sec, & Tres.
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after which the following officers were elected without opposition to wit:
Society Secretary Bro. D.G. **Sackett**
Treasurer Bro. Bert **Belden**
Assistant Treas. Bro. Wm. T. **Kurtz**
Benevolence Treas. Bro. D.B. **Beldin**
Church Clerk Bro. C.L. **Goulding**
Superintendent of S.S. Bro. C.L. **Goulding**
1st Asst. Superintendent of S.S. Bro. Arthur **Boss**
2nd Asst. Superintendent of S.S. Bro. O.W. **Fargo**
sec. & Treasurer of S.S. Bro. C.O. **Mason**
supt. Of Home Department Sister Alice **Munger**
Supt of Primary Department sister Hattie **Blood**
Chorister Sister Anna **Haskins**
Organist Sister Alice **Munger**
Report of Finance Committee of the Men's Association. Report of Soc. of Christian Endeavor by Lansing **Husted**. The pastor was called from the room and Dr. F.B. **Palmer** assumed the chair. Moved by Bro. O.W. **Fargo** that our pastor's salary be raised to $1300 for the current year. Carried unanimous. Report of Women's Missionary Society by Sister Harriet **Daniel**. Report on the poor fund by Bro. O.W. **Fargo**. Report of com. on Finance appointed last year by Bro. D.G. **Sackett**. Remarks by Dr. F.B. **Palmer** and he offered a set of resolutions which were adopted and filed with the society Clerk. Report of Treas. of benevolence by Bro. D.B. **Belden**. $696.02 raised by the church. Report of Ladies Aid Society by Sister Maria E. **Belden** $151.50 in treasury. Report of Statistics by the clerk C.L. **Goulding**

Baptized 24	Death 9
Letter 5	Letter 12
Experience 2	Erasure 6
Restored 1	Present no. 400

Report of the S.S. by Bro. C.O. **Mason,** copy filed with the clerk. Sung Hymn 622. Report of music by Sister Hattie **Jewett**. A finely written obituary report by Sister Mrs. G.O. **King**. Roll Call by clerk 144 responded by name and 8 by letter. At 4.30 the meeting adjourned to the parlor below where they enjoyed a pleasant social hour and a supper.
C.L. **Goulding** Clerk.

At the communion service on Sunday Apr. 3 the church granted a certificate of membership to our sister Amanda **Gustus Olsan** that she may unite with the Presbyterian Church at South Lake Weir, Fla.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the same meeting a letter of dismission and recommendation was granted to Miss Lulu May **Douglass** to unite with the South Side Baptist Church of Buffalo, N.Y.
C.L. **Goulding** ch. clk.

At the covenant meeting, Thursday evening, Apr. 28 a letter of dismission and recommendation was granted to Bro. Charles **Cobb** to unite with the York, N.Y. Baptist Church.
C.L. **Goulding** ch. clk.

At the same meeting Mr. and Mrs. Chas. **Boehm** presented a letter of dismission from the 1st Baptist Church of Dunkirk to unite with this church. On motion they were received.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening, May 26 Sister Mrs. W.A. **Grover**, her daughter Minnie **Grover**, Mr. and Mrs. Harry **Day** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the church at Laquin, Pa. to unite with us. On motion they were received.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening, July 7th Louise **Belden** and Florence **Slaght** related their Christian experience and on motion they were both received as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the same meeting, the pastor read a communication from John E. **Sanford** in which he advised the pastor that he thought his name should be erased from the church roll. The pastor stated that the board of deacons had recommended that the church take such action. On motion of C.L. **Goulding** and duly seconded that Bro. **Sanford**'s name be erased such action prevailed.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the close of the Christian Endeavor service, Sunday July 10th, the pastor baptized Louise **Belden** and Florence **Slaght**.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At her late residence at 50 Temple St. sister Louisa M. **Edmunds** passed away after a short illness on July 22, **1910** aged 90 years 6 mo. 18 days. She was in a true sense a mother in Zion.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the morning service Aug. 7, **1910** the pastor announced as pulpit committee to supply the pulpit on the two following Sabbaths Brethren O.W. **Fargo**, Bert **Belden** and C.L. **Goulding**.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Sunday Aug. 14, **1910** the pulpit was supplied in the morning by Dr. F.B. **Palmer** who preached from Ps 51;4 first clause and illustrated very forcibly the doctrine of the atonement.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

On Sunday Aug. 14th Brother Galen B. **Everets** passed away at his home on Center St. an (?) respected citizen aged 74 years.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

Sunday Aug. 21 the pulpit was supplied by Rev. **Pierson** of the South Side Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis. He preached a forceful sermon on the necessity of a Christ centered life.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At her residence on Monroe St. sister Emily **Starr** passed away Sept. 2nd **1910**. Aged 92 years.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening Oct. 13 the pastor read a letter asking for a letter of recommendation and dismission of Bro. Fred **Glorenflo** to unite with the Fidelity Free Baptist Church of Cleveland, O. On motion letter was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk.

At the same meeting a certificate was granted sister (Bernice **Vincent**) Mrs. Leon H. **Lewis** to unite with the First Presbyterian Church of Prattsburg, N.Y.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clerk.

At the prayer meeting, Wednesday eve. Nov. 23, **1910** sister Viola E. **Everts** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to unite with the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Mattiawan, N.Y. On motion letter was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** ch. clk.

At the prayer meeting, Dec. 1, **1910** the pastor read a communication from Mrs. **James** requesting her name dropped from the church roll as her symathies are with the Christian Science. Dr. C.E. **Smith** who had been requested by the deacons to go and confer with her. He reported that she was satisfied where she is and he moved that her name be erased from the church. Seconded by C.L. **Goulding**, carried. At the same meeting the pastor read a request for a letter of dismission and recommendation for Mrs. **Peterson** formerly Mabel **Morrison** to unite with the First Baptist Church of Bremerton, Wash. On motion of C.L. **Goulding** seconded and carried.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

On Thursday June 5, **1911** Sister Esther Jane **Rice** passed away at the home of her nephew Frank **Madison** in Dunkirk. Sister **Rice** had been an invalid several years being blind.
C.L. **Goulding**, Ch Clk

On Friday morning, Jan. 13 our brother John M. **Hardenburg** passed away at his home on West Main St. Aged 87 years.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, Jan. 26, **1911** Sister Fern R. **Vidal** presented a letter from the Fredonia M.E. Church to which she formerly went from this church on motion she was received as a member of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the covenant meeting, Feb. 2, **1911** the pastor read a communication requesting a letter of dismission and recommendation of Edward M. **Ella**, and Paul M. **Hayhurst** to the First Baptist Church of Fayetteville Ark. Moved by Dr. F.B. **Palmer** that letters be granted to the applicants. Motion prevailed.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the covenant meeting, March 2, **1911** sister Carrie **Fox** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the First Portland Church. On motion she was received as a member of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At covenant meeting, March 30 the following related their Christian experience and on separate motions were received as candidates for baptism and afterward to church membership to wit: Arlene E. **Torrence**, Ernest M. **Torrence**, Ruth A. **Winchester**, and Dorothy A. **Boss**. At the same meeting, Horace **Rice**, his wife, Albertine **Rice** and Miss Hermenine **Mauer** presented letters of dismission and recommendation of the First Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N.Y. On motions they were received as members of this church. At the same meeting a communication was received from sister Aurilla **Kennedy** requesting a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Baptist Church at Pasadena, Cal. which letter was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

In conjunction with the M.E. and Pres. Churches we held special meetings Mar. 15th to 26th conducted by Miss Alice M. **Gamlin** N.Y. State S.S. Evangelist, each afternoon at 4 P.M. for young people in our church, each week day eve. in the M.E. Church and Sunday evenings in the Pres. Church. The meetings were well attended and we believe productive of much good.
C.L. **Goulding** ch. clk.

Called to order Sat. Apr. 1 at 2 P.M. by D.G. **Sackett** clerk of the Fredonia Baptist Society, the pastor, Rev. M.J. **Winchester** was chosen chairman. Prayer by Rev. G.O. **King**. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Reports of Christian Endeavor by Miss Hattie **Blood**. Reports of Treas. Ladies Aid Society by Mrs. Bert **Belden**. Reports of Women's Mission Society by Miss Hattie **Blood**. Reports of Poor Fund by O.W. **Fargo**. Reports of Sunday School by C.O. **Mason**. Reports of Statistics by C.L. **Goulding**. Reports of Finances by Bert **Belden**. Report of Benevolences by D. Benson **Belden**. Report of Men's Association by Arthur **Boss**. On motion of Rev. G.O. **King** all the reports were accepted.
Election of officers
C.O. **Mason** and C.L. **Goulding** were appointed tellers.
Officers elected
D.G. **Sackett** trustee to succeed himself
W.W. **Harris** " " " G.W. **Blood**

D.G. **Sackett** Soc. Clerk " " himself
D.B. **Belden** Ben. Treas. " " "
Bert " Soc. " " " "
Wm. T. **Kurtz** Ass. " " " " "
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk " " "
" " " S.S. Supt. " " "
A.W. Boss 1. Asst " " " " "
O.W. **Fargo** 2 " " " " " "
C.O. **Mason** " "Sec. & Treas. " " "
Hattie **Blood** " "Sup. Prin. " " herself
Anna **Haskin** Chorister " " "
Alice **Munger** Organist " " "
Rexford **Jewett** Librarian " " himself
The clerks report follows –
No. of members Apr. 2 **1910** 406
Additions
By letter 10
By experience 1
Baptism 2
Total addition 13
Diminutions
By letter 11
By erasure 2
By death 5
Total Diminution 18
Net loss 5
Present membership 401
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

[The following is a typed page.]
Report,
Sec. & Tres. Baptist Sunday School, **1910** & **1911**.

No of Officers & Teachers in Sunday school,	25
" Scholars in Bible classes,	129
" " Intermediate Department	98
" " Primary "	65
No on the Cradle Roll	37
Total No enrolled in Sunday school	317
Average attendance	171
Highest " June 26 Childrens day,	275
Lowest " June 5 stormy	102

Treasurers Report,

Balance on hand April 1st. **1910**	$25.29
Received Sunday collections,	211.15
Received Donation, Supt. Expences S.S. Convention	11.97
" " Picnic "	14.85

" " At Xmas. cash, clothing, & provisions,	68.45
Received of Mrs. **Keyes** class, for Quarterlies,	6.00
Total receipts,	$338.20
Paid Amer. Baptist Pub. society for Mission work	$16.35
Paid Supt. Expences to Sunday school convention,	19.00
Paid Picnic expences,	14.95
Paid Baptist County S.S. Association dues	1.50
" " " " "	3.00
Paid Xmas. Expences, candy & boxes	7.56
Paid Cash, and delivered clothing, to Rev. E.H. **Gessel**,	48.00
Paid cash to needy in Fredonia,	5.00
Sent Groceries to needy in Fredonia	11.05
Paid freight on goods sent west,	4.40
Paid Missionary Union for foreign Missions,	46.00
Paid Church Tres. for deficiency fund,	26.09
Paid Supplies for S.S.	110.30
Total expenditures for S.S.	$313.20
Balance on hand April 1st. **1911**	25.00

Signed Chas. O. **Mason**, Sec, & Tres. Fredonia Baptist S.S.
[End of typed report.]

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening Apr. 11 the following sisters related their Christian experience and on separate motions were received as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership to wit: Miss M. Alice **Hayes**, Miss Caroline J. **Kendrick**, Miss Florence E. **Nowak** and Miss Lucile E. **Nowak**. At the same meeting a communication was received requesting a letter of dismission and recommendation of Miss Hazel E. **Hall** to unite with the Baptist Church of Rome, N.Y. On motion the request was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

Our sister Mrs. Hattie E. **Allen** passed away Saturday afternoon Apr. 8 aged 52 years having been a member of this church continuously for more than 40 years. She was baptized by Rev. Charles **Thompson** on Christmas evening in **1870**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the close of the preaching service Sunday evening Apr. 9 the pastor the Rev. M.J. **Winchester** baptized the following candidates to wit: Miss M. Alice **Hayes**, Miss Caroline J. **Kendrick**, Miss Arlene E. **Torrence**, Miss Ruth A. **Winchester**, his daughter, Miss Dorothy A. **Boss** and Ernest M. **Torrence**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Apr. 13th the following sisters related their Christian experience and on separate motions they were received as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership to wit: Bessie **Kesner**, F. Marion **Heaton** and Faye E. **Bond**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

On easter Sunday evening, April 16th the choir presented an Easter cantata after which the following sisters were baptized to wit: Faye **Bond**, Marion **Heaton**, Lucile **Nowak** and Florence **Nowak**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Thursday eve. May 25th the pastor read a request for letters of dismission and recommendation to the Evans, N.Y. Church for Mrs. B.F. **Eastman** and Mrs. Cora **Lusk**. On motion such letters were granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the covenant meeting June 1 Harrold son of Bro. & Sister Smith **Wilbur** related his Christian experience. On motion he was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.
C.L. **Goulding**

At the prayer meeting June 8th our pastor, Rev. M.J. **Winchester** and Dr. F.B. **Palmer** were chosen delegates to the annual meeting to be held in Philadelphia commencing June 19(?).
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the close of the evening service Sunday June 11 the following candidates were baptized to wit: Bessie **Kesner** and Harrold B. **Wilbur**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

On Thursday June 22 sister Sarah M. **Madison** passed away at the Hotel Lenox in Buffalo, N.Y. after a lingering illness aged 68 yr. 3 days. She had been a faithful member of this church since she was 15 years of age.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening June 29 Bro. Richard **Delong** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the First Baptist Church at Woodhall, N.Y. On motion he was received as a member of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening July 6, Bro. & Sister Fred **Gauge** presented letters of dismission and recommendation from the First Baptist Church of Dunkirk, N.Y. On motion they were received as members of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening July 20, a communication was received asking our church to send a delegate and pastor to meet with the Findley's Lake church in ordination council. On motion Bro. Thos. **Moran** was chosen delegate and Dr. F.B. **Palmer** alternate.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At 12.13 A.M. July 26th Sister Aggie B. **Goulding** wife of the church clerk passed away at her home 12 Free St. after an illness of 2 months. Aged 49yr. 6mo. 14da.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, July 27 a communication was received asking for letters of dismission and recommendation for Sister Anna **Man** and Harriet B. **Randall** to the First Baptist Church of Erie, Pa. On motion letters were granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

On July 28, Brother Shepherd S. **Crissey** passed away at his home on Seymour St. after an illness lasting 2 years. Aged 78 years. [Transcriber's note: this may be the S. S. Crissey or Samuel S. Crissey mentioned elsewhere in this record book.]
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

On Sunday Aug 6 the pastor asked the church to elect a pulpit supply committee as he would be absent on the two following Sabbaths. Bro. D.G. **Sackett** and Bro. Bert **Belden** were elected such committee. Dr. **Palmer** filled the pulpit on Aug. 13 and Rev. J.J. **Keyes** on Aug. 20.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Aug. 24, **1911** the pastor said that we have lost all trace of Bro. [Arthur] & Sister [Anna] **Burton**. Moved by Dr. F.B. **Palmer** seconded by Bro. Arthur **Boss** that their names be erased. Motion prevailed.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday eve. Sept. 21 Bro. Fredrick **Glorenflo** asked for a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the First German Baptist Church of Rochester, N.Y. On motion letter granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the covenant meeting, Nov. 2, **1911** related his Christian experience and on motion of Rev. G.O. **King** seconded by Thos. **Vidal** he was received as candidate for baptism and afterward church membership the foregoing relates to Cameron **Smith**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the same meeting Sisters Mertie **Morgan** and Ruth **Morgan** and brother Herbert **Morgan** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Falconer Church. On motion Dea. H.P. **Perrin** seconded by Rev. G.O. **King** their request was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Nov. 16, **1911** a letter of dismission and recommendation was granted to Sister Eunice **Denham** to unite with the 1st Baptist Church of Scotia, N.Y.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.
At the same meeting a letter was granted to sister Anna **Johnson** to unite with the Baptist Church at Frewsburg, N.Y.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Nov. 23, **1911** the pastor read a communication from Bro. & Sister **Gould** requesting a letter of dismission from this church, when notified that we grant letters only to specific churches they requested that their names be dropped from our roll. The deacons

recommended to the church that their request be granted. Dr. F.B. **Palmer** moved, seconded that their request be granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Dec. 14, **1911**, Sister Mrs. Ralph **Safford** formerly Miss Alice **Hayes** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Baptist Church at Pierport(?), O. On motion of Dr. F.B. **Palmer** seconded by Rev. G.O. **King**, said letter was granted.
C.L. **Goulding**, Ch. Clerk

At the same meeting Mrs. C.J. **Landschoff** brought a letter of dismission and recommendation from the Baptist Church of Dunkirk, N.Y. On motion of Rev. G.O. **King** seconded she was received as a member of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

Our sister Elizabeth P. **Haywood** passed away at her home 36 Central Ave. Dec. 21 **1911** at the advanced age of 92 years.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Jan. 11, **1912** Mrs. Florence **May** presented a letter of commendation from the 1st M.E. Church of Fredonia also related her Christian experience. Having formerly been a member of a Baptist church she was received into our membership upon the relation of her Christian experience.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

At the prayer meeting, Jan. 25, **1912** the clerk read a letter filed with him by Oscar E. **Smith** who with others has gone over to the Pentecostal People under the leadership of Miss Kate **Night**(?). The pastor explained that the deacons had met and considered these cases. Then he called for the Clerk to read the resolutions which they had drafted has follows:
Whereas Mr. Oscar E. **Smith** affirms that he has come to hold views contrary to those accepted and taught by the Baptist Denomination, views which in the estimation of this church are false, pernicious and contrary to the true interpretation of God's word, and because of these views has asked to have his name taken from the membership roll of our church. Resolved first, that we greatly deplore this action and attitude of Mr. **Smith** and pray for a speedy restoration to turn views(?) of doctrine. Resolved, second, that his request be granted and his name be stricken from the roll of church membership. Moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted. Carried without debate.
Mrs. Oscar E. **Smith** having made a (?) request of the clerk that her name be dropped the pastor called for the following resolution.
Whereas Mrs. Oscar E. **Smith**, for similar reasons has made the same request, Resolved that while we greatly deplore her action and hope for a return to sane(?) and scriptural views, we likewise grant her request, and erase her name from the roll of membership. Moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted. Carried without debate.
Sister **Sackett** having made a similar request, the following resolution was ordered read to wit:
Whereas, Mrs. D.G. **Sackett** has come to entertain doctrines contrary to those held and taught by the Baptist denomination and in our estimation contrary to the interpretation of God's word, and for that reason has asked that her name be dropped from the membership of the church.

Resolved, first, that we greatly regret this action of Mrs. **Sackett** and pray for a return to truer views of Christian doctrine. Resolved, second, that her request be granted and her name be erased from the roll of church membership. Moved and seconded that this resolution be adopted. After an explanation by the clerk of the feelings and wishes of Mrs. **Sackett** the motion prevailed without debate. Miss Maud **Kimball** having requested her name be dropped by a letter to the pastor the following resolution was (?) (?): Whereas, Miss Maud **Kimball** has allied herself with those who teach views contrary to those commonly accepted by the Baptist denomination and in our estimation partially false and unscriptural, and influenced by the false teaching has requested that her name be erased from the membership of this church. resolved, first, that we regret her action and pray that she may soon see her error. Resolved, second, that her request be granted and her name erased. Moved and seconded that these resolutions be adopted. Motion prevailed without debate. At the same meeting the pastor presented the request of sister Cecelia **Leet** for a certificate of Christian character that she may unite with the M.E. church of this village of which her husband is a member. Moved and seconded that her request be granted. Motion prevailed without debate.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

Beginning Feb. 19th Rev. Dr. **Moor** of Jamestown, N.Y. and his assistant pastor Rev. **Riley** assisted our pastor in a series of two weeks meetings in which many were converted and the church was greatly revived.
Feb. 29, **1912** Bro. Geo. **Tate** passed away at his home on Leverett St. after a long and useful life.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Thursday eve. March 7th Bro. Frank **Lauming** and his wife Eunice **Gould Lauming** and his mother Mrs. Rachel L. **Lauming** presented letters of dismission and recommendation from the Forestville Baptist Church. On motion they received into the membership of this church. At the same meeting Mr. Elwayn **Torrence** and his wife Grace were received upon their Christian experience. At the same meeting the following members related their Christian experience and on separate motions were received as candidates for baptism and after church membership.
John H. **Abeel**, Elton A. **Torrence**, Charles F. **Lauming**, Bertha **Sable**, Grace **Merchant**, Ruth A. **Allen**, Albert **Payne**, Ruby B. **Nelson**, Ruth B. **Swanson**, Jan E. **Zehnder**, Elmer C. **Landschoff**, Fred **Merchant**, Walter L. **Wingblad**, Merriel H. **Le Barron**, Ruby **Drummond**, the last named also presented a certificate of membership from the Trinity United Evangelical Church of Clarendon, Pa.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the close of the service Sunday Evening March 10th the following were baptized. John H. **Abeel**, Elton A. **Torrence**, Charles F. **Lauming**, Albert **Payne**, Elmer C. **Landshoff**, Fred **Merchant**, Walter R. **Wingblad**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Thursday eve. March 14 the following related their Christian experience and on separate motions were received as candidates for baptism and afterward church

membership. Floyd A. **Whitney**, Ethel M. **Bierce**, Vivian M. **Harvey**, Mrs. Emily M. **Cansebrook**(?).
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk.

At the close of the service Sunday eve. March 17th the following candidates were baptized. Bertha **Sable**, Grace **Merchant**, Ruby B. **Nelson**, Ruth B. **Swanson**, Merriel H. **Le Barron**, Ruby **Drummond**, Ethel M. **Bierce**, Vivian M. **Harvey**, Emily M. **Cansebrook**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday eve., Mar 21 Mrs. Wm. L. **Bull** related her experience, she being a member of the Christian church had been baptized so she was received into the membership of this church. At the same meeting George J. **Tuttle** related his Christian experience. He was formally a member of the 1st Baptist Church of Syracuse, N.Y. On motion he was received as a member of this church. At the same meeting Wm. L. **Ball** related his Christian experience, he already is a member of the U.B. Church. On motion he was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. At the same meeting, Flora B. **Shero** related her Christian experience and on motion was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the same meeting, Sister Alice C. **Sessions** asked for a letter to unite with the first Portland Church. On motion letter was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Sisters **Boss** and **Husted** having both become connected with the Pentecostal Movement and both asked to have their names erased from the roll of our membership the following resolution was adopted at the prayer meeting March 28, **1912**. Whereas Mrs. Arthur **Boss** and Mrs. E.L. **Husted** have come to hold views at [odds] with those held by our denomination and, in consequence have asked to have their names erased from the roll of membership. Resolved that it is with regret and with the prayer that they may soon come to other views of Scripture teaching, that we erase their names from the membership of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clerk

At the same meeting Sister Florence **Weiller** asked that her name be erased from our roll as she is an attendant at the Unitarian church. The following resolution was adopted. Whereas Mrs. Henry J. **Weiler** Jr. has requested that her name be erased from the roll of membership. Resolved, that with regret we accede to her request and erase her name from the membership roll of the church.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

The annual fellowship meeting was called to order by our pastor the Rev. M.J. **Winchester**, Apr. 6 at 2.15 P.M. Singing "Rock of Ages" Prayer by Rev. G.O. **King**. Business meeting. Reading report of last meeting by soc. clerk D.G. **Sackett**. Report of benevolence by Bert **Belden** for D.B. **Belden**. Amount raised $814.82. Report of Christian Endeavor soc. by T.O. **Vidal**. 41 active members 4 associate 13 Honorary. Report of Ladies aid Soc. by Mrs. Bert **Belden**. Balance on hand $121.81. Report of Men's Ass'n by O.W. **Fargo**. Report of Women's

Missionary Society by Mrs. C.O. **Tarbox**. Report of Poor fund by O.W. **Fargo** bal. on hand $.57(?). Report of Church statistics by the clerk.
Report follows, to wit:
No. reported April 1, **1912** 401
Additions by baptism 30
" " experience 5
" " letter 7
" " restoration 1
Total additions 43
Diminutions by letter 13
" " erasure 13
" " death 6
" total 32
Net gain 11
Present membership 412
Males 132 Females 250
Resident 330 Nonresident 82
Treasurers report by Bert **Belden**. Report of Sunday School by C.O. **Mason**. Obituary report by Mrs. G.O. **King**. On motion all the reports were adopted.
Election of officers.
C.L. **Goulding** and O.W. **Fargo** were appointed tellers. Preston G. **Cato** and Thomas **Moran** were elected trustees to succeed themselves.
Society clerk D.G. **Sackett**
Church clerk C.L. **Goulding**
Treasurer Bert **Belden**
Asst Treasurer W.T. **Kurtz**
Benev. Treasurer D.B. **Belden**
Supt. Of S.S. C.L. **Goulding**
1st Asst. " " " Arthur **Boss**
2nd " " " " Effie **Shero**
Sec. & Tres. C.O. **Mason**
Chorister Anna **Haskin**
Pianist Alice **Munger**
Librarian Ernest **Torrence**
Supt. Prim. Dept. Hattie E. **Blood**
Asst Mabel **Slaght**
Home Dept Supt Emma **Gibbs**
Cradle Roll " Edna **Slaght**
After the singing of a hymn by the choir we proceeded to the roll call by the clerk. [blank] answered to their and [blank] responded by letter. After the roll call the pastor was called from the room and the church voted to increase his salary $100 making it $1400 per year. After the close of the meeting supper was served in the church parlors.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

Sunday April 7 is a very stormy Easter but at the communion service the pastor welcomed 15 members who had recently united with the church. At the close of the evening service the pastor baptized Ruth A. **Allen**, Flora B. **Shero** and Floyd A. **Whitney**.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening April 11-28 brethren and sister to part. At the close of the session Mrs. Harriet **Le Barron** related her Christian experience. On motion she was received as a candidate for baptism and then membership with us.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

Sunday evening, April 14th at the close of the service the pastor, Rev. M.J. **Winchester** baptized sister Harriet **Le Barron** and brother William L. **Ball**.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk.

Miss Hattie E. **Blood** having addressed a letter to the clerk requesting that her name and that of her mother and father be dropped from out roll of membership the following preamble and resolution was adopted. Whereas Mr. and Mrs. George W. **Blood** and Miss Hattie E. **Blood** have requested that their names be dropped from the roll of membership of the Fredonia Baptist Church because they are no longer in fellowship with the church. Resolved that their request be granted and their names be stricken from the members [roll].

At the same meeting May (?) **1912** Mrs. George **Whitney** related her Christian experience and on motion Dr. C.E. **Smith** she was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, May 9, **1912** Ralph L. **Wittsie** related his Christian experience and on motion of Rev. G.O. **King** he was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the close of the evening service June 2, **1912** the pastor baptized Ralph L. **Wittsie** and Mrs. Geo. **Whitney**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

After a brief illness sister Miss Anna **Powell** passed away July 29th aged 63 years.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Sister Julia Ann **Hardenburg** died at the home of her daughter at Brocton Sunday Aug. 11 aged 83 years.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

On Sunday morning, Oct. 15, **1912** Mrs. Maria **Winchester** the mother of our pastor passed away. Sister **Winchester** was one of the noble sisters in Israel. She was especially devoted to missions.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

On Sunday morning, Nov. 10 Sister Helen L. **Stevens** passed away at her home on Spring St. after a severe illness of several months. Aged 68 years.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Our brother the Rev. J.J. **Keyes** entered into rest at his home on Norton Place Dec. 28th after a long illness.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, Jan. 16, **1913** Bro. and Sister **Allnatt** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to unite with the first Baptist Church of Fort **Morgan**, Ala. On motion their request was granted. At the same meeting, Sister Esther **Gustus** asked for a certificate of good standing that she might unite with the 1st Presbyterian Church of Fredonia. On motion her request was granted. At the same meeting, Sister Lucy J. **Adams** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation of the 1st Baptist Church of Warsaw, N.Y. to our fellowship. On motion she was received. At the same meeting sisters Dora H. **Irene** and Alice **Cady** presented letters of dismission and recommendation from the First Portland Baptist Church to our fellowship. On motion they were received.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, Jan. 23, **1913** our sister Adella **Conant** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Dunkirk Baptist Church on motion the letter was granted. At the same meeting our sister Mrs. Alex. **Watt** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Fairport Baptist Church on motion said letter was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Word coming to the pastor that Sister Ruby **Drummond** has moved away and joined another church we erase her name. 1/29/13.
C.L. **Goulding**

At the prayer meeting Jan. 30, **1913** Sister D. Mildred **Wiltsie** and Margaret **Johnson** related their Christian experience and on motion were received as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Thursday evening, Feb. 6 was very stormy and cold 4 Brethren and 14 sisters were out to the service sister Lottie **Hotchkiss** related her Christian experience and on motion of clerk seconded by bro. **Boss** she was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Sunday evening Feb. 9. At the close of the evening service the pastor baptized the following candidates to wit: Miss D. Mildred **Wiltsie**, Miss Margaret **Johnson** and Mrs. Lottie **Hotchkiss**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the covenant meeting, Feb. 27, the clerk read a communication from Bro. & Sister **Gage** asking for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the 1st Baptist Church of Detroit Mich.

At the same meeting a similar letter was asked for Frank **Lanning**, Eunice(?) G. and Charles F. **Lanning** to unite with the 1st Baptist church of Dunkirk, N.Y. On motion these letters were granted. At the same meeting Bro. Ray M. **Hotchkiss** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the 1st Baptist church of Franklinville, N.Y. On motion he was received as a member of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Bro. John **Clough** passed away Feb 27 at his home on Hamlet St. after a short illness of heart disease at the age of 86 years.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday eve. March 13 a letter of dismission and recommendation was granted to Sister Clara **West** to unite with the Cedar Street Baptist Church of Buffalo, N.Y.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday eve. March 13 a letter of dismission and recommendation was received from the 1st Baptist Church of Salamanca for Sister Clara **Lucas**. Moved by Dr. **Palmer** and seconded that she be received, the motion prevailed.
C.L. **Goulding** ch. clk.

Deacon P.C. **West** passed away at his home on Center Street March 12th after a lingering illness due to old age. He was a devoted and walking member of this church. Age 84y.7m.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the church service, March 18th the pastor read a letter from Sister **Lathrop** in which she expressed a wish to be received as a member of this church on the recommendation of the 1st Baptist church of Dubuque, Iowa. She is now living at Platteville, Wis. where there is no Baptist church. On motion of Dr. **Palmer** seconded by Rev. G.O. **King** she was received.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Mrs. Pearl **Sweet** formerly Mrs. **Adamski** whose maiden name was Pearl **Morrison** died at the Tuberculosis Hospital at Dunkirk, N.Y. March 27, Aged 24 years.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the covenant meeting, April 3 the following related their Christian experience and on motions were received as candidates for baptism and afterward Church membership Martha T. **Bullock**, Mildred C. **Thayer**, Reuben **Miller**, Muriel(?) **Day**, Florence **Hayward** and Winston **Martin**. At the same meeting [blank].
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

The annual fellowship and business meeting of the church occurred on Apr 5 and was attended by 33 brethren and 96 sisters besides 11 letters and 3 telegram messages. Brother Arthur **Boss** was elected deacon in place of Bro. P.C. **West** deceased. Moved by Dr. F.B. **Palmer**, seconded that the number of deacons be increased from 6 to 7. Motion prevailed. Bro. W.W. **Harris** was elected. Clerk's report shows(?) as follows –
No reported Apr. 1, **1912** 412

Additions by baptism 10
" " letter 11
" total 21
Diminutions by death 9
" " letter 11
" " erasure 4
" total 24
Decrease 3
Present membership 409
At the communion service on the following day the pastor inducted the newly elected deacons into office by proper remarks and prayer.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the covenant meeting Apr. 3rd the following persons presented letters of dismission [and] recommendation from the West Portland, N.Y. church to wit – Mr. & Mrs. J.E. **Ticknor**, Ben **Ticknor** and Mrs. Tessie T. **James**, on motion they were received as members of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

Thursday eve. Apr. 10 Florence **Knight** and E. Gertrude **Heaton**(?) related their Christian experience and on separate motions were received as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the close of the evening service April 13, pastor **Winchester** baptized the following candidates to wit: Mrs. Martha T. **Bullock**, Mrs. Mildred E. **Thayer**, Florence L. **Knight**, A. Mueril **Day**, Florence J. **Hayward**, Reuben W. **Miller**, and Winston A. **Martin**.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the prayer meeting 17, Mrs. Solon B. **West** related her Christian experience and on motion she was received as a member of this church, she having been previously baptized.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the covenant meeting, May 1 Sister Lena **Dederick** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Baptist Church at Cassadaga, N.Y. Moved and seconded that her request be granted. The motion prevailed.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting May 15th sisters Ethel F. and Violet F. **Noff** (?) presented letters of dismission and recommendation from the Stockton Baptist Church. On motion they were received as members of this church. At the same meeting the pastor and Dr. F.B. **Palmer** were chosen as delegates to the Annual May meeting at Detroit, Mich. May 21-27th.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clerk

Our sister Mrs. Wales M. **Martin** passed away at her home June 5 after a short illness. At the age of 73 yr 7 mo 19 da having been a member of the church about 30 years. Surely(?) a mother in Israel.

C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clerk

At the close of the evening service the pastor baptized Sister Gertrude **Heaton** June 15.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, July 10, **1913** Mrs. Elgin **Griswold** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the first Christian church of Youngstown O. On motion she was accepted as a member of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting July 17 Sister Melinda **Press Everts** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the Perrysburg Bap. Church of Gowanda, N.Y. On motion of Rev. G.O. **King** seconded she was rec.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.
At the same meeting the pastor said that he is going to take his vacation the first four Sundays of August and asked that a pulpit committee be chosen to furnish supplies. Clerk nom. Brethren A. **Boss**, Bert **Belden** and O.W. **Fargo**. Nominations were confirmed.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting the pastor brought before the church the following names and suggested they be dropped as they have not walked with the church in a long time: Lansing **Husted**, Rachel **Adams** and her son Ernest, Herman **Bach** and his wife Samantha, George **Griffith**, Dottega(?) **Dorzengen**, Lillian **Coman**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Aug. 3 first Sunday of Pastor's vacation. Rev. C.E. **Smith** supplied pulpit – Topic – Faith.

Aug. 28th the pastor lead the prayer meeting for the first time after the summer vacation and gave some reminiscences of his vacation. Sisters Susan and Mariah **Whitcomb** presented letters of dismission and recommendation from the Westfield Bap. On motion of Dr. F.B. **Palmer** they were received into our membership.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Sept. 25th the pastor read a communication from sister Lillian **Coman** asking for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the first Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind. On July 24th of the present year Sister **Coman**'s name was erased from our list because she had not answered letters addressed to her in several years. Moved by C.L. **Goulding** seconded by Bro **Boss** that her name be restored to our membership list. The motion prevailed. Moved by Dr. C.E. **Smith** seconded by Dr. Geo. L. **Harris** that her request be granted. The motion prevailed.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Oct. 2, Sister Maud S. **O'Dell** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the First Baptist Church of Dunkirk, N.Y. On motion she was received as a member of this church. At the same meeting, sister Mary W. **Turner** was received by a letter granted by the First Baptist Church in Foxboro, Mass.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the covenant meeting Dec. 6, Mrs. Etta L.(?) **Kendrick** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the Rockside Baptist Church of Buffalo. On motion she was received as a member of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

Sister Altana **Tarbox** passed away very suddenly at her home on White St. Dec. 11 Aged 81y 5m 14d.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the morning service, Dec. 28th a letter of dismission and recommendation was granted to sister Minnie **Grover** to unite with the Main St. Baptist Church of Binghamton, N.Y.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Dec. 31 a letter of dismission and recommendation was granted to sister Margaret **Johnson** to unite with the Cassadaga, N.Y. Baptist Church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Jan. 8, **1914** a letter was read from Mrs. Gilbert H. **Johnson** requesting a letter of dismission that she might unite with the Swedish Lutheran Church at Chandlers Valley, Pa. where her husband is a member. At the same meeting a similar request was received from Mrs. F.H. **Gaige** that she might unite with the Presbyterian Church at Lock Have, Pa. On motion a letter of Christian character is granted to both sisters.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting Jan. 15, **1914** sister Rachel E. **Lanning** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Forestville Baptist Church. On motion her request was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening Feb. 5 Bro. W.H. **Scott** and Sisters Cora and Edna **Scott** presented letters of dismission and recommendation from the Forestville Baptist Church. On motion they were received into this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At her home on West Main St., our Sister Louisa A. **Barlow** passed into the life beyond on Jan. 25, **1914** aged 78 years.
C.L. **Goulding** ch. clk.

While visiting in southern California Sister Mary E. **Morgan** was taken very ill with pneumonia and passed away on Feb. 11, **1914**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

In Sheridan on Feb. 20, **1914** our Sister Clara May **Parr** passed away.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the covenant meeting, Feb. 26 the following brother and sisters related their Christian experience and on separate motions they were received as candidates for baptism and afterward for church membership to wit: Ethel M. **Harper**, Lulu M. **Pickett**, Lottie C. **Pickett** and M.E. **Roesch**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk. Per M.J.W.

On February 1, **1914** we used our new chapel for preaching and Sunday School services for the first time.

On Sunday evening after the preaching service the congregation retired to the unfinished auditorium where the ordinance of baptism was administered in our new open baptistry for the first time. The following candidates were immersed in the order named Lottie **Pickett**, Lulu **Pickett** and Milton E. **Roesch**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting March 12 Bro. [Marshall] **Belden Heaton** asked for a letter of Christian character that he might unite with the Kingshighway Presbyterian Church of St. Louis Mo. On motion of Bro. **Boss** the letter was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

A letter was received and read at the covenant meeting Apr. 2 from Bro. & Sister **Roesch** asking for a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the Baptist Church at Fremont, Nebr. On motion letter was granted. At the same meeting a request was made for a letter dismissal and recommendation of Brother and Sister **Hardy** to the Farmersville, N.Y. Baptist Church. Moved by bro. **Fargo** seconded by Clerk that letter be granted. Motion prevailed. At the same meeting the pastor announced that sister **Cadwell** wished her name dropped from the church roll as she has joined the Free Methodist church of this village. Moved and seconded that her request be granted. Motion prevailed. At the same meeting, Sister [Louise] **Little** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the 1st Baptist Church of Ashtabula, O. Moved by the clerk, seconded by Bro. **Abeel** that she be received. Motion prevailed.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

Fellowship. Church convened in Annual meeting at 2 P.M. Apr. 4, **1914**
The pastor, Rev. M.J. **Winchester** acted as moderator. Prayer by Rev. G.O. **King**.
Report of Ladies aid society Mrs. W.A. **Martin**.
Report Woman's Miss Soc. Miss Ella **Davis**
Report Christian Endeavor Soc. Miss **Took**
Report S.S. C.L. **Goulding** for M. **Gerres**
Report Poor fund O.W. **Fargo**
Report Treas. of Benev. Bert **Belden** for D.B.
Report Treas. Bert **Belden**.
Report Building Com. O.W. **Fargo**.
Proceeded to election of officers.
W.W. **Harris** and D.G. **Sackett** – Trustees
Bert **Belden** Treas. of Church and Benevolent Fund
Wm. **Kurtz** Asst. Treas.

D.G. **Sackett** Society Clerk
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk
Resolved that the music committee reduce its expenditures to organist and leader of congregational singing. Voted by ballot yes 57. no 13. Moved and seconded that we try to raise the amount for repairs yet not provided for ($3100) at the reopening services tomorrow. Motion prevailed. Moved and seconded that the Ladies Aid society hire the janitor for the coming year. Motion prevailed. Adjourned to meet immediately as a church meeting.
Statistical report by the Clerk.
Report as follows.
No. reported Apr. 5, **1913** 409
Added by Baptism 8
" " Experience 1
" " Letter 14
" " restoration 1
Total additions 24
Diminished by Letter 16
" " death 5
" " dropped 9
Total diminutions 26
Net loss 2
Present Membership 407
Males 126
Females 281
Obituary report by Mrs. G.O. **King** was long and finely written. Those present were requested to register their names on slips of paper furnished for that purpose. The total no registering was [blank] besides 10 brethren and sisters responded by letter. Adjourned at 4.45 to the dining room where supper was served.
C.L. **Goulding** ch. clk.

At the prayer meeting, Apr. 9 the pastor read a request for a letter for our sister Mrs. W.A. **Grover** to unite with the Grace Baptist Church of Binghamton, N.Y. On motion the request was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

The week of Apr. 5 we held reopening exercises. The pastor preached Sunday morning. Prof. **McEwen** of the Pres. S.S. brought words of good will and encouragement from that school, in the evening there was a union service of all the protestant churches of the village. On Tuesday evening was denominational night. On Wednesday evening an organ recital and on Thursday evening a night of reminiscences.
On the evening of April 12 we commenced a series of Evangelistic services with the M.E. Church led by Rev. E.L. **Hyde** of Philadelphia, Pa. with Fred **Butler** as singer, these meetings were well attended and led to many conversions.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At covenant meeting April 30 the following related their Christian experience and having been baptized previously were on separate motions received into the membership of the church. Mrs.

Amanda M. **Wilson**, Mrs. Edith **Wild** and Burt **Webster**. The following were received as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership. Miss Mary E. **Swartz**, Miss Bertha I. **Knight**, Miss Beatrice E. **Stearns**, Henry **Kaiser**, Miss Irene R. **Soper**, Mrs. Ellen M. **McKelvy**, Mrs. Alice W. **Putnam**, Mrs. Mabel **Heukrath**, Mrs. Clara **Webster**, Miss Gladys **Webster**, Harold **Webster**, Charles Harry **Tarbox**, Don. E. **Day**, George R. **Kurtz**, Elias T. **Kurtz**, Harold M. **Hotchkiss** and A. John **Howard**.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

[The following is a printed pamphlet.]
[front page]
The Baptist Church of Fredonia, New York
CORDIALLY WELCOMES YOU
If not a member elsewhere, you are earnestly invited to make this your church home and to share in our work.
The pastor wishes to be of service. Inform him of opportunities. He will be glad to see you at his home, or to call at your home.
Merritt J. **Winchester**, Pastor
Parsonage, 78 East Main Street Telephone 245
The Church under the Clock
[second page]
Year Text
"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life". Rev. 2: 10.
Sunday, May 23, **1915**.
Morning Worship 11 o'clock
Prelude
Doxology
Invocation
Lord's Prayer in Concert
Hymn No. 211. Great Revival Hymns.
Responsive Reading No. 25.
Gloria
Scripture Luke 6: 27-38.
Anthem
Prayer
Offertory
Announcements
Hymn No. 13.
Sermon "Kindness to Man and Beast." Luke 6: 36; Ps. 145: 9.
Prayer
Hymn No. 127.
Benediction
Postlude
Evening Worship 7:30 o'clock.
Prelude
Hymn No. 6, 32. Great Revival Hymns.
Scripture Matt. 13: 44-59.

Anthem
Prayer
Offertory
Announcements
Hymn No. 117.
Sermon "A Good Investment." Matt. 13: 45; 46.
Hymn No. 130.
Benediction
Postlude
[third page]
CALENDAR
To-Day
12:15 Session of the Bible School. Classes for all ages. If not a member join a class to-day.
4:00. Meeting of the Junior Society under the leadership of Miss **Seely** and Mrs. Geo. **Blood**. All children up to the age of fourteen are invited to attend.
5:00 Miss Alice **McCarty** will lead the story hour at Y.W.C.A.
6:30. Meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society. The topic is "Religious Reading: What and Why." Ps. 119; 129-136. Leader Rev. G.O. **King**. Everybody invited.
Tuesday
7:30 Meeting for Bible Study. While the aim will be to make this meeting especially helpful for new converts, all who desire to become better acquainted with the teaching of the Bible are invited to attend. Topic "Man's Sinfullness."
Thursday
7:30. Regular mid-week meeting for prayer and praise. Every member of the church and congregation should endeavor to be present. Read Eph. 6: 10-17. 2 Tim. 2: 3, 4. Topic, "The Christian Warfare."
Notes
We hope for an attendance of 350 in Sunday School to-day. Will you count one?
The Union Memorial Service on Sunday evening. May 30, will be held in our church. The pastor will preach the sermon.
Next Sunday morning, Mrs. J.M. **Baker** of Ongole, India, will speak of her Missionary work. She is a speaker of rare interest and the pastor hopes every member of church and congregation will strive to be present.
The Basket meeting of the Women's Missionary Societies of the Baptist Churches in Western Chautauqua will be held at Westfield, Thursday forenoon and afternoon, May 26. The morning session will begin at 10.30; afternoon, at 1:15. Mrs. **Baker** will speak at the afternoon session. There should be large delegation from this church. Take the 9:29 A.M. car.
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Directory
Pastor Emeritus
Charles E. **Smith**, D.D. 74 East Main Street
Chairman Board of Deacons
Horace P. **Perrin**, 275 Temple Street
Chairman Board of Trustees
Preston G. **Cato**, Seymour Road
Church Clerk, and S.S. Superintendent

Charles L. **Goulding**, 12 Free Street
Church Treasurer
Bert **Belden** 160 Temple Street
President Baptist Brotherhood
William B. **Blaisdell** 155 Temple Street
President Ladies' Aid Society
Mrs. Merritt **Wheelock** 29 Norton Place
President Young Peoples' Society
Miss Ethel **Neff**, 53 Spring Street
President Woman's Missionary Society
Mrs. Merritt J. **Winchester** 78 East Main Street
Organist
Miss Catherine **Holcomb** 278 Central Avenue
Finances
The Church is supported by freewill offerings. Every member promises to contribute of his means as God has prospered him. The Church Treasurer will be glad to furnish each contributor with a package of fifty-two duplex envelopes. One end is for Home Expenses, the other for Missions. Weekly offering for both objects are desired from all members of church and congregation.
"Freely ye have received, freely give."

[**1914**]
At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening May 7 the following brethren and sisters related their Christian experience and on separate motions were received as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership to wit: Mabel Lillian **Cansbrook**, Eustace George **Cansbrook**, Luella P. **De Long**, Jessie M. **Einhouse**, Claud S. **Hayward**, Mary D. **Hayward**, Robert **Baumock**, Alma H. **Baumock**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

On Sunday May 10th our sister Julia E. **McCroskey** passed away at the Old Ladies Home at the advanced age of 90 years.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the prayer meeting, May 14 the following related their Christian experience and on motion each were received as candidates for baptism and afterwards church membership, to wit: Mrs. Jennie V. **Reynolds**, Miss Anna M. **Williams** and Mrs. Elizabeth M. **Albright**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the same meeting Bro. George **Kimball** asked for a letter to unite with the Dunkirk Baptist Church. On motion his request was granted. At the same meeting Bro. L. Maxwell **Harris** asked for a letter to unite with the Logan Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa. On motion his request was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the close of the preaching service May 17 the following brethren and sisters were baptized to wit: Claud S. **Hayward**, Mary D. **Hayward**, Mary O. **Swartz**, Mrs. Ellen M. **McKelvy**, Mrs.

Olive **Whitman**, (?) Mabel **Heubrath**, (?) Clara **Webster**, Harrold **Webster**, Gladys **Webster**, A. John **Howard**, Henry **Kaiser**, Mrs. Jennie V. **Reynolds**, Anna M. **Williams**, Mrs. Elizabeth **Albright**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

[The following is a typed page.]
Report,
Of Sec. & Tres. April 6 **1912** Baptist Sunday School.

No of Officers & Teachers in Sunday school,	28
" Scholars in Bible classes,	183
" " Intermediate Dept.,	114
" " Primary "	63
" " Cradle roll "	35
" " Home "	35
Total No enrolled in Sunday school	388
Average attendance 53 sundays	194
Highest " June 11 Childrens day,	324
Lowest " Nov. 12 stormy	105
Treasurers Report,	
Balance on hand April 1st. **1911**	$25.00
Received Sunday collections,	212.31
" Donation Picnic expences,	4.00
" Donation at Xmas., time, Value,	62.52
" Mrs. **Keyes**, class, for supplies,	10.40
" Home department,	1.05
" Singing Books,	1.50
Total receipts,	$316.78
Paid Ame. Baptist Pub. society for Mission work,	$11.18
" Picnic expences,	14.13
" Baptist, County S.S. Association dues	1.50
" County " " "	3.00
" Xmas. Expences,	7.25
Paid cash and delivered Clothing & Provisions to poor in Fredonia N.Y.	32.00
" Ministers Home	30.52
" Barraca Class on partition,	7.00
" Singing Books,	6.50
" Missionary Union for foreign missions,	41.17
" Supplies for the Sunday school,	146.20
" Flowers " " " "	4.00
Total expence S.S.	$304.45
Balance on hand April 6 **1912**	$12.33

Chas. O. **Mason**. Sec. & Tres.
[End of typed report.]

[**1914**]

At the prayer meeting, May 21 the following persons related their Christian experience and on separate motions they were received as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership to wit: Mrs. Florence **Blaisdell**, Monela(?) **Blaisdell** and Chester **Smith**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the close of the morning service May 24th the pastor baptized Sister Florence **Blaisdell**, Moneta M. **Blaisdell** and Ethel M. **Harper**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

On May 26 our Sister Mrs. John S. **Lathrop** died at her home Platteville, Wis. aged 75 yrs. She was baptized into this church Feb. 22, **1852** and had recently brought a letter to this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting May 28 Gordon D. **Reynolds** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the 1st Baptist Church of Franklinville, N.Y. On motion Bro. **Reynolds** was received as a member of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the close of the service May 31 the pastor baptized Bertha **Knight**, Beatrice **Stearns**, Irene **Asper**, Charles Harry **Tarbox**, Don C. **Day**, George **Kurtz**, Elias T. **Kurtz**, Harold **Hotchkiss**, Mabel **Cansbrook**, Eustace Geo. **Kewsbrook** and Chester B. **Smith**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, June 4 Forest W. **Crissey** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the Stockton Baptist Church. On motion he was received as a member of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Mrs. Mary M. **Morrison** brought a certificate of membership from the Wyoming Weslyan Methodist Church and on motion was received as a member of this church on experience.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting of June 4 Sarah F. **West** asked for dismissal and a certificate of character as she wishes to unite with the Lakewood O. M.E. Church. On motion her request was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the communion service June 7 the pastor read a letter from the Stockton Church dismissing Chester **Swanson** and recommending him to our fellowship. On motion he was received.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the close of the preaching service June 14 our pastor baptized Robert **Baumack**(?) and his wife Alma H., Jessie M. **Einhouse** and Luella P. **De Long**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

It having become known that Sister Elizabeth **Hovey** had united with the Episcopal Church, on motion her name was ordered erased from our roll July 9.

C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting July 16th the following members were dropped from our membership because we do not know their address and have not heard from them in several years (?) Mrs. Jeanette **Townbridge**, Alvah **Bansum**, Mrs. Maud C. **Persons**, Mrs. Lucy **Stringham**, Mrs. Maria **Spade**(?). The following resolution was passed at the same meeting: Whereas in the estimate of the church Mrs. Lillian **Goulding** has failed to walk with the church (?) (?) manner. Resolved that the hand of fellowship be withdrawn from her.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk per M.J.W.

At the prayer meeting Thursday eve. July 23 sister Ruby B. **Nelson** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Frewsburg N.Y. Church. On motion the request was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At her home 41 Maple Ave Sister Mary H. **Cranston** passed away July 23rd after a severe illness of 7 weeks.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Our sister **Harris** passed away at the home of her sister at Chicago Lawn, Ill. August 1, aged 64 yrs 2m. and 15 days. Her funeral services as well as sister **Cranston**'s were conducted by Dr. C.E. **Smith** in the absence of the pastor on his vacation.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

Our sister Clara **Clinton** passed away in the "Brooks Memorial Hospital" at Dunkirk, N.Y. August 25 after a lingering illness, aged 23 years.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk

At the prayer service, Aug. 27, **1914** Bro & Sister **Peters** asked for a certificate of character to unite with the U.B. Church at Hartfield, N.Y. On motion their request was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk M.J.W.

After a brief illness of consumption our sister Lucile E. **Nowak** passed away at the home of her father on Gardner St.

At the prayer meeting Sept 17, **1914** Bro & Sister Mr. & Mrs. J.E. **Ticknor** and Mrs. Tessie T. **James** requested a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Wesleyville, Pa. Bapt. Ch. On motion their request was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

News was received at the Association that Ira M. **Gleason** had died on May 31, **1914** aged 65 yr 10 m 4 da.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

After a lingering illness our brother Oscar **Ames** passed away Sept. 19 aged 37 years.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At her home on Terrace St. very suddenly sister **Albright** passed away aged 30 years.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting Nov. 12 Lewis W. **Kokott** related his Christian experience. On motion he was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the close of the service on Nov. 15 the pastor baptized Brother Lewis W. **Kokott**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clerk

At her home at 86 Temple St. our sister Mrs. Albert N. **Colburn** passed away early on the morning of Nov. 30th after a lingering illness aged 61 years.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At his home in Cordova Brother Philander **Barber** passed away Dec. 2 after some time of feeble health. Aged 84 years.

At the covenant meeting Dec. 3 Sister **Eddy** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the first Baptist Church of Sherman, N.Y. On motion she was received as a member of this church. At the same meeting sister **Johnson** presented a letter from the Freeport, (?) church. She was also received as a member of this church.
On Thursday morning Dec. 31 our sister Hannah **Spink** died at her home 192 W. Main St. Aged 82 years.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, Miss Hazel **Hall** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the 1st Baptist at Rome, N.Y. On motion she was received into our membership.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

[**1915**]
At the prayer meeting, Feb. 11 the pastor read a letter of dismission and recommendation of Mr. and Mrs. John B. **Cook** from the 1st Baptist Church of Factoryville, Pa. On motion they were received as members of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk by M.J.W.

Commencing Feb. 28, **1915** We commenced a series of revival meetings in a tabernacle reaching from the Baptist to the Methodist Church in connection with that body the Presbyterians refusing to unite. There was good interest from the first.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the home for Aged women Sister [Susan] **Whitcomb** passed away early Sat. morning March 20, **1915** having received internal injuries by a fall.
C.L. **Goulding**

Sister Hannah **Mayborn** passed away at her home 203(?) West Main St. after a lingering illness.

C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

The revival meeting closed on Sunday evening April 11. The results are marvelous: many have been born again and many of the present members who had come indifferent were revived.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Apr. 15 the following persons were received as candidates for baptism and afterward Church membership: Mrs. Alice M. **Masters**, Earl(?) L. **McKelvy** and his wife Dorothy S., Arthur **Wright**, Jessie May **Powell**, Leo K. **Powell**, Louis **McFadden** and his wife Myrtie M., Lee **O'Day** and his wife Charlotte E., Lizzie M. **Allison** and her daughter Beulah M., Mrs. Lizzie **Swartz**, William J. **Moir**, William J. **Harper** and his wife Emma, Mrs. Mary **Miller**, Bruce **Mathewson**, Guy C. **Watson**, Florence H. **Dittman**, Mrs. Sarah **Wilson**, Mrs. Myrtle **Carr**, Henry G. **Wagner** and his wife Lillian, Ruth **Van Scoter**, Chester **Van Scoter**, Mrs. Carrie **De Long**, Mrs. Alice **Sobjak** and her daughter **Gertrude**, Charles H. **Lusk**, Dell **Kester**, Mrs. Nettie I. **Deitzen**, Doris F. **Webster**, George **Whitney**, Edward R. **James**, Mrs. Rose H. **Stickney**. Also Mrs. Anna **Harvey** and William J. **Allison** were received on their Christian experience both having been baptized.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Fellowship Meeting
The annual church and society meeting was called together Apr. 17 at 2.20 P.M. by Brother D.G. **Sackett** who nominated the Pastor as the moderator of the meeting. After listening to the report of the various societies and transacting the business of the meeting the society adjourned and reassembled as a church meeting. Sang "What a Friend we have in Jesus."
Report of the church clerk. Report follows
Numbers of members reported in **1914** – 407
Added by baptism 33
" " experience 4
" " letter 8
Total additions 45
Diminished by letter 10
" " Death 15
" " Erasure 7
Total Diminutions 32
Net Gain 13
Membership Apr. 1, **1915** 420
Obituary report read by Mrs. G.O. **King**, one of the deaths reported being that of the sisters that appears on our roll as Miss Carrie **Budd** who married George E. **Powell** and died at Englishtown N.J. in March, **1914** but had not been reported to the clerk. 129 registered at the meeting and letters were read from Jennie **Prescott**, Mildred **Wiltsie**, Rose **Carlson**, Nathan K. and Margaret S. **Martin**, Dora **Cady**, M. Helen **Randall**, George J. **Tuttle**, Maud **Johnson**, Martha M. **Hughes** and Charles W. **Fargo**. Brother N. Roy and sister Margaret **Martin** asked for letters of dismission and recommendation to the Sinclairville Baptist Church. Moved and seconded that their request be granted. Motion prevailed. Sister Janice **Stedman** asked for a certificate of Christian character to unite with the 1st M.E. Church of Batavia, N.Y. Moved and seconded that her request be granted. The motion prevailed. Sister Heremine(?) **Mauer** asked for a certificate

of Christian character that she might join the Grace Gospel Church Brooklyn, N.Y. Moved and seconded that her request be granted. Motion prevailed.
Sunday, April 18 at the close of the evening service Bro. Louis B. **Barton** related his Christian experience and on motion he was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. Afterwards the pastor baptized the following brethren and sisters: Dell **Kester**, Mrs. Alice **McMaster**, Earl L. **McKelvey**, Dorothy S. **McKelvey**, Arthur M. **Wright**, Beulah Minnie **Allison**, Wm. J. **Moir**, Mrs. Mary **Miller**, Bruce **Matheson**, Guy C. **Watson**, Florence H. **Dittman**, Henry G. **Wagner**, Lillian May **Wagner**, Edward R. **James**, Ruth E. **Van Scoter** and Louis B. **Barton**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

Prayer meeting, Apr. 22 our sister Mrs. Frank **Martin** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the Stockton, N.Y. church. Moved and seconded that she be accepted as a member of this church. The motion prevailed. Mrs. Phoebe J. **Potter** and Ernest **Roberts** related their Christian experience and as they had both been baptized upon a motion they were received as members of this church. At the same meeting the following brethren and sisters related their Christian experience and separate motions they were received as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership: Gains **McKelvy**, Mrs. Chas. H. **James**, Merle G. **De Long**, Mr. & Mrs. James W. **Cave**, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. D. **Cove**, Jas. F. **Wilson**(?) Sr., Jas. F. **Wilson**, Jr., Robert **McKelvey**, Sam(?) J. **Brewer**, Herbert and Margaret **Johns**, Chas.(?) H. **Scisson**, Wm. E. **Welch**, Jas. **Falcon**, C. **Wellsville**(?) **Evertts**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the close of the preaching service Sunday evening April 25 the following persons were baptized by our pastor to wit; Margaret **Johnson**, Herbert **Johnson**, Lizzie **Swartz**, Nettie S. **Deitzen**, Mary J. **James**, Myrtle **Carr**, Lizzie **Allison**, Myrtle **McFadden**, Louis **McFadden**, Lee **O'Day**, Charlotte **O'Day**, Joseph F. **Wilson**, Sr., Joseph F. **Wilson** Jr., Sarah **Wilson**, Joe **Falcone**, Charles **Lusk**, Merle **De Long**, Gains **McKelvey**, James W. **Cave** and Robert **McKelvey**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the covenant meeting, April 29 Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. **Lamkin** presented letters of dismission and recommendation from the Stockton Baptist Church and on motion they were received as members of this church. At the same meeting Herbert K. **Cornwell** was received upon relation of his experience as he had formally been baptized. At the same meeting the following were received upon profession of their faith as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership: Eliphalet W. **Watson**, Mrs. Anthony **Sadon** and daughter Margaret H. **Sadon**, Mr. and Mrs. George G. **Shipman**, Frank W. **Martin**, Mr. & Mrs. Charles G. **Clark**, Clifford N. and Carrie M. **Lawrence.**
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the communion service Sunday May 2 our pastor gave the hand of fellowship to 37 members who have recently united with the church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the close of the evening service May 2 our pastor baptized the following brethren and sisters: Mrs. Barbara **Sadon**, Miss Margaret H. **Sadon**, Mrs. Carrie **De Long**, Mrs. Rose H. **Stickney**, Mrs. Mildred F. **Shipman**, Mrs. Alice **Sobjak**, Miss Gertrude **Sobjak**, William J. **Harper**, Mrs. Emma **Harper**, Charles C. **Clark**, Mrs. Carrie F. **Clark**, Eliphalet W. **Watson**, Frank W. **Martin**, George W. **Whitney**, William E. **Welch**, Samuel J. **Brewer**, C. Merrill **Everetts**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, May 6, Sister Emma **Topliff** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Baptist Church at Barring to, Ill. On motion her request was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the same meeting the following brethren and sisters related their Christian experience and received as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership: Elton D. **Bundy**, Mrs. Ernest **Roberts**, Mrs. Dell **Kester**, Mr. & Mrs. Edward N. **Cove** and Rachel S. **Cove**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the close of the preaching service May 9 the pastor baptized the following: Mrs. Ernest **Roberts**, Carrie **Lawrence**, Mrs. Dell **Kester**, Rachel S. **Cave**, Pearl **Cave**, Edward **Cave**, Clifford **Lawrence**, George G. **Shipman** and Elton D. **Bundy**.
C.L. **Goulding** ch. clk.

At the prayer meeting, May 13, **1915** the name of Sister Mabel **Heubrath** was dropped from our roll because she has united with a Lutheran Church in Buffalo.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting May 13 the following related their Christian experience and were received as candidates for baptism and afterward Church membership: Mr. & Mrs. Albert W. **Press**, Olive **Matthewson** and Fern **Lusk**.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk
[Note in the margin reads: Sun. June 19, **1881** new stained glass windows used in church for first time.]

At the close of the evening service May 16th the pastor baptized A.W. **Press**, Mrs. A.W. **Press** ((?) May), Clifford **Sisson**, Leo. K. **Powell**, Jessie Mae **Powell**, Dorris F. **Webster**, Fern E. **Lusk**, Oliver **Mathewson**.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At his residence on Maple Ave June 6 our brother Wales M. **Martin** passed away after a short illness aged 72? Years.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the covenant meeting, June 3 Brother Louis D. **Burton** asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Mayville, N.Y. Church. On motion his request was granted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the same meeting Mrs. Mary **Lucas** presented a letter that was granted her in **1900** to unite with the Rushford Church and had never been used. On motion she was received into the membership of our church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, June 17 Mrs. Fred **Barber** related her Christian experience and was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. Sister Helen **Sawely** related her Christian experience. She formerly united with the Disciple church at Warren O. She was received as a member of this church.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

[The following records were written by A.Z. **Madison** and later bound into Book D at this point, out of chronological order.]
Statistics for 10th (?) U.S. last Sept. 1st for Harvey **Randall** (?) (?) (?)
Rev. Malcolm **MacGregor** Pastor from May 1st **1880**
Organization of ch. by Council Oct. 20, **1808**. Ch Co Nov. **1805** a (?)
Number of Member **1880** – 265 increase since **1870** – 9.
Present number under 20. Males 3 Females 24 approximately.
Number of members resident at this date. 223.
Average fair-weather attendance morning service 200, evening 150
Est'd. proportion of population in town who attend of all sect. 1/4th or some 800
Estm'd. total of ch. going population all sects – 800 whole est'd population 3000

Rev. F.B. **Palmer** supt
On Sunday school 23 officers & Teachers, & 192 scholars.
Home school regular attendance 225
Of whom 1/5 perhaps ¼ ave makes say 45
Dk 3 miles & Laona 2 miles away, the S.S. at Laona Peter B. **Alexander** Supt
1st Ch Edifice in Fredonia being 1st in County erected in **1822-3**
Present Brick ch. Ed. Erected **1852-3**. Will seat 600. No parsonage until **1880**. per of (?) (?)
Main House of worship 90 & 50 grounds, organ bell furniture $18,000. $16,000
(No other Buildings or grounds.)
Main House of worship Mortgage on $500. in **1880** None in **1870**.
Total decrease in indebtedness since **1870** – Can hardly tell
Income for year **1880-81** to Sept.
From Pew rents & subscriptions $1298.36
" Collections 171.71
" Invested funds from $500 15.00
" All other sources 1262.55
" Home Mission or other Ch. and Societies 0.00
$2697.62
Expenditures for year **1880-81** to Sept.
For salary of clergyman $1200.00
" " Assistants 0.00
" Choir & Organist 150.00
" Bldgs & grounds additions & repairs 815.71

"	Rents	0.00
"	Insurance	47.00
"	Miscellaneous purposes	27.13
"	Expenses Sab. Sch.	39.20
"	do Mission do do	0.00
"	Parish benevolence	114.75
"	General benevolence	273.83
"	Interest on Indebtedness	30.00
		$2697.62

Note: Some of the above statements are literally & strictly true while others are approximate only. On the whole, nearly correct.
Returned as above, on blank furnished to Dr. Henry Randall **Waite** Sp. Est. census office – Pelham Manor. Westchester co. New York. Sept. 2nd. **1881**.

[The following is a newspaper article from the Fredonia Censor.]
September 20, **1871**
The Fredonia Censor
Is published weekly by
W. **McKinstry** & Son,
At Fredonia, Chautauqua County, N.Y.
Office in Union Block, corner of (?) and Water streets.
Terms – Payable in Advance.
$2.00 per year to Mail or Office Subscribers.
After August 7th, **1807** the (?) of (?) (?) which are not paid for and (?) will be charged to (?) (?)
W.M. **McKinstry** I. **McKinstry**
"This is what Coleridge said, "If you wish to be assured of the truth of Christianity, try it" and(?) "Believe, and if thy belief be right, that insight which gradually transmutes faith into knowledge, will be the reward of thy belief." To be vitally convinced of the truth of "the process of renewal described by Scripture, a man must put himself within that process." His own experience of its truth, and the confident assurances of others, whom, if candid, he will feel to be better than himself, will be the most sufficing evidence.

History of the Fredonia Baptist Church,
A Paper read by A.Z. **Madison**, Esq., at the Meeting of the Erie Baptist Association in Ellery, Sept. 6, **1871**.
Agreeably with a resolution recorded on the 9th page of the last published minutes of the Erie Baptist Association, I now present a sketch of the history of "the First Baptist Church in Pomfret," now "The Fredonia Baptist Church," the name of the church and of the Society having been changed May 25, **1859**.
In the outset, I might with justice to myself as well as to those who hear me, and to those who may hereafter read it, offer many apologies and assign reasons for my present embarrassment, but these would not be the history called for by the resolution, and I forbear.
I may perhaps be permitted to refer to times anterior, and particularly to some of the very few persons who were its original founders. We are informed by history that on the 22nd of December, **1620**, a company of early dissenters from the Church of England – Puritans – or, as

generally called, Pilgrims, landed on Plymouth Rock, in Massachusetts. This was 251 years ago, when nearly all the broad land from that Atlantic rock westward was literally a howling wilderness, under the dominion of wild beasts, and the savage aborigines no more tutored than they in the arts of civilization.

Years, with all their changes and improvements, rolled on, coming and going, until one and a half centuries more were passed. This brings us to the year **1770**, being 101 years ago. At that date, and at the same Plymouth Rock, the birth of Zattu **Cushing** is recorded. As I learn from a brief memoir written by O.W. **Johnson**, Esq., from which (?) quote the language or the substance: Zattu was the son of Nathaniel and Lydia **Cushing**, and was one of a family of 13 children. His birth occurred about six years prior to the commencement of the war of the American revolution. During that struggle his father disposed of his large and (?) for (?) money, the deprivation of which reduced him to poverty. Zattu's education, in consequence, was quite (?), save in industry, energy, self-reliance and integrity. At the proper age he was apprenticed to learn the trade of a ship carpenter. From early boyhood he exhibited much of the same indomitable will that was more fully developed in his later years. After his apprenticeship was served, he labored at the same business (?) (?)in Boston Harbor. Then we find him a farmer in Saratoga Co., N.Y., where, in **1795**, he and Miss Rachel **Bookington**(?) were married. Subsequently they removed to Paris Hill, Oneida Co., where he (?) and while there they both made profession of the religion of Christ, and united with the Baptist church at Sangerfield, in that County, of which Ehler **Butler** was then pastor.

In the year **1799**, he was employed at Presque Isle (now Erie, Pa.) to superintend the building of the first ship ever launched on our great lake, named the "Good Intent." Here he purchased two valuable horses, and on his journey returning home with them through the vast wilderness, he passed the first night at Canadaway, tying his horses, and sleeping on the ground. This was on the spot where his house was afterwards built, as he then determined, now Eagle street, Fredonia. At that time, Amos **Smith**'s log cabin, near the present village of Irving, was the only habitation of a white man between Buffalo and Erie, 90 miles apart.

In February, **1805**, Mr. **Cushing**, with his worthy partner and their five children, Lucinda, Walter, Lydia C., Milton H., and Zattu Jr., with two hired men, started with two ox teams and sleds loaded with his household goods, for Canadaway, their future home. It then required over twenty days to perform a journey that can now be (?) in ten hours. On leaving Buffalo they drove upon the ice of the lake, as was customary, intending to go on shore before dark, but night and a terrible tempest came unexpectedly upon them, and as there were what is known as "holes in the ice," they feared to move. In this emergency, they placed the oxen on the windward side of the (?) as a shelter from the piercing storm, and then covering themselves as best they could, undertook to pass the night there. Having an old-fashioned dinner horn along, they blew it at intervals, hoping to attract some settler on the shore. About one o'clock in the morning, two men, having heard it, and regarding it as a signal of distress, came with lanterns, and piloted them ashore near the 18 mile creek. Before daylight the ice was so broken up that had they remained on it their destruction would have been inevitable. Having been rescued from a watery grave, they pursued their journey, and on arriving at Canadaway, Mr. **Cushing** was greatly disappointed to find the lot on which he intended to settle taken up, and in the possession of Thomas **McClintock**. – The snow was deep, and the weather cold. Some half a mile towards the lake, near the present residence of David J. **Matteson**, he found a vacant, partly-built log house. It was destitute of floor, chinking and doors. He covered the ground inside with hemlock boughs, and in that house, thus improved, commenced house keeping, and there remained until he procured an

article for the Samuel **Marsh** farm, further toward the lake. More than two years later, he succeeded in purchasing Mr. **McClintock**'s chance, as it was called, for $100, and then he secured the farm of 557 acres that he had, in his solitary journey some years before, selected for a home. Meantime, other settlers had moved into and around Canadaway, for then, as now, and ever since Christopher **Columbus** sailed west from Spain, has it been true, that "Westward the star of empire takes its way." Canadaway was no longer as he found it in **1805**, when his own family made the third in the place, and it was ten miles west, and eight miles east, to a neighbor. Thos. **McClintock** and David **Esson** were the first settlers. Mr. **Cushing** was eminently pious, and firmly a Baptist. A few others of like faith were among the settlers. Hence his and their desire to witness the prosperity of the cause of Christ, as is proved by the first record on the oldest church book in my possession. The date is in the Fall of the same year to which he moved to Canadaway, (**1805**), and is very brief, as follows. I copy the record verbatim:

November, **18??** – A number of Baptist brethren having removed to this place, it then being a wilderness where we have no knowledge that there was ever a religious assembly before, whose number was small, consisting of only five brethren and four sisters, thought proper to meet on Lord's days, to recommend the cause of Christ, and confirm each other in the faith."

It is difficult at this late day to determine from the records preserved, or from oral testimony, precisely who were all of the nine brothers and sisters mentioned, who thus met statedly for the laudable purposes written in the ancient record, but it is believed that the five brethren were Zattu **Cushing**, William **Gould**, John **Van Tassel**, Benjamin **Barrett** and Eliphalet **Burnham** and that the four sisters were Rachel **Cushing**, Rhoda **Burnham**, Sophia **Williams** and Silence **Barto**. The next record is this: "The Lord blessing their labors, in **1806** one more was added to their number."

Here I will mention some incidents of Mrs. **Williams**, one of the sisters above named. Her maiden name was **Morton**. She was the wife of Richard **Williams**, who kept a tavern on the hill, west side of the creek. There was no mail received here for the first three years subsequent to **1805**?, but I think there was a mail between Buffalo and Erie about the year **1808**, once in two weeks. Mr. **Williams** carried it on horseback. At a later date it was carried once a week. In **1818**, Mr. **Williams** came from Erie with it, and on arriving at his home was sick and unable longer to sit upon his horse. His wife first gave him a hemlock sweat, and then placing the mail bag and herself upon the horse, started for Buffalo. It was the time of spring freshet, and the streams were high. In her journey, holding the mail above the water to keep it dry, she swam her horse across the Cattaraugus, the Eighteen Mile, and the Buffalo creeks. Such equestrian journeys were not unfrequent with her. I have heard from her own lips the rehearsal of several, in some of which she carried her babe, holding it above the floods as the horse carried them over, quite unlike the lady equestrianism of the present day. She was born about three months after the Declaration of American Independence. April 13, **1854** I assisted in laying her body in the grave in the public burying ground in Fredonia, a little distance from the graves of Elder **Handy**, Judge **Cushing**, and other early members of the Baptist church. When I became acquainted with her she was the wife of Ithamur **Crouch**, of Portland. Her piety was as unquestioned as was her resolution and heroism. The next record on the old church book is:

"March 14, **1807** – The brethren and sisters entered into covenant, and agreed to meet every last Saturday in each month, to renew covenant."

In the winter of **1807-8**, as I learn from his son, Rev. Joy **Handy** removed from Brookfield, Madison county, west. When at Batavia, he called at the Holland Land Company's office and conversed with Joseph **Ellicott**, agent, about the purchase of a small lot of land in some good

locality, and in a Christian community. Mr. **Ellicott** told him of a small farm of 60 acres, at the mouth of the Canadaway creek, where a Mr. **Cole** had settled, and others also further up the creek. A bargain was consummated for that lot, and a clerk in the office commenced writing an article for it, which, when Elder **Handy** discovered, he told Mr. **Ellicott** that that was not what he wanted, but a deed, as he was going to pay for it. Mr. **Ellicott** was surprised at this, and declared that it was the first lot he had sold for money down. The clerk made a deed, and the Elder drew the $150 from his old-fashioned purse, paid for his land, and then pursued his journey to see(?) his purchase. He settled there, and remained some two years, when, becoming convinced that "Canadawa settlement" was to be the place of business, rather than the mouth of the creek, he again moved to what is now Fredonia, and occupied the lot on the northerly side of Main street, afterward the residence of the late Dr. S. **White**. The next record on the church book is:

"September 8, **1808**. – The brethren met and agreed to adopt the articles of faith and covenant which was printed for Elder Peter P. **Roots**, at Utica, in the year **1806**."

The next is:

"October 12, **1808**. – At a meeting at brother Zattu **Cushing**'s the brethren agreed to send for a council, to see if they could fellowship us as a church in sister relation. Accordingly a letter was sent to Elder Joel **Butler**, (believed to have been pastor of the church at Sangerfield, Oneida Co.,) Elder Hezekiah **Eastman**, (supposed of Madison County,) and Elder Joy **Handy**, (then at the mouth of the creek)."

The next record is:

"October 20, **1808**. – The brethren and sisters met at brother **Cushing**'s, were examined by the before mentioned elders, and received in fellowship."

As informed, the number then was 16. Church records are deficient over five years from above date. Thus was the "First Baptist Church in Pomfret" organized.

Up to March, **1808**, the whole of the present county of Chautauqua was included in the town of Chautauqua, then a part of Genesee county, which, at that time, included the territory of the present counties of Erie, Niagara, Wyoming, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua. The town meetings of the town of Chautauqua had been held at the "Cross Roads," now Westfield. In **1808**, voters enough from Canadaway and vicinity, under the lead of Mr. **Cushing**, attended the town meeting at the Cross Roads to vote the next one to be held at Canadaway. This led to a division of the town of Chautauqua, and Pomfret was then organized, comprising about one-half of our present county, being about the same as our present Second Assembly district.

These things transpired in the spring of **1808**, and prior to the organization of the church in October, **1808**. Hence the propriety of the name given to it. The sitting of the council, and the services, whatever they may have been, took place at brother **Cushing**'s barn, then on the northerly side of Eagle street, Fredonia, nearly opposite his house, which is now the residence of brother Benjamin **Merrill**. The same 30 by 40 feet barn has been removed to Prospect street, and any person having the curiosity to behold a relic of moderate antiquity may see it, in a dilapidated condition – the first building north from the Fredonia depot, on the easterly side of the track, and apparently near enough to the embankment to tumble upon the rails.

I have looked upon this silent yet speaking old building with feelings of interest more than once.

The first Town Meeting of the new town of Pomfret was held in the present town of Sheridan, a little westerly from the old Roberts tavern-stand. I transcribe from the first town record book:

"At a meeting of freeholders and inhabitants of the town of Pomfret, held at the house of Elisha

Mann, (agreeable to an act of the Legislature of the State) April 5th, **1808**; meeting opened by prayer by the Rev. John **Spencer**, after which the following votes were passed:"
(The appointment of Moderator and Clerk, and election of officers.) Mr. **Spencer** was a Congregational minister. The monument at his grave may now be seen in the southwest corner of the burying ground near the former location of his church in Sheridan. What would be thought of opening a town meeting with prayer, now? What remarks would such a proceeding occasion?
In March, **1808**, an act was passed providing for the formation of the counties of Niagara, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus. Niagara then embraced the present counties of Niagara and Erie, and Chautauqua was to be united with Niagara until it should have 500 taxable inhabitants. Buffalo was the county seat, and to represent Chautauqua county Zattu **Cushing** was appointed one of the Associate Judges, and his ability made him the leading member of that court, and the Presiding Judge. He sentenced the first criminal ever convicted in Buffalo to state's prison for 3 years.
These things are mentioned as incidents of the times when the little company of Baptists met in Canadaway to recommend the cause of Christ; and when they were fellowshipped as "the first Baptist church in Pomfret." (I have written briefly of the few persons named as representative characters. Other incidents of them and of other members not particularly noticed though equally worthy could have been multiplied. The fathers and mothers were adapted to the times in which they lived.
The next record to be found on the church book after more than five years had passed, is dated "November 9th, **1813**. At a meeting at brother John **Van Tassell**'s, Elder **Handy**, moderator, - 1st, voted that brother Zattu **Cushing** serve the church as deacon." Other votes were passed at this and subsequent meetings. At a church meeting March 5th, **1816**, Ebenezer **Webster** was elected a deacon, and Aug. 3d, **1816**, Judge **Cushing** was licensed to preach, which he did at Canadaway, or Fredonia, also at Bull's Mills, now Laona, and in other neighborhoods. In Dec., **1816**, Elijah **Devine** was elected deacon, and April 14, **1821**, Nathaniel **Crosby** was elected deacon. Several others at later dates have been elected to the same office whose names to avoid monotony are omitted, and the same as regards church clerk also. June 21, **1829**, a portion of this church was set off by a council, and the 2d Baptist church in Pomfret, was organized at Laona. This is now extinct. May 1st, **1830**, another portion of it was set off by a council, and the Dunkirk Baptist church was organized. Aug. 3d, **1831**, the Forestville Baptist church was organized. Some had been members here, as Samuel **Conviss**, Elijah **Devine**, and their wives, but I do not discover anything like a colony from Pomfret. And so it may be said of Stockton, Sinclairville and Sheridan. Aug. 12th, **1822**, Rev. Elisha **Tucker** was called to be the 2d pastor of the 1st Baptist church in Pomfret. July 22, **1823**, he was sent by the church to New York, Boston, Salem, Providence, &c., to solicit "material aid" for the finishing of the meeting-house – the old frame edifice – the first church built in the county. This was taken down about **1851-2** for the purpose of erecting the present brick church on the same site.
Probably after the first half dozen years there was an increase of personal difficulties and trials in the church. From about **1827** to **1830** or later, the rancorous division between anti-masons and masons prevailed. There were seasons of prosperity in the church at intervals all along, especially from **1832** to **1838**, as the records show. Then the members numbered about 400.
In **1839**, a division occurred in regard to the then Pastor, Rev. Jno. F. **Bishop**, this continued till February 12th, **1848**, when the two bodies, which had for 9 years been severed, became re-united.

Since then, those troubles have been gradually vanishing, till now they are nearly or quite obliterated. No personal differences, in hardly a single instance, have marred the peace of the Church in the last 23 years.
The names of the several Pastors, and about the time they respectively served the Church, are these:
Rev. Joy **Handy**, mostly from **1808** to **1822**, about 14 years.
Rev. Elisha **Tucker**, from Aug. 12, **1822**, to **1831** or **1832**, about 10 years.
Rev. Jirah D. **Cole**, from April 14, **1832** to **1836**, about 4 years.
Rev. Beriah N. **Leach**, from April 1, **1836**, to April **1838**, about 2 years.
Rev. John F. **Bishop**, from March 20th, **1838** to Feb. 1, **1839**, about 1 year, when dissatisfaction arose, and the church became divided, and met in two divisions. He was continued Pastor of one division of the Church several years, meeting in the meeting house, though he resigned as Pastor Feb. 9, **1840**, but his resignation was not accepted by that division. He finally left at a later date, and Rev. S.P. **Way** and Rev. Bliss C. **Willoughby** succeeded him, in turns, till the reunion Feb. 12, **1848**. During the same time (from **1839** to **1848**) the other division of the church met in the academy, and had as supply, or pastor, Rev. A.C. **Barrell**, Rev. Judah L. **Richmond**, Rev. Alfred **Handy** and Rev. Ebenezer **Loomis**, as I write it from memory. The usual alterations occurred in each of the two bodies claiming to be the first Baptist church in Pomfret, in additions by baptism, by letter, etc., and in dismissions by letter, exclusions and deaths, but as I have not had access to the respective records of that time, I cannot give the statistics more fully for those nine years.
The basis for a settlement of the protracted difficulties was written by Rev. S.P. **Way**, and concurred in by a conference of ministers before being presented to the two bodies in their several meetings. By concert of action by some of the active members of each body, the basis mentioned was submitted to each body Feb. 12, **1848**, the day of covenant meeting. Each separately adopted it, and then adjourned to meet in the church Feb. 14th, **1848**, and when so met, on that day, in joint meeting, on motion of Deacon Joel R. **Parker**, the same was mutually adopted, without a dissenting vote. The name of the church to be the "First Baptist Church of Pomfret." On nomination by a committee duly appointed, brethren Ebenezer **Webster**, John **Hamilton** and Joel R. **Parker** were elected deacons, to serve the church as now united. And subsequently Almond Z. **Madison** was elected clerk and treasurer. Articles of faith and practice and a covenant were also adopted, and the two pastors, Rev. B.C. **Willoughby** and Rev. A.C. **Barrell**, alternated in supplying the desk until the 1st of April, **1848**. Lists of the members in good and regular standing, in each former body, were furnished to the new clerk by the respective former clerks, L.B. **Grant** and D. **Barrell**. These names were called, and responded to by members present. Each signifying whether the individual agreed to the union or not. A few did not so agree then, but nearly all those have assented since, and become members of the church.
The first covenant meeting occurred on Saturday, March 4th, **1848**, at which 43 brethren and 45 sisters made communications. Some others were silent. Four recent converts related their several religious experience, and were received for baptism and membership. These were baptized by Rev. B.C. **Willoughby**, March 5th, **1848**. Rev. A.C. **Barrell** preached the same afternoon, and the two ministers joined in the administration of the Lord's Supper. They left for other pastorates in April, and this church was without a pastor until May 13th, **1849**, when Rev. Salem T. **Griswold** was settled as the first pastor of the united church. He continued till Aug. 9th, **1850**, when he resigned. After another eight months destitution, Rev. A. **Kingsbury** became Pastor

April 20, **1851**. The present brick church edifice being completed, it was dedicated July 7, **1853**. Elder **Kingsbury**'s resignation took effect the last of Sept. **1853**.
Immediately after (October 7th, **1853**) Rev. Charles N. **Chandler**, became Pastor of the Church. He resigned Nov. 30, **1856**. Another time of destitution ensued of ten months. Oct. 2d, **1857**, Rev. Alonzo **Wheelock** accepted a call and became pastor. Owing to failing health, he resigned April 1st, **1861**, still continuing to reside in Fredonia. After four months, on the 3d of August, **1861**, Rev. George D. **Downey**, a licentiate from Madison University, accepted our call and commenced as pastor. On the 24th of Oct. **1861**, he was duly ordained by a council called by the church, and he continued as pastor to Feb. 1st, **1863**, when he resigned. From Feb. 22d, **1863**, through the month of March following, Rev. A.C. **Barrell**, then of Evans, Erie Co., was our supply. Then from April 1st, **1863**, six years to April 1st, **1869**, Rev. Howard M. **Jones** was the pastor. At the latter date, his resignation, previously tendered, took effect. The last four weeks he was absent, having engaged the services of Rev. Charles **Thompson**, as his substitute. The church continued Bro. **Thompson** as supply for one year, to April 1st, **1870**, when he was made the pastor, and he so continues to the present time, a faithful minister of Christ.
Pursuant to previous public(?) notice, the roll of names of members of the church was called by the Church clerk, October 2d, **1870**. In the forenoon, the pastor preached from St. Peter 1-22(?). He thought the occasion justified a discourse upon our own denominational history, and among other things said, that Baptist history has no record of primary organization as the other denominations have, Baptists being found all through the stream of history. He referred to Mosheim, the Lutheran histories, and said that the valleys of Piedmont in Italy, and Oichon in Wales sheltered them in the ages of persecution. In like manner Baptists are traceable up to the fountain of New Testament history. Theirs is not so much a history of a denomination as of principles. The principles form an unwritten but universally recognized Baptist Constitution, viz: freedom of conscience, untrammeled by human forms or human laws; a concerted church membership: Voluntary choice and faith necessary to give efficacy to ordinances. None but believers subjects of baptism, and baptism, as to manner or mode, by immersion only. The doctrinal belief of the denomination, Calvinistic. The first Baptist church organized in the united states was by Roger **Williams**, at Providence Rhode Island, in **1639**, nineteen years after the landing of the Pilgrims. He gave full statistics of the Baptists in the United States and other countries. He sketched the history of the Fredonia Baptist Church and its statistics as he had ascertained them from the Church clerk.
The name of the church and of the society were legally changed from the original names to the "Fredonia Baptist Church," and the "Fredonia Baptist Society," May 25th, **1859**.
The number of pastors from **1808** to **1871** is 16.
Members absent several of whom their location is unknown 63.
Number married whose partners are not members, males 9, females 59.
Number of widows who are members, 30.
Number of Baptists in vicinity, who are not members, 41 and over.
As many as 12 or 13 young men have become ministers licensed by this church, and one a Missionary to Siam, who died on his field of labor. Of the 205 members at the Union, Feb. 12th, **1848**, only 52 remain members now, just 26 from each division.
The additions to the church in the 23 years by baptisms are in

1848 – 7	**1860** – 3
1849 – 2	**1861** – 1
1850 – 5	**1862** – 5

1851 – 2 **1863** – 1
1852 – 65 **1864** – 25
1853 – 2 **1865** – 0
1854 – 0 **1866** – 9
1855 – 1 **1867** – 33
1856 – 1 **1868** – 3
1857 – 1 **1869** – 10?
1858 – 61 **1870** – 5
1859 – 1 **1871** – 1
To September.
Amounting to 244. Members received by letter, 246, and by experience, 19, during same time. Thus the Lord perpetuates the same church, though the membership is constantly changing. It is not probable that one of the original 16 of **1808** is now living – certainly not one of the 9 who first met in November, **1805**, at Canadawa. Aged members of the church are often filled with anxious forebodings in regard to the future of it. They ask who will fill the places of the fathers and the mothers when they fall asleep? In this feeling I have participated, but within a few years my faith has been increased, that God will take care of his own cause. Though it may appear dark, and obscure to us, it is certain that he is able, and he will do it.
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A (?) in spelling(?) that circulated(?) at(?) (?) about **187?**
(?) is an agreeable sight to witness the unparalleled (?) of a harnessed peddler attempting to gauge the symmetry of a peeled onion which a (?) has stabbed with a poniard regardless of the (?) of the lines of (?)

An old Resolution of the Fredonia Bap. Ch. as to Collections for benevolence in the day of Rev. A. **Wheelock**.
The Foreign Missions 2nd Sab. in January
" Bible Cause 2 " " March
" Ministerial Education 2 " " May
" N.Y.S. Convention 2 " " July
" Publication Society 2 " " Sept.
" Home Missions 2 " " Nov'r.

No Chh Col. though mentioned by Clerk when he read letter & statistics for asso'n Augt 25/87 but as arranged by Pastor & Clerk after. Clerk collected for Relief fund & sent that & for pr. Minutes, as follows.
Relief fund
Rev. C.E. **Smith** $5.00 pd
H.P. **Perrin** .50 pd
H. **Morrison** .25 pd
A.Z. **Madison** .50 pd
Dr. F.B. **Palmer** 3.00 = $9.25
Minutes
A.Z.M. pd $3.75
All $3.00 & sent by A.Z.M. in letter pr Mail Aug 13/87 to Clk Asso'n.

Minutes home N.Y.
Mrs. Mary E. **Wright** (?) H. **Morrison** $1.00 pd
Rev. C.E. **Smith** 5.00 pd
H.P. **Perrin** .50 pd
Alex **Morian** .50 pd
A.Z. **Madison** 1.00
Henry **Morrison** .25
To send $8.25
Sent to Home N.Y.

[The following is a newspaper clipping of the obituary for Dr. Eber **Pettit**, as pasted into Book D. For a more complete copy, consult the Barker Museum or Reed Library.]
A Noted Philanthropist.
Death of Dr. Eber M. **Pettit**.
Dr. E.M. **Pettit** died in this village May 13, **1885** at the age of 83 years.
A painful sense of bereavement pervaded our village on Wednesday evening, as the news rapidly spread from house to house of the death of Dr. **Pettit**. It was so sudden, and took all by surprise. And yet every one seemed to say in thought or word, as the news was broken to them, "blessed are the pure in heart." He had suffered from slight hoarseness for a few days, but was in the village on Monday, going about our streets with his usual elastic step, pleasantly greeting his friends and enjoying the social intercourse which was so inspiring with one of his genial nature. He expressed regret at not being able to enjoy a social gathering on Saturday at the house of a septuagenarian friend. It did not then seem possible that he was so near the shore from which he was so soon to pass to the other side. But an All Wise Providence had numbered his days without the usual premonitions attending such a departure. In the afternoon of Wednesday, his hoarseness became more serious, his inability to throw off the secretions increased, till finally the death struggle terminated in the early evening hour, and he was peacefully at rest.
Dr. Eber M. **Pettit** was born in Pompey, Onondaga Co., May 5, **1802**. He had just passed his 83d birthday when the summons came. At an early day he came to Fredonia with his father, Dr. James **Pettit**. When still a young man he went to Versailles to engage in business, where he lived for many years.
Dr. James **Pettit**, the father, had compounded an Eye Salve which proved to be an excellent remedy for sore eyes and local inflammations, and which the son manufactured. It was found so meritorious that it finally attained a world-wide reputation, and gave a competence to the manufacturer. He was joined in this enterprise by Darwin R. **Barker**, who had married his only daughter. Some twenty years ago he came to Fredonia with his family and Mr. **Barker**, where in his beautiful home, he passed a serene life, surrounded by every comfort, and enjoying the respect and esteem of a large circle of acquaintances. But here he had sorrow. His wife with whom he had lived nearly fifty years, his only grandchild, the daughter of D.R. **Barker**, and then his daughter, Mrs. B., were taken away.
More than sixty years ago he became a prominent agent and conductor on the Underground Railroad. Many a fleeing fugitive from slavery has found an asylum and safe conduct to liberty through his instrumentality. On the one of the four principal lines with which he was connected, many fugitives were aided when on their way to Canada, numbering on all the lines to some thousands. His position was often attended with peril. The fugitive slave law of **1850** imposed a fine of $1,000 for selling or giving away a meal of victuals to one of these fugitives. Some of the

noblest and purest men in the country suffered these penalties, and even death, for violations of this inhuman law. Dr. P. never suffered any of these severe penalties, though he has often said that if the law had been enforced against him, he would have been made bankrupt many times over.

About five or six years after the war, when his commission in this service of humanity had expired by virtue of the Emancipation proclamation, the company (?) (?) individual among (?) (?) important (?) (?) of these. The history of the Underground Railroad was written (?) series of (?) (?) the Fredonia Censor. (?) charmingly written, and attracted much attention. Some years later, in **187?**, the sketches were published in a small volume, and many copies distributed among his friends, who will keep them as choice memorials of his philanthropy and self sacrificing nature.

He also took a deep interest in the welfare of the Indians, on the borders of whose reservation he resided for many years. He was their trusted counselor and friend, and aided to procure the necessary legislation for the protection of the reservation and the preservation of their rights. He was the projector of the Reservation school and the Superintendent over twenty years. He chose for teachers those who took an interest in their welfare and progress.

In the Thomas Asylum, organized for the care and education of the (?) orphans in the State, he took a deep interest. He was one of the originators of the institution and a trustee and treasurer for twenty-nine years from its commencement. He served faithfully and without pay, and was regarded by all the beneficiaries with almost filial affection. It is one of the best eleemosynary(?) institutions in the state, and reflects great credit on its management.

In every work of philanthropy when he had opportunity, his heart and hand were engaged with heartfelt earnestness. In this he was no respecter of persons. In his benevolent work his best services were rendered without regard to distinctions of race or color. His kind heart and hand were ever open to the needs of humanity. No one, we venture to say, in the large circle of acquaintances, ever knew a nobler or more unselfish man. In his inostentatious charities to the poor, he was most exemplary. Very often the recipients were unaware who was the giver.

Early in life he became a member of the Baptist Church, to which he was fervently devoted, and yet with a liberality that recognized the image of the Master under all circumstances, in all the walks of life, without regard to creed or denominational name.

There was an integrity of principle manifested through all his long and useful life. He dared to do right though he should stand alone with all the world against him. He would be true to his conscientious convictions “though the heavens should fall.” He was a firm believer in “the higher law.” His life was one of faith and trust, and his death that of the righteous, and to their reward he has gone.

The fleeing fugitive from slavery, the red man whose cause he championed, the poor who received aid from his bountiful hand, the philanthropist in whose circle he was such a conspicuous example, the Christian who has “respect to the recompense of reward” in the life beyond, will all enshrine his memory in their inner hearts, and will mourn his departure with heartfelt grief, and yet will rejoice that the great Giver of all good has vouchsafed to them such a friend.

A large concourse of people attended the funeral at the Baptist Church last Saturday afternoon. The pastor, Rev. C.E. **Smith**, led the solemn services and Rev. Dr. **Palmer**, a friend of many years, paid a worth tribute to the good man so suddenly removed from our midst.