

Niles (Kelloggsville), Cayuga Co. NY

From RELIGIOUS NEWS

NEW MEETING HOUSES:—Br. L. N. Fuller, of Kelloggsville, Cayuga county, writes—“We are about erecting in our place, the first Universalist meeting house ever built in our section of the country. Our village is small, yet we intend having a very good house. It is to be 34 by 44 feet on the ground, with a two section steeple, and a basement story. The contract is let to be completed in about a year. Estimated cost, about \$2000.”

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A CONFERENCE will be held in Kelloggsville, Cayuga county, on the 12th and 13th of July—during which the new Universalist Meetinghouse will be dedicated to the worship of God. Ministering brethren and friends are cordially invited to attend. Visitors will call on Mr. Partel, Capt. Fuller, Mr. John Rooks, who will direct them to places of entertainment [lodging].

G. W. Montgomery

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CONFERENCE AND DEDICATION IN NILES, CAYUGA COUNTY

A two-days Conference was held in Niles on the 10th and 11 of July. On Wednesday morning, a large audience assembled; the house could not contain all who came. The Meetinghouse was then dedicated to the worship of God. Reading of Scripture by Br. T[homas] J. Whitcomb. Dedication prayer by Br. A[lbert] Peck. Sermon by Br. G[eorge] W. Montgomery. In the afternoon, sermons were heard from Brs. Sawyer and Cheney.—In the evening we had a profitable and stirring conference meeting. on Thursday morning, Brs. Whitcomb and A. Clark, and in the afternoon, Br. Peck, preached. Addresses by G. W. M. Throughout the entire services, the congregations were large and attentive. We had a most delightful season of worship; and we hope that good seeds were effectually sown in the souls of the hearers, to their growth in truth and righteousness.—Brs. Brown, Cheney, Whitcomb, Sawyer, Watson, Peck, Sias, Clark, Montgomery, were present, besides Br. Carpenter, a late convert from the Christ-ians, whose

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remarks in the Conference gave great satisfaction, and Br. Peebles, a student with Br. Clarke. These latter Brothers are not yet in fellowship.

Our friends in Niles have done well—nobly. They have erected a beautiful house, containing 42 slips, and galleries on two sides and one end. It is surmounted by a handsome tower and dome. It is very pleasantly located. And it is much to their credit to say that they have prepared a way to have it entirely paid for by the coming winter. We pray that they may soon obtain a faithful pastor. As the best way to accomplish their object, I suggest the thought to them, to join with the society in Mottville, that by united effort they may settle a preacher over the two societies. May truth continue to flourish in the name of the Redeemer.

G. W. M.

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from Richard T. King, "Niles Always Agricultural,"

The First Universalist Society of the Town of Niles was started in 1842. A house of worship was erected in 1843. The first trustees elected were John Rooks, Samuel Odell, Luther Fuller, Kenyon Wicks, D. J. VanAuken, Warren Bowers and Samuel Lockwood. The Rev. Alfred Peck, who served one year, was the first pastor, and he was followed by the Rev. James M. Peebles, the Rev. J. H. Harter and the Rev. Nelson Snell.

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