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officiated in that capacity amongst us.
Resolved, that we can truly bear testimony to his having preached the Gospel during that time in its Evangelical purity and usefulness which has resulted in bringing many to a sense of their need of a Saviour thereby greatly enlarging the number of communicants in our church, and that he has faithfully performed the additional duties of holding services in two new places of worship built since he became Rector of our Parish.
Resolved, that our thanks are due him, for the gratuitous services he has performed in the Parish since his official connection with it has ceased, and we offer him, on his departure from us, our individual and collective wishes for the welfare and happiness of himself and family and that he may be the instrument, in the hands of God, in his Vineyard to which he is going of bringing many to a saving knowledge of the truth is the earnest prayer of the undersigned his friends.

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John F. Wilson
James Cheston
Benjamin Carr
Samuel Cheston
Thomas L. Franklin
Edwin Gott and
Edward Hall
} Vestrymen

2nd February 1856
At a meeting of the Vestry held this day at the Parish Church of St. James' the Vestry all being present except Dr. B. Carr. The Revd. Dr. John L. Brooke of Springfield Ohio was elected Rector

of this Parish and the Register instructed to inform Dr. Brooke by letter of his appointment and to express the earnest wish of the Vestry for his acceptance of the same.
Dr. Thomas L. Franklin and Mr. Edwd. Hall were appointed a Committee to take immediate steps for a complete repair of the Rectory, out buildings and enclosures.

1856 February 4th A letter was addressed to the Revd. Dr. J. L. Brooke informing him of his election as Rector to St. James' Parish and on 23rd inst. his answer was received, declining to accept the call.

Easter Monday 24th March 1856.
At a meeting of the Parishioners this day held at the Parish church according to law the following Vestrymen were voted out to wit John Thomas, Dr. James Cheston, Edward Hall and Dr. Thomas L. Franklin, the persons present then proceeded to the election of a Vestry when

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Edward Hall were elected the Vestry.

John Thomas and George Gale were elected Church Wardens Rinaldo Pindell Register and Treasurer and Dr. Thomas L. Franklin lay Delegate to the next Convention