

[Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co. NY]

The Society of Poughkeepsie was organized in 1836. It has experienced several changes both as to its pastors and its place of worship, but is now comfortably conditioned, owning a respectable church, somewhat too involved in debt, and under the pastoral care of Rev. B. H. Davis. The Society has enjoyed his ministry since 1855. It has a church organization, recently formed, and a respectable Sunday School. Without any marked prosperity, the Society seems to be doing well, and will I trust do still better. Poughkeepsie is one of the most beautiful villages on the banks of the Hudson; we have many true friends there, though death has removed most of those who were instrumental in founding the Society—and with the improving times now dawning upon us, I hope to see this Society put on its beautiful garments.

excerpt from the Report "of the Agent [Rev. Thomas J. Sawyer] of the New York Association [of Universalists] made to that body at its session in New York, May 12, 1859"

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