

[Morristown (Brier Hill), St. Lawrence Co. NY]

Dedication of a New Church

The Universalist Society at Brier Hill in the town of Morristown, St. Lawrence county, fourteen miles south-west of Ogdensburg, have recently erected a neat and pleasant house of worship, which was dedicated by appropriate services to the one living and true God, the Father and Saviour of all, on Wednesday, June 6. The exercises were as follows:

Invocation by Br. A. B. Hervey.

Reading of Scriptures, by Br. D. Ballou.

Sermon from 2 Cor. x. 4, by J. S. Lee.

Dedicatory Prayer and Address to the Society by Br. Richard Eddy.

Benediction by Br. H. H. Baker.

Br. L. L. Briggs, of the Theological School also was present and took part in the services. Sermons were preached in the afternoon and evening at Brier Hill and Hammond by Brs. Eddy, Ballou, and Hervey. The audience was large, nearly half of them not being able to get into the house. It was a season of much interest and joy to the many present, living in the village and vicinity.

This is a new Society, recently organized, and it now has a good house where multitudes on each returning Sabbath can meet and worship God and listen to the preaching of "the faith once delivered to the saints." We hope they will improve their privileges and thus show to the world that their *material* is but an emblem of their *spiritual* prosperity. At the dedication a large number was present so that many were unable to get into the house, thus indicating that there are many in that region who feel an interest in the Gospel of universal grace.

This house is one of the numerous results of the untiring labors of Br. Baker who resides in Hammond, six miles distant. For five years he has labored with great zeal and energy in that part of the county, preaching and lecturing in various places, holding discussions, attending funerals, and using other means for promoting the cause of truth and righteousness, and the fruits of his labors are apparent in an increased interest in the cause. Yet his labors are too severe, and three or four preachers ought to occupy the ground now cultivated by him alone. May he have his reward for his faithfulness!

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