

The Baptist Board Minutes.

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A List of the present Members of this Body, June 27th, 1820.

1774; John Rippon; [pastor of] Carter Lane; [original residence quite obliterated and replaced by] No 17 Dover Place, New Kent Road; Died Dec. 17th 1836.

1774; Will^m Button; [late of Dean Street.]

1780; Timy Thomas; [of] Devonshire Sq^{re}; [at] Lower St Islington.

1784; Tho^s Powell; [of] Mitchel St. Old St; [at] Holloway; Died Jan 11th 1846

1784; Ja^s Dore; Died 20.3.25

1793; Rob^t Burnside; [of] Farmer's Rents; [at] Snows Fields; [from] Wild St.

1794; John Ovington; [of] Clapham; [at] Clapham. Withdrew.

1795; Tho^s Hutchings; [of] Unicorn Yard; [at] Spa Place, Spa Road, Bermondsey.

1795; Will^m Newman; [of] Bow; [at] Stepney Green [*corrected to* Bow]; [from] Waltham Abbey; Died Dec. 22. 1855

1797; Josh^h Hughes; [of] Battersea; [at] Battersea.

1805; Josh^h Ivimey; [of] Eagle St; [at] 41 Harpur St Theobalds Rd [*corrected to* 51 Devonshire Street Queen Square]; [from] Portsea.

1805; [Will^m] Shenston; [of] Little Alie St; [residence carefully and thoroughly erased]; [from Eagle St.]¹²²

1805; James Upton; [of] Church St; [at] 4 Brunswick St., Surry Rd; [from] Waltham Abbey. Died 22.9.34.

1810; [J. B.] Shenston; [of no church]; [residence thoroughly erased, as also from whence]¹²³

1810; J. J. Douglas; [at] Chamber St [*corrected to 25 Mary Ann Street, Splid's Fields*]; [from] Carter Lane

1811; F. A. Cox; [of] Hackney; [at] Hackney. Died Sep. 5. 1853

1813; Tho^s Griffin; [of] Prescot St; [at] Stepney Green [*corrected to Bedford Square Melcead*] Removed to Hitchen Hert.

1814; John [*corrected from Joseph*] Kingsford; [of] Battersea Fields; [at] Savage Gardens [*corrected to 144 Fenchurch Street*].

1815; Ja^s Hoby; [of] Maze Pond; [at] Paragon New Kent Road; [from] Eagle St. Died 20.11.71.

1815; Solomon Young; [at] Stepney Green.

1816; Sam^l Bligh; [at] White Chapel; [from] Waltham Abbey.

1816; John Chin; [of] Lyon St Walworth; [at] Grosvenor Street Camberwell [*corrected to Gloucester House Walworth*]; [from] Church St.

1817; John Edwards; [of] Wild St [*corrected to Watford*]; [at, in pencil] 21 Thornhaugh Street

1817; George Pritchard; [of] Kepple St; [at] Thornhaugh Street. 16; [from] Kepple St.

1818; Owen Clark; [of] Chealsea; [at] Chealsea.

1818; Thomas Uppadine; [of] Hammersmith; [at] Hammersmith.

1818; Wil^m Belsher [*corrected from James Belcher*] [of] Burton Cresent [*corrected to Greenwich*]; [at] Clarendon Square Sommers Town [*corrected to Greenwich*].

1819; William Williams; [of] Grafton Street; [at] 6 Frederic St Regents Park.

1819; J. M. Cramp; [of] Dean St; [at] 1 Buckingham place Old Kent Road [*corrected to* Chapel Place, Long Lane, Borough]; Removed to Margate [strictly speaking, St. Peters, 1827].

1819; Richard Davis; [of] East St Walworth; [at] 3 Gt Richmond Place [*corrected to* East Lane]; [from] Chatham [and Plymouth Dock].

1819; Jas Elvey; [of] Clerkenwell Green [*corrected to* St John Street *then to* Fetter Lane]; [*originally no address, then* 97 Arlington Place St. Jno St Road *then* 6 Apollo Buildings

1820; Josiah Denham; [at] 54 Cotton St Poplar. Removed into Country [Lewes 1822]

1820; John Dyer; [Secretary B.M.S.]; [at] Battersea [crossed out]

1820; Edward Lewis; [of] Highgate; [at] Highgate [*corrected to* Upper Holloway; from Manchester.]¹²⁴

[subsequent entries]

1824; Edw^d Steane; [of] Camberwell; [at] Camberwell.

1824; James Hargreaves; [of] Wild Street; [at] 29 Charles Street. City Road; [from Ogden; in 1829 to] Waltham Abbey.

1825; Tho^s Price; [of] Devonshire Square; [at] 10 Durham Place Hackney Road

1825; John Peacock; [of] Goswell Street; [at] No 21 Powel St. Goswell St Rd [*corrected to* 5 Northampton Terrrace City Road]

1825; John Jeffries; [of] Lambeth; [at] 20 George St Grays Walk Lambeth

1826; T. C. Mileham [interpolated, and then above]

1826; Jas Upton Jun^r Poplar [transposed from below next]

1826; Isaac Mann; [of] Maze Pond; [at] Claremont Cottage Stoke Newington [*corrected to 46 Long Lane, Bermondsey.*]

1828; W. H. Murch; [at] Stepney Academy

1828; S. Tomkins; do. do.

1828; Tho^s Hunt; [at] Clapton Upper

This List continued at the end of the Book [rewritten in 1830, when it will be reproduced.]

June 27th [1820]

At this meeting Mr O Clark presented to the Chairman a paper of which the following is a copy— It having been decided by this Society that it is both practicable & desirable to form an Association of the Baptist Ministers, & Churches of London & its environs, and such decision having been unanimously sanctioned by the general Meeting of this denomination held in Carter Lane June 20 1820. Res^d—That a Committe be now appointed to define the objects of such Association and to prepare suitable rules & regulations for its government and the attainment of its general Objects. That Dr Rippon Mr Shenston Mr. Pritchard Mr Griffin & Mr Davis be that Committee, and that they report the result of their proceedings to a special General Meeting of this Society to be summoned by the Secretary for that purpose

After some consultation it was Res^d. That the consideration of the Above Resolution be deferd till 'day forthnight.

July 11th

At this Meeting the resolution proposed for consideration on the 27th of June was finally adopted. Mr Ivimey & Mr Clark were added to the Committe and

it was agreed that they do meet at the Missionary rooms in Wood St on Monday the 24th Ins at 10 o Clock

Dr Rippon having promised to give paper sufficient to print 10000 Tracts—It was this Even^g Res^d—That 2500 of Dr Rylands six views of believers baptism be printed—the concurrence of Dr Ryland to be sought by Dr Rippon

It was at the same time agree'd to request our Brethⁿ Dyer & Ivimey to prepare a Tract on Nonconformity, the basis of which to be Mr Palmers Catechism

Aug^t 8, 1820

Res^d—That the commencement of the monthly Prayer Meeting be postponed till next month.

Res^d That this body be summoned for next Tuesday the 15th Inst, then finally to arrange the List of persons to be engaged in the proposed Monthly Prayer Meeting.

At this Meeting a Report was presented by the Committe appointed June the 27th to define the Objects and prepare the rules of a proposed Association; Which having been read it was agree'd that the further consideration of this subject do stand over till Tuesday Sep^r the 5th, and that the Members be summoned for that purpose.

Aug 22th [corrected from 25th]

Res^d That a Prayer Meeting be held & an Address be delivered by the Pastors of this Society & that as many of the Brethⁿ who are not Pastors, who are so disposed, be requested to join with them in the devotional Exercises.

Aug^t 29, 1820

At this Meeting it was Resolved that the Minute of last Week be confirmed

Res^d That a List of persons to engage in the Prayer Meetings be printed and a Proof sheet brought here next Tesday

Res^d That Brethⁿ Burnside Hughes & Uppadine be written to, to ascertain if it will be convenient for them to attend if their Names are inserted in the List

Sep^r 5, 1820

The body having been summoned for this Even^g there were present M^r Griffin in the Chair Mess^{rs} Ovington Shenston Newman Edwards Ivimey, Pritchard, J. B. Shenston, Button Denham, Douglas, Kingsford, Clarke, Young Bligh, Williams & Davis

At this Meeting was produced a Proof sheet of the List of Persons to be engaged in the Monthly Prayer Meeting. Several alter^{ns} were agree'd to & 500 Copies ordered to be printed

At this Meeting the Report of the Committee appointed June the 27th was read, & the subject thereof was discussed till the time of breaking up when it was unanimously agree'd to Adjourn the further consideration of the subject till next week

Sep^r 12th, 1820

Dr Rippon in the Chair Present Brethⁿ Griffin, Dyer, Newman, Davis, Button, Upton Williams, J, B, Shenston, Douglass, Denham Clarke, Elvey, Lewis, Coles Shenston & Pritchard

At this Meeting the consideration of the Rules of a proposed Association was resumed when several alterations were suggested, and the revision of them committed to the following Brethⁿ Dr Rippon, Dr Newman Mess^{rs} Griffin Ivimey, Dyer, Pritchard & Shenston.

The above Committe to meet on Monday next the 18th Inst at No 15 Wood St at 11 oClock three of whome to be a Quorum¹²⁵

[At this point the secretary who had entered minutes from April 25, ended his work, and no minutes were entered for 27 months. Then without any explanation minutes were resumed in the writing of March & April 1820. William Shenston and Pritchard were joint secretaries.]

Jamaica Coffee-house Dec. 10th 1822. Dr Rippon in the Chair. Brother Dyer as one of the Secretaries to the Baptist Missionary Society in the name of the Committee of that Society invited the Ministers assembling in this place to hold their meetings in future at the house rented by the Baptist Missionary Society N^o 6 Fen Court Fenchurch Street.

After some conversation it was resolved that the Body be summoned for the 17th instant to take this subject into consideration.

Jamaica Coffee-house Dec 17. 1822 [originally, Jan 17th 1822, then Jan 17th 1823] Dr Rippon in the Chair. The subject of removing to Fen Court having been pretty fully considered it was unanimously resolved that brother Dyer having communicated from the Committee of the Baptist Missionary Society that a Room in their house in Fen-Court is at the service of this Body that we respectfully accept their kind invitation and the Secretary was requested to make Mr Dyer acquainted with this resolution.

Jamaica Coffee-house Dec 31st 1822 Dr Rippon in the Chair. The subject of removing to Fen-Court was again introduced and there being some difference of opinion it was resolved that the Body be summoned for the 14th of Jan. 1823 to reconsider this business.

Jamaica Coffee-house Jan 14th 1823. Brother Thomas in the Chair. The Body being specially convened to reconsider their acceptance of the kind invitation which they had received from the Committee of the Baptist Missionary Society to their house

Fen-Court: after much deliberation it was Resolved, that the further consideration of this subject do stand over till the second Tuesday in next March: and that the Secretary be requested to state that whatever may be the final determination of the Ministers they feel much indebted to the Committee of the Baptist Missionary Society for their respectful attention.

Jamaica Coffee-house March 11th 1823. Dr Rippon in the Chair. The body having been specially summoned it was moved seconded and unanimously agreed that this body do remove to Fen Court, according to the vote of Dec. 17 1822. The Chairman informed the Landlord that it was the intention of the body to remove at Midsummer next.

Jamaica Coffee-house. March 25, 1823. Dr Newman in the Chair. Resolved that brethren Cramp, Lewis, & the Secretary be the Committee to attend the General Body at Red Cross Street for next year.

Report of the present year. Brethren Coles, Denham & Clarke removed into the Country.¹³⁶

At this meeting a Mr Perkins attended requesting the consideration of his case: resolved that the Secretary inform him that his case cannot be referred to earlier than next Tuesday week.

Jamaica Coffee-house April 8 1823. The case of Mr Perkins having been taken into consideration: Resolved that after having deliberately considered what we heard from Mr Perkins we are unanimously of opinion that we cannot interfere in the business until Mr Perkins has sought reconciliation to the Church and Ministers with whom he was connected at Bristol.

Jamaica Coffee-house April 15. 1823. Dr Newman in the Chair. A letter addressed to the Secretary from Mr Perkins was laid upon the table. After much conversation it was Resolved that this body, having

already replied to the application of Mr Perkins, decline proceeding further in the business and have returned his paper unread.

Jamaica Coffee-house June 24 1823 Dr Rippon in the Chair. The time being come for the removal of the Society from this place to Fen-Court the Rent being paid up to this day and the usual gratuity presented to the Waiters the Secretary was requested to summon the body for next Tuesday the 1st of July to meet at N^o 6 Fen-Court at 4 o'Clock in the afternoon that the meetings of the Society in that place may commence with solemn prayer to God.

Fen Court July 1st 1823. Dr Rippon in the Chair. Present brethren Dr Newman, Mess^{rs} Ivimey, Davis, W. Shenston, J. Shenston, Cramp, Kingsford, Pritchard, Douglas. Visitors Mess^{rs} Exall, Mileham, Fisher and Cattle¹²⁷

It having been agreed that as this was the first meeting of the Body at Fen Court some time should be occupied in prayer the Chairman called upon the following brethren successively to engage, Dr Newman, brethren Shenston and Ivimey, and the Chairman concluded. Parts of three Hymns were sung

It having been mentioned that a large place near Mile-End Whitechapel might be obtained for preaching brethren W. Shenston J. Shenston Davis and Ivimey were requested to make inquiries and report on Tuesday next.

Fen Court July the 8. 1823. The inquiries concerning the place for preach near Mile End Whitechapel not proving satisfactory it was given up.

Fen Court. Feb. 3 1824. Present Mr Dyer (in the Chair) Upton, Ivimey, Shenston, J. Shenston, Dr Newman, Griffin, Lewis, Cramp, Douglas, Pritchard. Fisher visitor.

Brother Ivimey having introduced some remarks on the subject of the Slave trade it was resolved that he be requested to correspond with Mr Buxton for the purpose of obtaining such information as may assist this body in any subsequent measure they may deem it expedient to take.

Mr Steine having been proposed at a former meeting resolved that he be received as a member of the body. Resolved that the members of this body be summoned for Tuesday the 17th instant to consider and revise the existing laws of this society.¹²⁸

Fen Court. Feb. 17. 1824. Present Dr Rippon, (in the Chair) Mess^{rs} Davis, Shenston, Belcher, Bligh Williams, Kingsford, J Shenston, Douglas, Dr Newman, Griffin, Young, Cox, Edwards, Lewis, Dyer, Cramp, Pritchard.

The Rules of the Society having been read it was Resolved, that the word "three" in Rule II be altered to six.

Resolved. That the application to the Secretary, required in the third rule, be changed from written to verbal.

Resolved. That the second Tuesday in every month be the day for discussing subjects.

Resolved. That brother Bligh be requested to become joint Secretary with brother Pritchard.

Fen Court March 30. 1824

Present. Dr Newman (in the Chair) Mess^{rs} J. B. Shenston W. Shenston, Davis, Lewis, Douglas, Bligh.

Report of this Society for the year 1824 to the general body, meeting at the Library Red Cross Street.

That Mr Stein of Camberwell has been admitted member of this Society

Resolved. That brethren W. Shenston J. B. Shenston and Bligh be the Committee for next year.

Fen Court. April 6. 1824

Resolved that Mr Hargreaves of Wild Street be admitted a member of this body.

Fen Court. April 13. 1824

Present, Dr Newman (in the Chair) Messrs W. Shenston, Williams, Cramp, Dyer, Kingsford, Young, Lewis, Bligh.

Resolved, that, an application having been made to this body for advice respecting a place of worship in Rotherhithe occupied by a Church under the pastoral care of Mr Norris, that brethren Dyer and Kingsford be deputed to make such enquiries as they shall deem necessary.

Fen Court. May 4. 1824

Present Mr Cramp (in the Chair) Messrs Davis, Kingsford, J. B. Shenston, Williams, Lewis, Bligh.

Resolved, on the Motion of Mr Kingsford, seconded by Mr Davis, that the members of this Body be summoned for Tuesday June 1 [after two alterations] to take into consideration the falling off in the attendance of this body, since its removal from the Jamaica Coffee House.

Present Dr Newman (in the Chair) Messrs Dyer, Young, Hargreaves, Lewis, Upton [Bligh *obliterated*] Douglas, Pritchard, Ivimey, Kingsford, W. Shenston, J B Shenston, Bligh.

Resolved, that Mr Thos Price, of Devonshire Square be admitted a Member of this Society

Fen Court April 12. 1825

Present Dr Newman (in the Chair) Messrs Ivimey, Davis, Hargreaves, J. B. Shenston, Pritchard, Lewis, Cramp, Bligh

Report of this Society for the year 1825 to the General Body meeting at the Library in Red Cross Street

That Mr Price of Devonshire Square has been admitted a member of this Society

That Mr James Dore of Walworth died Mar 20th. Resolved, that Brethren Ivimey, Davis, & Hargreaves be the Committee for the next year

Fen Court Aug 2 1825

Present. Mess^{rs} Pritchard, Belsher, W. Shenston, J. B. Shenston, Dyer, Bligh

Resolved, that the Body be summoned for this day fortnight to consider the proposal of two ministers to become members of this society.

[The minutes continue scanty, recording chiefly (1) only new elections, which are duly summarised in the list of 1830; (2) dissatisfaction with the place of meeting, and scant attendance; until:—]

Fen Court Oct^r 28. 1828

Present Dr Newman (in the Chair,) Mess^{rs} W. Shenston, J. B. Shenston, Lewis, Dovey, Young, Mileham, Gibbs & Bligh.

Resolved, that the Secretary be requested to apply to Mr Ivimey for the old book containing the Minutes of the transactions of this Society.

[After meetings on Nov. 25, Dec. 2, Dec. 23]

Fen Court Feb 25. 1829

Present, Dr Newman (in the Chair,) and about 18 brethren (whose names were not taken)

Resolved, on the Motion of Mr Dyer, that the Body be summon'd for the 10th of March to take into consideration how far it is consistent on our parts to retain a public and acknowledged connexion, as

Ministers of the Gospel of Christ, with Men whose sentiments we consider to be wholly opposed to the Gospel.¹²⁹

[after meetings on Mar 10, 24, 31, Nov 3]

Fen Court Nov. 17. 1829

Present Dr Newman (in the chair) Messrs Ivimey, Williams, J. B. Shenston, Thomas, Dovey, Young, Murch, Dyer, Davis, Lewis, Douglas, Kingsford and Pritchard.

Resolved unanimously, that this body, having heard, with much regret, of the removed, by death, of their esteemed brother, Mr Samuel Bligh, do, by this minute, record their affectionate remembrance of him, and of his services, as one of the Secretaries of this body, during more than the last five years of his life.

Resolved unanimously that Mr J. B. Shenston be requested to take the office of Secretary, become vacant by the death of Mr Bligh.

[He proceeded to draw up a new list of members, which he subsequently continued, and annotated, and forged, till the book was full by 1836.]

A compleat List of the Members of this Body January, One thousand Eight Hundred & Thirty NB those marked * are not members of the General Body at Red Cross St, see [Feb. 1830]

- 1774 Rippon John DD; [Station at] Carter Lane Tooleys St; [Residence] N^o 17 (New Kent Road) Dover place Died Dec. 17. 1836
- 1794 Ovington John; Clapham; Clapham. Withdrew
- 1795 Newman Wil^m DD; Bow Middlesex; Bow Middlesex; [From] Waltham abbey Essex
- 1797 Hughes Joseph A.M; Battersea Died 3.10.33; Battersea

- 1805 Ivimey Joseph*; Eagle Street Holborn Secretary to Bp Irish Society; 14 Southampton Row Russel Square [*corrected to* Devonshire St Queen Sq]; [From] Portsea Died 8-2.34
- 1805¹³⁰ Shenston William*; Little Alie Street; Bedford Square Mile End; [From] Eagle Street died 27 June 1833
- 1805 Upton James sen^r; Church Street Blackfriars; 4 Brunswick St Surry Rd; [From] Waltham Abbey died 22.9.34
- 1810¹³⁰ Shenston John Brittain Member of General Body 1800; Eldon Street (Sabbatarian) & Crouch End Hornsey Midx The Secretary; 244 Shoreditch; [From] Church Lane Whitechapel (General Baptist) John Brittain & Dan Taylor. [Subsequently added] Mr Brittain his Uncle from the park Meeting now Suffolk Street
- 1810 Douglas J J; Mary Ann Street Speeds fields St Georges East; [From] Carter Lane Died 22 May 1843
- 1811 Cox F. A. LL.D; Hackney Librarian to the London University & Secrtary to the Baptist Home Mis^y Society; Hackney or at the Universtaty [in Gower Street]; Died Sep. 5. 1853
- 1813 Griffin Thomas; Prescott St Goodmans fields; Bedford Square East. Removed to Hitchin
- 1814 Kingsford John (Gen^l Body 1802) [Residence] 147 Finch Street; [From] General Baptists
- 1816 Chin John; Lion St Walworth; Gloucester house Walworth [*corrected to* 2 Grosvenor St Camberwell]
- 1817 Edwards John; Watford Hertfordshire Secretary to Bap. Home Mis^y Society; 21 Thornhaugh Street [*corrected to* Clapham Surry]. Died 7.6.81

- 1817 Pritchard George; Kepple Street Secretary to the Baptist Irish Society; 16 Thornhaugh Street [*corrected to 4 York Place Pentonville*]; [From] Kepple Street John Martin
- 1818 Uppadine Thomas; Hammersmith; Hammersmith; Died Sep. 23. 1837.
- 1818 Belsher William; Greenwich; Greenwich
- 1819 Williams William; Grafton Street; 6 [*corrected to 15*] Frederick St Regents Park
- 1819 Davies Richard*; East Lane Walworth; 6 Apollo Buildings Walworth; [From] Chatham Kent Mr Notts Died 17.6.32
- 1819 Elvey James; Fetter Lane Holborn; 5 Green Terrace Spa Fields; [From] Mitcham (Independent) Died 27.1.1842.
- 1820 Dyer John*; Secretary to Bap Mis^y Society; Missionary House Fen Court; [From] Reading
- 1820 Lewis Edward; Highgate; Upper Holloway
- 1824 Steane Edward; Camberwell; Camberwell Died 8.5.82
- 1824 Hargreaves James; Waltham Abbey Secretary to Bap. Building fund; Waltham Abbey
- 1825 Price Thomas; Devonshire Square (place Rebuilt this last year); Spital Square
- 1825 Peacock John; Goswell St Road; 5 Northampton City Rd
- 1825 Jeffery John T.; Gray's Walk Lambeth; 22 Gray's Walk. Removed to New Mill Tring Herts
- 1825 Upton James Jun^r; Cotton St Poplar; 2 Eastcott Place, East India Rd
- 1826 Mann Isaac AM; Maze Pond Secretary to the Baptist Building fund; 46 Long lane Bermondsey
- 1828 Murch W. H.; Theological Tutor; Stepney College

- 1828 Tomkins Sam^l AM; Classical Tutor to do; do
 1828 Hunt Thomas; [Residence] Upper Clapton
 1828 Weare W^m [Residence] Enfield Withdrew
 1828 Brawn Sam^l; Loughton; Loughton Died
 18.4.69
 1828 Rowland J^{no}; Eldon Street Welsh Church; 6
 Tooleys Gateway Tooley Street [*corrected to*
 2 Nonstowe Alley Wilson St *corrected again*
 to Finsbury Sq Princes Sq
 1828 Jay W^m; Burton Crescent
 1828 Hutchings W^m Chelsea Removed to the
 Country
 1828 Dovey W^m; Jamaica Row Bermondsey; No 1
 Jamaca Row Bermondsey [*corrected to 37 King*
 St Clerkenwell]
 1828 Young W^m; Alfred Place Old Kent Road;
 4 Commercial Place Old Kent Rd
 1828 Lewis Benjⁿ*; Dean Street; 21 Warner Street
 Dover Road; [From] 56 Trinity Square
 1828 Gibbs George; Unicorn Yard; Brunswick
 House Peckham
 1828 Woolacott Christopher*; Westminster; 12
 Queen Street Westminster [*corrected to 14*
 Wilmots Street Brunswick Square] Died 2.1.79
 1828 Dawson Jabez; Blandford Street; 27 Win-
 chester Row Edgware Rd Remove to
 Sheerness
 1828 Eason Tho^s* Homerton; 22 Norman Build-
 ings St Lukes [*corrected to No 18 Roberts St*
 Hoxton nr New Ch] Removed to Chatteress
 1828 Blundell Tho^s; Withdrawn July 23. 1832 [written
 over a complete erasure]; Mill Hill Grammar
 School finally went into the Est. Ch.
 1828 Jay W^m*; City Road; 15 Chapel Street Penton-
 ville Removed to Hertford when Renounced
 the Ministry

- 1828 Davies J. J.; Tottenham; Tottenham
- 1828 Thomas Thos; Henrietta Street; 36 Hunter St
Brunswick Sq^r [*corrected to 6 Kings Terrace
North Lower R pentonville*] to Wales Died
7.12.81
- 1828 Birt Isaiah; Hackney (Dr Cox's); Hackney;
Died Nov^r. 1. 1837
- 1828 Southwood Wm*; Kensington; Notting Hill
Square [*corrected to 10 Holland St Kensington*]
Removed to Dunmow Now in America
- 1829 Smith Jas.; Ilford [*corrected to Shoreditch*];
Ilford [*corrected to 7 Trafalgar place Nacty
Road*] Died Feb. 11. 1839.
- [subsequent additions]
- 1830 I[ohn D.] Blakeman; Crayford Kent; [From]
Sheerness Isle of Sheppey to Easum [Evesham].
- 1830 John Eustace Giles: Salters Hall Cannon St;
No 9 Lincoln place New North Rd [*corrected
to 1 Lansdowne place Holloway*]; [From] Bristol
College Died 24.6.75
- 1831 Joseph Belcher; Paradise Chapel Chelsea; No
9 King's St Chelsea [*corrected to 6 Union place
Black Heath Rd Greenwich*]; [From] Folkestone
Kent
- 1832 C. Stovel Died 22.10.83; Prescott Street; 31
Princes Sq^r St George in East; from Swanwick
Derby 26 finsbury Circus
- 1832 Woodman C. Bathurst; Wellington place Stoke
Newington; No 6 Ebenezer Ct Shoreditch [*cor-
rected to 4 Habberton St Islington, corrected
again to 3 Gibsons Sq^r Islington*]
- 1832 Ragsdell William; Brentford Midx Withdrew
by letter
- 1832 Dickerson Philip; Alie St Goodmans fields;
No 33 Jubilee place Commercial Rd or 99
Newgate St Died 22.10.82

- 1832 Rothery Joseph; Gee St Goswell St; N. 12
Tabernacle Row
- 1833 Davis Joseph; Church St Blackfriars Road; 28
Gravel Lane Southwark [*corrected to 18*
Hatfield St Stamford St] Died 23.10.81
- 1833 Morris Thomas; Eldon St (Welsh Church); 5
New Gloucester St Hoxton [*corrected to 2*
Georges Build^s Old St Road] Returned to
Wales
- 1833 Gundry Jonathan; Hendon Middlesex; [From]
Mr Lewis's Ch. Highgate
- 1833 Davis John; Walworth to the Country
- 1834 Watts John; Maze Pond; 22 Warner St Dover
Road
- 1834 Clark Edmund; Battersea Returned back to
Truro
- 1835 Overbury R.W.; Eagle Street; Wakefield St
Regent Square
- 1835 Cubitt James; Illford; Illford Essex; Stratford
upon Avon
- 1835 Hewlet Sam^l Romney St Westminster; 6
Vincent Street Vincent Sq^r Westminster
- 1835 Green Sam^l; Lion St Walworth; 61 Queens
Row Walworth Died 25.5.83
- 1835 Room Charles; Park Street Borough; 17 Old
Bond St Died 25.5.83.
- 1835 Davis Eliel; Grays Walk; 13 Princes Road
Lambeth
- 1835 Edgecombe J.P.; 50 Wellington St Bermondsey
- 1835 Denham D; 2 Surry Place Surry Sq^r Black-
friars R^d
- 1836 Enoch Crook; Battersea Died 28.6.37
- 1836 Roe Charles Hill; Clapham

[three lines unused, end the second volume]

[Summary of the more exceptional

Minutes 1830-1835, in volume II.]

Early in 1830, Dyer, Ivimey, Richard Davies, Eason, withdrew from the General Body; the Board refused to enter a paper of reasons.

Each person taking Tea, pay Six pence, and a fund be raised to enable the Secretary to pay the remaining Six pence and to discharge the incidental expences of the Board, by a subscription of Eighteen pence Per Quarter.

Mr. Woodrow was deemed Ineligible on account of his not having been the Pastor of a Church.

An opinion was sought by the Trustees of Davis's Sabbatarian Charity Estates as to their dealing with the Mill Yard premises; it was given, and the Trustees referred the matter to the General Body who after four days by a majority of 8 gave a different opinion, on which the Trustees acted during 1831.

The Principles and object of the British & Foreign Temperance Society were approved unanimously on 24 September 1833

An overture from Sussex ministers to convene representatives of all orthodox dissenters & decide on Parliamentary measures, was declined on 12 November, but the Board sympathised with the views as to the alliance between Church & State, pledging to use all legitimate means to dissolve it.

Troubles in the church at Shoreditch, & the refusal of C. B. Woodman to Submit to investigation of his conduct, when no accuser would allege any charge, ended on 25 February with an acknowledgment that nothing had be proved against him.

An address on Slavery to the pastors and members of the Baptist Denomination throughout the United States of America, adopted 31 December 1833, elicited a long reasoned reply from the Board of Foreign

Missions dated 1 September 1834 & considered on 10 November; the gist of it was that the Constitution of the U.S.A. made it impossible to act unitedly, & that the rules of the Triennial Convention did not allow the address to be presented.

Carried by a majority of one in a meeting of nineteen, on 14 February 1834 that it was inconsistent for dissenting ministers to receive the grants of Parliament annually made in their favour.

A petition to both houses of Parliament was adopted on 11 March 1834, to appoint civil registrars of births marriages & deaths, to open the universities of Oxford Cambridge & Durham free of religious tests, to abolish all ecclesiastical demands on dissenters, to permit dissenting ministers to officiate a funerals in parochial burying grounds, to end all grants of public money in favour of any religious establishment.

The Board heard on 27 May 1834 the draft report which the Secretary of the Baptist Union had prepared, "and ordered it to be read accordingly"! It cordially approved the proposal to send two brethren to the Triennial Baptist Convention at Richmond in Virginia, with an address on slavery. On 8 July it united in recommending that the first of August be set apart for thanksgiving that slavery was abolished in the British Colonies.

The objects of the British Voluntary Church Society were approved on 16 December 1834.

On the proposal of the London Baptist Building Fund, agreed to sign no more cases, but refer all to that fund: 17 February 1835.

The second book closes with the list of members as presented to the annual meeting on 17 March 1835. The list was avowedly begun in 1830, and was constantly annotated, with erasures, alterations, additions.

NOTES TO THE MINUTES.

122. This entry has been most carefully tampered with, and the final reading is:—"J.B. Shenston; was a Member of General Body as a General Baptist 1800; 244 Shoreditch; [from] Park Meeting Southwark General Baptist." This is part of a consistent falsifying of records. On the principle *Cui bono?* the falsifier was probably J. B. Shenston. He became Secretary in 1829, and scarcely anybody but a secretary would have the opportunity for a long series of alterations. But when he drew up the list of 1830 he still wrote truthfully, and the entries were so long that he could not subsequently erase all, and was obliged to alter the dates, producing this sequence:—1805, 1810 William Shenston, 1805 James Upton, 1805 John Brittain Shenston, 1810 &c. The erasures in the list of 1820 show one space here of the shape of Will^m, and two spaces below of the shape for J.B. The address erased here was of three words, corresponding to Little Alie St; those words entered below are in the writing of J.B. and not of the original secretary. But a forger needs to be extremely careful, and two entries of 1828 remain on pages 43, 47, which are conclusive:—"Resolved that the senior member, not as respects age but the time of admission, present at our meetings, be always considered as chairman for the afternoon." "Present, Messrs W^m Shenston (in the Chair) J. B. Shenston, &c." This accords with the almost universal order of the two names in the minutes, by whomsoever drawn up. William was a prominent man in Baptist circles, constantly in demand at other churches. At this time J.B. seems to have been very insignificant, and when he did emerge in 1826 and 1829, it was greatly to the damage of his reputation, as the Baptist Magazine shows.

123. The present state of this entry is:—"Will^m Shenston [of] Little Alie St [at] Mile End [from] Eagle Street." All except the surname is in the writing of J.B., not of the original writer.

124. Other ministers within reach were:—W. Bailey of Great Alie street; James Bissett of Stoke Newington; J. Castledine of Hampstead; John George of Shouldham street; W. Groser of New Brentford; David Jones of Old Brentford, from Hereford, settled 31 January 1820; W. Jones of Cateaton street; John Keeble of Blandford street; John Knott of Bow; W. Norris of Rotherhithe; Henry Paice of Lewisham street; Thomas Powell junior of Peckham; Samuel Stennett of Cateaton street. Others who might have been expected within the next ten years were:—Thomas Eason, ordained 16 November 1820 for a church soon meeting in Homerton row; William Young, ordained 1 January 1821 over the church in a new chapel on Alfred place, Kent road;

W. House, ordained 23 May 1821 for Ship place, soon removed to Enon chapel, Clement's lane; W. Dovey, ordained 27 November 1821 for Short's gardens, soon removed to Maiden lane, Covent garden; Evan Herbert, recognised 9 April 1822 for Soho chapel, Oxford street; Robert Upton, recognised 7 May 1822 for Gray's walk, Lambeth; Daniel Davies from Merthyr, ordained 26 June 1822 for Broad wall, Stamford street, Blackfriars road; Evan Evans of a Welsh church that built in Moorfields, 1823; his successor of 1827, J. T. Rowland; John Stevens of York street, St. James square; Christopher Woollacott of Westminster, 1824; John Foreman of Hill street, Regent's park. On 17 July 1821 died John Bolton, once pastor of Spencer Street; 2 August William Button, once of Dean Street; 8 November William Smith, once of Eagle Street.

125. The matter was shelved till 18 March 1830. Though Associations were common outside London, and though many "general meetings" including laymen urged a L.B.A., yet this Fraternal always declined to move. The monthly meeting for prayer was the only other metropolitan gathering.

126. John Coles to Wokingham, Josiah Denham to Lewes, Owen Clarke to Taunton.

127. Exall from Tenterden, Mileham from Portsea, Fisher from Liverpool?, Cattle from Keynsham. Perhaps they had stayed after the meetings of 17 June.

128. The rules had been adopted four years earlier. See page 109 of this volume.

129. This refers to the fact that the Baptist Board was linked in the "General Body of the Three Denominations" with five or six General Baptist ministers, and about a score of men on the Presbyterian Board who were avowedly Unitarian. In February 1830 the minutes of March 10 were ordered to be cut out; four lines remaining on this page give only a few names of those who attended. The difficulty was tided over till 1836 when there was a disruption. Meantime some Baptists notified that they would not remain members of the General Body, though they would remain members of the Board. Their names were starred in the 1830 list. On the other hand there were General Baptist members of the General Body ineligible to this Board; and there were Particular Baptist ministers who did not care to belong to either.

130. These two dates were subsequently half erased and interchanged, with the result of making it appear that William Shenston joined in 1810 before Upton in 1805; the difference in ink and the erasure are quite obvious.