

Covenant meeting January 2, **1836**. Opened by prayer. Brethren and Sisters renewed Covenant.
On motion resolved that we send a messenger to Elder **Leach**, inviting him to come and take the pastoral charge of the Church.
D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Lords Day January 3, **1836**. Church convened for the Ordinance of the Supper. A letter was presented by Sister Elizabeth **Howes** from the (?) Church in Eaton(?) NY. On motion resolved that Sister **Howes** be received to our fellowship.
D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant Meeting February 6, **1836**. Opened by prayer. Heard a letter from Church of Dunkirk requesting us to send our Minister and Brethren to sit in Council with them on the 10th instant to Examine Brother B.F. **Roberts** with a view to ordination. Resolved that we send as delegate Reverends **Leach** and J. **Handy** and Brethren **Crosby**, **Webster**, **Buck**, **Barrell**, **Shepard** and **Sweet**. Brothers and Sisters renewed Covenant. Enjoyed a comfortable season.
A letter of dismissal was granted to Lucy **Bennett**. Adjourned two weeks.
D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Adjourned Covenant meeting 20 February **1836**. Brothers and Sisters remarked of the travel of their minds, after which a letter was read recommending Brother Eber **Pettit** and his wife. On request it was resolved that Brother **Pettit** and wife be received to our fellowship. A letter was read recommending Brother Loving **Crosby** at his request. Resolved that he be received to our fellowship.
Heard the relation of the Christian experience of Miss Harriet **Morgan**, with her desire to be Baptized. Resolved that she be received as a candidate for Baptism and when Baptized to Membership with us.
Resolved that the resolution giving Elder **Leach** a call to become Pastor of this Church, as he now accepts the call, be recorded on the Church book, his term of labor to commence about 1st April.
Closed by Prayer.
David **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day February 28, **1836**. At the close of worship notice was given of a special church meeting to be held on Friday next at 1 o'clock PM.
D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church Meeting March 4, **1836**. Opened by prayer. Elder **Handy** chosen moderator.
Deacon **Crosby** remarked that reports had been in circulation injuring the cause and against the character of Brother G. **Hempstead** in relation to his selling a cow to B. **Robbins**. Brother **Hempstead** being present heard his version of the story. Resolved to appoint a committee to investigate this matter and that Brothers **Saxton**, **Buck** and **Moore** be said committee and report hereafter.
Resolved that a letter of Dismissal be granted to Sister Almira **Ferris (Peck)**.
Heard a report of Brother **Abell** who was appointed to procure a place to build a parson house, that he had got Mr. S. **Johnson** terms for two acres of land adjoining Deacon(?) **Durkee** for \$175 after deductions for himself and **Johnson**. Resolved that speedy and efficient measures be taken to raise the necessary sum to pay for the parsonage lot and the Trustees of the Society be requested to do it. Resolved that we present the thanks of this church and Society to Capt. S. **Johnson** for his liberality in selling us a lot for a parsonage, and in contributing so liberally to aid the Society in this object, (?) in offering us the use of a house the year ensuing for our minister, gratuitous.
David **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting March 5, **1836**. Elder **Handy** Moderator. Brothers and Sisters renewed Covenant. Enjoyed a pleasant interview.
On request a letter of recommendation and dismissal was granted to Brother Jonathan O. **Allen** and his wife Harriet P. **Allen** and their son Uriah E. **Allen**.
Closed by prayer.
D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant Meeting March 12, **1836**.

Heard the religious experience of Miss Eunice **Mack** with her desire to be Baptized. Resolved that she be received as a candidate for Baptism and when Baptized to our fellowship.

Heard a letter recommending Reverend B. N. **Leach**. Resolved that he be received to our fellowship.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Lord's Day March 13, **1836**. Miss Eunice **Mack** and Miss Harriet **Morgan** received the Ordinance of Baptism and the right hand of fellowship of the Church.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Special Church meeting April 15, **1836**. Opened by Prayer by Elder **Leach**.

Br. P. **Nichols** chosen Clerk Pro tem. The following Preamble and resolution presented were unanimously adopted. Whereas Jesus Christ by dispensation of his grace and by particular indications of his providence is awakening energies of his people and graciously exerting them to higher and more enlarged efforts of beneficence in diffusing the light of life through our benighted world. Therefore Resolved:

- I. That it is the duty of this Church to come up with appropriate promptness and energy(?) to sustain and forward the glorious enterprise of Evangelizing the nations and whereas consequence of the tardy movements of the Churches, or for want of a system of(?) efficient organization, more than \$1500 [per year] is expended in our own state in sustaining agents to solicit the liberalities of the Churches. Resolved:
- II. That it is the imperative duty of this Church to occupy such high ground of (?) and systematic beneficence as will preclude the necessity of such labors and expenses as far as this Church is concerned. Resolved:
- III. In order to carry the above into effect, that the male members of this Church, on solicitation, whose duty it shall be to present to every male member a subscription book for the various benevolent objects of the Church, that he may have the privilege of doing what is his privilege to aid to the message of the everlasting Gospel through the world. Also a Treasurer whose duty it shall be to keep an account of all the monies he receives and appropriate them to the various objects as specified in the subscription and report to the Church annually. Also a collector whose duty it shall be to collect subscriptions when due and pay into the treasury. The subscription for Domestic Missions shall be paid two weeks previous to the meeting of the Chautauqua Baptist Association. The subscription for Foreign Missions and for the printing of the German Bibles, shall be paid the 1st week in March. The subscription for Sabbath School and other objects the third week in April. The Solicitor, Treasurer, and Collector shall hold their appointments for one year and until others are chosen. Resolved:
- IV. That we will furnish every Sunday School scholar with the New Testament, who shall be connected with our Society, and that the remainder of the subscription for Sunday School after deducting \$30 for the purchase of a library for our own school shall be appropriated for the general distribution in the county. Resolved:
- V. That we recommend to the Female members of this Church to adopt such an organization as they deem expedient but such an one as will give each sister in this Church an opportunity casting their mite into the Treasury of the Lord. (?) was appointed Solicitor to report to the church 3 months. G. **More** Treasurer to report 1st Monday in (?). Avery **Buck** Collector.
- VI. Resolved that the Church appoint one Deacon in addition to their present number and that Elders **Leach** and **Cole** and **Johnson** and Brothers **Webster**, **Crosby** and **More** be a committee to nominate. The Committee nominated Brother Reuben **Buck**, whereupon it was unanimously voted that Brother Reuben **Buck** be a Deacon of the Church. The Brothers and Sisters voted by Ballot. Voted that Br. A. **Parker** be collector for the church to collect Elder **Leach's** subscription for the two months labor. Closed by prayer by Elder **Handy**. Phineas **Nichols**, Clerk Pro tem
B. N. **Leach**, Moderator

Church Meeting July 25, **1836**.

On Motion Resolved that we still make an effort to build a parsonage by subscription to become the property of the Society. Resolved that Brother S. **May** be the Building Committee. Resolved that Brother A. C. **Guild** be Collector. Resolved that Brethren J. **Pettit**, Elias **Johnson** and D. **Barrell** be a Soliciting committee to solicit subscriptions. After hearing an expression of the minds of the Brethren present, with their subscriptions taken by the committee. Resolved that the building Committee go on with their

arrangements for building, and if the subscription is not filled, we will expend so far as we have means in building and trust the aid of our friends to make up the amount.

Closed.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting August 6, **1836**. Opened by prayer and praise. Brethren and Sisters renewed Covenant. On request, resolved that Sister **Morton** have a letter of recommendation and dismissal from this church.

Resolved that Sister Harriet **Morgan** have a letter of Dismission.

Resolved that Brother Linus **Douglass** have a letter of dismissal.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting May 21, **1836**. Deacon **Webster** appointed moderator.

Resolved that we appoint a committee to (?) associate with the assessing committee previously appointed to assist them in arranging and rectifying the property of the church, and make out the assessment on the members of the church and that Brothers **May**, **More** and **Barrell** be said committee.

Whereas reports have reached the Church of bad conduct in Brother N. **Wood** in quarrelling on the Sabbath with (?) **Lowel**. Resolved that we appoint Deacon **Webster** and Brother **Champlin** a committee to investigate the matter.

Resolved that Brothers **Saxton**, **May** and **Buck** be a committee to visit Elder E. **Johnson** and enquire into the nature of his claim on the church, and the relative situation he occupies in regard to liability with the church. Adjourned.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting September 3, **1836**. Opened by prayer.

Resolved that we appoint delegates to the association that our Pastor, B. N. **Leach**, and Brethren **Sheppard**, J. **Pettit**, J. **More** and L. **Crosby** be our delegates.

Resolved that Sister **Clarke** have a letter of dismissal from the church.

Resolved that we hold a church meeting on the 3rd Saturday instant at 2 o'clock PM.

Brothers and Sisters renewed Covenant. Enjoyed a comfortable Season. Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church Meeting Sept. 17, **1836**. Opened by prayer.

Heard the report of the committee to visit Brother **Wood**. Also a statement from him (he being present) of the circumstances of the affair with Mr. **Lowel**, together with his acknowledgements of his error. Resolved that we are satisfied with the statement made and that we dismiss the subject.

Resolved that we raise seventy five dollars to repair the house, stoves (?) and for taking care of the house.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting December 3rd **1836**. Opened by prayer.

Brethren and Sisters renewed Covenant after which heard a relation of the Christian experience of Miss Laura **Scott** with an expression of her desire to be Baptized. On motion resolved that we receive her as a candidate for Baptism and when Baptized to fellowship with us.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Mrs. **Watson** with her desire to be Baptized. Resolved that she be received as a candidate for Baptism and fellowship with us.

Heard also a relation of the Christian experience of Miss **Mark** and her desire for Baptism. Resolved that she be received as a candidate for Baptism and to fellowship with us.

Enjoyed a very pleasant season. Closed by prayer. Resolved to hold a church conference next Saturday.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Lord's day 4 December **1836**. The following persons were baptized and received the hand of fellowship of the Church. Viz. Mrs. **Watson**, Miss Laura **Scott**, and Miss **Mark**.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church conference agreeable to appointment 10th December **1836**. Opened by prayer. Brothers and sisters enjoyed an agreeable season in prayer and conference, after which Mrs. **Parker** and Moses P. **Buck** related the dealings of God with them and expressed their desire to be Baptized and received to our fellowship. On motion resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism and when Baptised to membership and fellowship with us.

Resolved that our church conference be established to be held every Saturday at one o'clock PM.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church Conference December 24, **1836**. Opened by Prayer.

Resolved that we hold a church meeting for business on Tuesday next at 1 o'clock PM. Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Myron **Frisbee** and Mrs. **Newel**. Resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism and fellowship. Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting, agreeable to appointment December 27, **1836**. Opened by prayer. Elder **Leach** moderator. Heard a complaint from Br. J.Z. **Saxton** against Brother Alford **Stoddard** (See complaint on file). [*Not found.*] The steps of labor admitted. Brother O. **Winsor** the witness. Resolved that this subject of difficulty be referred to a committee of Seven. Resolved that the moderator associate with Elder **Handy** and nominate this committee. They recommended as follows: Viz. Deacon **Crosby**, Brethren **Forbes**, **Barrell**, **Buck**, **Champlin**, **Abell** and T. G. **Osborn** as said committee. Resolved that the above named Brethren be said committee. Deacon **Crosby** asked Brothers **Saxton** and **Stoddard** if they would abide the decision of this committee. Brother **Saxton** said he would. Brother **Stoddard** said he was not prepared to say he would abide their decision. After deliberation and advice, Brothers **Saxton** and **Stoddard** retired and after consultation, returned and said they had agreed to submit their matter of difference and had fixed on Brothers **Crosby**, **Abell** and **Forbes** and Mr. **Morton** and Mr. **Woodruff** as the referees.

Whereupon the church resolved that they are satisfied with the arrangement.

Resolved that Brother **May** furnish wood for Elder **Leach**. Present his [account?]

Closed.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting December 31, **1836**.

After a season of prayer, Heard our Articles of Faith and practice and Covenant.

Received a letter recommending Sister Celestia **Dimick**. Resolved that she be received.

Also a letter recommending Brother and Sister **Wheeler**. Brother **Wheeler** not present. On request of Sister **Wheeler** resolved that she be received.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Miss Jane **Burrett** with her desire to be Baptized and received to our fellowship. Resolved that she be received as a candidate for Baptism.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Miss Almira **Walker** with her desire for Baptism. Resolved that she be received as a candidate for Baptism.

Heard a letter recommending sister Abigail M. **Turner**. Resolved that she be received.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Mrs. Lucretia **Saxton** with her desire for Baptism. Resolved that she be received as a Candidate for Baptism.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk