Constitution of the Chautauque Bible Society Auxiliary to the American & Foreign Bible Society
adopted at Forestville Sept. 7th, 1837

Article 1.
This Society shall be called the “Chautauque Bible Society” auxiliary to the American Foreign Bible Society, whose single object shall be to aid in circulating the Holy Scriptures in the most faithful version that can be procured.

Article 2.
All persons contributing one Dollar or more annually shall be members of the society; and those who pay Ten Dollars at one time, shall be members for life. Life members or Life directors of the Parent Society, residing in the bounds of the Chautauque Baptist Association, shall be entitled to membership in this also.

Article 3.
Any church or society may become auxiliary to this body by paying annually into the Treasury, after their own incidental expenses are deducted, their surplus funds, and forwarding to the corresponding secretary a list of their officers and such others as they deem expedient. Such members of auxiliary societies as subscribe one dollar annually, shall be entitled to membership in this body, and those who subscribe Ten Dollars to their funds at one time shall be entitled to life membership in their society. Auxiliary societies shall be allowed the privilege of constituting one Life Member of this Society for each Ten Dollars paid into the treasury. Life membership or life directorship of the Parent Society will be guaranteed to such individuals as wish the privilege, or are nominated by auxiliaries by the payment into the treasury of the sum required by the constitution of the Parent Society.

Article 4.
The funds of the society, after deducting incidental expenses, shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the American & Foreign Bible Society, to assist in supplying the destitute with the word of truth.

Article 5.
The Society shall elect, annually, a President, Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer and Ten Directors. The last twelve persons shall be members in good standing in Baptist Churches & shall constitute an executive committee – and in case of failure of an annual election the whole board shall hold their offices until a new election is made – all officers of the Society or of auxiliaries, and life members, and Ministers of the gospel who are members of the society, shall be entitled to a seat in the meetings of the executive committee when present.

Article 6.
The President, or in his absence, one of the Vice Presidents shall preside at the meetings of the society.
The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the society & of the Executive Committee, shall notify all meetings of the Society & of the Executive Committee, arrange the business to be brought before them, keep a record of their doings, and notify the persons chosen officers at the annual meeting, of their appointment. The Treasurer shall receive all monies collected & hold them subject to the direction of the Executive Committee, and shall make a report at the annual meetings of the Society. The Executive Committee, a majority of whom shall be a quorum shall meet from time to time to manage the business of the society. – They shall direct the Treasurer in the appropriations of all moneys, make arrangements for the annual meetings of the society, cause a report of their proceedings to be prepared for the annual meetings, and a copy of the same with a list of the officers to be transmitted to the Parent Society, and make such appointments and adopt such measures as are best calculated to promote the interests of the Society. They shall enact their own by-laws, and fill such vacancies as may occur in their own body.

Article 7.
There shall be an annual meeting of the Society on the 4th Wednesday in Feby. when the accounts of the Treasurer shall be presented – the annual report read – officers chosen & such other business transacted as the interests of the Society may require.

Article 8.
No alteration shall be made to this Constitution, except by the Society at an annual meeting.

The first annual meeting of the Chautauque Bible Society, was held agreeable to adjournment at the Baptist Meeting house in Mayville Feby. 7th, 1838.

The meeting was called to order at two o’clk. P.M. by the President, Rev. W. Winsor.

Prayer by the President.

Delegates from auxiliary societies and Churches invited to a seat.


Heard the Constitution of the Society.

Appointed a committee to divide the association into districts, so as to have the claims of this Society presented before the different churches and especially, feeble & remote churches, who have limited means for information.

Proceeded to elect officers for this ensuing year as follows:
President –
Rev. Washington Winsor
Vice Presidents –
Rev. J. G. Brown
Rev. P. Cross
Rev. A. Chapin
Rev. J. Schofield
Rev. Geo. Witherell
Rev. E. R. Swain
Rev. J. W. Nye
David Barrell, Secretary; Josiah More, Treasurer
Directors –
Rev. W. T. Boynton, O. Dodge, H. B. Ewel,
Brn. Wm. Sexton, Jesse Brooks, A. S. Moss, J. Arnold

Resolved that the next annual meeting be held with the 2nd Church of Stockton, 4 Wednesday, Feby, 1839 & that Rev.’d S. Little, W. Winsor & Bro. S. Crissey be a committee to make arrangements for the next annual meeting.

Adjourned to ½ past 6 this evening.

Prayer by Br. Brown.

Met agreeable to adjournment – Hymn of praise from the Choir – Prayer by Bro. Nye.

The following resolution presented & sustained by Bro. J. G. Brown & seconded by Bro. Nye was adopted.

Resolved that to aid in the effort to give bible to the Whole family of Man, is a duty we owe to God & to our fellow creatures.

The following resolution presented & sustained by Bro. W. T. Boynton, seconded by Bro. H. B. Ewel was adopted.

Resolved that a distinct organization of the Baptist denomination for the purpose of aiding in the translation, printing & distribution of the Holy Scriptures throughout the world was urgently demanded, & that we greet the American & Foreign Bible Society as an organization eminently calculated to meet that demand.
The following resolution presented & sustained by Bro. B. N. Leach, seconded by Bro. D. Barrell was adopted.

Resolved

Took up a collection amounting to $3.

Adjourned to meet at Delanti the 4th Wednesday in Feby. next at 2 o’clk. P.M.

David Barrell, Secty.

Wednesday, Feby. 27, 1839

The Society met agreeable to adjournment with the 2nd Baptist Ch. in Stockton at the Baptist meeting house in Delanti.

The meeting was called to order by the President, W. Winsor.

Prayer by Bro. O. Dodge.


The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

William Sexton – President [crossed out]
Revd. W. Winsor – President
Vice Presidents –
John Breed
E. D. Leet
John Forbes
R. D. Sherman
N. Mixer
J. R. Walker
& Aaron Lyons
David Barrell - Secty.
Josiah More - Treas.
Resolved that the next annual meeting be held with the Baptist Ch. in Forestville on the 4th Weds. in Feby next.

Resolved that J. W. Nye, N. Mixer & C. R. Leland be a committee of arrangements for the next session.

At the call of the President, a meeting of the directors of the Chautauque Bible Society was held at the Baptist meeting house in Mayville Oct. 9, 1839.

W. Sexton, President in the Chair.

Heard the constitution of the Society.

After deliberation it was resolved that we view it duty to employ an agent, to visit the churches in the bounds of this society, who may be the instrument, under God, of awakening the churches to their duty to this society & diffuse light on the subject.

Resolved that Bro. J. Schofield be invited to enter the field as our agent.

Heard remarks from Eld. Schofield signifying his partial assent, if the church with whom he labors consent.

Resolved that we desire Eld. Schofield to spend 3 months in the employ of the Society, before our next annual meeting.

Resolved That Eld. Schofield receive One Hundred dollars from the funds of the Society as his salary for 3 months.

Resolved that Eld. Schofield, Brn. More & Barrell be a committee to obtain or publish an address or circular to scatter among the Churches, & that the expense be defrayed at the annual meeting.

Closed by Prayer.
David Barrell, Secty.

The Chautauque Bible Society Auxiliary to the A. F. B. S. held their 3rd anniversary agreeable to adjournment at the Baptist meeting house in Forestville 26th, Feby., 1840.

After sermon a collection was taken up amounting to $4.13 to aid the funds of the Society.


Resolved that our next annual meeting be held with the church in Panama on the 4th Wednesday in January next at 10 o’clk. A.M.

Resolved that Brn. Cross, Freeman & Deac. Powers be a committee of arrangements for next annual meeting.

Resolved that auxiliary Societies be requested to hold their annual meetings the 2nd Wed.’y in Jan.’y.

Resolved the the Secty. inform those Societies not represented of the alteration in time.

Resolved that Brn. J. D. Burrows and D. Barrell be our delegates to the annual meeting of the parent Society.

Heard the report of Rev.’d J. Schofield, agent of the Society, showing the results of his labors – the number of auxiliaries formed, and the amount of funds rec’d to aid the Society.

The following Societies appeared by their delegates –viz Amt. Paid

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Fredonia     -- J. Miller     32.78
Laona        -- A. C. Barrell, A. Hatch     6.00
1st Carroll  -- L. Rathbone     5.00
2nd Otto     -- Br. Platt     1.80
Ellington    -- Deac. Knapp     .50
LaGrange     -- J. W. Nye, D. Gardner & Y. Gidley     7.00
             Mrs. Cordelia Teft     .50

Resolved that Brn. Moss, Smith & Nye be a committee to audit Treasurers account.

Resolved that we avail ourselves of the privilege of creating life membership in the Parent Society so far as our funds will allow & that Rev. Brn. W. Winsor, J. Bennett, P. Cross, C. LaHatt, J. Schofield, & Bramin(?) be constituted life members by funds now in hand.

Heard report of Committee to audit Treasurers account – they find it correct & proper vouchers – accepted.

Heard & approved Secretary’s report.

The following resolution, moved & sustained by Bro. Schofield, seconded by Bro. Rathbone, Passed.

Resolved that the great object designed to be accomplished by the formation of the A. F. B. S. and its operations, is to give to the natives of the world the Bible faithfully translated, & that this is but carrying forward the great purpose of God to evangelize the world.

Moved by Bro. A. C. Barrell, & seconded by Bro. Searles.

Resolved that it is both the duty & privilege of the denomination we represent, to sustain this glorious enterprise, both by their prayers and their alms. Passed.


Resolved that in view of the blessings of Heaven bestowed on this Society the past year, we have occasion to thank God and take courage. Passed unanimously.

Resolved that we so amend the constitution as to correspond with the alteration in the time of holding annual meeting,

Adjourned to meet at Panama the 4th Wednesday in Jany, 1841 at 10 o’clk A.M.

Prayer by the President
A meeting of the board of Directors of the Chautauque B. Society, was held at the Baptist Meeting house in Forestville Feby. 27, 1840.

Opened by Prayer.

Heard the report of our agent Bro. Schofield.

Resolved that we approve the labors of our agent & that he have an order for $100 on the Treasurer for his salary & that he be requested to visit such churches as have been omitted & any additional labor performed by him will be renumerated by the board.

The Secty. gave draft on the Treasurer. Resolved that the balance of funds due for Printing circular or address be paid from the Treasurer.

Resolved that the balance of funds in hand be paid to the Parent Society.

Resolved that the doings of this anniversary be noticed in the minutes of the next session of the associations, in table form, & also a brief of the same sent to the Register for publication.

After in interchange of views, and spirited remarks from several Brn. on the subject of a separate organization in the Sabbath Schools.

Resolved that Bro. D. Barrell be our delegate to attend a convention to be held in N. York the ensuing spring.

Resolved to adjourn to the meeting of the Chaut. Association.

D. Barrell, Secty.

Panama Jany. 21, 1841

The Bible Society of Chautauque Co. Aux. to the A. & F. Bible Society met at Panama agreeably to appointment, at 10 o’clk. A.M. for their annual meeting.

Introductory Sermon by Eld. Dodge from Phil 2-15, 16. “Among whom ye shine” &c. After which a collection was taken amounting to $8.01. Adjourned for half an hour.

Met agreeably to adjournment.
The Prest. – Rev.’d W. Winsor deceased, the Secty. being absent, & not being able to ascertain whether there was any V. Prest. of the Society present – Bro. Dodge was called to the Chair & Bro. Chapin appointed duty & Bro. J. L. Richmond asst. Clke.

The reports from auxiliary societies was called for, the following delegates took their seats.

- Ashville: J. J. Atherly, N. Kessler, A. Phelps
- Busti: E. R. Swain
- Clymer: L. Rathbun, Thos. Ravelin
- DeWittville: Eld. E. Richmond
- Jamestown: A. Chapin, J. C Breed, R. Warner
- North Harmony: W. Betts, E. Farnham
- Warren: Jon.’n. Wilson
- Cassadaga: A. Frink
- 2nd Stockton: J. L. Richmond, H. Crissey
- 1st Stockton: Eld. E. Richmond, J. Vanwert
- Sinclairville: Jas. Schofield
- Panama: Bro. Sanderson, P. Cross, P. Freeman
- Fredonia B. So.: Letter
- Silver Creek: Br. Leonard

A. com.’e was appointed to audit Treas. a/c viz. Brn. J. C. Breed, E. R. Swain, P. Freeman, J. B. Burrow.

Appointed Brn. Wilson, Cross, Frink, Walker, Crissey, Powers & Atherly a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

Auditing com. reported. They had examined Treas.’s a/c and found it correct.

Treas.’r reported, report accepted & adopted.

Resolved that the money received be appropriated to constitute the following Brn. Life members, of the A. F. B. Society. Elds. Edmund Richmond, Thomas Ravelin, Simeon Powers, Peter Freeman, Elisha R. Swain & L. Rathbun.

Com. on nominations recommends to this society the appointment of Eld. O. Dodge, President, in the place of Eld. W. Winsor deceased & that the former officers of the society be reappointed for the ensuing year. J. Wilson, Chn.

Report accepted & adopted.

Resolved that the Society are satisfied with the services of Br. J. Schofield as their agent & that at his request, he be discharged from his agency.

Resolved that the next annual meeting of the Society be held with the Ch. in Ellory.
Appointed Brn. H. Smith, J. L. Richmond & Deac. C. Parker com. of arrangements for the next annual meeting.

In as much as it has been suggested that the time of the annual meeting of the Society be altered to accommodate agents who may be appointed by the Parent Society to visit the several auxiliaries in the State, therefore

Resolved that the present meeting be adjourned to meet at a time designated by the Presidential Committee.

Prayer By Bro. Frink.

A. Chapin, Secty. Protem

The Chautauque County Bible Society Auxiliary to the A. & F. B. S. held its annual meeting at Ellory on Tuesday, Feby 22, 1842 agreeable to appointment as arranged to suit the convenience of the agent of the parent Society.

Religious Worship commenced in the Baptist meeting house at 10 o’clk. A.M. when Bro. J. F. Bliss agt. for the A. & F. B. S. preached from 2 Tim. 3-15. “The Holy Scriptures, which are able to make us wise unto Salvation” after which a collection was taken amounting to $9.73.

The Society was then called to order by the Prest. Bro. O. Dodge for the purpose of transacting the annual business of the Society.


Voted to adjourn to Deac. Parkers in order to give room for a funeral in the meeting house.

At Deac. Parkers the delegates from the Aux. Societies were called for as follows:

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Appointed Brn. O. Skinner & J. B. Burrows to audit Treasurers account.
Appointed Brn. P. Cross, G. Crissey, E. B. Spark, D. Platt, J C. Breed, S. Higby & Wm. Butts a committee to nominate the officers for the ensuing year.


Adjourned to the meeting house.

Prayer by Brn. E. Gill.

Auditing committee reported that they had examined the Treasurers account & found it correct.

Voted to make Brn. E. B. Spark, Harry Smith & Josiah More Life members of the parent Society with the funds now collected.

Committee on nominations reported, which report was accepted & adopted appointing the following officers for the ensuing year. Viz.

President    Eld. O. Dodge

Vice Presidents    J. C. Breed
                   Eld. Daniel Platt
                   Palmer Cross
                   R. D. Sherman
                   N. Mixer
                   E. R. Swain
                   Chauncey Winsor

Directors    A. Chapin
             H. Smith
             L. Rathbone
             Chas. Sanderson
             J. L. Richmond
             A. Frink
             S. B. Stone
             James Pettit
             E. M. Pettit
             Dea. Henry Walker

David Barrell – Corresponding & recording Secty.

Josiah More – Treasurer

The Treasurer then reported. (which see on file)
Voted that the next annual meeting be held at Jamestown, & that the churches be requested to forward their funds for the foreign Missions as well as the Bible Society at the same time.

Resolved that the annual meeting of this society be held the Wednesday after the eighth Tuesday in the Year.

Resolved, that the society contributions of the churches – the exhausted state of the Treasury of the A. & F. B. Society – the Loud calls coming from every part of the world, & the increasing facilities for the diffusion of the Word of God, call for greatly increased exertions to promote the objects of this Society.

Voted that the corresponding Secty. Be requested to forward a copy of the minutes of this meeting to the corresponding Secty. of each of the associations in this county to be printed in their minutes.

Voted to adjourn to meet at Jamestown, Wedy after 8th Tuesday in 1843. (3 wedy. 15 day of Feby)

Prayer by B. C. Willoughby

Secretaries pro tem A. Chapin
J. L. Richmond

The executive board then Resolved that the treasurer be directed to pay over the funds now in hand to Bro. Bliss, agent of the Parent Society.

A. Chapin, Secty pro tem


Rev.’d. O. Dodge Prest. – in the Chair.

Appointed Bro. J. L. Richmond Secty Pro tem.


Resolved that we appoint an agent to Lecture, obtain subscriptions, & collect funds for the Society under direction of this board.
Resolved that we appoint a committee of five to secure the Services of Such agent & that O. Dodge, J. L. Richmond, A. Chapin, A. Frink & Josiah More be said committee.

Resolved that our committee secure the services of S. M. Smith of Sinclairville at a salary of from $75 to $100 per quarter. Rev.’d D. Searl, A. C. Barrell, and Bro. J. Brooks were each nominated as agent, in case of failure of Br. Smith.

Resolved that we issue a circular (1000 copies) stating facts relative to the A. & F. B. Society for distribution in the county.

Resolved that the committee above appointed to secure an agent, be authorized to prepare & Print said circular.

Adjourned to meet at Fredonia the 1st Wednesday in Aug. next.

J. L. Richmond, Secty. Pro tem

The Board of Directors of the Chau. Bible Society Aux. to the A. & F. B. So., met at Fredonia Aug. 3rd, 1842 agreeable to adjournment.


Brethren present, not members of the board invited to a seat & to participate in the deliberations of the board.


Committee appointed at the last meeting of the board Report that among the Brn. Named as agent, they have rec.’d no encouragement from any except partially from Bro. Smith. The recommend that an agent, should one be appointed, defer his labors until after the Sessions of the associations.

Report accepted.
Resolved that this subject be recommitted to the committee, desiring them to obtain an agent on the best terms possible.

Resolved that this board adjourn to meet 1st Wedy. in December next with the West Church in Portland at ½ past 10 A. M.

D. Barrell. Secty.

The Chautauque Bible Society auxiliary to the A. & F. B. Society held their annual meeting with the Baptist Church in Jamestown Feby. 22nd, 1843.
After a season of Prayer, listened to a discourse from Rev.’d J. F. Bliss, agent of the Parent Society, founded on Luke 16\textsuperscript{th} – 9\textsuperscript{th} After which a collection of $10.00 was taken in aid of the funds of the Society.

Appointed Brethren J. Wilson, J. Bullock, J. McAllister, J. C. Breed, E. B. Sparks, Joel Johnson, D. Barnes, D. Platt & L. Waugh a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

Risen for one hour.

Met according to adjournment.


Rev.’d O. Dodge, President in the chair.

Called for Delegates from churches & their funds. The following appeared & took their seats, viz.

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Resolved that the Treasurer be instructed to pay over the amount now rec.'d & in his hands, to the agent of the Parent Society & that this Society receive one half the amount in Bibles & Testaments.
Resolved that the Churches composing this body be requested to present their views of the propriety of dividing this body, by the assocional lines, at the next session of this body.

The committee to nominate officers for this Society for the ensuing year recommend as follows viz.

President  Rev. ’d. O. Dodge

Vice Presidents  J. C. Breed  
D. Platt  
P. Cross  
R. D. Sherman  
Royal Tefft  
E. R. Swain  
C. Winsor

Directors  A. Chapin  
E. B. Sparks  
L. Rathbone  
W. R. Brooks  
J. L. Richmond  
A. Frink  
H. S. Card  
Joel Johnson  
E. M. Pettit  
J.B. Burrows

Josiah More – Treasurer

David Barrell – Cor. & Rec. Secty.

Resolved that the report of the committee be accepted & adopted.

Resolved that we appoint a committee of five to receive & dispose of Stock & other property for this Society & that C. Bachellor, J. McAllister, N. Mixer, John Frank & Otis Skinner be said committee.

Resolved, that when we do adjourn we adjourn to meet at Sinclairville on the Wednesday after the 8th Tuesday, in the year 1844, unless the time be changed and notice given at the sessions of the Associations for the accommodation of the agents.

Resolved that Rev.’d Alanzo Frink be constituted a life member of the Parent Society by our funds.
Resolved that Brn. **Sparks** & **Platt** be appointed to preach at the next annual meeting, if agents are not present.

Resolved that Brn. J. B. **Burrows** and D. **Barrell** be a committee to obtain Bibles & testaments from the Parent Society.

First meeting of the Board, to be held at Westfield the last Wednesday in March at 10 o’clk. A.M.

Prayer by Bro. **Platt**.

Adjourned.

D. **Barrell**, Secty.

Meeting of the board of Directors of the Chau. Bible Society, at the call of the President at Mayville Sept. 27, 1843.


Invitation of Brn. Present, to a seat with the board.

Resolved that we employ as agent to further the object of this Society.

Resolved that Rev.’d J. C. **Stoddard** be our agent.

Resolved that he receive $25 per Month from the funds of the Society.

Resolved that Transportation expenses on Box of Bibles rec.’d be paid from sales of the same.

Resolved that Brn. Deac. **Breeds**, Eld. **Swain**, Eld. **Brooks** & Eld. **Dodge** be a committee to confer with the agent in reference to a publication for him to circulate on his agency.

Resolved that we adjourn to meet at Dewittville on the 3rd Wednesday in Nov. next at 1 o’clk. P.M.

J. **More** Clk, pro tem

The board of Directors of the Chau. Bible Society met at Sinclairville agreeable to adjournment, evening of 20th Feby. 1844.

Prayer by Rev.’d A. **McClay**.

Heard the records of previous meeting of the board.
Heard, briefly, the report of the agent of the Society, Rev. J. C. Stoddard.

Called on committee appointed to receive Stocks & other property, to aid the funds of the Society. They report some property has been rec.’d.

Resolved that we hear a full report of the doings of the Society the past year at 1 o’clk. Tomorrow.

Resolved that Rev.’d A. Maclay, the agent of the Parent Society be invited to address this Society tomorrow at 10 o’clk.

Board adjourned to 9 o’clk. Tomorrow morning.

Prayer by Bro. Stoddard.

Wed.’y morning 9 o’clk.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Heard & approved the report of the Secty.

Heard further the report of our agent & Resolved that we approve his report & that he receive pay for his services from the funds of the Society.

The hour for the meeting of the Society having arrived, the board adjourned.

D. Barrell, Secty.

The annual meeting of the Chautauque Bible Society, Auxiliary to the A. & F. B. S. was held at Sinclairville Feby. 21, 1844 agreeable to adjournment.

Meeting called to order, by the President.

Listened to a discourse from Rev.’d A. Maclay, after which took up a collection of $12.62 to aid the funds of the Society.

Appointed a committee consisting of Brn. McAllister, J. Crissey, S. Schoffield, Higbee & Southland to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

Adjourned for one hour.

Prayer by Bro. Dodge.

Met according to adjournment.
Rec.’d letters & list of delegates present as follows.

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Rev.’d B. F. Remington, G. Crissey, C. Bachellor
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Rec.’d from Wm. Lyon & Wife $20 to constitute Mr. Lyon a life member $20.00

Rec.’d from J. Southland

$  1.00

Rec.’d from Jane Scisson

$    .50

Heard the report of committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

In accordance with report of committee, Resolved that
Rev.’d O. Dodge be President of Society

Vice Presidents

A. Lyon                R. D. Sherman
P. Cross                N. Mixer
E. R. Swain            S. B. Stone
J. Parker              E. Davis

Directors

H. Smith                E. B. Sparks
L. Rathbun             W. R. Brooks
J. L. Richmond         A. Frink
H. S. Card              A. C. Barrell
E. M. Pettit           J. B. Burrows

David Barrell, Secty.
Josiah More, Treasurer

Resolved that Bro. J. B. Burrows be constituted a life member of the Parent Society, he having contributed $10 to the funds at present on hand.

Resolved that Bro. D. Barrell be constituted a life member of the Parent Society, he having pd. 15¢ to present funds.

Resolved that the committee to receive Stock & other property, consisting of C. Bachellor, J. McAllister, N. Mixer, John Frank & O. Skinner, be continued, & that Br. J. B. Burrows be added to that Committee.

Heard report of Board of Directors, as follows viz. At the first meeting of the board a committee were appointed to receive from the parent Society, Bibles & testaments for sale. – in due time a box was rec.’d by the Secty. & have been kept for sale at Mayville & Fredonia – but a few sold as yet, having been rec.’d late in the season.

At a meeting of the board in Sept. it was resolved to employ an agent to labor in the bounds of the Society, to advance its interests by taking up collection & subscriptions to aid its funds. Rev.’d J. C. Stoddard was employed as agent. By his report we see has labored 13 weeks, visited 33 churches, preached 65 Sermons, & rec.’d in collections &
from individuals $38.02, of which $30, was rec.’d from the church in Busti. Only 7 of the 33 churches visited contributed at all. At a meeting of the board in December, a report of the agent was had up to that time & his services were to continue discretionary, up to the present annual meeting.

Resolved that we approve the report of the board, and that the agent be paid from the funds on hand & the balance paid over to the agent of the Parent Society, present.

Resolved that the next annual meeting be held with the Baptist Church in Forestville on the 3rd Wednesday in Feby. 1845 at 10 ½ o’clk. A.M.

Resolved to adjourn.

Prayer by the President.

D. Barrell, Secty.

The Chautauque Bible Society held its Eighth Annual meeting at the Baptist meeting house in Forestville Feby. 19th, 1845.

A. Lyon 1st V. Pres.’t in the chair.

Listened to a discourse from Bro. Brooks founded on Psalm 122-6th, after which a collection was taken up amounting to $3.55 to aid the funds of the Society.


Resolved that Bro. Hanville be invited to preach this P.M. at 3 o’clk.

Adjourned for 1 hour.

Prayer by Father LaHatt.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Bro. Swain.

Called on auxiliary Societies for their Credentials & list of delegates & funds.

Ashville  Rev.’d W. R. Brooks

Busti  Rev.’d E. R. Swain, Rev.’d J. C. Stoddard

Carroll  Rev.’d F. Glanville
Cassadaga: Brn. A. Lyon & W. Peckham

Clear Creek: Brn. John Cody & F. F. Myers

Ellory: Rev.’d G. W. Sisson

Forestville: Rev.’d J. L. Richmond, S. Barrell, N. Mixer, A. Dennison, S. Converse & others

Cherry Creek: Rev.’d A. Stone, C. Strang

Harmony: B. Rice

Laona: Rev.’d J. W. Nye, W. Baldwin, N. L. Gifford

Poland: Rev.’d D. Morse


Portland: Rev.’d C. LaHatt & Bro. Struver

Randolph: Rev.’d B. C. Willoughby

Sinclairville: Rev.’d A. Frink, J. Chandler

West Portland: Rev.’d L. Rathbone

In addition to the acct. rec.’d from the above auxiliary Societies, rec.’d
from J. Chandler for Property sold  3.06
from Rev.’d A. Frink for Property sold  10.75
from Rev.’d F. Glanville Donation & membership  2.00
from Rev.’d D. Barrell Donation & membership  2.00
from a few friends to pay for Socks in the hands of Rev.’d A. Frink  5.45

Resolved that the Socks, above named, be given to the Tonawanda Mission Station thru
the State Convention as a donation from this Society.

Heard Report of Committee on nominations as follows. viz.
President  Rev.’d E. R. Swain

Vice Presidents  A. Lyon, P. Cross, N. Mixer, S. B. Stone, C. Parker, J. C. Breed,
D. Morse & F. Glanville

Directors  L. Rathbun, G. W. Sisson, J. W. Nye, W. R. Brooks. J. L. Richmond,
A. Frink, H. S. Card, A. C. Barrell, L. Davis & C. Sanderson
Resolved that we accept the report.

Resolved that we adopt the report as above & that the above named constitute the officers of this Society the ensuing year.

Resolved that Brn. **Chandler, Bachellor, Mixer, Frank McAllister, Skinner & Burrows** be continued as a committee to receive & dispose of property to the best advantage for the Society.

Suspended business to hear preaching from Bro. **Glanville** founded on Mark 16-15&16.

Resolved that the avails of Bibles & testaments sold, be placed in the hands of the Treasurer.

Resolved that the funds in the Treasurers hands be forwarded to the Parent Society the first convenient opportunity, & that our committee for that purpose receive one half the amount in Bibles & Testaments for Sale.

Resolved that the funds in the Treasury constitute Rev.’d J. L. **Richmond** & Rev.’d E. **Johnson** Life members of the Parent Society.

Resolved that J. L. **Richmond** & D. **Barrell** be our delegates to the annual meeting of the Parent Society.

Heard from the Committee to receive property that they have some stock (one 4 yr. old Bull) on hand, a donation from Bro. W. **Lyon** of Mayville.

Resolved that J. L. **Richmond** & A. C. **Barrell** be a committee to prepare resolution & solicit speakers to Sustain them for this evenings exercise.

Adjourned for one hour.

Prayer by Bro. **Willoughby**.

Met agreeable to adjournment.

Prayer by Bro. **Nye**.

Heard & approved the minutes.

Appointed Brn. **Scisson, Chandler & Peckham** a committee to settle Treasurers account.
Resolved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at West Portland the 3rd Wednesday in Feby. 1846 at 10 ½ o’clk. A.M.

Committee on Resolutions, presented a number, (which See on file) which were sustained & passed, rendering the Session an interesting one until a late hour.

Heard a statement from N. Mixer regarding a bequest of Mr. Reed, for the benefit of this Society.

Resolved that Brn. S. Barrett & D. Barrell be a committee with Bro. Mixer to investigate the above & also a bequest of Mr. Bigelow.

Resolved to adjourn.

Prayer by the President.

D. Barrell, Secty.

Annual meeting of the Chautauque Bible Society, auxiliary to the A. & F. B. S. was held with the West Portland church February 18, 1846.

Opening discourse be Rev.’d G. Williams agent of the Parent Society founded on 1st Thes 2nd, 20th – after which a collection was taken up to aid the funds of the Society amounting to $7.83.

Bro. Swain, Pres.’t of the Society in the chair.

Appointed N. Mixer, A. C. Barrell, J. M. Purrinton, A. Handy & F. Glenville a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

Resolved that J. B. Burrows, S. S. Ainsworth & D. Barrell be a committee to confer together & report to the body in reference procuring bibles from the Parent So.’y.

Resolved that the exercises of the meeting be continued until tomorrow noon.

Resolved that J. M. Purrinton be invited to preach at 3 o’clk this P.M.

Resolved that the committee on nominations be also a committee of arrangement for the present session.

Adjourned for half an hour.

Prayer by Bro. Glanville.

1 o’clk. P.M.
Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by S. P. Way.

Called for delegates to this session & the following appeared & took their seats.

From Busti – E. R. Swain
From Clear Creek – R. B. Clark
From Forestville – J. M. Purrinton, N. Mixer, H. Frink
From Harmony – S. S. Ainsworth, H. Richardson
Portland – L. Rathbun
West Portland – L. Rathbun & others
Frewsburg – F. Glenville, L. Howard
Jamestown – A. Handy, J. C. Breed, R. D. Warner
2nd Stockton – S. P. Way, O. Winsor, J. Crissey
North East – A. L. L. Potter, Wm. Johnson
Warren – W. R. Northrup
No. Harmony – L. C. Stewart

Heard the report of committee on nominations.

Resolved that we accept the report of the committee.

Committee recommended Bro. J. B. Burrows of Mayville as President of the Society for the ensuing year.

Bro. Burrows, declined the appointment after hearing his objections. Resolved that he be excused.

For list of officers as reported by committee & adopted by Society see next page.

Rev.’d J. M. Purrinton, president

Vice Presidents A. C. Barrell
N. Mixer
L. Bartholomew
J. C. Breed
O. Taintor
E. R. Swain

Directors L. Rathbun
E. Johnson
John Frank (or Frink)
S. Barrett  
S. S. Ainsworth  
R. B. Clark  

Josiah More, Treasurer  
David Barrell, Secty.  

Committee to receive & dispose of donations in property for the benefit of the Society  
N. Mixer  
J. Chandler  
J. B. Burrows  

In accordance with the report of the committee on procuring Bibles from the Parent Society,  
Resolved that one half of the present year’s fund be rec.’d in Bibles & testaments & that there be 2 depositories in the county for their distribution & Sale.  
Resolved that our auxiliaries or individuals may receive one half the amt. of their contributions in Bibles or testaments by paying one half the amt. they receive –  
On motion  
Resolved that J. B. Burrows & D. Barrell be our committee to receive & retain for sale, Bibles from the parent So.  

In accordance with report of committee on the order of business,  
Resolved that the exercises of the evening consist in addresses from several Brn. on resolutions offered, regarding the claims of the Bible Society & the Foreign Mission Society.  
Resolved that the treasurer pay over the funds in his for the A. & F. B. Society to the agent present, Bro. Williams.  

Suspended business to hear preaching from Bro. J. M. Purrinton, founded on Proverbs 3rd. 9th & 10th.  
After preaching, Resolved that we have preaching tomorrow at 10 o’clk. A.M.  
Resolved that the funds of the society constitute Brn. J. M. Purrinton & F. Glenville life members of the Parent Society.  
Resolved that our Foreign Mission funds be paid to the “American Baptist Missionary Union,” & that they be applied so far, toward constituting David Barrell a life member of the Union.  
Adjourned to half past 6 o’clk.  

Prayer by Bro. Swain.
Met agreeable to adjournment.
Prayer by Brn. Glenville & Handy.

Several resolutions were offered & addresses made by several brethren.

In accordance with further report of committee of arrangements, Resolved that **Ainsworth** be invited to preach tomorrow at 10 o’clk.

Resolved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet with the Church in Busti on the 3rd Wednesday in February 1847 at 10 ½ o’clk A.M.

Resolved that Brn. J. Chandler, N. Mixer, & J. B. Burrows be a committee to receive & dispose of property donated to aid the funds of this society.

Resolved to adjourn to 9 o’clk. Tomorrow morning.

Prayer by Bro. Potter.

Met agreeable to adjournment 19th Feby. 1846 at 9 o’clk. A.M.

Prayer by Bro. E. Johnson.

Resolved that any member of this So. now present, who shall attend the next annual meeting of the Parent So. shall be a delegate from this body.

Suspended business to hear preaching from Bro. S. S. Ainsworth founded on 1st Timothy 1-11th.

Resolved that this Society adjourn to meet with the Baptist Church in Busti on the 3rd Wedy. in Feby. next at 10 ½ o’clk. A.M.

Portland Feby. 19, 1846.

David Barrell, Secty.

Annual Meeting of the Chautauque Bible Society held at Busti February 17, 1847.

Society met agreeable to adjournment at 10 ½ o’clk. A.M.

J. M. Purrinton, President in the Chair.

1st opening Sermon by Rev. W. Look of Sinclairville from 1st Tim. 1-11th, after which a collection was taken up amounting to $5.70 to aid the funds of the Society.
2nd Resolved that we raise a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year. – Deacs. J. Bullock, J. C. Breed, L. Rathbun, - Hitchcock & D. Barrell appointed sd.(?) committee.

3rd Resolved that A. Z. Madison be our Treasurer pro tem.

4th Resolved that Rev.’d A. Handy & D. G. Powers be our auditing committee.

5th Resolved that the business of the Bible Society for its present session be finished up in the afternoon.

Adjourned for 1 hour.

Prayer by G. W. Sisson.

Met agreeable to adjournment.

Prayer by A. Handy.


7th Heard & accepted the report of the auditing committee.

8th Heard report of committee on nominations, report accepted & com. discharged.

9th Resolved to adopt the report of nominating committee entire, as follows, viz.

Rev.’d J. M. Purrinton, President.

Vice Presidents Rev.’d A. C. Barrell Rev.’d N. Thomas N. Mixer J. C. Breed Ransom Curtis J. Bullock
10th Whereas Bro. J. More, who has since the organization of this society acted as its treasurer, is now compelled by feeble health to ask for a release from his duties, therefore, Resolved that while this society reluctantly complies with his request, they would present their thanks to Bro. More for the faithful & efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of Treasurer.

Resolved that a copy of the above resolution be sent to Bro. More by the clerk.

11th Resolved that the funds now on hand be paid to the Parent Society & that by it we constitute Rev.’d S. S. Ainsworth, F. Kidder & Wm. Look life members of the Parent Society.

12th Resolved that the balance of our funds after constituting the above life members, be applied to the purchase of Bibles & Testaments for our depositories.

13th Resolved that O. Dodge, P. Cross & D. Barrell be a committee to recommend the place of our next annual meeting.

14th Resolved that N. Mixer, J. Chandler & J. B. Burrows be a committee to receive property to dispose of to aid the funds of the Society.

15th Resolved that the object of the A. & F. Bible Society, to give to all the heathen of the world (thou of our own country not excepted) the entirely translated & unadulterated word of God, is the course dictated by the great commission, and the only one which we can pursue & please our Heavenly Father.

16th Resolved that the objects of the A. & F. B. Society, as set forth in the foregoing resolution, commend themselves to the Intelligence, Philanthropy & Benevolence of all who love our Lord Jesus Christ.

The above resolutions, & others, were sustained by remarks from Elders Corwin, Handy, Rathbun, Sisson, Purinton, Ainsworth, Dodge & Kidder.

17th Resolved that Rev.’d F. Kidder & G. W. Sisson be our delegates to the Parent Society.
18th On report of committee to recommend the place of our next session, Resolved that when we do adjourn we adjourn to meet with the Church in Ellory on the 3rd Wednesday in Feby, 1848.

19th Resolved that we petition the Legislature, as a body, for a charter of the A. & F. B. Society.

20th Resolved that we do now adjourn in accordance with the above (18th) resolution.

Prayer by Brn. Dodge & Rathbun.

David Barrell, Secty.
Busti Feby. 17, 1847

The Eleventh Annual meeting of the Chautauque Bible Society held at Ellory February 16th, 1848 at 10 ½ o’clk. A.M. after a session of prayer the President, Rev.’d M. Purinton called the Society to order, and in the absence of the Secretary, requested the Treasurer (by whom the records had been forwarded) to read the names of officers of Society.

1st Resolved to invite Rev.’d Gibbon Williams, agent of the Am. & For. Bible So., who was present, to address the So. & Congregation this morning.

2. Resolved that A. Z. Madison be appointed Secretary Pro tem.


Sung two verses of Missionary Hymn.

Prayer by Rev.’d N. Thomas.

Rev.’d G. Williams again resumed remarks on the subject of Foreign distribution, with a brief history of efforts for the diffusion of the Bible from the days of Carey Thomas etc. Elder Williams closed with the remark that under the circumstances he would not ask brethren for contributions, but while some following business was being transacted, Elder F. Kidder passed the hat & rec.’d contributions amounting to $4.56.

4. The Sec. P. T. called over the names of the churches embraced in this Society, and, found the following delegation present. Viz.
   Asheville Ch. Rev.’d S. Rathbun
   Busti “ Rev.’d F. Kidder & J. C. Stoddard
   Cassadaga “ Rev.’d Wadsworth
   Clear Creek “ Rev.’d D. Morse & Bro. H. Frink
Clymer “ Rev.’d N. Thomas
DeWittville “ Rev.’d D. B. Sparks
Ellery “ Rev.’d J. J. Fuller, Deacon S. Higby & C. Parker & Brn. I. Brownell & N. Baldwin
Forestville “ Rev.’d J. M. Purinton
Jamestown “ Dea. J. C. Breed & R. H. Covey
Mayville “ Brn. Jones & Leet
Poland “ Rev. D. Morse
Randolph “ Rev. A. Handy
       Br. A. Z. Madison from Fredonia

5. Resolved that the President appoint a committee to Nominate Officers of the Society for the ensuing year.

6. The President named as such committee Rev. D. B. Sparks, Dea. J. C. Breed & Dea. Clark Parker.

7. Resolved to adjourn to one o’clock P.M.

Prayer by Rev. S. P. Way, who had arrived from the 2nd Stockton church.

Met agreeable to adjournment at one o’clock P.M. 16 Feb. 1848. The President in the chair.

Sung one verse “This is the word &c”


8. The com. appointed to nominate officers reported the following Viz.

For President Rev. A. C. Barrell

For Vice Presidents Rev. F. Kidder
       Rev. A. Handy
       Brn. N. Mixer
       Jno. C. Breed
       Ransom Curtis
       J. Leet

{see next page}
{officers of So. continued}

For Directors Rev. L. Rathbun
       “ S. S. Ainsworth
       Br. John Frank
       Rev. D. B. Sparks
Rev. J. M. Purinton
Rev. J. J. Fuller

For Treasurer - - A. Z. Madison

For Secretary - - David Barrell

{auditing Com. omitted probably by forgetfulness}


10. Resolved to adopt the report entire. The past President called the first Vice President Elect Viz. Rev. F. Kidder to the chair.

11. Heard the report of the Treasurer as relates to funds now paid in the Amt. $54.63.

12. Resolved that with $30 of this money there be a life member of the Am. & For. Bible So. appointed.

13. Resolved that Rev. Alfred Handy be named as such life member.

{Here a proposition was made that some brother should make himself a life member of A. & F. B. So. by contributing $5.37 to the balance of funds $24.63 which, at length resulted in the contribution of the sum $5.37 to make up the $30. for the purpose of appointing their Pastor Rev. J. J. Fuller Such life member, by the Ellery church.}

14. The auditing Committee (Rev. A. Handy & D. Morse) after having examined the account & vouchers of the Treasurer, Reported it as being correct.

15. Resolved to accept & adopt their Report.

16. Resolved that with the $30 now paid in, (Ellery ch. having contributed $5.37 for this object) Rev. J. J. Fuller be appointed a life member of the Am. & For. Bible So.

{Here Rev. A. Handy with appropriate and affecting remarks in allusion to our venerable brother Dea. S. Higby, proposed to resign the privilege and honor of being himself appointed a life member of Am. & For. Bible So. in favor of Dea. S. Higby.}

Several remarks were made by brothers on this subject, which closed by Dea. Higby’s expression of thanks to Elder Handy, desiring him retain the appointment made by the Society, as the privilege and benefit would probably be greater to one in the prime office, than to himself, aged and nearly worn out, and fast hastening to his final account, as he was.}

17. Resolved that the several speakers on Resolutions to be offered, be limited in time to 15 minutes each.
18. Resolved that the Treasurer pay over money now rec.’d by him in contributions &
from book depositaries to Rev. Gibbon Williams Agent of The Am. & For. Bible
Society, present.

19. Rev. A. Handy introduced & with arguments moved the following Resolution to wit.
“Since God’s truth is the Heaven-appointed instrument in Evangelizing the world,
Therefore,

20. Resolved that the Am. & For. Bible So. is worthy of our confidence & Support for its
fidelity in giving to the world faithfully translated versions of the Sacred Scriptures.”
The foregoing Resolution was seconded with remarks by Rev. F. Kidder & adopted.

Rev. D. Morse moved the following,
21. Viz. “Resolved that the lamentable destitution of the Sacred Scriptures which prevails
in many parts of our own country and the facilities for supplying the destitute, loudly call
upon us to aid the Am. & For. Bible So. in the work of home distribution.” Seconded by
Rev. S. Rathbun with remarks by himself, Rev. A. Handy, Rev. G. Williams and A. Z.
Madison & adopted

Rev. J. C. Stoddard moved the following,
22. Viz. “Resolved that the numerous and thrilling appeals, from Foreign lands, for the
Sacred Scriptures, furnish strong inducements to aid the Am. & For. Bible Society in the
work of Foreign distribution.” Seconded with remarks by Rev. J. M. Purinton, and
adopted.

Rev. G. Williams offered the two following Resolutions which were seconded and
adopted.

23. Viz. Resolved that each Pastor connected with this Society be allowed to take five
dollars worth of Bibles out of the Depository, for which they shall be accountable, having
the privilege to return those not sold once in 3 months.

24. Resolved that Bro. David Barrell be requested to order a sufficient quantity of Bibles
& testaments to supply our demand.

25. Resolved that when this Society adjourn, it adjourn to meet with the ch. in Mayville
on the 3rd Wednesday of Feb. next at 10 ½ o’clock A.M. according to constitution &
amendment.

26. Resolved to adjourn.

Prayer offered by Dea. S. Higby

A. Z. Madison, Sec. P. T.
Mayville, Feb. 21st 1849

1. Chaut. Co. Bible Society Auxiliary to American and Foreign Bible Society met at 10½ o’clock A.M.

2. Rev. A. C. Barrell preached from {2 Cor. 8:9 & Matt. 10:8} and a collection was taken amounting to $6.68.


5. Appointed Brn. A. Handy & E. Davis committee to audit Treasurer’s account.

6. Called for delegates to the meeting

Carroll  Rev. E. B. Sparkes
Harmony  Rev. S. S. Ainsworth, J. Powers, M. Manly, A. Blackmer
Jamestown  Rev. L. Rathbun
Mayville  S. W. Seymour, A. J. Seymour, E. Windsor
Sherman  Rev. C. Sanderson, J. Chamberlain
West Portland  Rev. M. Roberts
Cherry Creek  Rev. B. C. Willoughby
Clear Creek  Rev. A. Frink
Ellery  Rev. J. J. Fuller, M. Wilmarth
Leon  Rev. A. Frink
First Pomfret  Dea. J. R. Parker, A. Z. Madison, S. May

7. Committee on Nominations reported & report was adopted entire.

President   David Barrell
Vice Presidents   S. S. Ainsworth, A. Handy, N. Mixer, J. C. Breed, G. W. Sisson, J. D. Leet
Directors   L. Rathbun, C. Sanderson, J. Frank, E. B. Sparks, B. C. Willoughby, J. J. Fuller
Auditors   J. Frank, C. Sanderson
Treasurer   A. Z. Madison
Secretary   Franklin Kidder

8. Rev. S. Ainsworth First V. P. took the chair and appointed Brn. B. C. Willoughby, E. B. Sparks, A. Handy committee on place of next meeting.

1 o’clock P.M.


11. On Motion it was Resolved that Br. A. Z. Madison be constituted a life member of the parent Society by virtue of funds now on hand.

12. Where as we are informed that there is now a debt due the parent Society therefore Resolved that the Treasurer be directed to pay so much of the funds now on hand as are not otherwise appropriated to cancel the debt due to the Parent Society if there be sufficient funds on hand for the purpose & if not apply them so far as they will go for that purpose.

13. Committee on place of next meeting reported recommending the next meeting of the Society to be held with the First Church in Pomfret. Report adopted.

14. Resolved that the Bible, the Bible as God gave it to man is the only true embodiment of Christian principles, doctrine & practice, and such we are bound to give it to the world.
   This Resolution was moved by Rev. R. D. Pierce & seconded by Rev. F. Glanville & passed.

14. Resolved that the present state of Continental Europe – The vast fields open to the circulation of the scriptures among the adherents of the man of sin and the advocates of other systems but little in advance of that demand of us the most faithful and self sacrificing efforts.
   This Resolution was moved by Br. Rathbun and seconded by Br. Herman Minger Agent of the Parent Society and passed.

15. Resolved that the cause of Foreign Mission promises success only as it has the means to print & circulate the Holy Scriptures fully translated into the Languages of the natives & we ought therefore to our utmost to sustain the A. & F. B. Society in prosecuting their Foreign work.
   This Resolution was moved by Br. S. S. Ainsworth seconded by Br. F. Kidder and passed.

16. The Society adjourned to hold its next session at the usual time in Fredonia.

F. Kidder, Secy.

Mayville Feb. 21st, 1849
The Board of Chaut. Co. B. Society immediately after the adjournment of the Society and chose Brn. S. S. Ainsworth, L. Rathbun & F. Kidder Committee to make arrangements for next annual meeting.

Adjourned

F. Kidder, Sec.

Portland, Aug. 29th, 1849

The Board met at the call of the President & Resolved that the President be authorized to draw any funds not designated placed to our account, by the parent Society in Bibles and Testaments to replenish our County Depositories.

Adjourned.

F. Kidder, Sec.

Fredonia, Feb. 20, 1850.

1. The 13th annual meeting of the Chau. Bible So. was held and was opened by prayer by Elder C. LaHatt, at ½ past 10 o’clock A.M.

2. The President appointed committee to confer with a similar committee from the Chau. Co. Foreign Missionary Society, in regard to a division of said Societies, consisting of Brethren B. C. Willoughby, A. Irons, L. Illsley(?), E. B. Sparks, J. C. Allison.

3. Public exercises were then conducted by Br. Gibbon Williams Agt. of the Am. & For. Bible So. and Sermon from Ps. 119:130.

4. Committee of conference reported in favor of the dissolution of Society and the adoption of Semiannual meetings in associations.

5. Accepted the report of committee.

6. After discussion, the report was adopted.


8. Adjourned to ½ past 1 O’clock P.M. and prayer by Elder D. Morse.
9. Society met at 1 ½ O’clock P.M. and joined in prayer with Elder S. S. Ainsworth.

10. Heard the report of Committee on State of Depositories which shows Amt. of books on hand in Depository at Mayville to be $39.60 & likewise about same amt. on hand in Depository at Fredonia.

11. Accepted report of Committee.

12. On motion, seconded, Resolved that the Depository at Mayville be at the disposal of the Harmony Association and the one at Fredonia be at the disposal of the Erie Association.

13. Resolved that our present Officers hold over for the ensuing year.

14. Resolved, That We tender our hearty thanks to our Depositories Viz. J. B. Burrows and D. Barrell, for the faithful and judicious manner in which they have performed their service.

15. Resolved that Br. Elisha Ransom of Harmony Chau. Co. N.Y. be constituted a life member of the A. & F. Bible So. by virtue of funds raised at this meeting.

16. Resolved that our Treasurer be instructed to transmit the funds in his hands to the parent society in the manner which he shall deem most safe and expedient.

17. Resolved that Rev. Salem T. Griswold be constituted a Life Member of the A. & For. Bible Society by virtue of funds paid into the Treasury by 1st B. Ch. of Pomfret.

18. Resolved that the balance of funds undesignated be passed to our credit on the books of the parent Society.

19. Resolved that the Resolutions and Addresses, intended for this afternoon as part of the exercises, be dispensed with, in view of the lateness of the hour and prospect of the weather. (Wind, thaw & rain)

20. Heard the Treasurer Report, and accepted the Same.

21. Resolved that the books to be drawn from the parent Society, be equally divided between the two Depositories.

22. Resolved that the Pastors have the privilege of giving bibles and testaments to those who are unable to pay for them.
23. Moved & carried that we adjourn Sine Die.

24. Closed session with prayer by Elder E. B. Sparks.

Franklin Kidder, Sec.

Luke 16th 9th

Collection taken up, amounting to.

Resolved that we appoint a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year. & that Brn. be said committee.

Han. - II
Pan. - I
Ellory - II
Mayville - III
Jamest. - I
Sincl. - I
W. Port. - I
Busti - I

Donations & Subscriptions to aid the funds of the Chautauque Bible Society.
Mayville 7th Febry. 1838
Church at Clymer Paid 6.00
Elijah Fay Portland Paid 1.00
B. H. Bonne Jamestown Paid 5.00
Collection at Annual Meeting 3.00
Charles Parker Mayville 1.00
I. J. Brown Forestville 2.00
Harman Covey Jamestown 2.00
I. C. Sweet Fredonia 1.00
Silas Shearman 5.00
Diana Hoskins 2.00
Charlotte Sherman 1.00
Oliver Shumway 2.00
Mary Shearman 1.00
Burrell Goodrich 1.00
Charles Parker 1.00
D. G. Powers 2.00
Epprentis Winsor 1.50
Life Members, made so, 26, Feby. 1840

S. Snow Forestville
Rev.’d E. Covill do
J. S. Patterson do
E. M. Pettit Versailles
S. Eaton Silver Creek
E. Cotten Sheridan
Rev.’d W. Winsor Casadaga (sic)
G. Crissey Stockton
Rev.’d A. Chapin Jamestown
  “ Z. M. Palmer do
S. Higby Ellory
Rev.’d C. LaHatt Portland
  “ O. Dodge Mayville
Deac. H. Walker do
Rev.’d A. C. Barrell Laona
Thos. Osburn Fredonia
Rev.’d J. F. Bishop do
J. Forbes do

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