

NEW PASTOR INSTALLED

The Rev. Lewis E. Pease Placed in Charge of the Universalist Church of Our Father

The Rev. Lewis Edwin Pease was installed as pastor of the Universalist Church of Our Father, at Grand avenue and Lefferts place, last night. He was formerly associate pastor of the Shawmut church of Boston. The church was well filled when the services began at 8 o'clock. On the platform with the new pastor were the Rev. Alfred E. Wright, of the Church of the Divine Blessing [Third Universalist], Greenpoint; the Rev. Lyman Ward of the Harlem church [Sawyer Memorial], New York; the Rev. C.[Cyrus] H. Fay, D.D., retired; the Rev. Mrs. A. K. Wright of the Prospect Heights church [Fifth Universalist]; the Rev. Henry Blanchard, of Portland, Me.; the Rev. A.[Arnold] S. Yantis of the Church of the Good Tidings [Fourth Universalist]; the Rev. C.[Charles] H. Eaton, D.D., of the Divine Paternity [Fourth Universalist], New York; the Rev. J. Coleman Adams, D.D., of All Souls' Church [First Universalist, Williamsburgh]; the Rev. Edwin C. Boles, D.D., of the Second Universalist Church of New York; the Rev. A. J. F. Behrends of the Central Congregational, and the Rev. James F. Albion of Malden, Mass.

The services opened with an organ prelude by Professor Von Nordroff, followed by an invocation by the Rev. Alfred E. Wright. A duet, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," by Miss Kuntz and Miss Quintard, was next in order. The Rev. Lyman Ward read a scriptural lesson, and a contralto solo, "The Three Singers," was rendered by Miss Quintard. The congregation then joined in responses led by the Rev. C. H. Fay, D.D. "Jesus, Lover of my Soul" was sung, after having been first read by the Rev. Mr. Wright. The Rev. Henry Blanchard, D.D., preached the sermon. His subject was "The Power of the Preacher," and he took his text from Daniel xii:3: "And they that teach shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever." In part he said:

"It was out of the Church of the Reformation that his church was formed, and as the first and oldest living pastor I take great pleasure in welcoming the new pastor to this charge. It is a sacred and solemn service we are engaged in. The power of the preacher for righteousness, he who speaks from his pulpit with God, for God and to God, is great...The preacher who stands before his people and proclaims righteousness deepens the spiritual life and makes men think of the hereafter and the immortality of the soul. There is an increasing of knowledge among men, but what will education amount to unless it culminates in religion? Clergymen are the most studious people. No other body of men buys more books or reads more books. They make the most of themselves, not for themselves, but for those to whom they administer. I stand in awe when I think of what a minister stands for.

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There is no place so glorious as the pulpit, as the minister speaks of God, for God and with God."

Dr. Blanchard devoted some time to the subject of evolution, which, he said, was accepted by almost every student of the present day. He concluded by congratulating Dr. Pease on taking a place which had previously been occupied by excellent men.

The installation hymn was read by the Rev. A. S. Yantis, and was afterward sung by the congregation, followed by the installation prayer by the Rev. Charles H. Eaton, D.D. The Rev. J. Coleman Adams, D.D., made the address of welcome. He said there was a great task before the new pastor and that it would be for him to raise the church to a level to which it was capable of attaining. He was, he said, surrounded by great men on all sides, and would have to keep up with them. The community was hungering and thirsting after the life that was in Christ, and he urged the new pastor to give them all the bread of life.

Dr. Edwin C. Bolles made the address to the people. He said that an installation was about the same as a marriage, and congratulations and greetings were in order; that as they no longer used the word "obey" in the marriage service, so in installation supremacy it was no longer used, and pastor and people were on an equal footing. In concluding he compared the workings of the Holy Spirit to the X rays. He said: "Let the invisible light of the Holy Spirit become visible in the practical sympathy, unity and fidelity to the church."

Dr. Behrends made an address, welcoming the pastor in behalf of the other churches. He wished the new pastor success in his new field and extended him the right hand of fellowship.

An address was also made by the Rev. James F. Albion, and after the singing of the Doxology and the pronouncing of the benediction by the newly installed pastor, the services were closed.

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