

[Rochester, Monroe Co.]

REV. F. J. CHASE WITHDRAWS

He Has Lost Faith in the Mission of the Universalist Church

Rev. Frank J. Chase, formerly pastor of the Second Universalist Church in this city, has decided to withdraw from that denomination. Mr. Chase is now located in Bay City, Michigan, and the following special dispatch received from there last evening gives Mr. Chase's reason for abandoning the Universalist faith:

Bay City, Mich., May 12.—Rev. F. J. Chase will to-morrow publicly withdraw from the Universalist faith. He is undecided what denomination to join, but probably Congregational as he has several offers from that church. Mr. Chase has been a prominent Universalist for many years and a leading contributor to their papers, particularly the Universalist of Chicago. He came to Bay City three and one-half years ago from Rochester. His church here is the second largest in the state. Mr. Chase's reasons for withdrawing are:

"First, I don't believe that the Bible teaches the salvation of all men; I have only held to it as a passing hope, not a dogma to be preached; second, philosophical salvation as taught by Universalists makes the sacrifice of Calvary unnecessary, if not a mistake; third, the Bible is not studied as an authority in the Universalist Church; fourth, I have lost faith in the mission of the Universalist Church organization, its main business being to point out errors of orthodoxy."

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