

FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF FARMER.



THE First Universalist Society of Farmer was formed February 10, 1850, with forty-two members. H. C. Tracy, Ansel Rappleye and Enos Peck were elected trustees, and Charles E. Swift, clerk. The church building was erected in 1852 at a cost of \$2,500. The first pastor was Rev. Harvey Boughton, who dedicated the church and remained with the society for eleven years. A church organization was effected in 1858, when Selah Squires and Ansel Rappleye were made the first deacons. At that time thirty-two members were enrolled. Rev. Mr. Boughton resigned in 1861 and was followed by Revs. Lydia Jenkins, P. H. Batterson, Adolphus Skinner, M. Whitney and C. C. Richardson. For a few years the pulpit has been supplied by Rev. O. M. Hilton of the First Universalist Church in Auburn.

The church property has lately been deeded to the State Universalist Ministerial Convention; and it is expected that regular services will hereafter be maintained through the care of the district Secretary of the Convention.

The late J. D. Wintersteen was for many years an active member and clerk of the society. The present trustees are James Almy, Madison Lyon, William P. Goodwin.