



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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-1- Catalogue Of The First Presbyterian Church, Gouverneur, N.Y. 1893 List of Trustees, Societies, Members

-2- The Annual Meeting and Renting of Pews the first Monday of March. Collection for Church purposes to be taken the second Sunday in each month.

-3- Where there is growth, there is life; hence the increase in our membership roll is a source of gratification. Where there is life, there is activity; and in the pages of this little manual the evidences of Christian activity are not wanting. Here, again we have cause for devout thanksgiving to the Great Head of the Church.

The past year there were added to the roll fifty-two new members; forty-two on confession of faith, and ten by certificate. Nine names have disappeared from the roll; five by death, and four by dismissal to other churches. A net increase in our membership of forty-three. The membership now is considerably the largest in the history of the Church.

Some changes will be noted in the list of church officers. Three new names have appeared in the Session, Robert Markwick, James D. Taitt and Dr. S. W. Close. With our present eldership, strong in number and character, capable in service, we may well hope for church progress in many lines. From the Board of Trustees there is missing a name that has stood there for many years. In the death of Mr. Anthony the Church sustained a great loss. The trust committed to him as trustee of the Church of Christ was kept with fidelity. He was one of the most faithful in attendance upon the meetings of the Board. He was one of the most earnest promoters of the interests of the Church. He was one of the most loyal and generous supporters. He is greatly missed.

The financial demands made upon us the past year were much heavier than they have been heretofore because of the erection of a new house of worship. About \$24,000 have been paid in for this purpose. Yet the benevolent gifts of the Church have been -4- larger than ever before. Our plate collections for Home and Foreign Missions were about \$100 larger than in previous years. This is very gratifying to us all; but let us not miss its lessons. It shows us how far short of our ability we have fallen in the past. The failures of the past should be our stepping stones to future attainments.

Our new house of worship is nearing completion. We need to be thankful that its erection has been under the supervision of two such capable and trustworthy men as Mr. Arnold Heinzerling and David Crockett. We all anticipate its completion with

ardent pleasure. We have suffered some privations during the past year and many inconveniences. And yet God has wonderfully blessed us. Let us “forget not all His benefits” when we enter our new, beautiful and commodious house; rather remembering His loving kindness and tender mercies, may our hearts glow with new love and our lives be more abundant in the works of the Lord. There are two mottoes which I wish we might take to govern our lives this year; the first is from the beloved disciple John: “Love one another.” (John13.34) This will make still more easy the other one from the Apostle Paul: “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men.”

(Galatians6.10) W. F. Skinner, Pastor.