[Malone, Franklin Co. NY]

Ordination and Installation

By request of the first Universalist Society in Malone, Franklin Co., N.Y., an Ordination and Installing council was held on Wednesday morning, Oct. 27th, at the residence of Dr. L. Amsden, in Malone, to consider the application for the Ordination and Installation of the Rev. J. S. Cantwell.

Delegates being present from the Societies in Malone, Potsdam, Madrid, and Canton, the Council organized by choosing Rev. E. [Ebenezer] Fisher, Moderator, and Rev. R. [Richard] Eddy, Clerk. After uniting in prayer with Rev. A. [Aaron] A. Thayer, of Watertown, the Moderator proceeded to interrogate the candidate as to his belief, and his intentions and desires in engaging in the ministry, all of which being satisfactorily answered, it was unanimously voted, That the Council approve of Br. Cantwell, and that we now proceed to Ordain and Install him.

The Council then proceeded to the Church, where the public services were performed in the following Order:

- 1. Voluntary by the Choir.
- 2. Invocation by Rev. J. M [James Minton] Pullman.
- 3. Hymn, 130 Gospel Liturgy.
- 4. Reading Scripture selections, by Rev. G. S. Abbott.
- 5. Hymn, 223 Gospel Liturgy.
- 6. Sermon by Rev. E. Fisher.
- 7. Ordaining and Installing Prayer, by Rev. A. A. Thayer.
- 8. Hymn, 220 Gospel Liturgy.
- 9. Charge and Delivery of the Scriptures, by Rev. R. Eddy.
- 10. A selection from pp. 186, 187 of the Gospel Liturgy.
- 11. Right hand of Fellowship, by Rev. A. A. Thayer.
- 12. Address to the Society, by Rev. R. Eddy.
- 13. Anthem by the Choir.
- 14. Prayer by Rev. E. Fisher.
- 15. Benediction by Rev. J. S. Cantwell.

These services were of a most solemn and impressive character, and cannot, I think, be soon forgotten by the Congregation who witnessed them. It was a joyful session to the Society in Malone, and its influence will long be felt by them. Br. Cantwell has labored with them for a year, greatly to their satisfaction, the proof of which they have [?] given in their unanimous desire for his Installation as their pastor. May the union which has thus been inaugurated with such solemn joy, prove lasting and happy.

Christian Ambassador, Auburn NY, Sat. 13 Nov 1858