

Church Meeting, Jan'y 6 1853. At a special church meeting held at our place of worship this morning after the usual service, a committee of seven persons was appointed with power to make purchase of such material as was necessary for the washing of the floor of the church and to contract for the making of the same.

Committee: Bro. McClintock, president, Polson, Jerry & Kershaw and Mrs. Sallada, Mrs. K. Sheridan & Mrs. C. Tolson.

On motion adjourned. James Taylor Secy.

January 21st 1853.

A Special Church meeting of the Board of Trustees was held this evening at the residence of Bro. Sallada.

Members present, Bro. Sheridan, Watson, Ballinger, Kershaw, Sallada, Jerry & Taylor.

Bro. Jerry was appointed to invite ministering brethren to participate in the dedication of the Church.

There being no other business on motions adjourned to meet at the residence of Bro. Jerry 28th inst at 7 1/2 o'clock.

James Taylor Secy.

Jan'y 28 1853.

An adjourned meeting of the Board was held this evening at the residence of Bro. Jerry, Bro. Samuel Ashten, Moderator in the Chair.

Members present, Bro. Ballinger, Polson, Watten, Sheridan, Kershaw, Ashten, Sallada, Jerry & Taylor.

The reading of the minutes of last meeting was dispensed with.

The following statement was received from Bro. Wm. Taylor

Cost of Organ	\$650.00	
Leaders Salary for Year	100.00	
Expenses for Anniversary	5.00	
Gifts for Anniversary	3.75	
Concert tickets to Mr. Patterson	4.50	
Worship Books	22.25	
Organ Insurance	16.00	789.50
Subscriptions received:		
Samuel Cooke	50.00	
Nathan Barber	50.00	
Wm. Taylor	100.00	
Mr. Cook	25.00	
Mr. Walker, C. B.	20.00	
W. B. Smith	25.00	
W. P. Hedges	10.00	
Sam. Ashten	10.00	
Sundry small subscriptions	63.00	
Benefits of concert	22.00	
		406.00

for which he proposes to take a note of \$200. payable on Goods in liquidation of said balance.

Upon reading the above statement, it was on motion ordered that the obligation for the \$200 be given to Bro. Taylor payable in 12 mos from date with the threat of it being for his liberality and labor in behalf of the Church from time to time.

On motion Bro. Jerry was requested to write Bro. W. B. Smith or Bro. G. L. Hedges a letter of appreciation in the dedication of the Church.

On motion the text of the minutes and Resolutions offered by

Bro. James Taylor with respect to Bro. Henry Bacon note at the instance of Bro. Taylor's original presentation presented by the Board of Trustees. - See Minutes Book. B. folio 10. Collected by Bro. Taylor. Dec. 1854.

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Whereas, A controversy has arisen between the Rev. Wm. Doolittle, Henry Bacon, A. C. Thomas and Nelson Doe Little, and has been made public through the columns of the "Trumpet & Universalist Magazine," published in the city of Boston, emanating from an omission on the part of Dr. Doolittle, to insert the name of Dr. Bacon, in the Register for 1852, as in formal fellowship with the denomination, &c. in which controversy, the declination of Dr. Doelittle to attend and take part in the dedication of said Church and installation of its Pastor, is severely animadverted upon by Dr. Bacon, in a communication published in the Trumpet of Oct. 30th 1852, which communication demanded an answer at the hand of Dr. Doelittle.

And, Whereas, Dr. Doelittle, in his answer, published in the Trumpet of December 25, 1852, (some weeks after the same was written and transmitted to the Editor,) made a plain statement of the reasons which determined him to decline participation in the services of that occasion, which answer was replied to by Dr. Bacon, in a communication published in the Trumpet of January 1, 1853, in the which, every material reason assigned by Dr. Doelittle is unreservedly denied to have any color of truth - his statement ^{in substance} "pithy, length and breadth."

And, Whereas, Dr. Doelittle addressed a letter to the Editor of said Trumpet, reaffirming the assignment to Dr. Bacon, of the reasons named in his previous letter for declining to attend said dedication, and proving, by the averments of three persons who heard the conversation, or the substance of which issue is taken by Dr. Bacon, the truth of the statements he had therein set forth, which letter has been denied an insertion in said Trumpet, notwithstanding its Editor has been appealed to, and urged, upon considerations of justice to allow a refutation of the charges he had permitted to circulate among the circles of his patrons.

And, Whereas, A principle obtains, where a sense of justice is felt and acknowledged as a rule of moral ethics, that through whatever medium one man is permitted to defame another, the accused shall, of right, be privileged a defenced: Therefore,

Resolved, That Dr. Thomas Whittemore &c, and he is hereby solicited to reconsider his determination to "Shut the Gate," as he calls his refusal to publish the vindication of the truth of the statements made by Dr. Doelittle in his letter published Dec 25, and which was controverted by Dr. Bacon, in his January letter. Because, First, he permitted Dr. Bacon to make, through the columns of his paper, charges upon Dr. Doelittle which would require more forbearance than belongs to justice, to let pass unnoticed - charges which, if true, would not tend to advance the cause of the Gospel of Peace, by being proclaimed to the world, and which, if untrue,

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or what amounts to an, untruth - a one sided relation of circumstances, so related as to lead to false conclusions, as this Board, from an investigation of the facts of the case, verily believe, would, and must call out from the person on whom such relation reflected, an explanation, as well as show the cause of truth and righteousness, as for a vindication of himself. And, Because, Secondly, After Dr. Doolittle had made a plain, and we think, fair and true statement of the reasons which influenced him to decline the dedication of the church of the Messiah, and installation of its Pastor, in the which, he indulged in no unkind remarks or reflections upon Dr. Bacon, he Dr. Whittmore, permitted Dr. Bacon to prefer charges of falsehood against Dr. Doolittle, coupled with exulting assumptions of his own veneration for truth, and when Dr. Doolittle proffers to vindicate himself from the imputations thrown upon him, by establishing the truth of the statements claimed by Dr. Bacon to be false, it appears to this Board contrary to every rule of right, that he should be denied the privilege of doing so.

Resolved, that the confidence of this Board in the integrity and uprightness of Dr. Nelson Doolittle, is in no manner impaired or abated, neither by the imputations of Dr. Bacon, nor the aspersions of equally disposed persons.

Resolved, that while we sympathize with Dr. Doolittle in being, as we think, unwarrantably persecuted, we deeply regret that Dr. Bacon, toward whom, none but the kindest feelings obtained among the members of the 2nd Universalist Church, should so soon have forfeited his claim upon their friendship and consideration.

Resolved, that the secretary of this Board forward an attested copy of the foregoing preamble and Resolutions to Dr. Thomas Whittmore, with the request that he give them a place in the "Trumpet" provided he withhold from the public the reputations of Dr. Doolittle to charges preferred against him and that, in the event of Dr. Whittmore refusing to publish the same, the Secretary, procure their publication in some other public journal

On motion adjourned to meet at the residence of Dr. Mattison on Friday evening of July 14th at 7 1/2 o'Clock.

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Phila. Feby 4. 1853.

A stated meeting of the Board of Trustees was held this evening at the residence of Br. Mattson, the Moderator Br. S. Ashton in Chair.

Members present, Pelouse, Kershaw, Mattson, Ashton & Tyson.

Minutes of preceding meeting read & on motion approved.

On motion, a committee consisting of Brs. Cooke & Tyson was appointed to act in conjunction with the committee from the Lombard St Church, to make arrangements for the dedicatory services of our Church.

The following bills were passed and ordered to be paid

Br. Doolittle's bill for January.	88.33
Br. Firmers " " Bross.	18.00
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On motion adjourned to meet at Br. Pelouse's residence on Friday evening 11th inst at 7 1/2 o'clock.

James Tyson

Phila. Feby 11 1853.

A meeting of the Board was held this evening at the residence of Br. Pelouse, pursuant to adjournment.

Present Brs. Ashton, Pelouse, Torry, Mattson, Ballinger, and Kershaw

The moderator, Br. Ashton, in the chair.

In the absence of Br. Tyson, Secty. Br. Kershaw was appointed Secty pro tem.

On motion of Br. Torry it was

Resolved, That the Church be rededicated on the first Sunday in March next.

On motion, Br. Doolittle was added to the committee heretofore appointed to make arrangements for the rededication of the Church.

Br. Kershaw offered for adoption the following resolutions,

Resolved, That in view of our Ecclesiastical relations, and in recognition of the great Christian Love of the kindred, we invite Br. Henry Bacon to the dedication of our Church on the first Sunday in March next, and that our Secretary certify to Br. Bacon this Resolution.

On motion of the same brother, the resolution was made the Special order of the next meeting.

On motion adjourned, to meet at Dr. Ashton's on next Friday evening.

John G. Kershaw, Secy. pro. tem.

Philadal. Feby 18. 1853.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees was held this evening at the residence of Dr. Ashton.

Members present, Bro. Cooke, Pelouse, Wattson, Palladas, Jory, Kershaw, Ashton & Tyson.

Minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

Committee on arrangements for the dedicatory services report progress.

On motion the resolution ~~at~~ offered at our last meeting to invite Bro. Bacon to a participation in the services of the dedication of our church on the 1st Sunday in March next, be taken up for consideration.

On motion the word "participation" in the original resolution, be stricken out, and the words "invited to attend the dedication" be substituted, upon which the vote was taken and resulted as follows, viz:

In favor of the amendment P. G. Kershaw, Saml Cooke, R. W. Palladas, H. Jory, and Saml. Ashton.

Opposed, S. Pelouse, J. Wattson & J. Tyson.

After some remarks upon the impropriety of the last resolution, ^{and course} a motion was made ^{and carried} to reconsider the same; and, the following offered & adopted.

Resolved, that in view of our Ecclesiastical relations, and in recognition of the great Christian Law of Kindness, we invite Bro. Henry Bacon to the re-dedication of our church, on the first Sunday in March next, and that our Secretary certify to Bro. Bacon this resolution.

On motion a committee of two consisting of Bro. Jory & Pelouse, was appointed to purchase Chairs and six copies of the "Modern Harp", for the use of the Choir.

On motion adjourned, to meet at the residence of Bro. Palladas on Friday evening at 7 1/2 o'clock.

The following dues were submitted to sustain the various officers of the church as follows.

Samuel Ashton	\$ 25.00	
H. Jory	25.00	
Jas. Tyson	25.00	Paid 18th Feb
Saml Cooke	25.00	Paid 19th "
S. Pelouse	25.00	Paid 13th "
J. Wattson	25.00	
R. W. Palladas	25.00	Paid 19th "
J. G. Kershaw	25.00	Paid 13th "

James J. Jory, Secy.

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Philada. Feby 24. 1853.

An adjourned meeting of the Board was held this evening at the residence of Dr. Callada, Br. Toney in the chair.

Members present, Bros Ballinger, Tolouse, Herskew, Cooke, Callada, Sheridan, Toney & Tyson.

Minutes of the last meeting on motion read and approved.

The Committee on purchasing note Books and chairs for the use of the choir report progress.

On motion a committee of 3 be appointed to procure the services of a sexton at a salary not exceeding one hundred dolls. per annum - committed Cooke, Callada & Tyson.

On motion a pew Committee was appointed consisting of Bros. J. Ballinger, J. Herskew, W. Callada, J. Tolouse, J. Cooke, A. Toney and J. Tyson.

On motion the plan and prices of Pews shall be as follows.

27 centre pews nearest pulpit	\$ 25.00
40 " "	20.00
44 " "	15.00
16 " "	10.00

On motion adjourned to meet at Br Toney on Friday evening next at 7 o'clock.

James Tyson, Secy

Philada. Mch 4. 1853.

A stated meeting of the Board was held this evening in the church, Dr. Herskew in the chair.

Members present, Sheridan, Cooke, Cortly Mattson, Ballinger, Toney, Herskew & Tyson.

Committee on books and chairs for use of the choir report progress.

Committee on printing report that the plan of the church or deeds to be printed was executed by Mr Alex David without charge.

Committee on procuring sexton report that they can secure the services of Br. Jeff for 6 mos. at the rate of \$25 dolls per annum, whereupon the board on motion authorized the Com. to engage him.

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On motion Mr. Jory was authorized to purchase a table and two chairs for the front of the desk.

Mr. Jory stated to the Board he had solicited loans from several individuals amounting in all to \$170.00 for which the secretary was instructed to draw up certificates.

On motion adjourned to meet at the residence of Mr. Jory on Friday evening at 7 1/2 o'clock.

James Tyson, Secy.

March 11/83.

A meeting of the Board was held this evening at Mr. Jorys, Mr. Ashton in the chair.

Members present Mr. Selmer, Ballinger, Mattson, Sheridan, and Mr. Jory, Ashton, Herslow & Tyson.

The minutes of the last ^{meeting} ~~not being present~~, a motion was passed that their reading be dispensed with.

Committed on purchasing chairs & tables for the front of the desk report having purchased 2 tables for \$16.00 and 2 chairs at \$12.00 each \$24.00

The following bills were read & passed and on motion the same ordered to be paid.

Rev. W. Doolittle for salary for July	23.33
A. J. Farmers " 4 mos. " due March 11.00	24.00
Berger & White " Cedar Mats " 5 "	4.44
W. Torrey " Printing	5.00
S. Selmer bill " Sprockels, Carpentry, P.	592.56

On motion Mr. Doolittle be engaged for six mos from the 1st April next at a salary of \$1000 per annum, and that the secretary be requested to inform of this of the church.

On motion adjourned to meet at the residence of Mr. Sheridan on Friday evening 18th inst at 7 1/2 o'clock.

James Tyson, Secy.

March 25. 1883.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held this evening at Mr. Cookes. In the absence of the moderator Mr. Richardson was called to the chair.

Members present, Rev. Mattson, Salva de, Jory, Richardson, Cook & Tyson.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The following bills were presented and passed.
Wm. H. Allen to Mr. Mackay, for Salter chairs 40.00

There being no other business, on motion adjourned to meet at Dr. Jongs on the 1st April.

James Tyson, Secy.

April 1. 1853.

A stated meeting of the Board of Trustees was held this evening at Dr. Jongs, Dr. J. Sheridan in the chair.

Members present, Drs. Ballinger, Mattson, Pelous, Pallada, Oct. Kershaw, Jony, Sheridan & Tyson.

The minutes of the preceding read, were on motion approved.

The following bill was presented, read & passed.

James Coppage, making Cushions &c for Church \$153.09

On motion of Dr. Kershaw, the building committee be empowered to employ some competent person or persons to examine the improvements of the church, to ascertain whether they are finished in a workmanlike manner, and to report the same to the next meeting of the board.

On motion adjourned to meet at Dr. Pallada on Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

James Tyson Secy.

April 2 1853.

A meeting of the Board was held this evening at the residence of Dr. Pallada, the moderator brother Ashton in the chair.

Members present, Drs. Sheridan, Ballinger, Jony, Pelous, Oct. Pallada, Kershaw, Ashton & Tyson.

On motion the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The building committee submitted the following report.

The committee appointed to procure an examination of the church, as to the security of the front wall, &c, report that they obtained a builder, Mr. Jno. Kohler, for that purpose, who examined the premises, and stated there could be no objection to the front wall - he considered it substantially built and permanently built. As to the work inside the church, he pronounced it ordinarily well finished, with the exception of the supports at the inside ends of the pews, which he said ought to be inserted into the divisions, and which he would not consider put up in good workmanlike manner.

The following bills were presented and passed with instructions to draft on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Dr. Doolittle bill for salary for March/53	83.33
" Hepp " " " " "	10.42
" Ferrner " " leader of choir " "	6.00
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On motion adjourned to meet at the residence of Dr. Pelouse on Friday evening 15th inst at 7 1/2 o'clock

James Tyson, Secy

May 6. 1853.

A meeting of the Board was held this evening in the Church Dr. Samuel Coate in the chair

Members present, Drs. Pelouse, Sheridan, Hershaw, Potter, Torrey, Sallada, Ballinger, Mattison, Coart, Coate & Tyson.

Minutes of April 8th were on motion read & approved.

On motion a committee, consisting of Drs. Hershaw, Sallada, & Sheridan, were appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

The following bills were presented and on motion paid and ordered paid.

Dr. Doolittle for salary for April 1853.	83.33
" Hepp " " " " "	10.42
" Ferrner " " " " "	6.00

On motion Miss E. Pelouse be engaged as organist of the Church and that a committee, consisting of Drs. Sallada & Torrey be appointed to negotiate for her services

In motion, a vote of thanks be tendered Miss Pelouse for the gratuitous service rendered the past two years as organist of the church.

Mr. & Mrs. Suckens & Wife & Mrs. Brisbane

have applied to be admitted to church membership and referred to an investigating committee, consisting of Drs. Ballinger, Potter & Tyson.

On motion adjourned to meet at the Church on Friday evening 13th inst.

James Tyson, Secy

May 13 1853

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A meeting of the Board was held this evening at the church, Br. S. Ashton in the chair.

Members present, Bro. Pelouse, Kershaw, Mattson, Cooke, Saldaña, Ballinger, Curt, Ashton & Tyson.

The reading of the ^{minutes of the} previous meeting was dispensed with

Committed to audit Treasurers account re-
-port progress.

The name of D. A. Beachel was presented ~~as~~
for membership & on motion referred to the investigating
Committee.

Dr. Pelouse proposes for membership

Mrs Ann Pelouse

Miss Eliza Pelouse

Miss Catharine Mitchell

referred to the same Committee

On motion adjourned to meet next Friday evening
in the church at 8 o'clock.

James Tyson, Secy.

May 20 1853.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held this evening at
the church, Br. Kershaw presiding

Members present Mrs. Cooke, Pelouse, Mattson, Ballinger, Curt,
Kershaw & Tyson.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read & approved
Committee on auditing accounts report progress

On motion a church meeting be announced to take place
after service on next Sunday morning, for the purpose of electing a
director to the State Missionary Society, to be held on the occasion
of the convention at Reading June 1st & 2nd, 1853.

The following names were submitted to the Board for
membership Wm. Ferrine and Mary Ferrine his wife & referred
to the investigating Committee.

On motion adjourned to meet on Friday evening 27
inst. at 8 o'clock

James Tyson, Secy.

May 27 1853.

There was no meeting of the Board this night, there
not being a quorum

James Tyson, Secy.