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Delavan Holworth Co
W.F.
March 1st 1844

Brother Hill,

I write you from this place, as I am now labouring in a protracted meeting here under most propitious circumstances. The power of the Holy Ghost seems to be most gloriously exhibited. Congregations are large, solemn and attentive, and many are deeply penitent. Some six or eight have found pardoning mercy in believing. Pray for us.

In haste, under my present arduous labors I make the following quarterly Report.

No. of Sermons preached 44.

" Pastoral visits 40. Attended 80 religious meetings, & 3 Temperance meetings. Obtained 64. Subscribers to the pledge. Traveled in attending religious meetings 1410 miles. " admitted to the fellowship of the Church 22

1. by Baptism - Places where I have labored, Roskony, Colo Spring, Sugar Creek, Jefferson. (county town of Jefferson Co.) to Whitewater.

Received at donation visit in property \$ 48.31 on subscription \$ 3.25. - yours in a precious Jesus -

A.B. Winchell.

B.M. Hill

P.S. If Providence prevent not I shall preach 14 ser. before your annual Meet. & other duties of my Mission.

A.B. W

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A. J. Winship, D.D., A.M.

March 1-1844

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1844

Quarterly Report — Register

March 1st
Rev. Benjamin W. Hill
Co. Secy.
Delavan
Baptist Home Mission
" Mission Rooms
New York

Burlington Oct 20/1844

To the executive committee of the American Baptist Home Missionary Society

Dear brethren

This report is for the second quarter of my appointment which closed the 30th of Sept.

I have laboured thirteen weeks entire in this field	
During the quarter I have preached Sermons	54
Delivered Lectures	7
Attended prayer meetings	27
Church & Covenant meetings	8
Travelled	miles 452
Conversions	3
Read by letter	6
Pastoral visits	262
Concert of prayer attended at places	2
Visited Schools	6
Preparing for ministry	1
Attended the Ordination of Minister Bro Evan Meredith	
Read nothing for benevolent objects during the quarter	
Read nothing from any auxiliary society for my own salary	
Kept of my people for my own salary \$46.23	
Sunday Schools & Bible classes as per former report	
Attended one Association and one convention	
The cause of God amongst the people of my charge for the last few weeks has secured more attention	

and I hope the time is not distant when this
dry and thirsty land shall be visited with the
outpouring of the spirit

We have to encounter opposition at every
step but hope God will carry us safely through

Pray for us

Please remit what is my due for six months
Missionary labours as I am in want of a little
money and receive but very little on the field
Send if you please a draft to Burling Racine Co

W. T.

Yours in a Precious Savior

Roswell Cheney

Abnerell Quincy, Burlington N.H.

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New York

Eva Benj' M. Hill
Cor. Secretary of the American
Baptist Home Mission Society

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Rochester April ^{the} 7. 1844

We are all well and hope that these
few lines will find you all enjoying
the same blessing Wmkle John

I have wrote you one letter since I ha-
Received any from you the last I
Wrote was I think in Nov I have not Reciev-
any answer & conclude you have not yet i-
I saw Ivory Hoyt yesterday & he says

that he has a part of the Money ready
for you now & thinks he can higher the
wrest if you want it or if you can wait

untill harvest it would suit him better

you must send the Marque back on &
E. Special Power of attorney on he can
have no Deed of the Land My Power
of At. Attorney is not sufficient to Deed Lan-
here In Regard to what I am owing you

I cannot Pay you compleitable now

I want you to write when you are a going
to want it & I will try to get it for you

I have had rather hard luck ~~set me~~
Walace & G. Madsen was sick last sum-
& I had the Fevee & ague last Fall about
three months I have got me a house inclos.

Being sick has put me back a grate deal
it has been very sickly here or was last Fall
& grate many had the Ague & some Die
with it when I had the Ague when the Fevee
was on I was crazy as a Loon or little Deler

Uncle James a line to you I in the first
place I want to know whether you calculate
to come to the West or not I place it
you will Turn Whosier That is all the Wheat
looks well this Spring we began to Plow a
bout ~~a~~ week a go we have had a very
mild Winter you have had Snow enough
I want you to write about the Children & what
can write for her self We have a great many
Norweagons here they are Indolent People generally
Some are Smart not so smart then as our
Indians. Goods are as cheap here to the Lake as
they were in Vermont when I left there
without it is some articles Plows are both from
\$5 to \$7 dollars Two Horse waggon from \$55
to \$60 good ones Ducks & Prairie Hens are very
plenty here this Spring a man can kill
any quantity of them we have Fish Red Rose
Pike Bass & Punkins ^{in the river} 3 fish just boil
over some cooening if you want to know
more I will tell you all about it Nancy
Sends her respects to you and Family I to
E. O. Waugh has got that Forty of Land that he
wanted Loner is a doing well A word to
Grandfather tell him that I often think of him when
I see the Powder Barn he gave me & I should
like to see him but I cant at present if ever
I cant ~~write~~ more this time so Good by
Aberchill Philander Cole Philander Cole

In regard to Jeremiah Sleath there is

a very poor prospect of ever getting
any thing from him E. C. Vaughn has tried
to get it in work but but he can not

I want you to write as soon as you get this &
how you do ~~it~~ what you are doing &
whether you ~~ever~~ calculate to come in
to this Country or not I should like to
see you The People are all well and the
old Neighbors are Doing well

Cattle are worth from \$45 to \$55 Cows \$10
to \$15 Pork \$8 & \$10 per pound Wheat
70 cts Corn 50 Potatoes 25 ~~Sheep~~

Sheep per head from \$1.25 to \$1.75

I want you to write about all the Folke
that I know George Barnes is worth nothing

I cant write any more spours with respect

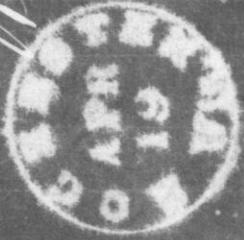
The money that you gave Scot Wallace I
have bought him a Sheep & put it out

That all

Philander Cole

John Vaughan
Woodstock N.Y.

1874



Spring Prairie April 3rd 1844
Dear Sister

Having a few moments of leisure I thought of writing to you in answer to your letter of the 10 of dec^r it was with a good deal of pleasure I received your letter the forepart of Jan^r and should have answered it before now but for the multiplicity of business being at that ^{and} engaged to work by the month so that my time was taken up for the day and being rather lazy in the evening I neglected it till now but notwithstanding my backwardness I hope you will not be angry nor think that home hath no place in my affections for I can tell you that I often think of home and call to mind the many happy hours we have spent while in social converse around the fireside or in walking to the house of God together but these seasons for the present cannot be enjoyed let us no murmur nor repine for though we are separated for a season it may be that we shall meet once more and again taste those joys that we have so often had you wanted to know if Mr Flimpton had got home I can tell you that he arrived safe and sound Eunice and all with the exception of his money for he told ^{me} that of about 200 dollars of money when he started he had only about even 50 dollars left when he got home perhaps you would like to know what I have been doing since I wrote before I have been helping the widow ^{and} fatherlys in their affliction the doctor in his tribulations I have helped the women some tended children a little and have now hired out for six months for eleven dollars per month my health is good and has been during the winter I have attended meeting without a few exceptions every sabbath since I have been here and should then but for the inclemency of the weather there is a Sabbath school on the prairie which has existed in the form of a Bible class during the winter but will soon commence in a rather a different manner as the ground is pretty well settled and the roads are getting dry so that the smaller children can attend the winter has been very mild having had but about three weeks sleighing the ground is so much settled that the

famers will soon commence plowing I heard one say that he was going to commence this morning Mr Rogers family is all well Nelson moved yesterday on to his farm or near it he not having built a house yet he moved about fifteen or twenty miles from Eliass Henry Henry Demmings and Major Cooley are well and Henry has bought forty acres of land Russel and his wife they say are doing well they have a new commer to Nelson in the form of a boy which they think is a good deal smarter than that little Samⁿ A that lives over there in Parish so I will not write any more about my neighbors or those that came from the same place for uncle sam wrote a short time ago and probably he wrote about them all myself into the bargain and now I want to know whether Samuel has sold or not or wheter he is like to sell or not and if he has what time he is coming here if coming at all and who is coming with him give my respects to all who may enquire after me and especially the children tell Rufus & and may's girls that I have not forgotten them and ^{they have not forgotten me} in looking of over the list of weddings I see that the old maids have gone off in something of a haste and got out of the way of the younger girls even Miss Caroline has gone so as end ~~of~~ my anticipations and as to George I hardly know what to say but this I will say I hope that his ~~his~~ hopes and ~~and~~ anticipations has been more than realized in as much as he has one to share with him the joys and sorrows attending a journey through this thorny maze and wilderness world I hope they will not be offended though I give them a little advice as probably that short space of time so commonly called or termed the honey moon has passed by and their affections have or are begining to settle down into that regard for each other which time alone can effect and as you have formed that union which death alone can dissolve I hope that you have consider it well and strive to learn each others disposition as much as possible that you may be the better prepared to act in unison and to avoid the evil attending the misunderstanding of the married pair

and I hope you will not look for happiness in the things
of this world but will remember that true happiness is from
above therefore I would say to you to let the morning and evening
witness your Devotions around the family altar for there by cometh pa-
ce and to Mother and may & not add father. I would say
well not for me for as I before said I am well and contented
for the present and surrounded with what shall I say friends
yes I think so or at least as far as appearance go they are friends
I hope Julia got along well with her school the winter past
give my respects to Siz and Maria till Genial I should like
to see him very much and give him a shake of the hand to
gether with the rest of the young folks I hope William and
David will be good boys and mind their business and notwithstanding
the failure of the Miller doctrine I hope that will
not join in reviling the scriptures but will pray the same
as difference to them as before and as I do not think of
much more at present so I will leave off

Your affectionate brother

Honey Enos

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Franklin W.D.
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Miss Nancy Eng
Michigan Orange
County
I.O.

Stockbridge Mass Green Bay N. Y. March 28, 1824.

{ To Mr John W. Quincy
Washington D. C. }

Dear Sir.

Nothing worthy of special notice has occurred since you left. Yours, and Mr. A. L. Quincy's families are all well. Last week I believe your Mother had a letter from your sister Electa stating that her husband was not expected to live, and that the Doctor had given him over. I did not learn in particular what his complaint was. Her husband I believe it was mentioned had got so that she could use it some.

I herewith transmit my account against the Nation up to the present time. As the Bill has been handed in and examined by yourself as you will re-member last winter when a part of it was paid, I shall only mention the amount now due, and both my Book and account as given in ~~will~~ show the items, and either of these may be referred to or your picture if it is required. The whole amount due me from the Stockbridge Nation is One hundred eighty two Dollars and twenty nine cents (\$182.29) Feb. 14, 1823 I received on said account ~~and~~ Ninety seven Dollars and

fifty eight cents. Previously I had received of the Nation Board 100. to the amount of eight dollars and eighty cents (\$8.80.) Making one hundred and six dollars and forty eight cents (\$106.48) the whole amount which I have received. This leaves a balance in my favor of Seventy five dollars and eighty one cents (\$75.81.)

This amount I should like to have paid over in New York to Mr. Horatio Herwin, Brick Church Chapel 151, Nassau Street. Mr. Herwin is the Agent of the Am. Board in New York, and I wish you to ask him to send me a receipt of the amount thus paid over.

If convenient you may also pay over to Mr. Herwin the amount due on an account which is at present Six dollars and eighty five cents (\$6.85.) and take a receipt.

Say if you please to Mr. George Quincy that he also if convenient pay over the Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) which he owes me to Herwin and take a receipt.

If you should make such a compromise with the N. S. Govt. as the Indian Party will either sell out or exchange lands and be aided in going to Chippewa, I wish that you would take measures to have the patent for the Missian Lot made out and sent on immediately.

Because of the Indian Party, Shands remove
I have no expectation that the Board would
continue the Mission, and I wish to get the patent
so that the Lot and premises might be sold,
and Deeded so that no difficulty might arise
afterwards. And if necessary I presume Mr.
Whitney or Gov. Dodge would aid you in
obtaining it. I will very much to obtain
it for other reasons besides those and which I
should mention to you personally were you
present. Please to give my respects
to Mr. Whitney. You will doubtless see
Major Spahr in W. by the time or before
this arrives. He passed here two days ago
on his way thither. With Kind regards
to Mr. G. C. L. & yourself Yours truly,

Cutting Marsh.

Stockbridge N.Y.
March 28, Cutting Marsh

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March 28, Cutting Marsh

*To Mr. John H. Quincy,
Care of the Hon. Henry Dodge
Chair of Representatives;
Washington D. C.*

Geneva, Walworth Co., Wis. Jan.
January 1st 1844.

Rev. Benjamin McHill Co. Secy.
Am Bap. W. Mission Society N.Y.

Dear Brother,

In my new field
of labor, I am still dependent on foreign aid for a portion
of my support. I therefore look with confidence to my
old Patron the Rev. W. M. Doey.

The name of the Church is the same as that of the
town and post office, Geneva, Walworth Co., Wis. Jan.

The estimated number of inhabitants in the village, I am
informed by the gentleman who took the census, is between 400 & 500
the number in the town of Geneva 12 miles square is about
2000. The present number of members in the Church is forty three
The average number of attendants on the Sabbath at our place
of worship is about sixty persons. The name of the minister pro-
posed is Peter Conrad; his post office address the same as above.
His age thirty years; the number of his family is two, himself &
wife: he is regularly ordained. The date when it is desira-
ble for his commission should commence is December
first 1843, as he began his static labors here at that time.

He is to devote the whole time ^{to} this church. The whole
amount of salary necessary for his support is three
hundred dollars. The church has engaged to pay two
hundred dollars of that amount. No auxiliary or other
missionary body has proposed to pay any thing. The
amount we desire from the Am. Bap. W. M. Soc. is one
hundred dollars for the given time. There is no other
Baptist Church in the town. There is a small
Presbyterian Ch. about the same size of ours, and
a still smaller Methodist Society. There are also
a number of Baptists in the vicinity, but they
have as yet no house nor a priest residing with them.

I find I have been writing of myself in the third person.
I will change to the first. I will mention some of the
circumstances which render our application for aid
necessary. In the first place the brethren are all
in moderate circumstances, and some are poor.
They have been in the country so short a time that as yet

most of them find it ^{about} as much as they can do to make their families comfortable, & some are scarcely able to do that. A year or two with ordinary prosperity will materially improve their condition.

Again - the brethren are now engaged in building a meeting ^{house} 35 by 45 feet, the timber was hewn & drawn last winter, it is as yet but partly framed. The brethren & members of the Society have subscribed so largely toward their means that they can do but little comparatively this year for the support of a pastor.

Another circumstance which has weight with me is that difficulties exist in the church which some of the brethren have feared threaten to destroy its existence, especially if they are long left destitute of preaching as they have been the summer and fall past. And I have seen enough of the consequences at Milwaukee of a Ch. thus disbanding; the reproach which it brings on Christianity and especially on our denomination; and the extreme difficulty of reuniting a Ch. which has once come to a perfect dissolution. The difficulties here are far from being settled, yet since I have been here we have spent a day in fasting & prayer that the Lord will restore peace to the Ch. & revive his work here. This day has also been spent as our annual fast day, and unless appearances deceive me the Prince of peace is begiting his own Spirit in our brethren. This day has truly been a day of humiliation and confession among us. The season with whom the principal difficulty exists was not at our meeting. I hope the crooked will soon be made straight, if however this cannot be the march of Zion count along, be kinder the crooked must be set aside as having no place in God's building.

And further still as it is the policy of your Society to occupy posts of importance and influence, this furnishes another argument why aid should be extended to this place. The village is in the midst of a delightful & fertile country adapted to all the purposes of agriculture, which is very rapidly being brought into a state of cultivation. The village is situated at the foot or outlet of a small, but beautiful lake of the same name, there also the village on the stream supplied by the latter, a flouring mill and saw mill, with the prospect of other machinery being erected next year. The population of the place has con-

increased

considerably during the past season, and there are many inducements for immigrants to settle here; so that the prospects of this place are favorable as those perhaps of any other so far inland.

Perhaps it will not be improper that I say a word in reference to my expenses as further illustrating the necessity of this application. My expenses at Milwaukee were such, that I was obliged to buy nothing but what was immediately necessary. Our most costly articles of clothing which we brought from N.Y. have not been replenished but of necessity must be this year. Moreover, I find it absolutely necessary for my health & to enable me to perform my pastoral duties that I should keep a horse. I have deprived myself of many important comforts to save \$42. with which I have purchased a small horse saddle & bridle. The keeping of any horse adds a trifl to my expenses of living.

You may be desirous of knowing the state of my health. And with gratitude to that Providence which directed my way hither, I have to say that it has been gradually improving ever since I left the shore of Lake Michigan, & I have not had any attack of the lungs for about ten days past. I begin to hope with confidence that my health will be if it is not already so far restored as to enable with due care to perform all the duties devolving upon me here.

I remain as ever your unworthy brother
A fellow laborer in the Gospel.

Peter Conrad.

The Geneva Church concurred in the foregoing application to the Executive Committee of the Am. Bap. Home Mission Society, to appoint Rev. Peter Conrad as their missionary.

Joseph W. Case Comity
of the Caseish

This application is recommended by the N.W. Bap. Convention at its quarterly meeting held at Burlington Vt.

Peter Conrad Clark Proctor.

S.S. The difficulty of getting a meeting of our Association Com. of Conference, renders it almost impracticable to apply to them as they live far remote from each other & have no regular times of meeting. Bro. A. Miner is however one of that Com. as well as one of the Board of the N.W. Bap. Convention & all their applications for aid have his sanction; as he attended the meeting of the Board & voted in favor of them all. D. Conrad

Mr. Hill, will you have the kindness to have my removal
from Milwaukee to this place, published in the Baptist
Advocate with a request that correspondents and publishers
of papers will direct their letters & papers accordingly.
By doing this you will much oblige a friend.

P. Conrad.

Peter Conrad - Milwaukee - Wisconsin - U.S.A

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Mr. Benjamin W. Hill Conde.
Am. Bapt. Home. Milwaukee Wis.
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Dear Son:

I again resume the pen to trace a word of affection to you. I should have written in this if I had not been expecting a letter from Hirana - but none comes & the impulse of the heart is for me to write to you without any further delay. My visit to N. Y. was one of great pleasure to me. And how could it be otherwise. All were well & enjoying much earthly pleasure & welcomed me with most love & affection. And then to grasp the hand & embrace dear ones - all the objects of earthly affection, was to me a most delicious moment. A kind father & mother who have watched over my boyish days, brothers & sisters long endeared to me by the ties of consanguinity, & particularly yourself doubly dear by a long residence ^{together} when almost secluded from other society, & the kind offices of a sister. I shall long remember the pain of our parting, perhaps to never again meet on earth but I hope & pray, that if in the ways of Providence that happiness is destined us, we may meet in that still abode where parting can never take place.

My journey to New York & back to Wisconsin was very pleasant & without accidents worth mentioning. At my reception by my friends here showed that I had a large share of their esteem & good will. I purchased in N. Y. City a work on Conchology. Mrs. Lincoln's Botany, life & operations of a lawyer one or two law books besides of some others of minor importance. Did you receive a pamphlet from me whom at Albany? I sent you one. I have enjoyed unfrom good health since my return. They all think that my journey done me much good. We had an interesting term of court commencing Sept. 23. The judge & myself took two or three hunting excursions while he was here but I beat him shooting squirrels with my rifle. We enjoyed ourselves very well in shooting.

Mr Harry Prescott was here a few minutes during
court & a few days before I wrote a short letter to
him to father which I supposed you he received
Eli Sheldon has been here several times of late
& also Edmund Sheldon. Edmund says that he
was married a short time before he left At.
I have not yet been able to find out whether
Dr Towne took that Mortgage & what he said
about the matter, I am anxious to know.

If you do not think it would be a burthen
to you I will let you have that piece of land
when the 3 acre claim is, which land is the
piece that I had of H F Jones except what I
sold to father. It contains about 129 acres. If
it is of no immediate worth to you now it
may be, at any rate it would take off the scrums
of some aristocratic people on the grounds of
poverty & which weigh very heavy in their mind.

As it is I do not expect to realize any thing from
it for the present & it may stimulate some one
to kick up a row with me about something.

- Let Hiram quit claim it to you. saying "for the
consideration of fifty Dollars" - I want you to
take the trouble to see Hiram before long & write me
what he has done about his business & particularly
about the mortgage. I am anxious to hear from
you & hear what you are about this winter.

How did you finish your school & how is
that Gunk at Stow & what further transactions
with him & fast throw aside bashfulness
& tell me all about your matters.

Probably long before you receive this I
shall have stood before the Bridal robes & be
pronounced Husband. There is a magic in
that word too often coupled with misery
& woe but I hope it may not be in this case

When we embark upon the ocean of
matrimony it is generally with the fresh
breeze of love, but often we are wrecked
upon the rocks of disappointment and go
down to the grave in sorrow & grief.

But we hope for the best.

Mr Young our Landlord I told you about,
died last August from a fall ~~that~~ from a
stack of grain. He survived but 2 or 3 days.

He was much esteemed by all as a good citizen
& amiable man. He was once ~~a~~ very wealthy
& lived in the city of Schenectady. But from
misfortune he lost the greater part of his property
& when he died was not worth much.

Frances is a good sort of a girl & I think will
make a very good companion, at any
rate I shall soon find out.

The success of the Whig party seems to be on the
decline just now - Clay defeated - originated
from the foreign vote & influence principally.

We have a large writing school here this winter
& the sycamore as usual. We have had a very
fine fall of weather - 18 Oct - Snow fell 3 inches.
but went off in a day or two - Nov - 30 Snow fell
about 8 inches and is on the ground yet.
The rest of the time has been unusually fine.

I receive a letter from Joseph ~~and~~ Longfellow
some time in Sept. you all well there.

Give my love to all of my good friends

Miss H. Gale

Yours truly
Geo. Gale

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Geo. Brown M.D.
Die on 3rd 1844

March 25

Miss Hannah Hale

Watertown
Mass.

058 George