

Laying of a Church Corner Stone in Fulton

The ceremonies connected with the laying of the Corner Stone of the new Universalist Church in Fulton were observed in that village on Wednesday afternoon of last week [13 Jul 1864]. A large concourse of people assembled to witness the exercises, which were very interesting as well as patriotic. A raised platform on Rochester street was occupied by the Clergymen, the Choir, and the Band, and over the entrance to the building the National Flag floated on the breeze. On the front of the building was suspended a large drawing, giving a front and side view of the edifice when completed.

After singing, and a brief and impressive prayer by Rev. J.[James] M. Pullman of Troy, the archives, consisting of a condensed History of the Society; a list of the Officers, Teachers and Scholars of the Sabbath School; copies of the latest issues of the *Syracuse Journal, Standard, Fulton Patriot and Gazette*, and of the Oswego papers; a copy of the Fulton Directory for 1863; and some specimens of our National coin and postal currency, were deposited by Rev. R.[Royall] H. Pullman, the pastor, and the Stone laid. At the conclusion of these exercises, Rev. Dr. Brooks was introduced. His address was eloquent, courageous, and patriotic, and being a powerful speaker, he was listened to with marked attention to the close.

The ceremonies were concluded by a voluntary by the choir, and a few appropriate remarks by the pastor, who exhorted his hearers to the necessity of ____ [my available copy of this newspaper is unreadable beyond this point].

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