

[Clayton (Depauville), Jefferson Co.]

## DEDICATION AT DEPAUVILLE

On Wednesday the 24th of September, the Free Church at Depauville, Jefferson county, N.Y., was solemnly consecrated to the worship of the everlasting and true God.

The following ministers were invited to attend and officiate on the occasion: Mr. Fuller and Mr. Everts, Methodists; Mr. Morse and Mr. Whelpley, Universalists; Mr. Little, close communion Baptist; Mr. McKee, Christian; Mr. Carpenter, open communion Baptist; and Mr. Pettybone, Presbyterian. On account of absence, sickness or other causes, five of the eight who were invited did not attend. Messrs. Morse, Whelpley and McKee officiated.

### Order of Service.

1. Voluntary from the choir. 2. Reading selected portion of Scripture by Mr. Morse. 3. Singing. 4. Introductory prayer by Mr. McKee. 5. Singing. 6. Dedicatory prayer by Mr. Whelpley. 7. Singing. 8. Sermon by Mr. Morse, from 2 Chron. VI: 40, 41. 9. Voluntary from the choir. 10. Concluding prayer by Mr. Morse. 11. Singing. 12. Benediction by Mr. Morse.

The house was crowded to overflowing by worshippers of almost every sect, who gave the most profound attention to the solemn services of the occasion, and manifested the deepest interest in the devout worship of their common Father in heaven... Though so many people of such discordant opinions could not all be equally satisfied with any discourse, yet the liberal and benevolent spirit which characterized the services, evidently gave great satisfaction to all who were present.

The singing directed by that animated musician, Mr. William Johnson, and performed by a youthful, inexperienced choir, was admirable, and gave a thrilling interest to the solemnities of the occasion.

A sermon was delivered in the evening to a large and attentive congregation by Mr. Whelpley, from Luke x: 25.

The house stands on a commanding site, is built of beautiful stone, is forty-eight by thirty-five, with a projection in front of six feet, has a small cupola, is completely and elegantly finished, and *paid for*. It contains forty-four slips [pews], including the raised seats for the singers, does great credit to Capt. J. Blood, the architect, and to the building committee, and is an ornament to the village. It cost about \$1700. Mr. Depau, the land proprietor, gave the site and \$500. The remainder was raised by subscription. Though the principal part of the subscription was raised by Universalists and those who are liberal and friendly to all sects, yet the house is to be free for the use of all denominations forever.

May the God of all grace bountifully dispense his blessings to this part of his heritage, incline all denominations to mutual charity and practical virtue, give them pastors who shall feed them with knowledge and understanding, and cause his truth to prevail and triumph.

P. M. [Rev. Pitt Morse]

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