

Fredonia Baptist Church
Letters, Reports, Receipts
1870s

Transcribed by Marsia Painter with Wendy Straight.

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

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

For the **1876** Fredonia Baptist Society Treasurer Report, please see *Item 199* in the **1860s** Correspondence.

For the following please see the **1880s** Correspondence:

Item 6 **1874** Letter from B. **Morley** to A.Z. **Madison** about Home Mission funds

Item 28 **1877** Pre-printed letter regarding the Baptist Missionary Magazine

(Item 1a)

First Baptist Church, Meadville, PA.,

To Baptist Church at Fredonia

Send Christian Salutation:

Dear Brethren:

Whereas, Our Bro having requested a Letter of Dismission from us with a view of uniting with you: therefore, This is to Certify, That Bro. H.A. **Buck** is in good standing and in full fellowship and communion with us and as such we dismiss him to your watch-care and Christian regard.

When this Letter shall have been received and laid before you, and our Bro received into your fellowship, (of which fact you will please notify us,) He will be considered fully dismissed from us. But in no case will a member be considered dismissed from our watch-care unless return is made stating the above fact – which return must be received within three months.

By order of the First Baptist Church, Meadville.

Granted at Meeting for Business, March 18, **1870**

Harry M. **Coy** Ch. Clerk. R.H. **Austin** Pastor.

(Item 1b)

Same as Item 1a except the letter is for a Sister Olivia **Buck**. It is dated March 18, **1870**.

(Item 1c)

Same as Item 1a except the letter is for a Sister Beulah **Nolle**. It is dated March 18, **1870**.

(Item 2)

Warren Pa July 2nd **1879**

Dear Brethren

Helen **Morton** was recd to membership in the First Baptist Church Warren Pa the 2nd day of July **1879** on the credit of a Letter of Dismission granted by the Fredonia Baptist Church

Dated 31st day of May **1879**

Yours in Christ

A. **Gerould**(?)

Ch. Clk

(Item 3)

[The heading on the stationery reads as follows:]

George C. **White**, President, White's Bank of Buffalo,

James H. **Madison**, Cashier,

J.G. **Morgan**, Ass't Cashier.

Obituary in Censor. Death of Elder **Wheelock**.

(non-pareil)

Died.- In Fredonia Feb,y 25th. **1873**, Rev. Alonzo **Wheelock** D.D. after a severe illness of some ten days, during which he was submissively awaiting the will of his Heavenly Father. (?)

Dr. **Wheelock** was born in Pantou, V.A. February 7th **1804**. At the early age of eight, he was left an orphan, in the care of an elder sister, a woman of exemplary piety, to whose affectionate care, and faithful culture, he ascribed the foundation of his future character. At the age of seventeen he was converted to God, and began to preach Christ and Him crucified, before he was twenty years old.

He was for some time a student in Madison University, and a graduate of that Institution. Subsequently he served as Pastor at Norwich N.Y., Owego N.Y., New York City, and Elbridge N.Y. before becoming Pastor of the Fredonia Baptist Church October 3rd. **1857**.

His Pastorate ended here, April 1st. **1861**, when failing health induced him to resign. He still continued to reside here, his interest in the cause of Christ never flagging.

With partially recovered health, he accepted a call from the Baptist Church at Piqua, Ohio, April 1st **1863**, was with that church sixteen months, and then returned and re-united with the church here, September 3rd **1864**.

Since then, as a private member, and as his health and strength permitted, he has faithfully and efficiently labored for the interests of the Church, the Sunday-School and Bible-Class.

He was a most devoted husband and father; and the entire community join in sympathy for his bereaved family, to whom this is the second heavy affliction within one short year.

His unpretending dignity of character, his sincerity and earnestness, and his peculiar adaptability, won the confidence of all classes; and to many hearts, his death comes like a personal bereavement.

All can remember some deed of kindness, or sympathy in time of trial – some faithful, earnest words of warning or advice, and many, both young and old, lose in him their chosen counselor and guide, whose words can never be forgotten, but shall yet bear much fruit.

With a sense of loss that can not be expressed, we may well exclaim with the Psalmist:

“Help Lord; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.”

(Item 4)

Richburg Baptist Church

To any Church of like faith, and To the Christian Community

Know Ye that Sister Mary **Buckley** is a member of our Church in good standing. As such we cheerfully recommend her to Religious fellowship and respect With our praying that her acquaintance may be a blessing to your community.

Done by a vote of the Church

This 27th day of August. **1870**

S.G.S. **Rowley** Church Clerk.

(Item 5)

The Baptist Church of Stockton

To Any Church of the same Faith and Practice Greeting

This is to certify that Bro. James **Robinson** is a member with us in good and regular standing and as such on his request we grant him this Letter of dismission and communication.

Done by Order and behalf of the Church this 11th day of April **1874**

N. **Crissey**. Ch. Clerk.

(Item 6a)

Fredonia Bap Ch

To Harriet A. **Walker**

Returned Oct 1/70 & name reentered as did not remove so soon as expected.

The Fredonia Baptist Church:

To the Bap. Church at Tamaroa(?) Ill. or, To any other church of the same faith,

Sendeth Christian Salutation:

Dear Brethren

This certifies that Sister Harriet A. **Walker** is a member in good and regular standing with us, and at her request, made at a Covenant meeting, held Sept. 3rd **1870** this letter of dismission was granted to her for the purpose of uniting with you.

We cordially commend her to your Christian fellowship.

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

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

Done by order, and in behalf of the Church at Fredonia, Chautauque Co., N.Y., this 3rd day of Sept. **1870**.

A.Z. **Madison** Church Clerk.

(Item 6b)

Fredonia Bap Ch

To Amanda **Walker**

Returned Oct 1. **1870** & name reentered as did not remove so soon as expected.

The Fredonia Baptist Church:

To the Bap. Church at Tamaroa(?) Ill. or, To any other church of the same faith,

Sendeth Christian Salutation:

Dear Brethren

This certifies that Sister Amanda **Walker** is a member in good and regular standing with us, and at her request, made at a Covenant meeting, held Sept. 3rd **1870** this letter of dismissal was granted to her for the purpose of uniting with you.

We cordially commend her to your Christian fellowship.

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

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

Done by order, and in behalf of the Church at Fredonia, Chautauque Co., N.Y., this 3rd day of Sept. **1870**.

A.Z. **Madison** Church Clerk.

(Item 7)

1870 Oct 1.

Sr. Martha **Elliott** from Bap. Ch. Geneva

Recd. Oct. 1. **1870**

The Baptist Church of Christ at Geneva N.Y.

To the Baptist Church at Fredonia

This Certifies that Sister Martha **Elliott** is a member with us in full fellowship and at her own request we grant her this letter of Dismission.

We most affectionately recommend her to the Christian fellowship and watch care of our sister church of like faith and order, praying that the Great Head of the Church may crown the union, when formed, with mutual blessings.

By order and in behalf of the Church

F.E. **Van Epps**. Ch. Clerk

Dated Geneva Sept. 2nd **1870**

N.B. This letter valid for six months only.

(Item 8a)

Corry Pen 26(?) / 71(?)

Sister **Payne**

Perhaps I owe you an explanation why the Church letter is dated Oct 5th & also headed duplicate the reason is one letter was sent to you & I suppose it will come by the way of the Return letter Office as I have already recd two by that means had the letter reached you as it ought to have done you would have recd it before Oct 9th but as it did not I sent another hoping that this one will be recd.

Your Respectfully,

H.R. **Ellis**

(Item 8b)

Duplicate

The First Baptist of Corry Pa

To the Baptist Church at Fredonia N.Y.

Sendeth Christian Greeting,

This is to certify that Sister Lucy **Payne** is a member of this Church in good & regular standing & at her request is granted this letter of dismissal from us to unite with you hoping that the union may be mutually beneficial and profitable & crowned with

Eternal blessing,

Done by order & in behalf of the Church

Wednesday Eve Oct 5th 1870.

H.R. **Ellis**

Church Clerk

(Item 9a)

Fredonia N.Y. Sept. 12th. 1878

Rev. H.L. **Morehouse**

Cor. Sec,y N.Y. Union for Minl. Edn.

Dear Brother,

With this you will receive a letter of request from Mrs. S.W. **Stone** a daughter of the late Josiah **Moore**, a former member of the Fredonia Baptist Ch. and also a son-in-law of the late Peter P. **Roots**, once a Bap. Minister in Central New York.

Sometime prior to Bro. **Moore**'s decease, at his request and dictation I wrote his Will, [cross-out begins] but have not seen it for many years. I recollect well his manifest anxiety to make provision for the prospective wants of Mrs. **Moore** and their five children, and to do what he could for the cause of Christ. [cross-out ends]

Mrs. **Stone** came here to bury her Mother, [cross-out begins] and a few days after the funeral which occurred [cross-out ends] 27th of July last, and a few days later, conversed with me regarding the subject of which she writes to you.

I have read her letter to you carefully, and can attest to the truth of her statements, being acquainted with all; and if her request can be granted, in view of present circumstances I give my hearty approval of the same.

Fraternally Yours

A.Z. **Madison**

Clk Fredonia Bap Ch

Since March 1848

Bro W.H. **Husted** wrote his approval here.

(Item 9b)

Fredonia Sept 13 1878

Mrs. S.W. **Stone**,

Rev. W.H. **Husted** has been absent a few days on the account of his somnolence's sickness at Panama.

On his return, he came to my office and showed to me your letter to him & the one addressed to the Cor. Secy of the New York Baptist Union for Ministerial Education, Rev. H.L. **Morehouse** of Rochester. This shows that it was not the Am & For Bible So. [American & Foreign Bible Society] as you supposed when here.

Nevertheless, I wrote a letter to Bro. **Morehouse** approving your request and testifying to the correctness of your statements to him.

Bro. **Husted** endorsed under my signature his approval also, and I have just now mailed it with yours enclosed. I don't know what may be the result, but if the officers of that Society shall inquire about the state as it was, and the disposition of it, more particularly, it will be no marvel.

We have just had near three days & nights of incessant rain, & it rains now briskly in sight beyond Laona.

I think of nothing new of interest.

Very truly Yours

A.Z. **Madison**

(Item 9c)

Norwalk Sep 4th/78

Rev. W.H. **Husted**

Dear Sir,

Enclosed you will find my letter to the Rev. H.L. **Morehouse**, and any testimony you can add to the statement of the same(?) will be gratefully received by us.

Mr. **Madison** will give his influence towards it for her told me &c and you though you could obtain Eld **Williams**

We wish to have nothing said only to those that is necessary as if we succeed in getting the "Bequest" for Aunt we think the girls will do better to say nothing about it but keep it in trust to be given as their necessities shall require. Mr. **Madison** thought that altogether the best way, I am suffering so much from Hay fever that it has been with great difficulty that I would write the letter at all, and it is not entirely to my satisfaction. I am still at Norwalk but shall go home now in a few days.

I am happy to hear that Mrs **Husted** is improving and hope it may continue.

With many thanks for your kindness I am

Yours Respectfully

A.H. **Stone**

P.S. I have seen(?) the Examiner here and am pleased with it.

[in different handwriting]:

As signed letter to H.L. **Morehouse**

Mrs. S.W. **Stone**

Oak Park

Cook Co. Ill.

(Item 10)

Middletown Orange Co. N.Y.

Friday July 22nd, **1870**

A.Z. **Madison**

Dear Sir

I have hesitated considerable about asking for a letter to this Church here because of my great attachment to the Church at Fredonia.

It was while attending one of its meetings that I was first made to feel that the blood of Jesus did atone for me. It was there that my heart was lifted from almost despair & filled with joy & love in view of the richness of God's grace. And with you were spent 4 of the brightest & happiest years of my life.

But feeling that perhaps I shall never come back to Fredonia to live I want to feel that I have a home here among the people of God. I should have written for a letter before but that I felt very reluctant to sever a tie that had been to me so dear.

If possible please send me a letter to the first Baptist Church at Middletown N.Y. in time to unite with them on the first Sunday in August.

Praying that the Fredonia Church may ever abound in the love of God & asking your prayers for the Church here which is small & weak, I remain,

Your Brother Hiram **Tate**

(Item 11)

One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism.

The North Baptist Church of Jersey City, N.J.

Under the Pastoral care of Rev. Henry A. **Cords**.

To the Baptist Church at Stockton NY

or any Bap. Church Of like Faith and Order with ourselves, sendeth Christian Salutation.

Dear Brethren:

This is to Certify that Sister Irene **Carter** is a member in good standing and full fellowship with us, and at a Church meeting, held July 25th **1871**, this Letter of Dismission was duly granted to her for the purpose of uniting with you.

If received by you within six months from this date, and we are so notified, we shall regard her as dismissed from us.

We most affectionately commend her to your Christian fellowship and watchcare.

Yours affectionately,

E. **Cairus**(?) Clerk.

Jersey City, July 31 **1871**.

(Item 12)

The Cedar Street Baptist Church.

Buffalo, N.Y.

To any Church of our faith and order.

Greeting:

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

By order of the church,

Louis **Detmers**

Church Clerk.

Buffalo, Sept 23rd **1871**.

This letter is valid for one year only.

Note – Clerk of Church receiving member, will please fill up blank on third page and return to clerk of Cedar Street Baptist Church.

(Item 13)

The First Baptist Church of Buchanan Michigan,

To any other Church of the same Faith and Order, sendeth Christian Salutation.

This is to certify that Sisters Rachel E. **Widner** now, Nov. 4/71 **Morian**, recently married, and Addie **Widner**, are members with us in good and regular standing, and at their own request, are granted this letter of dismissal, with liberty to unite with you.

We do most cheerfully and cordially recommend them to your Christian watchcare and Church Fellowship and when received by you shall consider them dismissed from us.

By order and in behalf of the Church

Buchanan September 2nd **1871**.

G.(?) W. **Holmes** Church Clerk

(Item 14a)

North East; April **1871**(?)

This is to certify that Sister Eliza **Law** is a Member of the First Baptist Church of North East Pa and at Her request is dismissed from us with the privilege of uniting with any Church of the same faith & order

Voted at our regular Covenant meeting

Apr. 1st **1871**.

S.N. **Griffin**

Cch Clerk

(Item 14b)

Northeast

Sept 23

Mr. **Tomson**

Dear sir

As I have been called to come back to Northeast I therefore I could not have no time to come and get a letter from the church which you are pastor over I therefore request you to send me one by the return of mail your obedient servant

Eliza **Law**

(Item 15)

Stockton Nov 26/72

[The following is a printed page.]

A Card.

Pursuant to a call of the Harmony and Erie Associations, through their respective committees, a few brethren met at Cassadaga, Oct. 29, **1872**, to take into consideration the propriety of buying a home for Rev. A. **Frink** and wife.

The meeting was organized by appointing Rev. A.D. **Bush**, Chairman, and J.B. **Vrooman**, Clerk. The churches found to be represented by delegates were as follows: -

Cassadaga, C. **Putnam**; Mayville, Rev. J.H. **Miller**; Frewsburg, Rev. A.D. **Bush**; Fredonia, S.S. **Crissey**; Brocton, J.M. **Hardenburg**; Stockton, J.B. **Vrooman**; West Portland, E. **Ellis**.

Churches known to have responded to the call, but whose delegates were not present – Dewittville, F. **Denton**; Westfield, Rev. H.S. **Westgate**; Forestville, Dea. **Jiles**; Dunkirk, J.H. **Patterson**; North Harmony, -----; North East, a communication from the Pastor.

After a free interchange of views and feelings, a committee was appointed, consisting of Rev. J.H. **Miller** and S.S. **Crissey**, to draw up resolutions setting forth the views and feelings of the meeting in relation to the most suitable course to be recommended to the churches. Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P.M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Heard the report of the Committee, which was as follows: -

Whereas, There are now residing in this county several aged Ministers, who, by many years of labor as Pastors and Evangelists, deserve the grateful remembrance of the churches of the Erie and Harmony Associations, and,

Whereas, Under their present comparatively destitute circumstances, substantial aid cannot but be an appropriate and timely manner of expressing such gratitude, therefore

Resolved, 1st. That we recommend to the churches composing the Erie and Harmony Associations, to raise, as soon as possible, an amount not less than 12 ½ cts. per member, on the total membership of each church.

Resolved, 2nd. That we recommend that the sum raised the present year, be divided equally between Rev. A. **Frink** and Rev. D. **Bernard**.

Resolved, 3d. That we suggest to the churches composing the Erie & Harmony Associations, that at the next anniversary of each of their bodies, some plan be perfected whereby a permanent fund may be established for the benefit of the class mentioned in the foregoing preamble.

Resolved, 4th. That the President and Secretary of this meeting be requested to notify the churches of our action, and to receive and disburse such monies as shall be raised, and report at the next anniversary of the Associations.

After due deliberations, the report was unanimously adopted.

J.B. **Vrooman**, Clerk.

[The rest is handwritten.]

Dear Brother – Will you present this matter before your church & S.S. and send your collection to me by Dec. 20th if possible – that that the divided sum from the churches may be sent as a Christmas gift to Rev. **Frink & Bernard**.

Yours in Christ

J.B. **Vrooman**

(Item 16)

Geneva O. Mch 9. 75

The Baptist Church of Geneva O. to her sister the Baptist Church of Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Brethren

This certifies that Sister Ada **Sliter** is a member with us in good standing and full fellowship.

At her own request she is hereby dismissed from us to unite with you.

Done by order of the church

C.J. **Chamberlin**

Ch Clerk.

(Item 17)

Geo. F. **Bansum**(?)

Letter of request

Recd. Oct 31/72

Rochester. Oct 26, **1872**

Dear Sir,

Will you please ask a letter for me from the Church at Fredonia to the 2 Baptist Church of Rochester. It is with reluctance that I break my connection with your church. It is now almost four years since my leaving you, though I have been with you every summer but the last. The delay in asking for a letter was caused by the belief that I might yet live in Fredonia, but my business seems to be here. I shall ever remember your church as the place where I was converted.

The young men's prayer-meetings we used to have taught me to speak & strengthened me as a Christian. Those days are past. I thank the church for its kind Christian influence over me. I am afraid I shall never feel so free & at home in any other church.

Perhaps I was of little use to you, as then I had yet to learn how to work. In the future I may have new responsibilities, I shall teach as well as learn. I trust & pray that you may have your reward for your care of me in

the past & that you may see many more coming to honor our common master. I have now a class in the Sunday School of the Second Baptist Church here & in other ways have become slightly acquainted with some of the members. Besides my duties are evidently here.

Hoping to receive the letter from you & asking your prayers that I may be a true & useful Christian.

I remain

Your brother in Christ

G.F. **Bansum**(?)

(Item 18)

The Baptist Cch of North East P.A.

To the Baptist Church of Fredonia

Sendeth Greeting

This certifies that Bro. Alonzo **Lewis** and Sister Hattie **Lewis**: His Daughter, are members with us in good and regular standing and at their request are dismissed from us to unite with you.

Voted by the Church on Sabbath eve. March 23rd **1873**.

W. **Dunbar** Pastor.

S.N. **Griffin**

Cch Clerk

(Item 19)

Mrs. **Barker**

" **Taylor**

" **Tate**

" **Martin**

" P. **Barber**(?)

" **Noble**

" **Wilcox**

S.S. **Crissey**

G.W. **Lewis**

W. **Crocker**

Mary **Digler**(?)

Mrs(?) R.S. Ca(?)

Jennie(?) **Prescott**

Ada **Frazine**

Hattie(?) **Saff**(?)

May(?) **Stady**(?)

(Item 20)

J.H. **Prettejohn** Letter June 4. **1872** Requesting letter

Livonia(?) June 4 '72

Mr. A.Z. **Madison**,

Clerk of Fredonia Bapt Church

Dear Sir:

I direct this letter to you supposing that you are still filling the above Office. It is now a little over three years since I left there. I then came to this place, where I shall remain, at least, another year. When I came here there was no Baptist Church, since then there has been one erected and dedicated. I have for some time felt it my duty to unite with this Church, and trust by so doing I shall be capable of doing more for the cause of Christ, and feel that it will aid me to keep in the fold of our dear Redeemer.

Will you please procure for me a letter of dismissal from your Church, in view of my writing this one. May God bless your own dear Church, where I was baptized and received into the fold of Christ. Hoping you will give this your immediate attention. I am

Respectfully Yours,

J.H. **Prettejohn**

P.S. It may be well to give you reference as you may not have heard from me since I left there. In view of this I send you the name of Mr. Jas. **McCrawson** Esq. **Neal**, both Church Deacons.

(Item 21)

The Baptist Church of Stockton to Any Church of the same Faith and Practice

Greeting: This is to certify that Br. Eduard J. **Crissey** is a member with us in good and regular standing and as such at his request we grant this letter of dismissal and commendation.

Done by order and in behalf of the Church this 9th day of March **1872**.

N. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

(Item 22)

The First Baptist Church of Brocton New York

To the Baptist Church at Fredonia N.Y.

Sendeth Greeting

Dear Brethren

This is to certify that Bro. Elisha **Rossiter** is a member with us in good standing and at his request, this letter of dismissal is granted to unite with you.

Done by order of the Church at Brocton May 11. **1872**

J.C. **Walker**, Clerk

(Item 23)

Arcade Jan 21st, **1871**

Uncle **Lewis**

Before I left home I intended to get a letter of dismissal from the church at home, and of union with the church here. But I had so many things to think of that it slipped my mind, and it will oblige me very much if you will obtain one, and send it so I can get it before the next covenant meeting.

I am very happily intended and have a good kind husband.

I thank you very much for presenting me with the good book you did. Remember me to all the cousins.

Your niece

Luella **Waldo**

Request for letter, by Mary Luella **Wheelock** now **Waldo**

Granted Jany 25. **1872**

(Item 24)

Letter of Dismission.

The First Baptist Church of Jamestown N.Y.

To the Baptist Church of Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Brethren:

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

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

Done by order and in behalf of the Church.

Jamestown Aug. 18 **1872**

Jerome **Preston** Church Clerk.

This letter is valid for six months.

(Item 25)

The First Baptist Church of Oswego, N.Y.

To the Baptist Church in Fredonia, N.Y. Greeting:

Dear Brethren;

Our late Pastor, Rev. Lester **Williams**, and Sister **Williams**, his wife, having asked letters of dismissal from this Church for the purpose of uniting with you: This certifies that at a regular meeting of the Church held on the 23rd inst. these letters were granted and Brother & Sister **Williams** cordially commended to your love and fellowship as faithful, devoted servants of our Lord.

Our esteem and love go with them and we pray our Heavenly Father to bless the new union formed and cause much fruit to abound to his honor and glory.

By order and in behalf of the Church.
Thos. **Mathews**
Church Clerk
Oswego, N.Y. April 26th 1873

(Item 26a) [This may belong with Item 3 in the 1880s Correspondence.]

[This is a blank form for contributions.]

American Baptist Missionary Union.

“Freely ye have received, freely give.”

I will give the sum set opposite my name.

Names Paid. Pledged.

Rev. Geo. H. **Brigham**, Dist. Sec’y,
Cortland N.Y.

(Item 26b)

[Instructions for getting collections.]

“Now, concerning the collection.”

--First Cor. 16:1.

1. Get about it as soon as possible. Don’t put it off too long, and then, in a hurry, do a poor job.
2. Fix upon a definite sum you will try to raise; if not already reached in your church, try to raise a sum equal to one-half dollar per member, for the actual membership of the church. Some will give for 20, some for 10, or less, and the poorest can give for one.
3. Put cards, or slips of paper, in every pew; ask every person to write his, or her name, and the amount each will give; marking it paid, if paid at the time.
4. Canvass, either yourself, or by a good committee, for all whose names do not appear on the cards.
5. State this plan fully, plainly, so that all may understand it.
6. If you have a better plan use it, but be assured that it is a better one.

If you want the help of the District Secretary write him at once, naming the time, so that if possible he may arrange to be with you.

When funds are raised send them, in drafts, checks, or P.O. orders, to

Yours very truly,

Geo. H. **Brigham**,
District Secretary.
Cortland, N.Y.

(Item 27)

[This item probably belongs in a later decade.]

A Confidential Word

From a District Secretary of the American Baptist Missionary Union to the Pastors of his District.

Dear Brethren: -

Your Secretary has the profoundest appreciation of the wisdom of Christ in the appointment of pastors to the individual churches. A now somewhat extended experience in foreign missionary service, as well as in the pastorate, has led him to regard the position and relations of the pastors of the churches as not less important to the success of the gospel in “the regions beyond” than at home. The pastor, by virtue of his office, is the duly appointed special resident agent of foreign missions in his own church. He only can bring the claims of other fields to the judgment, heart, and pocket of his own people. Their knowledge, sympathies, prayers, and gifts will depend almost entirely upon his spirit and efforts. You stand, brethren, between your churches and their foreign work. To attempt to consign this work to other hands is to sever those connections which God seems to have made indispensable to the normal circuits of grace.

The friends of missions never saw the time when they doubted this responsibility and this power of the pastors; but now, since the demands of foreign missions upon the churches are so great and so growing that they know, feel, and do with respect to missions up to the fullest measure of their capacity, they seem more vitally important than ever before. And you will therefore allow your Secretary to say, with great emphasis, that it is his deep conviction that, if

the foreign mission work of the American Baptists is to be maintained and advanced in the future, the pastors of the home churches must take hold of this subject, and lay it upon the hearts and consciences of their people, and thus sweetly compel them to hear and to heed the cry of the nations for the gospel and the rallying voice of God in their behalf.

The Present Condition and Demands of the Work.

Last year there were added to our Baptist churches in foreign lands by baptism more than eleven thousand members. Since the beginning of this year, about fifteen hundred have been baptized on the Telugu field alone. From January 1, 1883, to March 10, Dr. Clough reports nine hundred and fifty-one baptisms in connection with the Ongole station. In view of such manifest tokens of God's favor upon our work, at the late meeting of the Missionary Union at Saratoga, it was voted that we would need an addition of twenty per cent to our receipts of last year to meet the demands of this, making nearly \$400,000 as the least sum the Union ought to have with which to carry on its stupendous work the current year.

Now, \$400,000 is a very large sum of money. It may be asked, Why this particular amount? To this we answer, This sum was not determined upon arbitrarily. It is not based on an estimate of either the ability or liberality of the denomination. Least of all was it inconsiderately voted in a moment of general enthusiasm. But this sum of \$400,000 was settled upon a careful survey of the work, past and present, of Baptist missions in foreign lands. What God has done by us, what he is now doing, and what the present necessities of the work absolutely demand, were the important factors in this calculation. When Baptists began to preach the gospel in heathen lands, their "expectations" and their "attempts" committed them to a work that has steadily grown upon their hands. Year by year, it has enlarged, till now it has come to gigantic proportions. If its present demands are great, it is simply because God has not only led us to expect great things and attempt great things, but has enabled us to accomplish great things. The work goes on, to be stayed only when American Baptists cease to "expect great things from God and to attempt great things for God."

What Pastors are asked to do.

1. Make this year one of work, prayer, and liberal giving with your churches.
 2. Familiarize the people with the principles, past achievements, and marvelous current work of foreign missions. Impress your churches with the spirit, obligations, and possibilities of missions. Tell them what God is doing by missions, and what God wants them to do for missions.
 3. As a rule, do not depend upon agents or secretaries to make collections in your churches, but do the work yourselves. If you ask, How? We reply any how, but do it, and do it well, as we know you can if you will. Determine to reach every member of your churches, congregations, and Sunday-schools. Your secretary will assist you, if needed or wanted; but the work is yours.
 4. Especially do not trust this momentous matter of gathering funds for missions to the fortunes of an hour, nor to the contingencies of a mere collection. The treasury of the Missionary Union suffered a loss of thousands of dollars last year by stormy Sundays. If, in our churches, the plan had obtained of furnishing beforehand each member with a statement of the condition and wants of our missions, accompanied with an appeal and a subscription card, the donations would not have been lessened by the mere accident of weather. The missionary cause is too precious to allow rain, snow, or tempest to imperil it. Besides, the card and personal appeal plan will secure more money in the long run than you can get by simple momentary collections, however inspiring the enthusiasm under which they are taken. Rather let the collection gather up the fragments that remain, and be supplemental to the more thorough way of reaching your people.
 5. Do not put off your gatherings for missions to the last Sundays of this financial year. Money is needed just as much for one month as another. It is a grievous and needless evil, bad as to economy and subjecting the Executive Committee to great anxiety and added expense in conducting the work of the Union, for the churches to crowd their contributions off to the very, very last of the year, as most of the stronger churches do. Paul, who may be regarded as a model agent for objects of Christian benevolence, enjoined the churches to anticipate, by diligence and system, their offerings for the Lord's cause, that there should be no gatherings when he came. The time and the manner of "the gatherings" were quite as important in the estimate of this apostolic agent as the object and the amount. Praying that with all spiritual blessings you may be endowed for all the work necessitated by your honored office, I am, dear brethren,
- Yours in common service.

(Item 28)

The 1st Baptist Church Clarinda Iowa

Sendeth Christian Salutation To any Church of the same Faith and Order,
This is to certify that Sister Helen **Norton** is a member in good standing with us. She is hereby dismissed from this at her own request. May God in His infinite mercy bless her and make a Fine help to those with whom she unites. Done by order & in behalf of the Church, at their regular meeting Feb. 1st **1873**
W.B. **Webster** Church Clerk

(Item 29)

Tamaroa Ill's Jan. 13th **1873**

The Baptist Church at Tamaroa Ill's

To the Baptist Church at Mount Vernon

Dear Brethren & Sisters in the Lord.

This is to Certify that Sister Elizabeth W. **Barker** is a Member of this Church in good and regular Standing, and as such we cheerfully recommend her to your fellowship and watchcare; and when so united with you, and we officially notified, shall consider her dismissed from us.

Given by Order and in behalf of the Church.

Nelson **Holt**

Church Clerk

Recd May 31/73 in Covnt. Meeting

(Item 30a)

May 30 **1873**

This certifies that sister (Louicy M.) **Edmonds** is a member of the Sinclearville [alternate spelling of Sinclairville] Baptist church in good standing, and as such we recommend her to any church in fellowship with us with which she may choose to unite and when so united shall consider her dismissed from us.

By order and in behalf of the church

E. **Manning** Clerk Pro tem

Recd on Motion of L.B. **Grant** July 5. **1873**

(Item 30b)

The Sinclearville Baptist Church to the Fredonia Baptist Church

Sendeth Christian Salutation

Dear Brethren

This is to certify that Bro Edward **Edmonds** is a member in good and regular Standing with us and as such we do grant him this letter of dismission by his request to unite with you.

This letter is valid for one year only from this date.

Done by order and in behalf of the First Baptist Church in Sinclearville, Chaut. Co. N.Y. this 19th day of April **1873**

S.G. **Paterson**

Church Clerk

Recd. on Motion of A.Z. **Madison**

July 5. **1873**

(Item 31)

Mt. Vernon Ills. May 3rd **1873**

The first Baptist Church of Mr. Vernon Ills.

To the first Baptist Church of Fredonia

Dear Brethren and Sisters in the Lord. This is to certify that Brothers Edmund **Barker** and Perley N. **Barker** are Members of this Church in good and regular Standing and as such we cheerfully recommend them to your fellowship and watchcare: and when so united with you and we officially notified shall consider them dismissed from us.

Given by order and in behalf of the church.

J.M. **Smith**

Church clerk

(Item 32)

The Baptist Church of Westfield

To any church of the same faith and order

Sendeth Christian Salutation

This certifies that Bro. Arthur **Clow** is a member in good standing and fellowship with us and at his request this letter of dismissal was granted for the purpose of uniting with you and when so united will be considered as dismissed from us.

Done by order of the church at Westfield this 4th day of Oct **1873**

J. D. **Leet**(?) clerk

(Item 33)

Letter of Notification.

Greeley July 7th **1873**

To the Fredonia Baptist Church at Fredonia Chautauque Co. N.Y

Dear Brethren:

You are hereby notified, That Sister Josephine M. **Tibbets**(?) was received by letter from you to membership in the Greeley Baptist Church.

July 6th **1873**

Geo. W. **Marsh** Church Clerk.

(Item 34a)

The First Baptist Church,

Of Newburgh, N.Y.,

Under the Pastoral Care of Rev'd John Quincy **Adams**

To the Baptist Church Fredonia Chautauque Co N.Y.

Sendeth Greeting:

Dear Brethren:

This is to certify that Brother Jesse **Tate** is a Member in good standing and full fellowship with us, and at his own request we hereby grant this Letter of Dismissal for the purpose of uniting with you.

We most affectionately recommend him to your Christian fellowship and watch-care: praying that the Lord may crown your union with mutual and eternal blessings.

When notified of his reception by you, we shall consider him dismissed by us.

N.C. **Coles** Clerk.

By Order of the Church at a regular Meeting held at Newburgh, July 24 **1873**

The Church to which this Letter is addressed, is requested to fill up the annexed blank and to return it as soon as practicable to the Clerk of the First Baptist Church, of Newburgh, N.Y.

(Item 35)

Oswego N.Y.

Feb. 12. '73

Rev. Dr. **Wheelock**, Chairman of Com.,

My Dear Bro.

Be pleased to express to the Bapc C'h in Fredonia my sincere & hearty thanks for their "unanimous & very cordial" call given(?) me to settle over them in the gospel ministry.

Please add also that I accept their call in a like spirit with which it is tendered me; & I profess(?) to bring to the work a whole-hearted service. Out of such a connection I pray may come peace & prosperity to Zion.

The Lord willing I will be with you by the 1st of next month.

If very much desired I might, perhaps, spend the last Sab. of Feb. with you, though the work of moving is a mountainous job.

Shall be happy to hear from you.

With respect

Yours in a common faith

Lester **Williams** Jr.

(Item 36)

Died in Fredonia Feb. 25th. **1873**, Rev. Alonzo **Wheelock** D.D. after a severe illness of some ten days, during which he was submissively awaiting the will of his Heavenly Father.

Dr. **Wheelock** was born in Pantton, V.A. February 7th **1804**. At the early age of eight, he was left an orphan in the care of an elder sister, a woman of exemplary piety, to whose affectionate care, and faithful culture, he ascribed the foundation of his future character. At the age of seventeen, he was converted to God, and began to preach Christ and Him crucified, before he was twenty years old.

He was for some time a student in Madison University. Subsequently he served as Pastor at Norwich N.Y., Oswego N.Y., New York City, and Elbridge N.Y. before becoming Pastor of the Fredonia Bap. Ch. Oct. 3rd. **1857**. His pastorate here ended April 1. **1861** when failing health induced him to resign. He still continued to reside here, his interest in the cause of Christ never flagging. With partially recovered health, he accepted a call from the Baptist Church at Piqua, Ohio, April 1. **1863**, and was with that Church sixteen months, and then returned and united with the Church here, Sept. 3rd. **1864**.

Since then, as a private member, and as health and strength permitted, he has faithfully and efficiently labored for the interest of the Church – The Sunday School & Bible Class. “Help Lord; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.”

The within copied from the first, original, draft of an Obituary published at the time of decease in the Examiner. As found amongst old papers May 5/82 after hearing Geo. W. **Lewis** express his desire to get the facts embraced, for the old Bible in his possession.

A.Z.M.

(Item 37a)

American Bible Union Rooms,
No. 32 Great Jones Street, N. Y.
Fredonia Sept. 2 **1873**

The American Bible Union gratefully acknowledges the receipt of Twenty three and 75/100 Dollars from the Fredonia Baptist Ch’h.
\$23.75/100 S.A. **Taft** Agent.

(Item 37b)

Same as Item 37a, except dated Aug 26th **1873** for the amount of \$12.65.

(Item 38)

Howard Mission and Home for Little Wanderers,
40 New Bowery, New York,
Board of Trustees.

A.S. **Hatch**, President, No. 5 Nassau St.

George Shepard **Page**, Vice-Pr., 10 Warren St.

J.S. **Howell**, Secretary, 13 William St.

Wm. **Phelps**, Treasurer, 264 & 266 Canal St.

Watson **Sanford**, No. 239 Water St.

Caleb B. **Knevals**, 90 Wall St.

R.G. **Cornell**, 410 West Washington Market

Adon **Smith**, Jr., No. 1 State St.

Jacob F. **Wyckoff**, 67 Cliff St.

Rev. W.C. **Van Meter**, Superintendent.

June 25th, **1872**

Rev. C.T. **Thompson**,

Dear Sir:

Your favor of yesterday’s date with draft for Twenty Five 00/100 (\$25.00) Dollars, for W. **Van Meter**’s work in Rome, enclosed rec’d. please accept thanks for your prompt & generous attention to the circulars.

Yours truly

F.L. **Van Meter**

(Item 39)

The Bible and Publication Society,
No. 530 Arch Street.
Benevolent Department.

Philadelphia, Oct. 17th **1872**

The Bible and Publication Society gratefully acknowledge the receipt from Mr. A.Z. **Madison** Tr
Fredonia N.Y.

of Twenty One and 65/100 Dolls as the donation of the Fredonia N.Y. Bapt. Church for Benevolent purposes of the
Society.

B. **Griffith** Secy

\$21.65/100

(Item 40)

American Baptist Home Mission Rooms,

No. 150 Nassau Street.

\$82.53 New York, July 11 **1873**

The Treasurer gratefully acknowledges the receipt of Eighty two 53/100 Dollars, from Bapt. Ch. Fredonia N.Y. per
A.Z. **Madison**

\$25. of which for education of a cole.(?) Student

For the American Baptist Home Mission Society,

Jno **Whitehead** Ass't Treasurer.

Recpt. came to hand July 14/73 \$82.53/100

(Item 41)

[Printed in the left margin]

Baptist Education Society of the State of New York.

Samuel **Colgate**, Esq, New York. President

G.W. **Lasher**, Hamilton, Fin. and Corr. Secretary

A. **Pierce**, Esq., Hamilton, Treasurer.

Scholarship, \$1,000 to \$1,500, to be known by the name of the donor; interest only to be used.

Life Directorship, \$50.

Life Membership, \$20, in four annual payments.

Annual Membership, \$1.

[Receipt across the page]

Baptist Education Society of the State of New York.

Fredonia N.Y. Sept. 2nd **1873**

The Baptist Education Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of Thirty two & 81/100 Dollars from the Baptist
Church in Fredonia N.Y. to be applied to the support of students in Madison University.

\$32.81 W.H. **Husted** Agt

(Item 42)

[handwritten note reads]: A.Z.M. accidentally sent all \$62.85 to State Conv. & after pd himself the \$10. to Home
Missions. Should have been by vote \$52.85 to State Convn. & \$10. to Home Missions.

New York Oct 14th **1876**

Received of the Fredonia Baptist Church Sixty two 85/ Dollars for the Missionary Convention.

\$62.85 W.H. **Perry**(?) Tre(?)

(Item 43)

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

Rev. Geo. W. **Gardner**, D.D. Cor. Secretaries

Freeman A. **Smith**, Esq., Treasurer.

American Baptist Missionary Union,

Tremont Temple.

Boston, Mch 31 **1873**

\$100 "/100

The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of One hundred Dollars, from Bap. Ch. Fredonia N.Y. to const Miss Floretta **Lewis** H.L.M. A.Z. **Madison** F.A. **Smith** Treasurer.

(Item 44)

\$27.21/100 I hereby gratefully acknowledge the receipt of twenty seven dollars and twenty one cents from the Baptist Church of Fredonia, N.Y. for the American Bible Union, Sept. 9, **1872**.
P. **Conrad**, Agent for W.N.Y

(Item 45)

February 25 **1873**
Mr. A.Z. **Madison**

Dear Brother:

The Letter of dismission, granted by your Church to Brother Jesse **Tate** on the 21 day of Nov., **1872** was duly presented to the First Bap Church of Newburgh N.Y. and the brother received into our membership at a meeting held February 20. **1873**

N.C. **Coles**
Clerk.

(Item 46a)

American Baptist Home Mission Rooms,
No. 150 Nassau Street,
New York, July 7th **1876**
Rev. Lester **Williams** Jr.
Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Brother,

Your kind of letter of July 3rd is just at hand. I thank you for your letter and suggestions. If you have any left after paying Br. **Morley** put it in a check together with his receipt – of the amount you paid him and address me and I will immediately receipt – in full to your church. He will send a receipt for what he received which will be charged on his salary and credited your church.

I am very anxious to pay our missionaries promptly.

Many thanks.

Yours truly,

M.G. **Clarke**(?)

(Item 46b)

W. Springfield Mass.
Jny.(?) 10.

Dear Br. **Morley**

Contrary to request, Bro **Clarke** addresses his letters to me instead of you. It seems to be all that is desired. Am sorry there is no more money in the hands of our Bro. **Madison** for the H.M. Soc. All well. Can be addressed here if need be.

Fraternally L. **Williams** Jr.

(Item 47)

July 17/74 A.Z.M. sent his check on Fr. Natl. Bank for \$42.25 to Rev. B. **Morley** at Sinclearville and also his recpt to Fredon Bap Ch. to Rev. M.G. **Clarke** at Am Bap. Home Mission Rooms No 150. Nassau St. N.Y. to exchange for recpt from Rooms to the Ch.

(Item 48)

A.Z. **Madison**

Please pay Mr. Stephen P. **Williams** five dollars from Church fund
Fredonia March 25. **1872** D. **Barrell**

\$5.00 Paid to I.H. **Damon** Mch 26 **1872**

(Item 49)

Brother **Madison**

D Sir – our Brother **Don** is in needy Circumstance. Please(?) let him have One Dollar & charge to Church Poor fund
Fredonia Dec 27./71(?)

H.A. **Buck**

(Item 50)

Office of

The American Eye-Salve Company.

E.M. **Pettit** - - D.R. **Barker**

Central Avenue, Fredonia, Chaut. Co., N.Y.

March 19th 1877

A.Z. **Madison**

Dear Sir,

I have received notice that Br **Dreer**'s(?) family need help from the chh. Will you please send by the bearer, Miss
Jennie **Sweet** five Dollars & oblige.

Yours truly

E.M. **Pettit**

(Item 51)

\$34.25 Rochester, N.Y. Jan. 17 1875

Received of Fredonia Church Thirty Four & 25/100 Dollars, for the N.Y. Bap. Union for Ministerial Education.

Saml. **Adsit** Secty

No. 13 N. Union Street.

(Item 52)

Brother **Madison**

Please pay L.B. **Grant** out of Church fund Three Dollars for 2pr Ladies Drawers(?) & 2 Ladies Garts(?) delivered to
Sister **Bissell** upon application of Ladies of the Church.

Henry A. **Buck**

(Item 53)

Brother **Madison**

Dr Sir – please pay out of Church Fund to L.B. **Grant** Two Dollars & fifty Cents he having by request of Sister
Davis let Sister **Bissel** have one pr shoes amount \$2.50.

Fredonia Oct 21 1876 H.A. **Buck**

(Item 54a)

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Baptist Education Society of the State of New York.

Samuel **Colgate**, Esq, New York. President

G.W. **Lasher**, Hamilton, Fin. and Corr. Secretary

A. **Pierce**, Esq., Hamilton, Treasurer.

Scholarship, \$1,000 to \$1,500, to be known by the name of the donor; interest only to be used.

Life Directorship, \$50.

Life Membership, \$20, in four annual payments.

Annual Membership, \$1.

[Receipt across the page]

Baptist Education Society of the State of New York.

Napoli, N.Y. Dec. 28th 1874

The Baptist Education Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of Ten and 30/100 Dollars from the Napoli
Baptist Church to be applied to the support of students in Mad. Univ. & Theo. Seminary.

\$10.30 W.H. **Husted** Agt

Fredonia Chaut. Co. N.Y.

(Item 54b)

The same as Item 54a, except dated Fredonia N.Y. Aug 24th **1875** and in the amount of Fifty five and 34/100 Dollars \$55.34 from the 1st. Pomfret Baptist Church.
Also, a note is added that \$5. was additionally added, making the total \$60.34.

(Item 55a)

Rev. J.N. **Murdock**, D.D.
Rev. Geo. W. **Gardner**, D.D. Cor. Secretaries
Freeman A. **Smith**, Esq., Treasurer.

American Baptist Missionary Union,
Tremont Temple.
Boston, March 31st **1875**
\$100 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀

The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of One Hundred Dollars, from Bap. ch. Fredonia N.Y. to const David G. **Sweet** H.L.M.
E.P. **Coleman** for Treasurer.

(Item 55b)

The same as Item 55a except dated July 13 **1874** in the amount of \$8.05 from the Bap. Ch. Fredonia N.Y. A.Z. **Madison** Tr and signed by F.A. **Smith** Treasurer.

(Item 56a)

Wm. H. **Wyckoff**,
Corresponding Secretary.
H.J. **Wright**,
Assistant Treasurer.

The Bible faithfully translated for all the world.
American Bible Union,
32 Great Jones Street.
New York, Decr 28th **1874**

The American Bible Union gratefully acknowledges the receipt from Baptist Church Fredonia N.Y. of
\$ ----- On Life Membership
\$ 76 00/100 Contribution

Henry J. **Wright**
Assistant Treasurer American Bible Union.

(Item 56b)

The same as Item 56a except dated April 14, **1875**, from Geo. W. **Lewis** Fredonia in the amount of \$8.00 for Bal of Subscriptions endorsed on note of Mrs(?) (?)

(Item 56c)

The same as Item 56a except dated April 1st, **1874** from the Baptist S.S. Fredonia N.Y. \$25.00 For Translation of Scriptures into the Chinese language.

(Item 57a)

American Baptist Home Mission Rooms,
No. 150 Nassau Street.
\$45.68 New York, Aug 4 **1875**

The Treasurer gratefully acknowledges the receipt of Forty five 68/ 100 Dollars, from A.Z. **Madison** Esq Treas. Fredonia Bap. Church. This amt. to be equally divided 1/3(?) to Home Missions, 1/3 for Freedmen & 1/3 to State Convention.

For the American Baptist Home Mission Society,
Jno(?) **Whitehead** Ass't Treasurer.

(Item 57b)

The same as Item 57a except dated July 24th **1874** in the amount of \$42.25 from the Fredonia Baptist Church paid to Rev. B. **Morley** Missionary of the Erie Association. Signed by M.G. **Clarke** Cor. Sec. & Gen. Min.

(Item 58)

Recpt for Minutes \$6.00

\$6.00 Recd of A.Z. **Madison** Six dollars sent by Fredonia Bap. Ch for the printing Minutes of Erie Association

J.B. Vrooman

Cherry Creek Sept 2nd **1874**

(Item 59)

[Printed in the left margin]

Baptist Education Society of the State of New York.

Samuel **Colgate**, Esq, New York. President

G.W. **Lasher**, Hamilton, Fin. and Corr. Secretary

A. **Pierce**, Esq., Hamilton, Treasurer.

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[Receipt across the page]

Baptist Education Society of the State of New York.

Fredonia N.Y. Sept. 1st **1874**

The Baptist Education Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of Fifty Dollars from the Fredonia Baptist Church to be applied to the support of students in Madison University.

\$50.00 W.H. **Husted** Agt

(Item 60)

Rec'd of L.B. **Grant** eight 60/100 dollars on salary as Missionary of Chautauqua Bap. Assn.

Fredonia Jan. 5 **1875**

B. Morley

(Item 61)

The Baptist Church in Dunkirk

To the Baptist Church in Fredonia

Sendeth Greeting

This is to certify that Sister Susan **Rowe** and Bro. Wm N. **Rowe** are members of this Church in good and regular standing and at their own request are hereby dismissed for the purpose of uniting with you. When they have so united and we have received notice of the same their connection with us will cease.

Done by order of the Church.

Chas. S. **Thompson**

Ch. Clerk

Dunkirk April 2nd **1874**

(Item 62)

Fredonia Baptist Church,

Fredonia N.Y. May 3rd **1875**

Bro. Edmund **Barker**,

The committee that was appointed to investigate your case in reference to your request for a letter of commendation and dismissal for yourself Reported to a Meeting of the Church on the 1st of May inst. & by the church I am directed to write to you, "That we as a church do not feel at liberty to grant you a letter of commendation and dismissal, as a member in good and regular standing with us, you having separated from your wife as you have, unless you are disposed to, and do satisfy this Church of your innocence in the matter."

Fraternally Yours

A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

(Item 63)

1879

June 14th Read & acted upon

June 19. **1879**

Letter of Kittie M. **Morian**

Chautauqua New York.

June 14 79.

Rev. L. **Williams**

Dear Sir:

A few years ago, on profession of my faith in my Saviour, and before many witnesses, I was taken into the Baptist Church of Fredonia. In justice for my sinfulness, I was excluded; and through the true Christian spirit exhibited through the letters from you and the Clerk, a door of confession was left open for me to return, whenever I gave evidence of true repentance. This Door I am willing now to enter. I am now ready to confess I have walked in many sinful ways, and in disobedience to my God, and to my Parents, and to the Church Covenant; but am now willing, if I know my own heart, to confess my sins and return to my Saviour, believing that He Has forgiven me and to beg the Church to do the same; resolving the rest of my days to live a Christian life; for I love the people of God and his Church, and if the Fredonia Church can forgive the past, and restore me to their fellowship, I should like to have a home once more with them.

For my conduct for the past year and more, I refer you to Mother, or my Aunt Margaret, Byron, Kansas, where I have been the past seven months.

Yours In Hope

Kittie M. **Morian**

Read at Close of prayer meeting by Clerk June 19th. **1879**. & on his Motion seconded Resolved to restore her to membership in Church.

She was baptized May **1873**.

Excluded Jan'y 6th **1876**.

Restored June 19. **1879**.

(Item 64)

Brocton June 7, **1879**

To the Fredonia Bap. Church,

Dear Bren,

This is to certify that Dea. **Crocker** & wife, also E.B. **Crocker** have been duly received as members of our Church.

A.J. **Chamberlin**,

Church Clerk.

(Item 65)

North Sheridan July 31st /79

Bro **Madison**,

I would like a letter of dismissal from our Baptist Church as it is impossible for me to attend Church there As I intend to make this my home. Hoping you will grant it Soon that I may unite with the M.E.(?) Church of Sheridan Centre. I will Close your Bro. C.W. **Dunn**

Direct to Sheridan Centre

Chaut Co

N.Y.

(Item 66)

Troy, N.Y. Sept. 15, **1878**

Received from Bap. Church, Fredonia, N.Y.

Twenty Four 86/100 Dollars, For the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

\$24.86

C.P. **Sheldon**, Dist Sec.

(Item 67)

\$25. Rochester, N.Y. March 3rd 1877

Received of Fredonia Bapt Ch. by A.Z. **Madison** Treas Twenty Five Dollars, for the N.Y. Bap. Union for Ministerial Education.

Saml. **Adsit** Sec

(Item 68)

Received July 16th 1879, for the Baptist Missionary Convention of the State of New York, Sixteen & 58/100 Dollars from Fredonia Bap. Ch. per Mr. A.Z. **Madison**

\$16.58 Edw. **Bright**

President of the Convention.

(Item 69)

\$10.00 Theol Semy Rochester Feb 13th 1879

Received of Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. the sum of Ten Dollars for Min Ed from Fredonia Bapt Church

Wm **Elgin**, Asst Cor Sec

(Item 70)

To The Churches, Greeting.

Waukon, Iowa, Dec. 1, 1879.

Dear Brethren:

We take this way of making known our needs, and soliciting aid from Sister Churches. We are a little church located at the County Seat of Allamakee County, the North-eastern County in Iowa. We are in a thriving business center, surrounded by a rich and productive country. We have a Brick Church building, valued at \$4,000. Good congregations, and an interesting Sunday School. Have always contributed to the support of the different benevolent objects, and striven in all ways to do the work the Master has given us to do.

But like too many churches, we are in Debt, and this hangs like an incubus over us. The amount of our indebtedness is \$1245.95. It does not seem like a very large sum. But when there are but a few and that few doing all they can from day to day, it is different. Some of our number have suffered financial reverses which render it impossible for them to do as much as they would otherwise gladly do.

Now, we have issued Circulars to Churches, asking them to aid us to the extent of \$1.00 for each Church. We send one to you, trusting it will receive your favorable notice. We are in earnest in this matter. It seems to be our only hope. Do not cast this into the waste-paper box, but bring it before your people at your first opportunity. One Dollar is not much, but we trust the call will receive a general response, and the aggregate suffice to tide us over this difficulty.

Please return in enclosed Envelope.

F.N. **Eldridge**, Pastor.

L.W. **Hershey**, Clerk.

Azel **Pratt**

A.H. **Hershey**

J.W. **Pratt**, Trustees.

[Handwritten note]: Read 3 Jy/80(?) Covt. M Done by col.

(Item 71)

Troy, N.Y. Nov. 5th. 1878

Received from Bap. Church, Fredonia, N.Y.

Per Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Pastor,

Eight 50/100 Dollars, For the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

\$8.50 C.P. **Sheldon**, Dist Sec.

(Item 72)

\$16.39 Fredonia Jany 20 1879

Received of Rev. L. **Williams** Jr. Sixteen and 39/100 Dollars for Min Ed at Rochester

Wm **Elgin**, Ass't Cor Sec

(Item 73)

Rev. J.N. **Murdock**, D.D., Secretary.
Freeman A. **Smith**, Esq., Treasurer.

American Baptist Missionary Union,
Tremont Temple,
Boston, Mass. April 1 **1878**
\$74 "/100

The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of Seventy four Dollars, from the Baptist Ch Fredonia N.Y. per A.Z. **Madison** Treas
F.A. **Smith** Treasurer.

(Item 74)

Theo. Sem. Rochester N.Y.
Jan 2. **1879**
(Recd Jay 6 A.M.)

A.Z. **Madison** Esq
Dear Bro.

As the 3rd Sab. of this month will be the day that Your Church took up their collection last year for this Seminary, I will attend that Sab. with your Church, if they so desire, preaching for you in the morning. Please confer with the brethren and let me know their decision as soon as convenient.

Yours Truly

Wm **Elgin**
Cor. Sec.

(Item 75)

American Baptist Home Mission Rooms,
No. 150 Nassau Street.

\$12.25 New York, Sept. 7. **1877**

The Treasurer gratefully acknowledges the receipt of Twelve 25/100 Dollars, from the Baptist Church, Fredonia, N.Y.

For the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

C.P. **Sheldon**, Dist. Sec.

(Item 76)

Jany 6. (?)

Wrote for him to come with knowledge of you. Col. for Binghamton that day, or advise us by 10th. if he did not. Also to come to Taylor H. if he had no acquaintance to call on here as Daugh in Buffalo.

(Item 77)

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 Oct. 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 a Church meeting held Nov. 18th. **1879**, do hereby express our sincere regards for our brother **Williams**, his wife and their children, and we tender to him, & to them, our best wishes, sympathies and hopes, for their future well-being, their prosperity & 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.

(Item 78a)

Salary a/c No 2 Apr 1. **1876** to **1877** safe(?) Cl.

Revd. L. **Williams**

To Bal in a/c with Baptist Church Cr
1877
 April 1st By 1 Years Salary \$1500.00
 Fr Cash of L.B. **Grant** from April 1st
 Fr March 5 **1877** \$885.33
 " Goods 38.54
 Rent of House from April 1st 71.
 To April 1st **1877** \$300.00 \$1223.87
 271.13

Amt Ch Church \$1223.87
 Due Mr. **Williams** on Salary to April 1st from the Church \$271.13

(Item 78b)

1877
 L.B. **Grant**'s Report of Salary acct Apl 1/76 to April. 1. **1877**

We, the auditing Committee, have examined the within Salary a/c from Apl./76 to Apl 1/77 as Reported by L.B. **Grant** in the Annl. Meeting of Fr. Bap. So. this [blank] day of [blank] **1877**. & find it correct. Auditing Committee

(Item 79)

Treas Report **1875**
 at Meeting June 8th. **1875**
 Dr. The Fredonia Baptist Society in acct, with A.Z. **Madison** Treas Cr.

[Left side of the Report]

1874
 Jany 13 To Cash pd. E.M.P. for HEDW \$10.00
 Mch 25 " Do. do do 10.00
 June 7 " Do. Col. June 7. for Rev. C. **Thompson** 13.50
 July 13 " Do. for C.S. **Lewis** to D.B. 2.00
 Augt 30 " Do. for printing Min. Asso. 6.00
 Nov 30 " Do. E.M.P. for Sr. **Bissell** 15.00
 \$56.50

1875

Jany 9. Ins Commerce Ins. Co. Albany NY
 \$3000. from Jany 9, **1875** to Jany 9. **1876** \$27.25

[Right side of the Report]

1874 Jany 31st. By balance in Treas,y after settling Jamestown Ins. as reported this date \$38.07
 By Collections Feb 1/74 to Jany 3rd **1875** both incl 37.14
 By Collections Feb 7/75 (2.25) Mch 7th. (1.78) April 4th (2.33) May 2nd (.87) & June 6th./75 (1.20).
8.43

		\$83.64
Amt. Dr. deducted		<u>56.50</u>
Bal. in Treasurers hands	\$27.14	
Cols. Incl May /76		<u>18.40</u>
		\$45.54
Paid acct on orders of Deacons in 1875-6	<u>22.00</u>	
		23.54
Col June 4. 1876	<u>1.95</u>	
		\$25.49

[There is an X over the next lines]

By rent of Slip 41.

1874

Apl 1 To April 1 st . 1875	40.00	
Feb 16 By Cash of Geo Tate on Ins		<u>5.00</u>
		\$45.00
Amt Dr deducted	<u>27.25</u>	17.75
[crossed out the following two amounts]		<u>27.14</u>
		44.89

(Item 80)

A.Z. Madison Treasurer, in acct. 1870 July 2 nd . Balance in Treasury			\$151.14
" " Collections Moly including Dec 4 th 1870 7. Mos		23.44	
do " " Dec 3 rd . 1871		25.50	
do " " Dec 1/72		22.39	
do " " Dec 7/73		25.94	
do " " Jany 4/74		<u>1.55</u>	
		\$249.96	
		<u>74.35</u>	
		175.61	
Old Ins. To A.Z.M. deducted		<u>137.54</u>	
As Reported to Ch Jany 31, 1874 Bal. of fund in hands of A.Z.M. \$38.07 in Covt. Or Ch Meeting after Covt. Jany 31/74			

1874

Feb 1 Collections \$2.88 Mch 1. \$1.96 Apl 5. \$2.06 =	6.90
May 3. \$2.47 June 7. \$13.50 July 5 \$3.03 =	19.00
Augt 2 nd \$2.17 Sept 6. \$1.85 Oct 4. \$2.16 Nov 1 \$1.64 =	7.80
Nov 30 \$1.87 for Dec/74 Jay 3/75 \$1.57 =	<u>3.44</u>
	\$37.14

1875 Feb 7. for Jay \$2.25 Mch 7 for Feb. \$1.78 Apl 4 for Mch \$2.33= \$6.36
 May 2nd for April .87¢ = .87
 June 6. for May

with the Fredonia Baptist Church for Collections at Communion

Paid out as directed by Deacon's in last 7 MOs. 1870	\$11.25
do " " " in year 1871	13.10
do " " " " 1872	23.00
do " " " " 1873	<u>27.00</u>
	\$74.35

38.07
 37.14
7.23
 82.44
56.50
 25.94

1874

Jany 13. pd E.M.P. for Sr H.E.D.W. \$10.	
Mch 25. Same same	10.
June 7. Rev. C. Thompson	13.50
July 13 D.B. for C.S. Lewis	2.
Augt 30 Col(?) Min. asson	6.
Nov 30 E.M.P. for Sr. E. Bissell	<u>15.</u>
	\$56.50

37.14

Bal. yr over paid 19.36

(Item 81)

A.Z. **Madison** Treas.

In acct with Fredonia Bap. So,y June 6th **1876** Dr.

Cr. By amts paid out on order of Deacons Viz:

1875

July 4 Dea. H.A. **Buck** 1. G. Gr. Juice \$1.50

Augt 1 Paid Treas (?) (?) Pr.g Minutes 6.00

Oct 25 do do Do 6.00

" " do 12 Bottles 1/(?) 1.50

1876

Jany 17 Dea E.M. **Pettit** (Mrs. H.) 10.00

" 24 " H.A.B. (Mrs. B.) 3.00
\$28.00

To Amt. balance as reported June 8. **1875** in Annl. Meeting \$27.14

Amt. July collection **1875** \$ 1.86

Augt. do " 1.37

Sept do " 1.83

Oct do " 1.80

Nov do " 1.92

Dec do " .78

Jany do **1876** 2.71

Feb do " 1.13

Mch do " 1.71

April do " 1.38

May do " 1.91

June do " 1.95 20.35

\$47.49

28.00

Bal. in Treas,y

\$19.49

(Item 82)

The Fredonia Bap. So,y

In acct with A.Z. **Madison** Treas. Cr.

By Amt. Bal. in Treas,y as Reported June 8/75 \$27.14

" " Mo.ly collections Viz: at Communion

1875 July 1. 86 Augt 1.37 Sept 1.83 Oct 1.80 \$6.86

Nov. 1.92 Dec. .78 Jany **1876** 9.71 Feb 1.13 6.54

1876 Mch 1.71 Apl 1.38 May 1.91 June 1.95 6.95 20.35

\$47.49

Do. To Amts paid out Viz:

1875 July 4 Order Dea H.A. **Buck** 1. Gal. Grape Juice 1.50

Augt 1 Vote of Ch. for Pr.g Minutes 6.00

Oct 25 Dea. H.A. **Buck** 3 Gall Gr. ju in \$2. 6.00

" " 12 2/ Bottles 1.50

1876 Jany 17 Dea E.M. **Pettit** for Mrs. H. 10.00

" 24 " H.A. **Buck** for Mrs. B. to L.B. **Grant** 3.00 38.00

Bal. in Treas,y June 6, **1876** \$19.49

(Item 83)

One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism.

The First Baptist Church of South Bend Ind

Under the Pastoral Care of Rev. J.L.M. **Young**

To the First Baptist Church at Fredonia NY
Of like Faith and Order with Ourselves, Sendeth Christian Salutation.
This is to Certify that Bro. A.B. & Sister S.I.(?) **Hamilton** are Members in good standing and full fellowship with us, and at their request, this Letter of Dismission was duly granted for the purpose of uniting with you. If received by you within Six months from this date, and you so notify us, they will cease to be any longer members of our body.
We most cordially commend them to your fellowship and watchcare.
Yours Affectionately,
Saml. J. **McDonald** Clerk.
Mar 20th A.D. **1875**.

(Item 84)

The Third Baptist Cleveland Ohio
Under the pastoral care of Rev. J.H. **Scott** to the Baptist Church Fredonia NY
Sendeth Christian Salutation
Dear Brethren
This certifies that Bro. Forrest W. **Crissey** is a member of this church in good and regular standing and as such is at his own request hereby dismissed to unite with you.
We do most cordially commend him to your fellowship and watch-care praying that the blessings of the Great Head of the Church may abide with You and the Bro. who leaves us.
By order of the Church
Cleveland June 18 **1875** Jon(?) M. **Maxon** Church Clerk

(Item 85)

Received of Fredonia Baptist Ch. \$35.22 for church edifice at Council Bluffs Iowa
- Mrs. T.F. **Thickston**(?)
Aug **1875** Agent

(Item 86)

\$34.28. Titusville Pa. Feb.(?) 13/74.
Recd. of the Baptist Church of Fredonia N.Y. Thirty-four 28/100 dollars paid to the American Baptist Home Mission Society – for the First Baptist Church of Omaha Nebraska.
J.N. **Webb**
Gen'l Ag't

(Item 87)

\$15.44 Fredonia N.Y. Nov. 18. **1879**
Recd. of the Sabbath School of Fredonia Baptist Church N.Y. Fifteen 44/100 dollars paid to the American Baptist Home Mission Society for the First Baptist Church of Omaha Nebraska.
J.N. **Webb**. Gen'l Ag't

15.44 The whole paid bro. **Webb** and sent to him from the Fredonia Church was \$50.
10.80 I Church(?) bro L. **Williams** has the other receipt. Geo. W. **Lewis**
4.64

(Item 88)

Contributions from the Sunday Schools during the associational years are
Home Missions Jn. **Webb** receipt 15.44
Bible Union for Scripture work in China to E.C. **Lord**, pr receipts 50.50
Also to bro **Webb** for church at Omaha enough to make the amount just \$50, made up from individual donations

(Item 89)

Jno **Hamilton** Jr. Declination

[This is on stationery, the name "John **Hamilton**, Jr." is printed in the top center and "L.M. **Bates** & Co.

Importers and Jobbers of Dry Goods,
451 and 453 Broadway," is on the left side of the page.]
New York, April 19 **1875**

Dear Bro **Madison**,

Having learned from sources semi official that the Bap Church of which I have for so long a time been a member had done me the honor to elect me a deacon I feel it my duty while thanking them for the confidence thus placed in me to respectfully decline the responsible position for reasons which must commend themselves to all viz my long absences from the Village. I could not justify myself in taking a position the duties of which I cannot discharge.

Our Dea Bro **Petit** misunderstood in the idea that I should be more of my time at Fredonia in the future Whereas I expect to be anon(?) more unless a change should occur in my business which I do not expect.

I would take pleasure in naming S.S. **Crissey** and Avery D. **Buck** as men well endowed and eminently fit for the position.

Please present this to the Church on next Covenant Meeting that their action in the selection of the Most Suitable Men for the place may but be delayed.

Desiring the richest blessings of a Covenant keeping god upon the Church

I am most fraternally Yours

John **Hamilton** Jr.

(Item 90)

Davenport, Iowa, May 10, **1875**

A.Z. **Madison**

Dear Bro.

Perhaps you have wondered why I have not called for a letter before.

I arrived in Davenport last Aug, was absent three months during the winter & returned in March. It looks now as though I might remain here some time. Will you please secure & forward me a letter of dismissal from the Fredonia Baptist Church to unite with the Calvary Baptist Church of Davenport.

How thankful I am that I attained religion while young.

Hoping that all is well with the Fredonia Baptist Church I remain

Yours Affectionately

Jesse **Tate**

Davenport

Scott Co.

Iowa

(Item 91a)

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

Rev. Geo. W. **Gardner**, D.D. Cor. Secretaries

Freeman A. **Smith**, Esq., Treasurer.

American Baptist Missionary Union,

Tremont Temple.

Boston, Mass. Mar. 31 **1876**

\$71 50/100 (Apr 6)

The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of Seventy one 50/100 Dollars, from the Baptist Church Fredonia N.Y. pr A.Z. **Madison** Ch. Clk.

F.A. **Smith** Treasurer.

(Item 91b)

The same as Item 91a except dated May 27(?) **1876** and in the amount of \$10.30, signed by E.P. **Coleman** for F.A. **Smith** Treasurer.

(Item 92a)

\$36.00 Rochester, N.Y. Feb. 12th **1876**

Received of Fredonia Church. Per. Rev. L. **Williams** Thirty Six Dollars, for the N.Y. Bap. Union for Ministerial Education.

Saml. **Adsit** Sec.

(Item 92b)

The same as Item 92a except in the amount of \$1.00 and dated Feb. 25 **1876**.

(Item 93)

Wm. H. **Wyckoff**,
Corresponding Secretary.
H.J. Wright,
Assistant Treasurer.

The Bible faithfully translated for all the world.
American Bible Union,
32 Great Jones Street.
New York, Jany 11, **1876**

The American Bible Union gratefully acknowledges the receipt from Fredonia Baptist Church of
\$ ----- On Life Membership
\$ 232.00 For Donation

Henry J. Wright
Assistant Treasurer American Bible Union.

(Item 94)

American Baptist Home Mission Rooms,
No. 39 Park Row,
\$65.30 New York, Sept. 1 **1870**
Received of the Bapt. Ch. Fredonia NY. Per A.Z. **Madison** Eqr Ch. Clerk
Sixty five 30/ Dollars,
For the American Baptist Home Mission Society.
Jno(?) **Whitehead** Ass't Treasurer.
Thank you.

(Item 95)

Fredonia January 30. **1870**
Received of the Baptist Church in Fredonia for the A.B.M. Union, thirty one dollars and eighty-eight cents.
\$31.88
J.B. Bixley
District Secretary.
Albion Orleans Co NY

(Item 96)

The first Baptist Church in Belmont N.Y.
This may certify that Ely **Davis** & Wife are members with us in good & regular Standing & as such we would
recommend them to the full fellowship of any church of the same faith & order.
Done by & in behalf of the church this 25th Day of Jan **1874**
Jesse Sortore
Church Clerk

(Item 97)

The Baptist Church of Stockton to any Church of the same Faith and Practice Greeting
This is to certify that Sister Mary **Robinson** is a Member with us in good and regular standing, and as such at her
request we grant her this Letter of dismission and commendation.
Done by order and in behalf of the Church this 11th day of April **1874**.
N. **Crissey** Ch. Clerk

(Item 98)

The Baptist Church in Richburgh Allegany N.Y.

To The Baptist Church in Fredonia N.Y.

Greeting

This is to certify that Sister Hannah **Cleaveland** is a member of our Church in good standing; and while she may Tarry in your midst, we commend her to your aid, Sympathy; watch-care; and communion.

Rom. 16:2. William **Storrs** Pastor.

(Item 99)

The First Baptist Church of Groton N.Y.

To Baptist Church of Fredonia N.Y.

This is to certify that Brother Emmitt D. **Page**, is a member in good and regular Standing with us, and at his own request is hereby dismissed for the purpose of uniting with you.

Done by order of the Church.

Dated Groton N.Y. Nov. 7th 1878.

H.K. **Clark**

Church Clerk

(Item 100)

The first Baptist Church of Portland Chat. Co. N.Y.

To any other church of the same faith and order Greeting

This will certify that sister Mary E. **Munson** is a member in good standing in this church and we recommend her to your fellowship and watch care with liberty to unite

Done by order of the church March 18th /76.

D.C. **Sage** asst chh. clk

(Item 101)

The first Baptist Church of Portland Chat Co N.Y.

To any other Church of like faith

Greeting

This is to certify that Sister Lucy F. **Ryckman** is a member in regular standing in our church and as such we recommend her to you with liberty to unite. Done by order and in behalf of the Church March 18th /76

D.C. **Sage** asst chh clk

(Item 102)

The Stockton Baptist Church in Stockton N.Y.

To the Fredonia Baptist Ch.

Greeting

This Certifies That Sister Jane **Wilson Everts** is a member with us in good standing and at her request we have granted her this letter and do cordially recommend her to your fellowship.

When admitted to membership with you, her membership with us will cease.

Given by order and in behalf of the Church this 17th day of March 1878

H. **Thompson** Ch. Clerk

(Item 103)

A List of the Baptist Churches in the State of New York, with the sums contributed by them or their Sunday Schools to the Home Mission Society in the financial year of 1875-6. This record does not embrace the special sums given by individuals.

[Transcriber's note: This is a large alphabetized list of the 754 Baptist Churches in New York State. Some of the churches listed have no contributions printed next to them. The known contribution amounts range from \$1.00 to \$4950.74 for Churches. For contributions of Sunday Schools, the amounts range from \$2.50 to \$175.00. The Fredonia Baptist Church contributed \$30.47, while its Sunday School is not listed as contributing.]

(Item 104)

1876 Oct 24 Paid T.D. **Wells** for Gass Burner(?) & Shades \$21. 2\$ off \$19.00

Recd of **Frazine** \$2.00

Barrell \$2.00

Doct **Pettit**

1.00

Morian

.50

W. Crocker	.50	Colburn	2.00	
Madison	1.00	Mrs. M. Grant	.50	
Blood	.50	Mrs Edmonds(?)	.20	
		L.B. Grant	<u>2.00</u>	
			12.20	<u>12.20</u>
				4.80
				Less <u>.50</u>
				Chd(?) Church \$6.30

(No 2 Slip)

(Item 105)

Recd of Sundry Persons to affect insurance on Church to the amt of \$3000 for one year
From Jan 9 **1877** Premium \$23.00

Paid by A.Z. Madison	\$3.00
" " L.B. Grant	3.00
" " D. Barrell	3.00
" " C.H. Parsons	1.00
" " H.W. Thompson	1.00
E.J. Wilcox	1.00
" " D.L. Shepard	1.00
" " A. Colburn	3.00
" " Mrs Morian	1.00
" " Taken from Interest on mortgage	<u>6.00</u>
	\$23.00 pb(?) is Chd in general account

(No 1 Slip)

(Item 106)

Salary a/c no 1. on Salary of **1875** to April 1st **1876**

1876
June 5th Baptist Church

To **L.B. Grant** Dr

To Balance due on Salary to April 1st as reported at the Annual Society Meeting to the Clerk A.Z. **Madison**
\$188.76

Cr

By Cash Recd on Subscriptions Slip Receipts &
1876 as follows

Jun 10 of N.L. Martin	\$1.00	
" 12 " P. Barker		5.00
" 15 " Mrs Boyington	15.00	
" 29 " O.P. Prescott	20.00	
July 8 " Mrs. Clark		25.00
July(?) 28" Jennie Bond	5.00	
A.Z. Madison	<u>40.00</u>	<u>111.00</u>
		\$77.76

(Item 107)

No 1 Incidentals a/c

Baptist Church in a/c with **L.B. Grant**

1876

Jan 6. Tr(?) Balance of account Rendered at Annual Meeting 212.54

Feb 17 Cash Pd at Fredonia N. Bank to take up (?) that was given 24.00
On Organ Purchase

June 16. To Paid Frigham(?) Plastic ring in Basement 1.25

Oct 24 " pd T.D. **Wells** on Shades in Basement see No. 2 Slip 6.30

" 2 yd Oil Cloth in Vestibule 65 1.30

1877

Feb 6.	" Pd Organ Blower From Jan 1 st	13.32	
" 7	" Pd Frazine 7 Ton Coal \$6	42.00	
	" 4 Cords Wood last summer \$2	8.00	
" 22	" Pd D.L. Shepard a/c	23.50	
March 1	" Pd E. Forbes Gass Bill from Jan 1 st	21.30	
" 1	" Pd A.Z. Madison Insurance see No 1 Slip	6.00	
" 30	" Taking care of Church from Apl	<u>75.00</u>	
			434.51

Cr

1876

June 9	By Cash by Miss Tillingshart	5.00	
" 10	By Cash " Mrs Boyington	10.00	
" 16	" Cash of W. Crocker (organ)	5.00	
Aug 2	" My subscription on Singing(?)	10.00	
Oct 1	" Cash of Mr Stan (?)		2.00
June 15	" Interest on Mortgage from June 15 1876 to June 15/77	<u>35.00</u>	
			67.00

1877

March 26	Church Collection weekly from June 1 st	129.66	
" 28	Cash donated by D. Barrell	<u>5.00</u>	
			\$201.66 <u>201.66</u>
			\$232.85

Amt Chd Church \$232.85

March 30, **1877**

1877

Incidental Expense & how part paid
Unpaid \$232.85

We, the auditing Committee, have this [blank] day of [blank] **1877**, examined the within statement of incidental expenses of Fredonia Bap. So. as reported by him in Annual Meeting June 5. **1877**, and find the same correct.
Auditing Committee

(Item 108)

A.B. **Hamilton** Request for letters self & wife
Oct 18/76
Rec Oct 18/76 & granted

Kennedy, Oct. 18th **1876**

Mr. **Williams**

Will you please get our church letters and send them to my address, If you could obtain them before our next covenant meeting I should be glad, as we want to unite with this church at that time, If you can not get them until your next meeting do so and oblige.

Mrs. A.B. **Hamilton**

(Item 109)

To the Fredonia Baptist Church, sendeth greeting

This is to certify that Brother Henry W. **Thompson** and Sisters Eliza J. and Jennie **Thompson** are members of this church in good and regular standing, And by their own request are granted letters of dismissal and recommendation from this church to unite with you.

Done by order of the church

April 9, **1876**

Brocton N.Y.

O.J. **Chamberlin**

Church Clerk.

(Item 110a)

Clymer N.Y. Jan 31. **1876**

Bro and Sister **Collis**

Though a stranger in the flesh, yet a pastor here, and near, by the blood of Christ, the letter Enclosed, so I am informed was voted you while Bro **Holmes** was pastor but for some cause to the society unknown, was not sent you. They again revoted letters and wished me to send them to you.

I trust you fully merit the commendation received and regret you have no one of our societies within your reach. I wish your residence and agency might be the cause of planting our principles and our church in Fredonia, they ought to be there. Possibly you might effect this.

Would you not do more good, and act wisely with reference to such a noble purpose.

With earnest prayers and good wishes I am prayerfully solicitous for your present and future good.

N.R. **Luce**

Pastor U.B.C.

A present revival effort at North Clymer is blessed with the conversion of souls.

(Item 110b)

This certifies, That Bro and Sister A. and P. **Collis** are members in good standing in the church of the United Brethren in Christ at Clymer Chautauqua County New York and are hereby recommended to the confidence and fellowship of Christians everywhere.

Dated

Clymer, Chautauqua Co. N.Y.

January 2nd **1876**

(Item 111)

North East Pa Mar 22nd

Brother **Williams**

As I am now nicely settled here, and the members of our church are very anxious that I should unite with them, Will you be so kind as to obtain for me a letter from your Church so that I can unite here – Hoping you and yours are well I remain your friend and well wisher.

Arthur P. **Clow**

(Item 112a)

German Bap Church Erie Pa

To Henry **Doarr** & wife Catharine **Doarr**

Recd May 6/76

[Two lines are not legible.]

Erie City April 6th **1876**

The German Baptist Church of Erie

To the English Baptist Church of Fredonia

Dear Brethren. Herewith we send Sister **Doerr**'s letter of dismissal, But Since She is a way of Erie about 9 months we can only give her a letter for the time she was here.

This is to certify that Catharine **Doerr** is a member in good Standing with us and at her own request is hereby dismissed for the purpose of uniting with you. When she has so united her connection with us will cease.

Done by order of the Church.

William **Ehlenfelds**

Ch. Clerk.

(Item 112b)

Henry **Doer** has made application for a letter of dismissal. But as he was expelled from Church about 2 Years ago Therefore we cannot give him a letter. But as he States in the letter to us and there in he asks us to forgive him and also acknowledges his guilt, therefore we heartily forgive him and would recommend him to you that you may take him up in your midst by confession,

Done by order of the Church

William **Ehlenfelds**
Ch. Clerk

(Item 113)

T.B. **Sweet**

Letter Dec 16/72

Irving Kan.(?) Dec. 16th(?) /72

Mr. A.Z. **Madison**

Dear bro

It is now more than a year since I left Fredonia and yet I can hardly realize that it is not still my home. No place on earth seems so much like home and no people so much like my own father's family as the brethren & sisters with whom I have so often held sweet communion. The ties that have so long bound me to the Baptist Church of Fredonia, I believe time or distance will never remove. Wherever I may move so long as I live my soul shall pray for that portion of Zion still, It is (?) and (?) desire of my heart that the church may prosper and be built up in the faith. I have not enjoyed Church privileges since I came to Kansas, Have seen but one Baptist Minister.

The Methodists and Presbyterians have had preaching most of the time and I have attended their meetings. Two weeks ago the Revd. Mr **Gates** (who is laboring as a missionary in Northern Kansas,) came to Blue Rapids and call'd together a few brethren & sisters (22 in number) and organized a church. I was with them and gave in my name with them.

(?) if the Church will grant me a letter I shall be numbered with the brethren of the Baptist Church of Blue Rapids. You will oblige me by laying my case before them at your earliest convenience.

Blue Rapids is five miles from Irving, and seven miles from my own place, I shall not be able to worship with the church very often but wish to help them much as possible.

We have no arrangement for preaching but hope the Lord will send us some one to break to us the bread of life.

Br. **Madison**, I sincerely sympathize with you in your sad bereavement. Of the many friends I had in Fredonia there was not one more highly prized than Mrs. **Madison**. She extended to me the hand of sisterly sympathy when I most needed that sympathy and when I became a member of your family I learned to prize her more and more.

I should have written to you at the time I first heard of your affliction but dared not make the attempt. Could not master language to express the feelings of my heart. May our heavenly father grant the(?) consolation that you need.

Yours in Brotherly esteem

T.B. **Sweet**

(Item 114)

[The printed heading reads:

P.O. Box 2837

Office of

Fay, Hazen & Co.,

No. 447 Broadway,]

To the Fredonia Bap Church

New York, Aug 31th 1876

Dear Brethren & Sisters

The Changes of human life have removed my residence from you among whom I have lived since my boyhood. I thank you for the confidence with which you have honored me in all my relations with you covering the entire period of my Christian life. I sincerely regret that I am not worthy of it.

I shall look back to the Fredonia Bap Church and the dear brethren and sisters in Heaven and on the Earth, who have and do compose it, with whom it has been my pleasure to walk in the fellowship of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, as forming the Choicest Associations of my life. Asking, if you deem me still worthy of it, a letter of dismissal and recommendation to unite with the Church where I reside, I shall continue to regard the prosperity of each and all of you both in spiritual and temporal matters as (?) to me(?)

Fraternally

Tr(?) Jno **Hamilton** Jr.

(Item 115)

[This is on stationery, the name "John **Hamilton**, Jr." is printed in the top center and

"L.M. **Bates** & Co.

Importers and Jobbers of Dry Goods,
451 and 453 Broadway," is on the left side of the page.]
New York, April 29th **1875**

A.Z. **Madison** Esq

Dear Bro

Your favor was duly received. I am grateful to you for all your expressions of confidence and brotherly love. Still I must positively decline the honors the Church have given me and request them on Sat to nominate and elect a man who can serve them as I cannot. I deem it positively wrong for a man to accept a position the duties of which he cannot fulfill. One who has grown old in faithful official service is in a different position like Deas **Pettit & Barrell** who should hold their positions until they reach heaven.

Yours Fraternally

J. **Hamilton** Jr.

(Item 116)

Rev. Mr. **Williams**

Dear Pastor

Since I last attended upon your ministry at the Baptist Church of Fredonia, I have changed my place of residence. I have removed to the town of Addison, Steuben Co. N.Y., and I intend to make this place my future home.

If consistent and agreeable to you and the church I would be pleased to have you send me a letter to the Baptist Church of this place.

Yours most respectfully and (?)

Elizabeth **Dickey**

Oct. 3rd **1874**

P.S. Please write as soon as possible.

(Item 117)

Pilgrim Baptist Church,

Lexington, Ky. Oct 23rd **1876**

This is to Certify that Sister Helen S. **Wright** is a member of this Church, in good standing and full fellowship, and at her own request this letter is granted commending her to the full fellowship of any Church of like faith and practice. When united to such Church she will be considered dismissed from us. This letter is good for six months only.

By order of the Church.

Lauden(?) **Thomson** Clerk.

W.L. **Threlheld** Mrd

(Item 118)

Cov M. May 3rd **1873**. R(?) & Col.d(?) Rev. L. **Williams** Jr., King(?) present.

7 Br. 20 Srs.

Services as usual.

Recd Letter Pastor H.M.J.(?) also Eld. **Husted**, wife & daughter. On Mo of D.B. Resolved that we invite(?) Br.

King to given hand of fellowship tomorrow in behalf of Ch. Pastor(?) of two (?) Harriet **Dodge** & Catharine(?)

Morian(?) – only the first now prsnt(?) Miss **Dodge** being asked (?) said a few more & sat down. Pastor

interrogated her & then at Br. **Grant**'s suggestion Pastor spoke of her. On mo. of S.S. **Crissey** 2nd **Grant** Resolved that she be recd as a candidate for baptism & when baptized to membership in ch.

Closed with Doxology.

(?)

(Item 119)

This notice to be read at one regular service of the Fredonia Baptist Church on each of two Sundays next preceding the time of meeting for the election of Trustees.

Pursuant to Session Laws of the State of New York, Chapter 329th, passed May 15th. **1876**, Securing to Baptist Churches in the State, the benefits of incorporation &c.

Public Notice is hereby given, That there will be a meeting of members of the Church, - paying pew or seat holders and yearly paying subscribers to the support of the Fredonia Baptist Church, for the year last past, both Male and

female, of the full age of twenty one years, (all such, being by said Act, declared legally qualified voters,) said Meeting to be held in the Lecture room of the Church on the [blank] day of [blank] August **1876** at [blank] O'clock [blank] M. for the purpose of organization under the act above cited, and to elect, by ballot, a board of Trustees of said Fredonia Baptist Church.

Fredonia Baptist Church, and the

By order of the present board of Trustees of the Fredonia Baptist Society.

A.Z. **Madison** Clerk

(Item 120)

[Transcriber's Note: This item is probably from a later decade.]

No. of officers & teachers 25

" " scholars 209

Cost of maintaining school \$60.13

Amt. contributed

a. Its own support \$58.92

b. Benevolence 15.41

Academics & High Schools 32

Colleges F. **Morris**(?)

Teachers

Dr. **Palmer**

Prof. **Jewett**

Nellie **Palmer**

Sarah **Stevens**

Alice **Albro**

Dr. **Albro**

Carrie **Flint**

Jennie **Wilbur**

Elnora **Tate**

Selina **Mayborn**

Annie **Wheelock**

Louise **Wilcox**

Hattie **Lyon**

(Item 121)

Pay to Sister Marcy(?) **Tate** \$10.00

E.M.P.

(Item 122)

[Transcriber's Note: This item may be from a later decade.]

To the Baptist Churches Comprising the Social Union of Western New York:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the duty of inaugurating and superintending measures for prosecuting the Centennial Movement in the bounds of the Union, have decided to begin this work by holding a Convention at the Washington Street Church, in Buffalo, on Tuesday, May 4th, commencing at 10 1-2 o'clock A.M., and continuing through afternoon and evening. Each Church within the bounds of the Union is, therefore, urgently solicited to send at least *One Lay Member* and her Pastor as Delegates to this Convention. And as this Centennial is the grandest undertaking in the history of American Baptists, it is earnestly hoped that no Church herein addressed will fail to be well represented in this Convention which is called for the purpose of imparting information, adopting a plan for the work, and giving the movement a start that shall be worthy of the vast issues at stake.

And as your Committee received no definite instructions in regard to either the Mode or the Scope of the work, and as there is a manifest difference of opinion upon these matters, the Committee assumes the responsibility of preparing the Programme for this Convention so as to make the discussions include the interests of our Schools of Learning, of Foreign Missions and of Church Extension, but shall leave the Convention itself to name the objects for which Contributions may be solicited.

The following is the Order of Exercises for the Convention:

1. An Opening Address, by Rev. E. **Mills**, of Forestville, N.Y.
2. At 11 30 A.M., an Address, on The Work of the Central Educational Committee, by Rev. Jas. B. **Simmons**, D.D., of Brooklyn, N.Y.
3. At 2 30 P.M., a Discussion on The Interests of Home Evangelization within the bounds of this Social Union; the Speakers to be announced at the opening of the session.
4. 3 30 P.M., an Address, on The Influence of Foreign Missions upon the Church, by Rev. G.W. **Gardner**, D.D., Secretary of the A.B.M.U., of Boston, Mass.
5. 4 15 P.M., Report of Committee on the Plan and Scope of this Centennial Movement.
6. 7 30 P.M., Address, by President **Anderson**, of the University of Rochester, on the Importance of this Centennial to American Baptists.

Ample Entertainment will be provided for all Delegates.

Emerson **Mills**,
 Abner **Morrill**,
 Albert **Coit**,
 Peter J. **Ferris**,
 Wm. **Elgin**,
 Committee.

(Item 123)

Marsena **Munger** Present

1876

Oct 18 Marsena **Munger** Letter Returned

This letter returned unused

Oct. 18. **1876**

The Fredonia Baptist Church:

To any other Church of the same faith,

Sendeth Christian Salutation:

Dear Brethren

This certifies that Brother Marsena **Munger** is a member in good and regular standing with us, and at his request, made at a Covenant meeting, held April 3rd **1869** this letter of dismission was granted to him for the purpose of uniting with you.

We cordially commend him to your Christian fellowship.

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

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

Done by order, and in behalf of the Church at Fredonia, Chautauque Co., N.Y., this 3rd day of April **1869**.

A.Z. **Madison** Church Clerk.

(Item 124)

1878

Mrs. Eliza **Willard** from Sherman Freewill Bap Ch

Sherman Dec 10th 77

This certifies that Eliza **Willard** has been a regular member of the Sherman Freewill Baptist Church; and when we are informed that she has united with some other evangelical church we shall so consider her regularly discharged from this church.

In behalf of the church in Sherman.

W.U. **Edwards** Pastor

Sylvester J. **Phelps** Ch. Clk.

(Item 125)

Ludington Mich.

June 10. **1878**

Mr. A.Z. **Madison**,

Dear Brother,

Your letter of the 5th inst D.M.A. **Maxwell** Clerk of 1st Baptist Church has been referred to me, as the Clerk is in Chicago for some time to stay. I am requested to acknowledge the receipt of your draft on N.Y. for \$2 /00(?) being twice the sum asked. I assure you it is thankfully received, and may God bless you in the givings. It is not surprising that doubts should arise in these times regarding such letters asking for money; but let me assure you that this is a true necessity. Our church has not yet been organized two years; and it is growing amid very bitter opposition from the other churches and is very poor. We had no Pastor at the time of sending those letters but have since engaged Rev. Volney **Powell** of Rockford, who is now working with us. Our church building is now nicely under way having the roof on and we hope to occupy it within 6 weeks. It will be neat(?) but cheap. I desire also to refer you to I.H. **McCollum** or S.T. **White** both leading men here and not members of our church. As to the identity of its church Clerk and myself. I am Principal of the Public Schools and have been for several years past. Also Supt. Baptist S.S.

Yours in Christ

John N. **Foster**

(Item 126)

W.D. **Lord**'s Request for Letter June 23rd **1878** on which letter was sent June 27/78

Grand Rapids June 23rd **1878**

Mr. A.Z. **Madison**,

Dear Sir,

Will you at the first opportunity request a letter from the Fredonia Baptist Church to the Baptist Church in this place. Please send the letter to me in care of "Seven" 25 McReynolds Block Grand Rapids Mich.

Yours respectfully

W.D. **Lord**

(Item 127)

Rev. C.B. **Parsons** request for letter for Sr. R. **Williams**

Dunkirk N.Y.

May 31. **1877**

Dear Sir:

The request has been made to your Pastor, and to Dr. **Pettit**, for a letter of dismissal from your church and of recommendation to the Dunkirk Baptist Church, for Mrs. Walter **Williams**, formerly Rebecca **Thompson**. I renew the application through yourself, by the request of Sister **Williams**, and hope it may receive the prompt attention of your church.

The letter may be sent to Mrs. W. or to myself.

C.B. **Parsons**

Pastor.

A.Z. **Madison**

Clerk of Baptist Church in Fredonia

(Item 128)

[There is a lot of printed text in the heading of this letter, most of which can be found on receipts such as Item 40.]

American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Our Field – The Continent of North America – especially the great West and South. Millions of Europeans, Chinese, Indians, Mexicans and Freedmen, are destitute of the Gospel and dependent on Missionary labor.

Our Work. – The preaching of the "Gospel to every creature" in this wide field – to organize Sunday Schools and Churches – to encourage feeble Churches in building Meeting-Houses, and to train Freedmen Preachers and Teachers for labor among their countrymen, here and in Africa.

[Handwritten portion of the letter follows.]

Home Miss. Rooms Feb 19. **1877**

Rev. L. **Williams**,

Dear Brother,

Your Pastoral of the [an entire line is indecipherable] or I should have replied earlier. I am none better, and came to New York on Saturday last. I much regret the mistakes in regard to the Home. Miss. contribution from your church. I doubt the wisdom of taking the contribution for Home Missions and State Convention at the same time. The H.M. Society is generally made to suffer from it. Still, if the churches would do as Dr. **Bright** himself proposed in his leading article in the "Examiner" a few weeks ago (which he showed me before it was published) that the State should raise \$40,000. for Home Missions and \$20,000. for the convention, and decide their contribution on that basis, then I would not object to one contribution for both objects. But to only give one half, or third, or less even to one Society, does not seem to me either just or fair. State work is important, but not so important as the great work in our whole country.

Now dear brother, the best way it seems to me for your people to right the mistakes in the whole affair, will be to take a special contribution for Home Missions before the 1st of April next. In such contribution your people could raise from \$25. to \$50. and not feel it at all. Please submit the matter to the brethren, and ask them to give it a favorable consideration. Your people will not want the year to pass, and no contribution from them for Home Missions. And then, the times are very severe upon us and we are in great need of funds. Please do all you can for us.

Yours Truly,
C.P. **Sheldon**

Fredonia Bap Ch

Collection or Subscription for both Am Bap Home Mission So,y & \$10.00
& as same time for NYS Bap Miss,y Conventions 52.85
All sent by A.Z.M. by mistake to Convn \$62.85
& afterwards he paid the \$10. from his own pocket to H. Miss

(Item 129a)

[Address side with a one cent stamp.]

Postal Card.

Write the address on this side – the message on the other

Mr A.Z. **Madison**

Fredonia N.Y.

[on the left side it says

"1880

Rev. Wm **Elgin**"]

[on the right side

"About 7. ea \$1. is say \$7.00

One (not a member) 10.00

The rest of ch. 1.97

\$18.97

Tried to get more of E.M.P. & D.B. but could not & Apl 3rd sent Drft 18.97"]

(Item 129b)

[Message]

Theo. Sem. Rochester March 26.

Dear Bro. Please do what you can next Sab. to have your Church's contribution finished up, Made as large as possible, and then send it to me as soon as you can well do so.

Very Truly Yours

Wm **Elgin** Cor Sec

(Item 130)

Received October 18th 1877, for the Baptist Missionary Convention of the State of New York, \$27 83/100 from The Fredonia Baptist Ch. pr A.Z. **Madison**

Edwd **Bright**

President of the Convention.

(Item 131a)

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

Freeman A. **Smith**, Esq., Treasurer.

American Baptist Missionary Union,
28 School St.
Boston, Mass. Aug 23 **1879**
\$20 50/100

The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of Twenty 50/100 Dollars, from
Bap Ch Fredonia N. Y. per A.Z. **Madison** Tr
E.P. **Coleman** for F.A. **Smith** Treasurer.

(Item 131b)

The same as Item 131a except dated Mch 31 **1877** in the amount of \$61.00.

(Item 132)

All Drafts, Remittances, and P.O. Money Orders, should be made payable to the order of the American Baptist
Home Mission Society.

American Baptist Home Mission Society,
Astor House Offices, Barclay St. Entrance.
\$15. New York, March 18 **1878**

The Treasurer gratefully acknowledges the receipt of Fifteen Dollars, from David **Barrell** Esqr.
Jn. **Whitehead** Ass't Treasurer.

(Item 133)

[Professionally printed leaflet]

What a Test Showed.

“A pastor being under the impression that a whole generation had grown up without having read the “Judson
Memoirs” or the early history of our Foreign Missions, requested such as had, who were under twenty-five years of
age, to hold up their hands. Not a hand was raised. When all such over twenty-five were asked, a goodly number of
hands went up. It was found, also, that the only book of the kind in the Sabbath-school library was the “Memoir of
Dr. **Judson**,” and that this, so far as could be ascertained, had not been taken out during the year. This accords
somewhat with our experience. In one of the largest churches in Vermont, the pastor of which was a member of the
Missionary Board, we found that not a single copy of the Missionary Magazine was taken. It becomes our pastors to
see to it that the very foundation does not drop out of our missionary enterprise. It certainly cannot permanently
enlarge itself except upon an increasing intelligent interest in it on the part of the people.” *The Watchman*, Feb. 22,
1877.

For the purpose of awakening and extending an interest in the cause of missions, the Magazine is occasionally sent on
subscriptions of less than a year, in the hope that the numbers who have part in the work may thereby be greatly
increased.

Offer.

Any person may order the Missionary Magazine for
THREE MONTHS,

Postage included, as follows:

1 copy, three months	\$.30
2 copies, "	.60
3 " "	.85
4 " "	1.10
5 or more copies, three months, each	.25

Subscriptions can commence with any month.

An Opportunity.

This offer affords an opportunity to greatly increase the acquaintance with this, the oldest Baptist periodical in
America and the only organ of the American Baptist Missionary Union.

What Church will send the First One Hundred Names?

What young man or young woman will be one of the first list of Five or Ten?

Some, who have the means, will be glad to send five, ten, or more copies into as many families.

(Item 134)

[Three page pamphlet, at the top of which is a drawing of a building labeled Trevor Hall.]

Rochester Theological Seminary.

To its Friends, Greeting:

Our Lord commanded, saying: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest."

The apostle simplifies and enforces the work to be done in this wonderful language: "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" Christ gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, for the work of the ministry. "And he said, go your ways." Whereof said Paul "I was made a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power," "that I should preach among the gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ."

Is it possible that any real Christian can need more weighty arguments or more constraining motives to stimulate the earnest prayers and liberal contributions needed to sustain this Seminary in affording to gifted and consecrated young men, of our churches, the best possible education for the ministry, and to the largest number in the shortest time.

It should be kept distinctly in mind that these students come not as beginners in general education, but as advanced scholars, with thorough intellectual training, and ready at once to engage in the study of Christian Theology. As this course embraces three years, they will all soon be in their fields of labor.

"Christ loved the Church and gave himself for it," and is it too much to expect each redeemed soul to give his prayers, and what Christ demands of his money, freely, cheerfully, promptly, to aid in preparing those whom Christ has called to preach.

For twenty-five years this Seminary has given ample proof of its soundness in the faith, and its faithfulness in educating young men for the Baptist Ministry. Nearly five hundred have already gone forth, and are preaching "the unsearchable riches of Christ" in nearly every State in the Union, and in other lands; most of whom are in their prime, and are turning thousands to Christ.

It is certain, and a fact well understood by the most intelligent and broad-minded of our vast membership, that the strong pulsations from this seat of learning are felt by the denomination throughout this nation, and that its graduates in their life-work have given a much higher tone to the cause of Ministerial education, which serves to elevate and prosper all our higher denominational interests.

The Seminary was never more prosperous and useful than now, having an able Faculty, a very large number of students, good buildings, a rich library, and other facilities for imparting the highest and best Theological education. These are facts which have tended to draw to this Seminary its eighty students, who will need (with those yet in the University studying for the ministry) at least \$10,000 in cash appropriations this year. These facts manifestly increase the responsibility of the Board and the necessity of a corresponding increase of funds to carry on so great a work.

Should any feel to question the wisdom or economy of the Society, in the use of the money committed to its trust, we might state that all the members of the Executive and General Board are members of Baptist churches, and are of the best standing for Christian liberality and enterprise. Most of them are men of large experience and of tried integrity in financial matters. These same chosen trustees have, within a few years, given to the Society (Ministerial Union), for grounds, buildings and endowments, over \$200,000, and during the same time, for the current expenses and for beneficiaries, more than \$60,000. Such men are safe. They will not waste any portion of these large sums which themselves have given, nor what other friends contribute in sums either great or small. We may well thank God that he has given us the confidence of such men, and their money, and continued services. Thus uncompensated, they work on for years for the love they bear to Christ and the work. But unless the churches more

generally contribute, and unless their contributions are more in proportion to the increasing number of students, we cannot expect the Board, besides all other provisions, to furnish board, books and clothing for eighty or a hundred of these sons of the churches. Of 835 churches in this State, only about 150 contribute to this Society, and not more than 75 contribute regularly. To the pastors of such churches and other friends we are truly grateful for their sympathy and aid. It is to them we must continually look for help. Many friends of the Seminary and students fail of that deep, heart felt interest which commands their attention to the real wants of the Society, hence their inadequate ideas of the greatness and responsibilities of the enterprise, and the manner of doing all parts of the work.

For instance, the church in [blank] has a student in the Seminary dependent upon the Board, or his church. The church makes no provision, but leaves it all for the Board – which long since “resolved, that no young man who ought to remain, should be obliged to leave for want of funds, if they knew his case in time.” I think they have never failed. Early in the year, the Executive Board examines each student who applies for aid, and votes to him what seems to be needed for the year, to be paid in three equal installments, irrespective of what may be contributed. So the student gets his cash of the Treasurer, although there is not a dollar from his church. And if said church finally sends ten or twenty dollars, it may be with a special request to be given to their student, though the Board has fully provided and borrowed money to pay him (and every other beneficiary) and is in great need of all the funds collected, to pay the loans. No student should consent to take a full appropriation from the Board and the contributions of the churches besides, which ought, in all honor and justice, be sent to reimburse our Treasury. Have we not in our 835 churches pastors and able brethren enough who will look into this matter, and at once “devise liberal things” to help bear these burdens? There is no time to be lost in coming to the rescue. “Men of Israel, help.” Will you send, soon, some adequate sums of money, to meet the claims which the Board has on the churches to sustain this great work? Another misapprehension with some is, that collections for our Centennial may properly take the place of the usual collections for the Seminaries and their students. This result was not intended. It would be disastrous to withhold the usual funds for beneficiaries, and compel the Board to send away seventy or eighty students on this account. Give to the Centennial Fund; but give double to the Society which provides for a hundred of your young men of the churches.

With the most rigid economy in appropriations of cash to students, for board and incidental expenses, and in all other current expenses of the Ministerial Union, this year as last, will absolutely need \$18,500. The salaries of the seven Professors are nearly met by interest of endowments.

This is the great question: How can the Churches generally be so impressed with the importance of a well-educated Ministry, that they will give up as regularly and as liberally for Ministerial Education, as for Missions and Home expenses? Christian Ministers, to a great extent, hold the keys of Christian benevolence in their Churches. They can, by stimulating words and examples, increase contributions for any cause. And when will Pastors (many of whom once received similar aid) themselves give, and earnestly call on their people to do the same? Many have greatly encouraged us of late in this way. If Ministers ought to be liberal to any cause (and they ought), with them this should be first on the list. Such an example would show its power in a single year. And if the Pastor seldom speaks, prays or gives money for the object, however worthy or needy, his people cannot be expected to lead off in successful efforts to raise money for the cause in which a beloved pastor shows but little or no concern. What a responsibility.

Dear brethren, think of these Trustees with their immense burdens – with eighty students and all expenses and beneficiaries to provide for in some way (without any expensive agency, to collect money), and no prospect of immediate help from the churches.

Allow me, then, to entreat every Pastor to bring this subject before the Church, if not already done this year, and take a collection in some way – even though it be small, and forward at once to relieve our pressure.

Beneficiaries.

Special care is taken to ascertain what students asking aid, are worthy of it – most need it – and are determined to help themselves when they can, by industry, application and rigid economy. The Board requires every beneficiary first to exhaust his own resources and put forth all proper efforts consistent with his work as a student, to support himself. It requires of him a statement of all means of support, of all money received, and makes appropriations according to his necessities. And not for luxuries, costly attire, or expensive journeys. It seeks simply to help him meet his current expenses.

It is due to both Institutions here to repeat, that the "Rochester Theological Seminary" and the "University of Rochester" are not one and the same. Therefore, whatever is intended for Ministerial Education at the "Rochester Theological Seminary," in contributions, bequests or otherwise, for beneficiaries, current expenses, building or endowment, should be designated to the "N.Y. Baptist Union for Ministerial Education."

Form of a Bequest.

I give and bequeath to the "New York Baptist Union for Ministerial Education," located at Rochester, N.Y., for the endowment of Rochester Theological Seminary, the sum of \$---, to be paid to the Treasurer of said Union in one year after my decease.

Communications referring to business, or with funds, may be addressed to

Rev. S. **Adsit**, Secretary,
Rochester, N.Y.

(Item 135)

Office of Corresponding Secretary
N.Y. Bap. Union for Ministerial Education,
Rochester, N.Y. March 3 **1877**

My dear Bro. **Madison**

I am glad to hear from you and your pastor & church. May our Lord be with you all.

I am glad to get the Dft. For \$25. for our Common Cause. I always find to thank every body who tries to aid his own cause & ours.

The money comes slowly but considerable sums. Still I do not see how we shall avoiding adding to last years debt of \$5,000 at least \$3,000 making \$8,000. But what would the Churches have us do? Turn away half the Min, No we cannot – must not – will not. Enclosed find Recpt.

Very Truly

S. **Adsit** Sec.

(Item 136)

American Baptist Home Mission Society,
Astor House Offices,
Barclay Street Entrance.
Rev. S.S. **Cutting**, D.D., Corresponding Secretary.

New York, Mch 18 **1878**.

David **Barrell**, Esq.,

Fredonia, N.Y.

My dear Sir:

I thank you for noticing my appeal for Home Missions in last week's "Examiner," and for the fifteen dollars for which you have kindly sent a draft. I herewith enclose a receipt for it. So far as the work itself of our Home Missions Society is concerned there is no part of it which is not at the present time in a condition of active prosperity, whether in the new settlements of the West, among the Freedmen, or among our immigrant population. Our one difficulty is that we are straitened for funds.

Again thanking you,

I am very truly yours,

S.S. **Cutting**

Cor. Sec.

(Item 137)

The Baptist Church of Castle Creek
To any other Church of the same faith and order.

Dear Brethren

This is to certify that Sister Louise **Chapin** is a member with us in good and regular standing and full fellowship, we commend her to the fellowship and watchcare of any Sister Church, with liberty to unite with them.

Done by order of the Church

March 31st **1877**

Castle Creek Broome Co. N.Y.

A.P. **Phelps** Ch. Clk

(Item 138)

Paid for Music since Oct. 1st. **1877**. \$125.00
Barrel of Clothing & Freight \$52.50
In Treasury \$12.00

(Item 139a)

Rev. J.N. **Murdock**, D.D., Secretary
Freeman A. **Smith**, Esq., Treasurer.

American Baptist Missionary Union,
Tremont Temple.
Boston, Mass. Aug 29 **1878**
\$26 "/100

The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of Twenty six Dollars, from
Bap. Ch. Fredonia N.Y. bal. per A.Z. **Madison** Tr
E.P. **Coleman** fr. F.A. **Smith** Treasurer.

(Item 139b)

The same as Item 139a except dated Mch 18 **1878** and in the amount of \$8.00 from Geo. W. **Lewis** Esq Fredonia
N.Y. of wh. 7 was for old copies of Magazine.

(Item 139c)

The same as Item 139a except dated Mch 31 **1879** and in the amount of \$7.50 from David **Barrell** Esq Fredonia
N.Y. per Rev. S.S. **Cutting** D.D.

(Item 140a)

Whitehall Mich Oct 1 **1879**

To the Pastor or Brethren
1st Baptist Church

Fredonia N.Y. [written in different handwriting]

Dear Brethren

As a last extremity we address a few Churches for a much needed assistance in saving our Church property which
was to have been sold the tenth of this month under foreclosure of mortgage. A stay of proceedings has been
obtained till Nov 18th. We are few in numbers and poor and are doing all we can. We are sustaining Sabbath School,
prayer and Covenant meetings. There is yet \$350 to be raised to secure to us our house of worship which is worth
\$1400.

We trust and pray you will grant us a collection to aid in this the Masters Work.

Yours in Christian Love

K.F. **Morse**

E.S. **Stearns**

R.H. **Woods**

Trustees

(Item 140b)

Ahnapee Ch. Wisconsin

Rev. Geo. P. **Guild**'s

Recpt \$20.00

Fredonia July 16th **1877**

Received of Fredonia Baptist Society Twenty Dollars, contributed to seat the Ahnapee Church
\$20.00 Geo. P. **Guild** Pastor

(Item 140c)

Rev. G.P. **Guild**, Blind

Preacher Fredonia July 15/77

Amt eve. Col. \$20.
To seat this ch. Ahnapee, Wis.

(Item 141a) [Back of paper.]

1878

A.B. Miss Union

Skidders not on list of subscription
Frazines & Kazers do

Other benevolent objects

Van Meter Ch. 25

B (?) Ham.(?) 9

G.W. **Lewis** 30

Clothing W (?) by Sg.(?) Soy 52.50

= 116.50

(Item 141b)

1878

A.Z. **Madison**

During the summer Months, religious services have been had on (?)

1878 J.S. **Lathrop** pd. \$100 before

Augt 27. Chas **Martin** pd his (?) sub AM Bap. Missy Union to A.Z.M. very reluctantly, but, because he had promised to. Took no stock in For. Missions. The money never got there &c &c

Unpaid when Sent \$26. Augt 27/78

S.S. **Crissey** \$1.00

Wm **Higgins** .50 in work(?)

W. **Webster**'s family 1.50

Willie **Lord** .25

= \$3.25

Unpaid to July **1880**

(Item 142)

Collection of Jany 18/80

Amt \$12.08 in all & pd.

Binghamton, N.Y., December 18, **1879**.

Dear Brother:

As a friend of the Binghamton Baptist Church we are glad to inform you that the subscription in the Church and City has reached the sum of \$27,000, and is still increasing. The visit of the brethren to New York, Dec. 8-12 inst., was very encouraging, and will soon result in substantial aid.

The simultaneous collection in the State is postponed until January 18. Many brethren have already agreed to take this collection. All of our plans are being urged forward. We confidently expect to pay our great debt by July 1,

1880. If we can have \$10,000 outside of Binghamton we shall succeed.

May we not be assured of your prayers and continued support?

C.D. Middlebrook,

Chairman Subscription Com.

Conditions of Subscription.

1. No subscription is binding until the whole amount of \$43,500 is subscribed.

2. As soon as the whole amount is subscribed the Secretary of the Trustees shall notify subscribers, and the money subscribed shall be paid to J.W. **Manier**, Cashier Susquehanna Valley Bank, Binghamton, N.Y., and it is understood that All subscriptions shall be paid not later than the first day of June, **1880**.

3. Said cashier of said bank shall hold all monies as described above, until an amount sufficient to pay the entire debt, namely, \$43,500, is subscribed and paid in. If the necessary amount to pay the entire debt, \$43,500, is not paid

in on or prior to first day of July, **1880**, said Cashier of said Bank shall repay the entire subscription that may be paid in, to the respective subscribers.

4. The following named gentlemen are appointed Associate Collectors, and are authorized to receive monies and pay them to the depository agent at the bank designated: C.D. **Middlebrook**, R.H. **Meagley**, Eleazer **Osborn**, Avery **Crouse**.

(Item 143)

Office of Corresponding Secretary

“New York Baptist Union for Ministerial Education.”

Rochester, N.Y., Feb. 6 **1878**

A.Z. **Madison** Esq.

Dear Brother,

Yours of 4th with draft for \$17.50, is received. Enclosed please find receipt for the same. I wish of course, that the amount could have been large, but that is a matter to be left with your good people. Your letter is interesting as an illustration of how things were once done. But what a few men can do, all men cannot. Not every man could be a Benjamin Franklin if he should try Franklin’s method.

Some of our students fully support themselves; but there are not pulpits enough, or vacant places enough in schools, or other situations to be obtained, to employ sixty or seventy students for the ministry gathered in one school. Unless we receive more than we have received, but one alternative remains, viz: to tell these young men that there is nothing in the Treasury for them, and let them go forth in their crudeness to preach. And among these are some men of the best promise. Certainly we cannot appropriate what we have not; and the tendency in all churches is in the same direction as yours. The outlook is very dull for us – it seems as though not more than \$2,500 could come from the churches for our work, and we need more than twice that.

Fraternally

H.L. **Morehouse**

(Item 144)

1877

L.B. **Grant**’s Recapitulation of accts with Church & So,y

Baptist Church account with L.B. **Grant**

Recapitulation

1877 March 30 **1877**

March 30 Balance of Incidental account	232.85
" " Balance of Salary Account to April 1 st 1876	77.76
" " Paid Revd L. Williams on Salary from April 1 st 76 to April 1 st 1877	1223.87
" " Cash Pd Shepard	<u>28.84</u>
	1563.32

1877

March 30 Recd on Slip Rents Subscriptions &c from April 1st 76 to this date 1563.32

Leaving a balance due Recd. Mr. **Williams** on Salary up to April 1st from the Church 276.13

Mar 30 Amount Due on Subscriptions &c 259.18

Gross Amount of Slip Rents Subscription 7 Donation from April 1st 76 to April 1st 77 1822.50

Collections 1563.32

Unpaid Ap 1st 259.18

1822.50

The Society has a mortgage against (?) of \$500. (?) for Cash of the Estate of Levi **Selleck** which has been running some 100.12 (?) upon which (?) has been annually Paid up to June(?) 15 **1877**. Said Mortgage is in the hands of A.Z. **Madison** Clerk of the Society.

L.B. **Grant**

We, the Auditing Committee, have this (?) day of (?) **1877**, examined the within Statements of L.B. **Grant** as reported by him in the Annual Meeting of the Fredonia Baptist Society June 5 **1877**, and find the same correct.
Auditing Committee

(Item 145)

1877

June 5th. Annl. M.

L.B. **Grant**'s Report from Apl 1/76 to April 1st **1877**.

Receipts & Disbursements with items recd.

We, the Auditing Committee, duly appointed, have this (?) day of (?) **1877**, examined the within accounts as Reported by L.B. **Grant** in Annual So,y Meeting June 5 **1877**, and find the same correct.
Auditing Committee

(Item 146)

1876

L.B. **Grant**'s Report of Salary acct 1 Apl/75 to 1 Apl/76 as to bal. reported in Annl. Meeting of So.

We, the Auditing Committee, have this (?) day of (?) **1877**, examined the Statement of Salary acct. from April 1/75 to April 1/76 by L.B. **Grant** as Reported by him in Annual So. Meeting June 5 **1877**, & find the same correct.
Auditing Committee

(Item 147)

Slip Rents Subscriptions & Donations to the Baptist Church from April 1st **1876** to April 1st 77

	Amt	March 30 Unpaid	March 30 Paid
X Mrs Barrno (?)	10.00		10.00
D. Barrell	75.00		75.00
Mrs. Bailey	16.00	8.00	8.00
Mrs. Boyington	20.00	15.00	5.00
H.A. Buck	5.00	5.00	
P. Baron	10.00	5.00	5.00
X Mrs. Bond	5.00		5.00
X Jennie Bond	3.00		3.00
X G.N.(?) Blood	10.00		10.00
X L.S. Barber	11.00		11.00
Mrs. Carter & Kazer	15.00	1.88	13.12
W. Crocker	32.00	22.00	10.00
X Mrs. S.S. Clark	25.00		25.00
X Mrs. Cobb	5.00		5.00
X A. Colborn	85.00		85.00
S.S. Crissey	25.00	25.00	
X John Chandler	10.00		10.00
Newton(?) Crissey	20.00	10.00	10.00
X Forest Crissey	5.00		5.00
X E. Davis	29.00		29.00
I.H. Damon	3.00	3.00	
Henry Doarr	12.00	12.00	
Wilbur Dunn	2.00	2.00	
X Mrs. Edmunds	11.00		11.00
X C. Edmunds	5.00		5.00
X R. Elliott	5.00		5.00
X G.N. Frazine	25.00		25.00
X Mrs. Gates	20.00		20.00
X L.B. Grant	300.00		300.00
X Mrs. M. Grant	23.00		23.00
G.H. Gran & Wife	7.00	7.00	

Mrs. A. Hayward	22.50	2.50	20.00
X Mrs. R. Hayward	25.00		25.00
X Mrs. Holigreen	5.00		5.00
Rev. Wm Husted	10.00	5.00	5.00
X Howard Brothers(?)	15.00		15.00
X J.E. Hurder	5.00		5.00
X Mrs. Hutchinson	2.00		2.00
X Jennings	20.00		20.00
X Mrs Jones	5.00		5.00
X A.D. Lewis	10.00		10.00
X G.W. Lewis	25.00		25.00
X Willie Lord	15.00		15.00
X J.B. McClanathan	20.00		20.00
X A.Z. Madison	45.00		45.00
X J. Moir	35.00		35.00
X Mrs Munson	3.00		3.00
B. Merrill	<u>20.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>
	1111.50	133.38	978.12
	Amount Unpaid		Paid
Amount brot up	1111.50	133.50	978.12
X P. Manton	15.00		15.00
X A. Morian	45.00		45.00
X G.N. Marsh	10.00		10.00
X R.B. Morgan	5.00		5.00
X N. Martin	5.00		5.00
X H.A. Morrison	10.00		10.00
X Marcena Munger	6.00		6.00
Dayton Morgan	12.00	12.00	
X Mrs. Martin	6.00		6.00
X Mrs. Geo. Noble	10.00		10.00
X Osborn Boys	14.00		14.00
X E.M. Pettit	175.00		175.00
X C.H. Parsons	10.00		10.00
X O.P. Prescott	20.00		20.00
X Mrs. L. F. Parker	15.00		15.00
J.W. Parrott	10.00	10.00	
X A. Perrin	15.00		15.00
Professor Perrin	10.00	10.00	
X Mrs. F.B. Parker	5.00		5.00
J.J. Parker	10.00	10.00	
J.N. Rowe	6.00	6.00	
E. Rositer	2.00		2.00
X C. Stanley	20.00		20.00
D.L. Shepard	30.00	6.30	23.70
Rolin Stevens	5.00	5.00	
Miss Starr	6.00	1.50	4.50
D.A. Smith	10.00	5.00	5.00
B. Skinner Esq	20.00	20.00	
X Mrs. Scott	5.00		5.00
X Durllo(?) Sloan	20.00		20.00
X Mrs. H.L. Taylor	65.00		65.00
H.W. Thompson	25.00	5.00	20.00
X Mrs. White	2.00		2.00
Willard Webster	15.00	15.00	
X Mrs. A.H. Wheelock	10.00		10.00
E.J. Wilcox	10.00	10.00	

X D.S. Wright	25.00		25.00
X Mrs. S.B. Webster	2.00		2.00
X Eugene Wright	10.00		10.00
X Cora A. Wright	5.00		5.00
Rich VanScoter	<u>10.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>	
Tr.(?) of amt.	1822.50	259.18	<u>1563.32</u>

(Item 148)

Stockton Dec 20 **1878**

Rev. L. **Williams Jr.**

Dear Bro

Yours of the 16th came to hand when I was not at home but I take this first opportunity to reply.

In regard to Artimas **Perrin** we have to say that he was excluded from the fellowship of this Church July 13 **1878** for refusing to comply with the requirements of the Church in the matter of difficulty between Bro **Perrin** & Bro J.S. **Parkhurst**. As regards the action of your Ch. in his care we have nothing to say, responsibilities must rest with them.

Fraternally yours

H. **Thompson** Ch Clk

(Item 149)

Troy, March 28. **1879**

Received of Bap. Church, Fredonia, N.Y. Twenty Five 50/100 Dollars for the Am. Bap. Home Mission Society, per A.Z. **Madison** Esq.

\$25.50 C.P. **Sheldon**, Dist. Sec.

(Item 150)

Due from Sunday Previous April 1st **1877** Slip Rents & Subscriptions from April 1st **1876**

[crossed off] D. Barrell	5.00
Mrs. Bailey	8.00
Mrs. Boyington	15.00
H.A. Buck	5.00
Philander Barber	5.00
Mrs. Carter & Kazer 15/	1.88
Washington Crocker	22.00
S.S. Crissey	25.00
Newton(?) Crissey	10.00
I.H. Damon	3.00
[crossed out] E. Davis	1.00
Henry Doar	12.00
Willie Dunn	2.00
G.H. Gran & Wife	7.00
Mrs. A. Hayward	2.50
Revd Mr Husted	5.00
B. Merrill	10.00
Dayton Morgan	12.00
J.W. Parrott	10.00
J.J. Parker	10.00
Professor H. Perrin	10.00
J.N. Rowe	6.00
B. Skinner	20.00
D.L. Shepard	6.30
Rollin Stevens	5.00
Miss Starr	1.50
D.A. Smith	5.00
H.W. Thompson	5.00
Willard Webster	15.00

E.J. Wilcox	10.00
Mrs Rich VanScoter	<u>10.00</u>
	259.18

Gross amount 1822.50 Subscribed &c
Rects 1563.32
Amt due 259.18
\$1822.50

(Item 151a)

American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Troy, March 28, 1877.

A.Z. Madison Esq.

Dear Brother,

Yours of the 26th enclosing \$25.50 is at hand. Enclosed please find receipt for the same. Much obliged. Say to the brethren of the Church, as I say to you, that none of you will suffer for what is given to aid the Home Mission cause. No more worthy and important cause appeals to the churches for sympathy and aid. It is the cause of our own country – of our civilization, our institutions, our welfare, and the salvation of our people. It is the especial work of American Christians – our work as Baptists. Please examine the enclosed circular.

Yours Truly,

C.P. Sheldon.

(Item 151b)

[This is a printed form letter.]

American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Through the noble generosity of the Corresponding Secretary and his wife, in their special centennial gift of \$30,000, to the Freedmen's department of our work, and a donation of \$5,000, by the Treasurer, the Society is enabled to enter upon the year 1876-7 free from debt. Our missionary work during the last year has been prosperous in all its departments. We have employed 267 missionaries. These have labored in the newer States and Territories of our country, and among the Freedmen, the Indians, and the Foreigners. They have performed 8,288 weeks of labor; preached 21,453 sermons; visited 53,752 families; attended 10,631 prayer meetings; baptized 2,032 converts; organized 65 churches; and gathered 18,747 persons into Sunday Schools. Our seven Freedmen's schools are in successful operation; and have over 800 pupils in attendance.

We are laboring for the evangelization and spiritual welfare of more than 15,000,000 of people. These embrace the destitute in our new States and Territories, the millions of Foreigners among us, 375,000 native Indians, and 5,000,000 of Freedmen.

The entire receipts of the Society for missionary work during the last financial year were \$175,534.38; of which the churches and friends in the state of New York contributed only \$23,469.29; exclusive of the special gift of Dr. and Mrs. Bishop; and of this \$23,469.29, the churches in the cities of New York and Brooklyn gave \$12,197.58; leaving \$11,271.71 as the contribution of the other churches in the State.

The churches in the New England States, with only a few thousand more members than we have in the state of New York, contributed \$58,714.29; the churches in the single state of Massachusetts with less than half the number of members there are in New York, contributing \$35,234.59.

All can do something, and would be blessed in the doing. Some can give 25 cents a year; some 50 cts.; some 75 cts.; some \$1.00; some \$5.00; some \$10.00; and so on. An average of 40 cts. a member, would amount to over \$40,000 from the State, and would be a noble contribution to the cause of Home Missions. Such an average could not be unreasonable or burdensome.

We urge it upon every church, to give an annual contribution to this cause, and to secure as far as possible something from each member. We are glad to find that the churches in our State last year gave to Foreign Missions \$42,679; but our denomination is greatly surprised to learn that these same churches gave only \$23,469.29, to Home Missions. Our hope is, that in the present year they will give not less than \$40,000 to Home Missions.

For the information of the brethren, we furnish herewith an alphabetical list [see *Item 103*] of the Baptist churches in the state, with the amount contributed by each church to the Home Mission Society during the last financial year – from April **1875** to the close of the books in April **1876**. Some churches may have contributed through the Treasurer of their Association and no statement of the amounts furnished to the Society, and hence no credit is given to them on its books. The appended record may not be entirely exact, but it closely approximates the facts. It is both instructive and admonitory. May the record of the present year be a more worthy and noble one.

A number of churches have contributed since the last financial year closed, April 1, **1876**, and their credit will appear in the accounts of the present year.

C.P. Sheldon,
District Secretary.

(Item 152)

The Baptist Church of Castle Creek
To any other Church of like faith and order
Dear Brethren

This is to Certify that Sister Anna **Lull** is a member of this Church in good standing and full fellowship. We commend her to the fellowship of any Sister Church with liberty to unite with them.

Done by order of the Church.

March 31st **1877**

Castle Creek Broome Co. N.Y.

A.N. **Phelps** Ch Clk

[in different handwriting]: A.Z.M. moved. Not present

(Item 153)

The Baptist Church of Castle Creek to any other Church like faith and order
Greeting

Dear Brethren

This is to certify that Sister Franke **Leull**(?) is a member of this Church in good standing and full fellowship. At her request we grant her this letter of dismission with liberty to unite with any other Sister Church.

Done by order of the Church June 2nd **1877**

Castle Creek Broome Co. N.Y.

A.N. **Phelps** Ch Clk

[in different handwriting]: D.G. **Sweet** moved.

(Item 154)

The Fredonia Baptist Church:
To the Clymer Baptist Church or,
To any other church of the same faith,
Sendeth Christian Salutation:

Dear Brethren

This certifies that Bro & Sister George **Tate** & Eliza M. **Tate**, his wife, are members in good and regular standing with us, and at their request, made at a regular service meeting, held April 29th **1877**, this letter of dismission was granted to them for the purpose of uniting with you.

We cordially commend them to your Christian fellowship.

When united with you their membership with us will cease.

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

Done by order, and in behalf of the Church at Fredonia, Chautauque Co., N.Y., this 29th day of April **1877**.

A.Z. **Madison** Church Clerk.

[on the back]: I think this will reach you in time for your next Covt. Meeting.

[also, another note]: The within named persons were received into the Clymer Baptist Church May 6th 1877
P.M. **Gleason**
Church Clerk.

(Item 155)

J.M. **DeWitt**
Mch 9/79 Request
Dismd. Mch 13/79

Granted Mch 13/79

Elmira March 9th/79
Dear Brother

As I expect to make Elmira my home for an unlimited time in the future I thought to ask for a letter so that I may have a home in one of the churches here. Rev. **McHenry**(?) of the first Baptist church here, wishes me to obtain a letter to his church. I have attended this church regularly since I came here, and feel with an interest in Church Sunday School work. If you grant me a letter I will try(?) and be a shining light from your church. I am well and doing well. I remain respectfully your Brother in Christ.

J.M. **DeWitt**

(Item 156a)

Rev. Geo. J. **Squier**
Of Meth E. Ch Silver Creek for Letter for H. **Doarr** & wife Catharine **Doarr**, to unite with Meth Ch.

Silver Creek N.Y. May 1st 1879

Rev Mr **Williams**

Dear Bro

Henry **Doerr** a Baker by trade who is located in our town, came to me the other day and requested me to write you for him, asking for a Church letter for himself & wife from your Church that he might unite with our Church while he remained here. Please answer.

Fraternally Yours

Geo. J. **Squier**

Pastor of M.E. Church

(Item 156b)

[on back of Item 156a]

Fredonia N.Y. May 23rd 1879 The Fr. Bap Ch. to any other Ch. of the same faith & order Greetings

This certifies that Bro. Henry **Doarr** and Sister Catharine **Doarr**, his wife presented us a letter of dismission & commendation from the German Bap. Ch. of Erie Pa. in our Cov't Mg. May 6th 1876 on which they were recd as members with us. When they left Fredonia & removed to Silver Creek, (probably more than a year ago,) they were as in regular standing here in this Ch. By information communicated by Rev Geo J. **Squier**, we suppose they desire dismission from this Ch. with liberty to unite with some other; and the same is granted as above expressed.

This is valid for one year only, by a standing Resolution,
Done by order and in behalf of the Fredonia Bap. Church
A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

(Item 157)

Rev. J.N. **Murdock**, D.D., Secretary.
Freeman A. **Smith**, Esq., Treasurer.

American Baptist Missionary Union,
Tremont Temple,
Boston, Mass. May 12 1879
\$22 "/100

The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of Twenty two Dollars, from Bap. Ch. Fredonia N.Y. per A.Z. **Madison** Esq. E.P. **Coleman** for F.A. **Smith** Treasurer.

(Item 158)

\$17.50 Rochester, N.Y. Feb. 5 **1878**

Received from the Fredonia Baptist Church Seventeen and 50/100 Dollars for Ministerial Education at Rochester.

H.L. **Morehouse**

Cor. Sec.

April 6/80 I recd from Rev. Wm **Elgin** Cor Sec. a recpt for \$18.99 on similar blank & lost it about P.O. but have the letter showing it.

(Item 159)

Recd. of A.Z. **Madison** Treasr. of the Fredonia Baptist Church Eight and 50/100 dollars Amt. of Collection.

July 28. **1878** Wm(?) **McMerhose**(?)

Mrs. Eliza W. **Lewis** pd 50 cts more afterwards

\$9.00

(Item 160)

Womans Miss Co Ch(?) House paid \$18.00 as ac Suggested(?) in the Meeting(?)

Rev Wms & Mrs **Morian** said Mrs W (?) & the sum raised \$37.00

(Item 161)

The Fredonia Baptist Society

In acct. with A.Z. **Madison** Treasr. Cr.

1879

June 11th. By Balance of collections for the Poor

Then found to be in the Treasury

\$15.52

July 6 By Collection at Comn. Prof **Palmer** \$1.50

Augt 3 " do do .99

Sept 7 " do do 1.60

Oct 5 " do do 1.34

Nov 2 " do do 1.95

Decr 7 " do do 2.03

1880

Jany 4 " do do .73

Feb 1 " do do 1.11

March 7" do do 1.93

April 4 " do do .88

May 2 " do do 2.02

June 6 " do do (Before do the times(?)) " "

16.08

\$31.60

Dr.

1879

Augt. 27 To Cash pd. Newton **Crissey** Treas Asson Prng Minutes 6.00

Decr 24 " Do. pd. Dea E.M. **Pettit**'s order for Mrs. B. 4.75

1880

Jany 21st " Do. pd. Mrs. L.M. **Edmonds** bill for sugar &c

In Manufacturing wine

1.41 = 12.16

54 Grapes 2 ½ = \$1.35 donated by H.W. **Thompson**

\$19.44

Reported by Clk in annl So. Meeting June 1, **1880**.

On Motion of L.B. **Grant** seconded Resolved to accept & adopt the foregoing report.

(Item 162)

The Fredonia Baptist Society
 In account with A.Z. **Madison** Treasr.

1877

June 5 th .	Cr. By Balance of collections for Poor as then reported on hand		\$12.16
	By amt. collections at Communions of Ch. since Viz:		
July 1	Collection		1.70
Augt 5.	Pastor absent		0.00
Sept 2	Collection (Special for Pr. Minutes assn.)	6.48	4.78
Oct 7	do		1.17
Nov 4	do		1.77
Dec 2	do	4.54	1.79
1878			
Jany 6	do		1.43
Feb 3	do	(1. \$5.)	7.76
Mch 3	do	11.38	2.19
April 7	do		1.59
May 4	do		1.66
June 1	do Col. in year \$26.92	4.52	<u>1.27</u>
			\$39.08

1877

Sept. 4.	Cr. By Cash pd for pr. Minutes Asson.	\$6.00
Nov 27	" do pd H.A. Buck for 3 to 4 G. Wine	5.00
Dec 3	" do pd order E.M.P. Mrs B.	5.00

1878

Jany 15	" do do do & H.A.B. M.F.	6.00	
	" do do do Mrs. H.	5.00	<u>27.00</u>
	Amt Bal. in Treasury		\$12.08

On Motion made & Seconded, Resolved to accept and adopt the foregoing Report of Ch. Treasurer. See Record Book.

(Item 163)

Fredonia 25 Sept **1879**

To the Chautauqua Baptist Association

Dear Brethren

By a vote of the Fredonia Baptist Church I am regarded by them unworthy of a seat at the table of our Lord and consequently no longer fit for association with you in "the household of faith."

It is therefore my duty to resign the places of trust and home which I hold, The duties of the office of Treasurer, I have tried faithfully to fulfill, for the past three years and as trustee of the Widow's and Orphan's Fund I have acted for the last year. As one of the trustees of this fund, I invested the money entrusted to them and herewith send a report of its present amount, with interest received(?) to 7th Sept. it will still bear interest while awaiting your order. With my resignation of these responsible offices please accept the assurance of my deep regret that any occasion should have arisen to cause a separation from those, with whom for so many years, I have labored and sympathized and for whom I still entertain the most cordial Christian love,

It is a comfort to know that the Master was also misunderstood and mis-judged and his Apostle, Peter, tells us (1 Pet 4.13) in such an event to "rejoice inasmuch as we are partaker's of Christ's sufferings that when his glory shall be revealed we may be glad with exceeding joy"

Still earnestly "looking for the blissful hope and appearing of the glory of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ" allow me to subscribe myself in this hope and in the love of the truth

Your brother

Geo. W. **Lewis**

(Item 164)

First Baptist Church,
 Jamestown, N.Y.
 Rev. George A. **Peltz**, Pastor.

To the Fredonia Baptist Church,

Dear Brethren:

The bearer hereof, Brother Wales M. **Martin** who is a member with us in full fellowship, having asked for a Letter of Dismission,

To unite with you, we hereby grant the request, and add our hearty commendation to your love and watch care.

By order of the Church.

Jerome **Preston** Clerk.

Jamestown May 7 **1879**

Valid for six months.

(Item 165)

The Clymer Baptist Church to the Fredonia Baptist Church sendeth Christian Salutation

Dear Brethren

This certifies that Bro George and Sister Eliza M. **Tate** are members in good and regular standing with us and at their own request are affectionately recommended and dismissed to your fellowship.

By order and in behalf of the church at Clymer N.Y.

June 22 **1878**

P.M. **Gleason**

Church Clerk.

(Item 166)

The Ladies S.(?) Society during the past Associational year has sustained its usual prosperity, and though on a somewhat different basis than former years, have raised for home and outside beneficiaries

Cash \$119.25

Goods: 43.50

Whole amt. 162.75

Mrs. M.A. **Husted**

Sec & Treas

(Item 167)

Ladies Sewing Society organized last week, will meet at Mrs. Julius **Parker**'s on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock- all are invited to attend.

(Item 168)

Revd. Wm **McMahon**

\$9.00

Bethel Home Erie Pa.

Wm **McMahon** Supt & financial agt

(Item 169)

American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Motto – A Contribution From Every Church.

Sept. 7. **1877.**

A.Z. **Madison** Esq.

Dear Brother,

Enclosed please find receipt for \$12.25 from the Fredonia Ch. for Home Missions. Much obliged. Every dollar helps. We are in great need – our debt of \$20,000, presses us badly. But we must go on with our work and do the best we can. I hope your Ch. will do for us all they are able. I hope at some time to visit the Ch. and speak to the people in behalf of Home Missions.

Yours Truly

C.P. **Sheldon**

(Item 170)

Northern N.Y. Conference

Oswego District

Mexico N.Y. Dec 15/79

This may certify that Mrs. Corrie(?) M. **Flint**, the bearer, has been an acceptable member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this place.

W.F. **Heminway**,
Pastor.

(Item 171)

Fredonia June 13 **1878**

To the Fredonia Baptist Society

Greeting

The result of the recent Election of Officers for the church and Society leads me to believe that my services would no longer be appreciated by the Society. Consequently I hereby most respectfully tender my resignation as Treasurer to take effect immediately. The Bal on hand is thirty five 57/100 Dollars Subject to the proper Order. Thanking you for the long Honored position conferred on me by you.

I am Most Respectfully

Alva **Colburn**

(Item 172)

The Baptist Church in Sherman to any other Church of the same faith & order

Greeting

This certifies that brother Rial **Willard** is a member of this Church in good & regular standing and as such we cheerfully commend him to your Christian fellowship and watchcare.

Done by order of the Church this Tenth day of Nov **1866**

C. **Pettor** Clk

(Item 173)

Pilgrim Baptist Church,

Lexington, Ky. June 21st **1876**

This is to Certify that Bro H.P. **Perrin** is a member of this Church, in good standing and full fellowship, and at his own request this letter is granted commending him the full fellowship of any Church of like faith and practice. When united to such Church he will be considered dismissed from us. This letter is good for six months only.

By order of the Church.

Landon **Thomson** Clerk.

“The Church recognizes the loss of a valuable member in our Brother”

(Item 174)

The Fredonia Baptist Society on acct. with A.Z. **Madison** Treasr.

1878

June 11. Cr. By Amt. Balance on hand as then Reported & same adopted	\$12.08	
July 7 Pastor absent on vacation – no service in Ch. no Col.	0.00	
Augt. 4 Pastor returned 3 rd Col. at Commn.	.89	
Sept 1 Col. special for Pr. Minutes Chaut Asson.	4.51	
Oct. 6 Col. at Commn.	1.49	
Nov 3 Col. " "		2.36
Dec 1 Col. " "		2.22
1879		
Jany 5 No Covt. M'g No Comn. (Great Snow storm) no col.	0.00	
Feb 2 Col. at Commn.	1.91	
March 2 Col. " "		2.21
April 6 Col. " "		1.69
May 4 Col. " "		1.32
June 1 Col. " "		<u>1.60</u>
		\$32.28

1878

Sept 4	Dr. To Cash pd for Pr.g Minutes	\$6.00		
Oct 15	" pd H.A. Buck for over 2 Gs. Wine	3.00		
" "	" L.B. Grant on Dea Buck 's order		3.50	
Nov 6	" Express Chgs. Pkg. Minutes Randolph	.50		
Dec 11	" Sundries(?) on Dea Pettit order	1.76		
1879				
Mch 17	" Rev. L. Williams wish wood Mrs C.	<u>2.00</u>		
			<u>\$16.76</u>	
			Balance in Treas.y	\$15.52
	Amt. pd by A.Z.M. for ins. \$3000 Commerce to Jay 9/79	\$23.00		
			Do to Feb 6/80	23.50
	Do (?) 1500 to July 3/78		12.25	
	" do 3000 to July 5/79		<u>23.50</u>	\$82.25
	Do 1500 Commercial to July 3/79			<u>11.75</u>
				\$94.00
	Cr. By Interest of Geo. Tate Jay 4/78	\$8.75		
			July 2/78	17.50
			Dec 14/78 for Jay 1/79	<u>17.50</u>
				<u>43.75</u>
				\$50.25

(Item 175a)

1872 Mch 4.

Henry V. **Perrin**

Request for letter

Voted letter on this eve Mch 7/72

Jackson March 4th **1872**

A.Z. **Madison**

Fredonia N.Y.

Dr Sir,

I have settled down to business in this city, where I will probably remain sometime and not be a drifting around as I have been for the last few years.

As there is a large and prosperous Baptist society here with which I have become some acquainted I would like to become connected with the church here. I would therefore ask for a letter from the church at Fredonia.

The society have just completed a beautiful building at a cost of about sixty five Thousand Dollars which will be dedicated the 10th inst.

Meetings are now being held week day evenings and although there is no revival yet there is quite an interest being manifested both in the church and congregation. I enclose you the program of the dedicatory exercises. Yours Truly

H.V. **Perrin**

(Item 175b)

[This item is a newspaper clipping from Jackson.]

Jackson.

A new banking institution by the name of the "Jackson County Bank," has been organized here by H.S. **Ismon**, W.B. **Reynolds**, F.C. **Watkins**, H.V. **Perrin** and Thomas **Cowley**. A savings bank will be attached to the institution.

The officers of the bank are: President – H.S. **Ismon**; Vice President – W.B. **Reynolds**; Cashier – H.V. **Perrin**.

A citizens meeting will be held on the 8th for the purpose of voting on the question of authorizing the Common Council to raise \$4,500 for a fire alarm telegraph.

(Item 176)

To the Fredonia Baptist Church

Dear Brethren & Sisters,

After mature reflection, we feel compelled as a sense of duty, to ourselves, and to the Church, to present this communication. Several years ago, (& in reference to One of us many years ago) you called on us to serve you in

the capacity of Deacons. Believing it to be our duty to submit ourselves to the government of Christ in the Church, we have, by our acts, shown our assent to your call, though with much sacrifice of feeling. We have served you as we were able, though imperfectly, and in weakness, until now, while the infirmities of age are pressing upon us, with the failure of our Physical powers, we decline longer to occupy the position, and respectfully present this our resignation, to take effect at the close of the approaching Sabbath, and request your early action in the appointment of others of our number to take our place, with the sincere hope, they may serve you, and the Saviour, more acceptably, & faithfully than we have done.

Affectionately, Your Brethren,
Fredonia October 31st **1874**
E.M. **Pettit**
David **Barrell**

(Item 177)

The Baptist Church of Cassadaga N.Y.

To any Baptist Church of the same Faith

Dear Brethren. This is to certify that Dea. Benjamin **Merrill**, is a member of this Church in good standing, and as such we most affectionately recommend him to your watch care & fellowship, with liberty to unite.

And may the Lord crown your union with mutual & eternal blessings.

Done by order of the Church.

March 28th **1875**.

Chas **Phillips**
Clerk.

(Item 178)

The Baptist Church Dunkirk N.Y.

To the Baptist Church Fredonia N.Y.

Sendeth Christian Salutation.

Dear Brethren

This certifies that Mrs. Mary A. **Kendall** is a member in regular standing and fellowship with us, and at her request made through your Pastor Rev. L. **Williams** this Letter of dismissal is granted for the purpose of uniting with you.

We most affectionately recommend her to your Christian fellowship and watch-care praying that the Lord will crown your Union with mutual and eternal blessings.

In behalf of the Church.

Alexr **Williams**

Church Clerk.

Dunkirk May 16th/77

“Good for one year.”

(Item 179)

Office of

Alexander **Williams**,

58 Center Street,

Dunkirk, N.Y. June 1st **1876**

Mr. A.Z. **Madison**

Dear Brother

By permission of Mr. James **Robinson** and wife I write to ask that you will please present to your Church at your earliest convenience their request for Letters to unite with the 1st Baptist Church, Dunkirk.

Hoping to hear from you soon I remain

Your brother in Christ

Alexr. **Williams**

(Item 180)

Brethren and Sisters. It is about three years since I have met with you in the Covenant Meeting or have partaken with you the Lord's Supper. I feel call'd upon at this time to give you some of the reasons for such seeming delinquency.

Twenty years since I united with the First Baptist Church in Racine under the Pastorate of Rev. O.O. **Stearns** & then and there related the exercises of my mind and my views in regard to the doctrines of the Church. I dissented from restricted Communion, believing that the Church of Christ signifies the whole body of real Christians throughout the world who have been baptized and while I hold that immersion is the mode for me, and that baptism in any form is not a saving Ordinance it would do my Conscience no violence to Commune with Evangelical Christians who apply water to the subject for baptism instead of the subject to the water and who believe they have Complied with the Commands of the Savior.

There were no objections to my admission into the Church on account of my being in favor of Open Communion. I related what I have stated to one of the brethren of this Church some three years since who said that I could not have united with this Church and as I thought gave me to understand that it was no place for me. If this is the feeling of any member of this Church at this time my desire is that you will erase my name from your books.

I shall take it kindly.

[Unsigned]

(Item 181)

The Baptist Church of Castle Creek

To any other Church of the same faith and order

Dear Brethren

This is to Certify that Sister Harriett **Lull**(?) is a member with us in good and regular standing and full fellowship. At her request we grant her this letter of dismissal and recommendation with liberty to unite with any Sister Church.

Done by order of the Church March 31st **1877**

A.N. **Phelps** Ch Clk

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(Item 182)

The First Regular Baptist Church of Greeley Colo.

To any Baptist Church of like faith & order

Dear Brethren

This is to Certify That Bro & Sister James **Kibler** are Members of this Church in good and regular standing; and are, at their own request, hereby dismissed from us to unite with you. When they shall have so united, of which you will please inform us, their connection with us will cease.

May the blessing of God rest on them & on you.

Done by order and in behalf of the Church.

Greeley Colo Nov 25th **1875**

H.R. **Denroche** Church Clerk

This letter is valid for six months.

(Item 183a)

This may certify that Sister Martha **Husted** is a member of the Harmony Baptist Church at Panama N.Y. and in good standing and granted this letter of commendation & dismissal at her request with liberty to unite with any chh of like faith & practice. If so united and we notified of the same her relation to us will cease.

In behalf of the chh

Panama March 1. **1873**

A. **Blackmer** Clerk

(Item 183b)

The Harmony Baptist Church of Christ at Panama Chaut. Co. N.Y.

To any Chh. of like faith & practice

Sendeth Greeting

This may certify that Rev. W.H. **Husted** is a member of our chh. in good standing and granted this letter of dismissal at his own request.

In behalf of the church

Panama March 1, **1873**

A. **Blackmer** Clerk

(Item 183c)

This may certify that Miss Ella M. **Husted** is a member of the Harmony Baptist Church of Christ at Panama N.Y. in good standing. And is granted this letter of commendation & dismissal at her request with liberty to unite with any church of like faith & practice.

When so united and we notified of the same her relation to us will cease.

In behalf of the church Panama March 1. **1873**

A. **Blackmer** Clk.

(Item 184)

Buffalo, N. Y.

30 July **1877**

To the Baptist Church at Fredonia

Dear Brethren:

Sister Mary **Marquardt** having removed to this city wishes to join herself to the 3d German Baptist Church.

Complying with her desire I do hereby request you to grant her church letter, if she is entitled to such.

Hermann **Meussdoerffer**

Church Clerk.

H 1 E. Tupper Str.

(Item 185)

The Baptist Church of Cuba N.Y.

To any Church of the same faith and order.

Greeting

This certifies That Brother Frank **Bartlett** is a member of this Church in good standing and at his request he dismissed from us to unite with you. We most affectionately commend him to your fellowship and watchcare.

Done by order of the Church

Cuba May 27 **1877**.

O.M. **Waterbury**

Church Clerk.