

## A Universalist Church for Albany

ALBANY, June 14.—Three years ago a few enthusiastic gentlemen of the Universalist faith banded themselves together to establish a church of that denomination here. A Universalist society existed a score of years ago which prepared elaborate plans for a church, then, after a successful period, went to pieces. This latest society has by perseverance built up a good-sized church. Eighteen months ago the society was formed under the title of "All Souls' Universalist parish," and it called the Rev. A. G. Rogers as its Pastor. It has since constantly increased in membership. Funds for an edifice were raised, and a modest church was begun in the rear of the new one-hundred-and-eighty-thousand dollar Jewish synagogue. To-day the cornerstone was laid. Rain had fallen most of the day, but when the ceremonies began the clouds broke away and sunshine prevailed during the exercises.

The Rev. E. O. Rice of Utica opened with prayer, and the Rev. Ure Mitchell read the Scriptures. Then an original hymn, written by Mrs. Orom E. Wilson, was sung, and Henry T. Sanford, President of the society, laid the stone, using a silver trowel presented to him by the ladies of the parish. The pastor, the Rev. A. G. Rogers, followed in an address in which he said: "Universalism stands for Christ, and here at the cornerstone of this church we proclaim Jesus Christ and build on Him alone." The Rev. O. F. Safford of Troy and the Rev. E. A. Perry of Hudson also spoke. This evening, in Alumni Hall, the Rev. Almon Gunnison of Brooklyn delivered an address on the mission of the Universalist Church, and the Rev. J. K. Mason of Buffalo led devotional services.

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