

[Perch River, Town of Brownville, Jefferson Co. NY]

Dedication at Perch River, N.Y.

On Thursday, the 19th inst., the Union church at Perch river, which has been erected the past year, was solemnly consecrated to the worship of God. The dedicatory sermon was preached by the Rev. Philip Wieting, a Lutheran. It was truly an eloquent discourse, and of the right spirit. He advocated that the progress of Christianity depended upon the intelligence and purity of the church. Ignorance, he said, was not the mother of devotion. Where they are combined, the result is usually fanaticism. But intelligence with devotion would speedily advance the kingdom of Christ, which he contended was destined to triumph.

In the afternoon we had an eloquent and interesting discourse from Br. J. [John] H. Stewart, of Watertown, N.Y. His subject was the Reforms of the age. There was a large congregation of attentive listeners. Our souls were refreshed, and we felt that that was "none other than the house of God." The singing directed by Mr. C. F. Pearsons was excellent. The spirit of good will seemed to pervade all hearts, and we could say in sincerity, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

The church was occupied in the evening by the Methodists. But not being present we are unable to report further than we have been informed, that the sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Rogers was characterized by the same spirit of those which had preceded it. The house is elegant, and sufficiently commodious to accommodate the people of the place. And we pray that the spirit of God may rest on this part of the divine heritage, and peace, love and joy prevail forever.

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