

APPENDIXES

APPENDIX I

MINUTES AT OCCASIONAL MEETINGS OF THE BAND

The undersigned of the Class of 1843 in the Theological Seminary of Andover assembled in the twentieth year since their landing in Iowa at the 24th annual meeting of the Congregational Association of the State, record with gratitude their testimony to the faithfulness and care with which Divine Providence and grace have upheld them, their continued and confirmed trust in the promises of the great Head of the Church, their joy and gladness of heart in the work; and they send to their brethren in every place who labor in the cause of salvation and especially those who from generation to generation shall succeed them in this field, words of greeting and cheer.

Burlington, June 6, A.D. 1863.

HARVEY ADAMS,
DANIEL LANE,
J. J. HILL,
A. B. ROBBINS,
E. ADAMS,
B. A. SPAULDING,
WILLIAM SALTER.

Drawn up by William Salter.

Burlington, June 6, 1873.

Again the undersigned of the Class of 1843 in the Seminary of Andover, Massachusetts, convened at the home of our brother and classmate, Rev. Wm. Salter, at the 34th annual meet of the Congregational Association of Iowa, our adopted state, renew their testimony to the faithfulness and care of the God of their fathers. We render humble thanks for the

continuance not only of our own lives but also of the lives of those whom God has made of "one flesh" with us.

From the beginning of our labors in this Western field to the present time, we have rejoiced that the great Head of the Church directed our footsteps thither, and we here record our earnest conviction that humility, gratitude, love and faith in God should be the controlling feelings of our hearts towards Him who thus far has led us on. By his grace we are what we are. By his grace we have accomplished what little we have done. In the same grace we will trust unto the end.

DANIEL LANE, aged 60,
EPHRAIM ADAMS, aged 55,
ALDEN B. ROBBINS, aged 56,
WILLIAM SALTER, aged 51,
HARVEY ADAMS, aged 64.

Drawn up by Daniel Lane.

Burlington, Iowa, June 2, 1876.

Nearly thirty-three years ago the undersigned members of the class of 1843 at Andover landed at this place, inquiring for the most needy fields of missionary labor in Iowa territory. We thank God for this third of a century of opportunity to bear some humble part in planting churches of Christ in this great state and other states, and in laying foundations of educational institutions. Though a few wrinkles upon the brow and silver locks remind us that bone and muscle will wear out, we are not weary in well doing. Our hearts were never more cheerful, our love for the work stronger, or our faith in the triumph of the gospel over this fair Western land of our adoption more firm. We meet here on the 35th annual gathering of the churches of Iowa to witness with joy what the Lord has done for Iowa. Probably we shall not all of us meet again in the flesh. But the shining river is not far ahead, where we shall soon meet and have ample time to recount our life experiences and work.

E. B. TURNER, age 63,
E. ADAMS, age 58,
HARVEY ADAMS, age 67,
A. B. ROBBINS, age 59,
W. SALTER, age 54.

Drawn up by E. B. Turner.

Muscatine, Iowa, May 19, 1893.

Members of the Class of 1843, Andover Theological Seminary, who came in that year to the territory of Iowa to prosecute the work of the Lord Jesus and who have continued therein to the present time, assembled at the 54th annual meeting of the Congregational Association of Iowa in the City of Muscatine, the field of labor in which one of our number has fulfilled his ministry of continuous service from the beginning, and now gathered together in the hospitable home of Mrs. Dr. P. B. Johnson, of this city, record their testimony to the loving-kindness of the Lord in all the years of their labor and their unflinching faith in the gospel of our Saviour which they have humbly endeavored to preach in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God. They assure their successors in the work of the fidelity of the great Head of the Church to the promise, "Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." And they commend that promise to the firm, implicit confidence of those who are called to teach men to observe and to do all things whatsoever that Jesus commands.

HARVEY ADAMS,
A. B. ROBBINS,
E. ADAMS,
WM. SALTER.

Drawn up by William Salter.

Waterloo, Iowa, Sept. 16, 1895.

The undersigned members of the Iowa Band deem the present date a fitting occasion to note some of the special dealings of our heavenly Father with us, and to express our acknowledgments of his continued goodness. While all of us who remain have been allowed to pass our three score and ten, and some by many years, yet death has taken loved ones from our households. The wives of three of the Band have left for their heavenly home. These were Mrs. Wm. Salter, Mrs. Harvey Adams, and Mrs. A. B. Robbins. They were women who had made happy homes, who had also served the churches and their generation well. While by their departure their surviving partners and parishes are made to feel the weight of a great sorrow, they yet feel that the departed are enjoying the reward of their earthly service. Also one of the Band has fallen asleep—the Rev. E. B. Turner. His labors were more largely in Illinois and Missouri. There are now

surviving of the Band four in Iowa, and one in Massachusetts. Of the wives still living, there are Mrs. D. Lane, Mrs. E. B. Turner, Mrs. B. A. Spaulding, and Mrs. E. Adams. Mrs. Adams is the only surviving wife in Iowa and she and her husband are the only couple of the Band who have lived to celebrate their golden wedding. That occurs on the day of this date. The two of us present, who have been associated with them during these fifty years, would not only express to them but put into this memorandum warm and hearty congratulations with them that have lived to see this joyful and eventful occasion. God has been kind to them. May the kindness long continue!

There is need only to add that while those of us whose wives have gone before, still deeply and constantly mourn their loss, we would here record our fuller sense of the richness, the sufficiency and surety of divine consolation for every time of need.

HARVEY ADAMS,
EPHRAIM ADAMS,
WILLIAM SALTER.

Drawn up by Harvey Adams.

Waterloo, May 16, 1897.

The members of the Iowa Band who to-day in the home of one of them sign this paper, make record as follows:

Since we met in Burlington one year ago, three of our number have passed over to the presence of our Saviour and Lord: Brother H. Adams in New Hampton, A. B. Robbins in Muscatine, and Mrs. E. B. Turner in Owego, New York. Beside ourselves there only remain Brother E. Alden of Marshfield, Massachusetts, Mrs. D. Lane, of Freeport, Maine, and Mrs. B. A. Spaulding of Ottumwa. It is now fifty-four years since our work in Iowa began and we wish still to record the goodness of God in bringing us at an auspicious time to a good field and that his blessing has rested upon it. Drawing near to the sunset of our day, it is a joy to think of even the little part we may have had in what God through his servants has done in Iowa. It is the Lord's doing and marvelous in our eyes. It is with fond affection we cherish the memories of our brothers and sisters who have gone before to the blessedness, we trust, of those who die in the Lord, and we, though only the remnant of families and of the Band, gratefully acknowledge that not one thing hath failed of all which the

Lord our God hath promised. And our hope is that when our summons comes, as soon it must, we, as believers in Jesus, may be gathered with them for yet further service and joy on the other shore.

WILLIAM SALTER,
EPHRAIM ADAMS,
MRS. EPHRAIM ADAMS.

Drawn up by Ephraim Adams.

Atlantic, Cass County, Iowa, May 21, A.D. 1899.

In attendance at the 60th annual meeting of the Congregational Association of the state, and entertained at the hospitable home of D. Findlay, M. D., the surviving members of the Iowa Band of 1843 record their devout and grateful acknowledgment to the divine mercy and grace which for fifty-six years have sustained them in the work of the Christian ministry in Iowa. They see with joy and gladness that in every portion of the commonwealth, churches and ministers which hold the ancient faith and order of the gospel have been multiplied. With admiring satisfaction they behold the zeal and devotion and the enlightened spirit of their younger brethren in the ministry and they give to those brethren their cordial salutation and blessing in the Lord Jesus. Recalling with hallowed and tender affection the members of the Band who were formerly with us, with whom we have labored and prayed together for the salvation of Iowa, whose spirits now rest in God, they rejoice in the blest tie which, as it was in the beginning, and as it has been for more than a half century, still binds our hearts in Christian love, and to-day makes the fellowship of our kindred minds like that above.

EPHRAIM ADAMS, age 81,
WILLIAM SALTER, age 77.

Drawn up by William Salter.

Burlington, Iowa, May 24, 1901.

The last surviving members of those who came to the Territory of Iowa from the Theological Institution of Andover, Massachusetts, in the year 1843, assembled in the city of Burlington at the sixty-second annual meeting of the Congregational Association of the state, record their devout thanksgiving to the great Head of the Church for the continued care of divine Providence over them to the fifty-eighth year of their ministry in Iowa, their grateful recollections of the good-

ness of God in giving to them, and to their brethren who have rested from their labors, a humble part in planting Christian civilization in this beloved Commonwealth, and their fervent prayers that the fruits of righteousness may in every part of the state be sown in peace of them that make peace in all the future years of its history.

EPHRAIM ADAMS, age 83,
MRS. EPHRAIM ADAMS, age 80,
WILLIAM SALTER, age 79.

Drawn up by William Salter.

APPENDIX II

Boston, May 28, 1844.

A meeting of gentlemen was held at the Home Mission Rooms at the request of the Rev'd Asa Turner of the Territory of Iowa.

The following gentlemen were present:—

Rev'd Calvin E. Stowe,	Rev'd I. A. Allro,
Rev'd George E. Pierce,	Rev'd William Tyler,
Rev'd Edward Beecher,	Rev'd E. N. Kirk,
Rev'd R. S. Storrs,	Rev'd Milton Badger,
Rev'd Theron Baldwin,	Mr. D. Noyes,
Rev'd John M. Ellis,	Mr. I. A. Palmer.

Rev'd Dr. Storrs was called to the chair, and E. Beecher was appointed secretary.

A record was read by the Rev'd Mr. Turner of the proceedings of the Iowa College Association—proposing a plan for the founding and endowment of a college by the purchase of a tract of land. Statements were so made by Mr. Turner explanatory of their views.

Dr. Storrs being obliged to retire, D. Noyes was called to the chair in his place.

Questions were then proposed to elicit as fully as possible the facts of the case, and the whole subject was carefully discussed.

After this discussion, a committee was appointed consisting of D. Noyes, Geo. E. Pierce, E. Beecher, and Theron Baldwin, to whom the three following questions were referred:

1. Is it expedient at this time to begin an effort for the establishment of a college in Iowa?
2. Is the plan proposed by Mr. Turner best adapted to secure the end in view?
3. If not, what plan is to be preferred to it?

Voted to adjourn to to-morrow at 3 P. M. at this place.

Boston, May 29, 1844.

According to adjournment, the meeting was held at the Home Mission Rooms.

The gentlemen of the committee made individual reports on

the questions assigned to them; and there being an entire concurrence of views, the separate reports were assigned to E. Beecher to be united in one as the opinion of this meeting—which was done as follows:—

1. Is it expedient at this time to begin an effort for the establishment of a college in Iowa?

It is expedient to begin to put things in train for the foundation of a college in Iowa, in order to secure united counsels, and to be in a condition to take advantage of all available means for securing the end.

2. Is the plan proposed best adapted to gain the end in view?

The plan of endeavoring to endow a college by borrowing money to purchase a township of land, confiding in its increase of value in five years, to repay the principal, involves the following serious disadvantages:—

(1) The risking the success of the whole enterprise on the chances of making a wise purchase, sure to increase in value.

(2) The difficulty of securing the requisite quantity of land, just where the great interests of collegiate education for ages to come would demand a college and the irreparable injury to the enterprise of failing to do this.

(3) The risking of the success of the enterprise on the financial skill of an association of benevolent men, whose main ends are intellectual and moral and not financial.

(4) The injury to which the ministry of Iowa are exposed if they undertake to carry through so vast a system of speculation by the absorption of mind in secular and commercial and agricultural interests and plans, which it will produce.

(5) The obstacles which such a plan would present to the cultivation of a benevolent and self-denying spirit in the churches. If the land was secured it would afford a good excuse for not giving, and thus the primary steps would take the college out of the bosom of the churches and throw it into the cold regions of speculation.

(6) The character and reputation of the ministry of Iowa would be exposed to great abuse. For in the transaction of so much business it would be strange if no occasions of hostility and odium should arise, and if any imprudent or indefensible steps are taken by only one or two of their agents, still the odium would extend to all more or less.

(7) If the final results of the speculation should be unfortunate it would be in the highest degree disastrous.

(8) Should there be a failure there would be less sympathy to fall back upon,

(9) There is a strong prejudice at the East against all plans of this sort, from the failure of other plans based on the idea of securing endowments by the rise of land—and even if this plan were entirely unexceptionable, it would be impossible to free it from the opposing influence of that prejudice.

In view of these considerations we cannot recommend the plan as adopted to gain the end in view.

3. What plan is to be preferred to it?

The wisest plan would be to obtain a good location for the college in the best place; taking an enlarged view of the great interests of collegiate education in all ages.

To obtain this location if possible by donation, and not to be anxious to secure more land at the college than is sufficient for college purposes—say forty acres.

At the same time to receive by way of donation as much land as will be given either near the college or elsewhere.

To avoid the contraction of debts as a first principle.

To form an accumulating fund, and to endeavor to train every church to add something to it every year, that the college may be from the outset rooted in their affections and grow with their growth, and strengthen with their strength. Too much importance cannot be attached to this simple measure. Do not despise the day of small things—and trust in God to open and unite all hearts.

Let all donations be outright, and no peculiar privileges be offered to donors for future ages, as a compensation for donations.

Secure if possible the immediate payments of all donations.

Regard an elevated reputation, and the affections and confidence of the community as your best endowment and as leading under God to the securing of all the aid that you need.

As early as may be safely done, begin instruction on a moderate scale, and enlarge your plans with your means.

Aid from the East cannot be obtained as it once was. The newly formed society is rapidly gaining the confidence of the Eastern churches, and through it aid may be obtained when the plan and the system of instruction shall be so matured that they can secure the confidence of the Eastern mind.

Meantime, patience, perseverance, enlarged views and hope in God are essential to begin and to execute such a plan.

This is the substance of the particular reports made by the individuals of the committee united as one, by order of the meeting.

Attest.

E. BEECHER, Secretary.