



CHURCH BOOK

BAPTIST CHAPEL

NEW SWINDON

**Minutes
January 1855 - December 1887**

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- 1855 Jan 5th Church formed and members admitted as per list
 Notice given for election of Deacons at next Church Meeting
- Feb 2nd Willm Greenaway & Willm Brewer Wearing chosen Deacons
- March 2nd The Articles of Faith & Rules of Practice inserted at the commencement of this Book read over & adopted
- March 30th Application made on behalf of Bristol College for a collection towards the College Fund. Agreed to have one; but not at present
- April Prayer Meeting
- Aug 3 Mr Breeze having proposed the previous Lords day *evening* to choose two Deacons resident at New Swindon at this Meeting the same postponed till next Church meeting 31st August in consequence of a small attendance of Members. And it was agreed that three Members who were not present at the formation of the Church (5th Jan 1855) should be considered & are hereby received as Members
- 1857 Sept 6th Thomas Thompson and Jno Davis Barrett related their Experience and were admitted to the Church on their baptism which took place 13th Sept 1857
- 1858 June 13 E W Fentiman proposed for membership & brethren Greenaway and Thompson appointed Messengers to visit him
 Elizth Breeze proposed for membership brethren Spiers and Filtness appointed Messengers to visit her
- July 4th The Messengers to E W Fentiman reported their approval & proposed him for membership which after hearing his experiences and carried unanimously
 The Messengers to Elizth Breeze reported favourably & after hearing letter from her to the Church read it was proposed for her to be received on her baptism
 Applications read from
 Venimore for baptism & membership brethren Spiers & Morse appointed Messengers to visit him
- 11th Agreed that Venimore be received on his Baptism

- 18th Baptising on Sabbath afternoon when brethren Fentiman & Venimore and Elizabeth Breeze were Baptised & admitted to the Church at the ordinance of the Lords Supper in the evening. At the same time Mrs Fentiman (late Miss Selina Cornell was received) In discussions from Little Prescott Street London
- 1860 Mch 9th Messrs Vickery - Iles Hall - Stone - Butcher & Mrs Butcher being proposed for Baptism & Membership brethren Barrett and Wearing were appointed Messengers to Mr & Mrs Butcher brethren Spiers & Thompson to friends Iles & Vickery & Stone & brethren Fentiman & Breeze to Mr Hall & to report to next Church Meeting
- March 16th The Messengers to Mr & Mrs Butcher reported satisfactorily & it was agreed to receive them into Membership on their baptism
The same also with regard to Messrs Iles, Vickery & Hall. Thos Stone being ill his case was postponed
- 25th Baptising Service. The former brethren named above were baptised
- April 1st Josh Halliday received into the Church by dismissal from Minchinhampton
- June 20 Church Meeting. Messengers were appointed to Sarah Sandford
- 24 The Messengers appointed to Sarah Sandford reported satisfactorily & Henry Baker & Mrs Butcher (whose baptism had been deferred) being proposed for Membership it was agreed to receive them on their Baptism
- 27th Henry Baker - Sarah Jane Butcher & Sarah Sandford were baptised
- July 1st Sarah J Butcher and Sarah Sandford were received into the Church

Henry Baker was received into the Church
- 1861 May 22nd Church Meeting
Mr & Mrs Mace, Mr & Mrs Watts and Thomas Stone proposed for membership & brethren Wearing and Butcher were appointed Messengers to friends Mace - brethren Hall & Barrett the like to friends Watts and brethren Spiers and Thompson to friend Stone
- May 26th The Messengers appointed to visit Mr & Mrs Mace - Mr & Mrs Watts and Thomas Stone - reported favourably & it was unanimously agreed to receive them as Members of the Church on their Baptism

- May 29th Baptising Service – The five above named were baptised together with Elizth Venimore
- June 2nd The five above named were received into the Church
- Sept 4th Rebecca Jones Robt Hill - Llewelin - Llewelin John Fould and Davis received into the Church by dismissal from other Churches
- Oct 9th Church Meeting
Edward Lea Joshua Deacon - Herbert Deacon - Edward Hall and Mary King having proposed for baptism and membership – brethren Barrett Wearing were appointed messengers to Edward Lea – brethren Greenaway & Mace to Messrs Deacon – brethren Baker & Iles to Edward Hall & brethren Spiers & Stone to Mary King
- 16th The Messengers appointed to visit the above named Edmund Lea - Joshua Deacon - Hubert Deacon - Edward Hall and Mary King reported favourably & it was unanimously agreed to receive them as Members of the Church on their baptism
- 27th Baptising The five above named were baptised
- Nov 3 Those lately baptised received into the Church
- 1862 April 30th Church Meeting
Mary Breeze - Wood - Hockey - James - Keel - Margt Drummond - Mary Anne Parker - Baker and Keith were proposed for baptism and membership – and brethren Wearing and Greenaway were appointed Messengers to Mary Breeze & Wood - brethren Mace & Barrett to Hockey and Janes - brethren Morse and Thompson to Keel - Brethren Baker & Thompson to Mary Drummond & Mary Ann Parker and brethren Stone and Morse to Baker & Keith
- May 7th The Messengers appointed to visit the above named Mary Breeze - Wood - Hockey - Janes - Keel - M Drummond - Mary Ann Parker reported favourably and it was unanimously agreed to receive them as Members of Church on their baptism - With respect to Keith she declined to come forward at present
- 28th The Eight above named were baptised & were received into the Church
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- 28th Church Meeting
Various persons received into the Church by dismissal from other Churches (see list)
- Sept 26 Mr Breeze wishing to sell the house which adjoins the Chapel and it being considered desirable that the same should be purchased on behalf of the Church it was proposed that the same be purchased at the price asked by Mr Breeze £300
This proposition after some discussion was postponed until Friday 10th Oct
- Oct 10th It was proposed seconded that the house be purchased on behalf of the Church at £300 which sum was agreed should be raised on Mortgage and efforts used to raise about £50 still due and owing on the School Room etc.
- 1863 July 31 At a Church Meeting
Mr Hill proposed & Mr Spiers seconded that the Ordinated money be received by the Deacons & accounted for to the Church
Carried
Mr Spiers proposed & Mr Greenaway seconded that the whole sum be handed over to Mr Breeze quarterly
Mr Barrett proposed & Mr Thompson seconded an amendment. That the Balance after supplying the temporary necessities of any sick poor Members be handed over to the Minister
amendment carried
- Dec 4th Annie Williams member of the Baptist Church Trosnant Pontypool dismissed to this Church received
- Isaac & Elizabeth Morgan dismissed from Nebo Ebbw Vale = received
- It being reported that Edwin Thomas had misconducted himself and fallen into sin. It was proposed that he should be suspended and that Brethren Spiers Thompson and Wearing should visit him and advise and advise him and counsel him as to his future course
- 1864 July 12th Church Meeting
Proposed by Mr Thompson seconded by Mr Iles that Boxes be substituted for Quarterly Collections

June Proposed by Mr Spiers seconded by Mr Thompson that an effort be made to pay off a portion of the Debt that 4 persons be appointed to collect Subscriptions. Mr Spiers . Baker . Wearing & Halliday

Mr Brown having written stating that he had baptised George Wakefield and that as his reception into the church at Cirencester would be little more than mexxxx form proposing that we should receive him at once, This having been put to the Church it was agreed to unanimously and he was received as Member accordingly

1865 Jany 25 At a Church Meeting specially called to receive proposition from Mr Breeze who stated his wish to resign the Pastorate on condition that £150 were presented to him as an acknowledgement for the losses he had sustained in connection with the Caner at New Swindon. After much conversation amongst the Members it was greed to postpone the subject until next Church Meeting

Feby 3 Mr Breeze having resigned the Pastorate as here copied
It was proposed seconded & carried xxx That Mr Breeze's resignation be accepted. That a Committee be appointed for the purpose of obtaining Subscriptions as a testimonial to be presented to Mr Breeze on his resignation of the Pastorate . Such Committee to consist of W B Wearing W Greenacre Stephen Filtness Henry Reynolds Chas Hurt T C Venimore and Josh Smith

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“To the Baptist Church of Christ at New Swindon

“Dear Brethren

“I have come to the final decision of resigning the Pastoral charge over you

“This is my own act & deed & I hope I am guided in the matter by my devine Lord and Master

“May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with you all evermore Amen

R Breeze
Feby 3rd 1865

March 3rd Samuel Spiers having sent in his resignation as Deacon & such resignation was accepted
Mr Josiah T Williams was proposed as member and his dismissal was requested from the Baptist Church at Hereford

May 2nd In consequence of J T Williams having left Hereford so many years his name had been withdrawn from the Church Book it was therefore

resolved that he be received as a Member here without a dismissal from another Church

It was agreed that Mr Breeze be paid £5 as Salary for 1865 up to the time of his resignation Feby 3rd

It was agreed that in place of two Hymn Books as now in use in this place of Worship the 1000 Hymn Book be substituted and a number be pratinuously supplied for the use of Strangers

- Sept 29th The state of the Church Congregation in consequence of having been now more 6 months without a Pastor was considered & a Church Meeting agreed to be called 1st Oct to take the subject into consideration
- Oct 1 At a Church Meeting called in consequence of above, it was proposed & carried that Mr Murphy from the Metropolitan College be invited to supply the Pulpit for one month with view to the Pastorate
- Nov 3 Letter read from Baptist Church at Banbury dismissing William & Jane Suter from their communion to this Church
Letter read from Baptist Church Bow for the dismissal of Mr & Mrs Venimore from us to them , also for testimony of Christian character of Mrs Venimore Agreed to
- It was proposed & carried unanimously that Mr Murphy be invited to the Pastorate the Deacons were requested to wait on Mr Murphy explain to him that we have hitherto raised from £60 to £70 per annum & pledging ourselves to make it £100 together with Minister's House
- 5 The Deacons reported that Mr Murphy agreed to supply another month in the meantime he should consult Mr Spurgeon on the matter and upon to the Church accordingly
- Dec 11 Mr Murphy having signified his acceptance of the call of the Church to the Pastorate the Church expressed their pleasure that he had been led to accept such call
- It was agreed that it is desirable that the School Rooms be enlarged capable of accommodating 400 children and the Chapel by adding Side Galleries and that Subscription Cards be issued for collecting Funds for that purpose
- 1866 Jany 12th Julia Smith having stated her wish to join the Church it was agreed that her dismissal from the Baptist Church at Wolverhampton be applied for
- The Accounts for the past year were partially produced – but not any decision was come to respecting them as there was a very small

attendance 7 members only present

Feby 2 Only 7 members present meeting adjourned until the 5th

5 Dismission of Isaac & Elizth Morgan applied for from Baptist Church Highbridge agreed to

Notice given to take into consideration at next Church Meeting the election of Deacons and to elect them annually or otherwise
Also to issue Members Tickets for 12 months one Ticket to be given up at the Lords Table each month & to keep a list of Members attendance each month

Feby 27th Richard Richards having applied for admission as a member brethren Morse Williams were appointed Messengers to visit him
Amelia Vox Philip Morgan and Mary Ann Morgan were admitted Members

Venimore, Richd Hall, Sarah Sandford, Daniel Watts, Lydia Watts, Robert Hill, Edwin Hall Mary Processor, Wood, E Edwards, Mary Gibbs, Saml Spiers & Hannah Spiers having ceased communication or left Swindon were to be communicated with - those residing in Swindon by the Elders & those removed to other places to have their dismission obtained to other Churches

It appears from accounts rendered £27. 11. 9½ had been received during 1865 towards Incidental Expenses & £27. 9. 7½ expended leaving Accounts still due £16. 10. 6

Apl 4th Brethren Morse & Williams reported favourably on the case of Richd Richards who was not present

James Hibbard having applied for admission to the Church. Brethren Iles & Barrett were appointed Messengers to him

May 4th Richd Richards gave in his experience & it was resolved to receive him into the Church on his Baptism
Brethren Barrett reported favourably on the case of James Hibbard who was not present
C C Rositer formerly a member of a Baptist Church in Bristol wishing to join the Church - brethren Suter & Vickery were requested to visit him
The Church at her desire to apply for Mrs Vickery's dismission from Church

May 9th at Faringdon

At an adjourned Church it was agreed that in place of present mode of collecting Seat Subscription & incidentals weekly offerings be substituted by issuing small envelopes to all who would receive same & collect every Lords day - the present boxes in Lobby to be continued for occasional Worshipers

- 25th Mr & Mrs Davidge having desired Baptism & to join the Church - brethren Suter & Mace were appointed Messengers
Mrs Adams being proposed for Membership - brethren Morse & Barrett were appointed Messengers
James Hibberd received
- June 1 Chas Collins Rossiter being reported favourably was received
Thomas Davidge the same Mrs Davidge wish to postpone her baptism was agreed to
Mary Ann Adams being reported favourably was received
Mrs Cleal 9 Cambria House wishing to join the Church - brethren Iles & Williams were appointed to visit him
- 13 Brethren Richards Davidge & Hibbard baptised
- 17th The same Brethren received into the Church. Also C C Rositer
- The dismissal of Mrs Vickery from Faringdon received
The Messengers reported in the Case of Mrs Cleal (who was not present) but there appearing to be some explanation required respecting her former membership in Wales the Messengers were desired to have another interview with her in order to report at next Church Meeting
- 29th The Messengers to Mrs Cleal reported satisfactorily & Mrs Cleal was received unanimously after explanation from her
Geo Wakefield's dismissal to Counterslip Bristol applied for and granted
Fortunes dismissal from Mr Starts Church Swansea to be applied for
- Augt 10 It was proposed to consider the appointment of another Deacon at next Church Meeting
- And after considerable discuss in respecting the Alterations it was thought desirable to postpone the questions until October next
- 31st Mrs Hurt being desirous of joining the Church - brethren Wearing & Barrett were appointed Messengers to her

Mrs Jones wishing also to join the Church - brethren Thompson & Thomas were appointed Messengers

It was agreed that a Collection be made for the Tract Society 9th Sept

And as there was a very small attendance, the questions from last Church Meeting were postponed until 3rd Sept - for which a special notice to be given on the 2nd Sept

Sept 3 At adjourned Church Meeting W P Suter & J T Williams were nominated to Deacons Office & on balloting for same brother Suter was chosen & elected Deacon

It was suggested & agreed to
To appoint a Committee to consider & report to Meeting to be held 1st Oct next - the alterations desirable to be made in the Chapel & Premises - such Committee to consist of Minister Deacon & brethren Barrett Thompson Halliday & Williams - Brother Wearing appointed Treasurer to the Building Fund

27th It was agreed to alter the day of holding the Church Meetings to Thursday evening instead of Friday

Only three members present besides six of the Building Committee when preliminary Plans were submitted by Mr Lansdown & it was resolved

That Mr Lansdown engaged to carry out Plan No 1 - no work to be commenced until £600 in hand

Nov 2 The dismissal of Robt Fortune received from Swansea and accepted Mrs Hurt gave her experience & it was agreed to receive her on her baptism

5 Mrs Jones gave her experience it was agreed to receive her on her baptism

29 Mary Ann Adams (see Report 1st June) Fanny Hurt and Jones baptised

Dec 2 The three named Sisters were received into the Church

1867 Jan 4 The dismissal of Margaret Drummond applied for from the Church at Bradford on Avon & granted
John Stephens having applied for admission into the Church - brethren Baker & Morse were appointed Messengers

Mr Murphy having named that Mr Breeze had applied for several articles of furniture in the Vestry & School Room as belonging to him . Mr Thompson proposed Mr Suter seconded & it was agreed unanimously That as some of the Members remember Mr Breeze having given these articles to the Church nine years ago they consider the property is vested in them

Mr Baker proposed & Mr Williams seconded that the Church vote 20/- to Mr Breeze towards the expense of procuring a new stove for the

Church meeting at Kingston Lisle carried

Messr Iles & Thompson were appointed to investigate a charge which has been made against the moral character of Philip Morgan

9 Hannah Stevens having applied for admission into the Church - brethren Barrett & Vickery were appointed Messengers

Feby 28 John Stephens gave his experience & it was agreed to receive him on his Baptism
 Hannah Stevens gave her experience & it was agreed to receive her on her Baptism
 Elizth Garland having applied for admission into the Church - brethren Suter & Rossiter were appointed Messengers

The Statistics relating to the Church were presented from which there appeared to be 61 Members at present time - viz

Number last year	54
rec'd by baptism 6 by letter etc 4	<u>10</u>
	64
From which deduct	
Died 2 dismissed 1	<u>3</u>
(clear increase 7)	61

appearing that the following 7 Members had ceased connection with the Church for 12 months past - It was resolved that their names be removed from the Church Books viz, Richd Breeze Sarah Breeze Mary Breeze Elizth Breeze Robt Hill Thomas Davies and Willm Wood

The accounts for the past year were presented from which it appeared that the system newly introduced of collecting by Envelope weekly had been successful - the increase being at the rate of £26 per annum

The receipts for the past year amounted to £122. 12. 7

Envelopes		103. 8. 6
Ordinance M		16. 17. 5
Boxes		2. 6. 8
The receipts for past year amounted to		£122. 12. 7
	103. 8. 6	
Seat Subs & envelopes	16. 17. 5	
Ordinance M Boxs	2. 6. 8	
	£100	
	9	
Expenditure =		
Minister	7. 7. 6	
do. =	5	
Rent		<u>121. 7. 6</u>
½ year In ^{tt} Wiltshire p ^t		5. 5. 1
		21. 9. 10
leaving balance in hand		41. 6. 6
Still due to the Treasurer		
and various Tradesmen		

Suggestions for clearing off these Accounts were discussed but nothing definite was determined upon

- March 20 Mr Reeves having applied for admission into the Church – brethren Greenaway & Mace were appointed to visit him
- 27 Magt Fortune having applied for admission in to the Church – brethren Wearing & Barrett were appointed to visit her
- Emma Edwards having left the neighbourhood her name was withdrawn from the Church Books

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William Reeves Marg Fortune and Elizth Garland gave their experience and it was agreed to receive them into the Church on their baptism
Edward Davies having been baptised by his Father proposed for membership which was agreed to on receiving Letter from the Minister who had baptised him
- Frances Rossiter having applied for admission into the Church - brethren Thompson & Fortune were appointed to visit her
- A discussion arose upon the enlargement Fund & it was proposed to raise by Guarantee £30 pr Annum to pay off £300 to be borrowed free of charge for Interest from the Tabernacle Fund to enable the Church to do the necessary alterations this Summer provided the remaining £400 can be raised by Subscription; the proposed Bazaar & collections to be derived from Sermons by Mr Spurgeon & Lectures by Mr Murphy
- Apl 22 James Cleal having applied for membership - brethren Baker & Stone were appointed messengers & Sarah Gibbons having also applied - brethren Morse & Vickery were chosen messengers to visit her
- 29 Thomas and Frances Pattison having applied for membership - brethren Stone & Fortune were appointed Messengers
- May 1 Frances Rossiter James Cleal Sarah Gibbons Thomas Pattison and Frances Pattison gave their experience before the Church and it was agreed to receive them into the Church on their Baptism
- George Osland having applied for admission into the Church - brethren Suter & Mace were appointed Messengers to him
- 8th Brethren Stephens Reeves Cleal and Pattison Sisters Stevens Garland Gibbons Fortune and Rossiter were baptised
- 15th Dismission of James and Sarah Butcher applied for to Bridgewater & granted Andrew Dickson having applied for membership - brethren Baker & Fortune were appointed Messengers - Amelia Osland also & brethren Suter & Mace were appointed Messengers to visit her
- Ellen Randell being desirous of joining the Church her dismission from Church at Long Sutton was agreed to be applied for

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- May 19 Brethren Stephens Reeves Cleal & Pattison Sisters Stevens Garland & Gibbans were received into the Church
- 22 The Church at Drummond Road London desiring the dismission of Mr & Mrs Rositer the same was granted
Emma Blomley having applied for membership was proposed as a Candidate for baptism & brethren Thompson & Morse were appointed visitors
- 30th Brethren Osland & Dickson and Sisters Osland & Blomley gave their experiences before the Church & it was agreed to receive them into the Church on their baptism
- Brother Wearing was nominated Messenger to the association meeting at Frome June 11th
- Mr Murphy brought forward the case of Mrs Morgan & it was agreed that 15/- be given her from the Church Funds and a private collection be made on her behalf
Brother Osland agreed to solicit aid thereto
- Mr Murphy having visited Fredk & Mary Jane Hockey and they having expressed deep sorrow for ----- their misconducted (see minutes 27th July 1866) it was unanimously agreed to receive them into communion again
- The following return was made to the association

Number last year		4
recd by baptism	15	
recd by letter	4	<u>19</u>
		73
deceased	2	
dismissed	6	
ceased connection with the church	7	15
		58
clear increase	4	
Stand proposed	7	

- June 26 Brethren Dickson & Osland & Sisters Osland Blomley and Pattison were baptised
- July 21 Brethren Dickson & Osland & Sisters Osland & Blomley were received into the Church
- Augt 4 Sister Pattison received into the Church
- 8th Dismission of Ellen Randell from Long Sutton received
The dismission of Mrs Psuter Jane Suter and Ezekiel Jones being applied for were granted to Church at Dudley & Cambria Swindon
- Butler wishing to join the Church dismission from the Church at Carsham desired
Josh Halliday applied to be dismissed to *Pedo* baptist Church Swindon but declined as being unscriptural
A letter was read from Mr Spurgeon promising help & expressing regret that we could not have any aid from their Building Fund until next year whereupon it was decided (considering the advanced state of the Season as well) not to make the proposed alterations before next year
- It was reported that the Bazaar lately held had been very successful that realised (after paying £20 for expenses) £164. 16. 9 and which leave £296. 2. 10 in hand besides about £50 worth of Articles
- Nov 27th Thomas & Elizabeth Evans wishing to join the Church & it appearing that they had formerly belonged to the Church meeting at the Tabernacle Pontypool it was resolved to apply to that Church for a recognition of their former membership & that brethren Iles & Barrett do visit them to report to the Church their opinion
Mrs Esther Marshall proposed for admission to the Church & brethren Wearing & Patterson were chosen Messengers

Mrs Elizth Allnutt proposed for admission to the Church & brethren
Stone & Fortune were chosen Messengers
Annie Ruth Wearing and Kate Wearing proposed for admission to the
Church & brethren Greenaway and Thompson appointed to visit them

1868 Jany 15 The dismissal of Mary Williams having been applied for from
Pontypridd the same was granted

The Messengers to Thos & Elizth Evans Esther Marshall Elizth Allnutt

Annie R Wearing & Kate Wearing have reported favourably they all
came before the Church & it was agreed to receive them on their
baptism except Thos & Elizth Evans who have already been baptised

Mr & Mrs Gardner having applied for membership – brethren Iles and
Morse were appointed Messengers to visit them

Other matters of business were deferred until next Meeting in
consequence of the sudden sad removal of brother Thompson by death

Feby 5 The Messengers to Mr & Mrs Gardner having reported favourable -
they came before the Church & related their experiences & it was
agreed to receive them as Members of the Church on their baptism
Mr & Mrs Brown from Gloucester & Henry & Sarah Powell from
Machen nr Newport being desirous of joining the Church it was agreed
to apply to the Churches for their dismissal

The Accounts for the past year were presented and passed from which
it appears that the Receipts for 1867

From all sources were	134.	2.	4
and the payments	140.	18.	5
leaving a balance due to the Treasurer	15.	6.	4
& to various Tradesmen	49.	12.	-

It being considered necessary to clear off these Accounts & also to
increase the permanent Income of the Cause – it was resolved to appeal
to the Congregation to increase their Subscriptions & also to induce
three who did not assist by weekly offerings to take Envelopes as only
about 80 availed themselves of that means of contributing to the
support of the Cause and a Committee of 6 brethren were appointed to
assist in getting persons to use Envelopes who had hitherto not
contributed in this way – viz brethren Williams Vickery Fortune barrett
Iles & Baker

The Statistics of the Church were presented from which there appears to be 61 Members at present time viz

Number of Members last year		61
Dismissed from their Churches		<u>2</u>
		77
From which deduct		
dismissed to other Churches	7	
removed from Church Books	8	<u>15</u>
leaving present number		62
clear increase	1	

- Feb 13 Ordinance of baptism administered to Esther Marshall Elizth Allnutt
Annie Ruth Wearing Kate Wearing Gardner & Gardner
- 16th The before named together with Thos & Elizth Evans & Edmund Davis received into the Church
- April 1st At this meeting it was intended to have chosen Deacons for the oncoming year but as Mr Greenaway one of the Deacons was not present it was decided to postpone it until the next Church Meeting
- It appearing that the receipts for the last Quarter had again fallen off it was decided for the Committee appointed at meeting 5th July to meet & see if they could secure more Subscribers to the Funds necessary for carrying on Divine Worship
Mr Murphy intimating that until we could improve the Finances of the Church it was useless to think of attempting the proposed alterations & enlargement of the Chapel & School Rooms
- Apr 29th The dismission of Mary Ann Brown received from Church at Gloucester
- Honor Dight Grabham and Henry and Sarah Powell received into the Church
Ellen Wheeler having applied for membership - brethren Wearing & Stone were appointed to visit her

Also the following

Elizth Nash	Brethren Barrett & Osland
M A Mead	Brethren Williams & Fortune
Eunice Follard	Brethren Mace & Thomas
Marian Powell	Brethren Morse & Cleal

The Committee appointed for the proposed alterations made a report recommending Plan No 1 to be adopted

Resolved that Plans No 1 & 3 be submitted for Tenders and afterwards to decide which plan should be carried out
For the present

June 1 Ellen Wheeler - Elizth Nash - Eunice Follard & Marian Powell gave in their experiences & the various reports being satisfactory they were received as Members on their baptism
The application of M A Mead was deferred for the present
Brethren Murphy wearing and Williams were appointed Messengers to the Association to be held at Devizes June 9th & 10th next

It was resolved that Mr Murphy be requested to go to London to arrange with Mr Spurgeon for visiting Swindon and also to obtain a loan from the Metropol Tabernacle Building Fund

The following Return was made to the Association

Number last year		58
recd by baptism	15	
recd by letter & vote of Church	9	<u>24</u>
		82
deceased	1	
dismissed	5	
		<u>6</u>
		76
clear increase 18		

4th The above named four Sisters were baptised and on the 7th received into the Church

22nd The Tenders for alterations having been submitted it appeared that Messrs Beaven of Bristol & Mr Barrett were the ones most approved and it was left to the Committee to arrange with either & provided Mr Barrett could reduce the amount of the Tender - it was thought advisable to give him the preference

July 1st The Committee reported that they had agreed with Mr Barrett to do the

alterations at a sum of £1219. 9. 6

The Local Board having given notice to limit our building space & set back our Building & the Deacons having taken legal opinion here and it was decided to claim our rights but if the Board desired us to put back our Buildings to seek some compensation for loss of Land first of all reporting to next Church Meeting the decision of the Local Board

At a subsequent Meeting it was reported that the Local Board did not require the end of the School Room put back but they would require the side of the Building set back so as to leave the Road the required width of 30 feet

Mrs Iles desiring to unite with the Church it was resolved to apply for her dismissal to the Church Meeting at Brighton

- Augt 25 The Memorial Stone of new School Rooms was laid by Henry Tucker Esq of Bourton House after Sermon by Revd J A Spurgeon
- Oct 1 Dismission of Mrs Iles received also dismission of John Rowlands from Church at Narberth
Dismission of Mr & Mrs Scholefield to be applied for to King Street Bristol they wishing to join us in Church Fellowship
- Dec 10th Brethren Murphy & Wearing appointed Delegates to Union Meetings at Bristol to be held 13th to 15th Instant
Dismission of Mr & Mrs Scholefield received from King St Bristol
- The Local Board having offered a sum of £27 as compensation for loss of Land in reply to our claim of £89. 10 it was resolved to write to Mr Anstie of Devizes for advice in the matter as to our claim before making further application to the Local Board
- The dismission of Dunn to be applied for to the Church at Atch Lench
- 1869 Jany The dismission of Julia Smith having been applied for the same was granted to the Baptist Church Olney
- Mr Anstie having replied that we were fully entitled to compensation beyond the actual value of the Land application was again made to the Local Board who still adhere to their previous offer
- March 26th The reopening of Chapel & new School & Class Rooms took place this day - when two Sermons were preached by Revd R P MacMaster of

Bristol followed by Tea & Public Meeting at which Henry Tucker Esq of Bourton House & High Sheriff for Berkshire presided

The Annual Church Meeting having been unavoidably postponed in consequence of our Place of Worship being under repair and enlargement the annual statistics are here recorded

Number of Members 1867	61
Added by baptism	10
Added by Letter & vote of Church	<u>11</u>
	82
less by death 1 dismissal 1	<u>2</u>
	80
clear increase 19	

April 20th At a Church Meeting it was resolved to tender thanks to the trustees The Wesleyan Chapel as also to the Council of the Mechanics Institute for the accommodation afforded by them in the use of their Chapel & Hall respectively during the alterations

Brethren Baker & Stephens proposed & seconded & it was carried that the claim on the Local Board be left with the Deacons to take such steps as they think necessary to support the right of the Church

Brethren baker & Wearing proposed & seconded thanks to Brethren Morse & Stone for their kindness in assisting Strangers to seats lavishing them & continue the same supervision in the future

Jane Winson having applied to be admitted a Member of the Church – brethren Baker & Morse were selected as Messengers to visit her Elizth Banks also & brethren Pattison & Fortune were selected as visitors

Also Lloyd & brethren Stone & Richards were appointed to visit her Dismission of Edward Bell agreed to be applied for to Baptist Church John St Edgeware Road

May 31 Brethren Wearing & Greenaway were appointed Messengers to the Association to be held at Frome on Tuesday 8th Jane

July 12 Mrs Crewe having applied for admission into the Church – Brethren Iles & Morse were appointed to visit her Also B Summersley where brethren Stone & Pattison were appointed messengers James Edwards wishing to be transferred from Church at Tetbury to Swindon it was agreed that his dismission be written for Also Josh Bonell and Hannah his wife

- 26th Dismission of Edward Bell and Walter Venn Dunn received – Also Me & Mrs Bonell were unanimously recd upon a letter received from Church at Coventry stating that their names had been removed from the Church Books for sometime in consequence of their non residence and bearing testimony to their consistent xxxth
Jane Winson Elizth Banks & Crew came before the Church & the various Messengers reporting satisfactorily they were received as Members on their being baptised – B Summersley not being able to attend it was agreed that Mr Murphy should baptise him and that he should be subsequently received into the Church . Mr Murphy satisfying the Church that he was worthy & consistent Christian
Dismission of Jas Edwards received from Baptist Church at Tetbury
- July 28 Jane Winson Elizath Banks Crewe & B Summersley were baptised
- Augt 1 The above were received into the Church
- Oct 25th The dismission of Josiah T Williams granted to the Baptist Church Coleford
Rowland wishing to remove his membership from Maudlin Street Bristol it was unanimously agreed to apply for his dismission
Also Miss Keen from Church at Newbury
- The subject of the Debt on the Building Fund having been raised - it was agreed to hold a Tea Meeting of the Church & Congregation on the 10th of Novr after which efforts were to be made for raising the necessary funds
- Decr 1 At a meeting of the Church & Congregation it was proposed to adopt the recommendation of the Committee appointed 10th Novr & borrow £600 of the Ramsbury Benefit Building Society to be repaid by 14 years monthly payments of £5 each towards paying off the liabilities of the Church and the new Building Account agreed to
- 8th Mr Stokes wishing to join the Church – brethren Stone & Osland were chosen Messengers
Mrs Twist wishing to join the Church – brethren Fortune & Morse were chosen Messengers to visit them
- Dec 13 10th of Novr after which efforts were to be made for raising the necessary funds
- 15 At a meeting of the Church & Congregation it was proposed to adopt the recommendation of the Committee appointed 10th Novr & borrow £600 of the Ramsbury Benefit Building Society to be repaid by 14 years

monthly payments of £5 each towards paying off the liabilities of the Church and the new Building Account agreed to

- 19 Mr Stokes wishing to join the Church - brethren Stone & Osland were chosen Messengers
Mrs Twist wishing to join the Church - brethren Fortune & Morse were chosen Messengers to visit them

Mr Stokes Mrs Loyd & Mrs Twist came before the Church & were agreed to be received on their being baptised

The three above named were baptised

The above named also Miss Keen Mrs Bonell & Mr Dunn were received into the Church

- 1870 Jan 17 Mr Russell wishing to join the Church his dismissal was requested from the Baptist Church at Poole
Mr Loyd wishing to join the Church it was agreed to receive him on having an authorised Letter from a friend that he had been baptised
Mrs Pope proposed as candidate for baptism & membership - brethren Wearing & Barrett were appointed Messengers to visit her & report
J Rowland dismissal from Church at Maudlin St Bristol recd
Mr Gibbons wishing to join the Church it was agreed to apply to the Welsh Independent Church for a Letter of Recognition that he had been a Member of that Church - he having been baptised at Upper Stratton

Feb 4

Annual Church Meeting at which the Account for the past year were presented and passed from which it appeared that

the Receipts for 1869 were	£151. 13. 11
& the payments	177. 8. 4
leaving a balanced due to the Treasurer of	25. 14. 5

The Statistics of the Church were presented from which there appears to be 92 members at present time viz

Number of members last year	80
Added by baptism	7
Added by Letter & vote of Church	7
	<u>94</u>
less dismissed	2
	<u>92</u>
clear increase	12

Bro^r Wearing having resigned office as Deacon he was re elected to that office & it having been decided to elect two more Deacons to assist in the over sight of the Church - brethren Bonell & Baker were elected by 13 and 7 votes respectively

Mrs Shakespear being proposed as member - brethren Greenaway & Fortune were chosen Messengers to visit her

- March 22 At a Church Meeting after a prolonged & careful examination of various charges which had been brought against Thomas Evans it was unanimously resolved that the name of Thomas Evans be removed from the Church Book until God should grant him repentance
- April 4 Shakespeare wishing to join the Church - brethren Stone & Osland were appointed to visit him
Richd Fortune also & brethren Baker & Iles were appointed to visit him
- 18 The dismissal of Russell received from Poole
Certificate that Gibbon was member of the Church Meeting at the Greyhound Room
Loyd was received by vote of the Church
Mrs Pope Mr & Mrs Shakespeare & Richd Fortune came before the Church related their experience & on the recommendation of the various visitors it was resolved to receive them into the Church on their baptism
- 25th The above 4 named were received
- May 1st The above 4 named were received into the Church at the Lord's Table
Also Messrs Gibbons Russell Loyd & Rowlands
- 31st The Wilts & East Somerset Association held their Annual Meeting here
The Meetings were well attended & the Ministers Messengers expressed themselves pleased with their visit to us

The number reported from this Church were as follows

Number of Members last year		80
received by baptism	11	
By Letter from other Churches	10	<u>21</u>
		101
deceased	1	
excluded	1	
dismissed	2	<u>4</u>
		97

July 15 The dismissal of Mary Ann Morgan granted to Baptist Church Marquette Michigan
Mrs Devonald having come here to reside requests her dismissal from Broadmead Bristol

A long discussion took place and the Accounts for the enlargement of the Chapel & School Rooms not having been presented settled when it was explained that the Architect & Builders not having agreed upon the amount to be paid for as extras the Committee were unable to present their Accounts

Sept 15 The dismissal of Mrs Devonald received from Broadmead Bristol
The dismissal of Mr & Mrs Saunders was resolved to be applied for to Stow Hill Church Newport

Messrs Wearing & Greenaway were appointed Delegates to the Union Meeting at Cambridge

The Accounts of the Association Expenses in June last were presented from which there appeared to be a balance of 10/5^d due from the Church

Oct 26th Mr & Mrs Davis of Bristol applied to have their dismissal from Bedminster
Miss Parker being proposed for baptism & membership - Brethren Iles & Barrett were appointed Messengers

31st Maria Osland proposed for baptism & membership - brethren Mace & Morse were appointed Messengers

Nov 17 The dismissal of Mr & Mrs Saunders received from Stow Hill Church Newport
Maria Osland came before the Church recommended to be received on

her baptism

- 28th A statement of the Finances was brought before the Church and the members were urged to increase their contributions which were explained & enforced to be less than they might to be considering the
- 30th large addition made to the numbers during the last two years
- Dec 4 Miss Parker came before the Church & it was agreed to receive her on her baptism

Maria Osland & Parker were baptised

Mrs Osland & Miss Parker were received into the Church

- 1871 Jany 2 The dismissal of Mr & Mrs Davis received from Bedminster Bristol Mr & Mrs Collier wishing to join the Church their dismissal was requested from the Church at Cottage Green Camberwell The dismissal of Edward Bell and Elizth Nash having been applied for from the Church Meeting at John St Edgeware Road they were dismissed accordingly

The Accounts for the past year were presented to be Church from which it appeared that the

The Receipts were	£181. 16
and the payment	£215. 10. 1
leaving a Balance due to Treasurer	£ 33. 14. 1
There was also due to the Treasurer on the Debt Account	£ 23. 4. 2

The Statistics of the Church were presented from which there appears at the present time to be 104 members viz

Number of Members last year	92
added by Baptism	6
added by Letter & vote of Church	8
	<u>106</u>
dismissed 1 excluded 1	2
present number	<u>104</u>
clear increase	12

- Feby 9th Dismission received of Mr & Mrs Collier from Baptist Church Cottage Green Camberwell

On reading over the names of Members several appeared to have left

Swindon or had ceased communion with the Church and it was decided that the following names should be removed from the Church Book subject to those named being communicated with with a view to their dismissal to other Churches Theodore Venimore, Sarah Sandford Fredk Hockey Mary J Hockey E Follard & Philip Morgan Elizth Garland and Emma Blomley

Mr Greenaway having resigned office as Deacon was re elected

It was decided that the Seats in the Gallery should be divided with a view to make them more suitable to let to applicants for seats

It being reported that George Loyd was holding views contrary to the articles of Faith held by the Church the Pastor was requested to communicate with him thereon

- April 26th The dismissal of Julia Smith from Church at Ollney Ellen Charles from Church at Weymouth George Stone from Church at Gloucester and Esther Edwards from Church at Bointon were requested to be applied for
George Allen having desires to join the Church - brethren Greenaway & Fortune were appointed visitors
Darke wishing to join the Church - brethren Baker & Vickery were appointed to visit him
- May 25th The dismissal of Theodore J Venimore was granted to Church at Park Chapel Camden Town
Dismission of Esther Edwards received from Bourton
- Darke came before the Church & having related his experience - it was resolved that he be received into the Church on his baptism George Allen was also received on the testimony of the Messengers he being to ill to attend the Church Meeting
George Stone not having become a member at Gloucester - brethren Baker & Davis were appointed to visit him preparatory to his joining the Church
Alley & his wife Alley being proposed as Candidates for baptism and membership - brethren Wearing & Patteson were appointed Messengers to Mr Alley & brethren Iles & Pattison to Mrs Alley
- Brethren Wearing & Greenaway were appointed Delegates to attend the forth coming Association meeting at Wincanton
- 29th Alley and Alley came before the Church & related their experience & being recommended by the Messengers were unanimously accepted

by the Church

George Stone also came before the Church & being recommended by the Messengers was accepted as a Member he having been baptised at Gloucester by Mr Bloomfield

June 1st The before named Mr & Mrs Alley Darke & George Allen were baptised

4th The before named Mr & Mrs Alley Darke Geo Allen Geo Stone & Esther Edwards were received into the Church

Mr & Mrs Colbourne having desired to join the Church - their dismission from Church at Bourton was obtained
James and Gore wishing to join the Church their dismission was requested from Church at Acton & Newbury

Oct 24th The dismission of Rowland to Church at Cambria Place granted

A discussion took place on the subject of Finance when it was resolved to invite Friends to subscribe in the Boxes at last one penny every Lord day

It was resolved to ascertain the best wood at moderate cost for heating the Chapel during the winter
Also to obtain estimates for repairing Iron Railings in front as also for re building & re moddelling the whole
To report at Church Meeting to be held 8th Novr

Dec 5th The dismission of Fredk Gore received from Baptist Church Newbury Moss Grabham (now Mrs Saunders) having removed to Gloucester & Mrs Devonald to City Road Bristol their dismission was applied for & granted accordingly

It was resolved that any extensive Alterations to Chapel front be postponed - but that the Pillars should be reduced front raised & gravelled & Brother Stoker's offer to paint the Railings be accepted The following were appointed to solicit Subscriptions towards providing a Heating Apparatus for the Chapel H Baker - H Dunn - E J Davies & Wm Wearing

As many persons had complained of the conduct of the Children on Sunday evenings brethren Thomas & Dunn were desired to take charge of the Galleries & to arrange the Children so as to prevent as much as possible disturbance in the future

Mr Willis having made application to join the Church - brethren Greenaway & Vickery were appointed Messengers to visit him

The Meeting concluded by prayer

1872 Feby 13 The dismissal of Sarah James received from Church at Acton

Mr Williams came before the Church & related his experience & being recommended by the Messengers was accepted to be received into the Church on his baptism

The Annual Accounts were read & approved from which it appeared that the receipts for the past year were £213. 1. 4 and the payments £196. 16. 4 leaving a balance due Treasurer £17. 9. 1

There was also due to the Treasurer on the Debt Account £135. 12. 7

The Statistics of the Church were presented from which it appeared that the number of Members is 110 viz

Number of Members last year	104
added by baptism	4
added by Letter	9
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	117
dismissed	7
present number	110

Mr Baker having resigned the office of Deacon in rotation

Mr Vickery proposed his re election^x

Mr Gibbons proposed Mr Vickery who declined to serve - Mr Thomas proposed Mr Robt Fortune - Mr Barrett proposed Mr Iles - Mr Osland who declined & Mr Gardner who declined - Mr Gibbons proposed Mr Bennett - Mr Barrett proposed Mr Richd Davis - both of whom declined - Mr Gardner proposed Mr Gibbons

The Church then ~~proposed~~ proceeded to the election the Candidates being Messrs Fortune Iles & Gibbons - when the numbers were respectively 11 15 & 3

Messrs Fortune & Iles were therefore elected to fill the office of Deacons

Mr Barrett having proposed & Mr Rd Davis having seconded that the number of Deacons in future be 4

Mr Baker proposed & Mr Wearing seconded that 2 Deacons retire each year - carried unanimously

^X but Mr Baker declined to score as the Church was not unanimous for his re election

It was resolved to have a congregational Tea Meeting on Wednesday 6th March to bring before the friends on the state of the Debt Fund – the Anniversary to be postponed until the end of April

It was agreed to have Collections for Colportage Assocⁿ Lords Day 25th Feby

Mr Pattison proposed & Mr Richd Davis seconded that the money collected at the Lords Supper be set apart for the Sick & Aged Members Proposed by Mar Bonall & seconded by Mr Gibbons that the Vestry be granted for the Young Mens Mutual Improvement Society at a rental of £4. 4. per annum

Tea & Public Meetings to be charged extra Carried

Resolved that the week night Services commence at 7 o'clock instead of 7.15

- Feby 19 Mr Offer having made application to join the Church – brethren Iles & Patterson were appointed Messengers to visit him
- 26th Mr Offer came before the Church and it was agreed to receive him on his baptism
- 28th Messrs Offer and Willis were baptised
- Mch 3 Messrs Offer Willis & Miss Sarah James were received into the Church
- Apr 3 Mrs Sutton wishing to join the Church – brethren Fortune & Davis were appointed Messengers and the Church Meeting postponed until 9th
- Apl 9th Minutes of Meeting of 13th Feby were read over & confirmed

The proposition of Bro^r Patterson that the Ordination Money be set apart exclusively for the Sick & Aged Members was negatived Bro^r Bonell proposed Bro^r Davis seconded that a Committee of 3 members be appointed for 12 months to visit the Poor & Sick Members and relieve those who are in need
Bro^r Gibbons proposed & Bro^r Baker seconded an amendment that every Member be requested to report all cases of want & sickness to the Minister or Deacons

The Rules of the Church were read over – also the List of Members when it was resolved that Sarah Sandford's name be removed from the Church Book

Mary Ann Adams) to be visited by Brethⁿ Wearing & Iles
Darke)

Maey Gibbs & Andrew Dickson to be visit by Brethⁿ Greenaway & Fortune

Fredk Hockey - Tho Davidge - G Folland - Shakespeare & Geo Allen to be written to with a view to remove their membership to other Churches

Bro^r Stephens proposed & Bro^r Gibbons seconded That notice be given of the business to be brought before the Church Meeting on the previous Lords day morning carried

The subject of the disputed Accounts with Mr Barrett having been mooted at the Tea Meeting on 6th March last – it was suggested that the matter be referred to arbitration & the Architect having become consulted on the matter had agreed to refer the Accounts to an Arbitrator to be mutually agreed upon & the Church agreed to sanction such a step

May 1st Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed

Brother Gibbons's amendment to Bro^r Bonell's motion was carried -
“That every Member be requested to report all cases of want & sickness to the Minister or Deacons”

Miss Parker wishing to join the Church her dismission was requested from the Baptist Church Folkestone

13th Brethren Wearing Greenaway and Summersley appointed Messengers to Association Meeting at Bristol X

Mrs Stone wishing to join the Church brethren Iles & Barrett were appointed Messengers to visit her

20th At a special Church Meeting Mr Murphy announced his intention of resigning the Pastorate at the end of the present quarter assigning as a reason want of success
Several of the brethren considered the decision premature & it was proposed to hold a special Church Meeting 28th instant to take the matter into consideration

Mr Fox wishing to join the Church – brethren Greenaway & Gibbons were appointed to visit him

Last year no of members		104
Baptised 2	recd 4	6
		<u>112</u>
dismissed		3
Removed		1
number confirmed to Associaion		<u>4</u>
		108

- May 27th Bro^r Fortune reported that Miss Sutton did not wish now to join the Church giving as a reason that she was about to join the Brethren
- Mrs Stone came before the Church and was received – brethren Iles & Barrett recommending
Mr Fox also came before the Church and was received
- 28th At a special Church Meeting to consider Mr Murphy's resignation some contradictory statements having been circulated respecting Mr Murphy's future movements – brother Stone with whom they appear to have originated was requested to attend & explain the matter to the Church but as he declined doing so – it was considered they were not worthy of attention and brethren T Davies and Gibbons proposed and seconded “that Mr Murphy be asked to reconsider the matter of his resignation and remain amongst us” which was carried xxx. Con. (about 60 Members present)
- 29th Mrs Stone & Mr Fox baptised also Willm Smith from Bushton
- June 2nd Mrs Stone Mr Fox and Martha Porter received into the Church Miss Porter's dismission having been received from Folkestone
- 18th A Special Church Meeting to receive Mr Murphy's reply to the Churches wish that he should withdraw his notice of resignation Brother Baker said before that subject was gone into he wished to bring before the Church a matter of difference between the Pastor & Bro^r Fortune but as it appeared that the Rule of the Church had not been carried out with regard to offences it was proposed that the Meeting be adjourned until Friday evening (for receiving Mr Murphy's reply) & in the meantime Brethren Murphy & Fortune be urged to have an interview respecting the late charges as laying upon Brother Fortune
- 21st Mr Murphy announced his withdrawal of his notice of resignation -

and as it appeared that Brother Fortune was not satisfied with the interview which he & the Pastor had had although Mr Murphy had expressed his sorrow for something he had said reflecting Robt Fortune it was thought necessary that these Brethren should again be referred to the Rule of the Church regarding offences

- July 8th The dismissal Mr & Mrs Shakespeare to Weymouth Church having been applied for and allowed
Mr Murphy made an explanation that all differences between himself & Br^r Fortune had been arranged
- Augt 2nd It was reported that the Award in the case of Mr Barrett's claim had been received whereby it was arranged that we are to pay him £107. 9. 11 in full discharge also £10. 15. 6 being half the costs of the said Award - this leaves a balance of £265. 3. 11 due to the Treasurer which it was considered advisable to clear off if possible
- Mr Gibbons proposed & Mr Vickery seconded
That an effort be made to collect by Cards & Subscriptions amongst the Church and Congregation to remove as much as possible in the course of the next month the Debt on the Chapel & School Rooms due to the Treasurer
- Augt 14 The Chapel Anniversary was celebrated after Revd E Large of Bristol preached in the afternoon & in the evening a Public Meeting was held when several *stining* addresses were delivered - the result of which the Friends promised various sums to pay off the Debt referred to at the Church Meeting 2nd Instant and as a result £ has been collected & the Collections & Tea Meeting produced £30. 7. 11
- 28th Mrs Crook being desirous of joining the Church - brethren Iles and Gibbons were appointed a Committee to visit her & report at next Church Meeting
- Notice was given to receive the Rule passed 9th April last - with respect to giving notice the previous Lords day of all business to be brought before the Church Meeting - it not being found to work satisfactorily
- Oct 2nd Mrs Crook came before the Church & was unanimously received - she having been previously baptised in London
- The Rule of 9th April last - with respect to giving notice of business coming before the Church Meeting - at the close of service of previous Lords Day - was rescinded

The dismissal of Miss Moon from Melksham to be applied for

Oct 9 Bro^r Fortune having tendered his resignation of office of Deacon - Bro^r Barrett prop0sed & Bro^r Richards seconded & it was carried – that Bro^r Fortune be requested to reconsider the matter & withdraw his resignation

Bro^r Wearing was appointed Delegate to the Association meeting at Chapmans Slade 15th Inst

Nov 27th Bro^r Fortune having reconsidered the matter of this resignation – has now consented to continue the office of Deacon at the request of the Church

The dismissal of Miss Moon received from Melksham

Elizth Edwards having resigned to Tetbury her dismissal was desired by the Church at Tetbury agreed to

A discussion on the subject of heating the Chapel took place & it was proposed by J D Barrett seconded by H Deacon - That the Committee be requested to continue their canvas for Subscriptions & obtain the inspection of Mr Haden of the Premises & to report as soon as possible

Dec^r 4 Messr Haden having sent in a Tender for Heating apparatus at a sum of £34. 10. it was resolved to accept such and have the warming of the Chapel carried out thereby provide the necessary Funds could be obtained

1873 Feby 18th Annual Church Meeting
The Accounts for the past year were read over & passed; from which it appeared that

The Receipts were	£191. 3. 10
and the payments	£194. 2. 2
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	2. 18. 4
leaving a balance due to the Treasurer of	£ 20. 7. 5
including the balance due last year of	£ 17. 9. 1

The Accounts also of the Debt Fund were read over & approved balance due to the Treasurer £189, 2. 5 which account the Friends were earnestly invited to reduce as also aid by weekly offerings in raising sufficient Funds to meet the annual Interest & Instalments due to the Metropolitan Loan Fund now reduced to £40

The increase in the number of Members for the past year is 3 namely

No. of Members last year		110
Added by baptism		4
Added by Letter & vote of Church		3
		<u>117</u>
removed	1	
Dismissed	3	4
present number		<u>113</u>

Brethren Wearing & Greenaway having retired from the office of Deacons in rotation were re-elected

James Edwards dismissal was granted to the Baptist Church King St Bristol

Mr Hale being proposed as a Candidate for baptism & membership - brethren Greenaway & Vickery were chosen Messengers to visit him Also Mrs Hale & brethren Bonell & Barrett chosen Messengers to visit her

Mr Greenaway proposed & Mr Deacon seconded That a Collection be granted in aid of Celportage Assocⁿ in aid of our Bro^r Summersley's Work in North Wilts

Mr Murphy having announced his resignation of the Pastoral Office amongst us on the 25th March next - having accepted the Charge of the Church at Coleraine in Ireland It was resolved That this Church whilst accepting Mr Murphy's resignation desire to unite in prayer to Almighty God that he may in the future (as he has in the past) be ever or faithful Minister of the Gospel of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ

- Mch 12th Mr & Mrs Hale came before the Church & having related their experience were received as Members on their being baptised Miss Harris having applied for baptism & membership - brethren Iles & Russell were appointed Messengers Mr Mole also & brethren Wearing & Gibbons were appointed Messengers
- 16th Annie Harris having applied to be admitted as a Member of the Church - brethren Iles & Gardener were chosen Messengers to visit her
- 17th Jane Harris Annie Harris & Mole came before the Church & having related their experience were received as Members on their being baptised

The above named Mr & Mrs Hale Jane Harris Annie Harris & Mole were baptised

20th The above 5 named were received into the Church by Mr Murphy being his last Service in the place

23rd The dismissal of A F Clement formerly member of Newport Mon. was applied for from the Church at Carmel Aberdare which was granted - his name does not appear on our list as his dismissal did not arrive until he had left Swindon

Apr 2

It was agreed that during the time without a Pastor - a Prayer Meeting should be held on Monday and Saturday evenings

Complaints having been made by some of the Members of Mr Westlakes playing the Harmonium - the Deacons had tried to induce time to resign the Instrument into their hands but as he demxxxed - not having been appointed by the Deacons - the matter now came before the Church & after some discussion it was proposed & seconded by brethren Moles & Hale - That whilst this Church express their wish that Mr Westlake sho^d resign the playing of the Harmonium - they desire to give him their thanks for his disinterested services during the last 6 months & trust he will still continue his services in the Gallery & conduct the Singing Class as heretofore

Proposed & seconded by brethren Davis & Barrett - That Mrs Davies be requested to resume the place at the Harmonium formerly so efficiently filled by her

Apr 16 Mr Cope of Llanelly & Mr Swindill of Hinden having offered to supply with a view to the Pastorate - it was agreed that as Mr Cope was leaving his present Charge he should be invited first to supply and afterwards Mr Swindill if Mr Cope should not be accepted

May 14th Brethren Wearing & Spiers were appointed Messengers to the Association to be held at Bratton 27th Instant

After a long discussion Brethren Iles & Hale proposed & seconded that Mr Cope be invited to the Pastorate

Amendment proposed & seconded by Brethren Gibbons & Thomas That Mr Cope be invited to supply for a month

This was lost and also an amendment proposed & seconded by Brethren Bonell & Mole - That at present we have further Supplies The original proposition was carried by 17 to 14 - the attendance being about 40 Members

- 26th Brethren Gibbons & Mole proposed & seconded That the Resolution of 16th April be rescinded That Mesr Cope & Swindill be both withdrawn for the Candidateship & that some other Minister be invited to supply
- Brethren Greenaway & Bonell proposed & seconded That Mr Edgley be invited for one or two Sabbaths the latter if possible with a view to the Pastorate There appeared to be a very unanimous feeling in form of Mr Edgley
- 21st Mr Edgley having supplied the Pulpit with evident to them of acceptance Brethren Stone & Vickery proposed & seconded that Mr Edgley be invited to the Pastorate - carried with two dissentients Brethren Wearing & Deacon proposed & seconded that £150 be offered to Me Edgley for his services per Annum
- Aug^t 14 Mr Edgley,s acceptance of the Pastorate of the Church was announced
- 20th The Church Book not having been revised this year it was thought desirable to do so & the following names were removed accordingly - having ceased all connection with the Church - Mary Gibbs - F Hockey - M J Hockey - Jas Cleal - Elizth Cleal - Mary A Adams - Andrew Dickson - Geo Osland - Amelia Osland - Eunice Fo (14)
- Eliza Hanks & Geo Stone were suspended for disorderly walk & to be visited
- And the following to be visited to ascertain the reason of their absence Mary Prosser - Jno Thomas - Mary Thomas - Wm Reeves - Ellen Reeves - Mrs Williams - Henry Powell - Sarah Powell - Mrs Loyd - Richd Fortune - Mrs Stone - Sarah James (12)
- 29th The Brethren reported upon the 12 cases last named - and it was decided that their names should all be retained at the present - Sarah James to come before the Church should she desire to return It was also arranged for Brethren Bonell & Barrett to revisit Wm Reeves also Brethren Spiers & Barrett to revisit Mrs Catford
- Oct 3rd It was agreed to apply for the dismissal of the following - Mrs Edgley from London Wm Davis - Faringdon and Fras Chas Butker from Chippenham
- Benjn Howard proposed for Membership & brethren Iles & Alley to visit him
- Marg^t Janes proposed for membership & Brethren Greenaway & Davis to visit her
- Elizth Richens proposed for membership & Brethren Wearing & Spiers

to visit her

John Hall (formerly a member at Stratton) wishing to join the Church - brethren Patteson & Bonell to visit him

During the past week Anniversary & Recognition Services in connection with the settlement of Rev^d G T Edgley took place - they were well attended. Professor Rogers preaching in the afternoon & presiding at the meeting in the evening

Oct 1st The Collection at Tea Meeting produced £32. 9. 1 towards the Debt Fund

22nd Emily Bonell proposed for membership & Brethren Wearing & Greenaway to visit her
Edward Elliott also & Brethren Russell & Gibbons to visit him
Also William Nunn & Brethren Iles & Alley to visit him

27th Brother Wearing appointed Delegate to the ½ yearly Association Meeting

It was agreed to propose a Bazaar to be held next Spring or Summer (if the Ladies would make preparation for the same) toward paying off the Debt

The dismissal of Mrs Edgley & Fras Chas Butler were received

It was proposed to apply for the dismissal of Jane Mapledown from the Church at Weymouth

Ann Vickery being proposed for baptism & membership - Brethren Wearing & Barrett were appointed Messengers

29th Benjamin Howard Mr Nunn Edwd Elliott Marg^t Janes Elizth Richens & Emily Barnett were baptised & the various Messengers having reported favourably of them at the previous Church Meeting - as well as of John Hall who was received on the vote of the Church

Nov 2 Mrs Edgley Jno Hall Fras Chas Butler the above named 6 were received into the Church

24 Mary Mole applied for membership & brethren Iles & Spiers were appointed Messengers also Sarah Dinah Fortune & brethren Mace & Alley appointed Messengers Annie Drine & brethren Barrett & Hale appointed Messengers - Emily Alma Noble & brethren Greenaway & Butler were appointed Messengers

Dec 1st The dismissal of William Davis from Faringdon and Mary Jane Mapledown from Weymouth received
The dismissal of Fredk Saunders & his wife granted to Lodge Road Birmingham

Mary Mole - S D Fortune - A Brine & Emily A Noble came before the Church & being proposed by the various Messengers were agreed to be received into the Church on their baptism

It being found that the 6th Rule of *Helihinah* did not work satisfactory it was suggested that an alteration be made therein & brother Wearing gave notice that at the next Church Meeting the matter should be taken into consideration - that instead of the Candidate coming before the Church a Committee of three in place of two be appointed to converse with the Candidate & investigate character to report to the Church - such report to be agreed to by all 3 of the Committee

3rd Mary Mole - S D Fortune - A Brine & Emily A Noble were baptised

7th The above 4 named and Wm Davis were received into the Church

1874 Jany 7th It was decided on a motion made and seconded by brethren Wearing & Greenaway that the 6th Rule be altered so far as relates to the Candidates for membership coming before the Church to relate their experience the recommendation of the Committee of two brethren being deemed sufficient An amendment proposed & seconded by brethren Davis & Hale that the 6th Rule should remain as at present being lost

Geo Moulding Albert Raven & Fanny Raven wishing to transfer their membership from the Church at Lechlade it was decided to apply for their dismissal

The following persons wishing to join the Church they were respectively proposed & the brethren named were appointed to visit the

Frank Apted	Visitors Brethren Greenaway &
Mary Jane Apted	Bonell
Jon Godfrey	Brethren Davis & Gibbons
Matilda Nunn	Brethren Iles & Gardner
Chas Whitton	Brethren Deacon & Davies
Eliza Saunders	Brethren Wearing & Alley
Celia Follard	Brethren Stone & Russell

Thomas Tranter
Geo Coole

Brethren Greenaway & Vickery
Brethren Hale & Alley

Jan 21 The reports of the various Committees being satisfactory the following were agreed to be received as Members of their baptism Frank Apted - Mary J Apted - Jno Godfrey - Matilda Nunn - Chas Whitton - Eliza Saunders - Celia Follard - Thos Tranter & Geo Coole

The Treasurers Accounts were produced & adopted from which it appeared that

The receipts were	£186. 18. 10
and the payments	195. 12. 7
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	8. 13. 9

leaving balance due to the Treasurer	£29. 1. 2
which includes balance of last year	20. 7. 5
due to the Treasurer	

A discussion took place as to how this continued deficiency should be met as also how the Funds should be improved in the future & it was resolved that a Committee be appointed to collect funds to pay off the above balance of £29. 1. 2 by giving or collecting 5/- from each Member the Committees to consist of Messrs Davis Vickery & Hale The Accounts also of the Debt Fund were produced and approved a balance appears to be due to the Treasurer of £104.5. being a reduction of £84. 17. 5 & the Members were urged to contribute not less than £1 per week towards meeting the current payments for Interest and repayment of Debt

The Statistics of the Church are as follows

No of Members last year		113
Added by Baptism		15
Added by Letter & Vote		5
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		133
less dismissed to other Churches	3	
by Death	1	
by revision of Church Book	19	23
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		110

decrease upon the year 3

Brother Iles retired from office of Deacon in rotation and was re elected

A discussion took place as to whether there should be 3 or 4 Deacons for the ensuing year – several brethren were proposed to the office but declined to fill the office and eventually a proposition to have only three Deacons was agreed to – 9 voting for the proposition & 5 voting for the proposal to have 4 Deacons

28 Frank Apted - Mary J Apted - Jno Godfrey - Matilda Nunn - Chas Whitton - Eliza Saunders - Celia Follard - Thos Tranter & Geo Coole were baptised

Feby 1st

The above 9 were received into the Church

25th

The dismissal of Geo Moulding and Albert Raven received from Lechlade – but Mrs Raven not having committed for 2 years the Church at Lechlade preferred not to dismiss her and brethren Gibbons & Russell were appointed to visit her & report to the Church in the usual way

Richd Beale wishing to join the Church it was resolved to apply to the Church at Weymouth for his dismissal Willm Petman also & his dismissal from Church at Reading to be applied for

Willm Edwd Greenaway	Gertrude Green
Laura Payton	Coole
	Sarah White

Wishing to join the Church – the brethren named were appointed to visit them

brethren Iles & Hale	Wm Edwd Greenaway
brethren Bonell & Willis	Gertrude Green
brethren Greenaway & Barrett	Laura Payton
brethren Iles & Gardner	Coole
brethren Bonell & Davis	Sarah White

March 25th Mary Ann Ford wishing to join the Church – brethren Bonell & Vickery were appointed to visit her

Also Mary Ann Jones - & brethren Russell & Barrett were appointed to visit her

Also Ellen Elizth Derrett & brethren Greenaway & R^d Davis were appointed to visit her

Also Fredk Chas Harrison & brethren Wearing & Mole appointed to visit him

The dismissal of Mrs Williams was rec^d from Church at Nebo Ebbw

Vale & he was unanimously received
Bina Watson applied for membership & her dismissal from
Westbourne Grove Church

From a Report of the Committee appointed to collect the Debt due to
the Treasurer of £29. 1. 2 for 1873 there appears to be about £20
collected with a good prospect that the remainder will be soon
forthcoming

30th The Brethren appointed to visit the Candidates for membership having
reported favourably the following were unanimously received viz. W
E Greenaway - Fredk Chas Harrison - Laura Payton - Mary Ann Coole
Sarah White - Mary Ann Ford - Mary Ann Jones - Ellen Elizth Derrett -
also Fanny Raven on the vote of the Church

The dismissal of Mr Petman received

Apl 1st The above named W E Greenaway - Fredk Chas Harrison - Laura
Payton - Mary Ann Coole Sarah White - Mary Ann Ford - Mary Ann
Jones - Ellen Elizth Derrett were baptised &

5th were received into the Church - as also Petman

May 13th The dismissal of Jacobina Watson from Mr Lewis's Westbourne
Grove received & the Church at Weymouth having declined to grant
dismissal to Richd Beale in consequence of his having left some years
- Brethren Davis & Edwards were appointed visitors & report to the
Church in the usual way

Mary Wheeler having applied for membership - brethren Greenaway
& Barrett were appointed to visit her

Likewise Hephzibah Jones & brethren Alley & Mole were appointed
visitors

Chas Hy Baker wishing to join the Church it was resolved to apply for
his dismissal from the Church at Gloucester

David Sly having applied for membership - brethren Wearing & Butler
were appointed to visit him

Brethren Wearing & Mole appointed Messengers to the Association at
Frome

June 7th Geo Moulding received into the Church

17th The Brethren appointed to visit Richd Beale having reported
favourably he was unanimously received

Also Mary Wheeler - Hephzibah Jones & David Sly to be received on their baptism

The Bazaar proposed last Oct towards the Debt Fund took place the 27th May & following days & was very successful £184. 5^d after deducting £22. 10. expenses being realised towards the reduction of the Debt ^X The balance of £40 due to the Metrop. Building Fund and £5. 11. 5 due on Heating Apparatus have been paid off leaving about £430 still due

24th Mary Wheeler & Hephzubah Jones were received

^X leaving about £100's worth of Goods to be disposed of as may be decided upon

July 5th Mary Wheeler Jacobina Watson & Chas Hy Baker received into the Church

6th John & Emma Jones of Rushey Platt wishing to join the Church having been baptised some years since - but now not connected with any Church - brethren Barrett & Russell were chosen to visit them William Beckett - Chas Lynott - Albert Crew - Martha Pinchin - Thomas Haskett & Harriet Haskett applied for baptism & membership & the following brethren were appointed to visit them

Brethren Alley & Stone
Iles & Thomas

Wearing & Vickery

Greenaway & Gibbons

William Beckett
Chas Lynott &
H Haskett
Albert Crew &
Thos Haskett
Martha Pinchin

The dismissal of Chas Hy Baker recd

17th The dismissal of Wm Davis given to Church at Faringdon John Jones & Emma Jones being recommended by the Committee were received on the vote of the Church

The visitors to Wm Beckett - Chas Lynott - Albert Crew - Martha Pinchin - Thomas Haskett & Harriet Haskett reporting favourably they were severally voted into the Church upon their baptism

It was reported that the Committee appointed in Jan last to collect funds to clear off the Debt due to the Treasurer had collected £28. 8. 9 towards £29. 1. 2 - the collection being not yet completed

- 29th The last named and also David Sly were baptised & were with John & Emma Jones received Augt 2nd into the Church
- Sept 7th Martha Howard wishing to join the Church - brethren Barrett & Russell were appointed to visit her
- Also Stephen Eber Daniels - brethren Iles & Alley were appointed to visit him
- It was decided to apply for the dismissal of Jas Wm Taylor & May Taylor from Church at Derby
- During the past week the Anniversary of the Church & the settlement Mr Edgley has been held when Mr Large of Bristol preached & Collection were made on behalf of the Debt which resulted in measures being adopted for the entire remainder of the Debt by next Anniversary
- The Church Congregation having largely increased during the last 12 months & Mr Edgley having been led to expect an increase in his stipend - it was proposed & seconded by brethren Iles & Greenaway - That Mr Edgley,s stipend be raised to £180 at present & to be increased to £200 when the Debt has been cleared off & that an Appeal be made to the Congregation to aid in making up this sum carried unanimously
- Oct 19th The dismissal of Walker & Dunn granted to Wycliffe Chapel Birmingham
Letter from Derby dismissing Jas & Mary Taylor read
- Alice Embling wishing to join the Church - brethren Mole & Alley were appointed visitors - also /Visitors/
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| Susan Martha Deacon | Brethren Barrett & Russell |
| Chas White | Iles & Gardner |
| Willm Wearing | Greenaway & Pettman |
- The visitors to Martha Howard recommending her to be received - received accordingly - as also Stephen Eber Daniels
- Oct 21st The visitors S E Daniels - Alice Emblin - Susan Martha Deacon - Charles White & William Wearing reported the result of their visitations & all the Candidates were unanimously received
- Oct 28th The above named & Martha Howard were baptised and on

Nov 1st were received into the Church

Dec 6th Hephzibah Jones received into the Church

7th The following dismissions were agreed to be applied for

Agnes Millard	from Church at Frome
George Fry	from Church at Stratton
James Bown	from Church at Stratton

George Osland & Amelia Osland formerly Members of this Church were again received on vote of the Church

The following desiring to join the Church were unanimously agreed to be visited

Charles Petty	Brethren Barrett & Mole
Jane Petty	Brethren Iles & Taylor
Martha Dadge	Brethren Barrett & Russell
Amelia Manley	Brethren Barrett & Russell
Mary Llewellyn	Brethren Iles & Taylor
Elizth Shail	Brethren Bonell & Mole
Ann Bown	Brethren Greenaway & Wearing
William Mullens	Brethren Alley & Baker
Edwd Jno Wood	Brethren Barrett & Russell
Mary Wood	Brethren Greenaway & Wearing

Rosa Brown having been baptised but not having found any Church - brethren Greenaway & Wearing were appointed to visit her

Dec 21st The dismissal of Agnes Millard - Geo Fry & James Bown received

The visitors to the following having reported favourably were unanimously received Charles Petty - Jane Petty - Martha Dadge - Amelia Manley - Mary Llewellyn - Elizth Shail - Ann Bown - William Mullens - Edwd Jno Wood- Mary Wood & Rosa Brown

23rd The above named Charles & Jane Petty - Martha Dadge - Amelia Manley - Mary Llewellyn - Elizth Shail - Wm Mullens - Edwd John Wood & Mary Wood were baptised

1875 Jany 3 The above named were received into the Church except Elizth Shail & Geo Fry

4th The dismissal of Mr Willm Saunders granted to Cardiff Church

27th

The Annual Church Meeting when the Accounts for the year were presented and passed

The Receipts for the year amounted to £340. 19. 1 which included £68. 10. 5 collected for the various Societies connected with the

Denomination - The Expenditure to £313. 17. 7 added to which was the balance £29. 1. 2 due to the Treasurer

last year £342. 18. 9 leaving a balance due to Treasurer 1. 19. 8

The Account of the Debt Fund was also presented and approved The Receipts including the Bazaars were £574. 2. 6 the expenditure £336. 8.

5 - £200 of which was in reduction of the debt due on Mortgage of £600

The balance in hand £143. 9. 1 together with the promise to be realised by the next Anniversary - thus reducing all Liability to £31.

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The Statistics of the Church are as follows

No of Members last year	110
Added by baptism	41
Added by vote & Letter	19
	<u>170</u>
less dismissed to other Churches	2
loss by death	6
present number	<u>162</u>

Showing a clear increase of 52

Brother Wearing retired from office as Deacon and was re elected

Brethren Mole & Bonell proposed & seconded that there should be 4 Deacons for the ensuing year which was carried

Brethren Barrett & Deacon being nominated for the Office of additional Deacon - on taking the votes of the Church Brother Barrett was elected by a majority of 11 - 25 voting for him & 14 for Bro^r Deacon

The Rules governing the Church were read over also the List of Members when it was decided to remove the names of Benjn Summersley and Sarah James and the following to be visited or written to to have their membership transferred to other Churches To be visited by Brethren Iles - Thos Dowidge & Richd Fortune - and by the Pastor Wm Reeves - Ellen Reeves - Heny Powell - Sarah Powell - Marian Powell - Mr Loyd To be written to Jane New - Miss Keen - T C Stokes - Mr & Mrs

Collier - Geo Allan - Mr & Mrs Colbourne - George Offer

The following being desirous of joining the Church were unanimously agreed to be visited

Martha Mullens Gorse Hill	Brethren Vickery & Butler
Jane Sprules Gorse Hill	Brethren Davies & Bonell
Elizth Sutton Glor Tenace	Brethren Iles & Haskett
Susan Ferguson Westcott Place	Brethren Greenaway & Deacon
Elizth Evans Westcott Place	Brethren Wearing & Barrett
Emma Gough Eastcott Hill	Brethren Osland & Harrison
Emily Berry Queen St	Brethren Mole & Gardner
Robt Sprules	By Brethren Alley & Harrison
Thos Hall	By Brethren Wearing & Fry
Jno Evenden Wearing	By Brethren Russell & Barrett

Mar 1st The minutes of the last Church Meeting were read over & confirmed

The visitors to the following Candidates having reported satisfactorily - it was unanimously agreed to receive them on their baptism into Church Fellowship - Martha Mullen - Jane Sprules - Elizabeth Sutton - Susan Ferguson - Elizth Evans - Emma Gough - Emily Berry - Robt Sprules - Thos Hall & Jno Evenden Wearing

Brother Iles reported upon resolution at last Church Meeting that Thos Davidge will attend in future & Rd Fortune withdrawn
The Pastor also reported that the persons visited by him (see list) will attend in future

Brethren Gibbons & Alley proposed & seconded That the 10th Rule be expunged

Brethren Deacon & Iles proposed and seconded an amendment That the same be retained - which was carried - so that the Rule remains

Mar 3rd The following were baptized Robt. Sprules - Jane Sprules - Elizth Sutton - Emma Gough - Susan Ferguson - Elizth Evans - Emily Berry - Thos. Hall and Jno Evendon Wearing

- 7th Were received into the Church
- April 7th The dismissal of Geo Offer granted to Church at Devizes
- William Dadge – William Ponting and Philip Davis were proposed for baptism and membership & unanimously received & the following brethren appointed visitors
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| Iles & Vickery | to Wm Dadge |
| Greenaway & Russell | to W Ponting |
| Wearing and Mole | to Philip Davis |
- Mr Richard Rylands wishing to transfer his membership from Notting Hill it was agreed to be applied for
- Albert & Mary Crew having taken a Public House – it was resolved that (as they still persisted in continuing in the same though affectionately urged to give ~~the issue~~ it up) they be suspended during the time of keeping such Public House
- 19th The visitors to the before named Candidates Willm Dadge – Willm Ponting and Philip Davis having reported favourably it was unanimously agreed to receive them on their baptism into the Church
- 21st The above 3 Candidates & Martha Mullans were baptised and on
- May 2nd were received into the Church
- May 31st Mr & Mrs Tatlow and Thomas Ingram wishing to join the Church the several dismissions were voted to be applied for to the Churches at Wolverhampton and Neath
- Robt Stewart MacHardy wishing to join the Church brethren Greenaway & Alley were appointed visitors
- The following dismissions were granted – Robt & Sarah Fortune to Swansea – Jos Wm & Mary Tayler to Poole – Miss Keens to Oxford
- Brethren Wearing & Barrett were appointed delegates to the Association to be held at Calne
- June 14th Mary Greenaway wishing to join the Church – brethren Wearing and Russell were appointed visitors – also Selina Freeth & brethren Greenaway & Barrett were appointed visitors

- 24th Bessie Greenaway wishing to join the Church – brethren Russell & Butler to visit her
- 28th The dismissal of Mr & Mrs Tatlow and Thomas Ingram recd
The following dismissions were granted - Martha Parke to Church at Hastings - Saml & Hannah Spiers to Church at Faringdon - Rosa Brown of Church at Dudley
- The visitors to Robt S MacHardy – Mary Greenaway – Bessy Greenaway and Selina Freeth having reported favorable were unanimously received
- 30th The above named Mary Greenaway – Bessy Greenaway & Selina Freeth baptised
- July 4 were received into the Church
- July 7 George Fry & Elizth Shail received into the Church
- 22nd The following being proposed for baptism & membership were to be visited
- Augt 29th
Sept 1st The Anniversary Services were held when Mr Stacey preached in the afternoon & a Public Meeting in the evening – Collections were made on Sunday (when Mr Railhache of London preached) & also on Wednesday when a Balance of about £48 due on the Chapel & Schools was paid off and the Doxology sixxx as a thanksgiving to Almighty God for his mercies there given in removing the Debt on the House
- Sept 27th The dismissal of Elizth Evans granted to the Baptist Church Swansea
- Bro^r Barrett was appointed a Delegate to the Baptist Union at Plymouth
- Jane Gardner having applied for Baptism & membership – brethren Iles & Russell were appointed to visit her
Also Mrs Fry & brethren Greenaway & Barrett were appointed to visit her
- Oct 25th Jane Evans wishing to be dismissed from the Baptist Church at Abingdon it was agreed to make application for the same
The following have applied for admission to the Church by baptism – it was agreed that they should be visited

Joanna Pocock from Bourton
 Kate Pocock from Bourton

(these latter dismissions appear to have been already granted & they were therefore received)

Jane Evans dismissal from the Church at Abingdon also received
 The dismissal of Chas Whitton granted to Church at Newport Monmouth

1876 Jany 19th

Annual Church Meeting
 The dismissal of Mr & Mrs Sly received from Church at Faringdon
 The dismissal of S E Daniels granted to Church at Peterborough
 The visitors to Wm James Hinton having reported favourable it was agreed to receive him on his baptism
 Annie Weston also received
 Margaret Lase wishing to join the Church - brethren Greenaway & Mole were chosen to visit her

The Treasurers account was read from which it appeared that the

Expenditure had been	£344. 11. 7
the Receipts	£314. 9. 2
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leaving a deficiency of	£ 30. 2. 5
added to which last years balance	£ 1. 17. 8
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total balance now due to Treasurer	X £ 32. 2. 1

The Accounts were adopted proposed & seconded by brethren Davies & Alley That the Accounts & List of Members be printed & distributed to the Members before the Annual Meeting

^X There is also a Bill for Repairs & due to Mr Barrett £13. 11. 7

Brethren Greenaway & Iles retired from office of Deacon and
 Brethren Deacon & Davies nominated Brother Greenaway
 Brethren Alley & Patterson nominated Brother Gibbons
 Brethren Mole & Vickery nominated Brother Deacon
 Brethren Russell & Gardner nominated Brother Iles

Brethren Mole & Vickery proposed & seonded that the friends be asked to contribute as they feel disposed towards paying off the Debt of £32. 2. 1 as shown in the Treasurers Account to be due to him
 Brother Vickery also suggested that the Rent of the Chapel House sh^d be kept distinct - so as to accommodate a Friend towards paying off the Debt thereon

The Statistics of the Church are as follows

No of Members last year		162
added by baptism		21
added by Letter or vote of Church		<u>9</u>
		192
less dismissed	16	
less on reversion	3	
less by Death	3	<u>22</u>
clear increase	8	170

The Rules governing the Church & list of Members read over when it was decided to remove the following from the Church Book through non residence not receiving their address or omission to apply for their dismission to other Churches Mary Prosser - Edwin Thomas - Jane Winson - J C Stoker - Lloyd - Collin - Collier - M J Mapledown - R Beale -

The following to be communicated with if possible - Geo Allen - Geo Moulding - Petman - A Manley - M Llewlllyn^x

Brethren Pattison having address the Pastor in a ~~very~~ insulting manner Brethren Wearing & Russell moved that Bro^r Pattison name be withdrawn from the Church Book unless he express his sorrow for his conduct & wish to remain in the Church

Brethren Bonell & Davies moved as an amendment That Brethren Barrett Russell & Mole see Mr Pattison on the matter & report - carried

^x The name of Mr Beckett has been removed - his admission having been omitted to the recorded

24th

The Committee appointed at last Church Meeting to visit Bro^r Patterson reported that he declined to express his sorrow believing he had done nothing wrong whereupon Brethren Wearing & Deacon proposed & seconded That rexxx being Bro^r Patterson so often in the past has conducted himself so contrary to the Rules of this Church - his name be withdrawn from the Church Book

Brethren Tatlow & Davies proposed & seconded an amendment - That whilst the Church deeply regret the unpleasant feeling which have been expressed by brethren Edgley & Patterson - and whilst recognising that they have both done Gods work in this place they would amit the matter to their prayerful & personal consideration and

this Church pass on to the next business

The Pastor expressed a wish that these propositions should not be put as likely to cause a division in the Church stating that rather than this should be the case he would consider whether it would not be his duty to resign the Pastorate whereupon Bro^r Wearing said that under the circumstances perhaps it would be better to leave the matter for the Pastor to consider whether he should resign the Pastorate as he had suggested therefore the Meeting was adjourned

Feby 14th A Special Church meeting was held on count of receiving the following letter relating to the Pastor

13 Oxford Street
New Swindon
Feby 9th 1876

Dear Pastor & Deacons

I have been requested to ask if you will kindly convene a Church Meeting as soon as ~~soon~~ as possible, to enable the members to express their sympathy and to ask Mr Edgley to still continue his ministry amongst us

Yours on behalf of the Brethren
J Bonell

The Pastor stated that he had been convinced he had misunderstood Bro Paterson & heartily with drew all he had said considering him & asked that the members who like himself had misunderstood Bro Paterson would with him take Bro Paterson into their confidence

Bro Gibbons proposed Bro Iles seconded that the Pastor be asked not to resign the Pastorate of the Church but still continue his Ministry among us
vote by Ballot. 44 for the Pastor continuing 12 against & 2 neutral

The Pastor said he would not resign but continue his labour to the Church

Bro Wearing resigned his office as Deacon and gave the following as his reasons for doing so 1st he had heard that it had been said he wished to rule the church 2nd that he was opposed to the Pastor several members & the Pastor expressed their confidence in Bro Wearing & asked him to withdraw his resignation and continue in Office but this he refused to do and the matter was left

Signed G T Edgley
Chairman

Feb 28th Church Meeting held
Minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed

Bro Vickery proposed Bro Deacon seconded the following to be inserted in the minutes

That Bro W B Wearing at the Church Meeting held on the 14th inst tendered his resignation of deaconship to the Church after 21 years actual and efficient services, and the Church hereby express their sympathy and exceedingly regret the painful circumstances which caused him to withdraw from the work he is so fully qualified to undertake
Carried

The visitors to Margaret Lase reported favourably and was received on her having Baptised
The dismissal of John Wearing was granted to Wycliffe Birmingham, and that of Ellen Derritt to the Church at Derby

It was agreed to apply to the Church at Gloucester for the dismissal of William Henry Brewer

Mary Ann Brown and Emily Louisa Baker were proposed for membership, visitors Mrs Brown Bro Iles and Gardner, to Mrs Baker Bro Russell & Barrett

The Pastor stated that the Annual Missionary Services would be held Mar 12th and 13th, also that Mrs Davies had resigned her office as Organist and that Miss Freith had come to the Churches help
Bro Richard Davies pro^d Alley seconded that the best thanks of Church be given to Mrs Davies for her past services
Bro Deacon pro^d Bro Davies seconded that the election of Deacon be postponed till next month

Mar 5th Jane Evans & Anne Weston were received into the Church

Mar 20th Mary Ann Baggs & Charles Baggs – Ann Merchant & John Abraham Reiner were proposed for membership visitors to Mr & Mrs Baggs Bro Alley and Butler, Mrs Merchant Bro Buttler & Barrett Mr Reiner Bro Fry & Greenaway

Signed G T Edgley Chairman

Mar 27th Church Meeting held
Minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed

The transfer of Bro Brewer from the Church at Gloucester accepted. The Church at Gloucester also applied for the transfer of Mrs Llewelin, this was not granted as Bro Alley desired it to be postponed for the present

The visitors to Mrs Baggs - Mr Baggs - Mrs Merchant - Mr Reimer - Mrs Baker and Mrs Brown having reported favourably they were received on their being baptised

The Pastor then sought Gods blessing and guidance in the election of a Deacon

Bro Iles was nominated for the office by Brethren Barrett & Buttler and Bro Buttler by Bro Greenaway & Richards and after conversation on the matter Bro Mole pro^d and Bro G Davies seconded that the election be put off till the next meeting when Bro Hales moved an amendment second^d by Bro Petty viz. That the election of Deacon be proceeded with

Votes by ballott for Bro Buttler 28 Bro Iles 12 and 5 blanks

Bro Gibbons was requested by the Pastor not to act as Deacon during the investigation of certain rumours which had come to the Churchs knowledge concerning him

G T Edgley Chairman

May 4th Church Meeting held

Minutes for last meeting read and confirmed

The Pastor then intimated to the Church that having passed through such severe trials lately and seeing no prospect of ever working peacefully in Swindon and on account of the constant ill health of Mrs Edgley he intended to resign the pastorate of the Church. Family circumstances would however prevent him doing so for some months but when these would allow of it and the Lord made the way clear, he should tender his resignation

Mrs Llewelin was dismissed to Church Gloucester

Transfer of Mrs Hammond accepted, and on May 7th she was received into the Church

It was agreed to write for the transfers of Mr & Mrs Cornelius from the Church at Bedminster and that of Miss Baker from the Church at Hornsey Rise London

Mrs Merrett was proposed for membership visitors Brethren Buttler & Davies

Pastor explained the case of Mr Gibbons with which the Church was satisfied and was agreed he should continue his office as Deacon of the Church

G T Edgley Chairman

May 22nd Church Meeting held
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed

Mrs Merrett was received her visitors having reported favourably

The transfer of Mr & Mrs Cornelius from the Church at Bedminster was accepted and on July 1st they were received into the Church

It was agreed to write for the dismissal of Walter Davies from the Church at Faringdon

Bro Buttler & Wearing were appointed messengers to the Association to be held at Warminster

G T Edgley Chairman

June 28th Church Meeting held
Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed

The dismissal of Amey Baker received from the Church at Hornsey Rise received into the Church July 1st 1876

The dismissal of Mary Ann Jones granted to Church at Prade Street Paddington

G T Edgley Chairman

Aug 16th Church Meeting held
Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed

Mr Edgley resigned the Pastorate of the Church stating that he had accepted an invitation from the Church at Bow London, and would close his labours among us at the end of Sept next

Bro Barrett proposed & Brother Greenaway second^d that the following should be placed on the minutes of the Church Book which was carried unanimously
Resolved

That this Church in accepting Mr Edgley's resignation desire with

grateful remembrance to acknowledge the great prosperity God has graciously xxchxed to his Ministry among usand while regretting the separation desire and devoatly pray that he may be made still more useful in his future labours as a faithfully Minister of Christ

The following dismissals were granted

Mr & Mrs Bonell	Church at Shrewsbury
Mr Haskett	Church at Derby
Mr Stevens	Church at Salisbury

The Pastor announced the Anniversary would take place on the 1st Sunday in Sept and asked the aid of the Church and friends to doall they could to make it a success

John D Barrett Chairman

Sept 3rd & 4th The Anniversary services were held
The Pastor and the Revd J Lambert preaching on the Sabbath, on the following day a Tea and Public Meeting the net profits from which together with the collections amounted to £28. 9. 5

Oct 4th Church Meeting held
Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed

It was agreed that during the time we were without a Pastor the Wednesday night service should be sustained by Brethren, Members of the Church, who shall give previous notice to the deacons, of their desire to do so

The dismissal of Brother Davies received from Church at Faringdon
The dismissal of Mr Edgley granted to Church at Bow London

Francis C Butler Chairman

Oct 23rd The dismissal of Marg^t Jones granted to the Church at Prade St London

A discussion took place relating to the future pastorate. It was eventually agreed to hear further supplies

The deacons having received an application from Bro Wearing desiring payment of a balance due to him as the late Treasurer of the Church, after discussion it was unanimously agreed that a social Tea for the Church & Congregation be held the second week in Dec^r with the view of having a fund to defray the same

Brethren Butler and Baker were appointed delegates to the half yearly meeting of Wilts & East Somerset Association to be held at Whitbourne on the 31st Ins^t

John D Barrett Chairman

Oct 30 Church Meeting held
Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed

Bro Alley gave notice of his intention to bring forward at the Annual Church Meeting a motion relative to the Rules of the Church

Nov 29th A discussion took place respecting a Pastor. It was ultimately proposed and carried, that we hear further supplies

Dec 10th Walter Davies was received into the Church

Wm Greenaway Chairman

Dec 20th Church Meeting held
Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

After which some discussion arose as to the desirability of testing the feeling of the members , their friends, towards Mr Hill, on the suggestion of Bro Gibbons - Ballott was taken the votes being almost unanimous

It was then resolved that this meeting be adjourned till Jan^y 3rd, meanwhile the deacons to communicate with Mr Hill for other information

1877 Jan^y 3rd The business relating to the future Pastorate was again resumed, it was thought we could not offer more than £150 per Annum, Bro Deacon proposed & Bro Baker seconded, that we guarantee the future Pastor that sum, this being the case it was thought advisable not to give Mr Hill the invite which was proposed by Bro Mole & seconded by Bro Deacon carried

It was suggested by Bro Barrett that we invite Rev^d H A James of Minchenhampton to supply with a view to the pastorate. It was afterwards proposed by Bro W E Greenaway & seconded by Bro Nunn that the matter stand over until we have heard from Mr Hollingshead, it was also suggested by Bro Butler that we hold meeting of Special prayer to seek devine guidance in the choice of a Pastor

Wm Greenaway Chairman

Jan^y 29th Annual Church Meeting held
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed

The dismissal of Jane Harford granted to Church at Chippenham
 The dismissal of Daniel Phillips and Mary Ann Turner received from
 Church at Nanty Glo Monmouth
 It was also agreed that the dismissal of Sarah Louisa Merrett should
 be applied for to the Ch @ Stroud

The Treasurers account was then read from which it appeared that

the expenditure had been	£327. 12. 4
The Receipts	£316. 18. 2 ³ / ₄
Balance to the Treasurer	£ 10. 14. 1 ¹ / ₄

The accounts were adopted

The Statistics of the Church are as follows

No of Members last year	170
Added by Baptism	7
Added by Letter & vote of Church	10
	<hr/> 187
less dismissions	11
less reversion	12
less deaths	23
	<hr/> 164
Present Number	164
clear decrease	6

The Rules governing the Church and list of members were read, when
 it was decided that the following persons be written to to apply for
 their dismission to other Churches

Mary Thomas - Geo Moulding - Amelia Manley - Jas T Tatlow -
 Martha Tatlow and Martha Hammond

And the following to be visited through absence at the communion
 Marian Pearce - Geo Allan & Jacobina Watson

Brethren Barrett & Butler retired from office as Deacons and Brother
 Vickery & Stone nominated Bro Wearing

Bro Deacon & Mole nominated Bro Barrett

Bro Barrett and Wearing were elected the number being for Bro
 Barrett 62. Bro Wearing 39. Bro Butler 26

It was proposed by Bro Wearing seconded by Bro Deacon that the net
 proceeds from Chapel House be kept as separate funds, with the view
 to reduce the debt existing on the same, an amendment to this

proposition was made by Bro Russell & seconded by Bro Baker that this fund be applied to the Church account should the funds require the same at the end of the year
The proposition was carried

The matter of our future Pastor was then discussed when Bro Barrett suggested that the Revd H A James of Minchinhampton be invited to supply with a view to the Pastorate which was ultimately proposed by Bro Vickery & seconded by Bro Mole and carried

Feby 26th Mr H A James having supplied on Sunday 18th & Wednesday 21st Instant in accordance with resolution at the last Church Meeting – it was proposed & seconded by Brethren Deacon and Harrison That Rev^d H A James be invited to accept the Pastorate
A Ballot was then taken when there appeared 46 in favour & 14 against the proposition & 3 neutral
A letter was therefore written to Mr James of which the following is a copy

Swindon
27th Feby 1877

My Dear Sir

I am requested to inform you that at the Church Meeting last night it was proposed that you be invited to accept the Pastoral Office over this Church

There were a few who wished to have further Supplies – eventually we voted there were 46 voted for you & 14 against 3 remaining neutral

I find that there are 33 resident Members – so that there was hardly half represented May you be wisely directed by the Holy Spirit – so that what ever you decide upon, may tend to your own happiness and the Peace & Prosperity of the Church

Remain Yours faithfully
W B Wearing
Deacon

Revd H A James

I think it right to say that after the voting one of the opposing Brethren said that should you accept the Call he hoped to work with you
Perhaps I might also to say that by a Resolution passed last month the Ministers Stipend is to be £150 per Annum

W B Wearing
Chairman

Mch 7th A Special Meeting held to receive Mr James reply - who declined the invitation for two reasons because the same was not unanimous and also that more of the Members were not present to record their votes

It was resolved on the proposition of Brother Vickery that a letter be written to Mr James expressing the regret of the Church of the circumstances which had arisen & which had given him such unnecessary pain

W B Wearing
Chairman

April 11th The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Mary Thomas having been applied for same was granted to Church Upper *Cwenham*
Also Amelia Manley to the Church at Melksham

It was agreed to have a Collection for Colportage Assocⁿ 29th Instant

It was proposed & seconded by brethren Alley & Deacon That the Deacons to arrange to invite any Minister to take the Wednesday evening Services so as to unite harmoniously with the Brethren who are willing & now take it

Brethren Mole introduced the subject of Mr James having declined the invitation & of the insult offered by one of our Brethren sending him a postcard very badly spelt & written of the result of the voting & it was ultimately agreed that 3 of the Deacons see Brother Richards on the matter of the Post Card this was an amendment moved & seconded by Brethren Deacon & Mole to a Resolution moved & seconded by brethren Davies & Alley & not the Deacons see Brother Richards on the matter but has it had transpired that Brother Gibbons (one of the Deacons) was aware of the Post Card being sent it was not considered desirable that he should be one of the Party

W B Wearing
Chairman

May 2nd The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed

The subject of the Post Card was very fully discussed Brother Richards declining to say whether he sent it or not when Brother Gibbons and Gardner proposed & seconded - That the matter be dropped & not again to be referred to

Brethren Mole & Vickery moved the previous question - That is

proceed to the next business which was carried

After the business of last Church Meeting was over Brother Butler complained of a charge which Brother Harrison had made against him of talking of Church affairs to persons out of the Church & it was anxxd that the Deacons investigate the matter which they did and now reported the result That in consequence of the death of the principle Witness the charge had not been proved - and it was proposed seconded & carried that Bro^r Butler is exonerated from the charge that as Mrs Berry is dead also was said to have heard his matter we believe that Bro Harrison made the charge in good faith believing himself the truth of the statement

Bro^r Gibbons announced his resignation of the office of Deacon

W B Wearing
Chairman

The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

Brethren Deacon & Mole proposed & seconded That Bro^r Richards having written or assisted in sending an anonymous Post Card to the Rev^d H A James of Minchinhampton thereby insulting him & casting a slur on the Officers of this Church whose duty it is to correspond on all Church business - and after having been asked & instructed to apologise to Mr James and acknowledge his error to the Church - and as he persistently refuses to do either - that he be suspended from the Church until such time as he shall acknowledge that he had nothing to do with this matter

Amendment proposed & seconded by brethren Davis & Patterson

That the matter be dropped

Amendment carried by 9 to 5

Brethren Patterson & Alley proposed & seconded that Bro Gibbons desired to return to his office as Deacon - for this 16 voted 17 against & 1 neutral

The appointment of a new Deacon was postponed until next Church Meeting

A very great wish was expressed that Mr Pugh of Salcombe (who preached the School Anniversary Sermon last Sunday) should supply the Pulpit as soon as convenient to him with a view to the Pastorate

Brethren Barrett Wearing & Deacon were appointed Messengers to the Association Meeting to be held next month at Westbury Leigh

W B Wearing
Chairman

- June 25th The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed
- John Williams (formerly a Member of this Church) having returned from Reading wished again to unite with us & his dismissal as well as that of his Wife Sarah Ann Williams was decided to be applied for from the Church at Reading
- The Deacons now 3 in number having expressed their willingness to carry on their work at present it was resolved to postpone the appointment of a fourth Deacon until the Annual Meeting in Jan'y 1878
- It was proposed & seconded by Brethren Fry & Allen and carried unanimously That Rev^d F Pugh of Salcombe be invited to the Pastorate Office in this place
- The Meeting closed with Prayer
- W B Wearing
Chairman
- 29th Received Mr Pugh's acceptance of a Call of the Church & that he would commence his Ministry in this place on the 9th Sept next
- Augt 26th The new Pastor presided
- The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed
- The dismissal of Margaret Lase was granted to Church at Bradford Abraham & Ann Bryant wishing to join the Church it was resolved to apply for their dismissal from the Church at Newbridge Monmouthshire
- Also the following
Thos Lidington from Blaenavon
Mr & Mrs North & Mrs Childs from Swansea
- The Pastor Mr Pugh then gave an address to the Church full of good counsel on the relative position of Pastor Officers & Members to each other & what he trusted would be his endeavour in guiding the Church & People during his Pastorate
- Sept 19th A Special Church Meeting
- Brethren Davis & Wearing were appointed Delegates to the Baptist Union Meeting at Newport Oct 8th next
- The following dismission s were resolved to be applied for

Mr & Mrs Martin
William Needs
Joseph Porter
Jefferies Grant

From Newport
from Gloucester
from Swansea
from Derby

The dismissal of Thos Lidington red

With respect to the Expenses attending the Pastor's removal from Devonshire (that is his goods) the proceeds of the Services held on the 12th Instant not being sufficient to meet the same it was resolved that the balance be paid from the Church Funds

Sept 12th A Recognition Service in connect in with the settlement of Rev^d Fredk Pugh was held – Brother Wearing stated the reasons which led to the Call & gave the right hand of fellowship to the Pastor who then made a statement of his views & the Meeting was afterwards addressed by various local Ministers who welcomed Mt Pugh to the Town & after Mr Pugh of London had given an address the Meeting was closed by Revd W Rose formerly of Bristol

Oct 3rd The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed

Dismission received – Mr & Mrs North - Mrs Childs – Abraham Bryant – Ann Bryant and Jeffrey Grant

Dismissions granted to Albert & Mary Cornelius to Chard Church – Wm Henry Brewer to Church at Stantonbury – Agnes illard to Church at Peterborough – Edwin J and Annie Ruth Davies to Church at Ipswich

An application was read from the Secretary to our Association for a contribution of £2 towards the Debt to the Treasurer & also for assistance to the Assurance Aid Fund & it was resolved to have Collections on the 21st October for these objects

Delegates to the ½ yearly Association at Frome 23rd Instant were appointed – Brethren Wearing & Alley

It was resolved to apply to the Church at Stogumber for the

dismission of J G P Wicks The following having applied for baptism & Membership – it was resolved that they be visited

J H Randall of 32 Cromwell Street visitors Brethren Barrett &
Wm Waite of 32 Cromwell Street Vickery

Mrs Rimer

visitors Brethren Greenaway
& Davies

In accordance with notice Brother Alley brought forward his motion respecting the revision of Rules of the Church naming the 3rd and 6th Rules as necessary to be altered & moved that a Committee be appointed to consider the same - After much conversation it appeared to be the feeling of the Meeting that it was not desirable to make any alterations & the motion was withdrawn

24th At a Special Ch Meeting the following persons were proposed for membership

Wm Pearce	55 Chelt Street	visitors Brethren Russell & Mole
Fras Bourne	74 Regent Street	visitors Brethren Martin & Davis

29th At a Special Ch Meeting the following were proposed for membership & visitors appointed

Arthur Josh Rye		visitors Brethren Barrett & Fry
Edwin Ford	Vilett St	Visitors Brethren Martin & Mole
Mary Ann Westlake		Visitors Wearing & Deacon

It was resolved to apply to the Church Bute Dock Cardiff for the dismissal of Maria Chesshire

Nov 7th The minutes of the last meetings were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Mr & Mrs Williams from Church at Reading & Josh Porter from Swansea were received

The Brethren appointed to visit the Candidates for membership having reported favourable the following were unanimously received
J H Randell - Wm Waite - Mrs Rimer - Wm Pearce - Fras Bourne -
Arthur Josh Rye - Edwin Ford & M A Westlake

The following having applied for baptism & membership it was resolved that they be visited

Geo Griffiths		by Breth ⁿ Gardner & Davies
Greenwood	42 Chelt St	by Breth ⁿ Russell & Martin
Mrs Frankllin	8 Rolleston St	by Breth ⁿ Wearing & Iles
M A Greenaway	Fleet St	by Breth ⁿ Alley & Stone
Elizth Sly	Gorse Hill	by Breth ⁿ Baker & Hale

The following wishing to join the Church it was resolved to apply for their dismissions Mr & Mrs Allen from Church at Taunton & Elizth Jeffrey from Church at Salcombe

21st The visitors to the following having reported satisfactorily they were unanimously received - Geo Griffiths - Saml Greenwood - Mrs Franklin - M A Greenaway & Elizth Sly

The dismissions of Wm Needs from Gloucester & Wm & Jane Allen from Taunton received

Miss Lennox of 3 Reading St - wishing to join the Church Brethren Barrett & Martin were appointed visitors

The following wishing to join the Church it was resolved to apply for their dismissal - Mr & Mrs Carpenter Pontymester - Mrs Tye Allington - Mrs Smith from Pontypool

28th The following were baptised J H Randell - Wm Waite - Fras Bourne - Arthur Josh Rye - Edwin Ford - Geo Griffiths - Saml Greenwood - Elizth Rimer - Franklin - M A Greenaway & Elizth Sly

Dec 2nd The above were received into the Church together with Mr & Mrs Williams - Mess^r & Mrs Allen Parker & Grant

Dec 3rd The minutes of the last meetings were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Elizth Jeffery re^d

The following having applied for baptism & membership it was resolved that they will be visited

J G Westlake	visited by Brethren Greenaway & Deacon
Fras Wm Rimer	visited by Brethren Davis & Deacon
Blanchett	visited by Brethren Martin & Morse
Jordan	visited by Brethren Iles & Russell

10th The visitors to the following having reported favourably - they wre unanimously received - Mess^r Westlake - Rimer - Blanchett - Mrs Jordan & Miss Lennox

The dismissal of Mrs Smith Grang St Pontypool & Mrs Tye from Arlington

12 The before named Wm Pearce - J G Westlake - M A Westlake - Fras W Rimer - Henry Blanchett - Rhoda Jordan and Minnie Lennox were baptised

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The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Mr & Mrs Carver from Croscombe were received
The dismissal of Annie Weston to Church at Upper Stratton was granted

Mr & Mrs Gaskell wishing to join the Church – it was agreed to apply for their dismissal from the Church at Burnham

It was resolved to have collections on the 13th Instant for the Irish Society. Mr Murphy to preach as the Society's deputation

A long discussion took place as to whether the number of Deacons should be increased to 5 when it was decided that the number remain as before

It was resolved that in place of electing the Deacons at a Church Meeting Papers should be issued containing a list of all Male Members to each Member against which they were to place a mark of those for whom they voted These Papers to be collected by the 27th Jany & Brethren Barrett . Wearing. Fry and Alley were appointed Scrutineers & to report the result to the next Meeting

It was agreed to have a quarterly Tea Meeting of the Members – the first to be held the end of the Month

It was resolved to issue a Year Book containing a List of all the Members rules of the Church & particulars of all Accounts connected therewith & to sold at 3^d each

6th

Jno G Westlake - M A Westlake - Fras Wm Rimer - Henry Blanchett - Rhoda Jordan - Minnie Lennox - Jane Allen - Willm Needs - Richd Carver & Ellen Carver were received into the Church

30th

Annual Church Meeting
After Tea the Minutes of the last Meeting confirmed

The Treasurers Account read & passed As also the Chapel House a/c
As there is now published a Year Book the Statistics were not read over

A a revision of the Church Book the name of Thos Davidge - Wm Reeves - Geo Allen - Julia Davies - Eliza Stone - Geo Moulding - Jas Tatlow - Martha Tatlow - Thos Ingram - Martha Hammond & Amy Baker were removed (11)

Marian Powell & Jacobina Watson (now Gibbs) to be visited

The dismissal of Wm Jas Hinton was granted to the Church at Coate Oxon

The dismissal of J G P Wicks was rec^d from Stogumber

Brother Greenaway retired from office as Deacon

The election of Deacon was carried out in accordance with resolution of 3rd Instant – which resulted in the election of Brethren Greenaway & Vickery as verified by the Scrutineers then appointed

The following having applied for membership it was resolved that they be visited

Wm Veal	Visitors Brethren Alley & Davies
Margaret Lee	Visitors Brethren Mole & Fry
Clara Cook	Visitors Brethren Tranter & Morse
Thomas Pearce	Visitors Brethren Wearing & Osland
Chas Wm Tankin	Visitors Brethren Greenaway & Deacon

Also the dismissal of Simeon Longford to be applied for from Cambria Place Church

The Lay Preacher Association asked for the sympathy & support of the Church & a very general desire was expressed for the prosperity of the work in which they were engaged

Mrs Tye & J G P Wicks were received into the Church

Geo Whitehouse wishing to join the Church – it was resolved to apply to the Church at Bourton Berks for his dismissal

Feby 3 The following having applied for baptism & membership it was resolved that they be visited

Amelia Blanchett	Visitors Brethren Vickery & Fry
Louisa Walter	Visitors Brethren Barrett & Iles
Jno Harris Alsop	Visitors Brethren Mole & Rimer
Charles Sparkes	Visitors Brethren Patterson & Baker
Augusta Selina Pocock	Visitors Brethren Greenaway & Deacon
John Wild	Visitors Brethren Russell & Gardner
James Stroud	Visitors Brethren Mole & Martin

13th Church Meeting
The minutes of the last Meetings were read & confirmed – Brethren

Davis suggesting that those whose names had been removed by vote of the Church should have satisfaction of the same & the Pastor promised that this should be done where practicable

Letters of dismissal received of Mr & Mrs Gaskell from the Church at Burnham & Geo Whitehouse from Church at Bourton

25th Feby The Visitors to the following Candidates having reported satisfactorily they were unanimously received

William Vale - Margaret Lee - Clara Cook - Thomas Pearce - C W Tankin - Amelia Blanchett - Louisa Walters - J H Alsop - Chas Sparks - Augustus S Pocock - John Wild & James Stroud

Meetings in aid of the Baptist Missy Society were appointed to be held Sunday & Monday March 10th & 11th next The before named William Veal - Marg^t Lee - Clara Cook - Thos Pearce - C W Tankin - Amelia Blanchett - J H Alsop - Chas Sparks - Augustus S Pocock - Jno Wild & James Stroud were baptised and on

27th were received into the Church as also Mr & Mrs Gaskell & Geo Whitehouse

March 3rd The minutes of last Meetings were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Simeon Langford from Cambria Church confirmed
The dismissal of Wm Ponting to Church at Stratford Mrs Smith to Pontypool granted

Mary Ann Williams wishing to join the Church it was agreed to apply for her dismissal from the Church at Stow Hill Newport

The Deacons brought to the notice of the Church the position of the Stipend of the Pastor That altho there had been a resolution carried last year that £150 be the yearly Stipend in future yet remembering the large addition we have had from members since that time (upwards of 50) we ought to be in a position to advance upon that Sum Several of the Members kindly promised to increase their offerings and eventually it was proposed & seconded by Brethren Richards & Mole & carried That the yearly sum be raised to £180 & from Christmas last

Apr 1st The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

May 6th The following dismissions were read Mary Ann Williams from Newport and Henry Carpenter & his wife from Risea

The dismissal of Elizth Sly to Lewisham Road London & Wm Pearce to Derby granted

Marg^t Merson (formerly Jones) wishing to be re united to this Church her dismissal to be applied for to Praed St London
Also the following Edward Challoner from Birkenhead & James Edwards from King St Bristol

Brethren Wearing & Vickery were appointed Delegates to Association meeting at Devizes 4th June next

June 3rd The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Marg^t Merson was received from Church at Praed St London
The dismissal of Philip Davies to Kings Road Ch Reading and James Willis to Highgate Road Ch London granted

July 3rd The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Ab^m & Ann Bryant granted to Church at Tenby Mr & Mrs Ingram 11 Carfax St wishing to join the Church it was decided to apply for their dismissal to the Church at Carmarthen

The following being desirous of joining the Church visitors were appointed with a view to their baptism & membership

Ann Green	Gorse Hill	Brethren Sly & Alley
Emma Cook Edwards		Brethren Morse & Russell
Saml Pidgeon	11 Rolleston St	Brethren Mole & Gardner
Henry Johnson	10 Chelt St	Brethren Barrett & Martin
Wm Franklin	Canal Side	Brethren Richards & Deacon
Ellen Stroud		Brethren Vickery & Davis

A communication was read to the xxport that the family of late Mr Breeze hoped that the Church would erect a Tablet in the Chapel to his memory but as the attendance was very small the subject was to stand over

July 29 The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The visitors to Ann Green - Emma Cook Edwards - Saml Pidgeon - Willm Franklin & Ellen Stroud having reported favourably it was agreed that they should be received on their Baptism

It was arranged to have Collections on the 11th August for the Colportage Soc^y

Also to hold Anniversary Service on the 1st Sept when Rev^d Jno Aldis is invited to preach & to have Tea Meeting & Public Meeting on the 2nd Sept

A dismission took place respecting erecting a Tablet to the memory of the late Rev^d Rich^d Breeze the Founder of the Church when it was resolved to invite Subscriptions towards the object & brethren Barrett - Greenaway - Morse & Mole were appointed a Committee To carry the same into affect

21st The above named Ann Green - Emma Cook Edwards - Saml Pidgeon - Willm Franklin & Ellen Stroud were baptised & on Aug^t 4th were received into the Church with the exception of Emma Cook Edwards Henry Johnson who was a Candidate removed from the Town before the Baptism took place

Sept 1st Anniversary Services of the Chapel & also of Mr Pugh's settlement amongst us was held when Sermons were preached by Revd John Aldis late of Plymouth followed by a Tea & Public Meeting on Monday evening. Collection were made towards the Debt on the Chapel House

Sept 4th Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

In reply to an application for the dismissal of Jas Edwards from King St Bristol his name had been removed in Aug^t 1874 for non attendance - he was therefore received on the vote of the Church
The dismission of Mrs & Miss Ingram were received from Carmarthen - Miss Ingram was not applied for but having returned from London she wished to be received in with her parents

The dismission of Mrs Tye granted to Church at Cambray Cheltenham

The following wishing to join the Church it was resolved that their respective dismissions be applied for

Mary Webb	Tewkesbury
Mrs Lee	Clifton
Mr Mrs & Miss Bryan	Newport

Brother Wearing was appointed Delegate to the Baptist Union Meeting at Leeds

- Sept 8th Mr & Mrs Edwards & Mr Mrs & Miss Bryant were received into the Church
- Oct 7th Brethren Wearing & Martin & in case of failure Brethren Deacon were appointed Messengers to the ½ yearly Association Meeting
- 30th Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed
- The dismissal of Mr Mrs & Miss Bryant were received from Newport
- The dismissions of Geo Griffiths to the Church at Crewkerne and C W Tankin to the Church at Eastbourne were granted
- The following wishing to join the Church it was resolved that their respective dismissions be applied for Mr T Wheeler from Church at Raglow Miss Pope from Cirencester and Mrs Pugh from Atch Lench
- Henry Johnson who was a Candidate for baptism in July last but had left the Town & is now returned It was resolved that he be now visited by brethren Barrett & Martin
- It was agreed to have Collections 24th Nov for the Lay Preachers Fund
- Nov 13th In accordance with a resolution at the Assocⁿ Meeting it was arranged to have Special Services Sunday & Monday Nov 3rd & 4th having for their object the Spiritual benefit of those who are undecided in our Congregation
- It was agreed to have Special Services in connection with the Association 25th 26th & 27th Instant
- It was resolved to apply for the dismissal of Miss Tipping now Mrs Wheeler from the Church at Raglow
- Dec 2 The dismissions of Edward Challoner from Birkenhead - Mrs Pugh from Arch Lench & Mr & Mrs Wheeler from Raglow were received
- The visitors to Henry Johnson reported favourably & he was accepted
- The following were Candidates for baptism & membership & visitors appointed
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| Mr & Mrs Gover | Brethren Greenaway & Davis |
| Mrs Wade | Brethren Vickery & Russell |
| Mrs Canniford | Brethren Gardner & Mole |

Mr Williams wished to join the Church but as it was doubtful to what Church he belonged Brother Wearing was requested to visit him

It was resolved to publish the Year Book the same as last year & have 200 Copies

Brother Jno Williams suggested the appointment of Visitors to the Sick & it was decided for the Deacons to consider the subject & report at the next Church Meeting

1879 Jany 1st The Minutes of last Meeting read & confirmed

The dismissal of Miss Pope received from Cirencester

The Messengers to Mr & Mrs Gover & Mrs Wade reported favourably & they were unanimously received

Brother Wearing reported that at an interview he had with Mr Williams it appeared he was not a Baptist & he was not aware of the constitution of a our Church

It was agreed that the election of Deacons should be carried out as last year by Papers to be sent to the Membership

8th Brethren Greenaway - Vickery - Martin & Osland were appointed Scrutineers of the voting Papers for the election of Deacons

It was resolved to have Sermons & Collections for the Irish Mission on 19th Jan

29th Annual Meeting
The minutes of last meeting read and confirmed after Tea Meeting

The Treasurer presented his Accounts which were passed

Also the Chapel House Account & it was resolved that £50 be paid off the Debt - thus reducing it to £250

On a revision of the list of Members the names of Fras C Butler - Wallis Patmore - David Phillips - Mary Ann Turner - Elizth Jeffery - W L Gaskell & J H Alsop were removed (7)

Marian Powell & Celia Follard to be suspended & visited - Edward Elliott to be visited and Geo & Mary Ann Coole to be visit by Brethren Vickery & Mole

Willm Needs & Walter Davis to be written to - Jacobina Watson

Suspended

The Scrutineers appointed to conduct the election of 2 Deacons reported that Brethren Wearing & Bennett were elected to the office of deacons

Mr & Mrs Hughes wishing to join the Church it was resolved to apply for their dismissal from the church at Eastbourne
Also Thomas Hughes to be visited by brethren Russell & Osland
John Wilson - Gorse Hill - being a Candidate for baptism & membership brethren Vickery & Martin were appointed visitors

The visitors to Mrs Canniford reported favourable & she was unanimously received
Margaret Lax having returned to Swindon it was resolved to apply for her dismissal

It was resolved that the Pastor's Stipend be raised to £200

The subject of the enlargement of the Chapel & Schools was then discussed & from the plans submitted Mr Orlando Baker it appeared that the necessary work to be carried out would cost say £1300 raising the Roof of the School Room £250 so as to obtain another Room which was considered very necessary & adding the Debt on the Chapel House £250 making a total outlay of £1800

It was thought very generally that we were not at present prepared for such a large outlay & it was resolved on the motion of Brethren Russell & Nunn at present to confine our efforts to remove the Chapel House Debt & the Deacons with brethren Deacon & Martin & Davis were appointed a Committee to carry out this resolution

Feby 24th The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed

Brethren Vickery & Mole reported that their visit to Geo & Mary Ann Coole was favourable & they promised to attend more regularly in the future

Thos Hughes withdraws his application for membership

The Visitors to Jno Milsom reported favourably & he was received unanimously

As we could not obtain the dismissal of Nancy Lay from Church at Bristol brethren Russell & Rimer were appointed to visit her
Brethren Inces & Tranter were desired to visit Edwd Elliott & Celia Follard

Missionary Services were announced to be held on March 9th & 10th

Proposed and Seconded by brethren Williams & Mole that 24 Hymm Books (additional) be supplied for use of Strangers – agreed

The Committee appointed at the last Church Meeting to consider the matter of the Chapel House Debt reported that they had agreed to recommend that as a temporary accommodation the removal of the Pulpit & the erection of a Desk at the front of the Platform & to have the Harmonium & Choir on the Platform so as to be enabled to let the Seats in the Gallery now occupied them

Brother Deacon (one of the Committee) said that he had been considering the matter & thought the outlay would be larger than had been considered & therefore suggested that the Pulpit remain and the Harmonium & Choir to be accommodated on the present Platform After a long discussion it was decided to try this alteration & to provide Chairs for the Singers

The Committee also recommended a Committee of 12 be appointed to obtain Subscriptions from the Church Membership towards the removal of the Debt on the Chapel House and it was resolved to adopt this recommendation and Brethren Deacon – Davis – Martin – Russell – Ttranter – Nunn & Sisters Pugh – Mary Pope – Mole – White – Westlake & Greenaway – were appointed a Committee accordingly. Brother Deacon to be Secretary

Feb 26 Mes^{srs} Gover – Wilson – Johnson & Mrs Wade were baptised and

Mar 2nd were received into the Church

April 2nd The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed

The Visitors reported to the following Nancy Lay who were received – Edward Elliott whose name was retained and Celia Follard suspended

The following dismissions were received Margaret Lax from Bradford & Mrs Chesshire from Cardiff

Dismissions to be applied for – James Absolum from Upper Stratton – Mrs Norton from Sherston

The following applied for baptism

Susan Sly	Visitors Brethren Wearing & Fry
Sarah Ann Rose	Visitors Brethren Patterson & Davis
Elizth Handy	Visitors Brethren Mole & Hall
Chas Taylor	Visitors Brethren Wearing & Greenaway

Frank Townsend	Visitors Brethren Vickery & Osland
Josh Taylor	Visitors Brethren Deacon & Ingram
James Haskins	Visitors Brethren Greenaway & Baker

It was announced that Rev^d J Lance of Newport would deliver a Lecture 23rd April in aid of the Chapel House Debt Fund

May 7 The minutes of last Meeting was read and confirmed

Complaints having been made of the conduct of Brother Randell – it was resolved that brethren Vickery & Martin visit him & report to next Church Meeting

The Visitors appointed to the following Candidates having reported satisfactorily it was resolved that they be received as Members on their baptism Susan Sly – Sarah Ann Rose – Elizth Hardy – Charles Taylor & Frank Townsend
Jas Haskings not wishing to join the Church his name is withdrawn

Brethren Wearing & Martin were appointed Mesengers to the Association Meeting at Melksham 27th Instant

The following having applied for Membership Visitors were appointed as follows

Hopkins	Brethren Vickery & Davis
Mary Ann Willis	Brethren Mole & Gardner
Martha Cowley	Brethren Greenaway & Russell

It was resolved to have a Special Meeting 19th Instant to report these cases so as to have baptising 21st Instant

May 19th The Visitors to the following reporting favourably they were unanimously received on their Baptism – Mr Hopkins – Mary Ann Willis & Martha Cowley

It was agreed to invite the County Association to hold their Annual Meetings here next year

May 21st The following were baptised Susan Sly – S A Rose – Elizth Hardy – M A Willis – Martha Cowley – Chas Taylor – Frank Townsend & Hopkins
Mrs Gover was not able to be baptised Josh Taylor since he was named as a Candidate has moved to Reading

June 1st The proposing (with the exception of Mr Hopkins) were received into the Church

June 4th The Meeting Minutes (last) were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Jas Absolum received from Upper Stratton Mr & Mrs Hughes were received on vote of the Church They could not obtain a regular dismissal through disturbance in the Church at Eastbourne but letters were read from Mr Arthen of Coate & Mrs Roper & Mr Saunders of Eastbourne bearing testimony to their Christian character

Brethren Vickery & Martin reported their interview with Brother Randell in accordance with resolution of Church Meeting 7th May last That he was sorry for the past - would abstain in future from going to Races or any improper amusements & if wished by the Church would withdraw from the Rifle Corps & the Committee expressed themselves quite satisfied with their interview

Brethren Williams & Baggs proposed & seconded That his name be retained in the Church Book - carried unanimously

Brother Greenaway reported that the Treasurer had no money in hand to meet the necessary expenses & urged the Members to do what they could to remove the difficulty - It was suggested that the Pastor should kindly name raise the subject to the Congregation from the Pulpit

Mr & Mrs Twnsend wishing to join the Church it was decided to apply for their dismissal from the Church at Rook Side Darlington

Augt 6th The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Mr & Mrs Townsend received from Church at Darlington

Mrs Norton was received on vote of the Church & on the recommendation of the Pastor S Stubbings of Sherston as we could not obtain a formal dismissal from that Church

The dismissal of W Rimer to the Church at Canton Cardiff and Alice Embling to Church at Wallingford granted

A conversation took place as to the date of Chapel Anniversary Services and the Preacher for the occasion - when it was resolved to leave the arrangements with the Pastor & Deacons

- Sept 3 The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed
- The dismissal of Mrs Webb received from Church at Tewkesbury
The dismissal of Henry & Amelia Blanchett granted to Church at
Upper Stratton
The dismissal of Ellen Pritchard to be applied for from Church at
Cowbridge
- It was resolved to appoint Br^{or} Deacon as Delegate to Union Meeting at
Glasgow
- The Chapel Anniversary was arranged to be held Oct 12th & 15th Mr
Pugh to preach on the 12th & Mr Hanson of North Bradley for 15th to
speak at Public Meeting
- Oct 1st The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed
- It was suggested that 2 persons be appointed to put persons in seats in
the Galleries but no proposition being made the matter was dropped
- The Pastor & Deacons recommended that the Anniversary Collections
be appropriated to the General Church Fund the Treasurer having
reported a serious deficiency in the Receipts & which was agreed to
unanimously
- 22nd Brethren Barrett & Russell were appointed Messengers to the
Association at Bratton on the 28th Instant
- 29th Minutes of last Meetings were read and confirmed
- Mr & Mrs Spiers wishing to join the Church it was resolved to apply
for their dismissal from Church at Faringdon
- The following having applied for baptism & Membership were to be
visited
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| Mark Franklin | Brethren Wearing & Russell |
| James Ponting | Brethren Vickery & Ingram |
- Brethren Barrett & Vickery proposed & seconded that £50 be paid off
the Chapel House Debt - thus reducing it to £200 carried
- Dec 1st It was arranged to have Special Evangelistic Services on the 9th 10th 11th
Dec several Ministers having volunteered their services

Dec 17th The Minutes of last Meetings were read & confirmed

The Church at Cowbridge not having sent the dismissal of Ellen Pritchard a letter was read from her former Pastor Mr Morgan of Usk who testified as to her Christian Character & that she had been dismissed from them to Cowbridge and it was agreed to receive her on this testimony as a Member of this Church

The dismissal of Mr & Mrs Spiers from Church at Faringdon received Mr & Mrs Hawson & Annie Tabor wishing to join the Church it was resolved to apply for their dismissions from the Church at Thrissel St Bristol and Badcox Lane Frome respectively Margaret Merson was dismissed to Church at Broadmead Bristol at her desire

The following persons wishing to join the church it was resolved that they be visited

Mrs Lake	22 Merton St	Brethren Greenaway & Mole
Wm Rock	Holbrook St	Brethren W Wearing & Stroud
Jas Atkinson	54 Clifton St	Brethren Deacon & Jones
Thos Wm Wharry	Cambria Place	Brethren Barrett & Davis

The Visitors Mark Franklin and James Ponting having reported favourably it was unanimously resolved to receive them on their Baptism

It was resolved to have 150 copies printed of the Year Book for 1880

Brethren Wearing - Barrett - Russell & Mole were appointed Scrutineers of the vote of the Members for the office of Deacons for the ensuing year

It was announced that Rev^d J M Murphy proposes to preach Sermons on the 11th Jany next on behalf of the Irish Society

Dec 29th Emma Baggs 41 Wellington Street having applied for baptism & membership - Brethren Osland & Alley were appointed to visit her

1880 Jany 14th The minutes of Meetings Dec 17th & 29th were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Annie Tabor was received from Badcox Lane Frome The dismissal of Mr & Mrs Baker was granted to Church Meeting at Cambria Place Swindon

The Visitors to Mrs Lake - Wm Rock - Jas Atkinson - Thos Wm Wharry & Emma Baggs having reported satisfactorily they were

Jan'y 21st unanimously voted into the Church on their Baptism

Mark Franklin – Jas Ponting – Mrs Lake – Mrs Gover – Wm Rock – James Atkinson – Thos Wm Wharry & Emma Baggs were baptised

28th Annual Church Meeting

After Tea the Treasurer presented his accounts^X which was moved for adoption upon which Bro^r Deacon made some remarks suggesting that a more extended statement of Account should be presented – as also that the Band of Hope should be asked to consider more for use of Room as the Subscriptions given was not sufficient to meet the outlay Also Bro^r Davis suggested that a quarterly Statement of Accounts be given of the state of the Finances

The Chapel House Account was presented also Bro^r Deacon read over the Statement of the Debt Fund – which showed that he had in hand £ after paying to the Treasurer £20. 10. 3

These Accounts were passed – and Brethren Vickery & Deacon moved & seconded that the rent of the Chapel House be placed in the Church Account – Brethren W Wearing & W Mole proposed & seconded an amendment that the Debt be met at once and a Committee consisting of Brethren Deacon – W Wearing – Davis – Randell & Mole be appointed to canvas for same & get it in by the end of Feby Brethren Vickery & Deacon after some discussion withdrew their resolution in face of the amendment which was carried Brother Wearing suggested commencing at once & the result of a canvas in the Room produced £20

The Scrutineers reported that Brethren Greenaway & Vickery had been elected as Deacons – they having gone out of office according to the Rule

On a revision of the Church Book the following names were removed in accordance with the Rules – Geo Hill – J Grout – Thos Liddington – W Needs – Mrs Gaskell & E Challinor (8)

^X which showed a Balance due to the Treasurer of £24. 1. 6¼ besides outstanding amounts of about £16 making a deficiency of about £40

Brethren Wearing & Westlake proposed & seconded that the sum of £2. 2 be paid to Mr Baker for his trouble in preparing Plans last year for the proposed Chapel enlargement not carried out carried

A discussion took place on the importance of having a Class Room for the Junior Male Bible Class & it was proposed & agreed

That new Class Room being needed Mrs Wearings Class the Church & xxxtions the erection of new and that the officers of the School & the Deacons be appointed a Committee to raise the Funds and carry out the work

It was suggested that the Seal Holders in the body of the Chapel be asked to vacate their Pews for the use of the Parents of the Sunday School Children who were to be invited to a Special Service on Lords day evening Feby 8th until 6.15

The Meeting was closed by Singing and Prayer

(The following were the names and numbers voted for as Deacons
W Wearing 122 - Thos Vickery 108 - Richd Davis 23 - H Russell 22 -
Jon Williams 14 - Geo Osland 8 - Jas Iles 5 - W E Greenaway 2 - Saml
Jordan 2 - Thos Pattison 1 - J G Westlake 1 - David Sly 1)

Feby 1st Annie Tabor - Mark Franklin - Jas Ponting - Mrs Lake - Mrs Gover -
Willm Rock - Jas Atkinson - Thos W Wharry & Emma Baggs were
received into the Church

Mch 3rd The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed - an objection
raised by Brethren Mole not finding a seconder

The dismissal of Mr & Mrs Hawson received from Thrissel St Bristol

The Treasurer reported that he had received about £12 towards last
years deficiency

The following wishing to join the Church it was resolved that their
dismissions be applied for

Mrs Manns	from Church at Abingdon
Mrs Butcher	from Church at Thrissell St Bristol

Edward King of Westcott Place being a Candidate for baptism &
membership - Brethren Vickery & Russell were appointed visitors to
Him

It was arranged to hold Anniversary Services of the Missionary Society
Mch 14th & 15th

April 17th The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Mrs Carpenter were granted to the Church at
Cambria Place

1 17th The following having applied for membership – visitors were appointed viz

Mary Walker	7 Oriel Terrace	Brethren Greenaway & Osland
Mrs Cullen	Carfax St	Brethren Russell & Whiteham

The following wishing to join the Church – it was resolved to apply for their dismissions

Miss Ingram	from Church at Carmarthen
George Bown	from Church at Upper Stratton

The Treasurer read his Quarterly Report which showed a Debt & still owing to him of £26. 6. 2

There were several promises not yet come in

28th The minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Geo Bown received from Upper Stratton
The Church at Thrisell St Bristol could not send the dismissal Mrs Butcher as they had lost sight of her for more than 2 years – the Pastor agreed to see her in reference thereto

The dismissal of M A Ingram received from English Baptist Church Carmarthen

The Visitors of Edward King having reported favourably it was agreed to receive him on his baptism

Brethren Wearing – Deacon & Alley were appointed Messengers to the Association meeting at Trowbridge in June next

May 26th The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Mrs Mann re^d from Church at Abingdon
In reply to application for the dismissal of Mrs Butcher from Thrissell St Bristol it was stated that as the Church had lost sight of her for two years they could not transfer her membership it was resolved that Brethren Alley & Hughes visit Mrs Butcher & report to the Church

The Visitors to Wm Cullen having reported favourably it was resolved to receive him on his baptism

Mary Ann Bell wishing to join the Church – Brethren Wearing & Gardner were appointed to visit her

The Lay Preachers wishing to resign the rearrangement &

responsibility of Gorse Hill Station - Brother Russell made a statement and it was resolved to postpone the subject to the next Church Meeting at which the Lay Preachers would be more fully say the case before the Church

Brethren Vickery having gone to America resigned his office of Deacon

Brethren Deacon & Barrett moved and seconded - That this Church in receiving the resignation of Bro^r Vickery and sensible of the loss of such consistent & energetic Officer desire to record with satisfaction his past services and wish him God speed to his new home and prosperity & usefulness amongst the people with whom he may settle carried unanimously

It was resolved to elect another Deacon in the place of Brother Vickery in the same manner by Papers issued to the Members as at the Annual Election and Brethren Osland & Gibbons were appointed Scrutineers on behalf of the Church

June 2 Wm Cullen and Edward King were baptised and June 6th received into the Church

30th The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The Visitors to Mrs Butcher having reported favourably it was resolved to receive her as a Member of the Church

Application made from Church at Tonbridge Kent for the dismissal Jeffrey Groatt but as his name had been removed from the Church Book in Jan^y last in accordance with the usual Rule it was decided that we could not grant a letter of dismissal

Annie Pearce wishing to join the Church it was resolved to apply for her dismissal from the Church at Abergavenny

Also the dismissal of Mr & Mrs James from the Church at Stow Hill Newport

Brother Chas Taylor having transgressed the Law & suffered imprisonment it was resolved that Brethren Davis & Russell should visit him and report to the next Church Meeting

Brethren Osland & Gibbons reported that Brother Rich Davis had been chosen Deacon in the place of Brother Vickery who has emigrated to America

Brother Russell reported in relation to the cause at Gorse Hill that they were nearly clear of Debt up to 24th June last and asked that the Church take up the oversight of the Gosr Hill station
It was resolved on the motion of Brethren Osland & Harrison and carried That this Church take the future responsibility therein the Lay Preachers undertaking to supply the Services

The Treasurer presented the Quarterly Statement of Finance from which it appeared that there was due to him about £16 and Accounts still unpaid amounting to £32 together more than £48
A long conversation took place upon this unsatisfactory state of the Church and various suggestions made by Brethren Russell - Mole & Wearing the former suggesting the doing away with the Weekly Offering & the latter to have Quarterly Collection for Incidents Finally it was decided to postpone the subject to next Church Meeting (The following were the names and numbers voted for as Deacon Rd Davis 37 - F H Russell 30 - W Wearing 23 - H J Deacon 15 - James Iles 10 - Saml Ingram 7 - Saml Spiers 3 - James Sly 2 - Thos Tranter 1)

Aug^t 4th

The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Annie Pearce received from Abergavenny & approved

Letter of dismissal granted to Mary Ann Williams Stow Hill Newport - S Longford to Hamilton Canada & Marg^t Lax to Caversham Oxfordshire

Brethren Davis & Russell reported that they had had an interview with Chas Taylor who expressed great sorrow at his conduct & they recommended that he should be again received into communion & which was agreed to

It was agreed that Collections be made on 29th August for the Colportage Work in N Wilts

The matter of Church Finances again was the subject of much earnest consideration and Brethren Greenaway & Nunn proposed to have quarterly collections for Incidental Expenses
Brethren Deacon & Mole proposed an amendment to have weekly Collections and Brethren Russell & Mole to postpone the question until next Church Meeting (there being only about 36 members present) notice in the meantime to be sent to every Member with a view to a larger attendance such notice to state the various amounts of seat Subscriptions expected - This was agreed to
The resolution and first amendments being withdrawn

Sept 1st The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Ellen M James^X Augustus James received . The stow Hill Church could not send the dismissal Noah James as he had not for some years been in fellowship with the Church - whereupon it was resolved that Brethren Greenaway & fry be a Committee to visit him & report

Mr & Mrs Matthews wishing to join the Church the dismissal of mr Matthews to be applied for to Carn Bray Church Cheltenham but as Mrs Matthews had not joined the Church there brethren Davis & Russell were appointed a Committee to visit her & report
Also the dismissal to be applied for Wm Prosser from Milford Haven - Sarah Horne Aberdare & Mr & Mrs Braine W Underedge

The Pastor announced that the Officers thought it best to try Quarterly Collections for Incidental Expenses & Brethren Wearing & Baggs proposed & seconded that this mode should be adopted carried

It was decided to hold Anniversary Services Oct 10th & 13th on the latter day Mr Anderson of Reading has consented to preach

The Pastor & Bro^r Wearing were appointed Delegates to the Baptist Union Meetings in London next month

5th Mrs Butcher & Annie Pearce rec^d into the Church

15th Special Church Meeting when the following were proposed for Baptism

Ada Ellen Cave	Visitors Brethren Wearing & Deacon
Willm Austen	Visitors Brethren Greenaway &
Celia A Jones	Morse
Amy Reeves	Visitors Brethren Russell & Gardner
Mary Ann Bell	Visitors Brethren Barrett & Stephens
Geo Rawsel	Visitors Brethren Davies & Howard
Arthur Williams	Visitors Brethren Fry & Tranter
Fanny Jane Franklin	Visitors Brethren Iles & Harrison
Wm Hiscocks	Visitors Brethren Rimer & Nunn
Arthur W Benson	Visitors Brethren Williams & Gover
Walter Haskins	Visitors Brethren Janes & Alley
Mary Jane Richards	Visitors Brethren Osland & Stone

Also for Membership

David a Whitman & Sarah Anna his wife wishing to join the Church – it was resolved to apply for their dismissal from Groffiths Town Pontypool Church

22nd

Monthly Church Meeting

The minutes of meetings Sept 1st & 15th were confirmed

The visitors to the following having reported favourably they were unanimously received

Ann Matthews – Ada Ellen Cave – Wm Austen – Celia Ann Jones – Amy Reeves – Mary Ann Bell – Geo Rawsel – Arthur Williams – Fanny Jane Franklin – Wm Hiscocks – Arthur W Benson – Walter Haskins – Mary Jane Richards and Henry Cook

The Visitors to Noah James reported that they had not been able to see him although they had called at his house four times

The dismissal Mr & Mrs Brain received from Wotton Underedge

Application made for the dismissal Wm Waite to Hanley and Kate

Dunn to Sparkwood Birmingham granted

Willm & Emma Whatley and Emily Whatley all of Gorse Hill wishing to join the Church it was resolved to apply for their dismissal

Charles Whatley of Gorse Hill applied for baptism & membership & Brethren Hughes & Alley were appointed Visitors to him

29th

The following were baptised Ada Ellen Cave – Amy Reeves – Mary Ann Bell – Fanny Jane Franklin – Mary Jane Richards – Mrs Canniford – Geo Rowsell – Arthur Williams – Wm Hiscocks – Arthur W Benson – Walter Haskins and who were received into the Church Oct 3rd together with Henry Cook – Mr & Mrs Brain and Augustus James

Oct 13

Brethren Wearing & Nunn were appointed Messengers to ½ yearly Meeting of the Association to be held at Shrewston

17 & 20

Anniversary Services

The Pastor preached on Sunday & Rev^d W Anderson of Reading on Wednesday on which day there was also a Tea Meeting the proceeds of which together with the Collection amounted to £16 – 3^d

Nov 3

The minutes of last Meetings were read & confirmed

The dismissal to this church of J Matthews – Wm Prosser & Mr & Mrs Whitman were received

- 22nd Monthly Church Meeting
The minutes of meetings Sept 1st & 15th were confirmed
- The visitors to the following having reported favourably they were unanimously received
Ann Matthews - Ada Ellen Cave - Wm Austen - Celia Ann Jones - Amy Reeves - Mary Ann Bell - Geo Rawsel - Arthur Williams - Fanny Jane Franklin - Wm Hiscocks - Arthur W Benson - Walter Haskins - Mary Jane Richards and Henry Cook
- The Visitors to Noah James reported that they had not been able to see him although they had called at his house four times
- The dismissal Mr & Mrs Brain received from Wotton Underedge Application made for the dismissal Wm Waite to Hanley and Kate Dunn to Sparkwood Birmingham granted
Willm & Emma Whatley and Emily Whatley all of Gorse Hill wishing to join the Church it was resolved to apply for their dismissal Charles Whatley of Gorse Hill applied for baptism & membership & Brethren Hughes & Alley were appointed Visitors to him
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- Oct 13 Brethren Wearing & Nunn were appointed Messengers to 1/2 yearly Meeting of the Association to be held at Shrewston
- 17 & 20 Anniversary Services
The Pastor preached on Sunday & Rev^d W Anderson of Reading on Wednesday on which day there was also a Tea Meeting the proceeds of which together with the Collection amounted to £16 - 3^d
- Nov 3 The minutes of last Meetings were read & confirmed
- The dismissal to this church of J Matthews - Wm Prosser & Mr & Mrs Whitman were received
- The Visitors to Chas Whatley having reported favourably - he was unanimously received
The Visitors to Noah James again reported that they had not been able to see him

It was resolved to apply for the dismissal of Mr & Mrs Lancaster from Church at Stantonbury

The misconduct of J H Randell again came before the church he having in May 1879 reported as walking disorderly

Brother Deacon explained that he knew he was in the habit of betting at Races & although he had been several times admonished & promised amendment he was still transgressing & although it was a painful subject he was no other course but to exclude him which he proposed This was seconded by Brother Wearing & carried

As the Treasurer reported a continued deficiency in the Funds it was decided to give the Anniversary Collections £16 - 3^d to the general Fund instead of the Chapel House Debt to which it has generally been appropriated

Brother Fry remarked he should like to see the amount placed to the Chapel House Debt but under the circumstances would not press it but would give £1 & endeavour to get 15 others to do the same & so that the Debt Fund should not suffer in consequence

Application had been made from London for a Collection in aid of the relief of an Church in Jamaica who are suffering greatly from a storm in that Island but it was felt that we were not in a position to do so

The following wishing to join the Church on their baptism Visitors were appointed as under

Mary Ann Perkins	Brethren Iles & Tranter
Geo Fry	Brethren Davies & Deacon
Marg ^t Annie Sidwell	Brethren Russell & Mole
James Jelly	Brethren Wearing & Nunn
Matilda Clarke	Brethren Greenaway & Stroud
Edmund Berry	Brethren Gardner & Fry
Tho Jno Patterson	Brethren Stone & Ingram
Fred ^k E Wharry	Brethren Wearing & Stone
Annie Maria Grant	Brethren Alley & Jones
Edwin Strange	Brethren Wearing & Osland
Mrs Grubb	Brethren Jas Sly & Hughes
Mary Ann Pocock	Brethren Barrett & Morse

Nov 29th The minutes of last Church Meeting was read & confirmed

The dismissal of Emily Whatley from Bradford on Avon & Mr & Mrs Whatley from Church at Banbury received & approved

A letter was read from Church at Stantonbury that they had no person

of the name of Langcaster on their Book
Helen Pritchard having removed to Bedford her dismissal to the
Church at Mill St Bedford was granted on their application

The Visitors to the following having reported favourably it was
unanimously resolved to receive them into the Church on their
baptism

Geo Fry - James Jelly - Mary Ann Perkins - M A Sidwell - Matilda
Clarke - Edmund Berry - Thos Jno Patterson - Fred^k E Wharry - A M
Grant - Edwin Strange - Mrs Grubb & M A Pocock

Dec 1st The above (with the exception of A M Grant) were baptised as also
Wm Austen and Chas Whatley and on

Dec 5th were received into the Church except Mary Ann Perkins - As also Mr
& Mrs Whatley & Emily Whatley

Dec 29th The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissions of Walter Sidney Davis to Church at West Croydon
and Ellen Norton to Church at High Wycombe were granted

It was arranged to have Collections for the Just Mission 9th Jany.
Mr Murply to preach the Sermons and to have a Public Meeting of the
Colportage Society on 24th Jany

It was resolved to have 150 of the year Book 1881 printed

Brethren Wearing & Barrett being the retiring Deacons it was resolved
to have Voting papers as last year brethren Williams & Osland being
appointed Scrutineers to act

A discussion took place as to an increase to Gorse Hill where many of
the Members are residing & it was resolved on the motion of Brother
Williams & seconded by Bro^r Osland that the number of Deacons be
increased to 6 - the lowest elected to go out of office next year with the
two xally retiring then

1881 Feby 2nd Annual Church meeting

After Tea at which about 170 attended

The minutes of last Church Meeting were confirmed subject to protest
as by following resolution which ws proposed by Brethren Deacon
Wearing & carried

That in consequence of a resolution being passed at the Dec Meeting &

it being inform & which resulted in the nomination of two additional Deacons they being considered necessary for the successful carrying on the work of the Church this meeting hereby agree to accept the results of the Election without prejudice and desires the Officers to guard in the future against allowing any member to introduce any resolution without giving the proper notice as per the Rules of the Church

The dismissal of Martha Cowley granted to Church at Atch Lench

Marian Greenaway wishing to join the Church it was resolved to apply for her dismissal from Church at Standewick

The Treasurer presented his Accounts from which it appeared there was a Sum of £18 4s 2d due to him & also some outstanding Accounts. Some of the members criticized the various Items wishing more particulars - also that the Accounts should be audited by a private member or member in future. The Treasurer having made some explanations the Accounts were passed

Chapel House Account was presented and it appearing that there was a Balance of £53 17s 11d in hand. Brethren Wearing & Russell proposed & seconded to pay off £50 of the Loan - which was carried - and Brother Deacon read a list of Subscriptions as also the list of those who had not paid

The Scrutineers reported that for the election of Deacons 220 papers were issued - 172 voted for 29 Candidates and that the result was the election of Brethren Barrett - Wearing - Russell & Vickery - The two latter notified their acceptance of office ^x

Brethren Mole -Wearing & Deacon proposed & supported a vote of thanks to the Sick Visitors for their past services and asking them to continue for the insuring year viz Brethren Williams - Osland - Russell & Iles with the addition of Brethren Ingram & Stroud carried

It was resolved that Brethren Davis & Russell visit Edward & Hephzibah Elliott & Martha Pinchin to be written to

On a revision of the Church List the following names were voted to be removed Geo Hale - Ann Hale - Geo Coole - Mary Ann Coole - Laura Raven - Fras Bourne - Wicks - W Veal - James Edwards - W Townsend and Anna Townsend (11)

Geo Powell 6 Albion Terrace wishing to join the Church - Brethren

Wearing & Russell were appointed a Committee to visit him

W Lancaster whose dismissal from Stantonbury could not be obtained - brethren Deacon & W Wearing were appointed to visit him and report

A discussion took place respecting the Debt due to the Treasurer the following Subscriptions were promised W Wearing £1 . J D Barrett 10/- . R^d Davis 10/- . H J Deacon 10/- . W Nunn 5/- . Ada E Cave 10/- . Jno Williams 10/- .

The Deacons to receive further promises & report to next Church Meeting

The Meeting closed with Singing & Prayers

^X (The following were the names and numbers voted for as Deacons J D Barrett 136 - W B Wearing 133 - F H Russell 83 - Thos Vickery 69 elected and W Wearing 42 - Jas Iles 37 - Samuel Ingram 27 - Jno Williams 24 - H J Deacon 20 - Geo Osland 19 - Geo Fry 15 - Jas Hughes 12 - Fred^k Alley 11 - Thos Patterson 8 - Thos Stone 6 - James Sly 4 - Saml Spiers 3 - 5 2 each & 7 one each)

Mar 9th The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

Mrs Marian Greenaway's dismissal to Church at Cirencester & Louisa Beeching's (late Merrett) dismissal to Church at Grove Road London granted

In addition to the Sums promised at last Church Meeting toward the amount due to the Treasurer Mrs Pocock promised 20/- and H F Russell 5/- making £6. 15. but as it was pointed out that unless the full amount £18. 4. 2 was subscribed these Sums would be lost to the Fund - it was urged upon the Church to make up the amount - It was suggested that the Officers canvas the people for the amount but it was thought desirable that the offering be voluntary the same as those already promised - Since promised Arthur Williams 5/- & W Mole 2/6

30th The minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed

The Visitors to Geo Pocock exported satisfactorily it was agreed to receive him on his baptism Also Willm Lancaster whose dismissal could not be obtained from former Church

Sarah A Horne applied for membership and as her name had been

removed from the Church Book at Frome thro' long absence brethren Stone & Nunn were appointed to visit her & report

Brethren Russell & Davies reported that they had visited Edw^d & Hephzibah Elliott who showed a very indifferent spirit & refused to return to communion and it was unanimously resolved to remove their names from the Church Book

Mr & Mrs Yates having come to reside in Swindon wish to transfer their membership from Wantage dismission to be applied for

The following having applied for baptism and membership Visitors were appointed viz

Thomas Butcher	Brethren Russell & Alley
Albert Geo Beale	Brethren Deacon & Fry
Eliza Beale	Brethren Deacon & Fry
Jane Hunt	Brethren Greenaway & Davies
Willm Matthews	Brethren Wearing & Fry
Albert Morse	Brethren Iles & Gardner
Jos ^h Arthur Fox	Brethren Barrett & Mole
Wm James Stone	Brethren Hughes & Osland
Fanny Redman	Brethren Wearing & Deacon

Frank Townsend thro absence from the Lords Table to be visited by Brethren Osland & Mole

As the Local Board had mentioned their wish to arrange with the Church respecting the front of the Chapel – it was decided to leave the matter in the hand of the Officers – It was suggested that Mr Baker submit Plans for a new Railing & Gateway & the Local Board to be allowed to place the same back on them bearing the expense

Apl 3 W Lancaster & Marian Greenaway were received into the Church

20th The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismission of Annie Pearce granted to Church Praed St London

Brother Mole reported that Frank Townsend expressed regret for the past & promised to attend next Lords day – Brother Fry proposed that his name be removed from the Church Book but no one seconding this, it was agreed to leave the matter until next Church Meeting to hear Bro^r Osland's opinion

The Visitors to the following reported favourably it was unanimously agreed to receive them on their being baptised Thos Butcher – A G Beale - Eliza Beale -Jane Hunt – Albert Morse - Jos^h Arthur Fox - Fanny Redman (Wm Matthews has withdrawn)
Sarah A Horne received by vote of the Church as her name had been removed from the Church Book at Frome

Wm Burchell of Bright St applied for baptism & membership & Brethren Vickery & Sly were appointed Visitors

It was resolved to have the Chapel & Schools cleaned & renovated to be carried out by the Officers aided by Brethren Deacon & Fry

Brethren Fry & Mole proposed & seconded that the Institute be taken for Sunday morning & afternoon & the Corn Exchange for receiving Service during the alterations – Brethren Alley & Carver moved an amendment that the Pastor preach at Gorse Hill in the evenings – after some discussion the motion was withdrawn & the amendment agreed to

The Association having intimated their acceptance of our invitation to hold their Meeting at Swindon this year – brethren Hughes & Mole proposed & seconded That the Officers & Brethren Deacon – W Wearing - Alley & Fry & Sisters Pugh – Greenaway – Davies – Russell – Vickery – M Pope – Wearing – Deacon – Maria Osland & Petty be a Committee to arrange for same – agreed to

- 24th The Visitors to W Jas Stone and Tom Burchell having reported favourably it was unanimously resolved to receive them on their baptism
- Apl 27 Thomas Butcher – Albert Geo Beale – Eliza Beale – Jane Hunt – Albert Morse – Jos^h A Fox – Fanny Redman – Annie M Grant – Tom Burchell & Geo Pocock were baptised
- May 1st Geo Pocock - Thomas Butcher – Albert Geo Beale – Albert Morse – Tom Burchell – Sarah A Horne – Eliza Beale – Jane Hunt – Fanny Redman & Annie M Grant were received into the Church
- 8th Brethren Wearing – Barrett & Deacon were appointed Messengers to the Association Meeting to be held 31st May at Swindon
£3 was voted at this meeting towards the Association Funds
- 31st The Wilts & East Somerset Association held their Annual Meetings here and the Minister & Messengers expressed their pleasure at their

reception

June 5th Jos^h Arthur Fox was rec^d into the Church

29th The minutes of last Meetings were read & confirmed

Brethren Mole & Stone proposed & seconded that Frank Townsend name be removed from the Church Book carried

Ann Godwin wishing to join the Church it was agreed to apply for her dismissal from the Church at Clarence Parade Cheltenham

The Secretary reported receiving a note from the Pastor complaining of not receiving his Stipend regularly - That the Deacon's had considered the subject & resolved to bring the matter before the Church

Brethren W G Greenaway & Hawson proposed & seconded That to meet the present needs the Balance of the Chapel House Account & also the ½ years Rent now paid (less interest now due) on the Account be applied to the Church Funds This after a long discussion was carried with one dissented

The state of the Financial condition of the Church was then fully discussed & various suggestions made for increasing the Funds and ultimately it was left over for the Deacons consideration

The following Candidates for baptism and membership were proposed & also Visitors

John Green	28 Clifton St	Brethren Davis & Russell
Joseph Watkins	2 Gorse Terrace	Brethren Sly & Hughes
Ann Watkins		

The Secretary reported the Receipts & Expenditure relative to the Associations Entertainment and that there was a debit Balance of 5/5^d but since Mr Spiers has given an Subscription of 5/- this reducing the deficiency to Five Pence

Augt 3 The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Ann Godwin received from Salem Chapel Cheltenham

The dismissal of Mr & Mrs Martin granted to Church at Landport

The Visitors to Jno Green reported favourably & he was received unanimously

Cheltenham

The dismissal of Mr & Mrs Martin granted to Church at Landport

The Visitors to Jno Green reported favourably & he was received unanimously

The state of Funds at Gorse Hill was brought before the Church and it was explained that the Officers had had an interview with the Members at Gorse Hill that they promised to do what they could to raise more money and the Officers promised them a Collection at New Swindon in aid as it seemed desirable not to close the Chapel seeing that good appeared to be done their & the School was much increased

It was agreed to hold Anniversary services Sept 11th & 14th no Pastor to preach on Sunday & that the Rev^d Cornelius Griffith be invited to preach on the 14th

Sept 7th The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Geo Rowsell granted to Church at Broad Mead Bristol

E J & M A Griffiths wishing to join the Church it was resolved to apply for their dismissions to Bristol & Clevedon

Worthy Jno Lindsey (who has been baptised by Mr English at Trowbridge) applied for membership & it was unanimously resolved to receive him on the testimony of his Christian character by Mr English The Committee to Josh & Ann Watkins having reported favourably they were unanimously received

As we could not obtain dismissions of Mr & Mrs Yeats from Church at Wantage - Brethren Russell & Deacon were appointed to visit them and report with a view to receiving them into the Church

Thos Pigott 12 Gorse Hill wishing to join the Church - brethren Osland & Sly were appointed Visitors to him

Oct 2 Brethren Deacon & Wearing were appointed Delegates to Union Meetings next month

Oct 5th Ann Godwin & W J Lindsey were received into the Church

The minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed

Mrs M A Griffiths dismission received from Clevedon Also Mr & Mrs Yates from Church at Wantage

Julia Noble wishing to join the Church – it was resolved to apply for her dismissal from Badcox Lane Frome

The dismissal of Thos & Thirza Vickery granted to Church at Folkestone

Brethren Wearing & Deacon were appointed Messengers to the Yearly Meeting at Devizes 2nd Nov

The following having applied for Baptism & Membership it was resolved that they be visited

Ellen Kezia Patterson	Brethren Russell & Mole
Edw ^d James Randell	Brethren Deacon & W Wearing
Thos Henry Banell	Brethren Greenaway & Barrett
Martha Jane Baker	Brethren Osland & Garrdener
Thomas White	Brethren Wearing & Hughes

Isaac & Margaret Rees wishing to join the Church they having been formerly members of a Baptist Church – Brethren Barrett & Davies were appointed to visit them

It was resolved to tender to Mr Halden the thanks of the Church for his kindness in supplying Flowers Plants & Celery for the Anniversary Tea Meeting

The Treasurer reported that the profit of the Anniversary amounted to £11. 17. 3

The Treasurer also presented his Accounts to Sept 29th from which it appeared that he had a Balance in hand of £14. 5. 1³/₄

The Meeting closed with the Doxology & Prayer

Oct 31st The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Annie Griffiths granted to Church at Monmouth
The dismissal of Julia Noble received from Badcox Lane Frome

The Visitors to the following having reported favourably it was unanimously agreed to receive them on their baptism Ellen K Patterson - E J Randell - Thos Hy Banell and Martha Jane Baker
Thos White & Thos Pigott not reported upon
Brethren Greenaway & Barrett having reported favourably of Isaac & Margaret Rees they were unanimously received on vote of the Church

- Nov 3rd Wm J Stone – John Green – Josh Watkins – Ann Watkins – Ellen K Patterson – Edw^d Jas Randell – Thos Hy Banell & MarthaJane Baker were baptised and on
- Nov 6th were received into the Church together with Edw^d Yates – Phebe Yates – Julia Noble - Isaac Rees & Marg^t Rees
- The dismissal of E J Griffiths rec^d from Bedminister
- John Gaisford – Oliver Jenkins and Marg^t Griffiths wishing to join the Church it was resolved to apply for their respective dismissal from the Churches at Melksham Cinderford & Bath
- Nov 30th The minutes of last Meetings were read & confirmed
- Letters of dismissal received – John Gaisford from Melksham – Oliver Jenkins from Cinderford & Margaret Griffiths from Bath
Margaret Wild (late Lax) wishing to rejoin the Church it was resolved to apply for her dismissal from Cavenham Reading
The dismissal of David Whitman & Sarah Anna Whitman being applied for from Cambria Baptist Church it was resolved to grant the same with the statement that they had left without paying up their Seat Subscription and giving notice of their intention to vacate their Seats to others who were waiting to be accommodated
- Dec 4th E J Griffiths – M A Griffiths – Margaret Griffiths – John Gaisford & Oliver Jenkins were received into the Church
- 28th The minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed
- The dismissal of Marg^t Lax received from Cavenham Reading
- Arthur Williams – Thomas Stone were chosen Scrutineers for the appointment of new Deacons
- It was resolved that Bror Wm Wearing be requested to audit the Church Accounts Also to have 150 year Books at 2^d each
Brother Deacon suggesting that the addresses of Members be printed if possible
- It was resolved to have a Congregational Tea Meeting on the 11th Jany
- The dismissal of Jno Horler to be applied for to Mr Huntley's Church at Bath

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Feby 1st

Annual Church Meeting

After Singing & Prayer the minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Jno Horler received from Widcombe Church Bath

The Treasurers Church Accounts was passed Also the Chapel ouse Account - The Auditor gave an interesting statement as to how the Receipts from Weekly Offerings & Quarterly Pew Rents were made up showing that more non members than members subscribed in average amounts

The Scrutineers reported the election of Deacons 205 papers were issued & 184 returned voting for 29 Candidates - Brethren Greenaway - Davies & Wm Wearing were elected who who notified their acceptance of the Office

A vote of thanks to Sick Visitors also to Lay Preachers proposed & seconded by Brethren Mole & Wood and the same Brethren were appointed for the ensuing year - A conversation arose as to Funds for the Sick Visitors to be enabled to relieve the Sick and brother Deacon was asked to be collector to the non members relief fund

On a revision of the Church Book the following names were voted to be removed - Ellen Reeves - Sarah Gibbons - Emily Richens - Fred^k C Harrison - Marg^t Harrison - James Ponting - Augustus James - Ellen M James - Saml White - Martha Pinchin - Martha Howard - Emily Wilkins - Chas North - Jane North - J G Westlake - M A Westlake - T R Wheeler & Jno Wilson (19)

The following to be visited through non attendance

John A Rimer	by Brethren Greenaway & Deacon
Minnie Lennox	by Brethren Wearing & Russell

Jacobina Gibbs formerly a member wishing to rejoin the Church - Brethren Barrett & Davies were appointed to visit her

The following wishing to join the Church it was resolved that their dismissions be applied for - Wm Stephens . Mary Ann Stephens . Wm Ball & Ann Ball from Church at Totterdown Bristol - E Laurie from Tryndall Bristol - Fredk Hobbs . Emily Hobbs from Frome and Sarah Elizth Davies from Church at Newbury

The following wishing to join the Church by Baptism - visitors were appointed as under

Wm Reeves	Brethren W Wearing & Hughes
Rose Reeves	Brethren Greenaway & Osland
Willm Clapper	Brethren Wearing & Russell
Florence Sparks	Brethren Mole & Alley
Hannah Rebecca Lancaster	Brethren Russell & Spiers

A discussion took place with regard to New Chapels & Enlargement of present one & it was ultimately decided first of all to erect a new Chapel at Gorse Hill and the Officers with Brethren Sly - Alley & Hughes were appointed a Committee to carry out the same proposed & seconded by Brethren Hewson & Mole - and it appeared that there was a piece of Land considered very suitable for the site of a new Chapel - Brother Deacon proposed that Bro^r Sly be empowered to complete the purchase at once - Brother Harrison kindly offering to be responsible for £10 towards the purchase^x

The Meeting closed with Singing & Prayer

^x If 9 others would do the same

(The following were the names & numbers voted for as Deacons - W Greenaway 156 - R^d Davies 123 - W Wearing 36 - Jas Hughes 34 - Saml Ingram 28 - W Mole 15 - H J Deacon 14 - Geo Osland 14 - Jas Iles 12 - Fred^k Alley 13 - Geo Fry 10 - Thos Stone 9 - Jno Williams 9 - Jas Sly 5 - Wm Morse 3 - Saml Hewson 3 - 4 2 each - 9 1 each)

Feby 26th Mrs Hall wishing to join the Church - Brethren Brain & Sly were appointed to visit her

Mch 8th The minutes of last Meetings were read & confirmed

The dismissal of the following were received & passed - Mr & Mrs Stephens - Mr & Mrs Ball - Mr & Mrs Hobbs - Mrs Davies

The name of Jno A Rimer was removed from the Church Book - he having rendered himself liable to prosecution for Arson
The Visitors to Annie Lennox reported their interview with her That she seemed to be in a very lax state of mind but promised to attend more regularly - Brethren Mole & Russell proposed & seconded that the matter be deferred for 3 months
Jacobina Gibbs & Wm Reeves not visited

The following having been reported by the various Visitors were unanimously received - Rose Reeves - Wm Clapper - Florence Sparks - Hannah Rebecca Lancaster - Rebecca Hall

thanks to the Auditor of the yearly Accounts for the efficient way in which they were audited carried unanimously
Brother W Wearing returned thanks

The Secretary to Gorse Hill Chapel Fund announced that he has received some money on account & that application had been made to the Baptist Building Fund for aid

Mch 29th The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

As Mr & Mrs Pocock had removed from Faringdon more than 12 months their names had been removed from the Church Book the letter from the Church expressing their good wishes - Brethren Fry & Williams proposed & seconded that they be received as Members carried unanimously

Miss Tabor having remove to Frome wishes her Membership to be transferred to Church at Badcox Lane agreed

Brethren Wearing & Deacon appointed to Union Meeting in London

Apl 2 Mr & Mrs Pocock & Mrs Davies received into the Church

May 3rd The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

Mrs Cole wishing to join the Church it was resolved to apply for her dismissal from Church at Sardis Neyland

Wm Hy Cole & Macfarlane Davies wishing to join the Church - Brethren Wearing & Davies were appointed visitors to W H Cole & Brethren Russell & W Wearing to M Davies respectively
Brethren Davies & Banell reported favourably of Jacobina Gibbs & it was resolved to receive her again into fellowship

Brethren Wearing & Brain were chosen to represent the Church at the Association Meeting to be held at Frome

Mr & Mrs Hobbs & Jacobina Gibbs were received into the Church

24th The minutes of last Meetings were read & confirmed

The dismissal of E Laurie & Mrs Cole were received from Bristol & Sardis respectively
The Visitors to W H Cole & Macfarlane Davies reported favourably & they were both unanimously received

It having been stated that Cambria Baptist Chapel had been almost deserted & that the few remaining Members were anxious for us to take charge & carry on the same a correspondence had been carried on between our Secretary & Dr Price & Mr Jones as to the terms upon which we could use the Chapel which has resulted in an offer being made to us for the absolute Sale of the Property for £55 being the amount due to the Monmouthshire Assocⁿ

It was proposed & seconded by Brethren Wearing & Hughes That having heard the proposal & terms upon which we can take over the charge of Cambria Baptist Chapel we hereby agree to the same and authorise the Officers of the Church to carry the same into effect and have the Property conveyed to the same Trustees as proposed for Gorse Hill Chapel carried

The proposed names for Trustees to be submitted to the next Church Meeting

May 31st Willm Clapper - Wm Hy Cole - M Davies - Rose Reeves & Rebecca Hall were baptised

June 4th The above named and also W Stephens - M A Stevens - Wm Ball - Ann Ball & E Laurie were received into the Church

June 28th The minutes of last Meetings were read & confirmed

Having heard from Dr Price that the Monmouth Assocⁿ had agreed to dispose of Cambria Chapel to us for £55 - It was resolved to conclude the same and also to appoint as first Trustees the followig viz William Wearing - William E Greenaway - Fred^k H Russell - Hubert Jno Deaco - Saml Hawson - Fred^k Alley - Jas Hughes - John Williams and Macfarlane Davies - the same persons to be Trustees of the Gorse Hill Chapel

It was proposed & seconded by Brethren Fry - Williams to borrow the necessary money to carry same into effect agreed

It was agreed to hold Chapel Anniversary in Sept - Mrr J C *Bersan* to preach

The following wishing to join the Church it was resolved that their dismission be applied for Sarah Hemmings from West London Tab - Henry & Martha Greener from Church at Barrow on Furness

Aug 2 The dismission of Henry & Martha Greener received from Barrow on Furness & they were received into the Church on 6th
Chas Lusty wishing to join the Church it was agreed to apply for his

dismissal from the Church at Kingstanley

Augt 30th The minutes of last Meetings were confirmed

Fanny Lovelace wishing to join the Church it was decided to apply for her dismissal from Paulton Somerset

As the Church West London Tabernacle had removed the name of Sarah Hemmings from their Church Book – it was resolved that Brethren Davies & Russell visit her with a view of her joining our Church

Brethren W E Greenaway & Wm Greenaway proposed & seconded That at the forthcoming Anniversary Service on Wednesday evening the usual Collection be dispensed with – A plate being held at the Door to enable those present to contribute if they wished

This being the object to induce more persons to attend the Service Brother Mole proposed an amendment but there being no seconder – the proposition was carried – though at first 4 voted for & 4 against it – on being put to the Meeting again 11 voted for it & 5 against it

Sept 25th

The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Charles Lusty received from Kings Stanley
The visitors to Sarah Hemmings were not able to report as they could not find her at the Address given

Brethren Wearing & Deacon were appointed Messengers to Meeting at Calne

Brethren W Wearing & Greenaway proposed & seconded to receive so much of the Resolution carried last meeting respecting the Collection “That no Plates be held at the Doors on Wednesday evening
This was carried unanimously

The following wishing to join the Church it was resolved that their several letters be applied for Sarah Jane Owen from Oxford – Daniel Miles & Caroline Miles from Tabernacle Carmarthen
Also that Wm Henry Harford be visited by Brethren Wearing & Greenaway and Jane Murphy by Brethren Russell & Osland with a view to their baptism

Oct 29 At a Special Church meeting it was resolved that the following persons (now Members at Cambria) be visited in accordance with our Rules with a view to their being united with us in Church Fellowship – Ebenezer Evans – Elizth Evans – Jane Evans – David Jones – Catherine

Jones - Lydia Jones - Catherine Evans - Lucy Whale - Marg^t Jarman -
Elizth Williams & Rachel Jones
Visitors Brethren Wearing - Davies - Hughes & Alley

Nov 1st The minutes of last Meetings were read & confirmed

Letters were received dismissing the following Members to our
fellowship Fanny Lovelace - Sarah Jane Owen - Caroline Miles and
Dan^l Miles who were duly received

Elizth Johns wishing to join the Church - it was resolved to apply for
her dismission from the Church at Maesteg

The above persons named in minutes of 29th Oct were recommended by
the several visitors & were unanimously re^{cd}
The Visitors to Wm Henry Harford & Jane Murphy reported favourably
& they were unanimously received

The following wishing to be baptised & join the Church the following
Visitors were appointed

Wm Chas King	Brethren Osland & Brain
Alfred Goddard	Brethren Mole & Alley
Edwin Whitfield	Brethren Ingram & Gardner
Rich ^d Geo Harris	Brethren R ^d Davies & Stroud
Mrs Clapham	Brethren Hughes & Fry
Annie Pilot	Brethren Russell & W Wearing
Annie Clappen	Brethren Wearing & Greenaway

It was decided to have Collections Nov 12th for Gorse Hill Chapel
Expenses

As there had been so many occasions of the Doors being left open &
robberies committed the Deacons stated that they had arranged to have
a new Lock on the Side Door & the persons entrusted with the keys
would be considered responsible for the Doors being properly secured
after all Meetings - And the friends were desired not to have duplicate
keys made - as that would frustrate the object the Deacons had in view

Having received a letter from the Baptist Messy Society Secretary
stating that they were anxious to increase the Income of the Society by
£5000 per Annum & urging the Churches to help by gathering small
amounts It was proposed & seconded by Brethren Wearing & Hughes
& carried That a Ladies Committee be formed to collect Subscriptions

for the Baptist Missions as follows with power to add to their number
Mrs W Wearing – Miss Pocock – Mrs Maria Osland – Mrs Marian
Greenaway – Miss Gardner – Miss Pope – Mrs Russell – Mrs McHardy –
Miss Sly – Miss Ingram – Mrs Gover & Miss Redman

Nov 5th The following were received into the Church Fanny Loveday – Sarah
Jane Owen – Ebenezer, Jane & Elizth Evans – David & Catherine Jones
– Catherine Evans – Lucy Whale – Elizth Williams & Rachel Jones

Nov 22nd The minutes of last Meetings were read & confirmed

The Visitors to the following Candidates having reported favourably
they were unanimously received Wm Chas King – Edwin Whitfield –
Richard Harris – Mrs Clapham – Anna Clappen and Annie Pilot
Alfred Goddard to stand over for further interview

The following wishing to join the Church it was resolved to apply for
their dismissions Jno Watts, Bridgend & Agnes Edwards, Bath

£2. 17. 9 balance of Lecture on the Stars was handed over to the
Treasurer towards the expence of Ventilation

Brother Jno Williams gave notice that at next Church Meeting he should
propose that the Lords Supper be administered at a District Service in
the afternoon

29th Wm Hy Harford – Wm Chas King – Edwin Whitfield – Richd Geo
Harris – Jane Murphy – Clapham – Anna Clappen – Annie Pilot were
baptised and on

Dec 3rd received into the Church Also Lydia Jones and Ann Jones the latter does
not appear to have been visited in accordance with Church Rules

6th Mr & Mrs Shawyer & Mr & Mrs John wishing to join the Church it was
resolved to apply for their respective dismissions from Faringdon and
Bryncethin Churches

1883 Jany 1 The minutes of last Meetings were read and confirmed

Letters were read dismissing to our fellowship David John – Janet John
– Jno Jas Shawyer – Margaret Shawyer and Agnes Edwards all received
Ann Jones who was inadvertantly rec^d last Ordinance wishes to
commence with us at the Lords Supper not having been baptised

It was arranged that 2 Deacons retire this year List to be sent out as

usual and Brethren Osland & Alley were chosen Scrutineers

Year Book to be published 200 at 1^d Brethren Deacon & Hughes chosen to audit the Accounts

It was agreed for Mr Murphy to preach 14th Jany on behalf of Irish Missions

And that a Collection be made at Annual Church Meeting towards the cost of the Year Book

It was proposed & seconded and carried that United Services be held at the end of this month - same as last year if same can be arranged

The following wishing to join the Church it was arranged to apply for their respective dismissions - Alfred Goddard from Brentford - Josh Jefferies, Chalford - Wm Phillips, Long Crendon Oxford - Willm & Harriet Ford, Manvers St Bath

Candidates for Baptism - Eliza Absolum visitors Brethren Greenaway & Fry - Henry Lake Gorse Hill visitors Brethren Russell & Sly

It was agreed to send a note to the Candidate when accepted by the Church

John William's motion respecting altering the time of the Lords Supper Service not being seconded was not put

The dismissions of Jos^h & Kate Matthews were applied for from Church at Reading - and the Secretary was desired to explain that an honorable dismission could not be given to Jos^h Matthews as just before leaving he had rendered himself liable to Church discipline from xxxly walk

Jan 7 Caroline Miles - Daniel Miles - Marg^t Jarman - Jno Jas Shawyer - Mar^{gt} Shawyer were received into the Church

Jany 31st Annual Church Meeting
After Singing & Prayers the Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismission of Jos^h Jefferies from Church at Chalford & Wm & Harriet Ford from Church at Bath received & passed

The Treasurers Account was passed Also the Ordinance Fund - It appears that the non members Fund had been included in the Members Account & it was decided in future to keep them distinct
Mr Deacon who was appointed last year to collect for the non members

Fund reported that he had received £2. 1. for the Fund and Bro'r Clappen was appointed Treasurer & Collector for the ensuing year

A vote of thanks with a request for their future services was proposed & seconded by brethren Alley & Wearing & carried to the Sick Visitors for whom Bro'r Jno Williams replied

Brethren Davis & Sly supported by Bro'r Williams proposed a vote of thanks to the Lay Preachers for their past services

The scrutineers reported the re election of Brethren Wearing & Barrett as Deacons who both expressed their acceptance of the Office
It appeared that there were 250 Papers issued 173 were returned so that 77 members did not vote

On a revision of the Church Books the following names were to be removed Lucy Mace - Fanny Hunt - Jno Godfrey - Sarah D Godfrey - Eliza M Rimer - Wm Prosser - Tom Burchell and Edward King

It was suggested that in future the list be revised in December so that the correct members appear in the new Year Book

The Visitors to Eliza Absolum and Henry Lake having reorted favourably they were unanimously received
The following wishing to join the Church visitors were appointed accordingly

Hy Arthur Clappen	Brethren Wearing & Davies
Henry Carpenter	Brethren Russell & Hughes
David Whitman	Brethren Greenaway & Osland
Sarah Anna Whitman	Brethren Greenaway & Osland

A Collection was for the expence of printing the Year Book amounting to 16/6

The dismissal of Oliver Jenkins to Church at Cinderford granted

An application was made from Church at Brixton for the dismissal of Mr & Mrs Westlake but as their names had been removed last year this could not be granted

The subject of new Chapel at Gorse Hill was discussed & it being considered necessary to raise not less than £50 as a commitment for the Building - Brethren Mole & Deacon were asked to canvas the Church & Congregation so that the building be erected next Summer

Brethren Greenaway reported that he had received £2 towards the expence of ventilating the Chapel & the Deacons were desired to carry out the Plan proposed

The Pastor gave a short Address to them
The Meeting closed by Singing & Prayers

Feby 4th Agnes Edwards - Joseph Jefferies - Wm Ford & Harriet Ford rec^d into the Church

Feby 28th The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Jno Thos Watts rec^d from Bridgend

It being reported that G J Randell was walking disorderly after promised reformation - Brethren Wearing & W E Greenaway proposed & seconded That he be suspended for 6 months carried

Brother Hawson proposed That a Committee be appointed to consider the subject & look out for a suitable site for a new Chapel to be built sometime hereafter giving as a reason the difficulty of supplying even xxx Members with Sitting in the present Chapel - seconded by Bro^r Davis

Bro^s Williams & Arthur Williams proposed & seconded That a Special Meeting of the Church be called to consider this matter

The number voting for this resolution & amendment being equal (9 each) the Pastor proposed that the subject be postponed until next Church Meeting

The Visitors to Hy Arthur Williams - David Whitman & S A Whitman reporting favourably were unanimously rec^d
Henry Carpenter withdraws his application

John Henry Rees & Alice Block wishing to join the Church their dismissions from Church at Swansea & King Stanley respectively to be applied for

Gertrude Haines having applied for membership- brethren Wearing & Greenaway were appointed to visit her

Brother F G Harry wishing to go to College & having preached before the Church in accordance with the usual custom - Brethren Alley & W Wearing proposed & seconded That a letter be written to Rawden College recommending him as a Student carried

Mch 28th The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

testified to his Christian character and the Secretary authorised to send such Letter accordingly

In consequence of some of the Candidates being from home next Wednesday it was decided to postpone the Baptising Service for a few weeks

Mr Phillips (who has been baptised) wishing to join the Church - Brethren Barrett & Davies were appointed to visit him
Mary Ann Keefe - William Evans & William Scott applied for admission to the Church and it was resolved to apply for their dismissions respectively from Peckham & Paulton

June 13th Hy A Clapham - Robt W Smith - Moses J Stone - Henry Lake - Gertrude Haine & Elizth Payne were baptised

27th The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Mr & Mrs King from Church at Stroud and Wm Evans & W Scott from Paulton received & voted into the Church

The Visitors to W Phillips reported favourably & was received on vote of the Church

Ellen Moore - W C Taylor - Sarah Taylor wishing to join the Church - it was resolved to apply for their respective dismissions

The Treasurer made a Statement of his Accounts for the ½ year from which it appeared that he had rec^d £76. 13. 2

from Weekly Offerings	£ 11. 17. 6
from Quarterlies Collections	£ 21. 1. 6
from Year Books	£ 1. 8. 2
some other small sums amounting to	£104. 19. 8¼

That the payments amounted to £92. 1. ½ leaving a Balance in hand of £12. 18. 7¾ but there are payments due £34. 16. 8 leaving a deficiency of £21. 18 - & he wished to know what was to be done

There was a long discussion on the matter & Brother Barrett said that many did not contribute in the spirit in which the Weekly Offering was intended and it appeared from his statement that some of the Members did not contribute even a penny a week to the Funds

Brethren Hawson & Gardener proposed & seconded That a Circular be printed & sent to all persons who do not contribute to the Weekly Offering regularly reminding them of the resolution carried
Brethren Hawson & Barrett proposed & seconded That £10 from the

Chapel House Account be paid over to the Church Acct to help meet the deficiency in that Fund

The Secretary reported that the Memorial Stone at Gorse Hill Chapel was laid last Wednesday by Mr Holder & that the proceeds of the day were £15. - .7^d exclusive to Tea Meeting

Hy Arthur Clapham - Rob^t W Smith - Moses Jno Stone - Henry Lake - Gertrude Haine - Elizth Payne - Josiah King - King - Wm Evans - Wm Scott & Wm Phillips were received into the Church

The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Wm Taylor received from Monmouth Salome Evans wishing to join the Church it was resolved to apply for his dismissal from the Church at Paulton

It having been reported that Wm Rock & Wm Lindsay were walking disorderly it was resolved that they be visited - Wm Rock by Brethren Russell & Davies & Wm Lindsey by Brethren Wearing & Greenaway

The Church at Cirencester applied for the dismissal of David & Janet John from this Church to theirs

The Secretary reported that the purchase of Cambria Chapel had been completed & duly put in Trust and that £75 had been borrowed on Mortgage to pay for same & expences

Augt 29th The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Salome Evans rec^d from Paulton Mrs Perry - Mr & Mrs Williams wishing to join the Church - it was resolved to apply for their respective dismissions from the Churches at Calne & Cinderford respectively

William & Kate Wearing having removed to Faringdon an application made for their dismissal to the Church there granted

Brethren Wearing & Greenaway reported that they had visited Wm Lindsey who complained as a reason for his non attendance that & of the Members had wronged him in speaking evil of him - That he was not neglecting the means of peace as he attended the Wesleyan Chapel & also the Gospel Hall The Visitors urged him to reconsider the matter & return to his place in the Church He said most likely he should but not at present

Upon the report the Church decided for the subject to stand over for 3 months

Brother Wearing was appointed Delegate to Union Meeting at Leicester

Sept 2nd Wm Taylor rec^d into the Church

25th The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Emma Moore, Bath – Fanny Perry, Calne & Mr & Mrs Williams, Cinderford duly received & passed
John Gaisford having removed back to Melksham an application for his transfer to the Church there was received & granted

Brethren Russell – Brain & Wearing were appointed Messengers to Association Meeting at Beckington

The Committee reported on their interview with Wm Rock - that though they were not satisfied with his conduct yet recommended that the matter stand over for 3 months

Brother Wearing brought before the Church the subject of the School Board Election stating that the Church of England Adherents were going to make exertions to return a majority on the Board & that it was desirable that we as Non Conformists should take steps to preserve this – The Pastor promised to see the other Ministers on the subject

Nov 4th Emma Moore – Fanny Perry – Salome Evans & Mr & Mrs Williams rec^d into the Church

Nov 7th The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Rob^t Wm Smith granted to Church at Salisbury
It was resolved to apply for the dismissal of the following who wished to join the Church

Saml Smith Harris	Leicester
Emily Solway	Weston Super Mare
Willm Gibbs	Crewkerne
Elizth Moorley	Carmarthen

Lilly Williams wishing to join the Church – Brethren Greenaway & Russell were appointed Visitors
Brother Wearing gave notice of motion respecting election of Deacons as follows Brethren to be nominated for the Office of Deacon at Church

Meeting in Jany by two Members - Such names only to be submitted to the Church for election in the usual way by voting Papers

It was proposed to hold a Bazaar about May next in aid of the Debt Fund of Gorse Hill Chapel to be arranged by the present Committee

Dec 2nd The dismissal of Mary Ann Keefe - Saml Harry Smith & Elizth Moorley were rec^d & passed & they were received into the Church

Dec 5th The minutes of last Meetings were read & confirmed

In lieu of Bro^r Wearing motion with regard to the election of Deacons the following was substituted - Brethren to be nominated by 2 Members - such nominations to be sent so the Secretary by 1st Jany - notice to be given to each Candidate whose name shall be printed & circulated amongst the Members & brought in at the Annual Church Meeting Those Candidates who wish to retire to give notice to the Secretary before the 15th Jany

This was proposed & seconded by Brethren W E Greenaway & Hawson That the present mode of election of Deacons be adhered to This was carried by 22 to 5

Brother Deacon gave notice that at next Church Meeting he should propose That any person objecting to his name being in the List of Candidates for the Office of Deacon to give notice to the Secretary of such objection

The Visitors to Lily Williams having reported favourably it was resolved to receive her on her baptism

Elizth Russell wishing to join the Church Brethren Sly & Brain were appointed Visitors Her name having been removed from the Church Book at Aberdare though many years non attendance

1884 Jany 2 The minutes of last Meetings were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Edith Hodges and Wm Jno Gibbs were received & passed

Elizth Russell was also received on the report of the Visitors Frank Ruckley wishing to join the Church it was resolved to apply for his dismissal from Church at Kilmington

Brother Deacon withdrew his notice of Motion respecting the election of Deacons

Saml Lewis wishing to join the Church Brethren Greenaway & Davies

were appointed Visitors

Also Daniel Jones visitors Brethren Barrett & Russell

On a revision of the Church Roll the names of Wm Rock – W J Lindsey & G J Randell were removed

Also Thos Pearce & Marg^t Pearce were to be visited by Brethren Davies & Brain

Emma Cook Edwards to be seen by Brethen Davies respecting the removal of her name to Upper Stratton

It was resolved to have 200 year Books printed at one penny each

A Collection to be taken at Annual Church Meeting towards the expence of same

A Congregation Tea meeting to be held 9th Instant

Brethren Hawson & Josiah King were appointed Auditors and Brethren Arthur Williams & H G Deacon Scrutineers of Deacon's Election papers

Jan 6 The dismissal of Emily Solway rec^d from Weston & passed
Wm Jno Gibbs – Elizth Russell & Emily Solway were received into the Church

Feb 6th Annual Church Meeting
After Singing & Prayers & a short address from the Pastor The minutes of last Meetings were read & confirmed

An application was made for the dismissal of Augustus Noah James which could not be granted as his name had been removed 2 years through non attendance

An application for the dismissal of Elizth Moorley granted to English Ch Carmarthen

The dismissal of Frank Ruckley received from Church at Kilmington

The Visitors to Saml Lewis & David Jones reporting favourably they were both received unanimously

Brother Davies reported that Mrs Edwards wished her named to be retained at present

The Report of Tho^s & Marg^t Pearce to stand over until next Church Meeting

Fredk Hughes wishing to join the Church his dismissal was agreed to be applied for to Blaevon

The Treasurers Account – Ordinance Account & Chapel House Fund a/c

were read over & passed

Also Non Members Fund & Brother Clappen was requested to continue the office of Treasurer & Collector with thanks for his past service

Brethren Mole & W E Greenaway proposed & seconded a vote of thanks to the Sick Visitors with a request for their services for the coming year carried Brother Osland responded

Brethren Davies & Osland proposed & seconded a vote of thanks to the Lay Preachers carried Brethren Alley & Russell responded

Brethren Alley & Mole proposed & seconded a vote of thanks to Brethren Morse & Stone for their services as Pew Openers & especially sympathising with Brother Morse in his bereavement

The Accounts of Gorse Hill Chapel & School & Cambria Chapel & School were also read over & it was noticed as very satisfactory that all the Accounts connected with the Church are in hand

Brethren Davies & Greenaway proposed & seconded a vote of thanks to the Choir for their valued services especially naming Ba?es for his service at the Harmonium

The Pastor also named the Band of Hope as worthy of commendation & support

The Scrutineers appointed by the Church reported that Brethren Russell & Deacon were elected Deacons who both expressed acceptance of Office

The Meeting closed with Singing & Prayers

There were 245 Voting Papers issued & 159 returned - leaving 86 not voting

The numbers for F H Russell 133 - H J Deacon 52 - Jas Hughes 47 & 1. 15 - 2. 10 - 2. 7 - 1. 6 - 1. 5 - 2. 4 - 4. 2 - & 3 . 1 each - being 19 voted for

Collection made towards expences of year Book amounting to 13/3½

Feby 10 Frank Ruckley received into the Church

25th The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Fre^{dk} Hughes received from Blaeavon Agnes Edwards having removed to Bath her dismissal granted to Manvers St Church

Also Wm & Harr^t Ford to Broadmead Church Bristol

The report relating to Marg^t Pearce postponed to net Meeting

The following wishing to join the Church it was resolved to apply for their respective dismissions

James Chapman	from Church at Cheddar
Emma Saunders	from Brixton
Maria Parker (now Hinton)	from Liverpool

The following applicants for baptism & Church fellowship - were resolved to be visited as under

John Harry	Brethren Wearing & Shawyer
Lucy Ann Wilkins	Brethren Deacon & Mole
Henry Clenan Higgs	Brethren Barrett & Osland
Emily Carter	Brethren Russell & Gardener

Mch 2nd Fred^k Hughes rec^d into the Church

26th The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of James Chapman from Cheddar - Maria Hinton from Liverpool and Emma Saunders from Brixton received

It was resolved that the case of Margaret Pearce should stand over for 6 months

The Visitors to John Harry reported favourably & he was unanimously received - Also Henry Clenan Higgs & Emily Carter

The Candidature of Lucy Ann Wilkins deferred
The dismissal of Emma Laurie granted to City Road Church Bristol

Edward & Annie Jennings wishing to join the Church it was decided to apply for their dismissal from Church at Corsham

Brethren Wearing - Deacon & Hawson were appointed Delegates to Union Meetings in London

The Pastor's wife died 19th Marsh
Deeply Lamented - she was a true Pastor's Wife

April 2nd Lily Williams - Saml Lewis - Daniel Jones & Jno Harry were baptised
Also Mr Allsopp formerly a Scholar in the Sunday School but who had joined the Prim Methodists & on 6th April Hy Clenan Higgs - Emily

Carter - James Chapman - Maria Hinton - Emma Saunders - Lilly Williams - Daniel Jones & Jno Harry were received into the Church & May 4th Samuel Lewis

May 5th The minutes of last Meetings were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Edward & Annie Jennings received from Corsham
The dismissal of H H Harford granted to Church at Bournemouth

Albert R^d Richards wishing to join the Church he was unanimously received by vote of the Church he having been baptised previously some years since by our Pastor

Geo Goddard & Elizth Williams applied for baptism & membership - Brethren Russell & Sly & Wearing & Osland were appointed Visitors respectively

Brethren Wearing & Barrett were appointed Messengers to Association Meetings at Wincanton 26th & 27th May

Brethren Davies & Deacon proposed & seconded That any person wishing to join the Lay Preachers Assocⁿ should preach before the Church & at each Station & then be voted in at the Church Meeting (after being duly proposed) if the Church approved carried unanimously

The Pastor stated that in order to prevent confusion it was very desirable to have at our Mission Stations some brethren to act as a Committee to manage the affairs thereof

Brethren Wearing & Hughes proposed & seconded That a Committee of management of 5 be appointed for Gorse Hill & Cambria Chapels respectively

All business to be arranged including Entertainment & Tea Meetings by the Committee

The Gorse Hill Committee to consist of Brethren Russell - Sly - Alley - Gover & Hall

The Cambria Committee to consist of Brethren Davies - Brain - Chas King - David Jones & Ebenezer Evans

Carried unanimously

June 4th The minutes of last Church Meeting were read & confirmed

The Report of Visitors to Geo Goddard & Elizth Williams were received & it was resolved unanimously to accept them on their baptism

Jos^h G Greenland wishing to join the Church it was resolved to apply for his dismissal from the Church at Jersey
Saml Colbourne & Georgiana Colbourne having resigned their membership at Upper Stratton they were unanimously received on the vote of the Church by the recommendation of Brethren Wearing & Mole
Also Geo Jenkins & Annie Elizth Jenkins and they were unanimously received on the vote of the Church by the recommendation of Brethren Deacon & Davies

July 2nd The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Jos^h Geo Greenland received from Jersey

William & Sarah Angle wishing to join the Church it was resolved to apply for their dismissal from the Church at Tiverton
John Henry Rees having removed to Waunarlywydd Swansea - his dismissal was granted to the Church in that place

6th Albert R Richards - Saml Colbourne - Georgina Colbourne - Geo Jenkins - Annie Elizth Jenkins & Jos^h Geo Greenland were received into the Church and on

Aug^t 3rd Edward Jennings

Aug^t 6th The minutes of last Church Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Wm Angle & Sarah Angle received from Tiverton
Mary Elizth Greenland wishing to join the Church it was resolved to apply for her dismissal from Church at Jersey

The following being Candidates for baptism & membership it was resolved to appoint Visitors accordingly

Saml Jas Ingram	Brethren Wearing & Osland
Willm Knight	Brethren Deacon & Mole
Ellen Maria Mole	Brethren Barrett & Gardener
Geo Jackson	Brethren Greenaway & Fry

Brethren Russell & Alley were chosen to visit Elizth Cull who wished to join the Church She had been baptised in America but had left some years

A long discussion took place on the important matter of necessary increased soon being obtained for Worship & it was proposed & seconded by Brethren Williams & Mole & carried That the sites Committee be instructed to consider & report to the net Church Meeting

their opinion as to the matter of a new Chapel

Aug^t 17th Special Church Meeting for the following business

Dismission of Fred^k Hughes granted to Church at Blaeavon

Willm Plumley wishing to join the Church it was resolved to apply for his dismission from Church at Cheddar

Also a letter of Fanny Hulbert now Collett from Manvers St Bath

Wm Small having applied for baptism & membership - Brethren Davies & Brain were appointed Messengers

25th The minutes of last Church Meetings were read & confirmed

The Visitors to Saml Jos^h Ingram - Willm Knights - G M Mole- Geo Jackson & Willm Small having reported favourably it was unanimously agreed to receive them on their baptism Also Elizth Cull who had been baptised in America

The subject of a new Chapel was postponed till the net Church Meeting

Brethren Hawson - Deacon - Wearing & Shawyer were nominated for net Union Meeting at Bradford Yorkshire

Sept 3rd Saml Jos^h Ingram - Wm Knight - Ellen Maria Mole - Geo Jackson - Wm Small - Geo Goddard - Elizth Williams were baptised

7th Saml J Ingram - Wm Knight - Ellen M Mole - Wm Knight - Geo Jackson - Elizth Williams - Annie Jennings & Fanny Hulbert were received into the Church

24th The minutes of last Church Meetings were read & confirmed

The dismissions received of Mary Elizth Greenland , Jersey - Wm Plumley , Chaddar & Fanny Hulbert , Bath

Brethren Wearing & Clappen were appointed Messengers to Assocⁿ Meeting at Semley

Brother Richards was voted in as a Lay Preacher by 95 to 9

It was agreed that a notice be placed in Lobby asking the Seat Holders to be in their Seats by 10.30 & 6 O'Clock as in case of their absence at those hours the Seats would be open to Strangers

Brother Pocock proposed 6.30 for commencing evening service but no one seconded the Proposal

The Secretary was desired to give notice to Candidates for Membership – the result of the decision of the Church and also time of the next Baptising Services

The Secretary then read the Report of the Committee appointed at Church Meeting in March 1883 to consider the matter of a new Chapel to meet the increasing number of the Church & School

The Committee have to report That after thoroughly discussing the subject of the proposed alterations to the Chapel there appeared to them 3 courses open to the Church

- 1st Building a Chapel at Old Swindon retaining the present Place without alteration
- 2nd Pulling down the present Chapel & building another on the enlarged site obtain
- 3rd Selling the present Premises and removing to another Site

The 1st Course is not felt to be the most desirable

The 2nd involves an outlay of at least £3000 & provide for only 300 more people than at present This would be adequate to meet existing demand without providing for future growth

With regard to the 3rd Proposal a very eligible Site has been offered at a fair price in Regent Street opposite Yorke Place

The Committee have reason to believe that the Sale of the present premises will realise sufficient to cove the Greater part of the cost of a new Chapel & School and although respecting & sharing the sympathy & affection which the Members generally must feel for the old place which has been for so many years their Spiritual home they cannot overlook the claim of the Old Town Members to consideration – nor the immense advantage offered by the solution of the financial difficulty – so that taking all things into consideration the Committee unanimously incxxx to the opinion that the best interest of the Church will be served by the adoption of the third proposal

W B Wearing	Wm Greenaway	Thos Pope
Jno d Barrett	Hertert J Deacon	Saml Hawson
Rich ^d Davies	F H Russell	James Holden
Geo Fry	Fred ^k Pugh, President	

The Secretary made a Statement showing the result of the Committees Proposition if carried with effect also the residence of the various sections of the Church - there being 52 near the present Chapel - 40 in

Queens Town – 56 in Old Town – 50 in Cambria & 40 in Gorse Hill District

That the Sum for which the present Site & Building would sell would purchase the Land & build a good Chapel to seat 900 or 1000 people Brethren Deacon – Hawson – Mole – McHardy – Griffith – Greenaway (W E) & Spiers carried on the discussion & there seemed to be a very united feeling in favor of the Committee Report which was carried by 104 to 21 against

The Committee were authorised to arrange for purchase of Land The Officers to negotiate the Sale of the Property in Fleet St & Bridge St subject to the approval of the Church

The meeting closed by singing the Doxel 97 & Prayer by the Pastor

Oct 5 Wm Angle – Sarah Angle – Wm Small – Geo Goddard – Elizth Cull – Mary Elizth Greenland & William Plumley were received into the Church

27th The minutes of last Church Meetings were read & confirmed

It was proposed & seconded & carried 19 to 5 That the hours of commencing Service 12 Lord days in future be at 10.45 am and 6.30 pm and that a Notice be placed in the Lobby that Sittings not occupied by the person xxxx they have been appropriated at the time for commencing Service will be considered free to Strangers Brethren Hughes – Gibbons – Hawson – Davies – Mole – Wearing & Deacon took part in the discussion

Mr Hawson explained our position with regard to the Land offered to us by the Rolleston Estate That since the last offer they had altered the position of the Roads & also the price at which they would sell - and altho' it is an increase upon the former proposed the Site Committee thought the price reasonable For a large space the cost will be from £500 to £550 instead of £350

Brethren Mole & Deacon proposed & seconded & it was carried unanimously That the Sites Committee be empowered to purchase the newly offered Land by the Rolleston Trustees as a Freehold

Dec 3rd The minutes of last Church Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Thos & Rebecca Hall were applied for from York Town & granted

The following wishing to join the Church it was agreed that their respective dismissions be applied for

Jennie Money (now Harris)	from Glasgow Church
Edward & Jemima Roderick	from Chepstow Church
Benj ^m Slatter	from Raglan Church
Fred ^k & Hannah Lovesey	from Naunton Church

The following wishing to join the Church by baptism it was resolved that they be visited

Charles W J Strong	Cromwell St	Brethren Wearing & Gardener
Rosa Agnes Cave	Rose Cottage	Brethren Barrett & Osland

Wm Nunn having ceased to communicate with us it was resolved that Brethren Barrett & Davies visit him & report

It was agreed to have Congregational Tea on 7th Jany next as usual

Henry S Smith wishing to join the Lay Preachers Assocⁿ it was arranged for him to preach before the Church 10th Instant

The Secretary explained the present position of affairs with regard to the Sale of the present Chapel & Premises & the purchase of the new site That as there was no Power given in the Trust Deed to sell the Property application had been made to the proper Authority in London for a necessary Order

Dec 29th The minutes of last Church Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Jane Harris received from Glasgow
The Visitors to Chas Strong & Rose Agnes Cave having reported favourably they were unanimously received
Henry S Smith was also received as a member of the Lay Preachers Association

It was resolved that the same names be chosen for the Trustees of the new Chapel as at present for Gorse Hill & Cambria namely Willm Wearing - Willm E Greenaway - Fredk H Russell - Hubert Jno Deacon - Saml Hawson - Fredk Alley - Jas Hughes - Jno Williams & Macfarlane Davies

Resolved to have 200 year Books printed at one penny each - The addresses of the Members to be inserted

On a revision of the list of Members it was resolved that the following names be removed through non attendance (8)

William Nunn – Thos Pearce – Marg^t Pearce – Edmund Berry – Jane Hunt – Jno Horler – Chas Lusty – Fanny Lovelace – Also to write Jas Atkinson & T W Harry urging them to have their dismissions to other Churches

The following were appointed Auditors for the Annual Accounts – Saml Hawson & Thos Stone

For Gorse Hill – Saml Colbourne & Benjm Gover

For Cambria – Henry Clapham & David Jones

Geo Fry & Willm Clappen to be Scrutineers for the election of Deacons

1885 Jany 4 Jane Harris received into the Church

Jany 7th At a Meeting of Trustees & Members of the Church & Congregation interested in the Baptist Chapel Fleet St New Swindon
It was resolved that application be made to the Charity Commision for authority to sell the above Chapel and to apply the proceeds arising from such Sale towards the purchase of another Site and the erection of a new Chapel thereon
Moved by Mr Wearing seconded by Mr Greenaway 2 of the surviving Trustees and carried unanimously

28th Annual Church Meeting

After Singing & Prayers and an Address from the Pastor on the past and future of the Church – The minutes of last Meetings were read and confirmed

Letters dismissions Edw^d Roderick – Jemima Roderick – Fred^k Lovesey – Hannah Lovesey and Benjⁿ Slatter read & duly received
Application for the dismissal of Mr & Mrs Stephens & Mr & Mrs King were received and granted

The Church General Cash Account – Ordinance Fund & Chapel House a/c were read over & passed & it was resolved to pay off £50 from the £100 now owing – Also the Non Members Sick Fund & Brother Clappen was appointed Treasurer & Collector – with thanks for his past services

A vote of thanks given to the Sick Visitors & Brother Russell wishing to retire – all the rest were reappointed & Brethren Sly & Watkins added for Gorse Hill

Brethren Deacon & Davies proposed & seconded a vote of thanks to the Lay Preachers carried and Brethren Russell & Smith returned thanks

Brother Harrison gave notice that at the next Church Meeting he will

propose that £5 be granted towards Books for use of the Lay Preachers

Brethren Deacon & Hawson proposed a vote of thanks to Brethren Morse & Stone for their attention in showing Strangers into Seats - And it was resolved to ask Brethren Davies & Hawson to attend to the Galleries in like manner

The Accounts from Gorse Hill & Cambria not being complete were not submitted to the Meeting

It was decided to receive Resolution passed at last Church Meeting that one penny be charged for the year Book - Brethren Jackson & A D Williams offered 5/- each towards the expence of printing same in order that a copy be given to each Seat Holder

The Scrutineers appointed by the Church to superintend the election of Deacons reported that Brethren Greenaway & Davies were re elected by large majorities - These Brethren notified their acceptance of the Office There were 256 Voting Papers sent out and 193 returned

The numbers being for W Greenaway 160 - R^d Davies 155 - one 14 votes - one 7 - two 6 - two 5 - one 4 - one 3 - three 2 & six 1 each#
19 Candidates

Brethren W E Greenaway & Macfarlane Davies proposed & seconded a Building Committee for the new Chapel & Premises to consist of the Officers of the Church & Brethren Mole - Stone - Geo Fry - Hawson & A D Williams carried

Brother Wearing said he thought the time had arrived when considering the large increase in our numbers the Pastors Stipend should be increased and invited discussion - He said it might be thought that notice of motion should have been given but under the circumstances he asked the Members to forgo that formality

One of the Brethren insisted on the notice being enforced - Then a discussion took place as to giving the Pastor a gratuity instead this year & wait for better times as there was much depression in business & Brethren A D Williams & Russell proposed & seconded that £10 be voted from the Church Funds to the Pastor

Brother Jno Williams moved as an amendment that the balance be carried to the Chapel House Debt Account but as there was no seconder the Resolution was carried by 21 to 7

About 100 Members present

The Meeting closed by Singing & Prayers

July 1st ~~Edwd & Jas~~ Fred^k Lovesey - Hannah Lovesey and Benⁱⁿ Slatter rec^d into the Church

25th The minutes of last Church Meeting were read & confirmed

Brethren A D Williams & Clappen proposed & seconded That £5 be granted out of the Church Fund to form the nucleus of a Library for the use of the Lay Preachers - To be under the management of the Secretary carried

Sarah J Butcher formerly a Member of the Church applied to be admitted having been dismissed to Bridgewater afterwards removed to Devizes & now to Swindon - Brethren Wearing & Barrett proposed & seconded that Sarah J Butcher be accepted as a member carried

March 1st Edwd Roderick - Jemima Roderick and Sarah Jane Butcher received into the Church

April 1st The minutes of last Church Meeting were read & confirmed

Mr & Mrs Jarvis & Emma Prubrick wishing to join the Church - it was resolved to apply for their respective dismissions from the Churches at Stroud & Faringdon

The following wish to be baptised & join the Church & it was resolved that they be visited accordingly

Harriet Wakefield	Brethren Russell & Sly
John Wakefield	Brethren Barrett & Stone
Selina Wakefield	Brethren Wearing & Osland
Mary Adams	Brethren Deacon & Fry
Simmionette Sprules	Brethren Greenaway & Gardener
Kate Mullins	Brethren Davies & Mole
Thos Trusman	Brethren Greenaway & Alley
Slatter	Brethren Wearing & Osland
Mary Barnes	Brethren Russell & Hughes

Brethren A D Williams & Wearing were appointed Delegates to the Union Meeting in London

The Site Committee have reported That in accordance with the resolution of the Church in Sept & Oct last they have purchased a piece of Land of Rolleston Est Trustees for £456 - for the erection of a new Chapel & Schools

- 26th At a Special Ch Meeting
The dismissal of Matilda Clark granted to Church at Woodstock
- Harriet Cullen wishing to join the Church it was agreed that she be visited with a view to her baptism by Brethren Sly & Brain
- May 6th The minutes of last Church Meetings were read & confirmed
- The dismissal of Emma Prubrick now Trusman rec^d from Faringdon
Also Mr & Mrs Jarvis from Stroud
- The Visitors to the following having reported favourably they were all unanimously received as Members on their baptism Harriet Wakefield - John Wakefield - Selina Wakefield - Henry Adams - Simmionette Sprules - Kate Mullins - Thos Truman - Ann Slatter - Mary Barnes & Harriet Cullen
- Brethren Russell & Davies reported their interview with Wm Taylor who had withdrawn from us & had joined the Church of England had been sprinkled and confirmed & it was resolved that he be excluded from the fellowship of the Church
- Chas Edward Butcher applied for baptism & membership & Brethren Russell & Osland were appointed Visitors
- Brethren W E Greenaway & Alley & Wearing were appointed Messengers to the Association Meeting at Westbury
- The Members were much cheered on the Report by the number of additions at Gorse Hill and Brethren Deacon and Wearing proposed & seconded That this Church desires to accord to Almighty God their devout thanks for His signal blessing on the Special Services at Gorse Hill & praying that He might create a sincere desire for more personal Work for Him
- The Meeting closed with the Doxology and Benediction
- May 27th The minutes of last Church Meetings were read & confirmed
- Chas Edward Butcher (The Visitors to) having reported favourably it was resolved to receive him as a Member of the Church on his Baptism
- June 3rd Chas W J Strong - Harriet Wakefield - John Wakefield - Selina Wakefield - Simmionette Sprules - Kate Mullens - Ann Slatter - Mary Barnes - Harriet Cullen & Chas G Butcher - were baptised - and on

June 7th The above 10 with Mr & Mrs Jarvis were received into the Church

July 1st The minutes of last Church Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Emma Cook Edwards was granted to the Church at Upper Stratton

Arthur R C Baker – Rob^t Pitts & Mr & Mrs Harford wishing to join the Church it was resolved that their respective dismissions be applied for from the Churches at Bath – Shipley & Chippenham

29th The minutes of last Church Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Arthur C Baker received from Church at Bath Mary Ann Price wishing to join the Church her dismissal was to be applied for to the Church at Trehorkey

The Tenders for building the New Chapel & School were read over as follows Forse of Bristol £6990 – Jones Gloster £6880 – King Gloster £6695 – Jones (W) £6440 – Webb £6148 – Phillips £6054.6/1 – Williams £6000 – Wiltshire £5936 – Barrett £5798.10/-

It was proposed & seconded by Brethren Wearing & Williams That the Tender of Mr Barrett be accepted as recommended by the Bidding Committee carried

It was resolved to invite Mess^r Robinson – Cory – Illingworth – Caine – Wathen & Sir M Peto to lay the Corner Stones of the new Chapel sometime in Oct

Also invite Mr Wood of London to preach on the occasion in case of failure Mr Large

It was resolved to address a letter to Mr Holden expressive of our regrets at his removal from Swindon with thanks for his liberal support of all our various Societies & best wishes for the future prosperity of himself & family

Copy of letter sent to Mr Holden

My Dear Sir

At our last Church Meeting there was a general expression of regret at your removal from Swindon for having so many years shown your sympathy with our labours at Fleet St both by your contribution always ready for those who applied & your personal kind attention at Meetings of our various organisations & Societies

And I was desired to convey to you our best wishes for the prosperity temporal & spiritual of you Mrs Holder & your dear Children wherever and Heavenly Father may in His allwise providened place you & I was

desired to express to you our thanks for all your liberal support and sympathy since you have been with us
I remain & C
W E Wearing Secy

Sept 2nd The minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Ebenezer Harford – Jane Harford – Rob^t Pitts and Mary Ann Price received & passed

As we should be making a special effort at the laying of the Stones of our new Chapel it was resolved to dispense with our usual Tea Meeting at Anniversary to be held 13th Instant

Brethren Williams - Wearing & Deacon were appointed Delegates to Union Meetings at Swansea

Letter read from Mr Holden in reply to the letter sent to him last month

New Chapel

Mr Caine & Mr Cory having declined to respond to the invitation to take part in the Stone laying it was resolved to ask Mr Holden to lay one of the Stones

The Secretary reported that he had received £2. 1 from a poor Widow – a member of the Church towards the Building Fund - as she said she did not know where she should be when the Chapel was finished

This led to a discussion as to ways & means and it was resolved on the proposition of Brethren Russell & Mole that we have 50 Bags for persons to collect for the purpose of laying on the Stones on the 28th Oct next

The Pastor observing that with our Congregation there ought to be no difficulty of raising £1000 in 2 years which would average about £1 each per year of course some would give more and he would undertake to obtain £10 & perhaps £20 in the 2 years

Mr A D Williams promised £30 for the same time

8th Ebenezer Harford – Jane Harford – Ro^{bt} Pitts – Mary Ann Price & Arthur C Baker were received into the Church

30th The minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed

The Secretary reported that Mr Holden & Mr Wather had both declined to assist at the Stone laying of the new Chapel but that Mr Hawson having subsequently had an interview with Mr Wather – it was expected

that he would after all come to our aid

The Pastor also reported that he had written to Mr Glover urging him to accompany Mr Wather

Ellen Drew wishing to join the Church – it was resolved to apply for her dismission to the Church at Eastbourne

Alice Higgins altho' baptised had not joined any Baptist Church and as she wished to unite with us in Church membership – Brethren Deacon & Osland were appointed to visit her

Oct 11th Brethren Wearing – Alley – Hughes & in case of failure Brother Brain were appointed Messengers to the ½ yearly Association Meeting at Southwick

28th The minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed

An application made from the Church at Aberdare for the transfer of Geo Goddard was ordered to stand over as he had returned to Swindon

The Visitors to Alice Higgins having reported favourably she was unanimously received

The Secretary reported that the Officers had failed to get anyone to lay the Stones of the new Chapel & it was decided that Mess^{rs} Colbourne – Deacon – Wearing & A D Williams be requested to do so

Mr Deacon reported That at a Teachers Meeting it had been arranged to lay Memorial Stones in the new School Room about Feby next – in the meantime the Teachers had decided to collect money to lay the Stones

It was thought desirable to form a Committee in order to have a prospect of some money being forthcoming for the necessary outlay in the new Chapel School during the net two years and it was proposed & seconded by Brethren Deacon & Davies carried

That a Committee consisting of the following be formed to canvas for Subscriptions amongst the Church & Congregation for premises for the next 2 years Mr Harford – to be Secretary

Mess^{rs} Harford – Clappen – Jackson- Shawyer – Ingram – Jarvis – Tranter – Rye – Griffiths – David Jones – Jno Harry – W E Greenaway (13)
& Miss Pocock – Gardener – Reeves – Redman – Pattison – Davies – Mole – Evans – Sly – Lizzie Williams & Greenaway (11)

Nov 4th The Foundation Stones of the new Tabernacle were laid this day by our Brethren Wearing – Colbourne – Deacon & A D Williams
The Pastor made a previous statement & Mr Row – Wallace engaged in

Prayer

A large Tea Meeting took place & The Revd J H Wood of Upper Holloway President of the Baptist Association of London preached in the evening Bags were laid in the Stones by friends who had been collecting money & Collections were made which with Collections made on the previous Lords day Nov 1st when the Revd Jno Aldis preached two sermons amounted to nearly £200

30th The minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed

Alice James wishing to join the Church it was resolved to apply for her dismissal from the Church of Farnham Royal
Application for the dismissal of Mary Pope to the Church at Eynsford Kent granted

Dec 30th The minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed

On a revision of the list of Members for the year it was resolved to remove the following as they have left more than 12 months Mary Webb - Margt Griffiths - Jno Thos Watts - J Greenland (5)

It was resolved that Tho J Patterson should be visited as he had not commenced for 12 months past

The following were appointed Auditors Brethren Jackson & A D Williams for the Church Accounts - Saml Colbourne for Gorse Hill and J J Shawyer for Cambria
Brethren Franklin & Harrison appointed Scrutineers of the Deacons Election Papers

It was resolved to have a year Book as usual free to all Seat Holders

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After Singing & Prayers The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed

Letter of dismissal of Ellen Drew from the Church at Eastbourne received & passed

The Visitors to T J Patterson not being able to have an interview with him - the matter was postponed to next Meeting

The Church General Bank Account Ordinance Fund & Chapel House a/c were read over & passed Also the Gorse Hill Chapel Accounts but the Cambria Chapel Accounts were not completed so were not passed

The Non Members Sick Fund remains as last year - as then have been no

demands on the Treasurer & Collector Mr Clappen who was re appointed

A vote of thanks given to Sick Visitors and for the coming year were appointed as follows Geo Osland - Jno Iles Saml Ingram - Jas Stone - Jas Watkins - Jas Sly & Benjn Slatter
Also to the Lay Preachers Also to Brethren Morse & Stone for their attention in putting Strangers into Seats

Gorse Hill Committee for the year ensuing were appointed Jas Sly - Benjn Slatter - Saml Colbourne - F H Russell
Cambria Chapel Committee David Jones - E Evans - H A Clapham - W H Lancaster - D Whitman - R^d Davies & W C King

Brethen W C King brought forward a number of charges against the Deacons for nor aiding them more at Cambria and that the Committee had not sufficient authority to act or that they could not have the Lock of the Door mended and stating that unless some alterations were made the results would be that the people would help themselves by building a new Chapel & School Room & take matters under their own control The Pastor & some of the Members replied & thought Bro^r King was very wrong in speaking as he had done and it was pointed out to him that in the constitution of this & the Gorse Hill Committee the business they were to attend to were set forth (sec. May 5th 1884) - and it was pointed out that the Committee worked very well at Gorse Hill & it was only some at Cambria complained

Appointment of Deacons - The Scrutineers reported that Brethren Wearing & Barrett had been elected by a large majority - the next having only 5 votes- These Brethren notified their acceptance of the Office There were 255 Papers sent out & 218 returned - The numbers being Brother Barrett 141 Bror Wearing 138 - 4 of 5 each - 3 of 4 each - 4 of 3 each - 3 of 2 each - 4 of 1 each

The number of Members are as follows

				Members last year	287
Recd by Baptism	10	By Letter	15		25
					<hr/> 312
less by Death	2	dismissed	7		
excluded	1	on reversion	5		15
					<hr/> 297

Brother Deacon gave notice that he should move the appointment of District Visitor

Brother W E Greenaway gave notice of his intention to move that the Pastor preach at the Mission Stations once a month otherwise than in the afternoon

Annie Neate - King Street proposed for Membership & Brethren R^d
Davies & Green were appointed Visitors

The number of Collectors for the Foreign Mission having been reduced to 5 - The Members were urged to offer their services to collect 1^d a week
Subscriptions - The number of Collectors was originally 12

7th Ellen Drew rec^d into the Church

Mch 3rd The minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed

The Church at Cirencester having applied for the dismissal of Chas Lusty - it could not be granted as his name had removed from the Church Book

It was agreed to allow the case of T J Patterson to stand over another month the Visitors hoping in the meantime to have further conversation with him

The Visitors to Annie Neate having reported favourably she was unanimously received

The following wish to be baptised & join the Church & Visitors were appointed to them

Jas Batt	Cambris Bridge Rd	Brethren Wearing & Gardener
Fredk Wm Pugh	Clifton Street	Brethren Deacon & Brain
Rosena Williams	24 Chelt Street	Brethren Greenaway & Osland
Wm Jno Taylor	Wood St	Brethren R ^d Davies & Mole
Alfred A Strong	19 Cromwell St	Brethren Russell & T Stone
Henry Barnes	36 Gooch St	Brethren Banell & Lovsey
Sarah Gale	The Square	Brethren Deacon & Shawyer
Elizth Mary Dadge	3 Brunel St	Brethren Greenaway & Hughes
Alice Ruth Apted	Glos St	Brethren Russell & Alley
Mary Sophia Filtness	Newport St	Brethren Barrett & Hawson
Helen Elizth Brown	17 Fleet St	Brethren R ^d Davies & Tucker
Margt Jones	45 Cambria Pl	Brethren Deacon & Harford
Mary Ada Morris	25 Cromwell St	Brethren Russell & W E Greenaway

Wm Lindsey formerly a member of the Church wishing to return
Brethren Wearing & A D Williams were appointed to visit him

Brother W E Greenaway withdrew his motion of which he had given notice at the last Church Meeting

Brethren Deacon & Arthur Williams proposed & seconded That a Committee of Ladies be appointed as District Visitors to the Church and Congregation - Mistresses Perry - Sarah J Butcher - Maria Greenaway - Harford - Sarah Jane Williams - Hughes - Jarvis - Maria Osland - Davies - Bown - Twist - Clappen - Hawson - Whitman - Lydia Jones - Colbourne & Misses Reeves - Greenaway - Gardener - Patterson - Pocock - Elizth Evans (22) carried
and Brethren W E Greenaway & Griffiths proposed & seconded That the names be left for the Deacons to revise and report carried

The meeting was closed by singing the Doxology & the Benediction

It appears that the name of Thomas Truman should not appear in the List of Members as although he was duly visited & received he was never baptised - See Church Meeting May 6th 1885

29th The minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed

Brother Russell reported the result of meeting of District Visitors & explained future arrangement

Chas Edwd Weston wishing to join the Church it was resolved to apply for his dismissal from the Church at High Wycombe
Wm Jno Lindsey was restored to Church Membership

The Visitors to the following Candidates having reported favourably they were unanimously received as Church Members on their baptism
Jas Batt - F W Pugh - Rosena Williams - Wm Jno Taylor - Alfred A Strong - Henry Barnes - M J Filtness -H E Brown - M A Morris

The following were proposed for baptism & Church Membership

Mary Gorney	Gorse Hill	Brethren Russell & Slatter
Isabella Critchley	School St	Brethren Davies & Alley
Ellen R Hiscocks	Gorse Hill	Brethren Greenaway & Lovesey
Ferrand Till	9 Bridge St	Brethren Deacon & McHardy
Thos Brecon	Oxford Rd	Brethren Wearing & Osland
H L Whitman	Clifton St	Brethren Barrett & Green
Marg ^t L Jones	Rutland Terrace	Brethren Russell & Gardener
Annie R Fry	Far'den St	Brethren Greenaway & Rye
Emily Cutt	Faringdon St	Brethren Barrett & C King
Lucy A Wilkins	Okus	Brethren Deacon & Mole

The Meeting closed by singing the Doxology & the Benediction

31st Annie Neate - Jas Batt - F W Pugh - Wm Jas Taylor - Alfred A Strong - Henry Barnes - Rosena Williams - Sarah Gale - Elizth M Dadge - Alice Ruth Apted - Mary Sophia Filtness - Helen Elizth Brown & Mary Ada Morris were baptised and on

Apr 4th were received into the Church

April 12th The following wish to join the Church and it was resolved that they be visited with that vica

Annie Davis Freeth	Brethren Deacon & Shawyer
Walter Reeves	Brethren Wearing & Hawson
Sarah Reeves	Brethren Wearing & Hawson
James Sly jr	Brethren Russell & Slatter
Mary Sly	Brethren Russell & Slatter

And it was decided that as there were so many Candidates - a Baptism Service should be held on Sunday afternoon 25th Apl as well as Wednesday 28th Apl

Apl 21st The minutes of the last Meetings were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Chas Edward Hester received from High Wycombe

Application for letter of dismissal - granted Elizth Ann Williams to Cirencester and Albert A Richards to Bridgeton Baptist Church Glasgow

Brethren Wearing & Williams were appointed to Union Meetings and Brethren Wearing - Deacon & W E Greenaway Messengers to Assocⁿ Meeting at Warminster

The Visitors to the following Candidates having reported favourably were unanimously received - Marg^t Louisa Jones - Mary Young - Isabella Critchley - Ellen Rachel Hiscocks - H L Whitman - Annie Rose Fry - Emily Cutt - Annie D Freeth - Jas Sly Jur & Mary Sly to be baptised on Sunday 25th Instant and Ferrand Till - Thos Brecon - Lucy A Williams - Margt Jones - Walter Reeves & Sarah Reeves on Wednesday 28th Instant

25th Marg^t Louisa Jones - Mary Young - Isabella Critchley - Ellen Rachel Hiscocks - Hannah L Whitman - Annie Rose Fry - Jas Sly Jr & Mary Sly & Emily Cutt were baptised - Also

28th Ferrand Till - Thos Brecon - Lucy A Williams - Margt Jones - Annie D Freeth - Walter Reeves & Sarah Reeves and on

May 2nd The 16 mentioned above together with W J Lindsey & Chas S Hester were received into the Church

June 2nd The minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed

A letter was read from Bro^r Morse resigning his Office as Door Keeper after 50 years spent in this position here & at Stratton Brethren Deacon & Barrett proposed & seconded a vote of thanks & also that a letter should be written to him expressive of our sympathy with him in his *time* of xxx & a affliction carried

It was resolved to ask Brother Osland to aid Bro^r Stone for the future & Bro^r Jarvis to be Lobby Keeper to invite Strangers to enter & worship Also to ask Bro^r A Williams to aid Brother R^d Davies in the Gallery Brethren A Williams & Mole proposed & seconded That the Galleries be opened to the Public in future at Baptising Services A long discussion took place as to preserving order & the admission of young children and the Pastor stated that the reason for closing the Galleries was the disorder arising & disturbance to himself whilst preaching carried

It was agreed to give a Subscription of £1 to the Ministers Assurance Aid Fund

The Secretary announced that there were several Districts not yet filled up for the Visiting the Members of the Congregation – and Friends were invited to give in their names and it was left to the Visitors to appoint their own Secretary

The following wishing to join the Church visitors were appointed accordingly

Minnie Edith Fry	Brethren Deacon & Osland
Alice Kate Stroud	Brethren Russell & Gardener
Henry Evans	Brethren Wearing & Hughes

June 30th The minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed

Alice Kate Stroud & Henry Evans were unanimously received on the report of the Visitors

Sarah Ponting – Josh Taunton & J Longlands wishing to join the Church it was resolved to apply for their respective dismissions from the Churches at Chippenham – Counterslip Bristol & Northampton

Applications for dismissions of Saml Gale – Edmund Berry – Alfred Morse & Ann Morse granted to the various Churches named at Cirencester & Lambeth

Mrs Lake was chosen one of the District Visitors & others were named and not appointed

Aug^t 4th The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

It was resolved to apply for the dismissal of Jno & Hannah Lewis from Church at Newport

The Secretary reported that the new Chapel would be opened 20th Oct by a Sermon by Mr Gange & the after Services would be taken by various Ministers

Henry Evans was received into the Church Aug^t 1st

Sept 1st The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Sarah Ponting and James Longland received & duly passed

Edith Hedges having returned to Coate her dismissal was granted to Coate Baptist Church

Fanny Say wishing to join the Church it was resolved to apply for her dismissal from the Church at Trowbridge

Brethren Wearing – Deacon & Clappen were chosen Delegates to the Union Meetings at Bristol

Brethren Wearing – Hawson & Mr F Davies were chosen Delegates to the ½ yearly Association Meeting at Imber

It was decided to charge 6^d for Tea Tickets for Anniversary Services 15th Sept – it being the last occasion of our Meeting in the old place

It was decided to have 50 new Hymn Books for the use of Visitors

The following wishing to join the Church by baptism – it was resolved that they be visited accordingly

Albert Edwd Alley
Joseph Butcher
Fred^k Angle

Brethren Deacon & Mole
Brethren Rd Davies & Alley
Brethren Russell & Osland

Walter Chas Hill
Florence Starr

Brethren Wearing & Brain
Brethren Barrett & Gardener

~~Brother Hughes asked X if the Chapel was not sold when the new Place was opened would there be any objection to the present place being used as a Mission Station for the Spiritual well being of the large numbers of people around~~

~~Brother Wearing pointed out that this was not likely to arise as the place was bound to be sold otherwise we should lose the grant from the Baptist Building Fund — After some further remarks the subject dropt as there xxxx xxxx proposition before the Meeting- see below~~

Sept 5th James Longland & Sarah Ponting were received into the Church

22nd Fred^k W^m Pugh's dismissal granted to St Mary's Church Norwich

The following wishing for baptism & membership it was resolved that they be visited

John Richards	Brethren Wearing & Hughes
Thomas Richards	Brethren Barrett & Green
John Rolles	Brethren Greenaway & Osland
Rose Barbara Davies	Brethren Davies & Hawson
Thos Wheeler	Brethren Russell & Shawyer

X whether in the event of the old Chapel not being disposed of when the Tabernacle was opened = the Church would be willing for it to be used as a Mission Station

Some discussion followed and the general opinion arrived at was that it would not be wise to keep it open as all our strength will be required at the new Place

Sept 30th The minutes of last Meetings were read & confirmed

John Lewis - Hannah Lewis & Fanny Cutler were all received as dismissed from other Churches

The dismissal of Emily Solway granted to the Baptist Church Queen Sq Brighton

The following Candidates were all unanimously received on the recommendation of the various Visitors - Albert Edw^d Alley - Jos^h Butcher - Fred^k Angle - Walter Chas Hill - Florence Starr - John Richards - Tho^s Richards - John Rolles - Rose B Davies - Dan^l R^d Davies & Thomas Wheeler

Brother Gardener requested that the Week evening Services commenced at 7.15

Brother Hawson made several suggestions as to conducting our affairs at the Tabernacle

A question was asked whether the times for commencing Services at the new Tabernacle would be altered back to the former times 10.30 & 6

o'clock and it was thought desirable to ask the Members their opinion as the Deacons had no idea there was any desire on the part of the Church to make any alteration in the present arrangement

The Meeting closed by singing the Doxolgy & Prayers

Oct 3 John Lewis & Hannah Lewis were received into the Church

11th Alice Kate Stroud - Albert E Alley - Jos^h Butcher - Fred^k Angle - Walter Chas Hill - Florence Starr - John Richards - Tho^s Richards - Jno Rolles - Rose B Davies - David R^d Davies & Tho^s Jacob Wheeler were baptised

Oct 17th Ballot Papers having been given to the Members of the Church were today gathered in when it appeared that 140 wished for the Evening Service to commence at 6 o'clock and 84 for 6.30

The New Tabernacle was opened this day when Mr Gange of Bristol preached a Sermon to a large Congregation in the afternoon & in the Evening a Public Meeting was held- The Chair being taken by Mr Carlile of Bristol & Addresses delivered by Rev^{ds} E Gange - McCree & W Burton of Frome - There was also a large Tea Meeting in the Mess Room of the Railway and altogether a most successful day - About £280 being the result of the efforts put forth by the Friends interested

Mr Gange subject was from the passage "Unite you therefore which believe He is precious"

20th The minutes of last Meetings were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Jos^h Taunton received & past
The dismissal granted of Mary Ann Keefe & Clelan Higgs to the Churches at Peckham and Chipping Sodbury respectively

Brother Gardener withdrew his motion proposing that the Week night Service should commence at 7.15 but Brethren Absolom & Russell proposed & seconded that the service commence at 7.15
On being put to the Meeting this was negatived by a large majority

- Nov 1st I was decided that the Tabernacle should be licenced for the solemnisation of Marriages
- 7th Alice Stroud – Albert Alley – Josh Butcher – Walter C Hill – Florence Starr – John Richards – Tho^s Richards – Jno Rolles – Rose B Davies – David R^d Davies – Jacob Wheeler & Josh Taunton were received into the Church
- Nov 29th The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed
- The dismissions of Elizth Evans & Sarah J Butcher granted to the Churches at Swansea and Boscombe respectively
- Wm Gerring wishing to join the Church his dismissal from Church at Faringdon was agreed to be applied for
Elizth Jones formerly of Cardiff but not in communion for some years wishing to join the Church – Brethren Greenaway & Osland were appointed Visitors & report
- It was agreed to have 100 or 200 Cards to be given to Members on joining the Church
- The Treasurer stated that he had about £3 in hand & would need about £19 next Month
Some remarks were made about Collections to meet expences and it was thought desirable to have Collections at the Doors every Sunday
- Dec 29th The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed
- It was resolved to have Collections at the Doors every Sunday to give an opportunity of all occasional hearers contributing to the Funds for carrying on Worship
- On a revision of the Church Roll the following names were ordered to be removed through non attendance – Chas White – Jas Atkinson – A M Grant – Wm Ball – Ann Ball – Henry Greene – Jane Murphy – Elizth Payne – Ja^s Chapman – Edw^d Jennings – A Jennings – W Knight and Wm Small (13) and the following to be visited Geo Fry by Brethren R^d Davies & W^m Gardener and Tho^s Butcher – T Patterson – Emma Butcher – Fanny Collett by Bror R^d Davies
- Auditors were appointed for Church Accounts Ebenezer Harford – Gorse Hill Saml Colbourne – Cambria Jas Longland
- Election Papers for 2 Deacons to be issued – Scrutineers Brethren

McFarlane - Davies & Beale

The Members & Congregation Tea to be held 12th Jany next

To have Collections 9th Jany for Tract Socy & Irish Missions

Resolved to have year Book as usual free to all Seat Holders

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After Singing & Prayers The minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Wm Gerring received from Faringdon - Also Elizth Jones was received on vote of the Church being recommendation of Brethren Davies & Gardener

The other cases (see last Church Meeting Minutes) to stand over

Henry Carpenter formerly a Member of this Church wishing to rejoin us - Brethren Russell & Osland were appointed to visit him

The Church General Bank Account certified by Bro^r Harford - Ordinance Fund - Chapel House Account - Sale of Property Account & Building Fund Account were passed

Also Non Members Sick Fund & Bro^r Clappen was re appointed Treasurer & Collector

A vote of thanks to Sick Visitors & a desire that they should continue their services

Brethren Brew - Davies - Sly - Carpenter taking the place of those removed by death or otherwise

A vote of thanks to the Lay Preachers proposed & Seconded by Brethren Deacon & Davies

Also to the Brethren who show Visitors into Seats on Lord's days - It being understood that Brethren Absolom & Hopkins confirmed their services as at present

Brethren Davies & Beale reported the result of the Election of Deacons That Brethren Deacon & Russell had been re elected by a large majority The numbers being 175 & 148 -the next highest being 13 - The Brethren notified their acceptance of the Office

There were 282 Papers sent out 204 returned to that 78 did not vote - one had 175 - 148 - 13 11 - 9 each - 2 4 each - 2 5 each - 1 4 - 1 3 - 6 2 each - 4 1 each

The number of Members is as follows

Number last year		297
Received by Baptism	40	
Received by Letter & vote of Church	10	51
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		348
Dismissed to other Churches	12	
A revision of List	13	
By death	2	27
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Present number		321

The Building Fund Collecting Committee were re appointed with Bro^r Harford as Secretary & thanks for past services

The Gorse Hill Mission & Church Accounts were passed - As also the Cambria Chapel Accounts - The Gorse Hill Committee to consist of the following Fred^k Alley - Chas Whatley - Saml Colbourne - F H Russell - Benjⁿ Slatter Treasurer - Jas Sly Secretary

It was arranged that Cambria Chapel should be managed by the Deacons - Bro^r Evans to collect the Subscriptions & Bro^r Clapham to be Treasurer to hand over to the Treasurer of the Church all monies^x & the Church to take upon themselves the payment of Interest on the Debt^x after payment of Incidental Expences

Brethren Mole & Hawson proposed & seconded That a Collection be given in aid of Cambria Chapel Funds in December Resolution proposed & seconded by Deacon & Wearing That Collection be made every Sunday to meet the payments & interest due on the Building Fund by Basket being held at the Door - Also to have Envelopes to give to all who would accept the same marked "B F" for the same object

Brother Deacon explained that the Seat Subscription would meet all the necessary expences for carrying on the Worship of the Tabernacle including the pin collections during the year so that the collections made now at the Doors could be made available for this purpose Brethren Russell to be Collector who would hand over the Collections there made to the Treasurer

It was proposed to appoint a Committee to carry out the proposed Bazaar and in order that our various Societies should be well represented - The Deacons were requested to confer with various persons & report at the next Church Meeting

The Collection for Foreign Mission having been reduced – It was resolved for the present Collection to meet the Treasurers to fill up vacancies

It was arranged to have Special Services in the week commencing 14th July & have introductory Prayer Meetings the previous week

Brother Davies referred to the District Visitors doing good work

The Tract Society Account was read & past & Brother Greenwood & Transfer thanks and re appointed

The List of Collections for the year were read over & approved including one for the Baptist Building Fund as the Committee always expect Churches helped from the Fund to give an Annual Collection

James Edwards & Emma Edwards wishing to join the Church it was resolved that the dismissal from Upper Stratton be applied for Ann Brew wishing to join the Church brethren Davies & Garedener were appointed Visitors to her

It was resolved At a Meeting of Trustees and Members of the Church & Congregation interests & in “The Baptist Tabernacle School & premises”

situate at Swindon in the County of Wilts at 8 o'clock on the 2nd July 1887 That application be made to the Board Charity Commission for England and Wales for authority to borrow a Sum of £2500 at Interest Mortgage of the said Tabernacle , School, and Premises

Moved my Mr Wearing seconded by Mr Shawyer carried unanimously

Feby 6th Elizth Jones received into the Church

21st George Carter and Sarah Chambers wishing to join the Church it was resolved that their dismissions be written for from the Churches at Nupend & Eastcombe respectively

The following applied for baptism & membership & visitors were appointed accordingly

Alfred Jas Parkes	Brethren Barrett & Hawson
Albert E Pugh	Brethren Greenaway & Jarvis
Ebenezer Sparks	Brethren Harford & McHardy
Mary Ann Bunce	Brethren Russell & T Stone
Henry Leader	Brethren Deacon & Mr T Davies
Jane Strang	Brethren Shawyer & Brain

The following Candidates were all unanimously received on the report of
the various Committees Ann Brew – Alf Jas Parkes – Albert E Pugh –
Florence Sparks – Mary Ann Bunce – Henry Leader & Jane Strange

28th Alf Jas Parkes – Albert E Pugh - Henry Leader - Florence Sparks - Mary
Ann Bunce & Jane Strange were baptised and on

March 2nd were received into the Church with Ann Brew – Jas Edwards & Emma
Edwards

Mch 6th The minutes of last Meetings were read and confirmed

9th The dismissal of James Edwards and Emma Edwards were received
from Upper Stratton

The following wishing to unite with the Church by baptism visitors were
appointed

Lillie Brown	Brethren Greenaway & Jarvis
Jno Edmund Alley	Brethren Russell & Harford
Fred ^k Jas Green	Brethren Tho ^s Stone & Bonell
Martha Johns	Brethren Barrett & Lovesey
Gabriel Ruddle Sidwell	Brethren Davies & Shawyer
Fredk Smith	Brethren Wearing & Hawson
Jno Newman Ayers	Brethren Brain & Mr F Davies
Sydney Ellis	Brethren Deacon & A D Williams

Brother Hawson warned that more Hymn Books were needed for Visitors
= after some remarks by Brethren Wearing Deacon and others it was
decided that as we had spent £5 lately on Hymn Books & had just bought
a R V Bible for the Pulpit we must at present do without themselves

23rd The minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed

The Visitors to the following Candidates having reported favourably they
were all unanimously received Lilly Brown - Jno Edmund Alley - Fred^k
Jas Green - Martha Johns - Gabriel R Sidwell - Fredk Smith - John
Newman Ayers & Sydney Ellis

31st Lillie Brown - Jno Edm^d Alley - Fredk Jas Green - Martha Johns - Fred
Smith - John Newman Ayers- Sydney Ellis & Gabriel Ruddle Sidwell
were baptised and on

were all received into the Church

Apr 3rd The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

May 4th Having applied for the dismissal of George Carter at Nupend The reply was that he had withdrawn his membership therefore Brethren Russell & Gibbons were appointed to visit him to ascertain the reason thereof & report

Brethren Deacon - Brain & Wearing were appointed Messengers to the next Assocⁿ Meetings at Trowbridge & the Secy reported that the present number of Members were 340

The Treasurer reported as to the Accounts & that he had about £12 in hand

June 8th The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Sarah Chambers rec^d from Church of Eastcombe

Brother Gibbons reported his interview with Geo Carter (Brother Russell not having been present) Geo Carter gave his reasons for withdrawing from the Church at Nupend the Deacons of which Church highly commended him - Brethren Gibbons & Ball proposed & seconded that he be received carried

29th The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

A Church about to be formed at Abergwynfi

Brethren A W Harry & W Burson were dismissed thereto at their request & the Church at Maesteg

July 3rd Sarah Chambers & George Carter were received into the Church

Aug^t 4th The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

Elizth Ann Williams having returned to Swindon wishes to be re united to the Church & it was resolved to apply for her dismissal from Cirencester

Also Annie Esther Newall from the Church at Wantage

The Secretary reported that the last Bazaar produced £227. 5. 1^p leaving some food unsold which was expected when sold to make up the amount to £250

Aug^t 31st The Treasurer reported that he had £14 in hand after providing all outstanding liabilities – and that Cambria owe him 6/6. This Sum was paid by some Friend at once in the Church Meeting

The minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Elizth Ann Williams rec^d from Cirencester

The following wishing to join the Church it was resolved that their respective dismissions be applied for

Albert Smith	from Church at Chalford
Reuben Mallard	from Church at Blunsden
Robt Wm & D M Smith	from Church at Salisbury
Jas Hy & Louisa Stevens	from Church at North Bradley
Eleanor Simpkins	from Church at Treorkey

In view of the continuing the Lectures during the ensuing Winter as last year the following were chosen Members of the Committee – Wearing – Deacon – Mole – Williams – R^d Davies – Shawyer – Harford – Longland – Hawson & Mr F Davies

To assist the Ladies on the Tea Committee the following were chosen Brethren Alley – Osland – Howard – Harford – W E Greenaway – Rye – Mole – Jarvis & the Deacons

Jno Hy Stevens having preached before the Church with a view of his being placed on the Lay Preachers Plan it was proposed & seconded by brethren Davies & Whitehan & carried unanimously that he be accepted Also James Edwards proposed & seconded by brethren Wearing & Lewis & carried unanimously

Brethren Deacon – Wearing & Clappen were chosen Delegates to Union Meetings at Sheffield

Brethren Stevens – Brain & Wearing were chosen Delegates to ½ yearly Association Meeting to be held at North Bradley

Sept 2^d 7th At a Special Church Meeting after B Slatter had preached – his name was approved by a large majority of the Church for placing on the local Preachers Plan

Brethren Brain & Shawyer proposed & seconded That in future Local Preachers be elected by ballot & that only Members who have heard the Preacher be allowed to vote

That Members at Gorse Hill & Cambria who are prevented attending the

Church Meeting shall be allowed to record their vote in the same way as the Deacons are elected

4th Elizth Ann Williams received into the Church

Sept 28th The minutes of last Meetings were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Annie E Newell from Wantage & Reuben Mallard from Blunsden were received & passed

George Shirley wishing to join the Church - Brethren Wearing & Gardener were appointed to visit him

Also Walter Tapp Sheppard and Brethren Greenaway & Brain were appointed Visitors

Oct 2nd Annie Esther Newell & Reuben Mallard were rec^d into the Church

16th & The first Anniversary of The Tabernacle on these days

19th On Sunday Pr Treshail preached 2 Sermons - on Wednesday a Tea & Public Meeting at which W Willis pd - 26 presided - Various Addresses were delivered & as a result about £130 was collected towards the Debt Fund - of which the Pastor Revd Fred^k Pugh collected and contributed the sum of £53. 9. 6

The Meetings were very large & a good feeling pervaded throughout

Nov 2nd The minutes of last Meetings were read & confirmed

The dismissal of Simmionetta Sprules granted to Church at Faringdon

The Visitors to Geo Shirley & Walter T Sheppard having reported favourably - they were unanimously received

Fras Mary Slade wishing to join the Church her dismissal from the Church at Redditch was agrred to be asked

George Morse being a Candidate for Membership - Brethren Greenaway & Jarvis were appointed Visitors

6th Albert Smith - Robt W Smith Drusila Maud Smith - Jno Henry Stevens & Louisa Stevens were received into the Church

28th The minutes of last Meetings were read & confirmed

Henry Constance wishing to join the Church it was resolved to apply for his dismissal from Regents Park Church London

The dismissal of Frances Mary Slade rec^d from Redditch

The Visitors to George Morse having reported favourably - he was agreed to be received on his baptism into the Church

It having been raised that the family of the first Pastor of the Church being in great need it was resolved to vote £3 from the Church Funds And it was further resolved to raise the matter at the Lords Table on Sunday in order to supplement this amount by devoting the Collection on Sunday to same object

The Church Meeting was very small hence the resolution to defer the matter

30th Geo Shirley - W T Sheppard & George Morse were baptised
Also William Pugh Son of the Pastor

Dec 4th Geo Shirley - W T Sheppard & Geo Morse & F M Slade were received into the Church

28th The minutes of last Meetings were read & confirmed

Alf J Parkes having removed to Colchester Letter of dismissal granted to the Baptist Ch in that Town

An revision of Members List the following were removed from the Church Roll thru non attendance F G Harry - Harry Lancaster - Geo Jenkins - A E Jenkins - Fanny Collett - Fanny Cutler - Elizth Cull - Jos^h Watkins - Ann Watkins - Tho^s Butcher - Emma Butcher - Emma Moore - D Whitman - S A Whitman & H Whitman (15)

The Office of Building Committee was dissolved