

TO INSTAL [SIC] MR. BRIGHAM

All Souls' Universalist Church Has Prepared An Unusual Programme for the Occasion

All Souls' Universalist Church¹, South Ninth street, will install its new pastor, the Rev. L. Ward Brigham, on the evening of January 14. The committee has arranged a programme somewhat out of the usual order for such a service, but it is one which will interest every member of the parish. It is the intention to have the services cover as much of the history of the parish as possible, while the formal address of installation will be delivered by the Rev. John Coleman Adams, the last pastor of the church, but now of Hartford, Conn.

All Souls' Church was established in 1845 and the Rev. G. L. Demorest², who was the organizer of the parish, will tell of this early time in the church's history. Dr. Demorest is now the financial secretary of the denomination and lives in Manchester, N.H. The pastor of the church from 1845 to 1849 was the Rev. Henry Lyon, and this period will be treated by his son, Clarence Lyon, now one of the officers of All Souls' parish.

From 1856 to 1865, the Rev. Bernard Peters was the pastor and this period will be the subject of an address by Mrs. Bernard Peters, also a member of the parish. From 1865 to 1870, the Rev. Dr. A.[Andrew] J. Canfield, now the pastor of the Church of Our Father [First Universalist Society of Brooklyn], was in charge, and he will describe the work of All Souls' during his pastorate. The Rev. Almon Gunnison, now the President of St. Lawrence University Canton, N.Y., was pastor from 1871 to 1890, and he will be present to tell of the church during the years that he was at its head. Dr. Adams was pastor from 1890 to 1901.

The congregation will be represented by the Rev. Cyrus Fay, a retired Universalist clergyman, for many years a member of the parish, and Benjamin W. Wilson, the president of the board of trustees of All Souls', will preside.

The choir of the church is preparing an exceptionally fine musical programme for the occasion.

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¹ incorporated as First Universalist Church of Williamsburgh

² Gerhardus L. Demarest