

[Orangetown, Rockland Co.]

New York Universalist Association  
Orangeville [Orangetown]

This society has been under the pastoral care of Rev. Henry Lyon ever since 1856. Br. Lyon preaches only on alternate Sundays. On those Sundays when there is no preacher present, the meetings are conducted by some of the lay brethren on the Church. The society owns a neat little chapel, entirely free from debt. The average attendance is about seventy. The Sunday School numbers about thirty. It is blessed with a regular church organization of about twenty-seven members. This society has been slightly affected by the condition of the country. Rockland Co., in which the society exists, it is well known, is none too loyal. A few members have left the society because the pastor was loyal to his country, and did his duty in the present crisis. The society, though small, is strong, and is amply able to sustain itself; for it numbers those among its friends who are among the most respectable and ablest citizens of that portion of Rockland County.

B. PETERS

Williamsburgh, May 5, 1863

*Christian Ambassador*, New York NY, Saturday May 23, 1863

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