

[Third Universalist Society, New York City]

Installing a Pastor

The Rev. S. A. Gardner, whose call to the Pastorate of the Bleecker-Street Universalist Church has been a topic in denominational circles for some days, was installed in office last evening with appropriate services. The church was crowded, and most of the Universalist ministers in this City, Brooklyn, and the environs, were present and took part in the services, which commenced with an organ voluntary, executed by Miss L. S. Ackerson, and a brief invocation by the Rev. N. S. Hill. The Rev. J. C. Snow then read the appropriate portions of the Scriptures, the Rev. G. L. Keirn gave out the hymn preceding the sermon, and the Rev. J.[James] M. Pullman, D.D., delivered the installation sermon—an able exposition of the aims and purposes, motives and methods of appeal, that appertain to the doctrine of universal salvation. The installation, read by the Rev. C.[Cyrus] H. Fay, was the composition of the incoming pastor, while the installation prayer was pronounced by the Rev. E. C. Sweetser. The Rev. H.[Henry] R. Nye addressed the pastor and congregation, the Rev. Edwin H. Chapin, D.D., and the Rev. Robert Collyer pronounced addresses of welcome. The latter was in his happiest humor.

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