

[Ellisburgh, Jefferson Co. NY]

Church Organized in Ellisburgh

There was an organized Church in this place a number of years ago; but owing to deaths, removals, and the want of a settled pastor some of the time since, its numbers were so reduced and scattered that the brethren deemed it advisable to reorganize. Accordingly, Br. Rice drew up a Church compact, Articles of Faith, Covenant and By-Laws, and a meeting was held on Saturday, the 20th inst., and a Church regularly organized, about 25 members uniting at the time; to which five or six more were added on the following Sabbath, making in all 30 members or more. On Sunday last at the close of the afternoon sermon, two sisters came forward to the altar, kneeled and received the solemn rite of Baptism; and then all the members of the newly organized Church, together with their pastor and visiting ministers and brethren and sisters of the faith united in celebrating the Eucharist, commemorating the dying love of a crucified Savior in that holy feast, so well calculated to strengthen the faith and the bonds of union between the followers of Christ. And I can not but hope and believe that this infant Church is a branch of the true Church of Christ, of his own planting, which branch shall abide in the vine, and 'bear much fruit,' thus proving the discipleship of the members thereof.

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