

MINUTES

Of the proceedings of the Genesee Branch of the Western Association of Universalists, at the annual session, holden at Pembroke, Genesee county, N.Y.

The council convened according to adjournment, on Tuesday evening Sept. 14, 1824, at the Academy, and united in an expression of devout thankfulness to God, in prayer with Br. Isaac Whitnell [Whitnall]. The council then proceeded to appoint their officers, which resulted in the appointment of Br. I. Whitnell, Moderator, and Brs. J. [John] S. Thompson and L. [Linus] S. Everett, Clerks. After the council was duly organized, it was adjourned to meet at the house of Mr. Sterling, at half past seven o'clock the next morning. Prayer by Br. [Job] Potter.

Wednesday morning, September 15.

The council convened according to adjournment, and addressed the throne of divine goodness in prayer by Br. Thompson. The council then proceeded to business.—Brs. J. [John] S. Flagler, I. Whitnell and J.S. Thompson were appointed a committee to receive requests for letters of fellowship and ordination. Letters from various societies were then read, and all were indicative of the prosperity of Zion. The following societies presented requests for the fellowship of the association, which was granted, viz: The first society of Universalists in Barre; the first Universalist society of the town of Clarence; the first Universalist society of Rochester; the first Universalist society of the towns of Orangeville and Weathersfield [Wethersfield]; and the first Universalist society in the town of Le Roy. The council then repaired to the house of public worship.

Order of morning service.

Introductory prayer by Br. C. [Calvin] Morton; Sermon by Br. S. Adams; concluding prayer by Br. J. Potter. Text, 2 Cor. iii, 12, "*Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech.*"

Order of afternoon service.

Introductory prayer by Br. J.S. Flagler; Sermon by Br. J.S. Thompson; Concluding prayer by Br. L.S. Everett. Text, Ps. lxxxv:8. "*I will hear what God the Lord will speak.*"

After service the council repaired to their chamber and proceeded to business. Appointed Brs. H. [Hollis] Sampson, L.S. Everett, and L. Knap [Liscomb Knapp] a committee of discipline for the ensuing year. Appointed Brs. L. Knap, H. Sampson and J.S. Thompson a committee to visit the Western Association, at the next annual session. Adjourned to tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. Prayer by Br. Whitnell.

