

1837

Sunday, February 4th. Sister Vesta Lane, wife of John Lane sent a request for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Baptist Church in Leeds. The Church Voted to grant her request. And on Monday, 5th, same month, said letter was prepared and delivered to care of Dea. B. Palmer.

Letter of
dismission
to Vesta Lane.

Erra Fisk Chh. Clerk.

Certificate
of Reception
to Chh. in Leeds.

March 12th. 1837. Leeds. Allen Barrows, Chh. Clerk - to Baptist Chh. in Fayette. This may certify that Mrs. Vesta, wife John Lane, has been received into the Baptist Chh. in this town, as dismissed from the Church in Fayette.

Copy - Attest. Erra Fisk, Chh. Clerk.

May 7th.
Letter from
Elder Wait
Sharon Ms.

Sunday May 7th. 1837, was read before the Church a letter from Geo. W. Wait, Pastor of the first Baptist Church of Sharon, Massachusetts, saying that Mary, wife of Josiah Talbot, formerly a Member of this Church - but excluded for embracing the Doctrines of Universalism, wished to join that Church, having been convinced of her error. And that said Church in Sharon, having fellowship with said Mary Talbot as a Christian, would cordially receive her to their fellowship, provided the Church in Fayette would restore her to fellowship. The Church Voted to grant her request, provided she shall Manifest a conviction of her error, and a re-establishment in her former belief in the Doctrines of the Gospel; and an answer was according written to Elder Wait on the subject on the 13th. May - and sent by Mail.

Erra Fisk Chh. Clerk

May 7th.
Letter from
Joel Judkins

On Sunday, May 7th. 1837. was read before the Church a letter from Bro. Joel Judkins of Berlin, saying that his residence is so far distant from the Church of Fayette of which he is a Member that he cannot often meet with them, and requested a letter of recommendation and dismission. The Church instructed the Clerk to write him a letter, recommending him, as a Member in good standing, and that when this Church is duly notified that the said

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Brother Judkins has been received into fellowship with some other Church of the same faith and order, he would be considered as dismissed from this Church - and the said letter was prepared and forwarded by Mail on the 13th. May 1837 -

Erra Fisk Chh. Clerk.

August
24th.

Thursday, August 24th. 1837. Stated Church Meeting - Only six Members in attendance. Dea. Palmer opened meeting by prayer. Chose Dea. Benja. Palmer Moderator. attended by the reading of a letter from Sister Mary Atkins, of Mount Vernon, requesting a letter of dismission to join the Methodist Society. Voted that the Clerk write an answer to the aforesaid letter, and advise her of the established usages of this Church respecting granting letters of dismission. Chose Dea. Allen Bachelor a Com. to visit Bro. A. B. Ham, and enquire ~~and enquire~~ the reason of his long absence from the usual meetings of the Church. Chose Bro. Joseph Watson to visit Bro. Joseph Palmer and make the same enquiry of him. Voted to adjourn to meet at this place (the Chapel) three weeks from this day, one o'clock afternoon.

Erra Fisk, Chh. Clerk.

14 Sept.

Thursday, September 14th. 1837 - Stated Church meeting by adjournment from 24 Ult. Dea. A. Bachelor opened meeting by prayer. Com. appointed to visit Bro. A. B. Ham, had not attended the service, and was continued a Com. for the purpose. Bro. Jos. Watson, appointed to visit Bro. Jos. Palmer, reported that he had attended that service. Bro. Palmer told him that the cause of his not meeting with the Church was not on account of any thing he had against the Church or any of its Members - but on account of his own feelings of cold indifference and unfitness to associate with Christians. he, however, gave some encouragement that he would attend the meetings of the Church more frequently. Voted to accept the report and continue Bro. Watson a Com. for further labour. Appointed Bro. E. Fisk to prepare the letter to the Association, and chose Elder Oliver Billings, Dea. L. C. Stearns, Dea. Jos. Anderson, Dea. Benja. Palmer, Dea. Allen Bachelor & Bro. Joseph Brewster, as our Messengers to the Association - Chose Brother Samuel Hensley, agent to

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to make the necessary repairs on the parsonage buildings -
Voted to adjourn, to meet three weeks from today, at the winter
school-house, two o'clock afternoon.

Ezra Fisk Chh Clerk.

12 October.

The Church met agreeably to the adjournment, but there
being but few members in attendance, no business was done.
excepting to adjourn the 27th. of the present month.

27 Oct^r

Church Met according to adjournment, being also the
returning season for our stated Chh Meeting - Elder
Stevens opened the Meeting by prayer and presi-
ded. The Clerk being absent, chose Bro. Sam^l Hearsby
Clerk pro tem.

Disbar

Dismissed

Elder Stevens presented a request from Sister
Car of Chesterville for a letter of dismission, and re-
ommendation to the Church in Mount Vernon - Voted
to grant her request.

Raised

\$150.

Voted to raise one hundred and fifty Dollars, &
chose Brother Jonathan Tuck Collector. Chose Bro.
Reuben Crane, Dea. Allen Bachellor, S. W. Watson,
Leois Chase and Samuel Hearsby, Assessors.

Ezra Fisk Chh Clerk.

20 Dec^r

Stated Church Meeting. Dec^r 20 - 1837. Eld^r Stevens
opened meeting by prayer and presided. Dea. Bachellor
who was appointed a com. to visit Bro. A. B. Ham,
reported that he had attended that service - That Bro
Ham informed him that he had joined the Meth-
odist Class and had become a member of the Meth-
odist Church - On motion by Dea. Palmer Voted
to withdraw fellowship from & to note B. Ham.

Letter read

from

Mrs. Polly

Jalbot of

Sharon &

A. B. Ham

Excluded.

Elder Stevens ~~stated~~ Read a letter from Mrs.
Mary, wife of Josiah Jalbot of Sharon, Mass - to
which was appended a note from Elder George
C. V. Wait, pastor of the Baptist Chh in Sharon -
Mrs. Mary Jalbot, who once resided in this town and was a
member of this Chh, had been excluded on account of
her professing to believe in the Doctrine of universal
salvation since she removed to Sharon: But
in the above letter, she professed a full conviction

Mary
Jalbot
restored &
Dismissed.

of her error, and a firm belief in the Doctrines embraced by
this Church; and the note of Elder wait stated that Mrs.
Jalbot was considered, by the Church under his care, as a pious
Christian - and the said Church would be willing to receive her
into fellowship, provided this Church should restore her to
fellowship and grant her a letter of dismission. The ev-
idence thus exhibited respecting respecting the return
of Mrs. Jalbot, to the faith of the Gospel, being satisfactory,
the Church Voted to restore her to fellowship and grant
her a letter of dismission, which was according for-
warded by Mail, Feb^y 10th 1838.

The following Resolves were read by Elder
Stevens and adopted by the unanimous vote of the Chh.
1st. Whereas our Methodist Brethren in this town have
during the past season kindly accommodated the Bap-
tist Church with the use of their Chapel for worship
on the Sabbath and on other days - Therefore Resolved
that we fully appreciate this act of Christian kind-
ness and affection.

Resolved,
On receiving
the Methodist
Chh

2d. That in taking leave of our Methodist Brethren
for our own house of worship, we sinurely and
earnestly invoke the blessing of divine to rest upon
them.

3d. That should it ever be in our power to reciprocate
their kindness and courtesy towards us, in accommoda-
ting them with the use of our sanctuary on occasions
when a larger assembly shall collect to listen to their
ministry than can be convened in their house, it
will be a privilege which we should wish to enjoy.

Agencies

Elder Stevens presented, for the consideration of the Chh,
the subject of Agencies, and proposed to adopt measures to fa-
cilitate the collection of Monies to aid the Missionary cause
and other benevolent enterprises of the day, and thereby do away
the necessity of traveling Agents for that purpose. After
due deliberation on the subject, voted to ~~not~~ approve
of the views now presented on the subject of Agencies, and
that a copy of said views, accompanied by our resolution of appro-
val be furnished for publication in the Baptist papers in this
State.

Ezra Fisk Chh Clerk.

1837. Nov. 4. At Conference Meeting, Voted to grant to Sister Luc-
tia Page ~~Sister~~ Sister Lucenia, wife of John Page of Parkman,
Dismissed. a letter of dismission to join the Baptist Ch^h in that town.
Voted to Receive Elan Luther C. Stevens & Sarah B.
Elder L. C. his wife, to the fellowship of this Church, upon their
Stevens & wife rec- recommendation from the Church in Richmond,
to this Ch^h. they being dismissed from that Church.

Feb. 30. At Conference Meeting, rec^d from the Bap-
tist Church in Brentwood, N. H. a letter of recom-
mendation to John Fild & Mary G. his wife,
John Fild & wife received. who reside in this town, and their Dismission from
said Church in Brentwood to join with this Ch^h
and they were accordingly received into fellow-
ship with this Church.

Erna Fisk Ch^h Clerk.

Letter of Dismission to Mary Talbot
Feb. 10th. 1838. Letter of recommendation
to Sister Mary Talbot was written and forwarded
by Mail, directed to Elder Geo. N. Wait, Sharon N.H.
by E. Fisk Ch^h Clerk.

Feb. 13th. Letter of Dismission to
Sister Lucenia, wife of John Page of Parkman
was written and forwarded by Mail to the
Clerk of Baptist Church in Parkman -
also a letter of Dismission to sister Car of
Christerville, to unite with Ch^h in Mt Vernon
By E. Fisk Church Clerk.

1838.
March 1. Stated Church Meeting - Prayer by Dea. Palmer.
Elder Stevens being absent, Chose Dea. Palmer Moder-
ator. Clerk being absent, chose S. N. Watson Ch^h Clerk.
Voted to instruct the Assessors to ascertain the amt^t
of money expended on the Parsonage buildings by
the Committee, and assess the same on the
taxable Member of the Church. Chose Bro. Saml.
Hearsey agent. a Prayer by Bro. Gibbs.
Erna Fisk Church Clerk

1838.
31 March. Conference Meeting - in compliance with a request of Sister
Letter to Harriot Berry, Voted that she be dismissed from the watch and
care of this Church to unite with the Baptist Church in Wayne
and the letter was accordingly prepared and forwarded by
Erna Fisk Church Clerk

8 June. Stated Church Meeting - Chose Bro. Abijah Crane Jr. Clerk
pro. tem. Voted to accept the report of the Com. appointed to
visit Bro Jabez Besse of Wayne, and continue Bro. Besse
in fellowship.

A. J. W. Stevens rec^d to the Ch^h.
Voted to receive Bro. A. J. W. Stevens into the fellowship of this
Church, and the right hand of fellowship was accordingly
extended to him by Elder Stevens, Junior Pastor of the Church

Chose Bro. Benja. Palmer, Frank Gibbs, Abijah Crane,
Reuben Crane Jr and J. W. C. Jones as a Prudential Com-
mittee for the year ensuing, and instructed said Com. to sup-
ply the pulpit by engaging Elder L. C. Stevens the year ensuing.

Voted that when we adjourn, it be to meet at the close
of the next conference.

As Bro A. J. W. Stevens has improved his gift amongst
us as a preacher, Voted that we approve of his improving
his gift in the way of preaching, wherever the Lord may
open to him a door of usefulness.

Adjourned.

A. Crane Jr. Clerk pro. tem.

A. true copy - Attest Erna Fisk, Ch^h Clerk -

Aug. 4. Phebe C. Stevens, Wife of A. J. W. Stevens, gave
a relation of her christian Experience, and the Ch^h
Manifested satisfaction therewith.

Aug 5. The aforesaid Phebe C. Stevens was Baptized and
received into union with the Church.

1 Sept. At a conference Meeting, Sally, wife of Dea Benj. Palmer
presented a Letter of dismission from the Baptist
Ch^h in New Sharon, and was rec^d into the fellowship
of this Church.
Erna Fisk Ch^h Clerk.

1838.

8 Sept.

Betsy True
Excluded.

Stated Church Meeting, holden by adjournment. Elder Stevens opened the meeting by prayer, and presided. Elder Stevens who had been requested to visit Sister True, wife of Nath^l. True, informed that he had visited her and found her in a low state of mind. She doubted whether she was a Christian, and did not feel that she was fit to belong to a Ch^h but did not wish to be excluded. She said she could attend meetings some times, but did not feel inclined to attend meetings at any time. The report of Elder Stevens was accepted, and on motion of Bro. Reuben Crane, Voted to withdraw fellowship from said Sister Betsy True.

Letter to the
Asⁿ. prepared
by Eld^r Stevens.

Appointed Elder Stevens to prepare the Letter to the Association; and chose Elders O. Billings^d & L. C. Stevens, and Bro. Sam^l Hearsay Messengers to the Association, and authorized the bearers of the letter to introduce other brethren ~~and~~ Messengers who, ~~shall~~ shall attend the Association, ~~not~~ not exceeding five in all.

Messengers
to Asⁿ ap-
pointed -Raised
\$ 270.

On motion of Bro. Gibbs, voted to raise two hundred and seventy Dollars to defray the charges of the Church.

Ch^h Officers
Chosen.

Chose Bro. E. Fisk, R. Crane & Jona. Tuck Assessors. Chose Bro. Jonathan Tuck Treasurer, and Bro. Frank Gibbs Collector.

Assessments
to be recorded
by the Clerk.

Voted that the Assessors shall in future deposit a copy of the assessments with the Clerk to be by him recorded in a book to be kept for the purpose.

Voted to instruct the prudential Committee to procure a table and two chairs, and to secure the furniture.

Erna Fisk, Ch^h Clerk

1839.

March 20.

The following proceedings were had and done at a Church Conference, viz. -

To the third Baptist Church in Livemore.

Bro. Sam^l
Lyford is
dismissed.

Brother - The Baptist Church of Fayette passed the following votes at their regular Church Conference holden on this 20. day of March, 1839 - 1st. That during the connexion of Bro. Samuel Lyford with this Body, he has endeared himself to our hearts as a Christian, walking worthy of the high vocation where with he is called. We do hereby most cordially express our affection for him; and we are confident that his reunion with you would be for his and your peace and joy in the holy Ghost.

2d. Voted that the vote whereby Brother Samuel Lyford became a member of this Church be, and the same hereby is rescinded.

A copy of the above was communicated to the said Church in Livemore by Elder L. C. Stevens.

Attest Erna Fisk, Ch^h ClerkApr^l 25.

Stated Church Meeting - Elder Stevens opened the meeting by prayer and presided - Chose Br. Abijah Crane junior Church Clerk, in room of Erna Fisk, resigned - On motion of Brother Gibbs - Deacon Bachellor was appointed a Committee to visit Sister Betsy Stone, and enquire the reason of her not meeting with the Church in Conference.

On motion of Deacon Bachellor, Deacon Palmer was appointed a Committee to visit Brother Lewis Chase and Wife and enquire the cause of their absence from the Church - Bro. S. N. Watson, John Fiske, Sam^l Hearsay and Reuben Crane were appointed Monitors - Br. Sam^l Tuck offered to furnish hard wood for the Meeting house, viz. A pile 24 ft. long - 4 ft. high and 20 inches wide, for three Dollars - \$ 3.00.

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27 June

Stated Church Meeting - Elder Stevens opened the meeting by prayer and presided - Deacon Bachelor who was appointed a committee to visit Sister Betsy Stone, reported that he had attended to that duty and voted to accept of the report, and adopted the motion to retain him in the Church. On motion of Deacon Palmer who was appointed a com to visit Lewis Chase and wife to inquire the reasons of their absenting themselves from our conference meeting reported that he had attended to that service - voted to accept of the report. The Church not feeling satisfied with the reasons he (or they) assigned for not attending our conference meetings, appointed Ruben Crane a com to visit Br Lewis Chase and state to him what the views of the Church are in regard to the duty members of the Church who are aggrieved with other members and report at our next meeting. On motion of Br Sewall N. Watson voted that the prudential com who served the last year be the com for the present year - On Motion of Br Gibbs, made choice of Abijah Crane for collector for the present year - On motion of Br Sewall N. Watson. Voted that we raise Two hundred and Fifty dollars for the present year for the support of preaching the year to come on motion Voted that Brethren Ezra Tisk Abijah Crane and S. N. Watson be the Assessors - on motion Voted that the prudential committee be instructed to wait on Elder Stevens and converse with him on the subject of his supplying the pulpit the year to come and report at our next conference on motion of Br Ezra Tisk Voted that the prudential com make written proposals to Br L. C. Stevens in regard to his supplying the pulpit the year to come and likewise receive the same from him and hand it to the Clerk to be recorded. on motion voted that our com open a subscription for the collection of hay, wood and produce to be paid over to Br Stevens on motion Voted that we adjourn to meet on Saturday the 6th of July next and closed by Prayer

1839

July 6

At an adjourned Meeting, prayer by Br Stevens - Deacon Palmer presided - the com chosen to wait on Br Stevens and converse with him relative to his supplying the pulpit for year to come reported that they had attended to that service and the Church voted to accept of their report. On motion Voted that the prudential com be instructed to engage the labors of Elder Stoney for the year to come. Br Stevens closed the meeting by prayer
Abijah Crane Church Clerk

August 3

At a conference Meeting Lucinda Tisk and Rosilla Josselyn related their experience and were received as candidates for baptism

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The above persons were baptised and the hand of fellowship was extended to them by the Rev. L. C. Stevens

" 31

At a conference Meeting Humphrey Palmer and Charlotte Palmer, and Mary Tisk related their experience of mind, and were admitted as candidates for baptism, and the following day they were baptised by Br Stevens and the hand of fellowship was extended to them, and to Harriet Palmer the same time

Sept 1

Humphrey Palmer
Wife and
Mary Tisk
were baptised

Aug 22

At a regular meeting of the Baptist Church in Fayette, Chose Br A. J. W Stevens Clerk pro Tem. 2^d Then Chose Br Oliver Billings L. C. Stevens Samuel Hearsey, Ruben Crane Deacon Allen Bachelor John Trifield and Francis Gibbs delegates to the Association. 3^d Chose Br Samuel Hearsey a com to visit Br Ezra Tisk, and Tanny Tisk 4 Chose Samuel Hearsey a com to address a letter to Br Sheppard Watson. 5^d Made Choice of Deacons Palmer and Bachelor, and Jonathan Tisk a com to investigate the reports in relation to Br Cyrus Bosworth 6th Chose L. C. Stevens and Abijah Crane to prepare a letter to the Association
Signed A. J. Stevens Clerk pro Tem
Attest Abijah Crane Chh Clerk

1839

October 5

George Whitman
and Charlotte
Morse were each
admitted into the
Church

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Br Samuel
Morse ad.
mitted into
Chh

Oct 31

At a conference meeting the Church appointed Thursday the 8th as a day of fasting and prayer. Voted to receive George Whitman and Charlotte Morse as candidates for baptism. George Whitman and Charlotte Morse were Baptised and admitted to the fellowship of the Church.

Br Samuel Morse related his experience and was admitted as a candidate for baptism and the following day was baptised by Br Stearns and the hand of fellowship was extended to him by L. C. Stearns.

A regular Church meeting heard the report of the Committee appointed to visit Br Lewis Chase and voted to accept of the report.

The Com appointed to visit Br Bosworth reported that they had not fully attended to their duty, were instructed to visit him again and request him to attend our Chh meeting and answer to the reports that were in circulation against him, and that this Com report as soon as convenient to Rev L. C. Stearns and a Church meeting be announced from the desk. Voted that Abijah Greene & Co be a Committee to visit Brother Abraham French and inquire the reason of his absenting himself from our conference meetings, and report at our next meeting. Voted that this meeting be adjourned to meet the fourth day of Nov next.

Nov 9, 1839.

In conference meeting after relating their experiences the following persons were admitted as candidates for baptism. Lovias Jennings, Howard Watson, Elbridge P. Gibbs, Charles Laskey, Dudley Fisk, Emeline French, Dulcinea Greene, Alver Anderson and Rhoda Parker.

1839

Nov 10

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The foregoing persons were baptised and the right hand of fellowship was extended to them by Rev L. C. Stearns. The same day Sis Hannah Watson was admitted into the Church by letter.

Church meeting by adjournment from Oct 31 opened with prayer by Br Stearns heard the report the Committee to visit Br Ezra Fisk, and voted to accept of the report Br Fisk being present, explained the reasons of his not attending our conference meetings to the satisfaction of the Church. The Committee to visit Sister Tamy Fisk reported that they had attended to that service voted to accept of their report.

Heard the reports of Com to visit write to Sheppard Watson and accepted the report.

On motion voted that Br Richard Packard write a letter to Br Robert Ewshine of Lowell requesting him to make inquiry in relation to the Christian life and conduct of Br Sheppard Watson and write as soon as convenient. By request of the Committee Br Bosworth attended our meeting, and when he had made his statements in regard to the reports voted that we were satisfied with his explanation, with a subjoined request that he refrain from all intoxicating drink or from offering it to others. Voted that this meeting be adjourned without day.

Nov 30

December

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At a conference meeting, after relating their experience John Billings, Mary Watson, Lydia Watson, Sarah A. Parker, Betsey Josselyn, Harriet Eustis, and Lucy Eustis, were received as candidates for baptism. John Billings, Mary Watson, Lydia Watson, and Sarah A. Parker were baptised and the hand of fellowship was extended to them by Br Stearns. Harriet Eustis and Lucy Eustis were baptised at Briggs Mills.

1839

Nov 17

At a special Meeting of the Church held after public Services, Voted that the Com of the Church for supplying the pulpit be instructed to confer with our Pastor ^{in relation to the amount of labor which} ~~which he is able to perform~~ and if he in their opinion is unable to perform all that is needed, to employ such other labor, and for such length of time as they shall deem necessary.

Abijah Crane, Chh Clerk

Dec 8

At a special Meeting of the Church held after public Services, Voted that the Com be instructed to look out and procure some one to supply the pulpit for the present.

Dec 15

At a special meeting of the Church after public Services, the Com reported to the Church that during Church passed a vote instructing the committee for supplying the pulpit to engage the labors of Rev William Day for the present.

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Betsy Jopelyn
Harriet Eastis
Lucy Eastis
received into
Chh

After public Services the hand of fellowship was extended to Betsy Jopelyn, Harriet Eastis and Lucy Eastis by L.C. Stevens

Dec 25

Stated Church Meeting opened with prayer. Rev L.C. Stevens presided. On motion of S.N. Watson Voted that Br William Day be dismissed from serving

the church as a preacher after next Sabbath. The following Resolution was passed unanimously. Resolved that this Church believe it to be the duty of every brother of the church who can without interference with some other evident duty to attend all business meetings of the Church 2^d That a noncompliance with the above resolution can be viewed in no other light than a neglect to walk in harmony with the Chh. That the Clerk of the Church be requested to inform all absent brethren of the foregoing resolution.

Abijah Crane, Chh Clerk

1840

Jan 4

E. Watson

Feb 20

At Conference Meeting Br Erack Watson was received to the fellowship of the Church by a unanimous vote of the members present. Stated Church Meeting - opened by prayer Clerk not present chose Br S.N. Watson Clerk pro tem. A request of Br A.J. Stevens and wife was presented by the moderator for a letter of dismission and recommendation to enable them to unite with another Baptist Church. Voted to grant the request, and that the Clerk be instructed to forward the same. Voted that brethren Samuel Hearsay Nathan Niles, Humphrey Palmer S.N. Watson and Francis Gibbs be our delegates to the Quarterly meeting to be held at East Readfield 2^d Wednesday in March. Voted that dea A. Bachellor, brethren Abijah Crane and John Tifield be a Com to inquire into and report to the Church at their next meeting what is their duty in relation to such members as may be delinquent for years in the payment of their regular tax. Voted that Br Samuel Hearsay be a Com to ascertain who such delinquent members are if any, also the amount of such delinquency and report the same to the next Church Meeting. The case of brother Marshall Willey came before the Church. Voted that Br S.N. Watson write him and get such information as he can and report at our next meeting the meeting was dismissed by prayer.

(Signed) S.N. Watson Clerk pro tem

Attest Abijah Crane, Chh Clerk

April 4

At a special meeting before Conference Voted that brethren S.N. Watson John Tifield and Samuel Hearsay be a Com to examine the Personage and make such repairs upon it as they may think proper.

April 13

At a regular Chh Meeting. Br Stevens prayed, and then presided. Clerk not being present, made choice of Br Samuel Hearsay for Clerk pro tem. Br Abijah Crane Com to visit Br Abraham French reported through Br Stevens Chh voted to accept the report. Br Abraham French was present and made acknowledgement, and the Chh voted that they should be satisfied when he should make a public acknowledgement. Signed Samuel Hearsay Clerk pro tem.

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April 30

Chh met according to adjournment. B. Stevens opened the meeting by prayer and presided. The Com chosen at a former meeting to inquire in relation to delinquent members in paying their tax, reported that every member who has a reasonable tax assessed against him is under covenant obligation to pay his tax. report accepted. Br Samuel Hearsy was appointed a com to ascertain who those delinquent members are and request them to attend our next Chh meeting and settle and pay their taxes or render a reasonable excuse for not paying.

Made choice of Br Samuel Hearsy as a Com to inquire in relation to the reports that are in circulation against Sister Harriet Berry of Wayne and report at our next Chh meeting. Also Br Hearsy was chosen a com to visit Sister Sally Manter in relation to her absentsing herself from our conferences and admonish her to her duty and report at our Chh meeting.

On motion Br Ruben Crane was chosen to superintend the Sabbath School in this town. On motion Br Sewell & Watson was appointed to see that the meeting house be swept for the year to come.

On motion of Br Stevens, voted that Br S. Watson be instructed to ascertain who those are that uphold or hire pews in the meeting house, and make a dividend of the expenses of sweeping and washing the house on the Sabbath.

Abijah Crane Chh Clerk

June 24

June 24, 1840. At a regular Chh meeting Br L. C. Stearns opened the meeting by reading a portion of Scripture and by prayer. Br Samuel Hearsy a com to visit Sis Harriet Berry reported that he had attended to that duty. The Chh voted to accept the report. The Chh then voted that Sister Berry be continued in the church.

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June 24

Sis S. Manter
recommended
to join
Chh Wayne

Br Samuel Hearsy a com to visit Sis Sally Manter reported that he had attended to that duty and the Chh voted to accept the report. On motion the Chh passed resolution recommending that she remove her relation from this Chh to the Baptist Chh in Wayne.

On motion voted that those collectors who have tax bills in their hands, to take off all such names as are delinquent in paying their taxes and present them to Br Samuel Hearsy and assist him in ascertaining the names of such as are delinquent, and that Br Hearsy report at a future meeting.

On motion voted that all the arrears of the Chh be added to the money to be raised the present year for supplying the pulpit and other expenses and added on the members of the church.

Prudential Com. Brethren John Fifield, Samuel Hearsy, Humphrey Palmer, A. E. Parker, and Samuel Morse.

Assessors, Sewell & Watson, Abijah Crane and Lewis Chase.

Collector, Br David French
and Treasurer

On motion of Br S. Hearsy voted that we call Br Stevens be requested to state to the Chh what conditions he will supply the pulpit the present year. Agreeable to request B. L. C. Stearns proposed to supply us the present year for two hundred and fifty dollars, and will deduct out of his salary last year 10 dollars, the Chh at the same time to circulate a subscription for his benefit.

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June 24

We raised
\$280.00

On motion of br Tifield voted to accept of
br Sturms proposals. On ^{motion} voted that we raise
two hundred and eighty dollars for the current
expenses of the ^{chh} present year. Voted that Abijah
Crane join move a Subscription for the benefit
of Rev L. C. Sturms. On motion that the proc-
uring of the wood for the stove be put up at the
lowest bidder. Amos Edes Parker agreed to furnish
a pile of good hard wood 24 feet long 4 feet wide and
14 feet wide to be delivered and piled up in the park
for three dollars. Dea Bachellor closed by prayer
Abijah Crane Chh Clerk

June 6

Br R. Eastman
& Lasky
and Sis Glass
was dismissed

At a Conference a letter was read from
Charles Lasky of New Brunswick requesting
a dismission to unite with a Baptist Chh in
that place. The chh voted that his request
be granted. Also a letter was received from
Brother Robert Eastman requesting for dismis-
sion to unite with a Baptist Chh in Lowell
his request was granted.

Sis Glass
dismissed

Also a request from Sis Glass of Livermore
for a dismission to join a Baptist Church in
Livermore the Church voted his dismission
Abijah Crane Chh Clerk

Aug 28

Shepherd
Watson
Excluded

Stated Chh Meeting - Prayer by the pastor
Clerk not being present Choose br S. & Watson
Chh proton - Voted that Abijah Crane Jr be
instructed to ascertain what is due on the then
last Chh Tax bill, with the names which they are
against and report the same to the Chh at the next
meeting. Case of Shepherd Watson was intro-
duced having before been introduced called up.
It appeared from information received from br Robert East-
man that he had become profane and embraced the doctrine
of universalism. It was voted that we withdraw
fellowship from him.

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August 28

The case of br Abraham French was being called
up nothing decisive being done, it was Voted that Dea
Allen Bachellor & Br Samuel Hearsy be a Com.
to visit him. The subject of a division of the Associ-
ation was introduced, and after some investigation of
the subject, Voted that in our opinion it is not
expedient to divide. The following brethren were
chosen delegates to the Association. Rev Oliver Billings
Luther C. Sturms (Pastor) Deacons. Benjamin Palmer
Allen Bachellor, Joseph Anderson, and brethren
Reuben Crane Samuel Hearsy, Humphrey Palmer
and S. S. Watson.

Choose Luther C. Sturms to write the letter to the
Association. Voted to adjourn without day.
Signed, Sewall Watson Clerk Proton

Attest Abijah Crane Chh Clerk

Oct 1st

At a Special Chh Meeting, Prayer by the Pastor - br
Sturms presided. The subject of having the pulpit
supplied was taken up and after some discussion of the
subject, it was voted that we proceed to secure the
labors of some minister for the ensuing year, on
motion voted that we take the yeas and ^{noys} nays
whether we are in favor of Elder Dainbrookster
as a preacher and, a majority was in favour of
On motion of br Ezra Tish Voted that when we
adjourn we adjourn to meet at this place on Thurs-
day the 6th inst at 2 of the clock P. M.
Voted that we invite the members of the first Baptist
Society to meet with us at our next Adjourned
meeting after prayer adjourned
Attest Abijah Crane Jr Chh Clerk

1840

Oct 6 At an adjourned Chh Meeting after Prayer by Br. Packard. As the meeting ^{was} more ^{attended} fully than on the preceeding meeting it was agreed that we take the sense of the members present again in relation to Elder Drinkwater, by yeas & nays. And twenty ^{yeas} in favor and twelve were in no.

On motion of S. N. Watson. Voted that we instruct our prudential Com. to engage the labors of Rev. Arthur Drinkwater for one year provided he will labor for the same compensation that Br Stevens has. After prayer by Br Palmer adjourned. Abijah Crane Chh Clerk

Prudential Com. instructed to engage the labors of Elder Drinkwater

1840

Oct 22 At a stated Chh Meeting Prayer by Brother Stevens - Made choice of Br Hearssey Clerk protem - heard the report of a com. appointed to visit Br Abraham Trinch and Br Trinch being present and after hearing the remarks of Br Trinch which were ^{very} satisfactory to those present, his case was deferred to the next Conference. A request was received from the Chh in Topsham to send delegates to meet with them in council to assist in organizing a Church in the town of Brunswick. Br Luther C. Stearns & Brother Sewell N. Watson were appointed delegates for that purpose.

Adjourned

Attest A. Crane Br Church Clerk

1840

Dec 24

At a regular Church Meeting Prayer by Br Stevens. The case of Br Abraham Trinch was called up and ^{after} hearing his acknowledgement, and determination to be more watchful voted to accept of his acknowledgement, and retain him in the Church as a good & wholesome member. On motion voted that a Committee be appointed to visit Br Lewis Chase and inquire the reason of his neglect to attend our Conference meetings & Communion and Br Reuben Crane was appointed for that purpose.

A Committee was also appointed to visit Br Ezra Trish and inquire the reason of his neglecting to attend our Conferences and other meetings and Deacon Benjamin Palmer was appointed for that purpose. ~~Br Enoch Watson was restored to the fellowship of the Church a vote of the same.~~ Abijah Crane Chh Clerk

1840

Jan 4

1841

Feb. 25, 1841. Stated Church Meeting. prayer by Dea Palmer - prosceded buisness. made choice of Dea Benjamin Palmer for moderator, and Br Sewell N. Watson Clerk protem. The committee appointed to visit Br Ezra Trish reported that Br Trish would be present and answer for himself. Voted to accept the report of said Committee. Br Trish accordingly attended the Chh meeting, and made such statements, that the Church voted satisfied with him as a member. The Committee to visit Br Lewis Chase reported that he had attended to that duty, and that he was pleased to say that there was two reasons for his not communing with the Church. The first was on the account of his own feelings, and the second that he was disaffected with some of the brethren. The Committee thought the difficulty would be adjusted, and that Br Chase would return to the Chh without further action. on the part of the church. The Church voted to accept the report of the Committee. The subject relative to procuring a pastor was taken up and discussed by many brethren, no