Dedication at South Champion, Jefferson co., N.Y.

On Wednesday the 10th of December, 1834, the neat and convenient church in South Champion was solemnly consecrated to the worship of God.

Order of Service.- 1. Singing. 2. Reading select Scriptures, by Br. Phillips, a Methodist. 3. Singing. 4. Introductory prayer, by Br. P[itt] Morse. 5. Voluntary from the choir. 6. Dedicatory prayer, by Br. Phillips. 7. Voluntary by the choir. 8. Sermon, by Br. Morse, from Ps. lxv: 1,2: "Praise waiteth for thee, O God," etc. 9. Singing. 10. Benediction, by Br. Phillips.

Afternoon.- 1. Singing. 2. Introductory prayer, by Br. Morse. 3. Voluntary by the choir. 4. Sermon, by Br. Phillips, Gen. xxviii: 17, "This is none other but the house of God," etc. 5. Singing. 6. Benediction, by Br. Phillips.

A crowded auditory listened with profound attention. The music directed by Mr. A. Rugg was excellent. The spirit of peace and good will prevailed. Universalists, Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians have each an equal share in the occupancy of the house; though the largest share of expense is paid by Universalists. The house was produced by the transformation of a spacious school-house, with some addition. May the spirit of God rest on this part of the divine heritage, that truth, love and mercy may prevail forever.

P.M. [Rev. Pitt Morse]

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