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## Church Meet<sup>g</sup> April 6<sup>th</sup> 1841.

1. Mary Palmer - William Barron & Elizabeth Barron were proposed for membership. Their friends having been well known among us as consistent members of y<sup>e</sup> church formerly under y<sup>e</sup> pastoral care of the late Rev<sup>d</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Morse of Wymondley - it was thought unnecess<sup>y</sup> to appoint messengers - but it was at y<sup>e</sup> same time suggested - that some account of their relig<sup>i</sup> experience might tend to y<sup>e</sup> advantage of y<sup>e</sup> church. & secure to themselves a warmer interest in y<sup>e</sup> affections & prayers of y<sup>e</sup> brethren -

2. Brother Cook stated on behalf of y<sup>e</sup> Deacons - that several applications had been rec<sup>d</sup> for pens in y<sup>e</sup> body of y<sup>e</sup> meeting - & that a plan had been suggested for secur<sup>g</sup> y<sup>e</sup> required amount - when it was agreed that our brethren y<sup>e</sup> Deacons be authorized to obtain an estimate of y<sup>e</sup> probable expence by our next ch<sup>h</sup> meet<sup>g</sup> -

3. It was resolved - that y<sup>e</sup> collections at y<sup>e</sup> Lord's table shall in future be appropriated to y<sup>e</sup> relief of y<sup>e</sup> necessitous members of y<sup>e</sup> church - & that y<sup>e</sup> quarterly public collections be devoted to y<sup>e</sup> incidental expence attendant in y<sup>e</sup> maintenance of divine worship - it being understood that any balance exist at y<sup>e</sup> end of y<sup>e</sup> year on y<sup>e</sup> one account - it shall be regarded as available to meet any deficiency that may appear in y<sup>e</sup> other -

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4. Rebecca Hull - Sam<sup>l</sup>. Imprey & Philip Lane - all of whom had been proposed for membership prior to y<sup>e</sup> resignation of the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Griffin (y<sup>e</sup> former pastor of this ch<sup>h</sup>) severally appeared before us & related their In. experience. Their respective statements prov<sup>d</sup> satisfactory & y<sup>e</sup> reports of y<sup>e</sup> messengers authentic & y<sup>e</sup> sincerity of their profession - it was agreed to admit them to our fellowship.

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5. Mary Palmer also furnished us with a satisfactory confession of her faith & was admitted as a member of this church.

6. Mrs. Mary Giddis has expressed her desire to transfer her membership from y<sup>e</sup> church at Kensington - our pastor was requested to apply for a letter of dismission -

7. The names of y<sup>e</sup> exist<sup>g</sup> members of y<sup>e</sup> ch<sup>h</sup> were then read & the names appointed to y<sup>e</sup> follow:

Mr. Harris - Opley for non-attendance - Dr. Peck

Mr. Turner - Spolins for reputed immorality - Dr. Peck & Shadrack

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Monday Even<sup>g</sup>. Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> 1841.

8. At y<sup>e</sup> close of y<sup>e</sup> Prayer Meet<sup>g</sup> this ev<sup>g</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> church was obtained to hear y<sup>e</sup> experiences of Mr. & Eliz<sup>h</sup> Bacon - after which they were both acknowledged as members of this community.

9. Sarah Shubing applied for leave to remove her fellowship from y<sup>e</sup> church at Kensington to our society - when our pastor was req<sup>d</sup> to apply for y<sup>e</sup> usual testimonials.

10. A propos<sup>o</sup> to unite with y<sup>e</sup> friends at Back St. in a monthly prayer meet<sup>g</sup> for y<sup>e</sup> success of An. Missions was introduced & discussed - but there appear<sup>d</sup> some differ<sup>o</sup> of opinion on y<sup>e</sup> subject - it was reserved for future consideration.

11. Mr. Cook reported that a plan & estimate of y<sup>e</sup> proposed alterations in y<sup>e</sup> meet<sup>g</sup> had been considered by y<sup>e</sup> Deacons - y<sup>e</sup> particulars of which he stated to y<sup>e</sup> church - when it was resolved that y<sup>e</sup> Deacons be authorized to carry y<sup>e</sup> design into effect as soon as y<sup>e</sup> necessary funds can be raised.

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Church Meet<sup>g</sup>. May 10.

The prev<sup>o</sup> minutes were read & confirmed

12. Dr. Peck reported that Mr. Harris signed y<sup>e</sup> dismission of her resid<sup>o</sup> & an ill state of health as y<sup>e</sup> causes of her non-attendance & that she expressed her intention to fill up her place as soon as

circumstances permit.

<sup>13</sup> In conseq<sup>t</sup> of frequency with which applic<sup>ns</sup> for pecuni<sup>r</sup> assist<sup>ce</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> liquid<sup>n</sup> of Chapel (etc) have recently been made ~~of~~ it was resolv<sup>d</sup> that with a view to prevent y<sup>e</sup> disappoint<sup>mt</sup> so often exper<sup>d</sup> by ministers in fruitless journeys to y<sup>e</sup> town - & in y<sup>e</sup> hope of secur<sup>g</sup> our friends from y<sup>e</sup> inconvenienc<sup>s</sup> thus occasioned - we agree to admit but 2 Chapel build<sup>g</sup> cases annually viz in y<sup>e</sup> months of Feb<sup>r</sup> & July - & that y<sup>e</sup> dec<sup>n</sup> of such cases be left with y<sup>e</sup> pastor & Deacons.

<sup>14</sup> The proposal for a united Min<sup>st</sup> M<sup>t</sup>. between this congregation & that assembling in Back St. was then introduced - discussed & carried.

<sup>15</sup> The follow<sup>g</sup> friends were proposed for membership

Martha James - Much Wymondley	} Messrs B <sup>r</sup> Shadwell & Wilson
Elizabeth James - Hitchin	
Delia James - Olney	
Elizabeth Foster - Little Wymondley	} B <sup>r</sup> Peck & Shadwell
Martha Foster - do	
Ann Reynolds - Bancroft St.	B <sup>r</sup> Barron & Crawley
Dorothy Tunstall - Sun St.	B <sup>r</sup> Cook & Deer Foster
Ann Crawley - Filthour St.	B <sup>r</sup> Cor <sup>d</sup> Foster & Thorn

It was agreed that a special ch<sup>h</sup> meet<sup>g</sup> to receive y<sup>e</sup> experiences of y<sup>e</sup> above friends be held (D.V.) on Friday May 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Special Ch<sup>h</sup> Meet<sup>g</sup> of May 28.

The preced<sup>g</sup> minutes were read & confirmed

<sup>16</sup> Martha James - Eliz<sup>h</sup> James - Delia James - Eliz<sup>h</sup> Foster - Martha Foster - Ann Crawley & Ann Reynolds appear at our meet<sup>g</sup> & furnished y<sup>e</sup> particulars of their faith & experience which with y<sup>e</sup> report of our Messengers proving satisfactory - it was agreed to rec<sup>ve</sup> them as members of this church.

<sup>17</sup> A letter was read from y<sup>e</sup> ch<sup>h</sup> at Kensington dismiss<sup>g</sup> Mary Godd & Sarah Thurling to our communion.

18/ Some conversation took place respect<sup>ly</sup> of desirableness of relinquish<sup>ing</sup> of afternoon service in favor of a regular even<sup>ing</sup> service on of Lord's day - when it was judged exped<sup>ient</sup>: that our br<sup>o</sup> of Deacons should consult our County friends respect to of church at a special meet<sup>ing</sup> to be convened on Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>.

19/ The desirableness of adopting some rule for judg<sup>ing</sup> of of gifts of of brethren who may be desirous to engage in village labours was then advised to & our pastor promised to confer with of friends already devoted to this work & to communicate of result at our next meet<sup>ing</sup> -

Special Church Meet<sup>ing</sup> June 14. 1841.

20/ The Deacons reported that our County friends were willing to acquiesce in of proposed alter<sup>ation</sup> in our services solely out of regard to our pastor's health - when at of suggestion of Mr. Broad it was Resolved - 'That of afternoon service be continue as usual - except<sup>ed</sup>: that of service shall commence at halfpast 2 - instead of 2 o'clock -'

21/ Our pastor reported of result of his conference with our brethren who labour in of villages - after which of church unanimously adopted of follow<sup>ing</sup> Res<sup>olution</sup> - 'That no member of this church shall hereafter be permitted to ~~preach~~ <sup>preach</sup> at of stations connected with us - unless he has first been nominated by <sup>our</sup> pastor - & approved by 2 brethren appointed by of church to hear him in of villages & to judge of his gifts.'

22/ It was stated that our br<sup>o</sup> Thum & Mr<sup>o</sup> Wilson were will<sup>ing</sup> to submit their gifts to the judg<sup>ing</sup> of of ch<sup>h</sup> - when our br<sup>o</sup> Crawley & Cook were deputed by of ch<sup>h</sup> to hear them in conformity w<sup>th</sup> of foregoing rule.

23/ It was agreed to adopt of suggestion of our pastor relative to of institution of fellowship meet<sup>ing</sup> among of members of of ch<sup>h</sup> & of arrangement was confided to his hands.

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## Church Meet<sup>g</sup>. June 29<sup>th</sup> 1841.

The preced<sup>g</sup> minutes were read & confirmed.

<sup>24</sup> Our bro. Peck reported that he had conversed with M<sup>rs</sup>. Dismore who admitted of alleged immorality - but without exhibiting any godly sorrow on acc<sup>t</sup> of her sin - when it was resolved - that

<sup>25</sup> Mary Turner having been convicted on her own confession of a <sup>gross</sup> violation of y<sup>e</sup>. 7<sup>th</sup> commandment - we feel it to be our solemn duty to exclude her from our fellowship earnestly praying that y<sup>e</sup>. Lord may grant her repentance unto life! Br. Peck then implored y<sup>e</sup>. divine blessing on this painful act of discipline.

<sup>26</sup> The names of y<sup>e</sup>. members were then called over & y<sup>e</sup>. friends requested to make inquiries respect<sup>g</sup>. Mary Whitby - Dan<sup>l</sup>. Lane - W<sup>m</sup>. Still - Sarah Carter & Rezia Banister

<sup>27</sup> The follow<sup>g</sup>. were proposed for membership

M<sup>rs</sup>. Osborn - Church y<sup>d</sup> - Messengers Br<sup>o</sup>. Crawley & Peck

M<sup>rs</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Crawley - Market Place - - - - - Shadwell & Wilson

## Church Meet<sup>g</sup>. July 20<sup>th</sup>

The minutes of y<sup>e</sup>. last meet<sup>g</sup> were read & confirmed

<sup>28</sup> Dorothy Tunstall - Mary Ann Osborn & Elizabeth Crawley furnished y<sup>e</sup>. particulars of their religious faith & experience - the credibility of their statements being sustained by y<sup>e</sup>. reports of our messengers it was agreed to receive y<sup>e</sup>. above named friends into y<sup>e</sup>. fellowship of y<sup>e</sup>. church.

<sup>29</sup> The follow<sup>g</sup>. friends were proposed for membership & it was agreed that in consequence of their moral character being well known among us - y<sup>e</sup>. church will meet to hear their experiences after y<sup>e</sup>. lecture on Thursday ev<sup>g</sup>. next - in order to give them an opportunity of being baptized with other candidates on y<sup>e</sup>. ensuing Lord's day -  
Martha Gray - Messengers Br<sup>o</sup>. Peck - Shadwell & Peck  
Sarah Carr - - - - - Barron & Wilson

## Special Church Meet<sup>g</sup> July 22. 1841.

<sup>30</sup> Martha Geare & Sarah Carr furnished satisfactory particulars of their religious faith & experience - after which it was agreed on a favorable report of our messengers to receive them into our fellowship.

## Church Meet<sup>g</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 21<sup>st</sup>.

The preced<sup>g</sup> minutes were read & confirmed

<sup>31</sup> From enquiries made in accordance with minute 26 it appeared that Dan<sup>l</sup> Lane had rec<sup>d</sup> his (dismission to y<sup>e</sup>. church at Sutton - that W<sup>m</sup>. Hill had united with y<sup>e</sup>. friends at Brackwood Green & that Sarah Carter is living at Walworth. - Respect<sup>l</sup> Mary Whitby & Rezia Panister no informat<sup>n</sup> had been received. - It was agreed to revise y<sup>e</sup>. list of members & to submit it for adoption at our next Ch<sup>h</sup> meet<sup>g</sup>.

<sup>32</sup> Our brethren Cranley & Veitch were appointed to wait on our br. W<sup>m</sup>. Wilson & to enquire into y<sup>e</sup>. cause of his recent failure in business.

<sup>33</sup> Sarah Chote - Grover Mill was prop<sup>d</sup> for membership & our br. Shadwell & Tho<sup>s</sup>. Wilson reported as messengers.

## Church Meet<sup>g</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 19<sup>th</sup>

The preced<sup>g</sup> minutes were read & confirmed

<sup>34</sup> The messengers appointed to Sarah Chote gave in a favorable report. after which her personal profession of faith was read by y<sup>e</sup>. church when it was agreed to rec<sup>d</sup>. her into fellowship

<sup>35</sup> The list of names inserted towards y<sup>e</sup>. close of this book was read by y<sup>e</sup>. church when it was Resolved that <sup>we recognize</sup> y<sup>e</sup>. individuals whose names had now been read as constituting y<sup>e</sup>. existing church of Christ united in visible fellowship at Side St. Meet<sup>g</sup>. Histon

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36 The messengers appointed to wait on Wm. Wilson reported that they had not <sup>yet</sup> been able to obtain an interview.

37 Some time since our br. Crawley & Wilson were appointed to converse with James Harris who has been suspended from communion since June 1840. on acc. of circumstances connected with his failure in business. - Various causes having prevented our messengers from fulfill<sup>g</sup> of end of their appointment in a manner satisfactory to themselves - it was agreed that of church should be retained when their report at of. close of of. lecture on Thursday Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>

38 Miss Wood miss<sup>o</sup> at Mr. Condris had<sup>o</sup> requested to join this church by dismiss<sup>o</sup> from of. ch<sup>h</sup> at Walthamston under of. pastoral care of of. Mr. J. Freeman - our pastor was req<sup>d</sup> to make of. usual application.

39 Ann Webb miss<sup>o</sup> at Pison's Cottage in of. Stevenage had applied for membership - our br. Thom & Wilson were app<sup>d</sup> as messengers

### Spec<sup>l</sup> Ch<sup>h</sup> Meet<sup>g</sup> Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>

40 After hear<sup>g</sup> of report of our messengers in of. case of Jas. Harris it was agreed that he should be restored to full communion.

41 Upon of. application of Geo. Field a dismissory letter was granted him to of. bapt<sup>h</sup> church at Hoton Town Van Deriman land under of. pastoral care of the Mr. H. Dowling.

### Church Meet<sup>g</sup> Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>

The proceed<sup>g</sup> minutes were read & confirmed.

42 Ann Webb appeared before of. church & related of. principal articles of her faith & experience. The report of our mess<sup>o</sup> sustain<sup>g</sup> of. credibility of her present<sup>o</sup> testimony it was agreed to rec<sup>d</sup> her into our fellowship.

43 Our pastor stated that he had rec<sup>d</sup> an honor<sup>o</sup> dismiss<sup>o</sup> of Miss Wood from of. church at Walthamston to our communion.

141 Reports hav<sup>d</sup> been circulated affect<sup>g</sup> of. An. consistency of our bro. David Wilber I. of Ferris - our br. Perks & Crowley were appointed to investigate of truth of same.

142 A similar charge hav<sup>d</sup> been alleged against br. W. Wilber I. of Chorlton our br. ~~Wilson~~ & Thorn were app<sup>d</sup> to make of. many enquiries.

143 Robert Fraser of Preston was proposed for membership & our br. Cook & Shadwell appointed as messengers.

144 Rebecca Davis applied for permitt<sup>n</sup> to remove her fellowship from of church at Luton under of. care of the Rev. W. Burgess to our own - when it was agreed that our pastor should apply for of. usual testimonials.

Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1841.

145 The report of of. messengers appointed to Robt. Fraser proving highly satisfactory he was requested to furnish a pers<sup>n</sup>l. statement of his faith & repentance after which it was agreed to admit him as a member of the church.

Church Meet<sup>g</sup>. Dec. 21. 1841.

The proceed<sup>g</sup> minutes were read & confirmed

146 The messengers app<sup>d</sup> to David Wilber gave in their report but in consequence of some apparent discrepancy in his statements of. case was postponed for further enquiry.

147 Our br. Thorn & Wilson stated that W. Wilber Junr. fully admitted of. truth of of. charge exhibited against him & professed his sincere repentance of of. crime & that he also expressed his willingness to submit to of. discipline of of. church. Under these circumstances it was agreed to restore him to our fellowship & that he be requested to attend our next meet<sup>g</sup> when our pastor will communicate of. decision of of. church.



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51/ Whereas certain Regulations were framed (at date of purchase of land) for management of Burial Ground adjoin<sup>g</sup> Meeting house near Titehouse St. Hicken - which rules have at different periods been subject to revision - it has been thought desirable owing to extreme difficulty there exists in application of these enactments to altered circumstances of church & congregation - as well as on acc<sup>t</sup> of inadequacy of burial fees to meet expenses incurred in purchase of ground - that a new code of regulations should be framed.

In accordance with this opinion follow<sup>g</sup> rules were this evn<sup>g</sup> submitted to consideration of church & adopted un<sup>an</sup>.

I. - That of lineal descendants of all original subscribers for purchase of ground to amount of 10<sup>£</sup> shall enjoy privilege of interment in same grave with their respective ancestors without any fee beyond of actual expense of open<sup>g</sup> & closing of grave.

II. - That whereas under former regulations individuals were permitted to purchase family vaults or ~~or~~ <sup>tombs</sup> for sum of 10 " 10 " - That right of such purchasers to sole & exclusive use of their receptacles for interment, of their dead is hereby recognized. - But that no such claim can be admitted as valid unless a legal acct. for purchase money is produced - nor ~~shall~~ <sup>unless</sup> such vaults or tombs shall have been formed - erected - or parcelled out previous to Dec. 1. 1841.

III. - That following table of fees shall be rigidly adhered to with respect to all future interments - excepting of cases specified in foregoing rules - & those members of church who on acc<sup>t</sup> of poverty of their connections may (in judgment of ministers & deacons) be entitled to gratuitous sepulture.

Table of fees - includ<sup>d</sup> expens<sup>e</sup> of opening & closing of grave.

1. - For a child under 10 years of age	10 "
2. - " " " " " " " " " " " "	15 "
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4. - " " " " " " " " " " " "	2. 2 "
or head & foot stones	
5. - " " " " " " " " " " " "	6 " 6 "
not exceed <sup>d</sup> 10. in depth - 8 in length & 3. 6. in breadth	
6. - 100 Sqr. feet of ground	20 " - "

Note - That all of actual expenses occasioned by interments in private graves - vaults or Tombs are to be defrayed by of parties so interring.

IV. - That if monies thus received be appropriated in defray of expenses occas<sup>d</sup> by of management & preservation of of burial ground at of discretion of of persons & that of accounts shall be annually submitted to of church at their first meet<sup>g</sup> in of month of January.

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It was agreed to hold a social tea meet<sup>g</sup> of of members of of church on Friday Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.

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W<sup>m</sup>. Foster - of Michin was proposed for membership & our brethren Vicks & Wilson were app<sup>d</sup> as managers -

### Minutes of Ch<sup>h</sup> Meet<sup>g</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 18. 1842.

The minutes of of last meet<sup>g</sup> were read & confirmed.

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W<sup>m</sup>. Foster appeared before of ch<sup>h</sup> & related his In. faith & experience - when his personal testimony being considered as satisfactory & report of of managers favorable - it was agreed to admit him to of fellowship of of church.

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Our pastor reported that since our last meeting our sister Sarah Carter had been removed by death.

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The messengers appointed to David Wilshere reported that on subsequent enquiry they were satisfied as to the consistency of his statements & the credibility of his profession of penitence - when it was agreed to restore him to our communion. Wm. Wilshere Junr. & David Wilshere Sr. were then severally enjoined by our pastor of the decision of the church - counselled as to their future conduct & welcomed back to our fellowship.

### Minutes of Ch<sup>h</sup> Meet<sup>g</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 15. 1842.

The minutes of the last meet<sup>g</sup> were read & confirmed. —

- 57 The deacons presented of incidental acc<sup>t</sup> for the past year exhibiting a bal<sup>l</sup> of  $\text{£ } 47. 17. 6$  as due from the church. —
- 58 Mr Lenton who had been for some time a communicant with us at the Lord's table was proposed for membership & our brethren Shadwell & Wilson app<sup>d</sup> as his messengers
- 59 A letter was read from Mr Burgess of Luton - honorably dismissing Rebecca Davis to our communion.

### Minutes of Ch<sup>h</sup> Meet<sup>g</sup> Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>

The minutes of the preced<sup>g</sup> meet<sup>g</sup> were read & confirmed

- 60 Mr Lenton appeared before the Ch<sup>h</sup> & related his religious views & desires - when it was agreed to receive him into our fellowship.
- 61 The follow<sup>g</sup> were proposed for membership
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| Sarah Farr       | Banroft | Mess <sup>rs</sup> R. Cook & Shadwell |
| Obigail Wilshere | do      | Perks & Wilson                        |
| John Nutting     |         | Wm. Foster & Thorn                    |

### Minutes of Ch<sup>h</sup> Meet<sup>g</sup> Apr. 19<sup>th</sup>

The preced<sup>g</sup> minutes were read & confirmed

- 62 Sarah Farr attended & furnished a satisfactory statement of her religious sentiments which being sustained by the

testimony of our messengers it was agreed to receive her into our communion

<sup>63</sup> The messengers gave a favorable report in y<sup>e</sup> case of Abigail Wilshire but owing to her absence & interruption of her personal profession of faith was necessarily postponed.

<sup>64</sup> The case of John Nutting was also deferred owing to certain difficulties in y<sup>e</sup> way of his entire cessation from manual labour on y<sup>e</sup> Lord's day.

<sup>65</sup> Martha Wilson requested to transfer her fellowship from y<sup>e</sup> church under y<sup>e</sup> pastoral care of Mr. Wright at Luton to our community. Our pastor was requested to supply for the usual testimonials

<sup>66</sup> The following were proposed for membership

Mr. Ward . . . . . Men<sup>r</sup> D<sup>r</sup> Shadwell & M<sup>r</sup> Phane  
 Martha Crawley the Market Place . . . . . Peter & Wilson

### Minutes of Ch<sup>h</sup> Meet<sup>g</sup>. May 17<sup>th</sup> 1842.

The minutes of y<sup>e</sup> last meet<sup>g</sup> were read & confirmed

<sup>67</sup> A letter was read from y<sup>e</sup> Ch<sup>h</sup> assembling in Union Chapel Luton honorably dismissing Martha Wilson to our fellowship.

<sup>68</sup> Abigail Wilshire related her relig<sup>o</sup> experience when it was agreed to defer her reception for y<sup>e</sup> present.

<sup>69</sup> Mr. Ware appeared before us & furnished a satisfactory account of her faith & experience after which it was agreed to admit her to our communion.

<sup>70</sup> Martha Crawley was also accepted as a member of this church upon a satisfactory profession of faith sustained by the enquiries of our messengers.

Our pastor nominated bro<sup>r</sup> Philip Phane as an eligible indiv<sup>id</sup>

<sup>71</sup> to be received on a probation as a village preacher when y<sup>e</sup> church appointed our brethren Cook & W<sup>m</sup> Foster ~~to~~ to hear him the report their opinion upon

his ministerial gifts.

Miss Love for some time past a communicant with us requested leave to remove her fellowship from y<sup>e</sup> church at Brighton under y<sup>e</sup> pastoral care of y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> J. Gaulty to our society - when it was agreed to comply with her request.

Ann Lee Street resid<sup>t</sup> in Bath St<sup>r</sup> was proposed for members & our brethren Rich<sup>d</sup> Lane & Thos<sup>s</sup> app<sup>d</sup> as sponsors.

Lord's day June 5.

In view to y<sup>e</sup> celebration of y<sup>e</sup> Lord's Supper a letter was read from the Rev<sup>d</sup> J. N. Gaulty of Brighton honorably (remin<sup>d</sup>) Miss Love from y<sup>e</sup> church under his pastoral care to our communion.

Minutes of Ch<sup>h</sup> meet<sup>g</sup> June 21. 1842.

The preced<sup>t</sup> minutes were read & confirmed.

The case of Ann Street was postponed at her own request.

W<sup>m</sup> Wilshere Jun<sup>r</sup> having <sup>presented himself</sup> ~~appeared~~ at one of our public prayer meetings in a state of intoxication, there being good & sufficient reason to believe that he is addicted to drinking to excess it was un<sup>d</sup>er Resolved - That W<sup>m</sup> Wilshere Jun<sup>r</sup> being convicted on the testimony of several of our brethren of appearing in y<sup>e</sup> House of God while in a state of inebriation - that after having been recently admonished by y<sup>e</sup> church of his heinous sin - & without manifesting any godly sorrow on account of his fall - we feel it to be our solemn duty to withdraw from all An<sup>n</sup> fellowship with him untill such time as he may furnish satisfactory evidence that God has granted him repentance unto life - We thus declare him to be no longer a member of this church.

Our br<sup>s</sup> Shadwell then implored y<sup>e</sup> divine blessing upon the exercise of An<sup>n</sup> discipline - that it might subserve y<sup>e</sup> reclamation

of y<sup>e</sup> offender & increase y<sup>e</sup> watchfulness of every member of y<sup>e</sup> church.

77 It was Resolved - That with a view to y<sup>e</sup> consolation of our sick friends & to y<sup>e</sup> culture of brotherly love & sympathy in y<sup>e</sup> church - two visitors shall be appointed at our monthly meetings to each member known to be suffering under bodily affliction - that their report be received at y<sup>e</sup> ch<sup>h</sup> meet<sup>g</sup> subseq<sup>t</sup> to their appointment.

78 In conformity with this rule y<sup>e</sup> follow<sup>g</sup> appointments were made.

<sup>afflicted friends</sup> Ann Webb	<sup>messengers</sup> Sister Palmer & Grace
Eliz. Weatherhead	Crawley & Imprey
Wm Day	Brethren Wilson & Thorne
Sam <sup>l</sup> Imprey	Wm Foster & R. Lane

### Minutes of Ch<sup>h</sup> meet<sup>g</sup> 5 Aug<sup>o</sup> 1842.

The minutes of the preced<sup>g</sup> meet<sup>g</sup> were read & confirmed.

79 Ann Lee Street appeared before the ch<sup>h</sup> & furnished a satisfactory statement of her religious sentiments & experience. The reports of our messengers sustaining the credibility of her profession it was agreed to admit her to our fellowship.

80 The church was informed that a close immediately adjoining our burial ground was for sale - it was submitted to their consideration whether it might not be desirable to invest part of y<sup>e</sup> funded property of y<sup>e</sup> church in the purchase of y<sup>e</sup> same. - After a free conversation on y<sup>e</sup> subject it was unanimously resolved that we fully authorize our brethren Deere Foster - John Crawley & John Cook (being y<sup>e</sup> Trustees of y<sup>e</sup> funded property of y<sup>e</sup> church amounting to y<sup>e</sup> sum of 500 £ in y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> per. cent) to purchase y<sup>e</sup> piece of land contiguous to our burying ground of y<sup>e</sup> executors of the late J. M. Pearson Esq<sup>r</sup> - provided it can be obtained at what may appear to them an equitable price. -

81 It was also resolved - that a reputation should be appointed to wait on those friends who have been admitted as stated communicants at y<sup>e</sup> Lord's Table without uniting themselves to y<sup>e</sup> church - for y<sup>e</sup> purpose of respectfully inviting them to enter into full fellowship with us.

The reports of y<sup>e</sup> said visitors were rec<sup>d</sup>. & y<sup>e</sup> follow<sup>g</sup> appoint<sup>g</sup> made  
 Eliz<sup>th</sup> Weatherhead                      Sister Wilson & Impey  
 W<sup>m</sup> Day                                      Brother Wilson & Thorne

### Minutes of Church meet<sup>g</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>: 20<sup>th</sup>: 1842.

The minutes of y<sup>e</sup> last meet<sup>g</sup> were read & confirmed.

82 Our brethren Peck & Wilson were appointed to wait on those friends who have been accustomed to commune with us with. uniting in church fellowship - in conformity with y<sup>e</sup> resolution passed at our last meet<sup>g</sup>.

83 Our pastor read an affecting account of y<sup>e</sup> severe & lengthen<sup>d</sup> persecution endured by y<sup>e</sup> Baptists in y<sup>e</sup> Kingdom of Denmark - many of whom have suffered y<sup>e</sup> loss of all their worldly possessions - & are now in prison for righteousness sake. When it was Resolved - That y<sup>e</sup> proceeds of y<sup>e</sup> October collection at y<sup>e</sup> Lord's Table shall be devoted to y<sup>e</sup> relief of our suffering brethren in Denmark.

The reports of y<sup>e</sup> said visitors were rec<sup>d</sup>. & y<sup>e</sup> follow<sup>g</sup> appointm<sup>t</sup> made  
 Martha Foster                              Sister Harnworth & Palmer  
 W<sup>m</sup> Day                                      Brother Wilson & Thorne

Our pastor reported y<sup>e</sup> death of our bro<sup>r</sup>. J<sup>r</sup>. Bates which occurred on Saturday Sept<sup>r</sup>. 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Minutes of Ch<sup>h</sup> meet<sup>g</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>: 25<sup>th</sup>:

The minutes of y<sup>e</sup> last meet<sup>g</sup> were read confirmed

The said visitors were reappointed.

84 Mrs. Armstrong applied for permis<sup>n</sup>. to transfer her fellowship from y<sup>e</sup> church at Sheffield to our community - leave was granted.

## Minutes of Church Meet. Nov. 15. 1842.

- The minutes of y<sup>e</sup> last meet. were read & confirmed.
- 85 A letter was read from y<sup>e</sup> Church at Sheffield honorable  
 dismissing Mr Armstrong to our communion.
- 86 Mr & Mrs Field requested us to apply for letters of dismission  
 on their behalf from y<sup>e</sup> Baptist Church at Luton to our  
 own. — Agreed to.
- 87 Resolves for membership  
 Mr Stearns — Russell slip — Messengers Bro. Shadwell & Bick  
 The reports of y<sup>e</sup> said visitors were rec<sup>d</sup>. —

### Fellowship meet. Dec. 6.

- 88 Resolves for membership  
 Eliza Gray — — — — Messengers Bro. Lane & Williams  
 George Ayres — — — — Crowley & Wilson

## Minutes of Church Meet. Dec. 13. 1842.

- The previous minutes were read & confirmed
- 89 Eliza Gray — Thomas Stearns & George Ayres furnished  
 y<sup>e</sup> particulars of their religious faith & experience & were  
 received as members of y<sup>e</sup> church —
- 90 Our pastor reports that since our last meeting the  
 Lord has removed by death our sister Martha Foster,  
 our brother W<sup>m</sup> Parson & also our friend Tho<sup>s</sup> Field  
 for whose dismiss<sup>l</sup> from y<sup>e</sup> Ch<sup>h</sup> at Luton application had  
 been made at our last meeting.
- 91 Our b<sup>r</sup> friends Wilson reports that they had waited on  
 several friends being communic<sup>ts</sup> advising them to seek a  
 closer union with y<sup>e</sup> church — that y<sup>e</sup> foll<sup>g</sup> wished to be  
 proposed for membership Mr Doowell of Apsley End —  
 Mr Ambrose — Banerost St — Mrs Moore. — In answer  
 of this report y<sup>e</sup> names of y<sup>e</sup> above parties were formally



nominated & the following arrangements made

Mr. Ambrose — Messengers W. Wilson & R. Lane

Mr. Moore — Thos & Woodfield

92 Mr. Goddard having been for some years a member of Baptist church at Long Crendon Bucks — a letter was read to the Rev. J. Hoperoff requesting a regular dismissal.

93 The messengers (expected to judge of the qualifications possessed by our bro. Philip Lane to preach in the village stations assigned by the church — having expressed a wish to resign their appointment into the hands of the church — & our bro. Lane having signified his readiness to exercise his gifts before the whole community — it was agreed to afford him an opportunity of so doing at our regular ch. meet. in January.

94 It was agreed to hold our annual tea meet. of the members on Wednesday Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>.

Minutes of Church Meet. 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan. 17. 1843.

The preced. minutes were read & confirmed

95 Br. Philip Lane having exercised his gifts before the church it was agreed to request another opportunity of hearing him at the expiration of 3 months & that in the meantime he should be encouraged to continue his occasional labours in the villages.

96 A letter was read from the Baptist church at Long Crendon honorably dismissing Tho. Goddard to our fellowship.

97 Louisa Ambrose attended our meet. & furnished a satisfactory statement of her faith & experience — when it was agreed to admit her into membership.

98 Mr. Williams applied for leave to transfer her communion from the church at Back St. to our own society. Her request was granted — & a letter applying for her dismissal was adopted.

99 There were also proposed for memberships

Mr Ayers — Messengers B<sup>r</sup> Shadwell & Clark

Mr Lane — B<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Foster & Peck

100 Our br<sup>s</sup> Wilson & Mr Lane were deputed to converse with W<sup>m</sup> Wilshire Jun<sup>r</sup> with a view to his restorat<sup>n</sup> to fellowship.

### Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup>. 14. 1843.

The preced<sup>g</sup> minutes were read & confirmed.

101 Sarah Moore — Jane Ayers & Mary Lane appeared at our meet<sup>g</sup> & furnished a satisfactory account of their faith & experience. The reports of our messengers sustain<sup>g</sup> & credibility of their respective statements it was agreed to receive them all into y<sup>e</sup> fellowship of y<sup>e</sup> church.

102 A letter was read fr<sup>m</sup> y<sup>e</sup> church at Rock St. affectionately dismissing Mr Williams to our society.

103 Our br<sup>s</sup> Wilson & Lane reported that they had conversed with W<sup>m</sup> Wilshire J<sup>r</sup> & believe him to be truly penitent on account of his sin. — Other brethren volunteered their testimony to y<sup>e</sup> same effect — When it was Resolved — That W<sup>m</sup> Wilshire J<sup>r</sup> be restored to our fellowship.

104 Reports having been circulated variously affecting y<sup>e</sup> character of our br<sup>s</sup> Gilham — y<sup>e</sup> brethren Peck & Shadwell were appointed to investigate y<sup>e</sup> same.

105 Our br<sup>s</sup> Shadwell stated that considerable dissatisfaction existed in relation to some of y<sup>e</sup> alterations introduced in y<sup>e</sup> new table of burial fees. — An extended discussion followed after which it was unan<sup>ly</sup> resolved — That with a view to meet y<sup>e</sup> general wish of y<sup>e</sup> friends y<sup>e</sup> following rec<sup>o</sup>ns be made in y<sup>e</sup> list of burial fees published Dec<sup>r</sup>. 21. 1841.

1<sup>st</sup> — A Family Grave reduced fr<sup>m</sup> £ 6 6<sup>0</sup> to £ 3 3<sup>0</sup> —

2<sup>nd</sup> — A single Interment — fr<sup>m</sup> 1 5<sup>0</sup> to — 18<sup>0</sup> —

3<sup>rd</sup> — A Grave Stone — fr<sup>m</sup> 2 2<sup>0</sup> to 1 1<sup>0</sup> —

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The following were nominated for membership

Eliza Harvey — Messengers B. Country & N. Lane  
 Mary Ayers — Thow & Wilson  
 Jas. Wilson — W. Foster & Williams

### Minutes of Church Meet. Mar. 21. 1843.

The minutes of y<sup>e</sup> last meet. were read & confirmed

107 Eliza Harvey — Mary Ayers & James Wilson appeared before y<sup>e</sup> church & related y<sup>e</sup> principal articles of their religious faith & experience when it was agreed to receive them as members of our society.

108 The messengers appointed in y<sup>e</sup> case of J<sup>no</sup> Gilham reported that they had been unable to obtain any information tending to establish y<sup>e</sup> charges alleged against him — when it was resolved — that our bro. J<sup>no</sup> Gilham be considered as honorably absolved from y<sup>e</sup> imputations cast upon his moral character.

109 After a ~~report~~ made by our pastor respecting y<sup>e</sup> dilapidated state of our present meeting house — & y<sup>e</sup> proceedings at a public meeting convened Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> to receive a surveyor's report on y<sup>e</sup> subject — It was unanim<sup>ly</sup> resolved — on y<sup>e</sup> motion of Bro. Cook seconded by Bro. Crawley —

1<sup>stly</sup> That y<sup>e</sup> resolution passed at a general meeting of y<sup>e</sup> subscribers to rebuild our meeting house provided y<sup>e</sup> necessary funds can be previously raised — be confirmed.

2<sup>dly</sup> That a portion of y<sup>e</sup> funded property of y<sup>e</sup> church not exceeding y<sup>e</sup> sum of 400 be devoted to this object should it be found absolutely necessary.

### Minutes of Church Meet. May 16. 1843.

The minutes of y<sup>e</sup> last meet. were read & confirmed.

110 A petition against y<sup>e</sup> Government plan of Nat. Education as developed in y<sup>e</sup> Paine's bill was read & accepted.

111 Mr. Shays — Hitchen Hill was proposed for membership & y<sup>e</sup> brethren Crawley & Shadwell app. as messengers.

## Minutes of Church Meet.<sup>g</sup> June 20. 1843.

The minutes of y<sup>e</sup> last meet.<sup>g</sup> were read & confirmed

- 112 The messengers appointed to Ann Sharp, gave in a satisfactory report of their interview with her - after which a written account of her religious views & experience was submitted to y<sup>e</sup> judgment of y<sup>e</sup> church - when it was voted to receive her into our fellowship. —

## Minutes of Church Meet.<sup>g</sup> July 18<sup>th</sup>

The minutes of y<sup>e</sup> last meet.<sup>g</sup> were read & confirmed

- 113 The case of Maria Humphries who had been repeatedly admonished for non-attendance was then introduced by our pastor who read a letter expressive of her wish to withdraw from our fellowship - It was also stated by some friends present that she had actually joined y<sup>e</sup> Wesleyan society in this town. - When it was unan.<sup>ly</sup> resolved - That Maria Humphries having long absented herself from our religious assemblies & at length united herself with another religious body without having apprised us of her intention so to do - we feel it to be a solemn duty to exclude her from y<sup>e</sup> fellowship of this church - & so thus declare her to be no longer a member with us.

- 114 Agnes Middlemist resid<sup>g</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> family of our pastor applied for leave to transfer her fellowship with y<sup>e</sup> ch<sup>h</sup> at Kensington to our society. - Leave was granted & a letter to y<sup>e</sup> ch<sup>h</sup> at Kensington apply<sup>g</sup> for y<sup>e</sup> usual testimonials was read & adopted.

- 115 Our pastor reported y<sup>e</sup> death of our sister Maria Lowe which occurred on Thursday morn<sup>g</sup> July 6<sup>th</sup>

- 116 In consequence of y<sup>e</sup> purchase of land adjoin<sup>g</sup> our burying ground as y<sup>e</sup> site of our new Chapel - it was found necessary to nominate certain individuals as trustees of y<sup>e</sup> same. It was there<sup>ly</sup> moved by our Bro. Crawley - seconded by Bro. Shadwell

It is un<sup>der</sup>stood that if following gentlemen be requested to accept of conveyance of y<sup>e</sup> Field recently purchased of y<sup>e</sup> executors of J. M. Perison called Dovehouse close to hold y<sup>e</sup> same in trust for y<sup>e</sup> church accord<sup>g</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> provisions of y<sup>e</sup> Trust deed executed in y<sup>e</sup> year 1812 by certain of their number.

Deare Foster - Little Wymondley - John Crawley - Hitchin  
 Rich<sup>d</sup> Foster - Cambridge - John Foster Biggleswade - Blyth Foster -  
 Will<sup>m</sup> Crawley Holywell - Conrad Foster - do George Lake Spalding -  
 W<sup>m</sup> Langford Hitchin - Sam<sup>l</sup> B. Gray Hitchin - Tho<sup>s</sup> Deane Hitchin  
 W<sup>m</sup> Jervis Hitchin - W<sup>m</sup> Lake Spalding - J<sup>o</sup> Brady Gray Hitchin  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Bowyer Gray Hitchin - J<sup>o</sup> Foster Wymondley - Walter Pick<sup>t</sup> Hitchin  
 W<sup>m</sup> Langford Jun<sup>r</sup> Hitchin - J<sup>o</sup> Foster Holywell - W<sup>m</sup> Foster - Walsworth  
 W<sup>m</sup> Hainworth - Hitchin - J<sup>o</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Foster - Biggleswade - J<sup>o</sup> Malden Hitchin  
 John Crawley Jun<sup>r</sup> Hitchin - J<sup>o</sup> Cook - Mill end - Ruben Shawell - Hitchin

Aug<sup>t</sup> 1.

117 This even<sup>g</sup> a letter was read from y<sup>e</sup> church at Silver St. Wensington honorably dismissing Agnes Middlemist to our communion.

### Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 10. 1843.

The preced<sup>g</sup> minutes were read & confirmed.

118 Bro<sup>r</sup> Philip Lane again exercised his gifts before y<sup>e</sup> church in accordance with y<sup>e</sup> resolution passed at our meet<sup>g</sup> in Jan<sup>y</sup> last, after which it was unan<sup>m</sup>ly resolved - That our br<sup>o</sup> have be encouraged to preach y<sup>e</sup> Gospel in y<sup>e</sup> village stations occupied by us - under y<sup>e</sup> full sanction of y<sup>e</sup> church & with our fervent prayers that y<sup>e</sup> Lord may abundantly honor his labors in y<sup>e</sup> exercise of ministerial vocation! - Our pastor then commented our br<sup>o</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> grace of God.

119 Our pastor reported y<sup>e</sup> death of Sister Barber which occurred Aug<sup>t</sup>

120 Tho<sup>s</sup> Williams req<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> vote leave to apply for his dim<sup>iss</sup> from Back St. to our communion.  
 also proposed for membership -  
 Charlotte Langford - Sun St. - Messengers - B<sup>r</sup> Crawley & Pick<sup>t</sup>  
 Sarah Armstrong - G<sup>l</sup> Wymondley - - - - - Madwell & Wilson

## Minutes of Church Meet. Nov. 14. 1843.

The minutes of y<sup>e</sup> last meet<sup>g</sup> were read & confirmed.

121/ Mrs Langford appeared before y<sup>e</sup> Church & furnished a statement of her faith & experience which being deemed perfectly satisfactory she was unan<sup>ly</sup> received into our fellowship.

122/ The case of Sarah Armstrong was deferred for y<sup>e</sup> present in order to afford opportunity for a fuller development of her sentiments.

123/ A letter was read fr<sup>m</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Church in Back St. concerning T. Williams but y<sup>e</sup> terms in which y<sup>e</sup> said letter was couched being considered by y<sup>e</sup> friends as very ambiguous our br<sup>s</sup> Shadwell & Pinks were appointed to wait on y<sup>e</sup> minister & Deacons of y<sup>e</sup> Back St. Church respectfully soliciting an explanation.

124/ A letter was read fr<sup>m</sup> y<sup>e</sup> build<sup>g</sup> Committee - stating that they had received an application fr<sup>m</sup> y<sup>e</sup> several Contractors for the new meet<sup>g</sup> house requesting that they would sign an agreement to make themselves responsible for y<sup>e</sup> payment of y<sup>e</sup> sums specified in y<sup>e</sup> contracts. With this request y<sup>e</sup> Comm<sup>tee</sup> expressed their unwillingness to comply until they should be in possession of y<sup>e</sup> principal sums promised towards y<sup>e</sup> building fund. They therefore solicited fr<sup>m</sup> y<sup>e</sup> church y<sup>e</sup> prompt payment of y<sup>e</sup> 400 votes fr<sup>m</sup> y<sup>e</sup> church funds in March last. - When it was unan<sup>ly</sup> resolved that our brethren Master Crawley & Cook in whose names y<sup>e</sup> property of y<sup>e</sup> ch<sup>h</sup> is entered in y<sup>e</sup> Bank books be requested to sell out forthwith y<sup>e</sup> sum of 400<sup>l</sup> 3<sup>rs</sup> per Cent. accrued - & pay over y<sup>e</sup> amount to the Treasurer of y<sup>e</sup> Building Committee.

125/ Proposed for membership

M<sup>r</sup> Wilshur Gormore

Messengers by ~~Wilson~~ Williams

Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>

126/ In consequence of y<sup>e</sup> interview between our messengers & y<sup>e</sup> officers of the Back St. Church having left an unfavor<sup>ble</sup> impression as to y<sup>e</sup> consistency of Thos Williams - our br<sup>s</sup> Shadwell & Pinks were reapp<sup>nt</sup> to make further enquiry.

127/ There were proposed for membership this evening

M <sup>r</sup> Olney - Offley	Messengers by	Mr. Foster & Wilson
Elizabeth King - wid <sup>ow</sup> wh. Wm Lucas St.		Crawley & Hall
M <sup>r</sup> Hill		Shadwell & Thos
M <sup>r</sup> Cray - Gormore		Pinks & P. Paul

Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup>. Dec<sup>r</sup>. 19. 1843.

The preced<sup>g</sup> minutes were read & confirmed. —

<sup>128</sup> Sarah Amstrong — May Ann Olry — Ann Withers — Eliz<sup>th</sup> King — Sarah Hill — & Henry Cressy appeared before of Church. Their personal testimony with that of 4 messengers being considered satisfactory — it was agreed to receive <sup>them</sup> into fellowship. —

<sup>129</sup> The messengers appointed in of case of Thos<sup>l</sup> Williams reported that they had not been able to discover any valid ground for of reflections cast upon of religious consistency of T. W. during of last 12 months — but that he fully acknowledged that his walk previously to that case had not been such as become of Gospel. Thos<sup>l</sup> Williams was then called in & entered into a detailed account of his religious history — expressing his sincere contrition for former inconsistencies — & his earnest concern to live henceforth in union with his solemn profession of ~~several~~ to of Reformation. After this statement had been received it was un<sup>l</sup> agreed to receive Thos<sup>l</sup> Williams as a member of of church. —

<sup>130</sup> A letter was read from our br. Hicks addressed to of churches in Back St. & Pilehouse St. calling attention to of diminished attendance at of United Mission Prayers & suggesting of desirableness of return<sup>g</sup> to of former practice of holding these meetings separately. — Where our brethren Crawley — Shadwell & Hicks were appointed to confer with of minister & deacons of Back St. on of subject. —

<sup>131</sup> Eliza Fletcher resid<sup>g</sup> at Mr. Conner's was purp<sup>d</sup> for fellowship & as it was her wish to be bapt<sup>d</sup> next Lord's Day it was agreed to receive her experience at of close of of lect<sup>g</sup> on Thuis next. — Men<sup>l</sup> W<sup>l</sup> Paster & Thos<sup>l</sup> also proposed — Hannah Sharp — Preston — Men<sup>l</sup> D<sup>l</sup> Crawley & Wilson

Thursday Dec<sup>r</sup> 21

<sup>132</sup> Eliza Fletcher was accepted as a member of of church on a satisfactory profession of her faith.

# Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1844.

The preced<sup>g</sup> minutes were read & confirmed.

<sup>133</sup> Hannah Sharp's case was postponed till next month.

<sup>134</sup> The messengers deputed to confer with y<sup>e</sup> ministers & members of Beth St. church respect<sup>g</sup> y<sup>e</sup> union Miss<sup>rs</sup> P. M. reported that in an interview with Mr. Wayne he had intimated his own opinion that y<sup>e</sup> meeting should be maintained. - Considerable discussion arose out of this report it being confidently assumed that whatever might be y<sup>e</sup> wish of y<sup>e</sup> pastors a great proportion of members in both churches continued averse to y<sup>e</sup> arrangement. - It was eventually Resolved - That after mature deliberation on y<sup>e</sup> contents of Mr. Peck's letter we are of opinion that y<sup>e</sup> cause of Sn. Ministers in connection with both congregations will be greatly advantaged by y<sup>e</sup> discontinuance of y<sup>e</sup> present system of alternate meetings & y<sup>e</sup> substitution of monthly min<sup>is</sup> P. M. at each place of worship - and that in coming to this decision we adopt what under all y<sup>e</sup> circumstances of y<sup>e</sup> case appears to us y<sup>e</sup> most eligible mode of maintaining "unity of y<sup>e</sup> spirit in y<sup>e</sup> bond of peace."

<sup>135</sup> Curtis Peck & Crawley appointed at our meet<sup>g</sup> Sept. 21. 1841. to see our br. W. Wilson for y<sup>e</sup> purpose of ascertain<sup>g</sup> how far his moral integrity was implicated in his recent failure in business - state that they had at length had an opportunity of convers<sup>g</sup> w<sup>th</sup> W. W. that while in their opinion his business management had evinced great want of judgment there had been nothing to warrant y<sup>e</sup> charge of dishonesty - it was further stated that he appeared deeply to lament y<sup>e</sup> reproach w<sup>ch</sup> his failure had brought upon y<sup>e</sup> cause of God - & declare his full intention should Providence ever place it within his power to discharge in full all his liabilities. - After this statement it was Resolved - That y<sup>e</sup> report of y<sup>e</sup> messengers in y<sup>e</sup> case of W. Wilson being deemed properly satisfactory - we authorize them to assure him of his full restoration & confidence of y<sup>e</sup> Ch.

<sup>136</sup> Proposed for membership

Mr. Day - Park Cottage - Messengers B. Wilson & Thos  
Geo. Catterin - Offley bottom - Odell & S. Woodfield  
John Myers - Tildhouse St. - Peck & Shadwell



Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1844.

The minutes of y<sup>e</sup> last meeting were read & confirmed.

<sup>137</sup> Hannah Sharp - Esther Day - John Cyrus & George Calkin  
severally furnished the particulars of their ~~religious~~ faith & experience  
were accepted as members of y<sup>e</sup> church.

<sup>138</sup> Brother Shadwell having informed y<sup>e</sup> church that Mr. Cook offered  
to concur with y<sup>e</sup> other trustees in y<sup>e</sup> sale of a portion of y<sup>e</sup> fund property  
of y<sup>e</sup> church agreeable to resolutions passed at our meetings in March &  
November 1843 unless y<sup>e</sup> church should undertake to guarantee him  
against any personal liabilities connected with such sale - It was  
unanimously Resolved - That while we cannot but regard y<sup>e</sup> conduct  
of our Bro: Cook in consenting to y<sup>e</sup> request of y<sup>e</sup> church as very  
inconsistent & unjustifiable - (y<sup>e</sup> ~~original~~ proposition for y<sup>e</sup> sale of  
y<sup>e</sup> property having originated with him & he having on that occasion  
voluntarily taken upon himself all y<sup>e</sup> responsibility arising from its  
acceptance) we nevertheless think it expedient (in order that the  
engagements of y<sup>e</sup> church to y<sup>e</sup> building Committee may be honorably  
fulfilled) to agree to indemnify Mr. Cook against all legal demands  
to which he may become liable in consequence of y<sup>e</sup> sale of y<sup>e</sup>  
said 400<sup>l</sup> 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> per. Cent.

Bro: Peck was requested to convey y<sup>e</sup> above resolut<sup>ns</sup> to Mr. Cook.

Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> Mar. 26. 1844.

The minutes of y<sup>e</sup> last meet<sup>g</sup> were read & confirmed.

<sup>139</sup> Whereas a deed had been prepared conveying y<sup>e</sup> land on which our new  
meeting house stands to certain trustees nominated at a regular church  
meeting held July 18. 1843. which deed specifies that y<sup>e</sup> said trust shall  
be held subject to such regulations as y<sup>e</sup> church may frame for  
y<sup>e</sup> management of y<sup>e</sup> aforesaid property - Whereas y<sup>e</sup> said conveyance  
remains at present unexecuted it was thought desirable with a  
view to prevent any future misunderstanding as to y<sup>e</sup> nature of  
y<sup>e</sup> trust to pass y<sup>e</sup> following Resolutions - which were adopted unanimously  
I. That the Trustees of y<sup>e</sup> new Meeting House be fully authorized

on mortgage or otherwise  
to borrow any sum not exceeding £.600 - for the completion of  
the building.

II. - That in all matters relating to the execution of the said trust  
the decision of ~~the~~ <sup>a majority</sup> of the trustees shall be considered as absolutely  
binding on the minority.

<sup>140</sup> Ann Coell was proposed for membership - Messengers B<sup>d</sup>. Shadwell & Thom.

### Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup>. Apr. 30. 1844.

The minutes of the last meet<sup>g</sup>. were read & confirmed.

<sup>141</sup> Ann Coell appeared before the church & upon a satisfactory profession  
of her faith was admitted to membership.

<sup>142</sup> In addition to the Resolutions passed at our last meet<sup>g</sup>. relative to  
the management of the trust of our new Chapel - it was unanimously

III. - That all meetings of the trustees shall be convened by public  
notice given at the chapel on the preceding Lord's Day - three days  
at least being allowed to intervene between the publication of any  
such notice & the holding of the meeting to which it may refer.

<sup>143</sup> Our bro. Peck having reported the result of his interview with  
Mr. Cook - & it being further stated by the church that notwithstanding  
the indemnity guar<sup>ty</sup>. by them ~~and~~ signed by the leading members  
of the community had been duly transmitted to Mr. C. - he still  
continued refractory - it was un<sup>an</sup>. resolved - That our brethren  
Crawley & Peck be deputed to wait on our bro. Cook with  
a view to obtain a definite answer as to his intentions respecting  
the sale of the funded property of the church - That our messengers  
be ~~further~~ authorized to inform Mr. C. that in the event of  
any further delay in meeting the wish of the community we  
shall feel it our painful duty to suspend him from the discharge  
of his ~~office~~ <sup>office</sup> as a Deacon of this church!

<sup>144</sup> Proposed for membership

Eliza Rice - Little Wymondley - Mess<sup>rs</sup>. B<sup>d</sup>. Shadwell & Peck.

## Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> May 15<sup>th</sup> 1844.

The minutes of y<sup>e</sup> last meet<sup>g</sup> were read & confirmed.

145 Elizabeth Rice furnished a relation of her religious faith & experience & was accepted as a member of y<sup>e</sup> church.

146 It was Resolved - that our brethren Peck - Wilson & Clark be requested to audit all y<sup>e</sup> accounts of y<sup>e</sup> church & report thereon at our next meeting.

147 The Building Comm<sup>o</sup> having deputed Mess<sup>rs</sup>: Shaonell - Cowley - Deere - Foster - Jewes - Sharp - J<sup>r</sup> Foster - Macnouth & Seare to make y<sup>e</sup> necessary arrangements for y<sup>e</sup> opening of our new meeting house it was Resolved - that y<sup>e</sup> Sub. Comm<sup>o</sup> so appointed be requested to frame a plan for y<sup>e</sup> allotment of y<sup>e</sup> pews & y<sup>e</sup> general management of y<sup>e</sup> new Chapel.

148 After considerable discussion it was Resolved to hold a special church meeting on Tuesday y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> inst. for y<sup>e</sup> purpose of considering y<sup>e</sup> case of our Bro: Cook.

149 Proposed for membership

Emma Peers Studman - Watworth Mrs<sup>s</sup>: B<sup>r</sup>: R. Lane & Wilson.

John Palmer - Ducktenbury - see B<sup>r</sup>: Shaonell & Peck.

## Minutes of Special Ch<sup>h</sup> Meet<sup>g</sup> May 28<sup>th</sup>

150 A large number of y<sup>e</sup> members attended this even<sup>g</sup> for y<sup>e</sup> purpose of considering y<sup>e</sup> case of Bro: Cook. Our Bro Peck stated that he had not received any reply from Mr. C. to y<sup>e</sup> Resolutions passed at our last meetings. Mr. C. being present it was then agreed to hear any explanations he had to offer in justification of his conduct - when he stated that his sole only reason for not complying with y<sup>e</sup> wish of y<sup>e</sup> church was a persuasion that y<sup>e</sup> money did not belong to them. - Against this assertion were placed y<sup>e</sup> following facts - That Mr. C. had <sup>caused</sup> ~~caused~~ it to be intimated to y<sup>e</sup> Build<sup>g</sup> Com<sup>o</sup> some months since that in y<sup>e</sup> event of a reconciliation being effected between himself

& a gentleman of y<sup>e</sup> Comm<sup>ty</sup> with whom he had some private  
 differences he should be willing to proceed to y<sup>e</sup> sale of y<sup>e</sup> fund<sup>s</sup>  
 property as directed by y<sup>e</sup> Resolut<sup>ns</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Church & that in consequence  
 of such message a document was drawn up by a member of y<sup>e</sup> Comm<sup>ty</sup>  
 signed by Mr. Cook in which he avows his readiness to sell y<sup>e</sup>  
 money provided y<sup>e</sup> Ch<sup>h</sup> guar<sup>ant</sup> him against all present & future  
 That upon this engagement being committed to y<sup>e</sup> Ch<sup>h</sup> a Resolut<sup>ns</sup> was unan<sup>im</sup>  
 passed (see Minute 138) furnish<sup>g</sup> such guar<sup>ant</sup>. That upon this  
 Resolut<sup>ns</sup> being conveyed to him by a messenger of y<sup>e</sup> Ch<sup>h</sup> he desired  
 that it was insufficient through y<sup>e</sup> absence of signatures - that  
 y<sup>e</sup> said Resolut<sup>ns</sup> was subsequently signed by several respectable  
 members of y<sup>e</sup> Church & duly conveyed to Mr. C. - That after y<sup>e</sup>  
 receipt of this document Mr. C. went to London with y<sup>e</sup> professed  
 intention of selling out y<sup>e</sup> money & that upon his return in answer  
 to enquiries whether he had so done? he stated that y<sup>e</sup> funds were  
 closed. It was moreover stated to y<sup>e</sup> Church that Mr. C. had  
 on two different occasions signified to our pastor his willing<sup>g</sup>  
 to meet y<sup>e</sup> Wishes of y<sup>e</sup> Church - in y<sup>e</sup> first instance without  
 any condition being mentioned & on y<sup>e</sup> second occasion - on y<sup>e</sup>  
 condition of y<sup>e</sup> private guar<sup>ant</sup> above alluded to being  
 satisfactorily adjusted. - Our bro: Crawley also stated that  
 Mr. C. had authorized him some months since to write  
 for a power of Attorney in order to effect y<sup>e</sup> sale of y<sup>e</sup> money - altho  
 he afterwards denied having done so. - It was further declared  
 that an affidavit which had been made by y<sup>e</sup> request of the  
 Stock broker respecting y<sup>e</sup> death of Mr. Smith one of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees  
 of y<sup>e</sup> fund<sup>s</sup> property of y<sup>e</sup> Church was rectified upon y<sup>e</sup> personal  
 application of Mr. Cook & with y<sup>e</sup> professed intention of  
 facilitating y<sup>e</sup> sale of that portion of it voted by y<sup>e</sup> Church.  
 - Mr. Cook was then asked by our pastor - 1<sup>st</sup> Whether he would  
 resign his office of Trustee - He replied 'I won't - I never will.'  
 He was then asked whether he would inform y<sup>e</sup> Church - 'By

whose authority & in what way he became a Rector? His answer was 'No I shant.' Mr C. then withdrew from meeting.

After his withdrawal it was moved by Bro. Peck & seconded by Bro. Crawley & Resolved (there being only 3 dissentients)

That our bro. Cuth continuing to disregard the voice of the church - having failed to satisfy us respecting the motive which he alleges to have influenced his contumacy - we feel it our painful duty to give effect to the Resolution passed at our meeting in Apr. last by suspending <sup>him</sup> from his office as a Deacon of this church until such time as he shall manifest a becoming sense of the impropriety of his conduct.

<sup>151</sup> Report was received from the Auditors appointed at our last meet<sup>g</sup> wh. exhibited the follow<sup>g</sup> results

On the Racial acc <sup>t</sup> - Bal: in hand	£ 2 6
Sacrament <sup>l</sup> acc <sup>t</sup> - See - See	18 " 19 "
Incident <sup>l</sup> acc <sup>t</sup> - Dr. agt. the Ch <sup>h</sup>	10 " 13 " 7
	6 " 2 " 5.

The report states that the Subscrip<sup>t</sup> acc<sup>t</sup> remained un-audited in consequence of the necessary documents having been withheld. It moreover stated that several sums rem<sup>d</sup> due on the Racial acc<sup>t</sup>. Suggested that arrangements should be made for collect<sup>g</sup> of arrears & also for the better management of the income deriv<sup>d</sup> from the pews.

<sup>152</sup> The Sub-Comm<sup>tee</sup> appointed at our last meet<sup>g</sup> to frame a plan for the allotment of the pews & the gen<sup>l</sup> management of the new Chapel - suggested -

- 1<sup>st</sup> That the allotment of pews in the new Chapel should be regulated by the amount of Subs<sup>ns</sup> to the Old Chapel - that where the amount of Subs<sup>ns</sup> is equal preference should be given to the oldest subscribers.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> That certain pews both in the gallery & in the area be permanently reserved for the accommodation of persons wishing for single sittings.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - That the following be the minimum scale of subscription for sittings in the new Meeting House - viz. —

For sittings below —  $2\frac{1}{6}$  per quarter

in  $\frac{1}{2}$  Gallery —

Front range 2/- — — — — 1/-

2nd do — 1/6 — — — — 1/-

3rd do — 1/- — — — — 1/-

152 That a man & his wife be engaged to act as Chapel keepers & pew openers — that their duties be distinctly specified in writing that they be paid a monthly salary — & that  $\frac{1}{2}$  same parties be entrusted with  $\frac{1}{2}$  management of  $\frac{1}{2}$  burial ground. — It was

153 Resolved — That  $\frac{1}{2}$  suggestions of  $\frac{1}{2}$  sub-committee be adopted.

154 On  $\frac{1}{2}$  motion of Bro. Peck's seconded by Bro. Shadwell. It was Resolved — That  $\frac{1}{2}$  following friends be requested to act as collectors of  $\frac{1}{2}$  subscriptions for  $\frac{1}{2}$  ministers support during the pleasure of  $\frac{1}{2}$  Church

For  $\frac{1}{2}$  Western side of  $\frac{1}{2}$  Area

Pews under gallery

Mr. Crawley

Central pews

Mr. Wilson

For  $\frac{1}{2}$  Eastern side of  $\frac{1}{2}$  Area

pews under gallery

Mr. Shadwell

Central pews

Mr. Peck

For  $\frac{1}{2}$  Gallery

Western side

Mr. Wainwright

Eastern do

Mr. Geard

Also that Mr. Jeeves be solicited to act as Treasurer of  $\frac{1}{2}$  subscription fund.

155 On  $\frac{1}{2}$  motion of Bro. Wilson seconded by Bro. Crawley it was Resolved — That  $\frac{1}{2}$  bal. of 18, 19 — in hand on  $\frac{1}{2}$  burial exp. be paid over to  $\frac{1}{2}$  Treasurer of  $\frac{1}{2}$  Build. Comm towards  $\frac{1}{2}$  expenses incurred by fencing & laying out  $\frac{1}{2}$  ground.

## Minutes of Ch<sup>h</sup> Meet<sup>g</sup>. June 19. 1844.

The minutes of y<sup>e</sup> preceding meetings were read & confirmed.

<sup>156</sup> Emma Gladman & John Palmer attended & on furnishing satisfactory particulars of their faith & experience were admitted to membership.

<sup>157</sup> Mr. Cook was for y<sup>e</sup> purpose of interposing against y<sup>e</sup> conduct of y<sup>e</sup> church in suspending him from office on account of his refusal to commit an illegal act - when our pastor explained by a reference to y<sup>e</sup> previous minutes - that y<sup>e</sup> discipline of y<sup>e</sup> church had been exercised with a view to mark their sense of y<sup>e</sup> impropriety of his conduct - in treating their authority with marked disrespect - & in y<sup>e</sup> unbecom<sup>g</sup> provarications to which he had resorted.

<sup>158</sup> A resolution was submitted which had for its object y<sup>e</sup> recovery of the Sub<sup>d</sup> book - but withdrawn in y<sup>e</sup> hope that Mr. Cook would voluntarily restore it.

<sup>159</sup> Proposals for membership

Ann Woodfield - Back St. - Mrs. R. Thon Shelton.

On Friday June 28<sup>th</sup> 1844 - our new Meeting House was opened for y<sup>e</sup> worship of God. A prayer meeting was held at y<sup>e</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> town<sup>h</sup> which was humorously attended. At 11 o'clock y<sup>e</sup> more public services commenced & were conducted as follows - The introductory prayer by the Rev. J. M. Daniell - reading of Scriptures & y<sup>e</sup> general prayer by the Rev. J. W. Wayne - Sermon by the Rev. W. Brock of Norwich. Conclud<sup>d</sup> prayer the Rev. S. Kent. After y<sup>e</sup> town<sup>h</sup> service about 300 persons joined in y<sup>e</sup> M<sup>g</sup> Meeting - & a still greater number assembled to hear at y<sup>e</sup> Town Hall. Several interesting addresses were delivered in y<sup>e</sup> afternoon - especially one from y<sup>e</sup> lips of y<sup>e</sup> venerable John Foster Esq. of Biggleswade - y<sup>e</sup> names of whose ancestors are identified with y<sup>e</sup> earliest records of this church. In y<sup>e</sup> even<sup>g</sup> after prayer by the Rev. J. Simmons - a sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Leitch D. D. & the Rev. J. Bird closed y<sup>e</sup> interesting engagements of y<sup>e</sup> day with prayer. - On y<sup>e</sup>

following Lords Day June 30. The Rev. Dr. Leitch preached both in the  
 Morn' discourse & the Rev. J. M. Daniels that in the afternoon.

The Chapel was erected under the superintendence of J. Davis Esq. of Devonshire

The expenditure is as follows

Original Contract

Bricklayer &c Jervis

£ 526 . . .

Carpenter Pratt & Seymour

1123 " 5 " 1

Painter & Plumber Newton & Son

151 " 2 " 6

Extras allowed to Contractors

1800 . 8 . 7

Bricklayer

Carpenter

Painter

Expense of making up of Ground

52 " 9 " 5

Cost of Fencing - removal of Gates &c

Prudden for Gas fittings

42 " 1 " 9

Piles for Baptistry & Ventilator for Oil

16 " 0 " 4

Cost of Ground purch<sup>d</sup> of Mr. Pieren

200 " - " -

Conveyance of Deed

25 " 9 " 10

Architects fee

115 " 15 "

Printers Bills &c

13 " 7 " 8

Blinds & Stoves

18 " 19 "

Expenses at lay<sup>g</sup> found<sup>g</sup> & open<sup>g</sup> services

16 " 4 " 0

Miscellaneous charges

7 " 4 " 9

397 12 6



The Treasurers acc. on 4<sup>th</sup> day of opening show as follows

Subscriptions received	£ 1269 .. 13 .. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
See promises	23 .. 10 ..
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	1293 .. 3 .. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$

Collected in boxes at opening services	107 .. 17 .. 1
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Donations after dinner

J. Foster Esq. 20f. - Mrs. S. Lake 5f. - Mr. Lambton 5f.	} 45 .. - - -
Mrs. Goulter with 10f. - J. M. Pitt Esq. 5f.	

A proposition was made by Mr. Hamis with  
 to subscribe 5f. towards every 100 that might  
 be collected of 4 remain<sup>g</sup>. (etc. - Other persons  
 adopted & suggesting 4 amount of  
 £ 29 .. 10 .. - was submitted on 4 same  
 principle. - Excursions having been  
 made - The first 100f was collected by  
 July 2<sup>nd</sup> - 100 .. - - -  
 The 2<sup>nd</sup> £ 100 by Nov 12 100 .. - - -

## Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> July 17. 1844.

The minutes of y<sup>e</sup> last meet<sup>g</sup> were read & confirmed.

<sup>161</sup> Ann Woodgate appeared & furnished a statement of her faith & hope which being regarded as satisfactory her application for membership was accorded to.

<sup>162</sup> Mr. Cook being present, & persisting in his refusal to return y<sup>e</sup> account book referred to minute 158. It was with one dissent

Resolved - That Mr. Crawley be authorized & requested to demand of Mr. Cook the subscription book belonging to y<sup>e</sup> Church & which was taken away by him from Mr. Shadwell on y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> of May last.

<sup>154</sup> <sup>163</sup> The Auditors appointed at our meet<sup>g</sup> on May y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> were requested to investigate y<sup>e</sup> subscription and forthwith to accit all y<sup>e</sup> members of y<sup>e</sup> Church up to y<sup>e</sup> close of June.

## Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> Sept: 4. 1844.

The minutes of y<sup>e</sup> last meet<sup>g</sup> were read & confirmed.

<sup>164</sup> The following resolution of y<sup>e</sup> Building Comm<sup>ee</sup> was laid before y<sup>e</sup> Church - 'That an application by letter be made to y<sup>e</sup> Church to raise y<sup>e</sup> sum of three hundred pounds to be placed at y<sup>e</sup> disposal of the Building Comm<sup>ee</sup>. The interest of such sum to be paid from y<sup>e</sup> income arising from £400 money of y<sup>e</sup> Church now in y<sup>e</sup> funds.' After due deliberation y<sup>e</sup> Church Unanim. Resolved, 'That our brethren Shadwell & Wilson be requested to apply to y<sup>e</sup> Trustees of y<sup>e</sup> funded property of y<sup>e</sup> church for y<sup>e</sup> loan of £400 to be repaid by annual instalments of £100. & guaranteed by y<sup>e</sup> signatures of y<sup>e</sup> members of y<sup>e</sup> Church or as many of them as may be deemed expedient.'

<sup>165</sup> Our bro. Crawley reported that in accordance with y<sup>e</sup> request of y<sup>e</sup> Church he had applied to Mr. Cook for y<sup>e</sup> subscription book & that Mr. C. positively refused to give it up.

<sup>166</sup> The report of y<sup>e</sup> Auditors was deferred till our next meeting.

167 There were proposed for membership

John Day - Schiefer - Messengers B: Shadwell & Wilson

Sarah Day

Elizabeth Ellis - liv: at Mr. Palmer's Sun St. - Mess: B: Country & Peck.

Minutes of Church Meet: Oct: 9. 1844.

The minutes of y<sup>e</sup> last meet: were read & confirmed

168 John Day - Sarah Day & Elizabeth Ellis severally appeared before y<sup>e</sup> Church & upon a satisfactory profession of their faith were received into our fellowship.

169 Bro: Shadwell reported that Mr. Cook as one of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees of y<sup>e</sup> Sunday property of y<sup>e</sup> Church refused to lend any portion of y<sup>e</sup> same.

170 An application was rec: from y<sup>e</sup> Church at Sutton under y<sup>e</sup> care of Mr Robinson requesting y<sup>e</sup> dismission of our bro: Caleb Wilshire which request was answered to y<sup>e</sup> a letter of dismission adopted.

171 The report of y<sup>e</sup> Auditors appointed at our meet: (May 15) was presented - from which it appears that on y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of July y<sup>e</sup> amounts stood as follows

	L 2 10
On y <sup>e</sup> Sacramental Acc. in hand	14 " 16. 6 1/2
Incidental Acc. due to Treasurer	8. 11. -
Exhibiting a bal: in favor of y <sup>e</sup> Ch: of	<u>6. 5. 6 1/2</u>

172 Proposals for membership

Mr. Mays - Schiefer Quenpik - Mess: B: R. Lane & Shaw.

Mr. Cressy - Gormie - Wilson & D. Wilshire.

Oct: 24.

173 Sarah Mays & Elizabeth Cressy severally appeared before y<sup>e</sup> Church & furnished a satisfactory statement of their faith & experience. The report of y<sup>e</sup> messengers authenticating y<sup>e</sup> genuineness of their profession it was agreed to rec: them into membership.

Jan<sup>y</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1845.

174 The Annual Tea meet<sup>g</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> members was held this evening after which y<sup>e</sup> principal minutes of y<sup>e</sup> year were read - y<sup>e</sup> list of members called over & arrangem<sup>t</sup> made for y<sup>e</sup> regular visitation of y<sup>e</sup> sick.

Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 21<sup>st</sup>

175 The Reports of y<sup>e</sup> visitors to y<sup>e</sup> sick were rec<sup>d</sup>. & new appointments made

176 Our pastor announced y<sup>e</sup> death of our sister Ann Ciss - which caused  
of one hundred years  
on y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> inst. - Our sister Ciss attained y<sup>e</sup> age in y<sup>e</sup> month of June last

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154 had been a consistent member of y<sup>e</sup> church since y<sup>e</sup> year 1772.

177 Messrs Deane Wilson & Clark were appointed to audit y<sup>e</sup> accounts of y<sup>e</sup> church up to y<sup>e</sup> close of y<sup>e</sup> past year.

178 A letter addressed by y<sup>e</sup> Build<sup>g</sup> Comm<sup>ee</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> Deacons having been read it was on y<sup>e</sup> motion of Bro. Sharnell - seconded by Bro. Crawley

unanim<sup>ly</sup> Resolved - That y<sup>e</sup> church do hereby convey all right

& interest in the sum of £ 365. 5. 3 being a portion of y<sup>e</sup>

sum of £ 500 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> per cent. we are invested in y<sup>e</sup> names of

Samuel Smith - John Crawley - Deere Foster & John Cook

to the Building Committee of the new Chapel situate in

Dovehouse close Mickin & do hereby authorize y<sup>e</sup> Deacons of

y<sup>e</sup> church to pay y<sup>e</sup> same together with all interest accruing

thereupon since April 1844 to y<sup>e</sup> Treasurer of y<sup>e</sup> said Committee

whenever they may obtain possession of such principal or interest

The church also ~~is~~ authorize & require y<sup>e</sup> Trustees of their former

153 property to sell out y<sup>e</sup> sum of £ 365. 5. 3 forthwith & pay y<sup>e</sup>

same ~~in accordance~~ either to y<sup>e</sup> Deacons of y<sup>e</sup> church or to y<sup>e</sup>

Treasurer of y<sup>e</sup> building Committee without delay.

179 Report for membership

Meriam Mearns - Paston - Jennings Bro. Sharnell Wilson

Mr. Williams - Budge St. - - - - - Crawley St. M.

Minutes of Church meet<sup>g</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup>. 19<sup>th</sup>. 1845.

The previous Minutes were read & confirmed.

<sup>180</sup> Miriam Merrill & Mary Williams appeared, & after a satisfactory narration of their faith & experience, were admitted as members of y<sup>e</sup> church.

<sup>181</sup> The reports of y<sup>e</sup> visitors by text were rec<sup>d</sup>. & new appointments made.

<sup>182</sup> The Auditors presented a report on y<sup>e</sup> state of y<sup>e</sup> church funds inclusive of all receipts & disbursements for y<sup>e</sup> past year. The balances are as follows.

Sacramental Acc <sup>t</sup> - Bal: in hand	£	15	8	6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Burial Acc <sup>t</sup> - do do		7	10	6
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		23	18	12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Incidental Acc <sup>t</sup> - Bal: ag <sup>t</sup> y <sup>e</sup> ch <sup>h</sup>		21	14	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
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<sup>183</sup> Car B<sup>r</sup>. Shadwell expressed a wish to resign y<sup>e</sup> Treasurership of y<sup>e</sup> above Funds - when it was Resolved - That y<sup>e</sup> funds in them devolve y<sup>e</sup> collect<sup>g</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> subscriptions for y<sup>e</sup> Minister be respectf<sup>lly</sup> solicited to undertake y<sup>e</sup> management of y<sup>e</sup> incidental <sup>burial accounts</sup> ~~accounts~~ during y<sup>e</sup> pleasure of y<sup>e</sup> Church.

<sup>184</sup> In conseq<sup>ce</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> removal of Mr. Gray from y<sup>e</sup> height<sup>g</sup> our bro: R. Lane was appointed as collector for y<sup>e</sup> eastern side of y<sup>e</sup> gallery - & our bro: J<sup>r</sup>. Williams was req<sup>d</sup> to assist Mr. Hainworth on y<sup>e</sup> opposite side.

<sup>185</sup> It was Resolved that y<sup>e</sup> balances of money in hand on y<sup>e</sup> Sacram<sup>l</sup> & Burial acc<sup>t</sup>s. be devoted to y<sup>e</sup> liquidation of y<sup>e</sup> debt due on y<sup>e</sup> incidental.

<sup>186</sup> It was also Resolved - That y<sup>e</sup> thanks of y<sup>e</sup> Church be presented to Mr. Carr for his kind <sup>assistance</sup> ~~services~~ in leading y<sup>e</sup> singing at our Sabbath services - & that while y<sup>e</sup> circumstances of y<sup>e</sup> Church will not admit of their offering him any pecuniary acknowledg<sup>mt</sup>. - y<sup>e</sup> Deacons be intreated to request his acceptance of y<sup>e</sup> family grave recently purchased by him in y<sup>e</sup> Old Burial ground.

<sup>187</sup> Resp<sup>ts</sup> for membership - Eliza Lane - Mrs<sup>s</sup> B<sup>r</sup> Peck & Wilson  
Caroline Merrill - Cranley & Shadwell

Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup>. Mar. 19<sup>th</sup> 1845.

The minutes of y<sup>e</sup> last meet<sup>g</sup> were read & confirmed.

188 Eliza Saw & Caroline Mardet appeared upon a satisfactory profession of their faith & experience were recognized as members of y<sup>e</sup> church.

189 The reports of y<sup>e</sup> sick visitors were rec<sup>d</sup>. & fresh appointments made. Our Pastor reported of death of our bro. Wm. Foster which occurred on y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> inst.

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190 A letter was read from Mr. Severe consenting on behalf of himself & y<sup>e</sup> other friends appointed to collect y<sup>e</sup> subscriptions to take upon them y<sup>e</sup> additional duty of managing y<sup>e</sup> incidental acc<sup>t</sup>. agreeably with y<sup>e</sup> vote of y<sup>e</sup> church at their last meeting. - In accord<sup>ce</sup> with a suggestion of y<sup>e</sup> com<sup>tee</sup>. it was Resolved - That the Deacons be requested to settle all y<sup>e</sup> outstanding obligations of y<sup>e</sup> ch<sup>h</sup> up to y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Inst. & to pay over y<sup>e</sup> balance to Mr. Severe as Treasurer of y<sup>e</sup> com<sup>tee</sup> of management.

191 It was also Resolved - That Mr. Mainweth be respectfully requested to assist Mr. Peck in auditing y<sup>e</sup> accounts of Mrs. Cook & Shadwell with a view to y<sup>e</sup> recovery of y<sup>e</sup> balance of subscription money due to y<sup>e</sup> minister.

192 A letter was read from Mr. Carr kindly acknowledging y<sup>e</sup> vote of y<sup>e</sup> ch<sup>h</sup> passed at their last meet<sup>g</sup> relative to y<sup>e</sup> grave recently purchased by him. & stating his willingness to continue his grate<sup>ful</sup> services as leader of y<sup>e</sup> singing.

Minutes of Ch<sup>h</sup> Meet<sup>g</sup>. June 12.

The previous minutes were read & confirmed.

193 The reports of y<sup>e</sup> sick visitors were rec<sup>d</sup>. & fresh appointments made.

194 Letters of Circumstances were sent on behalf of our bro. Wm. Wilson this way to y<sup>e</sup> Baptist ch<sup>h</sup> at Kings<sup>port</sup> Stafford - & in favor of Emma & Herman y<sup>e</sup> ch<sup>h</sup> meeting in Union Chapel - Luton.

Minutes of Church Meet. July 9. 1845.

The last minutes were read & confirmed.

<sup>195</sup> The list of members was called over when it was recorded that Thos. Primmell & Mary Harris having ceased to attend with us for some years past & united in fellowship with other relig<sup>y</sup> communities we no longer regard them as members of this church.

<sup>196</sup> Our brethren Cranley & Wilson were appointed to examine into <sup>the</sup> circumstances connected with our bro: Shadwell's recent failure in business.

<sup>197</sup> It was Resolved - That the Deacons be requested to have the Chapel repaired for the celebration of marriages.

<sup>198</sup> The Auditors appointed at our meeting Mar. 19. to examine <sup>the</sup> Deacons' accounts reported that a balance was due to the Minister on <sup>the</sup> Subscription list of £ 21. 11. 1. They further reported that Mr. Shadwell had furnished them with a detailed account of various monetary transactions between himself & Mr. Cook from which it appeared that in addition to <sup>the</sup> above - a further sum of £ 11. 8. 11 was due from Mr. C. to <sup>the</sup> Church - part of which sum Mr. Shadwell had advanced from his private resources.

The Auditors stated that <sup>they had placed</sup> Mr. Shadwell's account in <sup>the</sup> hands of Mr. Cook & were since requesting him to examine & give favor them with any remarks he might feel disposed to make upon <sup>the</sup> items it embodied - but that no direct communication had been received from Mr. C. on the subject.

<sup>199</sup> After this report had been received our bro: Wilson stated that Mr. Cook had declared to him his willingness to refund any sum which <sup>the</sup> Auditors might agree in naming as due from him to <sup>the</sup> Church - when it was Resolved - That <sup>the</sup> Auditors be requested to make instant application to Mr. Cook for <sup>the</sup> balance which they consider him as indebted to <sup>the</sup> Church.

260 At request of Mrs Palmer an application was forwarded to  
 Capt. Ch<sup>l</sup> at Westmanette - solicit<sup>g</sup> her (admission to our fellowship)

261 Our bro: Raver having absented himself from y<sup>e</sup> Lord's Table for some  
 time past y<sup>e</sup> brethren Crawley & Wilson were appointed to  
 converse with him on y<sup>e</sup> subject.

## Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> Aug<sup>o</sup> 20. 1845.

The previous minutes were read & confirmed.

262 The reports of y<sup>e</sup> sick visitors were rec<sup>d</sup>. Fresh appointments made.

15 263 A letter was read fm. y<sup>e</sup> Church at Westmanette honorably  
 dismissing Ann Palmer to our fellowship -

13 264 A statement was rec<sup>d</sup> fm. our bro: Chadwell explanatory of the  
 cause that led to his recent failure - when it was agreed to  
 postpone the consideration of the case to our next meeting.

265 The messengers appointed to our bro: Raver reported that while  
 he avowed undiminished affection for y<sup>e</sup> pastor & members of  
 y<sup>e</sup> church there were reasons which detained him from  
 communing at y<sup>e</sup> Lord's table but which he begged to be  
 excused from mentioning. - It appearing from y<sup>e</sup> statement  
 of certain of y<sup>e</sup> brethren that y<sup>e</sup> conduct of our brother had  
 been influenced by some hasty words reported to have been  
 employed by one of y<sup>e</sup> members of y<sup>e</sup> ch<sup>l</sup> which reflected on  
 his character. it was agreed to defer y<sup>e</sup> further consideration  
 of y<sup>e</sup> case in y<sup>e</sup> hope that y<sup>e</sup> misunderstand<sup>g</sup> may be privately rectified.

266 Proposed for membership

Names Mary Bacon - Messengers B<sup>o</sup> Pickthill  
 Sarah E. Turner - at Mrs Palmer's - Crawley & R. have

## Minutes of Ch<sup>l</sup> Meet<sup>g</sup> Oct<sup>o</sup> 16. 1845.

The previous minutes were read & confirmed.

267 The messengers appointed to Frances Bacon & Sarah Turner  
 reported that their enquiries had been properly satisfactory -



relations of y<sup>e</sup> faith & experience of y<sup>e</sup> above named persons were then read to y<sup>e</sup> church - after which it was unan<sup>ly</sup> agreed to receive them into full communion -

<sup>208</sup> The reports of y<sup>e</sup> said visitors were rec<sup>d</sup> & new appointments made.

<sup>209</sup> Our bro. Wilson reported that after full inquiry he had ascertained that y<sup>e</sup> conduct of our bro. Shadwell acquitted him of all suspicion of fraudulent conduct in connection with his recent failure & that y<sup>e</sup> account furnished to y<sup>e</sup> ch<sup>h</sup> by Mr. S. of y<sup>e</sup> circumstances that led to his embarrassment appeared very well entitled to belief when it was received - That y<sup>e</sup> Report of y<sup>e</sup> members in y<sup>e</sup> case of our bro. Shadwell being deemed satisfactory we authorize them to assure him of y<sup>e</sup> sympathy & confidence of y<sup>e</sup> church!

<sup>210</sup> Proposed for membership.

Abigail Halfpenny-Peterson - introduced by Wilson & Thayer

### Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> Nov. 27. 1845.

The prev<sup>g</sup> minutes were read & confirmed

<sup>211</sup> Abigail Halfpenny appeared before y<sup>e</sup> church, & upon a satisfactory statement of her faith & experience was admitted to membership.

<sup>212</sup> The reports of y<sup>e</sup> said visitors were read & fresh appoint<sup>ts</sup> made.

<sup>213</sup> A letter was read from Mr. Thos. Wren of Corumb down Bath - formerly a member of this ch<sup>h</sup> requesting pecuniary assistance under circumstances of severe trial - when it was agreed to leave y<sup>e</sup> case in Bro. Peck's hands -

<sup>214</sup> Our bro. Peck & Wilson were appointed to wait on Mr. Wren with a view to ascertain his intentions respecting y<sup>e</sup> matter in dispute between himself & y<sup>e</sup> church & to admonish him of y<sup>e</sup> inevitable consequences of his persistence in resisting its authority.

## Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 20. 1846

- The preced<sup>g</sup> minutes were read & confirmed
- <sup>215</sup> The Reports of y<sup>e</sup> sick visitors were rec<sup>d</sup>. Speech appointm<sup>ts</sup> made.
- <sup>216</sup> It was agreed that an Annual Collect<sup>n</sup> should be made on behalf of y<sup>e</sup> Town Miss<sup>n</sup> recently commenced in Hildon, should y<sup>e</sup> ordinary subscriptions prove inadequate.
- <sup>217</sup> The Annual Tea meet<sup>g</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> members was fixed for Wednesday Jan<sup>y</sup> 28<sup>th</sup>
- <sup>218</sup> Proposed for memb<sup>rs</sup>.
- Hannah Imprey rec<sup>d</sup>. at M<sup>r</sup>: Gunnis - Miss<sup>rs</sup> B<sup>l</sup> Shadrill Wilson.

## Minutes of Ch<sup>h</sup> Meet<sup>g</sup>. Mar: 18. 1846.

- The preced<sup>g</sup> minutes were read & confirmed.
- <sup>219</sup> Hannah Imprey appeared before y<sup>e</sup> Church & was admitted to membership on a satisfactory profession of faith.
- <sup>220</sup> Susan Winder rec<sup>d</sup>. at M<sup>r</sup>: Palmer's was also received into fellowship by dismiss<sup>n</sup> from y<sup>e</sup> Indep<sup>t</sup> ch<sup>h</sup> at Greenhills
- <sup>221</sup> The reports of y<sup>e</sup> sick visitors were rec<sup>d</sup>. Speech appointm<sup>ts</sup> made.
- <sup>222</sup> It was agreed that a ch<sup>h</sup> Tea meet<sup>g</sup> sh<sup>d</sup>. be held on Friday Apr. 10.
- <sup>223</sup> Our pastor reported y<sup>e</sup> death of our bro: W<sup>m</sup> Clay - who fell asleep in Jesus on y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> inst.
- <sup>224</sup> Our bro: Peck reported y<sup>e</sup> results of an interview which himself & bro: Wilson had held with Mr. John Cook - when it was resolved (with but one dissentient) 'That John Cook having during y<sup>e</sup> past 2 years treated y<sup>e</sup> resolutions & authority of y<sup>e</sup> church with marked disrespect, & continuing to withhold certain monies reported by our Auditors as due from him to y<sup>e</sup> pastor & to y<sup>e</sup> church - we regard it as a solemn duty to separate him from our fellowship & do thus declare that y<sup>e</sup> said John Cook is no longer a member of y<sup>e</sup> church worshipping in Salem Chapel - Hildon

Proposed for membership  
 Mary Boyer — Messrs B. Crawley & P. Lane  
 Clara Bwood — — — — — Shadwell & R. Lane  
 Mary Ann Hainworth — — — — — P. Lane & P. Lane  
 Geo: Stanford — — — — — Thom & Wilson.

Friday April 10.

<sup>226</sup> A public prayer meeting was held in the morning of the day to supplicate the enlarged communications of the Spirit's influence on the church & congregation.

In the afternoon 4 members of the church with 50 persons selected from the congregation met in the school room to tea after which Mary Boyer - Mary Ann Hainworth - Clara Bwood & Geo: Stanford furnished particulars of their faith & experience & were unanimously received into our Christian fellowship.

Minutes of Ch. Meet<sup>g</sup> April 30. 1846.

The record of minutes were read & confirmed

The reports of the visitors by Seth were rec<sup>d</sup>. & fresh appointments made

<sup>227</sup> Our pastor reported the death of our sister Mary Wilston which occurred on the 27<sup>th</sup> inst:

<sup>228</sup> The Incidental <sup>& burial</sup> <sub>and</sub> <sup>up to</sup> Mar. 25. were presented reporting a bal: in favor of the church of £

<sup>229</sup> The deacons were requested to provide additional baptiz<sup>g</sup> desks.

<sup>230</sup> Reference was made to minute 21. & a resolution was passed affirming the principle of such res<sup>ol</sup>: *viz*: 'That no member of this church shall be allowed to preach at our village stations unless he shall have been first nominated by our pastor & subsequently approved by 2 brethren appointed by the church to hear him in the village & to report on his gifts.'

Our pastor then nomin<sup>d</sup> our bro: David Wilkerson Jun<sup>r</sup> as a village preacher & 4 brethren Shadwell Wilson were deputed to hear him.

The following friends were proposed for membership

- John Foster - Little My more by - Men<sup>r</sup>. B<sup>r</sup>. Shadwell & Wilson
- William Foster - Walsworth
- William Crawley - Swan yd - G. Ayers & Thorn
- James Lane - Bancup - Odell & W. Wilson J<sup>r</sup>.
- Eli<sup>z</sup>. Crawley - Leamington - Bodwell & Wilson
- M<sup>rs</sup>. Dines - Crawley & R. Lane
- Sarah Roberts - Bancup - P. Lane & D. Wilson
- M<sup>rs</sup>. Lenton - Thorn & S. Woodfield

Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> May 13. 1846

The proceedings of minutes were read & confirmed

<sup>232</sup> May Dines - Sarah Roberts - John Foster - Wm Foster - William Crawley & James Lane appeared before y<sup>e</sup> church & furnished y<sup>e</sup> particulars of their religious faith & experience which being deemed satisfactory they were all admitted into y<sup>e</sup> fellowship of y<sup>e</sup> church.

<sup>233</sup> The follow<sup>g</sup> friends were proposed for membership

- Jemima Braund - Messengers B<sup>r</sup>. Crawley & Bodwell
- Sarah Wilson - Shadwell & Thorn
- Ann Castling - Wilson & R. Lane
- Harriet Winn - P. Lane & D. Wilson

Minutes of Ch<sup>h</sup> Meet<sup>g</sup> June 11. 1846

The proceedings of minutes were read & confirmed

<sup>234</sup> The reports of y<sup>e</sup> visit<sup>g</sup> ministers were rec<sup>d</sup> & new appointments made

<sup>235</sup> Jemima Braund - Sarah Wilson - Ann Castling & Harriet Winn severally appeared before y<sup>e</sup> ch<sup>h</sup> upon a satisfactory profession of faith were admitted to its fellowship.

<sup>236</sup> The follow<sup>g</sup> friends were proposed for membership

- John Nutting. (see min: 64) - Men<sup>r</sup>. B<sup>r</sup>. Shadwell & J. Ayers
- Harriet Batten - Crawley & R. Lane

Louisa Weedon — — — — — Messrs B. Wilson & J. Bay

Elizabeth Wilson — — — — — Shadwell & G. Ayer

237 It was agreed to receive & excommunicate of 4 other friends on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Inst. together with 4 professions of Eliz<sup>th</sup> Crowley Mrs Lenton they having been prevented from attending our present meeting.

Minutes of Ch<sup>h</sup> meet<sup>g</sup> June 18. 1846.

The minutes of the last meet<sup>g</sup> were read & confirmed

238 Elizabeth Crowley - Harriet Bullen - Louisa Weedon - Eliz<sup>th</sup> Wilson & John Nutting severally appeared before 4 church & upon a satisfactory profession of faith were admitted to its fellowship.

At a Special Church meet<sup>g</sup> held on Monday June 22. 1846 in accordance with public notice given in the Chapel on the preceding Sabbath it was unan<sup>im</sup>.

239 Resolved — That the Trustees appointed by an Indenture bearing date the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 1843, & made between Thomas Gorham Pierson of the 1<sup>st</sup> part, the said Trustees (by their several names & descriptions) of the 2<sup>nd</sup> part, & William Lucas of the 3<sup>rd</sup> part, shall stand & be seized & possessed of the piece or parcel of ground & other the hereditaments & premises conveyed to them & the said Indenture & of the Meeting house or building erected upon part of the premises upon the trusts & to & for the several ends intents & purposes hereinafter expressed & declared, that is to say,

Upon Trust at all times hereafter to permit the said Meeting house or building and premises to be used as a place of public and religious worship by the Society of Protestant (Dissenters now meeting for Divine worship therein and maintaining the Doctrines of the one living and true God, three equal persons in

the Godhead, Eternal and personal Election, Original  
 Sin, particular Redemption, free justification by the  
 imputed righteousness of Christ, Regeneration, Conversion  
 and Sanctification, by the Spirit and Grace of God, the  
 Moral law a rule of life and conduct for all Believers,  
 the final perseverance of the Saints, the resurrection  
 of the body to Eternal Life, the future Judgement, the  
 eternal happiness of the righteous, and everlasting misery  
 of such as die impenitent, and practising baptism by  
 immersion to such only as are of years of understanding  
 upon their own confession of repentance toward God and  
 faith in and obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ, and also  
 by such other persons as shall hereafter be united to the said  
 Society and attend the worship of God in the said Meeting  
 house, and for that purpose to permit to officiate in the  
 said Meeting house (and to reside in any house which may  
 be erected upon the said premises for that purpose)  
 such person, or persons, of the denomination of Protestant  
 Dissenters called particular Baptists, maintaining the  
 Doctrines aforesaid, as the Major part of the Members  
 of the said Society Female as well as Male, being Commu-  
 nicants therein, shall at any Church Meeting duly assembled  
 for that purpose by public Notice to be given in the said  
 Meeting house during Public Worship on the Sunday  
 preceding such Church Meeting from time to time elect  
 as their Minister or Pastor therein during their will  
 and pleasure, only, Provided always that it is hereby  
 expressly intended that the Church or Society assembling  
 in the said Meeting house shall at all times be confined  
 in the choice of a Pastor or Minister to persons  
 maintaining the Doctrines aforesaid, and practising  
 baptism as hereinbefore mentioned. Yet it shall and

may be lawful for the Pastor and Members of the said Church  
 or Society for the time being, if they as a Church at any time  
 or from time to time shall so choose to admit to communion  
 and Church membership any person or persons maintaining  
 the Doctrines aforesaid and professing repentance toward God  
 and faith in and obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ although  
 such person or persons may not have been baptized by  
 immersion. And upon further Trust in case a separate  
 School Room or School Rooms shall be erected or  
 provided upon the said piece of ground or any part  
 thereof as aforesaid or if there shall be no separate  
 School room or School rooms and it shall by the Male  
 Members of the said Society being communicants or the  
 Major part of them at their Church Meeting duly assembled  
 as aforesaid, be thought necessary or expedient to hold and  
 teach a Sunday or other School or Schools in any proper  
 part of the said Meeting house to permit and suffer  
 a Sunday or other School or Schools to be held conducted  
 and carried on from time to time in the said School  
 Room or School Rooms, or if it shall be thought necessary  
 or expedient as aforesaid in the said Meeting house, then  
 only at such hours and times as shall not interfere with  
 the Public Worship of Almighty God therein, and in all  
 cases whether in the said Meeting house or not under such  
 Government orders and regulations as shall be agreed upon  
 by the Male Members of the said Society being communicants  
 or the Major part of them at their Church Meeting duly  
 assembled as aforesaid. And upon further trust to  
 permit any part of the said Trust premises to be used  
 as a place for interment in such manner as shall be  
 directed by the Male Members of the said Society being  
 communicants or the Major part of them at their

Church Meeting duly assembled as aforesaid And upon further Trust from time to time to raise such sum or sums of money as the Male Members of the said Society being communicants present at a Church Meeting duly assembled as aforesaid or the Major part of them shall direct by Mortgage or Mortgages of all or any part of the said Trust Estate, and make any conveyance demise or other assurance whatsoever for that purpose and to stand possessed of the money which shall from time to time be received on any such Mortgage upon Trust for the liquidation of the debt now due on account of the said Trust property or such portion of the said debt, but in case the said Society or Congregation holding the Doctrines aforesaid shall be totally dissolved or dispersed and the Public Worship at the said Meeting house be discontinued by them for the space of 12 calendar months together, Then Upon further Trust to let convey and release the said Meeting house hereditaments and premises with the appurtenances to such person or persons as the Managers for the time being of a Society called the Particular Baptist Fund Committee established in London in 1717 or the Major part of them shall from time to time direct or appoint of or concerning the same Provided also, and it is hereby agreed and declared that when and so often during the continuance of the Trusts hereby created as the number of the Trustees of the said hereditaments and premises shall by death or otherwise be reduced to ten or less it shall be lawful for the Male members of the said Society or the Major part of them assembled for that purpose in their Church Meeting to choose nominate and appoint some other



fit and proper persons to be Trustees of the said hereditaments and premises in the place of the late Trustees thereof and upon every such choice the continuing Trustees or Trustee for the time being shall at the expense of the Trust Estate or of the funds of the said Society release and assure the said Meeting house hereditaments and premises with the appurtenances so and in such manner as that the same may become legally and effectually vested in such new Trustees only or in such new Trustees jointly with any continuing Trustees or Trustee as the case may require upon such or the like Trusts and for such or the like intents and purposes as are hereinbefore declared and expressed of and concerning the same premises.

Provided always, that in case any Mortgage sale or other disposition of all or any part of the said premises shall at any time be made or any letting thereof shall take place in pursuance of the Trusts aforesaid the person or persons becoming such purchaser or purchasers Mortgagee or Mortgagees Lessee or Lessees or otherwise paying any money in respect of the said premises his her or their heirs executors or administrators shall not be compelled to see to the application of the money so by him her or them paid nor be answerable or accountable for the misapplication or nonapplication of the same or any part thereof and that the receipt or receipts which shall from time to time or at any time or times be given by the Trustee or Trustees for the time being for such purchase or Mortgage or other monies or any part thereof shall be a good valid and sufficient acquittance and discharge and good valid and sufficient acquittances and discharges for the sum or sums of money which shall therein be acknowledged to have been received.

## Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup>. July 16. 1846.

The minutes of y<sup>e</sup> last meet<sup>g</sup> were read & confirmed.

240 Mr. Lenton appeared before y<sup>e</sup> church & upon a satisfactory profession of faith was admitted to our fellowship.

241 The follow<sup>g</sup> friends were proposed for membership

Charlotte Dines — Men<sup>r</sup> B. Wilson & Shadwell  
Edmund Boyer. — — — — — Crawley & Peck

August 13<sup>th</sup>

242 The following were proposed for membership

Elizabeth Carr — Men<sup>r</sup> B. Wilson & Peck  
Caroline Broad — — — — — P. Lane & Wilson  
Amelia Cook (at Mr. Palmer's) — — — — — Crawley & Shadwell

## Minutes of Ch<sup>h</sup> Meeting Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>

The preced<sup>g</sup> minutes were read & confirmed

243 Edmund Boyer — Charlotte Dines — Eliz<sup>h</sup> Carr & Caroline Broad  
appeared before y<sup>e</sup> <sup>church</sup> & upon a satisfactory profession of faith  
were admitted among its members.

244 The following friends were proposed for fellowship

Mr. Manning — Men<sup>r</sup> B. P. Lane & Thorne  
Ann Pearce — (Pitkin) — — — — — Shadwell & Adwell  
Geo. Spencer — — — — — Peck & Wilson

Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>

245 Proposed for membership

Elizabeth Davis — Men<sup>r</sup> B. Geo. Ayer & J. Peck

Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> Sept. 17. 1846.

The preced<sup>g</sup> minutes were read & confirmed

<sup>246</sup> George Spencer - Amelia Coote - Hannah Kutting - Ann Pearce  
& Eliz<sup>h</sup> Howe appeared before y<sup>e</sup> church & upon a satisfactory propos<sup>n</sup>  
of faith were admitted to membership.

Dec. 14. 1846.

The following friends were proposed for membership

<sup>247</sup> Matilda Hughes - Bancroft - Messengers B<sup>r</sup> Thom & S. Woodgate  
Amos English - Preston - R. Lane & Wilson  
Mary Salisbury Cook - member of 7<sup>th</sup> at Southill - Crawley & Shadwell

Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 21. 1847.

The preced<sup>g</sup> minutes were read & confirmed.

<sup>248</sup> Matilda Hughes - Mary S. Cook & Amos English  
severally appeared before y<sup>e</sup> church & after a satisfactory  
propos<sup>n</sup> of their faith were admitted to its fellowship.

<sup>249</sup> Proposed for membership

John Brown - Preston - Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> G. Ayers & S. Woodgate.

Minutes of Ch<sup>h</sup> Meet<sup>g</sup> Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> 1847.

The preced<sup>g</sup> minutes were read & confirmed

<sup>250</sup> John Brown of Preston appeared before y<sup>e</sup> church & upon a  
satisfactory propos<sup>n</sup> of faith was admitted to membership

<sup>251</sup> Cur<sup>rs</sup> Shadwell & R. Lane were appointed to investigate the  
truth of certain charges of uncl<sup>y</sup> toward his wife brought against  
our bro: Deacon of Brad St.

<sup>252</sup> March 22:  
The follow<sup>g</sup> were proposed for membership

Mary Ann Palmer - Messengers R<sup>d</sup> Bodwell & Wilson  
Mary Ann Merritt - of Preston - Shadwell & Thom  
Fanny Woodgate - R. Lane & P. Lane

Friday April 2. 1847.

<sup>253</sup> A Church tea meet<sup>g</sup> was held this after<sup>n</sup> after which  
Mary Ann Merrill - Francis Woodfield & Mary Ann Palmer  
appeared before us upon a satisfactory propos<sup>n</sup> of faith were  
admitted to membership -

Proposed for fellowship

<sup>254</sup> Martha Palmer - Mess<sup>rs</sup> B. Shadwell & Theron

Minutes of Church meet<sup>g</sup> April 15. 1847.

The proceed<sup>g</sup> of minutes were read & confirmed

<sup>255</sup> Martha Palmer appeared before <sup>g</sup> church & after a satisfactory  
statement of her faith & experience was admitted to fellowship.

<sup>256</sup> The messengers appointed in the case of John Brown reported  
that he admitted <sup>g</sup> charge of violent & intemperate conduct towards  
his wife which he in part justified by reference to her exor-  
temper. Our br<sup>s</sup> also informed <sup>g</sup> church that <sup>g</sup> discussions  
between John Brown his wife & <sup>g</sup> discord<sup>g</sup>ly conduct of their  
family were matters of public notoriety - that their unhappy  
state of things had been of long standing & that our br<sup>s</sup>  
Brown had been freq<sup>ly</sup> remonstrated with on the subject.  
Upon these grounds <sup>g</sup> ch<sup>h</sup> unanim<sup>ly</sup> resolved - that John Brown  
of Brad St. be suspended fr<sup>m</sup>: our fellowship for <sup>g</sup> period of  
six months in the hope that he may be led to repent of the  
inconsistency of his conduct with <sup>g</sup> profession which he has  
made of discipleship to <sup>g</sup> meet<sup>g</sup> body Jesus.

<sup>257</sup> The deacons pres<sup>nt</sup> on beh<sup>lf</sup> of <sup>g</sup> Treasurer <sup>g</sup> accounts of <sup>g</sup> past  
year end<sup>d</sup>: Mar. 25. 1847 - from wh<sup>ch</sup>: it appeared that there were  
balances in favor of <sup>g</sup> ch<sup>h</sup> on the Incident<sup>l</sup> acc<sup>t</sup> of £ 3. 17. 2<sup>d</sup>

<sup>258</sup>

Proposed for membership

Ann Blosses

Emma Hawkins

The Burial exp<sup>t</sup> of - 7. 7. 9

Mess<sup>rs</sup> B. Shadwell & P. Lane

R. Lane & Wilson

259 Our pastor referred to our congregational singing which since the removal of Mr. Con from <sup>the</sup> town had greatly deteriorated - & they after some general conversation on <sup>the</sup> subject it was Resolved That as no efficient leader can be found to conduct our singing & <sup>therefore</sup> it is the opinion of <sup>the</sup> church that trial should be made of a scaphin one of our members having kindly undertaken to lend an instrument of that description for <sup>the</sup> purpose.

April 19.

260 Ann Platts & Emma Hartland appeared before <sup>the</sup> church & upon a satisfactory declar<sup>ation</sup> of their faith were admitted to membership.

Minutes of Church Meet<sup>ing</sup> June 7. 1847.

The minutes of the preced<sup>ing</sup> meet<sup>ing</sup> were read & confirmed.

261 A letter was read from the Church at Sutton under the care of the Rev<sup>d</sup> J. Harris request<sup>ing</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>church's</sup> dismissal of our sister Olney - Also a similar application was rec<sup>d</sup> from <sup>the</sup> <sup>church</sup> at Sutton on behalf of our bro: Moses. Both dismissions were granted.

Minutes of Church Meet<sup>ing</sup> Aug<sup>ust</sup> 12. 1847.

The preced<sup>ing</sup> minutes were read & confirmed.

262 A communication was rec<sup>d</sup> from <sup>the</sup> <sup>Committee</sup> of management to the effect that they were dissatisfied with the manner in which Bro: Steers discharged his official duties - when it was Resolved That the matter be referred back to the Committee with full liberty to ~~make~~ make such arrangements as they may deem most advantageous to <sup>the</sup> interests of the community.

263 Maria Beaud was prop<sup>osed</sup> for memb<sup>ership</sup>. - Men<sup>bers</sup> B<sup>ro</sup>: Shadwell & Wilson

## Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 21. 1847.

The minutes of y<sup>e</sup> last meet<sup>g</sup> were read & confirmed

264 A letter was read from our bro: S. Woodfield stating that it was y<sup>e</sup> wish of a member of his family to erect a Grave stone to y<sup>e</sup> memory of his father & requesting the church to ~~allow~~ <sup>allow</sup> this to be done free of expense. — Honorable testimony was borne by certain of our more aged brethren to y<sup>e</sup> exemplary piety of Stephen Woodfield who has for many years an active & useful member of y<sup>e</sup> church & as a mark of respect for his memory & a testimony of y<sup>e</sup> services rendered by him to this community it was agreed — That y<sup>e</sup> family of y<sup>e</sup> late Stephen Woodfield be permitted to erect a grave stone over his remains without paying y<sup>e</sup> customary fee.

265 Our pastor reported y<sup>e</sup> death of our sister Abigail Halpenny who fell asleep in Jesus on y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Inst.

266 An extended & it is hoped profitable conversation ensued on y<sup>e</sup> existing state of y<sup>e</sup> church with a view to y<sup>e</sup> adoption of some practical measures for y<sup>e</sup> revival of y<sup>e</sup> work of y<sup>e</sup> Lord amongst us.

267 Proposed for membership

Ellen Foster — Little Lyndonley — Mrs. B. Wilson Thon.

## Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 25.

The minutes of y<sup>e</sup> last meet<sup>g</sup> were read & confirmed.

268 Ellen Foster appeared before y<sup>e</sup> church & upon a satisfactory profession of faith was admitted to our fellowship. (It is worthy of remark that this dear young friend was only 12 yrs & 4 months old at y<sup>e</sup> date of her admission to y<sup>e</sup> church — but that so decisive were y<sup>e</sup> indications of genuine piety in her case — that y<sup>e</sup> brethren felt constrained with one consent to say "Come in thou blessed of y<sup>e</sup> Lord!")

269 Our pastor rep<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> death of our bro: Buckingham who after an afflict<sup>n</sup> of 20 years durat<sup>n</sup> entered into rest on y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Inst.

<sup>270</sup> Our brethren Shadwell & Wilson were appointed to investigate certain charges affecting the religious consistency of Thos. Steens.

<sup>271</sup> Bro. Wilson stated that a friend at Puton had kindly offered to the church a plot of ground as the site of a chapel sth: they feel disposed to erect one in that village. Our Bro. also read a financial report of our village labors exhibiting a balance in favor of the church.

<sup>272</sup> The foll<sup>g</sup> were nomi<sup>d</sup> for membership —

Louisa Hainworth — Messengers B. Peck & Wilson  
Mrs Woodfield — eldest of our B. J. Hainworth — R. Lane & Thoen  
Mrs James — mother of J. above m<sup>th</sup>. — Cranley & Shadwell

### Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup>. Dec<sup>r</sup>. 23. 1847.

The minutes of y<sup>e</sup> last meet<sup>g</sup> were read & confirmed

<sup>273</sup> Eliz<sup>h</sup>. James Sen<sup>r</sup>. — Sarah Woodfield & Louisa Hainworth severally furnished a satisfactory statement of their religious faith & experience & were admitted to the fellowship of y<sup>e</sup> church.

<sup>274</sup> The messengers to Thos. Steens reported that since y<sup>e</sup> date of their appointment he had deserted his wife Hanny — when it was unanim<sup>ly</sup> Resolved — That Thos. Steens having abandoned his wife Hanny — we feel bound in accord<sup>ance</sup> with y<sup>e</sup> rule laid down by the Ap<sup>st</sup>. Paul — 1 Tim<sup>s</sup>. 5. 8. to exclude him from our fellowship & do thus solemnly renounce all connection with him as a church of Jesus Ch. Praying that y<sup>e</sup>. Lord may give him repent<sup>ance</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> act<sup>ions</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> faith.

<sup>275</sup> Thos. Shadwell & R. Lane were appointed to visit J<sup>os</sup>. Davis (submit<sup>ting</sup> 256)

<sup>276</sup> Bro. Wilson stated that Mr. Davis of Puton had w<sup>ill</sup>ing to erect a chapel at his own expense which he wd. be will<sup>ing</sup> to our friends sth: cent.

<sup>277</sup> The foll<sup>g</sup> were prop<sup>osed</sup> for membership

William Langford — Sun<sup>d</sup> M<sup>rs</sup>. B. Shadwell & Wilson  
Denah Gray — at Bro. Wilson's — — R. Lane & Thoen

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Decr. 27. 1847.

At y<sup>e</sup> close of y<sup>e</sup> prayer meet<sup>g</sup> - William Langford Jun<sup>r</sup> & Derah Gray  
upon a satisfactory statement of their religious faith & experience  
were received into y<sup>e</sup> fellowship of y<sup>e</sup> church.

## Minutes of Church meet<sup>g</sup> Feb: 17. 1848.

The prev<sup>o</sup> Minutes were read & confirmed:

279

Our pastor informed y<sup>e</sup> church that he has received  
a comm<sup>o</sup>: from Mr Williams y<sup>e</sup> Wesleyan Minister to the  
effect that Ann Street one of y<sup>e</sup> members of this church  
had applied to him some months since for adm<sup>o</sup>:  
to their Society - Our br<sup>s</sup> Cranby & Shattell were deputed  
to see Ann Street upon y<sup>e</sup> subject.

280

A list of contributors to y<sup>e</sup> purchase of the Harmonium  
recently placed in the Chapel for y<sup>e</sup> use of y<sup>e</sup> church  
& a regulation was read - a copy of which will be found  
entered at page 57 of this book.

281

The following friends were proposed for membership.

John Packins - Pulton - Mrs<sup>o</sup> B<sup>o</sup> Shadwell & R. Lane  
William Foster - P. Lane & Wilson  
Frances Croft - Hymen<sup>o</sup> by road - Geo Foster & Wm Foster  
Georgiana Ayres - Thos & S. Woodfield

Thursday Feb: 24

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John Packins - William Foster - Frances Croft &  
Georgiana Ayres severally appeared before y<sup>e</sup> church  
& after a satisfactory statement of their faith & experience  
were admitted to its fellowship.

283

The following were proposed for membership -

Penelope Mitchell - Mrs<sup>o</sup> B<sup>o</sup> Shadwell & Thos  
Mary English - Pulton - R. Lane & Wilson



List of Contributions toward the purchase of  
the Harmonium which was placed in Salem Chapel  
February 5<sup>th</sup> 1848 -

	\$	&	c
Mr. Mrs. Jewes	10	"	"
Mr. Palmer	5	"	"
Mr. Brown	5	"	"
Mr. Benign's family	5	"	"
Mr. Deere Poster	2	"	"
Mr. John Poster	2	"	"
Mr. Dodwell	2	"	"
Mr. Carling	2	"	"
Mr. Baron	2	"	"
Mr. Hamworth Family	2	"	"
Mr. John Palmer	1	"	"
Miss Palmer	1	"	"
Mr. Malden	1	"	"
Mr. J. Poster (Holbrook)	1	"	"
Mr. Braund	1	"	"
Mr. Langford	—	"	10
Mr. Peck	—	"	10
Mr. Wilson	—	"	10
Mr. Clark	—	"	10
Mr. W. Lake	—	"	10
Mr. Ambrose	—	"	10
Three Friends	—	"	15
1 Chor: 29. 16.	2	"	"
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	47	"	15
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Expenditure on account of Harmonium &c.

	£	s	d
Paid Mrs. Luff for the Instrument	40	13	—
do for Blower	1	—	—
Turner for Carr <sup>e</sup> of Harmon <sup>m</sup>	—	7	6
Mushaw for do of Blower	—	1	2
Lane for Unpacking &c	—	2	9
Langford for fitting up a seraphine borrowed in 1847	4	4	6
Hearst for alterations to do	—	12	8
Palmer for music book	—	9	7½
	<u>47</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>2½</u>

Rec<sup>d</sup> on acc<sup>t</sup> of Harmon<sup>m</sup> 47 . 15 . —

Disbursed 47 . 11 . 2½

Balance 3 . 9½

The above bal<sup>c</sup> of £ 3 . 9½ was paid over to Mr. Jewers  
as Treasurer of the Incidental Acc<sup>t</sup>:— Apr. 9. 1848.

J. P. Broad

Thursday Mar. 24. 1848.

284 Proposed for membership

Abel Sharpe — — — — — Men: B: Crawley & Shadwell

John Sharpe — — — — — R. Lane & Thoen.

Minutes of Church Meet: April 6. 1848.

The preced: minutes were read & confirmed.

285 Mary English - Penelope Twitchell - Maria Braund - John Sharpe  
& Abel Sharpe severally furnished a satisfactory relation of their faith & experience were admitted to the fellowship of Ch: Church.

Minutes of Ch: Meet: June 1. 1848.

The preced: minutes were read & confirmed.

286 Applications were rec: from the Church at Linn St. London for the dismissal of our Sister Martha Crawley Jun: - from the Baptist Ch: at St. Dors for the dismiss: of our sister Martha Crawley mother of the above - & also from the Baptist Ch: at Braintree for the dismiss: of our Sister Amelia Cook. - Honorable dismiss: were granted in all of these cases

287 Our S: Wilson pres: the Chapel accounts for the year ending March 25<sup>th</sup> exhibit: a balance in favor of Ch: as follows

On the Incidental account	£ 5 . 0 . 2
Barial Account	1 " 9 " -

288 Our Pastor read an address from the Secretaries of the Bapt: Union having ref: to the declining prosp: of Ch: churches & suggesting that spec: attent: be given to Ch: on Wed: day June 11.

289 The foll: persons were proposed for membership

Eleanor Underwood - Wym: Road - Men: B: Shadwell & Wilson

Eliz: Brown - Poyton - R. Lane & D. Wetmore

Eliz: Wilson - daughter of S: Wilson - R. Lane & Thoen

William Davis - Poyton - — — — — — Dodwell & Wilson

June 26.

<sup>290</sup> Prop for memb. - George Hair - Pylton - Mrs. B. Wilson Wharfedale.

### Minutes of Church Meet. June 29. 1848.

The preced. minutes were read & confirmed.

<sup>291</sup> Eleanor Underwood - Eliz. Brown - Wm. Davis - George Hair severally appeared before the church & after furnishing a satisfactory statement of their faith & experience were accepted as members.

<sup>292</sup> Our pastor reported the death of our sister Ann Clark who fell asleep in Jesus on the 26<sup>th</sup> inst.

Oct. 9. 1848.

<sup>293</sup> A letter was sent to the church in Back St. at the request of Mr. Garvine soliciting the usual testimonials in order to be honorably dismissed from their fellowship to our own.

<sup>294</sup> Eliza Gray - of Little Alnwick was prop for memb. - Mrs. B. Wilson Wharfedale.

<sup>295</sup> Our pastor reported the death of Mr. Saml. Bay who fell asleep in Jesus on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst.

### Minutes of Church Meet. Oct. 26. 1848.

The preced. minutes were read & confirmed.

<sup>296</sup> Eliz. Wilson app. before the church & after a satisfactory relation of her faith & experience was admitted to membership.

<sup>297</sup> We heard a member of the ch. at Puckeridge having signified a wish to transfer her fellowship - the church agreed to make applic. for a letter of dismissal.

<sup>298</sup> The foll. friends were also proposed for membership.

Mr. Russell - Watworth - Mrs. B. J. Foster Wharfedale

Martha Holloway

Crawley & G. Ayres

<sup>299</sup> The desir. of making some alter. in the manag. of the affairs of the church so as to relieve our pastor from that engagement on alternate sabbaths was discussed - It further was proposed that

Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup>. Nov: 16. 1848.

The minutes of y<sup>e</sup> last meet<sup>g</sup> were read & confirmed  
 300 Eliza Gray - Elizabeth Russell - & Martha Holloway  
 appeared before the church & after a satisfactory relation  
 of their faith & experience were admitted to our fellowship.  
 301 A letter was read from the church at Back N. Amherst:  
 (concerning Mr. Gascoine to our communion).

Nov: 27.

302 A letter was read from the Church at Puckridge honor<sup>g</sup>.  
 dismissing Mr. Teobald to our fellowship.  
 303 The following were proposed for membership  
 Joseph Ostora - Hitchin Hill - Mrs. M<sup>rs</sup>. Wilson & Thora.  
 Eliz<sup>h</sup> Deacon - Felt<sup>g</sup> St. - - - - - Shadrach R. Lane.

Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup>. Dec. 21. 1848.

The proceedings of minutes were read & confirmed.  
 304 Eliz<sup>h</sup> Deacon & Joseph Ostora appeared before y<sup>e</sup> church  
 & after a satisfact<sup>g</sup> statement of their faith & experience  
 were rec<sup>d</sup> into fellowship  
 305 Car bro: Peck's windm<sup>g</sup> y<sup>e</sup> subject of y<sup>e</sup> aftern<sup>g</sup> service (see  
 mini 299) but after satnd<sup>g</sup> & discuss<sup>g</sup> it was thought desir<sup>g</sup>  
 to await the interposition of providence.

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1. 1849

306 This day the members of the Ch<sup>h</sup> assembled to sea - after  
 which the list of names was called over - 18<sup>g</sup> principal incidents  
 of the past year of our social history reviewed.

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

307 A letter was rec<sup>d</sup> fm: the ch<sup>h</sup> in John St. Ryeport dismiss<sup>g</sup> Lucy Hussey to our fellowship.  
 308 A letter was sent to y<sup>e</sup> ch<sup>h</sup> at Houghton - Nants. soliciting a dismissal  
 on behalf of William King of Appley.

Feb. 4. 1849

308

A letter was read from the church at Houghton - Mants. dismissing William King to our communion.

Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>

309

In consequence of a report affecting the character of Sarah Paine, the church was detained after the prayer meet. This even. of our brethren Crawley & Shadwell app. to enquire into the truth of same.

Minutes of Ch. Meeting Mar. 22. 1849.

310

The previous minutes were read & confirmed. Our pastor introduced the subject of the desir. of augmenting the number of our Deacons, when after some convers. on the topic it was un. agreed to proceed at the earliest convenient period to the election of three additional brethren to this import. office.

311

The following persons were prop. for membrs.

Mr Sanderson - Pastor - Mrs B. M. Lane &

Mr Weedon - H. Hill - Wilson & J. Foster

Friday April 6. 1849.

312

This day a public Tea meet. was held after which the letter. cards wh. had been issued in January last with a view to the redempt. of the debt of £250 then remain. on our meet. were paid in. Upon examination it was found that the sum thus raised ~~together~~ with other sums contributed by members of the ch. & Wm. & Wm. amounted to £252 <sup>unquestionably</sup> the debt was extinct. - Grace was immediately offered up to the Saviour of all good for this happy termina. of our anxious labors, & it was resolved that the next Anniv. of opening of the Chapel should be observed as a day of Thanksgiving for the mercy thus shown to us, & to our children.

April 23<sup>d</sup>. 1849.

313 A letter was read from Mr. Robt. Wyman of Trump end nr. Stonebwoth requesting on beh<sup>d</sup> of himself & his wife adm<sup>n</sup>. to our fellowship - which was app<sup>d</sup>. our to J<sup>r</sup>. Foster & Harriet at meetings.

314 It was also agreed that a minute to the following effect be placed on record -

That whereas by a vote of the ch<sup>h</sup>. passed at their meeting (having reference to a vote passed on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March in the same year) held Nov. 14. 1843, the Trustees were requested to sell out the sum of £400 - 3 per cent. int<sup>r</sup>. being part of the sum of £500 standing in the names of Dece. Foster - John Crawley & John Cook an representatives of the ch<sup>h</sup>. - & to pay over the above sum of £400 to the Treasurer of the B<sup>y</sup>. Committee to be applied towards the cost of erecting our new Meeting House - and whereas difficulties occurred in the way of the compliance of the said Trustees with the vote of the church so that the said sum of £400 has never been sold out - Inasmuch the whole debt due upon the building has been otherwise discharged it is unanimously agreed - That the authority given to the Trustees in virtue of the <sup>said</sup> Resolution of November 14, 1843, be withdrawn, & the Resolution itself annulled - & that the Trustees be requested to hold the said sum of £500 sacred to the purposes & uses to which the interest was applied previous to the passing of the above vote.

315 It was further agreed That in consequence of the advanced age of two of the existing Trustees it is desir<sup>d</sup>. that additional Trustees should be appointed, - & that the nomination shall take place at our next ch<sup>h</sup>. meeting.

Minutes of Church Meeting May 3. 1849.

The proceed<sup>g</sup>. minutes were read & confirmed

316 Hannah Sanderson - Robert Hill Wyman & Harriet Wyman upon a satisfactory statement of their faith & experience were admitted to the fellowship of the church.

317 The like privilege was granted to Mary Weeden subject to the receipt of satisfactory testimony to her true consist<sup>g</sup>. for. of ch<sup>h</sup>. in B<sup>y</sup>. St.





Spec<sup>l</sup> Church Meet<sup>g</sup> May 17. 1849.

The Church assembled this evening with a view to the election of additional Deacons when the following Resol<sup>s</sup> were unanimously agreed to

- 1<sup>st</sup> - That the mode of election be by ballot & that no brother shall be considered as elected by the church, unless at least 80 of its members vote in his favor.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - That those members of the church who may be disabled through sickness or infirmity from personal attendance, shall be allowed to transmit their proxies signed with their own names to the care of the Deacons.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - That we meet (if the Lord will) on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> Inst. for the purpose of proceeding to the election.

Special Church Meet<sup>g</sup> May 24. 1849.

A letter was read from the Ch<sup>h</sup> at Back St. refusing the dismissal of Mrs. Weedon on the ground of her having connived at a contemplated marriage between her son who although a highly moral young man was regarded by them as destitute of saving grace, & a young woman who belonged to their fellowship. It appearing however that the brethren in Back St. had taken no disciplinary notice of the alleged offence although Mrs. W. had altogether withdrawn from their assemblies for more than 12 months prior to her application for membership with us - the church decided upon receiving her into our communion & a letter to the Ch<sup>h</sup> at Back St. was adopted explaining the reasons for this decision.

The Ballot was then taken for addit<sup>l</sup> Deacons - The scrutiny was conducted by the officers of the Ch<sup>h</sup> who reported that our bro: John Postor of Little Wymondley was the only individual who had secured the majority of votes agreed upon at our last meeting. - After some conversation on the most eligible

course to be adopted under existing circumstances it was unanimously resolved - That our pastor be requested to nominate other two members of the church who in his judgment may appear competent to sustain the Deacon's office.

Our pastor then remitted the question to the scrutineers requesting them to report the names of the two brethren who had secured the greater number of votes after our bro. Foster. Upon examination it was found that the choir had taken on the brethren Tho: Codwell of Wsley-end nr. Shillington & Tho: Wilson of Hitchin & that there had been elected by a very large majority.

The bro. J<sup>r</sup>. Foster & Tho: Codwell (being present) then signified their acceptance of the call of the Church - & Thursday Ev<sup>g</sup>. May 31<sup>st</sup> was appointed as the time of their public design<sup>g</sup> to office.

Thursday May 31.

<sup>324</sup> This evening our brethren J<sup>r</sup>. Foster - Tho: Codwell & Tho: Wilson were publicly set apart to the Deacon's office when our pastor addressed them on the ~~nature~~<sup>nature</sup> of duties of their trust, & encouraged them to a faithful perform<sup>g</sup> of their ministry.

Wednesday June 27. 1849.

<sup>325</sup> In accordance with the resolution passed by the church at their meeting April 6. This day was observed as a day of Thanksgiving to the God of all grace for His great favor to us in permitting us to witness the entire liquidation of our building debt. In the morn<sup>g</sup> at 7 o'clock a public prayer meet<sup>g</sup> was held in the Chapel. In the afternoon the children belong<sup>g</sup> to our Sabbath schools were addressed by the Rev<sup>d</sup>. S. Kent of Biggleswade. A Tea meeting was held at 5 o'clock in the Town Hall preside over by Bro. the Foster Esq<sup>r</sup> when addresses were delivered by Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Robinson

of Davis of Sutton - West of Biggleswade & Heathcote of Hitchin.  
In the evening an appropriate sermon was preached in the Chapel  
by the Rev. J. Fuller of Bedford from 1 Chron: 29. 10-17.

In making this entry which may possibly be read by generations  
yet unborn, the present pastor cannot avoid supplementing the  
account with the statement that in first exciting the people to attempt  
the erection of a new Chapel he acted under a very powerful conviction  
of duty, & that while in the course of the undertaking many great &  
unanticipated difficulties were encountered, & hearty cooperation &  
good will of the Committee of Congregation assisted by the divine blessing  
insured them all. It is also especially deserving of notice,  
that since the completion of the work, several of the most  
wealthy & liberal of the contributors, have been removed by death,  
without whose countenance & assistance it is not all likely that  
the Church would have entertained the idea of erecting so  
unmodest a substantial an edifice. - How then can this  
word more appropriately close, than in the language referred to  
above? Or with the prayer of Israel's man of God - "See Thy work"  
"appear unto Thy servants & Thy glory unto their children." And  
"let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, & establish Thou"  
"the work of our hands upon us, & let the work of our hands establish"  
"Thou it!"

Church meet. Aug. 10. 1849.

The minutes of the preced. meet. were read & confirmed.  
In consequence of the limited attendance of male members more  
of whom are engaged in harvesting no business was transacted.  
Our Pastor ann. the decease of our bro. George Harpell who was  
removed by the prevail. fever on the — of July.

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Sept: 17. 1849.

327 The follow<sup>g</sup> friends were proposed for membership

M<sup>rs</sup> Odell wife of our bro: Odell - Mrs<sup>s</sup> B<sup>rs</sup> Wilma & R. Lane

Hannah Buckingham ————— Shadrach & Thora.

Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup>. Sept. 20. 1849.

328 Sarah Odell & Hannah Buckingham appeared  
 & after a satisfactory statement of their faith &  
 experience were admitted to its fellowship.

329 It was resolved 'That Mr. Jones be respectfully requested to  
 undertake the general superintend<sup>g</sup> of the Burial ground  
 & also to act as Treasurer of the incidental fund.'

330 It was also resolved 'That the church do meet on the even<sup>g</sup>  
 of Thursday October 4<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of special humiliation  
 & prayer with reference to the recent visitation of fever  
 which has removed so many from our town & neighborhood  
 into the eternal world, with reference also to the prevalence  
 of cholera in the metropolis & other districts of the land, &  
 also with reference to the revival of the work of God in our  
 own hearts & the spread of His glorious Kingdom around  
 us.'

Thursday Oct: 4. 1849.

331 In consequence of the rapid subsidence of disease  
 in the metropolis, & its abatement in our own locality,  
 the meeting appointed for this evening assumed a somewhat  
 different character from that originally contemplated. The  
 prayers of the brethren being largely interspersed with thank-  
 givings both on account the mercy thus outstretched to our  
 guilty nation & the benignity of providence as exemplified in  
 the few deaths of the recent season.

Minutes of Church Meet. Dec. 6. 1849.

The minutes of the preced. meet. were read & confirmed.

332 After the subject had been introduced by our pastor it was

Resolved - That in consequence of the irregular attendance of certain friends at our weekly communion it is agreed that if any member of this church resident in the town or its immediate vicinity shall neglect attending at the Lord's table during 6 successive months, such neglect unless occasioned by illness shall be regarded as a virtual withdrawal from our fellowship, & the name of such absentee shall be removed from the list of members at the church meeting next following the expiry of the said 6 months unless satisfactory cause be then shown to the contrary.

333 It was agreed to hold our Annual Gen Meet. on Tuesday Jan. 1. & that our pastor be authorized to admit to such meeting any members of the congregation whom he may regard as eligible, to the full extent of our accommodation.

334 Arrangements were entered into for the due maintain. of order in waneet<sup>h</sup> wh: the Lord's Day even<sup>g</sup> services.

335 Our next Ch. Meet. was fixed for Tuesday Dec. 25.

336 The following friends were proposed for membership -  
William Peckergill - Hymondley - Mrs. B. J. Foster & Thaddeus  
Ruth Hawkes - Fair's Park - - - - - Wilson & Thorne

337 Since our last meet. the Lord had removed by death our sisters Mary Lane - Mary Porter & Sarah Cosens all of whom died in the faith & hope of the Gospel.

Minutes of Church Meet. Dec. 25. 1849.

The preced. minutes were read & confirmed.

338 Ruth Hawkes & William Peckergill severally appeared before the church & upon a satisf. statem<sup>t</sup> of their faith & repentance were admitted to our fellowship.

Jan 1. 1850.

<sup>339</sup> The Annual Tea meet<sup>g</sup> of the members was held this day after which the list of members was called over & the principal events of our social history during the past year were subjected to review.

Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>

<sup>340</sup> Mary Ann Cowley req<sup>d</sup>. of ch<sup>h</sup> to supply for her dismis<sup>n</sup>. from ch<sup>h</sup> at Steventon - Beds. Her request was acceded to.

<sup>341</sup> Harriet Winn having been notoriously guilty of the sin of fornication - it was thought - that we regard it as a sacred duty to exclude her from our fellowship till such time as she may afford satisfactory evidence of genuine repentance.

<sup>342</sup> A letter was read from Sarah Turner indicating the indulgence of godly sorrow & requesting full restor<sup>n</sup> to the privileges of membership. - This request was cheerf<sup>lly</sup> acceded in accordance with the resolution of the ch<sup>h</sup> May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1849.

Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>

<sup>343</sup> A letter was read from the ch<sup>h</sup> at Steventon Beds, honorably dismissing Mary Ann Cowley to our fellowship.

Minutes of Church meet<sup>g</sup> Mar. 14. 1850.

The minutes of the proceed<sup>g</sup> meet<sup>g</sup> were read & approved

<sup>344</sup> A letter was read from Mr. Hainworth resigning his office as one of the Collectors of subscriptions from seat-holders in the Gallery - by our bro: W<sup>m</sup> Procter of Ditchouse St. was appointed in his room.

<sup>345</sup> Our br<sup>s</sup> Shadwell & Geo. Ayres were app<sup>d</sup> to visit Bro Brown who was suspended from fellowship in April 1847.

<sup>346</sup> The follow<sup>g</sup> friends were prop<sup>d</sup> for membership  
 Emma Bird - Arklow - Menengerie B<sup>g</sup> - Mr. Procter & W<sup>m</sup> Fisher  
 Eliz<sup>h</sup> Brown - Pains Tick - - - - - Thos & Odette  
 Abigail Hall - Highbury - - - - - R. Jane Woodfield  
 Emma Malden - Hitchin tick - - - - - Shadwell Wilson

March 29. 1850.

<sup>347</sup> Abigail Hall - Emma Bird - Hannah Brown & Emma Holden  
severally appeared before the church, & upon a satisfactory statement  
of their faith were admitted to membership.

April 15<sup>th</sup>

<sup>348</sup> Letters of dismission were applied for & granted, from the  
church at Luba under the pastoral care of the Rev. R. Robinson  
on behalf of our sisters Ann Lee Street & Martha Wilson.

<sup>349</sup> Proposed for membership

James Robottom - Messrs B. Shadwell & D. Webster.

Minutes of Church meet. 5 May 2.

The preceding minutes were read & unpermeated.

<sup>350</sup> James Robottom appeared before the Church & after  
a satisfactory profession of his faith was admitted  
to its fellowship.

<sup>351</sup> The incidental & burial accounts were submitted & exhibit  
a balance on the joint acct of £21. 15. in favor of the  
church. (Audited to the 25<sup>th</sup> of March last.)

<sup>352</sup> Messengers were appointed to seek of the members as  
were known to be confined from the house of God through  
illness.

<sup>353</sup> The messengers to Dr. Brown were continued.

Minutes of Ch<sup>h</sup> meet. 9 June 27.

The last minutes were read & unpermeated.

<sup>354</sup> The reports of the sick visitors were rec<sup>d</sup>. & fresh appointments made.

<sup>355</sup> Our pastor reported the death of our sister Ann Sharp who sweetly  
fell asleep in Jesus on the morn<sup>g</sup> of June 17<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>356</sup> Proposed for membership  
John Odell Jun<sup>r</sup>

Messengers B. Shadwell M. Lane

Lizzie Hamworth

Shadwell Wilson

<sup>357</sup> Our pastor announced the receipt of the sum of £6. 12. being

a dividend on the sum of £ 10 - left by our late brother W. Peck, to the minister & deacons for distribution among the poorer members of the church. - Those of the members who might wish to avail themselves of this bounty were requested to make application to the Deacons before our next ch<sup>h</sup>. meeting.

Minutes of Church meet<sup>g</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup> 1850.

358 Sophia Hainworth & John Odell Jun<sup>r</sup>. severally appeared before the church, & after a satisfactory statement of their religious faith & experience were received into our fellowship.

359 The reports of the sick visiters were rec<sup>d</sup>. - Then appointments made.

360 The legacy rec<sup>d</sup>. fm. the estate of our brother Peck amount<sup>g</sup> to the sum of £ 6. 12. - was distrib<sup>d</sup>. as follows

Edward Foster	12. -
Jane Nudd	10. -
W <sup>m</sup> . Wilshere H. Hill	10. -
Widow Jordan	10. -
Widow Troore	10. -
Widow Webb	10. -
Widow Wilson	10. -
Widow Williams	10. -
John Benson	10. -
David Wilshere Jr.	10. -
Eliza Heathhead	10. -
Thos. Imprey	10. -
Eliza Harvey	10. -
	<u>6. 12. -</u>

August 26. 1850.

361 A letter was rec<sup>d</sup>. from the Bapt. ch<sup>h</sup> at New Romney requesting the dismis<sup>n</sup> of our sister Susan Windsor. The applic<sup>n</sup> was acced<sup>d</sup> to, & an honor<sup>ble</sup> dismis<sup>n</sup> forwarded.



Minutes of Church Meet. Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> 1850.

The papers of minutes were read & confirmed.

The reports of the sick visitors were despatched.

<sup>362</sup> The providence of God having led the Rev. J. B. Smith to settle in this town, his <sup>occasional</sup> ministerial services having proved generally acceptable to our friends - it was resolved with but one dissentient - That the church approve of Mr. Smith being invited as an occasional supply for the pulpit on the application of the Society.

<sup>364</sup> Proposals for membership

William Pratt - Pyton - Messrs B. H. Hunt & R. Lane.

Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>

<sup>365</sup> A letter was read from the Ch. of Linton under the pastoral care of the Rev. J. J. Davis req. the dismission of our sister Emma Bird. The dismission was granted.

<sup>366</sup> There were proposals for membership

Miss Smith - at Miss Palmer's - Messrs B. Bodwell & Hadwell  
Matthew Omant - Buckenbury - ———— John S. Odell  
Fred. Pedder - Preston ———— J. Foster & Woodfield  
Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>

<sup>367</sup> The following friends were proposed for membership -

Richard Bodger - Stanport - Messrs B. Bodwell & Hadwell.  
Hannah Lane - Offley - ———— B. P. Lane & G. Ayres.

Minutes of Church Meet. Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 1850.

The papers of minutes were read & confirmed.

<sup>368</sup> William Pratt - Anna Mary Smith - Matthew Omant - Fred. Pedder - Richard Bodger - & Hannah Lane severally appeared before the Church & after a satisfactory profession of faith were admitted to its fellowship.

<sup>369</sup> The reports of the sick visitors were recd. & new appointments made.

72 74  
Jan. 1. 1857.

370 The Annual Meeting of the members was held this evening after which the principle features of our social history during the past year were reviewed, & the list of members called over.

371 The follow<sup>g</sup> parties are declared to be no longer members with us in consequence of non-attendance at the Lord's table dur<sup>g</sup> 6 months without any justifiable cause being assigned for their absence.  
Ebenzer Daniell - Sarah Wright - Eliza Lane - Dorothy Tunstall - John Sharpe.

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Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> 1857.

372 At a special ch<sup>h</sup> meeting held this evening at which the pastor was not present, it was unanimously Resolved that our esteemed pastor be requested to accept of a Family Grave for the remains of his beloved child free of all charge, & that the Deacons be requested to assure him of the cordial sympathy of the members & their grateful recognition of the Divine goodness as mingled with the recent profound visitation.

March 24<sup>th</sup>

373 The following friends were proposed for membership -  
Mary Ann Usher - Messrs B. Dodwell & Wilson  
Sarah Parker - H. Lane & Woodfield  
Benjamin Barker - J<sup>r</sup>. Foster & Shadwell.

April 7<sup>th</sup>

374 The follow<sup>g</sup> were nominated for membership -  
Fanny Holland - Messrs B. Dodwell & Wilson  
Martha Westwood - J<sup>r</sup>. Odell & W<sup>m</sup>. Foster  
Daniel Upchurch - Cranley & D. Wilshere  
375 Our pastor gratefully acknowledged the resolutions passed by the church at their meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> of Feb. last, relative

his acceptance of a Family Grave, & expression of their sympathy with him in the sorrow & joy attendant on his recent bereavement.

April 18. 1857.

376 Mary Ann Wether - Sarah Parker - Martha Westwood - Henry Holland - Benjamin Backer & Daniel Upchurch, severally appeared before the church & after a satisfactory statement of their faith & experience, were admitted to its fellowship.

May 15<sup>th</sup> 1857.

The proceed<sup>g</sup> minutes were read & confirmed.

377 Proposed for membership

George Hall - Mrs<sup>rs</sup> B. N. Lane & Thadwell

378 The rest of the evening was occupied with special supplication on behalf of our bro: Philip Lane who is about to remove with his family into Shropshire in order to devote himself to home missionary work & connexion with the Scripture Readers Society.

Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> July 24<sup>th</sup> 1857.

379 George Hall appeared before the ch<sup>h</sup> & upon a satisfactory statement of his faith & experience was admitted to its fellowship.

380 A letter was read from John Palmer expressive of his wish to withdraw fr<sup>m</sup> the fellowship of the church - when our br. Deacons Strilun were appointed to converse with our brother on the subject.

381 It was unan<sup>ly</sup> resolved - that collections be made on behalf of the Aged Pilgrims Society on Lord's Day

August 17.

The fol<sup>l</sup> were prop<sup>d</sup> for membership

382 Mary Ann Williams - Mrs<sup>rs</sup> B. N. Wilson & Thoma  
Emma Brown - - - - - Dodwell & H<sup>rs</sup> Porter  
William Orant - - - - - Thadwell & Smith

## Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> 1851.

The preceding minutes were read & confirmed.

<sup>383</sup> Mary Ann Williams - Emma Brown & William Grant  
severally appeared before the church & upon a satisfactory statement  
of their faith & experience were admitted to its fellowship.

<sup>384</sup> The incidental <sup>& varied</sup> accounts up to the 25<sup>th</sup> March last were  
read, when there appeared a balance on the joint accounts  
in favor of the Church of £ 18.

<sup>385</sup> The case of bro. Palmer was postponed to our next meet<sup>g</sup>.

September 15<sup>th</sup>

<sup>386</sup> Proposed for membership

Ann Eliza Patonister - Test<sup>rs</sup> B<sup>r</sup> Wilson & R. Lane.

## Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>

The preceding minutes were read & confirmed.

<sup>387</sup> Ann Eliza Patonister appeared before the church & after  
a satisfactory statement of her faith was admitted to membership.

<sup>388</sup> The desirableness of making some new arrangement for the  
supply of the pulpit on the afternoons of the alternate  
Sabbaths was the subject of some conversation, but no  
decision was reached owing to our ignorance of the wishes  
of our Country friends. The matter was therefore referred to  
our next meeting.

<sup>389</sup> The case of bro. Palmer was postponed.

<sup>390</sup> Collections for the Poor Mission were made for  
Lord's day Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>

<sup>391</sup> The follow<sup>g</sup> friends were proposed for membership  
Mr. Menick - Test<sup>rs</sup> B<sup>r</sup> R. Lane & Thos.  
Coker Palmer - B<sup>r</sup> Wilson & J<sup>r</sup> Postor

Minutes of Church Meet. Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 1851.

The minutes of the prev. meet. were read & confirmed.

<sup>392</sup> Sarah Wink & Esther Palmer appeared before the Church & upon a satisfactory statement of their faith & experience were admitted to our fellowship. —

<sup>393</sup> Car. & Thadwell Stricker were app<sup>d</sup>. to visit John Brown who has been long under suspension on account of domestic evils. —

Minutes of Ch<sup>h</sup> Meet. Dec. 11. 1851.

The minutes of the last meet. were read & confirmed.

<sup>394</sup> The messengers appointed to John Brown reported favorably upon the state of his mind, when it was resolved that John Brown having expressed his regret on account of those domestic differences which led to the appointment of messengers by the church, & his earnest desire that no similar occasion of reproach may arise we agree to reinstate him in the full privileges of membership.

<sup>395</sup> The annual sea meet. of the church was fixed for Thursday Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.

<sup>396</sup> To provide for mem<sup>ts</sup>.

Rachel Fox — messengers W. G. Foster & Thadwell.

Jan 1. 1852.

<sup>397</sup> The annual sea meet. was held this evening.

The principal features of our social history during the past year passed under review, & the list of members was called over.

<sup>398</sup> Car & Crowley & Wilson were appointed to investigate certain rumours affecting the character of John Gilham

<sup>399</sup> John Palmer was declared to be no longer a member of the church on the ground of non-attendance at the last meet. in accord<sup>ce</sup> with Minute 332.



Minutes of Church Meet. Feb. 19. 1852.

407 The proceedg minutes were read & confirmed.  
Elizabeth Westwood - Emma Morgan - Ellen Bowler -  
Dinah Sumner - Elizabeth Kemp - & Ann Law severally  
appeared before the Church & after a satisfactory profession  
of their faith were admitted to fellowship.

April 12<sup>th</sup>

408 Our pastor having read a letter from the Rev. W. Guiffiths  
expressive of his full conviction that it is desirable that the  
practice of holding alternate services at our respective places  
of worship on the Lord's Day even<sup>g</sup> should be discontinued,  
& requesting to know how the conducting of a regular  
Sabbath Evening service in Back St. chapel would be  
regarded by us? After the free expression of sentiment by  
the brethren it was unanimously Resolved -

That our pastor be  
requested to enquire the brethren at Back St. that while the  
discontinuance of the alternate Lord's day even<sup>g</sup> services would  
be viewed by us with sincere regret, as being in our judgment  
a measure altogether uncalled for by any existing necessity,  
& which is likely in various ways to prejudice the cause  
of Evangelical dissent in this town & neighbourhood, - we  
at the same time most fully recognize the unquestionable  
right of the members of the sister community to carry  
out the convictions of their own minds in relation to this &  
every other question of church polity without interference  
or molestation, or reproach from ourselves.

The above resolution was forwarded by our pastor to the  
Rev. W. Guiffiths April 14<sup>th</sup> -

## Minutes of Church Meet. April 29. 1852.

The preced. minutes were read & confirmed

<sup>409</sup> The Incidental & Burial accounts were presented exhibiting a balance in favor of the church on the joint account of £ 3.. 8.. 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> when it was resolved that in passing the above accounts the church avails itself of so favorable an opportunity of expressing to Mr. Devere the most sincere thanks for the very efficient services which he has rendered in the management of the same.

<sup>410</sup> The case of John Gilham was again postponed.

<sup>411</sup> Resolutions were made by our Pastor to the case of Harriet Sprigg who was excluded from our fellowship in Jan'y 1850 - when the church appointed the brethren Wilson & Haven to visit her with a view to her restoration to our communion.

<sup>412</sup> An application was recd. from Sarah Cousins expressing a wish to transfer her fellowship from the church meet. in Union Chapel - Lubon to our own. - This request was acceded to, & a letter of applic<sup>n</sup> for the usual testimonials adopted

<sup>413</sup> Proposed for membership -

Mary Petts	} men: B. Raves & Shadwell.
Joseph Petts	
Ann Chamberlain	

## Minutes of Church Meet. May 13<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>414</sup> Joseph Petts & Mary Petts appeared before the church & after a satisfactory profess<sup>n</sup> of faith were rec<sup>d</sup> into fellowship

<sup>415</sup> Ann Chamberlain also appeared but in consequence of want of entire satisfaction respect<sup>g</sup> the evidences of a work of grace in her heart the church remitted the case to the messengers for further visitation & inquiry.

<sup>416</sup> The messengers app<sup>d</sup> to Harriet Sprigg reported that their interview was most satisfactory, & that in their judgment &c. &c. ought as a genuine penitent to be added to our communion. - It was then



was Resolved that Harriet Spriggs having expressed herself as truly penitent on account of the sin which led to her separation from the church, & having further avowed her thankfulness for that act of discipline as in perfect accordance with the law of Christ & our principal means of her spiritual recovery - we do agree to restore her to our fellowship & to resume our love towards her.

<sup>417</sup> Our pastor read a communication from the Rev. W. Duffie to the effect that on & after the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. the church & congregation at South had agreed to have a public service every Lord's Day evening.

<sup>418</sup> It was further stated that certain of our friends were anxious to have a well erected around the new burying ground some handsome donations were mentioned & 49<sup>th</sup> matter commended to the liberality of the church & congregation.

### Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup>. July 8. 1852

The presid<sup>g</sup> minutes were read & confirmed.

<sup>419</sup> A letter was read from the Rev. H. Robinson honor<sup>g</sup> dismissing Sarah Cousins to our communion.

<sup>420</sup> Mrs. Praybrook requested permission to transfer her membership from the church at Potomac to our own fellowship. This request was acceded to, & a letter to that effect adopted to the sister's ok<sup>d</sup> adopted.

<sup>421</sup> The case of John Dilcom was again introduced & postponed for further enquiry.

<sup>422</sup> It was Resolved that public collections should be made this year on behalf of the Aged Pilgrims Socy.

<sup>423</sup> Our pastor nominated our brethren Amos English, & John Odell as being in his judgment suitable candidates for the office of village parson, when it was agreed to allow them an salary of \$1000. of submit<sup>g</sup> their gifts to the judgment of the church.

22  
Minutes of Church meet. Sept. 2. 1852.

The minutes of the last meet. were read & confirmed.

<sup>424</sup> The case of J<sup>r</sup> Gilham was again postponed.

<sup>425</sup> A letter was agreed upon to the church meet. in Union Chapel  
Luton request the dism<sup>t</sup> of Sarah Williams to our fellowship.

<sup>426</sup> It was resolved that the Deacons be authorised to dispose  
of the Harmonium purchased by private subscription in 1835  
on behalf of the church, but the use of which has long impeded  
by the subsequent introduction of an Organ, & to appropriate  
the proceeds to the general incidental fund.

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Minutes of Church meet. October 28<sup>th</sup>

The minutes of the last meet were read & confirmed.

<sup>427</sup> The case of J<sup>r</sup> Gilham was again introduced & after  
some remarks from the trustees it was agreed  
that while the conduct of J. G. had been of a character  
to call for enquiry on the part of the church, & to justify  
his temporary suspension from the privileges of  
membership - it appears to us under all the circumstances  
of this difficult case expedient to remove the ~~test~~  
censure under which he has so long lain by restoring  
him to full communion.

<sup>428</sup> Sarah Stockbridge applied for leave to transfer her  
fellowship from the church at Melbourn - Cam. to  
our own.

Louisa Hudson made a similar request to be  
dismissed from the church with which in King St. Truro.  
Both applicat<sup>s</sup> were acceded to, & letters in accordance  
with this decision forw<sup>d</sup> to the respective churches.

<sup>429</sup> It was agreed that the sermon on behalf of the Good  
Pilgrims' Socy. shd. be preached on Lord's day Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>.

<sup>430</sup> The brethren Amos English & Geo Odell Jun<sup>r</sup> having in accordance with the vote of July 8<sup>th</sup> respectively exercised their gifts before the church it was this even<sup>g</sup>. unanimously resolved that the members of the church being fully satisfied that the Lord has graciously qualified their beloved brethren English & Odell to preach the gospel in the surrounding villages feel it a sacred duty to give them full liberty to officiate at any of the Stations connected with Salem Chapel.

<sup>431</sup> It was further resolved that the even<sup>g</sup>. of Thursday Nov: 14<sup>th</sup> be observed by the ch<sup>h</sup> & congregation as a season of special prayer for the brethren thus sent forth to labour in the Lord's vineyard, & for their associates in the work.

Nov: 8<sup>th</sup>

<sup>432</sup> A letter was read from the church meet<sup>g</sup> in Union chapel Salem honor<sup>ly</sup> dismissing Sarah Williams to our fellowship.

<sup>433</sup> Also a similar Letter from the church at Melbourn honor<sup>ly</sup> dismissing Sarah Stockbridge.

<sup>434</sup> Subsequently to the above meet<sup>g</sup> a letter was rec<sup>d</sup> from the Rev<sup>d</sup> H. H. Dobney honorably dismiss<sup>g</sup> Louisa Huron from the fellowship of the ch<sup>h</sup> under his pastoral care at Maidenstone to our own communion.

Dec: 6<sup>th</sup>

<sup>435</sup> Ann Clayton applied for leave to transfer her fellowship from: of ch<sup>h</sup> at John St. Roydon to our own. This request was acceded to, & a letter to the ch<sup>h</sup> at Roydon adopted.

<sup>436</sup> David Morgan was proposed for membership & the brethren Shadock & Lane appointed as messengers.

Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup>. Dec<sup>r</sup>. 16. 1852

The preced<sup>t</sup>. Minutes were read & confirmed.

<sup>37</sup> David Morgan furnished a satisfactory statement of his faith & experience & was admitted to the fellowship of the Church.

<sup>38</sup> It was agreed to hold the ann<sup>l</sup>. meet<sup>g</sup>. of the members on Wednesday Jan<sup>y</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup>. 1853.

<sup>39</sup> After some remarks from our pastor & other brethren it was agreed that with a view to the revival of the spirit of prayer amongst us a new arrangement of the week even<sup>g</sup>. services be made for the first three months of the coming year. A lecture being delivered weekly on the Thursday instead of fortnightly & the Tuesday evening meeting being wholly occupied for devotional purposes.

<sup>40</sup> Henry Edw<sup>d</sup>. Waters applied for liberty to transfer his membership from the church at Back St. This request was acceded to, & a letter request<sup>g</sup>. his dismission forwarded.

January 3<sup>d</sup>. 1853.

<sup>41</sup> An extract was read from the minutes of the Church records at Back St. testifying to the Christian consistency of Henry Waters from the time of his conversion up to the period of his wish to depart from their fellowship - When it was agreed that the request of H. W. for admission to the privileges of church membership with us be acceded to.

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup>. 1853.

This evening the annual tea meeting of the members was held in the school room.

<sup>42</sup> A letter was read from the church in John W. Royston heartily dismissing Ann Clayton to our fellowship.

<sup>1140</sup> The list of members was read, when it was resolved that in consequence of our brother Vickersill & his wife, Louisa & her daughter & Esther Day having emigrated to Australia bearing with them honorable testimonials to their Christian consistency with a view to their union with some other community in that land - it is expedient that their names should be erased from our church roll.

<sup>1141</sup> It was also proposed to remove the names of Mary & Edmund Boyer, Anna Cook & Martha Hobbs, but it was agreed to defer this step till opportunity had been afforded for communicating with these friends on the subject, & urging them to seek for regular letters of dismission to some other church in the respective localities where they now reside.

<sup>1142</sup> It was further resolved - That public lectures be given on some convenient Lord's day in the present year on behalf of the British Society for the propagation of the Gospel among the Jews.

### Minutes of Church Meeting Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> 1853.

The preced. minutes were read & confirmed.

<sup>1145</sup> Ann Chamberlain whose application for membership in the month of May last was postponed for future consideration again appeared before the church on the recommendation of our messengers, when after some considerable hesitation occasioned by certain preambles in the case, it was agreed by a majority of votes to receive her into our fellowship.

<sup>1146</sup> Proposed for membership

Hebrew Hodgson - Bucklebury - Messrs. B. Shadrach Melora.

<sup>1147</sup> The arrangement for the Sunday even. S. M. (see min: 439) was confirmed.

6  
Minutes of Church Meeting April 7. 1853.

The minutes of the last meet.<sup>s</sup> were read & unopposed. —

<sup>48</sup> Rebecca Hodgson upon a satisfactory relation of her faith & experience was admitted to membership. —

<sup>49</sup> The incidental & burial exp. were presented, exhibit<sup>g</sup> a balance of £. 5. 0 as due to the Treasurer, which sum it was explained would be paid out of the monies in hand accruing from the collections at the Lord's table, agreeably to a resolution passed by the church Apr. 6. 1841.

<sup>50</sup> Proposed for membership

George Carrington — Mess<sup>rs</sup> B. J. Porter & Shadwell.

Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> May 5<sup>th</sup> —

The minutes of the last meet.<sup>g</sup> were read & unopposed.

<sup>51</sup> George Carrington appeared before the church & upon a satisfactory profession of his faith & experience was admitted to our fellowship.

<sup>52</sup> The Sacramental exp. was presented audited to the close of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1852 exhibiting a balance in favor of the church of £. 5. 0. 10. —

Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> June 16<sup>th</sup>

The minutes of the preced<sup>g</sup> meet<sup>g</sup> were read & unopposed

<sup>53</sup> Our pastor reported the death of our sister Inez Ann Palmer who departed to be with Christ on the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst. No business requir<sup>g</sup> attention the even<sup>g</sup> was spent in the exercises of devotion.

July 7<sup>th</sup>

<sup>54</sup> At the close of the lecture the foll<sup>g</sup> were prop<sup>d</sup> for membership

Jane Norris — — Mess<sup>rs</sup> B. J. Lane & W. Porter (Hitchin)

Mrs Wheeler — — J. Porter & Dodwell.

Mary Ambrose — — Wilson & Odell.

Minutes of Church Meeting July 16<sup>th</sup> 1853.

The minutes of the last meet<sup>g</sup>. were read & exp<sup>d</sup>.  
1855 Jane Norris - Prancer Wheeler & Mary Amburn personally  
appeared before the church & after a satisfactory statement  
of faith & experience were admitted to fellowship.

Minutes of Church Meeting Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> 1853.

The minutes of the last meet<sup>g</sup>. were read & exp<sup>d</sup>.  
1856 It was agreed that a collection should be made  
before the close of the year on behalf of the aged  
Pilgrims' Friend Society.

45] The <sup>unsatisfactory</sup> position of the church in relation to its funded  
property was referred to - & it appearing that  
Mr. Cook had neither taken any steps for admitting  
the new Trustees appointed by the church, nor  
paid over to our pastor any dividends for nearly  
two years it was unanimously

Resolved - That Mr. John Cook having  
neglected to comply with a resolution of the church  
passed at their meeting May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1849 requesting him  
in conjunction with the other Trustees of the funded  
property of the church to transfer the same to  
themselves in connection with certain additional  
Trustees they nominated, and having also  
neglected to pay the dividends due on the said  
stock since November 18<sup>th</sup> 1851 we now call upon  
him to relinquish his office as Trustee, and in  
the event of his refusal we hereby authorize the  
officers of the church any one or more of them  
to adopt legal proceedings with a view to  
compel the relinquishment of his Trusteeship.

# Minutes of Church Meet. Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1853.

The minutes of the last meet. were read & confirmed.

<sup>58</sup> A communication was read from Mr. Cook to the following effect 'as to the resolution of the Church I accede to their wishes by relinquishing my Trusteeship.'

<sup>59</sup> A letter was read from Esther Day of Berlong - Australia expressing a wish to have her name still contained on the roll of members, inasmuch as she hoped in the course of a few years to return to England. - But the name of our friend having been erased on the occasion of the revision of the list in January last, it was deemed advisable to defer its re-insertion until the period of her actual reappearance amongst us.

<sup>60</sup> Reference was made to the circumstance that several friends belonging to other Christian societies had for a length of time regularly communed with us at the Lord's table without having been ~~admitted~~ admitted to full membership, & our brethren Shadwell & Wilson were deputed to visit all such parties with a view to urge upon them the desirableness of seeking letters of dismission from the communities to which they respectively belong. -

# Minutes of Church Meet. Nov. 17. 1853.

The minutes of the last meet were read & confirmed.

<sup>61</sup> A letter was read from the Baptist ch. in East W. Southampton request. the dismission of Eliz. Carr now Mrs. S. Vash. The application was acceded to & the usual testimonials forwarded.



# Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup>. Dec<sup>r</sup>. 15. 1853.

The minutes of the last meet<sup>g</sup>. were read & confirmed  
 462 Mr. Shadwell reported that he had communicated  
 with various friends belonging to other churches who  
 have been for some time past holding fellowship with  
 us at the Lord's table, but that in almost every instance  
 the continuance of this privilege was requested for  
 the present in preference to a transfer of membership  
 463 It was agreed to hold the Annual Bd meet<sup>g</sup> of the  
 members on Monday Jan<sup>y</sup>. 2. 1854.

464 The following friends were proposed for membership &  
 it was agreed to receive their applications on this day  
 fortnight.

Mr. Cox — Messrs B. Shadwell & Baxter.  
 Sarah Cox her daughter. Men<sup>rs</sup> — J. Porter & R. Lane.

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 29. 1853.

465 Mr. Cox — & Sarah Cox her daughter severally  
 appeared before the church & upon a satisfactory  
 statement of faith & experience were admitted to  
 our fellowship.

466 The following friends were proposed for fellowship —  
 Mr. Wheeler — Men<sup>rs</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Shadwell & Odell.  
 James Bullard — Men<sup>rs</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> W. Porter & R. Lane.

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 2. 1854.

467 This even<sup>g</sup> the annual Bd meet<sup>g</sup> of the  
 members was held in the school room — when  
 the list of members was called over & general  
 inquiry instituted into the <sup>prospera</sup> general  
 inquiry instituted into the evangelistic labours  
 of the Church.

20  
Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 12. 1854.

The prev<sup>o</sup> minutes were read & confirmed.

8 Thomas Wheeler & James Bullard severally appeared before the church & after a satisfactory statement of their faith & experience were admitted to our fellowship.

Minutes of Ch<sup>h</sup> Meet<sup>g</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 9. 1854.

The prev<sup>o</sup> minutes were read & confirmed.

469 The sanction of the church having been first obtained our bro: James Bullard delivered an address for the purpose of obtaining the judgment of the brethren on his qualifications as a village preacher. It was afterwards decided that our bro: Bullard be requested to address us again at our next meeting.

Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> Mar. 16. 1854.

The minutes of the last meet<sup>g</sup> were read & confirmed.

470 A letter was read from the church at Bentley app<sup>ly</sup> dismissing Mary Oldham to our fellowship.

471 Mrs. Parkers for some time past a communicant with us applied for liberty to transfer her fellowship from the ch<sup>h</sup> at Luton under the care of the Rev. Mr. P. to our care. This request was agreed to & a letter to that effect serv<sup>d</sup> to the ch<sup>h</sup> worshipp<sup>g</sup> in Union Chapel Luton

472 Also serv<sup>d</sup> for membership

Mrs. Waters ————— Mrs. B. Dr. Deater & Wm. Foster.

Hannah Wolfe ————— Deborah Wilson.

Mrs. Dilley ————— Theophilus & Thos.

473 Our bro: Bullard again addressed the church this even<sup>g</sup> when it was mov<sup>d</sup> that he should receive the sanction of the church to labour at the village stations connect<sup>d</sup> with us in town with the other preachers.

Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> April 6. 1854.

The minutes of the last meet<sup>g</sup> were read & confirmed.

474 A letter was read fm: the Rev W. Robinson of Luton town & dismissing Mr. Packer to our fellowship.

475 Mary Waters - Hannah Wolfe & Jane Dilley sever. furnished the particulars of their faith & repentance & were admitted to membership.

476 Ann Hoare applied for leave to transfer her fellowship from the church at Henley -

477 Scot. Drury a member of the ch<sup>h</sup> at Shepsted proposed a similar request. Both requests were acceded to & the usual applications forwarded.

478 The incidental <sup>& funeral</sup> accounts were presented to March 31<sup>st</sup>. exhibit<sup>d</sup>: a bal. exp<sup>d</sup>: of Ch<sup>h</sup> of £ 4<sup>..</sup> 7<sup>..</sup> 10<sup>3/4</sup>. It was stated that several bills were still unpaid the Deacons were requested to adopt some prompt measures for raising the deficit.

479 It was also resolved that the cordial thanks of the church be presented to W. Devere Esq: for the very efficient attention he has so kindly given to the management of the accounts.

May 8<sup>th</sup>

480 A letter was read fm: the church at Shepsted town & dismissing Samuel Drury to our fellowship.

481 Also a similar letter from the church at Henley in favour of Ann Hoare.

Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> June 15<sup>th</sup> 1854.

The minutes of the last meet<sup>g</sup> were read & confirmed

482 The Deacons reported that through the generous co-operation of a few of the members of the church & congregation the balance on the incidental account had

had been nearly liquidated.

<sup>483</sup> It was also further reported that a proposal recently made to meet the current expenses by private subscriptions, instead of public collections had met with sufficient favour to warrant its adoption.

<sup>484</sup> Our Pastor informed the ch<sup>h</sup> that our bro: J<sup>o</sup> O'Neil Junr. was a candidate for admission to Bedford College with a view to more direct preparation for the work of the ministry. Application was also made to the church for a letter of recommendation to the college committee. This request was acceded to - & a letter to be signed by the pastor & drawn on behalf of the ch<sup>h</sup> was read & adopted.

<sup>485</sup> Joseph Head & Ann his wife requested leave to transfer their membership fr<sup>o</sup> the church met<sup>d</sup> in Howard Chapel Bedford to our fellowship. This request was granted & a letter of application for their dismissal approved.

### Minutes of Church meeting July 6<sup>th</sup> 1854.

The minutes of the last meet<sup>g</sup> were read & confirmed.

<sup>486</sup> A letter was read from the church assembling in Church St. Blackstairs applying for the dismissal of our sister Ann Williams <sup>(formerly Woodgate)</sup> when it was agreed to forward the same

<sup>487</sup> At the request of Miss Blunt who has for some time communed with us at the Table of the Lord it was agreed to apply to the church meeting in Charles St. Leicester for the usual testimonials in order to the honourable transfer of her fellowship.

<sup>488</sup> It being currently reported that our bro: Geo. Hall had absconded from his creditors in company with his wife - the brethren Shadwell & Wilson were appointed to enquire into the matter & to report thereon at our next meeting.

July 31<sup>st</sup> 1854.

489 A Letter was read from the Church meet<sup>g</sup> in Howard Chapel & Bede's honorably dismissing Joseph Read & Ann his wife to our fellowship.

490 An application was read & acceded to from the church at Houghton Regis request<sup>g</sup> the dismissal of our sister Ward.

October 1<sup>st</sup>

491 A letter from the church at Charles St. Leicester was read, honorably dismissing Ann Blunt to our fellowship

Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 1854.

The preced<sup>g</sup> minutes were read & confirmed.

492 The br<sup>g</sup> Shadwell Wilson related the particulars connected with the emigration of Geo. Hall his wife & America when it was resolved - 'That while we deeply regret the conduct of our br<sup>g</sup> sister Hall in absconding from their creditors we are induced from various circumstances emanated by our treasurers to regard the step rather as an error in judgment than as actuated by fraudulent principle - & with this conviction at ear, but entertain the hope that at some future period our friends may be in a position to justify the charitable view we have been led to take of their proceedings by paying all their creditors in full.

493 The following were proposed for membership.

- Mrs Green - Tack road - Mrs. P. B. Dodd & J. Dodder
- Mrs Cook - Fildhouse St. - R. Lane & W. P. Poles
- Thos. Batcher - Shadwell St. Peter St. Hill
- Henry King - Wilson English -

Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1854.

<sup>494</sup> The minutes of the last meet<sup>g</sup> were read & confirmed.  
Mary Ann Green - Tho<sup>s</sup> V. Basher & Henry Martyn King  
severally appeared before the church & upon a satisfactory  
statement of their faith & experience were admitted to  
membership -

<sup>495</sup> The case of Mrs. Cook was postponed.

<sup>496</sup> The follow<sup>g</sup> friends were proposed for membership -  
Caroline Doggett - Sander - Men<sup>rs</sup> B<sup>r</sup> J<sup>r</sup> Porter & Dowell  
Charlotte Burton - - - Wilson & Chadwick

Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1854

The minutes of the last meet<sup>g</sup> were read & confirmed.

<sup>497</sup> Caroline Doggett & Charlotte Burton appeared  
before the church & after furnishing a satisfactory  
account of their faith & experience were admitted  
to our fellowship

Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> 1855.

<sup>498</sup> At the request of Mary Collis a letter was  
forwarded to the Baptist Church at Lyminster  
requesting her dismissal to our fellowship.

<sup>499</sup> Also on the request of Eliz<sup>th</sup> Gayler a similar  
application on her behalf was sent to the church  
at Luton under the pastoral care of the Rev<sup>d</sup> J. Davis.

April 1<sup>st</sup>

<sup>500</sup> A letter was read from the ch<sup>h</sup> at Lyminster honorably  
dismissing Mary Collis to our communion

Minutes of Church Meet. April 19. 1855.

The previous minutes were read & confirmed.

<sup>501</sup> A Letter was read from the Church at Luta, honorably dismissing Elizabeth Gayler to our Fellowship.

<sup>502</sup> A communication was also made to the church from the Rev. James Bisset stating that owing to the mental & physical infirmities incident to his advanced age he felt compelled to relinquish the service he had hitherto conducted on the alternate Sabbath afternoon - when it was Resolved - ' That the cordial thanks of the Church be presented to the Rev. James Bisset for his disinterested labours amongst us during the past 5 years accompanied with the assurance of our sincere prayers that the closing days of his earthly pilgrimage may be <sup>signally</sup> cheered by the Saviour's precious presence, and that his service of love may be hereafter crowned with an abundant recompense of reward. '

<sup>503</sup> A letter was read from George Hall requesting letters of dismission on behalf of himself & wife to the Church at Buant Hills in America when it was agreed to grant their request, ~~transmission~~ <sup>also</sup> to the Ch. at Buant Hills the recd. of the church respecting to the case of Geo. Hall passed at our meet. Nov. 2. 1854.

<sup>504</sup> A conversation then arose respecting future arrangements of our Sabbath services - when it was ultimately Resolved - That the Chapel be opened for divine service every Lord's day even. during the present summer & that a prayer meet. be held in the afternoon of the Sabbath instead of the usual service.

May 17<sup>th</sup> 1855.

505 The follow<sup>g</sup> friends were proposed for membership.

Mrs Whitehead	Men <sup>r</sup> 13 <sup>d</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> Foster & Barker
Emma Laws	100 - Bostwell & Shadwell.
Sarah Coleman	100 - Shadwell & H. Lam.
William Wilshere	100 - W <sup>m</sup> Foster (F. S.) & Odell
Carey Joseph Sewell	100 - J <sup>no</sup> Foster & Shadwell

506 Our bro. W<sup>m</sup> Onant was recommended to the attention of the church as possessing gifts that might be advantageously employed at our village station - when it was agreed to request our bro. to allow the ch<sup>h</sup> an early opportunity of forming a judgment by exercising his gifts before us in the usual manner.

### Minutes of Church Meet<sup>g</sup> May 24<sup>th</sup> 1855

The preceding minutes were read & confirmed.

507 Sarah Whitehead - Emma Laws - Sarah Coleman - William Wilshere Jun<sup>r</sup> & Carey Joseph Sewell severally furnished the particulars of their faith & experience & were admitted to our fellowship.

508 The accounts of the Church were presented and read up to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March in the present year. The following was a summary

On the incidental & Burial accounts a balance was due to the Treasurer of £ 2<sup>0</sup> 5<sup>0</sup> 10

On the sacramental acc<sup>t</sup>. a bal<sup>ce</sup> was in favor of the Church of £ 9<sup>0</sup> 7<sup>0</sup>.

509 It was agreed to request our bro. W<sup>m</sup> Onant to address the ch<sup>h</sup> with a view to labour<sup>g</sup> in our village station on the even<sup>g</sup> of Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup>.



July 16<sup>th</sup> 1855.

<sup>510</sup> At the request of the Church membership in Alick London our sister Mary Halsey was honorably dismissed to their fellowship.

<sup>511</sup> The following persons were proposed for membership  
Sarah Hull — Men<sup>r</sup> 120 Wilson M. Lane  
George Norris — — — — — Dodwell & Tharrell  
Thomas Taylor — — — — — Wilson & Day

Minutes of Church Meeting Aug.<sup>th</sup> 20. 1855.

The preceding minutes were read & confirmed.

<sup>512</sup> Sarah Hull - George Norris & Thomas Taylor severally appeared before the church & after a satisfactory statement of their religious faith & experience were admitted to fellowship.

<sup>513</sup> It was agreed to have the usual public collection for the Aged Pilgrims Society.

August 24<sup>th</sup> 1855.

<sup>514</sup> We to Special Church Meeting held for the purpose of informing the Church, that a Letter had been received by the Deacons, from the Pastor, of which the following is a copy —

To the Members of the Church of Christ meeting in Salem Chapel, Mitchin.

My Dear Brethren & Sisters in Jesus,

The thing that I have long feared has come upon me. Sore afflictions have seriously affected the functions of the brain, & brought my labours to a solemn pause. For some months past I have felt the pressure of ministerial and pastoral duties to be more than I could bear, as long as possible I combated with failing health,

and spirits, hoping that my usual Autumnal tour  
 might by the Divine blessing serve to recruit my  
 exhausted energies, & thus enable me to resume the  
 Work of the Lord among you with fresh vigour & delight.  
 In this expectation I have been sorely disappointed,  
 The month spent in seeking augmented fitness for labour  
 has witnessed the complete prostration of the nervous  
 system, and compelled me to seek medical advice.  
 The opinion of Dr. Conquest I enclose for your perusal.  
 The path of duty seems thus far made clear, & acting  
 under this impression I embrace the earliest opportunity  
 of laying the matter before you, for your prayerful  
 consideration, so far as I know my own heart I  
 have no wish in the slightest degree, to influence your  
 judgment, The prosperity of the cause of Christ among  
 you I can honestly affirm to have engrossed my warmest  
 solicitude my studies & my prayers. You may therefore  
 beloved friends rest assured of my perfect willingness  
 to concur in any arrangement for the future which  
 your collective wisdom may suggest, not shrinking  
 from the resignation of the pastorate itself, should  
 such a course be deemed most conducive to the  
 welfare of the community. I seek not  
 yours but you - has been the actuating principle of  
 all my past labours in word & doctrine & I trust that  
 at this trying crisis of our social history I shall have  
 grace given me to adhere to it with unshaken resolve.  
 And now beloved brethren commending the whole matter  
 to your very serious & prayerful attention I calmly  
 await the result. May the Wisdom that  
 cometh down from above richly pervade all your mind  
 & control all your deliberations, that so God in all

things may be glorified through Jesus Christ to whom  
be glory and honour world without end, Amen!

Believe me Dear brethren & Sisters

Yours affec. in the Faith

Hitchin Aug. 25. 1855.

In: Broad.

The above Letter having been read, the following  
Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the Church deeply sympathizing with  
our beloved Pastor, in his present depression and failing  
health; induced by sore and overwhelming trials, and  
too close application to study; Recommend, the  
adoption of the advice tendered by his Physician,  
and expressing him of our unaltered appreciation of his  
Labours; beg to advise him to rest from the onerous  
duties of the Pastorate for a season; (during which the  
Church will feel anxious, as far as possible, to promote  
his personal comfort, and that of his family, and  
fervently pray, that he may be speedily restored to  
his wonted health, and the work of the Ministry;  
and that in the mean while, his soul may be kept  
in perfect peace, and realize in an eminent degree,  
the Divine presence, support, and communion.

Signed in behalf of the Deacons

and the Church,

August 27. 1855. Reuben Shadwell.

Church meeting Sept. 17. 1855.

556 convened to lay before the Church our Pastor's reply  
to the Resolution of the last meeting, After the reading  
of which, it was Proposed, that the Letter be entered  
on the Minutes.

To the saints in Christ Jesus composing the Church

assembling in Salem Chapel, Hitchin.

Dear beloved brethren, my joy and crown, grace be to you & peace from Jesus our exalted Head.

Ever since I left you, I have had it on my heart to write you a few lines in acknowledgment of the kind resolution passed at your last Church Meeting, & forwarded to me the same evening by our beloved brother Shaville. Suffering as I still am, from a nervous debility which renders any kind of mental application exceeding trying, & positively injurious, you must excuse both the tardiness & the brevity of this communication, & conscientiously leave it with our Heavenly Father to determine the proper season for the full utterance of my heart towards you. — Yet I cannot refrain from assuring you that the response given to my Letter to the Church, was every way worthy of you, & such as to render you (if possible) still dearer to your Pastor's heart, while it served in no slight degree to relieve that deep dejection of spirit which a variety of trying circumstances and conjectured possibilities had been permitted to induce. — In this season of painful suspension from my much loved work, & of compulsory separation from a sphere of labour where the Lord has graciously vouchsafed many tokens of His compassionate regards towards the unworthiest of all His servants; I find abundant opportunities for calmly reviewing the character of my ministrations & loud & urgent calls for the exercise of penitential humiliation before God. — Enough has there been, & more than enough of sin & imperfection to render it a miracle of grace that any blessing has been granted, — enough & more than enough to account