

Fredonia Baptist Church
Letters, Reports, Receipts
1880s

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.

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Items are not necessarily in chronological order.

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(Item 1)

The South Baptist Church of Milwaukee,

Under the pastoral care of

Rev. R.E. **Manning**

To the Baptist Church of Fredonia N.Y.

Of Like Faith and Order with Ourselves,

Sendeth Christian Salutation.

Dear Brethren:

Our beloved Sister Mrs Sarah M. **Kimbel** a member of this Church, in regular standing, having requested a letter of Dismission from us to unite with you, we do hereby cordially commend her to your Christian fellowship and watch-care; and if received by you within six months from this date, and we are so notified, we shall regard her as dismissed from us. And may the blessings of the Great Head of the Church abide with you and the Sister who leaves us.

By order of the Church:

Frank **Moody** Clerk.

Milwaukee, Wis. Nov 22nd **1882**

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

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

(Item 2)

Randolph, N.Y., Jan. 3, **1881**.

To the Baptist Church of Christ in Fredonia

In pursuance of the following resolution passed by the church December 11th, **1880**, we invite you to send your pastor and one or two other delegates to sit in council with us on the eighteenth day of January, **1881**, at 3 o'clock p.m., in the Baptist church at Randolph, N.Y., to assist us by your prayers and councils.

Resolution:

Resolved, That in view of the complicated affairs of the church regarding Bro. B.F. **Bowen**'s charges against Bro. B.C. **Willoughby**, a committee of five be appointed to take evidence in relation to charges preferred against Bro. **Willoughby**. Also to take evidence in regard to certain reports now in circulation detrimental to the character of Bro. B.F. **Bowen**, and to condense and put into proper form all the evidence pro and con, and at a suitable time to

call a council of at least seven churches to advise with this church pertaining to all the difficulties now pending in the church.

Carried.

It was then decided that this committee invite all the churches in this association to send delegates to this council when called.

Daniel F. **Nichols**.

C. **Myers**. Committee.

At a special meeting held January 5, **1881**, the above resolution, by advice of Bro. B.F. **Bowen**, was recalled and ordered erased from the church records, and in view of the liability of Bro. **Bowen** or the churches notifying the several churches called that there is now no need of council, we send you the following Call.

Randolph, N.Y., Jan. 5, **1881**.

To the Baptist Church of Fredonia Greeting.

Dear Brethren: Whereas certain grave reports and charges are in circulation against Bro. B.F. **Bowen** detrimental to his character and standing as a Christian and a minister, we ask you to send your pastor and one other brother to form an ex-parte council to investigate concerning the reports and charges against Bro. **Bowen**, also to take into consideration the charges ag'st Bro. **Willoughby**, and all difficulties in this church, to advise with us and take what action you may deem proper in the matter, said council to convene at the Baptist church, Randolph, N.Y., Tuesday, January 18, **1881**, at 3 o'clock p.m.

We and others unite in this call.

Daniel F. **Nichols**, B.C. **Willoughby**,

C. **Myers**, John L. **Sowl**,

Geo. **Babcock**.

(Item 3)

American Baptist Missionary Union.

Cortland, N.Y., July 17, **1885**.

Rev. C.E. **Smith**

Dear Brother:

In looking over last year's reports, I see that your church sent up to the Association a donation to the Missionary Union.

Can you do the same this year, and will it be possible for you to increase the amount?

You are doubtless aware of the fact that the Union closed up the last year with a debt of \$50,000. This was owing to the large outlay required for the Congo Mission, in addition to the urgent demands for the older, and still widening fields.

With the present financial situation, we can hardly expect hitherto liberal givers to increase the amount, but it is possible to make a more thorough canvass of the church and congregation, thus greatly increasing the number of givers, and thus swelling the amount.

Will you prayerfully, thoroughly, persistently try?

Will you look carefully over the plan for taking the collection, herewith sent?

In behalf of the cause,

Fraternally yours,

Geo. H. **Brigham**

District Secretary.

(Item 4)

Forestville, N.Y.

12 - 4th/ 85.

My dear Brother **Madison**,

I am very thankful for your prompt action on Church letters, duly received this P.M.

I received a letter from my friend Wm A. **Beach** this week, in it he said "I hope to congratulate you in the near future." I begin to think I need a lever I have not obtained yet!

Yours very Truly

A. **Le Roy**.

(Item 5)

Brocton, Oct. 21st **1884**

The Baptist Church of Brocton

To the Baptist Church of Fredonia

Dear Brethren:

You are requested to send two delegates to sit in council, Wednesday Nov. 5th at 9.30 O'clock P.M., to advise concerning certain difficulties existing among us, which disturb our peace, and threaten serious consequences to the welfare of the church.

The council will be held at the church.

All the churches in the Chaut. Association have been requested to send delegates.

Done by order of the Church.

O.J. **Chamberlain**, Clerk

(Item 6)

Sinclairville N.Y.

July 15. **1874**

Bro. **Madison**

Enclosed please find letters from Bro. **Clarke** and Bro. **Williams** in regard to the Home Missions funds raised by your Church.

I send a recpt which you can fill with the am't, and send me a check as soon as convenient.

Very Truly Yours

B. Morley

(Item 7)

Topeka, Kans.,

Dec. 22nd **1884**.

A.Z. **Madison** Esq.,

Fredonia, N.Y.,

Dear Brother,

The time has now arrived when it seems right and proper that I should identify myself with the Baptist Church of this place, so I would ask for a letter of dismissal from the Baptist Church of Fredonia to join the First Baptist Church of Topeka.

It has been my desire to become a member here, for sometime, but not being certain that I would I have delayed asking for a letter before.

Hoping the Church will see fit to grant me a letter I remain

Your sister in Christ.

Eliza M. **Prescott**,

N.E. cor. 7th and Lane Sts.,

Topeka Kans.

To

A.Z. **Madison**

Church Clerk.

(Item 8)

Angeline **Bridgeford**

Mch 7. **1882**

March 7th **1882**.

Dear Brother

When I sent for my letter I asked my husband if I should write for his, he said he would send for his soon. He has now requested me to send for it. He still enjoys his religion and we earnestly desire to be remembered in the prayers of our Christian brothers and sisters there that we may ever more on ward and up ward that we may prove faithful to the end. And I shall always think of the Baptist church in Fredonia as the dearest on earth to me for it was there that I went in to the watery grave to follow in the footsteps of our Blessed Saviour and I feel to say that he has bin guiding my steps ever since, and dear Christian friend, as I travel along on my Christian journey I mean to be faithful and in earnest, and I know if I weary not in well doing I shall reap my reward in the sweet by and by, where

I hope to meet you all. The name of the church we wish to unite with is the Tabernacle Baptist church. Please give my best wishes to Sister **Lathrop** and all my Christian friends.

Yours with respect

Angeline **Bridgford**

Please send us words of good cheer.

(Item 9)

Fredonia Nov. 10th. **1887**.

Samuel **Colgate** Esq.

Dear Brother,

Your letter of Oct. 31st. was duly received.

It is odd that should have sent a Harmony Asso. of **1853** for a copy of that year in the Erie without seeing the name, but it must be so.

You gave me a list of the copies that you have between **1849 & 1872**. In looking, I found an old No. of the Chautauque **1833**, and now send it to show you the old men.(?) nine years before I came here, & six years before the Bishop trouble, and also on the back, a table of our early Missionaries, with dates &c I heard Jona **Wade**'s first sermon in Elder Amara **Brown**'s Chh. in Hartford Washington Co. N.Y. when a boy, and later, I saw Eugenius **Kincaid** and his wife, Alma **Goff** soon after their marriage, in St. Lawrence Co. in Gouverneur, when I was Clerk in a Store there. Both those men, were boarders with my 2nd Sister, Mrs. **Barrell**, for a time in Gouverneur.

I have found 8 or 9 copies of other associations, one Harmony **1852** all of which I will send if you wish. I found also a copy of Erie **1851 & 1873** & of **1874** when name changed again to Chautauqua.

I therefore forward

Chautauque **1833**

Erie **1851. 1873**

Chautauqua **1874.5.6.7.8.9.**

1880.1.2.3.4.5.6.7.

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(Item 10)

Fredonia Nov. 17th. **1887**.

Dear Brother **Colgate**,

I have found a copy of Assoc. Minutes **1880**, and therefore gather up all I can to send to you. Have been looking three weeks for that number.

I put up a notice in chh. of the numbers from **1823** & on, that I wanted, but no report yet from anyone. All that I now send, were in my house and office, but not easy to find [The following phrase is crossed out: and I have left twice as many duplicate papers]. You will remember that the first or old Chautauque Bap. Association was dissolved in **1843**. I thought that there was no Assoc. from **1843** to **1847** when the Conewango Bap. Asson. was organized by ten of the old Chautauque B. Churches. (1st. Pomfret (not Bishop) then in the Buffalo Bap. Asson.) This was changed the next year to Erie Bap Asson. this was **1848** the year of the settlement.

The Bishop adherents, in **1845**, six chhs. reorganized a Chautauque B. Ass. And in **1847**, they also published Chautauqua Mins(?) which I have found. (Anarchy in those days, as well as now.) In **1848**, the settlement, & in **1849**, all together as the Erie Bap. Asson. & so run to **1874** when name was altered to Chautauqua and so now. Your letter of Oct. 31st/87 says you have Reports or Minutes Viz:

1840 – 42 – 43 when old Chautauque ended. (Also, **45 & 47** by the Bishop side Chautauqua.) That of **47** held in 1st. Bap. Ch. in Pomfret. This is right, & all by the Bishop side. Then you say, you have of Erie Asson. 1st an. **1848 – 9-55.6.8.9 60.1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.70.1.2**

You will see in **1848**, no 1st Bap. Ch. in Pomfret. But in **1849**, you will see the messengers of the United 1st Bap. Ch. of Pomfret, our first Pastor Rev. Salem T. **Griswold** and a Deacon from each party, & two brethren, one from each party, & that we "1st Bap. Chh of Pomfret," united, then became a member of the Erie Bap. Asson.

I now send you minutes of old Chautauqua Vol. **1833 & 1837** and of the Erie **1850.1.2.3 1873.4.5.6.7.8.9 1880.1.2.3.4.5.6.7** to date.

Two pkges in paper tubes Nos. 1. 2. which will give you with those had previously, a full list from **1848** to **1887**. Except **54.6 & 7** which copies I have not found, but will send if I find them, besides the 5. nov. in the 40s that you had. I have found several copies of the St. Lew. Asso. Steuben, Harmony, Orleans & others, that I can send if you wish, but you will probably get them from some one in that asson. I have some nos. of the (?) Miss'y. Convn. to the State Convention that you might have.

Truly Yours
A.Z. **Madison**

Copy, Mailed with Pkges No 1. & No. 2 in paper tubes 13 & 8 copies of Minutes to Samuel **Colgate**
Nos 53 & 55 John **Sweet** New York City
Nov. 17. **1887** evening

(Item 11)
Samuel **Colgate**,
Orange, N.J.

Orange, Oct 31 **1887**

Mr. A.Z. **Madison**

Dear Bro

Your letter of the 21. inst is at hand. I am much obliged for your full explanation of the Chautauque, Harmony & Erie Asss. I will keep your document with the Reports for reference. I have just looked in my Reports and find I have on hand the following.

Chautauque

17th 19th 20th 21st Bishop 45 & 47

1840 – 42 – 43 – 45 47 this last was held in 1st Bapt Chh Pomfret (In Chh as then)

Erie Ass. I have

1st Hun.

1848-9. 55.6.8.9 60.1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9 70.1-2

Harmony Ass.

3c Harmony

1841 – 2. 45.6.7.9 53.4.7 60.1-3.5-6.7.8.9. 70.1.2

These are what I actually have in hand of these 3 associations.

You sent me 20 Rept, 11 reports of Erie and one Report **1853** Harmony – making 12 in all.

If you can help me with any of the Reports of those Associations except those I have named I will be obliged.

Yours truly

Samuel **Colgate**

[A.Z.M. note]: Sept 20 & 5/87 I sent to Bro. S. **Colgate** 12 Nos. Viz:

1849.5.8 60.3.4.5.6. 70.1.2. Herewith(?) 53.2(?) Harmony

After recpt of this letter I found more copies Viz:

1 old ch. **1833.7. 1851. 1873 CHH. 1848.9 50.51.2.3.5.8.9**

Chautauqua **1874.5.6.7.8.9 80.1.2.3.4.5.6.7**

(Item 12a)

Samuel **Colgate**

53 & 55 John Street

Postage and Reports

New York, Sept 26. **1887**

Mr. A.Z. **Madison**

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of 15 inst also 11 Reports of the Erie Association and I notice your remarks in regard to the Association. I am a little mixed in regard to the dates of these Associations. Can I ask you to just send(?) its Commencement and end of each in,

Chautauqua

Harmony

Erie

I believe the two latter are not now in existence but do not know the date they expired. If you can inform me I will be much obliged. I will put on the other side all of the Reports of three Associations I have – if you have any others that you can spare I will be pleased to receive any.

Yours very truly,

Samuel **Colgate**

I have the following Reports

Chautauqua **1880.2.3.5.7**

Harmony - **1841.2.4.5.6.7.9. 53.4.7. 60.1.3.5.6. 67.8.9. 70.1.2**

Erie **1848.9 55.6.8.9 60.1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9. 70.1.2**

Oct 15. **1887** I wrote the above letter Sept 26. and before mailing was suddenly called out of town and I am afraid you have not received any acknowledgements of your kindness in sending me the Reports. Please excuse its delay as I have been absent and have this evening discerned my mistake.

Yours truly

Samuel **Colgate**

By mistake the Erie Asso is not printed in my list.

(Item 12b)

Fredonia Oct. 19. **1887**

Samuel Colgate Esq.

Dear Brother,

Your letter of 26th of Sept. and added to Oct. 15th. inst. was recd. Oct 18th. together with your printed list of Minutes of Reports, wanted by you from 43 Bap. Associations & 5. other societies or literary institutions.

In your letter above, you acknowledge my letter to you of Sept. 15th. and eleven reports. I sent 12. Was one taken out? or did you miscount? I sent Copies of the Erie Bap. Asso. of **1849** which was the 2nd year of that name. I wrote before I think, that in **1843**, the old Chautauque Bap. Asso. which was formed 20 years before, or in **1823**, was dissolved. The Bap. Churches in the northern part of Chaut. Co. & some in Cattaraugus Co. which made the old Chaut. Bap. Asso. that was dissolved in **1843** had no organization as an asson. till **1847** – 4 years, when a few of those churches Viz. 1st Hanover, Sheridan, Dayton, The Jno. F. **Bishop** branch in Fredonia as 1st. Pomfret, So. East Stockton, and 2nd Stockton churches organized a new Chautauqua Bap. Asson. in **1847**. The next year **1848** they changed the name to Erie Bap. Asson. as the territory for miles, bordered on Lake Erie. The settlement of the Bishop trouble in this Church now Fredonia, then 1st Pomfret, was made Feb. 14th, **1848** & in **1849**, Sept. our Pastor Rev. Salem T. **Griswold**, two deacons & two brethren (myself one,) attended the meeting of the asson. & presented the request of 1st Pomfret for membership, and we were recd. the same name, Erie, was continued until **1874** as see in Minutes of that year, at the bottom of 12th page, the name was changed again to Chautauqua, our modern, & present way of spelling the name Chautauqua.

In this way we ran, till **1879**, when we the Chaut. Asson met the Harmony Bap. Asson. (made of the southern & western towns in Chau. Co. & one Ch. in Pa. (North East, in Erie Co Pa.) and United into one asson. by the name “Chautauqua Bap. Asson” In this shape we continue to the present time.

You will see by the history of the Fredonia Bap. Chh. in the minutes of **1871**. that the same chh. “1st. Bap. Chh. in Pomfret.” Was the first chh organized in Chaut. Co.

The Ellery Bap. Chh as in Minutes of **1874**, organized by a Council a few days later.

I observe your words in letter to me “I am a little mixed in regard to the dates of these Associations.” I do not wonder that it is so.

First Chautauque Bap. Ass. Organized about **1823**

Same Dissolved. Sept **1843**

A new Chautauque Bap. Asso. by E. Bishop Chhs. Sept **1847**

Same changed name Sept **1848**

To Erie Bap. Asson. and this was added to by other Chhs, & ran to Sept **1874**

When name was changed from Erie to Chautauqua

Thence on to **1879** When Chau. & Harmony united as Chautauqua and thus now.

You will see that Chaut.a & Erie were the same Churches in Northern part of Chaut. Co. & a few in Cattaraugus Co. Now for Harmony Bap. Asson. I do not know the date when organized, but think in the **1820s** or **1830s**. I came here in **1842**, & it existed then.

Harmony, name dropped Sept **1879**.

Now I have a few things to state,

In your letter of July 20/87, to Rev. R. **Harvey** handed me by Rev. C.E. **Smith** you wrote “I have only the following reports of the Chautauqua Bap. Asson.

1843.5. 73 to 85 inclusive I am wanting all the rest.

I looked up scattering Nos. & sent you what I could find then not included in the above & the 12. Nos. were **1849, 53.5.8. 60.3.4.5.6. 70.1.2**

In your letter to Rev. R. **Harvey** of July 3/87 you only stated the nos. of the Harmony Bap. Asson. that you have commencing with **1844. 46. 54** & c. I cannot help you in regard to the Harmony. Some one in that territory should

do that. And as to the N.Y.S. Bap. Missy Convention I would suppose that you could be supplied in your City by the officer there.

In your letter to me Sept 26 & Oct 15. you put down Chautauqua Harmony & Erie, and write "I believe the two latter are not now in existence." That is true, and though I do not know the Beginning of the Harmony, I have told you the ending of that, & of the Erie, & beginning of Erie.

You say that all the reports you have are Chaut.a. **1840.2.3.5.7.**

And Erie, **1848.9. 55.6.7.8.9. 60.1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9. 70.1.2.**

(I do not copy those of Harmony.)

Now, if you will look the copies over, remembering that all of the Erie from **1848** or **47** to **1874**, should be regarded as the Chaut.a being one & the same thing. & write me the Nos. lacking (omitting the 4 years from **1843**, to **1847**. when there was no Bap. Association.) I will gather up what number I can, & send them to you.

Wanted Chautauque Bap asson

1841. 44. 46. 48. 49. Erie Asso

1847. 50.1.2.3.4.7. – 73.4.5.6.7. 78.9. 80.1.2.3.4.5.6.7.

I want any copies of Chaut.a or Erie Bap. Asson. Minutes from **1823**, when Chautauque assn. was organized to **1841. 4. 6 & 8.**

1850.2.3.4.6.7.

1861.2.7.8.9.

1873.5.6.7.8.9.

1880.1.2.3.4.5.6.7.

A.Z. **Madison** wants copies of the Minutes of the Chautauque Bap. Association of **1823**, (when organized) **1824. 5.6.7.8.9. 1830, 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.**

1840. 1.2.3. dismd. (**4.5.6.**) none. new Con **1848** Erie. **1850.2.3.4.6.7.9.**

1861.2.7.8.9. In **1874** name changed to Chautauqua. **78. 80.1.5.**

In **1879**. Chautauqua & Harmony united by name Chautauqua.

[A.Z.M. Note: Not a copy. Written first.]

(Item 12c)

Fredonia Oct. 26. **1887.**

Samuel **Colgate** Esq.

Dear Brother,

Your letter of Sept. 26th and added to Oct. 15th. and your printed list of Minutes, or reports, wanted Sept 25/87 was received by me Oct. 18/87. You acknowledge my letter to you of Sept. 15th., and eleven reports. I sent 12. Could one have been taken out of package. You say [you are] mixed and I do not wonder at that. For your information, you will understand, that the Fredonia Bap. Chh." or as then, "the first Bap. Chh. in Pomfret," was the first Bap. Chh organized by a Council in this Country, Oct. 20th **1808**. These persons had been (the 16)(?) a Chh. Conference" from Nov. **1805**. as see in history, in the Erie Minutes of **1876**. "The Chautauqua Bap. Association" was first organized in **1823**. In **1839** Jno. F. **Bishop** was the Pastor. The Bishop war began and "the 1st. Bap. Ch. in Pomfret," was divided, & two bodies claimed the same name & Worshipped nine years separately, one in the Church Edifice & the other in the Academy, on the opposite side of Temple Street in Fredonia. In **1848**. Feb. 14th there was a settlement, and the two parties or bodies came together, in the Church Edifice 21. & 84. = 205. members in good standing in the two bodies. Augt. 6. **1842**, I came here, with my family to live, and by letter self & wife, united with the 84 in Academy who were recognized by the Bap. Denomination, as "the 1st. Bap. Ch. in Pomfret" I came here 3 years after the separation but as to Fr. Bap. As.(?) 6. years before the settlement. Of the 205. above, there are only 21 left, now, living here – the rest are dead, or as in a few cases removed. We have run almost 40 years, in peace and union. The most hostile became the closest friends. Some of the surrounding Churches which were divided, by our troubles, have hung to it worse than we, ourselves, but it is mostly forgotten, as we of the Fredonia Bap. Ch. now, have a new set of people and 314 members & only 11 of 21 & 10 of 84 left. The proportion not greatly varied. The Chautauqua Bap. Asson. and the Erie Bap. Asson. are one & the same people, & Harmony another Bap. Association, in some 17. Churches. In **1879** the Chau. & Harmony united as one by the name of Chau. Bap. Association as now. There was before **1847** a Conewango Bap. Asson. as in the first Erie Asson. minutes of **1848** P. 8 which was part of Cattaraugus Co. & part of Chaut. Co. but I know little more of that, than the name. there was all the while, also, a "Cattaraugus Bap. Asson" in that Co. as now. I will rehearse as to the Associations. The Chautauque organized in **1828**, Dissolved in **1843**.

A new Chautauque organized in **1847** and then changed to Erie in **1848**. Erie ran to **1874** & then changed to Chautauqua, the modern spelling Chautauqua. Chautauqua ran to **1879** & then united with the Harmony in one of 30 Chhs. in all by the name of "Chautauqua Bap. Asson" and so now.

The Conewango Bap. Asson organized by some 14 Chhs or less in **1847** (by mainly sympathizers with the Bishop party) was changed to Erie Bap Asso. in **1848**. In **1849** the Fredonia Bap. Ch. which had been a short time with the Buffalo Association, and after the settlement or union of **1848** Feb. 12th to 14th. (Sat. P.M. to Monday) united with the Erie Bap. Asson. in session at 2nd Stockton, or Delanti, Sept **1849**. All this, is a bad time for even me, whom God has permitted to live through all from **1842**, & to be the Clerk of the Fredonia Bap. Ch as united, from Feb. 26, **1848** to the present time, to understand, much more so to a stranger.

The two bodies came together on a basis written by Rev. S.P. **Way**, for a settlement. In this basis, we agreed to not call the matters in difference up, or refer to them as a difficulty or grief, together with other things, and therefore, I leave all those explanations out of this. At the next Annl. Meeting of the Fredonia Bap. So. in March **1888**, I intend to resign my office, (if I live till then,) after a service of forty years, as Clerk of this Church & also of the Fr. Bap. So'y and after having been Clerk of two Baptist Chhs before – one in Gouverneur St. Law. Co. & one in Bath Steuben Co.

I write on legal Cap, so as to use fewer pieces of paper for you to sort over.

The Ellery Bap. Chh. History in Chaut. Asson. Minutes of **1874**, claims organization a few days after the 1st. Bap Ch. in Pomfret in Oct. **1808**. That was some twenty miles south from this place. The same Minutes, or some of them, and another or two were there.

In your letter of July 20/87 to Rev. R. **Harvey**, handed to me by Rev. C.E. **Smith**, you wrote, "I have only the following reports of the Chautauqua Bap Asson. **1843.5 73.** to **86** inclusive. I am wanting all the rest."

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(Harmony **1841.2.4.5.** & c which I omit.)

Erie **1848.9 55.6.8.9. 60.1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9. 70.1.2.**

In this, you say nothing of having any reports or minutes later date than **1872**, while in the list above you say you have from **1873** to **1886**, or last year. Now, if you will please look all over again, the Minutes of the Chaut. & the Erie, and write me a list of all the copies you have, or, of those that you want, so that I can understand it correctly, then I will see what more I can do, and send to you an additional pkge. If you have not the Nos. from **1880** to **1886** & **87** as soon as we get them from the printer, I can send all those, and by inquiring, may find other missing copies to add. We had a pile of them in the Chh from **1848** on to **1880** or later, & when certain women were preparing for socials in the kitchen of the Chh. they were tired of the old stuff, lying around, and they kindled fires in the cook stove there, else I could have got the entire set. So, they used up an outline Map of Burma for a pot cloth, that I had procured for the Sunday Schools.

Their estimate of the value of the things of antiquity.

I think your object a good one, to save the records of our denomination, but you have a life's work upon you, to get all those reports lacking in your printed list, and understand them, and file them, as you design, in a fire proof building at H.A. **Milton**, for the use of future generations. The Lord bless and prosper you.

Fraternally Yours

A.Z. Madison

(Item 13)

[The following is a printed document headed:

New York

Baptist Association Reports

Wanted by Samuel **Colgate**,

55 John Street, New York, Sept. 25, **1887**.

It contains a list of the Baptist Associations of New York state. Only the Chautauqua and Harmony Associations will be listed.]

Chautauqua [handwritten: & Erie]

1841, 4, 6, 8, 9, 50, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 60, 1, 2, 3, 4, 65, 6, 7, 8, 9, 70, 1, 2.

[A.Z.M. crossed out **1833, 1849, 1851, 1855, 1858, 1860, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1870, 1871, 1872.**

He added, in ink, **1833, 1873-1879** and **1880-1887**.]

[His note at the bottom reads]: Sent as this ink mark 11. Erie & 1 Harm = 12 copies Sept 15/87.

[There is a second copy of this report with years in other Associations crossed out.]

(Item 14)

[This is the Gas Fitter's Plan, Gas Pipe, for the Fredonia Baptist Church. It contains dimensions and measurements for the length of the gas pipe, in addition to a labeled diagram with the measurements written in. The total length of the Gas Pipe may be 172.8 feet]

(Item 15)

Established **1862**.

Horace P. **Perrin**,

Dealer in

Boots, Shoes and Rubbers.

Fine Goods a Specialty.

45 Main Street,

Fredonia N.Y., Mar. 20th **1885**

A.Z. **Madison** Treas & Clerk

Please pay the Rev. A. **Kingsbury** Cash or what other things he may need to Amt of 3.00. per Ch. funds

Yours

H.P. **Perrin**

[A.Z.M. note]: Paid 3. \$1. bills Mch 20/85

(Item 16)

State Convention Baptist Reports

Wanted by Samuel **Colgate**.

Maine.

1824, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 30, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 37, 8, 9, 41, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 51, 3, 4, 55, 6, 7, 8, 9, 60, 1, 2, 3, 4, 86. [crossed out:
1826, 1836, 1838, 1839, 1848-1886.]

New Hampshire.

1826, 7, 8, 9, 30, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 39, 41, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 53, 4, 65.

Vermont.

1825, 6, 7, 8, 30, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 42.

Massachusetts.

[all crossed out] **1827, 9, 35, 9, 42, 4, 5, 7, 9, 53, 4, 5, 56, 7, 61, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 86.**

Rhode Island.

1825, 6, 7, 8, 9, 30, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 38, 9, 40, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 50, 51, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 61, 4, 5, 6, 7, 68, 9, 70, 2, 3, 6, 81, 2, 3, 5, 6. [crossed out **1854**]

Connecticut.

1823, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 30, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 37, 8, 9, 40, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 50, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 60, 1, 2, 64, 6, 7, 8, 81.

New York.

1822, 3, 4, 5, 62, 5, 8. [crossed out **1862, 1865**]

New Jersey.

1831.

Pennsylvania.

1828, 9, 30, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 44, 6, 7, 63.

(Item 17)

Rev. P. **Perry** for Pastorate

Thorn Hill, N.Y.,

Onondaga. Co,

Mar. 17, 80

To the "Clerk" of the Bap. Ch. Fredonia

Dear Brother,

Seeing the resignation of your Pastor, I write to offer myself to be a candidate for the pastorate. I shall be pleased to spend some time with you, preaching "Christ & him crucified", & thus enabling you to judge of my ability to do good. "I am that I am, by the Grace of God." & therefore have nothing whereof to boast, & thus I must give you my references, of whom you may learn of me: I have written certificates of my character from my youth up: & they will give confidence. I hope, Dear Bro, that your ch. will allow me to respond to an invitation to visit, & then you can judge of my preaching: & from my certificates learn of my character &c. &c.

Please, Dear Bro, to lay this letter before your church & advise me of the result.

References of P. **Perry**,

Rev. C.H. **James** Skaneateles(?) Onon. Co.

" J.R. **Shaw**, Camillus " "

" L. **Rogers** Elbridge " "

" A. **Morrell**. Painted Post Steuben Co.

" C.P. **Sheldon**, D.D. Troy Rems Co. N.Y.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

I am, Your's &c

Affectionately

P. **Perry**

Pastor Bap. Ch.

[Handwritten note:] Replied Mch 2780 after the acceptance of Rev. M. **McGregor**

(Item 18)

1880

Binghamton Debt

Home Insurance Company

Of New York.

Agency at Fredonia N.Y.

Feb'y 10th **1880**.

C.D. **Middlebrook** Esq.

Ch'n Subscription Com. &c

Dear Sir,

Amongst others the Fredonia Bap. Church, recd the Communication of Solicitation from Binghamton N.Y. and acted upon the same, by taking up a Collection in that behalf on the conditions stated, Jany 18th. The amount recd. is \$12.08. When I was examining to find the sum, a brother suggested that it would be foolish to send it to the Cashier (Manier) there, and then, in the contingency, have it returned here some time; but better deposit it in the Fredonia Nl. Bank, and then remit when informed that the whole sum is raised.

Two or three brethren of more than ordinary benevolent impulses were not present when the Collection was taken & I thought to appeal to them previously for an enlargement of the sum. For the foregoing reasons, I have delayed to write. I have seen two of the brethren referred to, but without any success. I have seen no published statement of the result, as to the \$10,000 from the Churches in the state. They may, like myself, have remained silent, so that you cannot know. The little sum here is in the Bank. I await a line, even a postal card from you.

Truly Yours

A.Z. **Madison**

Ch Clk & Treasr

(Item 19)

Theo. Sem. Rochester

April 5, **1880**

Mr. A.Z. **Madison**

Dear Bro: Enclosed please find my Receipt for the \$18.97 sent by the Fredonia Bapt. Ch. for Min. Education. Your explanation is quite satisfactory.

Very Truly Yours

Wm **Elgin** Cor Sec

[Handwritten note: Took Recept out in P.O. 6. Apl & lost it, but above shows.

Recept found Apl 12/80 in Wallet]

(Item 20)

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

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

American Baptist Missionary Union,

Tremont Temple,

Boston, Mass. Mch 31 **1879**

\$20 50/100

The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of Thirty /100 Dollars, from Bap Ch Fredonia N.Y. in part, A.Z. **Madison** Tr

E.P. **Coleman** for F.A. **Smith** Treasurer.

(Item 21)

[The Envelope:]

{R.E. **Morian**

Recd Mch 4th

F.B. **Palmer** \$10 all on Subs recd }

Mr. A.Z. **Madison**

Fredonia N.Y.

[Letter]

Home March 4th

Brother **Madison**

Enclosed find 2 dollars which you will please add to the Miss. Union fund stating that they may apply it on my Life Membership

Yours truly

R.E. **Morian**

I am afraid I shall not be able to hear the sermon next Sunday. My daughter has been exposed to the measles. If she has them I shall have to go to Buffalo.

R.E. M

(Item 22)

[This is a pre-printed notice.]

Subscription

To liquidate the debt of the

First Baptist Church,

Binghamton, N.Y.

Preliminary Statement.

The holders of First and Second Mortgage Bonds have donated to the Church Twenty-Five per cent, of the First, and Fifty per cent, of the Second Class, and two years accrued interest, to January 1, **1880**; reducing the entire indebtedness to

\$43,500.00.

An amount equal to \$78,000.00 has already been paid by the Church and Society for the property, and they believe that there is a reasonable hope of canceling the whole debt by the First Day of July, **1880**. In addition to the reduction made by the Bondholders, the creditors to whom the floating debt is due have also subscribed \$6,500.00. Four plans have been decided upon:

1. An earnest effort in the Church November 30, **1879**.
2. A canvass of Binghamton City December 1-6.
3. A collection in Baptist Churches in the State December 21.
4. In response to invitation an appeal to friends in New York City.

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 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 depositary agent at the bank designated: C.D. **Middlebrook**, R.H. **Meagley**, Eleazer **Osborn**, Avery **Crouse**.

In consideration of these statements, and on the conditions named above, understanding that the Church property will be sold at Public Auction on the First Day of July, **1880**, if the debt is not cancelled,

We, the undersigned, agree to pay the sums opposite our respective names.

Binghamton, N.Y., November 29, **1879**.

(Item 23a)

Ellery Ch. letter for council to exam. & ordain

No one went as Clk learned

Ck read this Mch 18/80

On mo. Bro. **Grant** 2nd appointed Bro. A. **Lull**

On mo **Grant** 2nd (?) (?) S.S. **Crissey** with power of substitution

(Item 23b)

The Ellery Baptist Church

To the Fredonia Baptist Church

Greeting

Dear Brethren

You are hereby requested to send your Pastor & one member as Delegates to sit with us in council at Ellery N.Y. on the Afternoon & Evening of Thursday March 25th **1880** to take into consideration the propriety of ordaining our Pastor Bro H.H. **Thomas**.

Done by order & in behalf of the church this 13th day of March **1880**

D.E. **Smith**

Ch. Clk

(Item 24)

Potsdam April 26th **1880**

Dear Brother in Christ

I have been from Fredonia for some time and do not expect to return there and I should like a letter from the Fredonia Baptist Church to unite with the Baptist Church in Potsdam New York of which Brother **Boseam**(?) is Pastor. I have attended Church and Sabbath School here for about 2 months and should like to unite with the Church soon.

E.M. **Wiggins** Potsdam N.Y.

(Item 25)

Buffalo, April 22nd **1880**.

Mr. **Madison**,

Dear Sir:

As I expect to remain in Buffalo for some time and wishing to unite with one of the churches here, I have selected the Washington St. Baptist, Rev Mr. **Gordon**, Pastor. I write this asking for a letter from the Fredonia Baptist Church to this one. Hoping that you will favor me at the earliest opportunity I am yours respectfully

Mrs. J.M. **DeWitt**

68 East Eagle St.

Buffalo

(Item 26)

\$12.08

Binghamton, N.Y., May 24, **1880**.

Fredonia Baptist Church

Per Mr. A.Z. **Madison** Clerk

Dear Sir:

Reliable subscriptions sufficient in amount to pay the entire debt of the Binghamton Baptist Church have now been received.

According to the printed terms, your contribution of \$12.08 is now due. Please send New York Draft or Money Order to J.W. **Manier**, Cashier of Susquehanna Valley Bank, Binghamton, N.Y., who will return receipt according to terms.

The time for collection being short, our friends will see the necessity of prompt payment.

Signed by order and in behalf of the church at a church meeting Friday evening, May 21, **1880**.

Lucius M.S. **Haynes**, Pastor.

C.D. **Middlebrook**, Chairman Sub. Com.

Avery **Crouse**, Sec'y of Trustees.

{ Recd P.M. Fri. May 28th/80

Sent June 2nd/80 Bk Drft N.Y. }

(Item 27)

Binghamton, N.Y., Jan. 1, **1880**.

Rev. L. **Williams** Jr.

Pastor Baptist Church,

Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Brother:

Many of the Pastors of the State have already agreed to take a collection for the Binghamton Church.

Lord's Day, January 18, has finally been agreed upon as the State Day for the collection.

It is most earnestly hoped that three hundred churches will give us an average collection of \$25 each. Some will do much more.

The Binghamton Church itself will subscribe \$25,000. This is the utmost it can possibly do.

Binghamton City (it is expected), \$6,000.

New York State and City, we hope, \$10,000 to \$13,000.

J.W. **Manier**, Cashier of Susquehanna Valley Bank, Binghamton, N.Y., is the Treasurer.

He has no connection with the Church or Society.

The Conditions of Subscription make every dollar subscribed or paid, absolutely safe, as you will see by references to them.

The heroic efforts of the Church, the noble response of the City of Binghamton, and the cordiality of all our friends, lead the Committee to believe that the property will at last be saved – if New York State Baptists will all lend a helping hand.

Please consider the following suggestions, and do not decide against us. If you cannot give a large amount, do something for our relief:

1. The young men now bearing this great burden have inherited the disaster, if disaster it is to be. They had no part in originating the enterprise and creating the debt.
2. The Church has already paid out over one hundred thousand dollars since **1870**, including current expenses and contributions for benevolent objects.
3. It is admitted that the building was erected at too great an expense. But it is too late to remedy the mistake of others. The question is not, What can we undo, but what can we do, to save the property?

4. If Dr. **Wright** had lived, it is believed he could have carried the enterprise through.
Remember, Dear Brother, that a liberal collection from each Church in the State,
Lord's Day, January 18, **1880**,
Will save the beautiful and valuable Church, and prevent untold disaster to the Baptist cause in Binghamton.
R.S. Macarthur,
H.M. Sanders,
L.M.S. Haynes,
C.D. Middlebrook, Chairman Committee,
Binghamton, N.Y.

(Item 28)
[generic, printed letter]

Boston, **1877**.
Dear Brother.
In order to increase the number of subscribers to The Baptist Missionary Magazine, we are desirous to have some one canvass your Church.
Will you either make such arrangement, or send us the name of some person who, for twenty-five cents a name, will do the work? Is there not some one to whom this commission would prove acceptable, and one who would at the same time be willing thus to aid the great cause of Missions?
Let us hear from you.
The Baptist Missionary Magazine.
Tremont Temple,
Boston.

(Item 29)
The Baptist Church, Georgetown.
Under the pastoral care of the Rev.
To any Baptist Church of the same faith and order, with Christian salutation:
Dear Brethren:
Our beloved Sister Mary **Knowland** a member of this Church, in regular standing, having requested a Letter of dismissal from us to unite with you, we do hereby cordially commend Her to your Christian fellowship and watch-care. If received by you within six months from this date and we are so notified, we shall regard her as dismissed from us. May the blessings of the Great Head of the Church abide with you, and the friend who leaves us.
By order of the Church.
Robt. F. **Bessy**(?)
Clerk
April 26th **187**
N.B. – The Church to which this letter is addressed is requested to fill up the annexed blank, and to return it as soon as practicable, as the Georgetown Baptist Church regards no member as dismissed from its watchcare and discipline, until informed that such member is received by another church of the same faith and order.

(Item 30)
The Baptist Church, Georgetown.
Under the pastoral care of the Rev.
To any Baptist Church of the same faith and order, with Christian salutation:
Dear Brethren:
Our beloved Sister Mrs. Belinda **MacGregor** a member of this Church, in regular standing, having requested a Letter of dismissal from us to unite with you, we do hereby cordially commend Her to your Christian fellowship and watch-care. If received by you within six months from this date and we are so notified, we shall regard her as dismissed from us. May the blessings of the Great Head of the Church abide with you, and the friend who leaves us.
By order of the Church.
Robt. F. **Bessy**(?)
Clerk
April 26th **1880**

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

(Item 31)

American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Troy, Jan 6 **1880**

A.Z. **Madison** Esq.

Dear Bro.

I learn that Rev. L. **Williams** has resigned the pastorate of the Fredonia Church. You will need another pastor. Permit me to suggest the name of Rev. W.J.C. **Hanna**, who for the last eight years has been pastor (and still is) of the 2nd Bap. Church in this city. Bro. **Hanna** is an able preacher, a scholarly man, and a devout Christian. I think he would fill the pastorate of your Church well. He is about 35 years of age, has an excellent wife, and a small family. I think he would visit your Church if invited to do so.

Yours Truly

C.P. **Sheldon**.

{A.Z.M. replied Jay 12/80

Committee was corresponding via Buffalo & Dr. **Gordon**, with Rev. M. **MacGregor** }

(Item 32)

Leland University,
New Orleans, LA.

The attention of benevolent friends is invited to this Institution. Its object is to train preachers and teachers for the colored race, and thus by Christian education to meet the greatest want of the time. It is located in the commercial centre of half a million of this people, sixty thousand of them in New Orleans, in a community strongly Roman Catholic and alarmingly infested with Papist superstitions, prejudices and immoralities. White protestants are almost unknown, especially Baptists, and our people are without that guidance and help which their brethren are beginning to enjoy in other states.

There are thirty thousand colored Baptists in Louisiana, some few intelligent and progressive, but the mass ignorant and degraded and in pressing need of instruction in the principles of spiritual godliness and Christian morality. Leland University is established for their uplifting. It is a light in a dark place. Who will help it to shine more brightly?

Our Wants.

1st, Generous contributions to the American Baptist Home Mission Society through whose agency the churches sustain the Freedmen's work.

2nd, Aid from Sunday Schools and individuals to worthy students. We have noble ministers and laymen, some, converts from Romanism, who need a little help in order to continue their studies. Not over \$25 is donated to one student, and that, if possible, in return for service rendered. Thus gifts serve two purposes, assisting both the school and the scholar.

3rd, Gifts to the Library, and for Philosophical and Chemical Apparatus. All these need attention. We ought to have immediately \$200 to put into select books. We would be glad to find the friend who will establish the library and give it a name by a generous gift. This would be a better monument than a marble shaft or a memorial window.

4th, An Endowment. This institution aims at permanence. Its ideal is expressed by its name, University. It would be the dispenser of a high Christian education in the generations to come. The foundation is laid; who will help rear the pillars? Who will assist in endowing professorships? The Treasurer gives \$10,000 this year to a chair of the Languages. He is looking anxiously for assistance in the great work of establishing on a secure basis a Christian University for the colored people of the Gulf States.

S.J. **Axtell**, Jr. President.

Address till Oct. 1, W. Medway, Mass.

The address of the Treasurer (Holbrook **Chamberlain**), is 436 Clinton Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.

(Item 33)

Binghamton Sept. 16th **1880**.

Mr. **Madison**

My Brother in Christ

I was glad to receive your Letter, and am happy to answer you [The following phrase is crossed out] in the matter in which you apply to me. CP

My Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ. Having Recd. a Letter from our Brother Mr. **Madison** asking what my desires are in regard to my connection with the Fredonia Baptist Church in the future, I would say I feel quite at the disposal of my divine master. I gave my self to him when I first found my way to the foot of the Cross, & he has guided & never forsaken me from the first day & he still Leadeth me, I trust: I think my duty is made plain to me by the word of God. My time & life are in his hands & I would use them to this glory. You know I cannot Labour as effectually in this Church, nor enjoy divine life as fully as I would were I in Membership with it. So then, believing it will add to my Spiritual interest I ask you for a Letter to unite with the Binghamton Baptist Church. I hope you will consider me worthy of one & although it is painful for me to disconnect the chain which no binds me to you on earth O may we all be reunited in Heaven. Dear Brothers & Sisters, you may have thought me cold & indifferent that I could leave you in Silence but could you have looked into my overflowing Heart, you would have pitied rather than chide. The last Thursday evening I met with you in the prayer meeting, which was the last one I passed in Fredonia I hoped to have been strong enough [The following three words are crossed out] in the flesh to leave with you a parting testimony but my Heart was too full for utterance. I knew I should break down. I have often regretted my weakness. I had very many painful duties to pass through the few last weeks I passed in Fredonia & I told a friend I would let that one rest until I was more brave. [The next three words are crossed out] in the flesh I fear that I have been a barren vine in the vineyard of God O that I may Climb up nearer to Jesus is the longing desire of my Heart. I fear I shall never be all I desire to be, in this world. As regards my son Edwin H. **Jones** – he is not inclined to attend to this Matter at present to my great regret. Won't some of you dear Brothers & Sisters Please write to him in love & kindness. It is a Joy to me that God has given you the Dear Brother who watches over you so tenderly, for your Pastor. Stay up his hands. Pray for Eddie & I that we may not be like the fig tree by the way side on which the Hungry Saviour expected to find fruit & found none but weak as we are we may be blessed to in souls to love Zion. May you all meet at the table of Jesus above & may Eddie & I be there two sinners saved by grace.

Now Brothers & Sisters

Farewell be Perfect. Be of one mind live in Peace & unity & god will love & bless you.

May the grace of the Lord be with you all. Farewell.

Your Sister in Christ.

Mrs. Caroline **Parker**

Box 779 Binghamton N.Y.

(Item 34)

The First Baptist Church of Binghamton

To the Baptist Church, of Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Brethren:

This Certifies that Caroline **Parker** was received as a Member of this Church on the 31st of Decr. **1880**, on the recommendation of your letter, dated Oct 2nd **1880**.

Henry **Jackson**

Clerk.

(Item 35)

First Baptist Church Tarrytown N.Y.

To The Fredonia Baptist Church

Chautauqua Co. N.Y.

Sendeth greeting

Dear brethren and sisters.

We hereby notify you that we have received into fellowship with us

Brother Rev Malcolm **MacGregor**

Sister Mrs. Belinda **MacGregor**

" Miss Mary C. **MacGregor**

" Miss Margaret E. **MacGregor**

By order of the Church at a meeting held Sept. 7th **1884**

H.A. **Fisher**

Church Clerk

(Item 36a)

Rev. A.H. **Lung**, District Secretary in New York State for
American Baptist Publication Society,
For circulation of the Holy Scriptures, Publication and Diffusion of Christian Literature,
And for Missionary Colportage and Sunday-School Work.

Please write your name below, with the amount you are willing to give to help his cause, "Remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said It is more blessed to give than to receive." \$5.00 constitutes an Annual Member, \$20 a Life Member, and \$50 a Life Manager, and from \$300 to \$1500 will support a Colporteur or Sunday-School Missionary for a year.

Give something! Give cheerfully! Give cheerfully! Give what you can!

Pd at time

Name, A.Z. **Madison** & Daughter Sarah M. pd: .50 cents

Residence, Fredonia N.Y.

Remit to Rev. A.H. **Lung**, Box 233, Rochester, N.Y.

(Item 36b)

The same as Item 36a except Pd to E.J.C. by Mary **Knowland** in the amount of 25 cents and Residence is blank. It says 'Paid x' next to the amount.

(Item 36c)

The same as Item 36a except Pd to E.J.C. by Mrs. A.N. **Colburn** in the amount of 25 cents and Residence is blank. It says 'Paid x' next to the amount.

(Item 36d)

The same as Item 36a except Pd to E.J.C. by R.E. **Morian** in the amount of \$1.00 and Residence is blank. It says 'Paid x' next to the amount.

(Item 36e)

The same as Item 36a except Pd to E.J.C. by Mrs. L.A. **Martin** in the amount of 25 cents and Residence is blank. It says 'Paid x' next to the amount.

{Care of E.J. **Crissey** 1.75 A.Z.M.}

(Item 36f)

The same as Item 36a except Pd by Ely **Davis** in the amount of \$1.00 and Residence states Fredonia. It says 'Paid' next to the amount.

(Item 37)

Fredonia Bap. Society

To A.Z. **Madison** Dr. for insurance

[The lines on this page are crossed out.]

1876

July 3rd To Springfield Policy \$1500 7/8 (?) 1 Yr to July 3/77 Pol. 8 \$14.12

1877

" " do do 1500 3/4 " " 3/78 " 12.25

1878

" " do do 3000 3/4 " " 5/79 " 23.5?

1879

" " do do 3000 3/4 " " 5/80 " 23.??

\$73.??

1876

Jay 9. To Commerce Asb,y(?) do 3000 7/8 " Jan'y 9/77 4/ 26.75

1877

Jany 9. do do 3000 3/4 " " 9/78 4/ 23.00

1878

Jany 9. do do 3000 3/4 " " 9/79 4/ 23.00

1879

Feb'y 6. do	do 3000 3/4	" Feb'y 6/80 (?)	<u>23.50</u>	<u>\$69.50</u>	
					\$142.87

1878

July 3 To Commercial Insr. Co. New Yk 1500. 3/4 to July 3 rd /79 4/				<u>11.73</u>	
					\$154.60

1878

Jan'y 4. Cr. By first paymt. of interest by Geo Tate on Sub. Bond					\$8.75
July 2 " 2 nd do " " "					17.50

1879

Jay 1 " 3 rd do " " "					17.50
June 30 " 4 th do " " "				<u>17.50</u>	61.25
or July 1.					

1880

Jay 1 " 5 th do " " "				17.50	78.75 [crossed out]
					75.89 [crossed out]
					93.37

Am. Bap. Missy Union **1881**. Feb Mch & Apl

Collected by Mrs. A. Hayward		\$44.00
Mrs. W.H. Husted		18.00
Mrs. A. Morian	11.00	
Mrs. S.S. Clark	<u>10.50</u>	
		\$83.50

Added of Collections at Mo'yly Concerts	<u>8.11</u>	
		\$91.61

Of the above there is \$81.94 in Suspense a/c now.

When we raise & pay 18.06 more we will be indebted(?) to A.Z.M. Esq.
\$100.00

All the funds now in my hands is the sum Collected at last concept when I was at Court in Mayville Say \$1.21 and the Col. now taken.

[The following two lines are crossed out]

June 21. Pd Moliski(?) Polk Stoves &c 7.5 c Palm PHSing(?) 94
" 22 Pd Palmer for Samb(?) 12¢ 3 flags 2 20 1/8

(Item 38)

Fredonia July **1880**

Dear Bro, An effort is being made to revise our Chh. record of membership, and as your name appears among the list of members, we desire to ascertain your wishes. As you have been a long time absent from us, & we have no knowledge of your present Christian life, allow us to suggest the propriety of your taking a letter from us to unite with another Chh. of our Faith & Order, where you are located. I am instructed to ask you to communicate with us by your presence or by letter on or before a meeting to be held on [blank] at which time if we hear nothing from you, a motion will be made to drop your name from our list of members.

In behalf of the Chh.

Dear Sister, Your absence from the meetings of the church for worship have been noticed, with regret, for many months. Though among us, you do not seem to be one of us. The object of this is to enquire what your wishes in the matter are, whether you wish to retain your membership with us, and act with us as formerly, & if so, to urge you to communicate with us by your presence or otherwise, on or before the time of a meeting to be held to revise our record of membership on [blank]. If nothing is heard from you at or previous to that time, a motion will be made to drop your name from the list of members.

In behalf of the Chh.

Dear Bro. we do not believe it is in accordance with the teachings of the New Testament to retain as members of the Chh. those of whom we know nothing, or from whom we hear nothing from month to month or year to year, Hence, as your name appears on our records we kindly ask you to communicate with us at or before a meeting to be held on

[blank] to revise our record of membership. If nothing is heard from you a motion will be made to drop your name from the record.
In behalf of the Chh.

Dear Bro. Your name appears on our chh records as a member. Do you desire to have it retained there? Or do you wish it erased? Please inform us by reply or presence on or before a meeting to be held to revise our records on the [blank]
In behalf of the chh

(Item 39)

Corry Pa. 8-2-80

Mr. **Madison**

Dear Sir.

Your Letter of Aug 11th was received Several days ago but have not been able to answer it until now. I know I have been absent many years and feel that I have done very wrong in not taking a Letter from the Church there and uniting with some other Church but I have never been in any place but a short time at a time and do not now know whether I shall stay in Corry this winter or not. So if the Church is willing I would Like to hold my Membership there for the present.

Respectfully Yours

Mary C.(?) **Barclay**

(Item 40)

Milwaukee Wisconsin Decr. 28. **1880**

439 Pierce St.

A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Yours was rec'd today and in reply I would say that it is my wish to have a letter from the Church and unite here. I fully intended to write asking for a letter, long before this, but have unnecessarily delayed it from month to month. Therefore I send the following letter to the "Fredonia Baptist Church"

Dear Brother & Sisters

One short year has passed since I last met with you, but my thoughts often go back to the church at home, and I shall always feel an interest in it although distant from you.

I enjoy the Church privileges here and have the same love for Jesus as when with you, but I think if I were a member of the church here, I should feel more at home. So if you see fit to grant it I would like a letter to unite with the "South Baptist Church" of Milwaukee. This Church is small having been organized but a few years. They are active and united, but are just now without a Pastor.

Wishing you spiritual prosperity

I remain

Your sister in Christ

Sara M. **Kimbel**

(Item 41a)

1880

Mrs. M.W. **Gahm** (Erdle(?))

& Rev. L. **Williams** Jr.

For Letter

Granted Oct. 2nd/80

West Springfield Mass.

Sept. 29 **1880**

Dear Bro. M.

The enclosed reached me here. It concerns you now more than me. A letter of dismissal & recommendation to the Bapt ch in Franklin, she needs. You will doubtless recall her as one of the German girls Bro. **Raler**(?) baptized, the red-haired one.

My father is very sick. Whether it be life or death I cannot now predict. My present impression is, however, life, & perhaps, a protracted illness. Providentially, I am here.

Very Truly
L. **Williams** Jr.

(Item 41b)

Franklin Venango Co Pa
Sept 24th **1880**

Mr. **Williams**

Dear Sir

I write you in regard to my Church Certificate, I would like to have it sent to me if you would Be So kind as to do so and greatly oblige.

Mrs. Charles **Gahm**

Formerly Malvina W. **Erdle**

Mrs. Charles **Gahm**

Franklin

Pa

Box 1403

(Item 42)

Brockport, N.Y., Sept. 15th **1880**

To the Baptist Church in Fredonia

This Certifies, that Francis B. **Palmer** is a member, in good standing, of the First Baptist Church; and, in compliance with his own request, is affectionately recommended and dismissed to your Fellowship.

It notified within Six Months of his union with you, we shall consider him as dismissed from us; otherwise this Letter shall be null and void.

In Behalf of the Church,

M. **Starks** Clerk.

(Item 43)

The First Portland Bap. Ch. To any other Bap. Ch. of like faith and practice sendeth greeting

This is to certify that sister Mrs Malvina R. **Wilber** is a member of this church in good and regular standing and at her own request, is granted this letter of dismission and recommendation to unite else where.

This letter is good for only six months from date.

Done by order and in behalf of the Church here in Brocton N.Y.

Sep. 11, **1880**

O.J. **Chamberlain**

Church Clerk

(Item 44)

The Baptist in Evans N.Y.

To any

Church of like faith and Order

Greeting

This certifies that Sister Laura **Adams** is a member with us in good and regular standing. At her request this letter of dismission is granted her and she is cordially recommended to your fellowship with liberty to unite with you. By order and in behalf of the church.

Evans Sept. 4th **1881** G.B. **Southwick** Clerk

(Item 45)

1882 Jany 7th.

Fredonia Dec 29/81

1st Quar. Jany Feb Mch Collect for Am. B. M. U.

2nd " April May June Col for A.B. Home Mis So. & for

3rd " July Augt. Sept. Col. for Am Bap. Pub So & for (omitted)

4th Oct. Nov. Dec. Col. this postpone(?)

Bap. Missy Convention S.N.Y.

Ministerial Education Roch & Hamilton
Sisters on last year Ex. Clark Morian to be off and a new one named

(Item 46)

Page 232 **1881** Mch 5th Cov. M.

Resolved that the Pastor, Deacons & Clerk of ch. be a Committee through whom requests for admission & dismissal should be presented; and that all other business not specially provided for by the Ch. shall come through the Ex Com of the Ch.; and that any business presented by the Executive Commee. shall not be discussed in any meeting in Connection with a regular devotional meeting of the ch. nor acted on, if any one expresses a desire to discuss it.

(Item 47)

Randolph, N.Y., Jan. 3, **1881**.

To the Baptist Church of Christ in Fredonia

In pursuance of the following resolution passed by the church December 11th, **1880**, we invite you to send your pastor and one or two other delegates to sit in council with us on the eighteenth day of January, **1881**, at 3 o'clock P.M., in the Baptist Church at Randolph, N.Y.,

To assist us by your prayers and councils.

Resolution:

Resolved, That in view of the complicated affairs of the church regarding Bro. B.F. **Bowen**'s charges against Bro. B.C. **Willoughby**, a committee of five be appointed to take evidence in relation to charges preferred against Bro. **Willoughby**. Also to take evidence in regard to certain reports now in circulation detrimental to the character of Bro. B.F. **Bowen**, and to condense and put into proper form all the evidence pro and con, and at a suitable time to call a council of at least seven churches to advise with this church pertaining to all the difficulties now pending in the church.

Carried.

It was then decided that this committee invite all the churches in this association to send delegates to this council when called.

Darrel F. **Nichols**(?)

C. **Myers** Committee.

(Item 48)

First Baptist Church,

Jamestown, N.Y.

Rev. L.B. **Plumer** acting, Pastor.

To the Fredonia Baptist Church,

Dear Brethren:

The bearer hereof,

Prof. A. Frank **Jenks** 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 N.Y. Sept. 7th **1881**

Valid for six months.

(Item 49)

Letter of Dismission.

The First Baptist Church of Westfield N.Y.

To any Baptist Church of the same faith & order

Dear Brethren:

This is to Certify,

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

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

Done by order and in behalf of the Church.

Jan. 16th **1881**

G.B. **Martignom** Church Clerk.

This letter is valid for six months.

(Item 50)

The First Baptist Church

Of North East, Erie Co., Pa.,

To any other church of the same faith, sendeth Christian salutation.

Dear Brethren:

This certifies that Mrs Jane **Marshal** is a member in good and regular standing with us, and at her request, made by letter pr A.V. **Eddy(?)** held Jan 17 14 **1882** 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 North East, Erie Co., Pa., this 4 day of Feb **1882** .

J.K. **Griffin** Church Clerk.

(Item 51)

Brocton N.Y.

To the Fredonia Bap. Church.

Dear Bros(?)

This is to certify that Bro. Nathan L. **Martin** has been duly received into full fellowship of this Church.

Done by order of the Church Dec. 8. **1883**.

O.J. **Chamberlain**

Church Clerk.

(Item 52)

New York, Aug 29 **1884**

The West Thirty-third Street Baptist Church,

Under the Pastoral care of Rev. A. Hayland **Bourn(?)**

To the First Baptist Church, Fredonia NY sends Christian salutation:

This is to certify that Mrs H.H. **Elsworth** is a member with us in good standing and full fellowship.

At her own request we have given her this Letter of Dismissal to unite with you.

May the blessing of the great Head of the Church abide with her and you.

By order and in behalf of the Church.

H.P. **Powles**

Church Clerk.

{once Lucy M. **Coe** in L.L.(?) Academy from Ellery}

(Item 53)

{Rev. W.H. **Husted** May 29/82}

Norwalk, Ohio, May 29th **1882**

A.Z. **Madison**

My Dear Brother

Having become comfortably settled in our new home in this place I will now fulfill my promise to write to you. The numerous Cares incident to our settlement here is my apology for not writing sooner. Our journey here was safe and pleasant and our present surroundings and the outlook for the future are cheering for which we desire to feel sincerely thankful to the "Father of Mercies."

I trust we have been Divinely led to this place and that we shall like living here. Norwalk is a fine and busy little city of about 8000 inhabitants. There is a Baptist Church here of 300 Members, with an excellent pastor, Bro. F.

Clatworthy formerly of Dayton O. I attended their last Covenant Meeting which was held on a Thursday evening,

the evening of their usual weekly prayer meeting. Sixty persons spoke in no less than one hour, which made quite a lively and interesting meeting.

They have a fine church building and large congregations. I had the pleasure of preaching to them last Sunday, in the absence of the pastor, and am invited to do so on next Lord's day.

We desire, while we live, to have a place in the Church of God and to enjoy communion and fellowship with His people. Our home being now established here we would ask letters of dismission from the Baptist Church in Fredonia N.Y. that we may unite with the Baptist Church in Norwalk, Ohio. Will you therefore, my dear brother, at your next Covenant Meeting, present our request for a letter of dismission for each, my wife Martha A. **Husted**, Ella M. and myself. And please present our Christian affection and kind remembrance to pastor **McGregor** and all the dear brethren and sisters of the Church.

We shall cherish, with deepest gratitude the recollection of their many acts of kindness to us. And though now separated as to our field of labor I trust we are still journeying together to the same heavenly home. And when life's work is done we hope to meet in our "Father's house on High." For a realization of the blessed hope we rely wholly on what our Lord has done and will yet do for us.

And now, brother **Madison**, let me thank you, personally, for the many acts of kindness and words of sympathy and good cheer I have received from yourself during a period of some thirty years acquaintance. God bless you, my brother. I shall miss you in my church relationship.

The Lord enable us to faithfully use the time that yet remains, and when all is done may we meet in the brighter and better land.

I shall be pleased to hear from you.

How are things moving with you as a Church? Please direct to

W.H. Husted

Norwalk

Huron Co.

Ohio.

In Care F.A. **Powers**

Fraternally Yours

W.H. Husted

(Item 54)

First Baptist Church,

Of West Springfield, Mass.

Rev. J.B. **Robinson**. Pastor

This is to certify that Rev. Lester **Williams** And his Wife Ann E. **Williams** was received by us as Member July 2 82

In behalf of Church

B.S. Knowles

Ch Clerk.

(Item 55)

Franklin Venango Co. Pa 1880

Monday November 22nd

Mr. **Madison** Sir

I received your Letter From the 21st of October with the Church Letter Enclosed

And am very much oblige to your for your trouble.

I should have written before but our Little Girl has been very sick so I could not write. Before you asked me in Regard to mother and Father **Gahm**'s Church Letters. I think they have them I will write and ask them and will let you know.

Respectfully Yours

Mrs. Charles **Gahm**

(Item 56)

Findlay(?) Ohio Mch(?) 10(?)

Mr. **Madison** Sir

Your letter came to hand some time since (?) in poor health But I am well now. There is no Baptist Church here and as we(?) expect to make this our home now I would like a letter if you will grant me one to put in the Lutheran

Church as we attend there now if you will see to it for me as I am not able to come the (?) and I would like to (?) at home. The Church and I can't unless I am a member I remain as ever a friend of Christ
Alice A. **Randall**(?)
Sunday(?)
Ohio

(Item 57a)
Rancliffe(?)
Yorkshire
England
June 30 **1882**
Mr. **Madison**

Dear Brother
Yours of March 19th I received sometime since, but as my Children were ill (three of them) with measles I delayed answering.

The receipt of your letter greatly rejoiced me, to know that my Brothers and Sisters in Christ keep me in kind remembrance. Also had a Spiritual watch-care over me, even far away in a strange land. I can truly say my faith is still strong, and my love greater each day. I know you will rejoice with me (?). I tell you what great things God has done for me & mine. The second year after we came to this country, while in Germany, the Lord took me even to the edge of the river of death, & sustained me & comforted & raised me up again to health & strength – has given me three dear little ones, & spared all our lives. There are nine of us in family now. About a year ago, our eldest daughter aged 17 gave her heart to God, & is still passing(?) on word. This last winter in Decr. My dear Husband experienced a change of heart, & is now on his way to the better Pond(?) with us. A few days after, my Eldest daughter Jessie aged ten came too, to the Loving Saviour's open arms. Oh surely should not my heart & all that is within me rejoice in the love of such a Saviour? Oh, I mean to keep on praying that our family may yet be one unbroken family in Christ Jesus.

There is no Bap. Ch. within thirty or forty miles of here, so we took a seat in the Methodist Chapel (as all Churches not the established Church of England are called chapels.) It is in a lively condition & has this week, yesterday, laid the stone for a new Chapel. I shall wish to hold my interest with you, & hope one day of visiting you & uniting my voice of praise with yours.

Remember me kindly to all dear friends.

I remain your earnest
Sister in Christ
M.D. **Playter**
Rancliffe(?)
Via Selby
England

(Item 57b)
Mrs. Henry **Playter**
Rancliffe near Selby
Yorkshire
England

Copy – sent Mch 15. **1882**
Fredonia N.Y. March 14th. **1882**.
Mrs. Malvina S. **Playter**,

Dear Sister in Christ:

I have this day recd from Ralph B. **Day** Esq. your address, and am inclined and instructed to write a line, in hope that in due time it may reach you in your distant home. Referring to the records of the Fredonia Baptist Church, and to my own recollection, I see that on the 5th. of Dec. **1868**, near the close of the Pastorate of Rev. H.M. **Jones**, you was recd. as a member, on a letter from the first Bap. Ch. in Cleveland, Ohio. I remember too, your attendance with the few, at prayer & conference meetings, when Rev. Chas. **Thompson**, decd., was our stated supply. [There is a line missing.] Also, that still later, you went to Canada, and that after your name **Drake** had been changed to **Playter**, you visited this place, and on the 15th of June **1873**, on your request, I, as Ch. Clerk, gave you a commendatory or traveling letter, since which time, we have recd. no direct communication from you. Some months

ago, I learned from Mrs. **Day** senr. That you was living in, or near, London Eng. But, as I wrote, I had not till today, got the exact address. In August **1880**, the Ch. endeavored to find absent members, & learn from them their wishes, whether they would like regular letters of commendation and dismissal to unite with a Baptist Ch. where they respectively reside, or to have their names dropped from our lists? There were of this class, in different places, about 70 to 80 members.

We would, as a church, be very glad to receive a letter from you, informing us of your present religious state, and your wishes as to the matter that I have named, and such other intelligence as you may be disposed to favor us with. Since the close of Elder **Thompson**'s labors with us, we have had, as our Pastor, Rev. Lester **Williams** Jr. seven years, and also, Rev. Malcolm **MacGregor**, nearly two years. He & family came from Canada, and he is a very thorough & well educated Minister. Fredonia has changed a good deal since your day here, & never more than for the last year.

Many of your acquaintances are gone, & others occupy other places.

With kindest regards for you and yours, and my best wishes in your behalf, for the present and future,

Truly

A.Z. **Madison**

Ch Clk

(Item 58)

Cleveland O. Nov. 29, **1884**

To the Fredonia Baptist Church

Dear Brethren

The unanimity with which you have extended me a call to become your pastor, the desire for acceptance expressed by many personal friends and my own deep interest in the welfare of the Fredonia Baptist Church have led me to consider very thoughtfully and prayerfully where duty lies. At one moment it has seemed to lie in one direction and at another moment in another, but after taking the whole situation into consideration and summing up all with prayer for divine guidance, it seems to me duty to remain in Cleveland. I must therefore decline your hearty invitation. I regret to have so long delayed the answer but the importance of the question demanded time for consideration.

Trusting that, in the providence of God, you may be guided to the choice of one who will better fill the place than I, I remain

Yours in Christian Love

G.O. **King**

(Item 59)

The First Baptist Church, Woodstock, Ontario.

Under the pastoral care of the Rev. B.F. **Ashley** to any Baptist Church of the same faith and order, with Christian salutation:

Dear Brethren:

Our beloved Sister Fannie A. **Carryer** a member of this Church, in regular standing, having requested a Letter of dismissal from us to unite with you, we do hereby cordially commend her to your Christian fellowship and watch-care. If received by you within six months from this date and we are so notified, we shall regard her as dismissed from us. May the blessings of the Great Head of the Church abide with you, and the friend who leaves us.

By order of the Church,

C.C. **Carryer** Clerk.

March 15th **1882**

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

Please see [over

{Certificate dated March 30th **1882**.

Mailed Mch 31st **1882**. addressed to C.C. **Carryer** Ch. Clk. as above, Box 15. Woodstock P.O. County Oxford, Ontario Canada.

A.Z.M. Ch Clk }

(Item 60a)

Brockport, N.Y., Sept 15th **1880**

To the Baptist Church in Fredonia

This Certifies, that Miss Nellie **Palmer** is a member, in good standing, of the First Baptist Church; and, in compliance with her own request, is affectionately recommended and dismissed to your Fellowship.

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

In Behalf of the Church.

M. **Starks** Clerk.

(Item 60b)

The same as *Item 60a*, with the same date, except for Mrs. Sarah G. **Palmer**.

(Item 61)

The Baptist Church of Stockton

To the Baptist Church in Fredonia Greeting

Dear Brethren

This is to certify that Bro Charles **Golden** and Sister Aggie B. **Golden** are members with us in good and regular standing and as such we cheerfully recommend them to your fellowship.

Done by order of the Church the 12th day of May **1886**

H.M. **Seymour**

Church Clerk.

(Item 62)

Beaver Dam, Wis.

Dec 13 **1883**

The First Baptist Church of Beaver Dam.

Under the pastoral care of

Rev J.P. **Philips**

To the Baptist Church at Fredonia, N.Y.

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

Dear Brethren:

Our beloved Sister, Mrs. E.B. **Warren** a member of this Church, in regular standing, having requested a Letter of Dismission from us to unite with you, we do hereby cordially recommend her to your Christian fellowship, and watch-care; and if received by you within six months from this date, and we are so notified, we shall regard her as dismissed from us. And may the blessings of the Great Head of the Church abide with you and the Sister who leaves us.

By order of the Church.

A.S. **Hutchins** Clerk.

N.B. – The Church to which this letter is addressed is requested to fill up the annexed blank, and to return it as soon as practicable, as this Church regards no member as dismissed from its watch-care and discipline, until informed that such member is received by another Church of the same faith and order; and if this blank is not received by us within one year, or a valid excuse for delay given, the hand of fellowship will be withdrawn from the person to whom it is issued for neglect of duty.

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

(Item 63)

First Baptist Church,

Mayville, New York.

Rev. J.H. **Miller**, Pastor.

To the Fredonia Baptist Church,

Dear Brethren:

The bearer hereof, Sister Martha C. **Bowdish** 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,

Thos. W. **Seymour** Clerk

Per J.
March 3rd **1883**.
Valid for Six Months.

(Item 64)
30 Harris St., Sav'h, Ga.,
Oct. 9, **1882**.
Mr. A.Z. **Madison**,

Dear Sir,
Feeling that I can do better work to be a member of the Church with which I am working I ask for a letter of
dismissal and recommendation to the Congregational Church of Savannah. I know I am asking more than I can
expect to receive but feel it no more than right to acquaint the Church with my intention, and take the same steps as
if I was intending to join a Baptist Church. Please let me know the decision of the Church in regard to this matter.
Respectfully
Mary F. **Lord**

{ Copy of Certificate
Fredonia Chautauqua Co. N.Y.
November 6th. **1882**

This Certifies That the bearer Miss Mary F. **Lord**, upon the profession of her faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, was
baptized and received as a member of the Fredonia Baptist Church, on the 25th day of December **1870**; and that, so
far as known, she has maintained a good Christian character subsequently, while residing here.
Done by direction of the Church Nov 4th **1882**.
A.Z. **Madison**
Church Clerk. }

(Item 65)
[The subject is unidentified.]
Read in Covt Meeting Jay 1/87(?)
Ordered Clk write no such letter can be given
Jay 24. Clk wrote explaining in full & as to Dropping & then if she wished to unite with a Bap Ch all could be (?)

(Item 66)
West Springfield
May 23 **1882**
A.Z. **Madison** Esq.
Dear Bro.
Will you request & forward letters of dismissal from the Fredonia Ch as follows. For myself & Mrs. W. to the First
Bap. Ch in W. Springfield: directed to me. For my daughter Cordelia C. W. now Mrs. H.S. **Munson** to her at
Colorado Springs, Colo. PO Box 302.
A compliance with the foregoing will greatly oblige
Your friend & Bro.
Lester **Williams**
P.S. Kindly partings to all the beloved ones(?)
There is a Bapt. Ch in C.S. Its specific name I do not know. It is sufficient to say however "Bap Ch Colorado
Springs

{ Rev. L. **Williams** May 28/82 }

(Item 67)
Y.P.S.C.E.
First record I have of it
Date of organization = **1889**
No. of Members = 70
Active = 69
Associate = 1

Average attendance = 30 for 1 yr
Expenses = \$13.82 for 1 yr.
President = Mrs. Israel **Raymond**
Cor. Sec. = Miss Nellie **Collis**
Foreign Missions = \$16
Home " = \$5
State " = nothing
Other objects = nothing

(Item 68)

Fredonia Bap Church
To H.A. **Buck** Dr
1883 Nov. 3rd. To 3. Galls. Grape Juice for
Communion Service \$2. \$6.00
Recd. of A.Z. **Madison** Tr. Six dollars in full
Fredonia Nov 3rd. **1883** H.A. **Buck**

(Item 69)

The First Baptist Church of Belfast, N.Y.
To any Baptist church of the same faith
Dear Brethren:
This Certifies That Electa D. **Blowers** is a member with us, in good standing, and as such, we cordially recommend
to your fellowship, with liberty to unite.
By order of the church.
Belfast N.Y. Oct 14th **1883**
C.L. **Ford** Clerk

(Item 70)

Leroy M. **Stringham**,
Jesse K. **Starr**.
Fredonia, N.Y. May 24th, **1887**.
Mr. A.Z. **Madison**, Clerk
Fredonia Baptist Church
To Leroy M. **Stringham** & Co. Dr.,
Job Printers
And Agents for the "Union Champion" Paper Bags
Orders for all kinds of printing promptly executed.
Terms strictly cash to all.
Office 31 Main Street, 2nd Floor.
To 600 Circular Letters 2.25
Recd.
Recd payment
Cash of A.Z. **Madison**, Leroy M. **Stringham** & Co.

(Item 71)

Buffalo, N.Y. Mch 3 **1883**
The Fredonia Bap Ch
Dear Brn
Sisters Kate **Lyon** & Jessie **Taylor** have been recd by letters from your Church as members of the Delaware Av Bap
Ch Buffalo N.Y.
J.F. **Chard**
Ch Clk

(Item 72)

Resolved that the Pastor, Deacons and Clerk of this church be a committee through whom requests for admission and dismissal shall be presented, and that all other business not specially provided for by the church shall come through the Executive committee of the church and that any business presented by the executive committee shall not be discussed in any meeting in connection with a regular devotional meeting of the church, nor acted on if any one expresses a desire to discuss it.

(Item 73)

Since my (?) in Dec. **1861** I have had charge of a class (?) S. School. I have often wandered too(?) short of the glory of God, but feel that my class in the S.S. have been of great service to me spiritually. During the coming year we expect to have Sabbath services one fourth of the time conducted by Rev. J.S.(?) **Mahan** of Centralia.

If it is your pleasure, I would be glad to receive a letter of dismissal from you in time to unite here at our covenant meeting, which will occur Sat. May 22nd

It is not without a feeling of sadness, that I ask to leave the church which accepted me as one of its members when first I gave my heart to Jesus, but my home is here for the present, & I want a home with the people of God.

My class in the S.S. is a very interesting one of seven girls; from nine to twelve years of age. Pray for them & for me, that I may so teach them the love of Jesus that they may give their hearts to him: & that my life may be such as to adorn my profession.

Your sister in Christ

Lizzie **Walker Barker**

(Item 74)

{**1884** Jay 27

Mrs. Mary A. **Kendall**

Inquiring &c }

Tidioute,

Warren Co. Pa.

1-27-84

Brother **Madison**,

Dear Sir:

I write to ask as a favor, That you will ask Mr. Horace **Perrin**, if in some time in the latter part of October **1883**, he received a postal note from me, for the sum of fifty (50¢) cents, and also if about three (3) weeks ago, he received a letter from me, containing a quantity of postage stamps. Give me an answer, wither yes or no, as the case may be.

Inclosed find stamps; I ask you to send me a copy of the Association minutes for **1883**, if one can be had.

I desire to be remembered to all my friends in the church.

Very respectfully yours,

(Mrs.) Mary A. **Kendall**

(H.M.K.)

{Recd 29th & replied second day & of disposition of Stove at **Frazines** & of meetings week of prayer & asso. }

(Item 75)

First Baptist Church of Yates Center Kansas

This is to certify that sister Margaret **Morian** is a member in good and regular standing and in full fellowship with the church and by her own request is hereby dismissed from us when joined to an other church of like faith and order. Done by order of the church at its regular meeting the tenth day of May A.D. **1884**

G.W. **Milion**(?) Mod.

J.W. **Kesterson** Clerk.

(Item 76)

{M. **McGregor** & Family }

Forestville, Aug. 26 **1884**.

A.Z. **Madison**,

Fredonia

Dear Brother:

A young man by the name of Clinton H. **Fletcher** was baptized into the fellowship of your church last winter. He lives only a few miles from us and desires to unite here. Please secure a letter of dismissal for him and forward it to me.

Very truly yours,
A.S. **Thompson**,
Pastor of Bap. Church

{Emerson **Fletcher** on Book as baptized Mch 2/84
Were there two **Fletchers** or but one? Who right?}

(Item 77)

The Baptist church at Forestville NY
To the Baptist Church at Fredonia N.Y.

This is to certify that the letter of dismissal granted by you to Bro. Clayton H. **Fletcher** has this day been Recd and accepted by the church

Dated Forestville N.Y.

September 6 **1884**

H. **Burgess**

Church Clk

(Item 78a)

The Washington Street Baptist Church,
Buffalo, N.Y.

To the Baptist Church at Fredonia N.Y.

Sendeth Christian Salutation:

Dear Brethren,

This Certifies, That Brother John M. **DeWitt**, Sister Mrs. Josie H. **DeWitt** are Members in good standing and fellowship with us, and at their request, this Letter of Dismission was granted for the purpose of uniting with you. We most affectionately recommend them to your Christian fellowship and watchcare, praying that the Lord will crown your union with mutual and eternal blessings.

This Letter is Valid for One Year.

Done by order and in behalf of the Church, at Buffalo,

This 2nd day of May **1884**

A.J. **Pierce** Church Clerk.

(Item 78b)

On motion made & seconded John M. **DeWitt** was recd. in Covt. & Fellowship meeting April 4th **1885**. He alone because his wife was deranged.

Clk. A.Z.M. could not see why she should be omitted for a temporary trouble making her for the time being irresponsible. Others had same views & Fannie A. **Lord** and Nora G. **Lathrop** both came to Clk with complaint and then Clk. explained the case & moved that Mrs. Josie H. **DeWitt**, named in letter, be also recd. seconded and carried.

(Item 79)

The Baptist Church of Stockton to the Baptist Church in Fredonia greeting

Dear Brethren This is to certify that Sister Hannah T. **Roberts** is a member with us in good and regular Standing & at her own Request is dismissed from us to join with you.

Done by order and in behalf of the Church

The 9th day of May **1885**

H.W. **Seymour**

Church Clerk

Please notify when united with you.

(Item 80a)

Letter of Dismission.

The First Baptist Church,

Of Syracuse, N. Y.,
of which Rev. Henry W. **Sherwood** is Pastor,
to the Baptist Church of Fredonia N. Y.
Sendeth Christian Salutation:

Dear Brethren:

This is to Certify, that Sister Mrs. C.E. **Smith** a member of this Church in good and regular standing, at her own request is dismissed from us to unite with you, and is affectionately recommended to your Christian fellowship and watchcare.

Our prayer is, that the great Head of the Church may crown the union with mutual and eternal blessings.

Done by order and in behalf of the Church.

O.C. **West**

Church Clerk.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 31 **1884**.

(Item 80b)

The same as *Item 80a* except for a Sister Miss Grace L. **Smith**, with the same date.

(Item 80c)

The same as *Item 80a* except for a Bro. Rev. Chas. E. **Smith**, with the same date.

(Item 81)

Sherman N. Y.

July 11th **1884**.

The First Baptist Church of Sherman. To the Baptist Church in Fredonia,

Dear Brethren,

This is to certify that Sister Emma **Topliff** is a member with us in good standing. And at her own request is affectionately dismissed and recommended to your Christian Fellowship and watchcare. Done by order and in behalf of the Church by

Milton C. **Heartill**

Church Clerk.

(Item 82)

Mr. **Maddison** Dear Sr.

All of the Candidates were present on Thursday eve and related experience and were received by the Church except Mr. **Wheelock** & wife also Mrs. **Miller** of Cordova. The 2 letters were presented (?) and were granted.

D.H.M.

Jane **Miller**

(Item 83)

The Manlius Baptist Church

to the Baptist Church at Fredonia N. Y.

This certifies that C.H. **Scoville** is a member of this church, in good and regular standing and at his request he is hereby dismissed to unite with you.

By order and in behalf of the church.

I.N.(?) **Loomis**, Clk

{acted on in prayer meeting June 3rd/86, but how, not reported by D.H. **Morgan** only, was recd.

A.Z.M.

He told Clk Jany/87 name is Charles H. **Scovill**}

(Item 84a)

{**1884**. Nov 4/84

Rev. C.E. **Smith**'s Declinature to Dr. **Palmer**}

Syracuse Nov 4. **1884**

My dear Bro. **Palmer**:

I am quite aware that I have kept the brethren at Fredonia waiting as long as I am justified in so doing. I would have come to an earlier decision had it been in my power, but for some reason it has been very difficult for me to make up my mind. And now it seems to me that, having taken so much time to reflect and consider, and having sought Divine guidance continually, the very inability which I feel to accept the call of the Church readily and joyfully is itself an indication of my duty to decline it. You are entitled to a pastor who can come to you with a hearty and grateful acceptance of your invitation, and that I find myself still unable to give you. I have no business to detain you any longer from the search for such a pastor, and I shall pray earnestly that you may soon find him. I am not insensible to many things which would make the pastorate of your church a useful and happy station, and I shall never forget the kindness I have received among you, and the acquaintance I have made with many Christian brethren and sisters. But on the whole it does not seem best that the relation which we have been contemplating should be formed, which I say as regretfully as I do conscientiously. May God's blessing rest upon the church, and all the good which you have thought of be speedily realized in its history.

Your Brother in Christ

Charles E. **Smith**

P.S. Yours with enclosure received with thanks.

(Item 84b)

{ **1884** Nov. 29th

Rev. C.E. **Smith** To A.Z. **Madison** in reply to his of Nov. 20th. }

Syracuse Nov 29. 84

Dear Brother **Madison**;

I was very glad to get your letter of the 20th, although I did not need to be assured that you were in no wise at fault. I know you gave your counsel in a most Christian spirit, and I hope everything will turn out to the glory of God and the good of his cause. I have not lost my interest in the Fredonia church, but am praying that God will so guide you that all obstacles to your spiritual progress shall give way, and his kingdom shall be built up mightily. I should be sorry to think that the dear brethren and sisters there who gave me such an expression of their confidence will forget me, and beg you to believe that you all retain a warm place in my regard, and I shall be glad to hear of your prosperity, or do anything in my power to advance it.

Yours Sincerely

C.E. **Smith**

(Item 84c)

{ **1884** Dec. 15.

Rev. C.E. **Smith**'s letter of acceptance as Pastor

Mailed to Dr. **Palmer** Dec 15./84 }

Syracuse Dec 15, **1884**.

To the Baptist Church

Fredonia, N.Y.

Dear Brethren & Sisters in Christ

Your second invitation to become your pastor has taken a strong hold upon me. I have been unable to resist the conviction that it is from the Lord as well as from you. It has come to me with the force of a divine command, and as such, I have no power and no wish to resist it. This consideration supersedes all others, and makes clear, not only the path of duty, but the path of happiness. I accept your invitation, and will enter upon the work of the pastorate as soon as I can arrange to do so.

I trust that you with me look upon this union as providential and feel that you have been guided by that divine hand which I so plainly recognize. Let us devoutly pray that in all which may result from this call and its acceptance we may be as anxious and as willing to be led by the Spirit of God as we have been at the outset. If we follow where the pillar of fire which marks God's presence goes before us, we shall not make any mistakes. Now that I have decided to accept your call, all the interest which I have formerly taken in your affairs revives with ten-fold power. Your church is my church, your work is my work, and to the advancement of the kingdom of the Lord among you I am ready to devote all my time and all my strength. That the great Head of the Church may smile upon this union, that he may anoint us for his service with the Holy Spirit, and that he may give us the great happiness of being very useful to his cause is the prayer which I shall continually offer, and I trust that it will be yours. Your brother in Christ.

C.E. Smith

(Item 85)

[This is a preprinted pamphlet.]

{ 1879-80 Home Miss }

Home Missions and Foreign Missions:
Their Relations and Mutual Dependence.

The work which our Divine Lord and Master committed to His disciples, and by them to be carried forward in the world, is essentially one work. That work is to disciple all nations – to evangelize all people throughout the world, at home and abroad.

The spirit of missions is thus the spirit of the Gospel – the spirit of Christ. Christianity is the most unselfish thing in the world. With narrowness and selfishness it has no possible sympathy, and can have no possible union. Where there is not missionary activity – efforts to spread the gospel abroad – there is not true Christianity. If it exist there at all, it is cramped and cribbed in a way and to an extent, that makes it untrue to itself, represses all its natural tendencies, and chokes down and crushes out its vital spirit. The Master “by the grace of God tasted death for every man” – all men – and the gospel seeks to carry the blessings of His death to all men, in all lands, and in every age of the world. The spirit of missions is therefore one, whether in one’s native land or in foreign lands – whether it seeks the evangelization of our own people, or of a foreign people.

True Christianity legitimately and inevitably, circles out from every center where it is planted. It did thus when planted in Jerusalem – and it will ever do thus, where it is true to itself. It will plant missions here and there, on and on in an ever widening circle, until the world itself is enfolded in its embrace, and all the nations are subdued by its power.

Thus it will be seen that Home Missions underlie Foreign Missions. The latter grow out of the former. The obligation to care for the spiritual welfare of those immediately around us, flows out into a care for those who are more distant from us, even to the extent of their needs and our ability and opportunity to supply them.

Home Missions thus lead to and originate Foreign Missions. Whatever tends to extend evangelization in the home field, strengthens the base and augments the source of supply for the foreign field, and pushes out more rapidly and widely the circles of missionary influence and effort. Neglect to evangelize the home field, and the foreign field must inevitably suffer in proportion.

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All this has been illustrated in the history of missions in our own country. The first missions in which our churches were enlisted were Home Missions – efforts for the evangelization of our own people and country. The first Society for missionary efforts organized in this country, was in Boston in **1800** – and this was a woman’s society, called “The Boston Female Society for Missionary Purposes.” It was composed at first of fourteen members, some of whom were Baptists and some Congregationalists. In **1802** “The Massachusetts Domestic Missionary Society” was organized. Rev. Dr. **Baldwin** was President; Rev. Dr. **Sharp**, Secretary; and Heman **Lincoln**, Treasurer.

A few years previous to this time, Carey had commenced English Baptist mission work in India, and in **1806-7** he acknowledged the receipt of \$6,000, from individuals and local organizations in this country. In **1812**, **Judson** and **Rice** who had been sent out by the “American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions” became Baptist. **Judson** went to Burmah, and **Rice** returned to this country to arouse our Baptist churches to the support of the mission.

Early in **1813** “The Baptist Society for Propagating the Gospel in India and other Foreign Parts” was organized in Boston, with Rev. Dr. **Baldwin** as President, and Rev. Dr. **Sharp** as Secretary. It was fit and natural that leaders in

Home Mission work, should be the leaders in Foreign Mission work. But a larger and more general organization was needed, and a convention of 33 delegates from churches in eleven different States and the Dist. Of Columbia, met in Philadelphia, May 18, **1814**, and organized the “General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Foreign Missions.” This name was changed in **1845** to that of “The American Baptist Missionary Union.”

Home Missions were still conducted by local Societies and State Conventions until April 27, **1832**, when at a convention of Baptists called for the purpose in the city of New York, “The American Baptist Home Mission Society” was organized. One of the most effective agencies in originating this Society was “The Massachusetts Domestic Missionary Society,” the oldest Baptist missionary society in our country. The leading men in the new Society were Drs. **Sharp, Bolles, Going, Wayland, Cone, Kendrick, Welch** and others, with brethren **Lincoln, Colgate**, and men of like stamp, who had all been most active and prominent in our Society for Foreign Missions. Heman **Lincoln** was the first President of the Home Mission Society, and William **Colgate** was its first Treasurer – two Baptist Deacons who were a noble honor to the office; to the church of God; and to the cause of missions throughout the world. Such had been the unexampled growth of our country; such the great influx of a foreign population; so wide and pressing were the demands for missionary labor; that our missionary leaders had come to feel, that a national Home Missionary organization was demanded for the work that needed to be done.

Up to this time and for some years after, our missionary work among the Indians of our country, was mainly in the hands of our foreign missionary Society. Nor were our people aware of the great number of these Indians. That great portion of our country west of the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean, was an almost unexplored region. New Mexico, Texas and California, were still Mexican territory. The foreign mission Society became so pressed and absorbed in its work in foreign lands, that it proposed to give over its work among the Indians, to the Home Mission Society. In **1866** it was accepted by that Society, and has since been prosecuted by it. The Missionary Union thus withdrew from all missionary work in our own country.

The work of the Home Mission Society is much of it substantially the same as is that of Foreign Missions, only it is within the limits of North America. This is especially true of its work among the Germans, Swedes, Norwegians, Chinese, Mexicans, Indians, and the Freedmen.

Thus the Home Mission Society has not only relieved the Missionary Union from all missionary work in our own country, but it has greatly strengthened its resources and means of supply. In **1832**, our country west of lake Erie, was but thinly settled and was mostly missionary ground. Into this field the Home Mission Society sent its missionaries; and here amid its rapidly growing settlements towns and cities, they planted and fostered churches; these have grown and multiplied; and to-day, not only is the center of our national population west of lake Erie, but the foreign mission Society draws a very large proportion of its contributions and its missionaries, from the churches in the States west of that lake. And that it is able to do so, it is very largely indebted to the work of the Home Mission Society in that field. And such will be the augmented results in the still more western and newer States of our country, if Home Missions shall be efficiently prosecuted among them. All Home Mission success there, will strengthen Foreign Mission work, by enlarging and strengthening its source of supplies.

The same thing is illustrated in Home Mission work among the Freedmen. We have tried during many years, the doing of Foreign Mission work in Africa; but with small success. The climate has been fatal to our missionaries, and besides, being white foreigners, they had comparatively small access to the people. And yet Africa is one of the darkest and most densely populated regions of the globe. The lowest and most degrading forms of paganism, enfold its teeming millions. And Africa is nearer to us than is Asia; and we owe her a debt, that we do not owe to Asia. For many generations we have robbed her of her children, and held them in a most cruel and debasing bondage. Shall we not make her some return? And what more fit, than that we should send back to her many of her sons – or their descendants – emancipated, civilized, Christianized, to be the evangelizers of her people; their missionaries, pastors, teachers, and leaders in civilization! These can live there; can endure the climate, and gain access to the people. Now, through the agency of the Home Mission Society, this work is commencing. Already in our Schools among the Freedmen for the education of Preachers and Teachers, some are longing to go into this service; some are preparing to go into it; and some are even entering upon it. Had our foreign mission Society the means to establish and prosecute missions in Africa, suitable colored missionaries could be found, ready and glad to enter upon the work. Our Home Mission Schools are constantly preparing men for such a work. Moreover, such a work would enlist our Freedmen churches in Foreign Mission work, and secure their contributions for it. They would be

interested in the evangelization of their father-land, and their own race, and thus be trained in foreign as well as home Christian work. Thus all our Home Mission work among the Freedmen is tending to, and must have its outcome in Foreign Mission work. Evangelize the Negro race in America, and you cannot but touch and affect the Negro race in Africa. Indeed, the grand hope of the evangelization of Africa, lies in the evangelization of the Freedmen of America.

Thus do Home Missions underlie, and directly promote and strengthen Foreign Missions. Neglect Home Missions, and Foreign Missions must suffer as the result. The great work of missions is one work, and no member or part of it can suffer without the whole body suffering with it.

But there is another light in which we must look at Home Missions – it is that of special obligation. It is a work to be prosecuted not only because it is a part of one great work – not only because it strengthens and helps on Foreign Missions – but because in itself it demands to be done. It is our especial work – the especial work of American Christians. Nobody else can do it; nobody else is under obligations to do it. America must be evangelized, if at all, by the Christians of America. Whatever we may do abroad, and whatever it may be our duty to do abroad, we must not neglect our own country. No activity abroad, can make up for neglect at home. No amount of charity, beneficence and care, which a man may give to the needy family of his neighbor, will answer for and excuse him, while he leaves his own family to want, suffering and starvation. The American people are our national household. We are to care and provide for their spiritual necessities. The work has been left to ourselves; God has laid it on our hands. If it is not done, we alone are responsible.

And this work and its needs, have greatly increased since **1832**, when the Home Mission Society was formed. The population of our country has trebled since then. **1830** it was only 12,866,020 – to-day it is over 40,000,000. The foreign population among us has increased in a much larger ratio. In **1870** there were over 5,000,000 of people in this country who were born in foreign lands. In **1832** no Pagan Chinese were among us, now there are 120,000. California, New Mexico, and Texas, have been added to the United States since then. We have a larger Indian population than was then supposed to exist, amounting to about 350,000, the great mass of whom are pagans and without the gospel. Our Indian mission has greatly increased in its importance, and needs, and promise. Within the last fifteen years 5,000,000 of colored people – Freedmen – have been thrown on our hands, to be evangelized and lifted out of their paganism, barbarism, and degradation. Mission fields in new States and Territories are no less large, and some of them even more destitute and needy, than were like fields in **1832**. The founders of the Home Mission Society had no conception of what would be the extent, and needs, and demands of its work in **1879**. As the country has grown, Home Mission work, with its needs and demands has grown. And if we include all North America within its field, the needs and demands of the work are greatly increased – heathenism and destitution are swelled by the hundred thousand.

This is the mission work that confronts us, in our own native land. And we may not turn aside from it or neglect it, for any other work on the face of the globe. Of all Christian work in the wide world, this is our especial work. It is in our own household. Nobody can, or will do it, but ourselves. It is vital to our civilization, our country, and the salvation of our people.

Need we then turn aside from it or neglect it, in order to attend to the work of Foreign Missions? No. Need we contract our Foreign Mission work and lessen our contributions to it, in order to meet our duty to Home Mission work? Not at all. We can and ought, to do both. The men and women can easily be found, to be our missionary laborers in both departments of this one great work of missions. If our churches and all in them, would contribute according to their ability and with a reasonable Christian liberality, our Home and Foreign Mission treasuries would overflow with funds. Only one penny a day for mission work from each Baptist in the State of New York alone, would give us over \$400,000, in a single year. It would do the Baptists in this State good – good religiously – to average this sum per member, for mission work. The mass of our people have not yet risen up to the true blessedness of giving. More money is spent by them for worse than needless trifles, than would support all our Home and Foreign missionary operations. We need a broader consecration to the Master.

He who withholds from Home Missions, does Foreign Missions a harm; and he who withholds from Foreign Missions, does Home Missions a harm. Both departments of this one great work, are mutually dependent upon each other and mutually aid each other. The work of Home Missions stimulates and strengthens Foreign Missions, and the spirit of Foreign Missions re-acts and promotes Home Missions. Those in our churches who do most for the one,

are usually those who do most for the other. The leaders in one department of this work, are the most active ones in the other. And because, they have the true spirit of missions – the spirit of the Gospel – the spirit of the Master. May He lead us to give us both of these departments of Christian work their true place, and not to withhold from either.
C.P. **Sheldon**, Dist. Sec.

(Item 86)

Jan 31st/75

East Charleston

Mr. **Madison**

Dear Sir Yours was received a few days since and in reply would say that I was very glad to get it. Having wrote you twice in regard to my leaving my wife it was in accordance with her wishes she preferring to live with her folks instead of living with me and my children.

Yours Resp.

E. **Barker**

(Item 87a)

Brocton, N.Y. Feb. 10th(?) **1885**

The Baptist Church of Brocton

To the Baptist Church of Fredonia

Dear Brethren

You are requested to send your pastor and the brethren you sent before, in November to sit in council, Wed. Feb. 18th, at 1 o'clock P.M. to advise further concerning the difficulty which has so long disturbed our peace, and which is not yet settled.

It is asserted by the aggrieved party that the advice of the former council has not been followed, and that the council did not have enough of the case to enable them to form a correct judgment of its merits.

Believing that the brethren who composed the first Council would be better qualified to decide in the case, with their present knowledge of it, we have decided to ask those churches which responded to our call before, to send the same delegation. We also request those churches which had no pastors at that time, but now have, and those whose pastors could not come with the other delegates to send their pastors.

Revs. John **Gordon** and E.E. **Chivers** of Buffalo have been asked to sit in the council.

Done by order of the Church.

J.M. **Bates** pastor,

O.J. **Chamberlain** Clerk.

{Henry W. **Thompson**

Saml. S. **Crissey**

Attended Nov. 5/84 }

(Item 87b)

Feb. 15 **1885**

Fredonia Bap. Chh. Appointed Pastor Rev. Chas. E. **Smith** & Brethren Henry W. **Thompson** & Saml. S. **Crissey** delegates to sit in council Feb. 18./85 as within requested. A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

(Item 88)

Brocton NY.

This is to certify that Sisters Hannah & Selina **Mayborn** are members of this church in good and regular standing. And at their own request are granted this letter of dismissal and recommendation.

Done by order and in behalf of the Baptist Church in Brocton Feb. 7 **1885**.

J.M. **Bates** Pastor

O.J. **Chamberlain** Clerk

(Item 89)

[Envelope]

Mr. Jas. H. **Madison**

Clear Creek

Cattaraugus Co.

N. Yk.

(Item 90)

[Handwritten.]

At grave Laz.

He walks/weeps(?) like a man – then says Laz. come forth like a God.

At (?) - He (?) like a man – then withers the fig tree away like a God.

At Storm(?) on Tiberius

He slept like a man – then rebuked the sea like a God.

He goes into a mountain to pray like a man then in 4th (?) of the night(?) comes to his disciples walking on the water like a God.

Nailed to the cross he suffers like a man – then, opens the Gates of Paradise to the dying (?) like a God.

He lay cold in death – in the sepulcher like a man – then burst the bonds of death and rose triumphant like a God.

After his resurrection he took broiled fish & an honey comb & ate like a man then blessed them like a God.

(Item 91)

Part **1880** Sub Am B. Missy Un

We, the undersigned, do severally hereby agree to pay the sums set opposite our respective names, to A.Z. **Madison** Ch. Treasr. for the general purposes of Foreign Missions, as the same may be appropriated by the Am. Bap. Missy Union, payable on or before the 15th. day of Mch inst.

Dated Fredonia March 12th **1880**.

Mrs. J.B. **McClanathan** pd 2.00

Nellie **McClanathan** " 1.00

Mrs. R. **Haywood** paid 2.00

Mrs. A. **Haywood** pd 1.00

Rev. L. Wms Jr paid to A.Z.M. \$6.00

(Item 92)

Rev. L. **Williams Jr.**

Please try to make the sum \$100.00 and hand to me by 25th Mch so that I can remit & the Board receive it before the 31st inst.

A.Z.M.

Mrs. **Skinner**

" **Shepard**

" **Edmund**

" **Lathrop**

Ella **Davis**

H.P. **Perrin**

Mrs. A. **Grant**

" **Martin**

(Item 93)

Postal Card

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

A.Z. **Madison** Esq.

Fredonia N.Y.

Theo. Sem. Rochester Jan 7. 11 A.M.

Dear Bro. Yours of yesterday is at hand. Matters are so with me that I cannot say positively today whether I can be with you on the 18th or not; but I will write you definitely on Fri
Very Truly Yours
Wm **Elgin**

(Item 94)
Postal Card
A.Z. **Madison** Esq.
Fredonia
Chautauqua Co.
N.Y.

Theo. Sem. Rochester Jan 9. **1880**

Dear Bro. Please announce that I will preach for your church – they and the Lord willing – on the morning of Jan 18th, assisting in taking up the contribution for Binghamton, and craving the brethren to take up the contribution for Min. Ed. By and by.
Very Truly Yours, Wm **Elgin**

(Item 95)
Postal Card
Mr. A.Z. **Madison**
Fredonia N.Y.

Buffalo March 13th
Mr. **Madison**

Dear Sir
I saw in dispatch from NY this evening that Dr. **Haynes**(?) of Irons(?) was in NY city raising the Binghamton fund had secured 14.00 and the balance about 6,000 they expected to raise there.
This is the first I have seen. Buffalo seems to think Mr. **Mc Gregor** a host
Yours Respect
R.E.M.

(Item 96)
The First Portland Baptist Church
To any other church of like faith and practice.
This is to certify that Bro. and Sister J.M. **Hardenburg**(?) are members of this church in good and regular standing and at their own request are granted this letter of dismission and recommendation to unite elsewhere.
Done by order of the church in Brocton March 7 **1885**
O.J. Chamberlain
Ch Clerk

(Item 97)
To the Fredonia Baptist Church
Fredonia N.Y.
This is to certify that Sister Hellen S. **Wright** recommended and dismissed by you by a letter dated Feb 5th A.D. **1885** Was on the 24th day of Feb. received as a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of San Jose.
Henry T. White
Clerk of Emmanuel Bap. Ch. San Jose
San Jose Mar 7 **1885**

(Item 98)
This is to certify that William **Marshall** is a member in good standing in the Baptist Church of Sinclairville and as such we recommend him to any Church of the same faith and order.
Done by order and in behalf of the Church.
R.L. Sherman
Church Clerk

Sinclairville Nov 4th 1882

(Item 99)

The First Baptist Church of Schoolcraft Kal Co. Mich.

To any Baptist Church of the same faith and order:

This is to certify that Sister {Martha} M.E. **Bowdish** is a member in good standing with us, and at her own request is hereby dismissed for the purpose of uniting elsewhere as Providence may direct.

When she has so united, her connection with us will cease.

Done by the order of the Church.

Schoolcraft Dec. 10th 1882.

Mrs. G.P. **Briggs** Ch. Clerk.

{Miss Martha E. **Bowdish** so says Mrs. B.

M.E. **Bowdish**}

(Item 100)

San Jose, Cal.

Jan. 25, 1885

Dear Mr. **Madison**

Enclosed you will find postal note for two dollars, subscription for the Examiner for the coming year. I am somewhat late about sending, first, because I have been unusually busy with my work but, principally, because I wished to write you about another matter and have waited for development.

I think I have told you that when I left the East in '76, Rev. Mr. **Williams**, then pastor of our Fredonia Church, talked over the work on this Coast with me and said that if I did not find the condition of things a pleasant one, I might send my letter back and it would be 'all right.' I found the Baptist church here in a very unsatisfactory state. **Kalloch**(?) had begun his career in San Francisco, and, spite of the number of good people in this church, managed to keep one of his followers here. That meant a type of sensationalism in the pulpit which was unpleasant to one accustomed to something different. However, I went to work with the rest, and taught a large Bible-class for a year. But when six months had passed I sent my letter back to Fredonia, as you will remember. Things have grown worse in the last few years. A man has been in the pulpit for over three years, who seems to me unfit to preach any where, much less to a Baptist church. I sent Mr. **Perrin** a paper containing some of the charges against him, of profanity and falsehood, but omitting another of going into the pulpit intoxicated. He has severed the connection of the church with the Association to which it belongs, has insisted on giving up the covenant, and has made it in fact an independent church, of no particular denomination.

At the last annual meeting a strong effort was made to dismiss him but he carried the day by two or three votes. There was nothing left for those opposed to him but to go, though it seemed exceedingly hard to leave the church property worth \$20,000, which they had helped to secure, and which some of them had made great sacrifices for. Two or three meetings of the new society have been held, and seem to me promising. The sympathy of the best part of the community is with the new body, indeed, the patience they have shown for so long has been a marvel to all observers. The best elements of the old church will go into the new, and all but one of the men who have money to help with. I cannot help regarding this as the most hopeful time for San Jose Baptists in all the years I have been here.

The organization of the new church is to take place Feb. 24th. Can you get a letter from the home church for me, and send it by that time? Please thank them for me that they have allowed me to count myself one of their number all these years. Under other circumstances I should not have thought it right to ask such a thing; but I could not make up my mind to join any other denomination and transfer my interests to it. I have, however, kept out of the last quarrel by attending the Presbyterian church since this man came here. Now I wish to do all in my power to help in putting the new church on a firm basis, and saving to our denomination a representative in this city.

I hope you are getting on happily and prosperously there. Wherever I may be, that will always be the home church to me. It was the only thing I found myself steadily homesick for here.

I noticed in a recent copy of the Examiner the death of Mrs. **Jones**, the wife of our former pastor. She must have been a great sufferer.

Now, Mr. **Madison**, I hope you will not think I am troubling you, in asking you to speak for me to the church, and explain how things have stood and now stand. You have been very kind always in letting me send to you, and I feel more like turning to you than to any one else. I hope you and your daughter are both well. You have had some severe weather, I notice. The rains have been heavy here this winter, but no snow has fallen on our mountains, and

now the sunshine is growing strong and bright. We count our spring begun in February, for the early fruit trees are in blossom then, the peaches and the almonds.

But I am making this letter too long. I will write again if you are interested to know how we get on.

Please give us a hearty Godspeed as a send off.

With regards to Miss Sara.

I am

Yours very sincerely

Helen S. **Wright**

(Item 101)

Chatsworth Ill. Feb/'85

Mr. A.Z. **Madison**

Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Sir,

I write you today as the Clerk of the church to ask them through you for a letter of dismissal from that church.

I never expect again to become a resident of Fredonia and don't know when I may even visit there again, so desire to connect myself with the work of the Master wherever I may be during the coming year.

I can not but retain loving memories of the Church at F. where my dear Grandfather preached, and into which my Mother, Father, Sister, Brother and myself have all been received as members; but feel it my duty to sever my connection with them that I may do a more efficient work for the Lord where I am.

With kindest wishes for the success of the cause in the Church. I remain

Sincerely Your Sister in Christ

Helen R. **Barker**(?) [or **Parker**(?)]

(Item 102)

{ **1886** Sept. 16th.

Rev. E.A. **Woods** Pastor 1st Bap. Ch. Cleveland O.

Request for letter to Miss Mary **B. Biggart**.

Clk A.Z.M. sent it Sept. 17/86 }

447 Prospect St

Cleveland Ohio

Mr. **Madison**,

Dear Bro: At the request of Miss Mabel B. **Biggart** I write to ask for her a letter from your Church to unite with the First Baptist Church of this city. She is now residing here & is a teacher in our Sunday School. Will you bring this request before the Church as soon as convenient, & forward the letter to me.

Fraternally Yours

E.A. **Woods**

Pastor

Sept. 11. **1886**

(Item 103)

Buffalo Jan 7th **1889**

Mr. **Madison**

Dear Sir, your note was received in due time and will hasten to answer with many thanks for your trouble. The papers have come all right. I should have enjoyed a call from Miss **Madison** very much, and hope I may when she visits Buffalo again, I know there must be quite a change in Fredonia in the eight years I have been absent, not only in the Village but in our Church there has been many dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ have passed over the dark river to the better home. There is but few left in the Church that was there when I entered it, dear fold which is I think forty five or six years last Oct. I often think of the Sabbath School and the changes there and get quite homesick. Received a letter from Miss **Hellen** this morning; she is in (?) now and will be there till in Feb then she goes East.

Yours with respect

Mary D. **Wright**

(Item 104)

Brocton Dec. 12 **1885**

From the First Portland Baptist Church, to the Baptist Church of Fredonia sendeth greeting.

This is to certify that Sister **Scott** (formerly **Conger**) has been duly received into full membership of this Church.

Done by order of the church in Brocton NY

Dec. 12 **1885**

O.J. Chamberlain

Ch. Clerk

(Item 105)

The Baptist church at Forestville N.Y.

To any other Sister church of the same faith & order

This is to certify that Sister Sabr(?) **Kendall** is a member of this church in good and Regular Standing and as such we cheerfully and cordially recommend her to your Christian watchcare and Fellowship.

By order and in behalf of the church

At Regular Covenant Meeting Sept 5 **1885**

H. Burgess Ch Clk

(Item 106)

{D.A. **Smith** & wife to Rev. C.E. **Smith** & Bap Ch}

Petaluma

Sonoma Co. Cal

Apr 6th/85

To the Rev. C.E. **Smith**

& Members of the Fredonia Baptist Church

Fredonia NY

Yours of Mar 17th is received & we would liked so much to have been with you on April 4th. But distance & circumstances made it impossible but we feel it is pleasant to be Remembered by friends, & especially those of the Fredonia Baptist Church & our Prayer is that the efforts you have put forth may be Blessed many fold. & that the harvest of Souls be great. We are denied the blessings of Baptist Society here, for there has been none here for many years. But we find warm Christian Friends in every other denomination & the nearest to a Baptist we have found is the Christian or Disciples church. We have been tendered invitations from several of the churches to become members of their church but feel that our Baptist instincts is too strong to admit of it & yet these differences will have to be laid aside when the final Immersion in the river of Death comes where all must be Immersed whether they would or no. That is one Immersion none can get around, & may we come out on the other side to live in the Kingdom of God in everlasting peace. Remember us in your prayers That we may remain steadfast in the cause of Christ, hoping that we may meet over the River if not on this side, we remain yours in Christian Love.

Mr. & Mrs. D.A. **Smith**

Petaluma Sonoma Co. Cal.

(Item 107)

Real Estate – Loans – Collections.

Law Office of John H. **Hicks**.

Norwich, N.Y.

The Norwich Baptist Church of Norwich, N.Y.,

To the Baptist Church at Fredonia, N.Y.

Greeting:

Dear brethren,

We hereby certify that our brother, S.H. **Albro**, and our sister Alice H. **Albro**, are regular members with us, and at their request are hereby dismissed from this church and cordially recommended to your fellowship.

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

This certificate is designed to be valid for one year from date.

By order of the Church,

Norwich, N.Y., Dec. 29, **1885**.

John H. Hicks,

Church Clerk.

(Item 108)

The Fredonia Baptist Church.

To the Baptist Church, Stockton N.Y. or,

To any other Church of the Same Faith, Sendeth Christian Salutation:

Dear Brethren

This certifies that Sister Miss Katie E. **Hendee** is a member in good and regular standing with us, and at her request, made at a prayer meeting, held June 4th, **1885**, this letter of dismission was granted to her for the purpose of uniting with you.

We cordially commend her to your Christian fellowship.

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

By a standing Resolution of this Church, letters of dismission and recommendation are valid for One Year Only from their respective dates

Done by order, and in behalf of the Church at

Fredonia, Chautauqua Co., N.Y., this 5th day of June **1885**.

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

(Item 109)

March 27th **1885**

Fredonia Baptist Church

Pastor

C.E. **Smith**

I would like to be present at your annual Covenant & fellowship meeting on April 4th.

As I cannot be present I wish to have my name read aloud to those that I have often met with years gone by, to let them know I am trying to serve my God & would like a letter, if my Brothers & Sisters feel to grant me one. I have an interest with you all as I have a loved Mother & Sister that meets there as we are all trying to live daily that we can when called [to] meet beyond the river.

Your Friend

Mrs. H.S. **Korns**,

Vacaville

Solano Co

California

{ **1885** Apl 4/85

Harriet S. **Brown**

" **Thompson**

" **Korns** of

Vacaville Solano Co.

California

Request granted & Letter sent Apl 13. **1885** to return after 10 days }

(Item 110)

Dunkirk, N.Y. Dec. 31st **1885**

Mr C.E. **Smith**

Dear Pastor

My cousin, Mrs. Frank **Parker**, has written for a letter to unite with the Baptist Church of Abilene Kansas. (Mr **Welchar** Pastor) Mrs. **Parker** united with our Church by baptism in **1872** and will be pleasantly remembered by many of the members as Miss Rachel **Miller**. Please attend to the matter as early as possible and address her at Abilene Dickinson Co. Kansas.

And greatly oblige

Your friend

Cora A. **Wright**

(Item 111)

Dunkirk Feb 8th **1885**

At a Special Meeting held by the 1st Baptist Church of Dunkirk at the close of the Evening Service, it was Resolved that we deplore the necessity which has caused our beloved Pastor Rev. A. **LeRoy** to sever his connection with us as Pastor on account of our Financial condition. We too plainly see and feel our weakness from causes which we cannot control and would take this opportunity to express our high appreciation of Bro. A. **LeRoy**'s work while our Pastor and trust the Lord will Bless his work in the future as in the Past. Moved that a copy of these Resolutions be given to Pastor, also be placed on records of the Church

In Behalf of the Church.

V.J. **Pratt** Ch Clerk

(Item 112a)

Dunkirk NY April 23rd **1885**

To the Fredonia Baptist Church

This Certifies that Rev. A. **LeRoy** & Sisters Clara **LeRoy** Berthy **LeRoy** & Minnie **LeRoy** are members in good standing of the First Baptist Church of Dunkirk NY and in compliance with their request are affectionately recommended and dismissed to your fellowship

In behalf of the Church

V.J. **Pratt** Ch Clerk

(Item 112b)

The Baptist Church at Forestville N.Y.

To the Baptist Church at Fredonia N.Y.

Christian Greeting

This is to certify that at Regular Covenant Meeting held Dec. 5 **1885**

The Rev. Bro. A. **LeRoy** and Sisters Clarissa E. **LeRoy** and Bertha L. **LeRoy** were recd as members of this church on their letters of dismission and Recommendation of the church at Fredonia N.Y.

H. **Burgess** Ch. Clk

(Item 113)

Dunkirk Sept 3rd **1885**

The first Baptist Church Dunkirk NY

To the Baptist Church Fredonia

Dear Brethren

This certifies that Sister E.D. **Bacon** and Bro Henry **Bacon** are members in good standing of this Church and in Compliance with their request are affectionately recommended and dismissed to your fellowship.

In behalf of the Church

Volney J. **Pratt** Ch Clerk

{She told A.Z.M. Clk. that her name is Zipporah **Bacon**, but now takes the initials of her late husband E.D. **Bacon**, and is Mrs. E.D. **Bacon**}

(Item 114)

Letter of Dismission.

The First Baptist Church of Corry, Pa.,

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

Dear Brethren:

This is to Certify,

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

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

Done by order and in behalf of the Church.

Corry, Pa June 4th **1882**

S.L. **Leach** Church Clerk.

This letter is valid for one year.

(Item 115)

Village of Fredonia with Fredonia Baptist Society
 Agreement
 {Filed in Fredonia Bap. Society Clerk's office March 22nd 1886
 A.Z. **Madison** So. Clerk}

Memorandum of an Agreement between the Corporation of the Village of Fredonia as party of the first part and the Fredonia Baptist Society as parties of the second part for the right to use the Tower of the Baptist Church Edifice, for the placing therein of a Town Clock, and also for the right to use the bell in said Tower for said Clock. The party of the first part agree to pay all expense of putting in said clock including any changes in the bell-tower or any additions to the same.

Also to attend to and defray all expense in the care of said clock, to attend wholly to all repairs, changes and insurance on the same.

Also, to place said clock in said Tower without injury to the interior or exterior of the same, and in case of a removal they agree to leave it in as good condition, as it now is, or shall be at the time of said removal all necessary repairs and alternative excepted.

The party of the second part for and in consideration of one dollar, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, agree to give to the party of the first part the free use of said Tower and bell for the purposes hereinbefore named, for the term of twenty five years, the Village Board reserving the right to remove the above named clock at their pleasure, and to give the right of access to said clock for the purposes of winding, regulating, repairing and removing the same, under direction of a committee consisting of two members, one being chosen by the Village Board of Trustees, and the other by the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Church.

Also to give the right to make such changes as may be desired in the exterior of the Tower in placing dials, the same to be done in a careful and workmanlike manner and finished to correspond with the rest of the Tower, and to put in one or more illuminated dials if at any time it shall be desired.

Signed in duplicate this 8th day of March 1886.

H.H. Hall

Geo. N. **Frazine**

Samuel S. **Crissey**

Fred. W. **Case**

Trustees of Village of Fredonia

Porter M. **Manton**

H.W. **Thompson**

Trustees of Fredonia Baptist Society

(Item 116)

Report of Poor fund 11th Mch 1884.

By amt. Bal June 5 th . 1883	\$40.26
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July 1. Col. Comn.	2.39
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Aug. 5 Col. "	1.77
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Sept 2 nd Col "	1.51
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Oct. 7. Col "	1.82
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Nov. 4 Col "	1.78
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Dec. 2 Col "	1.11
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1884

Jany 6 Col " Cold Snow storm	.76
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Feb 3 Col "	2.64
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Mch 2 Col "	<u>2.42</u>
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\$56.46

Dr.

1883

Augt. 28. To pd. for prtng Minutes Asso \$3.50

Oct. 30. pd. H.P.P. order for Minn(?) Olds(?) 5.00

Nov. 3. pd. H.A. **Buck** 3. Gall Gr. Juice 6.00

1884

Jany 8. pd. T.D. **Baldwin** Co. Clk
 Recording S.B.G. & wife Deed 1.00
 Pd D.B.'s dischg Mort.(?) Recording .50
 Pd R.E. old deed S. **Savage** .85
 Postage to & from Mayville .16
 Feb 12 Pd J.K. **Starr** H.H.P. order Mrs **Walker**(?) .98 \$17.99
 Amt on hand Mch 11/84 \$38.47
6.01
 \$44.48

(Item 117)

Report of poor fund **1885**

1884 Amt on hand Mch 18. **1884** \$44.48
 Apl 6. Col. \$2.80
 May 4. " 1.35
 June 1. " 1.64
 July 6. " .51
 Augt 3. " Rev. Frederic Ill. .96
 Sept 7. " Rev. Chs. E. **Smith** 1.73
 Oct 5. " Rev. A. **LeRoy** Dk. 1.46
 Nov. 2. no Com service 0.00
 Dec 7. " Rev. A.E. **Rose** .62
1885
 Jany 4 (no service) 0.00
 Feb. 1. " Rev. Chs. E. **Smith** 2.65 = 13.72
 Mch 1. " 2.38
 16.10
 \$60.58

1884 Dec 2. Paid Mrs. K order Cash H.P.P. \$5.00
1885 Jany 2. Do " " Case zahm(?) do 2.50
 " " 9. Do " " Cash do 2.00
 " Feb 24 Do Cash do 1.00 = 10.50
 50.08

[The rest of the item is written perpendicular to the previous.]

Report Poor fund Mch 9/86

Amt. Bal. Mch 16/86 \$50.08
 Col. Apl 5/85 2.78
 " May 3/" 2.68
 " June 7/" 2.42
 " July 5/" 2.16
 " Aug. in vacation 0.00
 " Sept 6/" 2.81
 " Oct 4/" 2.80
 " Nov. 1. " 2.86
 " Dec 6. " 2.19
 " Jany 3/86 2.49
 " Feb 7/" 3.50
 " Mch 8/" 2.91
 \$79.68

/85 Disbursements

Mch 20. Paid Rev. A. K-y \$3.00
 Apl 16, Pd Mrs. **Lull** 10.00
 May 26 " " " 5.00
 June 5. " " " 5.00

1886 Feb. 5." " " 5.00
 " " 7." " " 3.00

\$31.00

On hand \$48.68

(Item 118)

A.Z. **Madison's**

Report of Ins &c & of Cft Dept

Received & adopted by Fredonia Bap. Soy March 9th 1886. A.Z. **Madison** So'y Clerk

Fredonia Baptist Society

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

1886

Mch 9 th By rent of Slip 41. one yr. to April 1. 1886	\$35.00
" Assessment for repairs Ch. Ed. ½ as much	17.50
" Interest accrued on Selleck fund \$500. 1. Yr.	30.00
" Balance due Society Mch. 16/85 as then reported	<u>10.73</u>
Mch 24/86 Examining found this an error. Should have been	\$83.23
	93.23

1885 Dr.

Feb. 6 To Ins. Orient Hd. \$1000. on organ, bell, & fur.	\$6.75
" " " do. Br. America 1000. on same	6.75
Mch 6 " do. Freeman's Fund 1500. on Ch. Ed.	9.88
June 1 " do. Commerce 1500. Ch. Ed.	9.88
Augt 2 " do. Springfield 1500. Ch. Ed.	9.88
Augt 2 " do. Home 1500. Ch. Ed.	9.88

1886

Feb 6 " do. Orient 2000. For Stoves Organ Bell & fur	<u>13.50</u>	<u>\$66.52</u>	
			\$16.71
Mch 9 By A.Z. Madison's ck Fr. Nl. Bk to bal a/c	<u>16.71</u>		
Above bal for error to Cr. Next acct.			10.00

1883

Augt. 6 Also, Fredonia Bap. So'y	Cr.	
By Cft. Deposit on Fr. Nl. Bank (Mrs. B.)	\$46.02	
Int. at 3% accrued to Jany 25 th 1886	<u>3.40</u>	
		49.42

1886

Jany 25. To Cash paid to G.N. Frazine Trustee per Recpt for use, on repairs of Church Edifice	49.42
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(Item 119)

\$49.42 Received of A.Z. **Madison** Treasr. of the Fredonia Baptist Society Forty nine and 42/100 dollars Cash being the amount of a Certificate of deposit in Fredonia National Bank that belonged to said Society.

Fredonia Jan'y 25. 1886

Geo. N. **Frazine**

One of the Committee

From Mrs. B. & Dr. **Phillips**

To pay Harrison's

On repairs of Church.

(Item 120)

1887	Received	
Nov 3	Sunday Collection	45.83
	Mrs. N.F. Palmer	49.41
	Miss H. Stearns (?)	45.95

Miss L. Wilcox	46.37	
Miss E. David	33.35	
Individual persons	191.29	
Balance on Bank(?) Book	113.06	
Borrowed from G.W. Belden	27.50	
Note at the bank	283.45	
Total		836.21

Paul

Nov 10	Check Rev C.E. Smith Pastor Sal'y	100.00	
28	" Chas. W. Adams Janitor	8.00	
Dec 7(?)	" W. Barker Organ blower	11.00	
9	" Rev C.E. Smith	100.00	
17	" G.N. Frazine a/c	4.50	
27	" Pritchard & Wood Coal	77.00	

1888

Jany 5	" C.W. Adams		8.00
8	Taxes	14.51	
10	Check Rev. C.E. Smith	100.00	
28	" Herman & Reuther	8.50	
Feb 12	" Rev. C.E. Smith	100.00	
20	" C.W. Adams		8.00
Mch 3	William Wilson Mason	8.95	
	Pritchard and Wood cock wood or coal	4.20	
Feb 6	Check G.W. Belden forward Money	27.50	
	Old Note taken up		230.00
	Total		777.21
	Balance	59.00	
	Face of note	285.00	
	Cash on Land(?)	<u>59.00</u>	
March 6	Deficiency	226.00	

Bert **Belden** Treasurer of Bapt(?)

(Item 121)

{Estimate of Amt. to be paid by Apl. 1. **1888**}

Balance due to Apr 1 st /88		
Mrs. Davis	23.15	
Miss Palmer	10.94	
Miss Stearns	31.99	
Miss Wilcox	28.42	
B. Belden	28.00	122.50

{Estimate of Debts due Apl 1. **1888**.}

Debts due to Apr 1 st		
2 Mo Salary Rev. Smith	200.00	
2 " " C.W. Adams	16.00	
Bal " Organ Blower	9.00	
Gass Bill	30.00	255.00
Estimated deficiencie(?) chg	132.50	
Present "	<u>226.00</u>	
Estimated Total	358.50	

1888

66th. Annual Meeting of The Fredonia Bap. Soy. Report of Trustees Received & adopted Mch 6th **1888**.

Recorded March 8. **1888** A.Z. **Madison** Ex Clk

(Item 122)

The Fredonia Baptist Society

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

Cr.

1887

Mch 8.	By rent of Slip 44. one yr to Apl 1/87	\$35.00	
" "	Int. accrued on Selleck \$500 to Apl 1/87	30.00	
" "	Amt. of error in adding Column last yr	<u>10.00</u>	\$75.00
Feb. 6/87	Dr. To Amt. pd. Orient Ins Co. Ins \$2000 to Feb 6/88 on Organ	\$13.00	
Mch 6/87	" To Amt. pd. Freeman's Fund to Mch 6/88 1500 Bldg	9.88	
June 1/87	" " Amt pd. Commerce to June 1/88 1500 "	9.88	
Aug 2/87	" " Amt pd Springfield 1500 "	9.88	
Aug 6/87	" " Amt pd. Home N.Y. 1500 "	<u>9.88</u>	<u>52.52</u>
	Gave chk to Pastor for this bal. & gave it to D.H. Morgan Apl/87		\$22.48

(Item 123)

The Fredonia Baptist Society

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

Cr.

1888

Mch 6	By rent of Slip 41. 1. Yr. to Apl 1/87	\$35.00	
" "	Int. on Selleck \$500.	<u>30.00</u>	\$65.00
Dr.			
Feb 6/88	Amt pd Orient Ins. Organ &c 2000	13.00	
Mch 6/88	" " F. Fund " Chh 1500	9.88	
June 1/87	" " Commerce " " 1500	9.88	
Aug 2/87	" " Springfield " " 1500	9.88	
" 6/87	" " Home " " <u>1500</u>	<u>9.88</u>	<u>52.52</u>
		\$8000	12.48

Report approved & adopted Mch 6th **1888** in So. Mtg

(Item 124)

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

1884

April 1	By rent Slip 41. to April 1 st . 1885	\$35.00	
" "	Deficiency assessed 1/4 Slip rent	8.75	
" "	Interest on Selleck fund \$500.	<u>30.00</u>	\$73.75

1884 Dr.

March 18	To Balance due Treasurer	\$0.50	
" "	Amt 1/4 Slip rent deficiency pd.		
	Rev. M. Mac Gregor	8.75	
Feb'y 6	" Ins. Organ Bell & fur. \$1000. Orient Hd.	6.75	
" "	" do do do 1000. Br. Am. Can.	6.75	
Mch 6	" do. Chh Edifice 1500 F. Fund Col	9.88	
June 1.	" do do do 1500. Commerce Alb(?) N.Y.	9.88	
July 16.	" do do do 1500. Springfield Mass	9.88	
Augt 2	" do do do 1500. Home N.Y.	9.88	
1885			
Feb'y 17	" Pd. Wm A. Barker for Record Book	<u>.75</u>	<u>\$63.02</u>
	Amt Bal. due Society		\$10.73

Clk remarked he had recently renewed 3 Policies that required more than bal.

Fredonia Bap. Society Cr.

1885

March 16 By Fredonia National Bank

Certificate of deposit \$46.02

Interest accrued to date at 3. a/c

from 2.22

\$48.24

1885 Mch 16th.

Collector & Treasurer of the Trustees Report Read Received and adopted March 16th/85

A.Z. **Madison** So.y Clk

(Item 125)

Rec'd by Coll.	115.19	
" on Assessment	99.79	
Indebtedness		
C.E. Smith Feby & Mch	200.00	
Janitor	28.36	
Blowing Organ	7.50	
Gas Co. Gas approx.	26.50	
" " putting in water	22.19	
Pulpit supply	10.00	
Repairing barn	<u>50.00</u>	344.55
		<u>16</u>
		360.55
Cash in treasury	<u>225.45</u>	135.10

(Item 126)

Received from Apr 1/83 to Apr 1/85		\$2465.47
Paid M Gregor Apr 1/83 to Sept 1/84	1648.35	
" Pulpit Supplies	250.60	
" Janitor Services	121.64	
" Blowing organ	42.50	
" Gas Co.	51.00	
" Coal & Wood	153.59	
" Water Rents(?) (Mrs. Harrison)	5.33	
" J.C. Frisbee Printing	10.50	
" Insurance	35.00	
" McGregor 's stud sub.	10.00	
" Corporation Taxes	31.34	
" State, County & Town Taxes	18.55	
" Telegraphing & Telephoning	.95	
" J.S. Lathrop (leading)	25.00	
" Labor on church	1.00	
" Case, z & 13 Mdse	1.20	
" Labor on Parsonage	4.50	
" Drawing water for Baptistry	6.25	
" M. Munger painting	3.27	
" E.F. Warren (Legal services)	5.00	
" Watching Church (4 July)	1.00	
" Rev. C.E. Smith – Sal.	<u>50.00</u>	2475.97

Subscriptions for year beginning Apr /83 1183.82

"	"	"	"	"	/84	1138.21
Recd on "	"	"	"	"	"	<u>912.76</u>
				Bal due on subs		225.45

(Item 127)

Baptist Society
To Geo. N. **Frazine** Dr.

1886

July 23	Paid Pat	sawing wood & Cleaning Yard	1.50	
"	"	" Lewis (?) for drawing Ashes & Rubbish from(?) Yard	1.70	
"	"	" Lewis (?) per drawing Three loads of Gravel	1.20	
"	"	" Geo. Ryman for 3 Loads Gravel	.50	
"	"	" Arnis (?) per Drawing 3 Loads of Gravel & One of Rubbish	1.35	
"	"	" Colburn for Drain Pipe	1.05	
"	30	" John Comb making sidewalk and trimming Yard	2.00	
Sept 11	"	I.A. Edmunds per Lead & Oil	7.69	
"	27	" Lynn per Hauling 2 loads of Ashes from Basement	.75	
Oct. 5	"	M. Munger per painting Sewer(?) on outside	13.25	
"	10	" Water Rent	1.00	
"	13	" School Tax	2.21	
"	12	" F.W. Scott Pump & Labor	3.90	
Nov 2	"	C.W. Adams per Labor & Material on Parsonage	<u>3.35</u>	
				\$41.45

Credit

July	Received of F.B. Palmer Cash	5.00	
	" of F.B. Palmer A.Z. Madison Bank Ck	16.71	
	" " M. Munger Subscription	5.00	
	" " Theodore Wheelock Stone	<u>5.50</u>	
			\$32.21
			941.45
Balance	to be credited on Slip Rent	<u>32.21</u>	
			\$924

{Recd. and adopted in Annual So,y Meeting Mch 8. **1887**
A.Z. **Madison** Clk }

(Item 128)

Fredonia, March, 9th **1886**.

Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Fredonia Baptist Society, for year ending April 1, **1886**.

Amt. subscriptions for year	\$1385.52
Received on subscriptions	<u>998.38</u>
Amt due on subs.	387.14

Received on subscriptions	\$998.38
" by collections	135.50
" " rent of sheds, &c.	<u>54.00</u>
Total receipts	\$1187.88

Paid –

C.E. Smith (salary)	\$923.04
Janitor services	87.49
Blowing Organ	16.59 to be refunded
Geo. Manton (organist)	37.50 – to be refunded by Ladies society
Fredonia Gas St. Co. (a/c & Sight'g)	37.38
Water rent(?) (5 mos.)	1.65

Ins. On Parsonage	<u>16.00</u>
Amt over	1119.65
Amt. brot. up	\$1119.65
Taxes Corporation	17.10
State, County, & Town	20.91
F.W. Scott & les. (Pew Boxes)	8.37
Paintings same	2.25
Chicago Music Co. (600 books) (65 Ex.)	6.65
A.D. Lewis (2 Cols Wood)	4.50
D.S. Shepard (Carpet sweeper)	1.25
W. McKinstry & Son (bill)	2.00
F.N. Edmunds "	.44
A.Z. Madison (for minutes by ch. vote)	<u>4.81</u>
	\$1187.88

Indebtedness	
Pastors Salary	\$276.96
Pritchard & Woodcock's (bill for coal)	47.06
H.P. Perrin – sundries -	10.50
Fredonia Gas Light Co.	37.42
Janitor services	13.46
Blowing Organ	<u>8.41</u>
	\$393.81
F.W. Scott	<u>23.80</u>
	417.61

{ **1886**

E.J. **Crissey** Tr. Trustees Report read & received Mch 9. **1886** in Annl. So. Meeting. Handed to So'y Clk Apl. 3rd & Recorded April 5/86

A.Z. **Madison**
So Clk}

(Item 129)

1885 Mch 16th

System of Collections for Current Expenses
Adopted March 16/85 in Annl. Meeting of Fredonia Baptist So'y
Recorded in record Bk of Society.
A.Z. **Madison** So.y Clk

System of Collections for Present Expenses.

1. Resolved, That the Envelope System of Weekly Collections for meeting the current expenses of the society be continued.
2. Resolved, That for the purpose of more efficiently executing this plan then be a Finances Committee of two and four Accountants, whose selection and duties shall be as follows:
 1. One member of the Finances Com, shall be chosen by this Society to supervise the work of the accountants and to prescribe details and provide facilities(?) for the execution of the plan of the collections, for keeping accounts, and for giving receipts and to appoint accountants to fill vacancies that may occur.
 2. The treasurer of the Board of Trustees shall be the other member of the Finance com. and shall receive all the monies collected, receipt for the same to the accountants, and account for it to the Trustees.
 3. The Accountants shall be chosen by the society, receive the envelopes and credit the amounts to the proper subscribers, receipt for the same and promptly notify any delinquent subscriber of failure to receive subscriptions due.
 4. Monies paid by persons preferring to pay monthly or quarterly in advance and collections for incidental expenses shall be paid directly to the Treasurer to be accounted for to the Trustees

(Item 130)

The Fredonia Baptist Church
 In acct. with A.Z. **Madison** Ch. Clk.

Cr.

1886	Mch. 9.	By Amt. found due to Chh Mch 9/86		\$48.68	
"	Apl 4	" Amt. Col. for the poor		2.59	
"	May 2	" No Comn. Service & no collection	" "		
"	June 12	" Col. at Commn.		3.78	
"	July 4	" Col. "		3.13	
"	Augt. 1	" Col. "		2.17	
"	Sept 5	" Col. "		4.34	
"	Oct 3	" Col. "		4.25	
"	Nov 7	" Col. "			4.01
"	Dec 5	" Col. "			3.00
1887	Jany 2	" Col. "			2.85
"	Feb 6	" Col. "		2.56	
"	Mch 6	" Col. "			
"	May 1	Dr. To Cash for Miss M. on H.P.P. order \$5.00			
"	May 29	" do. pd. Miss Morian for same	5.00		
"	June 24	" do. pd Dora Barker for Mrs. Walker	5.00		
"	Sept 11	" do. pd. Mrs. E. Barker for do	5.00		
"	Nov 18	" do. pd. J.M. DeWitt for	6.00		
1887	Feb 12	" do. pd. to Mrs. Kimball	2.00		

(Item 131)

1884

A.Z. **Madison's** Report Poor fund Bal on hand Mch 18th **1884** \$44.48
 Recd. & after the amending as within, adopted in adjd Annl. Meeting. Mch 18/84

The Fredonia Baptist Ch & Society

1883	In account with A.Z. Madison Treas.		Cr.
June 5 th	By bal. Poor fund as in Report	\$40.26	
July 1	" Col. at Communion service	2.39	
Augt 5	" do do		1.77
Sept 2	" do do	1.51	
Oct 7	" do do		1.82
Nov 4	" do do	1.78	
Dec 2	" do do	1.11	
1884			
Jany 6	" do do (Cold Snow Storm)	.76	
Feb 3	" do do	2.64	
Mch 2	" do do		<u>2.42</u>
			\$56.46

1883

Augt 28 Dr. To pd. I.H. **Hurlburt** (Col.d on spot 3.50) Treas. assn. for prg Minutes \$3.50
 Oct. 30 Pd. on Dea. H.P. **Perrin's** order (M.O.) 5.00
 Nov. 3 Pd. H.A. **Buck** 3 Gall. Gr Juice 16p 6.00

1884

Jany 8 Pd T.D. **Baldwin** Co. Clk for
 Recording L.B. **Grant** & wife's Deed \$1.00 {\$2.51 transferred to improvement
 Do D. **Barrell's** Dischg Mortg. 50 fund Steeds(?) &c}
 Do Stephen **Savage** old Deed 85
 Postage to & from Mayville 16 2.51 11.98
 Feb 12 Pd J.K **Starr** on Dea H.P. **Perrin** order (W) 98
 Bal in hands of Treas this 18th Mch **1884** \$44.48

The above chge for paid recording to Co Clk (\$2.51) Refunded to A.Z. **Madison** by Geo. N. **Frazine** May 15. **1884**
on Setting my \$15. subscripn for Shed(?).

(Item 132)

Baptist Parsonage
School(?) Tax **1886** \$2.21
Pain N Imm(?)

(Item 133)

Statement
Fredonia, N.Y. **188**
G.N. **Frazine**
To F.W. **Scott** & Co. Dr.
Baptist Parsonage
Sept 30 Your on part(?) .40
Oct 12 " 1 Pump(?) 2.50
" Labor on pump on Water 1.00 3.90
Rec Payment
F.W. **Scott**

(Item 134)

Fredonia Oct 16th **1886**
Fredonia Baptist Society to C.W. **Adams** Dr
To 14 hours work 2.80
" Pine Lumber .30
" 3 lbs Nails .15
" Putty .10
\$3.35
Recd. Paymt.
C.W. **Adams**

(Item 135a)

Water Rents.
Office of Fredonia Water Works,
National Bank Building,
Fredonia.
Office Hours, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Mr. G.N. **Frazine**

Baptist Society
To Executive Board, Dr.
Reg 80 From Sept 1 **1886** To March **1887** Annual Rates Amount Due
For Domestic Use Baths
For Urinals Water Closets
For Hose Attachment Feet Frontage
For Stable Attachment Horses Cows
Baptistry [handwritten] 2.00 1.00

Received Payment, L.N.K.(?) for Treasurer.

(Item 135b)

The same as *Item 135a* except from March 1 **1887** to Sept 1 **1887** for the Baptistery, at an Annual Rate of 4.00 and the Amount Due was 2.00. The receipt was not signed.

(Item 136)

Fredonia, N.Y., Sept 11 **1886**

M Trustees Baptist Church Fredonia By. M. **Munger**
 Bought of F.H. **Edmunds**,
 Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Wines, Liquors, Etc.,
 73 Main Street, Fredonia, N.Y.

Sept 1	To 1 Gal Raw Oil	.55	
	2 " Boil "	1.20	
	2 # Raw Umber	.20	
	25 # Lead	1.88	
2	25 # "	1.88	
8	¼ # Mt Blue	<u>.10</u>	
			\$5.81
3	25 # Lead	<u>1.88</u>	
	Recd Payment	\$7.69	
	F.H. Edmunds		
	Sept 11 86		

(Item 137)

1886	Fredonia Baptist Church to M.N. Munger	Dr.	
Apr. 5	To 5 Hours Work	1.25	
May 4	" 2 do	.50	
Sept 1	" 10 do	2.50	
" 2	" 10 do	2.50	
" 3	" 10 do	2.50	
" 6	" 10 do	2.50	
" 8	" 4 do	1.00	
" 15	" 2 do	<u>.50</u>	13.25
	Contrary Cr		
	By Subscription		
1886	Recd of G.N. Frazine	5.00	
Oct 5	M.N. Munger	<u>8.25</u>	
			\$13.25

(Item 138)

Water Rent from Sept. to March **1887**
 Paid \$1.00

[Pre-printed notice.]

Notice to Water Consumers.

All water bills are payable semi-annually in advance, on the first day of March and September.

To the amount of all bills which are paid during the first and second months after they become due, no percentage will be added.

To the amount of all bills which are paid during the third and fourth months after they become due, an addition of five per cent will be made.

All bills due and remaining unpaid at the close of the business year, on the last day of February in each year, will be returned to the village assessors and placed in the general tax levy with the addition of ten per cent from the date when such bills become due.

No rebate shall be made from established rates on any bill except with the concurrence of a majority of the Executive Board, and the clerk shall keep a record of the action of the Board in all such cases.

(Item 139)

Statement of Account
 Fredonia, N.Y. Sept 2nd **1886**
 Baptist Society
 In Account with Fredonia Natural Gas Light Co.
 Plumbers, Gas and Steam Fitters.

Nov 2	"	"	" No Com. service	0.00	
Dec 7	"	"	" Rev. A.E. Rose		.62
1885					
Jany 4	"	"	" No Com. ser.	0.00	
Feb'y 1	"	"	" Rev. C.E. Smith	2.65	
March 1	"	"	" Do	<u>2.38</u>	<u>16.10</u>
					\$60.58

1884					
Dec 2	To pd.	on Dea. H.P. Perrin's order	K	5.00	
1885					
Jan'y 2	"	"	Do	"	2.50
" 9	"	"	Do	"	2.00
Feb. 24	"	"	Do	"	<u>1.00</u> <u>10.50</u>
					\$50.08

(Item 142)

The Fredonia Baptist Church

In acct. with A.Z. **Madison** Clerk

				Cr.	
1886	March 9.	By bal. Cols. For the poor on hand		\$48.68	
"	Apl. 4	" Collection (May 2 nd no Col.)		2.59	
"	June 11	" do		3.78	
"	July 4	" do		3.13	
"	Augt 1	" do		2.17	
"	Sept 5	" do (1 st . after vacation)		4.34	
"	Oct 3	" do		4.25	
"	Nov 7	" do \$3.89 (H.A. Morrison add 12¢)		4.01	
"	Dec 5	" do		3.00	
1887	Jany 2	" do		2.85	
	Feby 6	" do		2.56	
	Mch 6	" do		2.49	
	April 3	" do		3.96	
	May 1	" do		3.69	
	June 5	" do		2.43	
	July 3	" do		1.97	
	Augt 7	" do		1.67	
	Sept 4	" do (over 5.81-3.75=2.06 for Minutes,) to A.Z.M. 2.06			
	Oct. 2	" do		3.27	
	Nov. 6	" do		3.92	
	Dec. 4	" do		3.24	
1888	Jany 1	" do		3.05	
	Feb 5	" do (3.05 add Hollister 50¢)		3.55	
	Mch 1	" do		3.10	
	April 1	" do		3.61	
	May 6	" do		2.92	
	June 3	" do		3.47	
	July 1	" do		3.77	
	Augt. 5	" do		2.86	
	Sept 2	" do		3.57	
	Oct 4	" do		<u>3.39</u>	
				Amt. carried over	\$143.35

Cr. By amt. Bro't up \$143.35

1888

Nov'r 4	By Col. over 2/ to Bucks	3.67	
Dec. 2	" do		3.94

1889 Jan'y 6	" do "	2.47
Feby 3	" do "	3.77
Mch 3	" do "	<u>2.80</u>
		\$160.00
Dr.		
1886 May 1 st & 29 th	To Cash Each \$5. H.P.P.s order Miss Marshall	\$10.00
June 24.	" Cash H.P.P. for Mrs. A. Walker	5.00
Sept 11.	" Cash H.P.P. " Mrs. E. Barker	5.00
Nov 18	" Cash H.P.P. " J.M. DeWitt for	6.00
1887 Feb 12	" Cash H.P.P. " Mrs. Kimball	2.00
1888 Jan'y 12	" Cash H.P.P. " Mrs. Wood , Coal, G.P.M.	5.75
Mch 27	" Cash do " Mrs. M. H.s Casket Tiffany	27.50
Augt 20	" Cash do " Mrs. H.D. Coal, G.P.M.	6.00
Nov 5	" Cash do " Mrs. Lamkin Chatsey	1.15
" 20	" Cash do Mrs. Berg – Mrs. Munger	5.00
" 27	" Cash do Mrs. Berg – Miss H. Walker	1.50
" "		
& Dec 7	" Cash do Mrs. Lamkin Miss H. Walker	5.50
Dec 10	" Cash do Mrs. L. Milk Bill C.B. Smith	1.50
" 5	" Cash do Mrs. Lamkin , Mrs. Crocker	4.00
" 11	" Cash do Do. do	4.00
" 18	" Cash do do do	4.40
" 26	" Cash do do do	4.20
1889 Jan'y 2	" Cash do do do	4.16
Jan'y 8	" Cash do do do	4.15
" 11	" Cash do do to buy tea "	.50
" 16	" Cash do do do	4.09
" 21	" Cash do do do	4.71
Feb 1	" Cash do do Milk Bill C.B. Smith	2.70
" 14	" Cash do do Mrs. H. Johnson	2.00
" 19	" Cash do do do do	<u>4.00</u>

EJC Mrs Berg	5.00	\$124.81 - \$124.81
HPP Mrs E.	2.00	35.19
Jos. H. Parker Mrs. L.	.63	<u>10.63</u>
Do CB Smith Milk	<u>3.00</u>	24.56
	10.63	
	M. (?) Storage	\$4.00

Read by A.Z.M. in 1889. Fellowship meetg hastily & the results given.

(Item 143)

S.T. **Meservey**, President.

G.S. **Ringland**, Vice-Pres't.

C. **Korslund**, Cashier.

Bank of Livermore.

Livermore, Humboldt Co., Ia., Aug 21 1886

Mr. **Madison**:

Dear Sir.

As I am permanently located in Livermore Iowa I wish to connect my self with some church.

Will you be so kind as to ask for my letter from the Baptist Church of Fredonia and send it to me at Livermore.

Yours respectfully

Grace **Parker Miles**

(Item 144)

Tidioute Warren Co. Penna

Nov. 9, 1882

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

Dear brother:

It was with both pleasure and pain that I read of the action of the Church and Sunday School concerning me: pleasure, that such an honor should be given me: pain, that it is so little deserved. I most sincerely thank both bodies. This life membership of the Missionary Union will keep before me the work to be done for my Master.
Very truly your sister,
Marietta F. **Kendall**

What I have written is not an adequate expression of my thoughts: if the Church and S. Sch. will not, in your opinion, know from it how deeply grateful I am for this declaration of their esteem, please to tell them in your own words. I always seem to freeze when my feelings are the most warm.
As Francette would lengthen the labor of the secretary by more than half, I prefer to have simply the initial F. on the certificate. It may be sent here.
I had hoped to be at my chosen work this fall but it often is the lot of the youngest child to remain at home after the other children start out for themselves.
We three girls (indeed I did, no more than I ought for my time was taken up otherwise with visiting) received so many rebuffs while on our collecting tour, that it never occurred to me to feel hurt at your daughter's courteous explanation of her inability to contribute at that time. I am sorry to hear of her increased ill-health.
Having known for over a year that Mary **Lord** is no Baptist, I am extremely glad she has asked for a letter of dismissal. What is the Church's decision? I think her to be sincere but mistaken.
Mother sends a stamp for a copy of the Association Minutes and I join with her in kindly wishes. We have a deep interest in all that concerns the Fredonia Baptist Church and S. Sch.
Marietta F. **Kendall**

(Item 145)
#73 National St.
Elgin, Ills.
Mch 27 **1886**
A.Z. **Madison**
Dear Sir:

I wish to ask you, as the church clerk, to place before the church my request for a letter of dismissal from my church home to unite with the Baptist church of Elgin, Ills.
As I am settled for a few years in Elgin I feel that I would like to join myself with this body though I do so with many regrets for there is no other church held so dear by me for reason of so many sacred ties as my home church. I would ask to be still remembered at your altar of prayer.
It would be a great favor if you would have the church act upon this at their earliest convenience in order that I may receive the letter by Saturday at noon, next Sabbath being Communion Day.
From
Belle A. **Ribbell**
Elgin
Ills.

(Item 146)
West Springfield, Mass.
Jan. 4 **1886**.
Mr. **Madison**:
My dear sir.

I have been so appalled and bewildered by the scenes through which God has led me that I have felt wholly incapable of replying to the letter that I received from you some weeks since.
I feel most deeply the Christian kindness that promised you to express to me those words of tender sympathy and consolation. You will know the utter loneliness and desolation that comes when "one is taken and the other is left." This terrible affliction coming upon one so unexpectedly, often seems a greater burden than I can bear, but through it all I recognize the hand of my Heavenly Father "who doeth all things will," and in submission I bow to His will. What an amazement, What a mystery, that he in the full strength of manhood should be so suddenly taken from us, and in that dreadful way.

During his sickness we were surrounded by kind helpful friends, and many, many were the prayers offered for him and for us. But the Master called and he has gone from us forever and "I was dumb with silence because Thou didst it."

Permit me through you to express to the church my heart felt appreciation for its expressions of love and respect for my dear husband. It was a loving remembrance, that memorial service which was held by the church endeared to him by so many tender and joyous recollection. His interest in its welfare was ever warm and deep, and the dear friends there were always remembered with the feeling that he was one with them in their joys or in their sorrows. Oh, that I may have their prayers to help me bear this great and sore affliction, is the wish of their sincere friend.
Very respectfully Yours
Ann E. **Williams**

(Item 147)

[Pre-printed notice.]

Form of Bequest to the Society.

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

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

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

Better than Your Will.

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

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Yours truly

Bright Church & Co

J. **Ryerson**(?) Secy(?)

D.H. **Morgan** only recpt}

(Item 148)

New York, July 27 **1885**
Received of A.Z. **Madison**
2 Dollars for "The Examiner,"
To Feb 1. **1886** for D.H. **Morgan**
Bright, Church & Company.
(Incorporated.)
By T. **Ryerson**

(Item 149)

Rochester Theological Seminary.
Rochester, N.Y., April 13th **1886**.
The New York Baptist Union for Ministerial Education.
Received, of A.Z. **Madison**, Esq.
Member of the Fredonia Church,
One and 50/100 Dollars,
On account of Sustaining Membership subscription, payable Feb. 15th in each year.
\$1.50 With thanks, S.P. **Merrill**, Corresponding Sec'y.

(Item 150)

Temple Court, No. 7 Beekman Street,
\$46.00 New York, Aug 29 **1887**
The American Baptist Home Mission Society
Acknowledges the receipt of
Forty six Dollars, from Collections by Mrs Laura **Adams**
Fredonia N.Y. cr. Baptist Ch.
J.G. **Snelling** Treasurer.

(Item 151)

Rev. J.N. **Murdock**, D.D., Secretary.
E.P. **Coleman**, Treasurer.

American Baptist Missionary Union,
Tremont Temple,
Boston, Mass., June 22 **1885**
\$58 46/100
The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of Fifty eight 46/100 Dollars
from Baptist Church Fredonia N.Y. to be held in suspense a/c per A.Z. **Madison** Treas.
E.P. **Coleman** Treasurer.

(Item 152)

New York, Oct. 13th **1884**.
Received for the Baptist Missionary Convention of the State of N.Y., Ten and 00/100 Dollars, from Mr. David
Barrell of Fredonia
John B. **Calvert**, Corr. Sec.
\$10#

(Item 153)

Italian Bible and Sunday School Mission
245 Broadway,
New York, July 26/85
Received \$17.50 from the Meeting in the Baptist Ch in Fredonia per H.P. **Perrin**
Pledged \$7.50 W.C. **Van Meter** Superintendent.

(Item 154)

Carthage, N.Y. Dec. 22 **1884**

Received of A.Z. **Madison** the sum of Twenty-two and 65/100 Dollars, for the relief of the Carthage Baptist Church. on a/c of Fredonia Baptist Church.
\$22.65 Frank P. **Stoddard** Pastor.

(Item 155a)

Baptist Ministers' Home Society of New York.

New York, Dec 1st **1884**

Received of Dr. **Pettit** of Fredonia N.Y. Five Dollars, for the general purposes of the Society.

For the society,

E.L. **Scofield** Cor Secy

\$5.00

(Item 155b)

The same as Item 155a except from the Fredonia N.Y. Baptist Church, dated Dec 1st **1884** and in the amount of \$20.00.

(Item 156a)

Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society.

President, Mrs. Gardner **Colby**, Newton, Mass.

Cor. Secretary, Mrs. O.W. **Gates**, Newton Highlands, Mass.

Treasurer, Miss Mary E. **Clarke**, Missionary Rooms, Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.

\$2.00

Boston, July 10 **1886**.

The Treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society acknowledges the receipt of Two Dollars, from the Fredonia circle N.Y. by Mrs. K.E. **Morian**.

Mary E. **Clarke** Treasurer.

(Item 156b)

The same as Item 156a except dated June 30, **1886**, from Mrs. K.E. **Morian** for L.M. & for Burma, and in the amount of \$25.00.

(Item 156c)

The same as Item 156a except dated Feb. 27, **1886**, from the Fredonia circle N.Y. by Mrs. K.E. **Morian** and in the amount of \$23.00.

(Item 157)

A.Z. **Madison** Ch. Treas.

Please pay Rev. Chas. E. **Smith** Five Dollars for a/c Mrs. **Daily**

H.P. **Perrin** Deacon

Fredonia N.Y.

June 6 **1890**

{Paid to Rev. C.E. **Smith** June 12/90}

(Item 158)

A.Z. **Madison**

Please pay Mrs. **Morian** Five Dollars on a/c Mrs. **Abeel**

Jany 8 90

{Gave ok on Fr NI. Bk 5.00 to Mrs. **Morian**

Jany 10/ **1890** A.Z.M.

(Item 159)

Copy of Subscriptions for deficiencies as of **1886** & **1885**, as taken April 17. **1887**.

\$297.

By Geo. **Blood**

Geo. W. **Belden** \$5.00

W. **Webster** 1.00

Jennie Bond		.50
Mrs. H.W. Ellsworth		1.00
Mrs. Sedgwick	1.00	
Mrs. W.G. Ellsworth		1.00
H. Rossetter	Paid	2.00
Mrs. Jane Miller	Paid	1.00
Young Mr. Wright	Paid	.25
David S. Wright subd. Before, incld in letter	25.00 pd.	
		\$37.75

By A.Z. Madison		
Mrs. L.T. Parker	.25	
Ely Davis		5.00
A.R. Thompson	5.00	
Mrs. J.P. Cobb	2.00	
M.E. Beebe		5.00
Mrs. Harriet Jennings		2.00
F.B. Palmer		25.00
Mrs. A.N. Colburn		2.00
H.P. Perrin		10.00
H. Griswold		1.00
J.W. Parker		1.00
S.S. Crissey	Paid	<u>1.00</u>
		\$59.25

Amt carried over \$97.00

1887

Subs. In Chh April 17. **1887** for deficiency of **1885 & 1886**

Amt. Brot over \$97.00

J.M. DeWitt	Paid	2.00
H.W. Thompson	Paid	3.00
A. Morian	Paid	3.00
Mrs. A. Morian	1.00	
Mrs. R. Haywood		5.00
Mrs. A. Haywood		2.00
D.H. Morgan		2.00
Cora L. Morian	1.00	
Marion Scott		1.00
Miss E. Starr & father	1.00	
Cash (young lady)	Paid	.50
Cash (H.A. Morrison)	Paid	.50
Do. Do. to A.Z. Madison	Paid	<u>1.10</u>
		\$22.10
		\$119.10

Cash pd to G.W. **Blood** incl. D.S.W. 23 \$28.25

Cash pd to A.Z.M. ssc 1.00

Cash pd to H.W. **Thompson & Adams** 10.10
\$39.35

Handed Cash & Subs all to D.H. **Morgan** in his house Apl 22nd/87.

(Item 160)

Mch /87

D.S. Wright	25.00
F.B. Palmer	25.00
H.P. Perrin	10.00
E.J. Wilcox	10.00

Prof. Jewett		10.00
H.F. Morgan		5.00
Geo. W. Blood	5.00	
Chas. Scoville		1.00
Chas. W.(?) Adams		1.00
P.M. Manton		5.00
Supper paid		.45
Mrs. Sarah Kimbel		<u>.75</u>
		98.20
		<u>119.10</u>
		217.30
D. Palmer & Perrin twice		<u>35.00</u>
		182.30

(Item 161)

Meeting of Trustees ½ 2 7 h.m.(?)

Present all but one.

D.S. **Wright**

On motion K.R. **Palmer** and Mr. **Manton** were appointed com. on a water motor for organ.

On motion Mr. **Frazine** was authorized to draw from the Society Treasurer whatever funds he may have proper to apply on repair and use the same in settlement of obligations.

(Item 162)

Letter of Dismission.

The First Baptist Church of Tarrytown

To the Baptist Church of Fredonia

Dear Brethren:

This is to Certify,

That Sobreskie **Burt**(?) is a Member of this Church in good and regular standing; and is, at his own request, hereby dismissed from us to unite with you. When he shall have so united, of which you will please inform us, his connection with us will cease.

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

Done by order and in behalf of the Church.

October 1st 1886.

Arthur S. **Thompson** Church Clerk.

This letter is valid for six months.

(Item 163)

Randolph N.Y. Nov 6/86

The Baptist Church of Randolph N.Y.

To the Regular Baptist Church of Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Brethren

We request you to send your Pastor & two Brethren to meet in council at the Baptist Church in Randolph N.Y. at one o'clock P.M. Nov 18th/86 to consider the propriety of ordaining to the Gospel Ministry Brother Geo. B.

Spencer.

All Churches of the Association are invited.

By order of the Church

H.H. **Hull** Church Clerk

(Item 164)

Mr. **Madison**

Dear Sir

Action was taken in regard to this letter, & the Pastor & Bro. **Hardenburg & Belden** were appointed. D.H.M.

Recd per Geo. H.M.

Oct 12/ 1886

(Item 165)

The First Baptist Church

Of North East, Erie Co., Pa.,

To any other church of the same faith, sendeth Christian salutation.

Dear Brethren:

This certifies that Sister E.F. **Southwick** is a member in good and regular standing with us, and at her request, made at a Covenant meeting held Feb. 6 **1886** 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 North East, Erie Co., Pa., this 6 day of February **1886**.

J.E. **Williams** Church Clerk.

(Item 166)

[Transcriber's Note: This woman was a suffragist and activist for women's rights, and was known affectionately as "Pantsy".]

Warren Pa. Nov. 3. **1886**

The First Baptist Church, Warren Pa.

To the Fredonia Baptist Church,

Dear Brethren,

This certifies that Miss Harriet A. **Walker** is a member of this Church in full fellowship with us and at her own request she is hereby dismissed for the purpose of uniting with you.

When received by you her Connection with us shall cease.

Done by order of the Church.

A.J. **Hazeltine**

Clerk.

(Item 167)

The First Baptist Church of Cleveland Ohio

To the Fredonia Baptist Church N.Y.

This Certifies, That your letter commending to our fellowship Sister M. B. **Biggart** was duly received, and by vote of this Church at her request, was admitted to full membership with us the 1st day of October **1886**

By order of the Church,

Geo. B. **Christian** Ch. Clerk.

(Item 168)

{ **1886**

Preamble & Resolutions by Bro. Geo. **Tate** as adopted in Ch. Mg Oct. 12/86 }

Whereas, in the history of our church some have, through neglect to meet and communicate with the body at the appointed meetings for that purpose, become regardless of all their covenant obligations and walked no more with us, and since we have in our covenant engaged to "exercise a mutual care one of another," and to "frequently exhort and if occasion shall require admonish one another," therefore,

"Resolved 1st that whenever any resident members have absented themselves from the covenant meeting and failed to indicate their union with the church in any other way, without apparent excuse, for a period of four consecutive months, it shall be the duty of the clerk or pastor, without action of the church, to address a letter to such members kindly inquiring about their delinquencies and exhorting them to a closer walk with the church, and, in cases where no satisfactory reply to such letter or renewal of church relations is made within two months to report such members to the church for such action as it may deem best.

2nd. That the same action shall be taken with non-resident members who fail to report their standing with the church at least over a year.

3rd. That the clerk and pastor may prepare a suitable form of letter for convenient use in compliance with this resolution.

{add SSC amendment}

And any thing, in any Standing resolution of the Church, or in its prior Rules and Regulations, adopted August 6. **1864** inconsistent with the foregoing preamble and Resolutions, is hereby rescinded.

(Item 169)

{Recd. **1886** Sept. 30./86

Mrs. Eugenia **Morris** & Freeman **Morris** from Clymer Bap. Ch.}

The Clymer Baptist Church to any Church of like faith and order

Greeting

This certifies that Mrs. Eugenia **Morris** and Freeman **Morris** are members in good and regular standing of this church and at their own request are affectionately recommended and dismissed to your fellowship.

By order and in behalf of the Clymer Baptist Church.

Clymer N.Y. July 31, **1886**.

J.M. **Gleason** Clerk

{Letter & card [*Item 170*] recd. same time }

(Item 170)

United States

Postal Card.

Nothing but the address to be on this side.

Pastor or Clerk of the Baptist Church

Fredonia N.Y.

Chaut Co

[Message side]

Clymer N.Y. Sep 13th **1886**

Dear Brethren You are requested to send your Pastor and one delegate to council with us in regard to the propriety of publicly setting apart to the work of the gospel ministry our Brother Daniel H. **Conrad**. The council will meet in the Baptist Church Wednesday Oct 13th at One P.M.

The Baptist Churches of this association are invited.

By order of the Church

J.M. **Gleason** Church Clerk

(Item 171)

One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism.

First Baptist Church,

Jamestown, New York.

Under the Pastoral Care of Rev. Ransom **Harvey**

To the Baptist Church of Fredonia N.Y.

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

Dear Brethren This is to Certify that Mrs. Cordelia **Bradford** is a Member in good standing and full fellowship with us, and that at a Church meeting held March 31st **1886**, this Letter of Dismission was duly granted for the purpose of uniting with you. We most affectionately commend her to your Christian fellowship and watchcare.

Yours Affectionately,

Jerome **Preston** Clerk.

Jamestown, N.Y., March 31st **1886**

This Letter is Valid for Six Months.

{At Mr. **Blowers** west hill aged & infirm}

(Item 172)

The First Baptist Church Warren Pa.

To the First Baptist Church Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Brethren,

This certifies that Sister Eliza **Brownell** is a member of this Church in good and regular standing and at her own request she is hereby dismissed from us to unite with you.
May the blessing of God rest upon her and upon you.
By order of the Church.
Warren Pa. June 14, **1886**
A.J. **Hazeltine**
Church Clerk

(Item 173)

The Forestville Baptist Church
To the Fredonia Baptist Church
Dear Brethren

This is to certify that Sister Minnie **LeRoy** was Recd as a member of the church at Reg. Prayer Meeting Thursday evening Aug 19 **1886** on Recommendation of Fredonia Baptist Church.
H. **Burgess** ch clk

(Item 174)

Mr. **Smith**
Dear Sir

Perhaps the date of my church letter calls for an explanation. At the time I received it, I was very unsettled in my plans, and all the time since I have been unable to take my place in any way in the church. But if I have not been able to observe many of the forms of Christian life. I have not forgotten Jesus. How could I when I have needed Him so much and my need has not been greater than His ability to help. I have seen wonderful beauties in the religion of Christ all by my self. Now that I seem to have the promise of a little more strength, I wish to present my letter to the Church, please do so any time you think most suitable.

Yours sincerely

Louise **Chapin**
Fredonia, July 8 **1886**

(Item 175a)

Evans May 23rd **1886**

Dear Bro. **Adams**

I laid your request for a letter before the Church to-day and it was promptly granted. We rejoice with you at the manifestation of God's goodness to the people of Fredonia. O; for an outpouring of His Spirit here. But we must wait. In His own good time He will bless us,

Yours in Christian love

G.B. **Southwick**

(Item 175b)

The Baptist Church in Evans N.Y.
To Any Church of like Faith and Order
Greeting

This certifies that our dear brother Charles W. **Adams** is a member with us in good and regular standing. At his request this letter of dismission is granted him and he is cheerfully recommended to your fellowship.

By order and in behalf of the Church

Evans May 23rd **1886** G.B. **Southwick** Clerk

(Item 176)

The First Baptist Church of Lockport N.Y.,
To any Baptist Church of the same faith.

Dear Brethren:

This is to Certify, That Sister Louise **Chapin** is a member of this Church in good standing, and at her own request is granted this letter of dismission.

We, therefore, affectionately recommend her to your watchcare and fellowship, and may the Great Head of the Church crown your union with mutual and eternal blessings.

Done by order, and in behalf of the Church,

L.B. **Douglas** Clerk.
Lockport June 30 **1882**

(Item 177)

{**1886** D.P. **Topliff** Sherman NY Recd. May 20/86}

Sherman N.Y. Feb 27/86

My Dear Bro. **Topliff**:

Having never met you, I feel somewhat embarrassed in writing you: nevertheless being your pastor I have a desire to write you a few lines and bid you God-speed in your efforts to live for Him and walk with Him.

I feel sure that you have taken the right step in calling for a letter that you may unite at Fredonia, I hope and pray that you may be thoroughly consecrated to God and bear every cross that you may have an abundant entrance into the gates of heaven.

Hoping to hear, ever of your faithfulness in Christ,

I am yours in the bonds of Christian love.

C.B. Smith

Pastor Bapt. CH.

Sherman N.Y.

(Item 178)

The Sherman Baptist Chh.

At Sherman N.Y. to the Baptist Church at Fredonia

Greeting.

This may certify that Bro. D.P. **Topliff** is a member of our church in good standing and is granted this letter of dismissal and commendation at his own request.

In behalf of the Church.

Sherman Feb. 27 **1886**

L. **Sanderson** Ch. Clerk

(Item 179)

Office of

Bartlett and Miller,

108 Fifth Street, O'Donnell Block.

Leavenworth, Kas., May 10 **1886**

To the Pastor and Members of Fredonia Baptist Church

We would most respectfully ask for letters of dismissal from you that we may join the 1st Baptist Church of Leavenworth Kas.

We do this that our labours may be more effectual here, but it is with feelings of regret that we sever ourselves from you. Full nine tenths of our Christian experience has been among you and it is no wonder that we feel as though we were leaving home as we make this change. We shall ever remember the Fredonia Baptist Church for the blessings and pleasures we have enjoyed with you and what ever changes life may bring to you, or to us, may those pleasant remembrances prove incentives to a higher and nobler life and a help and stimulance(?) in the discharge of our duties in whatever field we may labor. We rejoice to hear of your prosperity and know you will be glad to hear that nearly one hundred have united with the Baptist church here this winter and I believe the work is only commenced.

Most Respectfully Yours

Mr. and Mrs. F.W. **Bartlett**

{**1886** May 13.

F.W. **Bartlett** Letter to Clk requesting letters self & wife Com & dism to 1st Bap ch of Leavenworth Kans.}

(Item 180)

Prayer Meeting – May 13/86

Sung. Prayer by Eld **Kingsbury** sung. Recd (?) 4th Remarks – sung Brief prayers Mrs. (?) A.R. The E. **Davis** sung 23rd I am so glad E.D. Made testimony(?) - R.M.(?) (?) & S.E.(?) **Belden** Recd word of Clk addressed(?) letter – face(?) **Bartlett** & wife were voted.

Sung to close LM Doxology

(Item 181)

Office of Bartlett and Miller,
108 Fifth Street, O'Donnell Block.
Leavenworth, Kas., May 8 **1886**

A.Z. **Madison**
Fredonia N.Y.

Dr Sir

As this will probably be our home for some time to come we have decided to ask for our letters of dismissal from the Baptist Church at Fredonia and unite with the 1st Baptist Church of Leavenworth.

Most Resp'y

Mr. and Mrs. F.W. **Bartlett**

(Item 182)

[Pre-printed.]

Acknowledgement.

Carthage, Jeff. Co., N.Y., April 12th, **1886**.

Dear Brethren: -

When the providence of God deprived us of our house of worship and homes, we turned in our distress to our brethren for help. You, with more than 280 sister churches and Sunday schools, responded to our call. The money thus received, amounting to over \$5,000, has enabled an otherwise helpless people to provide themselves with a comfortable church home.

Our new brick church is now completed, and (D.V.) will be dedicated May 5th, **1886**. The main building is 50 feet square, with session room in front, 35x30 feet. Small but commodious pastor's and dressing rooms are on either side of the pulpit, in the rear of main building. Completely furnished, the entire cost will not be far from \$11,000.

We are not, at the most, more than \$2,000 in debt, and this we hope to raise, so as to dedicate free of encumbrance.

Your contribution of \$22.65 was received Dec. 18th, **1884**. We wish now to acknowledge this favor, as a church, and to extend to you our hearty thanks for your practical sympathy, extended to us in our time of great need.

May our Heavenly Father keep you from a calamity like ours, and add to you great spiritual and temporal blessings.

So long as we shall be permitted to worship our God, in this house which He has put it into the hearts of our brethren to help us to build, to His honor, we shall not cease to pray for your prosperity. Spiritually, God has built us up.

Since the fire we have received 27 members by baptism, several by letter and experience, and 8 more are awaiting baptism.

All this was accepted and adopted, by a unanimous vote of the church, April 11th, **1886**.

Signed by Advisory Committee.

Pastor: - Frank P. **Stoddard**.

Deacons: - J.R. **Hopkins**, F.A. **Southwick**, G.W. **Wood**, Geo. **Britland**.

H.D. **Farrar**, Clerk.

(Item 183)

The Lincoln Sq. Bap. Church in Worcester, Mass. to the Baptist church in Fredonia N.Y.:

Greeting:

This is to certify that Sister Susie **Burrows** was duly received as a Member of this church on the 30th day of October **1885**.

E.C. **Holton**(?)

Church clerk.

Worcester, Mass. Nov. 10th **1885**.

(Item 184a)

The Baptist Church,

Cherry Creek, N.Y.

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

Sendeth Christian Salutation:

Dear Brethren:

This Certifies, That Leroy **Allnatt**(?) is a member in Good Standing and Fellowship with us; and at his request, this Letter of Dismission was granted for the purpose of uniting with you.

We most affectionately recommend him to your Christian Fellowship and watchcare, praying that the Lord will crown your union with mutual and eternal blessings.
This Letter is Valid for One Year from Date.
Done by order and in behalf of the church at Cherry Creek, this 12th day of February **1887**.
Julia A. **Morian** Church Clerk.

(Item 184b)

{On M. Dea. **Perrin** 2nd by D.S.W.}

The Baptist Church,
Cherry Creek, N.Y.

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

Sendeth Christian Salutation:

Dear Brethren:

This Certifies, That Mrs. Jessica **Allnatt**(?) is a member in Good Standing and Fellowship with us; and at her request, this Letter of Dismission was granted for the purpose of uniting with you.

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

This Letter is Valid for One Year from Date.

Done by order and in behalf of the church at Cherry Creek, this Ninth day of April **1887**.

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

(Item 185)

{**1887** Miss Jennie M. **Merrill** for Letter to unite with Frewsburg Bap Ch

Granted Sept 8/87}

Frewsburg, N.Y.

Sept. 3, **1887**

{addressed Rev. Mr. Chas. E. **Smith**,}

My dear Pastor,

The gentleman with whom I board tells me that he met you while at the Association and you said you could like my address that you might direct some communication to me.

I have been thinking of asking the Church for a letter and uniting here. I expect to remain here the whole school year and as I cannot attend the church in Fredonia it seems to me that it will be better for me to join here if you will grant me a letter. Mr. **Hankinson** is the pastor.

I enjoy my work here very much and am striving to make it a work for Jesus as well.

I like to hear from the church and know that the influence of your words and life is bringing some home.

Yours very gratefully,

Jennie M. **Merrill**,

Frewsburg, N.Y.

(Item 186)

Frewsburg N.Y. Sept 5 **1887**

The Frewsburg Baptist church to the Baptist Church in Fredonia

Dear Brethren,

We invite you to send your Pastor and one member as delegates to sit with us in council on Wednesday Sept. 21 **1887**, at 1 o'clock P.M. to consider the matter of ordaining our Pastor

Bro. J.C. **Hankinson** to the work of the Gospel ministry.

By order of the church.

J.D. **Bain**

Clerk

(Item 187)

{D.H. **Morgan**'s Report Apl. **1887**}

Copy of Treas. Report

Recd on Subscription 1027.59

Weekly Collections 149.81

Rental of Church to Alace(?) **Lathrop** 10.00
 " " Shed 16.00
 Cash over Paid to M. **McGregor** 8.75
 \$1212.15

Amt Paid out \$1415.14

Probable Expenses to Apr 1st/87
 Cash Paid out to Mow \$1415.14
 2 Month Salary to Pastor 200.00
 Janitor 1 month 8.00
 Gass 1 " 3.50
 Back on Pastors Salary for **1885** 80.00
 \$1706.64

Amt Back on Subscriptions
 Weekly & 0.15
 2 v. or otherwise 116.90
 \$197.05

Amt Due Apr 1st/87
 Cash Rects 1212.15
 Due on Sub. 197.05
 1409.20

Amt of Arrears
 Amt & expins Apr 1st \$1706.64
 " Due Apr. amt resd 1409.20
 297.44

Mr. **Madison** Dear Sir
 If you should require the items of amt. Paid out I will give them
 Yours D.H. **Morgan**

(Item 188)
 {**1887** Min. So.y Meeting Mch 22nd **1887**}

Minutes of Society Meeting
 Mar 22 **1887**

A meeting of the Baptist society was held on the eve off the 22. to consider the report of the committee (appointed at the annual So meeting) to consider the financial(?) question(?) of the same. Meeting called to order by E.J. **Wilcox** as Moderator, at: 8 O'clock. Followed by Prayer by Moderator. Moved report be read. Remarks on same by **Adams** in regard to Coal Bills. Mrs. **Lathrop** explained(?) position of Ladies in regard to Minsl(?) fund. A.R. **Thompson** thought that Bills were not explained sufficiently. Mr. **Albro** call for the recommendations of committee in reg and to Raising finances, remarks were then made by **Palmer & Perrin** as to best method of making up arrears, result Motion by **Palmer** that 2 more be added to committee to be a finance Com, carried **Wilcox & Morian** such Com. Motion by **Perrin** that arrears on this year be paid this year remarks by A.R. **Thompson & Palmer** on same carried. D.S. **Wright** proposed that all moneys raised by society be applied to pay expenses of same. **Palmer** remarked that about \$1500.00 was needed for yearly expenses. **Wilcox** would like a general Treas for society and all money paid to same, so that the members of the church & Society would know what they were doing for the support of the gospel, remarks by **Dorns(?) & Palmer**. D.S. **Wright** thought that if 1/10 was paid that there would be no lack of funds. **Wilcox & Perrin** made remarks on arrears & that all members be informed in regard to the needs of the Society and that the Pastor bring it before the Church, Chair called on S.S. **Crissey** for his views. Said that he had nothing in particular to offer, The result of the meeting was reached by D.S. **Wright** offering to give 25.00 if the whole amount would be raised. Other names were added, and that the list be left with the Treas. (of Trustees.)
 About 30. Present
 D.S. **Wright** 25.00

Dr. Palmer	25.00
H.P. Perrin	10.00
Prof. Jenn (?)	10.00
C.W. Adams	1.00
Scovill	1.00
H.F. Morgan	8.00
Geo. W. Blood	8.00
E.J. Wilcox	<u>10.00</u>
	\$92.50
P.M. Manton	5.00
Supper pd.	.45
Sarah Kimbel	<u>.75</u>
	\$98.20

(Item 189a)

{ **1887** Letters from 1st. Portland Bap. Ch.
Benjn.(?) C. **Barlow** & wife L. **Barlow**
Recd. Feb. 3rd. **1887**}

The First Portland Bap. Church, To any other church of like faith and practice,
This is to certify that Sis. L. **Barlow** is a member of this Church in good and regular standing. And by her own request is granted this letter of dismissal and recommendation to unite elsewhere. This letter is good for one year from date.

Done by order of the Church in Brocton N.Y.

June 12 **1886**

O.J. Chamberlain

Church Clerk

(Item 189b)

The First Portland Baptist Church, to any other church of like faith and practice.

This is to certify that Bro. B.C. **Barlow** is a member of this church in good and regular standing. And by his own request is granted this letter of dismissal and recommendation to unite else where. This letter is good one year from date.

Done by order of the church in Brocton N.Y.

June 12 **1886**

O.J. Chamberlain

Ch. Clerk

(Item 190)

The First Baptist Church, Colorado Springs, Colo

To the Fredonia Baptist Church:

Sendeth Christian Salutation:

Dear Brethren

This certifies that Sister Cordelia C. **Munson** having presented a letter of dismissal to us, granted by you on the 3rd day of June **1887**, she was received into our membership, this the 20th day of September **1887**.

H.J. **Fisher**, Church Clerk.

(Item 191)

The Baptist Church at Forestville N.Y.

To the Baptist church at Fredonia N.Y.

This is to certify that Sister Esther **Kendall** is a member of this church in good and Regular Standing and as such cordially Recommend her to the Christian watchcare and fellowship of any Sister church of the same faith and order.

By order and in behalf of the church at Regular covenant Meeting Oct 31 **1885**

H. **Burgess** Ch Clk

(Item 192a)

Silver Creek, N.Y.

Feb. 12 **1881**

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

Dear Brother,

On the sixth of last March a letter of dismissal was granted me to unite with the Baptist Church at Titusville. Shortly after receiving it our plans were changed and we removed to Silver Creek, where there is no Baptist Church.

Therefore I wish to return my letter to the Baptist Church of Fredonia and still be considered as a member of the same.

Emma M. **Colberg**

(Item 192b)

The Fredonia Baptist Church

To the Baptist Church at Titusville Pa.

Greeting:

This certifies that Sister Emma M. **Colberg** is a member in good and regular standing with us, and at her request in Covenant meeting this day, this letter of dismission was granted to her. We cordially commend her to your Christian fellowship. When united with you, her membership with us will cease. Letters of dismission & commendation are valid for one year only from date.

By order & in behalf of the Church.

Fredonia N.Y. March 6th **1880**.

A.Z. **Madison**

Church Clerk

(Item 193)

Meadville March 31. **1889**

Mr. **Madison**

Dear Sir

Is my Name still on the Church Book? I am almost afraid to ask. I know I did very wrong in leaving Fredonia without taking a Letter from the Church but I have always thought I should go back to Fredonia to live. I have never been in any one place for any length of time, only in Columbus Pa. and there was no Baptist Church there. I attended the Methodist Church but did not feel that I wanted to unite with them.

When I came I did not expect to stay but a few months but the months have lengthened into years and I feel that I need and want a Home in the Church, and if they(?) feel that they can give me a letter to unite with the first Baptist church at Meadville I would very glad(?) to have you do so.

Our Pastor W.H. **Marshall** has been holding revival meetings for two months. Fifty one have been added to the Church and fifteen are awaiting baptism and still the Work goes on. Several whom are earnestly seeking Christ.

Respectfully yours

Mary O. **Barclay**

U83 North St.

(Item 194)

To the Fredonia Baptist Church of Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Brethren:

This Certifies that Mrs. Leonora G. **Lathrop** having presented a letter of Dismissal from you, dated Feb 2nd **1888** has been received a member of the First Baptist Church of Freeport Ill.

E.B. **Winger** Clerk.

May 6th **1888**.

Address this letter to

A.Z. **Madison**

Clerk Fredonia Baptist Church, Fredonia N.Y.

(Item 195)

Office of

A.B. **Rice**, M.D.

Panama, N.Y., June 2, **1888**.

The Harmony Baptist Church,
To any Sister Baptist Church,
Greeting:

This is to certify that Sister Dorliska **Manley** is a member of this church in good and regular standing; and that, at her request, she is hereby dismissed from membership with us and recommended to your fellowship and watchcare. Done by order of the church.

A.B. **Rice**,
Ch. Clerk, Pro. Tem.

(Item 196)

Cairo Wv.(?) Nov. 28th 89(?)

Dear Brother

My wife & my self desire to unite with the Baptist Church here at Cairo Wv. Will you please to bring the matter before the church and ask them to grant us a letter.

Bro. C.A. **Scoville**

{Voted letters Friday Covt. M Jay 3/90}

{Sent 2 letters, in one, to each at Cairo Ritchie Co. West Virginia
Jany 9th 1889. }

(Item 197)

{Recd. July 26/88 & acted on in prayer meeting that evening & letters sent 27th.}

Hillsdale July 25th 88

Dear Brother in Christ,

I did not mean to so long delay writing to you for your kind letter written soon after we came to H. was in deed very cheering. Shall be glad to receive council from you frequently.

While we have known it was duty for us to ask for letters from the Church there to unite with the 1st Baptist Church of Hillsdale we have been very reluctant to do so for many reasons. The Covenant meeting occurs here the same as there the Thursday evening before the 1st Sunday in the month which will be next week. So we would ask the Church to grant us (Mr. **Adams**. Luther & myself) letters that we may put them in here at that meeting. And please remember us kindly in your prayers that while absent from you we may be kept in Christ's love.

Respectfully Your Sister

Mrs. C.W. **Adams**

Box 512

{1888 July 25th Mrs. Laura **Adams** request for letters for 3. }

(Item 198)

Alva **Colburn**, Pres.

E.J. **Crissey**, Sec'y.

Office of

Fredonia Natural Gas Light Co.,

Plumbers, Gas and Steam Fitters.

Fredonia, N.Y., Feb 2nd, 1888.

Letter of dismissal & recommendation granted to George **Merrill**, of Bradford, Pa., to unite with the First Baptist Church of Bradford, by request of his pastor Rev. James P. **Thoms**.

Also, letter granted to Mrs. Leonora G. **Lathrop**, at her request.

On motion of Bro. Chas. W. **Adams**, Miss Mary J. **Black** was received as candidate for baptism, after relating experience.

Matter of J.W. **Downes**, a colored man, letter to church asking for admission was by consent defered until such time as pastor should be present.

(Item 199)

{All Recd Augt 26/88}

Clarksburg, W. Va

Aug. 13 1888.

To the Baptist Church,
Fredonia N.Y.

Greeting:

This is to certify that Prof. F.S. **Lyon** and wife, and Miss Hattie **Lyon**, and Miss Lizzie **Lyon**, are members of the Clarksburg Bap. Ch, in good standing; and upon their own request, are hereby dismissed from us to unite with you. When notified of their reception their connection with us will terminate.

Done by order of the church.

L.E. **Peters**, Pastor.

Wheeler **Boggess**

Assit Clerk.

N.B. This letter is good for six months.

(Item 200)

One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism.

First Baptist Church,

Jamestown, New York.

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

To The Baptist Church of Fredonia N.Y.

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

Dear Brethren This is to Certify that Miss Minnie E. **Dickson** is a Member in good standing and full fellowship with us, and that at a Church meeting held Oct. 3rd **1888**, this Letter of Dismission was duly granted for the purpose of uniting with you. We most affectionately commend her to your Christian fellowship and watchcare.

Yours Affectionately,

Jerome **Preston** Clerk.

Jamestown, N.Y., Oct 3rd **1888**.

This Letter is Valid for Six Months.

(Item 201)

The Baptist Church at Forestville N.Y.

To the Baptist Church at Fredonia N.Y.

Greeting

This is to certify that Sister Minnie **LeRoy** is a member of this church in good and regular standing and as Such do cordially recommend her to your Christian watchcare and Fellowship.

By order and behalf of the church at Regular Covenant Meeting this 3rd day of Sept **1887**

H. **Burgess** ch. clk.

(Item 203a)

The Baptist Church of Stockton NY to the Baptist Church in Fredonia NY

Greeting – Dear Brethren

This is to certify that Sister Mertie(?) **Batcheller** is a member with us in good and regular Standing and at her request we cheerfully recommend her to your fellowship and when notified of her connection with you shall consider her Dismissed from us.

Done by order and in behalf of the Church.

Dated Stockton Dec 31st **1888**

H.W. **Seymour** Church Clerk

(Item 203b)

The Baptist Church of Stockton to the Baptist Church in Fredonia

Greeting

Dear Brethren

This is to certify that Sister Lettie B. **Batcheller** is a member with us in good and regular standing and at her request we cheerfully recommend her to your fellowship and when notified of her connection with you shall consider her dismissed from us.

Done by order and in behalf of the church.

Dated Stockton Dec. 31st. **1888**.

H.W. **Seymour** Church clerk

(Item 204)

Forestville NY Feb 18 **1888**

The Forestville Baptist Church

To the Fredonia Baptist Church

Dear Brethren

You are fraternally invited to send your Pastor and two Brethren to sit with us in Council on Thursday March 1 at 10 O'clock A.M. to take into Consideration the propriety of ordaining to the work of the Christian ministry our Pastor Bro Alex **Watt**.

By order & in behalf of the church

H. **Burgess** ch clk

{In prayer meeting appointed Feb 23. **1888**.}

{Rev. C.E. **Smith**

Dr. F.B. **Palmer**

Dea. H.P. **Perrin**

Delegates to council with power give to Bro. **Perrin** to substitute, in case he can not go.}

{Gave letter as above Feb 24th **1888**.}

A.Z. **Madison**

Ch Clk

(Item 205)

The Baptist Church of Stockton to the Baptist Church in Fredonia

Dear Brethren

According to the advice of a council held here March 8 you are requested to send your Pastor and two lay members to meet similar delegations from all the churches in the association in council on March 19 inst at 1 O'clock P.M. to hear the charges of this church against their former Pastor Rev. Geo. B. **Spencer** and to take such action as the Council may deem expedient. The matter being urgent it is hoped that no church will fail to send delegation.

By order and in behalf of the church.

March 12 **1888**

H.W. **Seymour** Church Clerk

(Item 206)

{**1888** Mch 15

Sr. Frances A. **Sackett**

Letter of request to unite with 1st. Bap. Chh Council Bluffs }

Council Bluffs, Iowa

March 1st **1888**.

Rev. C.E. **Smith**

Dear Pastor,

We are now living in Council Bluffs, with the expectation of making it our permanent home. Have met with the Rev. D.H. **Cooley**, Pastor of the First Baptist Church here, and upon his solicitation and my own desire, would like to unite with the Church in this place. Would write now, asking the Fredonia Baptist Church for a letter that I may so do.

Would be pleased, could I have a letter, to unite here at the next Covenant meeting in April.

Very Respectfully,

Mrs. F.G.(?) **Sackett**

Address please –

300 Pierce St. Council Bluffs, Iowa

(Item 207)

Fredonia, N.Y., Mch 14 **1888**

Mrs. Harriet **Daniels**

Bought of J.M. **Tiffany** & Son,

Furniture Dealers and Undertakers

Singer Sewing Machines,

Cor, Main and Eagle Sts.		
Feb'y 22 1 Casket & box		
Hearse		
Services	40	
Cr by cost(?)		5
" Diset(?)		<u>7.50</u>
		12.50
Balance 27.50		

{A.Z. **Madison** Treas. Please pay out of Church fund. H.P. **Perrin** }
 {Recd. of A.Z. **Madison** his chk on Fredonia Natl Bank \$27.50 in full of the above bill.
 J.M. **Tiffany** & son
 Fredonia Mch 27th. **1888** }

(Item 208)

{**1888** Hattie **Woodworth**'s Letter requesting 3. Letters of rec. & dism to Bap Chh of Mendon Monroe Co. N.Y. }

Victor, N.Y.,
 Mar, 15, **1888**.
 Rev. C.E. **Smith**,
 Fredonia, N.Y.

Dear Pastor: It is some time ago since we left Fredonia nearly a year and we have had no church home here. We have attended the Presbyterian church some at Victor but of late have been going to the Baptist church in the little village of Mendon. It is not like our old church at Fredonia, and I doubt our ever feeling so much at home here. But still all are working in the same cause trying to save lost souls, and do something for our Master. I have quite an interesting class of young gentleman in the Sunday School, some of whom have recently united with the church.

Mother, Sadie and my self are all desirous of having a church home here, and would request our letters. They may be addressed to the Baptist church of Mendon, N.Y.

Asking to be remembered in prayer, I remain,
 Yours truly,
 Hattie E. **Woodworth**,
 Victor, Ont. Co. N.Y.

{Mrs. Francis J. **Woodworth**
 Miss Hattie **Woodworth**
 " Sadie **Woodworth** }

(Item 209a)

Fredonia, N.Y., Jan 10 **1888**
 M H.P. **Perrin** for Mrs. **Wood**
 Bought of G.P. **Marsh**,
 Dealer in
 Hard and Soft Coal and Wood, Lumber, Lath, Shingles,
 Lime, Cement, Plaster, Salt, Etc.
 Cor. Main St. and R.R. Ave.

Mc 17 Wood(?) & Coal for Mrs Wood	6.00	
		<u>.75</u>
		5.75

{A.Z. **Madison** Please pay out of Ch Fund H.P.P. }

(Item 209b)

1888 Geo. P. **Marsh** Recpt \$5.75
 Recd. of A.Z. **Madison** five and 75/100 dollars in full of the within bill of coal.

Fredonia Jany 12th 1888
G.P. Marsh

(Item 210)

{Mch 3rd 1888

Request of Clark C. **Woodruff** for self & wife Almira **Woodruff** to be dropped from our list of members. Same dropped at Fellowship meeting Mch 31. 1888. A.Z. **Madison** Ch. Clk}

[The letterhead is of the Springfield Insurance Company.]

J.N. **Dunham**, President. Sanford J. **Hall**, Secretary. Andrew J. **Wright**, Treasurer.

Springfield

Fire and Marine

Insurance Company,

Springfield, Mass

Agency at Fredonia March 3rd 1888.

To the Fredonia Baptist Church,

Dear Brethren,

Whereas, I and my wife, Almira **Woodruff**, were, for years, members of this Church, but removed to Penna. about 1856 and our names are still on the Chh Book here as members, and whereas I removed again from Pa. to Ashland Wis. and while there at the organization of a Bap. Chh. in 1885, I by experience was recd. as a member.

I have again removed to Kankakee Ill. and am now a member of a Bap. Ch at that place. Mrs. **Woodruff** being a cripple, has not united with any Chh.

But under all these conditions, I now request the Fredonia Bap. Chh. to drop both my own & my wife's name from your list of members.

C.C. **Woodruff**

(Item 211)

{On Mo **Buck**(?) 2nd

Recd U. Grant **Hendee**}

The Baptist Church of Stockton

To the Baptist Church in Fredonia

Greeting. Dear Brethren

This is to certify that Brother Ulysses Grant **Hendee** is a member with us in good and regular standing and we cheerfully recommend him to your fellowship and when we are notified of his joining with you shall consider him dismissed from us.

Done by order and in behalf of the church.

March 25th 1888

H.W. **Seymour** Church Clerk

(Item 212)

{1888 Apl 13.

H.H. **Jordan** Chh Clk

Petaluma Cal. That D.A. **Smith** & wife Celia **Smith** had joined Bap Ch. there from letters & Experience.

This letter recd.

April 20. 1888}

Petaluma Calif.

Apr. 13th 1888

From the Baptist Church

Petaluma to the Fredonia N.Y.

Greeting:

This is to notify you, that Bro. D.A. **Smith** and wife have joined this church, from letters of recommendation and experience.

Yours in Christ

H.H. **Jordan**

Clerk.

(Item 213)

{ **1888**. May 10.

Mrs. M.K. **Lyon** Letter granted May 10/88 }

Jarrett's, Va.,

May 7, **1888**.

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

Dear Sir,

Having removed to this section of the country for life as far as man can see, it seems proper for me to unite with the Baptist Church of this place.

It is with regret that I sever my connection with the Fredonia Baptist Church though I have long since ceased to be a working member in it.

The regular quarterly Conference of the High Hills Baptist Church is held on the nine-teenth of May. I would like to have my letter by that date.

Very truly yours,

Harietta K. **Lyon**,

Neé **Kendall**

(Item 214)

Letter of Dismission.

The First Baptist Church of Friendship

To the First Baptist Church of Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Brethren:

This is to Certify,

That Harry E. **Davis** is a Member of this Church in good and regular standing; and is, at His own request, hereby dismissed from us to unite with you. When He shall have so united, of which you will please inform us, His connection with us will cease.

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

Done by order and in behalf of the Church.

April 14th **1888**

Chas. W. **Stout** Church Clerk.

This letter is valid for six months.

(Item 214)

Letter of Notification.

Mendon, Monroe Co. May 5th **1888**

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

Dear Brethren:

You are hereby notified, That Frances J., Hattie & Sadie **Woodworth** were received by letter from you to membership in the Mendon, Monroe Co, Baptist Church, N.Y.

March 31st **1888**

Henry **Jones** Church Clerk.

(Item 215)

Statement

Fredonia, N.Y., March 22 **1889**

Mrs. **Landers**

Bought of C.B. **Smith**,

Milkman

Mrs **Landers** bod(?) 50 qts Milk

6 cts per qts 3.00

{ A.Z. **Madison** please pay above bill a/c Mrs. **Lamkin**

H.P. **Perrin** }

{ Recd. of A.Z. **Madison** two dollars on the above bill March 22nd **1889**

C.B. Smith

Recd as above one dollar in full of the order Mch 30/89.

C.B. Smith}

(Item 216)

Keep this Bill.

Fredonia, N.Y. June 15 **1889**

M A.Z. **Madison** for Mrs. **Woods**

Bought of Belden & Deane,

Dealers in

Choice Family Groceries,

Crockery, Glass and Chinaware.

Terms 69 Main Street

June 3

1 Flour 1.45

Paul

Send Bill.

Staple and Fancy Crockery a Specialty.

(Item 217)

Fredonia N.Y. Nov /89

A.Z. **Madison**

Treas Baptist Church

Please pay Mrs. **Morian** Four Dollars from Poor Fund for a/c of Lucius **Cole**.

H.P. **Perrin**

{Contribution for L. **Cole** Nov 2nd \$11.00

Paid Mrs. R.E. **Morian** " 9. 4.00 = \$15.00}

(Item 218)

Please pay C.E. **Smith** Five Dollars on a/c of Miss Emily **Daily**.

H.P. **Perrin**

Fredonia Mch 10 90

{Pd in office to Rev. C.E. **Smith** Mch 10/90 Cash}

(Item 219)

A.Z. **Madison** Treas.

Please pay C.E. **Smith** Pastor Five Dollars for a/c Mrs. **Daily**.

H.P. **Perrin**

Oct 18 89

(Item 220)

A.Z. **Madison** Treas

Please pay following bills a/c Mrs. **Wood**

K.R. **Palmer** & Co 1.51

Perrin & **Griswold** 2.50

Belden & **Deane** 3.12

Harry **Parker** .79

Pritchard & **Woodcock** 2.75

14.67

May 3 **1889**

H.P. **Perrin**

(Item 221)

"Buffalo Store."

Fredonia, N.Y., Nov. 12th **188**

H.P. **Perrin**

To J.M. **DeWitt**, Dr
Dealer in
Dry Goods, Gent's Furnishings
And all kinds of Embroidery Material.
28 Main St.

1 Shawl	\$4.00	
1 Dress Pattern	<u>2.00</u>	
Amt. due		\$6.00

A.Z. **Madison**
Please pay the above out of any funds in the Poor Funds
H.P. **Perrin**

{Recd Payt in full of A.Z. **Madison** Nov. 18. **1886**.}

J.M. **DeWitt**

{Paid J.M. **DeWitt** cash \$6.00 Nov. 18 **1886**}

(Item 222)

A.Z. **Madison**
Please pay from Church fund One & 15/100 dollars to Mr. Frank **Chatsey** case Mrs. **Lamkin**
H.P. **Perrin**

(Item 223)

A.Z. **Madison** Ch Treas.
Please pay G.P. **Marsh** 6.00 for ton coal to Mrs. **Daniels** & take from Church fund.
H.P. **Perrin**
{Paid to Geo. P. **Marsh** \$6.00 Cash on above.
Augt. 20/88 A.Z.M. chg in a/c }

(Item 224)

A.Z. **Madison**
Please pay to Mrs. **Kimball** Two Dollars for Mr. **Elgers** wood
Horace P. **Perrin**
{Paid \$2. bill cash to Mrs. **Kimball** Feb 12th/87
A.Z. **Madison**}

(Item 225)

A.Z. **Madison** Treas
Please pay Mrs. **Johnson** a/c Mrs. **Lamkin** Two Dollars
H.P. **Perrin**
{Paid \$2.00 Cash to Hugh **Johnson**
Feb 14th **1889** for his wife }

(Item 226)

A.Z. **Madison** Treas
Please pay to Mrs. **Crocker** Four & 20/100 Dollars a/c Mrs. **Lambkin**
H.P. **Perrin**
{Paid Silver Dec 26/85 \$4.20 to Mrs. **Crocker**}

(Item 227)

{Dec. 18. **1888**}
A.Z. **Madison**
Please pay Mrs. **Crocker** Four Dollars for services & Forty Cents for alcohol & meat all for a/c Mrs. **Lambkin**

H.P. Perrin

\$4.40

(Item 228)

A.Z. **Madison** Treas Please pay Mrs. **Johnson** Four Dollars a/c Mrs. **Lambkin**.

H.P. Perrin

{pd to Hugh **Johnson** Feb. 19. 1889}

(Item 229)

A.Z. **Madison** Treas

Please pay Mrs. **Crocker** Four Dollars for a/c Mrs. **Lambkin**.

H.P. Perrin

{Pd to Mrs. **Crocker** Dec 11/88 2. 2s=4 A.Z.M.}

(Item 230)

A.Z. **Madison**

Please pay Mrs. **Crocker** four & 16/100 Dollars a/c Mrs. **Lambkin**

H.P. Perrin

(Item 231)

A.Z. **Madison** Ch Treas

Please pay Mrs. **Crocker** Four dollars & nine cents a/c Mrs. **Lambkin**.

H.P. Perrin

{Paid Cash 4.09 Jany 16/89 A.Z.M.}

(Item 232)

A.Z. **Madison**

Please pay Mrs. **Crocker** Four Dollars for services Mrs. **Lambkin**.

H.P. Perrin

(Item 233)

A.Z. **Madison** Ch Treas

Please pay Mrs. **Crocker** four & 15/100 Dollars a/c Mrs. **Lambkin**

Jany 8 89

H.P. Perrin

{Pd. by A.Z.M. Jany 8/89}

(Item 234)

A.Z. **Madison** Treas

Please pay Mrs. **Crocker** Four 41/100 dollars a/c Mrs. **Lambkin**

H.P. Perrin

{A.Z.M. pd \$4.71 Jany 21/89}

(Item 235)

A.Z. **Madison**

Please pay Miss Harriet **Walker** One 50/100 Dollars a/c Mrs. **Berg** Five 50/100 Dollars a/c Mrs. **Lambkin** from Fund

H.P. Perrin

Amt 7.00 Fredonia Nov 27. 1888

Pd 3 Nov. 27. &

Pd 4 Dec 7.

(Item 236)

A.Z. **Madison**

Please pay Mrs. **Johnson**

Two dollars a/c Mrs. **Lambkin**

H.P. **Perrin**
{pd. Mch 22nd/89 to H. **Johnson**}

(Item 237)
{May 29/86}
A.Z. **Madison**
Please let Mrs. **Morian** have 5.00 from poor fund for Ms. **Marshall**.
H.P. **Perrin**

(Item 238)
A.Z. **Madison**
Please let Mrs. **Crocker** have money enough for ½ # tea.
H.P. **Perrin**
{Pd 50¢ Jany 10/89 A.Z.M.}

(Item 239)
A.Z. **Madison**
Please pay for Mrs. **Berg** to self five dollars this day of her funeral.
Fredonia Mch 6th 1889.
E.J. **Crissey**, Deacon.

(Item 240a)
Statement
Fredonia, N.Y., Jan(?) 14 1889
Mr. H. **Perrin** by Order
Bought of C.B. **Smith**,
Milkman
For Mrs. **Lambkin**
From Dec to till Jan 24
Dec 21 days(?) 1 qt per day 6 5(?) qt 1.26
Jan 29 " " " " " " " " 1.44

{A.Z. **Madison** please pay above bill a/c Mrs. **Lamkin**
H.P. **Perrin** }
{Recd. of A.Z. **Madison** the sum above named.
Feb. 1. 1889.}
C.B. **Smith**

(Item 240b)
Statement
Fredonia, N.Y., Dec 8 1888
Bought of C.B. **Smith**,
Milkman
Milk for the
From
Nov 8 to date 1.50
{25 days 1. qt at 6}

{A.Z. **Madison** please pay above bill
H.P. **Perrin** }
{ \$1.50 Paid Dec 10th 1888 }
C.B.S.

(Item 241)
Fredonia N.Y. Dec 17. 89.
A.Z. **Madison** Treas

Please pay Mrs. **Morian** for a/c Mrs. **Abeel** Three dollars
H.P. **Perrin**

(Item 242)

A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clerk & Treas

Please pay to Mrs. **Davis** 5.00 for the use of Miss Mina **Olds** per vote of Ch on Thursday evening Oct 18th
H.P. **Perrin**

(Item 243)

Baptist Ministers' Home Society of New York.

New York, Aug. 29th **1889**

Received of the Fredonia Bap Church Twenty Eight 33/ Dollars, for the general purposes of the Society.

\$28.33 all for **1889**. N.W. **Miner**

{including \$5.00 Received before Mch 4/89} Corresponding Secretary and Supt.

(Item 244)

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

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

American Baptist Missionary Union,

Tremont Temple,

Boston, Mass., Aug 31 **1888**

\$26 46/100

The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of Twenty-Six 46/100 Dollars, from Bap. Ch. Fredonia N.Y. to be held in Suspense a/c by A.Z. **Madison** Ch. Clerk

E.P. **Coleman** Treasurer.

(Item 245)

Office of

Clerk of Courts,

Thos. J. **Champion**. Paulding County

Paulding, O. **188**

A.Z. **Madison**

Pardon my neglect. The draft was rec. all right for \$50.00 as payment on the Orsione lot.

Yours Truly

N.E. **Gordon**

Was the expenses on lot \$75.00?

(Item 246)

No. 1852 Randolph, N.Y. Aug 14th **1883**

Received from A.Z. **Madison** Of Fredonia N.Y. By J.D. **Foote**

One Dollar

For the Western New York Home for Homeless and Dependent Children.

\$1. Charles **Merrill** Sec'y.

(Item 247a)

American Baptist Publication Society

[Branch Houses: - Boston, New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Atlanta.]

B. **Griffith**, D.D., General Secretary, Editor, and Acting Treasurer,

Department Officers:

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

Geo. W. **Anderson**, D.D. Book Editor.

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1420 Chestnut Street,

Philadelphia, 6/20 **189**

No. 68

A.Z. **Madison**

Fredonia N.Y.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of your remittance of \$26.61 as a contribution from Baptist Church for the Missionary Work of the American Baptist Publication Society.

Please accept and convey our hearty thanks for the donation.

May it be made a great blessing to givers and receivers.

Yours truly,

C.C. **Bitting**, Bible Secretary.

Per AZJ

{July 11/89 sent Mrs. **Noble**'s 1.00 to same C.C. **Bitting**}

(Item 247b)

American Baptist Publication Society

1420 Chestnut Street,

Philadelphia, 7/13 **1889**

No. 2245

A.Z. **Madison**

Fredonia N.Y.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of your remittance of \$1.00 as a contribution from Baptist Sunday School addl for the Missionary Work of the American Baptist Publication Society.

Children's Day, **1889**.

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

Yours truly,

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

(Item 248a)

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

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

The American Baptist Missionary Union,

Tremont Temple,

Boston, Mass., Aug 29 **1887**

\$22 54/100

The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of Twenty-two 54/100 Dollars, from Bap. Ch. Fredonia N.Y. to be held in Suspense (?) H.L. Membership by A.Z. **Madison**.

E.P. **Coleman** Treasurer.

(Item 248b)

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

Rev. W. **Ashmore**, D.D., Home Sec'y.

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

The American Baptist Missionary Union,

Tremont Temple,

Boston, Mass., Dec. 14th **1889**

\$21.95

The Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union acknowledges the receipt of Twenty one 95/100 Dollars, from Fredonia Baptist Church N.Y. bal on H.L.M. for Mrs. F.E. **Haywood**. E.P. **Coleman** Treasurer.

By J.F. **Barnes**(?)

(Item 249a)

Copy of letter sent

The Fredonia Baptist Church:

To the Baptist Church at Meadville Pa.

or, To any other church of the same faith,

Sendeth Christian Salutation:

Dear Brethren

This certifies that Sister Miss Mary O. **Barclay** is a member in good and regular standing with us, and at her request, made at a Prayer meeting, held April 18th **1889**, 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, (and we notified,) her membership with us will cease.

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

Done by order, and in behalf of the Church at Fredonia, Chautauque Co., N.Y., this 18th day of April **1889**.

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

(Item 249b)

Rev. W.H. **Marshall**

Dear Brother

Sister Mary O. **Barclay**, has lived several years in different towns in Penna. as Corry, Titusville, Columbus & Meadville, and also a part of the same time, referred to, here. She mailed a letter to me the 2nd day of this month April, in which she inquired if her name was still on our Chh book, also requested a letter to unite with the 1st Bap. Church in Meadville of which you are Pastor. She had some warm friends here, and has yet, & from what we have known of her, this Church has voted her a letter of commendation & dismission knowing at the same time that the people where she had lived would understand the case better than we. Fraternaly Yours, A.Z.M.

(Item 249c)

Fredonia Apl. 24th **1889**.

Miss Mary O. **Barclay**,

Dear Sister,

After having written the usual Chh. letter for you, and an explanation for your Pastor, on the blank leaf of same, I now write to more fully explain to you the delay &c. Your letter was duly recd. and on the 6th of April, in the meeting which our present pastor, Rev. Chas. E. **Smith** called fellowship day, when we have a roll call of the Chh. Members, When the reader. E.J. **Crissey** read your name (alphabetically) I announced that I had a letter from you, & was told to read it. I did so, with a brief remark, and it was passed quickly as other letters were, as we had more work this time on hand to do all. I only read one more letter besides yours though I had 8. others, that I desired to read, in my pocket. Elder **Smith** read several. I then went to the next meeting of the Chh. purposely to have a vote on your request, but Elder **Smith** said, not then, as he had so many other things to attend to. So it was delayed. I then gave your letter to him to present last Thursday evening. This he did, and a letter was granted. He then undertook to send your letter to me, and the man thought he meant the Society Clk. S.S. **Crissey**, & he gave it to him and it has been kept away from me until today, it got back to me. So you see this last week has gone by since the Chh voted the letter. Now, I make the record, and write all this to explain. Nobody has had more anxiety to get these matters around than your friends Mrs. Julia P. **Clark** and Mrs Harriet **Daniel**, and myself. I hope you may receive the letter soon & safely, and without much delay, use it, and become a member of the Bap Chh where you now reside and by & by, be saved in Heaven.

Truly Yours

A.Z. **Madison**

P.S. I am now an old man, (nearly 86.) to what I was in your day here, and do not go to the evening meetings. Have been made sick by it, once 3. Mos. & once 5. Mos. Must be careful.

(Item 250)

Watertown N.Y. Oct. 16 '89

Rev. C.E. **Smith**

Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Brother,

Having left the work in the South and having settled in a community where a Baptist Church will welcome me to its fold, I ask for a letter from the Fredonia church that I may become a member at the Watertown church. My reason for holding my membership in Fredonia and not Marshall Tex. Was founded in the prejudice on part of Southern Baptist against Home Mission works among colored people.

I have contributed regularly for the support of the Marshall church and have attended the preaching service. I preferred, irregular as it is, to have my connection maintained, until I could unite with some other Baptist church. Will you kindly bring the matter before the church if I am still a member, I know that I would have deserved dropping were it not that I have practically been in a mission field where no church would welcome me, on account of my aggressive Christian labor.

Fraternally Yours,

F.D. **Shaver**

(Item 251)

The Baptist Church of Dunkirk

Under the Pastoral care of Rev. J.J. **Keyes**

To the

Baptist Church of Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Brethren

This is to certify That Sister Mrs. E.C. **Johnson** is a Member of this Church in good and regular standing; and is, at her own request hereby dismissed, to unite with you.

When she shall have so united, of which you will please inform us her connection with us will cease.

Done by order and in behalf of the Church.

Chas. S. **Thompson**

Church Clerk

Dunkirk N.Y. Feb. 27th **1889**.

This Letter is valid for six months.

(Item 252)

{Letter mailed Brocton Oct 24 **1882** near 2. years before written. How is it?}

The First Portland Baptist Church

To any other church of like faith and practice.

This is to certify that Sis. Leulla **Moran** is a member of this church, in good standing, and at her own request is granted this letter of dismissal and recommendation.

Done by order and in behalf of the church here in

Brocton N.Y. Oct. 11 **1884**

O.J. **Chamberlin**

Ch Clerk

(Item 253)

The Baptist Church of Dunkirk

Under the Pastoral care of

Rev. J.J. **Keyes**

To the

Baptist Church of Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Brethren

This is to certify that Sister Miss Abbie **Bacon** is a member of this Church in good and regular standing; and at her own request is hereby dismissed, to unite with you.

When she shall have so united of which you will please inform us, her connection with us will cease. Done by order and in behalf of the Church.

Chas. S. **Thompson**

Church Clerk

Dunkirk N.Y. Feb. 27th **1889**

This Letter is valid for six months.

(Item 254)

The First Portland Baptist Church,

To the Baptist Church at Fredonia N.Y.

Dear Bren.

This is to certify that Bro. W.T. **Benjamin** and Sister Louisa **Benjamin** are members of this church in good and regular standing and by their own request are granted this letter of dismissal & commendation to unite with you. Done by order and in behalf of Baptist Church at Brocton N.Y. March 17 **1889**.

O.J. **Chamberlin**

Ch. Clerk

(Item 255a)

{ **1881**

Sept 28/81

Sister M.A. **Kendall**}

[This is a newspaper clipping.]

“How it would startle some of our congregations to have the pastor follow the reading of the annual report of his church with a few of the withheld statistics, somewhat after this sort: Of the thirty-two that have joined our church the past year I find that five of those who came in on profession have unmistakably fallen into former evil ways, while of those who were received by letters three were certainly lacking in good character in the churches they left, although by the record they were in ‘good and regular standing.’ One of our elders is popularly reported to have swindled a neighbor outrageously in a notorious business transaction. We have lost one of our most prominent members by his transfer to the county jail on conviction of crime. A careful examination of our record has convinced me that fully one-third of our members can be counted on the ‘dead-head’ list. They do nothing in the line of Christian activity. As to their example, they are not bad enough to be a warning to the outside world, nor good enough to be taken as an example by anybody, in or out. our benevolent contributions look pretty well for our number, but I learn that nearly one-third of their full amount has been given by four persons, and that of the other members of the church more than one-half gave less to religious causes than they pay toward amusements while there are not a few families which gave more for peanuts during the year than they put in the contribution box. A fair estimate of the tobacco bill of the congregation [is]? twice and three-eighths the amount given by the church to home and foreign missions combined.” Such a supplement as this, in kind and degree according to the particular community, could be truthfully made in many a church where the annual report last presented is spoken of as “in every way encouraging.”

(Item 255b)

Tidioute, Warren Co., Penn’a.,

Sept. 28, **1881**.

Brother **Madison**: -

I take the liberty of writing you for three reasons: first, knowing that you always have the distribution of the Association Minutes and very much wishing to have a copy on publication, I enclose postages for the purpose. Again, not having heard from Mr. **Bartlett**, I am uncertain whether or not he has collected my pew rent of Miss **Bishop**: as she left Fredonia before I had an opportunity to notify her of having given the bill to him for collection, it will be necessary for him to speak to her when in the place: please say this to him and oblige me.

The third reason is that I desire to pay my yearly dues to the Woman’s Mission Circle and not really knowing who the present secretary or treasurer is, think best to send it to you as you take charge of all stray missionary change. Please pay the dollar enclosed to whoever is authorized to receive it and tell them I purpose [sic] retaining my membership for the present and hope, as they meet from time to time, they will not forget me.

As there is no Baptist Church here, I much miss my privileges in Fredonia: and as the Thursday evening and Saturday Covenant Meetings come round, I not only think of you all but seem to see the familiar faces as they come dropping in, and my silent petition rises that God will hear your prayers and bless you all.

I came across this scrap in my reading which purports to have been copied from the Sunday School Times. You may have already read it: it appeared to me so pat, withal sad, I could not resist the temptation to send it to you.

Very respectfully

Mrs. M.A. **Kendall**

{Read in Covt. Meeting Oct. 1. **1881**}

(Item 256)

\$75.00 Recd of the Trustees of the Fredonia Baptist Society per A.Z. **Madison** in his Ck on Fr Nl. Bank Seventy-five dollars, which is endorsed on the Mortgage that I hold against said society as the balance of interest accrued, & accruing up to the 6th. day of August inst.

D. Barrell

Fredonia August 1st 1883.

(Item 257)

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