

[LeRoy, New York]

Jottings by the Way, No. 10

LE ROY, JUNE 19TH, 1865.— Yesterday, I attended meeting in the Universalist church in this place, and listened to the ministration of Rev. Mr. Cravens, teaching us what it was to follow Christ, so as not to walk in darkness, and also what it is to walk in the light of life.

Br. Cravens is evidently a working man, not a preacher of darkness, but an “able minister of the New Testament,” not of the letter which killeth, but of the spirit which giveth life.

The Society is rather small, and has had some political difficulties, which have disheartened a few of the professed friends in the place; but I was told that “the society had been dreadfully in debt, but was now out of debt,” and I trust now the war is over, a better feeling will soon prevail, and things go on in a good earnest manner, all laboring to promote the glory of God and the good of humanity.

I also attended the Sunday School, and from what I saw and heard, I am convinced Br. Cravens has got the hearts of the children in his keeping, and he whom the children love, is pretty sure to gain the hearts of the older ones.

Le Roy is a beautiful and permanent village, and the surrounding country is fruitful and thrifty, which pleases me better than the broad prairies of the west, and I think the Empire State need not fear that she will soon be eclipsed by her other go ahead sisters.

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