[Second Universalist Society, New York City]

It having been reported by some person or persons, that we published an untruth in our last number, relative to the withdrawal of fellowship from Abner Kneeland, by the Second Universalist society of this city, we thought proper to request a copy of the proceedings from the Trustees. It is annexed. Our readers will judge for themselves.

At a special meeting of the Second Universalist Society, convened according to public notice, given on the 15th inst., about forty persons being present, members and pew holders, when the following resolutions were passed unanimously:

Resolved, That we approve the course of conduct pursued by the Trustees of this Society in regard to withdrawing the connexion between Abner Kneeland and the Second Universalist Society; and that we have, and do now consider the resolution as passed by the Board of Trustees, on the evening of the 6th February, instant, as a private withdrawal of fellowship, at the same time expecting the society would have been spared the painful necessity of publicly withdrawing fellowship from one whose personal feelings they wished to spare as much as possible.

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, That we are perfectly satisfied from the teaching of Mr. K. as well as his writings, that he has embraced sentiments repugnant to the Christian religion, and the faith of Universalists, who, as a religious body, do hold most seriously to the existence of Almighty God, the authenticity of the Bible, and a resurrection from the dead, and that in consequence of our not being able as Christians to countenance the doctrines advanced by Mr. K., we do now solemnly and publicly withdraw all fellowship from the said Abner Kneeland, and that these resolves be recorded on the books of the society, and the secretary be requested to hand him a copy of the same, duly attested.

WM. HONAY, Ch'n.

R. P Bush, Sec'y.

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