

A congregation that taxed the seating capacity of the building, assembled at the Leesburg Presbyterian church Sunday morning to commemorate the one hundred and thirtieth anniversary of the opening of the church for public worship. The weather was ideal and former members and friends came from far and near to revive old memories and worship once more within the hallowed walls.

There were visitors from all sections of Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, West Virginia and Tennessee. Three hundred and seventy three persons in all were registered as being present at one or both of the services. A number of cordial letters of greeting were read from former pastors, former members who could not be present, from the Moderators of the General Assembly, the Synod of Virginia and the Presbytery of Potomac, local churches and the Loudoun County Ministerial Union.

At the morning service the pastor reviewed the history of Presbyterianism in Leesburg from 1782 to the present time, paying loving tribute to the godly men and women who in the days of the close of the Revolutionary War established a Presbyterian organization in Leesburg, and to those who have followed in their train down to the present time. There is much in this history to inspire and encourage the church as it faces the future.

In the afternoon the Rev. James H. Taylor, D. D., pastor of Central Church, Washington, delivered a scholarly address on "The Genius and Spirit of Presbyterianism"; in which he revealed the conspicuous part played by John Calvin, Zwingli, Martin Luther and John Knox in the struggle for civil and religious liberty and the progress of education.

It was a day long to be remembered by the Presbyterians of Leesburg.