

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.

A delegation from the following Churches & Societies appeared & took their seats. – viz – 1st Pomfret – Mayville – 2nd Hanover – Portland – Sherman – 1st Stockton – 2nd Stockton – Harmony – Clymer – Dunkirk – Westfield – Silver Creek – Cassadaga – LaGrange – Ellory - & Dewittville.

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.

The above committee consisted of Rev. W. **Winsor**, J. G. **Brown**, O. **Dodge**, E. R. **Swain** & D. **Woodbury**.

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**

Brn. N. **Crosby**, J. **Crissey** & S. **Eaton**.

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**

Brn. L. **Cottrell**, D. Y. **Powers** & A. A. **Atherly**.

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**.

Bro. A. **Chapin** appointed sect.'y Pro tem. On a call from the president the following delegates appeared and took their seats – from 1st Ch. Pomfret, J. F. **Bishop** – Mayville, O. **Dodge**, L. **Cottrell**, J. **Parkhurst** & Chas. **Parker** – 1st Carroll, L. **Rathbun** – Sheridan, Anson **Verb**, Benjn. **Boorman** – 1st Stockton, S. **Schofield** – 2nd Stockton, S. **Little**, Deac. **Grant** – Pine Grove, L. **Rathbun** - Jamestown, A. **Chapin** – Gerry & Charlotte, J. **Schofield** – Cassadaga, W. **Winsor**, J. **Fisher**, O. **Winsor** & S. **Fisher** & A. **Bebee** – Lagrange, J. W. **Nye**, W. **Negus**(?), D. **Gardner** – Ellory, E. **Bingham** – 2nd Carroll, Luther **Howard**.

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.

Wm. **Sexton**, C. **Morse**, L. **Cottrell**, E. **Mallory**, O. **Dodge**, A. **Chapin**, J. **Schofield**, J. **F. Bishop**, J. **Crissey** & S. **Schofield**, board of Managers.

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.

Introductory Sermon by Bro. **Chapin** of Jamestown, founded on Luke 11th – 28th v.

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

Proceeded to Elect officers for the ensuing year as follows: Rev.'d W. **Winsor**, President; John **Breed**, E. D. **Leet**, John **Forbes**, R. D. **Sherman**, N. **Mixer**, J. R. **Walker**, & A. **Lyon**, Vice Presidents; Rev.'d J. **Bennett**, O. **Dodge**, J. **Schofield**, A. C. **Barrell**, A. **Chapin** & Brn. L. B. **Grant**, Chas. **Sanderson**, Wm. **Sexton**, H. **Crissey** & S. B. **Stow**, Directors; D. **Barrell**, Secty.; J. **More**, Treasurer.

Resolved that our next annual meeting be held with the church in Panama on the 4th Wednesday in January next at 10 o'clock. 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		<u>Amt. Paid</u>
Dayton	-- H. Morrill & T. M. Shaw	7.62
Cherry Creek	-- J. Ingalls & C. Nickerson	4.87
Villanova	-- J. Gay & J. Smith	3.50
Forestville	-- E. Covill & N. Mixer	30.87
Versailles	-- L. McClanathan	10.81
Silver Creek	-- Brn. Devine , Eaton , & Searls	13.23
Sheridan	-- E. Cotton	11.00
Cassadaga	-- W. Winsor , A. Fisher & A. E. Lyon	10.18
2 nd Stockton	-- C. Bachelor	10.25
1 st Stockton	-- Letter	7.25
Jamestown	-- A. Chapin	24.71
Ellory	-- H. Smith	5.75
Portland	-- C. Sanderson , A. S. Moss	11.66
Westfield	-- J. B. Pixley , Wm. Sexton	7.50
Sinclairville	-- J. Schofield	
Ashville	-- L. Rathbun	
1 st Hanover	-- A. Davis \$1.00, S. Nash .75	1.75
Shearman	-- G. B. Leonard	4.80

Mayville	-- C. Strang	23.90
Fredonia	-- J. Miller	32.78
Laona	-- A. C. Barrell , A. Hatch	6.00
1 st Carroll	-- L. Rathbone	5.00
2 nd 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.

Moved by Bro. D. **Barrell**, seconded by Bro. J. **More**.

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

David **Barrell**, Secty.

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 remunerated 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**
Mayville - O. **Dodge**, H. **Walker**, C. **Strang**, J. D. **Leet**, J. **Burrows**, J. B. **Burrows**
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.

Bro. J. **Wilson** Prayed. Appointed Bro. A. **Chapin**, Clk. & Bro. J. L. **Richmond**, asst. clk.

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:

Societies	Delegates	Amt. Paid in
Ellory	Eld. H. Smith Sylvester Higby Reuben C. Parkes	\$ 4.80
Gerry & Charlotte	El. A. Frink R. D. Sherman J. M. Smith E. McAllister	\$ 8.50

Perrysburg	Eld. D. Platt	\$ 6.10
1 st Pomfret	Josiah Moore	\$ 2.00
Cherry Creek	Eld B. Willoughby	\$ 2.00
Portland	Chas. Goodrich	\$ 3.96
2 nd Stockton	Eld. J. L. Richmond Chauncey Winsor Nathan Cleland Deac. Bachelor Deac. G. Crissey	\$ 14.24
Busti	Eld. E. B. Swain	\$ 5.50
Clymer	Eld. L. Rathbone	\$ 7.00
Dewittville	Deac. John Putnam	\$ 5.00
Harmony	Eld. Chas. Sanderson Eld. P. Cross	\$ 4.50
Jamestown	Eld. A. Chapin Eld. J. C. Stoddard J. C. Breed L. Hubbard	\$ 6.46
Mayville	Eld. O. Dodge Deac. H. Walker J. B. Burrows	\$ 13.97
North Harmony	Eld. Wm. Butts	\$ 3.90
Sherman	Eld. E. B. Sparks O. Skinner K. Dean	\$ 10.00
	Josiah More	\$ 1.00
Membership Contribution		<u>\$ 9.73</u> \$108.66

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.

Appointed Brn. J. F. **Bliss**, S. M. **Smith**, J. L. **Richmond** & H. **Smith** a com. on resolutions.

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

The board of directors of the Chau. Co. Bible Society aux. to the A. F. B. S. met agreeable to adjournment at the Bap. Meeting house in Mayville.

Rev.'d. O. **Dodge** Prest. – in the Chair.

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

Prayer by Rev.'d. D. **Platt**.

Invited ministering Brn. Present to a seat with us – the invitation accepted by Rev.'d. E. **Richmond**, C. M. **Richmond**, Joel **Johnson**, J. C. **Stoddard**, Jas. **Schofield jr.**, W. R. **Brooks** (?) & E. **Gill**.

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.

Prayer By Rev.'d. **D. Platt.**

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

Invitation accepted by Rev.'d **C. LaHatt, G. W. Davis, Joel Johnson, S. Morton & Brn. S. M. Smith & J. E. Norcross.**

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 16th – 9th 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.

Prayer Bro. **Wilson**.

Rev.'d **O. Dodge**, President in the chair.

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

Cassadaga	- Rev.'d D. Platt	no funds
Clear Creek	- H. S. Card C. Strang	“ “
Ellory	- Rev.'d H. Smith Deac. R. Parker	\$ 2.00
Forestville	- Rev.'d Joel Johnson	\$ 3.75
Gerry & Charlotte	- Rev.'d A. Frink J. McAllister Wm. Strong W. R. Wilson C. Whipple O. Harris	\$ 2.00
1 st Pomfret	- J. More J. E. Norcross D. Barrell	\$ 6.40
Leon	- M. T. Wadsworth	----
2 nd Stockton	- Rev.'d L. Waugh C. Bachellor C. Winsor H. Crissey	

Portland	S. S. Walker - Rev.'d J. Wilson	\$ 4.83 \$.76
Randolph	- Rev.'d B. C. Willoughby	no funds
Busti	- Rev.'d E. R. Swain Deac. J. Bullock J. Frank Emri(?) Davis S. F. Bush	Cash \$ 19.51 Jewelry .49
1 st Carroll	- Eben.'r Davis M. Boyd	
Clymer	- Rev.'d L. Rathbone	
Harmony		\$ 10.46
Jamestown	- Rev.'d A. Chapin " J. C. Stoddard Deac. J. C. Breed	\$ 1.00
Mayville	- Rev.'d O. Dodge Deac. H. Walker D. Barnes	\$ 20.00
North East & Ripley	- Rev.'d J. Wilson	
North Harmony	- C. Hurlburt E. Farnham	
Sherman	- Rev.'d E. B. Sparks D. O. Montaque J. Hill K. Dean	\$ 7.00
Warren	- Rev.'d A. Handy	

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 associational 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. **Bachelor**, 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'clock. 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.

Rev.'d **Swain** chosen chairman, J. **More**, Secty. Pro tem.

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'clock. 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'clock. Tomorrow.

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

Board adjourned to 9 o'clock. Tomorrow morning.

Prayer by Bro. **Stoddard**.

Wed.'y morning 9 o'clock.

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.

		Funds
Ashville	Rev.'d W. R. Brooks , E. Hurlburt	\$ 3.50
Busti	Rev.'d J. C. Stoddard	\$30.00
Dewittville	John Putnam , M. Wood	\$ 3.00
French Creek	S. S. Walker	\$ 1.74
Jamestown	J. Southland	
Mayville	O. Dodge , J. B. Burrows , Wm. Lyon	\$40.63
North Harmony	P. Cross , O. Whitford	\$ 6.22
Warren	Rev.'d A. Handy	
Harmony	C. Sanderson	\$ 2.50
Cassadaga	Aaron Lyon	
Clear Creek	Rev.'d H. S. Card , D. Morse , S. B. Stone , E. T. Mather , Geo. Myers , C. Myers	\$ 5.00
Ellory	Rev.'d H. Smith , S. Higbee	\$ 7.25
Forestville	N. Mixer , R. Tefft . S. Frink , J. B. McClanathan	\$ 1.50
Laona	W. Higgins	
Poland	Rev.'d B. C. Willoughby & J. Brimingstool	\$.56
1 st Pomfret	Rev.'d A. C. Barrell , E. Johnson , J. More & D. Barrell	\$45.07
Randolph	Rev.'d B. C. Willoughby , J. Price & J. Carneron	\$ 1.09
Sinclairville	Rev.'d A. Frink , J. Chandler , J. McAllister & E. W. Whipple	\$ 2.75
1 st Stockton	G. Scisson , E. Ide , O. Putnam , J. Schofield & F. Denton	\$ 4.02

2nd Stockton Rev.'d B. F. **Remington**, G. **Crissey**, C. **Bachelor**
& J. **Hill** \$ 8.39

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. **Bachelor**, 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.

Appointed a committee on nominations consisting of Brn. **Chandler**, **Stoddard**, N. **Mixer**, A. **Stone** & J. W. **Nye**.

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
1 st Pomfret	Rev.'d A. C. Barrell, E. Johnson, J. Sweet, J. More, D. Barrell
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**

Treasurer **Josiah More**
Secty. **David Barrell**

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.

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'clock.

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'clock 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'clock. Tomorrow morning.

Prayer by Bro. **Potter**.

Met agreeable to adjournment 19th Feby. 1846 at 9 o'clock. 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'clock. 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'clock. 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**.

6th The following members of Society & delegates took their seats – from
Ashville – L. **Rathbun** – H. H. **Phelps**
Busti – F. **Kidder**, J. C. **Stoddard**, J. **Bullock**
Clymer – N. **Thomas**, H. **Counely**, W. **Counely**
Frewsburg – A. **Frink**, P. **Ames**
Harmony – S. S. **Ainsworth**, Joel **Parker**, A. **Blackmer**, D. J. **Powers**
Mayville – O. **Dodge**, J. **Burrows**, J. B. **Burrows**
Fredonia – A. C. **Barrell**, A. Z. **Madison**, D. **Barrell**
Forestville – J. M. **Purrinton**, H. **Frink**
2nd Stockton – S. P. **Way**
Sinclairville – W. **Look**
Ellory – G. W. **Sisson**, Deac. **Higbee**

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. **Purinton**, President.

Vice Presidents	Rev.'d A. C. Barrell
	Rev.'d N. Thomas
	N. Mixer
	J. C. Breed
	Ransom Curtis
	J. Bullock

Directors Rev.'d L. **Rathbun**
 Rev.'d Wm. **Look**
 Rev.'d S. S. **Ainsworth**
 Rev.'d O. **Dodge**
 Rev.'d G. W. **Sisson**
 John **Frank**

A. Z. **Madison**, Treasurer

D. **Barrell**, Secretary

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.

3. Rev.'d G. **Williams** offered remarks on the subject of Book Depositories & Home distribution.

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.

Ashville 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”

Prayer by Dea. Jno. C. **Breed**.

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**

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{ 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 }

9. Resolved to accept Report & Discharge Com.

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 10 ½ 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.
3. Appointed A. Z. **Madison** Secy. Pro Tem.
4. Appointed Committee to nominate officers for ensuing year. Brn. S. S. **Ainsworth, C. Sanderson, L. Rathbun, B. C. Willoughby & J. B. Burrows.**
5. Appointed Brn. A. **Handy & E. Davis** committee to audit Treasurer's account.
6. Called for delegates to the meeting

Ashville	Rev. G. W. Sisson, H. H. Phelps, A. A. Mead, J. L. DeCamp, J. M. Derby
Busti	Rev. F. Kidder, Rev. J. C. Stoddard, Dea. J. Bullock, E. Davis & J. Frank
Carroll	Rev. E. B. Sparkes
Frewsburg	Rev. E. B. Sparkes, Dea. P. Annis(?), Jno. Myers Jr.
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.

9. Adjourned for one hour. Prayer by Br. S. P. **Way**.

1 o'clock P.M.

10. Bible Society in session. Prayer by Br. C. **Sanderson**.

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.
7. Appointed committee to examine the state of Societies Depositories viz. Brn. D. **Barrell**, G. **Williams**, L. B. **Grant** & J. B. **Burrows**.
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 Feby. 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

1845 Feby. 19 Frederick **Glanville** 2.00