

Covenant meeting January 6, **1838**. Opened by prayer and praise. Brethren and sisters renewed covenant, a large number present and much interest manifested.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Margart **Burnell** with her desire to be Baptized. Resolved that she be received as a candidate for Baptism.

Heard letters recommending Sister Anna **Mead**, and Sister Aurelia **Cotton** and Brethren Elisha **Cotton** and Thomas **Sweet**. Resolved that they be received to our fellowship.

Resolved that we as a church feel called upon to make an extra effort in labor for the advancement of the cause of Christ among us.

Heard in part the report of referees in the matter between Brethren **Sheppard** and **May**. Committee report accepted and they discharged. Matter deferred.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church conference January 13, **1838**. Opened by prayer. After a season of prayer and conference, heard a relation of the Christian experience of Mrs. [blank ] **McDonald** and [crossed out]Margaret **Aikins** and Sally M. **Tyler** with their desire to be Baptized and received to our fellowship. Resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism.

Heard remarks from Brother P. L. **Sheppard** confessing his faults in matters relating to the difficulty with Brother **May**. Resolved that the confession of Brother Sheppard is satisfactory to the church.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting February 3<sup>rd</sup> **1838**. Opened by prayer.

After enjoying a season of prayer, heard our articles of covenant. Brethren and sisters reviewed covenant, a very large number present so that but a small part only could free their minds.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Mrs. Hannah **Wilcox**, Miss Eveline **Pier**, Harriet **Perry** and Sally Ann **Higgins** with an expression of their desire to be Baptized and received [to]our fellowship.

Resolved individually that they be received as candidates for Baptism and when Baptized, received to our fellowship.

Heard a communication from the church at Laona, also several Brethren from that church were present [and] expressed their minds. See communication on file. [Not found.] Resolved that so far as this church is concerned we most cordially correspond in feeling with the sentiments expressed by our dear Brethren at Laona.

Resolved that Brethren **Guild Stoddard**, J. **Saxton**, **Flint**, and **Isherwood** be a standing committee to provide a [place] and attend to the necessary arrangements for the ordinance of baptism.

Appointed Elder **Leach** and Brethren **Guild**, Joseph **Sweet**, and such other Brethren as can attend as delegates to the Bible Society to be held at Mayville on Wednesday next.

Closed this highly interesting season by Prayer and Praise.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Lord's day February 4, **1838**. The following candidates received the ordinance of Baptism, viz. Hannah **Wilcox**, Eveline **Pier**, and Sally Ann **Higgins** who together with those Baptized previous received the hand of fellowship of the church.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church conference February 10, **1838**.

Letter of dismissal granted to Brethren E. M. **Pettit**, his wife and daughter, also to Brother Ora **Winsor** and wife.

Received a recommendation from Brethren at Laona desiring this church to advise them on some points of interest to them in their advancement.

Resolved that we appoint a committee consisting of our Pastor Elder **Leach**, Deacons **Crosby** and **Buck** and Brethren **Cushing**, **Pettit**, **Johnson** and **Cornell** to confer with and advise those Brethren agreeable to their request. Said committee will meet at Brother **Cushing's** on Friday next to confer with Brethren from Laona.

Resolved that we have a church meeting for business on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> instant at o'clock PM.

The above record handed me by Brethren **Guild** and Br. **Buck**, I being prevented from attending by sickness.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting February 19, **1838**. Opened by prayer.

Called on committee appointed to enquire into the reputation of Brother Hiram **Pattison**. They report that from those whose statements could be relied on they are informed that he has practiced dishonestly in his deal among his neighbors and that since their appointment by the church he has gone away in a clandestine manner. Resolved to receive the report as satisfactory and discharge the committee. Resolved that on the above report of our committee we withdraw the hand of fellowship from Brother Hiram **Pattison**.

Heard from Brother **Johnson** that he had in his hands certain papers regarding the report of the referees to whom was submitted the difficulty between Brethren **Sheppard** and **May**, and that Brother **May** declines to accept the papers or execute a receipt presented for him to sign. Brother **Johnson** asks what he shall do in the case. Resolved that Brother **Johnson** again present these papers [and] ask Brother **May** to sign the receipt and tell him that he is sent by the church to have this business finished.

Called on committee appointed to investigate the complaint against Brother D. **Meder** to report. Heard their report in part (verbal). Resolved that the same committee continue and investigate the matter of difficulty.

Heard further from committee appointed to visit delinquents in paying their average. Heard also from Brother L. **Crosby** and Brother C. **Davison** (delinquents) that they are willing to pay and do all they should do in their circumstances.

Heard remarks from Elder **Leach** regarding his [feeling], about continuing pastor of the church. He closed his remarks by asking a dismissal from the church and have his labors close in April next. Resolved that we appoint a committee to confer with Elder **Leach** on his request and also to look for supplies for the desk and that Deacon **Crosby**, Brethren J. Z. **Saxton**, A. C. **Guild**, D. **Barrell**, and T. G. **Abell** be said committee.

Heard the report of committee appointed to confer with the Church at Laona. The committee met the Brethren from that Church, enjoyed a pleasant and harmonious meeting. Committee advised them as they were able. That church look to us for council and aid.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church conference February 24, **1838**. Opened by prayer.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Mrs. Eliza **Foster** and Rice **Berry** with their desire to be Baptized. Resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting March 3, **1838**. Enjoyed a season of prayer. Heard our articles of faith and practice and covenant.

Heard a letter commending Sister Sarah L. **Robinson** and another commending Sister Achsah Ann **Saxton**. Resolved that they be received to our fellowship.

Heard a communication from Eli **Webster** confessing his fault in stopping his travel with the church. Resolved that he be restored to our fellowship. Resolved that Brother Eli **Webster** and Jerusha his wife have letters of dismissal from this church.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Jane **Langford**, Harriet **Langford**, Betsy **Norcutt**, James **Norton Jr.**, Russell **Clark**, and Isaac **Bartholomew**, with their desire to be Baptized and received to our fellowship. Resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism and when Baptized received to our fellowship.

Letters of dismissal granted to Alexander **King** and family.

Heard report of committee to confer with Elder **Leach** on his request. Resolved by request of Elder **Leach** our beloved Pastor we grant him a letter of dismissal from his pastoral labors about the 1<sup>st</sup> of April next.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting March 12, **1838**. Opened by prayer.

Heard in part the report (see report on file) [*not found*] of committee to enquire into the complaint against Brother D. **Meeder**. Resolved that the same committee continue and investigate the matter of difficulty. Heard from Brother **Johnson** that agreeable to the requirements of the Church he had called on Brother **May** and requested him to accept the papers and sign the receipt according to the decision of the arbitrators. Brother **May** refused to comply with the request until he should see the Church together and have an opportunity to make some communications to the church. Brother **May** being present, he gave his receipt to Brother **Sheppard** and accepted his note as a final settlement of [*text missing*] the deal between them. Brother **May** asked a letter of dismissal of the church. Motion to grant a letter was lost a majority voting against it. Brother **May** read a lengthy communication to the church (which see on file). [*Not found.*]  
Closed by prayer.  
David **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church and society meeting March 19, **1838**. Opened by prayer.  
Committee appointed by the church to look for supplies for the desk, and the Trustees of the Society, stated that the object of the meeting was to ascertain the minds of the Church and Society in regard to inviting Reverend Ira F. **Bishop** to supply the desk. They had invited him to stay the week previous and an opportunity had been presented for many of the society to hear him preach [*at that time?*]. After an interchange of views the committee waited on Elder **Bishop** and after they returned they reported that they had invited Elder **Bishop** to remain with us as pastor of this church and that we would raise a salary of \$500 per year for his support. The invitation was for a time indefinite. On motion resolved that we approve the doings of our committee and that we sustain them in the invitation given to Elder **Bishop**.  
Meeting closed.  
D. **Barrell**, Clerk of Church and Society

Covenant meeting March 31, **1838**. Opened by prayer. Heard our covenant. Brethren expressed their minds. A good degree of union manifest.  
Heard a relation of the Christian experience [*of*] Brother [*blank*] **Randall** together with testimony from [*the*] Church Clerk at Whitesboro that he had been Baptized into the fellowship of the church several years ago. Br. **Randall** confessed his fault and wanderings a long time past and desired that he may have a place with this church. Resolved that he be received to our fellowship.  
Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Chas. H. **Crosby**, Mary **Hudson**, Mariah ?, Abigail **More**, Welty **Monroe**, Jane **Crosby**, Susan **Crosby**, William **Turrell**, Jeremiah **Clark**, Ressalas **Dickinson**, with their desire to be baptized and received to our fellowship. Resolved that they be received as candidates for baptism.  
Letters of dismissal granted to Reverend B. N. **Leach** and wife, Chloe Ann **Barber**, Rebecca **Meder**, Alice **Blake**, Melissa **Stewart**, and John **Webber**.  
Closed by prayer.  
David Barrell, Church Clerk

Reverend I. F. **Bishop** assumed the pastoral charge of the church and received the hand of fellowship from Reverend B. N. **Leach**. March 29, **1838**.  
David **Barrell**, Clerk

Church meeting April 4, **1838**. Opened by prayer.  
Heard from Elder **Leach** that he had not settled with the trustees the balance his due something over \$200.  
Heard a communication from Brother P. **Lyon**. Appointed Brethren J. **Pettit**, B. **Randall**, and James **Hamilton** a committee to answer to the letter.  
Committee to investigate the complaint against Brother D. **Meder** not prepared to report. Brethren N. **Crosby** and R. **Buck** released from the above committee and Brethren J. **Champlin** and D. **Saxton** substituted.  
Heard remarks from Brother **May**, but without any decision in his case.  
Meeting closed by prayer.  
D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting April 11, **1838**. Opened by prayer.

The case of Brother **May** called up. Heard remarks at great length from him. He confessed he had done wrong in preferring charges against the Church. He is sorry and asks the church to forgive him. Motioned and seconded that we are not satisfied with the confession of Brother **May**. Motion lost. On motion resolved that Brother **May** be restored to the fellowship of the church.

Heard report of committee to visit Brother **Lyon**. Committee are satisfied that reports circulated [*derogatory*] to the Christian character of Brother **Lyon** are [*not*] well founded. He solicits the pecuniary aid [*from*] the Church, also asks license to preach. Resolved that Brother **Sheppard** solicit and receive aid for Brother **Lyon**.

Resolved that we give Brother **Lyon** license to [*present*] his gift in Preaching. The committee above named to visit him discharged.

Closed by prayer.

David **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church conference April 21, **1838**.

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

Letter of dismissal granted to Sister Harriet **Perry**.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church conference April 28, **1838**. Opened by prayer.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Joel **Greene**, [*blank*] **Greene**, Mrs [*blank*] **Orton**, and Eliza **Burton** with their desire to be Baptized. Resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting May 5, **1838**.

Received letters from Sister Churches recommending Sisters Ann **Mattison**, Esther **Geer**, and Brother Nathaniel **Hubbard** and Wife. Resolved that they be received to the fellowship of this church.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Roswel B. **Morgan**, Edwards **Hewes**, Relief **Howe**, Elizabeth **Adams**, and Marian **Cheshire**. Resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism.

Resolved that Brother Aaron **Osborn** and Permelia his wife be considered as members of this church.

Resolved that Brother **Pixley** be requested to establish a Sabbath School at Harmon Hill, and labor there as God in his providence may open the door.

N. **Crosby**, Clerk Protem

Church conference May 19 heard the Christian experience of Silas F. **Baker**, Willis **Weed**, Joanna E. **Phillips**, Chloe **Patterson**, Emily **Edmunds** and Harriett **Veness**. Resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting June 30, **1838**. Opened by prayer.

Heard a request from conference at North East, PA requesting a delegation from this church to sit in council with them with a view to fellowship as a Church.

Resolved that our Pastor and Deacons **Webster** and Brethren **Norton** and **Pixley** be said delegates.

Suggestions were made to the church that Brother Joel **Greene** had greatly erred and given occasion for remarks against his religious character. On motion Resolved that Brethren **Buck**, **Guild** and **Pettit** be a committee to visit and admonish Brother **Greene** of his fault.

Heard and renewed our covenant.

Heard the Christian experience of Miss Eunice **Guest**, Philinda **Adams**, Chloe Ann **Wilbur** and Hannah Sumner with their desire to be Baptized. Resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism.

Sister **Phelps** received to our fellowship on the testimony of Sister **Forbes**, her letter having been lost.

Letter from 1<sup>st</sup> church Greene Chenango, Co.

Received by letter Sister Sarah **Mattison**.

Resolved to observe in a religious manner the approaching anniversary of our independence and that

Brethren J. **More**, J. Z. **Saxton**, J. **Saxton**, T. G. **Abell**, and A. C. **Guild** be a committee of arrangements.

Received on relation of her experience Mrs. Angeline **Parsons** as candidate for Baptism.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Special church meeting July 4, **1838**.

Committee to visit Brother **Greene**. Report no satisfaction. Resolved to review the report and discharge the committee. Resolved that we hear Brother **Greene**. After deliberation, Resolved that where as Brother **Greene** has been repeatedly overtaken in the use of ardent spirits, also the use of profane swearing, all due means has been taken to reclaim him, and cause him to abandon the use of ardent spirits, but without success. Resolved that we withdraw the hand of fellowship from him for the above offenses.

Appointed a committee to visit Brother W. **Weed** to reclaim him from outbreacking sins. (?) Brethren G. **Sweet**, and **Pettit**.

Appointed Brethren **Porter** and **Champlin** to visit Brethren C. **Davison** and A. **Parker** for absenting themselves from communion.

Heard the report of committee to visit Brother **Meder** in regard to complaint preferred against him.

Accepted the report. Committee discharged. Resolved that Brother **Saxton** copy the above report and write to Brother **Meder** on the subject.

Resolved that Brother **Hewes** be a committee to circulate subscription for Elder **Bishop's** support and report the names of those who decline signing.

Resolved that Brother A. C. **Guild** have one dollar fifty cents for each slip for cleaning and lighting the house, wood, (?) for one year.

J. **Saxton**, Clerk Pro tem

Church meeting July 7, **1838**. Opened by prayer.

Called on committee to visit Brother W. **Weed**. They report that he was last seen at Dunkirk, Drunk.

Resolved that we withdraw the hand of fellowship from W. **Weed** for intemperance and immoral conduct and that this act of the church be publicly announced from the desk.

Sister **Porter** appointed to visit Sister Caroline **Whitney** to inquire after certain reports regarding her conduct.

Called on committee to visit Brethren **Davison** and **Parker**. Report accepted so far as regards Brother **Parker**, reported no farther.

Resolved that Brother **Cushing** and **Buck** be committee to unite with the trustees of society and advise with Elder **Bishop** regarding his secular affairs and with reference to assisting him to go east for his family.

Adjourned.

J. **Saxton**, Clerk Pro tem

Covenant meeting August 4, **1838**. Prayer and praise.

Heard a letter recommending sister Alena **Bishop**. Resolved that she be received to our fellowship.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Mrs. Samantha **Cogswell** with her desire to be Baptized also a letter from the Presbyterian Church in this village recommending her as a member in good standing.

Resolved that she be received as a candidate for Baptism and membership with us.

Heard from Brother **More** remarks in regard to the Sabbath School in which he declines to act as Superintendent longer.

Appointed Elder **Bishop** and Brethren **Guild**, **Barrell**, **Woodruff**, J. **Saxton**, **Johnson**, and **Pixley** a committee to reorganize and arrange the Sabbath School.

Closed.

D. **Barrell**, Churh Clerk

Special church meeting August 25, **1838**. Opened by prayer and praise.

Resolved to appoint a committee to investigate the cas e of L. M. **Randall** and that Brethren **Cushing** and **Buck** be said committee.

Resolved to appoint a committee to enquire into [reports] concerning Sister Maria E. **Lewis** and that Brethren **Pettit**, **Buck**, and **Stoddard** be said committee.

Resolved to receive Charles **Pettit** as candidate for the ordinance of Baptism (relation of experience [given]).

Resolved that we appoint, in addition to (?) Deacons **Webster** and **Buck** and Brethren **Barrell**, J. Z.

**Saxton**, (?), and **Pettit** as delegates to sit in association to represent this church. Resolved that Brethren **Barrell**, **Stoddard**, and **Norton** be a committee of arrangements to provide for the entertainment of

delegates to the association and that Brethren (?), **Saxton, J. Porter** and E. **Flint** be a committee to provide for the care of the horses as delegates come in.

Resolved that Brother **Pixley** have an opportunity to present his Gift before the church and improve in preaching.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting September 8, **1838**.

1. Called on Committee to visit Maria E. **Lewis** to report. They had visited her, she utterly and totally denies the truth of the reports derogatory to her character. Resolved that the report be received as satisfactory so far and that the committee investigate the matter further.
2. Called on the committee to visit Brother L. M. **Randall**. Report accepted. Committee instructed to call on Brother **Randall** to come before the church and make explanation.
3. Resolved that Sister **Hamilton** be on the committee with Sister **Porter** to visit Sister Caroline **Whitney**.
4. Resolved that Brethren **More** and **Cushing** be a committee to visit Brother Bliss **Willoughby** for absenting himself.
5. Resolved that Brother **Pettit** be a committee to visit absenting Brethren.
6. Resolved that the clerk write letters to Brethren **Ladd** and **Davis**.

Church meeting September 22<sup>nd</sup> **1838**.

1. Appointed Brother J. Z. **Saxton** and Brother **Buck** to visit Jerome **Saxton** and enquire in regard to reports.
2. Appointed Brethren A. **Stoddard** and J. **Hilton** a committee to visit Brother D. **Loomer**.
3. Appointed Brethren A. **Stoddard** and J. **Norton Jr.** a committee to seat strangers.
4. Resolved that Brethren **Buck** and **Johnson** be a committee to visit Sister **Munford**
5. Heard favorable remarks from Brethren **Hubbard** and **Thompson** in regard to Brother **Pixley** preaching.
6. Resolved that Brother **Pixley** has the approbation of the church to improve for the further satisfaction of the church under their direction.

T. G. **Abell**, Clerk Pro tem

Church meeting October 8, **1838**.

Appointed A. C. **Barrell**, Clerk Pro tem

1. Heard the records of the 2 last meetings.
2. The case of Sister Lewis called up. Passed.
3. The case of Brother **Randall**. No further information. The committee in this case discharged.
4. The case of Sister C. **Whitney**. The committee report that they had visited her, but could get not satisfaction, disposition to retract, and justifies her course. Does not deny attending balls. Thinks she should repeat the same thing, should an opportunity present. Resolved that the report be accepted and committee discharged. Resolved that we as a church withdraw the hand of fellowship from Miss Caroline **Whitney** and that the clerk notify her of the same.
5. The case of Brother **Willoughby** called up but no report.
6. Committee to visit Brother Jerome **Saxton** not prepared to report.
7. Committee to visit Brother **Corwin** continued.
8. Resolved that we give Brother Justus **Brooks** and wife letters of dismissal.
9. Committee in the case of Sister **Mumford** continued and Brother **Saxton** added to that committee.
10. Committee to visit Brother **Loomer** report that they have visited him, that he says he belongs to the Methodist church, and (?) did not wish to hold a standing anywhere. Report of committee accepted and they discharged. Resolved that we withdraw the hand of fellowship from Darias **Loomer** for obstinate neglect of the church.
11. A report was communicated by Brother **Johnson** concerning Brother **Shumway**. Appointed Brethren **Johnson** and **Barrell** a committee to enquire into his case and report.
12. Committee in the case of Brother **Meder** report that they have visited him but nothing satisfactory. Resolved that Brother **Saxton** write Brother **Meder** that a special church meeting will be held for his case 4 weeks from next Wednesday at 1 o'clock PM.

13. Brother **Guild** introduced the old arrearages of the Church, [and] talk was had upon it, but nothing done.
14. Resolved that Brethren **Cushing**, **Webster** and **Pettit** be a committee to visit Father **Adams**.
15. Resolved that Brethren D. **Barrell**, T. G. **Abell**, A. **Stoddard**, Z. **Cushing** and E. **Johnson** be (?) committee to make arrangements for sustaining sacred music in the church.

Closed by prayer.

A. C. **Barrell**, Clerk Pro tem

Covenant meeting October 6, **1838**.

Heard from Brethren and sisters, after which Mrs. [blank] **Mabbitt** gave a relation of her Christian experience and expressed her desire to be Baptized and united with us. Resolved that she be received as a candidate for Baptism.

Heard a relation of the Christian experience of Miss Emeline **Webster** (aged 13), which was very satisfactory to the church and on motion resolved that she be received as a candidate for baptism.

Letter of dismissal granted to sister Margaret **Burnell**.

October 20, **1838**.

Church conference.

Heard a relation of the Christian expression of Lemuel **Webster**. Resolved that he be received as a candidate for Baptism.

Heard the Christian experience of Mr. [blank] **Benjamin** with his desire to be Baptised. Resolved that he be received as a candidate for Baptism.

Letter of dismissal granted to Sister Sarah **Mack**.

Church conference October 27, **1838**.

On the relation of the Christian experience of Roswell W. **Fitch**, Resolved that he be received as a candidate for Baptism.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Covenant meeting November 3, **1838**. Opened by prayer.

Heard the covenant and remarks from Brethren and sisters after which heard a relation of the Christian experience of Mrs. Rowland **Porter**, John **Porter**, Maria (?), Charlotte **Mabbitt**, Ruth **Mabbitt**, and Ann **Martin** with their desire to be Baptized and received to our fellowship. Resolved that they be received as candidates for Baptism.

Resolved to defer the church meeting for business one week from next Wednesday.

Closed by prayer.

David **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting November 14, **1838**. After prayer appointed J. **Saxton** Clerk Pro tem

1. Minutes of last meeting read.
2. Committee to visit Brother Jerome **Saxton** report that they had visited him and found him indisposed to say much on the subject of misconduct. Also the Committee have learned from Mr. **Bosworth** that Jerome has been detected in taking things which were not his own. Report of committee received and committee discharged. Resolved that Brethren **Buck** and **Webster** be a committee to make further effort to reclaim Brother Jerome.
3. In the Case of Brother **Willoughby**, Committee not prepared to report.
4. Committee regarding Brother **Corwin** continued.
5. Committee in the case of Sister **Mumford** discharged on learning she was not a member of this Church but had been excluded from Portland church.
6. Committee in the case of Brother D. **Meder**, report no satisfaction. Resolved to withdraw the hand of church fellowship from David **Meder** for refusing to hear the church.
7. Committee in the case of Brother **Shumway** continued.
8. Committee appointed visit Father **Adams** continued.
9. Appointed Brethren Elder **Bishop**, **Pettit**, **Cushing**, **Randall**, **Barrell**, and **Johnson** a committee to revise our articles of faith and practice and covenant for publication.
10. Appointed Brethren **Randall** and **Johnson** a committee to get our articles of covenant printed.

11. Appointed Brother J.Z. **Saxton** a committee to call on Brother **May** and enquire the reason of his long absence from the church and admonish him to his duty.

Adjourned for one week.

J. Z. **Saxton**, Clerk Pro tem

Church meeting November 21, **1838**. Opened by prayer.

Heard the records of last church meeting.

Resolved that the committee in the case of Brother **Shumway** be discharged as Brother **S.** had united with Portland church.

Heard the report of Committee concerning Brother Jerome **Saxton**. They reported (one of them) that they had visited him and Brother **J.** said it was his duty and wanted [to] be his privilege to confess to the church. Received the report of Committee thus far. Committee continued.

Committee to visit Brother Justus **Adams** report they had visited him. He confessed his error to committee. Brother **Adams** being present confessed he had done wrong in being angry. Resolved that we receive the confession of Father **Adams** as satisfactory and that the committee be discharged.

Brother **Willoughby** being present remarked that he has seldom attended with the church. He lives remote and his health poor and he has not met with the church as often as he desired to. He regards the cause of religion with interest and the church as a desirable home. Resolved that the remarks of Brother **Willoughby** are satisfactory and that the committee be discharged.

Heard remarks at length from Brother **May** in regard to the reasons of his not traveling with the church.

One reason was he had never had knowledge of the disposition of his difficulty last spring. Resolved that we as a Church, if we were in error in not notifying Brother **May** that we confess that error to Brother **May** and remove it out of the way. On the question being asked Brother **May** whether he was now ready to resume his travel with the church, he answered he was not. That there were certain things which had grown out of that difficulty last winter which he must have settled before he can travel with the church. His difficulty was not with the church. Resolved that committee to visit Brother **May** be discharged.

Closed by prayer.

D. **Barrell**, Church Clerk

Church meeting December 21, **1838**. Prayer by Elder **Bishop**.

1. Resolved that Brother John **Saxton** be assistant Church Clerk.
2. Heard a written complaint from Brother J. Z. **Saxton** against Brother A. **Stoddard**. Complaint received by the church. Brother **Stoddard** admitting the 2<sup>nd</sup> steps of labor. Resolved that we appoint a committee on the above complaint and that Brethren Z. **Cushing**, J. **Pettit**, J. **More**, B. **Cornell** and B. **Randall** be said committee.
3. Resolved that Brethren E. **Johnson**, J. Z. **Saxton**, and R. **Buck** be a committee for the church to hear complaint of Brother S. **May** against the church.
4. Resolved that Brother **Barrell** and **Pettit** be a committee to enquire into reports derogatory to the Christian department of Brethren R. **Dickinson** and L. B. **Wheeler**.

Closed.

B. **Randall**, Clerk Pro tem