

[Morgan, Rev. Clara]

CONESUS NEWS
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The last issue of the Nunda "Truth" contains this flattering reference to the new pastor of the Universalist church of this place: "Five years ago next September the Rev. Miss Morgan came to Nunda and took charge of the Universalist church, which she has built up to a high standard. At first strangers were attracted to the church because of the novelty of a woman pastor, but after a time the novelty wore off and the people went there because they loved the pastor and most heartily enjoyed her teachings. Not only was Miss Morgan always popular in her church but at the organizing of the Woman's Relief Corps in this village she was honored with the presidency of the corps, and the corps has been honored ever since with her at the head. That noble body of women, as well as the Universalist church, will greatly miss her. The State association, realizing her great ability as a preacher of the gospel, highly recommended the Rev. Miss Morgan to assume the charges at Cohocton, South Dansville and Conesus, at a salary the first year of \$900 and a raise after that time, while at this place the salary is but \$600. She will reside at Cohocton and will preach at South Dansville Sunday mornings and drive back to Cohocton, a distance of ten miles, for evening service one Sunday, while the next Sunday she will go by rail to preach at Conesus." She will begin her pastorate here next Sunday morning, preaching alternate Sundays thereafter.

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