

CLASS OF 1822

WILLIAM LUSK

The fifth pastor was the Rev. William Lusk (1830-1833) of the Presbyterian Church, Cambridge, N. Y. He was a graduate of Union College, 1822, with Phi Beta Kappa honors and of Princeton Theological seminary, 1826. Irenaeus Prime says, "He was about twenty-eight years old. His face that indicated intellectual force was marvelous for its classic beauty, and while he was preaching it lighted up with a smile and radiance that to my youthful fancy was the face of an angel." Under his preaching there was a spiritual refreshing; two hundred and twenty-two were added to the church and the whole congregation was quickened. But the outstanding feature of his pastorate was the building of the church, the one which now stands alas a mutilated relic, across the way. Irenaeus Prime supposes that Mr. Lusk evolved the project of rebuilding out of his own mind. Not so, since for at least five years before his coming the congregation had been debating the wisdom of this step. -----With the completion of the building, however, of the church, Mr. Lusk's work seemed done, and shortly after he moved to Camden, N. Y. He died in 1879 at Reedsville, Wisconsin.

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Lusk--In Reedsburg, Wis., June 8, 1879, Rev. William Lusk, aged 77 years.

He was born in 1802; graduated at Union College in 1822; finished his theological course at Princeton in 1826, in the same class with Drs. Bethune and Erskine Mason; and until about four years since has been constantly and earnestly at work in the ministry. His fields of labor were Williamsburg, Mass; Cambridge, Cherry Valley, Saratoga, Nunda, Batavia, and Huron, in the State of New York; Piqua, Ohio; and Reedsburg, Wis. In all these fields his ministry bore fruits, especially in Williamsburg and Cambridge, in the latter place 117 persons having been received to the Church at one time, succeeding a revival in which he was assisted by Dr. Griffin, then President of Williams College. Mr. Lusk was a faithful student, a great reader, and wrote his sermons with much care after a thorough investigation of his subject. He was positive in his opinions, and preached with earnestness and faith. During the long illness that preceded his death, he bore his sufferings with Christian fortitude, and in joyful anticipation of heaven, without a cloud between his soul and the face of Him whom he has so long served in the ministry. He leaves a wife and four children, whose loving care followed him to the end, and was carried to his grave with the respect and love of the community where he had so long lived and labored.

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was born at Union, Broome co., N. Y., became a member of the Presbyterian Church in his 17th year, was graduated in 1822, and after teaching for a year he entered Princeton Seminary, being graduated in 1826 and ordained by the Columbia Presbytery in 1829. His successive pastorates were at Troy, N. Y., from 1830 to 1833; at Camden, N. Y., for a year; at Williamsburgh, Mass., for six years, where his labors were very successful; at Cherry Valley, N. Y., for nearly five years; at Batavia, N. Y., for two years; he also preached at Reedsburg, Wis., from 1858 to 1860; at Pequa, O., for about three years; at Huron, N. Y., for about five years; again at Reedsburg for five years, where, after four years of suffering from paralysis, he died, June 8th, 1879, in his 78th year. He leaves a widow, three sons and a daughter. Mr. Lusk was a man of great activity, attractive in social life, instructive and earnest in the pulpit.

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