

[Ridgeway, Orleans Co. NY]

Dedication at Ridgeway, N.Y.

The Universalists of Ridgeway, Orleans co., N.Y. have recently repaired their church in a thorough manner. The entire interior has been remodeled and improved, and now presents a very beautiful aspect. On Wednesday morning, the 24th ult., it was re-dedicated to God, with appropriate exercises. The meeting was continued throughout the day on Wednesday and also on Thursday. Sermons were delivered by Brs. W.[William] McNeill, N.[Nelson] Snell, G. W. .[George Washington] Montgomery, J. H. [James Harvey] Tuttle, and J. M. [John Mather] Austin. On the evening of Wednesday, a very spirited and happy conference meeting was held, at the conclusion of Br. Snell's sermon.— Quite a number took part in its exercises both laymen and clergymen—and among others, a lady, whose exhortation, characterized by modesty, yet full of good sense and sound religious maxims and pervaded with thrilling appeals, produced a very marked and deep-felt effect on the audience. We were never before so favorably impressed with the propriety of woman taking a public part in the services of the sanctuary.

The brethren in Ridgeway appear zealously devoted to the cause of christianity, as embodied in Universalism. They have engaged the services of Rev. D. C. Tomlinson, of Albion, N.Y., a portion of the time. We trust they will be faithful to the religion they have espoused; and pray the Divine blessing to rest upon all their efforts to build up the truth in their midst, and to adorn it in their lives.

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