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

In force 1870, January 1st.
Standing Resolutions of the Fredonia Baptist Church.
1. Resolves, That the Church Clerk be authorized and empowered to give letters of commendation to any member of the Church, in good standing and full fellowship, whenever requested by such member, for the purpose of traveling, or transient residence beyond our limits. Passed November 7, 1852.
2. Resolved, That letters of dismission and commendation, given by this Church, shall be valid for one year only from the date. Passed March 14, 1856.
3. Resolved, That any member absenting himself or herself, and neglecting to walk with the Church for twelve consecutive months, without proper excuse, shall be subject to discipline. Passed March 14, 1856.
4. Resolved, That no business matter of the Church, or Society, other than the granting of letters of commendation and dismission, or the reception of members, shall hereafter be introduced, entertained, or acted upon in any stated Covenant meeting of the Church unless permitted by a vote of two thirds of all the members then present. Sept. 14, 1869.
5. Resolved, That the Pastor and Deacons be authorized and empowered to call Church meetings whenever they shall deem it necessary for the transaction of the business of the Church. Passed March 10th, 1857.

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

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

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

1881
Copy of a Resolution presented by Br. F. B. Palmer at close of Covenant Meeting March 5th 1881, and then adopted unanimously by the Church.
Resolved, That the Pastor, Deacons and Clerk of the Church, be a Committee through whom requests for admission and dismissal shall be presented; and that all other business not specially provided for by the Church, shall come through the Executive Committee of the Church, and that any business presented by the Executive Board shall not be discussed in any meeting in connection with a regular devotional meeting of the Church nor acted on if any one expresses a desire to discuss it.”

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

1870 Rev. Chas Thompson (?) still a supply
January 1st 1870.
Covenant Meeting.
The day stormy. The usual exercises of the Covenant meeting occurred and adjourned.

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

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

Covenant Meeting March 5th, 1870
Present Rev. Chas. Thompson, Chn Rev. A. Wheelock, and 12 Brn & 31 Sisters.
Opened with prayer by Chairman. He then read in (?) and offered remarks. Then remarks by Brn & Sisters. More than usual interest was manifested, and united desire for the revival of God’s work, that men might come to the knowledge and the acknowledgement of the truth. Closed Covenant Meeting by singing one verse, (?) by Bro. (?) and the benediction. After the retirement of Sisters, on (?) own (?) , a Church meeting to (?) was (?) opened, Bro. Thompson in the chair, Rev. (?) A. Wheelock and (?) Executive Committee, (?) in the case of Covenant (?) Meeting (?) residence (?) in the (?) to as one of (?) the (?) . [Transcriber’s Note: Most of the second half of page 11 is indecipherable.]

bring disgrace and scandal on the Ch. and religion. Brn. Wheelock & Jos. C. Sweet visited her last week. She did not deny the Charges, but appeared indifferent, and said “Nobody cared for her, and she cared for nobody.” After this as they talked with her of the consequences, she appeared some more pliable and promised to come to the meeting today and confess her faults and reform her life. She had failed to fulfil her promise to appear before the Ch. as the brethren expected she would.

After hearing explanations from both brn Wheelock & J. C. Sweet, On motion of Bro. E. M. Pettit, seconded by Bro. S. S. Crissey,
Resolved that the hand of fellowship of this Church be withdrawn from Sarah F. Fuller alias Opal (?) for her unchristian conduct as substantiated against her.


On motion, Resolved to adjourn.

A. Z. Madison Ch Clk

1870
Pursuant to notice given in Church Sabbath Morning March 20th 1870, by Rev. A. Wheelock, Chn. Of the Executive Committee,
A Church meeting was held Tuesday March 22nd, 1870 in Lecture Room.

Moderator called on Bro. T. B. Sweet, who offered the opening prayer. Moderator then, as one of the Sub. Committee of Exec. Com. stated the first object of this meeting to be to take action as to engaging a Pastor for the ensuing year from the first of April, and that Bro. Pettit & himself as sub Com. had conversed with Rev. Chas. Thompson, and he had consented to officiate in that capacity for a salary of $800 per annum, until either party, the Church or himself, should for any cause deem it best to terminate the compact.

Remarks were made by Clerk, Pettit, Grant, Barrell, & Moderator. On Motion of L. B. Grant 2nd D. Barrell, Resolved to accept the Report of Committee. On Motion of Clerk, 2nd L. B. Grant, Resolved that the Executive Committee be instructed to procure Rev. Charles Thompson, as Pastor, from April 1st prox. At the rate of Eight hundred dollars per year.

On Motion of Bro. Pettit 2nd Resolved that the Clerk prepare a notice to be read next Sunday in Ch. for a meeting Tuesday 29th inst. At 10. A. M. to rent Slips, and that Bro. Wheelock explain fully the object to rent all Slips & urge the congregation & all to attend at that time. On motion Bro. Barrell, seconded by Bro. Grant, Resolved that during service on Sabbaths, the
Congregation remain seated at the first singing, & arise & stand at the 2nd & 3rd singing. A free talk on the Ch music & as to books for choir. Contributions handed to Bro. Crissey $ 
On Mo’n. Resolved to adjourn. A. Z. Madison

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

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

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

Sunday evening May 1870, after sermon, Bro. D. Barrell stated that Rev. Chas. Thompson Pastor is a Life M of several societies (?) our denomination & that he was to attend the anniversaries at Philadelphia next week & suggested & moved that he be appointed a delegate from this Ch. to (?) Was so appointed. A. Z. M. Clk
Brother Chas. Thompson, Pastor went to Philadelphia to attend the Anniversaries. Started Monday May 23rd & returned safely Wednesday Jun 1st. On the 29th May (Sab.) Dr. Jno. N. Armstrong, Pres’t of Fredonia Normal School. Preached to a full congregation, as reported, while D. Barrell & Clk were gone to Angola to attend the funeral of their Sister Lois M. Barrell (the mother of Rev. A. C. Barrell) – A. Z. M. Clk

Covenant Meeting June 4th 1870.
A. Z. Madison Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting July 2nd 1870.
A. Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

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

Covenant Meeting Sept. 3rd 1870
Present (?) Rev. Chas Thompson Pastor Rev. A. Wheelock, 8 (?) Brn & 6 (?) Sisters.
Opened by Singing, reading Scripture & Prayer, followed by remarks of Pastor & Members.
Sister Amanda(?) Walker & (?) Harriet A. Walker (?) were present & (?) to remove to Ti() Ill. They requested letters to the Bap. Ch. there. On Motion, Resolved that their requests be granted; On suggestion of Elder Wheelock the Clerk read the letter written to the Erie Association in session at Dunkirk 6th inst. On Motion of same, Resolved to adopt it, as read, as
our (?) the Association. On nomination, the following brethren were appointed to represent this Church in the Association: Viz. Rev. Chas. Thompson, Pastor, L. B. Grant, E. M. Pettit, Rev. A. Wheelock, S. S. Crissey, Geo. W. Lewis, Geo. (?), Dayton K. (?) Morgan, A. Z. Madison, & Washington Crocker (added Sunday Sept 4th)

On Motion Resolved to send five dollars for printing minutes. Doxology & benediction to Close. ([part of this is illegible] Few in attendance)

A. Z. Madison Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting October 1st (?) 1870.
Present Rev. C. Thompson & Rev. A. Wheelock 10(?) Brethren & 40 Sisters
Opened by singing prayer & reading Scripture. Remarks by Members (?) with more than usual interest.) So that (?) could say, “It is good, for (?) us to be here.”

A Sister Martha Elliott from Geneva was present with a letter, on which she was duly recd. As a member with us. The Sisters Walker who were dismissed a month ago to go to Illinois, (?) for the present to leave Fredonia, gave each their letters, and are again deemed members with us. (Amanda and Harriet A. Walker) Clerk read a letter, (after Elder Thompson’s Closing remarks in reference to the meeting tomorrow & the anticipated (?) Call of the Members,) from Bro. Edwd. L. Mark of Michigan University at Ann Arbor, to Eld. Wheelock, which was well received. Meeting Closed with Doxology & benediction.

A. Z. Madison Ch Clk

Roll Call
[Side note: Roll Call by Clerk at request of Pastor]
Sabbath Oct. 2nd 1870 A.(?) M.
Rev. Chas. Thompson, preaching to a full house from (?) 1:13, a brief history of (?) from the day of St. Paul & then a concise statement of the beginning of the (?) 1st Baptist Church Pomfret & its (?) progress to the present Fredonia Bap. Ch. & the present day.

In the P. M. the roll of the presence(?) of Members was attended to by the Clerk, including only members at this time. Members(?) in(?) day 2 of (?) 152 were (?)

Thompson the Communion Service was had.

(?) of Pastor (?)

Doxology & benediction.

A. Z. Madison Clk

Covenant Meeting November 5th (?) 1870
Present Rev. Chas. Thompson Pastor, Rev. A. Wheelock & some 15 Brn. & 30 Sisters. Services as customary, Singing, prayer, reading Scripture & remarks of Pastor, who spoke(?) on the objects of (?) to edify and interact, and raise up to a right Christian life, the (?) of Christ. Remarks by members present, manifesting desire (?) of grace personally(?) and in the Church and every where. Clerk and(?) the (?) Church Record book of Aug. 1832 and (?) on Feb’y 1848, (?) present and explained as to Elisabeth Adams(?) now Wilbur; who was bap. May 15th 1858, and Elisabeth Wilbur who was baptized March 5th 1848. [Two Elisabeth Wilburs] The latter has not been heard from since about the time of her (?) (?) or not, is not known by Clerk. The name of the former stands on the old book as stated, Elizabeth Adams, and was not on the list of members returned by L. B. Grant to present Clerk in February 1848. She was not present in this Covenant Meeting. Resolved into a Church meeting. Rev. A. Wheelock, chn of Exec.
Committee, spoke of the suggestion in a meeting of a com. in regard to a printed (?) of letter for absent members (?) on same, to be defrayed by the Com (?) from the (?) so (?) for distribution, and a resolution (?) was read by Clerk, as (?) (?). That (?) affairs of the Church be referred to the Executive Committee, and they are (?) empowered to act upon all considerations (?) as may arise (?) to the church (?) or (?) of the Church as it may seem wise. Resolved That for this purpose, a report (?) from (?) Executive Committee shall be made (?) once in six months for (?) consideration (?) or otherwise. Considerable discussion (?) Em(? Porter (?). Bro. Crissey moved as an amendment that if the (?) meeting was (?) recorded this was carried. (?) (?) extended (?) remarks regarding the monthly collections for the poor of the Church and as to report of the Sale & use of (?) funds, at least (?) annually the (?) use of same & that no part of it (?) for their purchases (?) &c. The Treasurer stated the account (?) on hand to be something over $100. now. Other remarks were made. On motion, resolved that the Deacons report the condition of the Treasury at the covenant meeting in (?) next, as they have the duty (?) of disbursing this fund. Resolved to adjourn. Prayer by Bro. Sweet.

A. Z. Madison Clk

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

A. Z. Madison Clerk (?)

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

Opened Church meeting by suggestion of Elder Wheelock Chn. Of Ex. Com. to attend to business laid over Novr. 5/70 & for Bro. Crissey to announce arrangements for Donation vis. For benefit of Pastor, Wednesday evening 7th. Inst. At close of Bro. Crissey’s announcement, Clerk read record of last Ch. Meeting in regard to the Resolution recorded page 20th. Rev. A. Wheelock again read the Resolution & also a substitute, and offered remarks on the necessity & propriety of it. The Moderator, (Pastor) spoke against it, and of the feeling existing amongst some members as they had been expressed to him as to the prominence in Ch. business of a very few. Rev. A. Wheelock told his experience years gone by in this direction. The Clerk stated the Resolution of Ex. Com. recommending that the Church invite Rev. Pastor to preach in regard to
the So. At Rochester for Ministerial Education Sab. 11. Inst. & take Collection in its behalf. Both
the above named matters were dropped & no further motion on them. On motion of D. Barrell
seconded by T. B. Sweet Resolved that Bro. Lewis B. Grant be added as a member of the
Executive Committee. Rev. A. Wheelock offered the following resolution and moved its
adoption which, on being seconded by Bro. Grant, was duly adopted, to wit:
“Resolved, That in accordance with the past practice in this Church, our board of Deacons be
authorized to draw from the amount of Collections taken at our communion service, so much of
the funds as may be required to pay for the bread & wine to furnish the table for that service.
Closed with benediction by Pastor.
A. Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

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

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

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

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

Covenant meeting Feb’y 4th 1871. Present Rev. Chas. Thompson Pastor, Rev. A. Wheelock, 13
Brethren & 33 Sisters. Sung 320 Hymn, Read Scripture. Remarks by Pastor, bearing(?) the(?)
Union meetings & the few who attended & results below hopes(?) and expectations, &c &c. D.
Barrell read letter of from Mary L.(?) Hart of (?) N. Y. Remarks by Brn & Sisters in course(?). Mrs. Mary Case, and Mrs. Caroline H. Barber(?) in turn related their religious experience, the former desiring baptism & membership, the latter had been baptized and a member of the Methodist Church. On Motion of Clerk, Sister Mary Case was recd. As a Candidate for baptism & Membership in the Church when baptized. Ignorant of the facts pertaining to Mrs. C. S. Barber, Clerk made some inquiries and statements. Bro. T. B. Sweet explained & moved her reception as a member. His statements fully indorsed by Brn. D. G. Sweet & Joseph C. Sweet. On the motion, she was unanimously recd. as a member of this Church, on her relation of Christian Experience. Sister Lucy Payne formerly a member with us, late of 1st Bap. Ch. Corry Pa., now again residing here, presented a letter from Corry Ch. on which she was duly recd. to membership again with us. On explanation & Motion of L. B. Grant Resolved that a letter of Commendation and dismission be granted to Sr. Eliza R. Tinkham (formerly Webster) now residing at (?). T. B. Sweet & A. Z. Madison were appointed a committee to solicit funds to pay for some tracts(?) for distribution. Elder Wheelock offered remarks on the subject of the necessity of certain tracts for distribution. Agreed to have another extra meeting. Pastor to preach next Tuesday eve’g. Benediction to close. A. Z. Madison Clk

To Baptist Churches in the State of New York
Dear Brethren: - At its last anniversary the Long Island Baptist Association appointed a committee to consider, and, if practicable, to secure from the Legislature an Act for the Better Incorporation of Baptist Churches, and by which our church property can be held by a safer tenure than at present is done.
A year before a similar committee was appointed by the same body, and one for like purpose, to cooperate with them, by the Hudson River South Association. For certain reasons nothing was done by either committee during the year. It is now proposed to prosecute the endeavor; and in this attempt we ask your cooperation.
According to the law under which our churches now incorporate, passed in 1813, trustees, for holding property and the management of financial affairs, are elected, not by the church but by something called a society, composed of all persons of legal age attending worship, and contributing to its support. Now a society connected with a church, managing a part of its affairs, even though many, or most of its members, be members of the church, is something unknown to the genius and polity of Baptist Church life, and clearly at war with that church independency which we so earnestly hold and cherish.
Trustees, by the present system of election, are not chosen by the church, nor amenable to the church; nor can the church displace them if found incompetent or unfaithful; but are legally independent of the body whose property they hold, and whose temporal affairs they manage. It is not, therefore, strange that conflicts of policy and authority, sometimes serious, even disastrous, frequently occur between the church on the one hand, and trustees and the society on the other. Indeed trustees can close a house of worship against the church whose property it is, and even in certain cases alienate it wholly from their use. This occurred, under similar laws, in New England during the conflicts of the Unitarians with the Orthodox churches. (The same has transpired in the West and Southwest, in connection with the Campbellite defection from the Baptist churches; also in England, in conflicts between Open and Close Communion Baptists.) It would not only be probable but almost certain, should any serious conflict arise in our churches as to questions of doctrine or church order involving legal decisions on the rights of
conflicting parties to hold the property, that we should lose greatly, since societies and courts usually take the part of dissentients against orthodoxy.

What we need and desire is an act of the Legislature simply allowing our churches, as such – calling them societies if they like – to elect their trustees according to our customs and usages as a denomination, the same as we elect deacons or other officers in the church. Then the churches would control their temporalities without interference by others; thus being strictly independent, as in the management of their spiritual concerns.

We do not need the laws to prescribe the methods by which our church affairs shall be administered, but simply to protect us in the methods we may choose. If our churches are competent to direct their more important spiritual concerns, they surely are the less important and less difficult temporal concerns, without the aid of any society. Whether competent or not, as independent bodies it is their privilege and right to do it, and to be legally protected in so doing.

Will the Legislature grant such an act as we desire? We see no reason why they should not. Since the present act for the incorporation of religious societies, passed in 1813, new or supplementary acts have been granted in favor of nearly all the denominations – Episcopalians, Reformed Dutch, Presbyterians, Methodists, Reformed Presbyterians and Roman Catholics. Baptists have never asked for legislation in their favor, and of course have not received it.

Will you, therefore, cooperate with us, and as soon as practicable, certainly by or before the twentieth of January, at some church-meeting, regular or special, vote the resolution found below, or one to the same effect, and duly signed, with blanks filled, forward the same by mail to Rev. E. T. Hiscox, 209 Carlton avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

E. T. Hiscox
S. Baker
H. P. Freeman
Brooklyn, December 22nd 1870.

Covenant Meeting June 3rd 1871.


The usual exercises were had. Sister Gates was present, and spoke feelingly of the contrast between those residing in & near the village, whose (?) privileges were multiplied, & those who lived remote from such enjoyment. Also of her faith and attachment to the Saviour. Others also exhibited a good degree of religious feeling & prosperity (?) and a desire to be nearer to Christ.

At the Close, opened Church Meeting for business.

On Motion of Bro Pettit seconded by Bro. Grant, After Clerk at request of Bro. Wheelock, had stated the Resolution of the Executive Committee recommending a vacation for our Pastor.

Resolved that the Church, pursuant to recommendation of the Executive Committee, permit our Pastor, Rev. C. Thompson, to have a vacation at his convenience, of such part of four weeks, as he may desire. Also on the suggestion of Ex. Com. as stated by (?). On motion of Bro. Grant 2nd by Bro. Pettit, Resolved that this Church invites the Chautauqua County Sunday School Convention, to hold their annual meeting in June 1872, here in Fredonia. Also on Agreement of Ex. Com. as stated by Clk, Resolved that the Pastor of this Church, for the time being, by virtue of that office, be Ex official a member of the Executive Committee. On Motion, Resolved to adjourn. Closed by Benediction.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Covenant Meeting Dec. 2nd 1871
Present Rev. Chas. Thompson, [Rev.] A. Wheelock & ordinary number of Brn & Sisters.
The usual services had – Clerk detained by the sickness of wife by Apoplexy of which she died same evening. Frank D. Shaver received on the relation of his Christian experience. He experienced religion while living in Ripley Chaut. Co. and united with the Baptist Church there,
which has subsequently become extinct. Mrs. Irene Carter recd. by letter from the North Baptist Church of Jersey City. On Motion, Resolved to drop from the list of members of this ch. the names of Emma M. Guild (now Goff) and Helen S. Steadman (now ) both having united with Pedv(?) Baptist Churches. On Motion of Rev. A. Wheelock Resolved to take a collection 2nd Sab. in Jan’y for Am. (?) So’y.

S.S. Crissey Clk P.T.

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

A. Z. Madison

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

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

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

A. Z. Madison

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

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

A. Z. Madison Clk

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

A. Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

Lucy Colburn & John Maw(?) then in turn gave relations of their several Christian Expe. and on Motion of L. B. Grant were received as candidates for baptism, & after, to membership in the Church. Baptism to be attended tomorrow evening. After this Philander Barber who indulged hope twenty years ago, spoke a few words of his intention hereafter to be on the side of the Lord.
A. W.(?) Edwards, who was present, replied to some inquiries by Elder Wheelock also. Some consultation as to holding meetings every evening of the next week – appointed a meeting of inquiry in ch. parlor Monday eve and the regular Prayer meeting Thursday eve’g. at 7 O’clock. Closed with Doxology & benediction.
A. Z. Madison Clk

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

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


Sabbath evening March 31, 1872 after the customary services in explanation of the ordinance, Rev. C. Thompson, assisted by Rev. A. Wheelock & Br. D. Barrell, baptized Jno. M. DeWitt, Squire Edwards & Philander Barber. The death of Sister Mary W.(?) Parker this morning tended to solemnize the meeting. Miss Kellie K.(?) McClanathan related her experience and on request, and motion made and seconded, was rec’d as a candidate for Baptism & Membership. The ordinance of baptism to be attended 11th inst. at evening. Closed with singing and benediction
A. Z. Madison Clk

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

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

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

A. Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A. Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A. Z. Madison Ch Clk


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

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

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

Males
Samuel S. Crissey  
George W. Lewis  
Washington Crocker

Females
Mrs. Helen E. Barker  
" Louise E. Taylor  
" Eliza M. Tate  
" Martha D. D. Wanton  
" Caroline L. Barber  
" Nancy Noble  
" Irene Carter  
" Julia L. B. Wilcox  
Miss Mary A. Draper  
" Martha J. Prescott  
" Ada Frazine  
" Hattie J. Safford  
" Mary Stanley

Meeting Closed by benediction by Pastor.
A. Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A. Z. Madison Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting August 3rd 1872. An accident occurred yesterday at the residence of our Pastor, Rev. C. Thompson, corner of Center & Barker Streets. A trap door to Cellar was left open and he fell down on to stairs & then against the wall and cut his head & hurt his back. Being confined to his bed, in his absence Rev. A. Wheelock presided as Chairman. About 9 Brn & 1 Srs. were present. Services as usual & a good interest. At close of remarks, Chn. called on Clk. for any business. None except to prepare letter to Association. Decided Clk prepare it as usual. After remarks in regard to the services in Ch. tomorrow we are to expect Bro. Wheelock
in A. M. and it was decided to omit Communion owing to his ill health, as well as that of Pastor. On Motion of Bro. **Grant**, Resolved that Bro. S. S. **Crissey** be prepared to read a Sermon in A.M. Closed by prayer offered by Bro. **Crissey** and benediction by Rev. A. **Wheelock**.

**A.Z. Madison** Ch Clk

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

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

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

A. Z. **Madison** Clk

Sabbath Oct 6th **Rev. J. N. Fradeburgh**(?) preached

“ 13. Rev. C. S.(?) **Seeley** preached in A. M. as Candidate and administered sacrament in P. M. & preached again in evening.

“ 20. N. G.(?) **Luke** preached in A. M. an excellent sermon
27. Rev. J. N. Fradenburgh (?) preached in A M another.

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

Sabbath Nov. 3rd 1872 Rev. J. N. Fradenburgh preached

“” 10th “ Same in A. M. & Rev. Mr. (?) King Bap. in eveg

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

A. Z. Madison Clk

No communion service Nov 3rd 1872

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

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

A. Z. Madison Clk


Thursday Nov. 30th 10½ A. M. 1872 National Thanksgiving. Services in Bap. Ch. in Union with Meth. & Presby. – Rev. Geo. O. King Bap. Rev. Crafts Meth. & Rev. A. L. Benton Presb (?) in Desk. Mr. Benton pronounced the discourse which was (?)

Covenant Meeting Novr. 30th 1872 Present Rev. Geo. O. King Chn. [blank] Brn & [blank] Srs. Sung “Nearer My God to thee,” Prayer by Chn. who also read Eph. [blank] & explained interestingly. Sung “On the Cross of Christ I glory,” Remarks of Brethren & Sisters, with good Spirit apparent. At Close, On Motion of Br. D. Barrell Resolved that Br. King be invited to (?) Communion tomorrow P. M. as he preaches in the (?) Clerk then read a letter from Jamestown Ch dismissing and commending Sister J. S. Lathrop or Leonora K. Lathrop, or rather, as now, Leonora G. Lathrop. Resolved that she be recd again, as a member with us. Clerk then read a
“Card” or the Preamble and Resolutions adopted Oct. 29/72 in a meeting of delegates from the Churches, at Cassadaga, in regard to making some provision for Elder A. Frink & wife and a letter from Rev. J. B. Vrooman on the subject. The 1st Resolution recommended the raising of not less than 12 cts per member through the Erie & Harmony Associations. The 2nd Resolution recommended that the sum so raised this year should be divided equally between Rev. A. Frink & Rev. D. Bernard. On motion of L. B. Grant, Resolved that we appoint a committee of one to collect funds for the above object. On Motion of Bro. Grant Resolved that Bro. S. S. Crissey be such Committee. Rev. A. Wheelock just here, came into the meeting, and as Chairman of the Pulpit Committee, stated that Rev. W. C. McCarthy who had preached the two preceding Sabbaths for us, could probably be settled as our Pastor at a salary of $1200. pr An. if so desired by the Church, and as the number present was comparatively small he suggested that a vote by ballot be taken at the Communion tomorrow P. M. for and against such employment of Rev. W. C. McCarthy. On Motion made and seconded, Resolved that we do so vote on the question of settling Br. W. C. McCarthy, or calling him to the Pastorate of this Ch. tomorrow at Communion, Yea or Nay, For or Against, by ballot. Clerk agreed to furnish ballots and have them in readiness at the time. Closed by singing the Doxology & chn. pronounced the benediction.

A. Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

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

Covenant Meeting January 4th 1873 (see next page)

Sunday Jany 12, 1873 Rev. J. N. Fradenburgh preached for us in Morning.
Sunday Jany 19th 1873 Rev. Lester Williams Jr. of Oswego, as a Candidate, preached Morning & evening. He remained during the week & was in several evening meetings. He also preached Sunday Jan. 26th morning & evening, and Monday 27th Jany. At noon he left for home. His terms, to serve as Pastor, $1200 & moving expenses & Parsonage.

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

A. Z. Madison Clk

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

A. Z. Madison Clk


Sunday Feby 9th Rev. J. N. Fradenburgh preached from Mark 10:44,
Sunday Feb 16th Rev. J. N. Fradenburgh preached from all of Ps. (?) an excellent & instructive discourse. After he had announced the notices of ordinary meetings Clerk read a letter from Rev. Lester Williams Jr. of Oswego N.Y. accepting the call of the Ch. through the Pulpit Committee to be here about first of March next. Letter to Rev. A. Wheelock Chn(?) of Committee.

Sunday Feb. 23rd Rev. J. N. Fradenburgh preached from Malacki 3:8ths “Will a man rob God?” A searching sermon, showing many ways in which man may “rob God” (?) (?) Rev. A. Wheelock was sick, having been confined to his room from about 15th or 16th Feby inst. He died Feb. 25th 1873 at 2 ¼ P.M. and was buried Feb. 27 P. M.

Rev. Chas Thompson Preacher

“ Jarvis Episl. Read the Scripture as in Episl (?)

“ A. L. Benton Presb offered first prayer

Br. Thompson’s Sermon from the words “It doth not appear what we shall be” Rev. J. B. Vrooman of Stockton added some remarks at close of discourses. Singing as usual, directed by M. Riggs(?). Rev. J. N. Fradenburgh offered the concluding prayer & benediction.
March 1st Rev. Lester Williams arrived in Morning as expected, to assume the Pastoral Charge of the Church.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Covenant Meeting May 3rd 1873 (Cold rain storm) Rev. Lester Williams Jr. Pastor & [Rev.] Geo. O. King present Also 7 Brn & 20 Srs. Exercises as usual. At Close of remarks, Clerk read
letters of commendation from Baptist Ch. Oswego N.Y. for Rev. Lester Williams Jr. & his wife. D. Barrell moved their reception as members of this Ch & Clk called the vote by arising which was unanimously carried. Sister Martha Husted wife of Rev. W. H. Husted then presented letters given to her husband herself & their daughter, Ella M. Husted, commending & dismissing them to become members with us, which Clerk read severally, & on Motions made they were severally duly recd as members of this Church. Pastor then spoke of two to relate Exp. – Miss Harriet Dodge now residing with Sister Edmonds & Miss Kitty Morian, the latter not present. At request Miss H. Dodge gave a very brief relation & after, explanation of some repetition. On motion of Br. S. S. Crissey 2nd by Bro. Grant, Resolved that she be recd. as a candidate for baptism & when baptized to membership in Ch. On Mo. D. Barrell Resolved to (?) Br. King to extend hand of fellowship of ch. to Pastor & wife. On Motion & request of D. Barrell Resolved to grant a letter of commendation & dismissal to Sister Josephine M. Tibbets now of Greeley Colorado. Closed with Doxology.

A. Z. Madison Clk

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

A. Z. Madison Clk

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

A. Z. M. Clk

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

A. Z. M. Clk

Covenant Meeting May 31, 1873
Present Pastor Rev. L. Williams Jr. & some 30 or 40 Srs & some 10 Brn. Services as usual. Clk went in for a few minutes, but being engaged with other, Vil. assessors comparing Roll & Copy was obliged to leave, giving the record in charge of Bro. L. B. Grant, who brought two letters to Clk. which had been recd. One, date Jany 13th 1873 commending & dismissing Sister Elizabeth W. Barker (formerly Walker residing here) from the Bap. Ch. at Tamaroa Ill. to the Bap. Ch. at
Mount Vernon Ill. The other, date May 3rd 1873, from the Bap. Ch. at Mount Vernon Ill. commending and dismissing Edmund Barker & Perley(?) N. Barker to the Fredonia N.Y. Bap. Ch. It seems that the first named letter had not been used, but is recd. here – that all the above mentions are of one family. As informed by Bro. Grant, all were duly recd. as members with us.

A. Z. Madison Clk

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

A. Z. Madison Clk

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

A. Z. Madison Clk

[Transcriber’s Note: The following is a printed pamphlet.]
Services of Recognition of Rev. Lester Williams, Jr.
As Pastor of the Baptist Church, Fredonia, N. Y.
Thursday April 10th 1873 2 ½ P. M.
Order of Exercises.
1. Invocation, by Rev. H. S. Westgate(?) Rev. [crossed out D. E. (?)] absent Dayton Summit
2. Hymn. Mr. Riggs leader of choir
[handwritten] Text 1. Cor. 16.9. “For a great door &c” a good discourse
7. Prayer of Recognition, Rev. A. Kingsbury, Fredonia.
8. Anthem.
[handwritten] No(?) authority or requirement, but (?) the Pastor & this Ch. agreed to have (?) service.
10. Address {of Welcome} to Pastor, Rev. J. B. Vrooman, Stockton.
11. Address to Church, {none.} {Regretted.}
12. Doxology and Benediction {by Pastor.}
Opening Services
7 ½ O’Clock P. M.
Sermon, {None (regretted) [crossed out “Rev. A. D. Bush] absent. Prayer meeting instead as usual.}

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

Sabbath Augt. 31st, 1873, at Close of A.M. service Rev. L. Williams Pastor returned after 3 weeks vacation, & present.
Agreeably with vote of 2nd. inst. A.Z. Madison presented letter of Ch. to Erie Asson. Before reading it, He read a card signed by Ministers in Erie & Harmony Asson.’s requesting the Churches to vote For or Agst consolidating the two & enter vote in their letters to Asson.
After explanations by several brethren on Mo. of Br. E.M. Pettit 2nd by Br. Grant Voted unanimously For consolidation.
Clerk then read the Letter to Asson. On Mo. Resolved to adopt it as our letter to Association, with the necessary changes. On Mo. Bro. Pettit, Resolved that we rescind the vote to have Collection for printing Minutes at this time, (it being rainy & few present) and that Clk pay $5 for the purpose and have a collection before the Communion service next Sab. to meet it.
Clk explained the sessions of the Asson. here 1851, 1856, 1864, and suggested whether we would invite it here in 1874 – (Here Br. Crissey stated that Harmony Asso. voted to consider the question of consolidation till next year.)
On Mo. Resolved that Clk insert in the letter an invitation to Asso. to meet with us next year.
The business closed & dismissed.
A.Z. Madison Clk
[Bottom] Sept 1st, 1873, A.Z.M. Clk wrote the above record, and at evening was taken sick and confined to his house over two Months with Typhoid Fever.
Covenant Meeting Sept 6th 1873 (Clk sick & not present)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

On Motion, Resolved that Deacons invite sisters to assistance of baptism tomorrow eve’g.
Closed with Doxology & benediction,
A.Z. Madison Clk

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

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

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

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

Sabbath Mch 22nd 74. Pastor still sick, with ergsip(?) and confined to his house.
Rev. W.H. Husted preached in A.M. & evening (?) (?) Congregations rather small, as it was(?) the day of re-union, and Presbyterian Church prior to (?) taking down the old church, to build a
new church on same site, and Rev. Mr. Cowles, Rev.(?) Mr. E.L. Wright Pastor (?), Pastors(?) Pratt, L.M. Clement(?) et. al. were present it was an interesting union(?). O.W.(?) Jonson(?) to address the(?) Congregation Monday 23rd Mch at 2 (?) P.M. an(?) iwe(?) a note(?) general history of the time of the origin of Ch. than that of Dr. Wright yesterday. A.Z.M. present P.M. & evening – Services very interesting. Reminiscences of the past by Dr. Cowles & others, of peculiar interest.

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

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

April 19 ‘74
April 26, ‘74
Rev. L. Williams Jr. was so far recovered from sickness as to be able to preach Sab Apl 19/74 – also April 26th, and at evening of last date, he baptized eleven of the 14 Candidates recd. March 20th and April 4/74 Viz: Willard A. Webster, Theron E. VanScoter, Martin Bissikummer, Lizzie Sweet, Carrie Burgalt, Grace Parker, Grace Lewis, Ada Harrison, Cordelia C. Williams, Lizzie Roesche, Edwin H. Jones, in presence of a full congregation.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk
Covenant Meeting May 2nd 1874
Present Rev. L. Williams Jr., 14 Brn & about 40 Srs. Clk detained in office & in late. Services as usual. After remarks by members, Charles Henry Martin related his religious experience, and on motion of E.M. Pettit seconded by L.B. Grant, he was received as a candidate for baptism and membership when baptized. Closed with singing & the benediction.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

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

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

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

Covenant Meeting July 4th 1874.
Present Rev. L. Williams Jr. Pastor & 8 others. Observed usual services. No business done. Most people of (?) & congregation gone to a Temperance picnic at Cassadaga, & also frequent & severe thunder showers during the day & especially the afternoon.

Ordinary number present at Communion service in P.M. of Sunday 5th July inst.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting August 1st, 1874
Present Rev. L. Williams, Pastor., Rev. G.O. King Res., 15 Brn & some 30 Srs. Usual services & remarks. More than ordinarily interesting thoughts. At close of Covt. M. Clerk having referred to the meeting of the Asson. Sept 1st prior to next Covt. Meeting, On Motion of Br. S.S. Crissey, Resolved to appoint delegates to the association. On Nomination of Br. L.B. Grant, the following were duly appointed, Viz: Rev. L. Williams, Deacons Washington Crocker & E.M. Pettit & Brn A.Z. Madison, Franklin L. Lord, Geo. Tate & Alexr. Morian. On Motion of Brn Geo. Tate, Resolved that other Brn of the Ch. who may be in attendance be substitutes for such appointees as cannot attend. Pastor called up the matter of salary for Rev. B. Morley Home Missionary in this Asson. & various explanations were made. On Motion of S.S. Crissey, Resolved that there be a church meeting appointed to consider the matter of missionary’s salary, and afterwards, any other business that may be presented, to be held Friday evening Augt. 28th, 1874 at 7½ O’clock. Closed with prayer by Br. D. Sweet

A.Z. Madison

Church Meeting, according to appointment, August 28th 1874 at 7½ P.M.
Present Rev. L. Williams Jr., Rev. W.H. Husted Res., L.B. Grant, A.Z. Madison, I.H. Damon, S.S. Crissey, Geo. W. Crocker and Mrs. Morian & Mrs. A. Grant each a part of (?). Opened with prayer by Bro. Husted. Chairman called up the subject of the deficiency of past year’s salary, or our quota, (by Assessment of it, for Rev. B. Morley the home Missionary in Erie Bap. Association). Resolved that we request our Pastor to present the same to the Congregation next Sabbath Morning, and that a Collection in Cash and pledges, to meet the balance unpaid and due be then taken. L.B. Grant had read a list of payments of 60¢ each or more by members showing that of 272 x .60 =$163.20 the whole quota for Fredonia Ch. the sum of 7.70 had been paid to him. Leaving $85.50 unpaid.

A draft of letter from the Church to the Association was then read by Clerk, and criticized to some extent, and suggestions for sundry changes and improvements by Brethren Crissey, Husted, Williams, & Lewis, especially in regard to the daily meetings of the Ch held during January, February & March last, up to the sickness of Pastor and subsequently by Rev’s. B. Morley, Home Missionary, and R.A. Patterson, Evangelist, developing some material difference of views, especially between Brn. Crissey & Lewis.

Clerk to rewrite letter and read it to Church next Sabbath.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Sabbath August 30th 1874
After the services of the A.M. Pastor Williams spoke of the deficit in payment of Salary of Rev. B. Morley, and a Collection to meet it or in part was then taken amt $ [blank].
And after dismissing Congregation, the Church remained & heard Clerk read the letter to the Erie Association. After the reading of letter, Clk spoke of our invitation last year for Asson. to meet with us & of the time now 11 years since a session was held here.

On Motion, Resolved that we renew the invitation to the Association to meet with us next year.

On Motion of L.B. Grant, Resolved that we send six dollars to pay for printing Minutes of asson. On Motion of S.S. Crissey seconded, Resolved that the letter read be adopted as the letter of the Church to the Erie Association.

[Transcriber’s Note: The bottom of this page is missing from the Record Book.]


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

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

[Note to the side reads: Resignations of Deacons David Barrell – Died Jany 3rd 1888 & Eber M. Pettit – Died Nov. 13th 1885 - not granted as long as they lived.]

Covenant Meeting Oct. 31, 1874.
Present Rev. L. Williams Jr., 7 Brn & 7 Sisters, in snow storm. Singing, reading & prayer, followed by remarks from each present.
At Close, Bro. D. Barrell presented the written resignation as Deacons of himself & Bro. E.M. Pettit. Read by Clerk. Brethren responded with regret, and hoped the resignations might be withdrawn. Bro. Barrell stated some reasons, and prominent the want of hearing. Bro. Pettit made some statements – Had hardly felt that he was a Deacon at any time.

On motion of A.Z. Madison seconded by Geo. W. Lewis, the Resignation was laid on the Table for the present. The Pastor requested a letter of commendation and dismission for Sister Elisabeth Dickey to the Baptist Church at Addison N.Y. After some explanations by Pastor & Clerk On Motion, Brn Geo. W. Lewis & David G. Sweet were appointed to solicit funds for the Bible and Publication Societies for the present quarter.
Closed with prayer by Bro. Lewis.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk
Covenant Meeting December 5th, 1874

Present Rev. Lester Williams Jr. & 11 Brn & 32 Sisters. Opened as usual. Prayer by Pastor followed by remarks, and succeeded by remarks of Brethren & Sisters. At close opened for business, and Pastor made a statement in regard to the Wine used at Communion – that there is much complaint in regard to it. Br. D.G. Sweet followed & said it was retorted on him by outsiders when he spoke to some in regard to Temperance &c. Clerk said it was the first he had heard of any complaint & he would like to know what is the matter with it. This brought the explanation that it was fermented wine & contained too much alcohol. Several spoke in regard to it. G.W. Lewis, L.B. Grant, E.M. Pettit, Clerk, Sisters Lathrop, Colburn & some others. On Motion of G.W. Lewis seconded by D.G. Sweet, Resolved that we procure unfermented wine for communion purposes. Clerk then read the request of Edmund Barker for letters of recommendation for himself & son Perley N. Barker. Some queries expressed by Pastor Pettit, Grant & Clerk and Lewis & perhaps others. On Motion of Br. E.M. Pettit seconded by Br. D.G. Sweet Resolved to lay the request on the Table till next Covt. Meeting.

Clerk spoke of the Resignations that were laid on the Table at last Cov’t Meeting, but they were not called up.

Dismissed with the L.M. Doxology.

A.Z. Madison Notary Public

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

January 3rd, 1875

At Communion Pastor stated in regard to Visitations, that Bro. J. Hamilton Jr., Bro. G.W. Lewis, D.G. Sweet, Sister Tate & some others would engage as they could devote the time in that way.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Jany 6th 1875 Rev. Chas. Thompson died at Dkk. A.Z.M. Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

From 1st week in Jany the three denominations, Baptist, Methodist & Presb’n. together held Union services, alternating from house or church to church till about 1st Mch when Meth’s. formally withdrew, save that certain Members, personally, continued with Baptist & Presbyterians, till after the interesting S. Sch. Institute held in Presb’n. Ch. (Payne Ch.) about 17 & 18 Mch and the formal closing of the Union Meetings occurred in Bap. Ch. Rev. McBenton
Covenant Meeting Feb’y 6th 1875.
At close Clk spoke of the Resignation of Deacons Pettit & Barrell now lying on the table; and of the request of Dec 5/74 for letters by Brn Edmund Barker & his son Perley N. Barker.
On Motion of Bro. Grant 2nd by D.G. Sweet Resolved that a letter of dismissal & recommendation be granted to Bro. Perley N. Barker. (This after A.Z.M.’s Mo. for both not (?) )
On Motion of Bro. A. Morian seconded by D.G. Sweet, Resolved that a Com. be appointed to investigate the matter of the separation, by mutual consent, of Bro. Edmund Barker & his wife Elisabeth W. Barker. On nominations, Resolved that Brn L.B. Grant & D. Barrell be such Com. to investigate and report to Ch. Regarding the resignation of Deacons, On Motion of H.A. Buck 2nd by L.B. Grant, that Whereas we regard the services of Brn. Deacons E.M. Pettit & D. Barrell too important to the Church for them to resign as Deacons for the present, Therefore Resolved that the Church cordially & respectfully requests them to withdraw their Resignations.
On Motion of L.B. Grant, seconded. Resolved that Brn Geo. W. Lewis & D.G. Sweet be a committee to visit members of Ch. and collect funds for A. Bap. Mis’y Union.
Closed by prayer by Bro. Grant.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting March 6th 1875
Committee in regard to Bro. Edmund Barker by Bro. Grant stated not ready to report. Clk announced that he had sent letter to the son Perley N. Barker and notified his father that a Com. to investigate the matter had been appointed. The matter of resignations of Deacons Pettit & Barrell was spoken of. They declined to withdraw their resignations, each offering a few remarks. On Motion of L.B. Grant, Resolved That the three Deacons, including Dea. W. Crocker, be a Committee to present three new names for additional Deacons at next Covenant Meeting. Closed with prayer by Bro. David G. Sweet & the benediction.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting April 3rd 1875.
Present Rev. L. Williams Jr., 15 Brn & some 35 Srs.
William Chas. Dunn and Jay Crissey related experience and on Motions of L.B. Grant & E.M. Pettit each recd. as candidates for baptism and membership in Church.
Clerk read letter of Bro. Arthur P. Clow of North East Pa requesting letter to unite there, & on Motion of Clk it was granted. Clerk read letter of commendation and dismissal from Geneva Ohio for Sr. Ada Sliter (?) to unite with us & then moved her reception, seconded & Received. Clerk then read similar letter from Cassadaga Bap. Ch. to Dea. Benj. Merrill. On Motion 2nd he was duly received. Clerk then read similar letter from the 1st Bap. Ch. of South Bend, Ind. to
Brother Almond B. Hamilton & his wife Sister Sarah J. Hamilton & On Motion L.B.G. 2nd they were also received. Br. E.M. Pettit then spoke in regard to his & Br. D. Barrell’s resignations as Deacons and closed by recommending & nominating Brn. Sml. S. Crissey, Henry A. Buck & Jno. Hamilton Jr. as Candidates for the office of Deacon; respectively, On separate motions seconded in regular course, they were all, unanimously elected as Deacons of the Fredonia Baptist Church. On Motion of Bro. L.B. Grant, seconded, Resolved unanimously that it is the desire of the church that Brn. Eber M. Pettit & David Barrell continue and remain as Honorary Deacons of the Church though freed from the onerous and regular duties of the office. Carried up. On call for other business, if any by Pastor, the Clerk stated that there was a Committee to report, if ready, referring to the Comm’e. appointed to investigate the matter of Bro. Edmund Barker. Bro. L.B. Grant stated that the Committee was not ready to report, had done nothing. Clk urged that something ought to be done to have it settle & ended. On Motion of Bro. L.B. Grant, seconded, against the objects of Clerk, Resolved that A.Z. Madison be added as one of the committee above referred to. Closed with Doxology.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting May 1, 1875.
Present Rev. L. Williams Jr., 8 Brn & 9 Srs. Prior to the opening of the Cov’t. Meeting some half hour, the Com. to investigate the matter of Bro. Edmund Barker had a consultation together with Pastor & Brn H.A. Buck & D.L. Shepard, in Church. After various remarks, on the suggestion of Bro. D. Barrell a Report to the Ch. was agreed upon, and written out by the Clerk. The Covenant Meeting was opened by Pastor by reading & Prayer and followed by remarks. At Close, on Call for business, the Clerk read the Report of Committee as above stated to wit: “The Committee appointed to investigate the matter of Bro. Edmund Barker’s request for a letter of commendation and dismissal for himself, Respectfully Report that we recommend to the church to direct the Church Clerk to write to Bro. Barker That we, as a Church, do not feel at liberty to grant him a letter of commendation & dismissal, as a member in good and regular standing with us, he having separated from his wife in the manner he has, unless he is disposed to, and does satisfy this Church of his innocence in the matter. L.B.G., D.B. & A.Z.M. Com. On Motion of Bro. Buck, seconded, Resolved to accept and adopt the report of Com’e. Clerk read two letters from Bro. J. Hamilton Jr. declining the office of Deacon to which he was elected April 3rd 1875. On Motion of Bro. Buck seconded Resolved to accept Bro. Jno. Hamilton’s declination as Deacon. Clerk stated the substance of a request in a letter to Bro. Williams Pastor,
from Bro. Wm. N. Rowe, for a letter of commendation and dismission for himself to unite with the Bap. Ch. at Grand Rapids Mich. On Motion D.B. seconded the request was granted. Clerk then read a Circular to the Churches comprising Social Union of Western New York, by the Com’ee. Emerson Mills et al in regard to the Centennial Movement in the bounds of the Union, and the meeting with the Washington Street Baptist Church of Buffalo May 4th inst. On Motion of Bro. L.B. Grant seconded, Resolved that Rev. L. Williams Jr. and any brother or brethren of this Church who can attend the Meeting with the Washington Street Baptist Church in Buffalo, to be held May 4 inst. be appointed to represent this Church in the same. Pastor made explanatory remarks of the objects of the Centennial Movement. Prayer by Dea. W. Crocker, Closed. A.Z. Madison Clk

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

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

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

Sabbath evening June 20th 1875.
At close of sermon by Pastor Rev. L. Williams Jr. he baptized Sisters Emily E. Starr, Phebe Puella Osborn and Helen A. Pemberton. The church nearly filled with respectful listeners to a plain practical discourse from 1. Cor. 2. 16: “But we have the mind of Christ.”
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk
Covenant Meeting July 3rd, 1875.
Present Rev. L. Williams Jr. Pastor, Rev. D. Bernard, (but silent.), 11 Brn & 31 Srs. Pastor read – prayed & offered remarks, Brn & Sisters followed as usual in order. Bro. D. Barrell requested a letter of commendation & dismissal for Sister Mary Briarton to unite with a Baptist Church in Buffalo N.Y. On Motion, Resolved to grant the request. Bro. Forrest W. Crissey late of Cleveland O. was present and spoke & presented a letter from 3rd Bap. Ch. Cleveland in due form on which he was received as a Member with us.
Clk spoke of the next session of the Association with us, and it was found that it commenced Augt. 31st. Some remarks as to the letter of welcome to be prepared by Clk and it was left that he should present such letter to Ch. next Cov. M. July 31st.
Pastor desires to visit his friends in Mass. & wishes a vacation to cover three Sabbaths, at most four. On Mo. Bro. D.G. Sweet Resolved to grant Pastor’s request. Pastor then stated it would be more difficult than usual to find supplies by regular Ministers, but there is material in the Ch. to read sermons, or to preach & commended that way(?) during his absence. Closed by prayer Bro. G.W. Lewis & Doxology.
A.Z.M. Clk

Covenant Meeting postponed by vote of Church July 25th to August 7th on account of the absence of Pastor on his vacation of 4 weeks to Massachusetts.

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

Sabbath August 8th, 1875, after the Communion service, Clerk read the letter prepared by him, (having some blanks to be fitted,) from the Church to the Chautauqua Bap. Association to sit
with us Aug’t 31st, 1875*, giving explanations and inviting corrections if needed. On Motion of 
L.B. Grant, Resolved that the Church adopt the letter, as recd by the Clerk, (subject to the 
necessary additions & corrections,) as our epistle to the Chaut. Bap. Association.
A.Z. Madison Clk

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

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

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

Covenant Meeting Oct. 2nd, 1875. Rainy. 
Present Rev. L. Williams Jr. Pastor, 9 Brn & 23 Srs. Opened by singing, prayer, reading & 
remarks by Pastor, and then by remarks of Brn & Sisters. Pastor spoke of what he did 4 Mos. ago – 
the licensing Brn. Jno. Hamilton Jr., Saml. S. Crissey, and Geo. Tate to preach the Gospel of 
Christ. Many remarks by Pastor & brn Crocker, Buck, Grant, Madison, Lewis & D.G. Sweet 
& Sr. Morian. On Motion of Clerk, Resolved to defer action until next Covenant Meeting. 
Br. Alex’t. Morian made a Statement of the organization of a Society for investment in Point 
Chautauqua near DeWittville. 40 acres for a summer resort. [Note to the side reads: 70 as 300 
$21000, 40 as 200 8000] No action on it. Pastor spoke again of the Centennial fund. It moved 
slow. He thought Solicitors should be appointed before Cong. Bro. G.W. Lewis offered prayer to 
Close.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

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

Church Meeting after close of Prayer Meeting Thursday evening Nov’r. 11th, 1875. Present Pastor as Chairman, and a goodly number of brethren & sisters. The meeting was opened with prayer by Bro. S.S. Crissey. Pastor as Chn. called on Clerk, who stated that Sister Elisabeth
W. Barker had called at his office this morning, and desired him to say in her behalf to the Church, at this time, That when she separated from her husband Brother Edmund Barker, she thought that she was, under all the circumstances, doing right, and that she still thinks that she did right. - That she had always felt a strong attachment to the Fredonia Baptist Church since her union with it, and was grieved to leave it, but learning that the Church disapproved of her action in seeking a separation between herself and her husband, she requested that her name be dropped from the roll of members.

Clerk then read the Resolution of the Church in regard to Bro. Edmund Barker of May 1st, 1875, and also the Resolution of the Ch. of Nov. 6th, 1875 to show what progress had been made with the case of Bro. E. Barker in 6 Mos(?) and pronounced the two resolutions substantially the same or that we were in status quo. Clerk then read the letter recommended by the Executive Committee and adopted by the Church Nov. 6th, 1875, and after it, his proposed appendix including a dismissal of Brother Barker from this Church, which was not in the recommendation of the Ex. Com. On Motion of Bro. Grant seconded Resolved to rescind the Resolution of Nov 6th. Brother H.A. Buck then moved the adoption of the Resolution recommended by the Executive Committee, together with the appendix above named to dismiss Bro. Barker; and this was seconded by some one. To this, Bro. Crissey moved an amendment, to omit part of the address, and only direct to any Sister Church of our faith – also to modify the word insult, in appendix, by substituting embarrass, to which Clerk acceded, and the amendment was carried. Here, an interesting discussion arose on the Main question embraced in Bro. Buck’s Motion, in which several offered remarks, Viz: Brn Tate, Lewis, Crissey, Grant, Rev. W.H. Husted, Sister Noble, Clerk & perhaps others. Finally On Motion of Bro. S.S. Crissey seconded by Bro. L.B. Grant, (after some explanation by Chairman) an amendment was submitted, to Bro. Buck’s Motion, That after the words, “The Fredonia Baptist Church, To any other Church of the same faith”, all following, should be omitted or struck out, and the ordinary letter of Commendation and dismissal of Brother Edmund Barker, should be substituted in lieu thereof. The same was carried without dissent. Then, recurring to the main question, on motion of Bro. Tate, seconded, it was unanimously Resolved that the Motion of Bro. Buck, as thus amended, be adopted, & that, Clerk forward such letter of Commendation & dismissal to Bro. E. Barker. Some remarks were then being made in regard to the case of Sister Elizabeth W. Barker, when on Motion of Bro. S.S. Crissey to adjourn, which was seconded, it was Resolved to adjourn.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk
Letter sent to Bro. Barker Nov. 15/(?)

Covenant Meeting Dec’r. 14, 1875. Present Rev. L. Williams, Pastor & 9 Brn & 20 Srs. Opened and conducted as usual. After Brn & Sisters had spoken in turn Pastor made some closing remarks on our needs & the needs of our place. He then inquired if any business to be presented. Clerk did not recollect any. Bro. Grant then spoke of the request of Sister Elisabeth W. Barker to have her name dropped from the list of Members of the Church, and moved that Brethren E.M. Pettit & H.A. Buck be a Committee to investigate as to the request, and Report at the next Covenant Meeting. This was seconded by Bro. S.S. Crissey. Before the question was put, Clerk desired to present in Standing Resolution No 4 of the Church & explain in its origin & object, which (?) he proceeded to do. See Resolution Page 2. Bro. Grant withdrew his motion. On Motion of Bro. Crissey, seconded, Resolved to open a Church Meeting for business. Bro. Grant then renewed his motion as above recorded & Bro. Crissey seconded it. The same was carried without dissent and Brethren Pettit & Buck were duly appointed a Committee to investigate and
Covenant Meeting of the Centennial year of our Nation, January 1<sup>st</sup> 1876.

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

At the close of the prayer meeting Thursday evening January 6<sup>th</sup>, 1876, pursuant to the Notice given the evening previous, members of the Church remained for the transaction of business. Present Rev. L. Williams Jr. Chn, 11 Brn & 11 Srs.

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

A.Z. Madison Clk
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

Covenant Meeting April 1st, 1876
Present Rev. L. Williams Jr. Pastor 10 Bren & 30 Srs. Opened & conducted as usual. Pastor remarked that the winter had passed & not one soul converted here as Renewal(?) although (?) there had been many in other places around us. The Cov’t. Meeting was what we call a good one. Many interesting remarks by Brn & Sisters. At close on the call for business, the Clk. spoke of the case of a Member taking a letter of dismission, & not using it to become a member of another Church, but holding it, & deeming themself a member nowhere, were by Baptist usage still under the jurisdiction of the Church which granted the letter and it had been suggested to him that there was such a case now, in reference to Brother Marsena N. Munger, who on going West, took such letter April 3rd, 1869, and still held it, though having returned and resided here, after a brief absence and there might be others in same condition. Clerk moved a Committee to advise Br. Munger and other, if any, of their duty in this regard and Bro. D.G. Sweet seconded it. On Motion, Resolved that Bro. D.G. Sweet be such Committee. Pastor then spoke of the propriety of more insurance on our Church edifice – now $3000 & should be at least $6000 or $7000. A.Z. Madison also for the third time explained further by late statistics of Churches burned. Bro. G.W. Lewis objected to insurance and was reminded that the security of his building consisted in lighting rods. Bro. L.B. Grant explained as to the insurances on the building, organ &c and of all the Society’s incidental expenses. Bro. Geo. Tate, being present, from his home in Cattaraugus, spoke of the deficiency in our way of collecting the society funds & cited his brother Hiram, who does this duty in Orange Co. & has on his hand a surplus all the while. Prayer by Bro. D.G. Sweet and Closed with the benediction.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk
April 9th, 1876 Sunday, at close of A.M. service, Rev. L. Williams Jr. requested the attention of the audience a moment for Mr. D.L. Shepard to explain in regard to having Congregational singing in this Church. Mr. Shepard declining to speak on the subject Elder Williams then stated that the subject had been proposed and he would call for a vote on the question, and asked those of the Congregation who were in favor of having congregational singing, to signify it by raising the hand. He then called for those opposed to such change from choir singing, and announced the vote a 20 to 1 in favor of Congregational singing.

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting May 6th, 1876. Present Rev. L. Williams Jr. Pastor, 13 Brn & 21 Sisters. Opened as usual with prayer by Pastor &c. Remarks by Brn & Srs. Albert Collis & Priscilla Collis his wife present. Pastor presented letter from the Church of the United Brethren in Christ certifying to their membership there & also commending them (unsigned). Also a letter from N.R. Luce Pastor U.B.C. to them in regard to that Society, which were read by Clerk, who then suggested that they unite with this Church by experience, instead of the letters, and by baptism as they desire. Considerable discussion followed, participated in by Brn. Crissey, Lewis, Grant, D.B. Sweet & Clerk & Br. Buck. Finally on Mo. Br. Buck 2nd by Br. Grant Resolved to receive Bro. Albert Collis (on what we know of his Christian Experience by hearing from him from time to time in meetings & now,) as a Candidate for baptism & when baptized, to membership in this Church. Mrs. Collis made no remarks. On Mo. Bro. Grant seconded by Bro. Sweet Resolved to receive Sister Priscilla Collis also as a candidate for baptism & Membership as above. Clerk read letter from Brockton Bap Ch Commending & dismissing Brother Henry W. Thompson and his wife Eliza J. Thompson & their daughter Jennie Thompson to unite with us. Bro. Grant moved & Clk 2nd & Ch Resolved to receive Bro. Thompson on the letter. A.Z. Madison moved & Grant 2nd & Ch Resolved to receive Mrs. E.J. Thompson, same. On Motion of Clerk, seconded
by Bro. Crissey, Resolved to receive Sister Jennie Thompson also on same letter to Membership with us. Pastor also presented a letter from the German Bap Church of Erie Pa dismissing & commending Henry Doarr and his wife, Catharine Doarr. Pastor explained the case, and on mo. Br. Grant, seconded by Bro. Lewis Resolved to receive Bro. Henry Doarr as a member with us on said letter. On Mo. Bro. Crissey seconded by Br. Grant Resolved to receive Sister Catharine Doarr also a Member with us. [Note to side reads: 1st books for congregational singing to be ready for use tomorrow! Baptist Praise Book!]

Bro. S.S. Crissey made a statement in regard to the decision of the Con. on books for Congregational Singing and the purchase that had been made so that people could be supplied tomorrow. Prayer to Close by Bro. Sweet.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Sunday May 28th at Close of service A.M. Pastor presented the request of the Sinclairville Bap. Ch for delegates from this Ch. – the Pastor & two Brn to attend a Council to examine & if approved ordain their Pastor J.L. Power(?) on Wed. 31st inst. at that place in P.M. On Motion L.B. Grant, Resolved to respond to request. On Mo. same Resolved that our Pastor, Rev. L. Williams Jr. and Br. S.S. Crissey & any other Brn who can attend (after the declinature of Brn. Pettit, Madison, & Thompson,) be our delegates to said Council.

At evening, after service, the two candidates of May 6th Mr. Albert Collis and his wife Priscilla Collis were baptized by the Pastor of the Church L. Wms. Jr. His reading & the singing of the Choir responsive. From the new Bap. Praise Book.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting June 3rd 1876

Present Rev. L. Williams Jr. Pastor, 13 Brn & 23 Sisters. Opened as customary by reading prayer & singing. Remarks by Pastor followed by Bren & sisters. Brother James(?), a member of Rev. C.H. Sturgeon’s Ch. in London who has resided in Fredonia some two years past, and attended our meetings & Sunday School, with more or less regularity, spoke in turn & confessed his faults quite fully, & his backslidings &c & showed that he was for this course, excluded, or as he worded it, dismissed from the Church in London. He was a firm believer in Christ & a firm Baptist, and had repented of his wrong doing &c. He asked to be recd. as a member in this Ch. with a full determination to strive to honor the cause of Christ & to do good & benefit others. Many words of like character he uttered. G.W. Lewis Moved & D.G. Sweet, 2nd that he be received as a member of this Ch. on his Statements & what we know of his religious experience by his remarks now & heretofore since his residence here. Clk suggested a delay of one month for the vote, but made no such motion. Moderator (Pastor) called vote on the Motion as seconded to receive & then declared it without opposition to receive him as a member. Clk then read a letter from A. Williams Ch Clk Dunkirk Bap. Ch. requesting letters of commendation & dismissal of Bro. James Robinson & Mary Robinson his wife to unite with 1st Bap. Ch. Dunkirk. On Motion, seconded, Resolved to grant the request. Br. Benj’n. S. Dunn then requested letters for himself and wife, Sister Eliza A. Dunn to unite with Bap Ch at Franklin, Venango Co. Pa. On Motion, seconded, Resolved to grant the request.

[Note to the side reads: Bro. Grant says he can’t J?? the church debts any more from his own funds.]

Bro. L.B. Grant offered some remarks about the financial matters of the Church - $200. deficit, of last year. He could not do as he had done in blotting out his claims – could not take funds.
from his business to pay Salary of Pastor & expenses of Ch. So few present, it was left for further consideration at Annual So’y Meeting next Tuesday 6\textsuperscript{th} inst. Closed with prayer by Pastor & Doxology.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Sabbath Evening July 9\textsuperscript{th}, 1876 at Close of service Rev. L. Williams Jr. baptized Thomas A. Osborn. Same record interlined page 106\textsuperscript{th}.

Covenant Meeting July 1\textsuperscript{st}, 1876

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

July 9\textsuperscript{th}, 1876 Eve’g. Thos. A. Osborn was baptized by Eld. Williams. A.Z.M. Clk

1876 July 10\textsuperscript{th}, Pastor left for Massachusetts.

“ “ 16\textsuperscript{th} Praise service by the three denominations in Bap. Ch. by Prof. Palmers choir & Prof. Harkon(?) organ

“ “ 23\textsuperscript{rd} Rev. W.H. Husted preached

“ “ 30\textsuperscript{th} Br. Newton Crissey read a sermon

Covenant Meeting August 5\textsuperscript{th}, 1876 Pastor absent on vacation, Ch. Clerk in charge. Present 5 Brn, 13 Srs. Singing led by Bro. Lord. A.Z.M. read Rom. 12\textsuperscript{th}. Prayer by Bro. Grant sug(?) Remarks by all but one or two present. Some Notices by Clk & Bro. Grant given. Sung “Bles’t be the tie that binds” &c. Geo. Lewis spoke of the Church Communion Sr Lord’s Supper – That
it is a relic of Popery that a Priest only could administer it. It was perfectly proper for any brother
to administer in absence of Pastor &c. Close.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Aug’t. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1876. Bro. J. Hamilton Jr. read a discourse in A.M. and lead in a prayer & conference
meeting in the evening.

Sunday Aug’t 13<sup>th</sup>, 1876. Pastor L. Williams Jr. having returned from Mass. preached in A.M.

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

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

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

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

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

Sabbath Oct. 15, 1876 in A.M. the Pastor Rev. L. Williams Jr. announced that there would be a
meeting at 2 ½ P.M. at Mr. Gates residence near the Lake and a baptism to occur. The day was
cold with a raw west wind. Accordingly, Elder Williams, L.B. Grant, S.S. Crissey, N. Crissey,
G.W. Lewis, W. Crocker, A. Morian & others met according to the appointment. Mr. Phineas
Gates related his views and desired to be baptized and admitted a member of this Church. After hearing his remarks and request, On Motion of L.B. Grant seconded, Resolved that Mr. Phineas Gates be received as a candidate for baptism and when baptized to membership in the Fredonia Baptist Church. Elder Williams, Mr. Gates & those present then repaired to cove at the margin of Lake Erie on the farm of Mr. Gates where he was duly baptized by Elder Williams. After the return to his house, some religious services were had and the meeting was dismissed. The foregoing as reported to Clerk by Brn Grant & N. Crissey & S.S. Crissey.

A.Z. Madison Clerk

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

A.Z. Madison Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z.M. Clk

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

A.Z.M.

Covenant Meeting January 6th, 1877.
The subject of holding meetings next week, “The week of prayer,” was introduced by Pastor & spoken of by Brn Grant & Crissey & on Motion of A.Z. Madison seconded, Resolved to hold & attend such meetings during the evenings of next week in this parlor/room to commence & then if necessary, by the attendance, adjourn to other rooms till we (?) up stairs. The Clerk spoke of letter given to Marsena Munger in 1869 Apr 3. & its return unused, Oct. 18th, 1876 & his name reentered as a member, and in regard to the extension of the hand of fellowship by the usual form. Clerk also spoke of subscriptions for the Examiner & Chronicle & urged (?) to give Notice whether to continue or to stop as soon as possible before the close of this Month. Bro. Grant suggested a further statement at Close of communion tomorrow. Bro. Frank Lord offered prayer & ch then sung Doxology to close.

A.Z. Madison

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

Meetings were held each evening of the Week of prayer during cold weather, and an unusually deep snow (2 to 4 ft.) the first three evenings in Ch. parlor 30 to 35 present & nearly the same persons – then from Thursday evening by announcement of Pastor in the Lecture room, with a somewhat less attendance, the weather & walking being still worse. The next week, similar meetings were held Wed. Thurs. & Friday evenings, Tuesday omitted for a general donation in Union Hall for the poor.

Sunday Jan’y 21 Pastor announced meetings for this week, Tues. Wed. & Thurs. evenings.
Sunday evening Jan’y 21st A Union Temperance prayer meeting in Bap. Ch. some Presb. & some Methodists present, not general, as service was had at Presb. Ch.
On Friday evening Jan’y 19th in the Bap. Prayer Meeting Bro. L.B. Grant stated that Sister Eleanor B. Baldwin the widow of the late Levi Baldwin, was about to remove west near Milwaukie [sic], and that she desired a letter of commendation and dismission if the Ch could grant her request. On his motion seconded, Resolved that such letter be granted to her. Clerk made same & left the letter with L.B. Grant Jay 23rd/77 for Mrs. Baldwin to call for.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

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

Covenant Meeting Feb’y 3rd 1877.
Present Rev. L. Williams Jr. Pastor, 15 Brn & 25 Srs. After prayer & remarks by Pastor, the Brethren & Sisters, in turn, offered remarks. Geo. W. Lewis commencing on Missionary Matters & conversions, & baptisms by Bro. A. Clow. At Close of remarks, in general, which showed increased interest in the cause, it was agreed to have meetings continued next week on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday evenings. On motion of Bro. S.S. Crissey seconded, Resolved that the meeting on Wednesday evening, though for all, shall be regarded more especially, as the young people’s meeting. On nomination, after some remarks, it was Resolved that Bro. Geo. W. Lewis on a Committee to collect funds for the Am. Baptist Missionary Union, during this first quarter of the year, and at his request, H.W. Thompson was appointed to act with him in this matter.

On the motion of Sister L.M. Edmunds that a Committee be appointed to visit members who stay away from the meetings of the Church, Sister L.K. Lathrop moved an amendment that our Pastor be requested to lay out work for some members, and set them to do it. This was carried.

After remarks by Bro. D. Barrell on the doing away & abandoning the appointment for a Missionary Concert Monthly, as it was formerly observed and on his motion seconded by G.W.L. & (?) Resolved That on the next Thursday evening after the first Sunday of each Month, commencing with March next, the Missionary Concert be resumed and observed somewhat as formerly. Bro. W. Crocker offered closing prayer.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk Fredonia Feb’y 17, 1877”

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

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

Thursday evening Feb. 22nd a goodly number 35 or more in, some who had not attended much if any & the meeting of usual interest. Notice given at Close that the next evening meeting would be in the Ch. Parlor & those who desired an increase of religion, personally, were specially invited by our Pastor to be present.

Friday evening Feb 23rd, Pastor & Brn Thompson, Madison, Davis, Grant & Dunn, & Sisters Collis, Edmunds, Boynton & others as Miss Colburn, Williams & several young ladies not known, or not recognized by Clk, making the whole number present 25. The interest was good, & some six or eight young ladies arose to express their hope in Christ, on request of Pastor, & afterwards, he desired those to arise who thought they had been benefited by the series of meetings this winter, & all in the room arose.

Tuesday evening Feb’y 27th A Temperance lecture at the Methodist Ch. for all denominations. Wed. eve Feb 28 & Thurs. eve March 1st meetings in Lecture room, about usual attendance & interest. Friday eve Mch 2nd Meeting in Ch. parlor. Wet & muddy, Pastor & 6 of each sex, in all 13 present. Meetings simultaneously held at Dwellings on Gardner St. & at Cordova as reported in Cov’t. Meeting Sat. Mch 3rd.

Mch 7th There was a prayer meeting in Lecture room about 23 present. Clerk in at opening but left soon for ill health at home.

Mch 8th The time for Miss’y Concerts as Resolved on Motion of Bro. D. Barrell page 114. There was a storm of wind & rain & the house not warmed when Pastor, Bro. Lewis wife his wife & Daughter Estelle. Brn. Grant & Madison came & it was adjourned. Mch 9th some 11 or 12 met in parlor & had a good meeting. Pastor, Davis, Thompson, Madison, Grant, Munger, Mrs. L.M. Edmunds, Mrs. Boynton, Mrs. B. Edmunds, Miss J. Colburn, Miss E.F. Damon

Mch 14. in Parlor 20 nearly same

Mch 15 in Lec. Room 33. First resume Miss’y Concert. Pastor prayed, talked & read Miss’y news – Davis & Barrell & some prayed. G.W. Lewis talked & Estelle read of Miss Stetson. Mch 16th in Parlor 21. same nearly. Pretty good meeting. Notice repeated for Gillespie Temp(?). Mr. Gillespie failed to come & late Sat. night Mch 17th Pastor & D.L. Shepard went to Dkk & brought Rev. Rob’t. Boocock, an Englishman, who preached a gospel & Temperance discourse Sunday A.M. & also evening, 18th. & continued meetings evenings during the week to Friday eve.
Ch. Clk first after opening prayer by Bro. G.W. Lewis, stated that as his words were frequently misunderstood (or misconstrued) he had written his explanatory remarks, that he might know what he had said. He then read the following.

On the first day of Feb’y 1873, at the close of Covenant Meeting, Rev. A. Wheelock Chn introduced the subject of calling Rev. Lester Williams Jr. to be our Pastor. Brother Williams, (as a Candidate) had preached here 19th & 26th of January. His terms proposed, $1200. salary, his expenses for removal from Oswego, and a parsonage. After sundry remarks by brethren Lewis, Tate, Grant & Madison, on the motion of brother Grant, Resolved, unanimously, to call Rev. Lester Williams Jr. as our Pastor, at $1500. per an. Salary, (To include his moving expenses and parsonage.) Rev. A. Wheelock died Feb’y 25th, 1873.

March 1st 1873, Rev. L. Williams Jr. was present and presided in our Covenant Meeting. He commenced preaching March 2nd and has been our Pastor to the present time. The four years of his pastorate will expire with the present month of February, tomorrow being the last Sunday of the fiscal year. Nothing has been said, officially, at the termination of each year, since the engagement in 1873, whether the Pastorate should be continued the then ensuing year or not; and it is remembered, That at the beginning of the year now closing, there were some complaints heard, because the members of the Church, (and perhaps of the Congregation and Society,) were not seasonably consulted to ascertain their wishes on the subject. Not a little anxiety, trouble and labor to some of the brethren, has resulted, in the effort to devise and provide means to defray all the expenses consequent; and even now, after all such effort, there remains for the time so soon to close, considerable deficit, so far as payments have actually been made. Most of us, if not all, have found it unusually difficult to procure funds to pay our general and ordinary expenses, and our share of the Church expenses, as in former years; and some are made so sensible of this, that they say, frankly, they cannot any longer do as they have been accustomed to do, in this direction. Several of the brethren, knowing the facts, and feeling the force of them, have after consultation deemed it advisable that this meeting be held, for a (?) and free interchange of views, and to devise ways and means for the best interests of the Church and its pastor, and of every person concerned; and more emphatically, of the cause of our Lord, Jesus Christ in all spiritual regard. An opportunity is here and now afforded to any and all members present in this Church meeting, for a full expression, in declaration of their views and wishes relating to the matter for which we are convened.

& Miss J. Colburn, E.E. Starr, J. Sweet, H.A. Pemberton, J. Halligreen, Miss Estella Lewis & Mrs. Mary C. Holt of Congregation & probably some others who coming in late were not observed by Clerk.
After some waiting for people to come in, Bro. L.B. Grant announced that it was probably time to open the meeting, and nominated Bro. S.S. Crissey for Chairman, which being seconded, Ch. Clerk called the vote, & declared the election to have been unanimous. On taking the Chair, the Chairman called on Bro. G.W. Lewis who offered the opening prayer. The Clerk then read a brief explanation to announce the objects of the meeting. (See flag(?!) leaf) Bro. Shepard then spoke of the absence of Rev. L. Williams Jr. from the meeting, & thought he ought to be present, and moved that he be invited to come into the meeting. Sr. Boynton seconded the motion.

Remarks by L.B. Grant, A.Z. Madison, Mrs. Morian & others. Question called, and Resolved unanimously that Bro. Williams be invited to attend the meeting. Chairman appointed Bro. Shepard a comm’ee. to invite him. While he was gone for that purpose, Bro. L.B. Grant made some statements in regard to the financial matters of the Church for the past year to show that some who had subscribed had not paid, and there was still after all efforts like to be a deficit of $100 or $150. That there had been paid to him about $900. & that he had paid it all or nearly all over to the Pastor up to about 1st Feb’y inst and had not reserved it for the rent of his house occupied by Pastor. In reply to the foregoing several Sisters offered remarks in reference to the collections as Srs. Morian, Barker, Skinner, Sweet et al. Bro. G.W. Lewis commenced speaking as Brn. Shepard & Williams came in, & he ceased. The Chairman then requested Bro. Williams to take the Chair & permit him to retire from it, but he declined, & Chn. retained it. Bro. Grant then offered a resolution, to wit: Resolved That Rev. L. Williams Jr. be continued as our Pastor for the next year from the first of March next, conditioned, that funds enough can be raised to pay the Salary and all the incidental expenses of the Church. Bro. E.M. Pettit, seconded the above motion, Remarks were made by Brn. Shepard, Pettit & E.J. Wilcox. Bro. Shepard thought it not definite enough, as it might leave the pastor at close, without anything tangible for a salary. While this was pending, Miss Jennie Sweet moved that Bro. Grant now repeat what he had said of the finances before, and without vote Bro. Grant briefly repeated. Sister Morian then offered further remarks on the subject of collecting & disbursing the funds Ch should have as financial & an Auditing Com’ee &c. Bro. Williams then spoke of the Church expenses & explained as he understood the matter – That over $1800 had been subscribed, & that there had been some unusual expenses as two coal stoves, the organ platform & then the Coal & the wood(?) &c and that there would be no deficit. Also, that he had paid rent by its being retained as he supplied(?). Amendments were made to the Motion of Bro. Grant by Bro. Shepard seconded by Mrs. Skinner, That we pay Bro. Williams a salary of $1200 & a Parsonage, and this was carried unanimously. Bro. Lewis & Grant & Clk suggested that a debt incurred might be a lien on the ch. & lot. Sr. Skinner spoke at some length – thought the Ch. able to pay, & that all the ladies say so &c. On Motion of Bro. Pettit, seconded, Resolved that there be a Finance Committee appointed of three men, to raise the salary, & all the Church expenses, & to provide a parsonage, and to appoint their own Collector. On Motion of Bro. Grant, seconded, resolved that Bro. D.L. Shepard be the first(?) & Chairman of such Committee. (Brn Crocker & Thompson were successively nominated & declined.) On Nomination, seconded, Resolved that Bro. E.M. Pettit be one of Finance Committee. On Nomination of Chn (S.S. Crissey) for the third member of said Finance Committee seconded, Clk called the vote, & it passed unanimously, electing S.S. Crissey. The Finance Committee consists of Brn. D.L. Shepard Chn., E.M. Pettit & S.S. Crissey. Bro. Grant spoke of the new renting of Slips & that no renting had been had for some years past. It was agreed to have a day for renting from 1st April next, soon. Bro. Shepard then read a report of the Musical Committee, or Committee on Music. On Motion of Mrs. Morian seconded by Bro. Crocker Resolved to accept & adopt said report. On
Motion of Bro. E.M. Pettit seconded, Resolved that the same committee on Music, to wit: D.L. Shepard, S.S. Crissey, be continued for the ensuing year, and that they engage Mr. J.S. Lathrop to conduct the singing in Church. The Committee on Music expected to attend to this, & to pay the expenses. Talk of $100 of which Miss Skinner said Ladies would raise, $100 & that Trustees Shepard, Grant & Crissey met & authorized the acts & doings of the Mu’c. Committee last year, as she understood it. Clk remarked that as Clk of the Trustees, this was the first he had heard of it. (Explained as a gathering at Bro. Shepard’s – the three trustees Shepard, Grant & Crissey being present.) On Motion of Bro. Pettit seconded by Bro. Grant Resolved that the interest of $500. in the hands of Bro. Grant secured by Mortgage, a bequest from Dea. Levi Selleck, be set apart for the purpose of paying the expenses of insurance of the Church Edifice so far as it will go. On Motion of Bro. Pettit seconded, Resolved to adjourn, after prayer. Chairman called upon Bro. Williams who offered the closing prayer. Adjourned.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting March 3rd 1877
Present Pastor Rev. L. Williams Jr., 19 Brn & 35 Srs. Opened & conducted as usual. When Clk entered, Pastor was earnestly speaking to arouse members to activity in religious duties and privileges. Brethren & Sisters followed in turn. After many interesting remarks by nearly all present, and at Close Bro. C.H. Parsons read from a Manuscript (which he retained,) his connection with the Church by letter nearly ten years ago, his baptism before, and his views of restricted on Close Communion, as termed. [Note to side reads: He subsequently some days later handed the manuscript to A.Z.M. Clk – see on file.] He had not been much in Covenant Meetings nor at Communion of the Church in 2 or 3 years. He had told a brother of the Ch. his views on the subject of Communion some time ago, and the brother replied, That if those were his views & they had been known when he united here he probably would not have been received, and if this was the feeling of the Church, he desired his name dropped from the list of members, or words to such effect, & he soon after left the meeting. The Pastor spoke of having received a letter lately from Sister Helen S. Wright now at San Jose California, formerly a member here & who was dismissed Jan 31/75 to 2nd Bap. Ch. Lexington Ky. & who now wishes to become a member with us again on a letter of commendation & dismissal dated Oct 23rd 1876 given by “Pilgrim Baptist Church Lexington Ky. On Motion of L.B. Grant seconded by E.M. Pettit Resolved that she be so received as a member with us.
Pastor then explained the case of a Sister Estella M. Wiggin, a hf. sister of Sister Almira Webster, who at the place of her former residence, had united with a Methodist Church on probation & was there immersed or baptized, and who now desired to become a member with us. Inquiries were made in regard to her knowledge of our articles of faith, and as to her baptism. She replied that the former had been explained to her & she accepted them. On Motion of E.M. Pettit seconded by H.W. Thompson Resolved that Sister Estella M. Wiggin be received as a member of the Fredonia Baptist Church on her profession of faith, she having previously received Christian baptism. Bro’s. Henry Doarr, Geo. W. Lewis & Wm. Higgins spoke of the holding of prayer meetings at private dwellings on Gardner Street, the results & prospects, & that it was not intended to be hostile in any way to the prayer meetings held at same time in the Church. Bro. David G. Sweet also spoke of some interesting prayer meetings having been held for a few days past at Cordova. Pastor was glad to hear of these & deemed them no injury to those held in the Church but a benefit. Bro. W. Higgins expressed himself glad there was no objections to them. Bro. L.B. Grant stated that he was probably the man referred to by Bro. C.H.
Parsons, who replied to him that if his sentiments in favor of open Communion had been known, he would not have been received as a Member of this Church. Several remarks followed by Bro. E.M. Pettit who sympathized in same, direction & Brn. Thompson & G.W. Lewis who did not. E.M. Pettit moving that Ch. appoint a comm’ee. to invite Bro. C.H. Parsons to resume his walk with the Church & then On Motion of Clerk amending seconded by D.G. Sweet. Resolved that Bro. L.B. Grant be a Committee of the Church to converse with Bro. C.H. Parsons, and invite him to resume his walk with the Church, & to report to Church. Then followed remarks by Pastor & several of the brethren & sisters in regard to the Meeting that had been held since Jan. 8/77 the attendance of members & others in them, their results, & what the best course for the future. All manifesting increased interest for a thorough work of the spirit both in and out of the Church. Many had left at the late hour, when an expression regarding the next week was called for, and it was voted that prayer Meeting be held in the Church on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday evenings of the next week. Pastor called on Sr. L.M. Edmunds who offered closing prayer.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

March 25th Sunday A.M. Rev. L. Williams Jr., Rev. Rob’t. Boocock & Rev. William C. Rabe, all in Desk & took parts in Service, Rev. R.B. preached a good discourse from 1. Pet. 5th, 10th. Rev. Mr. Belden was also present in Slip with G.W. Lewis from a Ch. of Disciples Troy N.Y. Rev. Wm. C. Rabe preached in German in P.M. in Lecture room & then in the Payne Ch. during the week. After A.M. service, the Ch. stopped, on request, and heard the relations of Christian experience from three who had been attending the German meetings to wit: Mrs. Mary Whitney, Miss Mary Margnardt & Miss Malvina W. Erdle. On separate Motions seconded by L.B. Grant & W. Crocker, S.S. Crissey & others, they were all received as Candidates for baptism & when baptized to membership in this Church. On request, Mrs. A. Morian saw Mrs. Whitney & conversed with her, & her baptism was delayed for a week. She had stated her conversion at 16 years of age & (?) in neglect &c. In the evening, before a full house of 600 or 700, Rev. Wm. C. Rabe spoke at length in the German language. Rev. Mr. Belden then followed, in English eloquently & logically a few minutes after which Rev. William C. Rabe, Pastor of 3rd German Bap. Church Buffalo N.Y. baptized Misses Margnardt & Erdle. On separate Motions seconded by L.B. Grant & W. Crocker, S.S. Crissey & others, they were all received as Candidates for baptism & when baptized to membership in this Church. On request, Mrs. A. Morian saw Mrs. Whitney & conversed with her, & her baptism was delayed for a week. She had stated her conversion at 16 years of age & (?) in neglect &c. In the evening, before a full house of 600 or 700, Rev. Wm. C. Rabe spoke at length in the German language. Rev. Mr. Belden then followed, in English eloquently & logically a few minutes after which Rev. William C. Rabe, Pastor of 3rd German Bap. Church Buffalo N.Y. baptized Misses Margnardt & Erdle. Monday Mch 26. Very rainy – In evening a Temperance meeting. Judge Geo. Barker presiding, about half the usual attendance. A.Z.M. unwell & not present.

Mch 27 Tuesday evening a similar meeting, & a fair audience, Judge Barker presiding, speaking & announcing the order, Rev. L. Williams Jr., A.L. Benton, J.M. Bray and W.H. Husted & the speaker Rob’t. Boocock also present. Meeting Mch 28. A.Z.M. not present.


Friday Mch 30th Still larger audience. Same ministers also present. A.Z.M. left before Dr. Boocock delivered any set speech, he being out of health with an oppressive cold & catarrh. By
the determination of the Committee, a series of meetings Gospel & Temperance was opened in the Presbyterian Ch. by Rob’t. Boocock M.D.

Sunday eve April 1, 1877, the house being filled, A.Z.M. there till near 9. P.M. & left.

Covenant March 31st, 1877.

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

On nominations & Motion, Resolved to appoint Rev. L. Williams Jr. & Brn. Franklin L. Lord and Henry A. Buck our delegates to said Council. Closed with prayer led by Bro. F.L. Lord. A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Sunday eve April 8th/77 Prof. Wm. Mason Evans & Mr. Chas.(?) Wenzel of Pittsburgh et al from Dkk addressed the most crowded House in Bap Ch. on temperance.
Monday ev 9\textsuperscript{th} Apl. Dr. Boocock addressed some 130 in same ch. calling it his farewell.

Sunday A.M. April 8\textsuperscript{th} Rev. M. McManchan of Erie preached in Bap. Church to a fair audience in behalf of the Sailors on our Western Waters, Lakes & Rivers very effectively after reading John 3: 1-21. Rev. W. Mason Evans spoke again in Union Hall Wednesday evening (House full) Apl 11\textsuperscript{th} & Mr. Wenzel also Friday evening 13\textsuperscript{th}.

Sunday P.M. Apl 15\textsuperscript{th} a full house in Union Hall addressed by Rev. Mr. Bray, Mr. Williams & Mr. Benton. Mrs. Tremaine & Dr. Mirza N. Benjamin. Mr. O. Stiles presided. Good Music & Enthusiastic. Dr. Boocock went to Sinclearville Sat. 14\textsuperscript{th} declared that evening 60 signed pledges.

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

Gospel Temperance meetings were held in Union Hall each evening of the week to Friday 20\textsuperscript{th} full attendance & addressed by Mr. Wenzel. Then Sunday 4 P.M. a crowded hall, both Mr. Evans & Mr. Wenzel spoke & best of Music. Monday eve 23\textsuperscript{rd} both again addressed a full audience; Upon prayer meeting in Temperance Hall conducted by Prof. Evans. Tuesday P.M. a Mass Meeting in Park, set at 3 o’clock, but interrupted by thunder storms till after 4 when after being give up, it was resuscitated & both E. & W. made brief talks to a fair audience, under all the circumstances. Meeting full in Hall at eve’g & both spoke again. Wed eve’g 25 Apl. Chas. Wenzel spoke in Hall here, & Evans in Ch. at Laona. 84 signed pledges there & a few more here.

Thurs. eve 26. C. Wenzel at Laona & W.M. Evans here. Friday 27\textsuperscript{th} Evans in hall, one of his last, most religious lectures. Sat Morn 28\textsuperscript{th} Prof. Evans left & Cs. Wenzel remained & spoke to a good house in the shower. Sat eve 28\textsuperscript{th} He left for Sinclearville. Sunday P.M. 29\textsuperscript{th} to speak there that evening. An auxiliary society to the National [blank] was formed in Fredonia.

Friday eve May 4\textsuperscript{th} Rev. Kummer of Dk spoke well to a 2/3 Hall full and Sunday 4 P.M. Mr. Wenzel here & spoke then Rev. (?) , Dr. Armstrong, Rev’s. Benton, Wms, Mr. Stiles in Hall.

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting May 5\textsuperscript{th}, 1877.

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

Sunday P.M. May 13\textsuperscript{th} Temperance Meeting in U. Hall, addressed by Rev. C.W. Low & a Mr. Place, a stranger from Albany N.Y. who claimed to be a reformed inebriate. No meetings in U.
Sunday evening May 20th, 1877, Rev. L. Williams Jr. baptized Miss Anna Powell after the service of the evening. She was received as a candidate for baptism & then membership, at the Cov’t Meeting of Mch 31st, 1877, Page 124.

Covenant Meeting June 2nd 1877. Rainy after a long, dry spell. Present Rev. L. Williams Jr., 11 Brn & 1 small boy & 8 Sisters. The usual services observed to open & conduct the meeting. Remarks by Pastor, Bren & Sisters. At close of more interesting than there was at first, encouragement for Cov’t M. Pastor made request for a letter of commendation & dismissal for Sister Hannah D. Arnold of Cherry Creek who was baptized here, while a Student, March 1st, 1874. On Motion of Bro. H.A. Buck the request was granted. Clerk read letter from Dunkirk Ch. commending & dismissing Sister Mary A. Kendall, & on his Motion she was recd. Clerk also read a letter from Baptist Church of Cuba N.Y., commending & dismissing Bro. Frank Bartlett. On Motion of E.M. Pettit, he was recd. On Pastor’s call for further business Clerk stated the case of Mrs. Mary Whitney. Pastor explained, & several remarks from different members followed, When Clk read a preamble & resolution which he had just written & moved its adoption & Bro. E.M. Pettit seconded, & it was unanimously passed, to wit:

“Whereas, Mrs. Mary Whitney made request for baptism & membership with this Church Sabbath March 25th, 1877 and gave such relation of experience as resulted in a vote for her reception as a Candidate at that time, but has since (as we are credibly informed,) united with the Presbyterian Church, Therefore, Resolved, That the vote, above referred to, be rescinded.”

Pastor then called to him, the boy present Jay Willard, a young son of Erial(?) T. Willard, of Water Street, who he said desired to be received by this Ch. as a candidate for baptism & Membership. He stated that the lad was ten years old but extremely diffident & unable to make much, if any, communication to the Ch. On Pastor’s statements, & the lad’s assent; and Pastor’s statement of the state of Mr. & Mrs. Willard, & their wishes regarding their son, On Motion of Geo. W. Lewis, 2nd by E.M. Pettit, Resolved that Jay Willard be received as a candidate for baptism & after, to membership in this Church. Bro. S.S. Crissey offered prayer & Closed with benediction.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting June 30th 1877
Present Rev. L. Williams Jr., 10 Brn & 16 Srs. Sung a hymn then read in 5th Gal. & prayer to open. Remarks by Pastor followed by Brn & Sisters. In course (Helen) Hettie E. Willard, a sister of Jay and Mrs. Viola M. Griblin, (an older sister of both,) both related their religious exercises, and a more full statement in regard to each, was made by Pastor, at the close of remarks by Brn & Srs. On Motion of L.B. Grant 2nd by G.W. Lewis, Hettie E. Willard was recd. as a Candidate for baptism & when baptized, to Membership in this Church. On Motion of S.S. Crissey, who
knew these persons well in our Sab. School some three or four years ago, seconded by W. Dunn
Mrs. Viola M. Griblin was also recd. as a candidate for baptism &c as above. Pastor requested
the usual letter of commendation & dismissal for Mrs. Ellen M. Lewis to unite with Mayville
Bap. Ch. and on Motion of G.W. Lewis seconded, the same was granted to her. Rev. L.
Williams Jr. requested a vacation for himself a fraction of July next. He would be here tomorrow
the first Sabbath & (?) last Sabbath. On Motion of L.B. Grant seconded Resolved to grant the
request. Bro. W. Crocker offered the Closing prayer. Benediction
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

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

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

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

Covenant Meeting September 1st, 1877
Present Pastor L. Williams Jr., 14 Brn & 26 Sisters.
When Clk entered, Pastor was offering remarks as to the low spiritual condition of the Ch. and
how little fruit of his labors & efforts was perceptible. He had heard from one brother this day,
that he had been benefited by one of his sermons, & he knows of no more. This one case was
encouraging. Then followed remarks of Brn & Sisters. At close of these, Mr. Albert H. Wheelock on invitation of Pastor related his religious experience – Thought he was converted to Christ when about fourteen years old. Spoke of differences between his views, and those of the Baptist Church on communion. He liked Baptists but did not think they were the only ones who were Christians. He fellowshipped others also as Christians. He thought it better for him to be connected with some Church and if he should be received by the Bap. Ch. he would expect to be subject to, & act in agreement with its views. Several remarks were made on the case of Bro. Wheelock by Pastor, Sister Morian & Brn. Grant, F.L. Lord, A.Z. Madison, S.S. Crissey, Geo. W. Lewis, and on his motion, seconded, Resolved that Br. A. Wheelock be recd. a candidate for baptism & when baptized, a Member of the Church. Bro. Wheelock had made additionally remarks and explanations. Bro. Wm. Higgins & his present wife, Mary Higgins, were also present. He had primarily belonged to the Methodist Church but now believed with Baptists. He requested to become a member with us & made some statements & Bro. Lewis for him in regard to his first marriage and the separation of his first wife from him &c. After several remarks on the subject, On Motion of Bro. Frank L. Lord seconded by Bro. H.A. Buck, Resolved that Bro. Higgins request for membership be referred to a Committee, (and On Amendment offered by Clk, seconded) that the Committee be the Executive Committee of the Church, and that said Executive Committee report on the case to the Church at the next Covenant Meeting. Sister Higgins did not wish to become a member unless her husband was recd. Bro. F.L. Lord then offered complaint that the Organist practiced on the organ during the hour fixed for the young people’s prayer meeting Sunday evenings, thus being an annoyance to those meetings. On Motion of Bro. S.S. Crissey seconded, Resolved that the complaint of Bro. Lord be referred to Brethren Henry A. Buck, Henry W. Thompson & L.B. Grant. On call of Pastor, the Clerk then explained and read letter prepared but incomplete to the Chautauqua Baptist Association. He explained that Rev. W.H. Husted Clk of Asson. had made an assessment on the churches for printing the Minutes of Asson. & that Fredonia Bap. Ch. was assessed $8.00. On Motion of Bro. Grant seconded by Bro. S.S. Crissey, Resolved that we send for pr. Ms. $6.00 – Remarks of Clk & others as to the raising of the above $6.00 whether from the Poor fund or otherwise, & was left. On Nominations Resolved that we send as delegates to the Asson. Rev. L. Williams Jr., Rev. W.H. Husted, Dea. H.A. Buck & Brn A.Z. Madison, G.W. Lewis, F.L. Lord, & Srs. Jennie Halligreen & R.E. Morian. Prayer by Bro. F.L. Lord and singing to close the Covenant Meeting of Sept 1st, 1877.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

Sunday evening Sept. 9th, 1877
Rev. L. Williams Jr. preached from [blank] after which, he baptized Bro. Albert H. Wheelock and pronounced the benediction.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk


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

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

The Presb’n. Synod held with Presb. Ch in Fredonia Oct. [blank] 1877, and part of the delegates were entertained by Baptist families, as those to Meth. Con. Had been in Sept. and several Baptists attended the meetings. This Record made to show kind feeling of the different denominations towards each other, and the gradually increasing fraternity. May all who love our Lord Jesus Christ soon see eye to eye.
A.Z. Madison Clk
Covenant Meeting Nov. 3rd, 1877 in (?) Snowstorm begun 2nd inst.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

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

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

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

Wintry day.
Covenant Meeting January 5th, 1878.
Present Rev. L. Williams Jr. Pastor, Rev. Lull, 13 Brn & 28 Sisters. Sung & Pastor read words of St. Paul Prayer, Remarks of Pastor, followed by Brn & Sisters interspersed with frequent voluntary singing. Pastor stated the invitation received at the last meeting of Chaut. Asso’n. at
Ellery, from the Harmony Bap. Association to meet with them at their Annual Meeting next August at Point Chautauqua, and then called for an expression in regard to accepting the invitation. Bro. E.M. Pettit offered remarks that the two associations were formerly one, and that such a meeting as named, might be a means of the reunion of the same, which he favored, and he moved that we accept the invitation, but further moved, that the motion lie on the table till our next Covenant Meeting, till after Brn & Sisters had reflected on, & discussed the same. The First part of Mo’n. seconded by F. Lord, and afterwards second part, seconded by S.S. Crissey. Brn Geo. W. Lewis, A.Z. Madison, S.S. Crissey & E.M. Pettit & Pastor made further explanatory remarks. Then voted to postpone, for action at next Cov’t Meeting. Prior to the above, Pastor spoke of the week of prayer from tomorrow the 6th during the work, and called for an expression in regard to attendance so far as each member, could result generally in favor of so doing. Clerk then read a letter from Rev. Henry L. Morehouse, present Cor. Sec’y of “the New York Bap. Union for Ministerial Education at Rochester, addressed to the Fredonia Baptist Church, urging a liberal collection by this Ch. for beneficiaries. On Motion of S.S. Crissey seconded Resolved that the letter be reread before the congregation one Sunday soon & a Collection then taken for this object. Prayer by Br. F. Lord and benediction by Pastor.

A.Z. Madison Clk

Deep snow & good sleighing.

Covenant Meeting Feb’y 2nd, 1878.

Present Pastor Williams, 18 Brn & 30 Srs.

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

A.Z. Madison Clk

[Note to the side is partially obscured, but reads: Case and the (?) (?) (?) produced, and the inquiry to the three churches Bap. Meth. & Presb. & to all community, feared. A.Z.M.]

The so called, Dr. O.D. Bacon

Sunday evening February 10, 1878, in Bap. Chh. before a fair audience, and under the auspices, as announced, of the Fredonia Women’s Christian Temperance Union, a Dr. O.D. Bacon, late from Wayne County, (where he says 40,000 (of the population of 47,498, as in the Census of that County for 1865) signed the pledge, (as he has it, which excludes cider as well as Beer & Strong drink,) and 3500 were converted to Christ,) Made his debut as a gospel Temperance lecturer.
Rev’s. Lester Williams Jr. Pastor of the Baptist Church. A.L. Benton Pastor of the Presb. Ch. and Rev. A.J. Merchant Pastor of the Meth. Church, all being seated on the Platform with him, and a young man Mr. T.E. Joolin from Canada a late convert in Wayne Co. was with the choir as a tenor singer, and, did his part very well. Few, if any, in the audience, but what were shocked from the first, with the harsh declamatory & denunciatory manner of the speaker. At the close a prayer meeting at 3 P.M. Monday & another lecture in same evening, were named, and so for each P.M. & evening during the week. It was said by some that the prayer meeting Monday was very interesting, but Clk did not find it so as not to be hindered at 3 P.M. until Thursday 14th, when considerable was good & promising. The evening lectures he had attended. Tuesday evening, the first talk, like that of Sunday & Monday evenings, rough, but after excuses, apologies or partial indorsement by the Pastors present, whichever it may be called, the latter talk, after prayer, was more subdued & mild, & consisted in many anecdotes of drunkenness abuse & murder imprisonment & the gallows &c &c. The lecturer claims to be under the immediate control and guidance of the Lord Jesus Christ & to speak as and whatever He directs him to speak. Many things seem to be right, and according to divine truth, that he says, but we believe that the Lord Jesus Christ who was & is verily God, had & has a right, by virtue of his perfect knowledge of all & every human heart, to say many things, & pronounce certain persons hypocrites, or a generation of vipers, while to a man, our equal, who can know nothing, or at most, very little of the workings of the human heart, such right is in no case delegated. The style of the Braggadocio and the Denunciator, and the too evident ebullitions of temper, often repeated by the lecturer, not only grieved the hearts of many Christian men & women, but aroused a feeling in the outside community, urging to deeds of violence, right and mobocracy. So it continued during the day & evening but by the efforts of well disposed citizens and the Village police, this was allayed, so that no other outbreak, occurred save the burglurous entering of the Basement of the Church by some boys & the opening the front doors & ringing of the Bell, & the collection of a crowded audience to listen, in & with order, to the lecture of Friday evening 16th.

At the prayer meeting in P.M. of same day, about 60 in all were present, mostly women & of the three Churches – a few others. Each Minister in order Wms., Benton & Merchant, spoke plainly of the good & of the faults of Dr. Bacon & he contended against them, & most of the women by standing vote, at request, took sides with him. A scene was the result that no Christian can desire to have repeated. Dr. B. & several women, & perhaps men claimed that Pastor Wms. & the others should have gone to his room & talked privately first, but the whole being public on his part may change it. A.Z.M.

Friday 15th Feb’y seemed to be the crisis and Sat. P.M. the prayer meeting was very different & the attendance increased from 60 on Friday to twice or more that number. The Saturday evening lecture milder & undisturbed Also the prayer meeting of Sunday P.M. said to be quiet and interesting. Clk did not attend either. Sunday evening 17th opened the Presb’n Ch. Not less than 1,000 persons present probably – all quiet & services milder, as to denunciation & c. Clk present.

Monday 18th 3 P.M. in prayer M’g in Presby Lecture room – some 150 present – Dr. B. led converted and also Tuesday 19th he had about same number for awhile, much as before & took the test of those who could love God with all their might mind & strength and their neighbor (to include their enemies,) as themselves. The Major part voted so, but some did not vote. Soon after this Dr. B. said he was worn down with the strain & must have rest. He must be about the Temperance part of the work & that the Pastors must take charge of the religious part of it, and then gave the charge of this meeting to Bro. Williams, who though unexpectedly called on, &
surprised by it, assumed the charge: He had made some remarks explanatory of his acts & sayings of last Friday, denying having meant the C. Ws. Temperance Union then, when he said the Reformer needed to be reformed, as Mrs. McNeil & some had understood him. He made some further remarks, & Mrs. McNeil, Mrs. Tremaine, Mrs. Morian & others made lengthy remarks, after which the meeting became more interesting by remarks & prayers by the other Pastors & Lay members, men & women & a few new converts. Dr. Bacon having gone out. The evening meeting reported full & interesting & confined more to the Temperance part. A.Z.M.

Feb’y 20th Thaw & muddy. Clk in P.M. prayer M’g Presb. Ch. Dr. Bacon led at first & prayed at greater length, and very loudly that God would remove the stumbling block professors out of the gray. About the 150 present. Rev. Mr. Benton led the latter part of meeting & well by appropriate remarks – some too lengthy speeches & an interruption in vehement style by Dr. Bacon that rather marred the best interest. Prayed God to remove the stumbling blocks. The evening meeting quite full, and it is reported that near 100 had requested prayers and some indulging hope.

Feb 21st increased mud. Clk in P.M. prayer Meeting. After the harangue by Dr. B. and some speeches by 8 or 10 (?) young men & some others, Rev. Mr. Merchant took the leadership – was interrupted by Dr. B. in a notice (?) & exhortation &c. Some good things followed. More open talk at P.O. & regarding the character of Dr. B. & some strong opposition to his course. At 7 P.M. Clk was in a pleasant and profitable short prayer & conference meeting in Parlor of Bap. Ch. Bro. G.W. Lewis quite plain in opposition to the ways of Dr. Bacon. Clk did not attend at Presb. Ch. in evening, but is informed by some who attended that it was more interesting than those before.

Feb 22, at 3 P.M. promptly present. The meeting led wholly by Dr. B. At first, he spoke loudly – clamorously against those who could not see that his way or, as he called it, God’s way, was & is perfect and talk of it behind his back, & not to him face to face. Many good remarks made – many too lengthy & in some cases from those of slight good influence. Clk left near the Close, while Mr. Meacham was talking. Clk in evening meeting through Dr. B.’s first talk & to see some 150 come in from Lecture room into main room from prayer said to have been very interesting. His talk the most unexceptionable that I have heard & the latter part, reported very good, & some (?) converts.

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

Tuesday P.M. Feb. 26th A fair number in the prayer & conference meeting. Considerable discussion as to keeping the ten commandments. Some stumbled by understanding the speaker to
mean literally & practically, when he qualified that it was by faith in Christ & his help. Just at close A.Z.M. for the first time during this service of Dr. Bacon’s meetings spoke a few words relative to the subject that had been discussed & his vote when the test was called being because of the qualification. Clk in forepart of evening service, which seemed more dry & repetitious.


Wed Feb 27th Clk in latter part of prayer meeting. Much as usual. Tennesseans came in with their Manager & sung 4 or 5 pieces. One of them on invitation spoke well as a Christian and gave some of the best of lessons as to the culture of children – the Willies &c & after, the Manager spoke very well. Prayer meeting 7 to 8 in evening & then adjourned to Union Hall.

28th Thursday P.M. not in. Evening meeting about as usual, hardly so full – did not stay – said to be very well – Preparatory lecture at Presb. Ch. Friday P.M. (So I was told, but after, was informed that it was one of Dr. Bacon’s as usual.)

Friday evening Mch 1. A full house & the Dr. held a handbill in regard to “shoddy religion” & “Sham revival” to which he often alluded, repeating the words “shoddy” & “sham” with strong emphasis and denouncing the idea of universal salvation. Mr. Benton called for a contribution to aid the Wo’s. Chr. Tem. Union in defraying the expense of Dr. Bacon, who said he was going to Wolcott Wayne Co. Mch 2nd & would return here next Wednesday his wife & Mr. Joslin to remain here.

Saturday P.M. Mch 2nd Prayer meeting in Presb. Lecture room conducted by the three Pastors. In even.

Sunday evening the first Union Meeting in Methodist Ch. Mr. Benton preached & then in Lecture room where he presided at prayer & conference & So Meetings continued day after day, the Pastors alternating. Mch 7th P.M. dismissed the division of meetings in Meth. Ch.

Thurs. Mch 7th Dr. Bacon back here 6th – on 7th eve held his first meeting in Union Hall while Rev. Merchant preached in the Meth Ch. &c.

Friday Mch 8. Clk heard L. Williams Jr. Pastor in Meth. Ch. text Isa. 3:3 “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” to a moderate sized congregation, while Dr. Bacon spoke in Union Hall again to a tolerable full house as was said. No further appointments at Meth. Ch. until Sunday.

Sunday evening Mch 10, 1878, a Union meeting was held in the Bap. Ch. and Rev. Merchant preached from Jer. 36: & I think 22, 23rd, an eloquent discourse to a full congregation on the truth of the Bible, as against the arguments of Scientists or Modern “Jehoikims” who would destroy it. No further Union meetings were announced.

Monday P.M. & eve 11 Mch. Dr. Bacon held Meetings in Un’n Hall & full attendance. Nearly a riot in evening. Young men Moffat, Woodward et al desiring to read a petition. Quitted.

Tuesday ev’g. 12 Mch his audience 500 to 600 as estimated by A.Z.M. and Rev. Mr. Benton and a Mr. Fox with Dr. B. on stage. Mr. B. offered prayer as A.Z.M. stood at Hall door. Neither Rev. Merchant nor Williams there. Law suits followed for disturbing a religious meeting withdrawn.

Carmic E. Daily exam’d for perjury in the affidavit for warrant – on which he was held to bail &c. A lawyer, Robinson, from Clyde here and spoke satisfactorily, about Mch 13th to 18th. Dr. Bacon & wife left for Canada 18th to return 20th as stated by Mr. Robinson, 18th eve to a full Hall. He left 19th, Dr. Bacon did not come back 20th but a telegram came that he was sick in Canada. Meetings are still held in the Hall and led by converts a Mr. Stringham & a Mr. Rogers. Mch 26th Rev. A.L. Benton spoke
Wed. P.M. Mch 27. the Dr. Bacon came with D.L. Livery vis. (?) Bennett Road to L.A. 
Barmore’s then to Mrs. McNeil’s & there learned enough of the H.I. Ct. matter & C.L. Webster from Thos. Barber to fear an arrest, & he suddenly left town. 
Friday P.M. Handbills for a meeting in Union Hall to be addressed by Rev. Horace Eaton D.D. of Palmyra et al (two others) – are out. At the time no speaker appeared, & L.A. Barmore spoke at length in explanation. (Much newspaper discussion these days & much talk also.) 
April 4th A. Colburn reported to have spoken in P.M. Meeting in Union Hall, manifesting a change of heart. Apl 6th Dr. B. back from Penn Yan & in meetings daily as before P.M. & evening, in Union Hall. Much excitement & trouble & changes by Dr. B. & other Wayne Co. coadjutors all along up to 30th April when Dr. B. opened the Opera House Dkk & closed too then with one lecture to & got no signer. (see page 155.)

Very windy & Rainy 
Covenant Meeting March 2nd, 1878 
Present Rev. Lester Williams Jr., 18 Brn & 23 Srs. Opened by Singing, Reading, and prayer followed by Remarks of Pastor, Brethren & Sisters. Mr. Erial T. Willard spoke in turn and said he formerly was a member of the Bap. Ch. & when he came here he brought a letter, but had neglected to present it being in a back-slidden state, but now he felt differently and hoped to do in the future and follow Christ as he had not in the pat, and desired to present his letter for membership in this Church. And also stated that he had with him a letter for his wife Mrs. Eliza Willard which he would also present, though she was not able to attend the meeting today. 
George W. Cranston of Sheridan spoke of his religious feeling and harmony of views with Baptists, but was not yet fully settled as to the duty, in view of his remote residence, and his friends of Meth. Ch. Sheridan. James H. Bridgeford and Angelina Bridgeford his wife late converts under the harangues of the noted Dr. Oliver D. Bacon, related their several religious experience, both first awakened by their little boy, who asked them, “Why poor people couldn’t be Christians as well as the rich?” S.S. Crissey moved, & it was seconded that they be recd. as candidates for baptism and when baptized to membership with us. Carried. Clerk read the letter from Sherman Bap. Ch. commending Erial T. Willard (in letter Rial) Nov 10 1866 On motion made and seconded, he was duly recd. Clerk then read the letter shewing [sic] that Mrs. Eliza Willard had been a regular member of the Sherman Free Will Baptist Church & when it is informed that she has united with some other evangelical chh it would consider her regularly discharged from that church. Dated Sherman Dec. 10, 1877. Pastor Williams related conversations had with Mrs. Eliza Willard in which she told him her agreement with the Regular Bap. views &c. And on motion made and seconded that she be received as a member with us, Clk remarked that there seemed no difficulty in the way, except that she was not present personally to speak for herself – that perhaps that was covered if we could receive the statement of Pastor as a substitute, & that he would be satisfied with it. The vote was called and she was duly recd. Sister R. Morian then asked for three minutes in which to relate her exercises in regard to baptism, to which she was prompted by remarks of Mr. Cranston. Her remarks were pertinent to the subject, & her references to the New Testament. She was followed by Bro. H.W. Thompson on same subject, with his experiences, and Baptist faith. A few words by Pastor, who then called upon Bro. Thompson, who offered prayer, & the meeting closed with singing the Doxology.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk
Sunday A.M. at close of service March 3rd, 1878 Pastor Williams Baptized, in Baptistery, three to wit. Miss Sarah L. Stevens and James H. Bridgeford & his wife, Mrs. Angelina Bridgeford.

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

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

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

1878 April 7th Alexander T. Morian & William H. Martin were baptized by Rev. L. Williams Jr.
1878 April 21 Geo. W. Cranston & wife Mrs. Mary H. Cranston were baptized by Rev. L. Williams Jr. at close of evening service.
A.Z.M. Clk

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

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

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

I collected enough over the 1.45 to make $2.00 and sent letter & Fredonia Bk Drft on N.Y. to the Clerk of Ch. above named for two dollars. June 5th, 1878
A.Z. Madison Clk
Recd. letter of June 10th 1878 from Jno. N. Foster Prin. Pub School Ludington & Supt. Bap. S.S. in absence of M.A. Maxwell Ch Clk to Chicago acknowledging the $2.00 with thanks and further reference, & that Ch was up & roof on which Clk read in a prayer meeting June 13.

A.Z.M. Clk

Prayer meeting June 27th, 1878 Clk read letter of W.D. Lord from Grand Rapids Mich. requesting a letter dismissal to Ch. there: On Mo. S.S. Crissey seconded, Granted request.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk Letter sent June 28

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

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting July 6th, 1878
Present 5 Brn & 10 Sisters – Pastor absent. Opened by singing by Misses Florette & Mary Lewis at request of Clerk who presided. Prayer by Bro. David Barrell. Clerk read Mal. 3 & Jno. 13th & offered brief remarks, after which Bro. Geo. W. Lewis led in explanation of Scripture read & interesting remarks & was followed by Brn D. Barrell, H.A. Buck & L.B. Grant. Sister Lathrop then spoke & the others present except Sister Kendall. Sister Winsor sen’r. & Sr. Gates & others spoke feelingly at this time. Clk then spoke of the place of meeting of the Association in Aug’t. or Sept. next. Point Chautauqua or Dunkirk, not decided which. Also as to
dropping some of our absent & delinquent members. Gave notice no service in A.M. tomorrow, on account of the unsettled state of the house after cleaning, & no preacher engaged. Closed by singing Doxology L.M.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk


A.Z.M.

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Clk

Some talk by Brn Crissey, Lewis & Clk after close, regarding an Amended letter – Clk finally wrote a substitute for the first omitting the name as desired, & some besides, & after Communion Sept. 1st, read the whole letter except statistics (not with him) & the same was adopted on motion by the Ch. A.Z.M. Clk

Sunday Eve’g Sept. 1st 1878 after service, Edwd. B. Crocker (see page 153) was baptized by Eld. Williams. Hand of fellowship extended to E.B. Crocker Oct 6, 1878.
Covenant Meeting Oct. 5th, 1878 (Rainy)  
Present only Rev. L. Williams Jr., G.W. Lewis, O.A. Buck, A.Z. Madison, Mrs. Lull, Wiggins, Kendall, Edmunds, Lathrop, Nellie McClanathan, Margaret Morian, & Ella Husted and one other name forgotten.  
Opened by reading, singing & prayer. Remarks of Pastor, Brethren & Sisters with more than usual feeling apparent. Three spoke twice. No business done. Closed with prayer by Bro. Lewis and then the Doxology.  
A.Z. Madison

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

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

Covenant Meeting Nov’r. 30, 1878, a mild and beautiful day for the season.  
Present Rev. L. Williams, Pastor, and 18 Brethren & 24 Sisters. Rev. Dr. Belding of Troy a Disciple present. Remarks generally interesting. At close Br. S.S. Crissey spoke of the desire of Bro. Artemas Perrin to become a member of this Church, and some matters at Stockton where he was formerly a member, would require consideration, and that it would be necessary to have a Committee appointed to investigate & report to the Church. Bro. Buck moved the appointment of such a Committee and it was carried. The Pastor Rev. L. Williams Jr. & Bro. S.S. Crissey were nominated, but before action, Br. Crissey said he was a good deal mixed up with the matters of Stockton, his former residence, and he wished to be excused from the Committee, & he nominated the Clerk, Bro. Madison in his stead, which was accepted, and then Resolved that Rev. L. Williams and Bro. A.Z. Madison be such Committee. Prof. E.D. Page of Nor’l. School being present, handed to Clerk a letter dated Nov. 7, 1878 from the first Bap. Ch. of Groton N.Y. commending him to this Ch. & dismissing him to unite with us, which Clerk read & moved that he be recd a member with us on the letter, seconded & same Carried. Prayer by Bro. G.W. Lewis, & closed by singing Coronation: “All hail & c”  
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk
After Rev. Barnard H. Damon had preached each evening for about a week since the Close of the two days meetings, by 6 or 8 Ministers (Thomas, Miller, Tenant, Parsons, Williams, Husted, Lull) of this County, On Thursday evening Dec 12th, 1878 a meeting was appointed for 13th at 2 P.M. for prayer conference & confession. It was held – few present, but considerable interest. Moffet, (?) G.W.L. a Disciple Meeting began same time in the Dr. Payne Ch.

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

Covenant M’g Jany 4, 1879 not had.
Saturday Jan’y 4th, 1879 A severe snowstorm blowing & drifting prevailed for days, & was so violent this day that the Covenant Meeting was abandoned & the Church not heated.

Sunday Jan’y 5th 1879. The Pastor L. Williams Jr. & about twenty others got to the Church & held service & also Sab. School – Supt. Sr. Lathrop present. A.Z.M. made the 3rd in the Pastor’s Class present. The following week of prayer was observed by a few – about 20 to 25. A.Z.M. was driven with work and was in only two evenings of the week. Meetings were continued. by about the same number, varying some about four evenings of the next succeeding week, & appointments for Tues. Next & Thurs evenings of the next week commencing 20th inst.
Jany 19th, 1879 Rev. Bro. Elgin was here & preached in behalf of Min’l. Ed. Rochester NY & took up a collection.

A.Z. Madison

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

A.Z. Madison Clk

Covenant Meeting March 1st, 1879.
Present Rev. L. Williams Jr. Chairman, Rev. [blank] Crittenden of Wisconsin & Elder A.B. Chamberlain of Auburn N.Y. Disciple Ch. with G.W.L., 16 Brn & 20 Sisters & Miss Chittenden once a member here (Mrs. Myron Frisbee). Pastor read Scripture and then offered prayer. Then remarks and was followed by Brn & Srs. At close of these, Pastor stated that there were two items of business which the Clerk would present. Clerk then read a letter from Bro.
F.L. Lord for a letter of commendation and dismission to unite with the Bap. Ch. at Grand Rapids Mich. and then stated that there were two views as to granting his request. About a year ago in the excitement then, he had said, “he was ashamed of his own Ch. & its Pastor, and that 90 percent of its members were hypocrites, in public speeches there & in surrounding towns. Some thought best to give him a letter & not discourage him & other members thought he should not have a letter till he apologized to Ch. After some discussion, Bro. S.S. Crissey moved to grant his request & a sister 2nd. Mrs. Morian suggested a letter to him in Christian faithfulness, that he might retract &c. Pastor called on Clk for a form. Clerk read it. Sister J.P. Clark & others objected to it. Resolved to appoint a Committee to write to him, and as such Comm’e Rev. L. Williams Jr. & Geo. W. Lewis were appointed such Com’ee. This matter disposed of for the present. Clerk then announced the Report of the Executive Committee in regard to the request of Brother Artemas Perrin an excluded member from the Stockton Baptist Church, a sister Church with the Fredonia Baptist Church, in the Chautauqua Baptist Association. Clerk verbally announced the Report to the Chh. by Executive Committee, to wit: “Resolved that the Ex. Com. after having heard the case, recommend to the Fredonia Bap. Ch. to receive Bro. Artemas Perrin to membership.” Clerk also stated that this resolution was passed unanimously by Ex. Com. except himself – that he did not vote at the time, but had made request to be heard by the Church before any action should be had on it by the Church. He then read in the Constitution of the Chautauqua Baptist Association Articles 7 & 8 it was in 1856, when a similar case came up, by the Sheridan Bap. Church’s having received to membership, Stephen May, then an excluded member from this Church – He also read the 5th article of the same Constitution, as altered & abridged, in 1863, and argued that all the force of the former Constitution, was still retained in the latter, by the one word, “disorderly” in said fifth section. He disclaimed all personality of feeling in regard to Bro. Perrin, admitted that Stockton Ch. may have been in error, & probably was, in its act of exclusion of Bro. Perrin, but yet, it is an Independent Bap. Church, & that the Fredonia Bap. has no right of jurisdiction over it. That the Bap. Ch. is at the top. We have no Presbyterians, Synods or General Assemblies like Presbyterians, to appeal to, nor Bishops like the Methodists, to whom to appeal. He did not speak of the probability that Stockton Ch. would prefer a complaint against the Fredonia Ch, but of the bare possibility of such a thing, & of the right of the case. Clerk also explained the real case of the difficulty between Bro. Perrin & a Br. Parkhurst of Stockton – the nonpayment of $15. as directed by the Ch there. He also read the letter of the Ch. Clk. Bro Hollis Thompson in regard to this matter to our Pastor. Also the letter of justification for receiving Stephen May into the Sheridan B. Ch. written by the Clerk of that Ch. to show the arguments for the act then, which would be the same now, if we should be called to account by the Stockton Ch. for having received a member excluded by them. The hour getting late, and several Brn & Sisters having left the meeting, Clerk forbore to read many other documents bearing on the subject, & to offer further remarks. Pastor called upon Bro. S.S. Crissey who was familiar with Stockton & with this case, who related what he knew of it. Others were invited by Chn. to speak if they desired to do so. The number now present had become reduced to little more than a dozen. Bro. S.S. Crissey moved that Bro. Artemas Perrin be received as a member of this Church and Sister R. Morian seconded same, and it was carried, only two voting in the negative, as announced by Chairman. On request of Pastor, Bro. S.S. Crissey offered prayer to Close.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Saturday March 8th, 1879.
This record made as it embraces things that pertain to the stability, peace and welfare of this Fredonia Baptist Church. During the week closing with this day the meetings of Disciples in the church owned by George W. Lewis, were continued by Elder A.B. Chamberlain of Auburn N.Y. and said G.W. Lewis had been importunate in his requests for the use of our Church & Baptistery for Elder Chamberlain to hold a service Sunday evening Mch 9th & to baptize four or five candidates. Under the influence of his representations that the preceding trustee seen by G.W. Lewis was not only willing but anxious that the House & Baptistery should be so used, four of the trustees had been led to partially consent to it, at same time referring it to the Pastor of the Church. Bro. Williams, the Pastor not liking to take the responsibility of a decision of the question called a meeting of Members of Church, Trustees, & Ministers residing here, and at 2 P.M. such meeting occurred in Church parlor, at which the following persons were present Viz: Rev. L. Williams Jr., Chn., Rev. W.H. Husted, L.B. Grant, H.A. Buck, S.S. Crissey Trustee, Geo. N. Frazine Trustee, A.Z. Madison, Mrs. Julia Ann F. Grant, Mrs. L.G. Lathrop, Mrs. S. Shepard, Mrs. H.N. Lull, Rev. Lull, D.L. Shepard Trustee, H.P. Perrin Trustee, Mrs. Lydia Martin, Mrs. Sara J. Skinner, (16) about in the order of arrival. Chairman called to order, & offered Prayer. He then introduced the subject above named, & stated the remarks of Bro. G.W. Lewis at the last Thursday even’g meeting & his own response to him. Also that four came forward for baptism by Elder C. in the meeting the previous evening, & that notice was given that the ordinance of baptism would take place in the Baptist Chh on the next Sunday evening. He also named the Candidates. The Trustees present then stated their several conversations with G.W. Lewis on his request. First S.S. Crissey, then Geo. N. Frazine, D.L. Shepard, and H.P. Perrin. Then A.Z. Madison stated the application of G.W.L. to him in street last Monday & his knowledge of the case. Rev. W.H. Husted his. Rev. Lull on request, spoke no principle violated by permitting, & favored that way. D.L. Shepard, S.S. Crissey, A.Z.M. & Chn. Spoke 2nd or 3rd time. Mrs. Lathrop, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Skinner also spoke for & against. A.Z.M. suggested that no vote or Resolution be passed by this meeting, but if on the whole, we thought best under the circumstances, to comply with the request, let it be by tacit consent. After some other remarks L.B. Grant suggested the same idea & on an explanation that Clk had spoken to same. Chairman closed the meeting with benediction.

A.Z. Madison Clk

Sunday March 9, 1879 A.M.

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

At prayer meeting Thursday evening March 13, 1879, Clerk of Ch. read a letter of request from Bro. J.M. DeWitt for a letter of commendation and dismission with liberty to unite with the first Baptist Church in Elmira N.Y. After clerk left the meeting, On motion made and seconded, Church Resolved to grant the request of Bro. DeWitt, and as he had referred to the Rev. Mr. Henry the Pastor of Bap Ch. Elmira, Clerk mailed the letter to him Mch 15, 1879. (Reported by Elder Williams Jr.)
A Church Meeting called by the Executive Comm’ee and announced by Bro. W.H. Husted, the Preacher (on account of Pastor’s illness, Sunday 23rd inst.) was held in the Lecture room Tuesday P.M. at 2 O’clock, March 25th, 1879.


Minutes of Ch. M. Mch 25th
To open the Church meeting Sung “Nearer my God to Thee.” Chairman read Ephesians 4th and offered prayer. Sung again. Chairman then announced the object of the meeting, and called upon Clerk for the Report of Executive Committee. Clerk then read and stated the meetings had in the Dr. Payne Church now owned by Bro. G.W. Lewis since Dec. 13th, 187? by Elder R. Moffett of Cleveland Ohio and by Elder A.B. Chamberlain of Auburn N.Y. and the last Sunday by Dr. Belding of Troy N.Y. all Ministers of the sect known as Disciples – referring to the course of Bro. G.W. Lewis briefly and labors with him by the Ex. Com’e. from time to time, and closed with reporting to the Church the Preamble and Resolution adopted by the Executive Committee for that purpose to wit:
“Whereas, our brother George W. Lewis holds the views peculiar to the sect called Disciples, [or Campbellites (expunged by vote of Ch.)] and notwithstanding his pledge and covenant made at the time he first became a member of the Regular Baptist Church, and subsequently, he persists strenuously to inculcate those views in the Fredonia Baptist Church and community much to the grief of members of this Church:

And whereas, after repeated entreaty and admonition, he declines to discontinue his efforts to build up the above named denomination in our midst, and avows it to be his desire and determination to turn this Baptist Church into a Church of Disciples [or Campbellites (expunged by vote of Ch.)] for the accomplishment of which, he is willing to spend his time and money in supporting preachers of that sect in this place and claims that a large number of the members of this Church now hold his views:

And whereas, he, being denied the use of our house of worship for his schismatic purposes; has purchased a meeting house in this village, in which, with his preachers he is now seeking to make converts to the Disciple [or Campbellite (expunged by vote of Ch.)] faith:

And whereas, gospel labors with him by the Executive Committee of this Church, and subcommittees of the same, at various times, by night and by day, to induce him to desist from his exertions, to influence members to join with him, and thus divide and distract, have been protracted, faithful and exhaustive, and after all, have proved unavailing:
Therefore, deeply regretting the necessity, Resolved, That this Executive Committee recommended that the Fredonia Baptist Church immediately withdraw the hand of Church fellowship from brother George W. Lewis.”

On the inquiry by Moderator of the Church, What should be done with the Report of the Executive Committee? Bro. Edson J. Wilcox moved, and Bro. Alex’r Morian seconded the motion, That this church receive and adopt the Report of the Executive Committee, Preamble and Resolution.

Chairman then stated that remarks on the motion would be in order, and suggested to Bro. G.W. Lewis, that he might speak in regard to the Report, which he did at some considerable length in justification of his acts. Bro. Lewis in his remarks said he could not reply to the Report of the Ex. Committee, as no charge was made in it except that he was a Campbellite, which he utterly denied. He was no more a Campbellite than the Baptists were. It was a name of reproach, an opprobrious epithet. There is a marked difference between a Campbellite and a Disciple in their views. He had taught in his Bible Class, Sunday School and Church the same doctrine that he teaches now, for the past thirty five or six years, and it is true, as the Bible says. He rehearsed many passages of Scripture to show that this contest was with Christ, Peter, & other Apostles & Evangelists. He said that he gave no pledge or promise when he united with the Baptist Church that he would not teach the Bible as it is, and as the Disciples understand & teach it.

Sister R.E. Morian replied to Bro. Lewis with much plainness & distinctness, & referred to some of the teachings of the books that he had furnished her to read, which taught the principles of the Disciples. At this point Bro. Husted stepped out, and Bro. Crissey explained as to the presentation of the matter to the Ch. by Ck, Bro. Husted & himself and that Bro. Husted would soon be in & speak. As Bro. Lewis had referred to the word read by Clerk in the resolution, “Church fellowship” and found fault with it, The Clerk at this little delay, improved the time to explain and show to members of the church that did not mean Christian fellowship which we might have, and do have with some members of the Methodist, Congregational, Presbyterian, Episcopal or even Catholic Church with none of whom, we have any Church fellowship, That each and every member of the Church could still feel all the Christian fellowship with Bro. Lewis that they ever had, if the resolution should pass, but the severing would be from this Baptist Church, an organization upon the Earth. The object, to place Bro. Lewis as near as possible, just where he was, before he became a member of the Baptist Church thirty five years ago. Bro. Crissey read of Church fellowship from a manual of Baptist usage &c. Bro. Husted having returned, was called upon and at length spoke of the difficulty and the ineffectual labor, so far, with Bro. Lewis & of the preamble and Report of Ex. Com’ee.

Bro. Lewis again replied to Bro. Husted. Bro. Crissey then explained as to Baptist usage, and read extracts from works on the subject, spoke of the faithful labor had with Bro. Lewis &c. Bro. D. Barrell spoke of matters in the past – Bro. Lewis’s first uniting with the Ch. in Academy – of his wife’s baptism in Creek by his house with his adopted daughter (Mrs. Clark) at same time – of the Lewis’s subsequent distributions of books and picture of Alex’r Campbell amongst the Members of the Church at low rate – Of the scene in the vestibule of Ch. when Pastor Williams, in a talk with Bro. Lewis, as to opening the Chh. for Disciple Ministers, on his request, quoted a passage of scripture & was replied to by Bro. Lewis, that it was not in the bible, and Pastor went & got a bible and showed it to him verbatim, as he had repeated it, and how the interview closed. More about his requests for the Church for Disciple Ministers to preach in. Of the acceptance of our Covenant & Articles of faith as they now are, on their adoption when the two bodies came together in 1848 from the old frame ch. on this ground, and
the Academy. That he approved the Covenant fully & heartily, and the Articles of faith with one or two unimportant exceptions and to the inquiry by Dea. Joel R. Parker at that time – he replied that he would conform to all while a member of the Baptist Ch. Also that there were some still living who heard his first pledge in the Academy to similar effect.

Bro. E.M. Pettit spoke & desired that the request of Bro. Lewis for the word Campbellite wherever it occurred in the Report of the Ex. Com. to be expunged, should be granted. He thought nothing should have been said on the subject but let him have his meeting with the Disciple Ministers in his Dr. Payne Church, and in three weeks it would all have been over. He spoke something of his own & Bro. Barrell’s resignation as Deacons – of his opinion formed when young as to the Baptist usage of excluding members when no crime, no immorality was charged against them. He preferred a letter of dismission, and he moved that a letter of dismission be granted to Bro. Lewis. Br. Pettit talked further of the fundamental error for an unregenerate one who asked baptism to be baptized. Bro. Crissey moved to expunge the word Campbellite from Report of Ex. Comm’ee.

Bro. Lewis thanked Bro. Pettit for the justice he had extended in the matter of a letter of dismission & hoped it might prevail &c. He then spoke of Bro. Barrell tenderly, and admitted the talk of the Articles & Cov. as he was reminded of it. Here Sister Morian had some further debate with Bro. Lewis. Deeming the debate sufficiently protracted and being anxious to leave, or being called out, Bro. H.P. Perrin moved the previous question, and Bro. A. Morian seconded it. That is, to adopt the Report of the Ex. Com’ee. The matter of Bro. Pettit’s motion to amend the Report by granting a letter instead of exclusion, was spoke of. Chairman explained his understanding of parliamentary usage, on moving the previous question – that on such Motion, the Report must go unaltered, as it was, or is.

Bro. Pettit here moved to strike out the word Campbellites and Bro. S.S. Crissey seconded it and it was carried without dissent, after Bro. Husted had spoken explanatory of the use of the word in this connection, and Clerk had also spoken of it, & told the story of Charles Carleton, who Bro. Lewis sent years ago direct to Alex. Campbell at Bethany Va. to be educated & made a Disciple Minster of him. Bro. Pettit moved and Bro. Thompson seconded to amend the Report, by striking out the Resolution, & instead, grant to Bro. Lewis a letter of dismission. Bro. Husted submitted a short form of letter, Clerk inquired what? The Preamble & letter of dismission or nothing but letter? Brn. Grant & Barrell also inquired what sort of letter? Bro. Pettit’s motion for letter voted upon & declared lost. A vote was then taken on the Motion to Adopt the Preamble & Resolution, as now, and the same was carried by some 15, or 16, to 5. Some further remarks on the inquiry by Bro. Lewis, if this vote cut him off from attendance or meetings here? Answered no to the first, and yes to the last, especially by Sister Morian, Eld.

Husted & others. On Motion seconded, Resolved to adjourn.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting April 5th, 1879

Present Pastor Williams, 9 Brn & 17 Sisters, Meeting opened by singing, reading, singing and remarks by Pastor & then Brn & Srs. After Pastor a second time on a better attendance at all meetings of Ch he referred to the request of F.L. Lord at last Cov’t. Meeting, and read a copy of the letter written to him by Comm’ee and said no reply yet recd. After suggestion by Clk of the possibility that it had miscarried & was not recd, On Motion Clk seconded by Bro. Buck, Resolved to add Bro. S.S. Crissey to the Committee with Pastor, (Bro. Lewis being out.) On Mo. Clk 2nd by Buck resolved that Comm’ee write again to Bro. F.L. Lord. On Motion of S.S.
Crissey 2nd by Clk Resolved that Com’ee. write also to the Pastor Dr. Graves or Chh. Clerk at Grand Rapids Mich. of the matter of Bro. F.L. Lord. On Mo. Clk seconded, Resolved that the same Musical Committee of last year Viz: D.L. Shepard, S.S. Crissey, Mrs. S.J. Skinner, & Mrs. A.E. Williams, be reappointed for the current year. On Mo. S.S. Crissey 2nd H.A. Buck, Resolved that Chh approve Comm’ees engagement of J.S. Lathrop Chorister on same terms as last year. On Mo. Clk 2nd by S.S. Crissey, Resolved to sanction the engagement of C.S. Lewis as Organist same ($50) Prayer by Bro. S.S. Crissey.

Sung Doxology to Close
A.Z. Madison Clk

Covenant Meeting May 3rd, 1879.
Present Pastor L. Williams Jr. Present 7 Brn & 23 Sisters. Usual opening services. When clerk came in Br. D. Barrell was speaking. At close of remarks by Brn & Srs, Pastor offered a few words as to condition of Ch. and then said that there were two who desired baptism & membership in Chh. Viz: Jessie Taylor and Esther L. Wilcox – the first present, the other not here though had expected her to be present. He then stated that Jessie had spoken a few words in her turn – that he had known of her religious feelings & that she thought she had found the Saviour some six years ago and that her mother could speak of her though she might not be able to say much herself. Mrs. Taylor spoke of Jessie & her confidence of a change &c.

Clerk desired that candidates if possible, say a few words, at least, themselves, personally. Bro. Crissey wished her to repeat the remarks that she had made when speaking in turn. (not done) Sister Lull cited her own case, when young, & she could not remember any thing she did say &c.

Mrs. Edmunds made similar remarks of herself when 14 years old – diffident and embarrassed & could not remember what she said, & she moved that Jessie be received a candidate for membership in Ch. after being baptized. A Sister seconded the motion, and on the motion, the vote was unanimous in favor of her reception.

Clerk spoke of the move of Bro. Buck at last Cov’t Meeting in regard to Martin Bissikummer but did not mention the name, and he stated his profanity in Livery office since Cov’t Meeting in Apl. On Mo. Br. Crissey Resolved that Brn H.P. Perrin & Frank Bartlett be a Com. to endeavor to win him back to religious life. Sung Doxology to close.
A.Z.M. Clk

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

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

Thursday evening Prayer Meeting in Lecture Room of Ch. May 22nd 1879. At close of services, Bro. D. Barrell informed those present that he had been thinking of going to Saratoga next wk to attend the Anniversaries of our Societies & though uncertain still about his going, he had
thought, if he should go it might be well to be appointed a delegate to represent this Ch. notwithstanding he is a Life Member of the Societies. Clk spoke on the subject & of possibility of going too & moved that Br. D. Barrell be a delegate as above. Mo. seconded & carried unanimously. Clerk then read a letter from Rev. Geo. J. Squier Pastor of M.E. Ch. Silver Creek to Pastor Williams written at request of Henry Doarr a member of this Ch. asking for a Church letter for himself & wife, Catharine Doarr that they might unite with the Meth. Church while they remain there. Some inquiries and remarks were made and on Motion of Bro. S.S. Crissey seconded by Bro. E.S. Wright, Resolved that we grant Bro. Henry Doarr and wife a letter of dismission and recommendation to unite with any Baptist Church of the same faith and order with us. Closed with singing.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting May 31st, 1879, as for June.

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

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

A.Z. Madison Clk

Mo’ly Missionary Concert prayer & Conference in parlor June 5th, 1879.

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

This Motion was seconded by Sister L.M. Edmunds and put, and Pastor announced the result of the vote to be a three to one in favor. He then dismissed, with the benediction.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

On the 9th June 1879, Clerk mailed a letter for bro. F.L. Lord agreeably with the foregoing amended Resolution, in the following words:

“The Fredonia Baptist Church, To the Baptist Church at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dear Brethren,

This certifies that brother Franklin L. Lord was baptized into the fellowship of the Fredonia Baptist Church by Rev. Howard M. Jones April 4, 1869. Since then he has been a consistent, active and valued member up to about April 1st, 1878.

On his request he is now by vote of the Church, dismissed from membership with us and hopefully commended to the watch care and fellowship of the Baptist Church at Grand Rapids. When we shall be duly notified that he has been received as a member of that Church, his membership with us will cease. By a standing Resolution, letters of dismission are valid for one year only from their respective dates. Done by order and in behalf of the Chh. Fredonia N.Y. June 5th, 1879

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk”

Explanation written on 3rd Page of Sheet of Notepaper. “In assigning a reason why the foregoing letter does not embrace the time between April 1st, 1878 and August 1, 1878, when he left Fredonia for Grand Rapids, the two inclosed letters written by him to the Clerk and to the Pastor,
as Chairman of a Committee of the Church, and the acquaintance which you have formed with him during his ten months residence amongst you, are deemed a sufficient explanation.”

Clerk also inclosed with the letters above described his own private letter to Dr. Graves with a copy of Bro. Lord’s first letter of request to Clk for a Church letter of dismission & commendation of date Feb. 12th, 1879, & his form for reply of Mch 1, 1879 that was rejected in the Cov’l. Meeting by this Ch. & some further explanations, touching the case.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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


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

Covenant Meeting July 5th, 1879.

A.Z. Madison being invited to take the lead by Br. Buck when 8 only were present, was speaking to express his despondence, as the others came in, & referring to the responsibility of each member. He then went to and asked Br. Barrell to take the Chg. which he reluctantly did at
2.50 P.M. Bro. Barrell after some remarks offered prayer & again spoke feelingly. Bro. Buck then spoke & so in turn each present, except Br. Damon (who went out), Sister Bishop, & Sister Manton who was in the Hall but not in the lecture room. Sister Lathrop related the organization of Sunday Schools at Milford, Laona & Shumla – Interesting. Notice of Prof. Palmer to preach Sunday A.M. Sang Nearer my God &c. Prayer by Bro. Tate to Close.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

#Bro. F. Shaver spoke interestingly on the instruction to & urging of young Christians to take up their cross and testify for Christ, when it should be no cross but all joy to speak for Him, & also on other points.

Sunday P.M. July 6th, 1879

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

Sabbath July 13th, 1879.

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

S.S.C. pd on A.Z.M. 

(?) .50  
D.L.S. .50  
L.B.G. .50  
D.B. 2.00  
A.Z.M. 1.50 = 5.00

Prayer Meeting July 17, 1879.

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


Friday morning July 25th. Clk learned that Rev. L. Williams Jr. had returned home.

Sabbath July 27, 1879 Prof. F.B. Palmer preached in Presb. Ch. according to appointment last Sunday while he was gone to Penn Yan Teachers Conv’n. Rev. L. Williams Jr. & his
congregation present. A.M. Text James 4:3,4th. & Evening text 1. Cor. 1:37, 38th. Audience some 500 in A.M., 200 eve’g. The best yet heard from him by Clk

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

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

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

Covenant Meeting Sept. 6th, 1879

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk


Covenant Meeting Oct. 4, 1879. Present Pastor Rev. L. Williams Jr., 9 Brn & 16 Srs. of whom 3 Brn & 4 Srs were in at the opening of the meeting, with the customary service of reading Jno. 4th Singing & prayer. Remarks by Brn & Sisters promiscuously and with interest by several of each. After these remarks, Pastor called up the matter of a vote by the Church on the question which had at least twice been announced publicly, on the Card to Clerk from Rev. C.B. Parsons of Dkk Chn of Com. to wit:

“Are you in favor of forming an organization with Harmony Association in a body to be known as the Chautauqua Baptist Association?” After an explanation that the submission of the question to the Churches was for 3 Mos. from Aug’t 28th On Motion of S.S. Crissey seconded & amended by E.M. Pettit, Resolved that a vote on the subject be taken at our next Covenant Meeting Nov. 1st, and that due public notice of same be given from the Desk.

Pastor spoke of the case of scandal in connection with the name of Mrs. Rachel Karl & that some action should be had. On motion of Mrs. Edmunds seconded, Resolved that sisters A.E. Williams, M. Husted and S.E. Shepard, be com. to visit Mrs. Karl & report result to the Church. Mrs. Edmunds spoke of the matter of Wine for Communion for some time past made at Bro. Buck’s. That he was so busy & also so poorly in health that it could not be made by them this year. Mrs. Noble present stated same. After some remarks, & motion by Clerk (subsequently withdrawn,) on motion made & seconded Resolved that Sisters Edmunds, Shepard & Lathrop be a Comm’e. to see to the Wine Matter. Pastor, with proper explanatory remarks, requested a letter of commendation and dismission for Sister Kittie M. Goodwin to the Bap. Ch. at Burlington Kansas, On motion made & seconded, the same was granted. Bro. E.M. Pettit just then remembered that some time since Sister Rebecca Wheeler of Versailles Thomas Asylum had asked him to request a letter for her to the Bap. Ch. at Hornellsville N.Y. On motion made & seconded, this request was also granted. Closing prayer by Br. S.S. Crissey and benediction by Pastor.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z.M.

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

Oct 26th Rev. L. Williams Jr. Pastor, preached from Mat. 18:7 as to offences in the world &c but “Wo to that man by whom the offence cometh.” After having read the last hymn and before
the closing singing, he remarked that he had a Communication to make first, and then referred to 
his coming here near seven years ago, & commencing as Pastor of this Church March 1st, 1873 at 
request of Ch. to the onerous & difficult labors that he had had to perform in all honesty & the 
comparatively small results &c and closed with his resignation of the Charge that had been 
committed to him, the same to take effect at close of the calendar year. Decr 31st, 1879. This 
determination, as announced, doubtless came unlooked for to most, if not all, who were present 
in the comparatively small congregation. There was no response at the time. The Choir sung, & 
the benediction was pronounced.

A.Z. Madison Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

In Prayer Meeting Nov’r 13th, 1879 Pastor & some 20 Bn & Sisters present, at Close Clk 
according to consultation of a few Bn. called up the propriety of holding a Chh. meeting to take 
26th and such other things as relate to the best interests of the Church & all concerned. On motion 
of S.S. Crissey, seconded by Clerk Resolved that a Church meeting be held for purposes above 
announced from the Desk, Sunday 16 inst. Notice of same to be announced from the Desk, 
18th Nov. inst. Closed with doxology.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Church Meeting in Ch. parlor Nov 18, 1879. pursuant to public notice, to act upon the 
resignation of pastor as tendered by him at Close of service Sunday Oct 26, 1879. Present, S.S. 
Crissey Chairman, A.Z. Madison Ch Clerk, E.M. Pettit, J. Moir, Wm. Higgins, H.A. Buck, 
Mrs. Lathrop, Kendall, Manton, Frazine, Shepard, Bartlett, Anna Lewis, J.P. Clark, Crissey 
and Miss J. Bond, J. Taylor, E. Husted, A. Powell (some late) (others later) After rather tedious 
waiting, At 2.40 P.M. Clerk called to order, and stated the object of the meeting, and that it 
would be in order to nominate a Chairman. On motion of Br. Pettit seconded, Resolved 
unanimously That S.S. Crissey be the Chairman of this meeting. On invitation of Clerk, he took 
the Chair, and then called upon Deacon Buck to lead in prayer, which he did. Chairman then 
inquired the pleasure of the meeting, and invited any suggestion on proposition regarding the 
business before us and referred to Clerk who might have a proposition. Clerk then offered and 
read a preamble and resolution for the reception and acceptance of the resignation of Brother 
Williams, as follows:
“Whereas Rev. Lester Williams Jr. did by letter from Oswego N.Y. dated Feb’y 12/73, accept the Call of the Fredonia Baptist Church to become its Pastor, and did enter upon such service March 1st, 1873, and has labored since then, in that capacity:
And whereas he did on the 26th of October last, tender to the Church his resignation of said Pastorate and charge, to take effect at the close of the Calendar year 1879.
Now therefore, We, who are here assembled in Church meeting, held November 18th, 1879, Do hereby express our sincere regards for our Brother Williams, his wife and their children and we tender to him, and to them, our best wishes, sympathies and hopes for their future well being – their prosperity and usefulness in the cause of Christ, while on earth, and their ultimate felicity in the joys of Heaven. Resolved, That, regretting the necessities of a separation between Pastor and people, after an acquaintance of nearly seven years, during which time many ties have been formed with him, and with his family, hard to sever, his said resignation, according to its terms, is hereby duly received and accepted by this Church.” Seconded by Br. Pettit. After the foregoing was read the Clerk remarked that the meeting had heard the preamble and resolution to accept the resignation, and that remarks on same were now in order. Bro. E.M. Pettit arose and spoke feelings of regard to our Pastor & family, he thought best in this, as in all similar cases, when a resignation had been offered by the one who knew best the reasons for it, to accept it.
Sister Kendall then spoke fully corroborating the remarks of brother Pettit. Some came in at this point, and per request, Clerk a second time read preamble and resolution. On Chairman’s calling for a vote by raising the hand on the motion, Sister Frazine inquired if the vote could not be by ballot? And expressed a desire to have it so. After remarks by several, the Chairman decided to take the vote by ballot, those in favor of accepting the resignation to vote “yes” & those opposed to its acceptance to vote “No.” Chairman appointed Brn. D.L. Shepard & J. Moir Tellers, who distributed ballots, & then received the votes and canvassed them and found that eighteen votes had been cast, of which ten were No, and eight Yes. And so Chairman declared the vote lost. Then came remarks, as to what next? From different persons. A few other members of the Church still came in at so late a time; and for their special benefit and understanding, it was suggested that the preamble & resolution should again be read a third time, and Clerk read it again. After several remarks from different persons, Brn. & Srs. and the Chn. deciding that no one except one who had before voted no could properly make a motion for a second ballot; On the motion of Sister Shepard, balloted again, and the result was, on canvassing, 12 to 12 tie. Chn declined to give casting vote, & balloted again & the result was thirteen yes, and ten no and the vote was so declared in the Affirmative, and the resignation of Pastor duly accepted, by the Chairman. Here, Sister Kendall inquired if it would be in order to ask Bro. Williams to remain his year out, or two months till 1st of March next? And was answered that it would, but she finally left, without making any motion. Chn. inquired for any other business, and delayed for several minutes for such introduction, but no proposition being made from any one on Motion of Br. Pettit, Resolved that this meeting be now adjourned.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Close of Rev. L. Williams Jr.’s Pastorate with Decr /79.
Covenant Meeting Dec’r 6th, 1879 in Ch. Parlor. Present Rev. L. Williams Jr. Pastor, & 2 Brethren 3 Sisters at commencement, 4/6 do after, 8/10 do (Rainy & warm.) Pastor read scripture & offered prayer, then remarks, followed by remarks by Brn & Sisters. When it seemed closed, Pastor spoke of Sister J.P. Clark’s daughter, Louise M. Wilcox, called Lulu May W. who would speak of her conversion & desire to become a Member of this Church. She said a few words &
then her mother gave further relation. Also E.J. Wilcox, S.S. Crissey & Pastor. On Motion of S.S. Crissey 2nd by E.J. Wilcox Resolved that she be received as a candidate for baptism & membership when baptized. Closing prayer by Br. Crissey, and sung Doxology L.M.

A.Z. Madison Clk

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

Dec. 28th, 1879.

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

Covenant Meeting January 3rd, 1880.

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

1st. Clerk then read a Communication from the Bap. Church at Binghamton as he was requested to do by Bro. Williams. He then read communications from other Church &c, soliciting aid in lesser degree, as follows:

2nd From Whitehall, Mich. of Oct 7, 1879 to save their Ch. from sale on foreclosure of Mortgage, asking a Collection for their aid.
3rd From Waukon, Iowa of Dec 1st, 1879, asking for one dollar to help them pay a debt of $1245.95 dollars hanging like an incubus over them, and save to them their brick Ch. building valued at $4,000.

4th. From Leland University, New Orleans La. Asking generous Contributions through the Am. Bap. Home Mission Society to help train preachers and teachers for the half million of the colored race of which that is a center, 60,000 being in New Orleans. S.J. Axtell Jr. President. On Motion of Sister Morian seconded, Resolved to take up a Collection now, & from it, pay first the “One dollar” to Waukon Iowa & the rest to the Collection for Whitehall Mich. Collection taken by Bro. S.S. Crissey in all $3.00 or $1.00 & $2.00 ea.

On Motion of S.S. Crissey (I think) seconded Resolved to respond to the request of the Ch. at Binghamton the 18th inst. 2 wks from & then have a Collection. Here on the suggestion of Sister J.P. Clark, the Clerk announced the death of Sr. Rebecca Wheeler of Olean 22nd stating so far as yet known the circumstances of it [and] her relation to this Ch. at the time, she having received a letter of commendation and dismission to the Ch. at Hornellsville Oct. 4th, 1879. [Note to side: (Mch. 13 1880 Sr. Clark told Clk in P.O. that she had a letter from a sister of Mrs. Wheeler & that she had used her Ch. letter as fit.)

Sister Rachel E. Morian having assumed to act as Chairman of a Committee appointed in Covenant Meeting Oct 4/79, as a Substitute for Sister Ann E. Williams in the case of Sr. Rachel Carl or Karl, here made a report of said Committee, Viz:

That the Committee had investigated the case, and had found her convicted of the sins of lying, of drunkenness, and later of licentiousness. Sister M. had asked Mrs. Carl to be here in Cov’t. M. today. On motion of A.Z. Madison, seconded, Resolved that on the report of the Committee We accept, and adopt the same, and that the hand of Christian fellowship be withdrawn from her.

Chn. called upon Bro. S.S. Crissey who offered the closing prayer. Sung the Doxology L.M. A.Z. Madison Ch Clk


A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Clk

Sunday January 18th, 1880. Ground bare, warm & rainy.

Rev. William Elgin Cor. Sec’y Theological Seminary Rochester N.Y. here & preached in A.M. a good S’mon from 2nd Timothy 2:2 in behalf of Ministerial Education Col. to be taken up in Feb’y as the Col. this day is for the Binghamton Bap. Ch. to clear it from debt of over $43,000 which is
provided for save $10,000 by simultaneous collections this day through the State. The amount in this Ch. as counted by S.S.C. & A.Z.M. is $12.08. In the evening Rev. Abner Lull preached from “How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?” He said many good things, especially to the inquiry what shall we do to not secure the great salvation? Do nothing – Just be indifferent & neglect it. that is all.

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


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


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

(Williams still here and working (?)
Covenant Meeting January 31st, 1880.
Present Rev. L. Williams Jr., Chn., 11 Brn 19 Srs. Before Bro. Wms came in at 2 ¼ P.M. Clerk called to order and on Motion of Br. Grant 2nd by P. Barber, Resolved that Bro. S.S. Crissey be the Chn of this meeting. He accepted until Bro. Wms. should come in, and named a Hymn to be sung. Just then Bro. Williams came in & at request of Brother Crissey he assumed the chair. After singing he read scripture, offered prayer & remarks, & was followed by Brn & Sisters promiscuously, or not in regular rotation. When all who desired had spoken, Clerk, at suggestion of Pastor, mentioned the case of Sister Carrie M. Flint, to whom a letter was granted May 4th, 1878, and who has returned here to reside, & wishes to become a member of this Church again. Her husband being a Methodist, she had united with Meth. Ch. in Mexico Oswego Co. with the letter. She also brought a letter from the Meth. Pastor, which, being called for by Bro. Grant, Clerk read. On Motion of Bro. Grant, amended by Bro. Crissey & seconded, Resolved that Sister Carrie M. Flint be recd. as a member of this Ch. again, on what we know of her Christian experience & life. According to the Resolution in last Cov’t. Meeting, Balloted for two Deacons of this Church. Bro. Grant & Bro. Crissey Tellers. The result was 21 ballots & of such votes, Bro. Horace P. Perrin recd. 20. Bro. Edson J. Wilcox 19, Bro. E. Paige 3 & Davis 1. The first two declared duly elected. Some talk by Clk & others on the Binghamton Collection & others of the late end of the one 2nd Sab. Feb for Minl. Ed’n. & on Motion of Clk 2nd by Bro. Grant Resolved to take such Collection Feb 8th. Prayer by Bro. S.S. Crissey to close.
A.Z. Madison Clk
At close of prayer meeting Thursday even’g Feb. 19 Rev. L. Williams & some 15 Br. & Srs present, Miss Annie N. DeWitt & Miss Emmonds, Johnson, (a Swede,) each gave a relation of their several Christian experience and requested baptism & membership with Ch. On the requisite several motions, made and seconded, the three were severally received as Candidates for baptism & membership when baptized.

A.Z. Madison

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

A.Z. Madison Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

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

A.Z. Madison Ck

[Note to side reads: “Present in this meeting” and lists the following: Prof. F.B. Palmer, S.S. Crissey, I.H. Damon, Rev. W.H. Husted, Rev. A. Lull, L.B. Grant, E.J. Wilcox, A.Z. Madison, D.L. Shepard, E.M. Pettit, Thos. A. Osborn, Marsena Munger, Frank Bartlett, Wm. Higgins, J.A. Bridgeford, E.T. Willard, Artemas Perrin, Mrs. Miriam Green, Mrs. J.A. Grant, Mrs. J.P. Clark, Mrs. S.E. Shepard, Mrs. M.N. Guild, Mrs. S.J. Skinner, Mrs. M.S. Grant, Mrs. E.K. Crissey, Mrs. Elg. Haywood, Mrs. Frances Haywood, Mrs. G.E. Blood, Mrs. H.A. Lull, Mrs. F.B. Palmer, Mrs. L.G. Lathrop, Miss F.A. Lord, Miss E.M. Husted, Miss Belle Bond, Miss E.J. Davis, Miss Anna Lull, Miss S.L. Stevens, Miss Harriet Sweet.] Pursuant to the notice from the desk as above stated, A Church meeting was held in Ch. Parlor Wednesday at 2 P.M. March 17, 1880, there being present 19 Brn & 20 Srs around. At about 2.10 P.M. Ck called to order, and asked for the nominations of a Chn. On Motion of S.S. Crissey seconded by L.B. Grant, Resolved that Rev. W.H. Husted be Chairman of this meeting. On taking the Chair, Chairman proposed to sing, “I love thy kingdom Lord.” Chairman then read Eph. 4th and Rev. A. Lull, at his request, offered prayer. Chairman then explained regarding the object of the meeting & as to Rev. Malcolm McGregor for Pastor. Bro. L.B. Grant asked for information from the Pulpit Committee, as to the facts as ascertained by same. Bro. S.S. Crissey of Com’ee. replied in part & called upon Prof. Palmer with whom Bro. McGregor stopped the last week. Bro. Palmer spoke at some length and well on various & important points, and favorably on all. Referred to the necessity of prayer on the part of the Ch. on so important a matter as the settling of a Pastor. Ch’n. suggested a Motion, so that we might have something to speak to. After a slight confusion by a premature vote, upon a motion by L.B. Grant seconded by S.S. Crissey to call Bro. McGregor, On motion of Br. S. S. Crissey seconded, to call Bro. McGregor as our Pastor (is open for discussion).

Bro. S.S. Crissey then explained not fully his interviews with Rev. M. McGregor and what he had learned from him, & also read his letter to Cong’n. & letters of commendation from Dr. Hotchkiss & Dr. Gordon of Buffalo. L.B. Grant, D.L. Shepard, Clerk, Rev. A. Lull, and other Brn as Higgins, E.M. Pettit E.J. Wilcox, & Srs. J.P. Clark, L.G. Lathrop, & others spoke generally favorably. Here Ck. called upon Bro. S.S. Crissey who offered prayer prior to a vote. Clerk called for the question. Chairman called for a vote by raising the hand. There was a quite full vote, and Chairman declared it unanimous in favor of extending a call to Bro. McGregor to be our Pastor. On Motion of L.B. Grant seconded, Resolved that Bro. McGregor be requested to commence his Pastorate with us, if convenient, on the first Sunday in April next. On Motion of E.J. Wilcox, seconded by Clerk and after, amended by L.B. Grant, & accepted by the Mover, Resolved that we propose as a Salary $1200 to cover house rent, and that the Ch. pay his Moving expenses besides. On Motion of Bro. E.M. Pettit seconded, Resolved to adjourn. On suggestion of Chairman, sung Doxology and Bro. Lull pronounced the benediction.

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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


Chairman read a chapter in an Epistle, offered prayer. Sung “Rock of Ages” Chn. offered remarks, then Brn & Sr’s. After speaking around, Chn inquired if any business – Clk had none. Bro. Crissey spoke of Rev. A. Parker who in last prayer meeting spoke of funds for Cook Academy, & that he would preach here the 3rd Sab. in April and have a Collection, if thought best. Clerk then spoke of Cook Academy, Am. Bap. Miss’y Union, Ministerial Education and many other benevolent objects anxious for money – of our being taxed for the Normal School & taxation on the Village by the $100,000 & more &c. L.B. Grant spoke in favor of Cook Academy & moved to have a Collection for it 3rd Sab. Apl. seconded & so resolved. Prayer by S.S. Crissey & sung Doxology to close.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Sunday April 4th, 1880, (showery) Rev. C.N. Brooks an Evangelist, holding meetings in Dunkirk, in Rev. C.B. Parson’s Ch. through exchange with Rev. L. Williams Jr., preached in A.M. and administered the communion at 1 1/2 P.M. with assistance of Rev. W.H. Husted. At 7 1/2 evening Rev. A. Kingsbury preached to a small congregation of say 50, from “remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom,” Luke 23/42 a good discourse – But what a change from the days when the same minister preached regularly to some 500 or 600, then occupying the same seats, now empty before him.


Sunday April 18, 1880. Rev. A. Parker of Palmyra preached & solicited funds for Cook Academy, and took collection and subscriptions. He alone in Desk, but other preachers present.


A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

Rev. M. MacGregor Pastor May 1, 1880

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

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting May 1, 1880.

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

A.Z. Madison Clk

At the close of Prayer meeting Thursday evening, May 27th, 1880 an opportunity was given for business, and Bro. L.B. Grant explained and proposed that there be held with this Church in the immediate future Recognition Services in relation to the union between the Church & Rev. Malcolm MacGregor as Pastor from May 1st, 1880. After the proposition by Bro. Grant, seconded, Bro. S.S. Crissey only spoke in regard to it, and in favor of having such services, and the time named for same, Tuesday June 15/80. Question called, and unanimously carried. Clk then inquired if a Committee of arrangements should be appointed, & Rev. A. Lull suggested such Committee also. On motion and nomination of Br. H.A. Buck seconded, Brn. L.B. Grant, S.S. Crissey & A.Z. Madison were duly appointed such Committee. Meeting then dismissed by Pastor.
Friday morning 28th inst. Clerk on coming down Street was informed by Bro. Barrell that Sister Helen E. Barker died at 7 A.M.

A.Z. Madison Clk


Opened with 75th Hymn & prayer by Pastor – He then read in the gospel sermon Song of Jonas, lovest thou me & offered good remarks. Then remarks of heart searching by Brn & Sisters. No business. Closed with singing & the benediction.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk


Tuesday evening June 15, 1880 at 8 O’clock a fair audience assembled in the Church for the purpose of Recognition services pursuant to arrangements and public notice – Rev. W.H. Husted Chn,

1st Introduced by Chn., Rev. Wm. F. Zell, read the 95th Psalm and offered prayer.

2nd Rev. C.B. Parsons of Dunkirk read 1174th Hymn & the Ch. Choir led by J.S. Lathrop, Clarence S. Lewis Organist – sung same.

3rd Chn introduced Rev. John Gordon of Washington Street Church, Buffalo N.Y. who preached an appropriate discourse founded on Acts 9:31. “Then had the Churches rest throughout all Judea, and Galilee, and Samaria, and were edified, and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.”

4th The Choir sung a voluntary.

5th Rev. C.B. Parsons introduced by Chn also very appropriately addressed the Pastor elect, Rev. Malcolm MacGregor.

6th Rev. Arnold Kingsbury, of Fredonia ex-Pastor of this Church, on similar introduction, made a supplemental address to Pastor MacGregor, certifying to the Church, from his own experience of six years, and during a Revival, when one year, more than sixty converts were baptized; and pledging his sympathy with Bro. MacGregor and his aid at all times, when his services could be of use.

Singing here omitted as getting late.

7th Rev. J. Gordon then in an apt as solemn and an entertaining manner performed the double service of addressing the Church, uttering many terse things, and amongst others, quoted the wedding present by a father in law to his son-in-law, of a Pail, with parental instruction and admonition what to do whenever Susie should throw fire. He charged the Church to pray for the Pastor and to aid him in his labors – to support him well financially and in every way, and to obey him as the Scripture requires. He believed in large Salaries, that a Pastor might not be restricted for means to do good.

8th Rev. A. Knight of Brocton addressed Pastor very concisely with sympathy & (?)

9th Rev. A.L. Benton Pastor of Presb’n. Chn then gave a brief address of welcome to the Pastor Elect, MacGregor, in behalf of the Ministry of Fredonia, as well as himself, in which he
expressed some wonder that such men as Rev’d. Gordon & MacGregor descendants from the line of John Knox, should be other than Presbyterians. Considerable facetiousness characterized his remarks generally.

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

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

Covenant Meeting July 31st, 1880
Present Rev. M. MacGregor Chn, 8 Brn & 20 Srs, nearly all of whom offered remarks. Bro. F.B. Palmer spoke generally and then particularly of the Sabbath School, of which he is
Superintendent, and of its want of teachers at this time, several classes being destitute. Pastor then spoke of Bro. Frank D. Shaver now with us, from New Orleans where he has been for some years teaching the colored race science & religion, and who desires this Church to give him a license to preach, in order that he may be clothed with more authority to do that work than is usually delegated to a Sunday School Superintendent. Bro. Shaver then spoke interestingly of the work in which he is engaged – the condition of the colored people of Louisiana & the south subjected as they are to the influences of Catholics and at same time so poorly instructed in the true religion and in every thing. Action deferred for the present. Prayer & benediction to close.

A.Z. Madison Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Clk

Pursuant to notice from the Desk Sab. 15th inst. a Church meeting was held in the Lecture room Tuesday Aug’t. 17th, 1880 at 2 P.M. Present Rev. M. MacGregor Chn and A.Z. Madison Clerk. Present D. Barrell, L.B. Grant, H.A. Buck, S.S. Crissey, F. Bartlett, Thos. A. Osborn, I.H. Damon, Philander Barber, Miss Fannie A. Lord, Mrs. Augusta M. Barmore, Mrs. M.S. Grant, Mrs. Elisabeth Bissell, Mrs. Mary A. Kendall, Mrs. H. Barden, Mrs. Mary Wheelock, Mrs. Carolina L. Barber, Mrs. Morian, Green, Miss Harriet Walker.

Pastor MacGregor read scriptures and offered prayer, and then offered remarks appropriate to the occasion – the necessity of Ch. discipline. Clerk then made remarks in regard to the business, and the responsibilities, and after some preliminaries, suggested by Br. Crissey & Clk, proceeded to the business. Clerk presented and read a list of thirty one named that the Executive Committee recommended to the Church to drop from our list of members, and then again read & explained, as he could, the case of each one, getting also such further information from members present as they could give in relation to the person whose name had been announced. This being done, then on separate motions, being made and seconded, mostly by Brethren L.B. Grant, S.S. Crissey, H.A. Buck & F. Bartlett, Resolutions were passed to Drop each one named in the following list from membership in the Church. Mostly for long continued absence from the Church & neglecting to walk with or have any correspondence in any way with it. It was deemed best for the Clerk to write to six of the list before dropping them. See next page.

On motions made and seconded, Resolved to drop from our record of Members, the following named persons, to wit

1. Mrs. Mary Ann Jones
2. Mrs. Elenora Delvin
3. Mrs. Elisabeth Wilbur (not certain but deceased)
4. Mr. John Snow
5. Mrs. Elisabeth Snow
6. Mrs. Elida N. Anson
7. Miss Anna Ryan (alias) if married (do.)
8. Mrs. Mary E. Hamilton (do.)
9. Mr. Caspar Strobel
10. Mr. William H. Mason
11. Mr. Albert C. Bond
12. Mrs. Hellen E. Doolittle
13. Mr. Carlton Kapple
14. Miss Ella L. Drake
15. Mrs. Adelia R. Fuller
16. Mr. John Bissel
17. Mrs. Sarah Bissell
18. Miss M. Leonora Parish
19. Miss Henrietta Lynn
20. Mr. Charles E. McAllister
21. Miss Hanay P. Colby
22. Mrs. Matilda Bangs
23. Mr. John Maar
24. Miss Carrie Burgalt
25. Mr. James W. Parrett

Six several resolutions, on motions made and seconded, were passed, That Clerk still further inquire and if their localities can be ascertained, write to the following six members, to wit:
1. Mrs. Cornelia Post
2. Miss Eva W. Daily
3. Mrs. Alice A. Kendall
4. Mr. Alfred Lamkin
5. Miss Mary E. Fuller
6. Mrs. Malvina S. Playter

Clerk made the suggestion that as we now have a new Pastor, who would like to form acquaintances with persons who are member of this Church but whose walk with it, as a Christian, has seemed faulty, to greater or less extent, we leave it for him in an informal way to visit those, as opportunity and convenience offers, and then report to the Church such cases as he may deem necessary & proper to report, without our appointing any other committee formally, at present – therefore no Committees were appointed. Some remarks were made in regard to withdrawing the hand of fellowship from a member without previous labor by committee and Chairman said, in many cases it was not customary to have prior labor, as who it was established by common fame that they had severed themselves from the Baptist Church, or were guilty of some flagrant sin. Clerk then announced the name of Mrs. Ada Hamilton who some weeks ago was confirmed by Bishop Cox as a member of Trinity Episcopal Church. On Motion of S.S. Crissey seconded by H.A. Buck Resolved to withdraw from her the hand of Christian fellowship. Clerk then named Willie K. McAllister & stated his connection with the Ch. by baptism and his subsequent walk, and the interview with him at Fredonia Depot & his statement that he was a member of the Catholic Church where he resided a little out from New York(?) & wanted no more to do with the Baptists. On Motion of L.B. Grant seconded by H.A. Buck, Resolved to withdraw from him the hand of Christian fellowship.
Clerk next named Mary Tate who some time ago wrote to Rev. L. Williams and desired a letter on which to unite with Presbyterian Ch. & without it did so unite. On Mo. L.B. Grant seconded by S.S. Crissey, Resolved to withdraw from her the hand of fellowship.
Clerk then gave the name of Addie Ball Freese, concerning whom, common fame pronounced badly, and who had not, for several years, since her baptism in 1872, walked with or paid any attention to the church. Some further particulars were mentioned as common report by others and Clerk also. On motion of H.A. Buck seconded by S.S. Crissey, Resolved to withdraw the hand of Christian fellowship from her.
Clerk then announced the name of Martin Bissikummer, who, in a revival when Rev. Morley County Missionary was here, & about a year after Bro. L. Williams Jr. became our Pastor, and only four days after Rev. R.A. Patterson an Evangelist, who had spent 2 ½ weeks in Fredonia, had left, gave a relation of his religious exercises & experience, at the time regarded sincere & interesting. He was one of eleven candidates who were baptized by Bro. Williams April 26th, 1874, soon after his recovery from sickness, erysipelas. Some time after he was found to be associating with bad Company, playing ball on Sunday, and deserting the Sabbath, & was expostulated with by Sister R.E. Morian and came into a meeting of the Church, being seemingly penitent & weeping as with sorrow. Still, subsequent to the foregoing, he became the employee of B.W. Cotton & son in their Livery Stable, where he was in the midst of much profaning of God’s name, as well as desecration of His day. Martin, under these influences, also became very profane as Clk had heard repeatedly from his mouth when in the stable. Had talked with him, & a Com’e. had been appointed, & seen him but had not formally reported to Ch. On motion of S.S. Crissey seconded by L.B. Grant, Resolved that from Martin Bissikummer the hand of Christian fellowship be withdrawn. Prayer & benediction by Pastor and a resolution to adjourn sine die closed this Church meeting on the 77th birthday of A.Z. Madison Ch Clk
(Aug’t. 17, 1880)

[The following is a typed program]
Outline Programme of the Chautauqua County Sunday School Convention, Fredonia, N.Y. Thursday and Friday, May 13 & 14, 1880.
Local Committee.
L.A. Barmore, Chairman.
T.S. Hubbard, Pres’t Town Association.

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Outline Programme
First Session – Introductory.
Thursday Afternoon, 2 o’clock,
2.15 Address of Welcome By Rev. A.J. Merchant, of Fredonia.
Response by the President.
Reports – By the Secretary of the Association, and by Representatives of Townships.
3.15 County Work. Address by Rev. J.M. Bray.
4.00 Appointment of Committees.
Second Session – General.
Thursday Evening, 7.30 o’clock.
Responsive Praise Service.
7.45 A Century of Sunday School Work. Address by Rev. Chalon Burgess
8.15 Questions and Answers. Conducted by Rev. G.A. Peltz, D.D.
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Third Session – Normal.
Friday Morning, 9 o’clock.
Consecration.
9.30 A Specimen Teachers’ Meeting. Conducted by Mr. Skinner.
10.15 What is Teaching, and How to Do it. Address by Prof. F.B. Palmer, Ph.D.
Fourth Session – The Book.
Friday Afternoon, 2 o’clock.
Scripture.
2.30 How to Use the Bible Effectively. Address by Rev. W.J. Erdman
3.15 How to Conduct a School Effectively. Addresses by Prof. C.H. Wicks, Mr. W.H. Hart.
4.00 Business – Reports of Committees. Election of Officers.
Fifth Session – Closing.
Friday Evening, 7.30 o’clock.
Responsive Praise Service.
Closing Words. Brief Addresses.
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Executive Committee.
President – C.P. Skinner, Westfield, N.Y.
Vice Presidents.
Arkwright, Mrs. C. Abbey.
Busti, O.J. Stoddard.
Carroll, C.H. Miller.
Charlotte, Edwin Williams.
Chautauqua, Rev. J.H. Miller.
Cherry Creek, J.L. Lawrence.
Clymer, L.S. Terry.
Dunkirk, Rev. R.N. Stubbs.
Ellery, Hiram Haskins.
Ellicott, Hon. Jerome Preston.
Ellington, Rev. Milton Smith.
French Creek, Lorenzo Goulding.
Gerry, William Scott.
Hanover, Rev. G.J. Squiers.
Harmony, George R. Butts.
Kiantone, Wellington Woodward.
Mina, L.V. Babcock.
Poland, Rev. D.E. Burt.

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

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

Covenant Meeting Sept. 4th, 1880. Present Rev. M. MacGregor, Pastor, and some 30 Brn & Sisters in all at the Close, though only 6 Brn & 11 Srs at opening. Singing – Reading & prayer & then remarks as usual after which Miss Marietta F. Kendall and Miss Eliza M. Prescott severally related their religious experience, and answered questions proposed by Pastor severally – On motion of A.Z. Madison seconded by L.B. Grant Resolved that Miss M.F. Kendall be received as a candidate for baptism & when baptized to membership in the Church. On Motion of H.A. Buck seconded by Clerk Resolved same as above regarding Miss E.M. Prescott. Clerk then read the Report of Church Statistics for publication in the Baptist Annual.

Clerk, after some preliminary and explanatory remarks, then read a Draft of letter from the Church to the Chautauqua Association, giving explanations as he deemed necessary, and soliciting criticisms, as if adopted, it would be the letter of the Church. On Motion of L.B. Grant, seconded, Resolved that it be our letter to the Association. On motion of L.B. Grant, seconded, Resolved that we send five dollars ($5.00) for printing the Minutes of Asson. On Nominations made and seconded, Resolved that the following named persons be our delegates to sit with the Chautauqua Bap. Association Sept 7th, 1880. Viz: Rev. Malcolm MacGregor, A.Z. Madison, David Barrell, Lewis B. Grant, Rev. Abner Lull, Edson J. Wilcox, Ely Davis, Mrs. Rachel E. Morian, Mrs. Betsey Davis. On Mo. A.Z.M. seconded, Resolved that any delegate may substitute if cannot attend. On motion seconded, Resolved to adjourn. Prayer & benediction by Pastor.
Sunday Sept. 5th, 1880. Previous to Communion service in P.M. Clerk read a letter from Sister Sarah M. Kimbel of Milwaukee (late McAllister) requesting a letter of Commendation and dismission to unite with the South Baptist Church of that City. On Motion of L.B. Grant seconded Resolved that the request be granted.

Same evening Sept. 5, 1880 Pastor read several passages in the Gospels, Acts & Epistles bearing on Baptism & then preached on the subject very pointedly, contrasting the views of Baptists & Pedobaptists at Close of which, he baptized Miss Kendall & Miss Prescott named on preceding page.

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

Covenant Meeting Oct. 2nd, 1880.
Present Pastor M. MacGregor, 11 Brn & 23 Srs. The usual opening by singing, prayer, reading & remarks by Pastor followed by prayer by Bro. Pettit and remarks by Bren & Sisters, all more than ordinarily interesting and edifying. After close of remarks, Clerk read a letter handed him by Pastor, from First Portland Bap. Ch. commending and dismissing Sister Mrs. Malvina R. Wilber who was present and had requested membership with us. On Motion of Bro. Grant seconded, it was resolved that she be recd. a member. Sister Mrs. Mary Fuller, (once Miss Mary Peterman) was present, from Onondaga Hollow and requested a letter to unite with the Central Bap. Church of Syracuse N.Y. On motion of Clerk seconded by Bro. Buck, Resolved to grant her request. Clerk then read letter from Mrs. Malvina W. Gates(?) (once Miss M.W. Erdle) to Rev. L. Williams Jr. and his letter inclosing it to Clerk from West Springfield Mass. On motion of Bro. Grant seconded, Resolved that a letter be granted to her according to her request (as construed by Bro. Williams,) to unite with Bap. Ch. at Franklin, Venango Co. Pa. Clerk then read from a letter to him from Sister Caroline Parker now of Binghamton N.Y. regarding herself and her son Edwin H. Jones, in which she requested letter (only for herself) to unite with the Bap. Ch. at Binghamton. (Her son E.H. Jones did not incline to do anything about it at present.) Bro. Grant volunteered to write to him, as Mrs. Parker had requested. On Motion of L.B. Grant, seconded by H.A. Buck, Resolved that the usual letter of commendation & dismission be granted to Sister C. Parker as requested, to Binghamton. Clerk then stated the case of Bro. F.D. Shaver and his request for a license to preach where he goes as a Teacher, in “Leland University” New Orleans La. and Pastor appended remarks in explanation of his embarrassments Sept. 12th and of the difference between a License & an Ordination & of his own personal satisfaction with Bro. Shaver & readiness to grant him a License. On motion of A.Z. Madison, seconded by H.A. Buck, Resolved to License Bro. F.D. Shaver as he requested. Clerk then
recited the case of Elijah Bliss and his wife, absent since Apr 5/56 and not known whether living or dead. Mrs. Bliss’ name remaining a member after his exclusion. (her given name not returned by L.B.G./unknown) On motion of L.B. Grant seconded by A.Z. Madison Resolved to drop the name of Mrs. Elijah Bliss from list. Clk then stated the case of Mrs. Jane Lamkin, and on suggestion of Clk, Pastor named L.B. Grant & A.Z. Madison a Committee to investigate the case of Sr. Lamkin. Closed with prayer & Benediction by Pastor.

Covenant Meeting Nov’r. 6th, 1880.

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

Copy.

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

M. MacGregor Pastor
A.Z. Madison Church Clerk of the Fredonia Baptist Church

Thursday November 25th, 1880.

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

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

Covenant Meeting January 1st, 1881
Present Pastor M. MacGregor, 8 Brn & 17 Sisters. Sung 293 Hymn. “I need thee every hour.” Prayer & Reading by Pastor (no exposition) Remarks followed, at the close of which, Pastor stated the programme for the week of prayer next week. Also the necessity for some change as to the general objects of benevolence. On motion of H.A. Buck seconded by S.S. Crissey, Resolved that a committee be appointed to solicit & collect funds for the Am. Bap. Miss’y Union this first quarter of the year. Pastor mentioned that Rev. William Elgin had proposed to be here an Ag’t for Ministerial Education Sunday A.M. 23rd Jany or 4th Sunday. After some remarks, especially Bro. F.B. Palmer in regard to plans for collecting funds for benevolence. On Motion of Br. S.S. Crissey seconded by Bro. L.B. Grant,Resolved that Pastor MacGregor, Prof. Palmer and A.Z. Madison Clerk be a Committee to appoint Committees for each quarter of the year as they may judge of expediency.

Covenant Meeting of January 1st, 1881 cont’d.
Here it was apparent that some wanted to leave & it became a question whether any other matters should be considered now, as had been anticipated. After some remarks by Clerk of his desire to unload, it was decided that he proceed with the business. Clerk then explained as to subscriptions for the Am. Bap. Magazine & the Missionary Map. which hung on the wall of the room. Then as to the Examiner & Chronicle those who decline to let him know, and as many as could just as well pay now, to do so, that he might send it next Monday. He spoke of errors in Minutes of the Associations just rec’d – especially Obituary omissions. He then Reported for Committee to visit & inquire of Mrs. Jane Lamkin, what he had learned at Dkk of Rev. C.B. Parsons & A. Williams & recommended that her case be passed for the present & so ordered. Then he stated the case of Sr. Mrs. M.S. Playter now near London Eng. Directed that Clk find her address, fully, & write to her there inquiring. He then reported the case of Miss Mary E. Fuller, supposed to be somewhere in Cattaraugus Co. but Clerk had learned by one of the family on Eagle St. that she had gone from Catta. Co. to one of the western states, not known which, whereupon Resolved that her name be dropped from our list of members. Clerk then reported the case of Alfred Lamkin who is now a Freight Conductor on the Lake Shore R.R. from Buffalo to Erie Pa. & lives in Buffalo, to which place he had addressed a letter some time ago & had no response yet. On Motion Resolved to likewise drop his name from our list.
Clerk then reported the case of Mrs. Alice A. Kendall of Findlay, Hancock Co. Ohio, formerly Alice A. Story of this Village, and read her letter in response to his written to her. In her letter she requests a letter from this Church for her to unite with the Lutheran Church where she resides. After some remarks by Pastor, it was ordered that Clerk write to her that no such letter
can be granted. (Subsequently, Clerk wrote again to her as above directed about two weeks after, as time was occupied.)

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

1881 Jany 5th. Recd. letter from Com. of Randolph Bap. Ch. asking for Pastor & one or two other delegates to a Council Jan’y 18th at 3 P.M. in regard difficulties in that Ch. by the charges of Rev. B.F. Bowen against Rev. B.C. Willoughby and reports detrimental to the character of Rev. B.F. Bowen. Read request in evening prayer meeting, but deferred action till tomorrow evening. Also reported a letter just this evening recd. from Binghamton Bap. Ch. Clk showing that Sister Caroline Parker united with Ch. on our letter of Oct. 2nd the 31st Dec’r. 1880.

Monday evening Jan’y 3rd, 1881, Commenced service in observance of the week of prayer. Clk engaged that evening with a meeting in his office, of the Farmer’s & Gardener’s Club and did not go to the meeting at the Church. It was regarded at close of week, so interesting, as to warrant the continuance of meetings during the following week. These meetings continued to Friday eve’g Jan’y 21st when 6 or 7 professed to have hope in the Saviour.

Sunday A.M. Rev. Wm. Elgin preached & col. for Min’l. Ed. & Rev. M. MacGregor gave notice of meetings through this week.

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

On motion of S.S. Crissey seconded, Resolved to accept & adopt the report of the Committee. On the suggestion of Bro. Palmer that four elderly Sisters be appointed to have charge of such collections & they to appoint three younger Sisters as solicitors for funds for the several quarters of the year, and to superintend the same on four, they were duly elected, to wit.

Sisters Martha Husted, Frances Haywood, Rachel E. Morian, Julia P. Clark. The request of Randolph Ch. for delegates to attend a council 18th inst. was called up & on Motion Rev. M. MacGregor & Br. S.S. Crissey were duly appointed as such delegates. Afterwards changed to an Expartie(?) and Rev. W.H. Husted and S.S. Crissey Attended In all 30 present.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

[Note to side reads: Rev. B.C. Willoughby exonerated, & Bro. B.F. Bowen condemned.]

Monday P.M. Jan’y 10th. Miss Lucy Geer died & M.L. Woodford, Undertaker, being applied to by Mary Geer, a surviving niece, came to L.B. Grant, D. Barrell & A.Z. Madison to learn what the Bap. Ch. & So’y would do. Stated his lowest terms for casket & attendance $30. besides digging grave & livery. A.Z. Madison, after introduction of subject by Pastor, made sundry statements & some discussion was had, resulting in the opinion that we were under same obligations as citizens of Fredonia generally, and on the scale of common humanity. The Bap. Ch. & So. contributed towards the whole expense about $18. or over. The whole being Viz. Casket $30

Attendance M.L.W. gratuitous
Digging grave pd by D. Barrell gratuitous 2.00
B.W. Cotton Livery gratuitous worth 3.00 = $35.00
Citizens of the village contributed the balance, as collected by S.S. Crissey & handed to A.Z. Madison.

Jan’y 13th A.Z. Madison paid Cash to M.L. Woodford as recd. by him $26.80 there being on Subsc’n. $2. unpaid & with 50¢ pd to M.L.W. by Clk Debt left about 70¢ improved for, to make $30.

Feb. 28. A.Z.M. pd M.L.W., 1.00 recd ac(?) Fred. A. Moir also

The evening meetings were continued up to Friday evening Jan’y 28th 1881, during which time about eight expressed a hope in Christ. Probably no such class ever had better instruction in the true way. Sunday evening Rev. M. MacGregor preached after Rev. Wm. Elgin Ag’t. had preached in A.M. and taken a Collection for Min’l. Education. Bro. Elgin preached again Monday evening Jan. 24th.

Sunday 30th. Bro. MacGregor announced that the evening meetings except that of Thursday evening, would be discontinued for the present.

Covenant Meeting February 5th, 1881.

Present Rev. M. MacGregor, Pastor, Rev. Abner Lull and about 40 Brn & Sisters. The usual opening services, Singing, Reading, remarks & prayer by Pastor, and then remarks of Brn & Sisters, promiscuously interspersed with singing. Then near the Close, Rev. A. Lull offered a letter from the Bap. Ch. of Westfield upon which, to unite with us, He gave a very full, verbal autobiography of himself, recounting his early desires to labor as a minister among the poor, (not as a Salary-seeker,) which he had done with some success, and gave a relation of his several
Pastorates in Broome Co. Ohio, & Wisconsin, and hence had honestly & honorably procured for himself a measure of poverty, (not the lowest) but so that in that way of help, he could not be a valuable acquisition to this Chh. Other remarks made are omitted. The Pastor to whom he handed his letter then read it, prefixing remarks of his ignorance of the rehear(?). On motion of Bro. L.B. Grant, seconded by (?) Resolved that Bro. Lull be rec'd on the letter presented, a Member with us. Clerk then read a letter from 1st Bap. Church Jamestown N.Y. that had been referred to in the remarks of Bro. Wales M. Martin, and explained as to the date of letter, (had been mislaid) and that Br. Martin was Baptized here, and then moved his reception on the letter read, and it was seconded, & the resolution passed, to receive him a member with us again.

Pastor offered prayer to Close.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting March 5th, 1881.
Present Rev. M. MacGregor Pastor, Rev. A. Lull resident, 10 Brn & 24 Sisters. Meeting opened by singing, prayer, Reading & singing. Remarks by Pastor, Brn & Sisters, at close of which five in turn related Christian experience with the view of uniting with the Church. Viz: William A. Noble, Marion (Mamie) Scott, Belle Ribbel, Amanda Johnson (a Swede), Mary Kingsbury. All retired to church parlor. Pastor called the names in order. On motion of L.B. Grant, seconded by Clerk, that William A. Noble be received as a candidate for baptism and when baptized, to membership in the Church, he was duly recd. On same motion in regard to Marion Scott by Prof. Palmer seconded by L.B. Grant, she was recd. On motion of A.Z. Madison seconded by same (L.B.G.) in regard to Belle Ribbell, she was recd. On motion of Prof. Palmer seconded by Bro. Grant, in regard to Amanda Johnson, (Swede) she was recd. On motion of H.A. Buck seconded by L.B. Grant, in regard to Mary Kingsbury, she was also duly recd. Clerk then presented the case of Sister Emma M. Colberg to whom a letter of commendation and dismission to unite with the Baptist Chh at Titusville Pa. was granted Mch 6th, 1880, and who subsequently removed to Silver Creek N.Y. where there is no Baptist Church, and who has returned said letter to Clk with written request to still be considered a member of this Church. On motion of [blank] seconded, her request is granted. Clk then, in behalf of Sister Carrie M. Flint, requested a letter of commendation and dismission to unite with the Baptist Ch. at Bradford Pa. to which place she is soon to remove. The same on motion of L.B. Grant seconded was duly granted to her. Bro. Prof. F.B. Palmer then offered a Resolution for the adoption of the Ch. in reference to business. See over. See page 4 with Standing Resolution
“Resolved That the Pastor, Deacons and Clerk of the Church, be a Committee, through whom requests for admission and dismission should be presented, and that all other business not specially provided for by the Church shall come through the Executive Committee of the Church; and that any business presented by the Executive Committee, shall not be discussed in any meeting in connection with a regular devotional meeting of the Church, nor acted on, if any one expressed a desire to discuss it.”

A few minutes before the above resolution was read by Prof. Palmer, he showed it to Clerk who till then, was entirely ignorant of its existence. It was a question whether it in any respect conflicted with the 4th Standing resolution at 2nd page or, in view of that, was redundant, and hence the explanation by Clerk. Others as Rev. A. Lull, S.S. Crissey offered some remarks and Bro. Lull moved and Br. Crissey seconded as an amendment, That it be deferred one Month, and committee to five brethren who should then report in regard to it. By a meager vote of some three this motion to amend was declared carried. Some further talk, & Bro. Lull thought best that
it should not go so, and he again moved that the vote on the Amendment be reconsidered; and Clerk seconded this motion, and the same was carried. Immediately Bro. Lull had perhaps a third thought and he moved the same amendment & Br. Crissey seconded and the same was lost. Clerk understood this reconsidering as equivalent to rescinding, and as further remarks were made regarding the Amendment, was confused. A motion was then made to adopt the original Resolution, (as at top of this page) by [blank] and seconded. No further remarks, and vote called, and Chairman declared the Resolution adopted unanimously. He then closed with the benediction.

A.Z. Madison Clk

[Note to side reads: Clk probably in error as to parliamentary usage.]

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Pastor, Rev. M. MacGregor commenced a course of Sunday eve’g Lectures on or about 20\textsuperscript{th} March 1881.

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

Covenant Meeting April 30\textsuperscript{th}, 1881.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk
Covenant Meeting June 4th, 1881
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

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

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

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

Aug’t 25th, Thursday evening prayer meeting Rev. M. MacGregor having returned home was present to preside. Rev. Francis D. Shaver also present read from an Epistle of Paul, and delivered a brief discourse. Prayer, remarks & singing followed. Then Pastor announced that he understood that the Ch. Clk had written a letter to the Chaut. Association to hold its annual
session at Point Chautauqua 30th inst. and he called for the reading of same. Then with some preliminary remarks Clerk read so much as he had written which included the seven deaths but no other statistics. On Motion of Dr. Palmer seconded L.B. Grant, Resolved that the letter read be adopted as the letter of this Church to the Chautauqua Bap. Association. On nominations made by several persons and seconded, Resolved that the following named persons be our delegates to sit in the forthcoming session of the Chautauqua Bap. Association Viz. Rev. M. MacGregor, Dr. F.B. Palmer, A.Z. Madison, Rev. F.D. Shaver, Alex’r. Morian, Sisters Rachel E. Morian, Sarah G. Palmer. On motion Dr. Palmer seconded, Resolved that the Ch. Clerk pay the proper quota of this Church for printing the Minutes of the Association from Church funds in his hand. Pastor dismissed with benediction.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

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

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

Covenant Meeting November 5th, 1881.
Present Pastor M. MacGregor & 8 Brn & 19 Sisters. Pastor read & offered remarks, after singing & prayer. Brn & Sisters generally spoke of the desire for a true revival of religion. Sister Kazer requested a letter to re-unite with Stockton Church. At close of the services, Clerk moved & Bro. Grant seconded & Ch. voted that Sister Elvira M. Kazer have a letter on her request, to re-unite with Stockton. Clerk then read a letter from Jamestown Bap. Ch. commending & dismissing Prof. A. Frank (?) to unite with us. On motion of Bro. L.B. Grant, seconded, Resolved that he be recd. a member with us. Closed with benediction by Pastor.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk
Covenant Meeting Dec’r. 5th, 1881.
Present Rev. M. MacGregor Pastor and 9 Brn & 3 Srs. Usual services, singing, prayer, reading & remarks by Pastor, followed Brn & Srs. Many good remarks in a spontaneous way, or without following by course as seated. Clerk spoke of the Miss’y Magazine – the year now closed and afterwards of the Committee of Sisters to Collect funds for benevolent objects – that some of the four desired to be excused from farther service as such Committee. Also of the fact that this Ch. had paid nothing this year for the Bap. Miss’y Convention of the State of New York, important as it is. Some others who had not spoken did so, and the meeting was closed with benediction by Pastor.
A.Z. Madison Clerk

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

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

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

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

Pursuant to request of Pastor Sunday morn Feb 12th, 1882 the members of Ch. stopped after benediction and Bro. Frank W. Bartlett made statement of debts of Ch. that were pressing & something must be done to liquidate them – Mr. Colburn for Gas – Mr. Frazine for (?) Mr. Shepard for Heaters, and arrears on Salary of Pastor. Bro. Shepard spoke of his & some more $4(?) Bro. Grant talked, (hardly heard) but at last that $600. would be the amt. of debt April 1/82. On motion of F.W. Bartlett seconded by A.Z. Madison, Resolved that brethren Henry W.
Thompson, Geo. Tate, L.B. Grant, D.L. Shepard & Edson J. Wilcox be a Com. to investigate
the matter & devise Ways and means to collect & pay the debts named.
A.Z. Madison
The above Committee accomplished nothing. A.Z.M.

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

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

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

In prayer & conference meeting, Mch 2nd, 1882, Clerk stated having sent letter to Sr. A.
Bridgeford & recd. one this day in return, in which she requests a letter also for James H.
Bridgeford, her husband at his desire. It was moved & seconded & Resolved that his request be granted. To unite with the Tabernacle Baptist Church Albany N.Y.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk
Mch 11/82 Recd letter from Ch Clk that both were recd. in Tabernacle Ch

Covenant Meeting March 4th, 1882.
Present Pastor M. MacGregor and 7 Brn & 21 Srs. (seven only at opening 2.00 P.M.) Usual service to open, - sung 225 small book. Read 1st John 1. Chap. & very instructive & appropriate remarks on it; and then Brn & Sisters, part of those present made some interesting remarks. After these, Pastor spoke further, and then pronounced the benediction to close.

A.Z. Madison Clk
Mch 15/82 Clk wrote to Sister Malvina S. Playter, Rawcliffe near Selby, Yorkshire Eng. inquiring her religious state & wishes as to membership. See page 250 her reply recd. July 18, 1882. A.Z.M.

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

Sunday Mch 19, 1882.
Pastor requested Ch. to remain 5 Min. and Prof. Palmer then Reported substantially as above stated & then moved, & L.B. Grant 2nd Resolution Viz: “Resolved, that the Trustees be requested to devise, if possible, some financial plan to be presented to the Church, that shall make reliable provision, at the beginning of the coming (fiscal) year, for the ordinary annual expenses.” Immediately adjourned to the Sab. School in Basement.

A.Z. Madison Clk
(See So’y Record Book 1882 Mch 22 Trustee Meeting & doings.)

Sunday March 26th, 1882. Rev. M. MacGregor preached a discourse adapted to the great need of many of the members of this Church and congregation, on the subject of pay in their several shares towards the current annual expenses of the Church & Society, from the text 1. Cor. 16:2. Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in Store as God hath prospered him &c – He had read 2nd Cor. 8th Ch. At the Close of service, he called upon Dr. F.B. Palmer, whom the Trustees of the Society had deputed to explain & report in their behalf to the Ch. & congregation, as to the past, the present & the future, as regards the finances of same. He came forward, and in a plain masterly manner performed the duties imposed on him by the appointment, and showed to all, what must be done, if we desire to keep clear of embarrassment for the future, & live as a Ch. & Society. That all must pay something, and that those accustomed to pay, must raise their amount about 20% over those of last year, to avoid a deficit, at the end of the year to come. He reported the plan agreed upon by the Trustees Mch 22nd inst. as on Society
Book, explained it fully, & repeated notice of the meeting to rent pews in afternoon of Wednesday next 29th inst. & the social & supper, to succeed same evening in Church parlors. The plan for raising funds by weekly offerings. He then spoke of action by the congregation on the adoption of the plan, and on motion of H.P. Perrin seconded by Prof. Jenks Resolved that we adopt the plan presented and recommended by the Trustees. Benediction. & adjourned to Sunday Sch. where under the arrangement of Prof. Jenks and the aid of seven Teachers #, we had the best kind of quarterly Review, by summary explanations of the 1st 5. Chapters of Mark.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Renting slips P.M. of 29th Mch 1882 & Social in the evening.

#[Note: Not all portions of this are decipherable.]

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Baptist

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(?). Palmer

5th

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Frank Jenks

6th

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Covenant Meeting June 3rd, 1882.
Present Rev. M. MacGregor, Pastor, 8 Brn & 24 Sisters. Opened with Singing, Reading, Prayer
and remarks by Pastor, followed by remarks by Brethren & Sisters. The scripture was in Jno. and
of his similarity to Christ in disposition. In the process of remarks by Sisters, a daughter of Bro.
Geo. Tate spoke & related her Christian experience, very intelligently for one of 14 years.
Elnora L. Tate then retired to Hall while her case was considered. Bro. Tate on being called to
speak, gave a good & a feeling account of her, after which on Motion of Dr. Palmer seconded
she was recd. as a candidate for baptism & when baptized to membership in Ch. Some Sisters then offered further remarks and at close Pastor stated that there were letters of request to present, when Clk responded by brief remarks as to the present meeting & a coincidence that would appear in the requests for letters of dismission. He then read a letter from Rev. L. Williams requesting letters of commendation & dismission for himself & wife, Ann E. Williams to the Baptist Church at West Springfield Mass and for their daughter Cordelia C. Williams now Mrs. H.S. Munson of Colorado Springs Col. and spoke of the receiving & the dismissing of members being a personal & not a wholesale matter, & moved that such letter be granted to Rev. Bro. L. Williams, (His father, Lester Williams died in about 1881, the Jr off) and L.B. Grant seconded & motion was carried. After delay for some one else to offer a motion, & none doing so, Clerk moved to grant a similar letter to Mrs. A.E. Williams which was seconded & carried. S.S. Crissey moved & it was seconded that the request in behalf of Mrs. Cordelia C. Munson be granted & same carried. Clerk then read a letter from Rev. Wm. H. Husted requesting similar letters of commendation and dismission for his wife, Mrs. Martha Husted, their daughter, Miss Ella M. Husted and himself to unite with the Baptist Church at Norwalk Huron Co. Ohio, and moved that such letter be granted to Br. Wm. H. Husted, - same was seconded & carried. On motions made & seconded in Succession similar letters were duly granted to Mrs. Husted & Ella M. Husted. Pastor then pronounced the benediction to close.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z.M. Clk

All the above named except Cordelia C. Williams were received as members on letters from Oswego N.Y. & Panama Chaut. Co. N.Y. at same time, May 3rd, 1873, 9 years & one month ago.

A.Z.M. Clk

Cordelia C. Wms baptized here Apl 26th, 1874.

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

Thursday evening June 8th, at Close of prayer meeting, several young persons gave relations of their several religious exercises to wit. On Motion Prof. A. Frank Jenks, seconded Ellie A. Hutchinson, on mo Mrs. Morian Ada T. Tate, on mo. Prof. Jenks Margaret Elis’th MacGregor, on mo. A.Z. Madison Olive Cook, on mo. Dr. F.B. Palmer Mary Clementine MacGregor, on mo. S.S. Crissey Walter Daniel, on mo. Prof. Jenks Nellie Bartholomew, on motion Dr. F.B. Palmer Hattie Blood, and requested membership in the Church by being baptized. On several motions made and seconded, after their several statements and answers to questions put to them by the Pastor & others, which were much more intelligent than ordinarily for the young, they were severally recd. as candidates for baptism & membership when baptized. A.Z. Madison Ch Clk
June 11th. A.M. Dr. A.H. Lung preached & took collection for A.B. Publication $17. and some pledges, so Clk called it $20 in letter to Association.

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

A.Z. Madison Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z.M.

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

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

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

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

Covenant Meeting Sept. 2nd, 1882, Rev. M. MacGregor Pastor, though at home from his vacation, went this P.M. to Dkk to meet his family & was not present. Dea. D. Barrell led the meeting, on urgent request of Br. Grant he being deaf, First, read Phillipians 4th Chap. – then offered prayer & remarks. Sung a hymn, in Pleyels. Present Brn 8 Srs 17. Voluntary singing twice Sr. McClanathan and once more in concert. Brethren spoke in course – then Sisters spoke
promiscuously. At close Clerk spoke of the Letter to Association – the part expunged and the facts in the case. Closed with Old Hundred, “Praise God from whom all blessings flow,”

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

Thursday evening Sept. 14th, 1882, in regular weekly Prayer meeting, after opening, Pastor Rev. M. MacGregor made report as Chn of the Committee for (?) purpose, and announced the following Committees for the various kinds of Church work indicated to wit:

1st. Student Committee: Mr. Holmes, Misses Helen R. Parker and Emma Fox.


3rd. Committee for looking after the sick: Mrs. Julia P. Clark, Mrs. R.E. Morian, Mrs. Albert Haywood, Mrs. Ely Davis, and Messrs. S.S. Crissey & Henry W. Thompson.

4th. Decorating Committee: Mrs. Charlotte Colburn & Miss Annie Powell, with the assistance of the Sunday School Classes.

5th. Welcoming Committee: Mrs. P.M. Manton, Mrs. J.B. McClanathan, Mrs. A.D. Lewis, Mrs. A. Morian, Mrs. H. Daniel, Mrs. J.H. Porter, Mrs. Dr. Palmer, Mrs. G.N. Frazine and Messrs. H.P. Perrin, S.S. Crissey, H.W. Thompson, and D.L. Shepard.

6th. Visiting Committee: Miss Cora Wright, Mrs. P. Barber, Mrs. P.M. Manton, Mrs. Sophronia Webster, Mrs. M.L. Rice, Br. E.J. Wilcox & Miss Emily Starr. These, each for their several localities.

Also for Village work (Fredonia): Misses Jennie Sweet, Nellie Palmer, Sarah L. Stevens, Lizzie Roesch, Mrs. Albert Haywood, Mrs. Dr. Palmer, Mrs. A. Morian, Mrs. Geo. Tate, Mrs. B.F. Skinner and Mrs. J.S. Lathrop.

Committee on general denominational benevolence: Prof. A. Frank Jenks, Dr. F.B. Palmer, and A.Z. Madison. There was no discussion had regarding any of the foregoing Committees. Pastor to explain to each, their respective duties, & committees to report to him from time to time. On Motion of L.B. Grant, seconded by Prof. A.F. Jenks. Resolved to accept and adopt the report in whole.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk


Covenant Meeting Nov’r. 4th, 1882.
Present Pastor Rev. M. MacGregor, and 6 Brn & 23 Sisters. Opened by singing, Reading & prayer by Pastor, followed by remarks from him, on our several obligations to God for all his mercies to each of us, in a lengthy enumeration, of special favors, both temporal and spiritual. These services were succeeded by remarks of brethren, beginning with Bro. D. Barrell, & then remarks of Sisters. At the close of these remarks, which, together, were appropriate & timely in view of so general delinquency regarding attendance at Covenant, prayer and other meetings of the Church, Pastor spoke of a letter commending Sister Anna M. Lawson to our fellowship with liberty to unite with us; and then Clerk read the letter from 1st Bap. Ch. of Corry Pa. On motion of Clerk, seconded, Resolved that Sister Lawson be received as a member with us on the letter presented. Clerk then Reported the result of preamble and Resolution presented for the concurrences of the Sunday School Oct. 1/82 to make Sister Ella I. Davis a Life Member of the Am. Bap. Missionary Union – That it was laid on the table by the Sunday Sch. On motion of Dr. F.B. Palmer seconded, Resolved that if the Sunday School shall concur, Miss Marietta F. Kendall be our nominee for the H. Life Membership in the Am. Bap. Miss’y Union by the funds explained on page 256. (The reason of the change of names is because Bro. Ely Davis had made provision for an Honorary Life Membership in the same for his daughter Ella I. previously.) Clerk then read a Certificate of T.J. Fisher Chh Clerk of 1st Bap. Ch. Colorado Springs, Col. that on the 20th of Sept 1882 Sister Cordelia C. Munson (late Williams) had been recd a member of that Church on a letter from this Chh. of June 3/82. This was read merely for the information and
gratification of members. No action required. Clerk then presented the requests of Sister Kate E. Lyon in behalf of herself and her sister Jessie Taylor for letters of commendation and dismission from the Church to unite with the Olivet Chapel Baptist Church Delaware Avenue, Buffalo. On Motion of Dr. F.B. Palmer seconded by Wales M. Martin or W. Noble, Resolved that such letter be granted to Sister Kate E. Lyon with liberty asked. On Motion by same seconded by same, Resolved that similar letter be granted to Sister Jessie Taylor with same liberty. [Note in the margin reads “Last record of Taylors.”]

Clerk then read a letter from Sister Mary Lord, now of Savannah, Georgia, requesting “a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Congregational Church of Savannah. Sister Lord has been for some time a teacher in a school connected with that Church, & it was stated in this meeting by Sister Morian that her procuring the situation was conditioned upon her disconnecting herself from the Baptist Church. When Clerk had read her request, Bro. D. Barrell made a motion that our usual letter to a sister Baptist Ch. with a clause added that we considered her by such letter dismissed from our Church, (not Christian) fellowship. This was not seconded, but he made further explanatory remarks. (Perhaps ought not to be recorded.) Some remarks by Dr. Palmer & others & Clerk stated other similar cases & the action of Ch. and also read Rev. Dr. Gordon’s views of right & usage, in such cases. On Motion of Dr. F.B. Palmer, seconded by W.M. Martin Resolved that the Chh Clerk write to Sister Mary F. Lord a Certificate of Christian character & her membership in this Church. (Dec 7/82 Pastor McGregor a request was made by him, and a letter of recommendation & dismission granted to Sr. Jennie E. Evans to unite with Bap. Church at Lockport at this meeting which Clk failed to hear & record.) Letter written. Pastor closed meeting with brief prayer.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Sabbath, November 5th, 1882. The Church Clerk reported in the Sunday School, the action of the Church, Saturday 4th inst. in reference to the Honorary Life Membership in Am. Bap. Miss’y Union as see on page 257, nominating Miss Marietta F. Kendall. On Motion made & seconded, it was Resolved that this Sunday School heartily concurs with the action of the Church, by its Resolution in the matter named.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

(wrote to Miss Kendall elc’n/ day Nov 7/82. Recd her reply Nov 10.82 & wrote to Treas. in S. Sch. Nov. 12 Clk read Miss Kendall’s reply.)

Letter to Mary F. Lord, Savanna Ga. written by Clerk Nov 6th but not mailed till 9th Nov.

Copy

Fredonia Chautauqua Co. N.Y. Nov 6/82

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

A.Z. Madison Chh Clk

On 3rd page of note paper, the following explanation.

“Your letter was received October 12th. Being so early in the month, no appropriate opportunity occurred for its presentation to the Church until Sat. Nov. 4th. Since then we have had an election in New York as well as in Georgia and some other places, and having had many things to look after, this is not mailed till this 9th inst. Nov. A.Z.M.”
Nov. 14/82 A.Z.M. taken sick for near 2 weeks & not in meetings.

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday P.M. about 4. o’clock Clerk was in the Union Meeting, midweek of prayer. He was not in similar meeting at Meth. Ch. Tuesday. Present Rev. Kneeland Leader, Rev. Kummer, and Rev. M. MacGregor & some 90 or 100 persons. Pretty good meeting. Another announced to be in the Presb. Ch. Saturday at 10 ½ A.M. Meetings held in each Ch. during the evenings of the week.
A.Z. Madison Clk
Clk was in the Union Meeting Sat 10½ A.M. A very good one. Dr. Palmer & others spoke to the purpose. In Bap. Ch no more special meetings the next week.
A.Z. Madison Clk

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

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

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

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

Covenant Meeting March 31st, 1883. Fair & raw.
Present 9 Brn & 16 Sisters. Waited till 2:50 P.M. As Pastor did not appear Bro. F.B. Palmer persuaded Bro. Geo. Tate to preside, which he did. Sung a hymn. Chn. read in John 15th. Bro. D. Barrell offered prayer. Chn spoke of the first time in such position & of the old way of speaking by course. Then W. Higgins opened with remarks followed in course by most of the Sr's present – then other Brn. At 3. P.M. Pastor came in & took his place. A Sister Martha C. Bowdish spoke & then presented a letter from Mayville Ch for herself which Clerk read & on Mo. F.B. Palmer 2nd she was recd a member with us. She also presented another letter from Schoolcraft 1st Bap. Ch. Kalamazoo Co. Mich for her absent daughter Martha E. Bowdish & on Motion of A.Z. Madison seconded, Resolved that she be recd a member with us. Pastor then spoke and also explained his tardiness by head ache & sleep and closed with prayer.

A.Z. Madison Clk

Sunday evening April 29th, 1883.

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk


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

A.Z. Madison Clk

Covenant Meeting June 2nd, 1883.

Present Pastor MacGregor, 7 Brn & 16 Sisters. Usual services. Clk late in being detained by a call of Mrs. Porter at house. Dr. Palmer was speaking & of the state of the Ch. & of its organization. He was followed by Bro. Geo. Tate in similar strain & same continued by Sister
Morian. Other sisters spoke as ordinarily & Sister Edmunds of the Condition at Oakland Oregon, where she spent the last winter. Pastor read a letter from Bap. Ch. Stockton commending to our fellowship Bro. Charles Goulding and Sister Aggie B. Goulding. On motion of Dr. Palmer seconded by S.S. Crissey Resolved, that on the letter Bro. Chas. Goulding be received a member with us. On motion of S.S. Crissey seconded by W. Noble Resolved that Sister Aggie B. Goulding be received a member with us. Closed, after a few other sisters had spoken, with prayer by Pastor.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Clerk

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting Aug’t. 4th, 1883.
Convention. Clerk then read letter so far as written from this Church to the Chau. Bap. Association. On motion of Wales M. Martin, seconded, Resolved that Church accepts the same subject to filling blanks with the correct statistics &c as its letter to the association. Closed with singing – prayer and benediction.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

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

Covenant Meeting Sept. 1st, 1883
Reading Ps. & expository remarks on “How precious to me are thy thoughts, O. God.” Then remarks by Bro. Barrell & those then in followed by Sisters, most of whom spoke, and feelingly. Singing interspersed. Pastor offered further remarks & pronounced benediction to close.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting October 6th, 1883

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

At regular stated prayer meeting Thursday evening October 18th, 1883, it was Resolved That Bro. David Barrell be appointed a delegate from this Church to the Baptist Missionary Convention of the State of New York in session at Buffalo N.Y. Oct. 24, 1883. (as reported by Rev. M. MacGregor)

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

And further as reported by Sister Ely Davis & H.P. Perrin, at same meeting above, it was Resolved that there be an appropriation from the fund for the poor for the benefit of Miss Mina Olds, now sick, (& one of our So’y) of $5.00 which sum Clk paid to Bro. H.P. Perrin Oct. 30, 1883.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z. Madison

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

Moderating of a severe wind & snow storm.
Covenant Meeting January 5th, 1884.
Present Rev. M. MacGregor, Pastor, 3 Brn (H.A. Buck, F.B. Palmer & A.Z. Madison) & 7 Sisters Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Edmonds, Mrs. Wheelock (Rev.), Mrs. Morian, late, Mrs. Martin, Miss Daily, Lord, Palmer, Bowdish, Bishop & Cook. Opened with usual service, singing, prayer and remarks by Pastor followed by remarks of the brethren present and part of the sisters. On call of Pastor, the Clerk read a letter from Ch. Clerk Beaver Dam Wis. recommending Sister Eleanor B. Warren once a member of this Church as Sr. E.B. Baldwin. On motion of H.A. Buck seconded by Mrs. Palmer Church Resolved that we receive her as a Member with us on said letter. Pastor offered prayer to Close.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk
Certificate returned to A.S. Hutchins Clk same day.

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Continuous evening meetings have been held in the lecture room with few exceptions since the week of prayer. Rev. M. MacGregor preaching brief discourses followed, as well as preceded, by social prayer and remarks, interspersed with hymns of praise. These have been attended with considerable interest.

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Church Clerk

[Note to side of the following three records reads : Reported by Rev. M. MacGregor, all having been done in absence of A.Z.M. Clk – sick at house]

In prayer meeting held Thursday evening Feb’y 21st, 1884 Misses Sadie Woodworth and Hattie Woodworth related their several Chr. Experience and were duly recd. as candidates for baptism & Ch. membership.

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

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

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


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

[Note to side: Reported Mch 21/84 by Rev. M. MacGregor]

In prayer meeting March 20th, 1884, Arthur N. Bickers requested a letter of commendation & dismissal, to unite with the 1st Portland Ch. at Brocton where he resides. On motion made & seconded, Resolved that the request be granted. Letter written & sent to Dea. Washington Crocker for A.N. Bickers.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk
In prayer meeting March 27th, 1884, Joseph Beleal and Emerson Turk, each gave relation of their religious experience and on motions made and seconded, they were severally received as candidates for baptism, and when baptized to membership in the Church.

[The following record was crossed out and a note to the side explains: “Written twice being reported to Clerk at different dates.”]

In prayer meeting April 3rd, 1884
George Merrill, Joseph Beleal and [blank] Turk each related their religious experience, and on motions made and seconded they were received as candidates for baptism and membership in the Church [The crossed out record ends here.]

Covenant Meeting April 5th, 1884
Clerk sick at home. No report. Suppose services as usual (At roll call April 4, 1885, found Hattie R. Holcomb recd. See her name interlined in list. She was baptized by Meth. Min. & recd. on that.)
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk
Also suppose that Cora L. Main, Charlotte Rossetter, Henry Rosseter, Frederic Lilly & George Merrill each gave relation of experience & were severally received as candidates for baptism & membership & that they, with the two so received Mch 27th Viz Joseph Beleal & Emerson Turk, were all baptized Sunday evening, April 6th 1884. If not then possibly Apl. 13th as Pastor MacGregor & all others failed to duly report the above to the sick Clk.
Covenant Meeting May 3rd, 1884.
Clerk still unwell, though convalescent. Supposes as above.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk
Covenant Meeting (for June) May 31st, 1884
Clerk in Gouverneur St. Lawrence Co. N.Y. Suppose attendance & services about as usual.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

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

Covenant Meeting July 5th, 1884.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk present after 3 Mos. Absence sick & off on journey to his birthplace & former homes.

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

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

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting Aug’t 2nd, 1884.
Pastor Rev. M. MacGregor absent on 2. wks vacation – gone to Canada. Bro. D. Barrell modestly assumed the place of Chairman, saying it was somebody’s duty to lead. He read John 14th at which time there were 8 brn & 9 sisters present. Four more sisters came in afterwards. He also offered prayer, touching many appropriate points. Br. A.R. Thompson then led in singing, in Coronation, “All hail! The power of Jesus’ name.” Bro. Barrell then offered interesting remarks and was followed by Brn & Sisters, nearly all, and promptly, & to the purpose generally. More like the former days – speaking being in order. Notice was given by Clk & again by Chn.
(who had not heard) of preaching expected on the 3rd inst. Sunday – On call of Chairman, Bro. C. Goulding offered closing prayer.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

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

At the prayer meeting of the Church held 21st Aug’t 1884 after some talk of Pastor MacGregor and Ch Clk concerning the neglect to make a collection as usual for Am. Bap. Miss’y Union in the month of July. On motion it was Resolved to take a collection Sunday A.M. the amount to be divided between the Foreign & Home Mission Societies. Accordingly, at close of sermon, Pastor appointed Brn. H.P. Perrin & C. Goulding for the east Aisle & Brn A. Morian & E.J. Wilcox for the west Aisle to take up such Collection and subscription to be paid to H.P. Perrin by Next Monday evening. Clerk read the state of funds before contributed by the Chh within the last Associational year. Also the Church statistics as prepared for the Chh letter to the Chaut. Asso’n.

On motion of Dr. F.B. Palmer seconded Resolved that the Chh Clk, the Pastor of Ch & Dea. H.P. Perrin be a committee to get the facts together for the letter to Association. On motion of Sister R.E. Morian, principally, and others seconded. Resolved that the following six persons be the delegates from the Frederia Bap. Church to the Chautauqua Bap. Association to meet Aug’t 26th inst at Point Chautauqua, Viz: Dr. Francis B. Palmer, S.S. Crissey, [crossed out Charles Goulding], William A. Noble, and Mrs. R.E. Morian & Mrs. Sarah E. Shepard.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

Sept. 4th, 1884 about 6 A.M.

Rev. Malcolm MacGregor and his family left Fredonia for Tarrytown N.Y.

Prayer Meeting Thursday evening Sept. 4th, 1884

Bro. Chas. L. Goulding at request of Dea. H.A. Buck, presiding. About 30 present, several encouraging features in the early time of our destitution. Clerk present & took measures to
straighten up some items of business that had become confused by neglect to report to him acts of the Ch. for record, while he was sick last Feb., March, April & May. It seemed that on the 5th of April 1884 in Covenant Meeting, On request, a letter was granted to Bro. Wales M. Martin who about then moved to Jamestown. This act was so assumed, & no objection made to it, and letter written & sent to him. Rev. A.S. Thompson of Forestville had written to Clk requesting a letter for our young Bro. Clinton H. Fletcher who resides near there and who was baptized here March 2nd, 1884. On motion made & seconded, Resolved that the request be granted. Dr. F.B. Palmer had made request for letters from this Chh to Tarrytown Westchester Co. N.Y. Bap. Ch. for Rev. M. MacGregor & wife & two daughters – Mrs. Belinda – Margaret E. & Mary C. MacG. On several motions made & seconded for each, Letters were severally granted to the four & Clerk wrote & mailed the six letters that were above granted, Sept. 5th in A.M. that they might be recd for use at the several Covenant Meetings tomorrow 6th inst.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z. Madison

[Note to side, in handwriting different from A.Z. Madison’s: His first sermon here.]

Sept 7, 1884 Rev. Chas. E. Smith preached A.M. and evening.


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

Sept 28th/84 Rev. H.A. Delano of Norwich N.Y. a friend of Prof. S.H. Albro preached, but not as a Candidate.

Oct. 5th Rev. A. LeRoy of Dk preached A.M., Rev. A. Kingsbury preached evening
“ 12th Rev. Eccles from Rochester preached simple Gospel.
“ 26 Rev. C.E. Smith preached Mat. 5:48 searching A.M.

Do eve’g Zech 3rd:2

Some consultation after service with committee(?)

At close of Prayer meeting 8 P.M. Sept 25/84 Dr. Palmer the leader called to order, and Ch Clk, asked for a nomination for Chairman. On motion made, seconded, Resolved that S.S. Crissey be the Chairman of this Meeting. On taking the Chair, he remarked that Ch Clerk would act as
Secretary. Dr. Palmer of Ch. Committee of supply offered some remarks in regard to Rev. Chas. E. Smith who has supplied the desk three Sabbaths past. Remarks from several others followed. Here H.P. Perrin another member of Com. of supply came in, and was immediately called on to report. He did so & read a letter from Dr. Strong of Rochester. Several others then spoke briefly. Mrs. R.E. Morian, H.W. Thompson, A.Z. Madison, David Barrell, George Tate & perhaps others. The desire seemed to be, a better acquaintance with Bro. Smith than had yet been afforded, especially socially. On motion of Bro. Tate 2nd by Bro. H.W. Thompson Resolved to take a formal ballot as to inviting Rev. Chas. E. Smith to become our Pastor. Ballotted. Geo. Tate & E.J. Crissey Tellers. Geo. Tate declared result, Viz: 41 for, 4 against, 3 blank. Much more talk ensued. On motion made and seconded, Resolved that the Comm’ee. of Supply be authorized to ask Rev. Mr. Smith such questions as they may wish, for the information that is needed. On motion of H.W. Thompson seconded by Geo. Tate, Resolved that Comm’ee. write to Bro. Smith to come for a month if he can as supply, or for some time, & so as to be in our prayer meetings & other meetings of the Church. On motion made & seconded, Resolved to adjourn (one half probably of those in at the balloting, having gone out, it being about 10 o’clock)
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

Oct 5, 1884, Rev. A. LeRoy of Dkk preached in A.M. from same text (Col. 3:1) used by Rev. C.E. Smith Sept 21st A.M. After close of services Dea. H.P. Perrin of Committee of supply, called the chh to remain a little & read the reply of Rev. C.E. Smith to the vote requesting him to supply us a month. He could not comply with that request, and Committee wanted further instructions. Rev. Mr. LeRoy remained & Rev. A. Kingsbury also, who was invited by Dea. Perrin to preside & accepted. He also spoke very favorably of Rev. Mr. Smith as he had heard him one Sunday here. Rev. Mr. A. LeRoy spoke in high commendation of Mr. Smith, from personal acquaintance. S.S. Crissey then offered remarks at some length and said we had no time now to act on this, & to vote on it by ballot, and he made a motion to adjourn to a meeting to be held on Tuesday next to consider the matter. A.Z. Madison replied if we lack time now, we would lack people then. No one seconded this motion to adjourn. And just here, Wm. A. Noble
made a motion, & it was seconded, that we now act on a formal resolution, to extend a call to Rev. Chas. E. Smith, to become the Pastor of this Church. The chairman, Rev. A. Kingsbury, called for remarks. H.W. Thompson made extended speech favoring Mr. Smith though noncommittal about action. Chairman was about to call for an expression on the motion, & Dea. Perrin & others raised the question as to mode, whether by ballot or rising, or raising the hand &c, finally fixed to vote by rising. Chairman called for the Affirmative & a large portion of those present arose. Then for the negative, & none arose, and after delay he declared the vote unanimous in favor of the motion. Still, S.S. Crissey, desiring to preserve the rights of the minority, or those 8 or 10 who had not voted, as he observed, again raised the question of voting by ballot & his son Jay Crissey said he came expecting to vote by ballot, & other remarks were being made, when on motion of Prof. S.H. Albro and seconded, it was Resolved to adjourn.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Elder Kingsbury remarked, that he had been in the ministry fifty years and had never known of a vote by ballot to call a minister, and also that the vote just taken, was as unanimous as any one he had ever seen taken.

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

Sabbath Oct. 26th, 1884 Rev. Chas. E. Smith here & pr’d as at bottom Page 283.

After Prayer & conference meeting Oct. 30, 1884 A.Z. Madison Clk after some remarks, read a letter from the Church at Brocton or 1st Bap. Ch. in Portland requesting this Church to send two delegates to Sit in council Wed’y Nov 5th at 1.30 O’clock P.M. to advise concerning difficulties existing in that church. On motion of Clerk, seconded by W.A. Noble, Brother H.W. Thompson was appointed as delegate. Bro. Geo. Tate, then leader of the meeting was nominated as a delegate. About same time A.Z. Madison was nominated by Bro. H.A. Buck & seconded as a delegate, (each of those named desiring the other to go,) finally the question was taken on A.Z. Madison and carried giving him the power of substitution, if necessary. Clerk read a certificate
that he had just written in regard to the character of Bro. Washington Crocker, a member of the 1st Portland Ch. previously a member & Deacon in this Ch. and asked if there were any who differed with him in regard to Bro. Crocker? And if so, desired them to say so. None dissented from the views in Certificate. Chairman Tate, then pronounced the meeting adjourned.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

[Note to side of this record: Nov 5, 1884 Brn H.W. Thompson & S.S. Crissey went to attend Council. Also, J. Hamilton Jr. went on the invitation of Bro. Crocker. A.Z.M. on account of age, infirmity & haggard & the objections of family & Dr. Couch was excused. Also Geo. Tate who was subpoenaed on the Geo. Smith road lawsuit. Delegates in prayer meeting Nov 6th reported result of Council favorably.]

Covenant Meeting Nov’r 1, 1884

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Nov 2nd 1884 Think no service

Prayer meeting Thursday evening Nov. 6th, 1884

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk
Sunday Nov. 16th, 1884
Rev. G.O. King preached before a pretty full house – generally liked. Weather good. Did not answer as to call.


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

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

At close of prayer meeting Thursday evening Dec’r 4th, 1884, Dr. F.B. Palmer spoke of the close of negotiations with Rev. Geo. O. King, & that there were some who desired to inquire further in regard to Rev. Chas. E. Smith and to learn whether he would not reconsider his declinature to become our Pastor. On motion, seconded, Resolved that S.S. Crissey be the Chairman of this meeting. Professor Albro then with a few preliminary words submitted for the consideration of the meeting, the following resolution.

“Resolved, That the Pulpit Committee be instructed to address a letter to Rev. Charles E. Smith, urging him to reconsider the matter of accepting the call of this Church, and if possible, consistently with his sense of duty, to reverse his decision”

The above resolution was seconded by W.A. Noble. Chairman called for free remarks on the motion. Several Brn & Sisters spoke in succession, to wit: Brn Damon, Chairman, then Sister Clark that she thought there were some not in favor, & for that reason she thought best to not call again. Then H.W. Thompson, A.R. Thompson, Dr. Palmer, Prof. Albro and Clerk, & prior, Mrs. Morian, generally in favor. Clk thought “self-examination” necessary, to find out the reason why two good men should decline our Call. The question was taken by rising vote. Chairman declared the Resolution adopted. Some did not vote either way – Sister C. voted for – the last up. After this Clerk spoke in relation to the Clubs for the Baptist Teacher.

Examiner, Missionary Magazine, & in regard to Monthly Concerts, Carthage N.Y. burning request for aid, & the Executive Committee of the Chh. In reference to the aid asked for the Church at Carthage N.Y. On motion of Prof. Albro, seconded, Resolved that the Church & So. take up a Collection for that object, next Sunday A.M. Resolved to adjourn, or dismissed by Chn. A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting Dec. 6th, 1884. Rain storm commenced.

Present – Dea. D. Barrell in Chair. W.A. Noble, (Mrs. Topliff, a stranger), Miss Olive Cook, Mrs. M. Green, Mrs. Blood, Hattie Blood, A.Z. Madison, Miss M.S. Grant now at organ and A.R. Thompson in late & depressed by late loss of So. (?) Opened by prayer by Chn. Then sung, “There is a fountain filled with blood” & c. Chairman read John 16th and made remarks. Thought
he had not in 60 years attended a Covenant Meeting with so few as ten present, before now.
Rose for tomorrow.
A.Z. Madison Clk

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Monday evening January 5th, 1885 The observance of the week of prayer commenced Bro. H.W.
Thompson, by appointment of Com. was the leader, a fair attendance & interest, but the room
too highly heated. Clerk read request from Stockton Ch. for Pastor & one Bro. as delegates to a Council 28th inst, at 1 P.M. to examine & if approved, ordain their Pastor, Bro. J.C. Hale, so that it might be understood & hereafter acted upon. with some other remarks, Clerk left, in hope to preserve his own health. Meetings continued through the week except Sat. evening – Also most of the following week.

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

Jan’y 16th, 1885. Rev. C.E. Smith & family came & stopped at Park House, in severe cold & Storm for several days. He was in the last meeting for that week & those then present regarded it a meeting of interest.

[Note to the side: Dr. Smith came. Famous storm of 1885.]

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday Feb’y 1, 1885
Another mild and pleasant day & best of sleighing. Congregation larger than usual. Pastor Smith preached from Mat. 6:22, 23 & at close of sermon administered the Communion service, before Sunday School service. Prior to this Bro. F.B. Palmer appropriately gave, in behalf of the Church the right hand of fellowship to Pastor, Rev. C.E. Smith, his wife & daughter. A larger number than usual, of communicants present, and the services pleasant & satisfactory to all, especially the more aged, being nearer the customs of former days.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Thursday evening prayer meeting & Miss’y Concert February 5th, 1885.

Pres’t Rev. C.E. Smith Pastor and an increased number of both sexes. Agreeably with prior arrangement between Pastor & Clerk, after singing & prayer by Pastor, he called on Clerk to read letters of request, for letters of dismissal and commendation to wit: Sister Helen R. Parker of Chatsworth Ill. who does not expect to be a resident of Fredonia again & desires a more efficient work for the Lord where she is. On motion of S.S. Crissey, seconded, her request was duly granted by unanimous vote. Sister Helen S. Wright wrote at greater length the circumstances she had been for the past 9 years surrounded in San Jose (Ho-sa’) California while Principal of the Ladies department in the State Normal School at that place. Of the late division of the Ch. and the new interest, of the large minority, to be organized as a Chh. Feb. 24/85, and she desired a letter before that date. On motion of [blank] seconded, her request was unanimously granted. Clerk then reluctantly retired from the over heated room for prudential reasons. (Health)

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting Feb’y 28th, 1885. for March

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting May 2nd, 1885.
Present, Pastor C.E. Smith & 6 Brn & 30 Sisters. Prayer by Pastor, singing, Pastor read Covenant and remarked on the same interestingly. Then called on Sisters to commence remarks first, Sister Bishop & so on, till all had spoken. Prayer & singing interspersed. Pastor read
several letters from absent members, which had been received since the 4th of April, Fellowship day. Clerk then read a letter received by him, to Pastor & Members from Mr. & Mrs. David A. Smith of Petaluma Sonoma Co. Cal. Closed with prayer by Pastor.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

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

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

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

Covenant Meeting July 3rd, 1885. (Friday)
Present Pastor C.E. Smith, 9 Brn & 38 Sisters. Opened with singing. Prayer by Pastor – singing. Pastor read Mayville Ch. letter commending (Mrs. Chas.) Altima A. Tarbox. On motion of Dr.
Palmer seconded she was duly & unanimously rec'd. Remarks of Pastor on that part of the Covenant containing our pledge to “uphold the worship of God.” The remarks commencing with Sisters & closing with brethren. Singing & prayer again, by Pastor in middle. Closed with Br. A.R. Thompson. Pastor read another letter from Bap. Ch. of Stockton commending Sister Hannah T. Roberts & on Motion of Dr. Palmer seconded she was also rec'd. Remarks in regard to prayer for the Pastor & the aid so given to him. Closed.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Meeting for prayer, & Church business, hearing letter of Church, & statistics, to the Chautauqua Bap. Association at Forestville 25th inst. to which our delegates were appointed, was held in Basement August 20th, 1885. By mutual consent, Geo. Tate Chn, A.Z. Madison Ch Clk & some 30 in all, pursuant to notice in Sunday Sch. last Sunday, & also in Censor of 19th. Chairman Tate read scripture, and Dea. H.A. Buck offered prayer. Sung a hymn, Miss E.I. Davis playing organ. (Geo. Tate made Chn of this meeting.) Clerk then read some preliminaries regarding funds for printing minutes, & contribution for the Widow & Orphan, or Relief fund, and settled on those, by a resolution. On motion of H.P. Perrin seconded, Resolved that from the general fund of the Ch. & So’y in hands of Col. & Tr. (?) E.J. Crissey, there be taken $10. for Ch. contribution to the Widow & Orphan fund of the Association, and $3.50 from same fund for printing the minutes of the Association, both to be refunded to said general fund by a Ch & So’y contribution, after we finish the repairs now in progress & resume ch. services. Clerk read the letter he had prepared as from Church, with the statistics of the past year, & the account of benevolence to the Chautauqua Bap. Association. On motion [blank] seconded, Resolved to adopt the letter read as our letter to the Association. On Nominations made the following persons were duly appointed as the delegates of this Church to the association. Viz: Rev. Charles E.
Smith, Charles L. Goulding, Dr. F.B. Palmer, Prof. S.H. Albro (not member of ch.), Mrs. Malinda S. Grant, Mrs. Sarah E. Shepard, Mrs. Julia P. Clark, Mrs. Harriet Morrison, Henry W. Thompson, John E. Webster, Mrs. Cornelia J. Webster, Miss Elsie Skillman. On motion of A.Z. Madison seconded, Resolved that we accord to the above named delegates, the power of substitution in cases where they cannot personally attend the meeting of the Association. Here this meeting closed, as H.W. Thompson remarked that a meeting of Trustees &c was to follow, in order to submit the question, whether the Auditory should be frescoed or papered, &c (maj. for frescoing). Some things which Clerk had prepared for submission were in the hurry, forgotten, and he may submit some of them to the Association over his own signature only, as an amendment to the Standing Resolution on 4th page of minutes of 1884. Clerk left the meeting, still considering the questions concerning the Ch. building &c.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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


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

Prayer meeting Thursday evening Sept 24th. Present Rev. C.E. Smith & a fair number of members & of youths. On request of Miss Scott and on motion of A.Z. Madison, seconded,
Resolved that a letter of commendation and dismission be granted to Sister Elcie B. Scott to unite with the 1st Portland Baptist Church at Brocton. Then exposition of Leviticus 2nd Chap.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

Covenant Meeting October 3rd, 1885.

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

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

Also, Sunday Oct. 18/85 A.M. & evening


Covenant Meeting Oct. 31st, 1885 for Nov’r.

Present Pastor C.E. Smith, 8 Brn & 26 Srs. After the opening by singing & prayer, Pastor spoke plainly and feelingly on part of Ch. Covenant as to walking circumspectly in the world, that we
may win their souls. Then nearly all Sisters present spoke in turn, and after, the few brethren present, also. Pastor offered prayer to close.

A.Z. Madison Chh Ck

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

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

A.Z. Madison Ck

Sunday Nov. 8th, 1885. Services as usual. Rev. C.E. Smith preached in A.M. from Isa. 32:20 “Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters.” Hardly in his ordinary style of preaching, but very suggestive and instructive, showing the multitudinous ways and opportunities for dropping a word at home & among strangers, that would help on to the “sowing beside all waters.” After sermon a collection was taken up for the Am. Bap. Home Mission Society, Amt. Cash paid $16.34 and card pledges $19.50 in all $36.84 & some added afterwards making in all the sum $42.09.

At 7 o’clock P.M. a fair congregation met for the Memorial service, including members of other Churches amongst whom were Dr. Landers, A.C. Cushing & Judge Geo. Barker [“my uncle” above judge’s name, written in the same handwriting as the note about Communion above.] & others of Epis’l Ch. The desk was appropriately draped, with black & white flowers. A portion of the membership took front seats. Others occupied their own slips in different parts of the house. The organ was well played by Geo. Manton, and the Choir also sung well. After the preliminary services, notices, Rev. C.E. Smith offered remarks suited to the occasion of a memorial, of a former pastor of this Church Viz: Rev. Lester Williams decd. He was brief in remarks, yielding to those who had had more personal acquaintance. He was succeeded by Rev. Dr. Palmer, who gave an ingenious address, culminating in integrity attributable to the subject. Then followed Rev. A. Kingsbury of longer and more intimate acquaintance with Rev. L. Williams. He said many true and appropriate things – in his eulogy, and comparisons with Elders A. Wheelock, J.D. Cole, B.N. Leach, E. Tucker & even Dr. F. Wayland, he came well up in the superlative. Here, as singing commenced, and the house was overheated by a red-hot stove in the Vestibule and a full head of gas in the Chandeliers, the Clerk for his own personal safety, left the Church and went home. On the 9th inst Deacon H.P. Perrin informed him, the closing part of the services, was the reading by Pastor Smith of preamble and resolutions, and their adoption by the Church present. These were written by Samuel S. Crissey, who was appointed a Committee for that purpose, at the last Thursday evening prayer meeting, and were as follows:

“Whereas the sad news has reached us, of the sudden death of Rev. Lester Williams, for seven years pastor of the Fredonia Baptist Church, We the members thereof, do adopt the following: Resolved – That we most sincerely mourn our beloved brother and ex-pastor, as one who was a true and steadfast friend: a wise and valued counselor: a sympathetic and faithful spiritual guide and instructor: and whose broad and catholic impulses, whose ready and constant charities,
whose pure and consistent life, had won the respect and love of this entire church and community.

Resolved – That in his official and public labors, there was ever shown an unswerving loyalty to the distinctive principles of our faith – a fearless and untiring advocacy of the great reforms of our times – and a profound and conscientious devotion to the special work of the sacred office, to which he was called, - and that in this bereavement, we believe the Baptist ministry and denomination, sustain a great loss.

Resolved – That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the family of the deceased, as an expression of our regard, in this, their hour of trial and deep affliction.

Closed with the benediction.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Tuesday morn Nov. 10\textsuperscript{th}/85 I wrote letter & copy of Preamble and resolutions at home last evening, & mailed to Mrs. A.E. Williams this morning. A.Z.M. Ch Clk

[A.Z. Madison’s handwritten note at the top of a printed pamphlet: This was placed in Slips Nov 15/85 A.M. prior to the Collection of $35.84 and some more added after (6.25) = $42.09]

American Baptist Home Mission Society.

“North America for Christ!”

What it Involves.

The motto of the Am. Bap. Home Mission Society is “North America for Christ.” This means the evangelization of the people of North America – that the entire continent is the field of its work. This field embraces British America, the United States, Mexico and the Central American States. It extends from the Arctic Ocean to the Isthmus of Panama, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. This field is larger than two continents like Europe, and has in it about 75,000,000 of people. The inhabitants of Mexico and the Central American States numbering some 13,000,000, are a mixed race of Spanish and Indian, nominally Roman Catholic but largely Pagan. Among the 4,500,000 in British America are a large number of Pagan Indians, and also a large ignorant Roman Catholic population. In the United States with a territory almost as large as Europe, we have about 300,000 Indians two-thirds of whom are Pagan – nearly 7,000,000 of Freedmen the most of whom are ignorant and unevangelized – about 8,000,000 of Foreign population most of whom are strangers to evangelical religion – and our own native American people. Last year the missionaries of our Society preached the gospel to Americans, Germans, French, Swedes, Danes, Norwegians, Mexicans, Indians, Negroes and Chinese. This shows the peculiar character of the field, its different nationalities, and the vast amount of work that needs to be done. For the occupation and evangelization of this field, the christians of America are responsible. It is their own home and special work. The christians of other countries will not come here to do this work for them. North America must be won to Christ, if at all, by the christians of North America. It is their work.

Consider now the three departments of this work, as carried forward by our Home Mission Society.

First – Christian Education. This relates particularly to the Freedmen and the Indians. Its object is to furnish them with preachers and christian teachers of their own color and blood. Qualified native workers can do among and for them what no others can. Upon the emancipation of the Freedmen, it was seen that their greatest need was qualified preachers and teachers, of their own race. Of this kind they had almost none. They formed churches, but very few among them were qualified and competent to be pastors. Slavery with its oppression and ignorance had not
produced such men. The destitution in this respect was general and alarming. Hence the Society
began its schools. These have been increased until now there are fifteen as follows: Wayland
Seminary, Washington, D.C., Richmond Institute, Richmond, Va., Hartshorn Memorial College,
for women, Richmond, Va., Shaw University, Raleigh, N.C., Benedict Institute, Columbia, S.C.,
Atlanta Seminary, Ga., Spelman Seminary, for women, Atlanta, Ga., Roger Williams University,
Nashville, Tenn., Jackson College, Jackson, Miss., Leland University, New Orleans, La., Florida
Institute, Live Oak, Fla., Alabama School, Selma, Ala., Bishop College, Marshall, Texas,
Kentucky Institute, Louisville, Ky., Creek Freedmen School, Tullahassie, Ind. Ter. In these
schools there were last year over 3,000 pupils, about 400 of whom were preparing for the
christian ministry. From these schools have already gone forth scores of the most able and
effective preachers and teachers among the colored people of our country. Some have gone as
missionaries to Africa, others are preparing to go. The hearts of these people turn to their father-
land. The millions of Pagans in Negro Africa are to be evangelized mainly through the
christianized Freedmen of America. In our schools we are preparing the laborers who shall go
forth to this work; as in them we are also preparing the preachers and pastors for the 800,000
colored Baptists, and one-half of the colored population of the United States. If we will furnish
them with qualified preachers and laborers, they will in the main support and take care of them.
We also have a school in the Indian Territory at Muskogee, for the education of Indian preachers
and teachers. Native Indian preachers and christian laborers, can do among their people what
white men cannot do. Scores of Indians are now preaching the gospel successfully to their
countrymen. Our school will help to largely increase this number and qualify them better for
their work. We also have a christian school in connection with our missions in Mexico, at
Monterey.
The Home Mission Society is thus one of the most important agencies in ministerial education,
in our country. Many of the students are poor and need to be helped in obtaining an education.
Fifty dollars will sustain a pupil in our Schools for a year.
Second – Our Mission Work. This is of course the direct and principal work of the Society, to
which its efforts and funds are mainly appropriated. This work is carried forward among the
Foreign population in our country, among the Indians, the Freedmen, our native American
people, and the Mexicans. Among these different classes the Society had last year 702
missionaries and teachers. These organized 139 churches; received by Baptism 3,317; by letter
and experience 3,474; and had under their care 740 Sunday Schools, with an attendance of
48,802.
The work is great and prosperous; but the existing need and destitution are far beyond the ability
of the Society to supply them. Hundreds of villages and settlements in the great and growing
West, are without a preacher or a church. More laborers are needed among the Foreign
population, which is increasing upon us at the rate of half a million a year. The work among the
rapidly multiplying Freedmen needs constant enlargement. The field in Mexico is opening and
calling for increased laborers and means. The needs and claims of the Indians press upon us with
constantly growing force. Of the 300,000 of them in the United States, about 200,000 are still
Pagans. These hundreds of thousands and even millions in our own country and field, are
perishing without the gospel and the means of salvation. They cry unto us to come to their
rescue. What shall be the response?
Third – Our Church Edifice Work. There are hundreds of our churches in the West and South
that are without houses of worship, and are unable of themselves to build them. Many of these
churches are in growing cities, villages and prominent fields. They can do but little in the way of
permanent and successful religious work, without meeting houses. A suitable place of worship becomes vital to their existence and growth. Delay in many of these cases will not only increase the expense of building, but peril all their interests. Now is the time to strike. The Society aids such churches to build, by gifts of from two hundred to five hundred dollars, and upon the condition that the house shall be free from debt when dedicated. A legal paper is also given by the church to the Society, by which it can reclaim its interests in the property should the church become extinct or fail to use the house for worship. In the last year the Society thus aided 74 churches to build meeting houses. The Society also has a fund form which it makes loans to churches for a series of years, to aid them in building. This is often a very great help. But the plan of giving in small sums directly to the churches, seems the most useful. The fund from which these gifts are made, needs to be largely increased. This church edifice work, is one of the most important and promising departments of the Society’s service. In all 113 churches were aided last year.

Such in brief, is the field and work of our Home Mission Society. It is entitled to the confidence and appeals to the aid of every christian citizen, and lover of his country and race. No more important and imperative work is on the hands of the Baptists of America. The receipts from New York the last year were $79,472,68, and from northern New Jersey $8,193,25, - total $87,665,93, and not including the receipts of the Women’s Societies. The receipts of the Society from all sources was $447,379,05. It needs and ought to receive the present year $500,000. Let all, pastors, churches, individuals, ALL aid to secure this amount and help on this great work. It is a duty and an honor committed to our hands by our divine Lord and Master. Shall we “Retrench?” God forbid!

C.P. Sheldon, Dist. Secretary. Troy, N.Y.
American Baptist Home Mission Rooms, Temple Court, New York City; Rev. H.L. Morehouse, D.D. Corresponding Secretary.

Sat. Nov. 14/85 Rev. M. MacGregor was here, but left in P.M. to preach in Washington St. Bap. Ch on 15th in Buffalo.
[Note in margin: See name in list on page 602.]
[Other note: Death of my grandfather Geo. W. Lewis. Insert by Edith Lewis Morse Jan. 1948 (63 yrs, later)]

After a few days illness with pneumonia on the evening at 7 ¼ o’clock of Thursday Nov. 12th George W. Lewis, (who had been a member of this Church about 35 years, though really a Disciple, in faith,) died. His funeral was attended in his Chh of that denomination, on Free Street, Sunday P.M. at 2 O’clock Nov 15 the service by [blank] of that Ch., Rev. C.E. Smith & Rev. A. Kingsbury – the house well filled & the exercises deemed good. The first considerable snow, some six inches deep fell the night before. The other Clergymen of this village Viz. Dr. J.J. Landers of Epis., Rev. W.P. Bignall, Meth. & Rev. M.D. Kneeland Presb’n were all present in the congregation. The use of the Bap. Chh. Edifice, being larger, was offered for the funeral but the children of deceased present, Estelle Daniels had left Wed before her father died, (2 sons & 1 daughter thought best that the services should be in his own Church.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Sunday Nov. 22nd/85 Pastor Smith preached from Mat. 23:36, 37 with great plainness directed to me and all professors who would receive it. At close took collection for benefit of the Infant
class in S.S. He said $25 was wanted, doubtful if raised. Closing S.S. Dr. Palmer with a diagram on Bk-board explained the Temple.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk


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

[Note to side: Minutes, Dec 3rd Recd 55 copies from Clk asso’n A.A. Jones of Panama]

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting Dec 5, 1885 in cold & snow storm

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

Chas. L. Goulding Clk P.T.
Sunday Dec. 20th, 1885, Pastor C.E. Smith preached to pretty full congregation the true gospel of Christ from John 19th 30th especially, the words “It is finished.” – Unexcelled. A.Z.M.

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

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

Jan 17. [blank]

“ 24 Exodus 32:26 Who is on the Lord’s side? Moody – Ingersol

Covenant Meeting January 2nd, 1886

Present Rev. C.E. Smith, Pastor, and 9 Brn & 36 Sisters.

Sung. “Nearer My God to Thee,” Prayer by Pastor, & sung again. Pastor presented letter of Miss Cora A. Wright requesting a letter for Mrs. Frank Parker, late Rachel Miller, now of Abilene Dickinson Co. Kansas. On motion of H.A. Buck seconded by S.C.C.(?) such letter of commendation & dismission was granted. General remarks by Pastor, and then by Sisters & after, by Brethren. All spoke in turn, & the meeting interesting. Concluding remarks by Pastor. And closed by singing, “My God permit me not to be a stranger, to myself & Thee.” And the benediction.

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Union Meetings

Meetings continued 2 extra ea. week Wed & Th. to Feb 10th
Thursday evening prayer meeting by this chh alone. Clk too unwell to be present. Pastor present and full attendance. Clk sent letter for Prof. Albro & daughter by H.A. Morrison who gave to Pastor for ch. action. On motion of H.P. Perrin seconded by H.A. Buck Resolved that Bro. Samuel H. Albro be recd a member with us on his letter from the Norwich Bap. Ch. N.Y. On motion of H.W. Thompson seconded by S.S. Crissey, Resolved that Sister Alice H. Albro (his daughter) be also recd a member with us, on commendation in same letter.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

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

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

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

Sunday evening March 7, 1886, at close of service the above named six candidates were severally baptized as reported to Clk. See names in list, of above date.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk
March 21st, 1886

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

[The following letter is printed.]

To the Members of the Baptist Church in Fredonia.

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

Our annual Fellowship and Covenant meeting will be held on Saturday the 3d of April, at 2:30 and 7 p.m. Social, with opportunity for pew-rental between the two services, and supper at 6. The roll of the church will be called, and it is hoped that every member will be present or send a letter. The special subject of this gathering is Church Work. The particular question which we are all asked to answer is: What definite service for Jesus can I do, have I done, do I propose to do, during the coming year? If every one will answer this question carefully, prayerfully, as to the great Master, we shall have a very delightful and profitable meeting. Come one, come all.

Your friend and Pastor,

C.E. Smith
Fredonia March 18th, 1886.

[A.Z. Madison’s handwritten note at the bottom: The correct & legal name of the Church is “The Fredonia Baptist Church.” And of So’y The Fredonia Baptist Society.]

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

In the evening Apil 4th/86 Rev. E.E. Davidson preached his 1st discourse in Fredonia, in the Presb’n. Ch. to a very full congregation, as reported.
Monday P.M. Apl 5th  A prayer meeting in M.E. Ch. & preaching there in evening, 
A snow storm that night & Tues. morn Apl 6th 10 inches of wet heavy snow & a thorough rain 
falling into it. Prayer meetings at 3 P.M. & preaching at 7 ½ P.M. during the week in Meth Ch. – well attended though muddy.

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

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

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

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

May 2nd 1886. No Communion service, as Pastor did not design to have any on account of union 
meetings. 
A.Z. Madison Clk
Resumption of the regular Ch. prayer meeting after the Close of Union Meetings in charge of Evangelist Rev. E.E. **Davidson** Thursday evening May 13th, 1886. Sixty or over present with Pastor C.E. **Smith**. Singing – Prayer by Rev. A. **Kingsbury** on request. Singing – Pastor read from John 4th last paragraph. Singing – Brief prayers by several – Then, many testimonials of faith & trust in Christ. After which Pastor announced that Mr. & Mrs. **Belden** wished to relate their several experience & to unite with the Church by baptism - that he and the advisory committee had conversed with them – that their exp’sions mostly alike – they hardly knew the exact time of their conversion, but they believed in & trusted in Jesus – and they could say no more to the Chh. and he suggested that they retire to the Ch. parlor while the Church should act on their request, or words in substance as above. Candidates retired. Clerk then stated his objections to establishing such a precedent, wholly one side of the usages of the regular Baptist Church – that it was not the pastor nor any committee to decide such question but the Church. That two persons had been received as members of this Bap. Chh. without the relation before it, of one word of Christian experience, but contrary to the usage of the Church. It was not deemed best to ask their return before the chh. Clk to explain the case to the Chh. said further That a regular Bap. Chh had no Bishop like the Methodist & Catholic churches, nor a Board of Ruling Elders, like the Presbyterian Chh. but it was simply for the Church itself to decide all such matters. On motion by [blank] seconded by Mrs. L.E. **Edmonds** & another Resolved unanimously that they be recd. as candidates for baptism & membership. They were called in, & Pastor announced the vote to them. The Clk asked letters for Bro. F.W. **Bartlett** & wife, which were voted to them. Sung the L.M. Doxology to close.

A.Z. **Madison** Clk

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

A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

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

A.Z. **Madison** Ch Clk

Sunday May 23rd, 1886. Pastor C.E. **Smith** preached in A.M. from Hosea 6:4 of that kind of religion which is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew that goeth away. Interesting &
instructive and no doubt needed just now. In the evening, he preached from Acts 8:26-40, and at conclusion baptized six of those candidates recorded on page 320. Viz: Miss Hattie Johnson, and S. Monroe Brownell, Erick A. Berg, Master Newton K. Crissey, Fred L. Kendall, & Master Luther B. Adams as reported by Dea. H.P. Perrin & H.A. Morrison. Clk left the Ch. during the sermon.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z.M. Ch Clk

1886 May 30 Sunday Decoration day, Pastor C.E. Smith preached from in A.M. Gen. 45:28. The sight of the Egyptian wagons enough for Israel, added to the testimony of the 11 brethren of Joseph – We have the testimony to Christ of the 11 Apostles who saw him & ate with him before & after his resurrection & added to this, we may see the wagons in which we are to be carried where he is, to wit the Bible & the Church.

Same evening a full union meeting in Presb. Ch. Rev. Mr. Bignall speaker on the late war & result &c. Present also Rev’s. Kneeland, C.E. Smith & Manley & surviving veterans. Some 30. (?) Geo. Tate read list of the dead, Pomf’t & Dkk.

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

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Covenant Meeting June 5, 1886.
Present at opening Rev. C.E. Smith, 12 Brn & 38 Sisters. Sung “Arise my soul &c” Pastor read 126 Ps. & remarks. Bro. Goulding commenced remarks & to Mrs. A. Grant. Sung, “O for a Closer Walk with God,” and then to Mrs. Kendall of Sheridan & sung, “Come we that love the Lord” then the remainder. Pastor then told of an aged sister who had no faith, no hope & offered prayer for her, asking all to unite with him. Closed with singing “All hail the power of Jesus’ name.”
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

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

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

Thursday evening June 17th, 1886.
Pastor C.E. Smith present and a quite full attendance. He read & commented on the central part of John 8: from about 31st verse “If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed, & on. Near the close, Mrs. Emma Wood related her religious experience, then retired to ch. parlor. On motion of a Sister, seconded, by a Bro. Resolved that she be received a candidate for baptism & when baptized to membership. Pastor then read a letter from the 1st Baptist Church Warren Pa. commending to this Chh. and dismissing Sister Eliza Brownell. During this meeting, Pastor offered remarks in regard to our views on the subject of baptism being in accord with the Bible. S.S. Crissey & one or two more, referred to same subject.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk
Sunday June 20th, 1886. Pastor C.E. Smith in A.M. gave an appropriate preamble, & preached from Isa. 52:8th. An excellent sermon on baptism.

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

Sunday July 11/86 Pastor Smith preached to a full congregation, from Eph. 2:2, “according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air,” on the subject of navigation, “whither bound?” & A.1. is (?) applied to all. At this time, he said “so soon after the late excellent meeting, (Revival) some who had made profession, were turned again, & were rowing down the stream to destruction. Or, to that effect. In the evening at 7.30 pursuant to announcement from the desk, & notice in paper, Pastor, to open, read deliberately & with natural & proper emphasis the 14th Ch. of John, & commented on parts of it, then after appropriate singing & prayer, preached to a full audience from the 2nd verse of same, “if it were not so, I would have told you.” to show the mistake made by modern spiritualists by resorting to doubtful methods – the spirits of the dead relatives and acquaintances, - instead of to Christ, the subject of the Bible, the true and proper source. Thus showing that they are all hostile to Christ. He said at
the beginning, that he could not say all he desired to in our discourse, & that he would continue
the same subject on the next Sunday evening 18th inst – see page 327 at top.

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

Sunday evening July 18th, 1886. Pastor Smith’s 2nd discourse on the mistake of modern
spiritualism or as some write “spiritism.” Text, Acts 16:18 “But Paul being grieved &c to end”

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

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

Covenant meeting July 31, 1886 (For August) Pastor absent on vacation. Present 3 Deacons.
Deacon D. Barrell Chn. He read Phil. 2nd – Singing – Prayer by Chn. (9 Brn 13 srs) Sung “So let
our lips & lives express.” Mr. Barrell opened with remarks, & next Rev. G.O. King who had
come in, spoke interestingly, and was followed by brethren present, and then Sisters. Clk spoke
of some things necessary to prepare for the meeting of Chaut. Bap. Association. Sung No. 114 to
Close. (Mrs. Noble at the organ.)
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Aug’t 1, 1886 Rev. G.O. King of Cleveland O. preached from Gen. 4:9. “I know not: Am I my
brother’s keeper?” Ingenious & instructive.
Prayer Meeting & Mo’ly Miss’y Concert Thursday evening Aug’t 5, 1886 Bro. Wm. A. Noble, Conductor. Singing, prayers & remarks. The reading, was of the Crucifixion, in Luke. Near the close, Clerk announced the request, two days before, of Rev. A. LeRoy for a letter of commendation & dismission for his daughter Miss Minnie A. LeRoy on which to unite at Forestville. On motion of A.Z. Madison seconded, Resolved that the request be granted. Clk mailed such letter Aug’t 9th to Rev. A. LeRoy Clerk then read Cft. Of Clk of 5th Bap Ch. of Phil’a. as to reception of Bro. Jas. H. McGraw and one as to a competitive scholarship in Madison University.

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He read appropriate scriptures but took no text.

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

A.Z. Madison Clk

Thursday evening Aug. 19, 1886. Prayer meeting Rev. G.O. King Presided. Sung “Jesus lover of my soul”; Chn offered prayer, sung again, Read scripture & explained well of the transfiguration. Two brethren offered prayer. Sung. Chn. called for Clk to read Ch. letter to Chau. B. Asso’n. Clk offered remarks, a brief history of the beginning of this Ch. & its progress to the present, and then read the Ch. letter, with sundry explanations. On motion of S.S. Crissey, seconded, Resolved to receive and adopt the letter as that of the Ch. to Chau. Bap. Association. Clk nominated our Pastor Rev. C.E. Smith as a delegate to the association, and then others nominated five more, so the list reads, Rev. Chas. E. Smith, Dr. F.B. Palmer, S.S. Crissey, Mrs. R.E. Morian, Spencer M. Munson & Chas. L. Goulding with power of substitution. Chairman called the vote and then declared the six duly elected. Then took up a collection to pay for printing the Minutes of Asso’n by S.S. Crissey & W.A. Noble, & on counting found the same $1.52 & in hands of Clerk before 50¢= $2.02 (.25 Mrs. Morian) rest to be made up to 3 or 3 ½.
Col(?) $1.23 bap.(?) by previous notice. Taken from col. at Com’n. Nov 7/86 When Minutes were recd & distributed.

On motion made & seconded, Resolved that a Collection for the Relief fund be taken up next Sunday. Close with benediction by Chn.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Sunday Sept. 19/86 A.1. discourse by Pastor from Eph. 1:22,23 “the church which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.”
Rainy Sunday Sept 26/86 Pastor Mat. 24:13 & Mark 13:13 & in ev’n’g 1 Cor. 14:34, 35 To the good.

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

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

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

Sunday Oct. 10th, 1886. A Union meeting in Presb. Chh Present Mr. Kneeland and Meth. & Disciple Pastors & Mrs. E.E. Davidson. Pastor Smith not present. A very full house. After the preliminary services by the 3 Pastors Rev. E.E. Davidson spoke from Acts 15:36. He opened quite happily, in view of his labors here last spring & told the converts of that time, that he had come to “see how they do.” and in what sense it was. Clk left about this time rather than to stand up through the entire service. In evening of 10th inst Pastor preached to his own congregation in Bap. Chh.
Sunday Oct. 17, 1886, Rev. J.C. Hale of Stockton in exchange with Pastor preached well, on the character of John the Baptist in A.M. [Note to side: (?) failures but Christ, & he (?) on Judas.]

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

Pursuant to announcement from the desk last Sunday evening, a Church meeting was held in the Lecture room Tuesday evening 12th of October 1886. Present Pastor Smith Chn. and about 16 Males & 15 Females, older & younger. Chairman called to order, & sung “I love thy kingdom Lord.” Prayer – Reading from Rom’s. Then stated the first business for the meeting to elect two Deacons. On motion of Dr. Palmer, seconded, Resolved that we now proceed to an informal ballot for two Deacons. Chairman appointed two tellers, Viz: Edward J. Crissey and George Tate tellers. Prepared ballots, with two names. Balloted. Tellers canvassed same, and Geo. Tate made report, That 56 Votes had been cast, and that of these, Dayton H. Morgan had received 20 votes, Henry W. Thompson 8, Edward J. Crissey 16, John M. Hardenburg 3, George Tate 6, and Dr. F.B. Palmer 3, and that Dayton H. Morgan and Edward J. Crissey had received the two highest numbers of votes each to wit. 20 & 16. On motion of Charles W. Adams, seconded Resolved that the Election of Brethren D.H. Morgan & E.J. Crissey, be made unanimous.

Chairman announced the second order of business to be, as to discipline of members, and called upon Bro. Tate to report Resolutions on that point. Bro. Tate then read a preamble and three resolutions, for the action of the meeting. At this point, Clerk stated that there were a Code of Rules and Regulations for the government of the Church adopted Aug’t 6th, 1864, in the days of Rev. H.M. Jones & Dr. A. Wheelock, now in force. Clerk read these, at request of Chairman. Bro. Tate said he was ignorant of there being such Code of Rules & Regulations in force, as it was done while he was South in the war of the Rebellion, or he would have written his Report somewhat differently. The query was, whether any conflict between the two. On motion of H.W. Thompson seconded, to adopt the Preamble & Resolutions presented by Bro. Tate, Bro. S.S. Crissey moved an amendment to be affixed to them, “And anything, in any standing resolution of the Church, or in its prior Rules and Regulations, inconsistent with the foregoing preamble and Resolutions, is hereby rescinded.” The amendment above being seconded, the same was passed by a full vote. The question then recurred on adopting the Report as amended, and the same was adopted by a similar full vote. The Chairman then, at some length, stated the third subject for our consideration to be, the necessity for a good Sunday School Library and the why to procure funds to buy it, say $100 that a class had begun, & raised $16 towards it. Dr. Palmer moved & H.P. Perrin seconded, that a Committee of five, be appointed to solicit for such S.S. Library, and Dr. Palmer suggested that Lizzie Roesch be one, Nellie Palmer and Anna Colburn were in succession nominated, when Chairman nominated Dr. F.B. Palmer Chn & Bro. H.P. Perrin as concluding member of the Committee. Moved & seconded & Resolved to adopt the nominations. On motion of Dr. Palmer seconded, Resolved that Pastor Smith, Prof. Jewett and Anna Lull be a Committee on the selection of proper books for the said S.S. Library. On motion seconded Dr. F.B. Palmer & Mrs. Eliza Tate, were added to the above committee to select books. On motion seconded, Resolved to adjourn.

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Preamble and Resolutions presented by Bro. George Tate and adopted in Chh meeting Oct. 12th, 1886 as see Page 335.
“Whereas, in the history of our Church, some have, through neglect to meet and communicate with the body at the appointed meeting for that purpose, become regardless of all their covenant obligations and walked no more with us, and since we have in our covenant engaged to exercise a mutual care one of another.” Therefore, Resolved 1st. That whenever any resident members have absented themselves from the covenant meeting and failed to indicate their union with the Church in any other way, without apparent excuse, for a period of four consecutive months, it shall be the duty of the Clerk or Pastor, without action of the Church, to address a letter to such members kindly inquiring about their delinquencies and exhorting them to a closer walk with the church, and, in cases where no satisfactory reply to such letter or renewal of church relations is made within two months, to report such members to the church for such action as it may deem best.

2nd. That the same action shall be taken with nonresident members who fail to report their standing with the Church, at least once a year.

3rd. That the Clerk and Pastor may prepare a suitable form of letter for convenient use in compliance with this resolution. And any thing in any standing resolution of the Church, or in its prior Rules and Regulations, adopted August 6th, 1864, inconsistent with the foregoing preamble and Resolutions, is hereby rescinded. See Page 335.

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

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Nov 6th. Saturday P.M. 1 O’clock Bro. David Barrell left house & home for S.G. Kennedy’s in Buffalo – Uncertain whether he will go to California yet. Spencer M. Munson recd traveling letter from Clerk Nov. 7th to leave with Henry G. Wilson for Los Angeles Cal. Tuesday 9th inst. D.B. left Buffalo Nov [blank] for same place with Mr. Fish of Hamburgh
Sunday Nov. 7th. Pastor C.E. Smith preached A.M. from Heb. 7th:16. “but after the power of an endless life.” & then Communion when the four junior Deacons served together, being the first service of the late elected brethren, Dayton H. Morgan & Edward J. Crissey.

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

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Sunday Nov 14 Pastor Smith preached from [blank].

Sunday Nov 21st Pastor preached.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jan’y 9/87 Pastor’s text Gal. 6:3rd “For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.” One of the very best. Showed real religion.
Sunday A.M. Jan’y 16th, 1887. Pastor’s text Ps. 119:97. “Oh how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day.” On the Book of all books, and its value.

Jany 23/87 Pastor preached.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday 3 o’clock P.M. April 2nd 1887
Covenant, and Fellowship Meeting in the Church pursuant to Notices by letter and repeated Announcement from the Desk. Present, Pastor Rev. Chas. E. Smith, and over 100 Members and others. Pastor, when convened, procured a small bell, & asked Br. Edson J. Wilcox to take charge of it, at the table, and to ring it when any one had spoke two minutes. He also requested A.Z. Madison Clk to call the names of members on the Church roll, commencing alphabetically with A. Both complied with requests. Sung a hymn, and on Pastor’s request Br. E.J. Wilcox offered prayer. Sung another hymn. Brief remarks by Pastor, after which, Clerk commenced to
call the roll, after the Church had duly received, as a member with us, Brother Sobieski Burt, on a letter presented by Pastor, from the Baptist Church of Tarrytown N.Y. on motion of A.Z. Madison. When Clerk read the names, those present responded – three not present, but from whom Pastor or Clerk had recd. letters, the same were then read. There were 93 personal responses & 6 or more, who left before we got to W. and there were 18 letters read, in all 117 reported and of absent members not heard from 201 =318 whole no. The reading of names was closed 15 M before 6 P.M. Pastor offered a few remarks, & the meeting was adjourned for supper in lecture room at 6 by singing, “All hail the power of Jesus’ name.” It was afterwards reported to Clerk that the supper was plentiful & good, and the gathering in evening for renting slips, pleasant.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

At prayer meeting April 28th, 1887, and Covenant meeting in one, in evening.

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

A.Z. Madison Chh Clk

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

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

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

May 19th, 1887. At usual prayer meeting in Chh. after the opening services, Pastor called attention to the matter of three names for Life Members of the Am. Bap. Miss’y Union for which Br. G.W. Blood & Sister Beulah J. Noble were appointed a Comm’ee in Cov’t. Meeting Feb’y
3rd, 1887. Sometime since then, the com. had reported, & Church had accepted, as such three names, Dr. F.B. Palmer, Mrs. Rachel E. Morian and Mrs. Melinda S. Grant. It was afterwards learned that Mrs. Grant was already a Life Member of same. The object now is to supply a new name & that Mrs. Frances Haywood had been named instead of Mrs. Grant. Pastor submitted the question to vote, which was unanimously carried. Mrs. Haywood being present, here announced her choice to make herself a Life Member and declined the offer, & she or another moved the name of Mrs. Harriet Daniel who also being present, declined the offer. Then someone moved that the name of Mrs. A.R. Thompson be approved for the Life Membership - & it was remarked that she was not a member of the Chh. Pastor remarks that that would be no valid objection – the Chh. if pleased, could give it away &c and the name of Mrs. Thompson was adopted by vote.

Present A.Z. Madison Chh Clk

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

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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

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

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

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

July 17th. Rev. A. Cornell preached as a supply at $10. “Let me die the death of the righteous &c”


July 31. Rev. A. Kingsbury preached [blank] by Rev. G.O. King performed the other services except the last prayer. A good discourse. As through the Bible mainly.

August 7th. Rev. G.O. King of Cleveland O. preached, & all services. Text Mark 12:30th and attended the communion service at close of preaching.

August 14th. Rev. A. Cornell preached his 3rd discourse from 1. Cor. 3:22 “all are yours.” The best of three. All good.

August 21, Rev. G.O. King of Cleveland preached from [blank] and went through the world nearly.

Covenant Meeting July 28th, 1887, with prayer meeting in evening, attended by Rev. G.O. King. A good meeting, as reported by Dea. E.J. Crissey but no business done.

Prior to Communion, Sunday Aug. 7, 1887 A.Z. Madison gave notice of the meeting of Chaut. Bap. Association at Jamestown the last days of this month, and of the Chh. letter to be acted on previously, & of the delegates to be appointed, & pledged money for Foreign & Home Missions to be paid in at once, as requested by Bro. Ely Davis at the moment.

Thursday evening meeting August 25, 1887
Rev. C.E. Smith had returned from his vacation & was present. A.Z. Madison Ch Clk also present with letter, nearly complete, to Association. After singing, and prayer by Rev. G.O. King, and singing again Pastor proposed that the letter be then read. To make the Ch. Book agree with the Statistical account, the Clk called the attention to the cases of Mrs. Emma M. Colberg and Mrs. Katie E. Freeman who had Cfts to unite with S. Creek & Fredonia Presbyterian Churches Nov 4, 1886. A.Z. Madison moved & W.A. Noble seconded that their names be dropped from our list, and Church so resolved. Clerk then read the letter to Chaut. Association and general Statistics in the main. Some questions & explanations. On motion seconded, Resolved to accept the letter as ours to the association. Clerk called attention to the question of inviting the next meeting of Association to be held here. As to a Collection for Relief fund in this Chautauqua Bap. Association. As to a contribution for a Bap. Ministers Home in New York & announced himself a Collector, having now $2.00. And as to provision for our share for printing the Minutes of the Association. He then sat down – No action on any of these. On nominations made and seconded Resolved that Rev. C.E. Smith, Dr. F.B. Palmer, Dea. David Barrell, and
Bro. George W. Belden be our Messengers to the association, with power to appoint alternates. Sung a hymn & closed the meeting.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clerk

Sunday Aug’t 28, 1887. Rev. C.E. Smith home from his 6 w. vacation & preached. In giving notices, he mentioned the Chaut. Bap. Asso’n. but wholly neglected those matters left unfinished as above stated. Aug’t 29th he told Clerk that he entirely forgot them. Clerk finished letter to Asso’n & mailed it to the Clk of Asso’n the 30th to be at Jamestown in time for reading on 31. Aug. Probably no person went from this Chh. as Messenger, except Pastor the 2nd day. He was detained to attend the funeral of Mr. & Mrs. Allen’s son child – A.Z.M. attended to the things omitted.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Sept. 8th, 1887. Pastor C.E. Smith reported to Clk that on Sept. 1, 1887, in prayer meeting, brother Thomas Elgar, who has been away lecturing & preaching with various Churches two months, & who was then present, desired from us the usual license to preach. The Chh then voted that he have such license. He Pastor had written & signed one, & at his request I signed same, as Ch Clk.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Sept. 9, 1887, both Rev. C.E. Smith & E.J. Crissey were together in my office and reported the business done last evening Sept. 8th, 1887, in the regular prayer meeting. The request of the Frewsburg Bap. Church for our Pastor & one member as delegates to attend a Council with them Sept. 21. inst at 1 P.M. to consider the matter of ordaining their pastor Bro. J.C. Hankinson(?) to the work of the gospel Ministry. The Chh then appointed Rev. C.E. Smith & Bro. F.B. Palmer such delegates, and Clk wrote same to J.D. Bain the Ch Clk. Sister Miss Jennie M. Merrill now at Frewsburg, had written to Pastor requesting a letter from this Chh to unite with that. The Chh on Motion seconded, granted her request. The Clk of the Bap. Chh at Forestville sent a letter to this Chh being a certificate of the membership and regular standing of Sister Minnie A. LeRoy, (now here to attend the Nor. Sch.) and cordially recommending her to our watch care and fellowship. Pastor Smith understood that the design was for her to be recd. as a member of the Fredonia Bap. Ch. on the above, and on motion made & seconded, she was so recd. as a member with us.
A.Z. Madison Chh Clk

Sunday Sept 18/87 Pastor Smith preached a first rate discourse on “the Golden rule” from Mat. 7:12th to a full congregation.

Sunday Sept. 25th/87 Rev. C.E. Smith preached a good sermon from a singular text in Rev. 1st Ch. “the seven Candlesticks”, “seven stars” & “the Sun.” Some thought a point omitted, & too much made of College & theological education. Optimistic.

Oct. 31, 1887 I gave to Dea. D. Barrell and Dea. Dayton H. Morgan each a traveling letter, as they start this week for California. They started Wed. Nov. 2/87 at noon.
Covenant Meeting held Thursday evening Nov. 3rd, 1887. Usual services, but no business transacted for record.

Covenant meeting, as above, held Dec. 1st, 1887. No business for record.

Jan’y 3, 1888. David Barrell died at Henry G. Wilson’s in Pasadena, California.

Covenant meeting held Thursday evening January 26th, 1888, with usual service, and also, a Mr. George H. Hollister related his religious experience, concisely and on Motion of Dea. H.A. Buck, seconded, agreeably with the request, Resolved that Geo. H. Hollister be received as a candidate for baptism and when baptized, to membership in the Chh. Meeting closed as usual. Reported to Clerk by E.J. Crissey.
A.Z. Madison Chh Clerk

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Prayer meeting February 2nd, 1888, Pastor Rev. C.E. Smith unwell & not present. Prof. Jewett lead the meeting. On request by letter of James P. Thoms of Bradford Pa. and on motion made and seconded, Resolved that a letter of commendation and dismission be granted to Bro. George Merrill that he may unite with the Baptist Church at Bradford. Also, on request, motion &c Resolved that a letter of similar character be granted to Sister Leonora G. Lathrop as she is about to remove to Plattville, Wis. where her husband is now. Miss Mary J. Black related her Christian experience, and on motion of Bro. Charles W. Adams, seconded, Resolved that She be received as a candidate for baptism, & when baptized, to membership in the Church. The matter of J.W. Downs letter to Presbyterian Chh for admission was read, but as our Pastor, who is supposed to know more of the case, is not present, it was tacitly deferred until Pastor shall be present, in a future meeting.
The above reported by E.J. Crissey.
A.Z. Madison Chh Clerk

Sunday Feb. 12th, 1888. Our Pastor Smith exchanged with Dr. J.H. Griffiths of Washington St. Church Buffalo. A very fair winter day, & sleighing. Dr. G’s text Eph. 1: & last verse, after having read & explained much of the Chapter. Wholly extempore, & a good discourse clearly spoke, save a few words in whisper and these evidently of most importance. Also, an exchange with Rev. Rutger Dox of Olean.

Feb’y 17, 1888. Chh Clk recd a letter from H. Burgess also Chh Clk at Forestville asking for delegates to a Council for the ordination of Alex Watt. Pastor presented the letter in prayer meeting Thursday evening Feb. 23rd, and the Church appointed as such delegates Rev. Chas. E. Smith, Dr. F.B. Palmer & Dea. Horace P. Perrin, the latter with power of substitution, if necessary. To H.P. Perrin. Chh Clk gave letter accordingly Feb 24th/88 the council to sit at Forestville March 1st, 1888 at 10 O’clock A.M.
A.Z. Madison Chh Clerk

Prayer Meeting March 15, 1888.
Pastor presented a letter from Sister Frances A. Sackett (nee Wilcox) of Mch 1/88 from Council Bluffs requesting a letter to unite there with 1st Bap. Chh. On motion [blank] seconded, Resolved that her request be granted. Pastor also presented written request from the Baptist Chh of Stockton for the appointment of Pastor & two lay members as delegates to a Council at Delanti Mch 19/88 at one o’clock P.M. to hear the charges of that Chh against their former Pastor Rev. Geo. B. Spencer, and to take such action as the Council may deem expedient. On motion of Dr. F.B. Palmer, seconded, Rev. Charles E. Smith, Dea. Horace P. Perrin and Bro. John M. Hardenburg were appointed delegates to the Council named. May substitute. Reported to Ch Clk by H.P. Perrin, F.B. Palmer, and Rev. C.E. Smith Sunday Mch 18, 1888, and Recorded. A.Z. Madison Chh Clk

& Letter mailed Monday 19 Mch/88 to Mrs. Sackett daughter of E.J. Wilcox

March 19/88 E.J. Crissey reported additionally that Mrs. [blank] Hollister was recd a candidate for baptism & membership Mch 15th. And that she & Miss Mary J. Black were both baptized Mch 18/88
A.Z. Madison Chh Clk

In prayer meeting March 22nd, 1888. Pastor C.E. Smith presented a letter from Miss Hattie E. Woodworth to him, with the request that this Church grant letters of recommendation and dismissal to her mother, Mrs. Francis J. Woodworth, her sister, Miss Sadie Woodworth and herself, so that they might unite with the Baptist Church of Mendon N.Y. Monroe Co. Their residence Victor Ont. Co. On motion [blank] seconded, in case of each person named, to wit: Mrs. Frances J. Woodworth, Miss Hattie Woodworth, Miss Sadie Woodworth, Resolved That their several requests be granted. Letters were written & mailed to the Pastor or Clerk of the Church at Mendon Monroe Co. N.Y. this March 23rd, 1888. their residence Victor Ont. Co.
A.Z. Madison Chh Clk

Sunday March 25th, 1888, Pastor Smith sick and Prof. Franklin N. Jewett was his substitute and performed the usual services. His discourse as to the reception of Christ by the different classes of people of that day, would have been good, if uttered with tones firm enough to be distinctly understood – Text. Mat.

March 31st, 1888
Fellowship and Covenant Meeting day at 3 O’clock P.M. More than 100 present in Church – several absent. Nearly 200. Opened by singing “Come thou Fount of every blessing.” Prayer by Pastor, and singing again, Remarks by Pastor. He then called on Bro. W.A. Noble to read the list of names, and Bro. Edwd. J. Crissey to ring the bell when any one exceeded two minutes in speaking. Bro. Noble used a copy of the new alphabetical list of members as prepared by Pastor, and copied by Miss Anna Colburn, & taken to the Printing office of J.C. Frisbee by her, in which there are several omissions and other mistakes. He commenced with letter A. and read through that letter without a response except by a letter read by Pastor from Miss Alice H. Albro. At the last name we found that Miss Minnie E. Winship had married and her name is Eighme, & she had moved to Dakotah. When the reader, read the names, Clark C. Woodruff and his wife, Almira Woodruff, the Chh Clerk read a request made by said C.C. Woodruff dated March 3rd, 1888, that both names be dropped from our list of members for the reasons stated in said request, on file. On motion of A.Z. Madison seconded by H.A. Buck, Resolved to drop those two names from our list, accordingly. Pastor had a letter from H.W. Seymour Clerk
of the Bap. Chh. of Stockton recommending and dismissing (U.) Grant Hendee to unite with us. On motion of H.A. Buck seconded, Resolved that on same, he be received a member with us. I learned from him that his name is Ulysses Grant Hendee, & so enter it on this book. In responding to roll call, a few arose, but were silent, and Ch. Clk. failed to check them as being present. I checked 84 and there were 16 letters representing 21 absent, in all 105 or say 110 responses from 304, in list now. Clerk was quiet, whether names as read, were correct or otherwise, and excepting the cases mentioned in this record, remarks were not made in reference to other delinquent absentees. Less of this now, than at any other roll call. Probably some good in these exercises, because the names of the whole membership of the Chh. is brought to mind annually. At this meeting, we heard of the death of Dea. Thomas B. Sweet in Ohio, formerly a beloved brother with us, and that his body would be brought here for interment. Closed for supper, by singing “My days are swiftly gliding by.”
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

The Covenant Meeting which has been held without any act of the Church on first Thursday evenings before 1st Sab. of the month was, to accommodate some young people in the Normal School, appointed for the following Friday evening May 4th, 1888, and so held. At this meeting, a letter was presented commending Bro. Harry E. Davis, who was baptized here, Mch 1, 1874, by Rev. L. Williams Jr. with liberty to unite. On motion made and seconded, Resolved that on said letter he be again received a member with us. Reported to Clk by Bro. E.J. Crissey.
A.Z. Madison Chh Clk

May 10th, 1888. Monthly Concert of prayer.
A letter from Sister Marietta K. Lyon to Clerk requesting a letter of commendation and dismissal to unite with the High Hills Bap. Ch at Jarratts (Sussex Co.) Va. was presented by Pastor Smith, and on motion seconded, Resolved that her request be granted. Clerk, A.Z.M. mailed such letter to her May 11, 1888 in A.M. Collection for For. Missions $2.32. The rest, the regular services of the meeting. Reported to Clerk by Bro. E.J. Crissey.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

May 31st, 1888. Covenant meeting, as heretofore of late, in evening.

And, June 2nd, 1888, at 3 O’clock P.M. also a Covenant meeting to accommodate those who cannot attend in evenings. About 25 present, and among them Mrs. Buck & Mr. H.A. Buck, Mrs. Gates & A.Z.M. Near close of remarks by Pastor & Members a Miss Evangeline Kendall, daughter of Sister Sabrie A. Kendall, of Sheridan, being present, related her experience and on motion of a Sr. seconded, Resolved that she be received a candidate for baptism, and when baptized, to Membership in Church. Sung a hymn to close.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Deacon David Barrell, who died Jan’y 3rd, 1888 in So. Pasadena, California, left by Will, beside his other bequests, and the same was settled about Aug’t 1890, by Dea. Horace P. Perrin, his Executor, as follows:
For the Fredonia Baptist Society $2710.50
" " American Bap. Publication So’y 1355.24
" " N.Y. State Bap. Miss’y Convention 1355.24
Baptist Parsonage, Fredonia, March 14, 1887.

Dear Friend,
The annual Fellowship meeting of the Fredonia Baptist Church will occur Saturday, April 2\textsuperscript{nd}, at 3 P.M. At 6 P.M. supper will be served, and in the evening the pews will be rented. I hope you will be present if possible, to answer to your name at the calling of the roll and to say where you are laboring, or proposing to labor, in the service of your Master. If you cannot come please send a line or two to tell us how you feel and what you are doing. Non-residents are required, by a vote of the church, to report their standing at least once a year. If you are a non-resident an answer to this invitation will be considered sufficient for this year. Let every brother or sister show a warm interest in this annual gathering! And let it serve to stimulate each one to find some place and to do some work which will please Christ and help his cause.

Your friend and Pastor,
Charles E. Smith.

July 8\textsuperscript{th}, 1888, Sunday, Rev. C.E. Smith preached in A.M. from 1. Pet. 2:25 his last A.M. service before his vacation. At Close of sermon & communion, with a little unpleasant delay, he baptized Miss Evangeline Kendall, which was hindered last Sunday by a rain in Sheridan, though not much here. Dismissed with benediction.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Deacons & brethren & others deem it best to not keep up service by supplies during Pastor’s vacation. Only to keep up the prayer meetings & the Sunday School. These are observed.

Thursday July 26\textsuperscript{th}. Clerk recd. letter of request from Sister Laura Adams for letters to unite with the First Bap. Church of Hillsdale, Mich. Same acted on that evening, in prayer meeting, when it was voted to grant requests, which were in behalf of Bro. Chas. W. Adams, Sister Laura Adams and Luther B. Adams, their young son. As reported by Dea. Horace P. Perrin.

July 27\textsuperscript{th}. Clk made this record, wrote and mailed the letters, to Mrs. L. Adams.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clerk

August 5\textsuperscript{th}, 1888. The first Sunday when we had preaching since Pastor Smith left on vacation. Rev. G.O. King preached to a fair congregation & afterwards administered the communion to Chh. Fair attendance & among the rest Rev. Mr. Landers of Episcopal Ch. Dr. A.J. Phillips, Prof. Lyon & Rev. Foster of Saratoga Spa. & another & wives. H.A. Morrison had some talk with them for Rev. Foster to preach in evening, but not done.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Thursday evening Prayer meeting Aug’t 16, 1888.
At about 8.15 the appointee to lead the meeting not being present, (whoever it may have been) at the instance of others, A.Z. Madison being there to talk of the approaching Associational
Meeting at Brocton 28th inst., he stepped to Rev. G.O. King, who had come in, and asked him to take the lead. He readily, & modestly, complied, not intending to trespass on any one. Singing and prayer, and reading scripture and expounding same, and opportunity given for further prayer & remarks, accepted by a few, and then Bro. King called on Clk to present the matters of the Chau. Bap. Association, which he did by a few remarks, and the reading of the letter and the statistics he had prepared, and a letter from the Rev. N.W. Miner, to himself, dated Dec. 31, 1887. Dr. Miner is Cor. Sec’y & Financial Ag’ of the Baptist Minister’s Home, West Farms N. Yk. City. This was read, because of the remarks of Sister R.E. Morian, that our Association did not place the funds in the hands of this So’y in New York, now in the hands of our Trustee of the W. & O. or Relief Fund for this Chau. Association showing lack of confidence in the New York institution. On motion made & seconded, Resolved that the letter read by Clk to the Association be adopted as our letter. (To appoint delegates next meeting, 23rd inst.) Clk called attention to appointing delegates of this Chh. to the Asson – furnishing money for printing the Minutes & Contributions for the Relief fund & for the Home for aged & worn-out Ministers in New York. Bro. King dismissed with benediction.

A.Z. Madison Chh Clk

Sunday Aug’t 19th. Rev. Foster of 11th (?) Bap. Ch. Saratoga preached to a tolerable full congregation, and very satisfactorily.

A.Z.M. Chh Clk

Prayer meeting Aug’t 23rd, 1888.
Pastor Rev. C.E. Smith had returned home and was present to Conduct this meeting. He seemed fresh and recruited by his vacation, and as much engaged in the Cause of our Lord as ever. Much better than when he left. The usual services were had and the meeting submitted to members, and several of both sexes took part in prayer & remarks. At 8.45 Pastor called on Clerk as to the preparation for the meeting of the Chaut. Bap. Asso’n. Clerk stepped to a light in front, and read the Report of questions and answers for publication in the Baptist Annual. Then the first part of the letter read and adopted Aug’t. 16th. He remarks that though the next paragraph was, in his opinion, true, yet, some conversation had this day had induced him to believe it inexpedient to send it to the association, and he asked liberty to withdraw it, or, that it might be expunged from the letter. Some words passed, and on Motion of Dr. Palmer, seconded, Resolved that the matter be submitted to the Pastor & Clerk to make such change in the letter as they should agree upon. S.S. Crissey moved and it was seconded that we now elect Messengers, or delegates to the meeting of the Association at Brocton. Inquiry as to the proper number? Clerk replied about 6 and moved that Pastor C.E. Smith, Dr. F.B. Palmer & Bro. Geo. W. Belden be nominated as delegates, others then nominated Mrs. Sarah G. Palmer, Mrs. Rachel E. Morian and Prof. Franklin N. Jewett. Question taken, and Resolved that the foregoing six be the Messengers from the Fredonia Bap. Church, to the Chautauqua Bap. Association. On motion of S.S. Crissey seconded, Resolved that there be added in the Church letter our invitation to the Association to hold their next years session with the Fredonia Baptist Church. On motion of S.S. Crissey, seconded, Resolved that the Messengers appointed have each the power of substitution, if they cannot attend, or that any brother who may be at Brocton, have the power to fix the substitution. On motion of Dr. Palmer, seconded, Resolved that Clerk pay four dollars for printing the Minutes of the Association, the same to be refunded to him. Also that we take up a Contribution
for the Relief or Widow & Orphan fund, Next Sunday. Pastor dismissed. (Contribution Cash $21.85 sent, & pledges $3.50 unpaid.)
A.Z. Madison Chh Clk

Sunday Aug’t 26th, 1888. Rev. C.E. Smith preached his 1st discourse after his 6 wks vacation to a full congregation. He appeared better than when he left. The Chh remained after service, and on the request of Sister R.E. Morian she was excused as a delegate to the association. On motion of A.Z.M. and E.J. Wilcox, simultaneously, seconded, Dea. D.H. Morgan was appointed in her stead. (Not knowing it, he did not go.) Pastor presented a letter of commendation & dismission to unite with us, to Prof. F.S. Lyon & wife ([blank] Lyon) & Miss Hattie Lyon & Miss Lizzie Lyon, late of Clarksburg W. Virginia, signed by L.E. Peters Pastor & Wheeler Boggess Clerk. On motion of some one, seconded, Resolved that they be received members with us on the letter above. Dismissed.
A.Z. Madison Chh Clk

Sabbath Sept. 23rd, 1888 A fair comfortable day and a good sized congregation. Rev. C.E. Smith whose preaching has been A 1 all along, again preached from Mat 12:30, “He that gathereth not with one, scattereth abroad.” I think one of his best sermons. By the strict attention given, I judge that many others thought the same.
A.Z. Madison Chh Clk

Sept. 30th & Oct. 7th two more good discourses. The last explanation between a special sin & a sinful state. Prayer & Covenant meeting Thursday evening Oct. 4th, 1888. Said to have been a good meeting, Clerk not present. A letter from Miss Minnie A. LeRoy was presented asking for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Baptist Church at Astoria, Oregon, where her father, Rev. A. LeRoy is Pastor. On motion seconded, Resolved that the request be granted. Reported to Clerk by Rev. C.E. Smith Sunday Oct. 7/88.
A.Z. Madison Church Clerk

Monday Oct. 29th 1888 A.Z.M. was in Church yesterday, and heard an excellent discourse from Pastor Smith from 1. Cor. 1:18th. He discussed the object for which preaching is sustained by so great expense every way. What is it for? What is it to him, or to any one, &c?

Nov. 2nd, 1888 Covenant Meeting. A letter from 1st Bap. Chh in Jamestown, recommending Sister Miss Minnie E. Dickson to this Chh. On motion seconded, Resolved that she be recd. as a member with us. Sr. Mrs. Lucy F. Wilson requested a letter of commendation and dismission to Pasadena Bap. Ch. California. On motion, seconded, Resolved that her request be granted. Clerk wrote a letter.
A.Z. Madison Chh Clk

Several first-rate sermons since I have written any thing about them.

On this 16th December 1888 Rev. C.E. Smith read in the 1st Chap. Acts, and afterward took for text Acts 2nd 1st “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they, (the 120) were all with one accord in one place.” They were agreed about holding the meeting, the protracted meeting,
and were all there. Just as he desired this Church to be about the week of prayer 1\textsuperscript{st} January, &
what should follow. He wished every member of the Chh to remain after dismission and then
made a statement concerning the season of the year – the general time of gayety and the storms
& cold that might be then expected, and the benefits of that time, and desired to submit to the
decision of the Church. Whether they would have a meeting of one week or more, time to be
fixed. Quite a goodly number remained in, and the majority voted in favor of having a meeting
of one week or more, on the motion of Dr. Palmer, seconded. Next came the question whether it
should be on the time usually observed for the week of prayer, or later – say, in time of lent,
when gayety was avoided by Episcopalians and such opposition would not have to be met.
Several made remarks, as Mrs. Ellsworth, Mrs. A.R. Thompson, Mrs. A. Morian and S.S.
Crissey, perhaps others. On motion of A.Z. Madison seconded Resolved, that the fixing of the
time for the meeting, be deferred one week.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Adjd. meeting Dec. 23, 1888 Remarks by Pastor, Mrs. Ellsworth, & may be another. On motion
made & seconded, Resolved that our meeting be on the time for week of prayer.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Covenant Meeting January 3\textsuperscript{rd}, 1889. Evening.
Services as usual. Clerk not present. Letters were presented from Stockton Bap. Chh
commending & dismissing Sisters Miss Myrtie Batcheller & Miss Lettie B. Batcheller & on
motions made and seconded, Resolved, that they severally be recd. as members with us. A letter
from first Bap. Church in Jamestown dated Dec. 27\textsuperscript{th}, 1863, was also presented, recommending
and dismissing Rev. Arnold Kingsbury and his wife, Mary C. Kingsbury. On motion made and
seconded, they were duly recd. as members with us. But to explain, see page 14 of this book, the
record of April 14\textsuperscript{th}, 1870, when on this same letter, and an explanation then by Clerk, and on the
request of Sister Kingsbury, she was recd. member with us, & so has been, from that date to the
present time. Her name, then given as Cornelia M. instead of Mary C. being in our list of
members, is not inserted again now. 3 Letters handed in by Dea. E.J. Crissey.
A.Z. Madison Chh Clerk

Sunday Jan’y 6\textsuperscript{th}, 1889. Pastor gave notice that the week of prayer would be a union meeting, as
the Presbyterians had invited him to unite with them & Methodists. First meeting at Presb. Chh
Tuesday evening 8\textsuperscript{th} day 1889.
Wed. evening 9\textsuperscript{th} at Meth. Ch. & Friday evening 11\textsuperscript{th} at Bap. Ch. Thursday evening 10\textsuperscript{th} as. in
their one place.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Sunday Jan’y 20\textsuperscript{th}. Union have been held to the present and one tonight at 7. P.M. at Meth. Chh.
Pastor preached this A.M. from 2 Cor. 5:20 one of his best.
Feb’y 1889 E.J. Crissey informed me that Harry E. Davis moved back to Allegany County, and
that the chh had voted him a letter. Not knowing just where he had moved, & how to direct a
letter, I waited to inquire, & forgot it.

March 1, 1889 Bro. Ely Davis, his father, came to my house & inquired if I had sent &c and said
he was at Belmont, and if I would mail before 1 P.M. today he would have it to use tomorrow. I
therefore write & mail in time to him, at Belmont N.Y. say 12 o’clock noon, supposing the vote Feb. 14/89
A.Z. Madison Chh Clk

At prayer meeting March 1, 1889 a letter from Dunkirk Bap. Chh was presented commending Sister Miss Abbie Bacon on which she was duly recd. a member with us, as stated by Dea. E.J. Crissey, who handed the letter to Clerk.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

March 3rd, 1889. After two Sabbaths absent Feb. 17th supplied by Dr. Palmer because unwell, & Feb. 24th exchange with Rev. J.J. Keyes of Dunkirk (both good) Rev. C.E. Smith preached from Gal. 2. 20th as in Revised Version another good & instructive discourse, shewing [sic] the character & office of Christ as the Son of God and that we have been crucified with Christ but yet live – not we, but Christ liveth in us.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

April 5th, 1889 At prayer meeting & Covenant meeting in evening a letter was presented from 1st Portland Bap. Chh. commending and dismissing Bro. Wm. T. Benjamin and his wife Sister Louisa Benjamin to unite with us. On motions seconded they were severally recd. on same, as members of this Church. Letter handed to Clk with what had been done by Dea. E.J. Crissey.
A.Z. Madison Chh Clk

[The following is a printed notice.]
“And truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His son, Jesus Christ.” I John 1:3.
Fellowship Meeting,
Fredonia Baptist Church,
Saturday, April 6th, 1889.
Afternoon Services at 2:30.
Supper at 4:30.
Pew Rental at 5:30.
Come, Remain through, enjoy all!
If providentially detained write to the Pastor.
God bless the day! Dated, Fredonia, N.Y., March 19th, 1889.

Fellowship Meeting & Roll call April 6th, 1889 from 2 ½ O’clock P.M. to 4 ¼ P.M. in Auditory. The Choir, Mrs. Allen (?) at the organ, sung. Pastor Rev. C.E. Smith read the 84th Psalm, and offered prayer. Choir again sung old tune. Roll Call. E.J. Crissey read the names. Prof. Albro & DeWitt and H.W. Thompson held copies of Roll, to minute alterations that might be made. When the name Mary O. Barclay was read, Ch Clerk announced that he had a letter from her and read the same. No action, but left for him to write to her. On the reading of Chas. L. Goulding & wife, Clk announced & read a letter & for them paid on Pastor’s Salary $5.00. When the names of Spencer M. Munson & his wife of Pasadena Cal. were read, Pastor read a letter from them asking letters from this Church to unite with Baptist Church where they now live. On motion of A.Z. Madison, seconded, Resolved that their request be granted and letters forwarded to them. At close of reading the roll, the Choir again sung a hymn. After this, Pastor called on Mrs. Lucy M. Ellsworth to read a history or review of the Church for the year now
closing, as to what has been done, which she did. She read specially of some 30 members aged 
or sick, or both calling their names & how they were severally afflicted & how they bore their 
advantages – then of the four weeks of Union meetings with Presb. & Meth. the past winter, with 
some good results, though few converts, then of a day spent at Dunkirk Point, and the good story 
told by Pastor – the Christmas festival & the story there – the work of women in Chn. for 
Minister in Kansas – of Bro. & Sister Hollister and some other things – the reading about a half 
hour. Clerk then read a letter from Dunkirk Bap. Chh commending & dismissing Sister E.C. 
Johnson the widow of Rev. Johnson decd. to this Chh. Clk moved & Back & another 2nd & she 
was recd. a member of this Church. Then Br. Saml. H. Albro explained at some length, in regard 
to the Committee and the condition of the funds for Pastor’s Salary &c. That we needed about 
$1350, and each should add 1/7th to his last years subscription, to make it, &c. Clerk then 
reported the amount approximately, paid by the Church for the different items of benevolence 
during the last Church year from April 1st 1888 to April 1, 1889, not the Associational year of 
Sept. 1, 1888 to Sept. 1/89. Viz:

Amt for Am. Bap. Miss’y Union $122.02
  do Mr. Cergini, Bldg in Italy fund 11.00
  do Am. Bap. Home Mission So’y incl Clothing 61.52
  do Cloths So’y (for Cutlery) 31.95
  do W & O or Relief Fund Chaut. Asso’n 21.85
  do Bap. Minister’s Home West Farms N.Y. 5.00
  do N.Y. Union for Min’l Education, Rochester 36.35
  do Same 2’s. Col. by Miss Anna Powell 28.33
  do N.Y. State Bap. Missionary Convention 28.15

$446.17

Here Miss Dora R. Barker said that $10.15 had been sent to Chicago to build a Sunday School 
house, that was not in that report. She has over $2 more now & will have still more, & report all 
before Asso’n. Clerk then reported the state of the Poor fund Viz:

Amt. on hand Mch 9th 1886 $48.68
  " Collections at Communions since 111.32
  " By disbursements per order of Deacons 135.44
    Amt now on hand by Clk $24.56

Also a donation of Sister Theresa Strong decd 4.00

Then hastily took a collection to defray the expenses of Cards & c to notify members of this 
meeting, postage &c. Pastor asked for $2.50. A.Z. Madison who took the money from Prof. 
DeWitt, paid the same to Pastor. Amt of Collection $3.22. Singing to close.

A.Z. Madison Chh Clk

Prayer meeting April 18th, 1889.

Rev. C.E. Smith presented the letter of Sister Mary O. Barclay with request for a letter to unite 
with the 1st Baptist Chh at Meadville Crawford Co. Pa. which had been delayed some days. On 
motion of Sr. H. Daniel, seconded, Resolved to grant her request. As reported by Pastor to Clk.
A.Z. Madison Chh Clk

Pastor sent letter by Br. Hollister, who understood it to be for So’y Clk & gave it to S.S. Crissey 
So’y Clk. On the 24th of April Clk saw Pastor & inquired & found that Mrs. Crissey had
returned letter to him. Clk then went with him to his house & got it, wrote letter & explanation & the above record & mailed letter to Sr. Barclay at Meadville Pa.
April 30th/89 Recd. letter from Miss M.O. Barclay acknowledging recpt of above, thanking &c.
A.Z. Madison Chh Clk

April 25th, 1889. At prayer meeting, Preston G. Cato related his religious exercises and requested baptism & membership in Chh. On motion made & seconded, Resolved that Preston G. Cato be received a candidate for baptism & when baptized to membership in the Church. Reported by E.J. Crissey, & also by Rev. C.E. Smith June 12th/89.
A.Z. Madison Clk

May 23rd, 1889 At Prayer meeting, Miss Celestia Sloane and Mr. Peter A. Wingblad severally related their religious experience, and on several motions seconded they were each received as Candidates for baptism & when baptized, to membership in the Church. Reported by Rev. C.E. Smith June 12/89.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Preaching service as usual in Church June 2nd, 1889. At the close two, to wit: Preston G. Cato, and Peter A. Wingblad, were baptized by Rev. C.E. Smith, as reported by him to Clerk June 12th, 1889.
A.Z. Madison Chh Clk

2nd Timothy 4:7 was the text of Pastor C.E. Smith Sunday June 23rd, 1889 in A.M. and a first rate sermon the result, to a still Congregation. The words “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept this faith.” He said that what we are here for is, to fight. To fight sin; of every form, at all times and also many other appropriate things. May his hopes be realized in the conviction and conversion of many. A.Z. Madison Clk

Prayer meeting Thursday evening June 27, 1889.
Pastor suggested a committee to act with Chh Clerk in writing the Church letter to the Association last of August. On motion & nominations made & seconded, Resolved that Dr. F.B. Palmer & Dea. E.J. Crissey be such Committee. Also, on motion made and seconded, Resolved that Dr. Saml. H. Albro be a committee with the Trustees of the Bap. So’y to get up ways & means to pay for it, and to lay a Stone-walk, on Church lot, west side of Temple Street for a sidewalk.
Reported to Clerk by H.P. Perrin & Dr. Palmer.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Covenant meeting held Friday evening July 5th, 1889, in Lecture room as usual. Services as ordinarily by Pastor & those present. A letter was presented by Sister Mrs. Lulla Moran from 1st Portland Baptist Church N.Y. and on motion seconded, it was Resolved that she be received a member with us. Date of letter, Oct. 11, 1884. Reported by Dea. E.J. Crissey July 9th, 1889.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk
Heard Pastor Smith in A.M. & evening July 7th, 1889, his last before a six weeks vacation. Two good discourses. Pastor & family & Dr. Richmond & his family left together for a vacation & visit to the Doctor’s family relatives in Central N.Y. about 9th or 10th of July.

July 14th. Rev. [blank] of Knowlsville N.Y. preached or talked Bible - & read rapidly in A.M. at $2x.


Then Miss Varnum talked temperance to an audience of some 600 and is to talk in same place each evening for a full week. She did so & a lady singer from Lockport was also with her, a good one & they had full houses, to Sunday evening July 21st.

August 4th, 1889. Rev. Malcolm MacGregor, who Lectured last Wed. evening at Chautauqua & came here Thursday, staid over this day and preached in A.M. from 2nd Cor. 9:15. “Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.” the same that he used when Pastor here on the 24th Aug’t 1884. A good discourse. At close he administered the Communion service, with the Deacons, E.J. Crissey & D.H. Morgan. A goodly number of members present. After the singing of Hymn the Chh. Clerk called attention to the session of the Chaut. Bap. Asso’n at Cherry Creek Aug. 27, 8 & 9, and of the necessity of reports to himself by all Secretaries of Societies of the Chh so that he could prepare a letter and all statistics to the Asso’n. in due time.

A.Z. Madison Chh Clk

August 22nd, 1889, the regular Thurs. evening Prayer Meeting: Rev. C.E. Smith Pastor had just returned from his vacation and was in place. Rev. G.O. King also present, and about 60 other persons. A.Z. Madison was in, and Pastor gave notice that the Chh letter would be read by Chh Clerk, as prepared for the Association, and called on me to read it. This I did, but accidentally omitted to read the closing words. What had been read was submitted to the Church for adoption, & on motion seconded it was adopted. The omission to read the closing words at top of 3rd page was soon discovered, Viz: Blank (?) to be sent for Widow & Orphan or Relief fund in this asson. And for Ministers Home N.Y. and for printing the Minutes & delivery to Chh’s in two months, not five. Invitation for the next session at Fredonia. And the appointment of messengers now. After remarks & explanations by Pastor, Clerk and others, On motion of A.Z. Madison seconded, Resolved that we take a Collection next Sunday morning, & instead of for our own Church expenses, it be divided equally for the W & O. or Relief fund here, and for Ministers Home at West Farms N.Y. Mrs. L.M. Ellsworth moved to amend Mo. – as all went to W. & O. last year, now all to Min Home and (?) (?). On motion seconded Resolved that we soon take up another collection to pay four dollars, that we now ask the Clerk to forward as our share for printing the minutes. This closed the business matters and Pastor resumed the meeting by reading and explaining scripture, & others offered prayer and remarks, then singing to close.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Also, the following named persons were duly appointed at above meeting, as our Messengers to sit in the association at Cherry Creek on the 27th of August inst. On nomination of Sister R.E. Morian, Dr. F.B. Palmer & wife, Mrs. Sarah G. Palmer, John M. Hardenburgh & wife, Julia Ann Hardenburgh. Then some one nominated our Pastor, Charles E. Smith and again, two Deacons were nominated Viz: Edward J. Crissey & Dayton H. Morgan. After, Pastor & Clk talked & Clk added Erick A. Berg who went & carried letters – others did not. When, on motion,
seconded, Resolved that the seven named be our Messengers duly appointed to sit in the Chaut. Bap. Association at time & place, with power of substitution.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Aug’t 27th, 1889. I finished up the Chh letter to the Chaut. Bap. Asson. at Cherry Creek, and by the suggestion of Rev. C.E. Smith, sent it by Bro. Erick A. Berg whom we found would go, while several appointed delegates would not. I inserted his name as a delegate in place of one of them. I sent avails of Sunday Col. for Ministers Home West Farms N.Y. to Supt. $23.33 Making all this year $28.33.

A.Z. Madison

Our Pastor Rev. C.E. Smith was home from his vacation, as before recorded, Aug’t. 22nd. and on Sunday 25th inst preached to the congregation. He only of seven appointed and Bro. Erick A. Berg went to Cherry Creek, and attended the meeting of the Association and they said it was good. Also, that the session would be with us in 1890.

Oct. 19/89 To this date I have seen no notice of the above session of the Chaut’a. Association in the Examiner. Why?

Bro. Smith has preached several first best sermons since he returned, but perhaps none better than that of last Sunday, Oct. 13th from Heb. 6:19. “Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure, and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the vail.”

About Oct. 16th/89 Clerk recd. a card from the Clerk of Bap. Chh. Clymer, requesting this Chh. to send our Pastor & one member as delegates to sit in Council on Tuesday Oct. 29th. at one o’clock P.M. to examine & ordain its Pastor Bro. E.L. Gates, to the work of the Gospel Ministry. Clerk handed the card to Rev. C.E. Smith have acted upon. He hesitated & delayed till Oct. 27th after A.M. service, when he had called the Executive Com. together to consult. He said he could not go himself. On motion of H.P. Perrin, seconded by Dr. Palmer, Resolved that at close of the S. School, now in session, we will organize a Church meeting, and present the request there. Members of Ex. Com. present were Rev. C.E. Smith Chn., A.Z. Madison Clk, Dr. F.B. Palmer & Deacons H.P. Perrin & E.J. Crissey. Bro. Smith reported to Clk that such Chh meeting was organized & on Nominations duly made, it was Resolved by the Church that Brn. Franklin S. Lyon & John M. Hardenburgh be our delegates to the above named council.

This was Oct. 27, 1889 The next Tuesday evening of 29th.

Clk saw Pastor who reported the foregoing appointments. He did not know whether they had gone. Of course, if they had gone, it was without credentials. Some days later, Nov. 3 & 4th Clk saw both delegates and learned from them that they both went and the Council received them as delegates, and that the Bro. Gates was examined, approved and ordained.

In Covenant Meeting Nov. 1, 1889.

Pastor presented a letter from Harmony Bap. Chh commending and dismissing Sister Dorliska Manley to unite with us. On motion seconded, Resolved that she be received a member with us. Also, a letter from 1st German Bap. Chh. Rochester commending & dismissing Sister Mary Strobel to our fellowship. On motion seconded, Resolved that she be received. Also, a letter from Bap. Church of Epiphany New York commending and dismissing Mrs. Minnie Abeel to this Chh. On motion made & seconded, Resolved that she be recd. to our membership. Also, a letter from Rev. Frank D. Shaver, formerly of Marshall Texas as a Missionary, now of
Watertown N.Y. requesting a letter from this Church, to unite with the Watertown Bap. Chh. His
letter gave likewise a history & explanation of his case. On motion, seconded, Resolved that a
letter of commendation and dismission be granted on above request. The same sent by Clk Nov.
6th, 1889.
A.Z. Madison Chh Clk

Dec 12th, 1889. I sent Drft on New York endorsed by me payable to the Treasurer of the Am.
Bap. Miss’y Union to apply on unpaid bal. of Cfts for Mrs. Francis B. Haywood & Harriet
Daniel. Drft $21.95 still unpaid on Cfts $6.51, and also wrote of new Cft for Mrs. Emily B.
Thompson.
A.Z. Madison Clk

Sunday January 5th, 1890. Rev. C.E. Smith handed a letter from C.H. Scoville from Cairo (he
said) West Virginia requesting letters from this Church to him & his wife to unite with the
Baptist Chh at Cairo. Rev. Mr. Smith said the letter was acted on at the Covenant meeting last
Friday evening January 3rd, 1890 – that then, on motion made and seconded, letters were voted in
compliance with the request, to Charles H. Scoville and to his wife Mrs. Lillie M. Scoville to so
unite.
A.Z. Madison Chh Clk

Sent letters to ea. in one pkge to Cairo, Ritchie Co. West Virginia Jany 9th, 1890. A.Z.M. In Feb,
recd. card that Mr. Scoville & wife had united with Chh at Cairo W Va
A.Z.M. Clk

Feb 27th, 1890 In Cov’t meeting, a candidate came & related his experience, to wit: William
Morgan & he was received as a candidate for baptism & membership when baptized. As
reported by E.J. Crissey.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Feb 5th or 6th. Recd. card from J.D. Bain Chh Clk Frewsburg Bap. Chh dated Feb 3rd/90 with
request for Pastor & one member to sit in Council Feb 19/90 at 11 O’clock A.M. to Examine &
ordain their Pastor Bro. Albert Read. Clk had La Grippe & forgot till Sunday Feb 16th. Then
remembered the card & got it from his pkt. & sent to Pastor Smith while in Desk, by Dr. Dods.,
Pastor laid it by to read during next singing & then forgot it, and it was not acted on at all. He
handed it back to Ch. Clk March 10th/90 when Clk wrote an explanation to said J.D. Bain same
day, that there was no intention to disregard it.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

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Pew Rental at 5:30.
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If providentially detained write to the Pastor.
God bless the day! Dated, Fredonia, N.Y., March 19th, 1890.

March 27th, 1890. In prayer meeting, in Bap. Chh Miss Clara E. Watson, daughter of John Watson, related her religious experience, and on motion made & seconded, she was received on her request, as a candidate for baptism and when baptized, to membership in this Church. as reported by Rev. C.E. Smith.
A.Z. Madison Chh Clk

Sunday evening March 30th, 1890, at Close of preaching service, as reported also, by Rev. C.E. Smith, Miss Clara E. Watson, and William Morgan, recd February 27/90 were both baptized by Elder Smith, who reported this to Clerk, March 31, 1890.
A.Z. Madison Chh Clerk

Fellowship Meeting & Roll call April 5th, 1890. in Auditory. Present a pretty full house and Rev. C.E. Smith came in at 2.40 P.M. and at 2.55 he called to order, & to come up front. Opened by an Anthem from the choir. Prayer by Rev. J.J. Keyes of Dunkirk. Remarks by Pastor, Then Bro. Wm A. Noble of Silver Creek read the Roll of names, with very little delay, for more reply, then present, (if so,) if not, no reply, in general. A few letters were read by Pastor, amongst which was a letter from Bro. Wm. Marshall & wife Jane Marshall now residing at Mayville N.Y. at close of which they requested letters to unite with the Bap. Church there. On motion of A.Z. Madison, seconded, Resolved that we grant the request. (Clerk sent them letters per mail.) Beginning with Bro. E.J. Wilcox, who had just come in, several spoke, as in a Covenant meeting. On call of Pastor, a Mr. Thomas Morah spoke very briefly, and requested baptism & membership. On motion made & seconded he was recd as a candidate for baptism & membership. Mrs. Beulah J. Noble then made an obituary report of Sisters Jane Lankin and Josie H. DeWitt. Choir sung a hymn. A.Z. Madison Clk then reported the amount raised by the Church for benevolence during the Church year from April 1st to April 1st which was $290.56. Also for the Associational year 1st Sept. to 1st Sept. which in 1889 was $364.88. He also reported the state of the Poor fund receipts & disbursements for the last year to wit: The balance on hand a year ago $24.56 Monthly Collections at Close of Communion services for year 37.04 =$61.60 Disbursements by order of a Deacon 34.12 Balance now on hand $27.48.
Prof. F.N. Jewett Superintendent of the Sabbath School then made a full report of the School, the number now, 238. The amount of expenses [blank]. What they had raised for benevolence &c.

After this, Prof. F.S. Lyon, for the President (who was not present) of the Temperance Society in connection with the Sabbath School, that the no. was 61 members &c and then hauled it over again – 238 numbers in Sunday School, 61 of whom were in the Temperance Society – Should it not be the whole school? He emphatically asked the question. He made good remarks & inquiries. Pastor Reported the Clotho Society begun with 28 members – this about the 6th year. The object, to furnish the Kitchen & care for the carpets & any thing wanted. Began the year with $5.81 Raised 152.27. Had pd for Matting $30. (?) $12. Exps 15. 169. On hand $35.24. Have done well. Dr. F.B. Palmer made general remarks in relation to our relations as members of the chh. In the mouth of two witnesses, every word should be established. It was ordained that
there should be churches. By the ordinances, the Chh. is the pillar & ground of the truth. One, may drive a thousand, and two, put ten thousand, to flight. We, as a church, if we will take thought, we can see the best, but the Chh. will be weak, if the most, or greatest number do nothing, & let the Pastor, Deacons, Trustees & a few only, do the work. Col. Baker, at Ball’s bluff was asked to lie down out of the way of bullets. He replied, “If you were a senator of the U.S. you would not lie in the mud.” We must not fail to estimate our obligations, and act accordingly. Then Pastor with increased tones spoke to impress what had been said &c. Let us love and work for the Church, and for God. Conclusion by an Anthem from the choir. Adjourned to the tables in Parlors where plenty, and good provisions, were found. And later, the Trustees attended to the leasing of Slips for the ensuing year, as their account will shew [sic].

A.Z. Madison Chh Clk.

April 20th, 1890. Pastor Smith announced a Chh meeting for evening of 22nd inst. to revise our list of members as recommended by the Executive Committee.

Church meeting as announced, April 22nd, 1890. Tuesday evening in Church. 30 to 40 present. Pastor Rev. C.E. Smith Chn, On motion seconded, Resolved that E.J. Crissey be Sec. Pro. Sung & Prayer by Pastor.
1. After a brief statement by Chn. as to the object of the meeting Viz: To take into consideration the report and recommendations of the Ex. Com. upon absent and delinquent members.
2. Proceeded to consider the case of Mrs. Alma B. Allen, now of Akron, Ohio. On motion of E.J. Crissey, seconded Resolved that the hand of fellowship, be withdrawn from Mrs. Alma B. Allen.
3. On motion of Mrs. B.J. Noble, seconded, Resolved that the name of Mrs. Jane Evarts, be dropped from our list of members.
4. On the announcement of Mrs. Leonora D. Bennett, Mrs. Louisa M. Edmonds stated that she was present in a meeting about three years ago, as near as she could remember, when Mrs. Bennett asked for a letter of dismissal, and it was voted to her then.
6. On motion Prof. F.S. Lyon, Resolved that D.S. Wright correspond with him in regard to his standing with this Church.
7. On motion of S.S. Crissey, seconded, Resolved that the name of F.L. Lord be dropped from our list of members, and that he be notified of the action of the church.
8. On motion of H.W. Thompson, seconded, Resolved that Henry McAllister be dropped from our list of members. On motion of S.S. Crissey seconded, Resolved.
9. that Mrs. Ada Olney be granted a Cft. of membership, to unite with the Presbyterian Chh where she resides in Irvington Pa.
11. H.W. Thompson suggested that the Church adopt a resolution fixing a limit of time of membership, of absent and delinquent members, when they shall be dropped from our list.
12 On motion of E.J. Crissey, seconded, Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to draft such Resolution for the action of the church.
13. Chairman appointed as such Committee, brethren E.J. Crissey & H.W. Thompson.
10. On motion of E.J. Crissey, seconded, Resolved That we withdraw the hand of fellowship from Julius J. Parker.
14. On motion of Prof. F.S. Lyon, seconded, Resolved, That we do now adjourn.
15. Dismissed by prayer by Bro. Lyon.
Covenant Meeting May 2nd, 1890.
Rev. C.E. Smith Chn present et al. Usual services were had. A letter was presented from the 1st Bap. Chh. of Bradford Pa. commending to us our former Sister Mrs. Carrie E. Flint who was baptized here, to our fellowship again, and to unite with us. On motion, seconded, she was duly received to membership in this Church. Albert J. Moran related his Christian experience with request for Baptism and membership. On motion, seconded, Resolved that he be received a Candidate for baptism and when baptized, to membership in this Church. Dismissed.

Covenant Meeting. evening May 30th, 1890. Reported by Bro. E.J. Crissey. Services as usual & present Rev. C.E. Smith Chn. Chairman presented a letter from Jay Crissey now of Belmont N.Y. in behalf of himself and his wife requesting letters of dismissal. On motion of E.J. Crissey seconded by D.S.W. Resolved that the request be granted. Dea. H.P. Perrin suggested that as the Chh. Clerk was not able to be at the meetings held in the evening, an assistant Clerk be chosen, and on his motion, seconded, Resolved That Bro. E.J. Crissey, be appointed our Assistant Church Clerk. Meeting closed as usual.

Sunday evening June 1, 1890 Pastor Smith Baptized both Thomas Moran & his son Albert J. Moran, candidates.

Reported by E.J. Crissey July 5/90 that on July 3rd/90 at Covenant meeting on Motion of D.S. Wright seconded by Jno. M. Hardenburgh, in answer to the written request of Sister Mary C. Stobel of 106 Caledonia Avenue, Rochester N.Y. Resolved, That a letter be granted to her to reunite with the 1st German Bap. Church (whence she came here,) Rochester N.Y. as she could not return to Fredonia, her mother being sick.

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening August 21st, 1890. the following were appointed delegates to the Association Viz: Rev. C.E. Smith, Dr. F.B. Palmer, A.Z. Madison, Prof. Franklin S. Lyon, & wife, Mrs. Harriet A. Lyon, Albert J. Moran, Miss Clara Watson. On several motions, seconded. List handed by S.S. Crissey.

August 26th, 1890 at 1 P.M. Delegates met with us in our Church edifice and opened the session of the Chautauqua Baptist Association of 31 Churches. After the preliminary services Rev. B.E. Hillman preached, and was afterwards made Moderator, and did well as such officer, and all the services for the three days, were as good as any that I had ever seen. The hospitality of our people was satisfactory to the delegates, as expressed by resolution of the body, and I think all were provided for, and I hope none of ours, excessively burdensome. Some rain & cooler, but mostly fair weather, days. Closed Thursday Aug. 28th at noon, and after dinner, the people returned to their homes respectively, and apparently well satisfied. I read the epistle of the
Fredonia Bap. Chh. to the association on Tuesday P.M. it being the 42nd letter that I had written for this Church, besides some 8 before, in Gouverneur & Bath, in St. Lawrence & Steuben Counties.

At Church Sunday Aug’t 31st, 1890.
Rev. C.E. Smith Pastor, presented the request of Miss Elisabeth Black for a letter of commendation and dismissal to unite with the church at Constableville, Lewis Co. N.Y. where she now is. On the motion of H.P. Perrin, seconded, the request was granted.
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk
Letter filled & sent Sept 1, 1890 A.Z.M.
Sept 9/90 Recd letter from Wm R. Wadsworth Clerk that she had been recd as a member of the First Bap. Chh of Constableville and Turin.

September 21st, 1890, the Deacons met in Church at call of Pastor Rev. C.E. Smith to see about Bread & wine for Communion, as Mrs. Noble had declined to furnish it longer. They consulted and saw Mrs. Noble, and September 28th met again and settled it that Mrs. Noble continue the work as heretofore and have 4/ ea mo. instead of 2/ & the Church pay her for sugar used & labor of heating wine over to preserve it. as reported by Dea. E.J. Crissey
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

October 3rd, 1890 Evening in Lecture room. Covenant Meeting as for Months past. A letter from Mayville Certifying as to Miss Lena Potter being a member in good standing in the Bap. Chh. there was presented. On motion of Dea. E.J. Crissey, seconded by D.S. Wright Resolved that she be recd. a member with us. Same. Certificate returned W.B. Gleason Clk Oct 15/90
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

Also, On mo. Dea. Perrin seconded by D.S. Wright Resolved to receive Dr. LeRoy Allnatt and Mrs. Jessica Allnatt from Cherry Creek Baptist Chh. on letters of Feb 12th/87 & April 9th, 1887 ((?)) (right or wrong)
A.Z. Madison Ch Clk
Above reported by Dea. E.J. Crissey some days after Oct 3/90

Friday evening Dec. 5th, 1890
Covenant Meeting
E.J. Crissey Asst Clk
Dec. 21, 1890, At close of A.M. service the Chh in a fair number for a dark day, when Pastor had a lamp to see by, at his request remained in Slips, & he asked the members to decide whether we would observe the week of prayer 1\textsuperscript{st} January 1891. A few brethren offered some remarks and the question called by a rising vote. Nearly all arose in favor of so observing it. Immediately dismissed. Clerk now present and voted for it, which he would not have done, if it had been for a union with Presb’ns & Meth. & perhaps Disciples, as before. as things now are.

A.Z. Madison Ch Clk

January 21\textsuperscript{st} 1891 At a meeting in Lecture room The following letters were presented & acted(?) upon(?). Bro. Wm. A. Noble of Silver Creek to Pastor asking for letter of dismission & commendation to the first Baptist Church of or in Silver Creek. On motion of Dr. F.B. Palmer seconded by E.J. Crissey Resolved that the request be granted. Sister Grace E. Lewis of Buffalo wrote also to Pastor, requesting dismission and a letter of commendation to the Washington Street Baptist Church in Buffalo. On motion of Dr. Palmer seconded by E.J. Crissey Resolved that the request be granted. Sister Martha A. Elliott who was received Oct. 1, 1870, from Geneva N.Y. and was a member here for several years, and as recorded on page 110 she was dismissed to Titusville Pa Dec 3\textsuperscript{rd}, 1876 as the wife of Robert Elliott not Wm as on the Bradford Pa. letter which letter from the first Bap. Chh Bradford Pa. by Wm. H. Dennis Chh Clerk certifies to Mrs. Clara Elliott and commends her to the Baptist Church in Fredonia, N.Y. On motion of D.H. Morgan seconded by some one, (?) Resolved that Sister Elliott be received a member with us on the letter presented. (But the Chh knew nothing of the misnomers mentioned.) Reported to Chh Clerk January 23\textsuperscript{rd}, 1891 by Dea. E.J. Crissey.

A.Z. Madison Chh Clerk

April 9\textsuperscript{th}, 1891 Having become satisfied that I had been mistaken as to the identity of Mrs. Clara Elliott I wrote explaining to Bro. Wm. H. Dennis, the Clerk of 1\textsuperscript{st} Baptist Church of Bradford Pa. A.Z.M.

Feb 19\textsuperscript{th}, 1891
Clerk recd letter from Kate Knight Clk of Silver Creek Baptist Church, recently organized requesting our Pastor Rev. C.E. Smith and one other delegate to sit in council there on the 11\textsuperscript{th} of March 1891 at 10 o’clock A.M. and if judged right to recognize the brethren & sisters there as a regular Baptist Church in fellowship with us, and also, if found right, to ordain their chosen Pastor Mr. Arden B. Miller on same day. This letter was handed by Clerk to Pastor Smith, & he laid it before the Church at prayer meeting March 5\textsuperscript{th}, 1891. On nominations seconded, it was Resolved, That Rev. Charles E. Smith and Rev. Francis B. Palmer be our delegates to the Council to be held at Silver Creek March 11\textsuperscript{th} at 10 A.M. 1891. Clk made letter to Clk of the Council March 7, 1891 & handed to Pastor Mch 8\textsuperscript{th}, 1891 at Church.

A.Z. Madison Chh Clerk

At the Covenant meeting of the Church held in the evening of April 3\textsuperscript{rd}, 1891 in Lecture room. On motion of E.J. Crissey, after hearing her relation of Christian experience, seconded by D.S.
Wright Resolved that Miss Millie Mayborn be received as a candidate for baptism, and when baptized, to membership in this Church. As reported by E.J. Crissey Asst Chh Clk

A.Z. Madison Chh Clk

[Madison’s handwritten note: A.Z.M. replied to Wm. H. Dennis as see bottom page 384 April 9th, 1891.]

Wm. H. Dennis
101 Kennedy St.
Bradford, Pa Jan. 31, 1891
Mr. A.Z. Madison Clerk,

Dear Brother

In answer to yours with reference to Mrs. Elliot I would say that I think the only trouble is that you are mistaken as to her identity. The Mrs. Clara Elliot whom we dismissed to your fellowship was Baptized into our Church Jan. 20th, 1889. She was married here a few years previous to that time to a Mr. Logan(?) who died about a year ago since which she has become the wife of Wm Elliot. Martha A. Elliott must be another person.

Fraternally,

Wm. H. Dennis
Clerk First Baptist Church

[The following is a printed notice.]

Fredonia Baptist Church.
Fellowship Day.
April 4th, 1891.
Roll-Call at 2:30. “If we walk in the light we have fellowship one with another.” I John 1:7.
“Give an account of thy stewardship.” Luke 16:2,
At 5:30. “Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good-works.” Hebrews 11:24.
Come or Write.
C.E. Smith, Pastor.

Fellowship Meeting and Roll call April 4th, 1891. at 2 ½ O’clock P.M. Rev. Chas. E. Smith Chn Present and called the people who had come in & taken the seats near the doors, to come forward. Opened with singing by the choir. Prayer by Pastor. Sung 62nd Hymn and again, there was a more urgent call for people to come up forward, which brought some. Pastor, read in 1st Saml. 7th Chapter, and then offered remarks. Sung Hymn 849. “Come thou fount of every blessing.” E. Jay Willard read for Roll Call the 287 present members of the Church, very well for his first time, but in too low a voice. Pastor then read letters from Mrs. Nancy M. McClanathan, Miss Hortense Huntley, now Mrs. Crosby, of Garnaville Iowa, Miss Emily Daily, Mrs. Hannah Roberts, Miss Olive Cook of Flint Mich. and Mrs. Harriet A. DeWitt, also a letter from Mr. Thomas Elgar (in Philadelphia Penn.) all developing a good spirit. Brother Elgar’s closing with a desire to come here at time of meeting of the next Chautauqua Baptist Association, and have ordination here, if deemed worthy. Pastor invited any who had not of late been in Covenant meetings, to speak, and seven embraced the opportunity. Sister Beulah J. Noble had prepared obituary notices of Sisters Martha D.D. Manton, Effie A. Hutchinson, and
Mrs. Dr. A. Wheelock, and these were read by Miss Dorah R. Barker & returned to her. (Mrs. Noble)

A.Z. Madison Clerk Reported the sums collected the last year, for benevolence, but committed two errors by omitting the sum of $32.93 collected for the Bap. Ministers Home at West Farms, New York City, (as the letter & recpt were laid away in Desk where he did not see them, and also his Recpt to Ely Davis $9.02 for the Am. Baptist Missionary Union. Correct amt. of Collections in last year $362.56. He also reported the state of the Poor fund in his hands receipts $73.58. Disbursements $38.27, leaving a balance in his hands of $35.31. After which, he told those present when and how he was elected as Clerk, and later, Treasurer, of this Church, about 43 years, & two months ago, on the 26th of February 1848. In this connection he resigned his offices of Clerk and Treasurer of this Church, at the same time commending Brother Edward J. Crissey the Assistant Chh Clerk as his successor. Dr. F.B. Palmer moved, & it was seconded, and Resolved, That we accept the resignations and that our act be sent to the Examiner for publication as see preamble & Resolutions herewith. On motion of Dr. F.B. Palmer seconded, Resolved That Bro. Edward J. Crissey be elected Clerk and Treasurer of the Church. Preamble and Resolutions, passed by the Church at this time, on motion of Dr. F.B. Palmer seconded:

“Whereas, Brother A.Z. Madison has served this Church as its Clerk and Treasurer with preeminent fidelity and prudence during a period of forty three years, and now feels compelled to resign, in consequence of advancing age, (4 months & 13 days short of 88)

Therefore Resolved,

1st That we record with gratitude to God, for giving him to us, and sparing his life so many years, our hearty appreciation of Bro. Madison’s important services – an expression of our sincere hope, that he may be spared to us as a member of the Church, yet many years, and our earnest prayer, that his latter days may be crowned with even richer blessings than the days gone by.

Resolved 2nd. That we accept the resignations yielding only to seeming necessity.

Resolved 3rd. That this action be spread on the minutes of the Church, and sent to the Examiner for publication.”

Professor F.S. Lyon Superintendent of the Sab. Sch Reported the state, and benevolence, of the Sunday School. (Benevolence fair, but not recorded.) Then as to three schools. He had known schools where not 10 percent of the families had family prayer. That made hard work for teachers. He made good, & sensible remarks. Mrs. Sarah McA. Kimbel, made an encouraging report of the Clotho Society. No report of the Christian Endeavor So’y. The Mission Band meeting at Mrs. Edmond’s, Reported interestingly by Miss Hattie Blood. They have a contribution at each meeting. Miss Anna Lull, Reported a Missionary So’y in her S.S. Class. Could hear but little of this. Pastor Smith offered closing remarks. Sung the 100th Hymn, to close. Then most of congregation adjourned to the Lecture room & Church Parlors, to a well prepared supper. At 5.30 P.M. Trustees held a letting of Slips.

A.Z. Madison Chh Clerk


Sunday April 19th/91 Prof. F.S. Lyon on invitation of Dea. H.P. Perrin conducted religious service very acceptably reading a printed sermon on the text. “Come and see where the Lord lay.” The fault was in speaking too low, not as loud as ordinary for him.

[Archivist’s note: End of A.Z. Madison’s entries in the Church Record.]
At covenant meeting of church held on Friday evening May 1/91 Homer Ellis related his Christian experience, & on motion by D.S. Wright seconded by E.J. Crissey was received as candidate for baptism & membership into the church.

Sunday morning May 10, the Pastor presented an aspect from the “Columbian Sunday Association” asking that, in view of the eminent danger threatening our Sabbath, arising from the effort being made to open the World’s Fair of 1893, upon the Sabbath day.” He presents the matter to his congregation and asks for an expression by a rising vote, and that the result be recorded upon one of the petitions enclosed, & forwarded with the other selection of “legal votes” only, to the World’s Fair Commissioners of this state. The pastor called for an expression & the audience unanimously voted against the Sunday opening.

E.J. Crissey Ch Clk.

Request for letter of dismission & commendation received from Mrs. Mercy E. Sweet, of Indianapolis, Ind., & presented by pastor at regular prayer meeting Thursday evening May 28/91. On motion E.J. Crissey seconded by D.H. Morgan, letter was granted. Request from the Leon church that we send delegates to sit in council with them June 3d 1891 at the ordination of their pastor, Frank B.L. Putnam was presented by pastor, at same time & place, and on motion by D.H. Morgan, seconded by Mrs. Morian Resolved that we send Pastor & such others, for delegates, as the ch. clk. might be able to find, who could attend.

E.J. Crissey Ch Clerk

Sunday evening May 31st, Mr. Homer Ellis & Miss Millie Mayborn were baptized by the Pastor Rev. C.E. Smith & the following Sunday morning at the communion service, were extended the “Hand of Fellowship.” Also the hand of fellowship given to Mrs. Clara Elliott & Mrs. Jessica Allnatt.

At the regular covenant meeting held July 3d/91 on motion by E.J. Crissey, seconded, letters of dismission & recommendation were granted to Miss Hattie R. Holcomb, Miss Carrie E. Holcomb and Miss Hattie Johnson, to unite with the Ripley Baptist Church.

E.J. Crissey Ch Clerk

At the regular prayer meeting held Aug. 1891 the matter of choosing delegates to the Chaut. Baptist Asso’n to convene at Forestville Aug. [blank] was taken up & the following were chosen: Our pastor Rev. C.E. Smith, Bro. Alex Morian & wife, Bro. F.B. Palmer & wife, Dea. F.S. Lyon & wife, Rev. A. Kingsbury & wife. The Asso’n was appointed to meet with the church at Dunkirk, but as their pastor Rev. Keyes had left them but a short time before, & they felt their inability to entertain the Asso’n it was therefore appointed to convene with the Forestville church. The assessment for this church’s share in printing minutes, viz. $4.00 was later on sent to G.F. Woodbury Clerk of Asson through Bro. Stoddard of Busti. Advanced $2.00 of this amount.

Edward J. Crissey Ch Clk

At the regular covenant meeting of the church Oct. 2nd evening, a letter from the Cherry Creek church, recommending Mrs. Fannie Guest to our Christian Fellowship & watch care was presented & upon motion of Bro. D.S. Wright was accepted unanimously. Upon request of Mrs.
Electa Blowers a letter of dismission & recommendation to the church in Clyde, was duly granted.
Edward J. Crissey Ch Clk

Rev. Thos. Elgar preached very acceptably to the church Sabbath morning & evening Nov. 15th 1891 and in the evening a collection was taken for him amounting to Fifteen & 30/100 Dollars.
E.J. Crissey Clk

At the regular covenant meeting Dec. 3d 1891 a letter of dismission & recommendation was granted to Bro. Peter A. Wingblad to unite with the Baptist Church at Westfield, N.Y. Motion by Prof. Lyon, seconded by Dea. Morgan. Also, Wales M. Martin, Mrs. Hattie H. Martin, & W. Allen Martin, were received by letter from the Jamestown Baptist Church. Motion by D.S. Wright second by E.J. Crissey.
E.J. Crissey Clk

Dec. 29th, 1891 was appointed by the church & S.S, at the Christmas entertainment, as the time set for giving to the poor & needy, especially to those of our own church & congregation, & the people were requested to bring in such as they had, that would be useful to those that were needy. The result was not so satisfactory as was anticipated, on account of the rainy weather prevailing all that day & evening, but a considerable was brought in, such as, potatoes, apples, beets, turnips, squashes, sugar, &c &c. Some money, in all, Seven & 68/100 Dollars was donated & divided between four or five families. The receiving & distributing committee, were, deacons Perrin, Morgan & E.J. Crissey. The intent of this move was to help the needy & educate the children in giving.
E.J. Crissey Clk

Rev. Thomas Elgar was invited by our pastor, (after consultation with & advice of the deacons,) to preach upon the first Sabbath evening of the new year Jan. 3rd 1892. and remain with us through the “week of Prayer.” in hope that his earnest plea & manner might arouse the church to new activity, & interest sincere in behalf of their souls salvation. Bro. Elgar preached every evening, earnestly. The attendance was very good, but not as large as was anticipated. A good spirit pervaded the meeting, but not sufficient to warrant continuing Bro. Elgar’s labors further. Thus closed the meetings of the week, & none to follow the next week except the regular meeting.
E.J. Crissey Clk

Jan. 27th, 1892 At a regular prayer meeting, letters of recommendation were received by Mrs. Ida Jolls of St. Paul, Minn. & Miss Ira Urmy of Selkirk, Canada & they were duly received into membership upon said letters.
E.J. Crissey, Clk.

At the same meeting as above, a letter of dismission & recommendation was granted to Mrs. Hattie Morian, of Roseberg, Ore. to unite with Baptist Church there.
E.J. Crissey, Clk.

Fellowship Meeting & Roll Call, April 2/92
At 2:30 o’clock the Pastor called the meeting to order by announcing a hymn. After singing by choir, Dr. Palmer read scriptures and offered prayer. Anthem by the choir. The pastor then read interesting items from a small pamphlet compiled by Bro. A.Z. Madison, relative to the organization of the church in 1808, also in relation to the first fellowship meetings held in connection with this church. The Clerk then read the membership roll to which 110 responded in person or by letter. 19 absent members responded by letter as follows: Martha E. Bowdish, Mrs. Martha C. Bowdish, Mrs. Cordelia Bradford, Olive Cook, Mrs. Harriett A. DeWitt, Miss Emily Daly, Lucy M. Ellsworth, Minnie E. Eighme, Thomas Elgar, Ida E. Jolls, Sara M. Madison, Dayton H. Morgan, Mrs. Nancy McClanathan, Geo. C. Robertson, Hannah T. Roberts, Mrs. Hannah Teft, Louise M. Wilcox.

Obituary report was given by Mrs. Geo. W. Tate, the average age of the eight who died during the year being 74 years. Clerk read a resolution at this time which was unanimously received by rising vote:

Resolution.
Resolved That we do hereby express our increased appreciation of our Pastor, as our Annual Fellowship Day rolls around, and do extend to him and his family, our heartfelt sympathy in his affliction*, and do here renew our pledge to stand by him in his labors, for the advancement of the church, and the kingdom of God over the world, and to be co-laborers with him. [Note to side reads: *Referring to death of his little granddaughter Joyce Richmond, who was taken away by diphtheria.]

W.T. Benjamin Ch. & Society Treas. read his report of finances. This being a new plan, suggested by the pastor, as so many were not present at the church meeting in March, to hear it then. Report of the benevolence of Church was given by E.J. Crissey Treasurer. The Total Amt. being $305.05. Report of F.S. Lyon, Supt of S.S. was next given followed by an earnest appeal to adult members to attend the Sunday School. Report of Christian Endeavor So. given by Bro. William Barker. Report of Clotho Society by Mrs. Kimbel. Report of Sunday School Temperance Society was given by J.M. DeWitt president of the society. Bro. Geo. Tate read the report of the Poor Fund that was in the hands of the late A.Z. Madison & the same was received & Bro. Tate paid the balance of $11.22 over to the treasurer of the “Poor Fund” E.J. Crissey.

The audience was then dismissed & invited to the church parlors below where a bountiful supper had been provided & a social time was enjoyed. The committee on pew rental at this time attended to renting of pews.

Received at Communion service by Coll. 42.90
Paid for care of service 6.00
  “ out upon orders of Deacons 8.00
April 2/92 Bal. in Treasurers hands as per report 28.90
  “ “ Amt paid, from Geo. Tate 11.22
Total bal. 40.12

Edward J. Crissey Ch Clerk

Special Church Meeting
After a meeting of the Pastor & deacons, held at the Pastor’s Study April 26th 8 o’clock p.m. the pastor called a special church meeting Tuesday evening May 3rd, 1892 to consider some important matters relative to the church. Seventeen were present. Pastor in the chair. Opened by prayer, by pastor. He then explained the object of the meeting, viz: to take action upon church matters which were thought not proper to bring before open meeting. We then referred to the
case of Mrs. John Christy and after some discussion & explanation of the case, Bro. Geo. Tate moved her name be dropped from our roll. Seconded by E.J. Crissey. Carried unanimously.

The case of Mrs. Sarah J. Skinner next taken up. After an explanation of Mrs. Skinner’s request &c Dea. Perrin moved, seconded by Geo. Tate, that she be granted a certificate of membership in good standing, - said certificate to state that she was dismissed at her own request. Carried.

The matter of Bro. James Kibler not walking with the church was next considered. After some explanations by Bro. Damon as to Bro. Kibler’s religious views, Mrs. R.E. Morian moved that Bro. Damon & Dea. Perrin be committee to labor with Bro. Kibler & if not able to reclaim him, get a definite answer as to what he would wish the church to do with his name. Seconded and carried. Remarks by Bro. Tate urging members to careful consideration, & kindness toward members who may be in some degree alienated from church fellowship. Other cases were then considered. Mrs. Morian moved – seconded – that inasmuch as Miss Emma Johnson who united with the Free Methodist Church had entirely forsaken us as a church, - her name be dropped from the roll. Carried. Mrs. Morian moved, seconded by Bro. Tate, that Miss Amanda Johnson’s name be also dropped from Church roll. Carried. Bro. Geo. Tate moved – seconded – that Pastor, Clerk, & Dea. Perrin be committee to examine church list & report names of those who have not been heard from for some time, for consideration of the church. Amended by adding to committee the name of Bro. Geo. Tate. Adjourned.

E.J. Crissey Ch Clk

At the regular prayer meeting Thursday evening May 19th, 1892 the Pastor presented a letter of recommendation from the Baptist Church at Kane, Pa. recommending to our fellowship, Bro. P.C. West. On motion by E.J. Crissey seconded by Geo. Tate, Bro. West was received unanimously.

E.J. Crissey Ch Clerk

At the Covenant Meeting of the church, on Friday evening May 2nd, 1892, letters were received recommending Geo. L. Harris, his wife & daughter, from the Baptist Church at Conneaut O. to the Fredonia Baptist Church. Upon motion of Bro. Geo. Tate seconded, they were unanimously received.

E.J. Crissey Ch Clerk

On July 9th, 1892 Mrs. Irene C. Frazine passed into rest, eternal. She suffered a long sickness and was taken from her home to Stockton, N.Y. where she died, at the residence of her niece, Mrs. Lamphear.

[Transcriber’s Note: The following entry was written in pencil in handwriting different from E.J. Crissey’s.] Enter minutes respecting vote of Trustees on granting money for supply during vacation. Such minutes to be had of G.W. Beldins.

Rev. C.E. Smith, our pastor, took his vacation earlier this year, than formerly, beginning the 14th of June & continuing for six consecutive Sabbaths, returning to occupy his pulpit on the last Sabbath of July, both himself & Mrs. Smith being very much improved in health by their sojourn in the mountains of eastern New York.
At the regular Covenant meeting, on Aug. 5th, 1892, on motion of Geo. Tate, Mr. Charlie Slaght and his wife, Mrs. Nellie Slaght, were received upon letters of recommendation from the First Bap. Church of East Otto, N.Y.
E.J. Crissey Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting of the church, Aug. 18th, 1892, the letter of dismission & recommendation presented by Mr. E.R. Britton from Corry, Pa. was considered. On motion of E.J. Crissey seconded by S.S. Crissey Mr. Britton was duly received. Also, Mrs. S. Ella Britton was, upon motion of E.J. Crissey seconded by F.S. Lyon, duly received into membership of the church.
E.J. Crissey Ch Clk

At the Thursday evening prayer meeting Aug. 25th, 1892, - the pastor being absent attending a Young Peoples Baptist Convention, convened at Meadville, Pa., Geo. Tate led the meeting. The clerk had prepared the letter to the association, which was at this meeting presented and read, and upon the motion of Bro. Tate, was accepted as our letter to the association. The delegates appointed were as follows:
Rev. C.E. Smith & Mrs. Smith
Prof. F.S. Lyon & Mrs. Lyon
Mrs. D.L. Shepard
Mrs. P.J. Morris
Four dollars was raised the following Sabbath for the minutes. E.J. Crissey, Ch Clk

Sept. 30th 1892
At the regular covenant meeting of the church on Friday evening of above date, Mrs. Lucenia A. Chapman asked for letter of dismission from our church, to unite with the Baptist Church in Titusville, Pa. On motion of Prof. F.B. Palmer seconded by E.J. Crissey the letter was granted.
E.J. Crissey Ch Clk

At the regular prayer meeting of the church Oct. 27 1892 – Mr. Cornell N. Pfohl & his wife Mrs. Etta D. Pfohl, presented themselves to the church as candidates for baptism. They came from Bradford to join us as there was a dissension in the Baptist church there, and they preferred the Baptist faith to any other. The matter of the propriety of our church receiving them was taken up by the pastor & deacons, at one of their meetings previously held & was thought a proper thing to do under the circumstances. Upon relating their experience, motion was made by Dea. Morgan, seconded that they be received, Carried unanimously. Immediately after the close of meeting, the audience reared to the audience room & the ordinance of baptism was administered to Mr. & Mrs. Pfohl.
E.J. Crissey Ch Clk

At the regular prayer meeting held Thursday evening Nov. 24th, 1892, Miss Ernestine Urny was received by letter, from the Baptist church at Selkirk, Canada, in fellowship with us. (Clerk was absent) Reported by Pastor.
E.J. Crissey Ch Clk
Dec. 24/92 the clerk sent to J.G. **Snelling** Treasurer of Home Missions, at new York $112 34/100 less cost of draft 20 cents, viz: $112 14/100 & received receipt for same, the amount being the same raised by the church as her Annual contribution to Home Missions.

E.J. **Crissey** Clk

Sabbath morning, Dec 18th **1892** the Pastor asked church members to remain a few moments after the service, to consider the matter of observing the week of prayer & other matters connected with it. After presentation of the matter by the pastor, it was voted unanimously to observe the week of prayer, also to observe Wednesday of that week as a special day of prayer for missions. Also voted that the church make the week one of self denial & that at the end of the week or the last meeting of the week we bring our offering to the meeting.

E.J. **Crissey** Clk

At the regular covenant meeting of the church the pastor presented letter from Mrs. Lucy M. **Ellsworth**, now of Montvale, N.Y. asking for a letter of dismissal & recommendation to the Baptist Church at Nanuet, N.Y. this being the nearest one to her. On motion by Bro. Geo. **Tate** seconded, her request was granted.

Feb 3rd **1893** E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

At the regular Covenant meeting Mch 3d/93, Mrs. Ann M. **Gibbs**, was received by letter from the First Baptist Church of Corry, Pa. Motion by Bro. J.N. **Hardenberg**, seconded by S.S. **Crissey**.

E.J. **Crissey** Ch Clerk

Fellowship Day.

April 1st, **1893** was observed as Fellowship Day. Meeting opened at 2:45 p.m. by the Pastor. Singing by choir, Hymn 849n Scripture reading – 92nd Psalm. Prayer by the Pastor. Singing by choir – Hymn 850. Pastor then read a letter from Corry, Pa. Baptist Church, recommending to our fellowship Bro. Gersham **Gibbs**, who was duly & unanimously received. The Roll was then called by the Clerk to which about 103 responded by word or by letter. Quite a number came in afterward who did not have an opportunity to hear roll call. Total number of members 277.

Letters were received & read from Sisters Olive **Cook**, Mrs. Hortense H. **Crosby**, Lizzie A. **Lyon**, Mrs. Nancy **McClanathan**, Mrs. Elisabeth **Gates**, Mrs. Rachel **Morian** (who is sick), & Miss Sara **Madison**: Brethren Rev. Thos. **Elgar** & Raymond B. **Lewis**, Miss Sara **Madison** in her letter, very kindly offered to pay the deficit in year’s expenses (amounting to about $75) in appreciation of the kindly feeling the church held toward her father, & her love for the church. The pastor asked if any would like to speak, to which several responded to his invitation. Clerk then read report of deaths of members during the year. Dea. Henry A. **Buck**, Mrs. Miriam **Green**, Mrs. Roxy M. **Morgan**, Mrs. Charlotte **Porter**, Miss Emily **Daily**, Mrs. Irene C. **Frazine**, Erial T. **Willard**, Mrs. Annie A. **Reed**. Bro. **Tate** made report of plan for Pew Renting – raising subscription for church expenses. Collection was taken to defray expenses of printing Fellowship Day invitations, amounting to about $6.25, Pastor announced Committees for ensuing year as follows:

- **Festivals** –
  - Mr. C.E. **Smith** Gen. Treasurer
  - Miss Elnora **Tate** & Adina **Tate** – Strawberry
Mrs. H.W. Thompson, Mrs. Hattie Allen – Oyster
Mrs. Marsena Munger, Mrs. Henry Morrison – Sugar
Mrs. Lucy Crissey, Mrs. Addie Morian – Fellowship.
Com. Foreign Missions:
Mrs. Geo. Tate,
Mrs. Alex. Morian,
Mrs. E.R. Britton,
Mrs. Albert Grant,
Mrs. Philander Barber,
Com. Home Missions:
Mrs. Geo. W. Blood
Mrs. Goddard
Mrs. Erskine Webster
Miss Emily E. Starr
Miss Selina Mayborn
Flower Committee:
April – Miss Hattie Blood
May – Miss Nellie Collis
June – Miss Marion Scott
July – Miss Julia Harris
August – Mrs. Jennie Cobb
Septem. – Miss Anna Powell
October – Miss Mary S. Morgan
November – Miss Lizzie A. Lyon
December – Miss Nettie Cowden
January – Mrs. Grace Richmond
Feby – Miss Nellie Palmer
March – Mrs. Lottie Colburn
Report read by Clerk of Poor Fund for year ending Apr 1/93 as follows –
Amt in Treas. Apr 2/92 $40.12
Amt collections for year ending Apr 1/93 34.84
Total $74.96
Paid for care of Com. service $6.00
Paid upon order of deacons $15.00
bal. in Treasury $53.96
Report of Benevolence given by clerk for year ending Apr 1/93 was as follows:
Foreign Missions:
Annual Collection by Church 195.52
Women’s For. Mission Society 35.70
Telugu Famine Sufferers 36.00
Sunday School Collections 12.00= $279.22
Home Missions:
Amount Collection by Church $112.34
Women’s Home Mission Society 54.56
Selina University (Y.P.S.C.E.) 16.00 = $182.90
Ministerial Education 44.55
Ministers Home 31.61
Total for benevolence 557.78
Report for Sunday School made by the superintendent, Prof. Lyon, who spoke earnestly about how few boys attend the Sunday School, & consequently correspondingly few young men in the church, & urged that an effort be made to bring them in. Report of Christian Endeavor made by Miss Harris. Singing Hymn, after which all repaired to basement where a most excellent & bountiful supper had been prepared, & all partook of with thankful & joyous hearts.
Edward J. Crissey Ch Clerk

Revival Services
The pastors of the Methodist, Presbyterian & Baptist churches, united in asking Rev. E.E. Davidson, the Evangelist, to come & hold a series of revival meetings with the three churches. He came & began his labors in the M.E. Church on Sunday morning April 9th 1893 continuing one week in that church: - the second week in the Baptist Church & the third week in the Presbyterian Church. These meetings proved very interesting & beneficial, large accessions being made to the three churches. Rev. Davidson’s labors proved very acceptable to all. He exhibited a very quiet, kind & teachable spirit & great pursuasive [sic] powers. He went from this field of labor carying [sic] with him the love & esteem of a large portion of the community.
Edward J. Crissey Ch Clerk

At the regular prayer conference meeting held May 11th almost the entire meeting was devoted to listening to the experiences of new converts who wished to unite with the church by immersion. The following were received as candidates for baptism upon relating their experience – most unanimously – Miss Emma Harvey, Miss Frances Topliff, Miss Clara Britton, Miss Jessie Lewis, Miss Maud Southwick, Miss Jessie Morian, Miss Ruth Perrin, Miss Mabel Jenks, Miss Mabel Slaght, Mr. Byron Clark, Mr. Geo. Britton, Mr. Israel Raymond, Mr. Bert Munger, Mr. O.W. Fargo, Mr. Dwight H. Huff, Mr. Lewis Aldrich, Master Clare Morris.

E.J. Crissey Ch Clerk

On Sunday evening May 14th the following received the ordinance of baptism, ten in number: Emma Harvey, Frances Topliff, Clara Britton, George Britton, Jessie Lewis, Maud Southwick, Jessie Morian, Ruth Perrin, Mabel Jenks, and Clare Morris.
E.J. Crissey Ch Clerk

May 18th, at the regular prayer meeting the Pastor read a letter from the Sinclairville Church, recommending to our watchcare & fellowship, Miss Jennie Rich, who was unanimously received. At the same meeting the experiences of the following persons, were related & they were unanimously received as candidates for baptism & membership into the church. Will Adkins, Frank Moran, Lucius Cole, Miss Grace E. Wood, Miss Lottie Foote.
E.J. Crissey Ch Clerk

On Sunday evening May 21st twelve received the ordinance of baptism at the hands of the pastor, Rev. C.E. Smith, as follows: Byron S. Clark, Israel Raymond, Bert Munger, O. Webster Fargo, Dwight H. Huff, Lewis Aldrich, Will Adkins, Frank Moran, Edward Moran, Misses Mabel Slaght, Grace E. Wood, & Lottie Foote.
E.J. Crissey Ch Clerk
At the regular prayer meeting May 25, letters of recommendation were read as follows, from the Perrysburg Bap. Ch. of Gowanda N.Y. recommending Mrs. D.H. Huff. She was unanimously received; from the Stockton Bap. Ch recommending Mrs. Harriett E. Fargo, also from same ch. recommending Mrs. Florence Raymond, both being received unanimously.

E.J. Crissey Ch Clerk

At the covenant meeting held June 1, 1893, Mr. Emmons Ellsworth related his Christian experience and was unanimously received as candidate for baptism & membership into the church.

E.J. Crissey Ch Clerk

On the morning of June 8th, about 7 oclock the spirit of our dear brother, Arnold Kingsbury, passed from its tenement of clay to be forever with the Lord. He had been in failing health for several years, suffering occasionally [sic] with severe spells of sicknesses. His last sickness was of about a week & one half duration, in which he suffered a great deal. He died as he had lived, trusting in his Redeemer. We miss his kindly greeting, - we miss his Christian counsel.

E.J. Crissey Ch Clk

Tuesday evening June 20, the pastor called the Advisory Committee together to consider matters of importance connected with the Sunday School, and also nominate officers for the S.S., to be voted for at some future time, by the church & school. The pastor as chairman called for a statement of the matter of the funeral expenses of our Bro. Kingsbury, which had been thought advisable, by the deacons, for the church to assume. The clerk stated the matter & upon motion of Bro. Tate they voted to so do, to the amount of sixty five ($65.) dollars, (the undertakers bill,) Brethren E.J. Crissey, George Tate & Horace P. Perrin were appointed a committee to raise as much of this amount as possible by subscription & the balance to be taken from the Poor Fund of church. Then proceeded to discussion of Sunday School matters. After considerable talk of matters in general & particular, the following nominations were made for S.S. officers: E.J. Crissey, Superintendent, H.P. Perrin Asst. Supt., Miss Sarah L. Stevens, Sec & Treasurer, Miss Mary J. Morgan, Librarian; Miss Ella I. Davis, Chorister, she to choose her own organist, Superintendent of Inf. Dept. Mrs. F.B. Palmer.

E.J. Crissey Ch Clk

Sunday morning June 18. Pastor called the church together, after morning service, to hear the experience of Miss Bertha Martin who wished to be baptized. She gave good evidence of her conversion to Christ and was unanimously received as candidate for baptism & ch membership. In the evening the ordinance of baptism was administered to Lucius Cole who related his experience one month before & was received, also Emmons Ellsworth rec’d June 1st, and Miss Bertha Martin, June 18. The right hand of fellowship was given to the foregoing candidates, received, to the larger part at communion service June 8th and to the others July 2nd.

E.J. Crissey Clerk

At the regular covenant meeting of the church June 29, after usual exercises, Pastor referred to election of S.S. officers & asked all to stay to the election. Those officers as nominated by “Advisory Committee” were then elected.
E.J. Crissey Clerk

At the regular prayer meeting July 6, 1893, Miss Matie Sackett, Miss Minnie Sackett, Miss Nettie Cowden, & Miss Nellie Collis, related their Christian experience and each was unanimously received as candidate for baptism & church membership. Each gave a very clear experience. Letters were also received from the Springfield Ohio Church recommending Rev. G.O. King & wife to our watchcare & fellowship. They were unanimously received into membership with us.
E.J. Crissey Ch Clerk

On Sunday evening the 9th of July the above candidates referred to, viz: Miss Matie Sackett, Miss Minnie Sackett, Miss Nettie Cowden and Miss Nellie Collis, were baptized by pastor Rev. C.E. Smith.
The Tuesday following July 11th the Pastor took his annual vacation, to be about six weeks, going in to the mountains near Williamsport, Pa. The first Sunday after his absence July 16th there was no service in church except S.S. & Y.P.S.C.E. meeting. It is expected there will be service, each Sabbath thereafter during the pastors absence.
E.J. Crissey Clk

At the regular prayer meeting July 13th Prof. F.S. Lyon leader, at the request of Mrs. Melea M. Meahen, now of Dunkirk, a letter of dismission from this church & recommendation to unite with Dk church, was granted her.
E.J. Crissey Clk

At the prayer meeting July 20th 1893 Rev. G.O. King officiating, letters were granted (upon motion of D.H. Morgan, seconded by S.S. Crissey,) to Mr. & Mrs. E.J. Willard to unite with the South Baptist Church of Belvidere Ill.
E.J. Crissey Clk

At the regular prayer meeting Aug 10th a request was made by Mrs. Clara Elliott for letter of dismission from this church to unite with the Bap. Church at Dunkirk. On motion, seconded, her request was granted.
E.J. Crissey Ch Clk

Pastor returned from his six weeks vacation Aug. 26th, 1893 and preached on the 27th Sunday, to a good sized congregation. The church letter prepared by the clerk was read before the church. The members being called together after sermon to hear the letter & receive or reject it. The letter was read and adopted as the church’s letter to the Chautauqua Ass’n to be held at Ripley Aug. 29th, 30th and 31st 1893. Delegates were also elected to the Ass’n as follows: Rev. C.E. Smith & wife, Dr. F.B. Palmer & wife, Rev. G.O. King, Brethren Bert Moran and George Morgan. At the prayer meeting following the meeting of the Association, Pastor spoke of the excellent meeting at Ripley, hoping its influence might be wide extended.
E.J. Crissey Ch Clk

The Baptist Church of Ellery, sent a requeste, dated Oct. 5th 1893 asking the Fredonia Baptist Church to send its Pastor and one delegate to sit in council with them Oct 24, 1893 for the
purpose of ordaining their pastor, Bro. James L. Chase, to the ministry. The matter was presented by Bro. Smith at the prayer meeting Oct. 12, 1893 & upon motion the pastor & Rev. G.O. King were appointed as delegates with power of substitution.

E.J. Crissey Clk

At the regular Covenant meeting Nov. 3/93 Mrs. S.S. Godard and Miss Anna B. Nourse were duly received into membership of our church, by letter from the Mayville Baptist Church.

E.J. Crissey Clerk

At a regular prayer meeting Feb 22 1894 the letters of Mrs. Emma Powell, from Canada, & Mrs. Mary A. Jenks from Cherry Creek, were received and they became members with us.

E.J. Crissey, Clerk

On Thursday morning Mch 8, 1894 Mrs. Eliza Ann Gates, who has for several years been residing with Mr. R.B. Day, died, after a long period of sickness. Aged 84 years.

On Mch 1st 1894 Mrs. Nancy McClintonah after long period of sickness, died, in full faith, aged 83 years.

On Jan 1st, Mrs. Jerusha White died, at the residence of her daughter Mrs. L.T. Parker – Aged 93 years.

On Saturday the 31st day of March 1894, the Church observed their “Annual Fellowship” day and came together upon invitation of Pastor, at the church. Pastor Rev. Chas. E. Smith called the meeting to order by announcing Organ Voluntary. Anthem by the choir. Scripture reading by Dr. F.B. Palmer. Duet by Mr. Harris & daughter. Prayer by Rev. G.O. King. Roll call by the Clerk. Letters from absent members. Report of deaths by Clerk. Report of Finance by Geo. Tate. Report of Church benevolence by Clerk. Appointments of committees by Pastor.

Flower Com: - For Apr Clara Britton; May, Mabel Jenks, June; Mrs. Anna Hall, July; Mabel Slaght, August; Cora Wright, September; Ruth Perrin, October; Blanche Wood, November; Ida Urmy, December; Miss Jennie Bond, January; Ada F. Tate, Feb 1st, Jessie Lewis, March, Frankie Topliff.

A collection was taken to defray expenses of meeting. Amt $7.02.

Solo by Miss Julia Harris

Report of Poor Fund.
  " Y.P.S.C. Endeavor by president Mrs. Nourse.
  " Junior Endeavor by Conductor Miss Blood
  " “Will & Way” society by Mrs. Dr. Palmer

Rev. E.E. Davidson (conducting series of meetings in Westfield) came in & Pastor asked him to make a few remarks, which he did. The doxology was then sung and all adjourned to parlors below where a bountiful repast was awaiting, & a social time was enjoyed by a large number. This closed one of the pleasantest and most profitable Annual gatherings we have had. There were during the year six deaths in the church, - the youngest 69 years old, and the oldest 93 years. The average age being 81 2/3 years.

Report of Poor Fund

Amt in treasury Apr 1st, 1893 $53.96
  " raised by Coll. to Apr 1st, 1894 36.92
  " " special subscriptions 27.00 = $117.88.
Amt paid for supplies & care Com’n. service $6.13
 " " upon order of Deacons 79.47 = $85.60
Balance in treasury $32.28
Foreign Mission Committee appointed for year.
Mrs. R.E. Morian, Mrs. S.S. Crissey, Mrs. C.E. Smith, Mrs. Harriet Daniel, Miss Ella Davis
Home Mission Committee:
Mrs. Eugenia Morris, Mrs. Harriet Lyon, Mrs. Hiram Morgan, Mrs. Addie Morian, Mrs. Anna Hall.
E.J. Crissey Ch Clerk

At the regular prayer meeting April 5 1894, a request from Mrs. Jessie Culver of Silver Creek, was received & presented asking for letter of dismission & recommendation to unite with Baptist Church at Silver Creek. Voted that such a letter be granted & chh sent her a letter. Mrs. M.D. Playter also made request for a letter to unite with the M.E. Church in Fredonia. A certificate of membership was granted her on motion of Mrs. Morian & seconded by clerk.
E.J. Crissey Ch Clerk

May 17th at the regular prayer meeting Mrs. West & Mrs. Wingblad related their experience with wish to join the church by baptism. They were then unanimously received as candidates for baptism & membership in church.
E.J. Crissey Ch Clerk

May 24th, at the regular prayer meeting Mr. Emil L. Wingblad was received upon letter from Baptist Church in Skidevi, Sweeden [sic]. His wife joining by baptism later.

May 27, Sunday evening, after the sermon, the ordinance of baptism was administered to Mrs. Wingblad & Mrs. West.

May 31st at the regular prayer meeting upon request of Mrs. D.W. Little, nee Skillman, for a certificate of membership to join the congregational church at Appleton, Minn, upon motion of George Tate the pastor was instructed to write her a certificate of membership.

At the same time the application of Mrs. Mary Amell by letter from Titusville, Pa. to unite with us was unanimously received.
E.J. Crissey Clerk

At the regular prayer meeting held Sept. 6th, 1894 letters of dismission were granted to Mrs. Louise M. Bozorski to unite with the Monroeville Baptist Church of Monroeville, O. Also to Miss Maud Southwick to unite with the Dunkirk Baptist Church.
E.J. Crissey Clerk

On Thursday evening, Nov. 15th, 1894, at the regular prayer & conference meeting Miss Sula M. Douglas related her Christian experience, in a clear & straightforward manner, and was unanimously received as candidate for baptism & church membership.
On Sabbath evening following, Nov 18th she was baptized by the pastor, Rev. Chas. E. Smith.
E.J. Crissey Ch Clerk
At the conclusion of the Thursday evening prayer meeting, Nov. 22\textsuperscript{nd} 1894 the pastor asked the members of the church to remain, when he presented the case of Emily A. Frazine who had been accused of conduct unbecoming a Christian. At a deacons meeting, at the pastors, some time ago, a committee was appointed, consisting of Mrs. Morian & Mrs. Tate to visit Miss Emily Frazine and ascertain her feelings toward the church, and her wishes as to the disposition of her case before the church. They reported their interview, which was to the effect that they were coldly received and not even asked inside the screen door and that she answered some of their questions, & others she refused to answer, and expressed herself as desirous that the church should take her name from the roll and that she should never step inside the church again. Upon motion of E.J. Crissey, seconded by D.H. Morgan, the church voted unanimously to withdraw the hand of “Fellowship” from Miss Emily A. Frazine. The Clerk wrote a letter to notify her of action taken by the church.

E.J. Crissey Ch Clerk

On Tuesday Nov. 27\textsuperscript{th}, 1894 Miss Tabitha Eddy, who for several years has resided with her niece, Miss Belle Stewart, passed from this life into the presence of the Savior, fully trusting in his promises. She was advanced in age (87 years) and on account of infirmities of old age had not attended church for several years, but trusted in her Jesus.

E.J. Crissey, clk

At the covenant meeting of the church on Friday evening Nov. 30, 1894, the matter of Mrs. E.F. Warren’s request for a letter of dismission from this church to unite where she resides, Beaver Dam, Wis., now considered. It was expressed, that before a letter was granted to her, some of the charges or reports that were told about her, had better be cleared up, or explained. Bro. S.S. Crissey moved a committee of three be appointed to examine into the charges and report to the church. The pastor was instructed in motion to appoint such committee. It was suggested the committee consist of more than three & this was embodied in motion. This motion was unanimously carried. Pastor appointed brethren H.P. Perrin, S.S. Crissey, G.O. King; sisters Caroline Jones & Mrs. Rufus Haywood.

December 20\textsuperscript{th}, 1894, at the regular prayer meeting a request was presented by the Pastor, from Mrs. Ida Urmy Meahem, asking for a letter of dismission & recommendation, to unite with the Baptist Church at Dunkirk. On motion, seconded, the requested was voted.

E.J. Crissey Ch Clk

At the regular Monday evening meeting of the “week of prayer” Jany. 14\textsuperscript{th}, Mrs. Anna Binisan(?) Martin, wife of Charles Martin, brought her letter of dismission from the First Baptist Church of Rockford, Ill. and presented it for admission to church, and was unanimously received.

E.J. Crissey, Clk

At the Thursday evening meeting Jan 17\textsuperscript{th} Mr. Albert Smith was received upon his experience as related before the church; he having been baptized at the Christian Chapel, about two years previous.

E.J. Crissey Clerk
At the Thursday evening Covenant meeting Jan. 31st, the Committee appointed to examine into the reports concerning the character of Mrs. E.F. Warren, made their report as follows:

Fredonia N.Y. Jan. 30th, 1895 To the First Baptist Church.

Dear Brethren:

The committee to which was referred the request of Mrs. E.F. Warren by a letter from this church to the Baptist Church in Beaver Dam, Wis., have given the subject very careful consideration. They have heard many things concerning sister Warren that, if true, are inconsistent with Christian character, but have not been able to find sufficient testimony such as would meet the requirements of evidence, to warrant them in preferring charges against her. The committee therefore feel compelled to recommend that in accordance with her request, a letter be granted. Unanimously adopted at a full meeting of the committee.

H.P. Perrin, chairman

The foregoing report of the Committee, was adopted by the church, at aforesaid meeting, thereby entitling Mrs. Warren to a letter of dismission & recommendation which has been duly forwarded to Mrs. Warren at Beaver Dam, Wis.

E.J. Crissey, clerk

Sabbath morning, Feb’y 17th, 1895, the pastor presented a “Petition, to the Legislature of the State of New York in the Senate assembled, for strengthening amendments to the existing Statutes which require in the public schools, the study of the laws of Hygiene, including those concerning the use of alcoholic drinks and other narcotics.” This petition had been previously presented to the Women’s C.T.U. – the Presbyterian Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, and sanctioned by them & signed by the Pastor & clerks of each. Pastor Smith presented it before his congregation & it was by vote unanimously adopted, & signed by Pastor & ch. Clerk.

E.J. Crissey Ch Clerk

At the weekly prayer meeting following the foregoing Sabbath, a vote was taken and Two ($2.00) Dollars, was voted from the poor fund to assist in forwarding the above work relating to the petition.

Feb’y 26th a telegram was received at Fredonia, by Mr. Jolls, announcing the death of sister Ida Jolls, who died at the asylum for insane, where she had been sent for treatment. Her funeral was held at Baptist Church Mch 1, 1895.

At the covenant meeting Feb’y 28 a letter of dismission was granted to Miss Anna Wheelock to unite with the First Baptist Church in Cory, Pa.

At the prayer meeting held March 7/95, the matter of giving the amount of the collection for Ministerial Education to Bro. W.B. Barker now preparing for the ministry at “Colgate University” was presented by the pastor, and it was so voted, to give him this collection. On Sunday Mch 10th, the collection was taken amounting to about Forty three ($43.00) Dollars.

E.J. Crissey Church Clerk

At the regular prayer meeting on Thursday evening March 21st a letter was presented from the Baptist Church at Northeast, Pa., requesting that delegates be sent to sit in council on Mch 26th at
2 p.m. to try and adjust some existing troubles in that church. The pastor, Rev. Chas. E. Smith, Dr. F.B. Palmer and Rev. G.O. King, were appointed as such delegates, & clerk gave them credentials.
E.J. Crissey, Ch Clerk

April 4th, 1895, at the covenant meeting of the church, pastor presented a letter from the Harmony Baptist Church, Panama N.Y. recommending for membership with us Mrs. Agnes Eddy, who was unanimously received.
E.J. Crissey, Clerk

Fellowship Meeting April 6th, 1895
Assembled at 2:30 p.m. Pastor opened the meeting by announcing hymn 832. Scripture reading by Rev. G.O. King. Prayer by Dr. F.B. Palmer. Anthem by choir. Remarks of welcome by pastor. Calling of Roll of Membership. Pastor read letters from absent members. The following responded by letter, to the pastor’s cards of invitation: Alice H. Albro, Dora R. Barker, Olive Cook, Mrs. Hortense H. Crosby, Mrs. Harriet Daniels, Mrs. Louisa M. Edmunds, Rev. Thos. Elgar, Geo. H. Hollister, Raymond B. Lewis, Mrs. Frances E. Haywood. News was brought of the death of sister Mary A. Wright by Mrs. Bert Belden. Mrs. Wright’s funeral was to be held this Saturday at Buffalo. Report of Deaths was given by clerk as follows: Miss Tabitha Eddy, Mrs. Mary E. Wright, Mrs. Martha Bowdish, Mrs. Evangeline R. Adams, Mrs. Ida E. Jolls, Mrs. Mary A. Wright. Bro. George Tate made report of the financial condition of society & church. Appointment of committees by the pastor as follows.
Com. for next Fellowship Day.
Mrs. F.S. Lyon
Mrs. George W. Belden
General Treas. Of Festivals
Mrs. W.T. Benjamin
Strawberry Festival Com.
Mrs. Hiram Morgan
Mrs. Anna B. Martin
Harvest Festival Com.
Mrs. Dayton H. Morgan
Miss Elizabeth A. Lyon
Oyster Supper Com.
Mrs. Hattie Skidmore
Mrs. Preston Cato
Sugar Festival Com.
Mrs. Darwin L. Shepard
Mrs. Eugenia Morris
Chairman of Sections
Sec. A. & B.      Mrs. Hattie E. Allen
  "  C.            " Mary Coddington
  "  D.E.F.&G.    " Harriet Daniel
  "  H.I.J.K.&L.  " Hattie Jewett
  "  M.           " Ellen Munger
  "  N.O.P.R.     " Miss Anna Powell
Mrs. Helen Sloan
Foreign Mission Com.
Mrs. R.E. Morian
" S.S. Crissey
" L.L. Goddard
" Grace S. Richmond
" C.E. Smith
Home Mission Com.
Mrs. F.B. Palmer
Miss Nellie Palmer
Mrs. Anna Martin
Mrs. Elizabeth Barker
Miss Sarah Bond
A collection to defray expenses was taken up amounting to $5.50/100. Report of the C.E. Society was given by Miss Lena Potter. Closed by singing hymn 779. Benediction by Pastor. After benediction, the church adjourned to parlors of church, where a bountiful supper was served, and a social time enjoyed. The whole exercises were interesting and one of the most successful anniversaries was thus closed.
E.J. Crissey Clerk

At the regular covenant meeting on May 2nd, 1895 the following related their Christian experience and were received as candidates for membership & baptism: Eleanor Crissey & Sarah Powell.
At the prayer meeting on Thursday eve May 9 Lola Slaght related her Christian experience & was received as candidate for membership & baptism.
Sabbath morning May 12 after sermon Joseph Rogers gave his Christian experience & was received as candidate for baptism & church membership. In the evening the ordinance of baptism was administered to the four candidates, above mentioned. A very beautiful and impressive service.

The pastor announced his intention of taking a vacation the next two Sabbaths but service would be held each Sabbath.
E.J. Crissey Clerk

Rev. G.O. King occupied the pulpit two Sabbaths, during pastor’s absence to Toronto, Canada.

June 20th at the regular prayer meeting request for letters of dismission were rec’d & granted to Mrs. Mary Correll and Mrs. Eliza Brownell.
E.J. Crissey Clerk

At the regular covenant meeting Aug. 29, 1895, the letters of recommendation &c of Mr. Darwin & Mrs. Darwin of the Cherry Creek church were received & voted upon. They were unanimously rec’d.
E.J. Crissey, Clerk
At the covenant meeting Oct. 3rd, 1895, Miss Carrie Griffin was received by letter from the First Baptist Church of Northeast, Pa. Also, Mr. Wm. E. Kaiser was received upon the relating of his experience, having formerly been member of a Baptist Church, but for two or three years past has been out of fellowship with the church.

E.J. Crissey Clerk

At the prayer meeting Oct. 10th, 1895 a letter of recommendation was presented by Miss Edith Chase, from North East, Pa asking for membership with us, which was granted unanimously.

E.J. Crissey Clerk

The regular prayer meeting, Nov. 21st, 1895, was varied from the usual course, by the pastor, immediately after the usual opening services, calling upon Mr. Edward M. Hayhurst to relate his experience with a view to being received by the church into membership. Also Mrs. Ella Hayhurst related her experience and desired to be received into membership. Both having been members of Baptist churches years before, but as Mr. H. expressed it, “Had been wanderers for several years and not permitted to have a home with any ch.” they were unanimously received into membership. Paul Hayhurst & Marian Hayhurst, their children, both related their experience and asked to be received as candidates for baptism & membership. Both were most unanimously received by the church.

E.J. Crissey ch clerk

Nov. 21st, 1895.
Pastor read a letter from Bro. Thos. Elgar asking that the church ask for a council to be called to examine Bro. Elgar for ordination to the ministry. Church asked to call such council & appointed as delegates Pastor, Rev. G.O. King & the church clk. Unanimously carried. Time for ordination appointed Dec. 2nd, 1895. Owing to the numerous lectures, & teachers Institute which had been appointed for the first week in December, the ordination services were postponed until the 17th of Dec at 1.30 p.m.

E.J. Crissey, Clerk

At the prayer meeting Dec. 12th a request was presented from Mrs. May McGowan of Warren, Pa. asking for a certificate of membership to unite with the Episcopal church of that place. On motion & seconded, it was granted, & clerk instructed to send such certificate.

E.J. Crissey Clerk

At the prayer meeting Dec 19th, 1895 Mrs. W.T. Potter was unanimously received by letter, from the Mayville Baptist Church.

E.J. Crissey clerk

Jan 2nd, 1896 Miss Maud Farrington and her sister Blanche Farrington were received by letter from the West Portland Church.

E.J. Crissey clerk

On Dec. 17th, 1895 according to the call of the Fredonia Baptist Church, for a Council to ordain Bro. Thomas Elgar; said Council met at the Baptist Church at 2.20 p.m. for the examination of candidate & ordination service. Bro. Elgar passed a very satisfactory examination, and in the
evening was held the ordination service. For a short time previous to the ordination, Bro. Elgar had been holding meetings in Syracuse & came here directly from that place. The next day he left Fredonia for his home at Williams Bridge, Westchester Co. N.Y. Bro. Elgar thinks the Lord has indicated to him that he should become a settled pastor, and asked for ordination, with that in view. See copy of “Ordination Minutes” on file with papers.

E.J. Crissey, clerk

Feb’y 24, 1896. Beginning with this date was held for two & one half weeks, a series of revival meetings, closing Thursday evening Mch 12. The pastor being in poor health, brother G.O. King kindly consented to take the charge of meetings & preach each evening. Meetings were omitted on Saturday evenings. An excellent spirit prevailed from the first and several feel that they have been hopefully converted.

The 6th of March, at the evening meeting, Chas. O. Mason related his experience and made application for membership with the church. He was unanimously received as candidate for baptism & member: At the same meeting a letter was presented from the Mount Oliver Baptist Church of Denver, Col. recommending Mrs. Catherine Cornell to our fellowship. She was unanimously received.

E.J. Crissey Ch. Clk.

On Sunday evening Mch 22nd, 1896 the following persons were baptized: all but Mr. Mason, having been received as candidates for baptism & membership at the Thursday evening meeting previous: those baptized were Miss Bertha A. Koch, Chas. O. Mason, George W. Blood, Jr. and William D. Collier.

At the Thursday evening meeting the matter of disposition of the collection for Ministerial Education to be taken Sunday morning Mch 20th was voted upon & decided to give it to Bro. Wm. W. Barker.

At the Thursday evening meeting Mch 26th, 1896 Florence A. Sackett, Watie E. Shaw and Flora E. Davis related their Christian experiences and were received as candidates for baptism & membership in the church.

E.J. Crissey Clerk

On Sunday evening Mch 29, 1896, the three above named candidates were baptized by pastor Smith. A very beautiful and impressive service.

E.J. Crissey Clerk

Thursday evening April 2nd, 1896, Mr. Bert Belden & Mr. Bennie Belden related their Christian experience and were received as candidates for baptism & church membership.

Sunday evening April 18th Bert Belden and Bennie Belden were baptized, both standing in the water during the baptismal service.

Pastor took a two weeks vacation beginning April 12 – returning to occupy pulpit May 23rd.
July 2nd, 1896 Mrs. Lucenia Chapman was received by letter, from the Titusville Baptist Church. 
E.J. Crissey Clerk

Mrs. Augusta Barmore died at the home of her sister Mrs. John Miller in Fredonia. She was a patient sufferer for a number of years, was not able to get to church, but her faith was strong & she loved the church. She died May 27th 1896 Aged 67.

Miss Mary Draper died July 31st, 1896, after a long sickness, pronounced consumption of blood & nerves. She had not attended church for a number of years.

Mrs. Laura Wiggins died at the residence of her son in law W.J. Gibbs, having suffered for a long period, with cancers. She passed away Aug 21st, 1896 – in full faith.

Thursday evening Oct. 15 the people who attended the prayer meeting were treated to a surprise after the service. Mrs. R.E. Morian asked for a few minutes to make some remarks. She said that while she had not been present very much lately, she had not been asleep but had been at work for the church, as subsequent statements proved. She then proceed [sic] in a very happy manner, to present to the church, through its board of Trustees, the new veranda recently added to the parsonage, and which the following ladies had paid for in full, & now took great pleasure in presenting to the church. The names of those who erected the veranda were then read, Mrs. Elizabeth Haywood, Mrs. Frances Haywood, Mrs. Betsey Davis, Mrs. Louisa M. Edmunds, Mrs. Rachel E. Morian, Mrs. Almira Belden, Mrs. Sophronia Webster.

In Memoriam.
Mrs. Eliza Ann Gates – by her daughter Mrs. R.B. Day
Mrs. Mary E. Wright – by her daughter Cora Wright
Mrs. Cordelia Stanley – by her daughter Mrs. Mary Coddington

Motion made & carried that the church accept the gift of the ladies, so generously made, & that the Clerk be instructed to enter this record on the Church books.
E.J. Crissey Clerk

Letters of dismissal & recommendation were asked for, by Miss Bertha Koch to unite with the 1st Baptist Church of Bradford, Pa., and by Mrs. Matie S. Mason to unite with the Calvary Baptist Church of Washington, D.C. Letters were granted to both applicants.
E.J. Crissey Clerk

Letters of recommendation, with desire to unite with the church, were presented to the church at the regular covenant meeting, on Thursday evening Dec 3rd, 1896 by Miss Nellie L. Chadsey & Jennie A. Chadsey from Silver Creek, and Mr. Jason Dikeman from Spencer N.Y. They were unanimously received into membership. Bro. Geo. Tate lead the meeting as the pastor was sick.
E.J. Crissey Clerk

Letters of dismissal and recommendation to unite with the Corry, Pa church, were requested and granted at the regular covenant meeting Dec. 31st, 1896 to Mr. Walter Dorwin and Mrs. Mary Dorwin.
E.J. Crissey Clerk
At the communion service on Sabbath, Jan’y 3rd the pastor presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the First Baptist Church of Findleys Lake, N.Y. commending to our fellowship sister Maria Bronson, who was unanimously received and accorded the hand of fellowship together with brother Jason Dikeman who was received Dec 3/96.

E.J. Crissey Clerk

Feb 5th, 1897 Mrs. Jessica Allnatt died at her residence on Webster St., aged nearly 68 years. The remains were taken to Cherry Creek for burial.

At the regular prayer meeting on Thursday evening March 11th the pastor brought before the meeting the facts that brother and sister H.W. Thompson had united with the Christian Church in Fredonia, without first asking for letters of dismission, or in any way manifesting their intention of leaving this church, and that such conduct was unbecoming them, and a wrong to the church, and asked what action the church would take in the matter. Upon motion of Mrs. R.E. Morian, seconded, the church voted unanimously, to drop their names from the church roll.

E.J. Crissey Clerk

Sabbath next, March 14/97 is the regular day for the collection for Ministerial Education and pastor asked the church to take action as to the object to which they desired to devote this collection. On motion, it was unanimously voted to give this collection to our brother W.W. Barker who is at Colgate University Hamilton, N.Y.

E.J. Crissey, Clerk

At the prayer meeting March 11th the pastor stated that in way of preparation for the revival meetings to be held by the Methodist, Presbyterian, & Baptist Churches, it was decided by the pastors to ask their respective congregations to appoint such committees as had been suggested by the evangelist, Mr. Rees – Viz. Executive, Music, Finance, and Canvas committees. Accordingly, on motion, carried, that pastor name these committees, he nominated the following. Executive Com. – Dr. F.B. Palmer and George Tate. Music Com. – Miss Julia Harris and Mrs. Hattie Allen. Finance Com. – E.J. Crissey and E.R. Britton. Canvas Com. – O.W. Fargo and Charles S. Slaght.

E.J. Crissey Clerk

March 12, 1897 about 8 o’clock a.m. Mrs. Eliza Willard died at her residence on Water St. Funeral held on Sabbath afternoon from the Baptist Church.

On Thursday evening March 25, 1897 at the regular prayer meeting Mr. Duane G. Sackett related his experience and was received as candidate for baptism & church membership. On Sabbath the 28th he was baptized, immediately after the morning sermon.

Fellowship Meeting.
Saturday, Apr. 3rd, 1897, was observed as the Annual Fellowship day. There was a large attendance and a very interesting meeting was enjoyed. The social part never being surpassed by any previous gathering. After the usual opening exercises, the Roll was called, and several letters were read from absent members, full of interest, and expressions of Fellowship for the home
The various reports were read and adopted &c. The matter of the election of two Deacons, as previously announced, was then taken up, and after several informal ballots were taken the following brethren were chosen: brother P.C. West and bro. George W. Belden. After dismissal a bountiful supper was enjoyed in the basement rooms of the church, and thus ended one of the most pleasant and profitable annual gatherings of the church.

E.J. Crissey, clerk

April 4th, a series of revival meetings were begun, in which the Methodist, Presbyterians, and Baptist churches united under the efficient direction & leadership of Rev. M.I. Rees, evangelist, and his wife as assistant. The meetings were continued nearly three weeks, alternately in the churches, beginning in the Methodist church. Considerable interest was awakened, several were hopefully converted, some reclaimed, and the Christian membership very much quickened.

April 29th, at the prayer meeting, the following persons related their experience, and asked for admission to the church by baptism: John Sanford, Emma E. Patterson, Anna B. Haskin, Nellie Ives.

Sunday evening May 2nd John Sanford and Emma E. Patterson were baptized by the pastor.

E.J. Crissey Clerk

May 6th, 1897 at the covenant meeting the following persons were received upon their experience as candidates for baptism and church membership: Walter Sackett, Mabel Benjamin, Anna Britton, Gertie Topliff, Mabel Goat, Susie S. Britcher, Edith I. Lewis, Alice Munger, Mary Eddy, Hattie C. Ives, and Michael Geers.

May 13th, at prayer meeting Celia Wingblad was received as candidate for baptism & church membership.

On Sunday evening May 16th the above received Apr 29th, making fourteen in all were baptized by the pastor. It was a very beautiful and impressive service.

E.J. Crissey clerk.

At the regular prayer meeting May 20, Miss Cora B. Williams of North East, Pa. presented a letter of dismission from that church, and recommendation to this church, and was duly received.

E.J. Crissey, Clerk.

At the regular covenant meeting, June 3rd Miss Maud Douglas related her experience and asked for admission to the church. On motion was unanimously received. Miss Douglas lives with Mrs. Devillo Sloan.

At the same meeting Miss Ella Bronson presented her letter of recommendation from the Findley’s Lake church, and on motion was duly received.

Also at this meeting Miss Sarah J. Bond asked for letter of dismission and recommendation to unite with church at Sandy Hill Washington Co. N.Y. On motion, granted.

E.J. Crissey Clerk

Pastor’s Resignation
On Sunday May 13th, the pastor Rev. Chas. E. Smith, handed in his resignation as pastor of the church, stating that he had been considering the matter for some time and had fully come to the decision that it was the right thing for him to do. A notice for a church and society meeting was immediately given, and according to law must be given twice at least one week apart. The meeting was called for the last day of May, Monday evening the 31st to consider his resignation. On the above date the church met, about ninety being present. Bro. H.P. Perrin presided in the chair. S.S. Crissey society clerk was present and read the resignation and call for the meeting, after which resignation was considered. After some waiting Dea. George W. Belden moved “that we do not accept the resignation of our pastor.” Remarks were made by Brethren Davis, Lyon, & Palmer and sister Morian. On motion by Dr. F.B. Palmer, it was carried that the expression be taken by ballot. The result of the ballot was as follows:
90 ballots cast.
75 in favor of the resolution.
13 against the resolution.
2 blanks

Dr. Palmer then moved that we offer our pastor a vacation of six months, without pay and ask him to resume his labors at the close of this period. The vacation to begin at his discretion.

Carried. A committee of Dr. Palmer and D.L. Shepard was then appointed to wait on pastor, notify him of the action of church and get his answer & report to the meeting at once. The pastor expressed his gratitude at the expression of the ch. but said the result was so unexpected that he would necessarily require time to think the matter over, and he would let the church know at an early date of his decision.

E.J. Crissey, clerk.

On the following Sunday June 6th, 1897 the pastor gave to the Church his answer to the request that he withdraw his resignation which was favorable to the church. See his answer as appended to this page in his own handwriting.

E.J. Crissey Ch Clk

[The following is Rev. C.E. Smith’s answer.]
Fredonia N.Y. June 6, 1897
To the Fredonia Baptist Church
Dear Brethren & Sisters,
In reply to the request of the Church to withdraw my resignation of May 16th, I answer that, after careful and prayerful consideration I have concluded so to do. In withdrawing my resignation I think it proper to say that I have been impelled to take this course chiefly by my respect for the wishes of the Church as expression of the Will of God in the matter. When I offered the resignation I did so because I had lost my confidence in the tenure of my commission as pastor, and felt bound in conscience to open the way for a change if the Church desired it. Believing that the Church probably did desire such a change, and fully expecting that the resignation would be accepted, I permitted myself to consider the attractions of a life unburdened with pastoral cares and responsibilities, but occupied with work which I believe myself capable of doing, which seems equally important to Christ’s cause with pastoral service. Had you seen fit to release me, I should have taken it as the divine permission to engage in this other work, and to be free from the special and peculiar responsibilities of the pastoral office. But you have seen fit to withhold your approval of my retirement, and to call me again to service as your pastor, and you have...
done this with such a degree of positiveness and unanimity as to leave no room for doubt in my mind that you have been guided and governed by the Divine Spirit. Under those circumstances I have no choice, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, but to do my Master’s bidding, as thus indicated and retain the place thus again tendered me. The cordial manner in which you have returned to me my commission makes the duties which it includes (?) seem less severe and arduous, since it appears to pledge to me your renewed support and cooperation, while the liberty and leisure which I have longed for I am willing to forego, for Christ’s sake, & for your sake. It is not often that a pastor receives such renewed expressions of kindness and goodwill as it has been my happiness to receive, and I should be at all insensible to God’s great goodness, and to your love and loyalty, if I were not exceedingly grateful, and ready to do any work, or make any sacrifice, which he and you ask for at my hands. With regard to the 6 months vacation which you have so kindly tendered me, I shall accept it, because I believe it is wise to do. After so long a term of service I think myself entitled to such period of rest and recreation, and hope it may prove to be a prudent measure to recruit health (?) and store up strength for days to come. But I think it (?) best to take only a small portion of it, perhaps a month, during the summer, and reserve the remainder so as to be able to spend the severer months of the coming winter in a softer climate. In this as in all else I shall try to be guided by the indications of Providence. And I bespeak the earnest and continual prayers of all my brethren and sisters that this renewal of my pastorate with you may be with many signs of the evident favor of God, and his all-wise and all loving control. May the great Head of the Church cause us all to feel that he is ruling in our hearts & shaping our history!

On June 13th, Miss Maud Douglas was baptized by pastor, after evening service.
E.J. Crissey Ch Clk

Thursday evening, June 17, at the prayer meeting, Mrs. Marion Spade was received by letter from the Cedar Street Baptist Ch of Buffalo, N.Y.
E.J. Crissey

Thursday evening Aug. 12th at the prayer meeting, Bro. G.O. King, leading, in the absence of our pastor, on his vacation, the request of Miss Olive Cook was presented asking for a letter from this church to unite with the First Baptist Church of Farmington, Mich. The letter was granted.
E.J. Crissey, Ch Clerk

October 7th at the prayer meeting, the pastor presented a letter from Miss Edith P. Chace, asking for a letter of recommendation to the Baptist Church at Hancock, Delaware Co., N.Y. where she is teaching. Request was duly granted.
E.J. Crissey Clk

On Sept. 20th, 1897, Sister Frances E. Haywood died, aged 72 years. She lead an exemplary Christian life and departed this life in full faith in her Savior.

Sister Amanda M. Wilcox, died on Sunday morning Nov. 21st, 1897, aged 69 years, 4 mos., and 9 days. She passed through a long and painful illness, but the end came very peacefully, and she gave convincing evidence of the power of Christian faith.
Bro. Will. Adkins death occurred in Florida Dec 1st, 1897, after a long illness, where he had gone for his health. He was buried at Findley’s Lake, Sunday Dec. 5th, 1897.

Thursday evening Dec 9th, 1897 Mrs. Caroline F. Bridge was received into membership in the church by relating her experience, she having been immersed several years ago, since which time she had for a time been a member of the Christian Church, through circumstances explained, but expressed herself as a Baptist in faith, and wished to unite with us.

Thursday evening Dec. 16th, a letter from pastor of the Parkside Baptist Church, of Buffalo, was presented, asking for letters of dismissal &c, to unite with that church, for Mr. & Mrs. Lewis A. Aldrich, who are now living in Buffalo. On motion said letters were granted. Miss Margaret Sadon a young lady about 14 or 15 years of age related her experience and expressed a desire to unite with the church. On motion she was received as a candidate for baptism & church membership. Margaret Sadon received ordinance of baptism, by our pastor, Sunday evening Dec 26th, 1897.

E.J. Crissey Clerk

The pastor Rev. C.E. Smith started for California about middle of Jany, to take about three months of his vacation voted him by church May 31st, 1897. Rev. G.O. King was invited to act as pastor in absence of Bro. Smith, and accepted, for compensation of $15.00 per Sabbath.

At the Thursday evening meeting, it was voted that letters be granted to Bro. W.P. Morgan & Sister Morgan of Gerry, N.Y. to unite with the Baptist Church at Jamestown, N.Y. It was also voted that Sister Samantha Kingsley be received into membership of the church, from the first Baptist Church of Forestville, N.Y.

At the meeting Mch 10th it was voted that the collection taken for Ministerial Education be appropriated to Bro. Wm. W. Barker. Amt of Annual Collection was $31.77. At the Annual Meeting in Mch 1898, by vote of church Miss Lena Potter was chosen as Clerk proton, in the absence of the regular clerk.

At subsequent meeting Thursday evening Mch 17th Miss Potter was excused from acting as clerk, and Mrs. E.J. Crissey elected clerk proton in absence of regular clerk.

G.O. King, clk. Protem

Mrs. Anna M. Lawson related her experience at the Thursday evening covenant meeting Mch 31st and was received to membership of church. She was formerly a member of the Baptist ch. but in moving about from place to place had united with churches of Methodist faith, and lately with the Disciple church, but now wished to come back to the Baptist church. She brought a certificate of “membership in good standing” from the Disciple church.

E.J. Crissey Ch Clk

The Annual Fellowship Meeting, which has taken place formerly, the Saturday before the first Sabbath in April, this year was postponed, on account of absence of Pastor Rev. C.E. Smith, until April 16th the 3rd Saturday, when the pastor expects to be home.

E.J. Crissey ch clk
During the absence of the clerk from Fredonia, Mrs. Priscilla Collis died, Feb’y 1st, 1898, at the age of [blank] years. Sister Collis was a great sufferer from a cancer, but died quite suddenly from paralysis.

Mrs. Jane Miller, of Cordova, died April 1st 1898. Sister Miller was a sister of Bro. D.S. Wright having been a member of the church about 12 years.
E.J. Crissey Ch. CLK

Mrs. Harriett Lull died suddenly, Tuesday Apr 5th 1898, of Epilepsy aged nearly 80 years. She was the widow of the Rev. Abner Lull who died in 1886.
E.J. Crissey, Ch Clk

At the Thursday evening meeting, (Rev. G.O. King acting pastor) a letter was presented from the Baptist Church at Stockton N.Y. asking that we send our pastor and one delegate to sit in council to consider the propriety of ordaining to the ministry brother E.A. Seymour, April 13th 1898. Brother King and Hardenburg were chosen as such delegates.
E.J. Crissey Ch Clk

Pastor Rev. C.E. Smith returned from his vacation trip, the 5th of April, but not to take up the duties of pastor until the 24th inst. On Friday evening April 8th, the church tendered him a reception, to welcome him and his wife home. It was one of the finest & most enjoyable social gatherings the church has enjoyed in several years.
E.J. Crissey Ch Clk

Fellowship Day, Apr 16, 1898.
The services opened at 2:30 p.m. – with the pastor Rev. C.E. Smith, Rev. G.O. King and Dr. F.B. Palmer in pulpit. Services were conducted by Dr. Palmer and Rev. King, as pastor was suffering from severe hoarseness. Singing hymn 849. “Come thou fount of every blessing.” Reading of 122nd Psalm by Dr. Palmer. Prayer by Rev. G.O. King. Anthem by the choir. Roll Call, by clerk, to which 154 responded, including eleven by letter, two or three inclosing money remittance for church expenses. Reading of letters from the following absent members: Wm. W. Barker, Geo. Britton, Hortense H. Crosby, Rev. Thos. Elgar, Sarah M. Hauldsworth, Sarah Madison, Duane G. Sackett, John C. Sanford, Elizabeth A. Wilbur, Cora B. Williams, Rachel E. Morian. Pastor presented a letter from Sinclairville church, dismissing and recommending to our watchcare Mrs. Viola Ruland, who was unanimously received. Reading record of deaths by the clerk. Singing by choir and congregation. Financial statement of church, made by Bro. Geo. Tate. Statement of Benevolence by the clerk. Collection taken to defray expenses of Fellowship day, amounting to $6.00. Report of Sunday School by clerk. Report of Christian Endeavor by Miss Dora Barker. Report of Junior Endeavor Society by Miss Hattie Blood. Report of Women’s Aid Society by Miss Hattie Blood. Report of Women’s Missionary Society by Mrs. Daniel. The services were closed by singing hymn 779 and benediction. All repaired to the room below where a bountiful supper had been spread by the ladies of the church and all seemed to enjoy a social time, thus closing a very successful Fellowship Meeting.
E.J. Crissey Ch Clerk
At the regular prayer meeting May 12, 1898 Rev. G.O. King and wife, and Mrs. A. Cornell, were appointed as delegates to attend the meetings of the Am. Baptist Missionary Union, and the Am. Baptist Home Mission Society, at Rochester, N.Y. Clerk gave delegates certificates of appointment.

E.J. Crissey Ch Clk

At covenant meeting June 2nd 1898, a request was presented in writing by John E. Sanford, asking for a letter of dismission & recommendation from this church to unite with the Baptist Church at Chesaning, Mich. – Granted.

E.J. Crissey Ch Clerk

On July 21st, 1898, sister Almira Webster, after a long illness, passed away, leaning upon Him whom she had so many years trusted.

E.J. Crissey Ch Clerk

Aug. 4th, 1898, at the regular prayer meeting a request from Flora E. Davis was presented asking for a letter to unite with a new Baptist Church to be formed at Hyattsville Md. Request granted.

E.J. Crissey Ch Clk

At the covenant meeting held Thursday evening Sept. 1st, 1898, requests were presented from Rev. Thos. Elgar and brother U.G. Hendee for letters of dismission and recommendation to unite with their respective churches as follows:

Rev. Thos. Elgar with the Immanuel Baptist Church at Williams Bridge, N.Y. City.
Rev. U.G. Hendee, with the Stockton Baptist Church, Stockton, N.Y.

E.J. Crissey Ch Clk

At the regular prayer meeting Sept. 15, 1898 a request from G. Clayton Robertson was presented by pastor, asking for letter of dismission to unite with a Presbyterian church. After remarks by the pastor, certification of membership was granted according to custom of Baptist Church.

E.J. Crissey Clk

By vote of the church at communion service on the 2nd of October 1898, a license was granted to Wm. W. Barker to preach, He being about to enter the Theological seminary at Hamilton N.Y.

E.J. Crissey Clerk

At the regular covenant meeting Nov. 3rd the pastor presented a letter from the First Baptist Church of Yorkshire Center N.Y. recommending Mrs. Sonia Arnold Cole to our fellowship and by a unanimous vote she was received.

At the same meeting, Mr. Earle Peake related his Christian experience, and asked to be admitted as candidate for baptism and church membership. He was unanimously received.

Nov. 3rd/98 At a union prayer meeting of the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Baptist societies, held about three weeks ago in the Baptist Church, Mrs. Kummer, widow of the late Rev. J.A. Kummer, of the Methodist church, spoke of her desires to enter upon a city missionary work
here in Fredonia, and with a view of soliciting the sanction and cooperation of the Christian people of these churches in this effort. At the covenant meeting the matter was presented by the pastor and the church asked to take some formal expression, which, after some considerable discussion and explaining of the nature of the work to be done, Dr. F.B. Palmer offered the following resolution, which was most unanimously endorsed & adopted.

“Resolved, That the Fredonia Baptist Church approve of the proposition of sister Kummer to do missionary work among the families of the village, and that our pastor and brother King be a committee to act with similar committees of the M.E. and Presbyterian churches, in advising with her as to methods of work, and also to suggest to the churches a method for raising money for her support.”

E.J. Crissey Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting held Nov 10th a request was presented by George Britton for a letter of dismission to unite with the Corry Baptist Church, Corry Pa. Granted.

E.J. Crissey

John E. Sanford who went to Mich last spring, and on June 8, 1898, was granted a letter of dismission & recommendation to unite with the Baptist church at Chesaning, Mich. Returned to Fredonia, and not having used his letter the church received him back, by taking up the letter without special action.

On Wednesday evening Dec. 1st, 1898 Mrs. Eliza Dailey and her daughter Carrie Dailey presented themselves as candidates for baptism & church membership, Miss Carrie having united with the M.E. Ch. brought a certificate of character and membership from that church. They were unanimously received by the Church. Three weeks previous to the above date Mr. Earle Peake related his Christian experience, and was received by the church as candidate for baptism and church membership.

On Sunday evening Dec. 4 the three were baptized by pastor Chas. E. Smith.

E.J. Crissey Ch Clerk

[Note in red ink: Forbes Bond & Mortgage Nov. 30th, 1898.]


On Nov. 30th, 1898 was delivered into the hands of the church clerk and treasurer for safe keeping, and collection of interest &c, a “bond, mortgage and insurance policy” on the property known as the Elias Forbes property, corner of Mechanic and Barker streets, Fredonia, N.Y. This mortgage is given by Mrs. Rebecca Forbes, wife of the late Elias Forbes, to the trustees of the Fredonia Baptist Society, in consideration of $1000.00 loaned on said property. This loan is composed of $500. belonging to what is known as the “Barrell Fund,” held in trust by the trustees of said society, interest to be used for church, and $500. belonging to the Poor Fund of the church, bequeathed to said church fund by the late Mrs. W.H. Morris (as per copy of bequest on file with bond & mortgage) the interest to be used for the poor of the church. The trustees of the society and the treasurer of the church poor fund decided to combine these two amounts, and invest them as above, and furthermore voted that the mortgage be made out in name of “Trustees of Fredonia Baptist Society” and be held by the clerk and treasurer of the church, who should see
to their safe keeping, and the collection of interest thereon. This is first mortgage on paid property. The mortgagor, satisfying the mortgagees, by procuring search from County Clerks office reaching back to purchase of said land from Holland Land Co. in 1812. Said mortgage is due in five years from date of obligation which is Nov. 30th, 1898. Interest thereon is payable semiannually, on the 30th day of May and the 30th day of Nov. in each year. The mortgagor is bonded to keep the buildings insured in some solvent company, to an amount not less than $1000.00 and assign the policy to the mortgagees as collateral security. Interest on the mortgage to be paid within twenty days from time specified for it to be due.

Signed E.J. Crissey ch clerk

Dec. 8 at the regular prayer meeting the pastor presented the matter of the advisability of the church printing a pamphlet containing a list of church members, resulting in a motion, carried, that the pastor appoint a committee to prepare and publish said list of members. Brethren George Tate, E.J. Crissey & John Sanford was appointed such committee. At a subsequent prayer meeting held Dec 21.98 the question of revising the church list before publication, was considered, and on motion of Dr. Palmer, carried, the matter of revision, correspondence & visitation was referred to the church deacons to consider & recommend to the church what action they deemed best to take in regard to revision.

E.J. Crissey Ch Clerk

At the covenant meeting Dec 29th, Mr. Bert V. Torrance related his Christian experience and asked for admission to the church. Upon motion of Mr. Tate, seconded, he was unanimously received.

E.J. Crissey Ch Clerk

Mrs. Mary A. Kendall died at Tidioute Pa, sometime in latter part of year 1898. Clerk did not hear of her death until reported by Dea. P.C. West, at a meeting of the deacons to consider revision of ch list. She was present at the Fellowship meeting April 16th, 1898.

E.J. Crissey

Byron S. Clark died in Dunkirk about the 1st of Sept. 1898, as I was informed by Lewis Aldrich, he not knowing the exact date. He was aged 49 years and 9 months.

E.J. Crissey Ch Clk

Mrs. Alice A. Kendall (formerly Miss Alice A. Story) of this place, died at Findlay, O about the year 1890, aged 32 years. Her identity was unknown to the clerk, until upon making inquiry, it was suggested that she was probably the Miss Alice Story who formerly lived here, and sister of Charles & George Story. Upon inquiry of them, found out the above fact.

E.J. Crissey, ch clk

At a meeting of the deacons, called by the pastor Dec 28/98 for the purpose of considering revision of church list, motion prevailed, that the members who had absented themselves from the church for a long time and had not been heard from for some time, should be classed in one of three lists.

1st Those who are non-residents, residence unknown
2nd Those who are non-residents, residence known
3rd Those who live here but do not come to church.
1st list contained 10 names. Voted it be recommended to the church to drop these names from the active list and consider them as on suspended list – trying to ascertain their whereabouts.
2nd list – it was voted that clerk be instructed to correspond with pastors or some one where they now live, asking them to visit them and report result of visit.
3rd list – committees were appointed to visit these members, who have absented themselves, with a view to ascertaining if they can be persuaded to return. Adjourned to call of Pastor.
E.J. Crissey ch clerk

Bro. Joel W. Parker died at his home, E. Main St., Jan 24th, of tuberculosis, aged 32 years.
E.J. Crissey clerk

Feb’y 2nd 1899 at Covenant meeting, the request of Mrs. Mary A. Boyd, that her name be dropped from our list, was granted. Mrs. Boyd moved away from Fredonia several years ago and subsequently married a man who was a Methodist. She wrote for a letter to join the M.E. Ch. but as informed by Mrs. Elizabeth Barker, to whom she wrote, that it was not the practice of the Baptist Church to grant such letters. Therefore she joined the M.E. Church without further correspondence. After the ch clk had written her, she replied to his letter giving above information, and asked that her name be dropped. At the same meeting the request of brother S.M. Brownell of Buffalo for a letter of dismission from this ch. was granted.
E.J. Crissey ch clk

Feb’y 7, 1899 at the residence of Mrs. Geo. H. White on Dk avenue, occurred the death of sister Caroline Jones, at the age of seventy eight years, and two months. She died, as she had lived, trusting in the Master.
E.J. Crissey ch clk

Feb’y 27, 1899, at his home, brother D.L. Shepard passed away to the other life, aged nearly 58 years. He was a great sufferer for years but bore it patiently, and died peacefully.

The death of sister Malinda S. Grant occurred on the 10th of Mch 1899 at her home on White st. after a long illness. Aged 72 yrs 8 mos. and 23 days.
E.J. Crissey clerk

At the regular covenant meeting Mch 30th, 1899 letters of recommendation were presented from Baptist Church of Farmersville Sto(?) N.Y. recommending Bro. Elmer E. Hardy & sister Ettie Hardy to our watchcare and Christian fellowship. On motion, seconded they were unanimously received.
E.J. Crissey Ch Clk

At the above covenant meeting Mch 30th, the matter of the revision of the church list, preparatory to printing same in pamphlet form, was brought before the members present, and the following disposition of the names was made:
On motion of D.G. Sackett, seconded, carried, the hand of fellowship was withdrawn from Mrs. Ida M. Cowden, by her own request. On motion of Rev. G.O. King, seconded & carried, the hand of fellowship was withdrawn from J.N. Rowe because of long absence from ch. and the
fact that he had not been heard from or responded to fellowship invitations. On motion, seconded & carried, (by Mrs. Morian) that Albert Brooks be excluded from the ch. because of conduct unbecoming a Christian. Motion by C.O. Mason, seconded, carried, that Kosciusko R. Palmer be excluded from church because of conduct unbecoming a Christian. On motion of Rev. G.O. King, carried, the following were dropped from church roll, because of their absence, all knowledge of them has been lost. – They having neglected to communicate with church. Mrs. Lenora D. Bennett, Joseph Beleal, Lodasca Hinkle, Chancey Hart, Sarah Robin. Motion by Rev. G.O. King, carried, that the names of Edwin H. Jones and James Ribler (?) be dropped, as they have been absent for several years & have not responded to the fellowship letters sent them.

While the church deplore the action of these members in absenting themselves from the church and regret that they have ceased to communicate with the church, yet they feel that it is for the good of the church and the cause of Christ, that this action be taken by the church, and feel that should any of these persons manifest by their words and living that they are repentant for wrongdoing, and desire to again identify themselves with the church, the church will gladly welcome them back.

E.J. Crissey, ch clerk

Fellowship Day, 1899.
April 1st – Meeting opened by Pastor at 2:30 o’clock. Singing “Come thou fount of every blessing” by the choir & congregation. Reading of 84th psalm. Prayer by Dr. F.B. Palmer. Anthem by the choir “O be joyful in the Lord.” Calling roll of members by clerk, to which 150 responded present, and 18 by letter. Pastor read letters from absent members. The following responded. Mrs. Harriet Daniels, Irving A. Wilcox, Anna M. Lawson, Edward J. Moran, Lena Potter, Hortense H. Crosby, Sarah M. Madison, Dora R. Barker, Nellie Collis, Mr. & Mrs. E.M. Hayhurst, Minnie E. Eighme, Cassius M. Stearns, Mrs. C.M. Stearns, Charlotte Rossitter, Elmer E. Hardy, Jennie A. Chadsey. These letters were all expressive of loyalty to the church and the cause of the Master. Music by the Quartette, Misses Harriet Davis and Mrs. Richmond and Jennie(?). Solo by brother Wm. W. Barker. Financial statement of church & society given by brother George Tate the Treasurer. Collection for defraying expenses of fellowship notices and postage, amounting to $4.19. Report of the benevolence of the church given by clerk, followed by reports from the Ladies Missionary societies, Sunday School Endeavor societies &c. Total amt benevolence for the year ending Mch 31/99 $454.51. After singing and benediction, all adjourned to the room below, to enjoy the supper which the ladies had prepared, and have a social time, all of which was pronounced to be the best and most enjoyable of any yet held. About 175 members and friends were seated at the tables.

E.J. Crissey ch clerk

P.S. – The obituary report read by the clerk, recorded the deaths of eight of our number as having occurred within the past year, as follows. Mrs. Almira Webster, Mrs. Mary K. Crosby(?), brother Joel W. Parker, Mrs. Caroline Jones, brother Darwin L. Shepard, Mrs. Malinda S. Grant, brother Byron S. Clark, & Mrs. Mary A. Kendall. Also sister Alice A. Kendall formerly Alice Story who moved from Fredonia several years ago, and was married at Northeast, Pa., then removed to Findlay O. where she died about 1890. The knowledge of these facts not having come to the church clerk until recently.

E.J. Crissey Ch Clerk
At the annual meeting of the church held Mch 7th, 1899 the matter of the legacy of Mrs. Frances P. Haywood, of One Hundred Dollars given to the church, without stipulation as to its use, was brought before the meeting for consideration. The Trustees at a subsequent meeting, had considered the dispersion of the funds, & thought it would be satisfactory to the friends of the donor to apply it in payment toward the gallery improvement, and so voted it, with the understanding that if it did not meet the approval of the church & friends, it should be returned. Upon consideration by the annual meeting it was voted to approve the action of the Trustees with reference to this “One Hundred Dollars,” and authorized the framing(?) of the following resolutions.

“Whereas, our beloved sister Frances P. Haywood kindly left to the Fredonia Baptist Church a legacy of One Hundred Dollars, Therefore, Resolved, that the same be used in part payment for the construction of the gallery improvement, to furnish a room for the Infant department of our Sunday School, and that the room be called, “The Haywood Sunday School Room”, to show our regard for the memory of our honored and lamented sister. Resolved, that a copy of those resolutions shall be inscribed upon the church records and another sent to the son and executor of Mrs. Haywood.

E.J. Crissey, ch clerk

July 14, 1899. At the regular prayer meeting On motion of Rev. G.O. King seconded and carried bro. C.L. Goulding elected Church Clerk protem during absence of Dea. E.J. Crissey.

C.L. Goulding, ch clerk pro tem

July 20, 1899. At the prayer meeting, a request from Mrs. Altima(?) A. (?) was presented asking for a letter to unite with the church at Cherry Creek, N.Y. Request granted.

C.L. Goulding, ch clerk pro tem

[At the home] of her parents at 72 Center St occurred the death of Sister Eleanor Crissey age of 16 years. She was an earnest and devoted Christian and active in junior endeavor and Sunday School.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clerk pro tem

At the regular prayer meeting August 17th(?) it was voted that we extend an invitation to the Chautauqua Association to meet with our church in 1900.

C.L. Goulding ch clerk pro tem

August 24, 1899 At the regular prayer meeting after singing a hymn and prayer by rev. G.O. King the church letter was read. Moved by bro. G.L. Harris seconded by Bro. Wm. B. (?) That the letter be recd as our letter to the Chautauqua Association. Carried. Moved and seconded that the following brethren and sisters be our delegates to the Association, Rev. Charles E. Smith D.D., Mrs. Chas. E. Smith, Bro. J.M. Hardenburg, Mrs. J.M. Hardenburg, Sisters Mrs. A. Cornell, Miss Lena Potter, Miss Dora Barker, Miss Mary Morgan. Moved and seconded that the delegates have the power of substitution. Moved by Bro. G.L. Harris sec. by Bro. C.L. Goulding that four dollars ($4) be appropriated from the general church fund for the printing of the minutes. All the above motions carried.

C.L. Goulding, Ch Clk Protem
At the regular prayer meeting Sept. 14, 1899 A communication was received from Mrs. Minnie Eighme of Red House, N.Y. asking for a letter of dismission and recommendation from the church to unite with the Baptist Church at Salamanca, N.Y. Granted.

C.L. Goulding Church Clerk Protem

At the regular prayer meeting, Thursday evening Nov. 1, 1899 Miss Frances Saden related her Christian experience and was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk pro tem

At the regular prayer meeting, Thursday evening, Nov. 16, 1899, Miss Lydia Douglas related her Christian experience and was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk pro tem

At the regular prayer meeting, Thursday evening Nov. 23, 1899, Mrs. Evaline Webster related her Christian experience and was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk pro tem

Sunday evening November 26, 1899 Frances Saden, Lydia Douglas, and Mrs. Evaline Webster were baptized after a very impressive sermon by the pastor. Subject: a model sermon by a model preacher to a model hearer.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk pro tem

At the regular covenant meeting Nov. 29, 1899 the question was discussed as to our helping William Barker with his expenses this year either by appropriating our annual collection for Ministerial Education or by special effort. Motion made and carried that we devote our annual collection to the Educational Society of Hamilton College.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clerk protem

A letter was read from the First Baptist Church of Duluth, Minn. recommending to our membership Mr. and Mrs. O.J. McLean. Upon motion they were unanimously received Nov. 29, 1899.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clerk protem

At the covenant meeting Nov. 29, 1899, the question of revival meetings was discussed. The Pastor suggested that we engage the Rev. Dr. Hellings of Jamestown, N.Y. during the week of prayer to help us conduct a series of meetings.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clerk protem

On the afternoon of Jan. 2, 1900, at her home on Lake View Avenue, Sister Harriet A. Lyon passed peacefully away after a long illness which she endured with much patience and Christian fortitude. Aged 70 years.

Beginning Jan. 7, 1900 and continuing through two weeks Rev. W.P. Hellings, D.D. of Jamestown, N.Y. assisted our pastor in hold evangelistic services during which about [blank] were converted.

C.L. Goulding ch clk pro tem
February 1, 1900, at the regular covenant meeting, the following persons related their experience and were accepted by the church as members of the church after baptism. Mary Cranston, Lena Johnson, Charles Chapman, Mabel Goat.
C.L. Goulding ch clk pro tem

February 8, 1900. At the regular prayer meeting of the church, the following persons related their Christian experience and were received as candidates for baptism and church membership. Florence Gibbs, George Moran, Charles Moran.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk pro tem

At the above meeting a letter was read from Bro. Frank Moran asking for a letter of dismissal and recommendation to join the church of Everett, Washington. Granted. Also a request from Bro. Albert Smith & his wife Blanche Smith for letter to join the church at Conneaut, O. upon motion letters granted.
C.L. Goulding ch clk pro tem

February 10, 1900. At the regular prayer meeting of the church, Miss Mary Maud Kimball related her Christian experience and was accepted as a candidate for baptism and church membership.
C.L. Goulding ch clk, pro tem

At the same meeting the Pastor explained the organization of the Anti Saloon League and that the Pastors were to choose two from their church either by selection or election as the church might decide. A motion was made and seconded that the Pastor select his workers, carried.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk pro tem

February 18, 1900. After the Sunday evening service the following persons were baptized – Chas. Chapman, Chas. Moran, George Moran, Lena Johnson, Mabel Goat and Mary Maud Kimball.
C.L. Goulding ch clk pro tem

After the morning sermon, Sunday Feb 25, 1900 our pastor Chas. E. Smith tendered his resignation a copy of which is appended to this page. At a meeting immediately after the service Mr. Tate chairman, action was postponed until the annual meeting March 6th.
C.L. Goulding ch clk pro tem

[The following is the printed notice, presumably in the newspaper.]
Resignation of Rev. Dr. Smith.
Most of the congregation at the Baptist church Sunday morning, small on account of the storm, were surprised and pained to hear the pastor, Rev. Dr. Charles E. Smith, read his letter of resignation at the close of the morning service. He has been longer in service than any other pastor in the village, is a preacher of great power, a scholar of great breadth and rare literary ability, and a Christian of unwavering faith, and his friends take comfort in the hope that he will retain his residence in Fredonia. His letter of resignation follows:
Fredonia, N.Y., Feb. 25, 1900.
To the Fredonia Baptist Church:

Dear Brethren and Sisters – It is now nearly three years since, at your urgent request, I withdrew my resignation of the pastorate. Your kind insistency has given me three years of happy service, in which I have enjoyed my work as pastor and preacher, almost more than ever before. But I now feel that it is time to renew that resignation, and to be equally insistent that the terms of my labors as your pastor shall cease by the last Sunday in March. This step is not taken without long consideration and prayer. I take it not on account of health, for I am well and strong, but from the conviction that it is right and best to lay off the cares of the pastorate, and occupy myself in less responsible, but perhaps quite as useful ways. I cannot end my official relation to you without expressing my great gratitude to God and to this church for the long, and on the whole, delightful period, during which we have been permitted to live and labor together. For more than fifteen years we have enjoyed a degree of harmonious cooperation which has been fruitful in blessing, and which will be pleasant and profitable to remember. My strongest desire is to be able, in severing this relation, to keep you all as my Christian friends and helpers, and you may be sure that, in the future, nothing which I can do for the welfare of this beloved church will remain undone. With the warmest wishes for the peace and prosperity of you all, I remain

Your Friend and Brother,

Rev. Charles E. Smith

At the covenant meeting March 1, 1900 A letter was granted to bro. Alexander T. Morian to join the Baptist church at Roseberg, Oregon.

[This record is typewritten and signed.]

Meeting of the Fredonia Baptist Church in the Lecture Room immediately following the annual business meeting of the Fredonia Baptist Society March 6, 1900. Meeting called to order with H.P. Perrin, Chairman. Report of Committee to consider the resignation of the Pastor was read as follows: The Committee appointed by the Church on March 4th to consider the resignation of the Pastor and to recommend what action should be taken by the Church, desire to report that we are satisfied from the form of the resignation and from a personal interview that his decision is final and we therefore recommend that his resignation be accepted in accordance with his request. Fredonia, March 6, 1900. G.J. Dikeman, F.B. Palmer, Horace P. Perrin, Committee. On motion report was received and resignation of the Pastor accepted in accordance with report. Motion made and carried that we observe Fellowship Day as usual the Saturday before the first Sunday in April. Motion made and carried that a committee of three be appointed to make arrangements for the services of that day. Motion made and carried that the Secretary of the Sunday School, the Church Clerk and Mr. C.S. Slaght be made such committee. The following resolutions were read and on motion approved:

WHEREAS, the Reverend Charles E. Smith has been the Pastor of the Baptist Church in the Village of Fredonia, N.Y., for more than fifteen years last past, and has at all times so conducted himself as to gain and retain the love, esteem and confidence of not only the entire congregation but also of the Entire village and

WHEREAS, In order to be released from the arduous duties of the said pastorate and in order also to devote his energies to other and less trying pursuits under the guidance of our Common Father, our beloved Pastor under date of Feb. 25th, 1900, tendered his resignation to take effect on the last Sunday of March inst., and
WHEREAS, There now exists the most fraternal feeling between the entire congregation and our beloved pastor,

BE IT RESOLVED, That it is with the deepest sorrow that we receive this letter of resignation, and further

BE IT RESOLVED, That trusting his labors may be as fruitful in the future as in the past, and that he may have many years to enjoy the rest he has so fully earned, and wishing him a God-speed, we, in deference to his insistent wishes, accept his resignation as offered, and it is further RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be engrossed and presented to our beloved pastor, Dated this 6th day of March, 1900.

Motion made and carried that Brothers Perrin, Palmer and Fargo be a committee on pulpit supply. On motion adjourned.

Ada T. Drake Clerk pro tem

At the regular prayer meeting of the church on March 8, 1900 A letter was received from the first Baptist Church of Evans, N.Y. dismissing Mr. F.E. Allen and his wife Sophy Allen and recommending them to us. On motion they were accepted as members of our church.

C.L. Goulding church clerk pro tem

March 25, 1900 the last Sunday of Dr. C.E. Smith’s pastorate. In A.M. the pastor preached to a large audience from Phil. 4:8. The pastor was suffering from a hard cold but he preached an excellent sermon.

C.L. Goulding church clk pro tem

Covenant Meeting March 29, 1900
Present Rev. G.O. King in chair. There was a good attendance and meeting was enjoyed by those present. A letter of dismissal and recommendation to join any other church of like faith was granted to sister Nancy C. Noble.

C.L. Goulding, church clerk pro tem

Fellowship Day 1900
Saturday March 31, 1900
mailing Pastor’s letter of invitation to Fellowship meeting. Hymn no. 914. Report of Sunday School attendance, finance &c by Carrie Daily, Sec’y. Report of Christian Endeavor also Junior Endeavor by Bro. Taylor. Report of Women’s Foreign Mission Society read by Sister Ella J. Davis. Money collected all sent to Women’s Foreign Mission Society Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass. Report in writing of the Ladies Aid Society by Sister Jennie Prescott including a financial report and also very pertinent and valuable remarks about the work of the past year. Report – verbal – of the work of the No License Campaign in the Town of Pomfret by Bro. G.O. King. Amount contributed for the expense of said campaign by this church was forty-nine dollars. Report in regard to Poor fund since July 6, 1899 by Bro. O.W. Fargo. Bro. Fargo is to call upon church clerk pro tem Goulding and they are together to look over the book as to the poor fund for the whole year. Dr. Palmer reported from Committee on Expressing Resolutions of Church on Resignation of Pastor Dr. C.E. Smith – that same was suitably engrossed, framed and hung in Vestibule of Church. Hymn no. 779. After singing the meeting adjourned to church Parlors and partook of Fellowship Supper. No reported 310.

C.L. Goulding Church Clerk pro tem per George Cranston

Sunday April 1 Services conducted by Rev. Mr. Jamison of Rochester Theological Seminary (student) preached very acceptably to a large audience morning & evening. Morning theme “The Chief Comer Storm”, evening John III:3.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk pro tem

Sunday April 8. Services conducted by Bro. Rev. G.O. King who preached fine sermons to a fair audience.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk pro tem

Sunday April 15 Pulpit supplied by Rev. G.O. King, good sized audience.
Sunday April 22 pulpit supplied by Rev. Mr. Jamison. There was a large attendance both morning and evening.
Sunday April 29 pulpit supplied by Rev. Mr. Meader of Dunkirk.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk pro tem

Thursday evening May 3 at Covenant Meeting Dr. C.E. Smith was the leader. Good attendance. Sunday May 6 & 13 the pulpit was supplied by Rev. Mr. Replis of Rochester N.Y. who preached eloquent sermons to large audiences.
Sunday May 20 Dr. C.E. Smith preached very acceptably in the morning.
Sunday May 27 and June 3 pulpit supplied by Dr. C.E. Smith.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk pro tem

At a special meeting of church and society in lecture room of church Tuesday Eve. May 22 for the considering the calling of a Pastor Bro. H.P. Perrin presided and Bro. Homer Ellis the society clerk acted as secretary. Moved by Dr. F.B. Palmer seconded by Bro. S.S. Crissey that there should be more delay and that when we adjourn it be subject to a call by pulpit supply committee. After much taking pro & con the motion was lost. Moved by Bro. O.W. Fargo that we extend a call to Rev. D.L. Jamison to become our pastor after extended remarks the informal ballot was 50 for 30 against. The second or formal ballot was 49 for 15 against many having
retired from the room after the first ballot. On motion of Dea. F. S. Lyon the vote was declared unanimous when the meeting adjourned.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk pro tem

At the regular covenant meeting May 31 Sister Mary A. T. Lucas was received as a member of this church on presentation of a letter from the First Baptist Church of Rushford, N.Y.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk pro tem


C.L. Goulding Ch Clk pro tem

At the regular covenant meeting June 28, Sisters Maude Johnson and Amanda Gustus related their Christian experience and were rec’d as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership.

C.L. Goulding ch clk pro tem

Dr. C. E. Smith supplied the pulpit Sunday July 1 and preached an inspiring sermon from Gal. 5:1. After the sermon he officiated at the communion service and read a letter from the First Baptist Church of Cory Pa. dismissing Bro. George Britton for the purpose of joining with. He was unanimously received. Dr. Smith again supplied the pulpit in the evening preaching from Psalms 60:4. After the sermon he baptized Sisters Mary Cranston, Florence Gibbs, Maude Johnson and Amanda Gustus.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk pro tem

Rev. G. O. King supplied the pulpit on Sunday morning July 8th to 21. Our brother Newton K. Crissey entered into his heavenly rest on July 26 aged 27 years. He was taken sick and died at Fort Wayne, Ind. while traveling in the employ of Dr. M. M. Fenner.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk pro tem

At the prayer meeting Aug. 23, 1900. The church letter was read and delegates appointed to attend the Chaut. Bap. Association to be held at Frewsburg, N. Y. Aug. 28, 29 & 30. Letter accepted. Delegates Brethren Dr. F. B. Palmer, Crissey and Goulding, Sisters Palmer, Huff, Shaw, Shepherd and Barker. Voted to take a special collection at close of morning service Aug. 26 for minutes. Miss E. I. Davis read letter in absence of Ch Clk.

C.L. Goulding ch clk pro tem

Brother William Barker preached to good congregation Sunday morning August 19 and to union services Aug. 26th in evening. His classmate a Bro. Burton on the morning of the 26th.

C.L. Goulding ch clk pro tem

At the regular covenant meeting of the Fredonia Baptist Church Thursday evening August 30, 1900; upon motion, the hand of fellowship was withdrawn from Albert Collis for ungentlemanly and unchristian like conduct.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk pro tem
Sunday September 8, 1900, the Rev. D.L. Jamison preached his first sermon as our pastor to a
good sized audience. Text: 1 Cor. 12;27.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk protem

On Sunday Sept. 2nd, 1900 Sister Lydia Douglass passed away at the home of her parents East of
the village after a relapse from Typhoid Fever. Aged 19 years. She was a devoted Christian and
member of the C.E. Society.
C.L. Goulding ch clk protem

Prayer meeting Sept. 27, a communication was received from the church at Ellery, N.Y. inviting
us to send our pastor and one delegate to sit in council to advise as to the propriety of ordaining
Bro. [blank] whom they have called to be their pastor. Moved and carried that we send our pastor
and one delegate to this council. Moved that we appoint bro. Chas. L. Goulding as delegate:
Carried. Moved that we appoint Bro. Alex. Morian as alternate delegate, Carried.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk protem

At Covenant Meeting Oct. 7 Sister Mary Lucas asked for a certificate of Christian character and
dismissal to join the Fredonia Christian Ch.
By Pastor C.L. Goulding Ch Clk protem

At prayer meeting Oct. 11 letters were received from the church at Parkersburg, W. Va.
Dismissing the Rev. D.L. and his wife Janet Jamison for the purpose of their uniting with us.
Moved that they be accepted. Carried.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk protem

Willard Webster Died at his home on Webster Street, Oct. 30, 1900 aged 78 years, having been
a member as long or nearly as long as any member. Always a conscientious and faithful
Christian.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk protem

At the regular prayer meeting Nov. 8, 1900 a request was rec’ed for a letter of dismissal and
recommendation for sister Caroline A. Bridge. On motion of Dr. Smith the letter was granted.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk protem

On Friday morning, Nov. 16, 1900, Sister Elizabeth Wilbur was burned to death in her home on
the Lake Road at the advanced age of 84 years, having been a member of this church more than
60 years.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Died at his home on the Brigham Road on the evening of Nov. 23, Bro. David S. Wright Aged
76 years.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

On Sunday Nov. 25, 1900 our Sister Hannah Tefft passed away at her home on Canadaway st.
Aged 91 years 7 mos.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk
At the prayer meeting Thursday evening Dec. 13, 1900 A letter of dismissal was granted to Sister Louise Chapin to join the First Baptist Church of Cortland, N.Y. also to Sister Anna Lull to join same church.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

At the same meeting Sister Roxana Vidal presented a letter from the First Baptist Church of Bradford, Pa., dismissing her to join with us. On motion of Rev. C.E. Smith she was unanimously accepted.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

During the fall and early winter the regular services of the church well attended and apparently enjoyed.
Jan. 6 morning 212 evening 200.
[Geo. & Eliza M. Tate] At the regular prayer meeting Jan. 10, 1901. A request was received from Bro. & Sister Tate for a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the Cavalry Baptist Church of Washington, D.C. Moved by Bro. S.S. Crissey that a letter be granted Bro. Tate. Carried. Moved by Bro. C.L. Goulding that a letter be granted Sister Tate. Carried.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

[Edward J. & Lucy Crissey] At the regular prayer meeting Jan. 18, 1901 a communication was received from Bro. & Sister Crissey asking for a letter of dismissal and commendation to unite with the Newton, (N.J.) Baptist Church. On motion letters granted.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

Beginning with Tuesday evening Jan. 15 Our pastor conducted a series of meetings with good success, in which we hope about 30 were converted.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

At prayer meeting Feb. 8, 1901, Rev. Mr. Jamison explained what we agree to do when we join the Baptist Church – Stating in this connection that we agree to take the Bible as our guide and agree to the Covenant adopted by the local church. Each person gave her experience and any questions were asked the candidates that were thought necessary to ascertain their acceptance of Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Moved that Miss Susie McKenzie be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Carried. Moved by Bro. S.S. Crissey that Miss Rose McElphatire be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Carried. Moved that Mrs. Ara (W. Allan) Martin be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Moved that Miss Jeanette Pettit be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Carried. Moved by Dr. C.E. Smith that Miss Ida Faust be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Carried. Moved that Miss Ida Gustus be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Carried. Remarks by our pastor expressing his thankfulness to see these new members coming into the church. The ordination of baptism was left to be arranged later.
C.L. Goulding ch clk
AT prayer meeting Feb. 14, 1901 the following named persons were received as candidates for baptism and church membership. Miss Alice Horton, Miss Effie Colberg and Mr. Harry Chapman.

At the same meeting Mr. Albert Brooks was reinstated.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

Sunday evening Feb. 17, 1901, After a strong sermon by the Rev. D.L. Jamison from Acts 2:41 to a house full – about 500, the ordinance of baptism was administered to Alice Horton, Rose McElphatrie, Ara Martin, Jeanette Pettit and Harry Chapman.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

AT prayer meeting Feb. 21, 1901, the lecture room was well filled. Pastor Rev. D.L. Jamison presided. Home Missions was the subject. After papers by Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. Huff, and Miss Chadsey an opportunity was given to any who wished to unite with the church to relate their experience. Miss Maud Coe related that she had experienced a change and wished to join the church. Moved by Bro. O.W. Fargo that she be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Carried. Miss Adonine(?) Waite said she was converted at Jamestown, N.Y. one year ago but owing to opposition in family had not presented herself before for church membership; but she now considered her duty. Moved and seconded that she be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Carried. Lester L. Goulding said that he had accepted the savior and he thought that the savior had accepted him. Moved and seconded that he be accepted as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Carried. Fred Man(?) and George Kimball both said that they had been converted in the meetings during the past few weeks. Moved and seconded that they be received as candidates for baptism and church membership: Carried.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

At Warren, Pa., Feb. 21, 1901 Sister Viola Ruland passed away.

Sister Cordelia C. Bradford died at Centralia, N.Y. Feb. 22, 1901 at the advanced age of 80 years 2 mo 20d.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Sunday eve. Feb. 24, 1901. At the close of the eve. Sermon the following candidates were baptized by our pastor Rev. D.L. Jamison. Ida Gustus, Ida Faust, Lester L. Goulding, Fred Man and George Kimball.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At prayer meeting, Feb. 28, 1901. Mrs. Grace Richmond asked for a certificate of membership as she wished to unite with the Presbyterian Church. Moved by Bro. S.S. Crissey seconded by Sister Dora Barker that certificate be granted: carried. At the same meeting the following named persons related their Christian experience and were received as candidates for baptism and afterward to church membership: Charles Fargo, Henry Danks, Mrs. Ellidia Danks, Miss Carrie Bud, Miss Doteya(?) Luce.

C.L. Goulding ch clk
At the communion service the pastor read and explained the church covenant and then extended the hand of fellowship to those who were recently received.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

At prayer meeting March 7, 1901 Fred Powell related his Christian experience. Moved by Bro. O.W. Fargo seconded by Bro. D.G. Sackett that he be rec’d as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Carried. Benjamin Raymond related his experience. Moved by Bro. D.G. Sackett sec. by Bro. C.O. Mason that he be received. Carried. Frank Gould related his experience. Moved by Bro. O.W. Fargo that he be received. Carried. Edward Topliff related his experience. Moved and carried that he be received. A.W. Colburn related his experience. Moved by Bro. O.W. Fargo seconded by Bro. D.G. Sackett that he be received. Carried. Mrs. Grace Colburn expressed a desire to be baptized into the membership of our church having been a member of the Methodist church 25 years. Moved by Sister Rachel Morian that she be received. Carried. Miss Ella Man related her experience. Moved and seconded she be received. Carried. Miss Minerva Carr related her experience. Moved and seconded that she be received. Carried. C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Sunday evening March 10, 1901 at close of service the following were baptized: Miss Maud Coe, Effie Colburg, Alonine Wait, Charles Fargo, Henry Danks, Lydia Danks, Carrie Budd, Dotty Luce, Fred Powell, Benjamin Raymond, Frank Gould, Edward Topliff, A.W. Colburn, Mrs. Grace Colburn, Ella Man, Minerva Carr. C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting March 21, 1901 Alvah Cameron and Thomas Vidal related their experience and were accepted as candidates for baptism and church membership. C.L.G.

Thursday evening March 28, 1901 at the regular prayer meeting, Miss Katie Saden related her Christian experience and asked to be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. At the same meeting Miss Lydia Wingblad related her experience and asked to be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Moved and seconded that both of these young ladies be received. Carried. Also at the same meeting Mrs. Emily B. Thompson related her Christian experience and asked to be received into the membership of our church. Moved and seconded that she be received. Carried. C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening Apr. 4, Ethel Powell related her Christian experience and upon motion of Dea. D.H. Morgan, she was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. At same meeting Anna Man related her Christian experience. Moved and seconded that she be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership: Carried. At same meeting Florence Carr related her Christian experience upon motion of Bro. Fargo she was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. At the same meeting Mrs. Mary Welch related her Christian experience and upon motion of Sister Dora Barker she was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. At the same meeting Charles Cobb related his Christian experience and upon motion of Bro. Geo. L. Harris he was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. At the same meeting Sister Amanda Gustus asked through
the pastor for a letter of occasional communion. Moved by Dea. D.H. Morgan that the letter be granted. Carried.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

Fellowship Day 1901


Doxology. Benediction.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Sunday April 7, 1901 The pastor Rev. D.L. Jamison gave the hand of fellowship to 15 members at the communion service. At the evg service the pastor baptized Charles Cobb, Mrs. Welch, Florence Carr, Anna Man, Ethel Powell, Lydia Wingblad, Katie Sadon and Thomas Vidal, Alvah Cameron.

C.L. Goulding, Ch Clk

Thursday April 11, 1901 at prayer meeting Sister Eugenia Morris asked for a letter to join the Sherman Baptist Church. Letter granted.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the regular prayer meeting, April 18, 1901 the Church proceeded to elect a (?) deacon. The pastor presided and appointed as tellers Brethren Dayton H. Morgan, Harris, Crissey and Belden.

Nominations made Bro. W.T. Benjamin and Bro. C.O. Mason. There were 46 ballots cast of which Bro. Benjamin received 37 and Bro. Mason 9. Bro. Benjamin was declared elected.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the regular prayer meeting, April 25, 1901 Sister Jennie Sweet communicated with the church desiring that her name be dropped from our roll. Her request was unanimously granted.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

At the same meeting Mrs. Alice E. Clute presented letter from the church at Stockton, w/dismissing her from their fellowship and recommending her to ours. She was unanimously received.

C.L. Goulding ch clk
At the same meeting the church considered the advisability of appointing a committee to try and correspond with our non-residence members that did not respond to fellowship day invitations and ascertain their standing with the church and report at a future meeting. Moved by Bro. Sackett that Dr. Smith and Bro. Goulding and Bro. Perrin be such committee. Carried.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

At the prayer meeting May 16, 1901. Mrs. Mabel Kent Stearns presented a letter from the church at Cherry Creek, N.Y. dismissing her from their fellowship and recommending her to ours. She was duly received.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Thursday evening, May 16, 1901. Mrs. Jesse Powell related her Christian experience. Moved and seconded that she be received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. At the same meeting Miss Cora Francis related her Christian experience and was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Thursday evening, June 6, 1901, at the prayer meeting Sister Catherine Cornell communicated with the church asking for a letter to unite with the Baptist Church at Albuquerque, N.M. The letter was granted and the church expressed regrets on parting with our Sister.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Thursday evening, June 6, 1901, At the prayer meeting, Miss Clare Mead related her Christian experience and was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward to church membership.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

Thursday evening, June 6, 1901, a communication was received from the Dunkirk, N.Y. church asking our church to send our pastor and two delegates to meet in counsel with that church at 2.30 P.M. June 13, 1901 for the examination of their Brother Mahlon H. Day for the gospel ministry and if he be accepted to attend the ordination services on the same day. Ch chose our pastor Rev. D.L. Jamison, Rev. Chas. E. Smith D.D. and Rev. F.B. Palmer Ph. D. as delegates and Dea. Geo. Belden and Dea. H.P. Perrin as alternate delegates.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

Sunday June 9, at the morning service Sister Lucenia Chapman and Bro. Charles Chapman asked for letters of dismissal and recommendation to the church at Titusville, Pa. Moved by Bro. Duane Sackett that the letters be granted. Carried.

Sunday evening, June 9, 1901, At the close of the evening service Mrs. Jesse Powell, Miss Francis and Miss Clare Mead were baptized.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the regular prayer meeting June 20, 1901 Bro. & Sister Afohl asked for a letter to join the 1st Baptist Church of Bradford, Pa. The letter was granted.

C.L. Goulding ch clk
At the regular prayer meeting July 11, 1901 the church voted unanimously to adopt the individual communion cup service.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

At the regular prayer meeting July 18, 1901 the church appointed Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Sackett and Mrs. Jewett and Bro. Perrin a committee to examine new hymnals and advise as to advisability of a change.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

At the regular prayer meeting Aug. 29, 1901. Moved and seconded that we invite the Chautauqua Baptist Association to meet with us next year. Carried.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

At the regular prayer meeting Aug. 22, 1901 the letter to the Chautauqua Baptist Association was read by clerk and on motion by Dea. Morgan adopted, following delegates elected to represent the church in the association to convene at Brocton Aug 27-29, 1901. Rev. and Mrs. D.L. Jamison, Dr. and Mrs. F.B. Palmer, Rev. and Mrs. G.O. King, Mrs. Harriett Daniel, Dr. and Mrs. C.E. Smith. Moved by Bro. C.L. Goulding seconded Rev. G.O. King that we appropriate four (4) dollars for printing minutes.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the regular prayer meeting, Sept. 26 B. Florence Colberg presented a letter from the Frewsburg (?) Church. She was received.
C.L. Goulding Ch clk

At the regular prayer meeting, Oct 3 the committee appointed July 18th to examine Hymnals and report if advisable to adopt new Hymn Books, what Hymn Book to adopt; reported that they considered advisable to change and recommended the Sursum Corda. The report of committee was laid on table for one week.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

At the regular prayer meeting, Oct. 10, 1901 the church discussed the advisability of adopting the Sursum Corda. Remarks by Bro. Perrin, Dr. Smith, Bro. Davis and Dea. Lyon after which the church voted to adopt the Sursum Corda. Dea. Perrin suggested that those owning the Baptist Hymnal exchange them if the publishers of the new Hymnals would do so for new ones which ought to furnish about 20 new ones 12 of which to be used for the choir 2 for the pastor’s use and the remainder for strangers. And if any one owning the old Hymnal and do not feel able to purchase the new that they might turn in the old one in part pay. Dea. Perrin also moved sec. by Sister Raymond that there be a committee be appointed to see how many old Hymnals there are and the wish of those owning them as to their disposal also to solicit subscriptions for the new Hymnal. Prices $1.00 without responsive readings $1.10 with and reading 25 cents separate. Motion carried.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk
At the same meeting Bro. Emory **Martindale** presented a letter from the first Baptist Church of Ripley, N.Y. Move by Bro. **Goulding**, seconded by Bro. O.W. **Fargo** that he be received. Carried.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the covenant meeting, October 31, Miss Ruth **Bailey** related her Christian experience and expressed a desire to present herself as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Moved by Dea. **Morgan** that she be received seconded and carried. At the same meeting Mrs. Lutie **Jackett** related her experience. Moved by Bro. **Goulding** that she be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Seconded and carried. Also at the same meeting, Miss Hazell **Jackett** related a very clear experience. Moved by Bro. **Goulding** that she be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Seconded and carried.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the regular prayer meeting Nov. 7, 1901, Miss Carrie **Bailey** related her Christian experience and upon motion she was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward to church membership. At the same meeting upon request a letter of dismissal was granted to Miss Carrie **Griffin** and recommendation to the Cherry Creek, N.Y. church.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

On Sunday evening Nov. 10, 1901 after preaching a sermon to a large congregation the pastor baptized Miss Ruth **Bailey**, Miss Carrie **Bailey**, Mrs. Lutie **Jackett** and Miss Hazell **Jackett**.
C.L. **Goulding**

At the services Thursday evening Nov. 31, 1901. The church granted a letter of dismissal and recommendation to Rev. G.O. **King** and Mrs. Eliza A. **King** to unite with the Lyell Ave Church, Rochester, N.Y. At the same meeting Bro. Oscar E. **Smith** and Sister Bertha E. **Smith** presented letters from Cassadaga, (?) church and were accepted. Bro. Clinton O. **Tarbox** presented a letter from the church at Cherry Creek, N.Y. also his mother Sister Altana A. **Tarbox** presented a letter from the same church, both were accepted. At the same meeting Sister Alice **Sessions** presented a letter from the First Baptist Church of Erie, Pa. and was accepted.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

Died: On the morning of Nov. 16, 1901 after an illness of 3 weeks of Pneumonia Mrs. Julia **Harris** wife of Duane G. **Sackett**. She had been leader of the choir for several years.
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk

Commencing Nov. 19, 1901 protracted meetings were held for 4 weeks conducted by our pastor assisted the first week by Dr. **Hillings** of Jamestown, N.Y. At these meetings about [blank] were converted.
C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening Dec. 5 Mrs. Katharine **James**, Miss Katharine **Bigelow** and Mr. Glen **Arnett** related their Christian experience and were accepted as candidates for baptism and church membership.
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk
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C.L. Goulding ch clk

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C.L. Goulding ch clk

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C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

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C.L. Goulding ch clk

January 9, 1902 At prayer meeting the following related their Christian experience Miss Mabel VanDaacke, Nellie Holland, and Lillian Coman and on motion were received as candidates for baptism and church membership.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

December 16 at the regular prayer meeting Mr. Fernando Haskin, Mrs. Hattie (C.F.) Dewy, Lewis Tastor and Leonard N. Carr related their Christian experience and on motion were received as candidates for baptism and church membership. At the same meeting Mr. C.F. Dewy was received as member of the church after relating his Christian experience. At the same meeting the name of Dr. S.H. Albro was dropped from our church roll.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

Sunday morning Jan. 19 the pastor announced from the pulpit that he had received a call to the pastorate of the Jamestown church. At the evening service the clerk read a call for a meeting in the church parlor for Monday evening Jan. 20. After the preaching service the following persons were baptized by the pastor – Fernando Haskin, Mrs. Hattie Dewy, Lewis Tastor, Leonard N. Carr, Mabel VanDaacke, Nellie Holland and Lillian Coman.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

Thursday evening Jan. 30, 1902, committee appointed to recommend to the church a more systematic method of gathering our benevolent offerings, Dr. C.E. Smith appointed. At the same meeting the pastor was authorized by the church to appoint an advisory board of pastors cabinet to be composed of thedeacons, chairman board of trustees, Superintendent of Sunday School, president of young people’s society and president Ladies aid society.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

Thursday evening Feb. 6, 1902 committee appointed to revise church roll and publish list. Committee E.R. Britton, W.M. Martin, Bert Belden

Thursday evening Feb. 6, 1902 letter granted to brother Earl Peake to join the Baptist church at Olean, N.Y.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

On Monday afternoon Feb. 17, 1902 sister Anna M. Gibbs died suddenly of paralasis and old age. Age 91 years.

On Thursday morning Feb. 20, 1902 Sister Alice E. Clute died suddenly of Heart disease.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

Thursday evening March 6, 1902, at the prayer meeting the room was filled to the doors. Dr. Smith made a report in regard to a systematic method of raising our benevolence. The following plan was submitted that the collections for various objects be taken on Sundays as follows.

- 4th Sunday of January for Foreign Missions
- 3rd Sunday of April for New York State Convention
- 2nd Sunday of June for Publication Society
- 3rd Sunday of Sept. for Aged Ministers Home and Ministerial Education
- 4th Sunday of November for Home Missions

2nd That a duplicate subscription card be given each member of the church in April or May one copy for committee or pastor and the other to be retained by the member. Condition that when a member severs his connection with the church during the year his pledge will not be binding for the remainder of the year. After remarks by the pastor the report of com. and plan suggested was adopted on motion of Bro. Goulding seconded by Bro. Mason.

C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

At the same meeting the committee appointed to correspond with non resident members who have not responded to recent fellowship invitations submitted their report. Committee consisted of Dr. Smith, Bro. Goulding, and Bro. Perrin. Bro. Goulding made report. Mrs. Maud Miller formerly of Sheridan address not known, lengthy explanation by Dr. Smith that she had not walked with the church much since she was baptized by him several years since. Moved by Bro. S.S. Crissey that her name be dropped from our roll. Carried. The address of Miss Lottie Foote has not been known for some years. Moved by Bro. Mason that her name be dropped. Carried. Letters addressed to Mrs. Georgia Harrington receive no response. Moved by Sister Raymond that her name be dropped. Carried. Letters addressed to Wm. E. Kaiser E. Liverpool C. received no response. Motion and carried that his name be dropped. Address of Miss Jennie Rich not known. On motion her name was dropped. At the same meeting a letter was granted to Mrs. Minnie Smith of Gowanda, N.Y. to join the Jamestown, N.Y. Baptist Church. A letter was granted to Mrs. Mary A. Jenks of Mansfield, Pa. to join the Cherry Creek, N.Y. church. Also to Miss Mabel Jenks to join the same church. A letter was granted to Miss Emma E. Paterson to join the church at Ripley, N.Y. A letter was granted to Mrs. Josie Palmer to join the Conneaut C. church.

C.L. Goulding church clk
At prayer meeting March 13 Mrs. Mary (Benj(?)) Raymond related her Christian experience and was received as a candidate for baptism and after membership in the church. At the same meeting Mr. B.F. Welch related his Christian experience and was received.

C.L. Goulding ch clk
At the same meeting letters of dismission and recommendation to the Jamestown Baptist church were granted to Bro. W.D. Collier, Bro. Henry Danks and Sister Lydia Danks.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

At prayer meeting Thursday evening Mar. 20, 1902 Mrs. Lillian (Mrs. S.W.) Kendall related her Christian experience and was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. At the same meeting a letter was granted to Amanda Gustus to join the Riverside Cal. Church

C.L. Goulding ch clk

Thursday evening March 27, 1902
There was a large attendance. The pastor led and read and commented on the 14 chap of John. At this meeting Sister Nettie Skinner of Fairbault, Minn. asked for a letter of dismission. Moved by Bro. D.G. Sackett, seconded by Bro. O.W. Fargo that she be granted one. Carried. After remarks by the pastor in regard to Bro. Emerson Turk, whom our pastor had seen and talked with, Bro. W.T. Benjamin moved we withdraw the hand of fellowship from him. Seconded and carried. Miss M. Hellen Randall related her Christian experience and expressed a desire to be baptized and afterward be received as a member of this church. Moved and seconded that she be received. Carried. Miss Amber Graham related her Christian experience. Moved and seconded that she be received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. Carried. Miss Berdena Graham related her Christian experience. Moved by Dr. Geo. L. Harris that she be received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. Carried. Eugene Welch related his Christian experience. Moved and seconded that he be received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. Carried.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Easter Sunday March 30, 1902 The pastor Rev. D.L. Jamison preached to large congregations. At the close of the evening service he baptized Miss Amber Graham, Miss Berdena Graham, Miss Nellie Francis Hough, Mrs. Lillian Kendall (Mrs. S.W.), Mr. B.F. Welch, Eugene Welch and Lou Weed.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Remarks by Rev. W.H. Day of Dunkirk. Remarks by pastor D.L. Jamison after which they adjourned to the basement and enjoyed the annual supper.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk By D.G. Sackett

[Note to side: At about this time the name of Helen Pemberton was dropped from the list.]

At prayer meeting April 3, 1902 Frank Valone related his Christian experience and was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At prayer meeting April 11, 1902 Rev. & Mrs. J.J. Keyes presented letters from the Cazenovia, N.Y. Baptist Church and were gladly received.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At prayer meeting, Thursday evening May 1 Rev. and Mrs. G.O. King presented letters of dismission and recommendation from the Lyell Av Church Rochester, N.Y. On motion they were received. At the same meeting Mrs. Hayhurst said that she had found Mrs. Maud Miller living in town of Dunkirk north of her place and that she still has an interest in religion. On motion voted that she be restored. At the same meeting Rev. Wm. Barker asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Sandusky St. Church Allegheny, Pa. On motion letter granted. About this time the pastor informed the clerk that he had learned of the death of Miss Martha Bowdish.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

On Sunday evening May 4, 1902 Sisters Miss Nellie Holland and Mrs. Mary J. Raymond were baptized by our pastor Rev. D.L. Jamison.

C.L. Goulding church clerk

On Sunday May 25 a communication was received from the Stockton church asking us to send our pastor and one delegate to meet with them to ordain their pastor the Rev. Cy Brown. On motion our pastor Rev. D.L. Jamison and Rev. G.O. King were appointed.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At prayer meeting June 5 a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Delaware Ar. Bap. Ch. was granted to Sister Helen M. Phillips.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At prayer meeting June 12 a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Northeast, Pa church was granted to sister Ella Man. At the same meeting sister Marie Gibbs was received on the relation of her Christian experience having been baptized before.

C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

At the prayer meeting July 31, 1902 the clerk read the annual letter which he had written for the association. On motion the letter was adopted. On motion voted to send for minutes and expenses of association $8.58 the collection from the next communion service be appropriated and the balance applied from treasury.

C.L. Goulding ch clk
At prayer meeting Aug 21 the following delegates were chosen to sit in association: Rev. Chas. E. Smith, D.D, Rev. F.B. Palmer Ph.D., Rev. G.O. King, Mrs. G.O. King, Rev. J.J. Keyes, Mrs. J.J. Keyes, Dea. H.P. Perrin.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Aug. 26 to 28 the Chautauqua Baptist Association met with our church. At prayer meeting Sept. 4 Bro. Richard and Sister Kate Martin presented letters from the First Portland Church. On motion they were received.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Sept. 18, 1902 Sisters Emma (Mrs. John) and Sarah and Ethel Powell asked for letters to unite with the Jamestown, N.Y. Church. On motion letters granted. At the same meeting Mr. Floyd Harris presented a letter from the First Portland, N.Y. Baptist. On motion Bro. Harris was received. At the same meeting Miss Ferne Reed presented a letter from the Second Baptist Church at Atlanta Ga. On motion sister Reed was received.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

On October 6, 1902, Sister Lavantia Goddard passed away at Westfield, N.Y. hospital after a lingering illness.

C.L. Goulding, Church Clerk

At prayer meeting, November 20, 1902 Mrs. Robert (Anna) Honseadel(?) was restored to membership upon her request.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Nov. 27, 1902 at prayer meeting Bro. and Sister Gleason presented letters from the church at Clymer, N.Y. and upon motion were received as members of this church.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Dec. 11, 1902 at prayer meeting, Mrs. E.A. Chambers was received on her Christian experience and on the following Thursday she presented a letter from the Hydetown, Pa. Baptist Church and was accepted.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

Dec. 18, 1902 at the prayer meeting, Mrs. Clara Bierce presented a letter from the Forestville, N.Y. Baptist Church. On motion she was accepted.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

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Jan. 1, 1903 At the prayer meeting, Oscar Ames presented a letter of dismission from the Reid Memorial Church of Buffalo. On motion he was accepted.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

At the same meeting Miss Dora Pickett related her Christian experience and motion she was elected as candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

Jan. 9, 1903, At the service in church parlor Mrs. Bessie (B.S.) Belden related her Christian experience and on motion she was elected as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

Jan. 15, 1903 At the prayer meeting Mrs. Hattie (Mrs. G.W. Jr.) Blood related her Christian experience. She was converted 5 or 6 years ago and joined the Congregational Church at her home but as she had come here to live she desires to join this church. On motion Bro. D.G. Sackett, sec. that she be received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. Carried.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

At the prayer meeting Jan 22, 1903 Bro. Burt Wright related his Christian experience. On motion he was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

At the same meeting Bro. Charles P. Sampson and Sister Hannah Sampson his wife related their Christian experience and on motion they were received as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Sunday eve Jan. 25 after the service the following brethren and sisters were baptized Miss Dora Pickett, Mrs. Bessie Belden, Mrs. Harriet Blood, Burt Wright, Chas. C. Sampson, Mrs. Hannah Sampson.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Jan. 28, 1903, At the meeting Leland Jackett and John C. Sadon related their Christian experience and on motion were received as candidates for baptism and church membership.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Jan. 30, 1903, At the meeting Miss Mary Markham and Miss Jennie A. Kinghom related their Christian experience and on motion they were received as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

Feb. 5, 1903, At the prayer meeting Miss Julia E. Kirk related her Christian experience. On motion she was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Sunday evening Feb. 8, 1903 after the evening sermon the pastor Rev. D.L. Jamison baptized sister Julia E. Kirk and brethren Leland Jackett and John C. Sadon.
C.L. Goulding ch clk
At the prayer meeting, Feb. 12, 1903 Miss Elnora Scranton of Grun (?) related her Christian experience and on motion was received as a candidate for baptism and church mem. Also at the same meeting Miss Mabel Hooker related her Christian experience and on motion was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, Feb. 19, 1903 Miss Minnie Dean (?) related her Christian experience and as she had been baptized she was received into full membership. At the same meeting Gretchen (Mrs. C.H.) Dillingham related her Christian experience and on motion she was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.

C.L. Goulding, ch clk

Sunday evening, March 8, 1903. At the close of the sermon the pastor baptized Sisters Elnora Scranton, Mabel Hooker and Gretchen Dillingham.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

On Jan. 27, 1903 Misses Benna and Berenice Vinens (?) related their Christian experience and having been baptized were received into the church.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

The pastor took a vacation during the last three Sabbaths of March and the pulpit was supplied March 15 by Rev. W.H. Day of Dunkirk, March 22 by Rev. Guy Brown of Stockton and March 29 by Rev. J.J. Keyes.

C.L. Goulding

[The following is a printed notice.]
The First Baptist Church
Fredonia, New York.
Annual Fellowship Day
April 4, 1903.
Exercises begin at 2:30 P.M.
Supper will be served at 5 P.M.
Church Statistics.
(For one year, ending with March 9, 1903.)
Membership:
Added.
By Letter, 13
Baptism, 21
Experience, 5
Restored, 1
Total Increase, 40
Decreased.
By Letter, 11
Death, 3
Dropped, 7
Excluded, 1
Total Decrease, 22
Present Membership, 362.
Financial:
Paid
For local expenses (all departments), $2,170.00
For Missionary and other benevolent objects, 718.00
Total paid by the Church, $2,888.00

Fellowship Day 1903.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk by W.T. Benjamin pro tem

At prayer meeting, April 9, 1903 Miss Helen Laura Hovey related her Christian experience. Moved by Bro. S.S. Crissey that she be received as a candidate for baptism afterward church membership. Miss Lillian Elizabeth Hovey related her Christian experience, on motion of Bro. Crissey she was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. Miss Helen Wright related her Christian experience on motion of Bro. G.L. Harris she was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. Miss Eva Wright related her Christian experience. On motion of Sister Dora Barker she was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. Mrs. Katherine Straight related her Christian experience. On motion Bro. Crissey she was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. Miss Ellidia Record presented a letter of dismissal and recommendation from the Hanover Center Church. On motion Bro. Goulding she was received. At the same meeting the pastor read letters from Bro. & Sister Stearns of Dunkirk and Bro. & Sister Dewey of Grand Valley, Pa. The letters came too late for fellowship day. There was a large attendance. The subject the last week of our Saviour via(?) this life.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk
After the sermon, Sunday evening, April 12, 1903, Easter Sunday, our pastor Rev. D.L. Jamison baptized Mrs. Katherine Helen Straight, Miss Helen Wright, Miss Eva Wright and Miss Lillian Elizabeth Hovey. A full house witnessing the ordinance.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

At the regular prayer meeting April 16, 1903. Bro. Roy Martin presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the First Portland Church. On motion he was received as a member of this church. At the same meeting Bro. Herman C. Bock related his Christian experience. On motion he was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. By Rev. D.L.J.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the covenant meeting, April 30, 1903. Mr. Bryon F. Thompson related his Christian experience and on motion was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Sunday evening May 4, 1903 the pastor, Rev. D.L. Jamison baptized Helen Laura Hovey, Herman C. Bock and Byron F. Thompson.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

On Thursday evening May 14, 1903 a meeting was held for the purpose of choosing delegates to the Annual May Meeting at Buffalo, N.Y. The following delegates elected.
American Baptist Publication Society – Rev. C.E. Smith, D.D.
Woman’s Home & Foreign Missions – Dora Barker
At the same Mrs. Harrison related her Christian experience and on motion was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At prayer meeting Thursday evening, May 21, 1903 a communication was received from the church at North East, Pa. asking that we send our pastor and one delegate to sit in council with them for the purpose of ordaining their pastor the Rev. E.E. Brown. On motion we appointed our pastor and the Rev. C.E. Smith, D.D. At the same meeting a motion was made and carried that we dispense with the duplicate benevolence subscription card for one year.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

At prayer meeting, Thursday evening July 3, 1903. A letter of dismission and recommendation to the first Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich. was granted to sister Nellie Holland.
By Rev. D.L.J. C.L. Goulding ch clk

At prayer meeting, Thursday evening Aug 13(?) the church letter was used by the clerk. Dr. C.E. Smith asked that the statistics for the year be read; explanation was made by the pastor and the clerk that the statistics are made and forwarded to the clerk of the Association on the first of Aug. After some remarks the clerk agreed to furnish the statistics next Thursday evening. Also
suggested that the names of the delegates be incorporated in the letter. Moved by C.E. Smith and seconded that the letter be received with the suggestions incorporated. Carried. The following brethren and sisters were nominated as delegates to the Association to be held with the church at Forestville, N.Y. Aug. 25, 26, & 27. to wit – the Pastor, Rev. C.E. Smith, D.D., Mrs. D.L. Jamison, Mrs. C.E. Smith, Bro. John Hardenburg, Sister Sarah E. Shepard, Sister Ada R. Kazer(?), Rev. J.J. Keyes, Sister Harriett Daniel. Moved by Bro. S.S. Crissey and seconded that the above named persons be chosen as our delegates to the association. Carried. Moved by Sister Dora Barker that the delegates have the power of substitution in case they are unable to attend. Carried. Moved by Bro. C.L. Goulding that we send five dollars for printing of minutes. Carried.

C.L. Goulding, ch clk

Sister Dorliska Manley died at the home of her nephew Dr. C.M. Rathbun on Central Ave. on the evening of Sept. 22, 1903. Interment at Panama, N.Y.

C.L. Goulding, Ch Clk

At her residence, 36 E. Main St. Oct. 9, 1903 Sister Fannie A. Carryer departed this life after a long illness aged [blank]

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening, Oct. 22 Mr. F.S. Lyon related the experience of Bro. Geo. James(?) as previously related to a committee that called upon as he is an invalid and not able to come to the church. Sister James related her experience. Moved and carried that Bro. & Sister James be received upon their Christian experience.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Sunday Oct. 18, 1903. Our pastor, Rev. D.L. Jamison read a petition prepared by the W.C.T.U. asking the U.S. Senate to dismiss Senator Grant(?) of Utah because as he is not living in conformity to our constitution. Moved and seconded that we sign the petition. Carried.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Died at her home on Temple St. Sunday evening Nov. 1 Sister Elizabeth Sweet aged 77 yrs 9 mos.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clerk

At the close of communion Sunday Nov. 1 the pastor Rev. D.L. Jamison presented a communication asking three months leave of absence commencing about the first of March 1904 for the purpose of visiting the Holy land. Two months to supply the pulpit himself and the other month to be counted as his vacation. Moved and carried that his request be granted.

C.L. Goulding, ch clk

At the prayer meeting Nov. 5th Miss Rose MacElphatrie asked for a letter to join the church(?) at Marietta, O. A certificate of membership was granted her.

C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

Died at her home on Temple Street, Nov. 10, 1903 Sister Alice (Mrs. G.L.) Harris after an illness of 15 years duration which she had born with Christian fortitude aged 68 years.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

Died at her home on Seymour Street Nov. 10, 1903 Sister Cornelia Kingsbury, widow of Rev. A. Kingsbury a former pastor of the church, at the advanced age of 84 years.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

At the morning service Nov. 22, 1903 the trustees stated the indebtedness of the church and asked the congregation to provide some means of meeting it. A subscription paper was passed with good results. Pastor Jamison announced a pulpit committee during his absence. George Cranston, Wales M. Martin, Dwight Huff, P.G. Cato, Hiram Morgan.

C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

Died at his home on Monday evening, Nov. 30 Henry A. Morrison after several years of suffering aged 70 yrs 5 days.

C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

At prayer meeting Thursday evening Dec. 17 Geo. LeRoy(?) Hampstone(?) and his wife, Sister Louise K. Hampstone presented letters of dismission and recommendation from the Covenant Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N.Y. On motion they were received as members of this church. At the same meeting Sister Rachel Adams and her son Ernest Adams presented letters of dismission and recommendation from the 1st Baptist church of Attica, N.Y. On motion they were received as members of this church.

C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening, Dec. 31, 1903 Bro. E.L. Husted and his wife and daughter Martha Husted presented letters from the Forestville N.Y. Baptist Church. On motion they were received as members of this church. At the same meeting Bro and Sister Wells presented letters from the East Sixth Street Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., and on motion received as members of this church. Also at the same meeting Sister Mrs. Grace H. Clough presented a letter from the Second Baptist Church of Rochester, N.Y. and on motion was received as a member of this church. Bro. John Clough related his Christian experience and was received into membership of the church at the same meeting.

C.L. Goulding Church Clerk per D.L.J.

At 7 o’clock Sunday morning Jan 24, 1904 Sister Rachel Morian passed away at her home on Spring St. After a very active life she had been confined to her home a long time. She was 75yrs 1mo. 17da. of age.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the services Jan. 22, 1904 Sister Catherine Brown was received into fellowship of the church on her Christian experience.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

At the services, Jan. 29, 1904 Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Kurtz told their Christian experience and on motion were received as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership.

C.L. Goulding ch clk
Sister Emily B. **Thompson** passed away at her residence, 185 Water st. Sunday evening Feb. 14, **1904** after a short illness of apoplexy, aged 78(?) years.

**C.L. Goulding** Ch Clk

The married men held their annual banquet in the church parlors Wednesday evening Feb. 12, **1904**. 50 plates were laid.

**C.L. Goulding**, ch clk

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening Alice **Sardison** and Leo **Vidal** related their Christian experience and motion were received as candidates for baptism and church membership.

**C.L. Goulding** ch clk

Sunday evening Feb. 14, Mr. William T. **Kurtz**, Mary E. **Kurtz** and Samuel **Kendall**.

Sunday evening Feb. 28. Samuel **McKelvey**, Leo **Vidal** and Alice **Sardison**.

**C.L. Goulding**, ch clk

Sunday morning Feb. 28, **1904** Bro. Lobeski **Burt** passed away at Mrs. **Stewarts** on Temple st. after a short illness at the advanced age of 91 years.

**C.L. Goulding** ch clk

Thursday evening, March 3, **1904**. Miss Mabel **Sharp** related her Christian experience. On motion she was accepted as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. Also at the same meting Miss Emma Christina **Johnson**.

**C.L. Goulding** Ch Clk

Fellowship Day.


**C.L. Goulding** ch clk by D.L.J.

Sunday March 6th was the last Sabbath our pastor was with us before his departure for the Holy Land. There were large congregations both morning and evening. At the Communion 138 sat down, In the evening Sisters Mabel **Sharp** and Emma Christina **Johnson** were baptized.
At the covenant meeting, Thursday evening April 28(?) Sister Mabel Sharp asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Dunkirk, N.Y. Baptist Church which was granted. C.L. Goulding Ch clk per Pas.

Ministers while pastor is away
March 13 Rev. W.L. Dugan (?) March 20 Rev. J.J. Keyes
March 27 Rev. J.J. Keyes April 3 Rev. J.J. Keyes
April 10 Rev. M.H. Day Dunkirk N.Y. April 17 Rev. B.P.(?) Powell (?) England(?)
April 24 Rev. Rob. Scott Park Side, Buffalo, N.Y. May 1 Rev. F.B. Palmer
May 8 Rev. George D. Knights East Aurora, N.Y. May 15 Rev. T.G. Gass Allen, N.Y.
May 22 Rev. G.G. Johnson (?) Buffalo, N.Y. May 29 Rev. C.E. Smith old
June 5 Rev. C.E. Smith, old June [blank] 
12(?) Sunday(?) School(?)

Died at his residence on Canadaway St. after a short illness Bro. Alonzo D. Lewis aged 76 yrs 11 mos. April 30, 1904.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening Sister Amanda Gustus presented a letter from the Bay Riverside California church and on motion the letter was accepted and she was received. At the same meeting Sister Mary T. Eddy asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Sherman, N.Y. church which was granted.
C.L. Goulding Church clerk

At the prayer meeting June 2, 1904 a communication was received from the First Baptist Church of Clymer, N.Y. inviting us to send our pastor and two Brethren to sit with them in council to consider and advise as to the expediency of publicly setting apart to the work of the gospel ministry their Brother Eli S. Way. On motion of Bro. C.L. Goulding, the church voted to send our pastor Rev. D.L. Jamison, Rev. C.E. Smith D.D. and Bro. S.S. Crissey.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

[The following is a printed pamphlet.]
The First Baptist Church
Fredonia, New York.
Annual Fellowship Day
March 5th, 1904.
Sermon by the Rev’d O.P. Gifford, D.D., at 11 A.M.
Dinner at 12:30 P.M.
Business Session at 2:00 P.M.
Fredonia, New York,
Jan. 15, 1904.
To the Members of the Baptist Church.
Dear Brethren,-
By vote of the Church, the annual Fellowship Day will be observed this year on Saturday, March 5th. It affords me much pleasure to announce that the Reverend O.P. Gifford, D.D., of Buffalo, will be present and preach at 11 o’clock A.M. on that day. Dinner will be served at 12:30 instead
of at 5 o’clock as heretofore, and the Business session will begin at 2 P.M. We expect reports from all departments of the church. And as excellent work is being done, these reports will doubtless give us cause to rejoice. Thirty-eight persons have united with the church during the calendar year just past, nineteen of whom came in by Baptism. Let us assemble therefore on March 5th to cultivate Christian fellowship, to thank god for past blessings, and to plan for larger service in the future. I trust that any who cannot come will send a message to the church.

Your brother in Christ,
David Lee Jamison, Minister.

After a lingering illness our sister Mabel VanDacke passed away at the home of her parents in Laona on June 17. Aged 16 years. A beautiful Christian character.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

On June 18, our brother Gresham Gibbs died at Corry, Pa. aged [blank]
C.L. Goulding ch clk

On June 19th our pastor was greeted by a large audience which gave him the Chautauqua Salute when he entered the pulpit it being his first Sunday after his journey in the Holy Land. His sermon included a brief outline of his trip. On the following Wednesday evening the church and congregation gave a large reception in the Church parlors to the pastor and Mrs. Jamison.
C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

On Thursday evening June 30, 1904 at the Covenant meeting a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the Dunkirk, N.Y. Church was granted to Catharine Bigelow.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk per D.L.J.

At the prayer meeting, Thursday eve. July 14, 1904 letters of dismissal and recommendation were received from the 1st Portland Church for Mrs. Aurelia (Mrs. A.M.) Rumsey, Miss Amelia Spencer and Mrs. Adella Spencer (Mrs. A.R.) Hilton. On separate motions they were received.
C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

Sister Katherine E. Straight passed away Monday July 18 at her home in Laona N.Y. after a brief illness of typhoid fever, her husband died only the day before with the same disease.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening July 28, 1904 Bro. Albert Smith and his wife Blanche Smith were received on their Christian experience.
C.L. Goulding ch clk D.L.J.

At the prayer meeting Thursday eve. August 11, brother Y.E. Smith and his wife Lida Smith presented letters of dismissal and recommendation from the church at Cherry Creek N.Y. On motion they were received as members of our church.
C.L. Goulding Church Clerk per D.L.J.
At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening August 25, Harry Chapman asked for a letter of
dismission and recommendation to the 1st Baptist Church of San Francisco Cal. On motion letter
was granted.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the same meeting Mrs. Flossie Rose(?) Thompson presented a letter from the Methodist
Episcopal church. She related her Christian experience and on motion was received as a
candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. Goulding, Church Clerk.

At the same letter the clerk read the letter written to the Chautauqua Association which was
adopted. Delegates elected Dr. F.B. Palmer, Miss Jennie Chadsey, Miss Lena Potter, and S.S.
Crissey. Miss Barker was elected as alternate and the pastor has the power to substitute others if
any are absent. Five dollars was voted for minutes a special collection to be taken for that
purpose on the Sabbath previous to the Association and if enough is not raised balance to be
taken from Church treasury.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Suffering(?) from(?) illness of two years Sister Elizabeth Green died at her residence on Center
St on the morning of August 24, 1904. Aged 72 years.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

At prayer meeting, Thursday eve. Sept. 15, 1904 Mrs. Rosa Brooks related her Christian
experience and on motion she was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening Sept. 22 Mr. Charles Wilbur and his wife, Mrs. Hattie
Wilbur related their Christian experience and on motion were received as candidates for baptism
and church membership. At the same meeting Mr. Fredrick J. Johnson and his wife Mrs. Hattie
L. Johnson related their experience and were received as candidates for baptism and church
membership.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening Sept. 29, 1904 Mr. Robert A. Wilbur and his wife Mrs.
Lillie Wilbur related their Christian experience and on motion they were received as candidates
for baptism and church membership. At the same meeting Miss Lottie Worster related her
Christian experience and was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

On Sunday evening Oct. 2, 1904 at the close of the evening service the pastor Rev. David Lee
Jamison baptized the following named persons to wit: Robert A. Wilbur, Lillie Wilbur, Charles
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening Oct. 13, 1904 Sister A.J. Edwards presented a letter
from the church at South Orange, N.Y. On motion she was received as a member of this church.
C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

Sister Clara Wheelock died at the Dunkirk Hospital after an operation on Saturday Nov. 12 aged 52 years.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening Nov. 17, 1904 Sister Alice Robinson presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the church at Pike, N.Y. On motion she was received.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the same meeting Sister Janeviev M. Cobb asked for a letter to unite with the Delaware Av. Baptist Church of Buffalo, N.Y. On motion a letter was granted.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the same meeting, on motion the name of Minnie A. Priest was dropped from our rolls she having united with the Roman Catholic Church.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the same meeting, on motion the name of George H. Hollister was dropped from our list. No communication having been received from him for several years.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the same meeting, a certificate was granted to Byron F. Thompson as he desires to unite with the M.E. Church of Fredonia, N.Y.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the regular prayer meeting Nov 24 1904 A letter was read by the pastor from Mrs. Eva Curtis asking for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Dunkirk, N.Y. On motion the letter was granted.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk (Mrs. C.E.G.)

Sister Sophronia Webster passed away at Townwood, O. Nov. 18, 1904 at the advanced age of 84.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clerk

On Thursday evening Dec. 29, 1904 Sister Eliza Bargar Bond presented a letter of dismission from the Topeka Kans. Church to unite with us. On motion of Rev. G.O. King she was received.
C.L. Goulding, ch clk

At the same meeting Brother Albert Adge presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the Forestville, N.Y. Church. On motion of Rev. G.O. King she was received. At the same meeting Sister Adge presented a letter from the same church. On motion of Sister Harriet Daniel she was received.
C.L. Goulding ch clk
At the gospel meeting, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 31, 1905 the following named people related their Christian experience as candidates for baptism and church membership Viz. Miss Harriett Randall, Miss Mabel Morrison, Miss Pearl Morrison, Miss Effie Shaw and Alvin Harper, Howard Hollenbeck.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the communion service Sunday Feb. 5 Harrold Martin and Harrold Guest related their Christian experience separate motions, were received as candidates for baptism and church membership.

At the Sunday evening service, Feb. 5, 1905 the following candidates were baptized by the pastor Rev. D.L. Jamison, viz.
Miss Harriett Randall, Miss Mabel Morrison, Miss Pearl Morrison, Miss Effie Shaw, Alvin Harper, Harrold Martin, Howard Hollenbeck, Harrold Guest.
C.L. Goulding, Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Feb. 16, 1905 a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Baptist Church of Moravia(?) Cal. Was granted to Sister Ella Bronson. At the same meeting Gladys Gibbs, Bessie Sardison and Ellen Shew related their Christian experience. On separate motions were received as candidates for baptism and church membership. At the same meeting Mrs. Addie Fox Johnson presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from 1st Baptist Church of Dunkirk. On motion she was received as a member of this Church. At the same meeting Mrs. Mabel Sharp Sly presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the 1st Baptist Church of Dunkirk, N.Y. On motion she was received as a member of this church. At the same meeting George Griffith presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the Meigs St. Baptist Church of Rochester, N.Y. On motion he was received as a member of this church.
C.L. Goulding ch clk per D.L.J.

At the prayer meeting Feb. 16, 1905 Sister Aslonia(?) White Racey(?) asked for a letter to unite with the First Church of Christ in Tonawanda, N.Y. On motion a certificate was granted her.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

At the prayer meeting Feb. 23, 1905 Edgar Clarke(?) related his Christian experience. On motion he was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the communion service March 5 the pastor pointed a committee to prepare a program for Fellowship Day, Viz: Deacon H.P. Perrin, Bro. S.S. Crissey, Bro. George Cranston, Sister Palmer and Sister Fargo.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

On Sunday evening March 12, after the sermon the pastor baptized Gladys Gibbs, Ellen Shew and Bessie Sardison.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk
On Sunday evening, March 26, the pastor baptized Bro. Alvin Poole.
C.L. Goulding, Ch Clk

April 1st. Fellowship Meeting called to order by the pastor Rev. D.L. Jamison.


Report of the finances of the church by the treasurer, Bro. C.O. Tarbox.
Disbursements $2174.02.
Cash on hand 4.53.
Due on subscriptions and slip rents $157.40.
Church owes $187.02.
Treasurer ordered to collect interest on 2 certificates of over $20. which if all received will leave a small balance in treasury.


No. members reported March 5, 1904 – 383.
Added by Baptism 22
Letter 14
Experience 6
Restored 2
Reduction by death 7
Letter 9
Dropped 2
Net gain 22.
Present membership 405
Benevolence report for
Ministerial Education $10.20
Aged Ministers Home 22.68
State Missions 30.60
Home Missions 294.45
Foreign Missions 212.51
Care of Poor 10.84
= $602.85

Moved by Bro. S.S. Crissey that the clerk’s report be adopted. Carried. Obituary report was made by Sister Harriet Daniel who spoke of the 7 who have passed away during the past year.

Singing Hymn no. 15. About 125 present at this session. Adjourned to the dining room at 12:30 P.M. Reconvened at 2 P.M. Hymn no. 627. Prayer by Rev. G.O. King. Communication cup racks placed in the pews by Mr. and Mrs. A.N. Colburn. Moved by Bro. G.O. King that a vote of thanks be tendered Mr. & Mrs. Colburn for them and clerk advised to notify them. Carried. Rev. G.O. King presented to the church the portraits of former pastors and made some very interesting remarks in connection with the presentation of them.

Rev. George D. Downie 1861-1863
- 7 present that were members then.

Rev. Howard M. Jones 1863-1869
- 16 present were members then
- 3 that were baptized by him

Rev. Charles Thompson 1869-1872
- 21 present were members then
- 2 that were baptized by him

Rev. Lester Williams 1873-1879
- 30 present were members then
- 5 baptized by him were present

Rev. Malcolm MacGregor 1880-1884
- 36 present were members then
- 4 present were baptized by him

Rev. Chas. E. Smith, D.D. 1885-1900
- 86 present were members then
- 17 present were baptized by him.

Bro. D.G. Sackett and wife were appointed a committee that these portraits are hung on the walls of the lecture room. Collection take by Bro. R.C. Wells and Bro. M.E. Wheelock.

Remarks by the pastor along the lines he wishes us to work the coming year. Roll Call. 139 were present. 9 responded by letter. 2 phoned the pastor they were not able to be present. Closed with Hymn 31.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the close of the preaching service Sunday morning, Apr. 16, 1905. Miss Florence Derby related her Christian experience. She wants to live for Christ. Wishes to unite with the church and receive its help. Moved and seconded that she be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Carried. At the same meeting Miss Anna Gustus related her Christian experience. She desires to live a Christian life and unite with the church. Moved by Sister Sabrie Kendall that she be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Carried. At the same meeting Mrs. Amanda Graham related her Christian experience. Answered satisfactorily questions of pastor. Moved by Sister Sabrie Kendall that she be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Carried. At the same meeting Miss Georgiana Stebbins related
her Christian experience [and] wishes to unite with the church. Moved and seconded that she be received as a candidate for baptism and Church membership. Carried. At the same meeting Miss Eva Stebbins related her Christian experience. Moved and seconded that she be received as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Carried.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting on Friday evening Apr. 21, 1905 the following sisters related their Christian experience and on separate motions were received as candidates for baptism and church membership: Miss Grace Ives, Miss Cecilia Morgan, Miss Ida M. Wood and Mrs. Belle Winner.
C.L. Goulding ch clk
By D.L.J.

At the close of the evening service Sunday, April 23, (Easter) the pastor baptized the following to wit: Mrs. Amanda Graham, Mrs. Belle Winner, Miss Grace Ives, Miss Florence Derby, Miss Anna Gustus and Miss Ida May Wood.
C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

At the prayer meeting Friday eve. Apr. 21 a certificate was granted to Sister Cecelia W. Hauser that she might unite with the Grace Lutheran Church of Dunkirk, N.Y. Also to Bro. C.T. Dewey and his wife Sister Hattie Dewey that they might unite with the U.B. Church of Enterprise, Pa.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk by Rev. J.

At the prayer meeting, Apr. 27, 1905 Miss Gertrude Hill related her Christian experience and on motion she was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. At the same meeting Miss Effie Colburg asked for a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the 1st Baptist Church of Jamestown, N.Y. which was granted.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

On Sunday evening, Apr. 30, 1905 the pastor baptized Miss Gertrude Hill, Miss Georgiana Stebbins, and Miss Eva Stebbins.
C.L. Goulding

At the prayer meeting Apr. 27, 1905 Mr. Michael Vullo was received on his Christian experience.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, May 4, 1905 Mr. & Mrs. Fred Kester presented a letter of dismissal from the Forestville, N.Y. church and on motion they were received as members of this church.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the same meeting the hand of Fellowship was withdrawn from Miss Mamie Dean, on account of immoral conduct.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Bro. & Sister Adge granted a letter to Forestville, N.Y.
Resolved, That the Office of Pastor Emeritus be created.

At the communion service, June 4th the church elected Rev. C.E. Smith D.D. Pastor Emeritus and on the following Wednesday evening they tendered him a reception in the church parlors. C.L. Goulding ch clk

At the prayer meeting June 22, 1905 Sister Ellidia Record asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Hanover Center Church. On motion letter was granted. C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the morning service Sunday June 25, 1905 our pastor tendered his resignation to take effect Sept. 1. At a special meeting a committee was appointed to go and endeavor to persuade Rev. Jamison to withdraw his resignation which was without avail. On Thursday evening June 29, 1905 the following resolutions were adopted to wit:

Whereas: Our Pastor Rev. D.L. Jamison has tendered his resignation as pastor of this church to take effect Sept. 1st, 1905. Therefore Resolved, That this, the 1st Baptist Church of Fredonia, N.Y. hereby accepts Bro. Jamison’s resignation, to be effective Sept. 1st (?) Returning to the resignation of Rev. D.L. Jamison of the office of pastor of this church, (?) of the membership of same in covenant and official meeting assembled in the parlor of the church June 29, 1905 P.M. desire that the following minute be added to the church’s record, of the Culmination of Brother Jamison’s pastorate.

We would place this separation, we have tried to in the undated future: because he has filled the office of teacher, Guide, and Friend to this church, in the pulpit, and out of it with distinguished ability, unflagging zeal and the most heartsome devotion to our personal and spiritual welfare. We mention now in contemplating the severance of his relation to this church, the rejoicing of heart that has come to us in the growth of the church as one of the fruits of his labors in its unity of spirit in its bonds of peace. We know that our pastor has accepted a call to another part of our Master’s Vineyard after the most careful consideration of the condition of the field he leaves, and the needs of the one he enters; subordinating his own personal feelings and wishes, as well as ours, to the leading of God’s present and guiding Spirit. Previous calls to other fields more attractive than ours, or this one affirmatively answered have been considered as we believe, in the light of God’s guiding counsel: and we have been the profited and happy gainers: now that a conclusion has been reached, not according to our will, but as our Heavenly Father appears to direct, or accept it as due to our faith and obedience; wishing happiness to our beloved Pastor and family; and the largest measure of success to (?) his labors.

At the prayer meeting of the church July 20, 1905 the following call for a church meeting was read. To the members of the First Baptist Church Fredonia, N.Y. The Pulpit Committee were in receipt of recommendations from members of the church, and from our Pastor, advising that a meeting be held to consider the condition of the church with special reference to the supply of the Pulpit after September 1st, 1905. Your committee would therefore suggest, that such a meeting be appointed for Thursday evening July 27th at 7:30 P.M. in the parlors of the church. Fraternally, George Cranston, W.M. Martin, H.F. Morgan and D.H. Huff.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk
July 27, 1905. There was a prayer meeting from 7:30 to 8 o’clock led by C.L. Goulding. At the close of this meeting Bro. Goulding asked Dea. Perrin to take the chair but Bro. Perrin moved that Bro. C.L. Goulding be the chairman of the special meeting. After the chairman of the meeting read the call see above, there were general remarks by Dea. H.P. Perrin, Bro. O.W. Fargo, Dea. Perrin, Bro. S.S. Crissey, Sister Lena Potter, Bro. Fargo, Bro. E. Martindale, and then Bro. Crissey. Moved that Bro. Fargo, Bro. R.C. Wells and Bro. W.W. Harris retire to a side room and nominate a committee of not less than 5 to act as a pulpit supply committee after Sept. 1, 1905. Motion seconded and carried. The committee retired and after about 10 min. returned and offered the names of Dea. H.P. Perrin, Bro. C.L. Goulding, Bro. George Cranston, Bro. C.O. Mason and Bro. R.C. Wells as a pulpit committee. Moved by Bro. S.S. Crissey that the brethren named be our committee and that the committee have the power to fill any vacancy that might occur in the committee. Motion by Dea. Perrin that the motion be amended to substitute Rev. C.E. Smith for himself. Amendment carried. Motion as amended carried. Moved by Dea. Perrin that this committee be a pulpit supply committee and act as such until authorized different by a vote of the church.

C.L. Goulding, church clerk

At the close of the morning service, Aug. 20, 1905 a meeting of the church pointed a committee of the Deacons and trustees to devise means of raising the deficiency.

C.L. Goulding, church clerk

Tuesday evening, Aug. 29, the above committee met in the church vestibule Dea. Perrin suggested that the church be divided into sections of 10 and one of these be a chairman to see the others and solicit them and try to raise on the average of one dollar from each member. Moved by trustee D.G. Sackett and seconded that we adopt this plan and that Dea. Perrin be the Chairman of a committee to divide the church and select his assistants. Carried.

C.L. Goulding, church clerk

Sunday morning Aug. 27 Rev. D.L. Jamison preached his farewell sermon to a very large audience. Text [blank] He also preached at a union service in the village park to a large audience. The Church met in the parlors on Tuesday eve. Aug 29 and tendered him a farewell reception. On Thursday evening he conducted the prayer meeting and at its close all repaired to the audience room where he administered the ordinance of baptism.

C.L. Goulding, Church Clerk

On Thursday evening Aug 31, 1905 Sister Susie Aldrich asked for a certificate of good standing and dismissal that she might unite with the M.E. Church of Fredonia, N.Y. At the same meeting a certificate was granted to Sister Ferne Reed to unite with the same church. At the close of the same meeting Cecelia Morgan baptized.

C.L. Goulding, Church Clerk

Sept. 3rd Rev. C.E. Smith D.D. preached and administered the ordinance of the Lord’s Supper. Thursday evening, Aug. 31, at the prayer meeting the church read the annual letter which he had written to the Chautauqua Association to be held at Westfield, N.Y. Sept. 5th and 6th. Moved by Rev. G.O. King that the letter read be our letter to the association when the statistics of the past year are added. Carried. The following persons were nominated as delegates to the association to
Moved by Rev. J.J. Keyes that the persons named serve as our delegates. Carried. Moved by Sister Dora Barker that anyone attending may act as alternate delegates. Carried. Moved by Dr. Smith that we send four dollars to defray our [share] of the expense of printing the minutes. Carried.

Thursday evening, Sept. 7, 1905 Rev. G.O. King, leader. 28 present. At this meeting Bro. J.G. Wilcox asked for a letter of dismissal that he might unite with the 1st Cong. Church of Portland, N.Y. Moved by Dr. C.E. Smith seconded by Dea. D.H. Morgan that a certificate be granted Bro. Wilcox. Carried.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Sept. 10th. Madam(?) Silke(?) who was a captive with Mrs. Stone when captured by brigands in Turkey spoke at a union service in the Pres. Ch. Sept. 17th Rev. G.O. King preached both morning and evening. Sept. 24 Rev. Wm. Barker preached acceptably to large audience morning and evening.

Sunday Oct. 1 Dr. (?) Harris(?) preached in the morning and Rev. J.J. Keyes in the evening. Brother D.A. (?) Topliff died at the Dunkirk, N.Y. Hospital Wednesday evening Oct. 4 at (?) A.M. after a long illness. He was a quiet (?) Christian gentleman.

C.L. Goulding church clerk

At the prayer meeting, Oct. 5, 1905 Brother B. Fand(?) Eugene and Sister Welch asked for letters of dismission and recommendation to the Baptist Church at Wilson N.Y. The letters were granted.

C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

Sunday, Oct. 8 pulpit was supplied morning and evening by Rev. J.L. Roy Ph.D. of Norwich, N.Y.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

Thursday eve., Oct. 12 at the prayer meeting, Dea. H.P. Perrin leader a communication was received from the 1st Portland Church inviting us to send our pastor and one lay member to sit in council with them at the ordination of their Sister P.J. Trey on Oct. 20, 1905 at 2 P.M. On motion Rev. C.E. Smith, D.D. and Rev. J.J. Keyes were elected such committee. At the close of the prayer meeting Bro. C.L. Goulding was elected superintendent of the Sunday School vice Pr. Geo. E. Smith resigned.

C.L. Goulding, ch clk

Sunday Oct. 15, 1905 Rev. C.E. Smith, D.D. supplied the pulpit in the morning and there was a union temperance service in the Presbyterian church in the evening.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

Sunday Oct. 22, 1905 Rev. J.J. Keyes preached in the morning and in the evening there was a union temperance meeting. C.L. Goulding ch clk
At the prayer meeting, Oct. 26, 1905 Rev. J.J. Keyes leader Sister Agnes P. Eddy asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Sherman N.Y. Church. On motion the letter was granted. Also at the same meeting one to Brother W. Floyd Harris to unite with the 1st Baptist Church of Arcade, N.Y. C.L.G.

Sunday Oct. 29, 1905 Rev. Robert Scott of Buffalo occupied the pulpit in the morning and assisted in the union temperance service in the M.E. Church in the evening.

Sunday Nov. 5, 1905 Dr. C.E. Smith preached in the morning union temperance service in the Presbyterian Church in the evening.

Sunday Nov. 12, 1905 Rev. J.J. Keyes supplied the pulpit both morning and evening. C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Sister Almena S. wife of L.P.(?) Parker died suddenly at her home at Laona N.Y. Wednesday morning Nov. 15, 1905 aged 79 years having been a member of the church since a child. C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening Nov. 23, 1905 Rev. D.L. and Mrs. Janet B. Jamison asked for a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the First Baptist Church of Albion, N.Y. On motion letter was granted. At the same meeting a letter was granted to Sister Mabel Sharp Sly to unite with the church at Dunkirk, N.Y. C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Pulpit supplied – 
Nov. 19 Rev. G.O. King
Nov. 26 Rev. John J. Barboser, Mumford, N.Y.
Dec 3 Rev. Dr. C.E. Smith
Dec 10 Rev. Eugene Haines, Cooperstown, N.Y.
Dec 17 Rev. J.J. Keyes

At his home 61 Eagle St. after a short illness Brother Isaac H. Damon passed away on the morning of Dec. 15, 1905 after a consecrated life of 95 years. Funeral services at the house on Dec. 17 conducted by Dr. Smith.

Pulpit supplied
Sunday December 24th Rev. G.O. King
Sunday December 31st Rev. Babbitt of Buffalo
Sunday Jan. 7th Rev. Babbitt of Buffalo

At the morning service Sunday Jan. 7 Dr. C.E. Smith presented to the members of the church the booklet “His Life.” At the communion service Dr. F.B. Palmer moved a vote of thanks to Dr. Smith for the booklet motion carried C.L. Goulding ch clk
Saturday Jan. 13, 1906 Sister Hannah I. Edwards passed away at her home in Shumla, of Neuralgia, aged [blank]
C.L. Goulding ch clk

On Thursday evening Jan. 18, 1906 Sister Fannie Lord Bansam asked for a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the College Ave. Baptist Church at Annapolis, Md. On motion letter was granted.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

C.L. Goulding, Ch Clk

At the evening service Jan. 21 Dr. C.E. Smith Chairman of the pulpit supply com. announced that the adjourned meeting of the church to consider the calling of a pastor would convene at 7.30 P.M. Jan. 23rd. Pursuant to the above call about 80 members of the church convened on Tuesday evening Jan. 23rd and elected Dea. H.P. Perrin as chairman and Bro. D.G. Sackett as secretary of the meeting. The church not being able to agree to issue a call to any of the ministers that have supplied the pulpit since Rev. Jamison resigned they unanimously instructed the committee to continue their work.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Sunday Jan. 28, 1905 pulpit supplied by Dr. C.E. Smith both morning and evening.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Thursday evening Feb. 1 at the covenant meeting the following communication was received and read by the leader Rev. G.O. King and on account of small attendance action deferred one week by the leader.
Fredonia Feb. 1st Feeling unable to longer perform the duties of a Deacon I respectfully request the church to accept my resignation.
D.H. Morgan
At the same meeting it was reported that a man named Morris is delivering an illustrated lecture on (?) to be made that continues about 2 weeks. Moved by Sister Dora Barker and seconded that we invite him to come here next week and deliver the lecture motion subject to the approval of Dr. C.E. Smith pastor emeritus, and the Board of Trustees.
C.L. Goulding, Ch Clk

Pulpit supplied Feb. 4th morning and evening by Rev. J.J. Keyes.
At the prayer meeting Thursday evening Feb 8 Moved by Dr. C.E. Smith seconded by Bro. S.S. Crissey that the resignation of Bro. D.H. Morgan as Deacon be accepted – carried.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Pulpit supplied Feb. 11th morning and evening by Rev. M.J. Winchester of Elbridge, N.Y.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

On Monday evening Feb. 12 the men’s society held a social in the church parlor to which the church and congregation were invited. Rev. Winchester remained and a pleasant time was spent by a large number.

After prayer meeting Thursday evening, Feb. 15, 1906 a special meeting of the church was held at which Rev. M.J. Winchester was called unanimously to be our pastor.

Pulpit supplied Sunday Feb. 18 by Rev. G.O. King. C.L. Goulding Ch Clk
Pulpit supplied Sunday Feb. 25 by Dr. C.E. Smith. C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At covenant meeting March 1st, the acceptance and a communication from Rev. Merritt J. Winchester of Elbridge, N.Y. was read to the church. At the same meeting Sister Helen Louise Hovey present name Burlupts(?) asked for a letter of dismissal that she might unite with the Ashbury Methodist Church of Rochester, N.Y. Which letter was granted. The above meeting was largely attended leader Dr. F.B. Palmer.

Sister Sabrie A. Kendall passed away Sunday Feb. 18 at the home of her daughter in Sheridan after a very brief illness of Pneumonia. Aged 65.

Deacon Franklin Lyon passed away Friday March 16, 1906 after an eventful and consecrated life of 87 years. He had not had the use of his sight during the past 9 years. Funeral in the Church on Sunday afternoon Jane(?) 16th Dr. Smith officiating.

Sunday Mar. 18, 1906 Dr. C.E. Smith supplied the pulpit.
C.L. Goulding ch clk
Sunday March 25, 1906 the pulpit was supplied by Rev. J.J. Keyes. Theme of morning sermon “The Model Church.” C.L. Goulding Ch Clk


No. Apr. 1, 1906 404
Additions by baptism 10
By letter 2
By experience 1
Total 13
Diminished by letter 20
By death 7
By exclusion 1
Total 28
Net loss 15
Present membership 389.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Sunday Apr. 1, 1906 Rev. M.J. Winchester preached his first Sermon as pastor of our church to a large congregation. Text from Col. 4:18 “Remember my bonds.” There were 141 at the communion service. The evening service was well attended Text 119:57 “Thou art my portion, O Lord”
C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

At the Covenant meeting, May 3, 1906 a certificate was granted to George Morgan to unite with an Episcopal church in Buffalo. At the same meeting Mrs. Mertie Morgan was received by letter from Gerry, N.Y.
C.L. Goulding Church clerk per Mrs. G.

At the communion service Sunday May 6, 1906 the letter of Mrs. J.E. McCroskey was received from the Dunkirk, N.Y. church. On motion she was received as a member of this church.
C.L. Goulding Church Clerk.

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening May 17, 1906, requests were made for letters for Sisters Ida Lawson, B. Florence Peterson, and Michael Gerres(?) to unite with the 1st Baptist Church of Jamestown, N.Y. Requests were granted.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the covenant meeting June 28, 1906 Mrs. Maria Winchester, mother of the pastor presented a letter of dismission and commendation from the church at Elbridge, N.Y. On motion she was received as a member of this Church. Mrs. Mary Davey presented a letter of dismission and
recommendation from the First Baptist Church of Jamestown, N.Y. On motion she was received as a member of this church. The pastor requested the church elect a pulpit supply committee to supply the pulpit during his summer vacation: Moved by Dea. H.P. Perrin that the committee consist of George Cranston, Chairman, O.W. Fargo and R.C. Wells. The church then proceeded to an informal ballot for a Deacon to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Bro. Dayton H. Morgan. Bro. Harper appointed to assist clerk in taking the vote. Result Bro. George Cranston 14, Bro. Thomas Moran 5 Bro. R.C. Wells 4 scattering 26. Moved by Bro. S.S. Crissey that the clerk be instructed to cast a ballot for Geo. Cranston. Carried.

C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

At the prayer meeting, July 19, 1906 Miss Jennie Johnson presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the First Baptist Church, Mansfield, Pa. On motion she was received as a member of this church.

C.L. Goulding Bro. Thos. W. Church Clerk

At the prayer meeting, July 26, 1906 Miss Esther M. Blodgett presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the 1st Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich. On motion she was received as a member of this Church. At the same meeting Sister Lucy Stringham presented a letter from the First Baptist Church of Ripley, N.Y. On motion she was received as a member of this church.

C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

At the prayer meeting, Aug. 16, 1906 Sister Elnora Guest was granted a certificate that she might unite with the Presbyterian church at Silver Creek, N.Y.

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the covenant meeting Aug. 30, 1906, Bro. Fred Powell asked for a certificate of character to unite with the M.E. Church of Fredonia. Moved and seconded that his request be granted. Carried.

C.L. Goulding

At the same meeting, C.L. Goulding leader, about 45 being present the letter to the Association was read and adopted. Delegates elected Dr. F.B. Palmer, Mrs. Sarah Blood, Miss Dora Barker, Miss Lena Potter. Four Dollars appropriated for publishing of minutes.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Sunday Sept. 2, 1906 The pastor Rev. M.J. Winchester was back from his vacation and preached to a large audience. At the communion service Bro. Nathaniel Gage his wife and son Esler presented letters from the church at Forestville, N.Y. Upon the motion of Bro. E.L. Husted they were received as members of this church.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Mrs. Florence Goodrich presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the 1st Baptist Church of McLane, Pa. On motion she was received as a member of this Church.
At the prayer meeting, Sept. 20, Sister Elnora Scranton asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the church at Panama, N.Y. On motion of Sister Dora Barker the letter was granted.

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the covenant meeting Thursday evening Oct. 4, 1906 the following named persons related their Christian experience and were received as candidates for baptism and church membership: Mr. Joseph H. Williams, Miss S. Margaret Williams, Miss Ruth L. Morgan and Miss Lillian L. Connaro.

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk per Rev. M.J.W.

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening, Oct. 11, 1906 a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Dunkirk, N.Y. church was granted to Sister Minerva Carr Baker.

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk per Rev. M.J.W.

At the prayer meeting, Thursday eve. Oct. 25, 1906, Sister Benna D. Vincent asked for a letter to unite with the Baptist Church at Earlville, N.Y. On motion voted that the letter be granted.

C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

After the sermon on Sunday evening, Nov. 2 1906 the pastor baptized Bro. Joseph H. Williams, Sisters S. Margaret Williams, Ruth L. Morgan and Lillian L. Connaro.

C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

At his home at Norwalk, Pa. Bro. Fredric Morian passed away aged about 53 years.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting (?) (?) 1906 Miss Viola Everts presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the (?) 1st Cuba(?) N.Y. Baptist Church. On motion she was received.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk per M.J.W.

At the prayer meeting Dec. (?) 1906 Bro. & Sister Fread Erwin presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the First Portland Church of Brocton, N.Y. On motion they were received as members of this Church.

C.L. Goulding ch clk Mrs. C.L.G.

At the covenant meeting Dec. 27, 1906. A letter of dismission and recommendation was granted Bro. and Sister Kester to unite with the Forestville, N.Y. Baptist Church.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

On New Year’s Day 1907 Sister Susan Straight passed away at her home on Chestnut Street.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

At the prayer meeting Jan. 17, 1907 Mrs. G.B. Everets presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the 1st Portland Church and on motion was received as a members of this Church. At the same meeting Mrs. Louis Shaver presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the First Baptist Church of Meadville, Pa. On motion she was received as
a member of this church. At the same meeting Mrs. Mary Pullman was received by experience she having been a member of the Christian Church at Denver, Col.

C.L. Goulding, Ch Clk

On February 1st, F.T. Tunstall passed away at his home in Buffalo, N.Y. Aged 63 years.

At the prayer meeting, Thursday eve. Feb. 7 Miss Bessie Wright related her Christian experience and on motion she was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At a special meeting of the church Sunday evening, February 10, Mr. Herbert Neeve related his Christian experience and was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward Church membership.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday eve. Feb. 14 Bro. George E. Britton requested a letter of dismission and recommendation to the First Baptist Church of Jamestown, N.Y. On motion letter was granted.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the same meeting Sister Dora Dewey asked for a letter to the same church which was granted.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Feb. 21st Mrs. Leroy S. Allnat related her Christian experience and on motion she was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. At the same meeting Norman S. Peters related his Christian experience and on motion he was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

At Buffalo, N.Y. on Saturday Feb. 23 Sister Lizzie A. Roesch died.

At the service Sunday evening Feb. 24 the pastor baptized Bessie Wright, Norman S. Peters and Herbert Neeve.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

At the covenant meeting Feb. 28 the Deacons having had a meeting recommended the following persons names be dropped from our church roll and for reasons given. Walter Daniel has not communicated with the church in several years. Dr. Smith after some remarks moved that his name be erased, seconded and carried. Fred Kendall has not communicated with the church in at least ten years. After remarks by Dr. Smith and clerk, Rev. Keyes moved that his name be erased from our roll. Carried. Mrs. Caroline Hollister has not been heard from in a great many years and her address is not known. On motion of Sister Cotter(?) her name was dropped from our roll. Mrs. Eva Curtis took a letter Nov. 24, 1904 to unite with the Dunkirk, N.Y. church but has never deposited it nor walked with the church. On motion her name was dropped.
C.L. Goulding ch clk
Sister Anna Lewis passed away on March 2, 1907 at the home of her daughter in Leavenworth, Kan. of Brights Disease. Aged 63 years.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Sister H.A. DeWitt passed away at her home on Center Street after an illness of but one week on Monday morning March 11, 1907 at the advanced age of 87.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Thursday March 14th Sister Addie Fox Johnson asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Dunkirk, N.Y. church. On motion said letter was granted.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk. per Rev. W.

Sister Ellen Holligreen died at Silver Creek, N.Y. Friday, March 22, 1907 aged 77 years. She was brought to Fredonia for burial on the 25th.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

After the evening service, Sunday March 31 the pastor Rev. M.J. Winchester baptized sister Allnat.
C.L. Goulding, Ch Clk

Thursday evening, April 4, 1907 Sister Jessie Wood presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the First Baptist Church of Rochester, N.Y. On motion she was received as a member of this church. At the same meeting Bro. Geo. Cranston having been and had a talk with Bro. A.W. Colburn moved that the name of Bro. Colburn be dropped from our roll. After some remarks the motion was carried.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, Apr. 18 1907, Brother William S. Blaisdell presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the First Free Baptist Church of Buffalo, N.Y. On motion he was received as a member of this church.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.
At the prayer meeting, Thursday May 9, 1907 Sister Lena Potter asked for a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the Mayville, N.Y. Baptist Church. On motion letter was granted.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

[The following is a printed pamphlet.]
Fellowship Day
April 6, 1907
First Baptist Church
Fredonia, New York
Rev. Merritt J. Winchester, Pastor
Fredonia, N.Y., March 20, 1907
Dear Brothers and Sisters:
Our Fellowship Day occurs this year on Saturday, April 6. It has been thought best to assemble for a social hour at 12:30, and have dinner together at 1 o’clock. At 2:30 P.M. will follow the Roll call and the reports from the organizations of the church. Fellowship Day has become preeminently the occasion for the reunion of our church family. It is hoped that the home of the church may be well filled on that day and that there may be few gaps in the family circle. Plan to meet your brothers and sisters there, and come praying. If forced to miss the joy and inspiration of attendance, send to Dea. Charles L. Goulding, 12 Free St., a message to be read in response to your name at Roll-call. Thus your brethren will be assured of your continued interest and sympathy, the church will seem dearer to you, and the Great Head will undoubtedly bless you. Is not this a great reward for a small effort? Hoping to see you face to face; failing in that, to listen to a message from you, I am
Your pastor,
Merritt J. Winchester.

At the prayer meeting May 8, 1907 the pastor and Dr. C.E. Smith were chosen as delegates to represent our church at the national May meetings.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the covenant meeting, May 30, 1907 the name of Mrs. Emma Harvey Cook was dropped from church roll.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, June 6, 1907. Bro. E.R. Britton, sister S. Ella Britton and Sister Anna Britton asked for letters to join the 1st Jamestown church. On motion the letters were granted.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the residence of her son on Central Ave. Saturday evening, June 8, 1907 occurred the death of sister Lydia Martin after a very brief illness aged 79 years. She had lived here continuously 73 years.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.
On Thursday evening, June 13, 1907 Mr. W.H. Keith, Mrs. W.H. Keith, Miss Alice Keith, George Keith and Walter Keith presented letters of Dismissal and recommendation from the first Baptist Church of Ottawa, Kans. On motion they were received as members of this church. C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the close of the morning service July 21, 1907 the pastor baptized Lansing Husted who had previously related his Christian experience. C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At her home, 490 Chestnut Street, Aug. 22, Sister Amanda Graham passed away after a lingering illness. Aged 70 years. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J.J. Keyes, our pastor being absent. C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the covenant meeting, Thursday eve. Aug. 29, Rev. J.J. Keyes, leader, the church letter was read and adopted and the following delegates appointed with power to fill any vacancy or vacancies that should occur. Viz: Rev. M.J. Winchester Ex. Officio, Dr. C.E. Smith, Rev. J.J. Keyes, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Winchester and Dr. F.B. Palmer. C.L. Goulding ch clk by Geo. Cranston

At the prayer meeting Thursday eve. Sept. 26, Brother Lansing Husted requested a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Titusville, Pa Baptist Church. Letter was granted. C.L. Goulding ch clk

At the prayer meeting Thursday eve. October 24 Sister DeEtte E. Worster asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to unite with the first Baptist Church at Sherman, N.Y. On motion Bro. D.H. Morgan the letter was granted. C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Mrs. Eliza Dailey passed away at her home in Providence, R.I. after a short illness of Pneumonia, Nov. 7, 1907. Aged 64 years. The funeral service was held at the residence of her brother Simon Aldrich on Gillis St. Fredonia, N.Y. and she was buried in Forest Hill Cemetery on Sat. Nov. 4th. Services conducted by Dr. C.E. Smith assisted by Rev. M.J. Winchester. C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting Nov. 14 Sister Cassie Dailey Perrin asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Calvary Bap. CH. Providence R.I. Letter Granted. C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the regular meeting, Thursday evening Nov. 21 Miss Jennie Merrill presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the First Baptist Church of Ralnoy(?), N.J. On motion she was received as a member of the Church. C.L. Goulding ch clk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening Dec. 12, Sister Maria V. Wilson asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Mayville N.Y. Baptist Church, which was granted.
On Sunday morning, Dec. 15, 1907, Bro. Fernando Haskin passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Geo. Cranston having been confined to the house 8 months.

Our church united with the M.E. and Pres. churches in meetings during the week of prayer, on the following week we continued the meetings assisted by Rev. W.P. Hellings of Buffalo and the week following that we continued the meetings with our pastor the Rev. M.J. Winchester as leader.

On Thursday evening Jan. 30th at covenant meeting, Mrs. Sarah Stedman presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the F.B. Church of Hamlet N.Y. On motion she was received as a member of this church. At the same meeting Mr. Arthur Burton related his Christian exper. and on motion was received as a member of this church. Also his wife Anna related her experience and was received as a member, they having both been previously baptized. At the same meeting Mrs. Geo. J. (Anna May) Zahm related her Christian experience. On motion she was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. At the same meeting Sister Julia P. Clark asked for a letter for dismission and recommendation to the Dunkirk, N.Y. Baptist Church which was granted. At the same meeting Bro. Walter M. Sackett asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Homewood Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa which was granted.

At the close of the preaching service, Feb. 23, 1908 the pastor Rev. M.J. Winchester baptized Mrs. Geo. J. (Anna May) Zahm. After a short illness Bro. Alex. Morian passed away at the Brooks Memorial Hospital in Dunkirk at the advanced age of 91 yrs. (?)

On Tuesday afternoon Feb. 25, 1908, Brother Joseph H. Williams was run over by a locomotive light about one mile north of the Fredonia depot while walking the track on his way home from work in the locomotive works at Dunkirk.

At the covenant meeting, Feb. 27 there was a good attendance and a good spiritual feeling. Mrs. O.C. Blodgett and her son Willard Blodgett and stepson William (?) Swanson presented letters of dismission and recommendation from the Stockton Baptist Church. On motion, seconded they were received as members of this church.

At the prayer meeting, March 6 (?) brother Howard Hollenbeck requested a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Lafayette As. Bap. CH. of Buffalo. Letter granted.

Fellowship Day Apr 4th
Clk being unable to be present Rev. G.O. King acted as clerk protem. The service was opened by singing a hymn followed by reading of scripture by the pastor. Anthem by the choir. Prayer by the Pastor. Hymn 561. This was followed by the election of officers for the Sunday School which resulted as follows:

Superintendent Chas. L. Goulding
1st Asst. “ O.W. Fargo
2nd “ “ Wm. S. Blaisdell
Sec. & Treas. Edith I. Lewis
Asst “ “ Alice Munger
Librarian Roy Martin.

Reports were read as follows: Statistics of the church by Rev. G.O. King. Ladies Aid Society by Mrs. Hattie Huff Sec. Christian Endeavor Society by Mary Cranston. Sunday School by Edith Lewis. Poor Fund by D.G. Sackett. Committee of church history S.S. Crissey. On motion Bro. D.G. Sackett, C.L. Goulding and O.W. Fargo were added to that committee. A committee on centennial programme was appointed consisting of the Pastor Rev. M.J. Winchester, Dr. C.E. Smith, Dr. F.B. Palmer, Rev. J.J. Keyes and Rev. G.O. King. Benevolence report by D. Benson Belden. Women’s Missionary Society by the Vice Pres. Mrs. M.J. Winchester. The offering was taken amount $4.54. Hymn 671. The petition to the Legislature of the State of New York to pass the bill requiring the reading of the Bible in the Public Schools was presented by Rev. G.O. King and adopted. Obituary report was presented by Mrs. G.O. King. Roll call by Rev. G.O. King. Treasurer’s Report given. Dr. Palmer announced that he was authorized to make pledge for the deficiency of the church by vote requested Dr. Palmer to convey most hearty thanks to the donor. After singing the Doxology all were served with an elegant repast. 137 answered to Roll Call.

Rev. G.O. King Clerk Pro Tem

Thursday evening, April 9, 1908. Clerk read a communication from the Mayville N.Y. Baptist Church asking us to send our pastor and one delegate to meet with them in council, Apr. 21, 1908 to consider the propriety of ordaining to the work of the ministry Fred J. Peters. On motion of Dr. Palmer the church voted to send our pastor, Rev. M.J. Winchester and Rev. G.O. King and Rev. J.J. Keyes as alternate. At the same meeting a communication was read from Sister Jennie M. Johnson requesting a letter of dismission and recommendation to the First Baptist Church of Mansfield, Pa. On motion the letter was duly granted. At the same meeting, Alice Munger leaving tendered her resignation as Ass’t Sec. & Treas. of the Sunday School. On motion of Mrs. F.B. Palmer, Miss Bessie Sanders was elected to succeed her.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clerk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening, Apr. 16 a communication was read from Sister Gretchen Dillingham asking for a certificate of membership stating that she wishes to unite with the M.E. Church of Shinglehouse, Pa. because her husband has united with that church. On motion her request was granted. At the same meeting it was announced that neither Rev. King and Rev. Keyes would be able to go to Mayville on the 21st inst to sit in ordination council so on motion Dea. P.C. West was chosen as delegate. At the same meeting, Mrs. B.F. Eastman presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the First Baptist Church at Evans N.Y. On motion she was received as a member of this church.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk per Mrs. G.
Fellowship Meeting
April 4th, 1908
Fredonia Baptist Church
Fredonia, N.Y.
Merritt J. Winchester, Pastor
Fredonia, N.Y., March 10, 1908
Dear Brothers and Sisters:
For years the Annual Fellowship Day has been an established institution in our church life. It is a
time of re-union, of delightful Christian fellowship and of spiritual profit. If you have long been
a member you have already learned to anticipate and prize it. If you have recently come into the
fellowship of our church you have an unexperienced pleasure awaiting you. The date this year is
April Fourth. We shall assemble promptly at 2:30 o’clock in the afternoon to listen to the reports
of the church’s activities and answer to our names. At 4:30 o’clock we shall sit down together for
supper. If it is possible to attend, every member is expected to be present. Those who are
unavoidably detained will send a letter to the church clerk, Deacon Charles L. Goulding, 12 Free
St., to be read in answer to their name. In this way, though absent, the brothers and sisters will be
assured of your continued interest. God has been very good to us during the past year. Let us
testify our gratitude and benefit our own souls by a full and joyous acceptance of this invitation.
Your Pastor,
Merritt J. Winchester.

At the covenant meeting, Apr. 30 Bro. Wm. Keith asked for a letter of dismission and
recommendation for himself, his wife, daughter Alice and sons Walter and George. Motion of
clerk seconded by Dora Barker the letters were granted to unite with the 1st Baptist Church of
Ottawa, Kas.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Sunday, Apr. 26, 1908 was decision in the Bible School. Rev. D. Frank Johnson was with us
and preached and talked to the intermediate department after which about 60 expressed a desire
to become Christians, many of whom are undoubtedly converted.
C.L. Goulding

Wednesday, May 6 Our sister Dora R. Barker was married in the church by our pastor Rev. M.J.
Winchester to Arthur L. Boas of Forestville, N.Y. The church was well filled at this occasion.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Thursday evening, May 7th was a memorable time in the present pastorate (?) for baptism and
church membership (?) of (?) Ruth (?) Sherman (?) by experience. Mrs. (?)
C.L. Goulding Ch Clerk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening, May 14 the church voted to send our pastor the Rev.
M.J. Winchester to the May Anniversaries at Oklahoma City, Okla., May 20-27. The Ladies Aid
and Men’s Association raising $50 towards defraying his expenses.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk
On Sunday May 17th our pastor preached two excellent sermons on the theme “Cheer Up” in the morning from Eph. 5:18 and in the evening Eph 5:19, 20, 21. And at the close of the evening service baptized five candidates viz: Ruth E. Franklin, Addie Sherman, Smith Wilbur, Hubert Morgan, Richard Wells.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

At her home 48 Canadaway St., our Sister Mary Bishop passed away May 15, 1908 quite suddenly. Although not living under the most favorable conditions during her later years. Yet she had a strong faith in her Redeemer.

C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday eve June 4th Sister Cora Lusk related her Christian experience and on motion she was received as a member of this church she having been formerly baptized.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the close of the evening service, Sunday June 7, the pastor baptized Eleanor Swanson, Jessie Stedman, Edna Slaght and Vivian Bond.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, June 11, 1908 Mrs. Louiza Shane presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the Baptist Church at Eden, N.Y. On motion she was received as a member of this church. At the same meeting the pastor read a letter from Bro. Charles H. Cobb of Hamilton College asking for a license to preach. After some discussion the license was unanimously granted.

C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

At the close of the evening service June 14, 1908 the pastor baptized Evelyn Sadon, Bessie M. Eddy, Sarah Brown and May Ives.

C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

At the prayer meeting, June 18, 1908 Mr. Arthur Boss presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the Forestville, N.Y. Baptist Church. On motion he was received as a member of this church. At the same meeting Miss Jessie M. Took presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the 1st Bap. Church of Forestville, N.Y. On motion she was received as a member of this church. At the same meeting Bro. George Tate and his wife Eliza M. Tate presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from Calvary Bap. Church of Washington, D.C. On motion they were received as members of this church. At the same meeting Mrs. Helen Hollister presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the 1st Bap. Ch of Newport, N.Y. On motion she was received as a member of this church. At the same meeting Stewart E. Wallace related his Christian experience and on motion he was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. At the same meeting, the church voted a pulpit supply committee for the month of August to wit: Brethren Bert Belden, George Cranston and C.L. Goulding.

C.L. Goulding Church Clerk
At the close of the evening service June 28, 1908 the pastor baptized Stewart E. Wallace.
C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

At the prayer meeting July 2, 1908 the pastor presented the request for a letter of dismission and recommendation for Sister Lynn Johnson to the 1st Bap. Church of Pannisula O. On motion the request was granted. At the same meeting, the pastor read a request for a similar letter for Sister Addie Sherman to the Baptist Church at Sarona, N.Y. which was granted. At the same meeting our aged Sister Julia P. Clark who was present spoke very feelingly her long relation with this church and requested that the letter presented to her Jan. 30th last be recalled and that she desired to spend the remainder of her life as a member of this church. On motion of Dr. F.B. Palmer the church voted to recall the letter. At the same meeting the Clerk read the statistics which he had prepared for the association. On motion of Rev. G.O. King the report was accepted. Summary.

Mem. last year 398 Dismissed by letter 14
ad by Bap. 16 “ ” Death 6
“ “ Exp. 5 Number July 1, 190 405
“ “ letter 12

The pastor presented a request for a letter for Mrs. Deever nee Lottie Foote, as her name was dropped from the roll March 6, 1902. On motion of Dr. Palmer she was restored to membership. On motion of the clerk the letter of dismission and recommendation to the Baptist Church at North East Pa. July 23, 1908
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk.

After a severe illness of several weeks duration Sister Louisa R. wife of Prof. Henry J. Humpstone entered into rest on Sunday morning July 19th aged 36 years. Mrs. Humpstone came to Fredonia in the autumn of 1903 to take the position of teacher in vocal music in the State Normal School which position she held at the time of her death. She was well liked by the people of the community.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

During the pastor’s vacation, the pulpit was supplied by the following ministers to wit:
Aug. 2 Dr. F.B. Palmer.
“ 9 Rev. Eugene Haynes of Rutland Vt.
“ 16 Rev. J.J. Keyes
“ 23 Rev. G.O. King. The congregations have kept very well this summer.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the covenant meeting, Thursday eve. Sept. 4, 1908 the clerk read the letter to the association which he had previously written. Moved by Rev. King seconded by Dr. Palmer that this be the letter of this Church to the Association. Carried. Moved by Dr. Palmer that we send five dollars for printing of Minutes and other expenses. Seconded and carried. Then the following members were chosen as delegates, to wit: Rev. M.J. Winchester, ex officio, Dea. H.P. Perrin, Dr. F.B. Palmer, Arthur D. Boss, Mrs. Arthur D. Boss, Mrs. M.J. Winchester and Miss Elizabeth Lyon as alternate. The church also voted to instruct our delegates to oppose the changing of the date of the association from September to June.
At the prayer meeting Sept. 17, 1908 Bro. Lansing Husted presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the 1st Baptist Church of Titusville, Pa. On motion he was received as a member of this church.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the covenant meeting, Oct. 1, 1908 Bro. J.M. DeWitt asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Lafayette Ave. Baptist Church of Buffalo, N.Y. On motion the letter was granted.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk Mrs. C.L.G.

At the prayer meeting Thursday eve Oct. 15 Mrs. Martha M. Hughes presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the 1st Portland Church. On motion of Rev. G.O. King she was received as a member of this church.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Thursday eve. Oct. 15 On motion of Mrs. F.U.(?) Jewett Sister Wallace was received on the relation of her Christian experience in addition to a letter from the pastor of the 1st church of East Aurora N.Y. stating that their records showed that she has previously taken, but which she says is an error.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

After a lingering illness Mrs. Malvina R. Wilbur passed away at her home near Van Buren aged 58 years 6 mos.

Centennial Anniversaries were held in the Church Oct. 18-21, 1908. The church voted to have the historical and other papers as far as possible recorded in church record book.
[The following is a printed article from The Fredonia Censor.]
The Fredonia Censor.
Wednesday, October 28, 1908.
Rev. Dr. Charles E. Smith’s Sermon.
Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of Fredonia Baptist Church.
There was a large audience in Fredonia Baptist Church Sunday evening, October 18, 1908, to commemorate the organization of the church, in Judge Zattu Cushing’s barn October 20, 1808. The original members were nine in number, now there are 402. The original members were: Zattu Cushing, Rachel Cushing, Eliphalet Burnham, Rhoda Burnham, William Gould, John Van Tassel, Benjamin Barrett, Sophia Williams, Silence Barton.
The following is the major part of Dr. Smith’s excellent discourse:
The Church of One Hundred Years.
1 Tim., 3:15 – “That thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the House of God, which is the Church of God, the Pillar and Ground of the Truth.”
We celebrate the existence of this Baptist Church of Fredonia for one hundred years. Why? What valuation shall we put upon this fact? Is it a great fact, or only a small one? The answer depends upon our idea of the Church, what it is, what are its functions, what it is worth to have it perform those functions for a century. If we accepted some human ideas and estimates of the Church we might not rejoice much to day. I take this text because it gives us God’s idea, God’s estimate, and I am sure that if we accept it we shall be in fit mood for a most enthusiastic celebration.
There are three facts which have an important bearing on our subject, which impress us, as we look back and survey the century behind us. The first is the rudeness of its beginning; the second its intense and absorbing materialism; the [third] the rampant and sweeping infidelity of its close. How rudely(?) it began: Scarcely one of the improvements which make our civilization ci(?) as complete (?). People lived as their [ancestors] had lived for all the previous centuries, and did not dream that there could be anything more desirable. It was the age of the pioneer, when most of the American continent remained to be discovered, conquered and possessed, at the cost of innumerable hardships, privations and sufferings. The place where this village stands was a primeval forest, tenanted by wild beasts and haunted by savages. [Archivist’s note: historic research does not bear out the claim that Native Americans in this region were savages.] The first comers had to be content with the rudest dwellings, and the severest struggle for existence. What a light upon their situation is shed by such a fact as that recorded of that brave woman, Mrs. Sophia Williams, who, on account of her husband’s sickness, carried the mail on horseback from Fredonia to Buffalo, when the creeks were swollen by a spring freshet, and she had to swim her horse through them, and had to pass through two hostile tribes of Indians! [Archivist’s note: historic research does not bear out the claim of hostile tribes.] How significant of the strenuous conditions of that early time is the fact that the infant church had to be cradled, like its Master, in barn! But for that very reason how welcome it must have been! To those few lonely hearts, far from the more genial associations of their previous years, in the wild and gloomy forest, what an event to be hailed with joy, and chronicled as momentous, when God’s home was established among them. That barn became a sacred place, the house of God and the gate of heaven. Solomon’s temple was not more august and glorious when the divine cloud filled it with the splendor of heaven itself. For the Father himself was there, communing with His children, hearing their prayers and gladdening them with His promises, and they were safe and happy. It was the highest ideal of a true home. And what that was to them, this church has been to a multitude of others who have joined them and succeeded them. Out of the wilderness of human sin where there is no God and no hope, no comfort in sorrow, no refuge from temptation, no prospect but death and retribution, a great number of souls have entered this church to find it a haven of rest and the family of God. For a hundred years it has been all that. Is it not a fact to be celebrated with joy? But now reflect upon the intense and absorbing materialism of the century we are reviewing. First of all, that commercial materialism in which all the millions who have bread to earn have a part, and are tempted by all their opportunities to get gain, to think only of the bread that perishes. Was there ever a century before in which such opportunities multiplied in such an extraordinary degree? How rich the world is today in the (?) of arable land which were unknown, savage wildernesses and deserts a hundred years ago. And beneath the surface, what dazzling treasures of gold and silver and useful metals, still more precious, have been brought to light, besides vast stores of coal and numerous other minerals serviceable to man! What discoveries have been made of the methods by which the almost limitless forces of nature have been harnessed to do man’s bidding, so that he seems to have become lord of the earth, the seas, the air, the lightning, and everything else on the earth, beneath the earth, and above the earth. How many great cities have risen in what were formerly desolate places; what vast fortunes have been acquired, and what multitudes dwell in ceiled houses whose ancestors burrowed in huts and caves in the earth! Under what temptation the race has been to think and feel like the rich fool of the parable, who was so wholly taken up with building bigger barns to hold his harvests that he had not thought for his soul. Nor have the scientists and philosophers helped the matter very much. They have been so occupied and engrossed in finding out and speculating upon the hidden
secrets of the realm of matter that they too have had little thought about the soul, or fancied that it might be, after all, matter in disguise. It was, in fact, seriously propounded by one of the most notable philosophers of the nineteenth century that matter and spirit may be only opposite sides of the same thing; and so the favorite way to study the soul became to investigate the body. To know the mind you were to observe the convolutions of the brain. As if one could tell from examining Shakespeare’s pen and inkstand the entire cause which produced his immortal Hamlet and Macbeth. The natural heirs of this material science and philosophy were the agnostics. Alas, how prominent they became in the middle of the past century. Atheists, masquerading under this new and less offensive name, and merely affirming in the great name of science, that having searched in every direction they could find no proof of a Creator of the reality of answered prayer, and gravely proposing that Christians should prove it by praying for the invalids of one hospital, and leaving those of another, equally needy, unprayed for. This, they thought, might settle the question in a manner that science could respect. Ah, my friends, what a blessing it was that through all this period of man’s withered wisdom, God had a church here and elsewhere to which he was a better way to test Him, a spiritual body; thought and found satisfactory proof of Him who is Spirit, by spiritual methods learned from His own revelation, and consisting first and chiefly in spiritual gifts, bestowed in answer to fervent supplication. What could evidence a holy and loving God better than the transformation of sinful, depraved men, women, and children into meek, upright, loving followers of the Lord Jesus Christ? This was the proof of which the prophet gave his figurative description when he said: “Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the briar shall come up the myrtle tree, and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.” This sign this church had in its numerous revivals of religion, and this sign the church gave to the country and the world in those great revivals that changed for the better so many towns and cities and brought to general remembrance the living God.

The third and most impressive fact of the century is the rampant and sweeping infidelity of its close. Thank God! there is another side to be considered, but to appreciate it one needs first to look at this side. The progress of unbelief in the nineteenth century has been like the spread of a contagion which begins in isolated districts and is carried on unseen wings, till it infects the world. The time was when it ventured only to whisper its doubts, and insinuated its objections only to minor matters, of secondary importance. But now it challenges every religious belief, and boldly storms the very citadel of faith, - the Sacred Writings on which all faith must rest. Its line of battle extends through all the agencies by which human opinions are affected, and includes many of the most notable teachers of the age. Its champions are editors of great newspapers and magazines, professors in colleges and theological seminaries, ministers in supposedly Christian pulpits, teachers in Sunday schools, and editors of Sunday school lesson quarterlies. Such and so formidable are the propaganda of infidelity in this age, and all who know what it has effected must be appalled at the ruin. It is said that there is no longer a single theological seminary of one of our great, supposedly orthodox, denominations, which teaches the fundamental doctrines of Christianity. A Unitarian minister from Massachusetts assured me, this last summer, that there is no longer a right wing of his denomination that adheres to the comparatively positive belief of Channing, but all have gone over to the position of Theodore Parker, who denied that we are sure of anything but God, conscience, and immortality.

But are they sure of even these facts? Senator Beveridge of Indiana, recently published the result of an inquiry, made during a summer vacation, of every young minister that was met. They were all, he says, particularly high grade ministers. Everyone of them had had unusual successes with
fashionable congregations. They were asked three questions: about their belief in God the Father, the deity of Christ, and the certainty of a future life. But not one of them was sure of either of these fundamental truths. Not one of them gave a positive and unequivocal answer. Are these the men to whom the multitudes must look for the bread of life? It is enough to make an angel weep to think that such teachers, who are not sure that they know anything which they need to know, are the best instructors whom living and dying men can obtain.

But there is something far more cheering to be said, and I am glad that I can say it. Senator Beveridge thinks that these instances are exceptions, and that “bye and large the twentieth century Christian ministry is sound and sure.” I believe that to be true, and that whilst unbelief in the pulpit makes itself notorious, by getting advertised in the newspapers, the good men who really preach the everlasting gospel, are never heard of outside of their own congregations. Ah! my friends; it is better not to be notorious by the manner in which we mislead immortal, responsible beings, and affront high Heaven. I am glad to say that this church has never had a minister who was a skeptic or an infidel at heart. Every pastor has had a Bible which he preached, instead of retailing his own worthless opinions. The members of this church have got their faith from the Bible, and have steadily cherished it as God’s own book. I do not eulogize them as perfect; I, of course, cannot claim that they realized its perfect ideals in their life and conduct. But they did, as a church, believe in and proclaim the Bible as a Divine Revelation, and the only rule of faith and practice. This church has been for a hundred years the Pillar and Ground of the Truth. It is a splendid fact of which the record is on high. This lighthouse has stood for an hundred years, and the light which it was appointed to shed upon the dark and stormy ocean of human life has never gone out.

III. And now what shall we say may be hoped for from the continued existence of this church for a hundred years to come? I am not a prophet or the son of a prophet, but I can, I think, form some conception of its future, drawn from its present condition, and the evident characteristics of the twentieth century. I can see at least four of those characteristics from which may be expected increased power and prestige for the Church of Christ. The century will be one of greater intelligence than any that has preceded, for everywhere knowledge is increasing; even China is said to have already hundreds of newspapers, and what is more important, the Bible is being introduced into its schools and colleges. It will be a century of freer institutions, for already Russia and Turkey and Persia are obtaining constitutional government. It will be a century of higher moral standards, for already in commerce, and in politics, the old mottoes of “everyone for himself,” and “to the victors belong the spoils,” are giving way to the idea of “a square deal” and an “honest service of the people.” And it will be a century I am sure of more intense religious convictions. This assault upon the Bible, proud and pretentious though it be, is destined, like Pickett’s magnificent charge at Gettysburg, to fall as that did before the determined defense of the friends of the Union. The cause of Revelation may seem to have met with a Bull Run, but it is certain to have its triumphant Appomattox. The old Bible has fought through too many campaigns for us to think that it is going to be ignominiously retired from human confidence. On the contrary every doubt thrown upon its integrity only results in its vindication, and strengthens its authority. But when it rises from this conflict, and dominates the minds and consciences of men everywhere, will not the Church gain added influence? When men are more intelligent will not the Church find them apter pupils? Let us not believe that old saying that “ignorance is the mother of devotion.” That may be true of the corrupt Church, which thrives better in the darkness, but the Church which is the “Light of the World” appeals to reason, and good sense, and truth. And then, this raising of moral standards cannot fail to favor the Church, for it is by
the enlightenment and rectification of the conscience that Jesus Christ and his people win their way into human confidence. And when, finally, increased intelligence, and higher moral standards, and the enthronement of the Bible as the great Sacred Book of the World, shall all conspire to bring mankind near to the kingdom of heaven, and freer institution shall leave them at liberty to express their convictions, may we not expect that the Church which Jesus instituted and which he declared the “gates of hell shall not prevail against,” will rise to a supremacy among human institutions, such as Daniel predicted when he said that “the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven shall be given to the Saints of the Most High?” Oh, I believe it, and anticipate for this church a future far more prosperous and glorious than anything it has yet seen. In common with the great host of God’s elect, in which, with its sister churches, it is only one company, it is destined to share the victory of Him to whom it was said: “Ask of me and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.” In that great and glorious triumph, may we all have a share!
List of Pastors.
Joy Handy 1811-22
Elisha Tucker, D.D. 1822-29
David Bernard 1830
Jirah D. Cole, D.D. 1834-35
Beriah N. Leach 1836-37
John F. Bishop 1838-39
1838-48.
John F. Bishop J.L. Richmond
A.C. Barrell
B.C. Willoughby Alfred Handy
Ebenezer Loomis
S.P. Way A.C. Barrell
Salem T. Griswold 1849-50
A. Kingsbury 1851-55
Chas. N. Chandler 1856-57
Alonzo Wheelock, D.D. 1857-61
Geo. D. Downey 1861-63
Howard M. Jones 1863-69
Charles Thompson 1869-72
Lester Williams, Jr. 1873-80
Malcom MacGregor, D.D. 1880-84
Charles E. Smith, D.D. 1885-00
David L. Jamison 1900-05
Merritt J. Winchester 1906-
Mrs. Jewett’s Centennial Hymn.
[Tune Materna.]
Our Fathers’ God! We lift our hearts
To Thee in prayer and praise.
We pray for courage, strength and cheer
To walk life’s weary ways;
All hail the power of Jesus’ name!
Triumphant songs ascend,
The hand that led us safe thus far
Lead onward to the end.
Our Fathers' God! They Spirit comes
Within these sacred walls
To bless us now, all silently,
As dew at evening falls.
May heaven come down to earth, O Lord,
Our waiting souls to greet!
May glory from thy throne above
Now crown the mercy seat.
Our Fathers' God! We worship thee,
Here in they courts below,
And spirits blest seem with us now,
The friends of long ago.
O Father, in Thy courts above,
When strife and toils are o'er,
May all Thy people gather home,
To wander never more. Amen.

that our(?) school has been no small (?), during the long history, in (?) the Cause & Kingdom of Christ. May its part be only a prophecy & promise of granted (?) in the future.
Baptists and Methodists(?) (? in the last (?).
Perhaps no other character in bible history, perhaps no other character in all history, is as distinctly human as that of Jacob. He was not a hero. In the record of events there are sources (?) (?) detailed and complete biography of him. (?) of any other individual of that early age; but there is not a (?) or aspiration that stirs the imagination and the blood of youth. He was not a saint. There is no great act of self denial or deed of mercy to illumine his long and eventful life. He was not a hero nor a saint, but he enjoyed divine protection and guidance and rescue from himself to an extent recorded of no one else. He sang no song to elevate the mind or to express his own elevation. His personality has inspired no epic. He is never idealized in literature or the thoughts of men. That(?) his name, as Jacob or Jarad, is more frequently called in scripture and in religious literature to point a lesson or inspire consideration in Jehovah than any other human name. The chose people were called Jarad for him and they are not (?) to (?) irate the (?) of Abraham, (?) great father, nor praises their great deliverer, nor Joshua their great leader. he was human, and if he does not appeal to us as heroic or saintly he touches our sympathies as one whom we can understand and one whose human characteristics expanded to heroic proportions, and as one who yielded to saintly influences that kept a fair balance of devotion to his God. No other chosen(?) (?) us at so many points as Jacob. Nor should all this seem strange. Jacob’s life and aspirations expanded along the lines of God’s purposes and he was blessed in being used as a blessing to men. His career did not bring him great glory, but it brought him infinite good. If I shall seem this evening to claim any particular superiority for my own denomination, let it not be supposed I am claiming superior glory. Protestants are not more truly pious, devoted and self-sacrificing than Catholics, Baptists are not more (?) religious or human than Christians of other names. but the Baptist denomination has developed faith along certain lines of the greatest importance to the church and the world, and God has used them as he
has not other people. Sometimes they have been put to fiery trials, sometimes they have been given visions of truth not so clearly given to others. All this has not brought them greater glory, but it has brought them and the world infinite good. The first thing I would name is the influence of Baptists upon the public policy of the state. I once heard an eloquent leader in one of the great denominations charge those in civil authority with partiality in the selection of chaplains in the army and navy, and other officers of prominence and power. He added the warning that his great denomination would not long submit to this, but would make their numbers count in the selection of such men for officer as would give them their proportion of public place. The Baptists have never worked along this line, and the moment they thought of doing so they would see that they could not. It is contrary to the vital scheme of the denomination. They have no organization with authority outside of the local church, and the leader who can stand for the masses. They would be like oxen in the furrow before a plow without a yoke. There is no way of hitching the team and load together. There is no ecclesiastical yoke by which the united strength may be directed to serve a common purpose. There is weakness in this, but it is human weakness. There is also strength, and the strength is divine. The individual is supreme and responsible to his Maker first of all, while organizations are but servants. There is a vital, real, compelling unity in the human race, but it is a sinful race. We can not break the bonds of this unity in masses, but individually, and only by union with Christ and by submission to his will. There (?) be voluntary association with one another, but there is no supreme, compelling power for spiritual and ecclesiastical ends save in Christ. This is the divine order. The Baptists have chosen it, or have fallen into it, and there are many indications that their choice has met the approval of divine favor. Real unity has nowhere else been so consistent. The divine favor has not only been manifest in the expansion of the church. In relation to the state, where it would seem to be especially weak, it has proved to be the strongest directing force of all the churches. Do not think of generals and presidents and governors, of legislators and ambassadors, but think by the national life and the trend of national development. The underlying thought of religious freedom, freedom of conscience, for which Baptists have stood from the beginning of this history, and for the most part have stood alone, has been imposed on the constitution and developed in the history of our country as no thought or principle of any other religious organization has been impressed. Much might be said of the influence of the Baptist democratic form of church government, as a model for political democracy, but its special importance here is that this form of church policy made it natural and consistent for Baptists to urge this principle for incorporation into the constitution and laws of the new republic. It meant religious liberty or freedom of consciences, as separation of church and state. [Transcriber’s Note: The previous few sentences have “Omitted” written across them.] The struggle, and even the story of it may (?) be forgotten by some of you. By others it may not have been heard of. All of you may think it is old enough to remove it from the era (?) of our discussion. But it has been kept alive even to the present generation. Some of us now living have come in contact with those whose property has been sold at auction to pay church rates because they denied the right of any earthly power to dictate their religious convictions. In Russia meetings of Baptists in private houses are broken up, Ministers are forbidden to preach the gospel as they understand it, and some of them have been sent to Siberian exile. In other areas (?) the Baptist principle is still trampled on in England and other countries. It will not be out of plan here, therefore, to review as briefly as possible the struggle for soul-liberty. In the first plan toleration, whether by law or by general consent, is not freedom. A natural right is not simply permission. The right to freedom of worship is not held at the beck of man but by
the command of God. Until near the time of the Revolution the idea of religious freedom as distinct from toleration does not seem to have penetrated the brains of men in general. The Catholics of Maryland granted religious toleration but could not have believed in the natural right to religious freedom, of opinion. Where and when did the idea originate? The germ was in the defense of Peter and John "whether it be right in the sight of God to (?) write (?) on more than wrote God, judge (?). From this time it was doubtless present to the religious consciousness of some Christians; and some sects before the Reformation seem to have recognized it as a general principle. But it remained for the Baptists to make it a rallying cry, and they were aided by the Quakers(?) and open large minded men of no ecclesiastical connection. It was first prominently proclaimed by Anabaptists of the continent early in the Reformation. In 1551, but thirty from (?) after Luther had posted his theses, Bishop Korper(?) said that this doctrine was one of the very pernicious and damnable doctrines of the Anabaptists. The name Anabaptists includes a set of enthusiasts who brought discredit on it by their extravagance and there was no disposition on the part of any established church to make a distinction. If one held to the doctrine of soul-liberty; it was enough. All such belonged to one clan, only to be condemned. [Transcriber’s Note: The previous few sentences have “omitted” written on them.] The principle was cherished by the Baptists of England, fired(?) by the very nature of their organization from complication with any order of continental Anabaptists and it flourished in Anglo Saxon soil, blossomed in Bedford jail, shed its fragrance on the night when Bungan(?) dreamed his immortal dream, and from there it came to America where it was formally acknowledged as queen regnant in the colony of Rhode Island. Without doubt the crisis in this struggle was when Roger Williams, driven out from Massachusetts, established a new colony and a Baptist church on Narragansett Bay. When charged with fomenting anarchy he answered with these classic words: “there goes many a ship to sea, with many hundred souls on our ship, whose weal or woe is common and is a true picture of a commonwealth… It hath fallen out sometimes that both Baptists and Protestants, Jews and Turks may be embarked on one ship; upon which supposal I affirm, that all the liberty of conscience that ever I pleaded for turns upon these two bridges; that name of the Baptists, Protestants, Jews or Turks be pressed(?) to come to the ship’s prayers or worship, nor compelled from their own…I further add, that if any of the seamen refuse to perform their service; or passengers to pay their freight; if any should preach or wait, that there ought to be no commanders and officers because all are equal in Christ, therefore no masters or officers, no Laws or orders, no corrections or punishments I say. I never denied but in such case so the commanders may judge, resist, compel and punish such transgressions, according to their deserts and merits.” Many messengers were required to prepare the way before Williams and many martyrs must follow to enforce the doctrine before the advocates of religious freedom could claim any substantial victory. A hundred years before the city of Providence was planted, at the very beginning of the Reformation, the Swiss Baptists from(?) claimed their adhesion to the doctrine, even to the extent of martyrdom by means and in numbers which shock us as we read. It has recently been said “Over the whole field swept by the Reformation Government(?) Protestant state churchism soon reigned supreme. Luther and Melanchthon imposed it on Germany; Zwingli(?) and Calvin riveted it upon Switzerland; Knox and his associates fastened it upon Scotland; Thomas Cromwell and Henry the Eighth, bound the accursed incubus upon the life of England, to which it clings relentlessly and oppressively, until this day.” The Baptists alone of any considerable body, by their articles of faith, by the power of the printing press, and by
passing resistance to state assumption of spiritual authority have stood before the world from the beginning of their history for religious freedom. The seed was in Baptist soil, and it had ripened consistently into Baptist behavior before the time of Roger **Williams**, but it had not been incorporated into any government until the founding of Rhode Island. Comparing the value of moral principles with physical discoveries and opinions Bancroft says “A moral principle has a much wider and nearer influence on human happiness. If Copernicus is held in perpetual (?) because, on his death bed, he published to the world that the sun is the center of our system; if the name of Kepler is preserved in the annals of human excellence for his sagacity… if the genius of Newton has been almost adored for dissecting a ray of light and weighing heavenly bodies in a balance – let then be for the name of Roger **Williams**, at least some humble place among those who have advanced moral science and made themselves benefactors of mankind.”

A prospering German writer says that Rhode Island was founded upon “principle, which have not only maintained themselves here, but have spread over the whole Union… and given laws to one-quarter of the globe.”

As Baptists pioneering had been necessary to prepare the way for Rhode Island Baptist determination and perseverance would still be necessary for a hundred and fifty years before the principles should be embodied in any supreme constitution. Sets inflicting penalties, forfeiture, imprisonment, flogging and banishment were to be found on the statute books of the colonies and were enforced until near the time of the Revolution. Little by little the more barbarous penalties, burning at the stake, imprisonment, flogging, excessive fines and legal banishment were discontinued, until persecution was mainly confined to compulsory support of an established church, and certain disabilities, imposed on those who did not conform to its principles and usages. Imprisonment was continued in Massachusetts as a compulsory measure till after the Revolutionary storm had begun to gather. Appeals were made to the British government by the Baptists and the colonial laws were declared illegal. This led to the fear that the whole company of Baptists might side with the mother country. (while it is said that there is no record of one thorough Baptist tory, still this fear and the use made of the Declaration of Independence gave a vantage ground to the Baptists, and their consistency was recognized by such political leaders as Patrick Henry, Jefferson, and Madison who supported them in all their contentions. When it came to the adoption of the constitution, the Baptists feared the Greeks, even bearing gifts, and demanded that the principle of religious liberty should be formally recognized. When the final draft was ready to be presented for adoption they were at first inclined to oppose it, but Gen. **Washington** and other leaders who advocated the adoption acknowledged the justice of the principle, and assured them that although it was too late to insert it then it should certainly be added in an amendment. This pledge was fulfilled by the adoption of the first amendment in 1791 which reads “Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.”

Thurs the principle of personal responsibility to one’s Maker alone for religious opinion and practice became a fundamental law for the United States. This contribution to the growth of civil government was distinctively made by the Baptists, after struggling through centuries of persecutions which many times involved death at the stake together with all the woes that accompany this extreme barbarous penalty.

It may seem to the present generation that such things could never have been in civilized hands. But so it was. The fruit of this tree of liberty, planted in the gospel strewn field of the Prince of Peace, the garden of God, a field in which the ending has sowed many times, has matured in God’s own way, and it has never been charged that the Baptist servants of the divine householder
have ever attempted to reel(?) up the tares(?) by persecution and so destroy the wheat against their Lord’s command.

Much remains to be done and Baptists are in the van of the contending army, more than one way has been invented to tax for religious purposes. Instruction in the doctrine of an established church may be supported by taxation. This is now going on in England and many refuse to pay such taxes and suffer rather, the penalties of the law. Judge Willis, a member of Parliament, in his opening address as President of the Baptist Congress in London three years ago, said “The recent Education Act, which compels us to provide money for teaching the Catechism of the Church of England, is the most afflictive action of the legislature which the brethren of the Baptist Church have ever known.” It was said that nearly two hundred persons had already been sentenced to imprisonment for refusing to be disloyal to their conscience, and that hundreds of children belonging to the Baptist church in Wales had been rendered fatherless and women rendered widows by this oppressive act. Another form of oppression still continued is that of placing disabilities on those who cannot subscribe to certain doctrines of the church. Against all these forms of oppression Baptists have been leaders in resistance and suffering. Delegates from other religious bodies came and paid their respects to the Baptist Congress and every delegation spoke of this struggle and said they were glad to acknowledge that the Baptists had naturally taken the lead, but the nation would follow. Baptists are leading in opposition to giving money from public fund, to institutions under church control, and some contend that it is only consistent to tax churches and charitable institutions the same as other property protected under the Law. But there is not time for the dismissal of all the intricate questions which arise.

In Russia there are two kinds of Baptists, as viewed by their law. There are those who have descended from Baptists, and those who have turned to Baptist faith from other families. The former are now exempt in certain things from persecution, but the latter are not recognized by law and legally have no right to live. There(?) is the grandfather clause of Russian law. It will be seen that there is still much to be done, and the half has not been told. It has seemed necessary to go over the history in this specific and somewhat extended con(?) others who would help me see what seed the Baptists have been sowing. Allow me to quote here some lines from Tennyson which he might well have written to describe the Baptist situation.

“Once in a golden hour
I cast to earth a seed,
Ah(?) then came a flower,
The people said, a weed.
“To and fro they went
Through my garden bower,
And muttering discontent
Cursed me and my flower,
“Then it grew so tall
It wore a crown of light,
But thieves from o’er the wall
Stole the seed by night,
“Sowed it far and wide
By every town and tower,
Till all the people cried,
Splendid is the flower.
“Read my little fable:
He who runs may read,
Most can grow the flowers now
For all have got the seed.”

The thieves are they who by persecution have scattered the seed far and wide. Baptists have laid emphasis on soul-liberty and they have been specially blessed in undertaking this part of the Great Commission, to teach all nations, Has it not been worth while?

The relation of Baptists to education does not require extended treatment, there is nothing in the subject peculiar to the denomination. It has shared in the work the same as other denominations. Indeed there have been times when Baptists have stirred to moderate the advantages of learning and culture. Perhaps what is technically called education for the business of life should generally be provided for outside of the church. But what shall be done where inadequate or no education is provided for? There are home and foreign missionary fields where ignorance and vice are the chief characteristics. Shall the churches supply the lack in education? The early Baptist missionaries in Burma attempted it when progress was so slow that their supporters at home took it for the frown of the Master on such a use of their opportunities, and decided to cut out their work. But the workers on the field found it impossible to teach the gospel to the poor without teaching something else. Gradually the educational work has been restored and increased and it is believed to be in accordance with the command to teach all nations. The women missionaries were especially successful in this work. The experiences in Burma has been considered a sufficient demonstration of the policy to be pursued. All grades of instruction were introduced and the Baptist college at Rangoon was the first college planted on the foreign missionary field by any denomination.

The colored people of the South are woefully ignorant. Baptists are especially responsible for their education because of the number professing Baptist faith. They took up the burden immediately after the close of the war. They did not make the mistake of giving too much attention to theory and books that taught practical things, as well, and sought to make self-respecting men and women. The Home Mission Society has now under its charge eight institutions of higher education with twice the number of students found at Tuskegee, and it is doing at least as practical and successful work in fitting negroes for the responsibilities of life. The Baptists have been preeminent in the development of individuals prominent in education. It is probably just to say that Dennis Wayland of Brown University, was the greatest college President America has produced, and the late President Harper has probably never had his equal as a teacher at the same time of supreme enthusiasm, inspiration and learning in a chair of any American college. When the large Peabody educational fund was given for the South, a Baptist of prominence in education, Dr. Sears, was chosen as chief adenines leader of the fund, and latter Dr. Carry, and the Baptist the largest individual gifts, ever made for general education have been made by a Baptist who has also given largely for Baptist institutions, and may give age & millions more.

In the number and patronage of distinctly Baptist colleges and secondary schools no preeminence can be allowed but in quality they are equal (?) the best. This much seems sufficient to pay(?) for the century of Baptist education.

One June morning in 1834, well long in the century under review, the inhabitants of Calcutta looked up to their Indian sky and beheld the flags of the great British East India Company which were wont to float high above their buildings, drooping at half mast. Is the present or some other high officer of the company dead? Had some great disaster brought death to a host of their
servants or to their ships at sea? Is there sudden news of the death of the king? No, it is none of those. William Carey is dead. Forty one years before, this same Company had refused to give this same Carey a permit to step on their East Indian preserves. When he went there without their permit they drove him away. When he took refuge under the Danish flag they demanded his surrender with other refugees who harbored him that all might be returned to England. His projects were condemned and all efforts to carey them out forbidden. He continued his work there eight years under Danish protection. But today there is felt to be a loss that is irreparable and the proud company pays this (?) tribute to the memory of one of the greatest citizens of the world of all Time.

He was called truly, but in derision, the consecrated cobbler. If you think of him as an ignorant laborer, of advancing age, sitting on his bench with nothing much to occupy his mind and gloomily meditating on the world’s greatest destination(?) until it became a hobby, and that he became only the accidental occasion of aroused the world’s attention you (?) mistake the case. He was apprenticed at fourteen; mastered the Latin, Greek, Hebrew, French and German languages while still on the bench, received a license to preach at about 20; later learned Sanskrit and numerous Indian dialects for which he prepared lexicons and grammars that have been the store house for comparative philologists ever since; translated the scriptures into twenty four tongues which were spoken by one third of the human race, and became the recognized leader of his age in Oriental literature and philosophy. While he was still in exile Marquis Wellesley founded a college in Calcutta and Carey was reckoned as the fittest person in all the world for the chair of Oriental languages. He was offered it at a salary of $3500 which was afterward raised to 9000(?). He held the chair for thirty years, meanwhile studying, making translations and doing missionary work, and devoting his salary, except what was required for his bare living, to his various missionary enterprises. About a hundred years ago Dr. Adam Clark, writing of Carey and (?) for the British Quarterly, said “In fourteen years they have acquired the gift of (?)” and “have done more toward spreading the knowledge of the scriptures among the heathen than has been accomplished or even attempted by all the world besides.” By all denominations Carey is accorded the primary among modern missionaries. One writer says “We may speak of the Carey Epoch with every whit as much propriety as of the Luther Reformation… we may as fitly term him the apostle of modern missions as Paul the apostle to the Gentiles, another says “He has become the glorified leader of the grandest movement of modern history.” Another speaks of him as “All things considered, the greatest missionary since the apostle Paul.” It was not great genius alone that gave him power and success. It was consecrated genius. When teaching school he had made a leather globe on which he outlined the continents, islands, and countries of the world. As he looked upon it he was startled by the thought that so large a proportion of her russet surface was required to represent heathenism. And not a thing was doing in all the world to reclaim these vast fields from wickedness and woe, Christian land had definitely settled down, after a few fitful efforts, to a lopsided Calvinism which threw all the responsibility on the Creator. Look at this picture. Being asked to propose a theme for discussion at a ministers’ meeting Carey rises and timidly suggests the responsibility of the church to lands without the scripture. The venerable and venerated Dr.(?) Rigland(?) says, “Sit down young man. When God wishes to convert the heathen, he can do it without your help.” But Carey came up to the help of the Lord, determined that he should not bear the curse of mercy. He wrote, argued and preached to arouse a sense of responsibility in others. The crisis comes at last. Andrew Fuller and another preach on the same evening and by chance both take this theme of responsibility. The audience is profoundly moved and are set to thinking of Carey’s claims for
the heathen. Will anything happen? No. The audience is dismissed to go away and forget, if they
care, the (?) appeal. No? Yes. Something happens. With choking voice Carey seized the arm of
Dr. Fuller and bursting into tears cries. “Brother Fuller, let us do something.” His sobs call the
audience to silence and his pleading bring a resolution to hold another meeting, and do
something. Another meeting is held and results in the organization of the first modern missionary
society in the world, after which, it is said, all others have been patterned. How big an enterprise
was born amid those sobs that articulated “Bro. Fuller, let us do something.” Eternity will tell. I
need not repeat the story of Carey’s life in India, nor of Judson’s with his tail(?) and suffering
and years of imprisonment in Burma, of the Kurins(?) and Telugers(?) and of Anikin(?) in
Germany. These are all familiar. But let me give you two incidents of the work at Angola which
resulted in an in(?) unsurpassed in missionary history with a little company of Christians, Dr.
Jewett had been drive from this Qeluga(?) city, fearing, perhaps, for their lives, and as they went
up a mighty wing fell. They turned and looked down upon the wickedness below. They were led
to appoint a prayer meeting for(?) at(?) which they proceeded to hold then and there. It was given
to Dr. Jewett to see by faith a host of redeemed ones coming from that city, and by their faith
and the reception of this vision he was enabled to stand by this people against the despair of
other laborers and the judgment of the society at home for years, and till victory was in sight. A
trial of another kind awaited his Clough. He had made a strong impression on many members of
the higher caste and caste was strong with the Qelugus, and they told him they were persuaded of
the Christian doctrine and had decided to come over to him with their entire clan. But they would
not be placed on the same footing as the low caste. A meeting had been appointed to hear some
of the poor people who were to come many miles on foot to ask for baptism. These must be
rejected or the others would not come. It was a question of interpreting the providence that
seemed to open the way to such a large and influential class of this large tribe, and through them
the lower classes in some way, or following the example of their Master who had no respect of
persons. The missionaries were sorely perplexed and deliberated long, but finally said that these
poor people must be heard, and if they gave good evidence that Christ had accepted them
baptism could not be denied. They came, told of their love for Christ and received baptism. The
high caste people refused further intercourses, but the little bond grew till one July Sabbath 2222
were baptized, and within the period of four months more than nine thousand were added to the
church while in a five years grew to sixteen thousand. The vision of the prayer meeting held was
realized.

God has wonderfully blessed the labors of Baptist missionaries. I have quoted what Dr. Clark
said early in the century. Not so many years ago statistics showed greater results from these
efforts than from all other Protestant agencies combined. Recent statistics of all American
Societies show that for the year reported of the four largest societies which embraced most of the
foreign work the income of the Baptist Missionary Union, not including the Southern Baptists,
was but about one sixth of all, the members of churches and membership about two fifths for
each, the additions for the year reported about three fourths, and the adherents, or people under
the influence of the charities one half. Perhaps we are giving as much as other denominations in
proportion to our wealth, but not in proportion to our numbers, and we do not measure up at all
in proportions to the blessings received. Let us glory in the prayer made but not boast. If any
Baptist feels inclined to boast it aught to be sufficient to remember that the two greatest of our
missionaries were neither descended from Baptist ancestry, nor trained under Baptist influences,
Carey fell to us soon after his conversion from the Church of England in which his father was
curator, and Judson from the Congregationalists after starting for his field. The Baptist mission


to the wide world: What would humanity take in exchange for Baptist struggles for freedom of conscience? What would the church take to drop out of our present civilization modern missions in which the Baptists had the initiation and leadership? We cannot claim glory beyond others, but through us has come infinite good. May not the curse of mercy fall on any Baptist church.

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Baptists and the Home Field.
I have been asked to speak upon the relation which Baptists have sustained, during the last century, to the home field. Whether you regard the home field as the village of Fredonia, the county of Chautauqua, the state of New York, or the United States as a whole, it is an entirely different field that confronts us today than that which confronted the Fredonia Baptist church at its organization one hundred years ago. The cluster of houses has expanded into a prosperous village that must soon take its place among the cities of the Commonwealth. The forests that covered the hillsides have disappeared before vineyards and grain fields. Along the trails where the solitary red man stalked his game, steel rails carry steam and electric cars that bear the thousands of our citizens in pursuit of pleasure or gain. The boundaries and physical features of the State remain the same, but everything else is changed. In the increase in the number of its inhabitants, in their industrial development, and in their accumulation of wealth, there have been changes which the wildest enthusiast would not have dreamed possible.

It is difficult for us to project ourselves into another age and picture to ourselves a life that has become obsolete or forgotten. We somehow come to feel that that which is now, ever was and ever shall be; but I wish you would try to imagine yourselves present with that little company of men and women when this church was organized one hundred years ago. Those pioneers had come from different states, they had been trained under different social ideals, but they had one common bond, they were animated by a common purpose, they feared God and were anxious to found a Christian civilization in this wilderness.

Your historian calls attention to the sturdy character of those who constituted this church. This is not surprising to one who is familiar with the history of this period. The fires of persecution were still burning, and it was only those who were willing to endure hardships who dared espouse the Baptist faith. The union of church and state was the theory of the governments of all the so-called civilized nations of the world. There were governments of different sorts and churches of different denominations. Sometimes the state controlled the church and at others the church controlled the state, but nowhere were they independent; nowhere was man allowed to follow out the Divine command “Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” Many of our colonies were settled by those who fled from persecutions in the old world, and persecutions in the colonies, led to the settlement of others. It seems strange that persecution has never taught the persecuted to accord to others the right of private judgment in matters of religion. Baptists were imprisoned in Virginia for preaching without the sanction of the established church. In Massachusetts Roger Williams was driven into exile in midwinter, Holmes and Clark were flogged, William Dunstan, the first President of Harvard college, was deposed, and others were imprisoned because they were suspected of being guilty of the crime of being Baptists. In Connecticut Baptists saw their fields and orchards, and even the graves of their
dead, sold at auction to build a needless church of another denomination, the pastor of that
church being present and bidding in much of the property for a mere song.
There was but one of the thirteen colonies in which there was absolute freedom of conscience for
all – that was the Baptist colony of Rhode Island. Most of the state constitutions adopted during
the revolutionary period provided for a religious establishment and a religious test. In three of
them no minister of the gospel could hold a public office, in four of them Roman Catholics were
ineligible, and in nine Jews were debarred. It was very largely through the protests of Baptists
that the union of church and state was prevented from becoming a national feature.
When Isaac Backus plead with the Massachusetts delegation to the first Continental Congress on
behalf of the persecuted Baptist brethren, John Adams replied “You might as well attempt to
turn the heavenly luminaries from their course as to ask the Massachusetts delegation to give up
the union of church and state.”
The first amendment to the national constitution forbade Congress to make any law respecting no
establishment of religion, but the states were allowed to act for themselves, and it was not until
forty years after the adoption of the amendment that the separation of church and state was
effected in all the states. It was out of such a controversy as this and from states where they had
suffered persecution that the members of this church came. No wonder that they were sturdy
Christians of sturdy character; the sifting process had eliminated all who were not willing to
sacrifice for their religious convictions.
Whether we measure time by the flight of years or by achievements, we are separated from them
by a long distance. George Washington had been dead only eight years when this church was
organized. Fulton’s steamboat was a year old. The Erie canal, the great waterway of the early
part of the last century, was not completed for two decades. A quarter of a century must pass
before steam roads were shown to be practicable. It was not until 1842 that it was possible to
travel from Buffalo to New York by rail. The century has brought even greater changes in the
nation. The Louisiana purchase had added an empire to the territory of the United States, but the
people themselves thought of the Mississippi river as the western boundary and said that it would
be one hundred years before any settlers would venture into this Indian-infested wilderness. They
would have found it difficult to believe that within that time the center of population of the
country would cross the Mississippi and advance half way to the Rocky Mountains.
Suppose the newly organized church had wished to send the news of its organization to New
York; it might sent it by mail, for mail was carried on horseback once a week to Buffalo, but it
would have taken a man half a day to earn enough to pay the postage, 25 cents, on the letter.
It is hardly likely that they organized a Sunday school, at once for, so far as we know, there were
but two Baptist Sunday schools in the United States. The first Sunday school had been organized
by Robert Raikes only twenty-eight years before. The good brethren of that time were suspicious
of anything new. The question whether it was sinful to warm churches by artificial means was
agitating the minds of the faithful. Someone wrote:
Extinct the fires of sacred love,
Our seal grown cold and dead,
In the house of God we fix a stove
To warm us in their stead.
Suppose the pastor of the newly organized church had urged the members to subscribe for a
denominational paper that they might be intelligently informed concerning the doings of the
Baptist Brotherhood; the only Baptist publication of any sort in the United States was a little
missionary magazine published in Massachusetts for the purpose of disseminating missionary
intelligence, but it was unpretentious in its appearance and irregular in its issue. It was not until 1819 that the Christian Watchman, the first Baptist Weekly in America, appeared. The church was sixteen years old before the Baptists Register, the real ancestor of the Examiner, appeared in Utica. If they wished to make a missionary offering they could not send for any one of a score of secretaries representing any one of half a score of national Baptist missionary societies. The Lake Missionary Society had been organized the year before for work in New York State and it was in need of money for in the largeness of its faith it had promised to pay its missionaries four dollars a week. The American Baptist Home Mission Society having North America as its field was not organized until the church was nearly a quarter of a century old. There was not a foreign missionary society of any denomination in America. The church was five years old before a society was organized to support the Judsons in India. If some son of the church wished to prepare for the ministry in a college of his own denomination he would have found but one in America.

When we think of the lack of organization and meager educational equipment of that time and compare it with our own perfection of organization and magnificent educational endowment we wonder that anything could be accomplished under such disadvantageous conditions. But when we compare the results we are shamed by the comparison. This church received its largest accessions in its earlier years. I find by reference to the statistical table that in 1834, 56 were baptized, in 1837, 93, in 1852, 65, in 1858, 61, and these figures have not been approached in recent years. This same thing is true of the church as a whole.

One hundred years ago the proportion of Baptists in the population was about one in 53, now it is one in 18. But this remarkable gain is confined to the first three quarters of the century; for twenty-five years we have done little more than keep pace with the growth of the population.

It is time for us to ask if we have the same grasp upon the great truths of the Gospel which our fathers had and the same zeal for the Kingdom’s upbuilding. The calls that come to us are louder and more varied than ever came to them. The population of this state has multiplied nine times in the hundred years. Instead of a few dying Indian tribes and a few scattered hamlets, there are millions of immigrants of every name and nation needing to be taught the American conception of liberty and law and religion. It is our duty to give them the simple Gospel of Christ as the most effective agency of democracy and civilization. We do not know the exact form that the future will assume, we do not know the details of the service required, but for ourselves and our church we can say:

To this one state my spirit clings,
I know that God is good,
I dimly Judge of blessing known
Of greater out of sight,
And with the chastened Psalmist own
His Judgments too are right.
And so beside the silent sea
I wait with muffled oar,
Assured no harm will come to me
On ocean or on shore.
[End of the article.]

The present hi(?) Soc.(?) of the Baptist Church of Fredonia may be supposed to be the outcome of a sewing society organized in the mythical eye(?) of the church about a hundred years ago.
We can not conceive of a church in modern times as existing for any considerable period without some such organization. The earliest record I have found was in 1836, when at some meeting the following resolution was given.

“That we recommend to the female members of this church to adopt such an organization as they deem expedient, but still such an one as would give each Sister in this Church an opportunity of casting their mite(?) into the treasury of the Lord.” The organization has been known under the several names of Sewing Soc., Bell Soc., Mite(?) Soc., & Aid Soc. (?) under whatever name it has gone, it has always been a working, efficient organization. There may have been short intervals where it has seemed in a state of suspended animation, but these have been few and brief. A prominent feeling has been the help it has given in sustaining the social life of the church, but this has never been its principal aim. As a Sewing Soc. its purpose has been to aid the needy in the church and community and to make donations of clothing and goods to the destitute in frontier settlements. Large donations of the latter kind have been sent to the West & South. At home the children of the Sunday School have been especially looked after and this branch of the work has called into use some of the best talent of the Church in looking up and providing for the society. During the war they provided delicacies(?) & such other things as were required by the Sanitary & Christian Commission for the sick and wounded soldiers. Under the name of the Bell So. the organization raised funds to pay for the original bell of the Church during the fifties. Under the name of the Aid Soc. for many years it has paid for the music of the church entirely or in part, a number of years taking the entire responsibility for this branch of service. At one time the ladies of the Church were divided in sections alphabetically, each section having a treasurer and the funds placed in the hands of the Church trustees, designating, however the purpose for which it was to be used. The meetings of the Soc. of late years, have been held as socials, for the greater part at private houses, with light refreshments, and occasionally a social has been given at the church when a more elaborate supper has been furnished. There has been but little difficult in maintaining the interest of the Soc. and the work done has been of great value in many ways. The social life of the church has been helped, some definite financial work of importance has always been in mind. Practical acquaintance with the wants of the poor has been fraternal(?). An(?) organization has always been ready to render service in case of special crises, such as any church is liable to pass through in raising extraordinary funds. In many ways it has shown its usefulness and given good reason for its existence.

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the Fredonia Baptist Church owes much to the character of its constituent members. Of Puritan descent, inured to hardships, full of resources, patient but energetic, self-denying, frugal, poor, they were the ideal pioneers. Few were rich enough to come with ox teams & household goods but most came with only an axe, saw, hammer & adg(?) with which to hew their way to a home & independence. With houses of logs, chimneys of stone, clay for mortar, home made tables chairs & bedsteads, straw for mattresses, corn & potatoes planted by chopping a place between the stump roots on the nearly cleared land, they bravely bore the discomforts of life far from friends and the conveniences of their former homes – In order to live the head of the house must by daily labor obtain the daily food for himself & family, often in the form of grain which must be carried on his back to the mill to be ground & he considered himself fortunate indeed if he could find employment to meet his daily wants. For this labor no money could be obtained & to meet the payments on his home, his only resource was to collect the ashes from the burned
timber produced in clearing his land & by leaching & boiling obtain black salts which alone had a money value. The clearing of the land was largely done by night after the days work was done. Such was the character of the early settlers of Fredonia & such the character of the persons who organized the Fredonia Baptist Church – That their lives were commendable & that their influence was felt the remarkable history of the Church shows. In 30 years notwithstanding a loss of over 100 members in 1831 on account of disturbances of more than local causes, the membership had increased from 9 to 346. If so many had felt constrained by their examples & efforts to become members of the Church by publicly professing their faith in Christ & publicly pledging themselves to live a new & better life, to how many others was their influence a restraining power keeping them from many a sin & causing them to honor the Church and its great work. The great calamity which overtook the Church in 1839 & which in ten years lost to the church an additional 150 members must ever be a source of sorrow & regret. It is useless to speculate as to what would now be position of the Church in point of membership & influence had it not occurred, but it has taken seventy years to repair the loss in membership alone – How long it will take to repair the loss in prestige & influence no one can tell. During the hundred years which this meeting commemorates there have been added to the Church more than 1800 members, more than 900 by baptism. We can not doubt that the influence for good of this vast army of Christians upon the community has been great indeed & that the morality & security of the village of Fredonia of which we boast is due in large measure to their example & influence. It has been my privilege to know nearly all the Deacons of the Baptist Church. Beginning my studies in Fredonia Academy in 1853 & being in attendance upon the Sunday worship I was greatly impressed with the character of the Deacons & members. This impression has deepened as I look back & compare them with other congregation in other places. In all my experience I have never known a Church where there were so many strong & active members. Truly there were Giants in those days. Among the Deacons of 50 years ago I remember especially Deacon Joel R. Parker – my impressions of him were that he was a man who lived up to his convictions & that his time & means were consecrated to the Cause of Religion. Among the later Deacons I became intimately acquainted with Deacons Barrell, Pettit & Buck & Lyon. My impressions of these men is that none nobler, more devoted or more sacrificing, have ever been members of the Fredonia Baptist Church. It was the desire of Deacon Barrell in addition to the large amounts he gave the Church in his lifetime to leave as an endowment to the society a sum sufficient, so that the income would continue the amount he had annually paid towards the current expenses. I knew Deacon Pettit probably as few or none others in the Church knew him – A man of great sympathy with the poor & unfortunate. This led him to take such an active part in the underground RR scheme through which so many slaves were taken from bondage to a land of liberty. It was his custom frequently to make inquiry as to the Church poor & to personally send such supplies as seemed needed. Especially at Christmas time. I was instructed to supply them with seasonable gifts & have the bills sent to him. I can say not only of these men but also of the present board of Deacons that it has been a pleasure & an honor to be associated with them. If I may be allowed at this time to make a suggestion it would be that like the Judicial officers the term of office for a Deacon should have a term or age limit & thus when physically unfitted, the work could be placed in younger & more energetic hands. There are some other members of the Church who deserve to be called to mind at this time, many if time would permit, but of three attention must be called. L.B. Grant who financed the affairs of the Church for so many years & made up the annual deficit out of his own pocket doubtless to the harm of the Church by lightening the responsibility of the membership which has never recovered to this day. A.Z.
Madison so peculiarly fitted for Church Clerk which he held for 43 years. To his careful painstaking habit, he united the zeal which his consecrated fidelity to the interests of the Church made easy & which gives us to day so full a record of the doings of the Church during this long period. The third member which I must mention is John Hamilton Jr. who for 18 years was the efficient Superintendent of the Sunday School. It was during this time that more than 300 members of the school were converted. A man of pleasing address and an earnest zealous Christian worker, the Church owes much to his untiring zeal. In looking back over the history of the last hundred years & taking as a standard the measure of success which ought to have been attained, doubtless we must conclude that they did not reach the ideal success which the evangelization of Fredonia required but it seems to me that they came nearer to it than any church I have ever known. Beginning with 9 members, in one hundred years receiving 1800 members, & many others who were here converted & joined elsewhere means an amount of labor & devotion which makes the record of this church one to be envied & of which we ought to be thankful. And now in conclusion what ought we to strive for & hope for & expect in the hundred years to come – If we live up to the model set before us in the past by avoiding the mistakes they made, how many times 1800 members ought we to expect if we keep pace with the increasing population of the Village – we have a noble heritage. To prove worth of our inheritance means fidelity, labor & self denial as it meant to them but in no other way can the Church meet & prove itself worth of its record of the last hundred years.

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening Oct. 29, 1908 Bro. Wesley Swanson asked for a letter to unite with the 1st Baptist Church of Manchuria, Fla. On motion letter was granted. On the same evening a letter was granted to Willard Blodgett to unite with the same church. At the same meeting the name of Mrs. Sophia Blodgett was dropped from our roll, she having previously united with the church at Manchuria Florida.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting Nov. 19, 1908 Bro. Michael Gerres presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the First Baptist Church of Jamestown. On motion he was received as a member of this church.
C.L. Goulding ch. clk.

At the prayer meeting, Nov. 19, 1908 a letter of dismissal and recommendation was granted to sister Ida Woods Goldheart to unite with the 1st Baptist church of Dunkirk, N.Y.
C.L. Goulding ch. clk.

At the covenant meeting, Nov. 26, 1908 Bro. Burton Wright and his wife Nellie were granted letters to unite with the 1st Baptist Church of Ripley, N.Y. At the same meeting Sister Sarah F. wife of Dea. P.S. West presented a certificate of membership from the M.E. church of Lakewood, O. but as she could not be received into our communion upon these credentials she also related her Christian experience and on motion was received as a member of this church.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At an early hour Tuesday morning December 29, 1908 Sister Miss Nellie Collis passed away at the residence of Sly Lamphear on Washington Ave. after a linger illness.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clerk
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At the morning service Mar. (?) 7 the pastor read a letter from Emory Martindale requesting a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the First Bap. Church of Los Angeles, Cal. On motion letter was granted.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

Commencing Feb. 17th and continuing 3 (?) weeks meetings were held on each evening except Saturday in union with the Methodist and Presbyterian churches. The meetings were well attended by Christians and a few others and we are hoping for good results.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting on Mar. 11, Mr. Albert Knight the son of Rev. A. Knight who has recently moved on Perry (?) St. related his Christian experience. He was baptized into the West Portland church and afterward joined the South Cleveland O. church by letter but having been away from there for some time his name had been dropped from their roll. He was unanimously received as a member of this church. At the same meeting his wife Hattie presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the West Portland Church. On motion she was received into our fellowship. At the same meeting Mrs. Ethel Cadwell related her Christian experience. She dated her conversion at the age of 15 years at which time she was immersed by the pastor of the Free Methodist church at Gerry, N.Y. On motion she was received into the fellowship of this church. At the same meeting Sister Jennie Munger related her Christian experience. On motion she was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting on Thursday evening, March 17, 1909 Mr. Gerald A. Wilbur related his Christian experience and on motion was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening, March 24, 1909 Mrs. F.H. Aspen (?) related her Christian experience and was received into the fellowship of this church.
C.L. Goulding ch. clk.

On Sunday March 28, 1909 Bro. Edson I. Wilcox passed away at the residence of his daughter Mrs. D.G. Sackett at the advanced age of 94 years. Dea. Wilcox had been in failing health for several years occasioned by old age.
C.L. Goulding ch. clk.

At the prayer meeting Thursday eve. April 15, 1909 Sister Alice Robinson asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Baptist church at Pike (?) N.Y. On motion the letter was granted. At the same meeting Mrs. Alexander Watt and her daughter Alexandria Watt presented letters of dismission and recommendation from the church at Webster, N.Y. On motion they were received as members of this church.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.
C.L. Goulding ch. clk.

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening, May 6, 1909 the following young people members of the Sunday School related their Christian experience and on separate motions were received as members of the church after baptism to wit: Rose M. Carlson, M. Louise Barker, Lucina J. Blodgett, Marjorie J. Jewett, Harold A. Jewett, and Deleo L. Smith. At the prayer meeting on May 20th Jessie(?) Stedman related her Christian experience and was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.
C.L. Goulding ch. clerk

At his home on Webster Street brother Benj. C. Barlow passed away on Sat. morn’g May 15 aged (?) yrs.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the close of the evening service Sunday May 23rd the pastor Rev. M.J. Winchester baptized the following candidates, to wit: Rose M. Carlson, M. Louise Baker, Lucina J. Blodgett, Marjorie J. Jewett, Harold A. Jewett, Deleo C. Smith and Jessie Stedman.
C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

After a short illness Sister Clara W. Cato passed away at her home on Seymour St. on Thursday morning June 10th aged 37 yrs.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the Thursday evening meeting June 10, 1909 Harry Kickendorf related his Christian experience and on motion was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the same meeting Dr. Palmer and Dr. C.E. Smith were chosen as delegates to the Northern Baptists convention at Portland Oregon.
C.L. Goulding church clerk

On Sunday afternoon, June 20, 1909 our pastor conducted services at Van Buren and at their conclusion he baptized Harry Kickendorf in Lake Erie.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

On Thursday evening July 1, 1909, Mrs. Alvin Harper related her Christian experience. She also presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the W.B. Church of Mt. Pleasant. On motion she was received as a candidate for Baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clerk

On Thursday evening, July 8, 1909, Sarah Raymond related her Christian experience. On motion she was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. Goulding ch. clk.
On Thursday evening July 15, 1909 Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Dix related their Christian experience and on motion were received as candidates for baptism and church membership.

C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

On Sunday afternoon July 25 at the Christian Endeavor service the pastor baptized the following persons to wit: Chas. Dix, Mrs. Chas. Dix, Mrs. Alvin Harper and Sarah Raymond.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the covenant meeting, Thursday eve. July 29, 1909 Sister Lena Johnson presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the First Baptist Church of Painesville, O. On motion she was received as a member of this Church.

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the covenant meeting, Thursday eve. Sept. 2, 1909 the letter of the church to the Chautauqua Baptist Association was read and accepted. The following brethren and sisters were chosen as our delegates to wit: Rev. F.B. Palmer, Ph.D. Brn. And Sister Arthur Boss, Bro. and Sister O.W. Fargo. At the same meeting Sister Flora Jackett presented a letter of dismission from the M.E. Church of this place and also related her Christian experience and on motion she was received as a member of this church, she having previously been immersed.

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening, Sept. 16, 1909 Sister Sarah M. Hauldsworth asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to unite with the Baptist Church at Rockville Conn. On motion letter was granted.

At the same meeting, a letter was asked for Mrs. James Wallace and her son Stewart Wallace to unite with the Virden (?) Baptist Church at Montreal, Can (?) On motion letters were granted.

C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

Friday noon Oct. 1, 1909 Sister (?) Gleason passed away after a long illness at the home of her son in Elmira, N.Y. aged (?) yrs.

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

Thursday evening Oct. (?) 1909 Sister Helen Hollister asked for a letter of dismission to unite with the 1st Presb. Ch. of Fredonia, N.Y. On motion a certificate was granted her.

C.L. Goulding ch. clk.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 1st Rev. F.H. Devim preached in our church and told us in a very forcible manner what the Am. Bap. Home Mission Soc. is doing. After the sermon the pastor baptized Sister Lena J. Dederick who is attending the Normal School.

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

In the autumn of 1909 the Sunday School workers of the village united on (?) invitation of our School and organized a teachers union of Fredonia for the study of the lessons and to promote an interest in Sunday School work.
On Monday, Nov. 22, 1909 Sister E.D. Bacon passed away at her late residence on East Main Road after a long illness. Aged 90 yrs. 8 mo. 2 days.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clerk

At the covenant meeting, Dec. 2, 1909 sister Mary Davey asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Delaware Ave. Bap. Ch. of Buffalo. On motion letter was granted. At the same meeting Sister Rumsey asked for a letter to the 1st Portland Church. On motion this letter was granted. At the same meeting Sister Amelia Spencer asked for a letter to unite with the 1st Portland Church which was granted.
C.L. Goulding ch clk per Rev. M.J.W.

At the prayer meeting, Dec. 9, 1909, Bro. Harold Martin asked for a certificate of membership and dismissal that he might unite with the M.E. Church of Sheridan, N.Y. On motion request was granted.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Dec. 16, 1909 Bro. Joseph Rogers asked for a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the Dunkirk Bap. Ch. On motion request was granted.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

During the week of prayer commencing Jan. 2nd 1910 our church held meetings except on Saturday evening and during the two weeks following each evening except Saturday. Rev. D.L. Jamison our former pastor preached each evening and also on Sunday Jan. 16(?) he exchanged with Rev. M.J. Winchester. The meetings have been well attended and we believe many have been born again.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

On Sunday Jan. 23rd a Men’s Bible class was formed in connection with our Sunday School of men who have not recently taken part in the Bible School work. The men were called together by Bro. O.W. Fargo one of our ass’t superintendents. This seems like a move in the right direction.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

On Thursday evening Jan. 27th the following were received for baptism: Fred Glorenflo, 33 Temple St.; Belden Heston, 18 Chestnut St.; Mrs. Sueana (?) L. Winner, 10 Cushing St.; Mrs. Harriet A. Kesner, 53 Gardner St.; Miss Corabelle C. Einhouse, 36 Center St.; Miss Ida Wilder Central Ave.; Mrs. Ruth Deitgen, 101 Temple St.; Mrs. Mary Sher, 35 East Main St.; was received by experience into our fellowship (?)
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

On Sunday evening after preaching a plain sound sermon of the subject “Why baptize her?” Jno. 1:25. our pastor baptized the following candidates: Miss Ruth Deitgen, Miss Eva Wilder, Mrs. Sueana L. Winner, Belden Heston and Fred Glorenflo.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk

On Saturday Jan. 29, Bro. Squire Edwards passed away at his home in Shumla, aged 75 years.
C.L. Goulding ch clk
On Monday Jan. 31 Sister Cora Francis(?), Campbell passed away at Roswell, N.M. where she had gone in quest of health. The funeral was held at the residence of Mr. (?) Kauffman(?) on Brigham Road Dunkirk.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

On Thursday evening, Feb. 3rd, Miss Anna M. Johnson, 30 Free St. and Miss Hazel Hall, 146 Temple St. were received for baptism.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

On Saturday Feb. 5th our Sister Mrs. Grace A. Colburn passed away at her residence 38 White St. after a lingering illness aged 49 yrs 11 mos. 27 da.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

At the close of the evening service Sunday Feb. 6th our pastor the Rev. M.J. Winchester baptized the following sisters: Mrs. Harriet A. Kesner, Miss Corabelle C. Einhouse, Miss Hazel Hall and Miss Anna M. Johnson.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the home for aged women, at 134 Temple St. our sister, Mrs. E.A. Chambers passed away after a lingering illness on Thursday Feb. 10 aged [blank]. She was a faithful Christian woman.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening, Feb. 24, 1910 a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Grove City, Pa. church was granted to J. Lellan Morris.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening, March 10th the church granted a letter of dismission and recommendation to Mrs. Cora Allen formerly Miss Cora Williams to unite with the First Baptist Church at Wallingford, Conn.

C.L. Goulding ch. clk.

At the same meeting Bro. Russel A. Dewey and his wife presented letters of dismission and recommendation from the church in Bradford, Pa. and on motion they were received as members of this church.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

At his home in Dunkirk, N.Y., March 12, 1910 Bro. Cassius M. Stearns passed away aged [blank].

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday eve. March 24, 1910 the pastor brought to the attention of the church the names of several members that the Deacons recommend that their names be erased: Moved by Rev. G.O. King seconded by Bro. P.G. Cato that the name of Emmons R. Ellsworth be erased from our roll on account of absence from place and apparent lack of interest. Carried. Moved by Rev. G.O. King, seconded by Mrs. F.B. Palmer that the name of Gertrude Hill be
erased because of absence and residence unknown. Carried moved by Sister Dora Boss moved that the name of Mabel Hooker be erased because of absence and silence. Carried. Moved by some one seconded by Bro. P.G. Cato that the name of Sister Julia E. Kirk be erased by her own request, carried. Moved by Rev. G.O. King seconded by Bro. P.G. Cato that the name of Wm. H. Martin be erased because of absence and silence. Carried. Moved by Mrs. F.B. Palmer that the name of Sister Blanche Skinner be erased because of absence and silence. Carried. Moved by Dr. Palmer seconded by Rev. G.O. King that we reconsider the name of Blanche Skinner and lay it upon the table until Mrs. G.O. King can write or visit her. Carried. Moved by Bro. G.O. King seconded by Mrs. F.B. Palmer that the name of Sister Margaret Tunstall be erased because of absence and silence. Carried. Moved by Dr. Palmer seconded by Bro. King that our church letters be valid only 3 months. Carried.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

At the prayer meeting on Thursday evening, Mar. 31 a motion was made and carried that the name of William H. Martin be restored to our roll he having been heard from.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

The 87 Annual and Fellowship meeting on Apr. 2, 1910 was called to order by Bro. D.G. Sackett, clerk of the Society; moved by Rev. G.O. King that our pastor the Rev. M.J. Winchester act in the capacity of chairman. Prayer by Rev. G.O. King. Minutes of the last annual meeting read by Bro. D.G. Sackett and were approved. Report of the treasurer Bro. C.O. Tarbox. Moved by Bro. O.W. Fargo that the report be accepted. Carried. Moved by the soc. clerk that we proceed to the election of two trustees in the place of Brethren L.S. Allnat and M.N. Munger. Carried. Moved by the church clerk that Brethren O.W. Fargo and P.G. Cato be the tellers. Carried. Bro. Bert Beldin, O.W. Fargo and W.W. Harris were put in nomination when Bro. Harris withdrew his name and on motion the Sec. was instructed to cast a ballot for Brethren Belden and Fargo.

[The following is typed.]


No of Officers & Teachers in Sunday school, 26
  “ Scholars in Bible classes 126
  “ “ Intermedia Department 102
  “ “ Primary 39
  “ “ Cradle Roll 38
Total No. enrolled in Sunday school 319
Average attendance 172
Highest “ Jan. 30 211
Lowest “ April 5 117

Treasurer’s Report,
Balance on hand April 1st $5.90
Received Sunday collections 227.60
Received cash donation Picnic expenses 19.00
Received Xmas. Donation, cash, clothing, & provisions 110.51
  Total receipts $363.01
Paid Amer. Baptist Pub. Society for Mission work $16.59
Paid County S.S. association dues 1.55
Paid Lords Day Alliance per. Vote of S.S. $1.78
  “    Baptist County S.S. association, 3.00
Paid cash, and Delivered clothing, Griffith family, 77.83
  “    To needy in Fredonia, 7.25
Sent clothing to needy in Fredonia, with provisions 23.00
Paid express on goods sent West, 2.43
Paid Missionary Union for foreign field, 40.00
Paid Sunday school picnic expenses, 21.10
Paid Tres. Of Church, for church expences, per S.S. 34.00
Paid S.S. Total expences for supplies 109.19
                       Total expenditures for S.S. $337.72
Balance on hand April 1st, 1910, $25.29
Signed Chas. O. Mason, Sec, & Tres.
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after which the following officers were elected without opposition to wit:
Society Secretary Bro. D.G. Sackett
Treasurer Bro. Bert Belden
Assistant Treas. Bro. Wm. T. Kurtz
Benevolence Treas. Bro. D.B. Beldin
Church Clerk Bro. C.L. Goulding
Superintendent of S.S. Bro. C.L. Goulding
  1st Asst. Superintendent of S.S. Bro. Arthur Boss
  2nd Asst. Superintendent of S.S. Bro. O.W. Fargo
  sec. & Treasurer of S.S. Bro. C.O. Mason
supt. Of Home Department Sister Alice Munger
Supt of Primary Department sister Hattie Blood
Chorister Sister Anna Haskins
Organist Sister Alice Munger
   Baptized 24     Death 9
   Letter  5   Letter 12
   Experience 2   Erasure 6
   Restored 1   Present no. 400
C.L. Goulding Clerk.
At the communion service on Sunday Apr. 3 the church granted a certificate of membership to our sister Amanda **Gustus Olsan** that she may unite with the Presbyterian Church at South Lake Weir, Fla.

C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the same meeting a letter of dismission and recommendation was granted to Miss Lulu May **Douglass** to unite with the South Side Baptist Church of Buffalo, N.Y.

C.L. **Goulding** ch. clk.

At the covenant meeting, Thursday evening, Apr. 28 a letter of dismission and recommendation was granted to Bro. Charles **Cobb** to unite with the York, N.Y. Baptist Church.

C.L. **Goulding** ch. clk.

At the same meeting Mr. and Mrs. Chas. **Boehm** presented a letter of dismission from the 1st Baptist Church of Dunkirk to unite with this church. On motion they were received.

C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening, May 26 Sister Mrs. W.A. **Grover**, her daughter Minnie **Grover**, Mr. and Mrs. Harry **Day** presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the church at Laquin, Pa. to unite with us. On motion they were received.

C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening, July 7th Louise **Belden** and Florence **Slaght** related their Christian experience and on motion they were both received as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership.

C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the same meeting, the pastor read a communication from John E. **Sanford** in which he advised the pastor that he thought his name should be erased from the church roll. The pastor stated that the board of deacons had recommended that the church take such action. On motion of C.L. **Goulding** and duly seconded that Bro. **Sanford**’s name be erased such action prevailed.

C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the close of the Christian Endeavor service, Sunday July 10th, the pastor baptized Louise **Belden** and Florence **Slaght**.

C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At her late residence at 50 Temple St. sister Louisa M. **Edmunds** passed away after a short illness on July 22, 1910 aged 90 years 6 mo. 18 days. She was in a true sense a mother in Zion.

C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the morning service Aug. 7, 1910 the pastor announced as pulpit committee to supply the pulpit on the two following Sabbaths Brethren O.W. **Fargo**, Bert **Belden** and C.L. **Goulding**.

C.L. **Goulding** ch clk
Sunday Aug. 14, 1910 the pulpit was supplied in the morning by Dr. F.B. Palmer who preached from Ps 51:4 first clause and illustrated very forcibly the doctrine of the atonement.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

On Sunday Aug. 14th Brother Galen B. Everets passed away at his home on Center St. an (?) respected citizen aged 74 years.

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

Sunday Aug. 21 the pulpit was supplied by Rev. Pierson of the South Side Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis. He preached a forceful sermon on the necessity of a Christ centered life.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

At her residence on Monroe St. sister Emily Starr passed away Sept. 2nd 1910. Aged 92 years.

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening Oct. 13 the pastor read a letter asking for a letter of recommendation and dismission of Bro. Fred Glorenflo to unite with the Fidelity Free Baptist Church of Cleveland, O. On motion letter was granted.

C.L. Goulding Church Clerk.

At the same meeting a certificate was granted sister (Bernice Vincent) Mrs. Leon H. Lewis to unite with the First Presbyterian Church of Prattsburg, N.Y.

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clerk.

At the prayer meeting, Wednesday eve. Nov. 23, 1910 sister Viola E. Everts asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to unite with the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Mattiawan, N.Y. On motion letter was granted.

C.L. Goulding ch. clk.

At the prayer meeting, Dec. 1, 1910 the pastor read a communication from Mrs. James requesting her name dropped from the church roll as her sympathies are with the Christian Science. Dr. C.E. Smith who had been requested by the deacons to go and confer with her. He reported that she was satisfied where she is and he moved that her name be erased from the church. Seconded by C.L. Goulding, carried. At the same meeting the pastor read a request for a letter of dismission and recommendation for Mrs. Peterson formerly Mabel Morrison to unite with the First Baptist Church of Bremerton, Wash. On motion of C.L. Goulding seconded and carried.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

On Thursday June 5, 1911 Sister Esther Jane Rice passed away at the home of her nephew Frank Madison in Dunkirk. Sister Rice had been an invalid several years being blind.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

On Friday morning, Jan. 13 our brother John M. Hardenburg passed away at his home on West Main St. Aged 87 years.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk
At the prayer meeting, Jan. 26, 1911 Sister Fern R. Vidal presented a letter from the Fredonia M.E. Church to which she formerly went from this church on motion she was received as a member of this church.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the covenant meeting, Feb. 2, 1911 the pastor read a communication requesting a letter of dismission and recommendation of Edward M. Ella, and Paul M. Hayhurst to the First Baptist Church of Fayetteville Ark. Moved by Dr. F.B. Palmer that letters be granted to the applicants. Motion prevailed.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the covenant meeting, March 2, 1911 sister Carrie Fox presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the First Portland Church. On motion she was received as a member of this church.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At covenant meeting, March 30 the following related their Christian experience and on separate motions were received as candidates for baptism and afterward to church membership to wit: Arlene E. Torrence, Ernest M. Torrence, Ruth A. Winchester, and Dorothy A. Boss. At the same meeting, Horace Rice, his wife, Albertine Rice and Miss Hermenine Mauer presented letters of dismission and recommendation of the First Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N.Y. On motions they were received as members of this church. At the same meeting a communication was received from sister Aurilla Kennedy requesting a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Baptist Church at Pasadena, Cal. which letter was granted.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

In conjunction with the M.E. and Pres. Churches we held special meetings Mar. 15th to 26th conducted by Miss Alice M. Gamlin N.Y. State S.S. Evangelist, each afternoon at 4 P.M. for young people in our church, each week day eve. in the M.E. Church and Sunday evenings in the Pres. Church. The meetings were well attended and we believe productive of much good.
C.L. Goulding ch clk.


Election of officers
C.O. Mason and C.L. Goulding were appointed tellers.

Officers elected
D.G. Sackett trustee to succeed himself
W.W. Harris “ “ “ G.W. Blood
D.G. Sackett Soc. Clerk “ “ himself
Bert “ Soc. “ “ “
Wm. T. Kurtz Ass. “ “ “
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk “ “ “
A.W. Boss 1. Asst “ “ “
O.W. Fargo 2 “ “ “ “
C.O. Mason “ Sec. & Treas. “ “
Hattie Blood “ Sup. Prin. “ herself
Anna Haskin Chorister “ “ “
Alice Munger Organist “ “ “
Rexford Jewett Librarian “ “ himself
The clerks report follows –
No. of members Apr. 2 1910 406
Additions
By letter 10
By experience 1
Baptism 2
Total addition 13
Diminutions
By letter 11
By erasure 2
By death 5
Total Diminution 18
Net loss 5
Present membership 401
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

[The following is a typed page.]
Report,
Sec. & Tres. Baptist Sunday School, 1910 & 1911.
No of Officers & Teachers in Sunday school, 25
 “ Scholars in Bible classes, 129
 “ “ Intermediate Department 98
 “ “ Primary “ 65
No on the Cradle Roll 37
Total No enrolled in Sunday school 317
Average attendance 171
Highest “ June 26 Childrens day, 275
Lowest “ June 5 stormy 102
Treasurers Report,
Balance on hand April 1st. 1910 $25.29
Received Sunday collections, 211.15
Received Donation, Supt. Expences S.S. Convention 11.97
 “ “ Picnic “ 14.85
At Xmas. cash, clothing, & provisions, 68.45
Received of Mrs. **Keyes** class, for Quarterlies, 6.00
Total receipts, $338.20
Paid Amer. Baptist Pub. society for Mission work $16.35
Paid Supt. Expences to Sunday school convention, 19.00
Paid Picnic expences, 14.95
Paid Baptist County S.S. Association dues 1.50
Paid Xmas. Expences, candy & boxes 7.56
Paid Cash, and delivered clothing, to Rev. E.H. **Gessel**, 48.00
Paid cash to needy in Fredonia, 5.00
Sent Groceries to needy in Fredonia 11.05
Paid freight on goods sent west, 4.40
Paid Missionary Union for foreign Missions, 46.00
Paid Church Tres. for deficiency fund, 26.09
Paid Supplies for S.S. 110.30
Total expenditures for S.S. $313.20
Balance on hand April 1st, 1911 25.00
Signed Chas. O. **Mason**, Sec, & Tres. Fredonia Baptist S.S.

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening Apr. 11 the following sisters related their Christian experience and on separate motions were received as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership to wit: Miss M. Alice **Hayes**, Miss Caroline J. **Kendrick**, Miss Florence E. **Nowak** and Miss Lucile E. **Nowak**. At the same meeting a communication was received requesting a letter of dismission and recommendation of Miss Hazel E. **Hall** to unite with the Baptist Church of Rome, N.Y. On motion the request was granted.

C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

Our sister Mrs. Hattie E. **Allen** passed away Saturday afternoon Apr. 8 aged 52 years having been a member of this church continuously for more than 40 years. She was baptized by Rev. Charles **Thompson** on Christmas evening in 1870.

C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the close of the preaching service Sunday evening Apr. 9 the pastor the Rev. M.J. **Winchester** baptized the following candidates to wit: Miss M. Alice **Hayes**, Miss Caroline J. **Kendrick**, Miss Arlene E. **Torrence**, Miss Ruth A. **Winchester**, his daughter, Miss Dorothy A. **Boss** and Ernest M. **Torrence**.

C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Apr. 13th the following sisters related their Christian experience and on separate motions they were received as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership to wit: Bessie **Kesner**, F. Marion **Heaton** and Faye E. **Bond**.

C.L. **Goulding** Ch Clk.
On Easter Sunday evening, April 16th the choir presented an Easter cantata after which the following sisters were baptized to wit: Faye Bond, Marion Heaton, Lucile Nowak and Florence Nowak.

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Thursday eve. May 25th the pastor read a request for letters of discharge and recommendation to the Evans, N.Y. Church for Mrs. B.F. Eastman and Mrs. Cora Lusk. On motion such letters were granted.

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the covenant meeting June 1 Harrold son of Bro. & Sister Smith Wilbur related his Christian experience. On motion he was received as a candidate for baptism and church membership.

C.L. Goulding

At the prayer meeting June 8th our pastor, Rev. M.J. Winchester and Dr. F.B. Palmer were chosen delegates to the annual meeting to be held in Philadelphia commencing June 19(?).

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the close of the evening service Sunday June 11 the following candidates were baptized to wit: Bessie Kesner and Harrold B. Wilbur.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

On Thursday June 22 sister Sarah M. Madison passed away at the Hotel Lenox in Buffalo, N.Y. after a lingering illness aged 68 yr. 3 days. She had been a faithful member of this church since she was 15 years of age.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening June 29 Bro. Richard Delong presented a letter of discharge and recommendation from the First Baptist Church at Woodhall, N.Y. On motion he was received as a member of this church.

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening July 6, Bro. & Sister Fred Gauge presented letters of discharge and recommendation from the First Baptist Church of Dunkirk, N.Y. On motion they were received as members of this church.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening July 20, a communication was received asking our church to send a delegate and pastor to meet with the Findley’s Lake church in ordination council. On motion Bro. Thos. Moran was chosen delegate and Dr. F.B. Palmer alternate.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk.

At 12.13 A.M. July 26th Sister Aggie B. Goulding wife of the church clerk passed away at her home 12 Free St. after an illness of 2 months. Aged 49yr. 6mo. 14da.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk
At the prayer meeting, July 27 a communication was received asking for letters of dismission and recommendation for Sister Anna Man and Harriet B. Randall to the First Baptist Church of Erie, Pa. On motion letters were granted. 

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

On July 28, Brother Shepherd S. Crissey passed away at his home on Seymour St. after an illness lasting 2 years. Aged 78 years. [Transcriber’s note: this may be the S. S. Crissey or Samuel S. Crissey mentioned elsewhere in this record book.] 

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

On Sunday Aug 6 the pastor asked the church to elect a pulpit supply committee as he would be absent on the two following Sabbaths. Bro. D.G. Sackett and Bro. Bert Belden were elected such committee. Dr. Palmer filled the pulpit on Aug. 13 and Rev. J.J. Keyes on Aug. 20. 

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Aug. 24, 1911 the pastor said that we have lost all trace of Bro. [Arthur] & Sister [Anna] Burton. Moved by Dr. F.B. Palmer seconded by Bro. Arthur Boss that their names be erased. Motion prevailed. 

C.L. Goulding ch clk

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C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Thursday eve. Sept. 21 Bro. Fredrick Glorenflo asked for a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the First German Baptist Church of Rochester, N.Y. On motion letter granted.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the covenant meeting, Nov. 2, 1911 related his Christian experience and on motion of Rev. G.O. King seconded by Thos. Vidal he was received as candidate for baptism and afterward church membership the foregoing relates to Cameron Smith.

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the same meeting Sisters Mertie Morgan and Ruth Morgan and brother Herbert Morgan asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Falconer Church. On motion Dea. H.P. Perrin seconded by Rev. G.O. King their request was granted.

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Nov. 16, 1911 a letter of dismission and recommendation was granted to Sister Eunice Denham to unite with the 1st Baptist Church of Scotia, N.Y.

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the same meeting a letter was granted to sister Anna Johnson to unite with the Baptist Church at Frewsburg, N.Y.

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Nov. 23, 1911 the pastor read a communication from Bro. & Sister Gould requesting a letter of dismission from this church, when notified that we grant letters only to specific churches they requested that their names be dropped from our roll. The deacons
recommended to the church that their request be granted. Dr. F.B. Palmer moved, seconded that their request be granted.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Dec. 14, 1911, Sister Mrs. Ralph Safford formerly Miss Alice Hayes asked for a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the Baptist Church at Pierport(?), O. On motion of Dr. F.B. Palmer seconded by Rev. G.O. King, said letter was granted.
C.L. Goulding, Ch. Clerk

At the same meeting Mrs. C.J. Landschoff brought a letter of dismissal and recommendation from the Baptist Church of Dunkirk, N.Y. On motion of Rev. G.O. King seconded she was received as a member of this church.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

Our sister Elizabeth P. Haywood passed away at her home 36 Central Ave. Dec. 21 1911 at the advanced age of 92 years.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Jan. 11, 1912 Mrs. Florence May presented a letter of commendation from the 1st M.E. Church of Fredonia also related her Christian experience. Having formerly been a member of a Baptist church she was received into our membership upon the relation of her Christian experience.
C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

At the prayer meeting, Jan. 25, 1912 the clerk read a letter filed with him by Oscar E. Smith who with others has gone over to the Pentecostal People under the leadership of Miss Kate Night(?). The pastor explained that the deacons had met and considered these cases. Then he called for the Clerk to read the resolutions which they had drafted has follows:
Whereas Mr. Oscar E. Smith affirms that he has come to hold views contrary to those accepted and taught by the Baptist Denomination, views which in the estimation of this church are false, pernicious and contrary to the true interpretation of God’s word, and because of these views has asked to have his name taken from the membership roll of our church. Resolved first, that we greatly deplore this action and attitude of Mr. Smith and pray for a speedy restoration to turn views(?) of doctrine. Resolved, second, that his request be granted and his name be stricken from the roll of church membership. Moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted. Carried without debate.

Mrs. Oscar E. Smith having made a (?) request of the clerk that her name be dropped the pastor called for the following resolution.
Whereas Mrs. Oscar E. Smith, for similar reasons has made the same request, Resolved that while we greatly deplore her action and hope for a return to sane(?) and scriptural views, we likewise grant her request, and erase her name from the roll of membership. Moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted. Carried without debate.

Sister Sackett having made a similar request, the following resolution was ordered read to wit:
Whereas, Mrs. D.G. Sackett has come to entertain doctrines contrary to those held and taught by the Baptist denomination and in our estimation contrary to the interpretation of God’s word, and for that reason has asked that her name be dropped from the membership of the church.
Resolved, first, that we greatly regret this action of Mrs. Sackett and pray for a return to truer views of Christian doctrine. Resolved, second, that her request be granted and her name be erased from the roll of church membership. Moved and seconded that this resolution be adopted. After an explanation by the clerk of the feelings and wishes of Mrs. Sackett the motion prevailed without debate. Miss Maud Kimball having requested her name be dropped by a letter to the pastor the following resolution was (?): Whereas, Miss Maud Kimball has allied herself with those who teach views contrary to those commonly accepted by the Baptist denomination and in our estimation partially false and unscriptural, and influenced by the false teaching has requested that her name be erased from the membership of this church. resolved, first, that we regret her action and pray that she may soon see her error. Resolved, second, that her request be granted and her name erased. Moved and seconded that these resolutions be adopted. Motion prevailed without debate. At the same meeting the pastor presented the request of sister Cecelia Leet for a certificate of Christian character that she may unite with the M.E. church of this village of which her husband is a member. Moved and seconded that her request be granted. Motion prevailed without debate.

C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

Beginning Feb. 19th. Rev. Dr. Moor of Jamestown, N.Y. and his assistant pastor Rev. Riley assisted our pastor in a series of two weeks meetings in which many were converted and the church was greatly revived.

Feb. 29, 1912 Bro. Geo. Tate passed away at his home on Leverett St. after a long and useful life.

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Thursday eve. March 7th Bro. Frank Lauming and his wife Eunice Gould Lauming and his mother Mrs. Rachel L. Lauming presented letters of dismission and recommendation from the Forestville Baptist Church. On motion they received into the membership of this church. At the same meeting Mr. Elwayn Torrence and his wife Grace were received upon their Christian experience. At the same meeting the following members related their Christian experience and on separate motions were received as candidates for baptism and after church membership.


C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the close of the service Sunday Evening March 10th the following were baptized. John H. Abeel, Elton A. Torrence, Charles F. Lauming, Albert Payne, Elmer C. Landschoff, Fred Merchant, Walter R. Wingblad.

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, Thursday eve. March 14 the following related their Christian experience and on separate motions were received as candidates for baptism and afterward church
membership. Floyd A. Whitney, Ethel M. Bierce, Vivian M. Harvey, Mrs. Emily M. Cansebrook(?). C.L. Goulding Church Clerk.

At the close of the service Sunday eve. March 17th the following candidates were baptized. Bertha Sable, Grace Merchant, Ruby B. Nelson, Ruth B. Swanson, Merriel H. Le Barron, Ruby Drummond, Ethel M. Bierce, Vivian M. Harvey, Emily M. Cansebrook. C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday eve., Mar 21 Mrs. Wm. L. Bull related her experience, she being a member of the Christian church had been baptized so she was received into the membership of this church. At the same meeting George J. Tuttle related his Christian experience. He was formally a member of the 1st Baptist Church of Syracuse, N.Y. On motion he was received as a member of this church. At the same meeting Wm. L. Ball related his Christian experience, he already is a member of the U.B. Church. On motion he was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. At the same meeting, Flora B. Shero related her Christian experience and on motion was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the same meeting, Sister Alice C. Sessions asked for a letter to unite with the first Portland Church. On motion letter was granted. C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Sisters Boss and Husted having both become connected with the Pentecostal Movement and both asked to have their names erased from the roll of our membership the following resolution was adopted at the prayer meeting March 28, 1912. Whereas Mrs. Arthur Boss and Mrs. E.L. Husted have come to hold views at [odds] with those held by our denomination and, in consequence have asked to have their names erased from the roll of membership. Resolved that it is with regret and with the prayer that they may soon come to other views of Scripture teaching, that we erase their names from the membership of this church. C.L. Goulding Ch. Clerk

At the same meeting Sister Florence Weiller asked that her name be erased from our roll as she is an attendant at the Unitarian church. The following resolution was adopted. Whereas Mrs. Henry J. Weiler Jr. has requested that her name be erased from the roll of membership. Resolved, that with regret we accede to her request and erase her name from the membership roll of the church. C.L. Goulding Church Clerk


Report follows, to wit:

No. reported April 1, 1912 401

Additions by baptism 30
   “   “ experience 5
   “   “ letter 7
   “   “ restoration 1

Total additions 43

Diminutions by letter 13
   “   “ erasure 13
   “   “ death 6
   “   “ total 32

Net gain 11

Present membership 412
Males 132 Females 250
Resident 330 Nonresident 82

Treasurers report by Bert Belden. Report of Sunday School by C.O. Mason. Obituary report by Mrs. G.O. King. On motion all the reports were adopted.

Election of officers.

C.L. Goulding and O.W. Fargo were appointed tellers. Preston G. Cato and Thomas Moran were elected trustees to succeed themselves.

Society clerk D.G. Sackett
Church clerk C.L. Goulding
Treasurer Bert Belden
Asst Treasurer W.T. Kurtz
Benev. Treasurer D.B. Belden
Supt. Of S.S. C.L. Goulding
1st Asst. “   “ Arthur Boss
2nd “   “ Effie Shero
Sec. & Tres. C.O. Mason
Chorister Anna Haskin
Pianist Alice Munger
Librarian Ernest Torrence
Supt. Prim. Dept. Hattie E. Blood
Asst Mabel Slaght
Home Dept Supt Emma Gibbs
Cradle Roll “   “ Edna Slaght

After the singing of a hymn by the choir we proceeded to the roll call by the clerk. [blank] answered to their and [blank] responded by letter. After the roll call the pastor was called from the room and the church voted to increase his salary $100 making it $1400 per year. After the close of the meeting supper was served in the church parlors.

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.
Sunday April 7 is a very stormy Easter but at the communion service the pastor welcomed 15 members who had recently united with the church. At the close of the evening service the pastor baptized Ruth A. Allen, Flora B. Sherò and Floyd A. Whitney.

C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening April 11-28 brethren and sister to part. At the close of the session Mrs. Harriet Le Barron related her Christian experience. On motion she was received as a candidate for baptism and then membership with us.

C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

Sunday evening, April 14th at the close of the service the pastor, Rev. M.J. Winchester baptized sister Harriet Le Barron and brother William L. Ball.

C.L. Goulding Church Clerk.

Miss Hattie E. Blood having addressed a letter to the clerk requesting that her name and that of her mother and father be dropped from out roll of membership the following preamble and resolution was adopted. Whereas Mr. and Mrs. George W. Blood and Miss Hattie E. Blood have requested that their names be dropped from the roll of membership of the Fredonia Baptist Church because they are no longer in fellowship with the church. Resolved that their request be granted and their names be stricken from the members [roll].

At the same meeting May (?) 1912 Mrs. George Whitney related her Christian experience and on motion Dr. C.E. Smith she was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, May 9, 1912 Ralph L. Wittsie related his Christian experience and on motion of Rev. G.O. King he was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

At the close of the evening service June 2, 1912 the pastor baptized Ralph L. Wittsie and Mrs. Geo. Whitney.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

After a brief illness sister Miss Anna Powell passed away July 29th aged 63 years.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Sister Julia Ann Hardenburg died at the home of her daughter at Brocton Sunday Aug. 11 aged 83 years.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

On Sunday morning, Oct. 15, 1912 Mrs. Maria Winchester the mother of our pastor passed away. Sister Winchester was one of the noble sisters in Israel. She was especially devoted to missions.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk
On Sunday morning, Nov. 10 Sister Helen L. Stevens passed away at her home on Spring St. after a severe illness of several months. Aged 68 years.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Our brother the Rev. J.J. Keyes entered into rest at his home on Norton Place Dec. 28th after a long illness.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, Jan. 16, 1913 Bro. and Sister Allnatt asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to unite with the first Baptist Church of Fort Morgan, Ala. On motion their request was granted. At the same meeting, Sister Esther Gustus asked for a certificate of good standing that she might unite with the 1st Presbyterian Church of Fredonia. On motion her request was granted. At the same meeting, Sister Lucy J. Adams presented a letter of dismission and recommendation of the 1st Baptist Church of Warsaw, N.Y. to our fellowship. On motion she was received. At the same meeting sisters Dora H. Irene and Alice Cady presented letters of dismission and recommendation from the First Portland Baptist Church to our fellowship. On motion they were received.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, Jan. 23, 1913 our sister Adella Conant asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Dunkirk Baptist Church on motion the letter was granted. At the same meeting our sister Mrs. Alex. Watt asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Fairport Baptist Church on motion said letter was granted.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

Word coming to the pastor that Sister Ruby Drummond has moved away and joined another church we erase her name. 1/29/13.
C.L. Goulding

At the prayer meeting Jan. 30, 1913 Sister D. Mildred Wiltsie and Margaret Johnson related their Christian experience and on motion were received as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Thursday evening, Feb. 6 was very stormy and cold 4 Brethren and 14 sisters were out to the service sister Lottie Hotchkiss related her Christian experience and on motion of clerk seconded by bro. Boss she was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Sunday evening Feb. 9. At the close of the evening service the pastor baptized the following candidates to wit: Miss D. Mildred Wiltsie, Miss Margaret Johnson and Mrs. Lottie Hotchkiss.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the covenant meeting, Feb. 27, the clerk read a communication from Bro. & Sister Gage asking for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the 1st Baptist Church of Detroit Mich.
At the same meeting a similar letter was asked for Frank Lanning, Eunice(?) G. and Charles F. Lanning to unite with the 1st Baptist church of Dunkirk, N.Y. On motion these letters were granted. At the same meeting Bro. Ray M. Hotchkiss presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the 1st Baptist church of Franklinville, N.Y. On motion he was received as a member of this church.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Bro. John Clough passed away Feb 27 at his home on Hamlet St. after a short illness of heart disease at the age of 86 years.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday eve. March 13 a letter of dismission and recommendation was granted to Sister Clara West to unite with the Cedar Street Baptist Church of Buffalo, N.Y.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, Thursday eve. March 13 a letter of dismission and recommendation was received from the 1st Baptist Church of Salamanca for Sister Clara Lucas. Moved by Dr. Palmer and seconded that she be received, the motion prevailed.

C.L. Goulding ch. clk.

Deacon P.C. West passed away at his home on Center Street March 12th after a lingering illness due to old age. He was a devoted and walking member of this church. Age 84y.7m.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the church service, March 18th the pastor read a letter from Sister Lathrop in which she expressed a wish to be received as a member of this church on the recommendation of the 1st Baptist church of Dubuque, Iowa. She is now living at Platteville, Wis. where there is no Baptist church. On motion of Dr. Palmer seconded by Rev. G.O. King she was received.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Mrs. Pearl Sweet formerly Mrs. Adamski whose maiden name was Pearl Morrison died at the Tuberculosis Hospital at Dunkirk, N.Y. March 27, Aged 24 years.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the covenant meeting, April 3 the following related their Christian experience and on motions were received as candidates for baptism and afterward Church membership Martha T. Bullock, Mildred C. Thayer, Reuben Miller, Muriel(?) Day, Florence Hayward and Winston Martin. At the same meeting [blank].

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

The annual fellowship and business meeting of the church occurred on Apr 5 and was attended by 33 brethren and 96 sisters besides 11 letters and 3 telegram messages. Brother Arthur Boss was elected deacon in place of Bro. P.C. West deceased. Moved by Dr. F.B. Palmer, seconded that the number of deacons be increased from 6 to 7. Motion prevailed. Bro. W.W. Harris was elected. Clerk’s report shows(?) as follows –

No reported Apr. 1, 1912 412
Additions by baptism 10
  “  “ letter 11
  “  “ total 21
Diminutions by death 9
  “  “ letter 11
  “  “ erasure 4
  “  “ total 24
Decrease 3
Present membership 409
At the communion service on the following day the pastor inducted the newly elected deacons into office by proper remarks and prayer.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the covenant meeting Apr. 3rd the following persons presented letters of dismission [and] recommendation from the West Portland, N.Y. church to wit – Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Ticknor, Ben Ticknor and Mrs. Tessie T. James, on motion they were received as members of this church.
C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

Thursday eve. Apr. 10 Florence Knight and E. Gertrude Heaton(?) related their Christian experience and on separate motions were received as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the close of the evening service April 13, pastor Winchester baptized the following candidates to wit: Mrs. Martha T. Bullock, Mrs. Mildred E. Thayer, Florence L. Knight, A. Mueril Day, Florence J. Hayward, Reuben W. Miller, and Winston A. Martin.
C.L. Goulding ch clk

At the prayer meeting May 17, Mrs. Solon B. West related her Christian experience and on motion she was received as a member of this church, she having been previously baptized.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the covenant meeting, May 1 Sister Lena Dederick asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Baptist Church at Cassadaga, N.Y. Moved and seconded that her request be granted. The motion prevailed.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting May 15th sisters Ethel F. and Violet F. Noff (?) presented letters of dismission and recommendation from the Stockton Baptist Church. On motion they were received as members of this church. At the same meeting the pastor and Dr. F.B. Palmer were chosen as delegates to the Annual May meeting at Detroit, Mich. May 21-27th.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clerk

Our sister Mrs. Wales M. Martin passed away at her home June 5 after a short illness. At the age of 73 yr 7 mo 19 da having been a member of the church about 30 years. Surely(?) a mother in Israel.
At the close of the evening service the pastor baptized Sister Gertrude Heaton June 15.

At the prayer meeting, July 10, 1913 Mrs. Elgin Griswold presented a letter of dismissal and recommendation from the first Christian church of Youngstown O. On motion she was accepted as a member of this church.

At the prayer meeting July 17 Sister Melinda Press Everts presented a letter of dismissal and recommendation from the Perrysburg Bap. Church of Gowanda, N.Y. On motion of Rev. G.O. King seconded she was rec.

At the same meeting the pastor said that he is going to take his vacation the first four Sundays of August and asked that a pulpit committee be chosen to furnish supplies. Clerk nom. Brethren A. Boss, Bert Belden and O.W. Fargo. Nominations were confirmed.

At the prayer meeting the pastor brought before the church the following names and suggested they be dropped as they have not walked with the church in a long time: Lansing Husted, Rachel Adams and her son Ernest, Herman Bach and his wife Samantha, George Griffith, Dottega(?). Dorzengen, Lillian Coman.


Aug. 28th the pastor lead the prayer meeting for the first time after the summer vacation and gave some reminiscences of his vacation. Sisters Susan and Mariah Whitcomb presented letters of dismissal and recommendation from the Westfield Bap. On motion of Dr. F.B. Palmer they were received into our membership.

At the prayer meeting, Sept. 25th the pastor read a communication from sister Lillian Coman asking for a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the first Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind. On July 24th of the present year Sister Coman’s name was erased from our list because she had not answered letters addressed to her in several years. Moved by C.L. Goulding seconded by Bro Boss that her name be restored to our membership list. The motion prevailed. Moved by Dr. C.E. Smith seconded by Dr. Geo. L. Harris that her request be granted. The motion prevailed.

At the prayer meeting, Oct. 2, Sister Maud S. O’Dell presented a letter of dismissal and recommendation from the First Baptist Church of Dunkirk, N.Y. On motion she was received as a member of this church. At the same meeting, sister Mary W. Turner was received by a letter granted by the First Baptist Church in Foxboro, Mass.

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clerk
At the covenant meeting Dec. 6, Mrs. Etta L.(?) Kendrick presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the Rockside Baptist Church of Buffalo. On motion she was received as a member of this church.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

Sister Altana Tarbox passed away very suddenly at her home on White St. Dec. 11 Aged 81y 5m 14d.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the morning service, Dec. 28th a letter of dismission and recommendation was granted to sister Minnie Grover to unite with the Main St. Baptist Church of Binghamton, N.Y.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Dec. 31 a letter of dismission and recommendation was granted to sister Margaret Johnson to unite with the Cassadaga, N.Y. Baptist Church.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting Jan. 8, 1914 a letter was read from Mrs. Gilbert H. Johnson requesting a letter of dismission that she might unite with the Swedish Lutheran Church at Chandlers Valley, Pa. where her husband is a member. At the same meeting a similar request was received from Mrs. F.H. Gaige that she might unite with the Presbyterian Church at Lock Have, Pa. On motion a letter of Christian character is granted to both sisters.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting Jan. 15, 1914 sister Rachel E. Lanning asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Forestville Baptist Church. On motion her request was granted.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting Thursday evening Feb. 5 Bro. W.H. Scott and Sisters Cora and Edna Scott presented letters of dismission and recommendation from the Forestville Baptist Church. On motion they were received into this church.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At her home on West Main St., our Sister Louisa A. Barlow passed into the life beyond on Jan. 25, 1914 aged 78 years.
C.L. Goulding ch. clk.

While visiting in southern California Sister Mary E. Morgan was taken very ill with pneumonia and passed away on Feb. 11, 1914.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

In Sheridan on Feb. 20, 1914 our Sister Clara May Parr passed away.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.
At the covenant meeting, Feb. 26 the following brother and sisters related their Christian experience and on separate motions they were received as candidates for baptism and afterward for church membership to wit: Ethel M. Harper, Lulu M. Pickett, Lottie C. Pickett and M.E. Roesch.

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk. Per M.J.W.

On February 1, 1914 we used our new chapel for preaching and Sunday School services for the first time.

On Sunday evening after the preaching service the congregation retired to the unfinished auditorium where the ordinance of baptism was administered in our new open baptistry for the first time. The following candidates were immersed in the order named Lottie Pickett, Lulu Pickett and Milton E. Roesch.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting March 12 Bro. [Marshall] Belden Heaton asked for a letter of Christian character that he might unite with the Kingshighway Presbyterian Church of St. Louis Mo. On motion of Bro. Boss the letter was granted.

C.L. Goulding Church Clerk

A letter was received and read at the covenant meeting Apr. 2 from Bro. & Sister Roesch asking for a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the Baptist Church at Fremont, Nebr. On motion letter was granted. At the same meeting a request was made for a letter dismissal and recommendation of Brother and Sister Hardy to the Farmersville, N.Y. Baptist Church. Moved by bro. Fargo seconded by Clerk that letter be granted. Motion prevailed. At the same meeting the pastor announced that sister Cadwell wished her name dropped from the church roll as she has joined the Free Methodist church of this village. Moved and seconded that her request be granted. Motion prevailed. At the same meeting, Sister [Louise] Little presented a letter of dismissal and recommendation from the 1st Baptist Church of Ashtabula, O. Moved by the clerk, seconded by Bro. Abeel that she be received. Motion prevailed.

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

Fellowship. Church convened in Annual meeting at 2 P.M. Apr. 4, 1914
Report Woman’s Miss Soc. Miss Ella Davis
Report Christian Endeavor Soc. Miss Took
Report S.S. C.L. Goulding for M. Gerres
Report Poor fund O.W. Fargo
Report Treas. of Benev. Bert Belden for D.B.
Proceeded to election of officers.
W.W. Harris and D.G. Sackett – Trustees
Bert Belden Treas. of Church and Benevolent Fund
Wm. Kurtz Asst. Treas.
D.G. **Sackett** Society Clerk  
C.L. **Goulding** Church Clerk  
Resolved that the music committee reduce its expenditures to organist and leader of congregational singing. Voted by ballot yes 57, no 13. Moved and seconded that we try to raise the amount for repairs yet not provided for ($3100) at the reopening services tomorrow. Motion prevailed. Moved and seconded that the Ladies Aid society hire the janitor for the coming year. Motion prevailed. Adjourned to meet immediately as a church meeting.  
Statistical report by the Clerk.  
Report as follows.  
No. reported Apr. 5, **1913** 409  
Added by Baptism 8  
" " Experience 1  
" " Letter 14  
" " restoration 1  
Total additions 24  
Diminished by Letter 16  
" " death 5  
" " dropped 9  
Total diminutions 26  
Net loss 2  
Present Membership 407  
Males 126  
Females 281  
Obituary report by Mrs. G.O. **King** was long and finely written. Those present were requested to register their names on slips of paper furnished for that purpose. The total no registering was [blank] besides 10 brethren and sisters responded by letter. Adjourned at 4.45 to the dining room where supper was served.  
C.L. **Goulding** ch. clk.  

At the prayer meeting, Apr. 9 the pastor read a request for a letter for our sister Mrs. W.A. **Grover** to unite with the Grace Baptist Church of Binghamton, N.Y. On motion the request was granted.  
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.  

The week of Apr. 5 we held reopening exercises. The pastor preached Sunday morning, Prof. **McEwen** of the Pres. S.S. brought words of good will and encouragement from that school, in the evening there was a union service of all the protestant churches of the village. On Tuesday evening was denominational night. On Wednesday evening an organ recital and on Thursday evening a night of reminiscences.  
On the evening of April 12 we commenced a series of Evangelistic services with the M.E. Church led by Rev. E.L. **Hyde** of Philadelphia, Pa. with Fred **Butler** as singer, these meetings were well attended and led to many conversions.  
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.  

At covenant meeting April 30 the following related their Christian experience and having been baptized previously were on separate motions received into the membership of the church. Mrs.
Amanda M. Wilson, Mrs. Edith Wild and Burt Webster. The following were received as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership. Miss Mary E. Swartz, Miss Bertha I. Knight, Miss Beatrice E. Stearns, Henry Kaiser, Miss Irene R. Soper, Mrs. Ellen M. McKelvy, Mrs. Alice W. Putnam, Mrs. Mabel Heukrath, Mrs. Clara Webster, Miss Gladys Webster, Harold Webster, Charles Harry Tarbox, Don. E. Day, George R. Kurtz, Elias T. Kurtz, Harold M. Hotchkiss and A. John Howard.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

[The following is a printed pamphlet.]

[front page]
The Baptist Church of Fredonia, New York
CORDIALLY WELCOMES YOU
If not a member elsewhere, you are earnestly invited to make this your church home and to share in our work.
The pastor wishes to be of service. Inform him of opportunities. He will be glad to see you at his home, or to call at your home.
Merritt J. Winchester, Pastor
Parsonage, 78 East Main Street Telephone 245
The Church under the Clock
[second page]
Year Text
“Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life”. Rev. 2: 10.
Sunday, May 23, 1915.
Morning Worship 11 o’clock
Prelude
Doxology
Invocation
Lord’s Prayer in Concert
Hymn No. 211. Great Revival Hymns.
Responsive Reading No. 25.
Gloria
Anthem
Prayer
Offertory
Announcements
Hymn No. 13.
Prayer
Hymn No. 127.
Benediction
Postlude
Evening Worship 7:30 o’clock.
Prelude
Hymn No. 6, 32. Great Revival Hymns.
Anthem
Prayer
Offertory
Announcements
Hymn No. 117.
Hymn No. 130.
Benediction
Postlude
[third page]
CALENDAR
To-Day
12:15 Session of the Bible School. Classes for all ages. If not a member join a class to-day.
4:00. Meeting of the Junior Society under the leadership of Miss Seely and Mrs. Geo. Blood. All children up to the age of fourteen are invited to attend.
5:00 Miss Alice McCarty will lead the story hour at Y.W.C.A.
Tuesday
7:30 Meeting for Bible Study. While the aim will be to make this meeting especially helpful for new converts, all who desire to become better acquainted with the teaching of the Bible are invited to attend. Topic “Man’s Sinfullness.”
Thursday
7:30. Regular mid-week meeting for prayer and praise. Every member of the church and congregation should endeavor to be present. Read Eph. 6: 10-17. 2 Tim. 2: 3, 4. Topic, “The Christian Warfare.”
Notes
We hope for an attendance of 350 in Sunday School to-day. Will you count one?
The Union Memorial Service on Sunday evening, May 30, will be held in our church. The pastor will preach the sermon.
Next Sunday morning, Mrs. J.M. Baker of Ongole, India, will speak of her Missionary work. She is a speaker of rare interest and the pastor hopes every member of church and congregation will strive to be present.
The Basket meeting of the Women’s Missionary Societies of the Baptist Churches in Western Chautauqua will be held at Westfield, Thursday forenoon and afternoon, May 26. The morning session will begin at 10.30; afternoon, at 1:15. Mrs. Baker will speak at the afternoon session. There should be large delegation from this church. Take the 9:29 A.M. car.
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Directory
Pastor Emeritus
Charles E. Smith, D.D. 74 East Main Street
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Charles L. **Goulding**, 12 Free Street  
Church Treasurer  
Bert **Belden** 160 Temple Street  
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William B. **Blaisdell** 155 Temple Street  
President Ladies’ Aid Society  
Mrs. Merritt **Wheelock** 29 Norton Place  
President Young Peoples’ Society  
Miss Ethel **Neff**, 53 Spring Street  
President Woman’s Missionary Society  
Mrs. Merritt J. **Winchester** 78 East Main Street  
Organist  
Miss Catherine **Holcomb** 278 Central Avenue

**Finances**  
The Church is supported by freewill offerings. Every member promises to contribute of his means as God has prospered him. The Church Treasurer will be glad to furnish each contributor with a package of fifty-two duplex envelopes. One end is for Home Expenses, the other for Missions. Weekly offering for both objects are desired from all members of church and congregation.  
“Freely ye have received, freely give.”

[1914]  
At the prayer meeting, Thursday evening May 7 the following brethren and sisters related their Christian experience and on separate motions were received as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership to wit: Mabel Lillian **Cansbrook**, Eustace George **Cansbrook**, Luella P. **De Long**, Jessie M. **Einhouse**, Claud S. **Hayward**, Mary D. **Hayward**, Robert **Baumock**, Alma H. **Baumock**.  
C.L. **Goulding** Ch. Clk.

On Sunday May 10th our sister Julia E. **McCroskey** passed away at the Old Ladies Home at the advanced age of 90 years.  
C.L. **Goulding** ch clk

At the prayer meeting, May 14 the following related their Christian experience and on motion each were received as candidates for baptism and afterwards church membership, to wit: Mrs. Jennie V. **Reynolds**, Miss Anna M. **Williams** and Mrs. Elizabeth M. **Albright**.  
C.L. **Goulding** Ch C lk

At the same meeting Bro. George **Kimball** asked for a letter to unite with the Dunkirk Baptist Church. On motion his request was granted. At the same meeting Bro. L. Maxwell **Harris** asked for a letter to unite with the Logan Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa. On motion his request was granted.  
C.L. **Goulding** Ch C lk

At the close of the preaching service May 17 the following brethren and sisters were baptized to wit: Claud S. **Hayward**, Mary D. **Hayward**, Mary O. **Swartz**, Mrs. Ellen M. **McKelvy**, Mrs.
Olive Whitman, (?) Mabel Heubrath, (?) Clara Webster, Harrold Webster, Gladys Webster, A. John Howard, Henry Kaiser, Mrs. Jennie V. Reynolds, Anna M. Williams, Mrs. Elizabeth Albright.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

[The following is a typed page.]
Report,
Of Sec. & Tres. April 6 1912 Baptist Sunday School.
No of Officers & Teachers in Sunday school, 28
  "  Scholars in Bible classes, 183
  "  "  Intermediate Dept., 114
  "  "  Primary  “  63
  "  "  Cradle roll  “  35
  "  "  Home  “  35
Total No enrolled in Sunday school 388
Average attendance 53 sundays 194
Highest  “  June 11 Childrens day, 324
Lowest  “  Nov. 12 stormy 105
Treasurers Report,
Balance on hand April 1st. 1911 $25.00
Received Sunday collections, 212.31
  "  Donation Picnic expences, 4.00
  "  Donation at Xmas., time, Value, 62.52
  "  Mrs. Keyes, class, for supplies, 10.40
  "  Home department, 1.05
  "  Singing Books, 1.50
Total receipts, $316.78
Paid Ame. Baptist Pub. society for Mission work, $11.18
  "  Picnic expences, 14.13
  "  Baptist, County S.S. Association dues 1.50
  "  County  “  “  “  “  3.00
  "  Xmas. Expences, 7.25
Paid cash and delivered Clothing & Provisions to poor in
  Fredonia N.Y. 32.00
  Ministers Home 30.52
  Barraca Class on partition, 7.00
  Singing Books, 6.50
  Missionary Union for foreign missions, 41.17
  Supplies for the Sunday school, 146.20
  Flowers  “  “  “  “  4.00
  Total expence  S.S. $304.45
Balance on hand April 6 1912 $12.33
Chas. O. Mason. Sec. & Tres.
[End of typed report.]
At the prayer meeting, May 21 the following persons related their Christian experience and on separate motions they were received as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership to wit: Mrs. Florence Blaisdell, Monela(?) Blaisdell and Chester Smith. C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the close of the morning service May 24th the pastor baptized Sister Florence Blaisdell, Moneta M. Blaisdell and Ethel M. Harper. C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

On May 26 our Sister Mrs. John S. Lathrop died at her home Platteville, Wis. aged 75 yrs. She was baptized into this church Feb. 22, 1852 and had recently brought a letter to this church. C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting May 28 Gordon D. Reynolds presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the 1st Baptist Church of Franklinville, N.Y. On motion Bro. Reynolds was received as a member of this church. C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the close of the service May 31 the pastor baptized Bertha Knight, Beatrice Stearns, Irene Asper, Charles Harry Tarbox, Don C. Day, George Kurtz, Elias T. Kurtz, Harold Hotchkiss, Mabel Cansbrook, Eustace Geo. Kewsbrook and Chester B. Smith. C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting, June 4 Forest W. Crissey presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the Stockton Baptist Church. On motion he was received as a member of this church. C.L. Goulding ch clk

Mrs. Mary M. Morrison brought a certificate of membership from the Wyoming Wesleyan Methodist Church and on motion was received as a member of this church on experience. C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting of June 4 Sarah F. West asked for dismissal and a certificate of character as she wishes to unite with the Lakewood O. M.E. Church. On motion her request was granted. C.L. Goulding ch clk

At the communion service June 7 the pastor read a letter from the Stockton Church dismissing Chester Swanson and recommending him to our fellowship. On motion he was received. C.L. Goulding ch clk

At the close of the preaching service June 14 our pastor baptized Robert Baumack(?) and his wife Alma H., Jessie M. Einhouse and Luella P. De Long. C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

It having become known that Sister Elizabeth Hovey had united with the Episcopal Church, on motion her name was ordered erased from our roll July 9.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the prayer meeting July 16th the following members were dropped from our membership because we do not know their address and have not heard from them in several years. Mrs. Jeanette Townbridge, Alvah Bansum, Mrs. Maud C. Persons, Mrs. Lucy Stringham, Mrs. Maria Spade. The following resolution was passed at the same meeting: Whereas in the estimate of the church Mrs. Lillian Goulding has failed to walk with the church. Resolved that the hand of fellowship be withdrawn from her.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk per M.J.W.

At the prayer meeting Thursday eve. July 23 sister Ruby B. Nelson asked for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Frewsburg N.Y. Church. On motion the request was granted.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At her home 41 Maple Ave Sister Mary H. Cranston passed away July 23rd after a severe illness of 7 weeks.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

Our sister Harris passed away at the home of her sister at Chicago Lawn, Ill. August 1, aged 64 yrs 2m. and 15 days. Her funeral services as well as sister Cranston’s were conducted by Dr. C.E. Smith in the absence of the pastor on his vacation.

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

Our sister Clara Clinton passed away in the “Brooks Memorial Hospital” at Dunkirk, N.Y. August 25 after a lingering illness, aged 23 years.

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk

At the prayer service, Aug. 27, 1914 Bro & Sister Peters asked for a certificate of character to unite with the U.B. Church at Hartfield, N.Y. On motion their request was granted.

C.L. Goulding ch clk M.J.W.

After a brief illness of consumption our sister Lucile E. Nowak passed away at the home of her father on Gardner St.

At the prayer meeting Sept 17, 1914 Bro & Sister Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Ticknor and Mrs. Tessie T. James requested a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Wesleyville, Pa. Bapt. Ch. On motion their request was granted.

C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

News was received at the Association that Ira M. Gleason had died on May 31, 1914 aged 65 yr 10 m 4 da.

C.L. Goulding ch clk

After a lingering illness our brother Oscar Ames passed away Sept. 19 aged 37 years.

C.L. Goulding ch clk
At her home on Terrace St. very suddenly sister Albright passed away aged 30 years.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting Nov. 12 Lewis W. Kokott related his Christian experience. On motion he was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the close of the service on Nov. 15 the pastor baptized Brother Lewis W. Kokott.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clerk

At her home at 86 Temple St. our sister Mrs. Albert N. Colburn passed away early on the morning of Nov. 30th after a lingering illness aged 61 years.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At his home in Cordova Brother Philander Barber passed away Dec. 2 after some time of feeble health. Aged 84 years.

At the covenant meeting Dec. 3 Sister Eddy presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the first Baptist Church of Sherman, N.Y. On motion she was received as a member of this church. At the same meeting sister Johnson presented a letter from the Freeport, (?) church. She was also received as a member of this church.
On Thursday morning Dec. 31 our sister Hannah Spink died at her home 192 W. Main St. Aged 82 years.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the home for Aged women Sister [Susan] Whitcomb passed away early Sat. morning March 20, 1915 having received internal injuries by a fall.
C.L. Goulding

Sister Hannah Mayborn passed away at her home 203(?) West Main St. after a lingering illness.
The revival meeting closed on Sunday evening April 11. The results are marvelous: many have been born again and many of the present members who had come indifferent were revived.

At the prayer meeting, Apr. 15 the following persons were received as candidates for baptism and afterward Church membership: Mrs. Alice M. Masters, Earl (?) L. McKelvy and his wife Dorothy S., Arthur Wright, Jessie May Powell, Leo K. Powell, Louis McFadden and his wife Myrtle M., Lee O’Day and his wife Charlotte E., Lizzie M. Allison and her daughter Beulah M., Mrs. Lizzie Swartz, William J. Moir, William J. Harper and his wife Emma, Mrs. Mary Miller, Bruce Mathewson, Guy C. Watson, Florence H. Dittman, Mrs. Sarah Wilson, Mrs. Myrtle Carr, Henry G. Wagner and his wife Lillian, Ruth Van Scoter, Chester Van Scoter, Mrs. Carrie De Long, Mrs. Alice Sobjak and her daughter Gertrude, Charles H. Lusk, Dell Kester, Mrs. Nettie I. Deitzen, Doris F. Webster, George Whitney, Edward R. James, Mrs. Rose H. Stickney. Also Mrs. Anna Harvey and William J. Allison were received on their Christian experience both having been baptized.

Fellowship Meeting
The annual church and society meeting was called together Apr. 17 at 2.20 P.M. by Brother D.G. Sackett who nominated the Pastor as the moderator of the meeting. After listening to the report of the various societies and transacting the business of the meeting the society adjourned and reassembled as a church meeting. Sang “What a Friend we have in Jesus.”

Report of the church clerk. Report follows
Numbers of members reported in 1914 – 407
Added by baptism 33
   “   “ experience 4
   “   “ letter 8
Total additions 45
Diminished by letter 10
   “   “ Death 15
   “   “ Erasure 7
Total Diminutions 32
Net Gain 13
Membership Apr. 1, 1915  420

Obituary report read by Mrs. G.O. King, one of the deaths reported being that of the sisters that appears on our roll as Miss Carrie Budd who married George E. Powell and died at Englishtown N.J. in March, 1914 but had not been reported to the clerk. 129 registered at the meeting and letters were read from Jennie Prescott, Mildred Wilsie, Rose Carlson, Nathan K. and Margaret S. Martin, Dora Cady, M. Helen Randall, George J. Tuttle, Maud Johnson, Martha M. Hughes and Charles W. Fargo. Brother N. Roy and sister Margaret Martin asked for letters of dismission and recommendation to the Sinclairville Baptist Church. Moved and seconded that their request be granted. Motion prevailed. Sister Janice Stedman asked for a certificate of Christian character to unite with the 1st M.E. Church of Batavia, N.Y. Moved and seconded that her request be granted. The motion prevailed. Sister Heremine (?) Mauer asked for a certificate
of Christian character that she might join the Grace Gospel Church Brooklyn, N.Y. Moved and seconded that her request be granted. Motion prevailed.

Sunday, April 18 at the close of the evening service Bro. Louis B. Barton related his Christian experience and on motion he was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. Afterwards the pastor baptized the following brethren and sisters: Dell Kester, Mrs. Alice McMaster, Earl L. McKelvey, Dorothy S. McKelvey, Arthur M. Wright, Beulah Minnie Allison, Wm. J. Moir, Mrs. Mary Miller, Bruce Matheson, Guy C. Watson, Florence H. Dittman, Henry G. Wagner, Lillian May Wagner, Edward R. James, Ruth E. Van Scoter and Louis B. Barton.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

Prayer meeting, Apr. 22 our sister Mrs. Frank Martin presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the Stockton, N.Y. church. Moved and seconded that she be accepted as a member of this church. The motion prevailed. Mrs. Phoebe J. Potter and Ernest Roberts related their Christian experience and as they had both been baptized upon a motion they were received as members of this church. At the same meeting the following brethren and sisters related their Christian experience and separate motions they were received as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership: Gains McKelvey, Mrs. Chas. H. James, Merle G. De Long, Mr. & Mrs. James W. Cave, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. D. Cove, Jas. F. Wilson(? Sr., Jas. F. Wilson, Jr., Robert McKelvey, Sam(? J. Brewer, Herbert and Margaret Johns, Chas.(?) H. Scisson, Wm. E. Welch, Jas. Falcon, C. Wellsville(?) Evertts.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the close of the preaching service Sunday evening April 25 the following persons were baptized by our pastor to wit; Margaret Johnson, Herbert Johnson, Lizzie Swartz, Nettie S. Deitzen, Mary J. James, Myrtle Carr, Lizzie Allison, Myrtle McFadden, Louis McFadden, Lee O’Day, Charlotte O’Day, Joseph F. Wilson, Sr., Joseph F. Wilson Jr., Sarah Wilson, Joe Falcone, Charles Lusk, Merle De Long, Gains McKelvey, James W. Cave and Robert McKelvey.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the covenant meeting, April 29 Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Lamkin presented letters of dismission and recommendation from the Stockton Baptist Church and on motion they were received as members of this church. At the same meeting Herbert K. Cornwell was received upon relation of his experience as he had formally been baptized. At the same meeting the following were received upon profession of their faith as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership: Eliphalet W. Watson, Mrs. Anthony Sadon and daughter Margaret H. Sadon, Mr. and Mrs. George G. Shipman, Frank W. Martin, Mr. & Mrs. Charles G. Clark, Clifford N. and Carrie M. Lawrence.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At the communion service Sunday May 2 our pastor gave the hand of fellowship to 37 members who have recently united with the church.

C.L. Goulding Ch Clk
At the close of the evening service May 2 our pastor baptized the following brethren and sisters:
Mrs. Barbara Sadon, Miss Margaret H. Sadon, Mrs. Carrie De Long, Mrs. Rose H. Stickney, 
Mrs. Mildred F. Shipman, Mrs. Alice Sobjak, Miss Gertrude Sobjak, William J. Harper, Mrs. 
Emma Harper, Charles C. Clark, Mrs. Carrie F. Clark, Eliphalet W. Watson, Frank W. 
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, May 6, Sister Emma Topliff asked for a letter of dismission and 
recommendation to the Baptist Church at Barrington, Ill. On motion her request was granted.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk

At the same meeting the following brethren and sisters related their Christian experience and 
received as candidates for baptism and afterward church membership: Elton D. Bundy, Mrs. 
Ernest Roberts, Mrs. Dell Kester, Mr. & Mrs. Edward N. Cove and Rachel S. Cove.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the close of the preaching service May 9 the pastor baptized the following: Mrs. Ernest 
Roberts, Carrie Lawrence, Mrs. Dell Kester, Rachel S. Cave, Pearl Cave, Edward Cave, 
Clifford Lawrence, George G. Shipman and Elton D. Bundy.
C.L. Goulding ch. clk.

At the prayer meeting, May 13, 1915 the name of Sister Mabel Heubrath was dropped from our 
roll because she has united with a Lutheran Church in Buffalo.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting May 13 the following related their Christian experience and were received 
as candidates for baptism and afterward Church membership: Mr. & Mrs. Albert W. Press, Olive 
Matthewson and Fern Lusk.
C.L. Goulding ch clk
[Note in the margin reads: Sun. June 19, 1881 new stained glass windows used in church for first 
time.]

At the close of the evening service May 16th the pastor baptized A.W. Press, Mrs. A.W. Press 
((?) May), Clifford Sisson, Leo. K. Powell, Jessie Mae Powell, Dorris F. Webster, Fern E. 
Lusk, Oliver Mathewson.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk

At his residence on Maple Ave June 6 our brother Wales M. Martin passed away after a short 
ilness aged 72? Years.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the covenant meeting, June 3 Brother Louis D. Burton asked for a letter of dismission and 
recommendation to the Mayville, N.Y. Church. On motion his request was granted.
C.L. Goulding Ch Clk
At the same meeting Mrs. Mary Lucas presented a letter that was granted her in 1900 to unite with the Rushford Church and had never been used. On motion she was received into the membership of our church.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

At the prayer meeting, June 17 Mrs. Fred Barber related her Christian experience and was received as a candidate for baptism and afterward church membership. Sister Helen Sawely related her Christian experience. She formerly united with the Disciple church at Warren O. She was received as a member of this church.
C.L. Goulding Ch. Clk.

[The following records were written by A.Z. Madison and later bound into Book D at this point, out of chronological order.]

Statistics for 10th (?) U.S. last Sept. 1st for Harvey Randall (?) (?) (?)
Rev. Malcolm MacGregor Pastor from May 1st 1880
Organization of ch. by Council Oct. 20, 1808. Ch Co Nov. 1805 a (?)
Number of Member 1880 – 265 increase since 1870 – 9.
Present number under 20. Males 3 Females 24 approximately.
Number of members resident at this date. 223.
Average fair-weather attendance morning service 200, evening 150
Est’d. proportion of population in town who attend of all sect. 1/4th or some 800
Estm’d. total of ch. going population all sects – 800 whole est’d population 3000

Rev. F.B. Palmer supt
On Sunday school 23 officers & Teachers, & 192 scholars.
Home school regular attendance 225
Of whom 1/5 perhaps ¼ ave makes say 45
Dk 3 miles & Laona 2 miles away, the S.S. at Laona Peter B. Alexander Supt
1st Ch Edifice in Fredonia being 1st in County erected in 1822-3
Present Brick ch. Ed. Erected 1852-3. Will seat 600. No parsonage until 1880. per of (?) (?)
Main House of worship 90 & 50 grounds, organ bell furniture $18,000. $16,000
(No other Buildings or grounds.)
Main House of worship Mortgage on $500. in 1880 None in 1870.
Total decrease in indebtedness since 1870 – Can hardly tell
Income for year 1880-81 to Sept.
From Pew rents & subscriptions $1298.36
“ Collections 171.71
“ Invested funds from $500 15.00
“ All other sources 1262.55
“ Home Mission or other Ch. and Societies 0.00
$2697.62

Expenditures for year 1880-81 to Sept.
For salary of clergyman $1200.00
“ “ Assistants 0.00
“ “ Choir & Organist 150.00
“ “ Bldgs & grounds additions & repairs 815.71
Rents 0.00
Insurance 47.00
Miscellaneous purposes 27.13
Expenses Sab. Sch. 39.20
do Mission do do 0.00
Parish benevolence 114.75
General benevolence 273.83
Interest on Indebtedness 30.00

$2697.62

Note: Some of the above statements are literally & strictly true while others are approximate only. On the whole, nearly correct.


[The following is a newspaper article from the Fredonia Censor.]
September 20, 1871
The Fredonia Censor
Is published weekly by
W. McKinstry & Son,
At Fredonia, Chautauqua County, N.Y.
Office in Union Block, corner of (?) and Water streets.
Terms – Payable in Advance.
$2.00 per year to Mail or Office Subscribers.
After August 7th, 1807 the (?) of (?) (?) which are not paid for and (?) will be charged to (?) (?)

W.M. McKinstry  I. McKinstry
“This is what Coleridge said, “If you wish to be assured of the truth of Christianity, try it” and(?)
“Believe, and if thy belief be right, that insight which gradually transmutes faith into knowledge,
will be the reward of thy belief.” To be vitally convinced of the truth of “the process of renewal
described by Scripture, a man must put himself within that process.” His own experience of its
truth, and the confident assurances of others, whom, if candid, he will feel to be better than
himself, will be the most sufficing evidence.

History of the Fredonia Baptist Church,
A Paper read by A.Z. Madison, Esq., at the Meeting of the Erie Baptist Association in Ellery,
Sept. 6, 1871.
Agreeably with a resolution recorded on the 9th page of the last published minutes of the Erie
Baptist Association, I now present a sketch of the history of “the First Baptist Church in
Pomfret,” now “The Fredonia Baptist Church,” the name of the church and of the Society having
been changed May 25, 1859.
In the outset, I might with justice to myself as well as to those who hear me, and to those who
may hereafter read it, offer many apologies and assign reasons for my present embarrassment,
but these would not be the history called for by the resolution, and I forbear.
I may perhaps be permitted to refer to times anterior, and particularly to some of the very few
persons who were its original founders. We are informed by history that on the 22nd of
December, 1620, a company of early dissenters from the Church of England – Puritans – or, as
generally called, Pilgrims, landed on Plymouth Rock, in Massachusetts. This was 251 years ago, when nearly all the broad land from that Atlantic rock westward was literally a howling wilderness, under the dominion of wild beasts, and the savage aborigines no more tutored than they in the arts of civilization.

Years, with all their changes and improvements, rolled on, coming and going, until one and a half centuries more were passed. This brings us to the year 1770, being 101 years ago. At that date, and at the same Plymouth Rock, the birth of Zattu Cushing is recorded. As I learn from a brief memoir written by O.W. Johnson, Esq., from which (?) quote the language or the substance: Zattu was the son of Nathaniel and Lydia Cushing, and was one of a family of 13 children. His birth occurred about six years prior to the commencement of the war of the American revolution. During that struggle his father disposed of his large and (?) for (?) money, the deprivation of which reduced him to poverty. Zattu’s education, in consequence, was quite (?), save in industry, energy, self-reliance and integrity. At the proper age he was apprenticed to learn the trade of a ship carpenter. From early boyhood he exhibited much of the same indomitable will that was more fully developed in his later years. After his apprenticeship was served, he labored at the same business (?) in Boston Harbor. Then we find him a farmer in Saratoga Co., N.Y., where, in 1795, he and Miss Rachel Bookington (?) were married. Subsequently they removed to Paris Hill, Oneida Co., where he (?) and while there they both made profession of the religion of Christ, and united with the Baptist church at Sangerfield, in that County, of which Ehler Butler was then pastor.

In the year 1799, he was employed at Presque Isle (now Erie, Pa.) to superintend the building of the first ship ever launched on our great lake, named the “Good Intent.” Here he purchased two valuable horses, and on his journey returning home with them through the vast wilderness, he passed the first night at Canadaway, tying his horses, and sleeping on the ground. This was on the spot where his house was afterwards built, as he then determined, now Eagle street, Fredonia. At that time, Amos Smith’s log cabin, near the present village of Irving, was the only habitation of a white man between Buffalo and Erie, 90 miles apart.

In February, 1805, Mr. Cushing, with his worthy partner and their five children, Lucinda, Walter, Lydia C., Milton H., and Zattu Jr., with two hired men, started with two ox teams and sleds loaded with his household goods, for Canadaway, their future home. It then required over twenty days to perform a journey that can now be (?) in ten hours. On leaving Buffalo they drove upon the ice of the lake, as was customary, intending to go on shore before dark, but night and a terrible tempest came unexpectedly upon them, and as there were what is known as “holes in the ice,” they feared to move. In this emergency, they placed the oxen on the windward side of the (?) as a shelter from the piercing storm, and then covering themselves as best they could, undertook to pass the night there. Having an old-fashioned dinner horn along, they blew it at intervals, hoping to attract some settler on the shore. About one o’clock in the morning, two men, having heard it, and regarding it as a signal of distress, came with lanterns, and piloted them ashore near the 18 mile creek. Before daylight the ice was so broken up that had they remained on it their destruction would have been inevitable. Having been rescued from a watery grave, they pursued their journey, and on arriving at Canadaway, Mr. Cushing was greatly disappointed to find the lot on which he intended to settle taken up, and in the possession of Thomas McClintock. – The snow was deep, and the weather cold. Some half a mile towards the lake, near the present residence of David J. Matteson, he found a vacant, partly-built log house. It was destitute of floor, chinking and doors. He covered the ground inside with hemlock boughs, and in that house, thus improved, commenced house keeping, and there remained until he procured an
article for the Samuel Marsh farm, further toward the lake. More than two years later, he
succeeded in purchasing Mr. McClintock’s chance, as it was called, for $100, and then he
secured the farm of 557 acres that he had, in his solitary journey some years before, selected for
a home. Meantime, other settlers had moved into and around Canadaway, for then, as now, and
ever since Christopher Columbus sailed west from Spain, has it been true, that “Westward the
star of empire takes its way.” Canadaway was no longer as he found it in 1805, when his own
family made the third in the place, and it was ten miles west, and eight miles east, to a neighbor.
Thos. McClintock and David Esson were the first settlers. Mr. Cushing was eminently pious,
and firmly a Baptist. A few others of like faith were among the settlers. Hence his and their
desire to witness the prosperity of the cause of Christ, as is proved by the first record on the
oldest church book in my possession. The date is in the Fall of the same year to which he moved
to Canadaway, (1805), and is very brief, as follows. I copy the record verbatim:
November, 18?? – A number of Baptist brethren having removed to this place, it then being a
wilderness where we have no knowledge that there was ever a religious assembly before, whose
number was small, consisting of only five brethren and four sisters, thought proper to meet on
Lord’s days, to recommend the cause of Christ, and confirm each other in the faith.”
It is difficult at this late day to determine from the records preserved, or from oral testimony,
precisely who were all of the nine brothers and sisters mentioned, who thus met statedly for the
laudable purposes written in the ancient record, but it is believed that the five brethren were
Zattu Cushing, William Gould, John Van Tassel, Benjamin Barrett and Eliphalet Burnham
and that the four sisters were Rachel Cushing, Rhoda Burnham, Sophia Williams and Silence
Barto. The next record is this: “The Lord blessing their labors, in 1806 one more was added to
their number.”
Here I will mention some incidents of Mrs. Williams, one of the sisters above named. Her
maiden name was Morton. She was the wife of Richard Williams, who kept a tavern on the hill,
west side of the creek. There was no mail received here for the first three years subsequent to
1805?, but I think there was a mail between Buffalo and Erie about the year 1808, once in two
weeks. Mr. Williams carried it on horseback. At a later date it was carried once a week. In 1818,
Mr. Williams came from Erie with it, and on arriving at his home was sick and unable longer to
sit upon his horse. His wife first gave him a hemlock sweat, and then placing the mail bag and
herself upon the horse, started for Buffalo. It was the time of spring freshet, and the streams were
high. In her journey, holding the mail above the water to keep it dry, she swam her horse across
the Cattaraugus, the Eighteen Mile, and the Buffalo creeks. Such equestrian journeys were not
unfrequent with her. I have heard from her own lips the rehearsal of several, in some of which
she carried her babe, holding it above the floods as the horse carried them over, quite unlike the
lady equestrianism of the present day. She was born about three months after the Declaration of
American Independence. April 13, 1854 I assisted in laying her body in the grave in the public
burying ground in Fredonia, a little distance from the graves of Elder Handy, Judge Cushing,
and other early members of the Baptist church. When I became acquainted with her she was the
wife of Ithamur Crouch, of Portland. Her piety was as unquestioned as was her resolution and
heroism. The next record on the old church book is:
“March 14, 1807 – The brethren and sisters entered into covenant, and agreed to meet every last
Saturday in each month, to renew covenant.”
In the winter of 1807-8, as I learn from his son, Rev. Joy Handy removed from Brookfield,
Madison county, west. When at Batavia, he called at the Holland Land Company’s office and
converses with Joseph Ellicott, agent, about the purchase of a small lot of land in some good
locality, and in a Christian community. Mr. Ellicott told him of a small farm of 60 acres, at the mouth of the Canadaway creek, where a Mr. Cole had settled, and others also further up the creek. A bargain was consummated for that lot, and a clerk in the office commenced writing an article for it, which, when Elder Handy discovered, he told Mr. Ellicott that that was not what he wanted, but a deed, as he was going to pay for it. Mr. Ellicott was surprised at this, and declared that it was the first lot he had sold for money down. The clerk made a deed, and the Elder drew the $150 from his old-fashioned purse, paid for his land, and then pursued his journey to see (?) his purchase. He settled there, and remained some two years, when, becoming convinced that “Canadawa settlement” was to be the place of business, rather than the mouth of the creek, he again moved to what is now Fredonia, and occupied the lot on the northerly side of Main street, afterward the residence of the late Dr. S. White. The next record on the church book is:

“September 8, 1808. – The brethren met and agreed to adopt the articles of faith and covenant which was printed for Elder Peter P. Roots, at Utica, in the year 1806.”

The next is:

“October 12, 1808. – At a meeting at brother Zattu Cushing’s the brethren agreed to send for a council, to see if they could fellowship us as a church in sister relation. Accordingly a letter was sent to Elder Joel Butler, (believed to have been pastor of the church at Sangerfield, Oneida Co.,) Elder Hezekiah Eastman, (supposed of Madison County,) and Elder Joy Handy, (then at the mouth of the creek).”

The next record is:

“October 20, 1808. – The brethren and sisters met at brother Cushing’s, were examined by the before mentioned elders, and received in fellowship.”

As informed, the number then was 16. Church records are deficient over five years from above date. Thus was the “First Baptist Church in Pomfret” organized.

Up to March, 1808, the whole of the present county of Chautauqua was included in the town of Chautauqua, then a part of Genesee county, which, at that time, included the territory of the present counties of Erie, Niagara, Wyoming, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua. The town meetings of the town of Chautauqua had been held at the “Cross Roads,” now Westfield. In 1808, voters enough from Canadaway and vicinity, under the lead of Mr. Cushing, attended the town meeting at the Cross Roads to vote the next one to be held at Canadaway. This led to a division of the town of Chautauqua, and Pomfret was then organized, comprising about one-half of our present county, being about the same as our present Second Assembly district.

These things transpired in the spring of 1808, and prior to the organization of the church in October, 1808. Hence the propriety of the name given to it. The sitting of the council, and the services, whatever they may have been, took place at brother Cushing’s barn, then on the northerly side of Eagle street, Fredonia, nearly opposite his house, which is now the residence of brother Benjamin Merrill. The same 30 by 40 feet barn has been removed to Prospect street, and any person having the curiosity to behold a relic of moderate antiquity may see it, in a dilapidated condition – the first building north from the Fredonia depot, on the easterly side of the track, and apparently near enough to the embankment to tumble upon the rails.

I have looked upon this silent yet speaking old building with feelings of interest more than once. The first Town Meeting of the new town of Pomfret was held in the present town of Sheridan, a little westerly from the old Roberts tavern-stand. I transcribe from the first town record book:

“At a meeting of freeholders and inhabitants of the town of Pomfret, held at the house of Elisha
Mann, (agreeable to an act of the Legislature of the State) April 5th, 1808; meeting opened by prayer by the Rev. John Spencer, after which the following votes were passed:”
(The appointment of Moderator and Clerk, and election of officers.) Mr. Spencer was a Congregational minister. The monument at his grave may now be seen in the southwest corner of the burying ground near the former location of his church in Sheridan. What would be thought of opening a town meeting with prayer, now? What remarks would such a proceeding occasion? In March, 1808, an act was passed providing for the formation of the counties of Niagara, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus. Niagara then embraced the present counties of Niagara and Erie, and Chautauqua was to be united with Niagara until it should have 500 taxable inhabitants. Buffalo was the county seat, and to represent Chautauqua county Zattu Cushing was appointed one of the Associate Judges, and his ability made him the leading member of that court, and the Presiding Judge. He sentenced the first criminal ever convicted in Buffalo to state’s prison for 3 years.

These things are mentioned as incidents of the times when the little company of Baptists met in Canadaway to recommend the cause of Christ; and when they were fellowshipped as “the first Baptist church in Pomfret.” (I have written briefly of the few persons named as representative characters. Other incidents of them and of other members not particularly noticed though equally worthy could have been multiplied. The fathers and mothers were adapted to the times in which they lived.

The next record to be found on the church book after more than five years had passed, is dated “November 9th, 1813. At a meeting at brother John Van Tassell’s, Elder Handy, moderator, - 1st, voted that brother Zattu Cushing serve the church as deacon.” Other votes were passed at this and subsequent meetings. At a church meeting March 5th, 1816, Ebenezer Webster was elected a deacon, and Aug. 3d, 1816, Judge Cushing was licensed to preach, which he did at Canadaway, or Fredonia, also at Bull’s Mills, now Laona, and in other neighborhoods. In Dec., 1816, Elijah Devine was elected deacon, and April 14, 1821, Nathaniel Crosby was elected deacon. Several others at later dates have been elected to the same office whose names to avoid monotony are omitted, and the same as regards church clerk also. June 21, 1829, a portion of this church was set off by a council, and the 2d Baptist church in Pomfret, was organized at Laona. This is now extinct. May 1st, 1830, another portion of it was set off by a council, and the Dunkirk Baptist church was organized. Aug. 3d, 1831, the Forestville Baptist church was organized. Some had been members here, as Samuel Conviss, Elijah Devine, and their wives, but I do not discover anything like a colony from Pomfret. And so it may be said of Stockton, Sinclairville and Sheridan. Aug. 12th, 1822, Rev. Elisha Tucker was called to be the 2d pastor of the 1st Baptist church in Pomfret. July 22, 1823, he was sent by the church to New York, Boston, Salem, Providence, &c., to solicit “material aid” for the finishing of the meeting-house – the old frame edifice – the first church built in the county. This was taken down about 1851-2 for the purpose of erecting the present brick church on the same site.

Probably after the first half dozen years there was an increase of personal difficulties and trials in the church. From about 1827 to 1830 or later, the rancorous division between anti-masons and masons prevailed. There were seasons of prosperity in the church at intervals all along, especially from 1832 to 1838, as the records show. Then the members numbered about 400. In 1839, a division occurred in regard to the then Pastor, Rev. Jno. F. Bishop, this continued till February 12th, 1848, when the two bodies, which had for 9 years been severed, became re-united.
Since then, those troubles have been gradually vanishing, till now they are nearly or quite obliterated. No personal differences, in hardly a single instance, have marred the peace of the Church in the last 23 years.

The names of the several Pastors, and about the time they respectively served the Church, are these:

Rev. Joy **Handy**, mostly from 1808 to 1822, about 14 years.

Rev. Elisha **Tucker**, from Aug. 12, 1822, to 1831 or 1832, about 10 years.

Rev. Jirah D. **Cole**, from April 14, 1832 to 1836, about 4 years.

Rev. Beriah N. **Leach**, from April 1, 1836, to April 1838, about 2 years.

Rev. John F. **Bishop**, from March 20th, 1838 to Feb. 1, 1839, about 1 year, when dissatisfaction arose, and the church became divided, and met in two divisions. He was continued Pastor of one division of the Church several years, meeting in the meeting house, though he resigned as Pastor Feb. 9, 1840, but his resignation was not accepted by that division. He finally left at a later date, and Rev. S.P. **Way** and Rev. Bliss C. **Willoughby** succeeded him, in turns, till the reunion Feb. 12, 1848. During the same time (from 1839 to 1848) the other division of the church met in the academy, and had as supply, or pastor, Rev. A.C. **Barrell**, Rev. Judah L. **Richmond**, Rev. Alfred **Handy** and Rev. Ebenezer **Loomis**, as I write it from memory. The usual alterations occurred in each of the two bodies claiming to be the first Baptist church in Pomfret, in additions by baptism, by letter, etc., and in dismissions by letter, exclusions and deaths, but as I have not had access to the respective records of that time, I cannot give the statistics more fully for those nine years. The basis for a settlement of the protracted difficulties was written by Rev. S.P. **Way**, and concurred in by a conference of ministers before being presented to the two bodies in their several meetings. By concert of action by some of the active members of each body, the basis mentioned was submitted to each body Feb. 12, 1848, the day of covenant meeting. Each separately adopted it, and then adjourned to meet in the church Feb. 14th, 1848, and when so met, on that day, in joint meeting, on motion of Deacon Joel R. **Parker**, the same was mutually adopted, without a dissenting vote. The name of the church to be the “First Baptist Church of Pomfret.” On nomination by a committee duly appointed, brethren Ebenezer **Webster**, John **Hamilton** and Joel R. **Parker** were elected deacons, to serve the church as now united. And subsequently Almond Z. **Madison** was elected clerk and treasurer. Articles of faith and practice and a covenant were also adopted, and the two pastors, Rev. B.C. **Willoughby** and Rev. A.C. **Barrell**, alternated in supplying the desk until the 1st of April, 1848. Lists of the members in good and regular standing, in each former body, were furnished to the new clerk by the respective former clerks, L.B. **Grant** and D. **Barrell**. These names were called, and responded to by members present. Each signifying whether the individual agreed to the union or not. A few did not so agree then, but nearly all those have assented since, and become members of the church.

The first covenant meeting occurred on Saturday, March 4th, 1848, at which 43 brethren and 45 sisters made communications. Some others were silent. Four recent converts related their several religious experience, and were received for baptism and membership. These were baptized by Rev. B.C. **Willoughby**, March 5th, 1848. Rev. A.C. **Barrell** preached the same afternoon, and the two ministers joined in the administration of the Lord’s Supper. They left for other pastorates in April, and this church was without a pastor until May 13th, 1849, when Rev. Salem T. **Griswold** was settled as the first pastor of the united church. He continued till Aug. 9th, 1850, when he resigned. After another eight months destitution, Rev. A. **Kingsbury** became Pastor.
April 20, 1851. The present brick church edifice being completed, it was dedicated July 7, 1853. Elder Kingsbury’s resignation took effect the last of Sept. 1853.

Immediately after (October 7th, 1853) Rev. Charles N. Chandler, became Pastor of the Church. He resigned Nov. 30, 1856. Another time of destitution ensued of ten months. Oct. 2d, 1857, Rev. Alonzo Wheelock accepted a call and became pastor. Owing to failing health, he resigned April 1st, 1861, still continuing to reside in Fredonia. After four months, on the 3d of August, 1861, Rev. George D. Downey, a licentiate from Madison University, accepted our call and commenced as pastor. On the 24th of Oct. 1861, he was duly ordained by a council called by the church, and he continued as pastor to Feb. 1st, 1863, when he resigned. From Feb. 22d, 1863, through the month of March following, Rev. A.C. Barrell, then of Evans, Erie Co., was our supply. Then from April 1st, 1863, six years to April 1st, 1869, Rev. Howard M. Jones was the pastor. At the latter date, his resignation, previously tendered, took effect. The last four weeks he was absent, having engaged the services of Rev. Charles Thompson, as his substitute. The church continued Bro. Thompson as supply for one year, to April 1st, 1870, when he was made the pastor, and he so continues to the present time, a faithful minister of Christ.

Pursuant to previous public notice, the roll of names of members of the church was called by the Church clerk, October 2d, 1870. In the forenoon, the pastor preached from St. Peter 1-22(?). He thought the occasion justified a discourse upon our own denominational history, and among other things said, that Baptist history has no record of primary organization as the other denominations have, Baptists being found all through the stream of history. He referred to Mosheim, the Lutheran histories, and said that the valleys of Piedmont in Italy, and Oichon in Wales sheltered them in the ages of persecution. In like manner Baptists are traceable up to the fountain of New Testament history. Theirs is not so much a history of a denomination as of principles. The principles form an unwritten but universally recognized Baptist Constitution, viz: freedom of conscience, untrammeled by human forms or human laws; a concerted church membership: Voluntary choice and faith necessary to give efficacy to ordinances. None but believers subjects of baptism, and baptism, as to manner or mode, by immersion only. The doctrinal belief of the denomination, Calvinistic. The first Baptist church organized in the united states was by Roger Williams, at Providence Rhode Island, in 1639, nineteen years after the landing of the Pilgrims. He gave full statistics of the Baptists in the United States and other countries. He sketched the history of the Fredonia Baptist Church and its statistics as he had ascertained them from the Church clerk.

The name of the church and of the society were legally changed from the original names to the “Fredonia Baptist Church,” and the “Fredonia Baptist Society,” May 25th, 1859.

The number of pastors from 1803 to 1871 is 16.

Members absent several of whom their location is unknown 63.

Number married whose partners are not members, males 9, females 59.

Number of widows who are members, 30.

Number of Baptists in vicinity, who are not members, 41 and over.

As many as 12 or 13 young men have become ministers licensed by this church, and one a Missionary to Siam, who died on his field of labor. Of the 205 members at the Union, Feb. 12th, 1848, only 52 remain members now, just 26 from each division.

The additions to the church in the 23 years by baptisms are in

1848 – 7 1860 – 3
1849 – 2 1861 – 1
1850 – 5 1862 – 5
To September.
Amounting to 244. Members received by letter, 246, and by experience, 19, during same time. Thus the Lord perpetuates the same church, though the membership is constantly changing. It is not probable that one of the original 16 of 1808 is now living – certainly not one of the 9 who first met in November, 1805, at Canadawa. Aged members of the church are often filled with anxious forebodings in regard to the future of it. They ask who will fill the places of the fathers and the mothers when they fall asleep? In this feeling I have participated, but within a few years my faith has been increased, that God will take care of his own cause. Though it may appear dark, and obscure to us, it is certain that he is able, and he will do it.

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A (?) in spelling(?) that circulated(?) at(?) (?) about 187?
(?) is an agreeable sight to witness the unparalleled (?) of a harnessed peddler attempting to gauge the symmetry of a peeled onion which a (?) has stabbed with a poniard regardless of the (?) of the lines of (?)

An old Resolution of the Fredonia Bap. Ch. as to Collections for benevolence in the day of Rev. A. Wheelock.
The Foreign Missions 2nd Sab. in January
“ Bible Cause 2 “ “ March
“ Ministerial Education 2 “ “ May
“ N.Y.S. Convention 2 “ “ July
“ Home Missions 2 “ “ Nov’r.

No Chh Col. though mentioned by Clerk when he read letter & statistics for asso’n Augt 25/87 but as arranged by Pastor & Clerk after. Clerk collected for Relief fund & sent that & for pr. Minutes, as follows.
Relief fund
Rev. C.E. Smith $5.00 pd
H.P. Perrin .50 pd
H. Morrison .25 pd
A.Z. Madison .50 pd
Dr. F.B. Palmer 3.00 = $9.25
Minutes
A.Z.M. pd $3.75
All $3.00 & sent by A.Z.M. in letter pr Mail Aug 13/87 to Clk Asso’n.
Minutes home N.Y.
Mrs. Mary E. Wright (?) H. Morrison $1.00 pd
Rev. C.E. Smith 5.00 pd
H.P. Perrin .50 pd
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A Noted Philanthropist.
Death of Dr. Eber M. Pettit.
Dr. E.M. Pettit died in this village May 13, 1885 at the age of 83 years.
A painful sense of bereavement pervaded our village on Wednesday evening, as the news rapidly
spread from house to house of the death of Dr. Pettit. It was so sudden, and took all by surprise.
And yet every one seemed to say in thought or word, as the news was broken to them, “blessed
are the pure in heart.” He had suffered from slight hoarseness for a few days, but was in the
village on Monday, going about our streets with his usual elastic step, pleasantly greeting his
friends and enjoying the social intercourse which was so inspiring with one of his genial nature.
He expressed regret at not being able to enjoy a social gathering on Saturday at the house of a
septuagenarian friend. It did not then seem possible that he was so near the shore from which he
was so soon to pass to the other side. But an All Wise Providence had numbered his days without
the usual premonitions attending such a departure. In the afternoon of Wednesday, his
hoarseness became more serious, his inability to throw off the secretions increased, till finally the
death struggle terminated in the early evening hour, and he was peacefully at rest.
Dr. Eber M. Pettit was born in Pompey, Onondaga Co., May 5, 1802. He had just passed his 83d
day when the summons came. At an early day he came to Fredonia with his father, Dr.
James Pettit. When still a young man he went to Versailles to engage in business, where he lived
for many years.
Dr. James Pettit, the father, had compounded an Eye Salve which proved to be an excellent
remedy for sore eyes and local inflammations, and which the son manufactured. It was found so
meritorious that it finally attained a world-wide reputation, and gave a competence to the
manufacturer. He was joined in this enterprise by Darwin R. Barker, who had married his only
daughter. Some twenty years ago he came to Fredonia with his family and Mr. Barker, where in
his beautiful home, he passed a serene life, surrounded by every comfort, and enjoying the
respect and esteem of a large circle of acquaintances. But here he had sorrow. His wife with
whom he had lived nearly fifty years, his only grandchild, the daughter of D.R. Barker, and then
his daughter, Mrs. B., were taken away.
More than sixty years ago he became a prominent agent and conductor on the Underground
Railroad. Many a fleeing fugitive from slavery has found an asylum and safe conduct to liberty
through his instrumentality. On the one of the four principal lines with which he was connected,
many fugitives were aided when on their way to Canada, numbering on all the lines to some
thousands. His position was often attended with peril. The fugitive slave law of 1850 imposed a
fine of $1,000 for selling or giving away a meal of victuals to one of these fugitives. Some of the
noblest and purest men in the country suffered these penalties, and even death, for violations of this inhuman law. Dr. P. never suffered any of these severe penalties, though he has often said that if the law had been enforced against him, he would have been made bankrupt many times over.

About five or six years after the war, when his commission in this service of humanity had expired by virtue of the Emancipation proclamation, the company (?) (?) individual among (?) (?) important (?) (?) of these. The history of the Underground Railroad was written (?) series of (?) (?) the Fredonia Censor. (?) charmingly written, and attracted much attention. Some years later, in 187?, the sketches were published in a small volume, and many copies distributed among his friends, who will keep them as choice memorials of his philanthropy and self sacrificing nature.

He also took a deep interest in the welfare of the Indians, on the borders of whose reservation he resided for many years. He was their trusted counselor and friend, and aided to procure the necessary legislation for the protection of the reservation and the preservation of their rights. He was the projector of the Reservation school and the Superintendent over twenty years. He chose for teachers those who took an interest in their welfare and progress.

In the Thomas Asylum, organized for the care and education of the (?) orphans in the State, he took a deep interest. He was one of the originators of the institution and a trustee and treasurer for twenty-nine years from its commencement. He served faithfully and without pay, and was regarded by all the beneficiaries with almost filial affection. It is one of the best eleemosynary(?) institutions in the state, and reflects great credit on its management.

In every work of philanthropy when he had opportunity, his heart and hand were engaged with heartfelt earnestness. In this he was no respecter of persons. In his benevolent work his best services were rendered without regard to distinctions of race or color. His kind heart and hand were ever open to the needs of humanity. No one, we venture to say, in the large circle of acquaintances, ever knew a nobler or more unselfish man. In his inostentatious charities to the poor, he was most exemplary. Very often the recipients were unaware who was the giver.

Early in life he became a member of the Baptist Church, to which he was fervently devoted, and yet with a liberality that recognized the image of the Master under all circumstances, in all the walks of life, without regard to creed or denominational name.

There was an integrity of principle manifested through all his long and useful life. He dared to do right though he should stand alone with all the world against him. He would be true to his conscientious convictions “though the heavens should fall.” He was a firm believer in “the higher law.” His life was one of faith and trust, and his death that of the righteous, and to their reward he has gone.

The fleeing fugitive from slavery, the red man whose cause he championed, the poor who received aid from his bountiful hand, the philanthropist in whose circle he was such a conspicuous example, the Christian who has “respect to the recompense of reward” in the life beyond, will all enshrine his memory in their inner hearts, and will mourn his departure with heartfelt grief, and yet will rejoice that the great Giver of all good has vouchsafed to them such a friend.

A large concourse of people attended the funeral at the Baptist Church last Saturday afternoon. The pastor, Rev. C.E. Smith, led the solemn services and Rev. Dr. Palmer, a friend of many years, paid a worth tribute to the good man so suddenly removed from our midst.