

LIVELY VOTING FOR CANDIDATES

The Choice of the Congregation is Now Officiating in a Universalist Church at Lynn, Mass.—He is 48 Years Old and Said to Be an Eloquent Preacher—Mr. George M. Pullman's Brother

The Rev. Dr. James M. Pullman of Lynn, Mass., has been unanimously called to the pastorate of the Church of Our Father, Grand avenue and Lefferts place, which was made vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Dr. C. Ellwood Nash, who is now president of the Lombard university in the West. This action was taken by the church at a largely attended meeting which was held last night. D. P. Gardiner presided.

The meeting was one of the most interesting in the history of the church. The older people in the society favored a representative man for a pastor, while the younger element were desirous of having a younger man. The Rev. James M. Pullman, D.D., formerly of New York, but now pastor of the Universalist church of Lynn, Mass., and the Rev. A. J. Canfield, formerly pastor of the Church of Our Father, were nominated as the candidates of the older element, while the Rev. L. E. Pease, assistant pastor to Dr. Perrin of Boston, was the younger people's nominee.

Several animated speeches were made in favor of the respective candidates. Among those who spoke were James H. Pittinger, president of the board of trustees; A. M. Sweet, Parker Simmons, treasurer of the board; John A. Quintard, Henry L. Brant, E. H. Cole and James Cassidy.

An informal ballot resulted in 57 votes for Dr. Pullman and 51 for Mr. Pease. The other candidates were then dropped. Two ballots were taken, each giving Dr. Pullman a majority, before the two-thirds vote necessary, under the by-laws of the church, to a choice was obtained.

The Rev. J. Russell Tabor then spoke earnestly and feelingly in behalf of harmony, and a motion thereupon prevailed to make the call to Dr. Pullman unanimous, with but a single dissenting voice. It is understood that Dr. Pullman, who was in town this week, will accept the call. At the conclusion of the meeting the utmost good-will seemed to prevail between the two elements.

Dr. Pullman is one of the first pulpit orators in the country, having a large and flourishing church at the present time in Lynn, Mass. He is a brother to George M. and Royal S. Pullman. He was formerly pastor of the Thirty-fourth street [Sixth] Universalist church, New York, for many years and went from that city to Lynn, Mass., his present home. He is a man about 48 years of age, an active worker, who has taken great interest in industrial questions and who is known far and wide as a firm believer in Universalism and all that that faith implies. He succeeds Dr. Nash, who in turn succeeded Dr. Canfield, now of Chicago, and by a series of coincidences, as it were, Dr. J. Coleman Adams, now pastor of All Souls' Church, eastern district [Williamsburg], was succeeded in Chicago by Dr. Canfield, Dr. Adams also having been pastor of the church now presided over in Lynn by Dr. Pullman.

The Church of Our Father is about fifty years old. It was organized under the name of the Church of the Restoration and first worshiped at Fulton and Pineapple streets, where its place of meeting was destroyed in one of the great Brooklyn fires

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[in 1848]. It then purchased a site a Monroe place and Clark street and erected the handsome stone edifice now occupied by the Church of the New Jerusalem, of which the Rev. J. C. Ager is pastor. Later on it disposed of its down town property and the two Universalist congregations of the Church of the Restoration and the church formerly in charge of the late Rev. Dr. J. G. Bartholomew, united in their worship and met in the church in Greene avenue, near Cumberland street, which was subsequently sold to Temple Israel congregation and which it disposed of in order to move further uptown. The next place of worship was at Clermont and Atlantic avenues, now occupied by the Duryea Presbyterian church, and from there the congregation removed to the present church edifice, which was built by the Rev. A. J. Canfield, D.D., now pastor of St. Paul's church, Chicago, under whose administration the church was freed from debt. For the past five years the Rev. Dr. C. Ellwood Nash has been its pastor.

The First Universalist society, or Church of Our Father, has had as pastors the Rev. Dr. Thayer, the Rev. Dr. Abel C. Thomas, the Rev. H. R. Nye, the Rev. Henry Blanchard, the Rev. Dr. E. C. Bolles, the Rev. Dr. A. J. Canfield and the Rev. C. Ellwood Nash. Dr. Thayer, Dr. Thomas and Mr. Nye are dead.

The Rev. Myra K. Libby of Watertown, N.Y., a woman preacher of the Universalist church, will officiate at the services of the church on Sunday next.

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