

REV. DR. TABER ACCEPTS  
He Will Be Pastor of the Church of Good Tidings

The Rev. J. Russell Taber, pastor of the Universalist Church of Mount Vernon, Westchester County, N.Y., and also of the Universalist Mission, at Greenpoint, has signified his acceptance of the call extended to him last Wednesday evening by the Church of Good Tidings (Fourth Universalist Society), Quincy street, near Reid avenue, and will preach his first sermon to his new charge on the third Sunday of April or the first Sunday of May. He succeeds the Rev. Abram Conklin, who on April 15 next, leaves for Saginaw, Mich., as pastor of the Universalist church in that city.

Although Dr. Taber has as yet returned no formal answer to the call of the society, he has made known his intentions to several of its members and to the Rev. Mr. Conklin who, in announcing the fact to his congregation, in his yesterday morning's sermon, referred to him as unquestionably the best man who could have been selected for the work before him and one who was calculated to achieve great results for the church in the future. "He is a learned and energetic man and a fluent and forcible speaker," said Mr. Conklin, "and I heartily congratulate the congregation on its choice."

Notwithstanding the fact that his present charges are out of town, the Rev. Dr. Taber is a resident of this city, his home being at 263 Ryerson street, and is widely and favorably known in local medical and ministerial circles. The fact that he is a practicing physician as well as a clergyman has been considered as somewhat of a drawback by some, but inasmuch as he has announced his intention of confining his medical practice to office visitors only, all objection on that score has disappeared.

Dr. Taber is a well preserved man about 37 years of age and is an eloquent and effective speaker, very apt in his illustrations, and has a facility of making and keeping friends, as rare as it is desirable. Until a few years ago he was a preacher in a Quaker society, his conversion to the Universalist faith having been brought about mainly through the efforts of the Rev. A. J. Canfield, pastor of the Church of Our Father.

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