

[Third Universalist Society, New York City]

REPORT

excerpt from the Report "of the Agent [Rev. Thomas J. Sawyer]  
of the New York Association [of Universalists]  
made to that body at its session in New York, May 12, 1859"

The Bleecker-st. Society [Third Universalist] was organized in the spring of 1834, and its church built the year following. Rev. C.[Clement] F. LeFevre was its first pastor, and for years my true yoke-fellow in labors and persecutions. He was succeeded in the Autumn of 1841 by Rev. W.[Wm.] S. Balch, whose faithful ministry extended to the Spring of 1858. For the past year the Society has been without a pastor, and yet has sustained itself with commendable zeal. It has a church organization, one of the best Sunday Schools in the denomination, and all the means of success. It has just at this moment secured the services of Rev. M.[Moses] Ballou of Philadelphia, who will immediately enter upon his duties as pastor. With such a minister to go in and out before them, and to break to them the bread of life, I trust that this Society will arise and shine with more than its wonted splendor, and go forth to a new race of labor and usefulness, brighter and more successful than ever before.

*The Christian Ambassador*, Auburn NY, Sat. 4 Jun 1859

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