

[Independence (Whitesville), Allegany Co.]

Annual Election

The Universalist Church held its 86th Annual Meeting and election of officers on January 6, at the home of Dr. Probasco, one of the Trustees of the Church. The trustees whose terms expired were reelected, and Harvey S. Richmond was also reelected chairman of the trustees. The veteran clerk, G. W. Forsythe was reelected to the same office for the 28th consecutive time. Mr. Forsythe is the grandson of Johnathon Richardson who was one of the organizers of the "Universalist Society" May 25, 1844, and who appeared with Rev. Jason Lewis before Samuel C. Wilson, "First Judge of Allegany County," and attested the "formation of the said religious society." The original trustees elected in 1844 were George K. Lee, Holiab Sawyer and Thomas Coliver. Mrs. Mary K. Day was elected treasurer at the last meeting in place of her husband, the former faithful and devoted Universalist and treasurer who died in November. The Church is in excellent religious and social condition and is held in high esteem. The Ladies' Aid held their annual meeting in connection with that of the Church. The former officers were reelected with the exception that Mrs. R. S. Kellerman was elected president. The Aid is exceptionally beneficent, social and financially successful . Long live the Church.—R. S. K.

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