

Dedication at Whitesville, N.Y.

The church edifice erected by the Universalist Society in the village of Whitesville, town of Independence, Allegany co., was dedicated to the worship of God on the 16th inst. The weather was propitious, and all good things conspired to make the occasion one of great interest and pleasure.

On Tuesday evening a sermon was preached by our esteemed Father in Israel, Rev. Jason Lewis. Br. Lewis was the first preacher of the "Restitution" who proclaimed "the unsearchable riches of Christ" in the town of Independence, over a quarter of a century ago; and now although somewhat bowed down with the weight of years, but strong and active in spiritual life as ever, it was exceedingly appropriate that his voice should be the first to give utterance to the truth in the new church.

On Wednesday morning, Br. I. K. Richardson delivered a faithful message to the people. In the afternoon the dedication services took place, in the following order:—

1. Voluntary by the choir
2. Reading of the Scriptures, by Rev. I. K. Richardson
3. Introductory Prayer, by Rev. Jason Lewis
4. Hymn 698—Adams and Chapins Collection
5. Sermon by the pastor, Rev. S. E. Darrow
6. Dedicatory prayer, by Rev. F[rancis] M. Alvord
7. Address to the Society, by Rev. E[dmund] R. Ottoway
8. Voluntary
9. Benediction by the Pastor

The attendance of ministers was not large, but the people gathered from all parts, and filled the house to overflowing. The building is exceedingly neat and tasteful in appearance, and does much credit to the skill and liberality of those who labored and contributed toward its erection. It will seat comfortably three hundred persons, and its cost when completely finished will not be far from fourteen hundred dollars.

Great praise is due to the friends in Independence and to Br. Darrow, for their untiring labors in providing for themselves so good a house of worship—. May the Divine blessing rest upon them for their faithfulness in this and every good work.

E. R. [Rev. Edmund] Ottoway

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