

[Buffalo, Erie Co. New York]

ANOTHER NEW CHURCH

BRS. SKINNER AND GROSH—It is with pleasure I hasten to inform you that the cornerstone of a new Universalist church, to be erected in this city, was laid on the 17th ult. with appropriate ceremonies. The services began at 10 o'clock in the morning, and were attended by a respectable number of people, who evinced by their decorum of manner and attention, a decided respect for the occasion. A number of singers likewise were present, whose part of the ceremonies was well performed, and apparently much to the satisfaction of the hearers.

The services were as follows:—1. A prayer. 2. A hymn. 3. A plate was then deposited by the superintendent of the building, (Mr. [Moses] Baker,) with this inscription, "This stone was laid May 17, 1832."—Over the plate was placed a manuscript containing this notice, "He that built and sustains all things is Jehovah.—This house, devoted to the worship of Almighty God, and to the promulgation of the great salvation, through Jesus Christ the Chief Corner Stone, was commenced, and this stone laid May 17th, in the year of our Lord 1832." 4. The stone was then laid. 5. An address was then delivered, which duty together with the prayer, was performed by myself, no ministering brother being within a convenient distance. 6. An anthem was then sung, and the scene closed by a benediction.

The address I send you for publication, by the request of several of our friends. If you think it worthy of a corner in your paper, you are at liberty to place it there.

The church and land will cost about \$8,000. There is every prospect of the establishment of a flourishing society in this city, and of Zion's again putting on her robes of prosperity. And it will give a new impulse to our cause in this quarter, and raise up new friends on all sides.

Yours truly,

G. W. [Rev. George Washington] Montgomery

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