

Dedication at Blauveltville

Agreeably to notice, the new Universalist church in Orangetown, near Blauveltville station, N.R., was dedicated to the service of our Heavenly Father, on Wednesday of last week, by the following services:

1. Voluntary by the choir
2. Invocation, Rev. A. S. J. Chambre
3. Hymn
4. Reading of the Scriptures, Rev. Porter Thomas
5. Dedicatory prayer, Rev. Asher Moore
6. Voluntary
7. Sermon, Rev. W.[William] S. Balch—Text, Acts xvii. 24,25
8. Prayer, Rev. H.[Henry] Lyon
9. Voluntary
10. Benediction

The house was well filled, and all were deeply interested in the services. Br. Balch's sermon was carefully prepared, and delivered with his well-known ability. There were also services in the afternoon, when Br. Chambre preached, a church was recognized, and the Lord's Supper administered. Br. Moore made the address, extending the fellowship of the churches, and Brs. Balch and Thomas officiated at the table. In the evening we had a discourse from Rev. B. Peters. The first Universalist sermon preached in this neighborhood was by Rev. Edward Mitchell, in 1828. Since that time there has been occasionally and at long intervals, preaching by clergymen of our faith. And a few years since a small Society was organized.

When our friends here have not enjoyed preaching, they have met at each other's dwellings, engaged in religious exercises, and read printed sermons. In this way, though for years they have had little preaching, they have enjoyed their religion well, and have gone forward prosperously.

About a year since they commenced the erection of their church edifice, the work of which has been slowly but surely accomplished. And when the house was completed and dedicated, it was all *paid for*. Thus our friends have a neat and substantial house of worship, entirely adequate to their wants, with no debt resting on it. They have also united in a church organization, having 18 members, and a prospect of several more being soon added. This church partook of the communion for the first time on the dedication. It was a season of great interest.

Truly our friends in Orangetown have done nobly; and the Lord has blessed and prospered them. We doubt not that great spiritual enjoyment is in store for them in the future. They now hope to maintain preaching half the time. We commend their excellent example to many others, who are abundantly able to "go and do likewise."

We would not forget to mention that the choir of the Reformed Dutch Church at Nyack kindly volunteered their services at the dedication, and by their superior singing added much to the interest of the occasion.

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