

## LADIES' FESTIVAL OF CHURCHVILLE

We have received an account of the Festival given by the ladies of the Universalist Society, at Churchville, N.Y., on Friday, the 28<sup>th</sup> ult. We regret that owing to the length of the communication and the crowded state of our columns, we cannot find room for any thing more than a brief synopsis. The room was tastefully decorated with evergreens, roses, bouquets, etc., and brilliantly lighted by lamps kindly furnished by the Baptist Society. The tables were beautifully ornamented and loaded abundantly with the choicest variety of eatables. There was delightful music on the occasion, both vocal and instrumental, from accomplished performers. A large assemblage came together, who testified their great satisfaction in the most intelligible manner. The ladies who got up and conducted this Festival are worthy of the highest praise. They have done themselves great justice, and their efforts will long be remembered.

We rejoice at this evidence of zeal and prosperity in Churchville. An impression had got abroad that our brethren there were rather "under the weather." But this event shows that they have renewed their energy and devotion. Br. McNeal, their pastor, is a young man of good promise, and is doing excellently well, we understand, for our cause in that place.

*Christian Ambassador*, Auburn, NY, 5 Feb 1853

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### CHURCHVILLE, N.Y.

We have received the following from the Trustees of the Universalist Society in Churchville, which we publish with great pleasure:—

Br. Austin—In your notice of our Festival you say—"an impression had got abroad that our brethren there [Churchville] were rather under the weather." We were, but now, having a pastor in whom we are all agreeably united, we are very prosperous. Br. McNeal commenced his labors here last July, and has done more for us than any one anticipated. Our prospects were never so flattering as at this moment. Br. McNeal is devoted to the cause—able and willing to labor for its promotion. He has won our highest esteem and affection, and we have already hired him for a second year, being desirous to continue for many years the relation so happily and profitably begun.

Feb. 16, 1853

Fraternally yours,  
*Lorenzo Babcock*  
*Hiram Sprague*  
*Harry Tullar*

*Christian Ambassador*, Auburn, NY, 26 Feb 1853