CLASS OF 1818

CLARKSON DUNN

The late Clarkson Dunn, rector of Christ church, established a small classical school in Newton (N.J.) in 1825, in the old Episcopal rectory on the hill.

History of Sussex County, N. J. p. 267
James P. Snell
Everts & Peck
Philadelphia
1881
CLARKSON DUNN

Became rector of the parish (Grace Church) Protestant Episcopal of Elizabeth, N. J. and remained until his death in January, 1870. Mr. Dunn had previously been for more that thirty years rector of Christ Church, Newton, N. J.

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W. Woodford Clayton
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Philadelphia 1882.

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Christ Church of Newton, N. J.

The church was without a rector until 1820, when the Rev. Clarkson Dunn took charge of the parish. It is said the church became so disorganized during the thirty-six years' interregnum between the pastorates of the Revs. Ogden and Dunn, that when the latter gentleman came to Newton there were but six communicants connected with it. During all this time services, irregular and transient as they were, were held (whenever a clergyman could be found) at the court-house. Mr. Dunn commenced to build up his church and his zealous labors were crowned with success. In three years' time the society was strong enough to think of erecting a house of worship. He continued to preach at the court-house until 1823, when they built a stone church, on the corner of Main and Church streets, on the site of the present edifice; it was small, but would comfortably seat two hundred and fifty persons.

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Clarkson Dunn was born near Woodbridge, N. J., in 1794. At twenty years of age he commenced to study for the ministry, and soon after entered the Theological Seminary of New Jersey. In 1820, in Christ Church, New Brunswick, he was admitted into the "Holy Order of Deacons," of the Protestant Episcopal Church. In 1823 he was ordained priest by the Rt. Rev. John Croes, Bishop of New Jersey in Christ Church, Newton; and upon leaving this church became pastor of Grace Church, Elizabeth, N. J., the city in which, over forty years before, he was fitted for college by Rev. Dr. Rudd. He was a classmate of the late Bishops Doane and Potter.

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Rev. CLARKSON DUNN, 1818, of Elizabethtown, N.J., was a member of the Adelphic Society. (Died: 1870)
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