

1875

Met according to adjournment Apr 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Voted to adjourn until fast day.  
 Apr 8<sup>th</sup>.

Met Apr 8<sup>th</sup> according to adjournment  
 Prayers by Dea Chase.  
 Heard the report Simon Chase  
 came to visit Mrs Buck. Bro Chase  
 over continued a com. to make further  
 efforts to secure said money.

Voted to instruct the Clerk to write  
 a letter appealing to Hon. Abner Coburn  
 to assist us, that we may be enabled  
 to pay our indebtedness, make necessary  
 repairs and secure the services of  
 a minister at a proper time.

Voted to instruct the Clerk to write  
 bro Libby & ascertain his feelings  
 about a settlement among us, providing  
 we can raise the means to support him.  
 It was decided that we ought first  
 to make an effort to pay our debt  
 and bro F. A. Chase volunteered to  
 circulate a paper in the Church  
 to this end.

Voted that when we adjourn it be to  
 meet at our next monthly conference  
 after prayer by bro Sturtevant  
 Adjourned as above.

J. H. Sturtevant  
 Ch. Clerk

Met in Church meeting May 1<sup>st</sup> Prayers by bro K. Crane  
 Voted the Clerk be instructed to write bro Libby and ascertain for what  
 salary he will become our pastor, voted to adjourn one week. J. H. Sturtevant  
 Ch. Clerk

Met according to adjournment May 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Not having heard from bro Libby  
 it was voted to adjourn to the Clerks  
 Call.

J. H. Sturtevant Ch. Clerk

At a meeting of the Church and society  
 held July 6<sup>th</sup> F. A. Chase was chosen moderator  
 Voted Rev. E. August be invited to supply  
 the pulpit for the present.

J. H. Sturtevant  
 Ch. Clerk

At the conference Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> The following  
 were chosen delegates to the Association  
 namely, Rev. E. August Dea F. A. Chase  
 and J. H. Sturtevant and West Robinson  
 and Saml. Kerrey.  
 Chase & F. A. Chase to write the letter to the  
 association.

After services Sunday Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> The  
 expression of the congregation was  
 taken upon giving Mr August  
 a call to the pastorate of the Church  
 and it was voted unanimously  
 to do so.

J. H. Sturtevant  
 Ch. Clerk

Dec 27<sup>th</sup> Voted to give brother J. A. Fisk a letter  
 of dismission to unite with the Const St  
 Baptist Church in Auburn.  
 F. A. Chase  
 Ch. Clerk



1876

Jan 1st. After conference, voted to  
rescind the vote whereby Edmond  
French and wife were dropped from the Church.

F. A. Chase  
Ch. Clerk

Apr 1st. Marcellus Cushman,  
Elizabeth Cushman, Loretta  
Dettinger, Melantha Dettinger and  
Luis Dettinger were received as  
members of the Church.

Apr 1st. Mrs. Cora F. Crane was received  
as a member of the Church.

Apr 1st. Rev. E. Nugent ~~into the~~ was  
received as a member of the Church.

May 6th. Joseph A. Pike, Lucy M. Pike  
and Hannah D. ~~and~~ were received  
as members of the Church.

F. A. Chase, Clerk

June 3d

At the close of the conference,  
and Small, Sarah Nugent,  
Mary Sturtevant, Jennie Bamford  
and Cora Woodson were received  
as candidates for baptism.

F. A. Chase, Clerk

At the close of the conference, June 3d,  
the following letter was received  
from the Baptist Church in  
Farmington.

"Dear brethren

We invite you  
to send your pastor, and two other  
delegates, to sit in council with  
us, on Tuesday June 13 afternoon,  
to consider the propriety of ordaining  
in the work of the gospel ministry  
our brother O. O. Ordway.

Yours in Christian love  
A. S. Whelan

Church Clerk

In compliance with the above  
letter, Rev. E. Nugent, Simon Chase  
and John D. Judd were chosen  
delegates to sit in council with  
the Church at Farmington.

F. A. Chase, Clerk

June 17th. At the close of a special  
conference Albert Hutchinson and  
wife, James Bamford, Beecher Chase,  
Charles Lampkin, Charles Pierce and  
John Richmond were received  
as candidates for baptism.  
Arthur Pineau was received into the  
Church at the conference.

F. A. Chase, Clerk



1876

July 1st. After an interesting conference  
 Bro John Fellows and wife were  
 received as candidates for baptism.

F. A. Chase, Clerk to

Sept 9th. After an interesting conference,  
 the church voted to accept the letter,  
 prepared by Rev. E. Sugent for the  
 Bondinham Association, and also  
 chose as delegates to attend the  
 Association. Rev. E. Sugent, Buttrick,  
 J. H. Sturtevant, S. Husey, Albert Hutchinson,  
 James Bamford and F. A. Chase.

F. A. Chase, Clerk to

Sept. 15th. Agreeable to notice previously given the  
 Church and Society met for the transaction of  
 Chase F. A. Chase Moderator.

Heard the report of the treasurer and  
 voted to accept the same.

Voted to circulate a subscription paper to  
 procure money to pay certain bills  
 standing against the church.

Voted to choose a prudential Committee of five,  
 two of which shall be from the Society.

Voted the old Comd. be continued to which  
 were added Dea S. Folsom & A. S. Underwood

Chose Charles Small Collector and Treasurer

Voted Mrs R. L. Chase & Mrs L. H. Pike be a  
 Comd. to circulate a subscription  
 paper for funds for the sup-  
 port of the minister for the com-  
 ing year

Voted ~~the~~ matter of ringing of the bell be left to  
 the Comd.

After prayer by Dea Folsom

Voted to adjourn

J. H. Sturtevant  
 Clerk

Sept. 24th After the usual service the Church  
 by request, voted a licence to preach to  
 Bro Amos E. Woodward.

J. H. Sturtevant  
 Clerk

Feb 8th/77 After conference Mrs. Jennie H. Sugent  
 was admitted to the church by letter and  
 the right hand of fellowship, by the pastor  
 Rev. E. Sugent.

Feb 4th The following were chosen delegates  
 to sit in Council with the Church in  
 Jerry, to consider the propriety of ordain-  
 ing J. Brownville to the ministry.  
 Rev. E. Sugent, Dea F. A. Chase, J. H. Sturtevant, W. A. C. Hutchinson.

J. H. Sturtevant  
 Ch. Clerk

Sept 8th/77.

After conference the following were chosen  
 delegates to the association J. H. Sturtevant  
 S. Husey, S. Chase & J. O. Fellows. The letter was  
 read by the clerk and accepted.

By invitation from the Church in  
 Port Vernon the following were chosen  
 delegates to sit in Council to consider  
 the propriety of setting apart to the  
 ministry Bro Charles E. Young, namely  
 Dea F. A. Chase & J. H. Sturtevant. J. H. Sturtevant  
 Ch. Clerk



Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 1877.

It a regular meeting of the Church and society held Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1877. bro S. Hersey was chosen Moderator. Prayer by Dea Chase.

J. H. Sturtevant was chosen a Com<sup>tee</sup> to try and get bro. Nugent and R. Crane together. That the difficulty between them may be settled, or rather that bro. Crane may be reconciled.

Voted to Circulate a paper in the Church and Society for the support of preaching the coming year.

Chose Albert C. Hutchinson. S. Chase & Mrs A. E. Underwood to pass the paper. Voted that when we adjourn it be to one week from today, at two o'clock P. M. Voted the same Com<sup>tee</sup> serve the coming year.

Chose J. A. Chase Collector & Treasurer. Voted to adjourn.

J. H. Sturtevant  
Church Clerk

Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> met according to adjournment prayer by the Clerk.

Heard the report Dea Sturtevant and voted to except the same, no progress had been made in the premises.

Heard the report of the Com<sup>tee</sup> to circulate a paper, and the report was very favorable. sufficient encouragement having been obtained to retain the services of bro. Nugent the coming year. After prayer by bro. Hutchinson Voted to adjourn.

J. H. Sturtevant  
Church Clerk

After Conference Oct- 6<sup>th</sup> 1877.

Voted to give Mrs. Ella Wing a letter of good standing and Christian character.

J. H. Sturtevant  
Church Clerk

After Conference Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>

Voted to give Mrs. Ours F. Crane a letter of recommendation and dismissal.

J. H. Sturtevant  
Ch. Clk

J. A. Chase having declined to serve as Collector & Treasurer, Samuel Hersey was appointed in his place.

J. H. Sturtevant  
Church Clerk

After Conference Aug- 31<sup>st</sup> 1878.

Voted to give A. Judson. Sturtevant a licence to preach ~~to~~ the Gospel. Chose J. H. Sturtevant to write the letter to the association.

Chose as delegates to the Ass<sup>n</sup>

Deacons J. A. Chase J. H. Sturtevant & bro S. Hersey J. V. Fullons & C. A. Pierce.

J. H. Sturtevant  
Church Clerk

After conference Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>

Voted to give J. V. Chase a letter of dismission to unite with the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church in Worcester Mass.



1877 Aug. 2 After conference voted to give Ansley E. Woodrum a letter of dismission to unite with the Baptist Church in Milford Mass.

J. H. Sturtevant  
Church Clk

Also voted to give David Anderson and Henry Anderson letters of dismission to unite with the Church at Livermore Falls.

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> After conference heard the report of the Comd appointed to visit Charles H. Wing.

The Comd reported having visited Mr Wing that he asks to be forgiven and that the Church would give him time to prove his sincerity & determination to lead a better life. The Comd recommended accordingly. Voted to accept the report & adopt the recommendation.

Voted to accept the resignation of E. August as pastor of the Church.

Voted that the clerk write the letter to the Comd.

Chose the following as delegates to the Association viz: J. H. Sturtevant, S. W. White, J. A. Pike & W. S. Watson

After the reading of the letter voted to accept the same.

Voted to give Mrs Abbie J. Lovett a letter of dismission to unite with the Bap. Church in Oakland Cal.

May 1880 The following Resolution was passed by the Church

Whereas our late bro L. S. Crane in his death left a legacy to the Church and remembering with pleasure his lively interest in the Church here & the cause of Christ generally. Therefore

Resolved

That we appreciate the generous legacy left the Church by bro Crane and most gratefully accept the same as an enduring testimony of his love for the Church and his anxiety in the prosperity and success of the same.

J. H. Sturtevant  
Church Clk

The following Preamble and Resolution were passed by a unanimous vote of the Church after Sabbath services June 27. 1880. to wit.

Whereas after the death in Apr. 1877 of Luther S. Crane a member of this Church scandalous reports were put in circulation affecting his character which were never investigated, and under the opprobrium of which his memory still rests to the great grief of his afflicted parents and sister now therefore,

Resolved that as a Church we did wrong that as soon as those reports were set afloat we did not investigate them regarding the innocent, & condemning the guilty, and that we express our deep sorrow for that wrong and ask the forgiveness of the parents & sister



of our diseased brethren and of any others  
who have been grieved by our wrong.

It was further voted that a copy  
of the above preamble and resolution  
signed by the Clerk, be forwarded  
to bro Ruben Crane.

J. H. Shurtlough  
Ch. Clerk

At a conference meeting July 31<sup>st</sup> 1880.  
the following business was done.  
Bro. Hersey was chosen moderator.

On motion voted, that we as a church dis-  
avow all other feelings than <sup>the</sup> kindest  
christian fellowship towards Bro  
F. A. Chase.

The matter of Bro Chase's position  
on doctrine was brought before the church  
by Rev. H. C. Stevens acting pastor of the church  
and after a very <sup>able</sup> presentation of the case  
showing or explaining the duties of the  
church in relation to the case, and the  
importance of action in the matter  
the following invitation to bro Chase, and  
resolution, were passed.

Whereas Frederick Augustus Chase for more  
than forty years a member of this church  
and for several years a Deacon in it, who  
both as a member and officer has been  
abundant in his labors and sacrifices  
of time and money to promote its welfare  
and enlarge its membership, has openly

avowed his belief in the non-eternal pun-  
ishment of the finally impenitent contrary  
to the articles of faith as held by us and to  
the word of God; and whereas this avowal  
of one we have dearly loved and so highly  
honored, does exceedingly pain and grieve  
our hearts; and whereas we are bound by our  
church covenant and the New Testament to  
maintain the doctrines of the Gospel in all  
purity as we have received them,

Now therefore,  
Resolved (1) That we do hereby affectionately  
and earnestly implore bro Chase to renounce  
as openly as he has avowed, the dangerous  
doctrine of the non-eternal punishment of  
the finally impenitent, and to return to  
the bosom of this church, assuring him  
of our continued interest and love in his  
behalf, and in behalf of his family.

Resolved (2) That should bro Chase not inform  
us of his renunciation of the dangerous doc-  
trine aforesaid by the 4<sup>th</sup> of September next  
(being the day of our monthly conference),  
such neglect or refusal, in accordance  
with a suggestion of his own, he be con-  
sidered dropped from the church and his  
name be stricken from the roll of members.

Resolved (3) That a copy of the foregoing  
preamble and resolutions be forward-  
ed to bro Chase by <sup>the</sup> Clerk of the Church.

Complaint being made in behalf of bro  
Chase by Mrs M. J. Clough & Mrs Chase



of grievances against J. H. Sturtevant  
a committee was appointed to  
investigate the same, as follows  
viz: L. N. Fellows E. L. Ford & F. W. Small  
J. H. Sturtevant  
Church Clerk

1880,

After the regular church service  
Aug-20<sup>th</sup> 1880 the church was called  
together by bro. Stevens acting pastor  
and bro. A. C. Hutchinson church moderator.  
Bro. Stevens laid the matter of bro. Chase  
before the church.

Bro. Chase presented his views on  
doctrine, and his objection to the  
action of the church in his case at  
the last conference, in that he was  
not previously notified personally  
notified of the contemplated con-  
sideration of his case.

On motion  
Voted to rescind the ~~the~~<sup>vote, or</sup> action  
of the church at the last conference  
containing a preamble & resolution  
relative to Dea F. A. Chase.

Voted to call a council to whom  
the difficulty, relative to Dea Chase's  
change of doctrine and the duties  
of the church thereupon, shall be  
referred.

Where bro. Stevens Harry & Hutchinson  
a committee to notify and arrange for the  
council.

Voted the council convene Wednesday  
Sept 1<sup>st</sup>

Voted to adjourn to Sept 1<sup>st</sup>

Fayette Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1880.

The Council consisting of  
the pastors of the Baptist churches in  
Jery, Livermore, Wayne, East Winthrop,  
Hallowell, Augusta. & M. Vernon called  
jointly by the Baptist church in Fayette  
& Dea F. A. Chase one of its members "to  
consider & advise upon such matters  
of inquiry relating to Dea Chase's departure  
from the faith of the Bap. Church, as  
should be prepared & submitted to them  
by a committee of the Ch. convened at  
the Baptist ch. in Fayette Sept-1<sup>st</sup> 1880.

11 o'clock A.M. Four members of  
the council reported for duty viz:  
Rev. Dr. Butler of Hallowell Rev.  
A. R. Crane of East Winthrop Rev.  
A. Snyder of Wayne & Rev. H. W. Gilden  
of Augusta. The Council organized  
by choosing Rev. A. Butler, D. D.  
Moderator & Rev. H. W. Gilden Clerk.

Six questions were submitted by  
the Com- of the Ch. to the council  
for their consideration & answer.

Question First-

Was it right & duty of the church  
& required by the practice of Bap-  
tist churches generally that this  
Ch. should give attention to the  
case of Dea Chase?

Answer

Inasmuch as Dea Chase had stated  
to several individuals & to the church  
that he had come to disbelieve the



doctrine of future punishment - as held by Baptist Churches & had himself suggested to the Ch. that he be dropped from Ch. membership, therefore we answer the question in the affirmative.

#### Question Second

Was the case ready to be taken up at the meeting of the Church July 31?

#### Answer

The case was not ready to be taken up. The rule of Math-18 would have applied rather than that of (1<sup>st</sup> Co-5-12) as relates to immoral conduct. The spirit of the rule in Math 18 relative to visiting a bro. seems to have been observed - since Bro Stevens as acting pastor of the Church visited Bro Chase twice - but a sufficiently definite notice of the object of the meeting does not seem to have been given to Bro Chase.

#### Question Third

Was the action of the Ch. at that meeting in passing the Preamble & Resolutions herewith submitted to the Council right?

#### Answer

If a notice sufficiently explicit had been given of the meeting aforesaid as a time to consider this matter of discipline the Preamble & Resolutions

might properly have been passed providing the clause in one of the Resolutions purporting to express Bro Chase's belief did so express it.

#### Question Fourth

Were that Preamble & the Resolutions of a nature to separate Bro Chase from the Church before Sept-4?

#### Answer

No.

#### Question Fifth

When it was found that that Preamble & the Resolutions did not give satisfaction to all the Ch. but tended to divisions was it the duty of the Church to rescind them & in the hope of securing the ultimate union of the Ch. to refer this whole case of Bro Chase to a Council

#### Answer

We do consider the action of the Ch. as above indicated wise.

#### Question Sixth

What if any action do the interests of truth & the New Testament require to be had, in the case of Bro Chase?

#### Answer

Since Bro Chase has distinctly avowed to the Council that he holds a doctrine regarded by all Bap. Churches as erroneous



1880. To the Word of God, & has asked to be dropped from the Church. We therefore recommend that his request be granted.

Respectfully Submitted  
And in Earnest Christian Love

Nathl Butter Mod-  
H. W. Gilden. Clerk.

A true Copy Attest  
H. W. Gilden Clerk

A true Copy  
J. H. Sturtevant  
Ch. Clerk

At the conference in September the Church voted to drop Dea F. A. Chase from the rolls of the Church.

The following were chosen delegates to the Association J. H. Sturtevant  
S. Hersey. J. O. Fellows.

S. Hersey was chosen to write the letter to the Ass<sup>n</sup>

Oct-1880.

At a meeting of the Church and society Dea S. Fellows was chosen Moderator Prayers by J. H. Sturtevant.

It was voted to give the Rev. O. B. Ramsden of Bethel a call to settle as Pastor of the Church.

Dea S. Fellows Mrs Mary A. Watson & Mrs A. C. Hutchinson were selected a committee to circulate a subscription

paper for funds to pay the minister. Voted to instruct the Clerk to make application to the State Convention for aid.

Rev. O. B. Ramsden accepts the invitation of the Church and enters upon his labors as pastor of the Church Nov-28<sup>th</sup> 1880.

At the conference held Jan-1<sup>st</sup> 1881.

Rev O. B. Ramsden & his wife Rose Ramsden were received as members by letter.

It was voted to observe the week of Prayer.

1881

At Conference Feb-5<sup>th</sup> Bro J. V. Fellows was chosen deacon.

Voted to observe the ordinance of the Lords Supper every month. come that after the Sunday school.

J. H. Sturtevant.  
Church Clerk

At the conference in <sup>July</sup> August it was voted <sup>to give</sup> our pastor two months vacation.

At conference previous to Ass<sup>n</sup> chose Rev O. B. Ramsden to write the letter to the Ass<sup>n</sup>.

Chose the following delegates to the Ass<sup>n</sup> viz:  
J. H. Sturtevant S. Hersey S. Chase.



At conference held Dec-31<sup>st</sup> 1881.  
Voted the Clerk be instructed to report  
a list of all nonresident members at the  
next covenant meeting.

April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1882. Voted to give Mrs Mary A. Woodsum  
a letter of dismission to unite with  
the Bap. Church in Rockland Mass.

In conference it was voted that a  
committee be appointed to consider &  
report on absent members.

Rev O. B. Ransom J. H. Sturtevant  
and S. Hersey were appointed said com.

In conference May 8<sup>th</sup> 1882.  
report was made by com. on absent  
members. as follows to wit: that the  
following be dropped. viz: Mary A French  
Jane Sefer. Almira Walton. Mary W. Gaff.  
Mary Watson. Lydia M. Weston. Mary.  
Jocelyn Arulim. L. Murse. Alice B. Adams.  
Jane Russell Lizzie E. Buck Mrs. Viles  
Arthur Kinsaid Etta Newton, also  
that the following be written to by  
the Clerk. Lewis Chase Alden B. Jorey  
Bing & Chase Elbridge G. Buck J. D. Jorey  
William Fisk Franklin Fisk Maria. B.  
Jocelyn. Lucy M. Breme Sally Chase.  
Mary M. Fisk Mary E. Fisk J. A. Fisk  
G. J. Odlin Amanda. C. White C. U. Small  
Voted to accept & adopt the report  
of the committee.

J. H. Sturtevant  
Ck. Clerk

Voted, that Mary A. Chase (Woodsum)  
be granted a letter of dismission to  
unite with the Bap. Church in Rockland  
Mass.

Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 1882. the following were chosen del-  
egates to the association to wit: Rev O. B. Ransom  
Dea J. H. Sturtevant & J. N. Fellows & S. Hersey.  
Voted the Clerk write the letter.

At Conference Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> 1882.  
upon request of Brother A. J.  
Sturtevant & Sister Sarah A. Sturtevant  
they were dismissed to unite with  
the Bap. Church of Seneca Cal.

At Conference Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 1883.

Mr Alfred Wesson was received by  
letter from the 1<sup>st</sup> Bap. Marine Church  
Boston

At Conference Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 1883.

The following were chosen delegates  
to the association to meet at Hallowell  
Sept 11<sup>th</sup> to wit: Dea J. N. Fellows, S. Hersey,  
S. Chase & J. H. Sturtevant.

J. H. Sturtevant was chosen to write the  
letter to the Assn.

J. H. Sturtevant  
Clerk

At Conference Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1883.  
it was voted the thanks of the  
church be expressed to Brother.