

Albany, N.Y.

A few weeks since we published a notice that Br. A. D. Mayo had accepted an invitation from the united Universalist and Unitarian Societies in Albany, and expressed our satisfaction that he was to labor in that city. The following week we published a card from two respected Trustees of the Universalist Societies, saying our statement was not correct—that some of the Universalists had united with the Unitarians in calling Br. Mayo to the church of the latter, but that the Universalist Society would continue and maintain public service according to its ability.

Both these articles were copied by our denominational papers generally, and some have manifested great sensitiveness at what they call this effort to break up the Universalist Society, and “obliterate its name from the earth.” And Br. Mayo has been accused of writing the commendatory notice of his removal to Albany, which we published.

In reference to this whole matter, we have to say that we had known for some weeks that there was talk of a union of the two Societies on the ground that neither, by itself, was able to go forward in such a manner as was desirable, and that united they would make one strong Society. We knew that proposals were made to one or two distinctively Universalist ministers to accept the pastorship of the united Societies, and that they had declined.

It was not till these efforts to get some other Universalist minister were made, that we heard of Br. Mayo in this connection. Subsequently we learned, indirectly, that he had been invited and accepted the invitation. And in this state of the case, we *wrote* the notice that appeared in the *Ambassador* of January 5th. We knew nothing of the particulars of the arrangement, and so stated in the notice; but we had reason to think there had been a cordial union of the Societies referred to. It seems we were mistaken.

And now, permit us to say, if any thing has been done unjustly to injure the Universalist Society in Albany, we *totally disapprove* of the same. If our Society there can and will sustain itself, settle a pastor fitted for the place, and go forward successfully, none will rejoice more heartily than ourselves in that onward movement. The excellent friends there have our cordial sympathy, and any assistance in our power.

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