

[Prospect Heights Universalist Society]

The dedication of the Prospect Heights Universalist Church, the fifth of the denomination in the city, was interesting in itself and a reminder of the local growth of this branch of the body of Christian believers. Citizens of whatever faith in the region which this society is intended to serve will welcome it to the practical work in reserve for it. But it is natural to recall a remark of the late Dr. Chapin. When asked why the numerical increase of organized Universalists was not more rapid he said that he thought one reason was the fact that their doctrine was becoming more and more accepted in substance by the other denominations. Perhaps the reason is even stronger now than it was then. In view of recent revision speeches in the New York Presbytery, of the Andover and American Board controversies, to say nothing of the Plymouth Council and other things, it certainly looks as if Dr. Chapin was not far wrong.

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