

Affairs in Albany, N.Y.

We regret to see so much in the *Trumpet* in regard to the affairs of our brethren in Albany. The editor of that paper speaks with great emphasis, and charges the Unitarians of Albany, and of course that portion of the Universalists there with whom they unite, with a deliberate design to break down the Universalist Society. Boston lies some miles east of Albany, and it is not to be supposed an editor at that distance can be so competent to give a correct explanation of matters, or to utter wise and judicious counsel, as those who reside in Albany and its immediate vicinity. A statement from three of the Trustees of the Albany Universalist Society will be found in another column, which gives their version of the state of the case. We also insert the following paragraph from a private letter received a few days since, from one of the most enlightened and judicious laymen within the circle of our acquaintance, who is a resident of Albany:—

“Br. Mayo is giving great satisfaction. I believe he is just the man for Albany. Everything indicates a flourishing Society. The audiences already exceed any gathered in either (Universalist or Unitarian church), for many years. Br. Parker of Troy is to preach for Br. Mayo the first Sunday in March. ***** Can there be any serious objection raised against the course of the three Trustees and three-fourths of the Universalist Society?”

We have not the slightest belief that either the Unitarians or the Universalists cherish any desire to break down each other's Society. What they both wish is, undoubtedly, to build up an enlarged and liberalized Christianity in Albany, that will exert a wide influence at the Capital of the State—and the only difference is as to the best measures to secure that end. The Universalist Church is badly located, and we have heard that the Unitarian church is not very commodious. If our brethren there generally think it best to continue the effort to build up a Union Society, it appears to us both churches had better be *sold*, and a new one erected in such locality and on such terms as shall be entirely satisfactory to all parties. Rev. A. D. Mayo, it should be remembered, is a Universalist clergyman of great talents, in full fellowship with our denomination. He was the husband of the late greatly lamented Sarah C. Edgerton Mayo.

We have taken no sides in this matter, nor do we design to. Our acquaintance with the internal condition of our cause in Albany is not sufficiently familiar to warrant an officious intermeddling on our part, which would very likely be the cause of more injury than benefit. We need not say that our heart is devoted to the cause of Universalism. No one can be more anxious for its prosperity in Albany, and all other places, than we are. But we think our brethren in that city are better calculated to judge what steps its interests require, than we can be. We are positive they *all* mean well to our cause; and that the disagreement among them is one of *judgment*, and not of feeling. Instead of interfering and blowing the embers to a flame, we think it is wiser to counsel forbearance in all parties. Let no ill feeling be excited; but in the spirit of mutual good will, and in the exercise of a cool and prudent judgment, let the friends of Universalism in Albany be governed by a single desire to do that which will the most effectually establish the great truths of Impartial Grace in that city.

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