

TWO CHURCHES ELECT PASTORS

[excerpt]

Results of Important Meetings Held by Universalist Congregations

THE VOTES WERE UNANIMOUS

Members of the Church of Our Father Invite the Rev. Lewis E. Pease
of Boston to Fill the Pulpit Vacated by Dr. Nash—

The Rev. Mr. Yantis Chosen by the Church of the Good Tidings

The Rev. Lewis E. Pease of Boston, Mass., was unanimously elected pastor of the Church of Our Father, Grand avenue and Lefferts place, at a meeting held last evening in that church. There was a large and enthusiastic audience present and much interest was taken in the proceedings. The church has been without a regular pastor since the resignation of the Rev. Dr. C. Ellwood Nash to accept the presidency of the Lombard university in the West. A call was then extended to the Rev. Dr. James M. Pullman of Lynn, Mass., who after having the matter under consideration for two months, finally decided that his sense of duty compelled him to remain in his present field of labor. At the time the call was extended to Dr. Pullman many members of the church were in favor of a younger man, who, it was believed, would have an extensive influence in attracting the young people to the church and thus contribute to its welfare in general.

At the meeting last evening the committee on pulpit supply, consisting of Messrs. Parker P. Simmons, James H. Pittinger and John B. Watkins, presented a unanimous report in favor of calling Mr. Pease, and Charles Gay placed him in nomination. Brief addresses were made in commendation of the action of the committee by Messrs. Quintard, Gay, Cole and Parker. Letters were also read at the meeting by Mr. Simmons, from prominent New England members of Universalist churches who have known Mr. Pease and his work since he entered the ministry. He has preached for the Church of Our Father several times, most acceptably. In the event of his acceptance of the call, which is regarded almost certain, he will assume the pastorate on May 1.

Mr. Pease is about 35 years old. He is married and has three children. He was until recently assistant pastor of the Shawmut Universalist church, Boston, where he has had wonderful success with his work. He was graduated from Tufts' divinity school in 1890 and preached at Marblehead, Mass., for a time. In the latter part of 1891 he accepted a call to Abingdon, also in Massachusetts, where he remained for three years. Subsequently he received a call to become pastor of the Shawmut church, Boston, but declined. Later on he resigned his pastorate at Abingdon, where he had made many friends who deeply regretted his departure. He was elected assistant pastor of the Shawmut church, which office he resigned last fall. He is a great student and will bring to his new field of labor the advantages of ripe and liberal scholarship. He is said by those who have heard him in

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the pulpit to be exceptionally strong as a preacher. His style is attractive and his manner magnetic. He is fluent and quick to note a point and speaks without manuscript. The members of the Church of Our Father are confident that with Mr. Pease as their pastor that the church will enter on a new era of prosperity.

The Church of Our Father is the oldest Universalist society in the city and has been in existence for many years. Among its pastors have been the Rev. A. C. Thomas, the Rev. Dr. H. R. Nye, the Rev. Henry Blanchard, the Rev. Dr. E. C. Bolles, the Rev. Dr. A. J. Canfield, and the Rev. Dr. C. Ellwood Nash. The society has one of the finest church properties in the city. It worshipped at one time in the edifice at Monroe place and Clark street, which it subsequently sold to the Swedenborgian congregation of which the Rev. Dr. J. C. Ager is pastor. The church has a Sunday school of between 200 and 250 scholars and includes in its own membership many well known Universalists of the city.

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