

to prepare the new house for the occupation of  
McClellan and his family.

At a meeting of the subscribers held  
on the same evening,  
It was proposed by Mr C. W. Lupton,  
and seconded by Mr C. Hoar, That the above  
Resolution be approved and adopted by this  
meeting, These Resolutions were carried unani-  
-mously

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At a Church Meeting held Nov. 23. 1868,  
Application was made for the transfer of the member-  
ship of our brother Mr David Lloyd, and his Wife, and  
Daughter, to the Independent Church of this Town.  
An honourable transfer granted.

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Special Church Meeting December 17th 1868  
A letter was adopted applying for the dismissal  
of our Pastor John Aldis & his wife Elisabeth Aldis  
from the Church meeting in West Lane Baptist  
Chapel Haworth Yorkshire to our own communion  
Proposed by our Brother R. Shadwell, Se-  
conded by D. Wilshire, That a Members Tea-  
Meeting be held on Friday January 1st 1869  
It was resolved to hold a service in the  
evening of Christmas day instead of the Thursday  
evening



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Annual Church Tea Meeting Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1869  
 Rather more than 100 members & communicants met for tea, & more were present at the evening meeting. After singing & prayer—

The minutes of the previous meetings were read & confirmed.

- 1 A letter was read from the Independent Church Luton, applying for the transfer of our Sister Ellen Wymen. An honourable dismission was granted.
- 2 A letter was read from the Church meeting in New Park Road Chapel Brixton Hill London, applying for the transfer of our Sister Susannah Crawley. An honourable dismission was granted.
- 3 The following persons were proposed for Baptism & fellowship.
 

Martha Hills	— Messengers Brethren Shadwell & Dodwell
Betsy Russell	— Messengers Brethren Woodfield & Chambers
Susannah Childs	— Messengers Brethren Halsey & Pryor.
Jemima Elizabeth Bailey	— Messengers, Brethren Barker & Hainworth
- 4 It was agreed to make collections in aid of the Herts Union on the 3rd Lords Day of the present month.
- 5 A letter was read from the Church at West Lane, Haworth Yorkshire, dismissing the newly



electing Pastor John Aldis, & his wife Elizabeth Aldis to our communion. The senior Deacon in the name of the Church gave them the right hand of fellowship.

6 The following resolutions were passed relative to the services to be held in Recognition of the Settlement of the new Pastor —

Proposed by Brother Woodfield, Seconded by Brother Chambers That Recognition Services be held on Wednesday February 24th.

Proposed by Brother Hainworth, Seconded by J. Morgan That the following Ministers take the principal part in the services,  
J. Aldis of Reading & J. P. Crown of Bradford.

Proposed by Brother Johnson, Seconded by Brother Hainworth, That the following Ministers be also requested to take part in the services, J. R. Stevenson of Luton, J. Brown of Bedford, J. Robinson of Cambridge, C. R. Payer of Sheffield, J. Watts of St. Albans, J. J. Wiggen & J. Reed of London.

Proposed by Brother Peary Seconded by Brother Johnson That the Services be held Afternoon & evening.

7 Our Brother Hainworth in a felicitous speech discharged the pleasing duty of presenting in the name of many friends, a purse containing £37 to our Brother R. Chadwell in grateful remembrance of his faithful services rendered to this Church, of



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which he has been a member for 50 years.  
He replied ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> much feeling.

8 Short addresses were then delivered by the  
Pastor, Brethren Lane, M. H. Foster, Hain-  
worth, Shadwell, Comfort, J. Morgan,  
Johnson, W. Foster, Woodfield, Perry &  
Halsey.

9 The following are the Statistics for the year

Baptized	Elizabeth Day		
"	Margaret Throssel		
"	Charles Backer	---	3
By Letter	Sarah Payne		
"	Emma Deacon		
"	Ann Smith		
"	Ann Mary Bonford		
"	Mary Sudothey	---	5
Dismissed	David Lloyd		
"	Martha Lloyd		
"	Emily Lloyd		
"	Agnes Middlemast	---	4
By death	Nancy Newton		
"	Thomas English		
"	Samuel Insey		
"	Julia West		
"	Kyphena West		
	Sarah Woodfield	---	6
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Decrease 2 Present No. of Members 282



Church Meeting January 28<sup>th</sup>

After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

- 10 The messengers appointed to visit Mary Butterfield, Martha Hill, Betsy Russell, Susannah Childs & Jennima Elizabeth Bailey gave their reports, & the letters to the Church were read; after which they were all received as candidates for fellowship after Baptism.

- 11 The following persons were proposed for baptism & fellowship

Eliza Ashton — Messengers Brother W. Foster & Malden

Elizabeth Ruth Hodgson — Messengers, Brother Lane & Perry

Rebecca Day — Messengers Brethren Shabara & H. Foster.

- 12 Agreed that the name of our Brother Charles Casson be erased from our Roll, as he has joined the Strict Baptist Church at Over. The Church declined writing for his transfer in consequence of our open communion.

- 13 After some discussion on the present unsatisfactory relations of the Village Preachers & Village Stations to the Church; on the motion of our Brother W. Foster, Seconded by Brother Chambers the following Resolutions were passed Resolved —

1 That whilst we would hinder none from preaching the gospel who feel called to the work



it is desirable that in the Chapels under the supervision of the Church, none should preach stately but those who have been appointed to the work by the Church.

2 That for this end, at the option of brethren desirous of preaching; either, They shall be appointed by the Church to conduct a service in this place some Thursday evening in order that an estimate may be formed of their fitness; or Two or more brethren shall be appointed by the Church that either separately or together they may see them preach on at least two occasions, & by enquiry ascertain their general acceptability as preachers of the gospel: that they shall present their report to the Church when they can be regularly appointed; or, if that seem unwise, either they can be continued for a longer time as probationers, or their services altogether declined.

3 That the appointments be made Quarterly at a meeting of the village preachers at which the Pastor & Deacons shall also have a right to be present, & such probationers as the meeting may deem it desirable to invite. That if any preacher be absent he shall consider himself responsible to take the appointments made for him, or to find a substitute. That if there be not sufficient regularly appointed preachers it shall be lawful to appoint others as temporary supplies.

4 That a card of appointments be printed for the use of the Preachers of the Chapels.



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- 5 That an annual report of the Stations be given to the Church.
- 14 Brethren Hainworth, Barber & Peary were appointed as Messengers to hear our Brother John Morgan
- Brethren Shadwell Malden & Johnson were appointed as Messengers to hear our Brother Chambers. Both have for some time laboured in the villages.
- 15 Proposed by our Brother H. Foster, Seconded by Brother Lane, That the Secretary of the Baptist Irish Society be invited to preach two sermons on Lord's day February 28<sup>th</sup> when collections shall be made in behalf of the Society.

### Recognition Services.

- 16 On Wednesday February 24<sup>th</sup> Services in Recognition of the settlement of the Pastor were held. In the Afternoon after reading & prayer by the Rev. J. Hands of Luton the Senior Deacon briefly related the circumstances which led to the present settlement; & the Pastor read a short paper noting some points in his past religious & ministerial career & the reasons which led him to accept the call. After which his Father delivered an earnest and appropriate address on the work of the Ministry founding his discourse upon 2 Cor 5. 20, & offered prayer. The Rev. J. P. Chown of Bradford then addressed to the Church some earnest & appropriate counsels, & concluded



the Afternoon's engagement in prayer.

At 5 o'clock about 300 friends sat down to tea in the School Room which was tastefully decorated for the occasion with evergreens & mottoes. mottoes?

The evening meeting began at 6 o'clock. After prayer by the Rev. C. R. Poyser of Sheffield, the Chairman the Rev. W. Robinson of Cambridge addressed the meeting. After which addresses were delivered by the Rev. John Aldis of Reading, J. P. Chown, J. J. Wigner, J. Harold J. R. Hevenson, J. Reed, P. Griffiths, J. Maim Dickson. Letters had also been received from some others regretting their inability to attend. The attendance was very good, the entire proceedings were much enjoyed, & after the usual votes of thanks the services of the day were closed. May the prayers then offered be answered & the words then uttered produce the desired results.

### Church Meeting March 1st

After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

17 The Messengers appointed to visit Elizabeth Ruth Hodgson & Rebecca Day gave in their report & the letters to the Church were read after which they were unanimously received.

18 Dismission was granted for our brother Thomas Wm Doggett & his wife Ellen Doggett to the Church



at Sandon.

19 Permission was granted to apply for the Dismission of Eliza Smith from the General Baptist Church New Lenton Nottinghamshire, & of James Skinner from the Church Old Meeting Biggleswade.

20 The following persons were proposed for Baptism & fellowship —

Ellen Flint — Messengers Brethren Thadwell & Lane

Edwin Wheeler — Messengers Brethren Hairworth & H. Foster

Robert Odell — Messengers Brethren W. Foster & Chambers

Susan Odell — Messengers Brethren Barker & John Morgan.

21 The messengers appointed to hear the village preachers requested to defer their report for another month. A long discussion then ensued on the subject of the Resolution passed at the last Church meeting, & the whole question was adjourned.

22 Agreed that the arrangements for the forthcoming Missionary Services be left to the Pastor & Deacons.

23 The following persons were appointed as a Committee to make arrangements for ten meetings during the ensuing twelve months with power to add to their number. Our Sisters Mrs H. Foster Mrs Halsey, Mrs Perry, & the Misses Elkins & Foster & Throssel; also Brethren Halsey & Perry.

24 The following Brethren were appointed to serve



persons into pews in the gallery for the next six months: Brethren Cooper, James, Reeves Pyle & Stanton.

### Church Meeting March 18th

After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

25 The Messengers appointed to visit Eliza Ashten Edwin Wheeler, Robert Odell & Susan Odell gave in a most satisfactory testimony, & their letters to the Church were read, after which they were cordially welcomed.

26 A letter was read from the Church meeting in Biggleswade dismissing our brother James Skinner. On this testimony he was unanimously received.

27 The Messengers appointed to hear our Brother John Morgan gave in their report, after which it was proposed by Brother Perry seconded by our Brother Halsey that our Brother John Morgan be appointed by the Church as one of our Village Preachers.

28 The Messengers appointed to hear our brother Daniel Chambers gave in their report, after which it was proposed by Brother Shadwell seconded by Brother Johnson that our Brother Daniel Chambers be appointed by the Church as one of our Village Preachers.

29 Brethren Lane, Pyle & Wm Foster were appointed to hear our Brother Jacob Russell



who has also begun work in the Villages. Thursday April 8th was appointed as the evening to hear our Brother David Wilshire.

- 30 The Pastor made a statement as to the desirability of removing the Sounding board & Pulpit & substituting a Platform. Proposed by our Brother H. Foster Seconded by our Brother Lane That the Pastor & Deacons together with Brethren W. Foster, Halsey, Johnson & Perry be appointed as a Committee to inquire into the practicability of the proposal, to report at the next Church Meeting.

### Missiary Tea Meeting

Good Friday March 26th

- 31 At 5 o'clock about 270 friends met for tea, after which an interesting meeting was held when addresses were delivered bearing mainly on the work of foreign Missions by the Pastor, Brethren Thadwell, Johnson, Russell, Hainworth, John Morgan, Halsey, M. H. Foster, Perry & W. Foster.

It was proposed by our brother M. H. Foster Seconded by Brother Perry That a Committee be formed of members of the Church & Congregation with power to add to their number, as in Auxiliary Missiary Society. The following persons were appointed Secretary W. Halsey, <sup>Chairman</sup> the Pastor & Deacons Men<sup>r</sup> Matthew Foster, W<sup>m</sup> Foster, Hainworth, Hill, Johnson, Mead, Russell Perry & J. Wheeler. And as a Ladies Committee



Mrs H. Foster, Mrs Hill, Mrs Wilson (Banbury)  
 & the Misses Ekins, English, Hainworth, Eliza  
 Odell, Prudden, Wilkins, Winch.

The Committee to serve for one year.

A vote of thanks was given to the ladies who  
 kindly gave the trays & arranged for the tea.  
 The proceeds which were devoted to foreign Missions  
 amounted to £9. " "

- 32 On Thursday April 22nd an interesting  
 Missionary Meeting was held Nearly 100  
 assembled for tea at 5 o'clock. The Chair was  
 taken at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 6 o'clock by M. Foster Esq. Mayor  
 of Huntington & addresses were given by the Rev  
 James Russell & other friends. The financial  
 statement showed an advance of about £7 over  
 the last year. The meeting was well attended.

### Church Meeting April 29th

After devotional exercises the minutes of the  
 previous meeting were read & confirmed.

- 33 The following candidates were proposed for baptism  
 & fellowship.

Mary Odell - Messengers Brethren Halsey  
 & Sayer

Ann Robottom - Messengers Brethren Woodfield  
 & Chambers

Hannah Butterfield - Messengers Brethren Lane  
 & Malden

- 34 Our Friend, Henry Boardman & his wife



Elizabeth Boardman having applied for membership their case was considered. Their membership having lapsed with the Independent Church with which though Baptists they had united on removing to Hitchin no regular transfer could be obtained, but a letter was read from their former Pastor in London bearing a pleasing testimony to their the consistency. After which it was proposed by our Brother H. Foster, seconded by our brother Halsey. That our Brother Henry Boardman & his wife Elizabeth Boardman be welcomed as members of the Church on the testimony now received.

35 Permission was granted to apply for the transfer of Georgiana Cotter from the Church in Queen St & of Martha French, formerly a member with us but who has recently been in communion with the Independent Church Ware.

36 The annual financial statement was made by the Treasurer our Brother M. H. Foster. Proposed by Brother Halsey, seconded by Brother Pryor, That the accounts now read be approved by the Church.

Proposed by Brother Woodfield, seconded by Brother Chambers That the hearty thanks of the Church be presented to the Treasurer for his kind & efficient services during the past year.

37 The messengers appointed to hear our Brother Jacob Russell gave a very favourable report



- Proposed by Brother Lane Seconded by Brother W. Foster That Jacob Russell be duly appointed to labour in the villages under the auspices of the Church
- 38 Daniel Wilshire having conducted a service in the Vestry on Thursday evening April 8th, several friends expressed their opinion as to his acceptability as a village preacher After which it was proposed by Brother Halsey, Seconded by Brother Chambers That Daniel Wilshire be cordially approved by the Church as one of the Village Preachers.
- 39 A letter was read from our Brother Thos Penn requesting the erasure of his name from our book as he has been for some time Pastor of the Baptist Church Hemmoch Devonshire By a vote of the Church his name was accordingly erased
- 40 The Pastor then related what had been done by the Committee appointed to consider the removal of the present pulpit & the substitution of a platform & the <sup>proposed</sup> design was shown to the Church Proposed by Brother Woodfield Seconded by Brother Halsey that a platform be erected according to the design proposed
- After singing & prayer the meeting closed.

### Church Meeting June 3rd

- After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed
- 41 The Messengers appointed to visit Mary Ode



Ann Robottom & Hannah Butterfield gave in their report & their letters to the Church were read, after which they were unanimously received.

41 A letter was read from the Church in Queen St dismissing to our fellowship Georgiana Cotton.

A letter was read from the General Baptist Church New Lenton Nottinghamshire dismissing Eliza Smith to our fellowship.

A letter was read from the Pastor of the Independent Church Ware dismissing to our fellowship Martha French, formerly a member with us. All were unanimously received.

42 The following candidates were proposed for baptism & fellowship

Fanny Horton - Messengers Brethren Upchurch & Halsey

Frederick Ellwood - Messengers Brethren Barker & Johnson

Stephen Woodfield - Messengers Brethren Lane & Russell

43 Dismissal was granted for the following friends to other Churches -

The late Pastor & his wife to the Church in Brown St Salisbury.

Our Brother Alfred T. Osbourne to the Church Stoke Green Norwich of which he has become the Pastor

Our Brother John Southwell & his wife Sarah, to



the Church Luxemburg Hall Dalston London  
 Our Sister Mary Hill to the Church in Hayes  
 Town Chapel, Hayes, Middlesex.

- 44 Application was made for the transfer of Elizabeth Skinner from the Church Lion Chapel Cambridge
- 45 Our Sister Elizabeth Kiddle wrote a letter to the Church stating the reasons which led her to resolve to withdraw from the Church. Proposed by Brother Lane seconded by Brother H. Foster that the resignation of Elizabeth Kiddle be accepted by the Church.
- 46 The death of our Brother James Webber was announced to the Church. His end was eminently peaceful.
- 47 By the vote of the Church the names of Sarah Burton & Ann Hoare were removed from the register, as they have some time since removed & their residence is unknown.
- The meeting closed with singing & prayer

### Church Meeting June 24th

- After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed
- 48 Fanny Horton & Stephen Woodfield came before the Church & after the relation of their experience they were unanimously received.
- The messengers appointed to visit Frederick Elliott wished to defer their report for a month & our Brother Pryn was appointed for it as one of the messengers in the stead of Brother Johnson.
- 49 The following persons were proposed for membership



Louisa Jackson — Messengers Brethren Hain-  
worth & W. Foster

Mary Russell — Messengers Brethren  
Shadwell & John Morgan

Ann Law — Messengers Brethren H. Foster  
& Lane.

50 A letter having been read bearing the signatures  
Richard Johnson      Annie Johnson  
Joseph Perry          Caroline Perry  
George Norton        Mary Warr  
requesting dismission with a view to form a  
new Church to meet in the Mission Hall  
Walsworth Road —

Resolved: that, considering the distance between  
Salem Chapel & the Mission Hall: considering the  
large & rapidly increasing population near the  
latter place whose spiritual wants are very  
inadequately provided for: considering the en-  
couraging prospects of the formation of a  
flourishing Church & Congregation there:  
considering the practical difficulties in the  
way of organic union between two Congre-  
gations — it is expedient that a separate  
Church be formed at the Mission Hall.

We therefore cordially dismiss our  
Brethren & Sisters previously named to form  
the nucleus of a new Church, & prayerfully  
commend them & the new enterprise to the  
love & care of God.

We earnestly desire the prosperity of the



new Church. Though their beginning is small may their latter end greatly increase. We trust that they may speedily be guided to a Pastor who shall be eminently useful in the conversion of sinners & the building up of the saints. We would desire to foster between the two Churches a most cordial understanding & the sincerest sympathy; believing that the interests of both are compatible; & that they may harmoniously though separately promote the glory of God, the Kingdom of His Dear Son & the welfare of souls.

The resolution was spoken to by the Pastor, Rev. Thos. Shadwell & H. Foster & on the motion of Brother Woodfield seconded by Brother Chamberlain was unanimously adopted by the Church

51 Some remarks were made on the desirability of joining the Hertfordshire & Bedfordshire Association of Baptist Churches.

52 By a vote of the Church the name of Martha Crawley was removed from the list. She has for some years ceased to worship with us.

The meeting was closed with prayer in which the Church about to be formed at the Mission Hall was earnestly commended to God.

### Church Meeting July 29th

After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed

53 Frederick Ellewood, Mary Russell, Louisa



Jackson & Ann Law came before the Church  
The Messengers reported & their letters were  
read, after which they were unanimously  
received. Ann Law has ~~previously~~ been a  
member.

54 A letter was read from the Church Lion  
Chapel, <sup>Cambridge</sup> dismissing to our fellowship our  
Sister Elizabeth Skinner

55 Dismission was granted for our Sister Eliza  
Haynes to the Church recently formed in the  
Mission Hall Walsworth Road.

56 At their own request the names of the following  
persons were erased from the Church Roll by  
a vote of the Church, Mary Ann Osbourne  
Sarah Coleman, Charlotte Wheeler, Emma  
Fuller, Annie St John, & George Ballard  
They have all for some time resided at a  
distance, have no prospect of return, & cannot  
conveniently unite with any other Church.  
Georg Ballard has been received as a mem-  
ber of the Baptist Church, Saint Hill East  
Grinstead.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

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57 At the close of the Prayer meeting the mem-  
bers of the Church remained to appoint  
messengers to investigate certain reports con-  
cerning the conduct of Louisa Mead. Our  
Brethren Lane & W<sup>m</sup> Foster were appointed



- After devotional exercise the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed
- 58 The messengers appointed to enquire into the charges against Louisa Mead gave in their report & other members of the Church added their testimony concerning her. After hearing the evidence it was decided by a unanimous vote of the Church that Louisa Mead is guilty of untruth and of using profane language. She is therefore cut off from membership by the law of XI as contained in 2 Thessol 3 chap 6 verse.
- 59 The following persons were proposed for Baptism & fellowship
- |               |                       |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| Susan Bullard | — Messengers Brethren |
|               | Malden & Wilshire     |
| Ellen Cousins | — Messengers Brethren |
|               | Lane & Robert Adell   |
| Annie Aylott  | — Messengers Brethren |
|               | Shadwell & Chambers   |
| Sarah Payne   | — Messengers Brethren |
|               | Halsey & Woodfield    |
| Joseph Salt   | — Messengers Brethren |
|               | Barker & H. Foster    |
- 60 Dismission was granted for our Brethren Francis Hayball & his wife to the Church Broadmead Bristol. Also for our Brother Josiah Petts & his wife Mary Petts to the Church at the Old Meeting Biggleswade.
- 61 At their own request the names of the fol-



lowing members were erased from our Roll as they are residing at a distance, unable to unite with us & also unable to join any other Church. — Thomas Inuprey, Martha Inuprey & Sarah Fansley.

62 The case of Penelope Mitchell was next considered. For many years she has ceased to worship with the Church & has given no indication of a desire to return. Proposed by Brother Lane Seconded by Brother Thadwell, That the name of Penelope Mitchell be erased for non attendance.

63 By a vote of the Church the name of Emma Commin was also erased as she has long since left the neighbourhood & her residence is unknown.

The meeting concluded with singing & prayer.

### Church Meeting Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>

After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

64 Susan Bullard, Ellen Cousins, Anne Aylott Sarah Payne & Joseph Salt came before the Church, the messengers reported & their letters were read, after which they were unanimously received.

65 Permission was granted to apply for the dismission of our Sister Emily Wilkins from the Church East Hill Wandsworth to our own. Brethren W<sup>m</sup> Foster & John Morgan were



appointed as messengers to see Eliza Shephard of Preston who appears to have ceased to worship with us.

66 The following persons were proposed for Baptism & fellowship

Sarah Ann Gray — Messengers Brethren John Morgan & W<sup>m</sup> Foster.

Emily Upchurch — Messengers Brethren Shadwell & Chambers

Rosa<sup>anna</sup> Hatton — Messengers Brethren Lane & Russell

67 After some remarks on the claims of the Hitchin Infirmary upon our sympathy it was proposed by an Brother <sup>H. Foster</sup> ~~proposed~~ that collections be made in aid of the Hitchin Infirmary on the 2nd & 3rd Lord's day in October

68 By a vote of the Church the names of Susan Peggram & Christopher Shapland were read from our roll, as they have long ago removed from the neighbourhood & we are unable to find out their present address.

The meeting was closed with singing & prayer.

### Church Meeting Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>

After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

69 Sarah Ann Gray, Emily Upchurch, Rose Anna Hatton came before the Church, & after the report of the messengers & the reading of their letters they were unanimously received



70 The following persons were proposed for Baptism & fellowship

Ann Louisa Ambrose - Messengers Brethren  
W. Foster & Malden

Alice Elizabeth Halsey - Messengers Brethren  
Lane & Poyer

Frederick Griggs - Messengers Brethren  
Hainworth & Halsey

William Street - Messengers Brethren  
Upchurch & John Wheeler

James Hunt - Messengers Brethren  
Woodfield & Pateman

Charles Westwood - Messengers Brethren  
Shadwell & Sam<sup>l</sup>. Brown

Richard Bullard - Messengers Brethren  
M. H. Foster & Boardman

71 Dismissal was granted for our Sister Lucy Hutson & Emma Deacon to the Church at Union Chapel Sutton.

72 The Pastor announced that our Sister Elizabeth English fell asleep on Tuesday morning October 26th. She has been for some time ill, but the Messenger came suddenly at last & released her without a struggle or a sigh.

73 The Messengers appointed to visit Eliza Shepherd gave in their report & the Pastor reported an interview he had had with her. From all it appeared that she neglects the duties of membership & gives no promise of resuming them. It was therefore decided to erase her name.



for non attendance

- 74 By a vote of the Church the name of Mary Ann Chapman (formerly Smith) was erased from our Register, in accordance with her request as she has removed from the neighborhood & is unable either to attend with us or to join any other Church.
- 75 The names of Lucy Tyler (formerly Lambert) & of Ellen Macey (formerly Symonds) were erased from the roll by the vote of the Church as the Pastor has written to them twice but has received no reply.
- 76 A discussion was introduced by our Brother Halsey in which several took part on the subject of our gas lighting which at present is sadly inefficient. It was finally proposed by our Brother Dodwell seconded by our Brother W. Foster That a committee be appointed to investigate the subject to report to the Church at a subsequent meeting. It was subsequently resolved that the committee should consist of the Officers of the Church together with Brethren W. Foster, Hainworth Halsey & Pryn.
- 77 It was suggested by the Pastor that as we are in the habit of baptizing on the last Lord's day of the month, & on those occasions hold the Church meeting on the Thursday before the last Lord's Day it would be desirable regularly to hold the Church meeting on that day. No one objected to the alteration, so that hereafter the regular



time for the Church meeting will be the Thursday before the last Lord's day of the month.

78 The Pastor again introduced the subject of joining the Herts & Beds Association of Baptist Churches. After some discussion it was resolved by on the motion of Brother Dodwell, seconded by Brother M. H. Foster That this Church join the Herts & Beds Association of Baptist Churches. The meeting was closed with the Doxology & Prayer.

### Special Church Meeting November 5

At the close of the prayer meeting the members remained behind to receive the report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the gas-lighting of our Chapel. Before this subject was discussed  
79 Dismissal was granted for our Sister Elizabeth Foster, (formerly Grawley) to the Church in the Asylum Road Peckham. Also for our Sister Elizabeth Kemp to the Baptist Church East Gate St. Lewis

80 The Pastor then read the resolution which had been adopted by the gas committee—

Resolved— That this Committee having examined the practicability of improving the present system of lighting by adding additional burners in & under the galleries & having found that such a plan would be expensive as well as in some other respects undesirable— recommend the Church to adopt the system of lighting from the ceiling supplemented by brackets from



the walls underneath the galleries. They advise that a centre starlight pendent of 24 burners be put up without touching our present lamps. That when we have ascertained what additional lights will be required, the burners now in use shall be removed, & if possible, converted into brackets to be fixed in the walls under the galleries; & that if any additional lights are needed in the corners of the galleries they shall be supplied.

A long discussion ensued after which on the motion of Brother Halsey seconded by Brother Woodfield & supported by Brother Lane it was resolved to adopt the recommendation of the Committee. Carried unanimously.

The meeting concluded with prayer.

### Church Meeting Nov 25th

The minutes of the previous meetings were read & confirmed.

- 81 A letter was read from the Church East Hill Wandsworth dismissing to our fellowship our Sister Emily Wilkins
- 82 Ann Louisa Ambrose, Alice Elizabeth Halsey, Frederick Griggs, William Street, James Hunt, Charles Westwood & Richard Bullard came before the Church & after interesting testimony concerning them from the messengers & others, & the reading of their letter they were unanimously received.



83 Dismissal was granted for our Sister Ellen Davis to the Church meeting in the Walsworth Road Hitchin.

84 Dismissal was granted for our Sister Ann Eliza Wilson to the Church in Queen Street Hitchin.

85 Esther Maria Fells who was formerly a member was proposed as a candidate for Church fellowship again. Messengers Brethren Barker & Alfred Cooper.

86 Part of a letter from Maria Webber to the Pastor was read from which it appeared that she is still enrolled as a member at Carmel Chapel Woolwich, the Church there never having granted a transfer in consequence of our open communion practice. (v. m 875). It was therefore decided to erase her name from our roll of members.

87 The Pastor reported that he had twice written to our Sister Mary Ann Jarwood, (formerly Holdman) regarding her membership but had received no reply. It was therefore decided to erase her name. She is now living in Yarmouth.

88 As next New Year's day falls upon a Saturday, a very inconvenient day for a tea meeting, it was proposed by our Brother Halsey & seconded by our Brother W. Foster that the Annual Members Tea Meeting be held on Monday January 3rd 1870.



89 Proposed by our Brother M H Foster, Seconded by our Brother Lane That the Pastor be empowered to confer with the Officers of the other Christian Churches in the town, who might be willing to unite with us, to arrange if practicable to hold 3 or 4 united prayer meetings at the beginning of the Year.

The Meeting was closed with singing & prayer.

### Lord's Day December 5th

90 When the Church was assembled for the Lord's Supper dismission was granted for our Sister Ann Bennett (formerly Smith) to the Baptist Church Gamlingay Cambridgeshire: also for our Brother Carey Smith to the Independent Church, Park Chapel Camden Town London.

91 The name of Mary Williamson, (formerly Wheeler) still stands on the Church roll. The Pastor has found from a minute of the Church (in 939) that in August 1867 a letter was adopted dismissing her to the Church Circular Road Calcutta, but by some inadvertence her name has still been retained. In order therefore to make the numbers right it will be necessary to regard her as though dismissed in this year, though the transfer was actually made 2 years ago.



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New Year's Tea Meeting January 3rd  
 About 180 members of the Church assembled for tea  
 at 5 o'clock.

The meeting began at 6.20 PM when after devotional  
 exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were  
 read & confirmed.

92 Esther Maria Fells came before the Church, &  
 after the testimony of the messengers & the reading  
 her letter she was unanimously received.

93 The Pastor then read the roll of the present members  
 & gave the statistics of the year. as follows

Names & addresses of Non resident members

W	Naomi Crowley	} Great Missenden Bucks
S	Elizabeth Crowley	
M	Elizabeth Law	Luton
M	Dinah M. Littlebury	Whetstone W. Barnet
S	Ruth Hawkes	5 Devonport Place Gloucester Sq Hyde Park London
S	Emma Malden	Ipwich
S	Mary Broom	Stevenage
S	Caroline Frost	Forest Lodge Leyton Essex
M	Martha Conder	Baldock
S	Frederick Odell	New York
M	Rebecca Fage	115 Crescent Road Plumstead
S	Eliza Perrin	Mr Hull's Uxbridge
S	Susan Weatherhead	Germany
S	Amy West	Leicester (9 Evington St)
S	Katherine West	do do
M	Hannah Frost	Baldock
S	Emma Gibbs	Milford Street Salisbury



S	Martha Thorne	C. Bewill Esq Royston
S	Sarah Jackson	Patmore Heath Albany Ware
S	Eliza Wilshire	Mrs Gibbins 26 Union St Luton
S	Charlotte Woodfield	London
S	Ebenezer Foster	America
S	Elizabeth Throssell	Rev Bloomfield Jackson Stoke Newington London
S	Martha Hunt	Silsoe
S	Booke [Eliza Anne]	10 Alfred St Bath
S	Sarah Payne	Shefford
S	Mary English	Mordbury Devon

27 January 1870

57 January 1869

30 Decrease of Non resident members during the year

The following persons have been erased during the year

Jan <sup>7</sup>	Charles Cannon *	Sept	Martha Surprey †
April	Thomas Penn *		Sarah Tansley †
June	Sarah Burton †		Penelope Mitchell §
	Annie Hoare †		Emma Cummin †
	Martha Crawley †		Susan Peggam †
July	Mary Ann Osbourne †		Christopher Thapland †
	Sarah Coleman †	Oct	Eliza Shepherd §
	Charlotte Wheeler †		Mary Ann Chapman †
	Emma Fuller *		Lucy Tyler †
	Annie St John †		Ellen Macey †
	George Ballard *	Nov	Maria Webster *
Sept	Thomas Surprey †		Mary Ann Garwood †

\* Known to be members of some other Church. † Erased at their own request. ‡ Residence unknown. § Erased for non attendance. ¶ Erased because they have returned no reply to our communications.



concerning their membership from the Pastor

The following persons have been dismissed to other Churches

Jan<sup>7</sup> Ellen Wymann to Independent Church Luton

Jusannah Crawley Brixton Hill

Mar William Doggett } Sandon  
Ellen Doggett }

June George Short } Salisbury  
Elizabeth Short }

Alfred J. Osbourne Ipswich

John Southwell } Dalston London  
Sarah Southwell }

Mary Hill Hayes

Richard Johnson

Joseph Perry } Walsworth Road  
George Norton }  
Annie Johnson }

Caroline Perry

Mary Ware

July Eliza Haynes

Sept Francis Hayball } Broadmead Bristol  
& his wife }

Josiah Petts } Biggleswade  
Mary Petts }

Oct Lucy Hutson } Union Chapel Luton  
Emma Deacon }

Nov Elizabeth Foster Peckham

Elizabeth Kemp Lewes

Ellen Paris Walsworth Road

Eliza Wilson Queen Street

Dec Ann Bennett Gainsbury



Decr	Carey Smith	Camden Town
	Mary Williamson	Calcutta 30

Withdrawn in June Elizabeth Hiddle

Excluded September Louisa Mead

Died in May James Webber

October Elizabeth English

Dismissed	30	Baptized	33
Erased	24	Transfer	8
Withdrawn	1	Profession	1
Excluded	1	Restored	3
Died	2	Increase	<u>45</u>

Decrease 58 No of members Jan<sup>r</sup> 1869 282

Increase 45 do do 1870 269

Net Decrease 13 Decrease 13

Nominal Members Jan<sup>r</sup> 1869 282 Brethren 74

Non resident 57 Sisters 195

Resident Members 225 269

Nominal Members Jan<sup>r</sup> 1870 269 Proportion of 2 1/2 Sisters to every Brother

Non resident 27

Increase of resident Members 242 41 Married couples

during the year 1869 17 51 Married persons

whose husbands or wives are not members, which makes 133 Married Members

22 Widows or Widowers

114 Single Members

269

94 The following persons were proposed for Baptism & fellowship

Martha Croft Messengers Brethren W. Foster & Halsey



Sarah Bullen Messengers Brethren M. H. Foster &  
Dan Wilshere

Edward Butterfield Messengers Brethren John Mungant  
Jerrill Woodfield

Sarah Elizabeth Day Messengers Brethren Chambers &  
Russell

Ruben Cousins Messengers Brethren Lane &  
Comfort

95 Permission was granted to apply for the transfer of  
Mary Ann Myers from the Church Abby Road St  
John Wood London

96 Dismission was granted for the following member -

Josiah Cousins to Braachwood Green

Mary Brown to Stevenage

Mary English to Modbury Devon

97 Our Brother Dodwell introduced the subject of the choice  
of additional Deacons which he deemed important.

The Pastor explained the method of choosing deacons  
which appeared to him & to the Deacons in office as  
the safest & wisest way, viz That there should be

no nomination, but that papers containing the names  
of the male members of the Church should be issued

to all the members, on which they should mark  
those for whom they wished to vote: That the required  
number who were at the head of the poll should be

elected provided they had a majority of votes recorded.  
ie If 150 papers were filled in it would require over 75  
to render the election valid, if 200 were filled in over  
100 would be required.

After several had taken part in the discussion it was



Proposed by Brother Hainworth Seconded by Brother W. Foster That this Church proceed to the choice of Two additional Deacons

Proposed by Brother Hainworth Seconded by Brother Halsey That the mode of election described by the Pastor be adopted.

98 That addresses were given by the Pastor, Brethren Lane, Dan<sup>l</sup> Wilsheer, Hainworth, W. Foster, Dodwell, Russell, M H Foster & Halsey in which reference was made to the work of the Church, in the Congregation School & all the Village Stations

The meeting was felt to be a very pleasant & refreshing season & after singing the usual farewell hymn & prayer the meeting closed about 9.20 P.M.

### Church Meeting January 27th.

After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed

99 Martha Croft, Sarah Bullen, Edward Butterfield, Sarah Elizabeth Day & Reuben Cousins came before the Church, & after the recital of their experience they were unanimously received.

100 Permission was granted to apply for the transfer of Emma Jane Maidment from the Church Upton Severn.

101 The Pastor then delivered an address on the Deacons' office, after which the voting papers were distributed to the members of the Church, of which a copy is annexed.



**VOTING PAPER**  
**FOR THE CHOICE OF TWO ADDITIONAL DEACONS**  
**TO SERVE THE CHURCH,**  
**SALEM CHAPEL, HITCHIN.**

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DEAR FRIEND,

At the Church Meeting held January 3rd, it was resolved to proceed to the Election of Two Additional Deacons: this paper is accordingly sent for you to record your vote.

The office of Deacon was intended to be permanent in the Church. Read Philippians I. 1, and I Timothy III. 8—13.

Deacons were first appointed to see that the wants of the widows were supplied in the days when "they had all things common." Read Acts VI, 1—6. And one important part of their work is to distribute the alms of the Church to Christ's poor.

Deacons have to manage the pecuniary affairs of the Church, and may also in many ways render valuable assistance to the Pastor in its spiritual oversight.

For this important office they should be men of some experience, and of "proved" christian excellence.

Deacons are to be chosen by the suffrages of all the disciples. "Look ye out among you, &c." It is therefore very important that the votes should be quite unbiassed; and whilst it is allowable to give an opinion *if asked*, or to seek the advice of any in whose judgment you place confidence if you are at a loss whom to choose, we trust you will carefully abstain from every endeavour to influence the votes of any.

Prayerfully and faithfully discharge your duty as a member of the Church in this important step, and place a **DISTINCT INK MARK** against the two names on the opposite list whom you deem most suitable; or if you cannot fix upon two names, mark one or none as your judgment may dictate.

Whether you vote or not please bring or send this paper to the Lord's Supper on the first Lord's Day in February; or if this is inconvenient please send it to the Pastor on or before that date. You are not required to affix your name.

That God may grant you wisdom to make such a choice as shall be for His glory, and the good of the Church, is the earnest desire of

Yours in Christian esteem,

JOHN ALDIS, JUN., PASTOR.

REUBEN SHADWELL.

THOMAS DODWELL.

JOHN FOSTER.

MATTHEW HENRY FOSTER.

RICHARD LANE.

} DEACONS.

Hitchin, January, 1870.



John Odell  
Smith Woodfield  
James Wilson  
Henry Creasy  
John Ayres  
George Catterin  
James Law  
William Foster  
George Hair  
James Robottom  
Samuel Upchurch  
Benjamin Barker  
John Morgan  
Thomas Wheeler  
James Bullard  
George Norris  
Thomas Taylor  
Amos Shepherd  
Henry Merritt  
George Halsey  
George Throssell  
John Neeves  
Thomas Chamberlain  
George Webb  
John Malden  
James Arnold  
Samuel Brown  
William Barker  
John Pryor  
George Day  
Daniel Chambers  
James Morgan  
John Wheeler

Daniel James  
Alfred Cooper  
James Street  
Edward Stanton  
John Brown  
George Newling  
Henry Hide  
Arthur Doggett  
John Aitken  
William Mead  
William Hainworth  
John Pateman  
Daniel Wilshere  
William Hare  
Arthur Kingsley Throssell  
Jabez Ambrose Comfort  
Jesse Payne  
Jacob Russell  
William Dawson  
Charles Barker  
Robert Odell  
Edwin Wheeler  
James Skinner  
Henry Boardman  
Stephen Woodfield  
Frederick Ellwood  
Joseph Salt  
Frederick Griggs  
William Street  
James Terry Hunt  
Charles Westwood  
Richard Bullard



Special Church Meeting February 7<sup>th</sup>

The members of the Church remained for a short time at the close of the Prayer Meeting. when—  
 102 Selina Woodfield was proposed for Baptism & fellowship— Messengers Brethren Malden & Samuel Brown.

103 The Pastor then read the results of the scrutiny of the Voting Papers for the choice of two additional Deacons which were brought in on the previous day. 243 papers were issued. 211 members voted for one or two deacons. And since according to the Resolution a majority of votes recorded was required to make the election valid, 106 votes would be required to constitute a majority. The following votes were recorded. For Brother

D. Chambers	1	Jacob Russell	10
Benjamin Barker	2	Smith Woodfield	11
J. Malden	4	J. A. Comfort	23
Rob <sup>t</sup> Odell	5	W. Hainworth	67
Athens Doygett	5	William Foster	117
J. Pryn	6	George Halsey	139
John Morgan	7		

Brethren George Halsey & William Foster are therefore the elect of the Church. After a few words from each of them the meeting closed with prayer.



## Church Meeting Feb 24

- After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meetings were read & confirmed.
- 104 Ellen Flint who was proposed in March last year (m 20) but who was then unable to come before the Church was this night received on the testimony of the messengers & her own written communication. Selina Woodfield was also received in the same way.
- 105 A letter was read from the Church Abbey Road St John's Wood dismissing to our fellowship our Sister Mary Ann Myers.
- 106 Also from the Baptist Church Upton on Severn dismissing to our fellowship our Sister Emma Jane Maidment.
- 107 Dismission was granted for our Sister Eliza Perrin to the Church Upper Meeting Saffron Walden Essex.
- 108 The Pastor then read the minutes of the Church (97) on the election of deacons & made some remarks on the vote, comparing the result with the election in May 1849 (minutes 310, 321, 323). Our Brethren George Holsey & William Foster then signified to the Church their acceptance of office. The Pastor then welcomed them to the office, & after the singing of an hymn they were commended to God in prayer by our Brother Hairworth.



Church Meeting March 24th

After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed

James Nocton was proposed for Baptism & fellowship. Messengers B<sup>m</sup> M H Foster & Halsey

The Treasurer, our Brother H<sup>r</sup> Foster then gave an abstract of the accounts for the financial year just closing, which were of a very satisfactory nature. It appears that during the year the Church & Congregation have raised for all purposes home & foreign about <sup>over</sup> £500.

It was proposed by Brother Shadwell seconded by Brother Lane that the accounts now read be approved by the Church, & that our best thanks be presented to the Treasurer for his kind & efficient services.

After singing & prayer the meeting closed.

Missionary Tea Meeting April 15th  
Good Friday

About 230 sat down to tea at 5 o'clock. After tea the Meeting was presided over by the Pastor. A hymn was sung & prayer offered by our Brother Dodwell. Our Brother Halsey the Secretary read the report which was of an encouraging nature. During the year over £84 pounds have been raised for Foreign Missions (exclusive of about £10 for the Irish Mission) - about £23 in excess of the amount raised last year



Short addresses were then delivered by our Brethren Shadwell Russell Hainworth, Woodfield, W. Foster, & Lane.

The following persons were appointed as a Missionary Committee for the ensuing year. The Pastor & Deacons <sup>Messrs</sup> W. Barker, Hainworth Hill, John Morgan, Russell, A. Throssell & J. Wheeler. Mr. Halscy Secretary & Mr. Hainworth Treasurer. Mr. Aldis, Mr. H. Foster, Mr. Hill. Mr. Pryn, Miss Ekins, Miss A. Forster, Miss Hainworth Miss Eliza Odell, Miss Prudden Miss M. Throssell Miss Williams, & Miss Winch & four from the ladies committee.

### Church Meeting April 28th

After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meetings were read & confirmed.

112 James Henry Norton came before the Church & after the testimony of the messengers was heard & his own letter read he was unanimously received.

113 The following persons were proposed for baptism & fellowship.

Rachel Kingsley Messengers Brethren Shadwell & Chambers

Ellen Hare Messengers Brethren Lane & Sam<sup>l</sup> Brown

Frederick Shurt Messengers Brethren W. Foster & Robert Odell

William News Messengers Brethren Woodfield & B. Barker



Samuel Simkins Messengers Brethren John Morgan  
& Russell

14 Dismissal was granted for our Sister Ann Mary  
Bomford to the Church in Queen St with which  
she was formerly connected.

The Pastor delivered an address founded on 1 Cor.  
12.27-31 in some ways in which the members might be  
come "helps" to the body, the Church, & after  
singing & prayer the meeting terminated.

15 Special Church Meeting June 20  
At the close of the prayer meeting the mem-  
bers present remained for business connected  
with the Association.

Proposed by Brother Lane, Seconded by  
Brother Chambers That Brethren Haley,  
Wm Foster & Robert Odell, in conjunction  
with the Pastor, be appointed as delegates  
to represent the Church at the meeting of  
the Herts & Beds Association at St Albans  
on Wednesday next.

On the motion of Brother Hainworth se-  
conded by Brother Haley the following letter  
was adopted to the Association.

The Church of St meeting in Salem Chapel  
Hitchin to the Messengers of the Associated  
Baptist Churches of Herts & Beds in session  
at St Albans, June 22nd 1870.

Dear Brethren

We greet you with pleasure in the name



of the Lord.

On this the first occasion of our union with you in your annual assembly we venture to express the hope that this step may tend to increase the feeling of brotherhood among the Associated Churches: that we may confer as well as receive advantage.

In reviewing the past year we have many mercies to acknowledge. Our congregations have been good & souls have been savingly blessed.

Our Sunday School is increasing & prospering. Our Village Preaching Stations & Schools are also in a hopeful state.

We report a numerical decrease owing to a careful revision of our Church Register. Many non-resident members have been dismissed to Churches in their neighbourhood, & the names of several have been erased.

Twelve months ago we dismissed some members to form the nucleus of a Baptist Church at the other end of the Town. We are happy to state that the young Church has increased: a good work is there going on: & a cordial feeling subsists between the two Churches.

This Church will be associated with the New Connexion of General Baptists.

I should it be convenient & agreeable to the Associated Churches we shall be happy, God willing to hold the next Annual Meeting of the Association & to entertain the delegates in Hitchen.



Wishing you all peace & prosperity,  
We are Dear Brethren

Yours in the bonds of the gospel  
Signed for the Church John Aldis junr Pastor

The following are the Statistics returned.

Increase		Decrease	
Profession	30	Died	4
Letter	7	Withdrawn	1
Restoration	2	Dismissed	29
	<u>39</u>	Excluded	1
Members	272	Erased	<u>22</u>
Scholars including the			<u>57</u>
3 Village Schools	450	Net decrease	18
Teachers	56	Contra <sup>m</sup> to Foreign Missions	£4
Village Stations	5	do to Irish	8.9.0
Village Preachers	7	do to Hart Union	13.5.0

### Church Meeting June 23

116 After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed. The cases of the candidates proposed were considered, & after the reports of the messengers were given & the letters read, Rachel Kingsley, Ellen Hare, William Newes & Samuel Simkins were unanimously received. It was thought desirable to defer the case of Frederick Street for a time.

117 Dismission was granted for our Sister Elizabeth Thrussell to the Independent Church at Isleworth.



- 118 Mary Caldwell, formerly a member of the Church desires re-admission to fellowship. Brethren Halsey & John Morgan were appointed as Messengers.  
The Meeting closed with singing & prayer.

### Church Meeting July 28<sup>th</sup>

- After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.
- 119 Mary Caldwell came before the Church & after the report of the Messengers she was unanimously received.
- 120 The following persons were proposed for fellowship  
Sarah Shaw— Messengers Brethren Shadwell & W. Foster  
William Fells— Messengers Brethren Lane & Woodfield
- 121 Permission was granted to apply for the transfer of Joseph Dines Wilston from the Church at Bunyan Chapel Luton.
- 122 Dismissal was granted for our Brother J. A. Comfort & his wife to the Church in Queen St.
- 123 A discussion took place as to the desirability & practicality of making arrangements for the warming the Chapel before the winter.  
It was proposed by Brother H Foster Seconded by W. Foster That it is desirable that the Chapel should be warmed.



Proposed by Brother H Foster Seconded by Bro. Thos Woodfield That a special meeting of the Church & Congregation be convened at as early a date as possible to consider the subject.

The Meeting closed with singing & prayer

August 25th 1870

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution a meeting of the Church & Congregation was held which however was not largely attended to consider the question of warming the Chapel.

A description was given of the Gurney Stone which appeared to the Pastor & Deacons as the most eligible plan to adopt. After some discussion it was

Proposed by Mr H Foster Seconded by Mr. Law That it is desirable to make an attempt to improve the temperature of the Chapel.

Carried by 42 to 4 votes Several were nullo.

Proposed by Mr. H Foster Seconded by Mr. W. Foster That the following gentlemen be requested to act with the Officers of the Church as a Committee of enquiry concerning the merits of the Gurney Stone Their report to be given at a subsequent meeting. Messrs - W. Galloway, Thimworth, G. Jewes, R. Odell & Padden.



## Church Meeting Sept 1st

After singing reading & prayer the minutes of the previous meetings were read & confirmed.

- 125 A letter was read from the Church at Benjamin Chapel Luton dismissing to our fellowship our Brother Joseph Dines Wilston.
- 126 The Messengers appointed to visit Sarah Shaw & William Fells gave their reports & their letters were read, after which they were unanimously received.
- 127 The following persons were proposed for Baptism & fellowship.
- |                   |            |                                   |
|-------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mary Ann Jacobs   | Messengers | Brothers Russell & A. Cooper      |
| Eliza Aylott      | Messengers | Brothers Samuel Brown & Pryor     |
| Anna Maria Aylott | Messengers | Brothers Halscy & Upchurch        |
| William Farr      | Messengers | Brothers Hainworth & John Wheeler |
| Thomas Chambers   | Messenger  | Brother M.H. Foster & Boardman    |
- 128 Dismissal was granted for our Sister Susannah Wright (formerly Childs) to the Independent Church Lowestoft.
- 129 At her own request it was agreed that the name of Eliza Anne Cooke now resident in Liverpool should be erased from our book
- 130 Notice was given that opportunity would be



afforded next Lord's day to friends who might wish to contribute towards the relief of the wounded in the present war

131 A proposition was made to alter the time of commencing the week evening services from 7 o'clock to a quarter past 7, but as it was carried by only a narrow majority it was withdrawn.

The Meeting closed with singing & prayer

### Church Meeting, September 19

After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed

132 Mary Ann Jacobs, Eliza Aylott, Hannah Maria Aylott, William J. Farr & Thomas Chambers came before the Church, & after the testimony of the messengers was heard & their letters were read they were all received

133 Dismission was granted for our Sister Sarah Jackson to the Baptist Church Hampden Road Upper Holloway, & for our Sister Charlotte Woodfield to the Church meeting in the Independent Chapel Edmonton

The meeting closed with singing & prayer.

### Church Meeting October 27th

After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed

134 Fanny Bonford was proposed for fellowship  
Messengers Brethren Lane & B. Barker



- 135 Permission was granted to apply for the transfer of Martha Whitmore from the Church at Lion Chapel Cambridge
- 136 Dismission was granted for our Sister Catherine West to the Eden Street Congregational Church Kingston on Thames
- 137 The name of Emma Gibbs was erased by a vote of the Church as she has neglected to reply to communications addressed to her regarding her membership. She has been for a long time non-resident.
- 138 The Pastor stated that our Sister Rebecca Foye for some time since resident in Plumstead had neglected to reply to two letters addressed to her on the subject of her membership, which circumstance appeared to indicate that she does not desire longer to be recognized as a member. It was therefore proposed by Brother Halsey seconded by Brother Lane that the name of Rebecca Foye be erased from our Church Register
- 139 It was stated that C. H. Spurgeon has promised to visit Hitchin at as early a date as possible, & that the Deacons deemed it desirable to connect with his coming an effort to liquidate the debt on the Ministers House
- 140 Some discussion took place as to whether the order of service on the Lord's day could with advantage be altered: the subject was postponed for another month.



- 141 Notice was given that the Autumnal meeting of the Heats & Beds Association of Baptist Churches would be held next Tuesday Nov 1st at Tring but besides the Pastor none volunteered to attend as delegates.  
The Meeting closed with singing & prayer.

- 142 November 21st Congregational Meeting  
At the close of the Prayer meeting the question of warming the Chapel was resumed & the committee appointed August 25th gave in their report (min 124) After some discussion it was proposed by W. M. H Foster, seconded by Mr Hainworth & carried unanimously  
That we obtain one of the Gurney Stoves provided the required sum (about £25 or £30) be subscribed.  
Mr R. Odell, W. M. Foster & W. Gasword were requested to solicit subscriptions.

- Church Meeting November 24th  
After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meetings were read & confirmed.
- 143 Our Sister Fanny Bonford came before the Church & after her communication had been read & the report of the messengers received she was unanimously received.
- 144 Jane Woodfield was proposed for fellowship  
Messengers Brethren W. Foster & Halscy
- 145 Dismission was granted for our Sister Caroline



Star formerly Caroline Frost to the Church at  
Baker St Enfield.

- 146 The consideration of an alteration in the order of service was resumed (v.m 140) Proposed by Brother Halsey, Seconded by Brother Woodfield That in our Public Services on the Lord's day a hymn be sung between the reading of the Scriptures & prayer. Carried by a large majority, though there was some difference of opinion.
- The meeting closed with singing & prayer.



Annual Church Meeting Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 2nd  
 About 160 members of the Church sat down to tea  
 at 5 o'clock & -

After singing a prayer the minutes of the previous  
 meeting were read & confirmed

147 Our Sister Jane Woodfield came before the Church  
 & upon the report of the Messengers as well as her own  
 written communication she was unanimously received.

148 The following friends were proposed for baptism &  
 fellowship

Charlotty Hare Butterfield - Messengers brethren  
 Smith Woodfield & Wilshire

John James - Messengers Brethren M. H. Foster  
 & William Hare

Henry Olney - Messengers Brethren John  
 Morgan & D. Chambers

149 A letter was adopted applying for the transfer of  
 our friend Mary Hall & her daughter Gertrude  
 from the Church Walsworth Road Hitchin

150 Dismission was granted for our Sister Ruth  
 Hawkes to the Church at Trinity Chapel John  
 St Edgeware Road London

151 The Pastor then read the names of the members of the  
 Church of whom the following are non-resident

W	Naomi Crawley	} Great Missenden Bucks
S	Elizabeth Crawley	
M	Elizabeth Law	Luton
M	Dinah M. Littlebury	Whetstone near Barnet
S	Ruth Hawkes	London (dismissed this evening)
S	Hannah Impey	Norwich



S	Mary Williams	Royston
M	Martha Conder	Baldock
M	Fredrick Odell	New York
S	Susannah Weatherhead	Nuffield Rectory Henley
S	Amy West	Leicester
M	Hannah Frost	Stevenage
S	Martha Thorpe	Royston
S	Ebenezer Foster	U.S. America
S	Sarah Payne	Shefford
S	Stephen Woodfield	Lower Edmonton
S	Charles Westwood	Chatteris Combs
17	Non resident members	

152 The following are the statistics of the year read at the meeting

The following members have been dismissed to other Churches

Jan <sup>2</sup>	Josiah Cousins	to Breechwood Green
	Mary Broom	Stevenage
	Mary English	Modbury
Feb	Eliza Perrin	Saffron Walden
Apr	Ann Mary Bonford	Queen St Hitchin
June	Elizabeth Thrussell	Isleworth
July	Jabez Ambrose Comfort	Queen St Hitchin
	Elizabeth Comfort	Queen St Hitchin
Sept	Susannah Wright	Lowestoft
	Sarah Jackson	Upper Holloway
	Charlotte Woodfield	Independent Ch. Edmonton
Oct	Caroline West	Kingston on Thames
Nov	Caroline Starr	Enfield

The following names have been erased during the year

Sept	Anne Eliza Cooke	Oct	Rebecca Faye
Oct	Emma Gibbs		



The following members have been called to their rest

Jan<sup>7</sup> Elizabeth Rudd  
 Feb<sup>7</sup> Eliy Ruth Hodgson  
 May John Malden  
 Nov Betsy Beadle

Died 4  
 Dismissed 13  
 Ceased 3  
20

Received by  
 Baptism 19  
 Profession 1  
 Restored 2  
 Transfer 3  
25

No of Members Jan<sup>7</sup> 1871 274  
 Brethren 80 M 134  
 Sisters 194 W 25  
274 S 115  
274

Clear Increase 5

41 Married couples = 82  
 52 Husbands & wives = 52

The following table give the comparative numbers for the 3 years at the January meeting

	Nominal	Nonresident	Resident
1869	282	57	225
1870	269	27	242
1871	274	17	257

Increase during the year 5 Decrease 10 Increase 15

The following is the attendance at the Lords Supper 1870

J F M A M J J A S O N D  
 156. 157. 167. 169. 168. 163. 163. 154. 166. 180. 184. 191

Average for 1870 - 168 =  $67\frac{5}{6}$  per cent of resident members  
 Average for 1869 - 150 =  $64\frac{1}{6}$  per cent of resident members

Short addresses were given by the Pastor, Brethren Shadwell, Lane, D. Chambers, Dodwell, B. Barker M. H. Foster, John Morgan, Halsey, W. Foster & J. Woodfield. The general aspect of these addresses indicated hopefulness as that we thank God & take courage



## Church Meeting January 26th

After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

- 154 Charlotte Hare Butterfield, John James & Henry Olney came before the Church, & after the testimony of the Messengers was heard & their letters were read they were unanimously received.
- 155 A letter was read from the Church Lion Chapel Cambridge dismissing to our fellowship our Sister Martha Whitmore.
- 156 A letter was read from the Church Walsworth Pond Hitchin dismissing to our fellowship our Sister Mary Hall & her daughter Gertrude Hall.
- 157 Dismissal was granted for our Brother Frederick Odell to the Presbyterian Church 5th Avenue, 19th Street New York U.S.A.
- 158 The case of William Mead who has been committed to Bedford goal for 3 months for robbing his employer was next brought up. Some passages of Scripture relating to Church discipline were read, & on the motion of Brother Shadwell seconded by Brother Lane, William Mead was unanimously excluded from the Church. The step was felt to be very painful but an imperative duty & he was earnestly commended to God's mercy in prayer.

## Church Meeting February 24th

After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

- 159 Emma Newling was proposed for fellowship



Messengers Brethren Shadwell & Lane

160 Our Brother Hainworth introduced the subject of the desirability of taking steps to remove the remaining debt from the Minister's House. After some discussion it was proposed by our <sup>Brother</sup> Hainworth seconded by our Brother M. H. Foster That Collectors be appointed by the Deacons to canvass the Church & Congregation for subscriptions

Proposed by our Brother M. H. Foster seconded by our Brother Halsey That Brethren Hainworth & R. Odell be invited <sup>cooperate</sup> to arrange for a tea meeting at which the amounts raised should be reported, & any further efforts ~~desired~~ that may appear needful or desirable

Wednesday March 15th 1871

161 Special services were held to liquidate the debt on the Minister's house. D<sup>r</sup> Haycroft of Leicester preached an excellent sermon in the afternoon from Mark 13.34. About £250 present sat down to tea at 5 o'clock. In the evening a Public Meeting was held, M<sup>r</sup> Hainworth in the Chair. Addresses were given by D<sup>r</sup> Haycroft & others, & the pecuniary results of the meeting were very satisfactory

Church Meeting March 23rd

After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

162 Emma Newling came before the Church, & after



the testimony of the messengers had been heard & her own letter had been read she was unanimously received.

Some conversation took place as to the extinction of the debt, & by the close of the Meeting £190 had been either paid or provided leaving only £10 to be raised.

Missionary Tea Meeting April 7<sup>th</sup>  
Good Friday

- 163 About 230 sat down to tea at 5 o'clock an interesting meeting was held afterwards, when addresses were given by the Pastor, Brethren Shadwell, Halsey, Woodfield Hair with R. Odell, W. Foster, J. Russell & Skinner more or less bearing on Missionary work.

Missionary Anniversary. April 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

- 164 On Lords day April 23<sup>rd</sup> Sermons were preached by Thomas Lee Pastor of a Church in Jamaica. On Monday Afternoon a sermon was preached by J. P. Chou of Bradford. After a public Tea the evening meeting was presided over by Mr A. Ransom, & was addressed by Mr Chou & Mr Lee as well as other ministers. The attendance at all the services was large, the collections amounted to over £20 & the meetings were felt to be seasons of spiritual enjoyment & profit.

The following persons were appointed as a Missionary Committee for the ensuing year



The Pastor & Deacons Men ~ Hairworth, John  
Morgan, R. Odell, J. Russell, A. Throssell  
& J. Wheeler.

W<sup>rs</sup> Alida W<sup>rs</sup> H Foster The Nurses Ellina  
A Forster Hairworth Eliza Odell E. Prudden  
M Throssell & Winch

### Church Meeting April 27th

After devotional exercises the minutes of the  
previous meetings were read & confirmed.

165 The following persons were proposed for bap-  
tism & fellowship

Nathaniel Rand Messengers Brethren  
Lane & Halsey

Edmund Wright Messengers Brethren  
W. Foster & B. Barker

166 Our Brother M H Foster next read the ac-  
counts of the Ministers Fund, Incidental Fund  
& Burial Fund, which were of a very satisfactory  
nature shewing a balance in hand instead of a  
deficit as at Lady day 1870

Proposed by Brother Hairworth Seconded  
by Brother Woodfield That the Accounts now  
read be approved by the Church

167 Our Brother Halsey read the Account of the  
money collected at the Lords Supper for the  
poor.

Proposed by Brother A. Throssell  
Seconded by Brother Woodfield That the  
Account read be approved by the Church



168 The Pastor then read the amount raised for the various Societies aided by the Congregation

The following is a summary of the income of the Church for home & foreign purposes for the year from Lady day 1870 to Lady day 1871

Pastor's income	211	1	0
Collected at the Lord Supper for the year	29	11	4
Incidental Fund	39	16	0
Collected for Debt on Minister's House	200	0	0
Stoves for Chapel School Room & Vestry	31	10	5
Sunday School	20	13	2
Salem Deacons & Maternal Society	12	8	0
Baptist Missionary Society	72	6	5
Baptist Irish Society	6	16	11
Jews Society	7	7	6
Bible Translation Society	3	4	0
Herb Union	14	7	0
Collected for Sick & Wounded in the <sup>war</sup> <del>late</del>	7	0	0
Aged Pilgrimes Friend Society	19	2	0
Hitchin Infirmary Collection & Subscriptions	23	5	6
Bristol Baptist College	9	3	9
	£	707	13 0

169 Proposed by our Brother Woodfield Seconded by Brother S. Brown That a vote of thanks be given to our Brother M H Foster, & that he be requested to continue his services as Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Proposed by Brother John Morgan Seconded by Brother W. Hare That our thanks be given to our



- Brother Halsey for his services regarding the weekly offerings & the collection at the Lords Supper.
- 170 Dismissal was granted for our Brother Charles Westwood to the Church Mill End Chatteris
- 171 Our Brother M. H. Foster gave notice that he should call the attention of the Church at an early date to the long talked of subject of a Church Missionary.
- 172 Our Brother Russell called attention to the subject of the appointment of some to visit the sick of the Church. The subject to be considered at a subsequent meeting.
- 173 The Pastor gave notice of the Meeting of the Herb & Bedd Association at Hitchin on Wednesday June 14th.
- The meeting closed with singing & prayer.

### Lords Day June 4th.

- 174 When the Church was assembled at the Lords Supper the following letter was adopted by the Church to be read at the forthcoming meeting of the Association.
- The Church of St meeting in Salem Chapel Hitchin to the Pastors & Delegates of the Associated Baptist Churches of Herts & Beds in session at Salem Chapel Hitchin on Wednesday June 14th 1871
- Dear Brethren
- It affords us great pleasure to welcome you here today; & we hope & pray that



your visit may be not only pleasant but also profitable both to yourselves & to us. May the purposes of our Association be secured in the increase of our mutual love & acquaintance; & as individuals & as Churches may we be stimulated encouraged & helped in the work & way of the Lord.

In reviewing the past year we feel that there are many things that call for our gratitude for the past & inspire us with hope for the future.

Our increase is but small; still we believe that several have been truly converted; & for each immortal soul saved we would desire to be devoutly thankful.

The attendance at the public services on the Lord's Day has been large: though we regret to add that the attendance at the prayer meetings has been somewhat less than last year. Earnestly would be deprecate any decrease in the spirit of prayer among us.

The monthly attendance at the Lords Supper has considerably increased, & their seasons of Communion have often been felt to be times of special solemnity & holy joy.

The labours of our Village Preachers & Sunday School Teachers have been prosecuted during the year with diligence & but without encouragement to persevere.



Some special claims on the liberality of the Church & Congregation have been generously & cheerfully met: Missionary & other Societies have received the usual support. In the readiness with which the silver & gold have been given we think we see proof of hearty sympathy with the Lord's work.

Wishing you & the Churches you represent all spiritual blessings

We are Dear Brethren

Yours in Abundant Love

175 Signed for the Church by the Pastor & Deacons  
Brethren Dodwell & M H Foster were  
appointed Messengers to the Association

176 The following are the statistics returned

Received by Profession	18	Removed by Death	3
" " Letter	4	" " Dismission	11
" " Restoration	1	" " Exclusion	1
No of Members	276	" " Revision	3
Sunday Scholars	450	Village Stature	5
Teachers	56	Lay Preachers	5

Wednesday June 16th

Annual Session of the Hertfordshire & Bedfordshire Association of Baptist Churches.

177 The Pastors & Delegates assembled for the transaction of business at 10.30 AM.

At noon a sermon was preached by D. Jones of Brixton from Rom 8. 23.

After dinner the letters from the Churches & the



Statistics were read & Resolutions on some public questions were adopted.

In the evening Addresses were delivered by Brethren Bradford of Tring, Leonard of Boxmoor & Gray of Luton.

Collections were made in aid of the Association Fund.

### Church Meeting June 22

After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

178 The messengers appointed to visit Nathaniel Rand & Edmund Wright gave their testimony & their letters to the Church were read, after which they were unanimously received.

179 The following persons were proposed for membership

Sarah Ann Preston - Messengers Brethren Shadwell & J. Russell

Thomas Briden - Messengers Brethren Dodwell & Hainworth

James Simmons - Messengers Brethren W. Foster & John Morgan

The last named was formerly a member.

180 Dismissal was granted for our Brother Stephen Woodfield to the Church Lower Edmonton N.

181 In reference to the question of the visitation of the sick referred to at the last meeting, the Pastor read the rule adopted June 21st 1842 which however was not carried out long (min 77) but



no resolution was come to on the subject.

### Church Meeting July 27<sup>th</sup>

After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

182 The messengers appointed to visit Sarah Ann Preston, Thomas F. Briden gave their report, ~~and~~ the letters to the Church were read after which they were unanimously received.

183 The Messengers appointed some time since to visit Frederick Street gave a satisfactory report which was confirmed by the testimony of others, his letter was read after which he was unanimously received. (vide min 115)

184 From the reports of the Messengers appointed to visit James Simmons it appeared that he had again lapsed into intemperance from which it was hoped he had been delivered. His application therefore could not be entertained.

185 Our friend Charles Yeates was proposed for baptism & fellowship Messengers Butcher Lane & Barker

186 A letter was adopted applying for the transfer of Thomas Odell from the Church meeting in the Poultry Chapel London.

187 Dismission was granted for our Sister Hannah Inspey to the Church St Mary's



Nowick: also for our Brother Arthur Doggett & his wife to the Church at the Old Baptist Chapel Stotfold.

188 Our young Brother Charles Barker having felt called to the work of preaching the gospel desires appointment by the Church as an Evangelist. It was agreed to appoint Thursday August the 17th for our Brother to exercise his gifts in this place.

189 Some discussion took place on the subject of the visitation of the afflicted members of the Church. Proposed by Brother Woodfield, Seconded by Brother Hainworth. That the names of afflicted members be mentioned every Church meeting & that any fresh cases occurring should be named at the Monday evening prayer meeting in order that the members of the Church may be made acquainted with those who need sympathy.

A number of afflicted members were then mentioned.

The Meeting concluded with singing & prayer.

### Church Meeting Aug

18 After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

190 Our Brother Charles Yeates came before Church, & after the testimony of the members



was received & his own letter was read, he was unanimously welcomed among us.

- 191 The following friends were proposed for Baptism & fellowship
- Mary Winch - Messengers Brethren Dodwell & M. H. Foster
- Sarah Sharp - Messengers Brethren Halsey & W<sup>m</sup> Foster
- Elizabeth Bunniege - Messengers Brethren Woodfield & R. Odell
- Elizabeth Hagger - Messengers Brethren D. Chambers & Wilshere
- Edwin Rudd - Messengers Brethren Shadwell & Sam Brown.

192 Our Brother Charles Barker having according to the appointment of the Church preached in the Vestry on the 17<sup>th</sup> instant it was proposed by Brother Lane seconded by Brother Woodfield That our Brother Charles Barker be appointed to preach in the Village Stations with the sanction of the Church Several Brethren testified to the acceptability of his services & the Resolution was unanimously carried

The names of the afflicted members were then read, & the Meeting closed with singing & prayer.

Church Meeting September 21<sup>st</sup>  
After singing reading & prayer the minutes of



- the previous meeting were read & confirmed.
- 193 The following candidates came before the Church & after the testimony of the Messengers & the reading of their letters they were unanimously received - Mary Winch, Sarah Sharp, Elizabeth Bunnage Elizabeth Hagger & Edwin Rudd
- 194 A letter was read transferring our Brother Thomas Odell from the Church at the Poultry Chapel London to our communion
- The list of sick members was read & the meeting closed with singing & prayer.

### Church Meeting October 26

After devotional exercises & reading the Scriptures the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

- 195 The Pastor introduced the case of Ann Robottom who has been guilty of immorality & read passages of Scripture shewing the law of Nt in such a case It was proposed by Brother Shadwell, Seconded by Brother Lane That Ann Robottom be excluded from the Church
- 196 Dismission was granted for our Brother Richard Bullard to the General Baptist Church Lincoln.
- 197 Permission was granted to apply to the Church Chipping Norton Oxon for the transfer of Emma Williams.



198 The Pastor announced the death on the 18th instant at Great Misenden of our Sister Naomi Brawley, the Senior Member of the Church. She was baptized in 1813 & was thus a member of the Church for 58 years. Her maiden name was Naomi Beard, & she was the last survivor of the family of the former Pastor of that name.

The names of the sick members were read, & the meeting closed with singing & prayer.

### Church Meeting November 30

After singing reading & prayer the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

199 A letter was read from the Church at Chipping Norton Oxon dismissing to our fellowship our Sister Emma Williams

200 A letter was adopted applying for the transfer of Joseph Leaver from the Church at the Stepney Tabernacle London.

201 Dismissal was granted for our Brother Nathaniel Rand & his wife Emma Rand to the Church Sheffeld near Royston.

202 Our Brother J. D. Wilston who has for some time occasionally preached in our Village Station desires appointment by the Church as a Village Preacher. Proposed by our Brother W. Foster Seconded by our Brother John Morgan That Thursday December 14th be appointed



as the day for our Brother Wilston to preach in this place that the Church may have the opportunity of judging as to his fitness for the work. The local committee of the Jews Society having expressed a wish that the Church should elect some member to serve on the Committee in conjunction with the Pastor. Proposed by Brother Halsey seconded by Brother Lane That our Brother M. H. Foster be requested to serve on the Committee of the Jews Society.

204 A letter was read from our Brother M. H. Foster (who was unable to be present through indisposition) urging the importance of appointing the Pastor as a delegate to the "General Conference of Nonconformists" to be held in Manchester December 13th & 14th to consider "the Educational policy of the Government, the general relations of Nonconformists to the Liberal party & the necessity of organizing the political power of Nonconformists throughout the Kingdom for the promotion & defence of the principles of religious equality." After some conversation it was proposed by Brother Shadwell seconded by Brother Lane That the Pastor be appointed as a delegate from this Church to the Conference.

After some remarks on the Antislavery Session of the Herts & Beds Association of Baptist Churches recently held at Boxmoor the Meeting was concluded with singing & prayer.



Church Meeting Dec<sup>r</sup> 21<sup>st</sup>

After singing reading & prayer the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

- 205 John Cousins was proposed for Baptism & fellowship - Messengers Brethren Lane & John Morgan
- 206 Dismissal was granted for our Sister Martha Whitmore to the Church meeting in the Independent Chapel Kneeworth St Royston
- 207 Dismissal was also granted for our Brother W<sup>m</sup> Fells & his wife Esther Maria Fells to the Church meeting in the Walsworth Road of this town. The reason for the request being that the delicate health of the latter renders it impracticable for her to worship with us in consequence of the distance of Salem Chapel from their home
- 208 A letter was read from our Brother H Boardman withdrawing from our fellowship. The Pastor stated the reasons of this withdrawal, & after some discussion it was proposed by Brother Woodfield seconded by Brother M H Foster that the letter of withdrawal now read be accepted.
- 209 Our Brother Wilston having according to appointment (min 202) preached on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> inst after some discussion it was proposed by Brother J. Morgan seconded by Brother W<sup>m</sup> Foster, that our Brother Wilston be requested to preach again on Thursday January 18<sup>th</sup> before the Church comes to a decision concerning his case
- 210 Proposed by Brother M H Foster seconded by Brother Lane that the Pastor be empowered to



invite the Congregations meeting in Queen Street Wales with Rood & the Wesleyan Chapels to unite with us in a series of special prayer meetings to be held in the different Chapels in rotation, during the 1st or 2nd week in January as may be found most convenient.

211 Reference was made to the Nonconformist Conference in Manchester which was suddenly postponed in consequence of the alarming illness of H R H the Prince of Wales & is now fixed for January 23rd 24th & 25th 1872.

212 Proposed by Brother Chambers, Seconded by Brother Halsey that a service be held in the morning of Xmas day at 11 o'clock.  
The names of the sick members were read & the meeting concluded with the doxology & benediction.



1872

Annual Church Meeting January 1st.

About 170 members & communicants were present nearly all of whom sat down to tea at 5 o'clock

After tea the meeting was opened with singing reading the Scriptures & prayer.

213 Permission was granted to apply for the transfer of William Jelly & his wife Eleanor Jelly from the Church at Cotton End Bedford.

214 The names of the members of the Church were then read over, of whom the following are non-resident

M	Elizabeth Law	Luton
S	Elizabeth Crowley	Great Missenden
M	Dinah M Littlebury	Whetstone N: Barnet
M	Martha Conder	Baldock
M	Frances Parkins	Luton
S	Susannah Weatherhead	Nulfield Rectory N: Henley { on Thames
S	Amy West	9 Evington St Leicester
S	Sarah Osbourne	Uxbridge
S	Martha Thorpe	Royston
S	Ebenezer Foster	U S A
S	Sarah Payne	Southill
S	Mary Russell	Stone Pl. Llandoverly S Wales
S	Sarah Ann Gray	Mrs J. Cookson George St Luton
S	Fanny Bonford	Little Alne, Henley in Arden
114		Warwickshire

215 The following are the Statistics for the year read at the Meeting

The following members have been dismissed to other Churches during the year



Jan 7	Ruth Hawkes	Trinity Chapel John St Edgewood
-	Frederick Odell	a Presbyterian Church New York
April	Charles Westwood	Mill End Chatteris
June	Stephen Woodfield	Lower Edmonton N.
July	Hannah Ingey	St Mary's Norwich
-	Arthur Doggett	} Old Baptist Chapel Stotfold
-	Elizabeth Doggett	
Oct	Richard Bullard	Lincoln
Nov	Nathaniel Rand	} Thesfield
	Emma Rand (Newby)	
Dec?	Martha Whitmore	Knesworth St Royston
	Esther Marie Fells	} Walsworth Road Hitchin
	William Fells	

We have also lost during the year as follows

By Death	By Withdrawal
Feb 7 Elizabeth Arnold	Dec? Henry Boardman
April Jane Norris	By Exclusion
October Naomi Crawley	Jan? William Mead
Dec? Thomas Wheeler	Oct? Ann Robottom

Received

By Profession	16
By Transfer	5
	<u>21</u>
	<u>20</u>

Clear Increase 1

Brethren	79
Sisters	196
	<u>275</u>

37 Married Couples = 74 } = 126  
 52 Husbands & Wives 52 }

Removed

Dismissed	13
Died	4
Withdrawn	1
Excluded	<u>2</u>
	<u>20</u>

M	126
W	26
S	123
	<u>275</u>



Comparison of years

Year	No in the Books	Non Resident	Resident
1869	282	57	225
1870	269	27	242
1871	274	17	257
1872	275	14	261

Thus during the Year the increase of Resident members is 4, & during the 3 years 36.

The attendance at the Lords Supper has been as follows - In 1869 1870 1871

Average attendance 150 168 173

Percentage in Resident M<sup>rs</sup> 64 67 66

216 The Pastor then made some remarks on the state & prospects of the Church & gratefully acknowledged a new year gift of a purse containing £20.20 accompanied by a kind note which stated that the gift came from many in the Church & Congregation.

217 Short addresses were then given by Brethren Lane, March (from Luton) Russell, Woodfield Wainwright, W H Foster, Dodwell, Halsey & W. Foster, & the interesting meeting was closed by singing the usual hymn & by prayer by Brother John Morgan

Week of Special Prayer

218 During the week beginning Monday Jan 7<sup>th</sup> & the 6 united prayer meetings were held which were largely attended & marked by a fervent spirit. May large blessing result!



## Church Meeting February 1st

After singing reading the Scriptures & prayer the minutes of the previous meetings were read & confirmed.

- 219 John Cousins came before the Church & after the report of the messengers was received & his own letter read he was unanimously received.
- 220 The following persons were proposed for baptism & fellowship.  
 Rosa Prudden — Messengers Brethren Dodwell & Halsey  
 Ellen Prudden — Messengers Brethren H. Foster & W. Foster
- 221 A letter was read from the Church at Cotton End, <sup>dismissing</sup> our friends William & Eleanor Jelly.
- 222 Dismission was granted for our Sister Sarah Ann Gray to the Baptist Church Park Street Luton.
- 223 Our Brother Wilston having complied with the request of the Church by preaching a second trial sermon it was proposed by Brother Woodfield seconded by Brother Halsey that our Brother Wilston be added to the list of Village Preachers already appointed by the Church.
- 224 Notice was taken of the death of our Brother Edward Butterfield who fell asleep in peace on January 22nd.
- 225 Our Brother M. H. Foster introduced the subject of the appointment of a Church Missionary. After a discussion in which several took part



it was Proposed by Brother Halsey Seconded by Brother John Morgan That in the opinion of the meeting the time has come to take steps with the view to appoint an Evangelist or Missionary to labour in connexion with the Church & the surrounding villages.; & that with this end in view the Pastor & Deacons be empowered to make enquiries in order to secure a suitable man.

The names of the Sick members were then read & the Meeting closed with singing & prayer.

### Church Meeting February 26

- After singing reading & prayer the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed
- 226 Satisfactory testimony being given to the Church concerning our young friends Rosa & Ellen Prudden they were unanimously received
- 227 A letter was adopted applying for the transfer of Arthur Aylott from the Church meeting in the Poultry Chapel.
- 228 Dismissal was granted for our Sister Mary Russell to the Baptist Church Llandoverey South Wales.
- 229 Notice was taken of the decease on the 12th instant of our Sister Charlotte Langford after a long illness.
- 230 There was some conversation as to the propriety of recommending Charles Barker as a Candi



date for Regent Park College, as he has long felt a strong desire to enter the ministry. The subject was postponed to the next Church Meeting.

The list of sick members was read & the meeting closed with singing & prayer.

### Church Meeting April 4th

After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

231 Charles Trussell was proposed for Baptism & fellowship Messengers Brother Woodfield & John Morgan

232 A letter was read from the Church at the Poultry Chapel London dismissing to our fellowship our Brother Arthur Aylott.

233 The Pastor then read some correspondence regarding the Church Missionary. A person named Sobey who has been similarly employed in Bridge water for some time appeared to the Deacons to be suitable. There was some conversation & on the motion of Brother Thadwell Seconded by Brother Lane it was resolved to invite him for a month on trial.

The names of the sick members were read & the meeting closed with singing & prayer.

### Church Meeting April 11th

After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.



234 Charles Trussell came before the Church, & after the testimony of the messengers & others was received & his own letter read, he was unanimously received.

235 Dismissal was granted for our Sister Sarah Osbourne to the Independent Church Ealing Middlesex.

236 The following resolution was proposed by our Brother W H Foster, Seconded by Brother Halsey & carried unanimously - That this Church having full confidence in the Christian character of our Brother Charles Barker & knowing his strong desire to enter the Christian ministry & being satisfied as to his qualifications expresses the belief that he is called of God to the work of the Christian ministry & cordially recommends him as a Candidate for admission to Regent's Park College.

237 Our Brother H Foster then read an abstract of the years accounts which showed a balance due to the Treasurer of over £15 on the incidental fund, resulting from the decrease in the amount of the weekly offerings.

It was proposed by Brother Hainworth Seconded by Brother John Morgan That the accounts now read be approved by the Church. The defect in the Incidental fund led to considerable discussion. Ultimately it was resolved on the motion of Brother Hainworth Seconded by Brother W<sup>m</sup> Foster That a



special collection be made to meet this deficiency.

As the Father of the Pastor is expected to preach here on the first Lord's day in May it was resolved on the motion of Brother W. Foster seconded by Brother A. Throssell that the collection be made on that occasion.

238 Our Brother Hulsey next read the accounts of the money collected at the Lords Supper after which it was proposed by Brother Woodfield seconded by Brother John Morgan that the accounts now read be approved by the Church.

239 Our Brother M H Foster next introduced the subject of the support of the Church Missionary maintaining that it was important that the area of support should be as wide as possible: after which the meeting was closed in the usual way.

### Special Church Meeting May 13

After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

240 There was introduced the question of the appointment of our Brother Sobey who has now nearly completed his probationary month. All who spoke bore cheerful testimony to his suitability & efficiency, & it was resolved with perfect unanimity that he be invited for a year to labour amongst us as an Evangelist a Church Missionary



241 There followed a long discussion on the best plan to be adopted regarding finances. It was proposed by Brother Halsay seconded by Brother Briden that a canvas be made to ascertain what the Friends would be willing to subscribe towards the support of the Missionary & also towards the incidental expenses.

It was decided that for the present at least it would be better to collect the subscriptions rather than to adopt the envelopes.

242 A letter was adopted applying for the re-transfer our Lucy Hutson from the Church at Union Chapel Luton to our own communion.

243 We have to record the somewhat sudden death of our Sister Sarah Birch, who has been a quiet & consistent member of the Church for 21 years. She fell asleep in Jesus on Wednesday May 8th in her 68th year.

The meeting closed with singing & prayer.

### Church Meeting May 27th

The members of the Church remained at the close of the prayer meeting when the following letter to the Association was adopted on the motion of Brother Woodfield, seconded by Brother Chambers.



244 The Church of St meeting in Laken Chapel Hitchin  
to the Delegates of the Herts & Beds Association  
of Baptist Churches in session at Mill Street  
Baptist Chapel Bedford June 11th & 12th 1872  
Dear Brethren

In reviewing the year we regret  
that we are unable to report an increase in  
our numbers: our losses exactly counterbalance  
our additions. However most that we have lost  
are not lost but either they have gone before  
to the Church above: or have removed to other  
districts where they are united with other New  
Churches. We do not think that we have cause  
for discouragement, although we heartily desire  
& earnestly pray that we may see increased  
prosperity.

The attendance at the various services  
has been much as usual: the contributions to  
the various religious & philanthropic agencies  
& Societies have been maintained: the work in  
our Village Stations & Sunday Schools has  
been quietly carried on — one of our Village  
Sunday Schools has considerably increased.

We advert to our matter with great  
pleasure. Some few years ago the project was  
formed of employing an Evangelist to labour in  
the surrounding Villages, who should be sup-  
ported mainly by the Church, but in part by the  
Herts Union. Owing to several obstacles the  
scheme was not realized. Of late the idea



has been revived, & it has been resolved to endeavour to secure the services of an Evangelist or Church Missionary, & to support him entirely ourselves without seeking help from any Society. We believe we have been guided to a suitable agent, who has been labouring for some time in a similar capacity in the West of England. After a month's probation he has received a perfectly unanimous & very hearty invitation & ere this letter is read to you we expect that we shall have him labouring amongst us. We hope that this new endeavour to advance the Kingdom of our Redeemer may be blessed to the diffusion of the gospel light in the darker villages around, as well as promote in other ways the good work in our midst.

Wishing you & the Churches you represent all spiritual blessings

We are Dear Brethren

Yours in the bonds of Abrahamic love  
For the Church The Pastor & Deacons.

The following are the Statistics returned.

Increase		Decrease	
By Profession	15	By Death	5
By Letter	5	By Withdrawal	1
	<u>20</u>	By Dismission	13
		By Exclusion	1
No of Members	276		<u>20</u>



Sunday Scholars	530	Contributions	6	£	s	d
Teachers	57	Baptist Ministry				
Village Stationers	5	Society		82	-	-
Lay Preachers	8	Do to Health Union		12	1	0

The following Brethren were appointed as Delegates to the Association Brethren M H Foster, Lane, Halsey & R. Odell.

245 Permission was granted to apply for the transfer of Mary Ann Warr from the Baptist Church Chipping Norton Oxon

The meeting closed with prayer.

### Church Meeting June 27th

After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

246 A letter was adopted applying for the transfer of our Brother J. H. Sobey from the Church at Bridgewater

The Pastor then gave an address on some thoughts suggested by the apparent dearth of conversions in our midst for some time past

The meeting closed with singing & prayer.

### Church Meeting July 25

After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed

247 Letters were read dismissing to our fellowship Mary Ann Warr from the Church Chipping Norton, & our Brother Joshua Heath Sobey from the Baptist Church Bridgewater.



- 248 A letter was adopted applying for the transfer of our Sister Sophia Batcher from the Baptist Church Cuddington Bucks.
- 249 Our Evangelist's wife Elizabeth Annice Sobey was proposed for baptism & fellowship, Messengers Butcher Lane & Halsey. The Meeting closed with singing & prayer

### Church Meeting August 29

- After singing reading & prayer the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed
- 250 Our Sister Elizabeth Annice Sobey came before the Church & after the testimony of the messengers was received & her own letter read she was unanimously received
- 251 Emma Morgan was proposed for baptism & fellowship, Messengers Brethren W Foster & D. Chambers
- 252 A letter was read from the Church Union Chapel Luton dismissing to our fellowship Lucy Hutson formerly a member with us.
- 253 A letter was adopted applying for the re-transfer of Stephen Woodfield to our communion
- 254 Dismissal was granted for our Sister Elizabeth Boardman to the Church in the Watworth Road; & also for our Sister Rachel Kingsley to the Independent Church Sandon Herts. The names of the sick friends were read & the meeting concluded with prayer



## Church Meeting Septem 26

- After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.
- 255 The messengers appointed to visit Emma Morgan gave their testimony & her letter was read after which she was unanimously received
- 256 The following were proposed for baptism & fellowship  
 Elizabeth Laughton - Messengers Brethren John Morgan & R. Odell  
 Jane Judge - Messengers Brethren Smith Woodfield & Jr Russell
- 257 Our Brother Barker stated the reasons which had induced his son Charles to enter Chilwell College instead of Regent Park, to which he had been recommended by the Church. The Committee of Chilwell College have accepted him on the strength of the recommendations already given to Regent Park
- 258 The Church was invited to consider at a subsequent meeting whether it would be desirable to alter the time of commencing the evening service from 6 o'clock to half past
- The meeting closed with singing & prayer.

## Church Meeting Oct 24th

- After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.
- 259 Elizabeth Laughton & Jane Judge came before



- the Church & were unanimously received.
- 260 A letter was read from the Church at Cuddington re-dismissing to our fellowship our Sister Sophia Butcher & one from the Church Lower Edmonton re-dismissing to our fellowship our Brother Stephen Woodfield.
- 261 Reference was made to the decease of our Brother John Foster suddenly, on Lord's day 13<sup>th</sup> instant after a lengthy affliction, who for more than 23 years has held the office of Deacon.
- The names of the sick friends were read & after an address from the Pastor on the importance of individual prayer & effort for the conversion of sinners the meeting closed in the usual way.

### Church Meeting Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>

- After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.
- 262 The following persons were proposed for fellowship, & the 2<sup>d</sup> first for Baptism
- |                |                            |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| William Horton | Messengers Brethren        |
|                | W. Foster & D. Chambers    |
| Sarah Bailey   | Messengers Brethren Lane   |
|                | & B. Barker                |
| Maria Webb     | Messengers Brethren Hulsey |
|                | & Samuel Brown             |
- The last was for some years a member of the Bethel Chapel.
- 263 Letters were adopted applying for the transfer



of Rebecca Hodge & Elizabeth Huckle from  
the Church at Biggleswade, & of Ellen Fox  
& Elizabeth Ann Gills from the Church  
Kingston on Thames

264 Dismission was granted for our Brother  
Charles Yates to the Independent Church  
Hounslow.

265 The death of our Sister Hannah Simmons in  
the night of November 9th was recorded. She  
was long a patient & consistent Christian sufferer  
& has now entered into rest.

266 There was a long discussion as to the desirability  
of altering the time of service on Lords day  
evenings from 6. 1/2 past 6 o'clock. When the  
vote was taken it was found that a large  
majority preferred to adhere to the present time  
for service.

The names of the sick members were  
read & the meeting closed with singing &  
prayer.

### Church Meeting Dec<sup>r</sup> 30

The minutes of the previous meeting were read  
& confirmed.

267 The Messengers appointed to visit Sarah Bail  
William Horton & Maria Webb gave in the  
testimony after which all three were unani-  
mously received.

268 A letter was read from the Baptist Church Be-  
gleswade dismissing to our fellowship Rebecca



Hodge & Elizabeth Huckle; & from the Church  
Kingston on Thames dismissing to our fellow-  
ship Ellen Fox & Elizabeth Ann Grills.

269 Harriet Hare was proposed for Baptism  
& fellowship, Messengers Brethren  
Shadwell & M. H. Foster.

270 Dismissal was granted for our Sister  
Lucy Hutson to the Church Union Chapel  
Shefford.

271 At their own request the names of John  
& Emma Pateman who have some time ago  
left the town were erased from our Church  
roll. The meeting opened & closed with prayer.



Annual Church Meeting  
New Year's Day

272 About the usual number of members met  
for tea at 5 o'clock

After tea the meeting commenced with  
singing & prayer, after which the names  
of the members of the Church were read over  
of whom the following are non-resident

W	Sarah Piggott	N <sup>o</sup> . Breachwood Green
M	Elizabeth Law	Luton
S	Elizabeth Crawley	St Missenden Bucks
M	Dinah M Littlebury	Whelston near Barnet
M	Frances Parkins	Luton
M	Martha Conder	Baldock
M	Sarah Elis Weeden (Dag)	London
M	Elizabeth Odell	Bedford
S	Susan Weatherhead	Nuffield Rectory with Henley
S	Amy West	Leicester
S	Elizabeth Taylor	Stotfold
S	Martha Thorne	Royston
M	Sarah Ann Green	(Emms) Malvern
S	Charles Barker	Chilwell College,
S	Louisa Jackson	
S	Anne Aylott	Ealing nr London
S	Sarah Payne	Southill
S	Rose Anne Halton	Landon
S	Reuben Cousins	Canada
S	Sarah Shaw	Stevenage [Ware]
S	Fanny Bonford	Little Alne, Henley in
S	Thomas Odell	London



25. S Emma Morgan Bedford  
 S Hannah Buckingham London  
 M Daniel Wilshen }  
 M Charlotte Wilshen } Over, Cambridgeshire

The Statistics for the year were then read  
 The following have been dismissed to other Churches  
 Feb<sup>y</sup> Sarah Ann Gray to Park St Luton  
 - Mary Russell Llandovey 1<sup>th</sup> Wales  
 April Sarah Osborne Ealing Middlesex  
 Aug Elizabeth Boardman Walsworth Rd Hitchin  
 - Rachel Kingsley Sandon Herts  
 Nov Charles Yeates Hounslow  
 Dec Lucy Hutson Sheffield

We have also lost

By death		By erasure	
Jan <sup>y</sup>	Edward Butterfield	Dec	John Pateman
Feb <sup>r</sup>	Charlotte Langford	-	Emma Pateman
May	Sarah Winch		
Oct	John Foster		
Nov	Sarah Simmons		

Received		Removed	
By Profession	11	By Death	5
By Transfer	12	By Dismissal	7
	<u>23</u>	By Erasure	2
	14		<u>14</u>
Clear Increase	<u>9</u>		

Jan <sup>y</sup>	No in Books	Non-resident	Resident
1871	— 274	— 17	— 257
1872	— 275	— 14	— 261
1873	— 284	— 26	— 258



Thus there has been a decrease in Resident members owing to the fact that an unusual number have left the neighbourhood during the year.

The attendance at the Lord's Supper has been as follows. In 1870 - 1871 - 1872  
 Average attendance 168 173 166  
 Percent of Resident Members 67 66 64

Short addresses were then given by the Pastor, Brethren Thadwell, Lane, Dodwell, W. Foster, Sobey, Hairworth, H<sup>r</sup> Foster, Halsey, Robert Odell, John Morgan, Wilston & Smith Woodfield.

The meeting was felt to be both pleasant & profitable, & in starting on the new year we would thank God & take courage.

273 Lord's Day January 5th  
 At the Lord's Supper the following persons were proposed for membership  
 Jane Shaw Messengers Brethren Woodfield & W<sup>m</sup> Hare  
 Jane Hare Messengers Brethren Lane & Payne  
 George Tarrier Messengers Brethren John Morgan & Russell



Church Meeting Jan<sup>y</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>

After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed

274 Harriet Hare, Jane Shaw Jane Hare & George Jarvis came before the Church, & after the testimony of the Messengers & their own letters were heard they were all unanimously received.

275 Dismission was granted for our Sister Rose Anna Hatton to the Church at Pandem.

276 A letter of resignation was read from Samuel Upchurch, & the following resolution was unanimously passed.

Resolved — That in accepting the resignation of Samuel Upchurch, that Church having heard with deep regret reports of gross immorality on his part, & which they fear are the cause of his desire to withdraw, express their abhorrence of the sin, & their earnest prayer that the Divine mercy & forgiveness may be vouchsafed to him

277 Our Brother Robert Odell having for some time past preached occasionally in the Village Station it was proposed by Brother John Morgan Seconded by Brother Woodfield That Thursday February 13<sup>th</sup> be appointed for our Brother Robert Odell to preach in this place with a view to his appointment by the Church as a



## Village Preacher

The names of the sick members were read & the meeting closed with singing & prayer.

## Church Meeting February 27th

After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

278 A letter was adopted applying for the transfer of Thomas Edward Robin from Lymer

279 A letter was read from the Pastor of the Baptist Church East Street Southampton recommending to our fellowship Ellen Susan Goodall, who had been visited by messenger & baptized there, though through change of residence she had not joined the Church. It was proposed by Brother S. Brown, seconded by Brother Woodfield that she be received to membership on the testimony of the letter read.

280 Dismission was granted for our Sister Anne Aylott to the Independent Church at Ealing

281 The case of Martha French who has fallen from the path of virtue was introduced by the Pastor, after which it was proposed by Brother Thadwell, seconded by Brother Lane that Martha French be excluded from the Church

282 After some discussion with regard to the service conducted by our Brother Robert Odell it was proposed by our Brother H. I. Foster seconded by Brother B. Barker that he be



appointed to labour as a Village Preacher in connection with this Church.

The names of the sick members were read & the meeting closed with singing & prayer.

### Church Meeting Mar 27

After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

283 The following persons were proposed for baptism & fellowship

William Arthur Berrill Messengers

Brethren Dodwell & J Russell

Joseph Brown Messengers

Brethren H. Foster & R. Odell

Thomas Bullard Messengers

Brethren Lane & W Hare

Henry Hilton Messengers

Brethren Woodfield & Jelly

Alfred Jelly Messengers

Brethren W. Foster & B. Barker

Walter Street Messengers

Brethren Shadwell & Chambers

Georges Russell Messengers

Brethren John Morgan & L. Brown

Herbert Wheeler Messenger

Brethren Holsey & Payne

284 Dismission was granted for our sister Elizabeth Taylor to the Church in the Old Baptist Chapel Hatfold. The names of the sick members were read & the meeting closed with singing & prayer.



## Church Meeting April 17th

After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

285 The eight young men proposed at the last meeting came before the Church, the Messengers reported & the letters were read after which they were all unanimously received. As all of them are in the Sunday School the circumstance was felt to afford great encouragement to the Teachers.

286 The following persons were proposed for baptism & fellowship

Mary Ann Reynolds Messengers

Brethren W<sup>m</sup> Foster & John Morgan

Edith Butcher Messengers

Brethren H<sup>I</sup> Foster & Chambers

As the time was expired it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned to Thursday April 24th & the meeting was closed with prayer

## Adjourned Church Meeting

April 24th

After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed

287 A letter was read from the Church meeting in Stepney Chapel Kings Lynn dismissing our Brother Thomas Edward Robin to our fellowship.

288 Our brother Halsey read an abstract of the account of the money collected at the Lords Supper



Proposed by Brother Woodfield Seconded by Brother Morgan That the Account now read be approved by the Church.

289 The Treasurer next read the account of the Minister's Fund, the Burial Fund the Incidental Fund & the Evangelist's Fund. After sundry questions had been answered it was Proposed by Brother Woodfield Seconded by Brother Sam<sup>l</sup> Brown That the accounts now read be approved by the Church.

290 After some discussion on the Evangelist's work & salary it was Proposed by Brother H Foster, Seconded by Brother Hairworth That the engagement with our Brother J H Sobey be renewed for another twelve months commencing June 1st 1873.

291 A proposition that we revert to the use of envelopes in collecting for the incidental & Evangelist's salary expenses, having been lost, an amendment Proposed by Brother J Russell Seconded by Brother W. Foster was carried by a large majority. That the plan adopted last May for collecting be tried during the ensuing 12 months subject to such alterations in detail as the Deacons may deem desirable.

The names of sick members were read & the meeting closed with prayer.



## Church Meeting June 5th

- After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed
- 292 The messengers appointed to visit Mary Ann Reynolds & Edith Butcher gave in their reports after which both were unanimously received.
- 293 Dismission was granted for our Brother Dan Wilshere to the 2nd Baptist Church Willingham Cambs
- 294 The following letter to the Association was adopted on the motion of Brother H Foster seconded by Brother Shodwell —

The Church of St meeting in Salem Chapel Hitchin to the Pastors & Delegates of the Association Baptist Churches of Hert & Beds in session at Hemel Hempstead June 11th 1873

Dear Brethren

The review of the past year calls for the mingled feelings. Since we last addressed you one of our Deacons who for many years faithfully discharged the duties of his office has been called to his rest: & another Deacon who for nearly 30 years has also discharged the duties of Superintendent of our Sunday School has recently been called to live in a distant town. In addition to these losses an unusually large number of our members have left the neighborhood, several of whom have not yet been dismissed to other Churches.



Still we have elements of thankfulness & hope. Considerable blessing has rested on the Sunday School. On a Lord's day evening in April 8 young men from the upper classes in the school put on a profession of faith in Baptism.

The Evangelist to whose appointment we referred in our last has now laboured among us for 12 months with acceptance & success, & we hope this agency will yet be continued.

There has been some improvement in the attendance at the prayer meetings which have often been characterized by an earnest & joyous spirit which we take as a token for good. We need a more absorbing earnestness in the Lord's work so that we might prefer Jerusalem above our chief joy.

Wishing you the Divine presence & blessing in your gatherings, & praying that great grace may be upon all the Associated Churches & their Pastors

We are Dear Brethren

Yours in the gospel  
Signed for the Church John Aldis junr  
Pastor

Church Meeting June 5th 1843

Brethren Halsey & Robert Odell were appointed delegates to the Association.



The following are the statistics returned

Increase By Profession	18	Decrease By death	2
By Letter	11	Withdrawal	1
Total	<u>29</u>	Dismission	7
		Exclusion	1
Clear Increase	18	Total	<u>11</u>
By Revision	2	No of members	292
Sunday Scholars	540	Contributors	6
Teachers	57	Boys Mission	72.0.0
Village Stations	5	Heat Union	3.16.
Precchers	7		

295 Proposed by Brother Hainworth Seconded by Brother Shadwell That one Thursday evening each quarter, as near the Quarter day as convenient an opportunity should be given to our Evangelist to give a report of his work  
The meeting was closed with singing & prayer

### Church Meeting July 31

After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

296 The following persons were proposed for membership

Louisa Annie Johnson Messengers Brethren

H. Foster & Halsey

Ellen Manning Messengers Brethren

W. Foster & John Morgan

James Payne Messengers Brethren

Samth Woodfield & D. Ch...

297 A letter was adopted applying for the



transfer of the membership of Harriet Mead & Sarah Ann Gray from the Church at Park Street Luton.

The names of the sick members were read after which the meeting closed with singing & prayer.

### Church Meeting August 28

After singing reading & prayer the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

298 The 3 candidates proposed at the last meeting were received after hearing the testimony of the Messengers & their letters.

299 Dismissal was granted for our Sister Eliza White (formerly Smith) to the Church Stoney Street Nottingham.

The names of the sick members were read & the meeting closed after singing & prayer.

### Church Meeting October 30

After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

300 The following persons were proposed for Baptism & fellowship

Prescilla Field, Messengers Brethren  
H. Foster & J. Brown

Susan Francis Jelly, Messengers Brethren  
Woodfield & B. Barker



Kate Wright, Messengers Brethren  
Halsey & John Morgan  
Kate Halsey Messengers Brethren  
W. Foster & Chambers

301 A letter was read from the Church Park St  
Luton dismissing to our fellowship our Sister  
Harriet Mead & Sarah Ann Gray, the  
latter of whom was formerly a member of the  
Church here.

302 Dismission was granted for our Brother Edwin  
Wheeler to the Church Green St Peterboro.

303 Proposed by Brother John Morgan Seconded by  
Brother F. Griggs That the prayer meeting  
on Monday night should begin at a quarter  
past seven o'clock

The names of the sick members were read  
& the meeting closed with prayer

### Lord's Day November 9th

304 Our Brother J. H. Sobey having received &  
accepted an invitation to the Pastorate of the  
Church at Burton near Bridgewater, the  
Church was detained at the close of the  
morning service to hear his letter of resignation  
of his office as Evangelist; After it was read  
on the motion of Brother Dordwell Seconded by  
Brother S. Brown it was  
Resolved. That this Church accepts with  
grief the resignation of our Brother J. H. Sobey  
& in doing so desires to express thankfulness



God for the Divine blessing that has rested on his labours amongst us, & prays that a yet more abundant blessing may rest upon him in the new position in the Master's vineyard to which Providence has called him.

It was subsequently resolved that Brethren S. Brown John Morgan & F. Gregg be requested to endeavour to obtain some donations to defray the expence of his removal.

Monday November 17.

305 At the Prayer Meeting in which our Brother J. H. Sobey was specially commended to God a purse was presented to him containing £10.12.0 which had been contributed by many.

Church Meeting Decem 4th

306 After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meetings were read & confirmed  
Priscilla Field, Susan Francis Jelly  
Kate Wright & Catharine Sarah Halsey  
came before the Church & on the testimony of the Messengers & of their own letters they were unanimously received.

307 Dismission was granted for our Sister Eliza Beth Bennage to the Church Barchby Chapel New Cross.

The death of our Brother Aitken was recorded, the names of the sick were read & the meeting closed with singing & prayer.



Annual Church Meeting  
New Years Day

308

A large number of the members met for tea at 5 o'clock

After tea the meeting commenced with singing & prayer. The names of the members were then read of whom 38 are non resident

The statistics for the year followed

Removed - by Dismissal		by Death	
Jan 7	Rose Anna Hatton	Nov	John Aitken
Feb 7	Anne Aylott		
March	Elizabeth Taylor		by withdrawal
June	Daniel Wilshire		
August	Eliza White (Smith)	Jan 7	Samuel Upchurch
Octo <sup>r</sup>	Edwin Wheeler		by Exclusion
Decem	Elizabeth Bunnage	Feb <sup>r</sup>	Martha French

Received		Removed	
By Profession	21	By Death	1
By Transfer	4	By Dismissal	7
Reentered in Book		By Withdrawal	1
John Brown, erased	1	By Exclusion	1
by mistake some years since			<u>10</u>

	26	No in Books	300
	10	Non Resident	38
Increase	<u>16</u>	Resident	<u>262</u>

Increase of Resident Members

Attendance at the Lord's Supper

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec <sup>r</sup>
153	113	171	170	169	152	164	175	148	158	154	180