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MAY 1871

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Honorable Lewis Cass Democrat  
Candidate for the office  
of Presidency

Diary William  
Account Book 239.33

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John L Deatherage Dr  
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Account Book

Henry C Hickerson

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Jesse Monroe  
Henry C Hickerson

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John M. Hickersons Book

1846  
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John Deatherage  
Henry C Hickerson

The new church book of Bethlehem  
Primitive, or Old School Baptist church, Prince  
William Co. Va.

During the war between the North and  
the South, extending from the spring of 1861  
to the spring of 1865, the original church book  
containing the ancient records of the church  
were destroyed, or lost.

Pursuant to the action of the church  
in conference on Saturday before the first  
Sunday in May 1870, a new church book  
was obtained, and Eld. Joseph L. Purington  
was appointed clerk

It was thought advisable so far as it  
was practicable, to record ~~the~~ the past  
acts of the church, with the names of the  
living white and colored members in May  
1870.

Eld. Robert C. Leachman late member,  
and pastor of this church, and also for years  
clerk thereof, departed this life Feb. 19. 1869.  
He was a bold, faithful, and able minister  
of the gospel of Christ. He fell asleep  
in the full assurance of the faith of  
God's elect.

In Nov. 1869 the church met in con-  
ference, brother Wm. B. Marshall moderator.  
Agreed, unanimously, to call Eld. J. L. Pur-  
ington of Georgia to the pastoral charge of  
the church, and requested bro. Marshall to  
write to Eld. Purington. In due time a let-  
ter of acceptance of the call of the church  
was received from bro. J. L. Purington

On Saturday before the first Sunday in  
May 1870 the Church met in conference, bro  
J. L. Purington moderator. Chose bro. Purington  
clerk, and agreed to get a new church book  
Preaching before church meeting by J. L. Purington  
Adjourned.

J. L. Purington Clerk

1870 July 2<sup>d</sup> After preaching by the pastor the church met <sup>in</sup> conference. A colored brother by the name of Edward Francis, and a colored sister by the name of Nelly Roberson were received by experience. Brother Purington was appointed to write a letter for the church to the Corresponding meeting to be held at Alexandria, with the Alex'a church, commencing on Wednesday before the third Sunday in August. As there was no other business, adjourned in order

J. L. Purington clerk

July 3<sup>d</sup> Sunday morning. The colored brother and sister above named were baptised in Upper Broad Run by the pastor.

Names of the white male members

- William L. Braroner Dismissed by letter Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1879
- Caleb Simpson Dismissed by letter Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1873
- John W. Bowley (Dead)
- Philip F. Marsteller Died 1885
- Benjamin Spindle
- Ferdinand Weedon Baptised Oct. 2<sup>d</sup> 1870. Died February 17<sup>th</sup> 1881
- Isaac Florence By letter Dec. 3, 1870 Died May 11<sup>th</sup> 1877
- David T. Arrington " " Died March 2<sup>d</sup> 1891
- Henry Steers, Baptised May 5<sup>th</sup> 1872
- John R. Kernes Baptised June 1<sup>st</sup> 1873
- Charles H. A. Weedon Baptised Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 1873 Died July 2<sup>d</sup> 1877
- Eli J. Kidwell Baptised December 7<sup>th</sup> 1873
- Wm. H. Francis By letter August 6<sup>th</sup> 1881
- George W. Johnson bap. Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1887
- James A. Barber by experience Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> 1890
- Deland Syner by experience July 4<sup>th</sup> 1891

Names of the white female members.

• Elisabeth A. Leachman

• Hulda C. Weedon Died June 18<sup>th</sup> 1885

• Julia Lewis

• Sarah Spindle dead

• Jane Mitchell Dismissed by Letter Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> 1872

• Lucy Brawner Dismissed by letter Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1879

• Mary A. Chickerson Died May 4<sup>th</sup> 1890

17<sup>th</sup> Feb Margaret V. Steers baptised Sept. 4. 1870 died 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 1895

• Mary F. Bowley baptised Oct 2<sup>d</sup> 1870

• Harriet Trues baptised Oct 2<sup>d</sup> 1870 dead

• Eliza Catharine Chickerson Rec'd by letter Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 1871

• Hettie Scott rec'd by letter Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 1871. Died Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1872

May 5<sup>th</sup> 1876 Died Margaret Foster rec'd by experience July 6<sup>th</sup> 1872 May 8<sup>th</sup> 1876

• Emily Johnson rec'd by experience July 6<sup>th</sup> 1872

• Marianna Summers rec'd by letter Augt 31<sup>st</sup> 1872 1894

• Sarah A. Sewell Baptised Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1872 Died Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>

• Mary Willcox Rec'd by letter Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1873

• Lucy A. French Baptised July 6<sup>th</sup> 1873

• Pamela A. Kernes Baptised July 5<sup>th</sup> 1874

• Frances L. Cooksey Baptised September 6<sup>th</sup> 1874

• Eleanor Jeffries Baptised April 4<sup>th</sup> 1875

• Mayhugh Baptised July 4<sup>th</sup> 1880

• Emily Simpson Baptised Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1881 Died May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1891

• Eliza Lamb Baptised Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 1881

• Catharine Lee Baptised Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1881

• *Sallie E. Kidwell* by letter Aug 5<sup>th</sup> 1882

• Hannah Johnson baptised May 6 1888.

• Catherine Mayhugh baptised July 5 1889. Died Dec 20 1889

• Mary F. Mayhugh " " " "

• Martha F. French baptised July 6 1890 died Oct 14 1890

• Martha Chapman by experience July 8 1890

• Emma Maniel " " Augd. 1890

• Virginia Payne " " Sept 6 1890

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Names of the colored male members

- Horris Blackburn Died may 1879
- Ned Rankins Died February 26<sup>th</sup> 1878
- Harry Jackson Died December 15<sup>th</sup> 1873
- William Gilmore Excluded
- Isaac Cole died July 28<sup>th</sup> 1877
- Samuel Hinton Excluded March 1<sup>st</sup> 1873
- Lewis Melvin Excluded June 5<sup>th</sup> 1879
- Charles W. Mason Died December 1<sup>st</sup> 1875
- Edward Francis Baptized July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1870 Died Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 1891
- Oliver Gaskins Died may 1879
- James S Penn Baptized June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1872 -
- Lucien Monroe - Baptized Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 1871
- Jerry Lucas Baptized April 5<sup>th</sup> 1873 Died July 21<sup>st</sup> 1878
- Richard Barnett Baptized July 5<sup>th</sup> 1874 Died Mar 1887
- Charles Lucas Baptized July 5<sup>th</sup> 1874 Died Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 1888
- William Taylor Baptized September 6<sup>th</sup> 1874
- Henry Jackson Dismissed by letter October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1875
- Jesse Monroe Baptized July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1876 -

excluded  
Jan 4 1890

excluded  
Jan 4 1890

Names of the colored female members

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- Patty Elsey Died December 24<sup>th</sup> 1880
- Kitty Bomberg Died July 15<sup>th</sup> 1879
- Joana Lookus excluded Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 1891
- Kitty German excluded Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 1891
- Easter Britt (Dead)
- Mary Davis Dismissed June 6<sup>th</sup> 1874
- Caroline Mezinger Excluded May 1<sup>st</sup> 1872
- (Elisabeth Gaskins)
- Maria Lucas
- Polly Scott Dead
- Courtruy Parker Excluded May 1<sup>st</sup> 1872
- Kelly Roberson Baptized July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1890
- Jane Barnett Rec<sup>d</sup> by letter May 4<sup>th</sup> 1872 Dead Dec 28 1890
- Minta Scroggins Baptized April 5<sup>th</sup> 1873
- Fanny Chapman Baptized Nov 2 1873 Died Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 1874
- Annie Penn Baptized March 1<sup>st</sup> 1874
- Patty Penn Baptized May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1874
- Frankie Tyler Baptized September 6<sup>th</sup> 1874
- Sally Stokes Baptized August 6<sup>th</sup> 1876 excluded
- Mary Brown Baptized Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 1876 died Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 1888
- Sarah Lucas <sup>Myers</sup> Baptized April 6<sup>th</sup> 1879 excluded Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 1889
- Sarah Morris Received by experience April 5<sup>th</sup> 1879 Died 1883
- Susan Botts Received by experience June 5<sup>th</sup> 1880
- Excluded Caroline Lucas <sup>Myers</sup> Baptized April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1881 - June 6<sup>th</sup> 1896
- Sarah Taylor Baptized April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1881
- Lydia Mitchell Baptized April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1881 Died Aug 19<sup>th</sup> 1890
- Virginia Richardson Received by experience May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1879
- Excluded Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1890 Mary Primm by experience Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1881
- Lizzie Lambert Baptized Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1881
- Excluded Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1890 Mimmie Nailor Rec<sup>d</sup> by experience March 4<sup>th</sup> 1882
- Excluded Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1890 Belle Primm Baptized April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1882 excluded June 6<sup>th</sup> 1896
- Excluded Emma Willa Baptized Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 1882
- Betsy Gaskins Baptized Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 1882
- America Picket - June 7<sup>th</sup> 1885
- Excluded Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1890 Lavenia Monroe Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1887 excluded
- Rosetta King by experience July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1892
- Eliza Davis by experience Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1894

Eld. John M. Hickerson, a member of  
this church, departed this life December 6<sup>th</sup> 1867  
This record is made by request.

J. L. Purington Clerk

Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup> 1870 After preaching by the  
pastor the church assembled in conference. Adopted  
the letter, prepared by bro. Purington, to the Corres-  
ponding meeting, and raised (\$3.65) three dollars and  
sixty five cents towards printing the Minutes. Agreed  
to the administration of the Lord's supper tomorrow  
at sister Beachman's, after preaching at Manassas  
Hotel, at eleven o'clock. Upon the request of bro. Brown  
to be discharged from the office of Deacon, and upon  
his recommending bro. Spindle as Deacon, the church  
upon the motion of bro. Spindle, voted unanimously  
to postpone further action until the next regular  
meeting. Then adjourned in order.

J. L. Purington Clerk.

Saturday Sept. 3<sup>d</sup> 1870. After preaching by  
the pastor the church assembled in conference. Sister  
Margaret V. Steers related her experience, <sup>and</sup> was received  
into fellowship. Ferdinand Weeden related some  
of his feelings, exercises, and views, which were satisfac-  
tory to the brethren and sisters present, but as he  
did not have his own consent to become a mem-  
ber of the church, and to be baptised, his case was  
laid over awaiting his own consent. According to  
the act of the last church meeting, not recorded  
in its place, Ferdinand Weeden accepted of the appoint-  
ment of trustee with Francis M. Lewis, before appoint-  
ed. Also appointed George Hixon, Henry C. Lewis,  
and Benjamin F. Lewis as trustees with those al-  
ready appointed making five in all. Brethren  
Thomas Arrington and William Carter of Quantico  
church were appointed a committee with all the  
trustees to fix upon a site to build a meeting-  
house for the church. Postponed the case of appoint-  
ing a new deacon until some more favorable



opportunity presented itself for action in the future.  
Then adjourned in order.

J. L. Purington Clerk  
Sunday Sept. 4. 1870 Sister Margaret V. Steers was  
baptised in Upper Broad Run by the pastor  
J. L. Purington Clerk

Saturday Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1870. After preaching, by the pas-  
tor the church met in conference. Brother Ferdinand  
Weeden having obtained his own consent to become a  
church member, stated his ~~own~~ feelings to the church,  
and to the brethren and sisters present, whereupon the church  
unanimously voted to receive him into fellowship,  
confirming their former expression of fellowship one  
month since. Sister <sup>Mary</sup> Frances Bowley came forward, re-  
lated her experience, and was received into fellowship.  
Sister Harriet Keyes related her experience, and was  
received into fellowship. Postponed any further ac-  
tion in the appointment of brother Spindle as diacon  
for the present. The committee appointed to agree  
upon a site for to build a meetinghouse, reported  
that they had agreed upon a site about half a mile  
from the town (Manassas) and accepted of the gift  
of an acre of land from Ferdinand Weeden. The com-  
mittee being discharged, the trustees will proceed  
to building the house according to previous un-  
derstanding. No other business adjourned.

J. L. Purington Clerk

Sunday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 1870 Brother F. Weeden, sisters Mary  
F. Bowley, and Harriet Keyes were baptised in Upper Broad  
Run, at 10 o'clock A. M., by the pastor.

J. L. Purington Clerk

Saturday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 1870. After religious services  
by the pastor the church met in conference. No person  
presenting, or offering for membership, it was concluded  
to appoint Eld. J. L. Purington to write a letter to Eld. G. Rebs,  
to be published in the Signs, setting forth the conditions  
of the church in relation to building a meetinghouse,

and soliciting the aid of brethren abroad to help in finishing the house, which has already been commenced. The site for the house has been changed to a half acre of land given by Mrs Emily E. Johnson about one mile from Manassas on her land. Contributed (\$2,92) two dollars and ninety two cents as a fund to pay expenses for the use of Manassas hotel at our regular meetings on Sundays. No other business adjourned in order.

J. L. Purington Clerk

Saturday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1870 After preaching by the pastor the church met for business. Received brother Isaac Florence by letter from Quantico church, also brother David T. Arrington by letter from the same church. Chose brother J. Weedon to get up a subscription to raise money for the benefit of the pastor. No other business, adjourned in order.

J. L. Purington Clerk.

Dec. 31. 1870 After preaching by the pastor, followed by brother Mason, a colored brother in the church, the church being assembled, proceeded to business. Brother <sup>C. W.</sup> Mason was licensed by the church about three years ago, has exercised his gift among the colored brethren to their satisfaction, and by their request spoke today. The church being favorably impressed with his gift, voted unanimously to hear him again at our next regular meeting on Saturday. No other business adjourned in order.

J. L. Purington Clerk.

Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 1871 The meeting was opened by preaching, first, by brother W. M. Smoot, then by brother Mason agreeable to the action of the church at the last meeting. After preaching proceeded to business. The case of brother L. Melvin (colored) was brought in relation to his exercising his gift as a preacher without the authority of the church. Being called <sup>upon</sup> by the pastor he came forward and stated that he was allowed by brother Seachman the last of the war to exercise his gift. His explanation being satisfactory it was concluded to allow him the privilege to exercise his gift in way of preaching

before the church on Saturday of next meeting. A full <sup>expression</sup> ~~expression~~ of much satisfaction was made known by the church, and visiting brethren and sisters present of brother Mason's preaching, with the encouragement for him still to exercise his gift among the colored people. The idea of his ordination was postponed for the present by the unanimous vote of the church. The pastor, bro. Purington, thinking it advisable to appoint some brother, a member of the church, to act as clerk, thereby <sup>relieving</sup> him from the clerkship, brother D. T. Arrington was appointed unanimously to act as church clerk, and he accepted the appointment. No other business adjourned in order. The church book, after this record, passes into the hands of the new clerk

J. L. Purington Clerk

March 4<sup>th</sup> 1871. The meeting was opened by bro. L. Melvin, who took a text and spoke about thirty five minutes; after which a short discourse by the pastor. The case of brother Melvin being brought up the church voted to allow him the privilege of exercising his gift among the colored members of the church only for three months, at the end of which time they are to report concerning his gift to the church either their approval or disapproval of his public gift.

No other business adjourned in order

D. T. Arrington Clerk

Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> 1871 The meeting was opened by Bro W. M. Smoot Then by the Pastor J. L. Purington after preaching the church assembled for business, and whereas the church is at this time without a Deacon it was proposed by the Pastor that the church take some action upon the subject of the choice of a deacon, and after some considerations the church decided to postpone this subject until our next regular meeting in May. No other business adjourned in order

D. T. Arrington Clerk

Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> 1871

After Preaching by the Pastor the church met in conference. The appointing of a Deacon which was postponed at the April meeting until the present, was taken up and by a unanimous vote Bro F. A Weedon was chosen to fill the office. Elder D. I. Purington then proposed that the church hold communion the present evening which was agreed to, and preparation being made the the supper was administered by the Pastor. There being no other business adjourned in order

David I. Purington  
C. Ck

Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1871

After preaching by Brethren Marshall & Smoot (the pastor being absent on a visit to the associations) adjourned in order

D. I. Purington  
C. Ck

Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> 1871

Our Pastor D. I. Purington who has returned from his visit to the associations is with us to day and preached, after which the church met in conference. The case of bro. D. Melvin who was given given the privilege by the church to exercise his gift for the space of three months among the colored members was taken up, and after some discussion by the church, it was agreed to call for the report which the colored members were to make at the end of the above time concerning bro Melvin's gifts as a gospel preacher. Bro Charles Mason (colored) was called on to come forward and state to the church what were the conclusions of the colored members concerning bro Melvin's gifts, which he did, and stated that the conclusion was that they were not edifying. further action in the case was postponed until the next meeting. Bro F. A. Weedon made a proposition to the church that he and the other trustees go on to borrow money for the purpose of paying for the work done to the meetinghouse and for window sash & doors which were to be received in a short time, and that the members of the church with the trustees be bound for said sum of money, after some discussion on the proposition it was postponed. Adjourned, D. I. Purington  
C. Ck

Saturday Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> 1871

After preaching by Elders Francis and Purington the church met in conference. Elder J. S. Purington who was at our July meeting appointed to write the letter to the Corresponding association brought forth the same and read it which was unanimously adopted. a collection was then taken up to defray the expenses in part for printing Minutes. The case of bro L. Melvin which was at our last meeting referred to the present, was now taken up and disposed of according to the report of the colored members at that meeting, which resulted in withholding from him the privilege of making public appointments for preaching and filling the same but was affectionately advised, whenever present with his brethren and felt like talking of the goodness and mercy of God to his people to do so. There being no other business Adjourned in order.

D. J. Arrington Clk

Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1871

After preaching by the pastor an opportunity was given for the reception of members. Sister Elyza C. Hickerson whose membership was in the church at Alexandria was presented a letter of dismission from that church when joined to any other church of the same faith and order a motion was made and seconded that she be received in this church, which was carried and sister Hickerson now stands in full fellowship with the church at Bethel. Lewis Melvin a colored member who had at our August meeting been prohibited from making appointments to preach and filling the same, came forward and expressed some dissatisfaction at the course which the church had taken with him and wished a rehearing, which after some considerable discussion by the pastor and others was granted. The question before the church was whether or not he should be allowed the privilege of making appointments and preaching publicly. ~~or not~~ The vote of the church was taken and all the members present both white and colored voted against his having such privilege as they did not consider his preaching edifying to the church but was advised whenever present with his colored brethren

and sisters and felt like giving a word of exhortation to do so. Elder Purington then informed the church that there was a colored man at Bro F. A. Weedon's who was an entire invalid who expressed a wish to be baptized, and further stated that he as well as other brethren had conversed with him upon the subject of Christian experience and from what he stated of his exercises to them fully satisfied them that he was a fit subject for baptism and the vote of the church being taken, resulted in receiving him for the same. It was then appointed to meet at Blancoford on Occoquan run tomorrow morning (Sunday) at 9 o'clock to attend to the ordinance of baptism. There being no other business adjourned in order  
D. J. Arrington Clk

Saturday Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 1871

After preaching by the pastor the church met for business. Received sister Hettie Trott by letter from Foyingpaw church. The pastor then proposed to hold communion on tomorrow which was agreed to. No other business adjourned in order  
D. J. Arrington  
Clk

Saturday Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1871

After preaching by the Pastor (Eld. S. L. Purington) the church met for business. A collection was taken up to purchase stoves for the meeting house. Bro Lewis Melvin applied for a letter of dismission which was granted him. No other business adjourned in order  
D. J. Arrington  
Clk

Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1871

After preaching by the Pastor (Eld. S. L. Purington) the church assembled for business - The Church Clerk Bro D. J. Arrington being absent from sickness, on the motion of Eld. Purington and the unanimous vote of the church F. A. Weedon was appointed Clerk pro tem. There being no business, adjourned in order  
F. A. Weedon Clk  
Pro Tem

Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup> 1872  
After preaching by the Pastor Joseph L. Purington the  
Church assembled for business. The Church Clerk being  
still absent S. A. McCombs continued Clerk for the  
The Church having heard some unfavorable reports  
about Bro. Leab Simpson from very reliable sources,  
it was unanimously agreed by the Church that the  
regular Clerk should be directed to write to Bro. Simpson  
and request him to appear at the next regular Church  
Meeting, <sup>or as soon as possible</sup> so that his case may be heard, and his case be  
disposed of in regular order. After which the pastor  
made some very appropriate remarks as a kind of  
tribute of respect to our late departed Sister Ester  
Boill, who departed this life September 5<sup>th</sup> 1871.  
There being no other business, Adjourned in Order.

J. L. Purington Clk Pastor

Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup> After preaching Bro. J. L. Purington  
requested the church to assemble a few moments in  
order to lay before them a request of Sister Jane Mitchell  
of Washington D. C. for a letter of dismission, after man-  
fully considering the case, her request was granted  
and the clerk ordered to furnish her with such  
letter. Adjourned in order D. T. Arrington Clk

Saturday Febr 3<sup>rd</sup> 1872

No meeting in consequence of bad weather

Sunday Feb 4<sup>th</sup>

Preaching by Bro. Smith. adjourned  
in order

D. T. Arrington Clk

Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1872

No meeting in consequence of extreme bad weather

Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Preaching by the pastor E. J. Purington

Adjourned in order

J. L. Purington Clk

Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> 1872

After preaching by the pastor Eben S. Huntington

the church met for business 1<sup>st</sup> a colored woman

by the name of Mary Hemo who was excluded from this

church some time before the war came forward and

expressed a desire to be restored to the fellowship of the church

and after mature consideration of the church her case was

reported until the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in May next. She was

restored was also restored until our next

meeting. Ben Linn (et) who had a letter of

recommendation granted by his superior in order to join some

other church of the same faith and order with us has

failed to join any such church and in consideration

of some dissatisfaction which seems to have arisen from

the course he has pursued, the church by a unanimous

vote requested him to hand in his letter to the clerk

of this church and that he make no further effort

to hold public meetings but that whenever he may be

present with his brethren and sisters at their meetings

and wishes to give a word of exhortation or join them

in prayer to do so. After being no other business

adjourned in order

of Y. A. Church

Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup> 1872

After preaching by the pastor S. B. Huntington. The church met

for business. 1<sup>st</sup> the case of Mary Hemo was taken up and after

some considerable investigation of her case, it was postponed until some

bring forward evidence of having been a member of Boston Church

before the war, and of having been excluded for dissenting conduct

and of her walk and conversation since the time of her exclusion

2<sup>nd</sup> the case of the late Simpson was next taken up and he

being present, the case was properly investigated, and he Simpson



making acknowledgment to the church of the change of persons  
 against him, and protesting as we hope a <sup>goodly</sup> ~~goodly~~ <sup>goodly</sup> ~~goodly~~  
 for the same, when a unanimous vote, the church agrees to  
 retain him as a member in full fellowship.

3rd Information having been received and satisfactorily provided  
 by some of the elders members of this church, that Dr. J. W. Williams  
 Country, Yorker, and Caroline, Meigs, and members friends of  
 this church, have gone over to, and joined a new school  
 and after mature consideration of the case  
 the church by unanimous vote exclude them from the fellowship  
 of this church. Dr. Br. Lewis, Meigs was next called on to know  
 resolution or not he had handed in his letter of dismission to the  
 clerk of the church as ordered at our April meeting, who  
 stated that he had not but after some hesitations, some do.

5th Sister Jane Barnett (et) was received into the fellowship of the  
 church by letter of dismission from where it had been  
 Dr. E. W. Swain, who made a profession to the church to know  
 whether or not it was consistent with the views of the church  
 that Bro Charles W. Mason (et) be set apart for ordination  
 at some future time, and after some deliberation a motion  
 was made and seconded, and the vote of the church taken  
 which unanimously decided that he should be set apart  
 hearnable future time set apart for ordination.

Communion on the morrow, there being no  
 other business adjourned in order.

John Day June 1st 1872  
 D. W. Swain

After preaching by the pastor Eld. J. W. Swain, the church  
 assembled for worship. Eld. Swain as usual gave  
 an invitation to those who had a desire to join  
 the church either by letter or experience to come forward  
 and do so. A great many by the name of James & John  
 came forward and related his Christian experience  
 and was received unanimously by the church and  
 will be baptised tomorrow. The pastor then spoke some  
 thing concerning the ordination of Bro Charles W. Mason  
 and it was thought and agreed upon that at the next  
 day which will be held with this church in August  
 next would be a convenient time to receive the Mason. Both  
 having adjourned in order.

Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup> 1872

After preaching by Elder J. S. Livingston and Bro  
donot an invitation was given by the pastor for  
those wishing to join the church either by letter or  
experience to come forward and do so. Accordingly dis-

missed great effort came forward and expressed a desire  
to join the church and after a relation of his Christian  
experience and principles of faith was received as a  
member in full fellowship with the church. The

elder Emory Johnson came forward expressing a  
desire to become a member with us and after a  
relation of his Christian experience and principles of  
fellowship for the church to which she belonged by (Benedictine)

which was in fellowship with the Black party, was re-  
ceived as a member in full fellowship with us. A  
committee were then appointed viz. Brothers of Affairs

J. S. Livingston and Henry Stearns to make arrangements  
for timber for seats, and for furnishing water for the  
association. The brethren and friends agreed to meet at

the meeting house on Tuesday before the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
in August to make preparation for seats and build  
an altar for the accommodation of the association

Bro J. S. Livingston was appointed to write our letter  
to the association. Some being no other business adjourned  
in order.

Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1872. Our pastor Joseph S. Livingston  
being very much indisposed. Predecessor officiated in his  
stead, and after breaking a door was open for the meeting

of members but none came forward. Bro J. S. Livingston who  
was appointed to write our letter for the corresponding association  
presented the same which was read and approved. There  
being no other business a collection was then taken up to pay for the  
printing of minutes. Some being no other business adjourned  
in order.

Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup> 1872

After preaching by Elder Livingston an invitation was given  
to those who wished to join the church either by experience  
or letter to come forward and do so. Elder Morrison and

mers presented a letter of dismission from the church at Troyingpan and desired to become a member with us. The letter being read and the vote taken, resulted unanimously in favour of sister Summers becoming a member in full fellowship with us. Mrs Sarah A Jewell then came forward and gave a relation of her christian experience and was received, and will be baptised ~~at~~ tomorrow morning. Some conversation then arose respecting the absence of a colored member belonging to this church who resides in Fairfax Co and Bro Mason was requested to see him and learn the reason of such absence and report at our next meeting. There being no other business adjourned in order  
D I Arrington Clk

Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> 1872

Elder Joseph L Parrington our pastor being absent Bro Smoot attended our meeting and after preaching was chosen moderator for the present meeting. The church came together for business but as there was none to transact adjourned in order  
D I Arrington Clk

Saturday Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 1872

Elder Joseph L Parrington being absent Bro Smoot preached and after preaching was chosen Moderator for the time present. The church came together for business but as there was none to transact. Adjourned in order  
D. I. Arrington Clk

Saturday Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 1872

After preaching by Elder Joseph L Parrington the church came together for business but there being none to transact Adjourned in order  
D I Arrington Clk

Saturday January 4<sup>th</sup> 1873

After preaching by Elder S. L. Purington and exhortation and singing by bro Smoot, the usual invitation was given to those who had a desire to unite with the church according to our mode and custom to come forward and do so. but as no one came forward the church met for business. 1<sup>st</sup> The case of Samuel Hunter (colored) was brought up, but as Bro Mason who was requested to see him and report to this meeting was not present the case was postponed to our next meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bro Edward Francis (col<sup>d</sup>) was unanimously chosen by the church to attend to the sweeping out the meeting house making fires in the stoves before preaching, and keeping up the same during the meeting, furnishing water on the pulpit and also locking the doors of the house after meeting is over, and in consideration of his services the church agrees to pay him five <sup>dollars</sup> for the present year

D. T. Purington  
clerk

Saturday Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1873

After preaching by Elder S. L. Purington, the usual invitation was given by the pastor to those who wished to unite with the church either by letter or experience to come forward and do so. Sister Mary Wilcoxon presented from Mt. Pleasant church Fairfax co. Va a letter of dismission granting her the privilege to unite with any other church of the same faith and order which was unanimously received. Jerry Lucas (col<sup>d</sup>) then came forward and gave a relation of his experience and was received for baptism. So baptised at our March meeting if not Providentially hindered. The case of Sam<sup>l</sup> Hunter (col<sup>d</sup>) was laid over to our next meeting. There being no other business adjourned in order

D. T. Purington  
clerk

Saturday March 14 1873

After preaching by the Pastor Eld. Asaph S. Huntington the  
committee for business. The usual invitation was given to those  
who wished to become members either by letter or experience  
to come forward and do so. but so none came forward the  
church proceeded to business. The case of Saml. Thayer (et al)  
which was laid over to this meeting, was taken up, and after  
some consultation upon the case, in order to ascertain the  
of his long absence from the church, it was circumstantially  
proven that he has no desire to retain his membership with  
us, or any other church of the same denomination. Therefore  
the church by a unanimous vote excludes him from his fellow  
ship. The copying of Jerry Lucas (et al) is postponed until  
the 19 Sunday in April next. Eld. Huntington laid before  
the church a proposition for his consideration and change of  
the time of holding the corresponding Association, no other  
business, adjourned in order

Saturday April 5 1873

After preaching by the Pastor Eld. Asaph S. Huntington the  
church commenced for business. Members of other churches who  
were present with us were invited to do so. The usual invitation  
was then given to those who wished to become united with us.  
either by letter, or experience, to come forward and do so. After  
some little delay, a set-tee man by the name of Minnie Ferguson  
(who formerly belonged to the first New-Methodist Baptist church of  
this town and having become dissatisfied therewith) came forward and  
gave a relation of his experience and was received for baptism  
to be baptized tomorrow morning at half past nine O'clock. Henry  
Lucas whose baptism was postponed to this meeting will also be bap-  
tized at the same time. It was then proposed by Bro. A. W. Stead  
that the church have communion tomorrow which was agreed  
to. Eld. Huntington then brought up the subject which was laid before  
the church at our March meeting concerning the alterations of the  
time of holding the corresponding Association and that the  
deemed to be in some of the churches of the Association, a very great  
objection to a change. It was therefore thought best to keep the  
subject for the present. There being no other business, Adjourned  
in order

of Huntington etc

Saturday May 30 1873

After preaching by Elder Summerson. The church  
convened for business. Members of sister churches who  
were present, were invited to seats with us. The pastor  
then as usual gave an invitation to those who wished  
to unite with us either by letter or experience to come  
forward and do so. But as no one came forward,  
the church having no business to transact adjourned  
in order  
D. J. Summerson etc.

Saturday May 31 1873

After preaching by Elder Joseph S. Summerson the church  
convened for business. Members from sister churches present  
were invited to seats with us. The pastor then as usual  
gave an invitation to those who wished to unite with  
us either by letter or otherwise to come forward and  
do so. Whereupon Mr. John R. Nesbitt of Fairfax Co.  
came forward and gave a relation of his christian  
experience and was received for baptism. To be baptized  
to morrow morning. For James & Saml then came forward  
wishing to relate some of the exercises of his mind to the church  
and after saying so it was thought advisable by the pastor that  
his case be deferred for a more private investigation. When  
being no other business of importance to attend to. The church  
adjourned in order.  
D. J. Summerson etc.

Saturday July 3 1873

After preaching by Elder Summerson, the church came  
together for business. Members from sister churches were  
invited to seats with us. The pastor then gave an invitation  
to those who wished to unite with the church either by letter  
or experience to come forward and do so. Miss Lucy J.  
French came forward and gave a relation of her  
christian experience and was received for baptism  
to be baptized tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Bro. F. A.  
Weeden was appointed to write our letter to the corresponding  
association to be held with the church at New Valley  
Fountain Co. Va. commencing on Wednesday before the  
3rd Sunday in August next. By the suggestion of

Elder Purington the church agrees to hold communion tomorrow. There being no other business to attend to, adjourned in order  
D. T. Arrington Clk

Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1873

After preaching by Bro. Sonoot and Elder Purington the church came together for business. Members from sister churches were as usual invited to seats with us. The usual invitation was given to those who wished to unite with us either by letter or experience to come forward and do so, but as no one came forward the church proceeded to business. The letter to the association was then called for and Bro. F. A. Weedon who was appointed to write the letter produced the same and read it which was unanimously adopted. A collection was then taken up for the payment of minutes. Bro. F. A. Weedon then proposed that some plan be adopted to liquidate the debt due on the building of the meeting house and after some consultation it was thought best that we draw up subscriptions payable quarterly and offer them to the public as well as members and peradventure in that way the debt may be liquidated. No other business the church adjourned in order  
D. T. Arrington Clk

Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup> 1873

After preaching by Elder A. B. Francis and some concluding remarks by Bro. Sonoot. The church came together for business. Bro. Francis by request of the church acting as moderator, an invitation as usual was given to those who wished to unite with the church to come forward and do so, but as no one came forward, the church ~~then~~ adjourned in order  
D. T. Arrington Clk

Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> 1873

After preaching by Elder Purington, the church met for business. Members from sister churches were invited to seats with us, an invitation was then <sup>given</sup> to those who might wish to unite with us either by letter or experience to come forward and do so, but no one came forward. The church then agreed to

Hold communion tomorrow. There being no business to attend to ~~adjourned~~ in order D. S. Arrington clk

Saturday Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1873

After preaching by Elder Joseph S. Purington. The church convened for business. members from sister churches were invited to seats with us. The Pastor as usual gave an invitation to those who had a desire to unite with the church by experience or otherwise, to come forward and do so. Mr. Charles H. A. Weedon, came forward and gave a relation of his christian experience and was unanimously received for baptism. Then a colored woman by the name of Fanny Chapman came forward and related the exercises of her mind to the church and was also received for baptism. Baptising to be at half past nine o'clock tomorrow morning. No other business to attend to, ~~adjourned~~ in order -

D. S. Arrington, clk

Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> 1873

After preaching by the Pastor, Elder Joseph S. Purington, ~~the~~ the church convened for business. The usual invitation to members from sister churches to seats with <sup>us</sup> was given by the Pastor. An opportunity was then given those who had a desire to unite with the church to come forward and do so. Mr. Eli. J. Kidwell from Fairfax county came forward and gave a relation of his christian experience. also the cause of his leaving the new school baptists and wishing to join the old school, and was unanimously received for baptism to be baptised tomorrow morning at half past nine o'clock. Brother L. A. Weedon <sup>then</sup> arose and remarked the present year was nearly out, and he thought it would be satisfactory for the church if they desired the services of our present Pastor for the ensuing year, to make some manifestation to that effect. The vote of the church then being taken resulted unanimously in the wish and desire that our much esteemed Pastor Elder Joseph S. Purington be with and serve this church as Pastor the ensuing year. Elder Purington then made some appropriate remarks setting forth or showing his entire willingness to do so. No other business adjourned in order.

D. S. Arrington Clk



Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1874

After preaching by the Pastor, Joseph L. Purington, the church convened for business. Visiting members from sister churches were invited to seats with us. The pastor then made known to the congregation that if there was any person, or persons, present who wished to come before the church and tell what they hoped the Lord had done for their souls, that there was an opportunity then, for them to do so, but as no one came forward, and there being no business before the church to transact. Adjourned in order.

D. S. Arrington C. Clerk

Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup> 1874

After preaching by Elder Joseph L. Purington, the church convened for business. Members from sister churches were invited to seats with us. The Pastor as usual, made known that if there was any person present, who, wished to unite with the church, that there was then, an opportunity to do so. Annie Penn came forward, and related her christian experience to the church, and was received for baptism. Her baptism was postponed partly on account of the inclemency of the weather, until the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in March next. No other persons coming forward, and there being no business before the church, adjourned in order.

D. S. Arrington C. Clerk

Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup> 1874

After preaching by Elder Joseph L. Purington, the church convened for business. Members from sister churches invited to seats with us. There being no business before the church to transact. Adjourned in order.

D. S. Arrington C. Clerk

Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> 1874

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by the pastor Elder Joseph L. Purington, proceeded to business. Members of sister churches who were present were invited to seats with us. The pastor then as usual, invited those who wished to unite with the church by experience and baptism or otherwise in

accordance with the rules and regulations of the church  
to come forward and do so. but as no one came forward  
and there being no business before the church to attend to  
adjourned in order  
D. J. Arrington C. Clerk

Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1874

The Bethlehem Church pursuant to appointment  
met at their meeting house; and after preaching by Elder  
Joseph L. Purrington from Galatians 3 Chapter & Verse 27  
over the church was called to order and proceeded to business.  
The usual invitation to members of Sister Churches was  
extended to seats with us. The Pastor then as usual invited  
those who wished to unite with the church by experience  
and baptism or otherwise in accordance with the rules  
and regulations to come forward and make this same  
known; whereupon Patty Piron came forward and  
gave a very satisfactory relation of the Lords dealings  
with her and was unanimously received for baptism  
to morrow morning at 1/2 past 9 O'clock. and whereas  
some of the Colored members failing to attend Church  
meeting for several months, and their whereabouts being  
ascertained to be in Washington City Bro. Charles Mann  
was requested to see after them and report to the next meet-  
ing of the church. There being no other business the  
Church adjourned in order  
J. M. Smith  
Ck. P. T. M.

Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> 1874

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder  
Joseph L. Purrington, the church was called to order and pro-  
ceeded to business. Members from sister churches were invited  
to seats with us. The Pastor then as usual invited those  
who wished to unite with the church by experience and  
baptism or otherwise in accordance with the rules and  
regulations of the church to come forward and make it  
known. Whereupon Mrs Pamela A. Kernes came forward  
and gave a satisfactory relation of her christian experiences  
and was received for baptism to be baptised the first Sunday  
in July next. Mary Davis a colored sister living near Alexandria  
who is a member with us having applied for a letter of  
dismissal in order to join some other church of the

same faith and order more convenient to her, and after some consultation on the subject it was ~~agreed~~ agreed that a letter be granted her and the clerk was requested to furnish her the same. Bro Mason who was requested to see after those colored members residing <sup>in Washington</sup> who have absented themselves from this church for a considerable time, was not present to report. There being no other business Adjourned in order

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Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> 1874

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder Joseph L. Purington the church was called to order and proceeded to business. Members present, from sister churches were invited to seats with us. The Pastor then as usual invited those who wished to unite with the church by experience and baptism, or otherwise in accordance with the rules and regulations of the church, to come forward and do so. Richard Barnett came forward and related his christian experience and was received for baptism. Also Charles Lucas came forward and after a relation of his experience was received for baptism both to be baptised tomorrow morning at Huff's ford on Broad run at half past nine o'clock. Brother Charles Mason who was requested at our May meeting to see after those colored members residing in Washington D.C. who have absented themselves for some time past from our meetings, was present and reported favourably of them, as to their faith, and that they desired to be held in fellowship by this church. Bro Mason also reported that there was a difficulty existing between William Gilmore a member of this church, and one of the members of the Heplizibah church in Alex<sup>a</sup> Va and that himself and bro. Rankins had endeavored to bring about a reconciliation between the parties but had failed to do so. It is deemed therefore expedient that this church appoint a committee to wait upon the parties and labour to bring about a settlement of the difficulty, and for that purpose have appointed Elders Joseph L. Purington, Charles M. Mason and bro Rankins who will see the parties and report the proceedings to this church at our August meeting. Brother Eli. T. Kidwell was appointed to write our letter to the Corresponding Association to be held

and baptism, or otherwise as determined by the Church  
 and to become members of the Church by appearing  
 the pastor and is known, if there be any persons who de-  
 siring to be admitted into the Church, or after which  
 to be admitted, the same invitation from members of the  
 Church, the Church was convened and proceeded  
 after a long preaching by their pastor &c. &c. &c.  
 desiring to appear in the Church at 3 o'clock  
 on the 18th of August 1874

Sunday August 1st 1874  
 The church at both places met and after preaching  
 by Elder Joseph S. Huntington, proceeded to organize  
 members present from both were especially invited  
 to seats with us. The pastor so soon invited those  
 who wished to unite with the church by experience  
 and baptism, or otherwise, according to the wishes  
 regulations of the church to come forward and do so  
 William Dyer accordingly came forward and gave a  
 relation of his christian experience and was desired  
 for baptism. Also Frank Dyer related his experience  
 and was desired for baptism both to be baptized the 1st  
 Sunday in September next. The committee that was ap-  
 pointed to wait on William Dyer and one of the  
 members of the Hingham church of other in order to set  
 the a difficulty existing between these members were not  
 all present to report. Elder Huntington stated that there  
 had been nothing done in the case so far as he knew  
 it is therefore that our department meetings  
 further E. D. Russell who was appointed to write our  
 letter to the corresponding association brought forward  
 the same which was read and unanimously adopted  
 a collection was taken up to defray the expenses of  
 printing minutes. No other business adjourned in order

with the church at Upper Barre and have it  
 present at our August meeting. Then being no other  
 business. Adjourned in order.  
 D. S. Huntington, Clerk.

There was then an opportunity for them to do so, and  
Frances L. Cooksey came forward and gave a satisfactory  
relation of her Christian experience and was received for  
baptism, and her baptism with those received at August mee-  
ting viz. William Taylor & Frankie Tyler, was appointed  
to take place tomorrow morning at 1/2 past 9 o'clock at  
at Hoff's Farm on Brack Run. The Reference relative to William  
Gilmore & made at August meeting was continued, no report  
being made - no business being known requiring the attention  
of the Church, adjourned in order.

J. W. B. M.  
Clerk

Saturday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 1874

According to appointment the church at Bethlehem  
met and after preaching by Elder Wm M. Smoot the  
church convened and proceeded to business. Members  
of Elder Smoot being chosen moderator of the meeting.  
Members from sister churches were cordially invited  
to seats with us. The moderator then made known that  
if there were any person or persons present who wished  
to unite with the church by experience and baptism  
or otherwise as recognised by the church, then there was  
an opportunity for them to do so. But no one came forward.  
The case of William Gilmore not being reported upon  
was continued to our November meeting. Minutes of the  
Corresponding Meeting were received and distributed.  
No other business the church adjourned in order.

D. J. Arrington Clerk

Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup> 1874

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Eld.  
Joseph L. Purinton, proceeded to business. Members from  
sister churches were cordially invited to seats with us.  
The pastor then stated that if there were any person or  
persons present who wished to unite with the church by  
experience and baptism or otherwise as recognised by the  
church, that there was then an opportunity to do so, but  
no one came forward. The committee that was appointed  
at our July meeting to wait on William Gilmore of Washington  
D C and one of the members of the Heptyzibah church of

of Alex<sup>a</sup>. Vai was present and reported that they had seen the parties, and that there was seemingly a willingness upon their parts, to settle the difficulty existing between them and that William Gilmore had promised once or twice to meet his offended bro. and settle the matter but had failed to do so. It was therefore thought expedient that William Gilmore be cited to appear before this church at our Decemb<sup>r</sup> meeting and ~~to~~ answer such questions as the church may think proper to ask him, and that Eld. Charles W. Mason and Bro Rankins were appointed a committee to wait upon him and notify him of the action of the church. Elder Purington then stated that there would be a meeting held on Wednesday before the 3<sup>d</sup> Sunday in November at the meeting house known by the name of Bacon Race in this county for the purpose of constituting a church at that place to be called Occoquan church, and that the members who have taken letters of dismission from the Quantico church in order to constitute said church, request that the male members of this church attend said meeting and set in counsel with them. On motion of Bro F. A. Weedon they agree to do so. No other business adjourned in order  
D. J. Arrington Clerk

January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1845

The Bethlehem Church met and after preaching by Eld. S. Bartley, the Church was convened and Eld. Bartley appointed Moderator and owing to the inclemency of the weather there were so very few members than on motion of Bro F. A. Weedon the Church meeting was adjourned until tomorrow Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1845. -

D. J. Arrington Clerk

January the 3<sup>rd</sup> 1845

After preaching by Eld. S. Bartley according to adjournment the Church convened for business. Members of sister church were cordially invited to seats with us. The Moderator gave the usual invitation for any one who wished to unite with us by relating the Lord's dealings with them & by baptism or any other way recognized by the Church that there was then an opportunity to do so but no one came forward.

The reformer continued at our last October meeting

in regard to the Gilmore Case was taken up & Bro Mason  
one of Committees reported that he & Bro. Rankins had labored hard  
with Gilmore to bring about a reconciliation between the parties & also  
to get Gilmore to obey the order of the Church, but all in vain  
and did not think there was any likelihood of <sup>his</sup> coming, from the  
fact that when Elder Mason told him if failed to appear before  
the Church's sabbath next in his exclusion, his reply was if  
they turn me out of the Church they cannot turn me out of Christ  
when Bro Weedon moved his exclusion which was unanimous.

The moderator then read a tribute of Esteem & Love to the mem-  
ory of our late beloved pastor Elder Joseph L. Purrington which  
was read and unanimously adopted and ordered to be placed on  
the Church record.

A Tribute of Esteem & Love to Elder Joseph L. Purrington from  
the six Churches of which he was pastor.

Our God who is love and who doeth all things well having given  
us a pastor according to <sup>his</sup> heart our beloved brother Elder Joseph  
L. Purrington and having now removed him from us to the Church  
Triumphans, we wish to bow in most submissive reverence with awe and  
love to His holy will and give this public expression of our  
profound esteem and love for our lamented Pastor to his bereaved and  
sorrowing family and brethren and to mingle our sorrowing sym-  
pathies with theirs, therefore we the Churches of his charge, namely  
Alexandria Ebenezer Upper Broad Run Merim Zion Jerusalem and  
Bethlehem of Virginia unitedly, unanimously and fervently express  
our gratitude to God our Saviour for His precious gift in having  
given us for the last five years this beloved & kind and shepherd through  
whom He greatly blessed us. Brother Purrington as a Christian brother  
was humble sincere & godly; as a preacher he was sound able and  
discriminating, and as a pastor he was faithful devoted loving.

And as our brother preachers and pastoral laborers hold him in the highest  
and dearest esteem & love. His labors of love were greatly  
blessed of God to us both collectively & individually and under his  
shepherdship we were greatly ~~blessed~~ <sup>comforted</sup> and comforted in the faith  
of the Son of God. But having finished a good fight, finished  
his course & kept the faith, this dear faithful man of God and  
valiant ~~warrior~~ <sup>soldier</sup> of Christ has laid his armour off died at his  
post and gone home to receive his crown of life,  
And now may the God of Love comfort his bereaved and sorrowing  
family, Church & brethren, and may the Lord send for the

more labors and give us another true and faithful  
pastor. Adop for records and publications by the several  
Churches and affectionally signed by their respective Clubs.

A letter from The Nephizah Church was received appointing  
a committee which committee was present in fact asking advice  
of this Church in the difficulty now pending between The Dubak  
Church of which Elder Bell is pastor and The Nephizah Church  
of which Elder Mason is pastor and after hearing a statement  
from the committee; advise The Nephizah Church to appoint  
a council & send a committee to Dubak Church to request Elder  
Bell & his church meet the Nephizah Church & other brethren  
in Council. A letter from the Deacons of the Upper Broad Run Church  
was received, asking the several Church of which The late Elder  
Purinton was pastor viz Alexandria, Mt. Zion Ebenezer Upper  
Broad Run & Bethlehem to send the Deacons of the several Church  
to meet at Bro Dunton on Saturday before the third Sunday in  
March 1875 to adopt some plan that will affect the united  
action of all the Churches which was adopted with the change  
from Saturday before the third Sunday in March to the Saturday  
before the third Sunday in February. The Bethlehem  
Church took in consideration the burial expence of the late  
and beloved pastor Elders Joseph L Purinton and the situation  
of his family pecuniarily, and unanimously agreed that they  
pay the sum of Thirty Dollars in part of said expence  
Adjourned in Order

D. J. Arrington  
Church Clerk

Saturday February 6<sup>th</sup> 1875

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching  
by Elder Wm M. Smoot, proceeded to business. Elder  
D. Bartley by request of the church acting as moderator  
Members from sister churches were cordially invited to  
to seats with us. Elder Bartley then stated if there was  
any person present who wished to unite with the  
church by experience and baptism or otherwise in  
conformity with the customs of the church, that then  
there was an opportunity. After waiting a short space  
of time Mrs. Eleanor Jeffries came forward, related her  
christian experience and was received for baptism  
to be baptized the first Sunday in March next.



There being no other business adjourned in order  
D. J. Arrington Clk

Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup> 1875

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder W<sup>m</sup> M. Smoot proceeded to business. Elder Smoot by request of the church acting as Moderator. Members of sister churches were invited to seats with us. The Moderator then stated that if there was any person present who wished to unite with the church by experience and baptism or otherwise in accordance with the rules and regulations of the church, that an opportunity was then offered them but no one came forward. On account of the inclemency of the weather the baptising that was to have taken place at this meeting was postponed until our next meeting. The action of the church at our January meeting respecting the burial expenses of our late lamented pastor Joseph L. Purington in which we agreed to raise the sum of thirty dollars as part pay of S<sup>d</sup> expenses, has been by the particular request of sister Purington rescinded, and the money which was collected for that purpose handed over to her as partly remunerative for his services as pastor of this church for the year 1874. There being no other business adjourned in order

D. J. Arrington Clk

Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1875

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder William M. Smoot proceeded to business. Elder Smoot by request of the church acting as moderator. Members from sister churches were cordially invited to seats with us. There was an opportunity then given to any person or persons who might wish to unite with the church by experience & Baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the church. Venia Scott came forward and related her experience, but as there was not a full meeting of the members the church thought it best to postpone her case until our next meeting. The baptising which was postponed to this meeting will take place tomorrow. Bro J. A. Weedon then stated that the church at Upper Broad Run had requested the members of the several churches

which the late lamented Elder Joseph L. Purington was Pastor to meet with them on Saturday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in April (present month) for the purpose of harmonizing in the choice of some one as Pastor to fill the vacancies in the churches caused by the death of Elder Purington, and concluded by reading a letter from Mt Zion church showing the action of that and the Ebenezer church at a previous meeting and also stating to Bro. Weedon they thought it advisable to inform him of their proceeding in order some of the brethren of this church might meet with them at Upper Broad Run on the day of the above meeting and set in counsel with them, some of our brethren expect to attend s<sup>d</sup> meeting with the understanding that the decision of the meeting shall not be binding upon this or any other church provided a majority of the church shall dissent therefrom. No other business adjourned in order.

D. J. Arrington Clerk

Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup> 1875

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Brother Clark from Maine, and some appropriate remarks by Elder W<sup>m</sup> M. Smoot, proceeded to business. Elder Smoot by request of the church acting as Moderator. Members from sister churches were cordially invited to seats with us. Elder Smoot then extended an invitation to any one who might wish to unite with the church by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the church, but no person came forward. The case of Venia Scott was postponed to our meeting in June next. In regard to the meeting that was held with the church at Upper Broad Run on Saturday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in April last, Bro Steers who attended said meeting reported that there was much diversity of opinions among the brethren who attended s<sup>d</sup> meeting from the different churches respecting the choice of a pastor, and consequently nothing definite was accomplished. The Brethren who attended s<sup>d</sup> meeting then proposed to hold another meeting at the same place on Saturday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the present month for the <sup>same</sup> purpose. Bro

F. A. Weedon arose and stated that as there had been nothing accomplished at the above meeting in the choice of a pastor, he thought it would be better for the church at Bethlehem to postpone the second meeting at Broad Run indefinitely, to which proposition the church agreed. No other business adjourned in order.

D. J. Arrington  
clerk

Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> 1875  
No preaching—

Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup> "  
Preaching by Elder W<sup>m</sup>. M. Smoot. No church business attended to. adjourned in order.

D. J. Arrington clerk

Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1875

According to previous appointment the church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder W<sup>m</sup>. M. Smoot, proceeded to business. Elder Smoot acting as Moderator, Members from sister churches were invited to seats with us. An invitation was then given by Elder Smoot to those who might wish to unite with the church by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the church to come forward and do so, but no one came forward. The case of Venia Scott was postponed to some future day. Upon motion of bro. F. A. Weedon, bro. Eli T. Kidwell was appointed to write our letter to the corresponding meeting which is to be held with the church at Mill Creek, Berkeley County, West Virginia commencing on Wednesday after the second Sunday in August 1875. No other business adjourned in order.

D. J. Arrington, clerk.

Saturday July 31<sup>st</sup> 1876

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder William M. Smoot proceeded to business. Members from sister churches being invited to seats with us. An invitation was given to those who might wish to unite with the church by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the church. but no one came forward. Bro. Eli S. Kidwell, who was appointed at our last meeting to write our letter to the corresponding meeting and have <sup>it</sup> here to day, failed to do so. And by the request of Bro. F. A. Weedon, Elder Smoot agreed to write a letter to said meeting, which was done and presented to the church, read and adopted. A collection was then taken up to defray the expense of printing minutes. A letter from Ebenezer church was then read requesting this church to unite with them in the choice of a Pastor, naming three Elders, viz. Wm J. Purington, Duran and Badger, and desiring this church to make choice of one of the three, and report their choice to the Ebenezer church as soon as practicable. The case was taken up and as there was not a full attendance of the members, was postponed until tomorrow, and after preaching on Sunday, the case was again taken up, acted upon, and disposed of, resulting in the choice of Elder Badger. The church on Saturday having as they supposed gotten through with their church business was about to adjourn when Elder John Bell from Washington, D. C. arose and wished to make a statement of <sup>a</sup> difficulty existing between himself and one of the members of this church, and after considerable time was consumed in way of explanations the church concluded to appoint a committee of three of her members viz. Bro. F. A. Weedon, J. R. Kearns and D. T. Arrington to investigate the case and report to the church. No other business adjourned in order.

D. T. Arrington Clerk.

Saturday September 4<sup>th</sup> 1875

According to previous appointment the church at Bethlehem met, and after preaching by Elders Wm. M. Smart, proceeded to business. Elders Smart acting Moderator, Members from sister churches were cordially invited to seats with us. The moderator then made known that if there was any person or persons present who wished to unite with the church by baptism and offerings, or otherwise according to the rules of the church, that there was then, an opportunity to do so. But no person came forward, the difficulty heard of our last meeting between Elders Rice and one of the members of this church was postponed to our next meeting. No other business adjourned in order  
G. J. Arrington Eld.

Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1875

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elders Wm. M. Smart proceeded to business. Members from sister churches were cordially invited to seats with us. Elders Smart then gave notice that if there were any person or persons present who wished to unite with the church by baptism and offerings, or otherwise, according to the rules and regulations of the church, that there was then an opportunity to do so. But no person came forward. The case of Elders John Ball and one of the members of this church which was postponed at our September meeting to October is again postponed to October, with the understanding that the members of this church be notified that the case between him and Elders Ball will be taken up and disposed of at our November meeting. Minutes of the corresponding meeting were read and distributed. No other business adjourned in order  
G. J. Arrington Eld.

Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup> 1875

According to previous appointment the church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elders Francis proceeded to business. Elders Francis acting Moderator. Members from sister churches were cordially invited to seats with us. An opportunity was then given to any person or persons who might wish to unite with the church by baptism

and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the church to come forward and do so, but no one came. The difficulty between Elder Bell and one of the members of this church was taken up and duly considered and as Elder Bell nor any other person appeared against the accused member the case was dismissed. Brother Kearns by the request of Bro. F. A. Weedon made a statement of a difficulty existing between Sister Marianna Summers and Bro Lewis Melvin (colored) and after some investigation of the case and as Sister Summers was not present, it was thought advisable to postpone the case until Sister Summers could be present. No other business adjourned in order D. I. Arrington clk

Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> 1875

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder William M. Smoot. adjourned in order. D. I. Arrington clk

Saturday January 1<sup>st</sup> 1876

The church at Bethlehem met according to previous appointment and after preaching by Elder William M. Smoot proceeded to business. Elder Smoot acting as Moderator, an opportunity was then given to any person or persons who might wish to unite with the church by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the church, but no person came forward. No business before the church adjourned in order - D. I. Arrington clk

Saturday February 5<sup>th</sup> 1876

According to previous appointment the church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder J. N. Badger from N. York, and some appropriate remarks by Elder Wm M. Smoot proceed to business. Members from sister church were cordially invited to seats with us. An opportunity was then given to any person or persons who might wish to unite with the church by experience and baptism or otherwise in accordance with the regulations of the church, but no one came forward. Eld Badger then arose and stated, that on leaving home he had somewhat anticipated taking

The care of the four churches in No. 27, Bethel, Boston  
Run, Mt Zion and Ebenezer, to which he had been requested  
to do. But on his way to visit these churches his mind had  
undergone such a change that he had entirely abandoned the  
idea at least for the present, and that he hopes the  
churches would not let the idea of his becoming their pastor  
be in the way of calling some other one as such. A letter  
to the church, was received from Bro Eli. J. Richards setting forth  
his love and fellowship particularly for the brethren and sisters  
comprising the same, which was received in the spirit of  
of that love and fellowship for him, that none but the  
people of God know. No other business advanced in order  
G. J. Stringer etc

Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> 1876

According to previous appointment the church at Bethel  
met, and after preaching by Elders Wm. Smart proceeded  
to business Elders Smart acting as Moderator. An invitation was  
given to any person or persons wishing to unite with the church  
by experience and baptism, or otherwise according to the by-  
laws of the church to come forward and do so. But no  
person came forward. No other business the church advanced  
in order  
G. J. Stringer etc

Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> 1876

The church at Bethel met and after preaching by Elders  
Wm. Smart proceeded to business. Elders Smart acting as  
Moderator. Members from sister churches were invited to  
unite with us. An opportunity was then given for persons  
wishing to unite with the church by experience and baptism  
or in any other way according to the rules and regulations  
of the church to come forward and do so, but no one came  
forward. Information was then received by the church, that  
Elders Joseph N. Badger of New York would (if not previously  
hindered) preach at Bethel on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday and Sunday  
in May next, and that he had concluded to accept the call  
of the four churches in No. 27, Bethel, Boston, Mt Zion  
and Ebenezer, provided they still desired him so to do.  
The call was laid before the church and a vote taken  
thereon, which resulted unanimously, that Elders Badger

be called to accept the pastoral care of the church at  
Baththam. Elder donot then made some very appropriate  
remarks in way of commendation of Elder Badger to the church  
as a devoted, faithful, and tried minister of the gospel of  
Christ. A letter was then received and read to the church  
from Bro. Eli S. Richards of Fairfax Co. telling forth his love  
and fellowship for the brethren and sisters of Baththam  
(which was heard and longly & cheerfully) admonishing  
them to be ware of the idolatry of the present times, and to  
confess earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints  
referring them at the same time to many of the precious promises  
contained in the word of God to his people, particularly those  
in the forty first chapter of Isaiah. No other business advanced  
in order  
G. S. Arrington Clerk

Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> 1876

According to previous appointment the church at Baththam  
met and after preaching by the pastor Joseph S. Badger  
and some appropriate remarks by Elder donot. The church  
came together for business. Elder donot by request of  
Elder Badger acting Moderator. Members from sister church  
also were invited to read with us. An opportunity was then  
offered to persons wishing to unite with the church by exposure  
and baptism, or otherwise according to the regulations of the  
church. To come forward and do so, but no one came  
forward. The church then proposed to hold communion to-  
morrow, which was agreed to. No other business advanced  
in order  
G. S. Arrington Clerk

Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1876

The church at Baththam met and after preaching  
by the pastor (Elder Joseph S. Badger) proceeded to  
business. Members from sister churches were invited  
to unite with us, an opportunity was then given to  
persons wishing to unite with the church by exposure  
and baptism or otherwise according to the rules of the  
church to come forward and do so, but no one came  
No other business advanced in order  
G. S. Arrington Clerk



Saturday July 1st 1846

The church at Bathsheba met and after preaching by the pastor (Joseph N. Baagren) proceeded to receive members from sister churches who were invited to do so with us. An opportunity was then given for the reception of members. A colored man by the name of Deas <sup>more</sup> came forward and gave a relation of his christian experience and was received for baptism. To be baptized tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Sister E. J. Redwell was appointed to write our letter to the corresponding meeting which is to be held with the church at Mt. Zion Loudoun co Va. No other business adjourned in order G. J. Arlington etc.

Saturday August 5th 1846

According to previous appointment the church at Bathsheba met and after preaching by the pastor (Joseph N. Baagren) proceeded to receive members from sister churches being invited to do so with us. The pastor then made known that if there was any person present who wished to unite with the church by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the church that there was then an opportunity to do so. A colored woman by the name of Sally Africa came forward and related her christian experience and was received for baptism. To be baptized tomorrow morning half past eight o'clock at 11 o'clock. Sister E. J. Redwell was appointed to write our letter to the corresponding meeting done or and sent it to the church by Bro. Stearns himself not being able to attend the meeting on account of bodily infirmities) which was read and adopted. A collection was then taken up to defray the expense of printing minutes amounting to four dollars. No other business adjourned in order G. J. Arlington etc.

Saturday September 2nd 1846

The church at Bathsheba met and after preaching by the pastor proceeded to receive members from sister churches who were invited to do so with us. An invitation was then given to any person or persons who wished to unite with the church by experience and

Baptism or otherwise according to the rules of the church to come forward and do so. a colored woman by the name of Mary Brown came forward and gave a relation of her christian experience and was received for ~~for~~ baptism to be baptised tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock at Huffs ford on Broad-run. The case of sister Summers and bro. Lewis Melvin which was postponed from our November meeting 1875. (The parties being present) was taken up, and after a statement of the case from each party was heard, it was agreed that a committee be appointed consisting of brethren. Weedon. Kearnes. Arrington. Steers. Florence Penn. Francis and Lucas, to investigate the case and report at our October meeting. no other business adjourned in order  
D. J. Arrington Clerk

Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup> 1876

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder Joseph N. Badger, adjourned. But few of the members <sup>were</sup> present on account of the inclemency of the weather. consequently the business of the church was postponed to our November meeting

D. J. Arrington Clerk

Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup> 1876

The church met according to previous appointment and after preaching by Elder J. N. Badger proceeded to business. Members from sister churches who were present were invited to seats with us an opportunity was then given to persons who might wish to unite with the church to come forward and do so. but no one came forward. The minute of our September meeting was read by the pastor and the report of the committee which was appointed to investigate the difficulty between sister Summers and bro. Lewis Melvin was called for. Bro Weedon arose and stated that he had seen sister Summers and she stated to him that the difficulty between her and Bro Melvin had been settled between themselves, Brethren F. A. Weedon, Steers.

and Arrington, were appointed to try to collect funds  
to liquidate a part of the debt due on our meeting  
house. No other business adjourned in order  
D. J. Arrington Clk

Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1876

According to previous appointment the church at Bethlehem  
met and after preaching by the pastor, Elder Joseph N.  
Badger, proceeded to business. Members present from  
sister churches were invited to seats with us. An  
opportunity was then given to persons wishing to unite  
with the church to come forward and do so, but  
no one came forward. No other business adjourned  
in order  
D J Arrington Clk

Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup> 1877

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching  
by Elder J. N. Badger proceeded to business. Members  
present from sister churches being invited to seats  
with us. An opportunity was then given for the  
reception of those wishing to unite with the church  
but no person came forward. No other business ad-  
journed in order  
D. J. Arrington Clk

Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1877

According to previous appointment, the church at Beth-  
lehem met, and after preaching by the pastor Elder  
J. N. Badger, proceeded to business. Members from  
sister churches who were present were invited to  
seats with us. An opportunity was then given those  
wishing to unite with the church by experience and  
baptism, or otherwise according to the rules of the church  
to do so, but no person came forward. No other  
business adjourned in Order  
D J Arrington Clk

Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1877

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preach by the Pastor  
Elder J. N. Badger proceeded to business. Members present  
from sister churches were cordially invited to seats with  
us. An opportunity was then offered to persons who might wish

Saturday June 2nd 1877  
The church at Bethlem met but had no preaching  
in consequence of Elder Rodgers being in attendance  
in the western Association. and Elder Fuss who was  
to fill his place here did not do so. Sunday we  
preaching, but Brother Eli J. Richards who for many  
months has not been able to attend our meetings on ac-  
count of feebly infirmity was present and made some  
very important and valuable like remarks concerning

Saturday May 3rd 1877  
According to previous appointment the church at Bethlem  
met and after preaching by Elder J. S. Rodgers proceeded to  
kennels. Members from other churches were cordially invited  
to come with us. A deer was then offered for the reception  
of members by experience and baptism. or otherwise according  
to the rules of the church. but no person came forward in  
arrangement was then entered into by the church for the purpose  
of liquidating the debt due on the meeting-house. By that  
each member of the church should on the regular meeting  
days in each month, pay into the hands of Bro. Fuss the sum  
of fifty cents for the purpose of discharging the same debt  
with the same <sup>to</sup> price. No other business. Adjourned in order  
9:30 o'clock  
G. D. Huntington, Clerk

Saturday March 31st 1877  
The church at Bethlem met and after preaching by the pastor  
Elder J. S. Rodgers proceeded to business. Members present from  
other churches were cordially invited to come with us. An  
opportunity was then given for the reception of those who might  
desire to unite with the church by experience and baptism or  
otherwise in accordance with the custom of the church. but  
no person came forward. No other business. Adjourned in order  
9:30 o'clock  
G. D. Huntington, Clerk

to unite with the church by experience and baptism or  
otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the church  
but no person came forward. notice was then given that  
communion season would be held at our April meeting  
The other business adjourned in order 9:30 o'clock  
G. D. Huntington, Clerk

his long absence from the church and for the love and fellowship he had for the brethren and sisters. Then sung, prayed, and dismissed the meeting.

D. J. Arrington clerk

Saturday June 30<sup>th</sup> 1877

According to previous appointment the church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder J. V. Badger, proceeded to business. Members from sister churches being cordially invited to seats with us. A door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules of the church, but no person came forward. Bro. R. K. Kernes was appointed to write our letter to the corresponding meeting which will be held with the church at Ebenezer Loudoun Co. Va. in August next. Communion Tomorrow. No other business, adjourned.

D. J. Arrington clerk

Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup> 1877

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder J. V. Badger, proceeded to business. Members from sister churches who were present, were invited to seats with us. A door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the customs of the church, but no person came forward. Bro. Kernes who was appointed to write the letter to the corresponding meeting presented the same, which was read and adopted. A collection was then taken up to defray the expense of printing minutes. No other business, adjourned.

D. J. Arrington Clerk

Saturday September 1<sup>st</sup> 1877

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by the pastor (Elder Joseph V. Badger,) proceeded to business. Members present from sister churches were invited to seats with us. Elder Badger then stated that if there was any person present who wished to unite with the church by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the customs of the church, that there was then an opportunity. A colored man by the name of Harrison Counsel came forward and gave a relation of his experience, and after some consultation among the members it was thought best to postpone his case. No other business, adjourned.

D. J. Arrington clerk

Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup> 1877

According to previous appointment the church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder J. N. Badger, proceeded to business. Members from sister churches present, were invited to seats with us. The usual invitation was then given by the pastor to persons who might wish to unite with the church according to the regular rules thereof, but no person came forward. Minutes of the corresponding meeting were received and distributed. No other business adjourned. D. S. Arrington, Clerk

Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> 1877

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by the pastor Elder Joseph N. Badger, proceeded to business. Members present from sister churches were invited to seats with us. A door for the reception of members, according to the rules and regulations of the church, was then opened, but no person came forward. No other business adjourned. D. S. Arrington Clerk

Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup> 1877

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by the pastor (J. N. Badger) proceeded to business. Members present from sister churches were invited to seats with us. The pastor then gave the usual invitation to those who might wish to unite with the church by experience and baptism, or otherwise, according to the rules and regulations of the church, but no person came forward. No other business - adjourned in order. D. S. Arrington Clerk

Saturday January 5<sup>th</sup> 1878

According to previous appointment, the church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder Wm. M. Smoot proceeded to business. Members present, from sister churches were cordially invited to seats with us. A door was then opened for the reception of members according to the rules and regulations of the church, but no person came forward. A motion was then made to adjourn, but Elder Badger somewhat objected, saying it was early in the evening and

wished to know of the brethren, if they had not something to communicate, but no one responded. he <sup>then</sup> proceeded to make some very appropriate closing remarks, after which the church adjourned. D. T. Arrington, Clerk

Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1878

The church at Bethlehem according to previous appointment met and after preaching by Elder J. N. Badger, proceeded to business. Members present from sister churches were invited to seats with us. An opportunity was then given to any person or persons who might wish to unite with the church by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules of the church but no person came forward. No other business adjourned. D. T. Arrington, Clerk

Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1878

According to previous appointment the church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder J. N. Badger, proceeded to business. Members from sister churches present, were invited to seats with us. A door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the church. But no person came forward. No other business, adjourned. D. T. Arrington, Clerk

Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> 1878

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by the pastor, Elder J. N. Badger, proceeded to business. Members present, from sister churches being invited to seats with us. An opportunity was then given to any one who might wish to unite with the church by experience and baptism, or otherwise according to the rules of the church but no person came forward. Bro F. A. Weedon then gave notice that tomorrow would be communion day. adjourned. D. T. Arrington, Clerk

Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> 1878

According to previous appointment the church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder J. N. Badger proceeded to business. Members present from sister churches were cordially invited to seats with us. A door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise, according

to the rules and regulations of the church, but no person  
came forward, No other business adjourned.

D. T. Arrington Clk

Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> 1878

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by the  
pastor J. N. Badger, proceeded to business. Members who were  
present from sister churches, were cordially invited to seats  
with us. A door was then opened for the reception of members  
by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules  
and regulations of the church, but no person came forward.  
No other business adjourned in order.

D. T. Arrington Clk

Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup> 1878

According to previous appointment, the church at Bethlehem  
met and after preaching by the pastor, Elder J. N. Badger  
proceeded to business. Members who were present from sister  
churches were invited to seats with us. Elder Badger then  
stated if there was any person present, who wished to unite  
with the church by experience and baptism, or otherwise ac-  
cording to the rules and regulations of the church, that there  
was then an opportunity to do so. A colored man by the  
name of Frank Gaskins came forward, who had been  
previously received by the colored church at Cubrin in  
Stafford Co. for baptism, but had become dissatisfied with  
the proceedings of that church in receiving him, and  
wished to unite with the church at Bethlehem, and  
after a brief statement of the cause of dissatisfaction  
upon his part, the church advised him to return to  
the church at Cubrin and let them know the cause  
of his dissatisfaction. Brother Eli J. Kidwell was app-  
ointed to write our letter to the Corresponding meeting to be  
held with the Occoquan church commencing on Wednesday  
before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in August next, Bro Steers presented  
a statement of money received by him for the purpose of  
liquidating the debt due on the meeting-house for Carpenters  
work, \$6.00 which amt settled the same within a small  
fraction, which Bro Steers agreed to settle himself.

No other business adjourned in order D. T. Arrington Clk



Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1878

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by the pastor Elder J. N. Badger proceeded to business. Members present from sister churches were cordially invited to seats with us. A door was then opened for the reception of members but no person came forward. Brother Eli T. Redwood who was appointed to write our letter to the Corresponding meeting to be held with the church at Acoaquaw, presented the same which was read and adopted. A collection was taken up amounting to \$3.11 Cents to pay for printing minutes. No other business adjourned. D. F. Arrington clk

Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup> 1878

According to previous appointments the church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by the pastor, proceeded to business. Members present from churches of our faith and order were invited to seats with us. Elder Badger then gave notice if there was any person who wished to give a relation of their christian experience to the church that there was then an opportunity to do so. A Colored man by the name of Harrison Counsel (who came before this church in September 1877 and whose case <sup>was</sup> postponed at that meeting) came forward and related in substance the same exercises of his mind as at the above named meeting, and after duly considering the statement of his exercises of mind, the church thought best to postpone his case. Elder Badger then made known that he would not be present with the church at its regular meeting in October and advised the church to meet on their regular days of meeting and not forsake the assembling of themselves together as the manner of some is. No other business adjourned.

D. F. Arrington clk

Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> 1878

According to request by Elder Badger the church at Bethlehem met & in the absence of their pastor brother Eli T. Redwood made some very appropriate & comforting remarks ~~after reading a paper & making the ~~the~~ prayer of the~~ & on Sunday brother Kim read a hymn <sup>4 verses</sup> and intimated the church for sometime much to their edification. No business done & the church adjourned. J. M. S. clk

cl. pr. 700-

Saturday Nov- 2<sup>nd</sup> 1878

According to previous appointment The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by J. N. Badger proceeded to business. Members present from sister churches were cordially invited to seats with us. On motion it was voted to follow the action of Shiloh church in Washington D.C. and withdraw fellowship from Elder John Bell. (colored) and all churches which he serves. This action also includes Reed and the party which he represents. No other business adjourned in order.

D. I. Arrington clk

Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup> 1878

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder J. N. Badger proceeded to business. Members present from sister churches were invited to seats with us. No business before the church adjourned in order.

D. I. Arrington clk

Saturday January 4<sup>th</sup> 1879

The church <sup>at Bethlehem</sup> ~~at 13<sup>th</sup> Bethlehem~~ <sup>proving</sup> to the inclemency of the weather partially met, and Elder Badger at the time being very much indisposed was not able to attend, consequently there was no preaching. Brethren Kernes and Kidwell conducted the meeting on Saturday and Sunday much to the satisfaction of the members who were present. Adjourned in order.

D. I. Arrington clk

Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> 1879.

According to previous appointment the church at Bethlehem met, and after preaching by Elder W<sup>m</sup> M. Sonoot, and some additional remarks by Elder Badger, proceeded to business. Members present from sister churches being invited to seats with us. a door was then opened for the reception of members. A colored woman by the name of Sarah Lucas came forward, and gave a relation of her christian

experiences, and after some inquiry of the colored members as to her recent walk and conversation (which was favorably reported of by them) was received for baptism to be baptized on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in April next. Also an old colored lady by the name of Sarah Morris came forward and wished to unite with the church, who stated that she had been baptized some years since by one Eld. Battle but as none of the members knew any thing of him, as a minister of the gospel, regularly set apart her case was postponed. The case of the colored members having full liberty to act in all church business was then taken, up Elder Badger arose and in a very affectionate, manner, went on to explain the disorder of such a course, and besought them to be satisfied with such church privileges as was customary in all the primitive baptist churches in this section of country, and that he felt satisfied it would be for their good as well as for the peace and prosperity of the church, and with many such words exhorted them. On motion it was voted that the colored members of this church, are entitled to such church privileges, and no more, than is customary with churches in this section of country, of our faith and order. No other business adjourned in order. D. T. Arrington Clk.

Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> 1879

The church at Bethlehem met but on account of the indisposition of Elder Badger there was no preaching. Our Brethren Kerns & Kidwell opened the meeting on Saturday and Sunday by reading the scriptures, singing, and praying. Brother Kidwell on Sunday made some very comforting and appropriate remarks on certain portions of scripture. The meeting then adjourned to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in April next. D. T. Arrington Clk.

Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup> 1879

According to previous appointments the church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder J. N. Badger proceeded to business. Members present from churches of our faith and order were cordially invited to seats with us. Sarah Morris who came before the church at our February meeting, and wished to unite with the church was today received upon her experiences, her baptism, supposed to have been in gospel order. Baptising and communion tomorrow. No other business adjourned in order. D. T. Arrington Clk.

Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1879

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder J. N. Badger proceeded to business. Members from sister church being invited to seats with us a door was then opened for the reception of members. A colored woman by the name of Virginia Richardson came forward who was a member of one of the churches that John Bell served, and was baptised by him, before this church withdrew fellowship from him, and desired to unite <sup>with</sup> us, and upon a relation of <sup>her</sup> christian experience was received. Then with respect to Bro Lewis Melvin who refused to commune with us at our regular communion season in April, without giving any reason there for, therefore Bro H. C. Steers was requested to wait on him and request him to attend our next regular church meeting in June and state his reason for so doing. No other business adjourned in order

D. T. Arrington clk

Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup> 1879

According to previous appointment the church at Bethlehem met, and on account of the indisposition of our beloved pastor Elder J. N. Badger there was no preaching. Our Brethren. Kernes and Kidwell opened the meeting both on Saturday <sup>and Sunday</sup> by reading the scriptures, singing and prayer, much to the satisfaction of the members present. The case of bro. Melvin was postponed to our July meeting. No other business adjourned

D. T. Arrington clk

Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup> 1879

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder J. N. Badger proceeded to business. Members present from churches of our faith and order were cordially invited to seats with us. A door for the reception of members was then opened but no person came forward. The case of bro. Lewis Melvin was then taken up. Bro Steers who was requested at our April meeting to see him and know the cause of his refusing to commune with us at our regular communion season in April last, arose and stated to the church

That he had seen Bro. Melvin, and had considerable conversation with him concerning his nonconformity to the rules of the church, but that he seemed persistent in his course, but said he would attend our regular church meeting and there give his reason for not communing with us at our April meetings, and as he was now present, he could make his statement to the church himself, which he did, but as he acted rather in defiance of rule or order charging the church with being out of order and that he was not willing to submit to the vote taken at our February meeting with respect to church privileges, thereby declaring nonfellowship for us, and after due admonition, a vote was taken which resulted in his exclusion from the church. Bro. Eli T. Kidwell was appointed to write our letter to the corresponding meeting which will be held with us commencing on Wednesday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in August 1879. Brethren, Weedon, Steers, and Arrington were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the meeting. Communion Tomorrow. No other business. adjourned.  
D. T. Arrington

Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1879

According to previous appointment the church at Bethlehem met, but our pastor Elder J. N. Badger did not meet with us, being prevented by ill health as we have since learned. Brethren Kernes and Kidwell conducted the meeting on Saturday and Sunday as heretofore much to the satisfaction of the members present. Bro. Kidwell who was appointed to write our letter to the corresponding meeting to be held with this church, presented the same, which was read and adopted. A collection was then taken up to defray the expense of printing minutes. Bro. F. A. Weedon acted as moderator during the business part of the meeting. No other business adjourned.  
D. T. Arrington clk

Saturday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> 1879

The church at Bethlehem met, but there was no preaching. Elder Badger's health not having improved sufficiently to enable him to attend our meeting. Brother Kernes opened the meeting by reading the scriptures, singing, and prayer. Bro. Kidwell

following, making some very appropriate remarks, after which  
The church adjourned to their regular meeting in October

D. J. Arrington clk

Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> 1879

According to previous appointment, the church at Bethlehem met but there was no preaching Elder Badger still being unable to attend the meeting. Brethren Kerns and Kidwell conducted the meeting by singing, Prayer, Reading the scriptures and making some remarks on certain portions thereof much to the comfort and satisfaction of the members present. No other business adjourned in order

D. J. Arrington clk

Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup> 1879

The church at Bethlehem met, and after preaching by Elder Wm. M. Smoot. (Elder Badger being present) proceeded to business members present from sister churches were invited to seats with us. a door was then opened for the reception of members. a Miss Lee came forward and gave a relation of her experiences and after a mature consideration, it was thought best to postpone her case to some future day, hoping at the same time that she might be brought to see the way of life and salvation through a crucified Redeemer more clear and give a more satisfactory evidence to the church that she had passed from death unto life. Elder Badger addressed her in a very affectionate and encouraging manner, and gave her to understand that the proceedings of the church in her case, was with an eye single to the glory of God and her good. Bro Wm L Brawner & wife (through bro F A Weedon) asked for a letter of dismission from this church, to unite with the church at Quantico which was granted them, and the clerk of the church requested to prepare the same and forward it to them. A joint invitation from our churches in Alex., Va. & Wash. D.C. to this church inviting us to join in a Council of Elders and brethren to be held, by divine permission, in Alex., Va. to consider the subject of, and if thought proper, proceed to recognize <sup>as a church</sup> certain members who have withdrawn from Bethesda a church of colored members <sup>in Wash. D.C.</sup> formerly held in our fellowship. Brethren J. R. Kearns and C. J. Kidwell with any other of the white male members of the church who might be present were appointed as messengers to said Council. No other business adjourned in order

D. J. Arrington clk

Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> 1879

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder Wm M. Smoot proceeded to business. The minutes of the last meeting was read and as there was no business before the church to attend to, adjourned in order. D. I. Arrington clk

Saturday January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1880

The church at Bethlehem, Bro Kernes opened the meeting by singing. Reading, and prayer. Bro Kidwell closed the meeting by singing a hymn. Elder Badger arrived after the close of the meeting and preached on Sunday. Adjourned D. I. Arrington clk

Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup> 1880

According to previous appointment the church at Bethlehem met, and after preaching by Eld Wm M. Smoot proceeded to business. Members present from sister churches were cordially invited to seats with us, a door was thus opened for the reception of members, but no person came forward. Elder Smoot then proceeded to read the letter of the council convened in Washington D. C. on the 30<sup>th</sup> December 1879 upon the joint invitation of the Alexandria and Shiloh churches, and after making some explanatory remarks thereon, and as Elder Badger was not present, it was deemed proper to lay the subject over until our regular meeting in March next. No other business adjourned. D. I. Arrington clk

Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup> 1880

The Church at Bethlehem met and after Preaching by Elder J. N. Badger, proceeded to business. Members present from Sister Churches were invited to seats with us a door was opened for the reception of members but no person came forward. The minutes of our last meeting was then read and finding a reference to the Council which met in Washington D. C. December 30<sup>th</sup> 1879, which was laid over to this meeting was taken up and after due consideration we unanimously recognized those Colored Brethren & Sisters known as the Church Called "Lion" in Washington D. C. in fellowship with us and we with ~~with~~ them in Faith and doctrine. No other business adjourned. D. I. Arrington clk

Saturday April 3<sup>d</sup> 1880

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder J N Badger, proceeded to business. Members of Sister Churches were invited to seats with us and a door was then opened for the reception of members but no one came forward. The minutes of our last meeting were then read ~~and~~ tomorrow was announced as our regular Communion Season no other business. Adjourned in order.

D. J. Arrington clk

Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup> 1880

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by the pastor Elder J N Badger proceeded to business. Members of Sister Churches were invited to seats with us and a door was opened for the reception <sup>of members</sup> according to the rules and order of the church; but no one came forward and the minutes of our last meeting were read; no other business. Adjourned in order.

D. J. Arrington clk

Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> 1880

According to previous appointments the church at Bethlehem met, and after preaching by the Pastor Elder J. N. Badger, proceeded to business. Members from Sister churches who were present were cordially invited to seats with us. A door was then opened for the reception of members. Mrs Mayhugh came forward and gave a relation of her christian experience and was unanimously received for baptism. to be baptised the first Sunday in July next. Also a colored woman by the name of Susan Botts. came forward and desired to unite with this church. She formerly having been a member of one of John Bell's churches and baptised by him while in fellowship with this and other churches of the same faith and orders but on account of his unchristian and disorderly walk have withdrawn fellowship from him and his churches. She also for the same cause has withdrawn fellowship from them and desired to unite with the Bethlehem church; and after hearing a relation of



her christian experience. by the members of the church both white and colored. was received into the fellowship of the church. Her baptism believed to be in gospel order. as Bell was in fellowship with this church at the time of her baptism. No other business adjourned in order.

D. T. Arrington clk

Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1880

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by the Pastor J. N. Badger proceeded to business. Members present from churches of our faith and order were cordially invited to sit in council with us. a door for the reception of members was then opened. but no person came forward. Bro Eli T. Kidwell was appointed to write our letter to the corresponding meeting to be held with the church at New Valley Loudoun Co. Virginia commencing on wednesday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in August 1880. Baptising tomorrow morning. Communion after preaching. No other business adjourned in order.

D. T. Arrington clk

Saturday July 31<sup>st</sup> 1880

According to previous appointment. the church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by the pastor Elder J. N. Badger proceeded to business. Members present from churches of our faith and order being cordially invited to seats with us Bro Eli T. Kidwell who was appointed to write the letter to the corresponding meeting. presented the same by brother Kernes which was read and adopted. A collection was taken up amounting to \$ 3.85 to pay for printing minutes. Bro J. A. Meeden presented an unsettled account to the church for the plastering of the meeting house. and after some consideration it was proposed to postpone the same until our September meeting. No other business adjourned.

D. T. Arrington clk

Saturday Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> 1880

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder McDonald. the business of the church was postponed until our October meeting. Adjourned in order.

D. T. Arrington clk

Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1880

According to previous appointments the church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by the pastor (Elder J. N. Badger) proceed to business. Members present from sister church were cordially invited to seats with us. A door was then opened for the reception of members, but no person came forward. The unsettled account presented by brother F. A. Weedon at our July meeting, for the plastering of the meeting house was then considered and after mature consideration it was agreed that the church assume the debt, and brethren C. H. A. Weedon and H. C. Steers were requested to attend to collecting funds to discharge the debt. Communion tomorrow. No other business adjourned in order D. T. Arrington clerk

Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup> 1880

The church at Bethlehem met, but in consequence of the indisposition of Elder Badger there was no preaching. Brethren Kernes and Kidwell conducted the <sup>meeting</sup> on Saturday and Sunday by singing, praying, and reading the scriptures, after which the meeting adjourned D. T. Arrington clerk

Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup> 1880

According to previous appointments a few of the members of the church met, but there was no preaching. Brother Kernes opened the meeting by singing, reading a chapter, and prayer. No business transacted. Adjourned D. T. Arrington clerk

Saturday January 1<sup>st</sup> 1881

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder Wm. M. Smoot, adjourned. But very few members were present, consequently no church business was attended to. D. T. Arrington clerk

Saturday February 5<sup>th</sup> 1881

According to previous appointment the church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder Wm. M. Smoot proceeded to business. Members present from sister churches were invited to seats with us. A door was then opened for the reception of members. A colored girl by the name of "Catherine Lucas" came forward and gave a satisfactory relation of her christian experience and was received.

for baptism, to be baptised on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in April  
next. Elder Badger who on account of ill health has not  
been present with us since our October meeting, was present  
on Sunday, much to the gratification of all the members present  
and after preaching by Elder Smoot made some very appro-  
priate and edifying remarks, after which the church adjourned  
D. T. Arrington clk.

Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> 1881

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder  
J. S. Badger proceeded to business. Members present of our  
faith and order <sup>from sister churches</sup> were cordially invited to seats with us  
a door was then opened for the reception of members. Sarah  
Taylor and Lydia Mitchel (colored) came forward and gave  
a relation of their christian experience and was received for  
baptism, to be baptised on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in April next  
A discourse will be preached tomorrow by the pastor upon  
the death of our much beloved <sup>brother</sup> F. A. Weedon who departed  
this life February 17<sup>th</sup> 1881. He left the world with all its toys,  
for better brighter worlds on high, His faith embraced sub-  
stantial joys, soaring beyond the starry sky, He trod the  
shades of gloomy death, Could set his seal that God  
was true, Finished his course and kept the faith,  
And died with glory full in view.

D. T. Arrington clk.

Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1881

According to previous appointment the church at Bethlehem  
met and after preaching by the pastor Elder J. S. Badger  
proceeded to business. members from sister churches who  
were present being cordially invited to seats with us.  
A door for the reception of members according to our faith  
and order was then opened but <sup>no</sup> person came forward. In  
consequence of the death of bro F. A. Weedon who was one of the deacons  
of the church, it became necessary that another deacon be chosen  
to fill the vacancy. Our much esteemed bro. John R. Kernes  
was set apart to that office by a unanimous vote of the  
church. Baptising and Communion tomorrow. No other bus-  
iness. adjourned in order

D. T. Arrington clk.

Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> 1881

The church at Bethlehem met but there was no preaching

Brothers Kernes and Kidwell opened the meeting on Saturday and Sunday by reading the scriptures singing and prayer. The minutes of our last meeting was read on Saturday after which the church adjourned.

D T Arrington clk

Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> 1881

According to previous appointment the church at Bethlehem met, and after preaching by the pastor, Elder J. N. Badger, proceeded to business. Members of our faith and order, present <sup>from other churches of our faith and order</sup> were cordially invited to seats with us. A door was then opened for the reception of members, but no person came forward. No other business adjourned in order.

D T Arrington clk

Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1881

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder J. N. Badger, proceeded to business. Members present from sister churches were invited to seats with us. A door was then opened for the reception of members, according to the rules and regulations of the church. A colored man named Joseph Stafford came forward and after a careful hearing of his exercises by the members of the church (both white and colored) it was thought best to postpone his case to a future day. Brother Benjamin Spindle was appointed to write our letter to the Corresponding Meeting to be held with the church at <sup>Upper</sup> Broad Run Fauquier Co Virginia commencing on Wednesday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in August 1881. No other business adjourned.

D T Arrington clk

Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> 1881

According to previous appointment, the church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder Sawin proceeded to business. Elder Badger acting moderator, members present from sister churches were cordially invited to seats with us. A door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the church. Bro. William H. Francis a member of Upper Broad-run Church having received a letter of dismission from that church in order to unite with the church at Bethlehem, presented the same. and was cordial

received and welcomed to the fellowship and privileges of this church. Bro. Spindle who was appointed to write our letter to the Corresponding meeting at Upper Broad run presented the same which was read and adopted. A collection was then taken up for the printing of minutes amounting to three dollars. No other business adjourned in order. D. T. Arrington clkr

Saturday Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 1881

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder J. N. Badger proceeded to business. Members present from sister churches were cordially invited to seats with us. A door was opened for the reception of members, but no person came forward. Minutes of the Corresponding meeting were received and distributed. No other business adjourned in order. D. T. Arrington clkr

Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> 1881

According to previous appointment, the church at Bethlehem <sup>met</sup> and after preaching by Elder J. N. Badger proceeded to business. Members present from sister churches were cordially invited to seats with us. A door was opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the church. Miss Lee who came before the church at our November meeting in 1879 and who was not received by the church at that time, came before the church to day, and gave a satisfactory relation of her christian experience and was received for baptism to be baptized the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in November. Also a colored woman by the name of Lizzie Lambert gave a relation of her christian experience and was received for baptism to be baptized on the above mentioned day. Bro. W. H. Francis was appointed an assistant with Bro. Steers to raise money to liquidate the small debt due on the meeting house. Communion tomorrow. No other business adjourned. D. T. Arrington clkr

Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> 1881

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder A. B. Francis proceeded to business. Elder Francis acting Moderator. Members from churches of our faith and order were cordially invited to seats with us. A door was then opened for the reception of members according to the rules and regulations of the church. A colored woman by

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The name of Mary Prim came forward and desired to unite with this church, who was formerly a member of one of John Bell's churches, and after a careful hearing of her christian experience was received into the fellowship of the church she having been baptised by John Bell while he was in fellowship with this church. On Sunday morning after the church had convened Mrs Emily Simpson and Mrs Eliza Lamb came before the church and gave a relation of their christian experiences and was received for baptism and baptised the same day in company with Miss Lee and a colored woman by the name of Lizzie Lambert by Elder Francis. No other business

D T Arrington clk

Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> 1881

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder Sawin proceeded to business. Members from sister churches present were invited to sit in counsel with us a door was then opened for the reception of members, but no person came forward. Sister Emily Simpson who was baptised at our November meeting expecting to return immediately to <sup>her</sup> home in Texas, had, in behalf of the church, the right-hand of fellowship extended to her by Elder Francis the same day she was baptised. The other three sisters who were baptised the same day that sister Simpson was, had, in behalf of the church the right-hand of fellowship extended to them by Elder Sawin to day. No other business adjourned

D T Arrington clk

Saturday December 31<sup>st</sup> 1881

The church at Bethlehem met ~~and~~ but had no preaching in consequence of the indisposition of Elder Badger wife as well as himself. Brethren Kernes and Kidwell opened and conducted the meeting on Saturday and Sunday by reading the scriptures, singing, and prayer. No business transactions done. Adjourned

D. T. Arrington clk

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Jan. On account of inclement weather there was no church meeting on Sat. We were favored with meeting, however, both days: preaching by Eld. Wm. M. Smoot. D. T. Arrington clk

Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> 1882

The church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder Wm. M. Smoot proceeded to business. Members from sister churches present, were invited to sit in council with us. A door was then opened for the reception of members. A colored woman by the name of Belle Poinson came forward and related her christian experience and was received for baptism to be baptised at a future day. Also another woman (col) by the name of Minnie Nailor who was formally a member of John Bell's church, but had withdrawn fellowship from s<sup>d</sup> church, and desired to unite with the Bethlehem church. and after a careful hearing of her christian experience was received in the fellowship of this church. She having been baptised by John Bell while in fellowship with this, and other churches of the same faith and order. No other business adjourned  
D. T. Arrington clk

Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> 1882

According to previous appointment the church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder Wm. M. Smoot proceeded to business. Members present from sister churches were cordially invited to seats with us. A door was then opened for the reception of members according to the rules and regulations of the church, but no person came forward. A communication was then laid before the church by Elder Smoot from the Zion church (col) of Washington D. C. inviting this church to meet

in council with messengers from this, and other churches  
of our faith and order, on wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of April  
to consider the propriety of, and <sup>if</sup> they deemed proper, to  
proceed in the ordination of bro. N. P. Reid, a licentiate  
of said Zion church. The church accepted the invitation  
and appointed Elders Badger, Bro. Kernes, H. C. Steers and  
C. H. A. Weedon with any other white male members of the  
church who might be present to act as messengers to  
said council. The clerk of this church then made applica-  
tion (on account of age and general indisposition) to be  
released from the clerkship, and some younger and better  
qualified Bro. be appointed in his place. Laid Over  
Baptizing and Communion tomorrow. No other business  
D. T. Arrington clk

Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> 1882

The church at Bethlehem met, no preaching. Bro  
Kernes opened the meeting on Saturday and Sunday by  
singing, Prayer, and reading the scriptures. No  
church business attended to. Adjourned  
D. T. Arrington clk

Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1882

According to previous appointment the church at  
Bethlehem met but had no preaching. Elder Badger  
being on a visit to the eastern associations. Bro Kernes  
conducted the meeting on Saturday and Sunday as  
usual. No church business attended to. adjourned.  
D. T. Arrington clk



Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> 1882

The church at Belknap and after preaching

by our pastor proceeded to business meeting

from sister churches present were invited

to sit in counsel with us a door was then

opened for the reception of members but no person

came forward. Brother S. J. Drington was selected

of the Society. He having made application at

our April meeting, and Brother Wm. H. Francis

was appointed in his place. In motion of Brother

Wm. H. Francis was appointed to

write out the corresponding association to

be held with the church at Quantico Pa. 7<sup>th</sup>

to. In commencing on Wednesday before the third day

in August 1882 the other business adjourned in

order

Wm. H. Francis

July 1<sup>st</sup> 1882

August 5<sup>th</sup> 1882

The church at Belknap met and after preaching

by Elder J. S. Zwick of Georgia the church was called

to order by our pastor. Members present from

sister churches were cordially invited to seat with

us a door was opened for the reception of mem-

ber by experience and baptism or otherwise according to

the rules and regulations of the church. Sister

Salie E. Rickard a member of the Ohio church

in Washington D. C. having received a letter of trans-

mission from that church in order to unite with the

Belknap church presented the same and was cor-

dially received and welcomed to the fellowship and

privileges of the church. Bro. Wm. H. Francis who was

appointed to write our letter to the corresponding

meeting to be held with the Quantico Church

Presented the same which read and adopted  
a collection was then taken up for the printing of  
the minutes amounting to three dollars & 75 cents  
The other business adjourned in order. Wm. H. Francis, Clerk

Saturday Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1882

The Church at Bethlehem met & after preaching  
by our pastor proceeded to business members present  
from other churches were cordially invited to sit in  
concord with us a door was then opened for the recep-  
tion of members by experience and baptism or otherwise  
according to the rules and regulations of the church.  
Emma Will & Betsey Gaskin came forward related  
their experience and were received for baptism. Baptism  
to take place tomorrow morning at half past nine  
o'clock. The other business adjourned in order  
Wm. H. Francis, Clerk

Saturday Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 1882

The Church at Bethlehem met & after pre-  
aching by our pastor proceeded to busi-  
ness members present from other churches  
were cordially invited to sit in concord with  
us. A door was then opened for the reception  
of members by experience and baptism or otherwise  
according to the rules and regulations of the church  
that we are come forward. communion to be  
held. The other business adjourned in order  
Wm. H. Francis, Clerk

Saturday November 4 1882

The Church at Bethlehem met but had no preaching, our pastor being absent. Brother Kernes opened and conducted the meeting by reading the scriptures, singing and prayer no business transactions done adjourned in order  
Wm. H. Francis Clk

Saturday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>

The Church at Bethlehem met & after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business. members present from sister churches were cordially invited to sit in counsel with us, a door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the church. no one came forward. no other business adjourned in order. Wm. H. Francis Clk

Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup> 1883

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business, members present from sister churches were cordially invited to sit in counsel with us, a door was then opened for the reception of members, by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the church. No one came forward no other business adjourned in order  
Wm. H. Francis Clk

Saturday Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1883

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Eld. Wm. M. Smoot proceeded to business members present from sister churches were cordially invited to sit in counsel with us, a door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the church. No one came forward no other business adjourned in order.

Wm. H. Francis Clk.

Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1883

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor, proceeded to business members present from sister churches were invited to sit in counsel with us, a door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the church, no one came forward nor other business adjourned in order.

Wm. H. Francis Clk.

Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup> 1883

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business members present from sister churches were invited to sit in counsel with us, a door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the church, no one came forward, nor other business, adjourned in order.

Wm. H. Francis Clk.

Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> 1883.

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business. members present from sister churches were invited to sit in counsel with us, a door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the church no one came forward, no other business adjourned in order

Wm. H. Francis Clk

Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1883

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Eld Joseph Furr. proceeded to business members present from sister churches were invited to sit in counsel with us a door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the church, no one came forward, no other business adjourned in order

Wm. H. Francis Clk

Saturday June 30<sup>th</sup> 1883

The Church at Bethlehem met and after by our Pastor proceeded to business members present from sister churches were invited to sit in counsel with us a door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the church. no one came forward. Bro John R Kernes was appointed to write the our

letter to the corresponding association to be held with the Mill Creek Church Berkeley Co. W. Va. commencing on wednesday before the third Sunday in August 1883 no other business adjourned in order  
Wm. H. Francis Clk

Saturday Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> 1883

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business members present of some sister churches were invited to sit in council with us. a door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the church no one came forward. Bro Jno R. Kernes who was appointed to write our letter to the corresponding meeting to be held with the Mill Creek Church, presented the same which was read and adopted a collection was then taken up for the printing of the minutes amounting to three dollars and fifty cents. no other business adjourned in order  
Wm. H. Francis Clk

Saturday Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 1883

The Church at Bethlehem met, after preaching by Eld David Bartley of Indiana the church was called to order by her Pastor, members of sister churches were invited to seats with us, a door was then opened for the reception of members according to the rules of the church but no one came forward. No other business adjourned in order  
Wm. H. Francis Clk,

Saturday Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1883

The Church at Bethlehem met, and after preaching by Eld. E. B. White the church convened for business members present from sister churches were invited to seats with us, a door was then opened for the reception of members according to the rules & regulations of the church, no one came forward, communion to morrow no other business adjourned in order

Wm H. Francis Clk

Saturday Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 1883

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business members present from sister churches were invited to sit in council with us, a door was then opened for the reception of members according to the rules and regulations of the church, no one came forward, no other business, adjourned in order.

Wm H. Francis Clk.

Saturday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 1883

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor followed by Eld. A. B. Francis, proceeded to business members present from sister churches were invited to seats with us, a door was then opened for the reception of members according to the rules and regulations of the church, no one came forward no other business adjourned in order

Wm H. Francis Clk.

Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup> 1884

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Eld. A. B. Francis proceeded to business. Members present from sister Churches were invited to seats with us, a door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the Church, no one came forward. Brother Wm. H. Francis reported that he had visited Sister Tansil and found there was no difference between her and America Picket (the coloured woman) who came before the church at our last meeting and her case was ~~was~~ deferred. There being no other business the Church adjourned

Wm. H. Francis Ck

Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup> 1884

The Church at Bethlehem met, but had no preaching on account of the indisposition of our Pastor. Brother Kernis opened and conducted the meeting on Saturday & Sunday by reading the scriptures, singing and prayer. Brother Wm. H. Francis was appointed to write our letter to the corresponding meeting to be held with the ~~the~~ Mount Zion Church London county Va. August 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. No other business adjourned in order

Wm. H. Francis Ck



Saturday Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1884

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to <sup>business</sup> members present from sister churches were invited to seats with us, a door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the church but no one came forward. Brother Wm H. Francis who was appointed to write our letter to the corresponding meeting to be held with the Mt. Zion Church, presented the same which was read and adapted, a collection was then taken up for the printing of the minutes amounting to three dollars and fifty cents. no other business adjourned in order.

Wm H. Francis Clk

Saturday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> 1884

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business, members present from sister churches were invited to seats with us, a door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the church. America Picket who presented herself at our May meeting came forward and ~~and~~ related her experience but there being an objection raised on the part of one of the colored brethren her case was deferred to some future time. There was an

application made in behalf of the Zion  
(col) Church, of Alexandria for the sen-  
timent of this Church in regard to their  
building a meeting house and organising  
a (col) Church within the bounds of the  
Bethlehem Church, The church unanimously  
expressed herself opposed to any such  
organisation, There being no other bu-  
siness the Church adjourned in order  
Wm H. Francis Clk.

Saturday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 1884

The Church at Bethlehem met and  
after preaching by our Pastor proceed-  
ed to business members present from  
sister churches were invited to seats  
with us a door was then opened for  
the reception of members by experience  
and baptism or otherwise according to the  
rules and regulations of the Church  
but no one came forward. The case of  
America Picket was then taken up  
but one of our colored members not  
being reconciled to receive her, her  
case was deferred to some future  
time no other business adjourned  
in order Wm H. Francis Clk.

Saturday Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1884

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business members present from Sister Churches were invited to seats with us, a door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the Church but no one came forward, no other business, adjourned in order

W<sup>m</sup> H. Francis Clk

Saturday Dec. 6 1884

The Church at Bethlehem met. Preaching by our Pastor no business.

W<sup>m</sup> H. Francis Clk

Saturday January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1885

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business, member present from Sister Churches were invited to seats with us, a door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the Church but no one came forward, no other business, adjourned in order

W<sup>m</sup> H. Francis Clk

Saturday Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 1885

The Church at Bethlehem met but had no preaching on account of the absence of our Pastor, Bro. J. R. Kernes opened and conducted the meeting by reading the scriptures singing and prayer, no business transactions done adjourned in order

W<sup>m</sup> H. Francis Clk.

Saturday Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> 1885.

The Church at Bethlehem met, and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business. Members present from Sister Churches were invited to seats with us a door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the Church, but no one came forward, no other business adjourned in order. W<sup>m</sup>. H. Francis Clk.

Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> 1885.

The Church at Bethlehem met but had no preaching on account of the absence of our Pastor. Brother J. R. Keres opened and conducted the meeting by reading the scriptures singing and prayer no business transactions done adjourned in order. W<sup>m</sup>. H. Francis Clk.

Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1885.

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business. Members present from Sister Churches were invited to seats with us a door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the Church, but no one came forward. The case of America Pickett was taken up and she was received for baptism, the baptism to take place the first Sunday in June. No other business adjourned in order. W<sup>m</sup>. H. Francis Clk.

Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> 1885

The Church at Bethlehem met and after  
preaching by our Pastor proceeded to  
read members present from sister churches  
were invited to seat with us a door was  
then opened for the reception of members  
by experience and baptism of others  
according to the rules and regulations of the  
Church no one came forward Brethren H. C.  
Wm. H. Francis were appointed as a  
committee to attend to preparing our meeting  
house for other brethren's adjourned in order  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> America ticket was purchased  
and received in the church

Wm. H. Francis Clerk

Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> 1885

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching  
by our Pastor proceeded to business members present  
from sister churches were invited to seat  
with us a door was then opened for the reception  
of members by experience and baptism of others  
according to the rules and regulations of the  
Church, no one came forward, Brother Geo. R.  
Kearse was appointed to write our letter to  
the corresponding meeting to be held with the  
Church at Church London County Virginia  
August 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1885, no other business  
adjourned in order Wm. H. Francis Clerk

Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup> 1885

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business members present from Sister Church were invited to seats with us a door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the church but no one came forward. Brother Geo R Kernes who was appointed to write our letter to the corresponding meeting to be held with the Ebenezer Church Loudon county Virginia August 12<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1885 presented the same which was read and adopted. a collection was then taken up for the printing of the minutes and three dollars and fifty cents was raised. No other business adjourned in order

Wm H. Francis Clk

Saturday Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 1885

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business members present from Sister Churches were invited to seats with us a door was the opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the church but no one came forward. No other business adjourned in order

Wm H. Francis Clk

Saturday Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1885

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Elder E. V. White proceeded to business. Members present from sister Churches were invited to seats with us a door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the Church but no one came forward. No other business, adjourned in order. W<sup>m</sup> H. Francis Clk

Saturday Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> 1885

The Church at Bethlehem met, but had no preaching on account of the absence of our Pastor. Brother Geo K. Kernes opened and conducted the meeting by reading the scriptures singing and prayer. No business transacted adjourned. W<sup>m</sup> H. Francis Clk.

Saturday Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 1885

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business. Members present from sister churches were invited to seats with us a door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the <sup>rules</sup> and regulations of the church but no one came forward. No other business adjourned in order. W<sup>m</sup> H. Francis Clk.

Saturday Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 1886

The Church at Bethlehem met and at  
ten preaching by our pastor proceeded  
to business members present from the  
ten churches were invited to seat with us  
a door was then opened for the reception of  
members by experience and baptism or otherwise  
according to the rules and regulations of the  
church but we are unable to forward the other  
memo, adjourned in order

Wm. H. Francis  
Saturdays Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> 1886

There was the meeting on account  
of inclement weather Wm. H. Francis

Saturdays March 6<sup>th</sup> 1886

The Church at Bethlehem met and after  
preaching by our pastor proceeded to  
business members present from  
broken churches were invited to seat  
with us, a door was then opened for the  
reception of members by experience  
and baptism or otherwise according to  
the rules and regulations of the church  
but we are unable to forward the other  
memo, adjourned in order

Wm. H. Francis  
Church for several months on account of  
difficulties in other business, adjourned  
in order



Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1886.

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business. Members present from sister churches were invited seats with us a door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the Church but no one came forward. no other business adjourned in order.

W<sup>m</sup> H. Francis Clk.

Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup> 1886

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business. Members present from sister churches were invited seats with us, a door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the Church but no one came forward, no other business, adjourned in order.

W<sup>m</sup> H. Francis Clk.

Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> 1886

The Church at Bethlehem met but had no preaching on account of the absence of our pastor Brother J. R. Kerns opened and conducted the meeting by reading the scriptures singing and prayer no business transacted adjourned in order.

W<sup>m</sup> H. Francis Clk.

Saturday July 31<sup>st</sup> 1886

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceed to business members present from sister churches were invited to seats with us a door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the church but no one came forward Brother W<sup>m</sup>. H. Francis was appointed to write our letter to the corresponding meeting to be held with <sup>the</sup> Occoquan Church Prince George County Va August 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1887. No other business adjourned in order

W<sup>m</sup>. H. Francis Clk.

Saturday July 31<sup>st</sup> 1886

The Bethlehem Church met and after preaching by the Pastor proceeded to business members present from sister churches were invited to seats with us a door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the Church but no one came forward Brother W<sup>m</sup>. H. Francis who was appointed to write the letter to the corresponding <sup>meeting</sup> to be held with the Occoquan Church August 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> presented the same which read and adopted on motion of Bro. H. C. Steers the corresponding meeting was invited to hold her next annual session with us commencing on Wednesday before the third Sunday in August 1887 a collection was then taken up for the printing of the minutes and \$3<sup>50</sup> was raised no other business adjourned in order

W<sup>m</sup>. H. Francis Clk.

Saturday Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1882

The Church at Bethlehem met and after  
preaching by our Pastor, proceeded to business  
members present from sister churches  
were invited to seats with no a door was  
then opened for the reception of members  
by experience and baptism or otherwise  
according to the rules and regulations of the  
Church but no one came forward for other  
business so adjourned in order.

Wm. H. Francis Clerk

Saturday Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1882

The Church at Bethlehem met and after  
preaching by our Pastor, proceeded to business  
members present from sister churches were  
invited seats with no a door was then opened  
for the reception of members by experience  
and baptism or otherwise according to the  
rules and regulations of the Church but  
no one came forward for other business  
so adjourned in order.

Wm. H. Francis Clerk

Saturday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 1882

The Church at Bethlehem met and  
after preaching by our Pastor, proceeded  
to business members present from sister  
churches were invited to seats with no  
a door was then opened for the reception  
of members by experience and baptism or  
otherwise according to the rules and regu-  
lations of the Church but no one came for-  
ward for other business so adjourned in order.

Wm. H. Francis Clerk

Saturday Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1886

The Church at Bethlehem met but had no preaching on account of the sickness of our Pastor. Bro. J. R. Keines opened and conducted the meeting by reading the scriptures singing and prayer. adjourned in order

W<sup>m</sup> H. Francis CLK.

Saturday Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 1887

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by the pastor proceeded to business. Members present from Sisters churches were invited to seats with us a door was opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or other wise according to the rules and regulations of the Church. No one came forward no other business adjourned in order.

W<sup>m</sup> H. Francis CLK.

Saturday Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 1887.

No Meeting on account of inclement weather

W<sup>m</sup> H. Francis CLK.

Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> 1887

No Meeting on account of inclement weather

W<sup>m</sup> H. Francis CLK.

Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1887

The Church at Bethlehem met but had no preaching on account of the absence of our pastor Bro. J. R. Keines opened and conducted the meeting by reading the scriptures singing and prayer. preaching on Sunday by our pastor. W<sup>m</sup> H. Francis CLK.

Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1887  
The Church at Bethlehem met and after  
preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business  
members present from sister churches were  
admitted to seats with us a door was then  
opened for the reception of members by  
experience and baptism or otherwise according  
ing to the rules and regulations of the church

Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> 1887  
The Church at Bethlehem met and after  
preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business  
members present from sister churches  
were admitted to seats with us a door was  
then opened for the reception of members by  
experience and baptism or otherwise according  
to the rules and regulations of the church  
one came forward as other business adjourned  
in order

Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> 1887  
The Church at Bethlehem met and after  
preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business  
members present from sister churches were in  
admitted to seats with us a door was then  
opened for the reception of members by experi-  
ence and baptism, or otherwise according to the  
rules and regulations of the church, but no  
one came forward, no other business, adjourned  
in order.

but not one came forward Brother Eli J. Kid

well were appointed to write the corresponding  
letter of this church to the corresponding meeting  
to be held with us commencing on Wednesday before  
the third Sunday in August 1887. Brother Elmer  
& Francis were appointed a committee to make arrange-  
ments for the meeting. Communion to morrow: no other  
business adjourned in order

Wm. H. Francis Secy.

Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> 1887

The Church at Bethlehem met and after

preaching by our pastor proceeded to receive

new members present from sister churches

were invited to read with us, a door was

then opened for the reception of members by

experience and baptism or otherwise according

to the rules and regulations of the church. No

one came forward. The letter written by Brother

Eli J. Kidwell to the corresponding meeting to be

held with this church Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> was read

and adopted. Brother S. J. Strington for R. Korman  
& Wm. H. Francis were appointed messengers  
to the corresponding meeting a collection was  
the taken up for printing minutes and their cost  
(see page) raised no other business adjourned  
in order

Wm. H. Francis Secy.

Saturday Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1887

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business. Members present from sister churches were invited to seats with us, a door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the Church but no one came forward. No other business adjourned in order.

Wm. H. Francis Clerk

Saturday Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1887

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business. Members present from sister churches were invited to seats with us, a door was then opened for the reception of members by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the Church. Lavenia Monro (Col) came forward and after a relation of her experience, the Church not all being of one mind as to receiving her, her case was postponed until next meeting. No other business adjourned in order.

Wm. H. Francis Clerk,

Saturday Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 1881

The Church at Bethlehem met and after  
preaching by our Pastor proceeded to have  
new members received from several churches  
so were invited to seats with us a door was  
then opened for the reception of members  
by experience and baptism or otherwise  
according to the rules and regulations  
of the church he then came forward, the  
case of Sabina. When she was taken up  
and she was unanimously received for baptism  
them. But on account of the absence of her  
husband her baptism was postponed until  
the first Sunday in Dec. No other business  
adjourned in order.

Wm. H. Francis Clerk

Saturday Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 1881

The Church at Bethlehem met and after  
preaching by our Pastor, proceeded to  
have new members received from several  
churches were invited to seats with us.  
An offering unity was then given to any  
one who might wish to unite with us  
by experience and baptism or otherwise  
according to the rules and regulations  
of the Church. Bro. W. Johnson came  
forward and related his experience and  
was received for baptism. Baptizing &  
take place tomorrow morning at nine o'clock  
No other business adjourned in order

W. H. Francis Clerk



Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>

Saturday Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 1888

The Church at Bethlehem met but had no preach

ing on account of the illness of our Pastor after

prayer and prayer by Rev. Kerner, the adjourned

Wm. H. Francis Clerk

Saturday Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 1888.

No Meeting at Bethlehem on account of the in-

convenience of the weather Wm. H. Francis Clerk

Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1888

The Church at Bethlehem met and after

preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business

members present from other churches were

invited to seat with us, an offering was

then given to any one who might wish

to unite with us by experience and baptism

Wm. H. Francis according to the rules and

regulations of the Church, Bro. Hannah -

Johnson came forward and related his experience

and was received for baptism, at his request

his baptism was postponed until the first Sunday

in May, no other business, adjourned in order

Wm. H. Francis Clerk

Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup> 1888

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor, proceeded to business members present from sister Churches were invited to seats with us, an opportunity was then given to any one who might wish to unite with us by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the church but no one came forward, no other business, adjourned in order

Wm. H. Francis Ck.

Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> 1888

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business members present from sister Churches were invited to seats with us an opportunity was then given to anyone who might wish to unite with us by experience and and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the Church, but no one came forward, no other business adjourned in order.

Wm. H. Francis Ck.

Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1888

The Church at Bethlehem met and after

preaching by our Pastor proceeded to have

also members present from sister churches

were invited to seat with us, an opportunity

was then given to any one who might wish to

write with us by experience and ~~affection~~ <sup>affection</sup>

on otherwise according to the rules and regula-

tions of the Church, but no one came forward

no other business adjourned in order.

Wm. H. Francis Collr

Saturday June 30<sup>th</sup> 1888

The Church at Bethlehem met and after

preaching by our Pastor proceeded to have

members present from sister churches

were invited to seat with us, an opportunity

was then given to any one who might wish

to write with us by experience and help-

ful from or otherwise according to the rules

and regulations of the Church, but no

one came forward. Brother H. C. Stone

was appointed to write our letter to the

congregating meeting to be held with the

Church at New Valley London County Va.

commencing on Wednesday before the third Sunday

August 1888. No other business adjourned in

order

Wm. H. Francis Collr

1888

Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup>

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business. Members present from sister Churches were invited to seats with us, an opportunity was then given to any one who might wish to unite with us by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the Church. A Colored man by the name of -- Randall came forward and related his experience. But the Church not being satisfied to receive him his case was deferred. The letter to the Corresponding Meeting was called for read and adopted a collection for printing minutes was taken up and three dollars \$3<sup>00</sup> raised for same. No other business adjourned in order

W<sup>m</sup> H. Francis Clk

Saturday Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1888

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business. Members present from sister Churches were invited to seats with us, an opportunity was then given to any one who might wish to unite with us by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules and regulations of the Church. No one came forward no other business adjourned in order

W<sup>m</sup> H. Francis Clk

Saturday Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1888

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business. Members present from sister churches were invited to seats with us, an opportunity was then given to any one who might wish to unite with the church by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules of the church no one came forward, no other business adjourned in order

W<sup>m</sup> H. Francis Clk.

Saturday Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1888

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business. Members present from sister churches were invited to seats with us an opportunity was then given to any one who might wish to unite with the church by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules of the church, no one came forward no other business adjourned in order

W<sup>m</sup> H. Francis Clk.

Saturday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 1888

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business. Members present from Sister Churches were invited to seats with us, an opportunity was then given to any one who might wish to unite with us by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules of the Church. No one came forward, no other business adjourned in order. Wm. H. Francis Clk

Saturday Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> 1889

There was no meeting on account of the inclemency of the weather.

Wm. H. Francis Clk

Saturday Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1889

The Church at Bethlehem but had no preaching on account of the illness of our Pastor Brother Geo R Kernes. He opened and conducted the meeting by reading the Scriptures singing and prayer. No business attended to. adjourned in order.

Wm. H. Francis Clk

Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1889

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business members present from sister Churches were invited to seats with us an opportunity was then given to any one who might wish ~~with~~ to unite with us by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules of the Church. No one came forward. Brethren Geo. W. Johnson and W. H. Francis were appointed a committee to repair the wall under the South<sup>west</sup> west corner of the Meetinghouse. No other business adjourned in order

W<sup>m</sup> H. Francis Clk

Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> 1889

No meeting on account of the inclemency of the weather

W<sup>m</sup> H. Francis Clk

Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> 1889

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business members present from sister Churches were invited to seats with us an opportunity was then given to any one might wish to unite with the Church by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules

and regulations of the Church. May F May  
hugh came forward related her experience  
and was received for baptism. The baptizing  
to take place the first Sunday in July.

No other business, adjourned in order

Wm H. Francis Clk

Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> 1889

No meeting at Bethlehem on account  
of the flood.

Wm H. Francis

Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup> 1889

The Church at Bethlehem met and  
after <sup>preaching</sup> by our Pastor proceeded to busi-  
ness, members present from Sister Church  
es were invited to seats with us, an oppo-  
tunity was then given to anyone who  
might wish to unite with us by experi-  
ence and baptism or otherwise according  
to the rules of the Church. Mrs Catherine  
Mayhugh came forward related her expe-  
rience and was received for baptism  
Bro. B. T. Spindle was appointed to write  
our letter to the corresponding Meeting to be  
held with our sister Church at Quantico  
Prince Wm Co Va, commencing on Wednesday  
before the third Sunday in August 1889.

No other business adjourned in order

Wm H. Francis Clk

Sunday July 7 1889

Mrs Catherine Mayhugh and her daughter



Ter. Miss Magg F. Maghugh were baptised and  
received into the Church.

Ev. H. F. Calk

Saturday Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 1887

The Church at Bethlehem met and after  
preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business  
Members present from sister churches were invi-  
ted to seats with us. an opportunity was then given  
to any one who might wish to unite with us  
by experience and baptism or otherwise according  
to the rules of the Church. No one came forward.  
The letter to the corresponding meeting was called  
for, read and adopted. a collection was taken  
up for printing minutes and three dollars  
raised for the same Brethren Wm. H. Francis & G. W.  
Johnson who were appointed at our March  
meeting to repair the wall of the meeting house  
reported that the repairs were completed at a cost  
of four dollars and seventy five cents (\$4.75) which  
amount was raised and paid over. Sister Sarah  
Myers (one of our coloured members) having violated  
the rules of the Church and persisting in the  
same, the Church unanimously withdraws  
fellowship from her, no other business adjourned  
in order Wm. H. Francis Calk.

Saturday Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> 1889

The Church at Bethlehem met and after  
preaching by our pastor proceeded to business  
members present from sister churches were  
led to seat with us. An opportunity was then given  
to any one who might wish to unite with the  
Church by experience and baptism or otherwise accor-  
ding to the will of the Church in our case for  
ward, no other business arranged in order

Wm. H. Francis, Clerk

Saturday Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 1889

The Church at Bethlehem met and after  
preaching by our pastor proceeded to business  
members present from sister churches were  
led to seat with us. An opportunity was then given  
to any one who might wish to unite with us by ex-  
perience and baptism or otherwise accor-  
ding to the will of the Church in our case for  
ward, no other business arranged in order

Wm. H. Francis, Clerk

Saturday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1889

The Church at Bethlehem met and af-  
ter preaching by our pastor proceeded to  
business members present from sister  
churches were invited to seat with us  
an opportunity was then given to any one  
who might wish to unite with us by ex-  
perience and baptism or otherwise accor-  
ding to the will of the Church in our case  
forward. <sup>the following</sup> letter to the Occidentarian Church  
was read by our pastor and adopted by the  
Church protesting against their withdrawal

at from the corresponding meeting  
The Bethel  
Church of Pittsboro, N.C. in her sister church of  
Occoquan, N.C. kindly greeting  
Dear Brethren,  
I am Brethren I have  
become our painful duty to call your attention  
to certain matters vitally affecting our fellowship  
& welfare as churches of Jesus Christ. First - By  
the action of your messengers in the corresponding  
meeting of the 11th with the Quaker church in  
Aug 1839 & who claimed to be governed by your  
authority & agreed, you withdrew from the correspon-  
ding meeting & from the brethren of other associations.  
present at that meeting - leaving your action upon certain  
changes specified in your letter to the meeting. We  
feel assured that you have been misinformed &  
mistaken in regard to the matter upon which your  
changes are based & also that you were deceived &  
misled by the statement made to you by Elder almost  
your faith that your withdrawal would not be a  
break of fellowship with the churches of the cor-  
responding meeting. We consider your action under the  
circumstances a declaration of non-fellowship & we  
cannot see how those members of your church  
body who may have taken action to the stand taken  
by you & joined in said withdrawal can retain  
the fellowship of the churches of the corresponding  
meeting. Second. The course pursued by Elder almost

your factor in the last or three years last past in  
ing the state of disunion & division among brethren  
in determining charges of unorthodoxy against me  
order of our order, charges of unorthodoxy in doctrine  
order, against ministers with whom we have been inter-  
by acquainted for many years, whom we have held  
close fellowship & communion, whose faithfulness has been  
tried in many a fiery ordeal & in whom we see no  
departure from the doctrine and order held by them  
return ed, I do not himself prepared to hold them  
the highest esteem & fellowship - he considers in the past  
of ed, I do not we consider in the highest degree in dis-  
likely, we do not question the right of ed, I do not or  
any brother to the particular views he holds upon  
some of the deep, mysterious points in the doctrine of  
the new birth, as called, but we do most emphatically  
protest against those views being made a test of  
fellowship among us. They never have been brethren  
holding each other in close fellowship & walking together  
in Christian love & harmony have no difference, and that  
difference has never been allowed to mar their fellow-  
ship in the least, we do certainly protest against the  
course pursued & the effort made to separate the ranks  
of the living God upon such an issue - we think the  
order of the Gospel requires of us that we bring these  
things to your notice, & exhort you to labor with ed,  
I trust your factor in the spirit of the love of  
Christ & if he will not hear you, that prayer shall  
be taken to clear his conscience from all unright-  
ness according to the commandment of the Lord Jesus

of the Church -

Read by order of the Church at her

regular meeting Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1899

J. N. Bauger mod.

Wm. H. Francis Secy

the other business adjourned in order

W. H. Francis Secy

Sabbath Day Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 1889

The Church at Bethlehem met but had no pre

aching on account of the illness of our Pastor

Bethlehem Home & Rural church and conducted

the meeting by reading the scriptures singing &

Prayer Mr. Bauger's adjourned in order

W. H. Francis Secy

Preaching on Sunday by Eld. P. S. Bauger

Saturday Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 1890

The Church at Bethlehem met & after preaching

by our Pastor proceeded to business members

and from other churches of the same faith and order

with us, were invited to read with us, an opportunity

was then given to any one who might wish to unite

with us by repentance and baptism or other measures

king to the rules of the church. Brother Samual, Bauger

formerly a member of the Quaker church, and has

ing withdrawn from that church on account of her

withdrawal from the corresponding meeting of

the same forward and desired to unite with us  
but the church having entered a letter of protest

against the withdrawal of the program &  
Quintice churches from the coordinating meeting  
his case was deferred until the matter was settled  
a charge of ~~disorder~~ having been brought against  
the following members of Bethel church, namely,  
James E. Penn, George W. Moore, Annie Penn, Frankie  
Dyer, Mary Dyer, Annie Dyer, Belle Dyer,  
Aimee Dyer, Kate, Alice & Emma  
Wells, and the eight first named having been  
written upon and cited to the church at their  
meeting and they all having positively refused  
to appear before the church, after due deliberation  
was <sup>the</sup> more & decided & unanimously carried  
that this church withdraw fellowship from those  
brother George W. Moore was appointed to wait upon sister  
daily sister & cite her to appear before the church  
at her next meeting, also to write to sister Emma  
Wells who lives in Kentucky citing her to the  
church, no other business adjourned in order  
New H. Francis Clerk  
Saturday, Feb. 1st 1890

The Church met, Preaching by sister  
for no church meeting.  
New H. Francis Clerk  
Saturday, March 1st 1890  
No meeting on account of inclement  
weather and the absence of our Pastor  
New H. Francis Clerk

Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup> 1890

The Church at Bethlehem met and after

preaching by our pastor proceeded to business

members present from sister churches of

the same faith and order were invited to seat

with us, and forthwith was then given to any

one who might wish to unite with by experience

and Baptism or otherwise according to the wishes

of The Church Brother James M. Barker who

made application of our January meeting for

membership with us was unanimously received

as a member of this Church Brother

James who was appointed as our representative

ing to their sister daily at the same and etc

her to the Church reported that he had

done so and the position referred to attend

Church or be reconciled to the will of the Church

whereupon it was moved and decreed and

unanimously carried that this Church with

draw fellowship from the said daily

at the. Bro. Francis also reported that he

had communicated with sister Emma with

and received an answer stating that she

was perfectly satisfied with the work

of the Church and expected to abide by

them her case was closed, Mr. other

business adjourned in order

Wm. H. Francis & Co

Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1890

The Church at Bethlehem met and  
after preaching by our Pastor proceeded  
to welcome members present from other  
churches were invited to seat with us

an opportunity was then given to any one  
who might wish to unite with us by ex-  
pense and baptism or otherwise according  
to the rules of the church no one came

forward no other business advanced  
in order

Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup> 1890

The Church at Bethlehem met but  
had no preaching our Pastor being at  
and attending the eastern association  
Brother J. R. Kiser conducted services by  
reading the scriptures singing and prayer

no church meeting

Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup> 1890

The Church at Bethlehem met and after  
preaching by our Pastor proceeded to wel-  
come members present from other churches  
were invited to seat with us an offer  
being then given to any one who  
might wish to unite with the church  
by expense and baptism or otherwise  
according to the rules of the church  
Miss Martha French came forward  
related her experience and was received



For baptism. Sister Martha Chapman also  
came forward and desired membership with  
us, she having withdrawn from the Quaker Church  
on account of her withdrawal from the same  
pending meeting she was unanimously received  
in to the Church. Brother Eli J. Kildwell was  
appointed to write the letter from this Church  
to the corresponding meeting to be held with  
the Young Man Church San Francisco commencing  
on Wednesday before the third Sunday in August  
1890, no other business adjourned in order  
Wm. H. Francis Clerk

Saturday Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1890

The Church at Berkeley met and after  
preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business  
members present from sister churches were  
invited to seat with us. an offer of money was  
then given to any one who might wish to  
work with the Church by experience and labors  
from or otherwise according to the rules of the  
Church. Sister Emma Warner formerly a  
member of the Quaker Church and having  
withdrawn from that Church on account of her  
withdrawal from the corresponding meeting  
came forward and desired to unite with us  
she was unanimously received. The letter  
to the corresponding meeting was called for  
read and adopted three dollars & fifty cents

was raised for printing minutes. All white male members who might be in attendance at the corresponding meeting were requested to serve as messengers. This church unanimously endorses the action of the corresponding meeting at her last session in refusing to drop correspondence with the Juniata association of Penn., adjourned in order

Wm. H. Francis

Saturday Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1890

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business. Members present from sister churches were invited to seats with us, an opportunity was then given to any one who might wish to unite with the Church by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules of the Church. Sister Virginia Payne formerly a member of the Cocoguan Church and having withdrawn from that Church on account of her withdrawal from the corresponding meeting came forward and desired to unite with us and after a relation of her experience was unanimously received into the Church. No other business adjourned in order

Wm. H. Francis C. R.

Saturday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 1890

The Church at Bethlehem met but had

no preaching. Brother Jacob R. Kinnis gave an

address the meeting by reading the Sermon

Praying and Praise. No business transacted

adjourned in order  
Wm. H. Francis Clerk

Saturday Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1890

The Church at Bethlehem met and after

preaching by our pastor proceeded to have

new members present from sister churches and

invited to state with us, an opportunity was then

given to any one who might wish to unite

with the Church by experience and baptism or

otherwise according to the rules of the Church

The one came forward; Communion Transacted

no other business adjourned in order  
Wm. H. Francis Clerk

Saturday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 1890

The Church at Bethlehem met and after

preaching by our pastor proceeded to business

Members present from sister churches

were invited to state with us, and opportunity

was given to any one who might

wish to unite with the Church by experience

and baptism or otherwise according to the rules

of the Church but no one came forward

no other business adjourned in order  
Wm. H. Francis Clerk

Saturday Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 1891

The Church at Bethlehem met but had no preaching on account of the illness of our Pastor Bro. J. R. Kerns opened and conducted services reading the scriptures singing and prayer no church meeting

Wm. H. Francis Clk

Saturday Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 1891

no meeting on account of inclement weather preaching on Sunday by Elder P. S. Lester W. H. F. Clk

Saturday Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> 1891

The Church at Bethlehem met but had no preaching. Brother J. R. Kerns opened and conducted services by reading the scriptures singing and prayer no church meeting

Wm. H. Francis Clk

Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> 1891

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by her Pastor proceeded to business members present from sister churches were invited to seats with us, an opportunity was given to any one who might to unite with us by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules of the Church no one came forward no other business adjourned in order

Wm. H. Francis Clk

Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1891

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by her Pastor proceeded to business. Members present from sister Churches were invited to seats with us, an opportunity was then given to any one who might wish to unite with us by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules of the Church no one came forward, no other business adjourned in order

Wm. H. Francis Clk

Sat. June 6<sup>th</sup> 1891

The Church at Bethlehem met but had no preaching our Pastor being absent attending the eastern associations. Bro Geo R Kerns opened and conducted service, reading the scriptures singing and prayer no church meeting

Wm. H. Francis Clk

Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> 1891

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by the pastor proceeded <sup>to business</sup> members present from sister Churches were invited to seats with us an opportunity was then given to any one who might wish to unite with us by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules of the Church, Brother Deland Lynn who was formerly a member of the Quantica Church came forward and desired a home among us and was unanimously received Brother H. C. Steers was appointed to write the letter from this Church to the corresponding meeting to

~~Saturday Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1891~~

he held with the Will Creek Church Babely  
Cair's Day Commencing on Wednesday before the third  
Sunday in August, Communion however no other  
business adjourned  
Mrs H. Francis Cole

Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup> 1891

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by  
our Pastor proceeded to business members present  
from sister churches were invited to seat with us.

an opportunity was then given to any one who  
might wish to unite with the Church by experience  
and baptism or otherwise according to the rules of the  
Church but no one came forward. The letter to  
the corresponding meeting was called for read and

the corresponding meeting was called for read and  
adopted then J. I. Badya was appointed as messengers  
from this Church. Three dollars was sent for

printing money to Brother W. H. Francis was appointed  
to have the steps to our meeting house repaired  
and report cost of our next meeting given and

to commune with the Church and after the  
Church having labored with her the Will  
refused to receive reconciled to come to the  
Communion table the Church unanimously

withdrew fellowship from her. No other  
business adjourned in order

Mrs H. Francis Cole

Saturday Sept. 5 1891

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by Eld. A. B. Francis proceeded to business members present from sister churches were invited to seats with us, an opportunity was then given to any one who might wish to unite with the church by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules of the church no one came forward. Sister Kitty German one of our coloured members expressed a wish to ~~leave~~ us and unite with a coloured church - but her case was postponed until next meeting. Brother Wm. H. Francis who was appointed at our last meeting to have new steps made for the meeting house, reported that he had done so, at a cost of six dollars and ten cents (\$6<sup>10/100</sup>) a collection was then taken up for same, and two dollars and sixty cents (\$2<sup>60/100</sup>) raised. no other business adjourned in order

Wm. H. Francis Clk.

Saturday Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1891

The Church at Bethlehem met but had no preaching on account of the absence of our pastor Bro. J. R. Kerns conducted services by reading the scriptures singing and prayer. after which the church convened for business. Brother Kerns being chosen Moderator, the case of Kitty German was taken up and after consultation it was decided to postpone the matter until next meeting, a collection was taken up to pay for steps and two dollars (\$2<sup>00/100</sup>) raised

Mr other business arranged in order

Wm. H. Francis Esq

Saturday Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 1891

The Church at Bethlehem met and after

preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business

members present from Sister Churches were

invited to seat with us, an opportunity

was then given to any one who might wish

to unite with us by experience and baptism

or otherwise according to the rules of the

Church but no one came forward, the case

of Kitty German was taken up and the

Church unanimously withdrew fellowship

from her a collection was then taken up

to finish paying for the slips to the meeting

house and the necessary amount raised, Mr

other business arranged in order

Wm. H. Francis Esq

Saturday Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 1891

The Church at Bethlehem met and after

preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business

members present from Sister Churches were

invited to seat with us, an opportunity

was then given to any one who might wish to unite

with the Church by experience and baptism or other

ways according to the rules of the Church and

no one came forward, no other business arranged

in order

Wm. H. Francis Esq



Saturday Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1892

No meeting Saturday or Sunday on account of the illness of our Pastor.

Wm. H. Francis, Clerk

Saturday Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> 1892

We preaching, our Pastor being absent on account of the inclemency of the weather a few of the brethren met and Father Kinn conducted services by reading the scriptures singing and prayer.

Wm. H. Francis, Clerk

Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 1892

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business. Members present from sister churches were invited to seat with us an opportunity was then given to any one who might wish to unite with the Church by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules of the Church, we are forward to other churches adjustment in order.

Wm. H. Francis, Clerk

Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1892

The Church at Bethlehem met but had no preaching Brother J. R. Kinn conducted services by reading the scriptures singing and prayer.

Wm. H. Francis, Clerk

Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> 1892

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by the Pastor proceeded to business. Members present from Sister Churches were invited to seats with us. an opportunity was then given to any one who might wish to unite with us by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules of the Church no one came forward. no other business adjourned in order W<sup>m</sup>. H. Francis Clk

Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> 1892

No preaching on account of the absence of our Pastor attending the eastern associations a few of the Brethren met and Brother G R Kerns conducted services by reading the scriptures singing and prayer

W<sup>m</sup>. H. Francis Clk.

Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1892

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business. Members present from Sister Churches were invited to seats with us. an opportunity was then given to any one who might wish to unite with us by experience and baptism or otherwise according to the rules of the Church. Rosetta King (Colored) formerly a member of a Colored

Church in Washington, and having withdrawn  
herself from that body, came forward and  
desired a home with us, and after a short  
time her experience was unanimously received  
as a member of this Church. Brother  
Wm. H. Francis was appointed to write the  
letter from this Church to the corresponding  
meeting to be held with the Mt  
Pier, Church Newton County, Ga. Commencing  
on Wednesday before the third Sunday in Aug.  
next. Commencement tomorrow. No other business  
agreed in order. Wm. H. Francis Clerk

Saturday Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> 1892

The Church at Bethlehem met and after  
preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business  
morning present from sister churches  
were invited to deal with no an experience  
by his gown to any one who might wish  
to unite with us by experience and baptism  
or otherwise according to the rules of the  
Church no one came forward. The letter  
to the corresponding meeting was called for  
and accepted. Three dollars was raised  
for printing all which made number of the  
meeting was regarded to some as  
necessary to the same. Mr. other  
business adjourned

Wm. H. Francis Clerk

Saturday Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1892

The Church at Bethlehem met and after  
preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business  
members present from sister churches were  
invited to seats with us. An opportunity was  
then given to any one who might wish  
to unite with the Church by experience and  
baptism or otherwise according to the rules  
of the Church, we our came forward, no  
other business adjourned in order

Wm. H. Francis Clerk

Saturday - Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1892

No meeting

Wm. H. Francis Clerk

Saturday Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1892

The Church at Bethlehem met and after  
preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business  
members present from sister churches were invited to  
seats with us an opportunity was then given  
to any one who might wish to unite with  
us by experience and baptism or otherwise  
according to the rules of the Church we our  
came forward, no other business adjourned  
in order

Wm. H. Francis Clerk

Saturday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 1892

The Church at Bethlehem met. Preaching  
by our Pastor. No business

W<sup>m</sup>. H. Francis Clk.

Saturday Jan. Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1892

The Church at Bethlehem met  
No preaching on account of the ill-  
ness of our Pastor.

W<sup>m</sup>. H. Francis Clk.

Saturday Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 1893

The Church at Bethlehem met but  
had preaching on account of absence  
of our Pastor

W<sup>m</sup>. H. Francis Clk

Saturday March 4 1893

No Meeting on account of inclem-  
ent weather W<sup>m</sup>. H. Francis Clk

Saturday Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> 1893

The Church at Bethlehem met.  
Preaching by our Pastor no business

W<sup>m</sup>. H. Francis Clk

May 6<sup>th</sup> 1893

April 1<sup>st</sup> 1893

Saturday ~~May 6<sup>th</sup>~~ 1893

The Church at Bethlehem met  
preaching by our Pastor, no business

W<sup>m</sup>. H. Francis Clk

Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1893

The Church at Bethlehem met  
Preaching by our Pastor. No busi-  
ness adjourned in order.

Wm. H. Francis Clk

Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> 1893

The Church at Bethlehem met  
Preaching by our Pastor no busi-  
ness. adjourned in order

Wm. H. Francis Clk

Saturday Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> 1893

The Church at Bethlehem met  
Preaching by our Pastor. No business  
adjourned in order. Sunday Aug 6<sup>th</sup>

Preaching by our Pastor.

Saturday Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 1893

The Church at Bethlehem met  
No Preaching on account of the absence  
of our Pastor Brother Jno. R. Kernes conducted  
services by reading the scriptures singing and  
prayer after which the church was called to  
order for business Bro. Kernes was chosen  
Moderator Brother Kernes was appointed to write  
the letter from this Church to the correspon-  
ding meeting, to be held with the Ebenezer  
Church Aoudon Co. Va, Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>.

The church met on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup>

Saturday Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 1893

The Church at Bethlehem met and after preaching by our Pastor proceeded to business. The letter to the Corresponding meeting was read and adopted three dollars was raised for printing minutes, all white male members who might be in attendance at the corresponding meeting were appointed as messengers to the same no other business.

Wm. H. Francis CLK

Saturday Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 1893

The Church at Bethlehem met preaching by our Pastor no business. Preaching on Sunday

Wm. H. Francis CLK

Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1893

The Church at Bethlehem met, and after preaching by our Pastor, [J. N. Badger] proceeded to business; Members from Sister Churches present, were invited to sit in Council with us.

An opportunity was given to any one, who might wish to unite with the Church by experience & baptism, or otherwise, according to the rules of the Church, no one came forward.

Bro. W. H. Francis was relieved of the "Clerkship", [his resignation being accepted by the Church] and on motion of Bro. Kernes - Bro. Geo. W. Johnson, was elected in his place,

Ordered, that a collection be taken up on  
Sunday, for the benefit of the Sexton; no  
other business - Adjourned in order.

Preaching on Sunday - Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
by our Pastor, from the 5<sup>3<sup>rd</sup></sup> Chap. 11<sup>th</sup> verse of  
"Isaiah". - Collection - for the  
benefit of the Sexton, \$2.31  
Geo. W. Johnson - Clerk

Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> 1894

The Church at Bethlehem met: illness pre-  
vented our Pastor (J. W. Badger) from meeting  
with us. Bro. Eli Kidwell, read the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chap. of  
Genesis - and spoke from the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> verses.

After meeting a collection was taken up, for  
the relief of Sister Mary Makew \$2.59  
was collected: Adjourned in order.

Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>  
The Church at Bethlehem met; and Bro.  
Kidwell, spoke from the 25<sup>th</sup> Verse, 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter  
of John.

Geo. W. Johnson, - Clerk



Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> - 1894.  
The Church at Bathelhem met - our Pastor,  
J. N. Hodges, preached from the 14<sup>th</sup> Verse  
of the Chap. of Romans: After preaching an invitation  
was given to any one who might wish to unite  
with us - according to rules of the Church - no one  
came forward: The minutes of our last Meeting  
were read - and tomorrow was announced, as  
our Communion season. - and notice was  
given that a collection would be taken at

Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
No meeting at Bathelhem.  
Geo. W. Johnson - Clerk

Saturday - March 3<sup>rd</sup> 94  
The Church at Bathelhem met - our Pastor  
(J. N. Hodges) was not able to meet with us,  
No Church meeting.  
Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup>

Saturday - February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1894.  
The Church at Bathelhem met - singing presented  
our Pastor (J. N. Hodges) from meeting with us -  
Bro. J. R. Kears read the 13<sup>rd</sup> Psalm and  
spoke on prayer: no prayers - adjourned in order  
Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup>  
The Church met - and Bro. John Kears  
conducted services by reading the 17<sup>th</sup> Chap of  
John - singing and prayer.  
Geo. W. Johnson - Clerk

for our Sexton: No other business - and meeting  
adjourned in order.

Sunday Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> - 1894

Preaching by our Pastor - from the 6<sup>th</sup>  
Chap. - 4<sup>th</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> Verse - inclusive) of Hebrews -

Collection was taken up for the Sexton -  
\$2.89 - was paid over - (\$2.69 of which was  
due on year 1893) Church was called  
to order - members from Sister Churches were  
invited to seats with us - at the communion  
table.

George W. Johnson - Clerk

Saturday - May 5<sup>th</sup> 1894

The Church at Bethlehem met; our  
Pastor J. N. Badger, was with us, and  
preached from the first four verses, of the  
53<sup>rd</sup> Chap. of Isaiah. After preaching,  
"Members of Sister Churches" were invited to  
seats with us; An opportunity was given  
to any one, who might wish to unite with  
the Church, by experience & baptism - or  
otherwise - no one came forward; no other  
business - and Church adjourned in order.

Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> '94

Preaching by our Pastor - J. N. Badger, from

13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> verses of the 12<sup>th</sup> Chap. of Ecclesi-  
-astes.

Wm. W. Johnson (Baker)

Saturday - June 2<sup>nd</sup> '97

All the Church at Bethelham met. Our Pastor  
J. M. Badger, was not with us. Bro. Eli Rickard  
read the 4<sup>th</sup> Chap. of John. No trawings.

Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

All the Church at Bethelham met. Bro.  
Eli G. Rickard read & spoke from the 10<sup>th</sup>  
Chap. of 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. - Corinthians.

Wm. W. Johnson - (Baker)

Saturday June 30<sup>th</sup> '97

According to previous appointment, the Church  
at Bethelham met. Our Pastor, M. Badger  
preached from the 7<sup>th</sup> Verse of the 1<sup>st</sup> Chap. of  
Matthew. After preaching the Church was called to  
order, an offering given to any one who  
might wish to unite with the Church - no one  
came forward. It was ordered that a collection  
be taken up on Sunday to defray the expense  
of outside repairs. An offering - Church adven-  
-ed in order.

Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup>

Preaching by our Pastor - from 1<sup>st</sup> to the

14<sup>th</sup> Verse of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chap. of Matthew. A collection  
of \$2.76 was taken up, after setting back

a balance of 46 - was left. The Church was called to Order, and Members from "Sister Churches of like faith and Order" - were invited to seats with us at the Communion table.

Geo. W. Johnson - Clerk.

Saturday Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> 1894

The Church at Bethlehem met, according to previous appointment, and our Pastor J. N. Badger preached from Hebrews

After preaching an opportunity was given for any one who might wish to unite with the Church by experience and Baptism or otherwise; no one came forward; no other business, Church adjourned in Order

Sunday Aug 5<sup>th</sup> '94

Preaching by our Pastor, from the 15<sup>th</sup> Chap. of Luke - beginning at the 11<sup>th</sup> Verse to the end of the Chapter.

Paid the Sexton, 75 cts

Geo. W. Johnson - Clerk.

Saturday September 1<sup>st</sup> '94

The Church at ~~Bethlehem~~ Bethlehem met, (according to previous appointment); Our Pastor preached from the 11<sup>th</sup> Chap. of Acts. Church called to order, and Members from Sister Churches of "like faith and Order", were invited to seats with us.

An opportunity was given for any one who might wish to unite with the Church; no one came

forward, On motion of Bro. Kearns, Bro. Benjamin Spindle was appointed to write the Corresponding letter to the Corresponding Meeting, to be held with the Bethlehem Church, on Wednesday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Oct.

Motion was made to take up a Collection at our next monthly meeting - to help defray the expenses of visiting Elders. No other business, adjourned in Order.

Sunday Sep. 2<sup>nd</sup> '94

Preaching by our Pastor, from 6<sup>th</sup> Chap. 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Verses, of the Song of Solomon.

Geo. W. Johnson, Clerk

Saturday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> - '94

The Church at Bethlehem met - and our Pastor, J. N. Badger preached from the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Verses of the 24<sup>th</sup> Psalm.

The Church was called to Order and members from Sister Churches - of like faith and order were invited to seats with, The letter to the Corresponding meeting was read and adopted.

A motion was made and seconded - to send for fifty copies of the minutes, a collection of three dollars was taken to pay for the same. An opportunity was given for any one, who might wish to unite with us, by Baptism or otherwise,

no one came forward. It was then  
announced, that "tomorrow", was our  
regular Communion Season; no other  
business - & Meeting adjourned in Order  
Sunday Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>

Preaching by our Pastor from  
the 6<sup>th</sup> Chap. of Isaiah - from the 1<sup>st</sup>  
to the 8<sup>th</sup> Verse. Then a Collection -  
according to appointment - was taken up  
and eight dollars - and eighty one cts was  
received, to defray the expenses of visiting  
Preachers; after which the Church was  
called to order - and members of Sister  
Churches of like faith and Order, were  
invited to seats with us at the Commu-  
nion Table.

Geo. W. Johnson - Clerk

Saturday Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 1894

The Church at Bethlehem met, and our  
Pastor - (J. N. Badger) preached from the "1<sup>st</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> - and 3<sup>rd</sup> Verses of the Fortieth Psalm", after  
preaching - the Church was "called to Order", & mem-  
bers from Sister Churches, invited to seats with us;  
An opportunity was given, to any one, who might  
wish to unite with the Church - by Baptism -  
experience - or otherwise; Sister Eliza Davis  
(colored) came forward, and was received by  
"Experience". No other business - Church adjourned  
in Order.

Sunday Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>

Preaching by our Pastor, from <sup>the</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Chap. of Isaiah  
13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Verses. After preaching, a collection was  
taken up, to help defray expenses of the Association,  
and three dollars was paid for furnishing water.  
Geo. W. Johnson - Clerk

Saturday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>

The Church at Bethlehem met; No  
preaching; illness prevented our Pastor  
(J. N. Badger) from being with us. Bro. Kerns  
prayed, and read the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chap. of Colossians  
No business - Adjourned in Order

Sunday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>

The Church at Bethlehem met, Bro. Kerns  
prayed, and read the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chap. of 1<sup>st</sup>  
Corinthians. Paid the Sexton fifty-five cts  
Received \$1.45 - (for lumber.) balance due  
\$2.21<sup>cts</sup> -  
Geo. W. Johnson - Clerk

Saturday January 5<sup>th</sup> 1895

The Church at Bethlehem met. Our Pastor  
not being with us - Bro. Kearns read the 10<sup>th</sup>  
Chap. of John. No business - Adjourned in Order.

Sunday Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>

The Church at Bethlehem met, Bro. Kearns  
read the 27<sup>th</sup> Psalm - sang a Hymn - and made  
a few remarks.

Geo. W. Johnson - Clerk

Saturday Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> '95

No meeting owing to the inclemency of the weather.

Sunday Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>

No meeting

Geo. W. Johnson - Clerk

Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup>

No meeting owing to the sickness of our Pastor and the inclement weather.

Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, no meeting

Geo. W. Johnson - Clerk

Saturday Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> - 1895

The Church at Bethlehem met: our Pastor (J. N. Badger) preached from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Verse. 14<sup>th</sup> Chap. of "John". After preaching the Church was called to order, and members of sister churches, invited to seats with us. An opportunity was given to any one who might wish to unite with the Church, by experience & Baptism - or otherwise - no one came forward. Bro. & Sister W. H. Francis asked for a "Letter" - wishing to join some other church more convenient, & in fellowship with us. Ordered that a Letter be given them: also that a collection be taken - tomorrow to pay the Sexton. No other business, adjourned in order.

Geo. W. Johnson - Clerk



Sunday Apr 7<sup>th</sup> - 1895

The Church met; preaching by our Pastor from the 12<sup>th</sup> Verse 5<sup>th</sup> Chap. 1<sup>st</sup> Epistle of John. After preaching members of Sister Churches were invited to seats with us at the Communion table.

Adjourned in order.

A collection of \$2.25 had been taken up which was paid over to the Sexton.

Geo. W. Johnson - Clerk

Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> 1895

The "Bethlehem Church", according to Appointment met at the usual hour, and after preaching by our Pastor [G. W. Badger] from Zechariah 3<sup>rd</sup> (Chap. 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Verses, the Church was called to Order; the usual invitation to members of Sister Churches was extended - and an opportunity ~~was~~ given to any one who might wish to unite with the Church by Experience & Baptism or otherwise according to the rules & regulations. No one came forward. The Clerk was ordered to purchase a new Church Book: No other business - Adjourned in Order.

Geo. W. Johnson - Clerk.

Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> 1895

Preaching by our Pastor - J. V. Badger  
from the 1<sup>st</sup> - Epistle of Peter - 1<sup>st</sup> Chap.  
24 & 25 Verses. - "In Memoriam", of Sister  
Margaret W. Steers, [who departed this life  
February 17<sup>th</sup> 1895.]

The Clerk settled in full - with the Sexton  
for the year 1894. - Geo W. Johnson, Clerk

Mem

Henry C. Hickerson

his hand and pen December 1847

Account Book  
James K. Polk president  
of the united states of america  
James H. [unclear]

Francis [unclear]

D. J.

847 1847

~~Dec 13 to 1 load of wood 7/6 1 25~~

848 Benjamin Soderick Dr

Jan 7 to 1 load of wood 7/6 1 25

Jan 1 to 1 load of wood 7/6 1 25

4 to 1 load of wood 7/6 1 25

Jan 10 to 1 load of wood 7/6 1 25

Dr  
Jan 13

Henry C. Hickerson

394 32

Henry C. Hickerson

44 07

445 49

Henry C. Hickerson Henry C.

13

Henry C. Hickerson

558 49 142 84

Come come away from labour

Henry C. Hickerson

This is a specimen of my hand

Come come away

Henry C. Hickerson

Henry C. Hickerson

41 1/2  
33 59  
2 15 1/2

