

[Victor, Ontario Co. NY]

Dedication in Victor, N.Y.

The new Universalist church, recently erected in Victor, Ontario co., N.Y., was dedicated to the worship of God, on Wednesday morning, the 28th ult.—The following was the order of services on the occasion:—

- 1 Voluntary by the choir.
2. Reading select portions of Scripture by Rev. J. H. [James Harvey] Tuttle.
3. Hymn.
4. Reading Dedicatory service, by the clergy.—(From Rayner's Manual.)
5. Dedicatory Prayer by Rev. O. [Oliver] Ackley.
6. Hymn.
7. Sermon by Rev. J. M. [John Mather] Austin
8. Voluntary by the choir.
9. Benediction

The church is a brick structure, built with great solidity, in the modern style, and thoroughly finished, with a view to permanence and durability. It is located in the centre of the village. Its outward appearance is imposing and elegant, being furnished with a tower, and bell, and clock. No one can enter the interior without being struck with pleasurable surprise at its beautiful appearance. The walls are tastefully frescoed; the windows are furnished with stained glass; and circular windows in front and rear are supplied with glass ornamented in the most gorgeous manner. The whole area of the floor, aisles and pews, is uniformly carpeted, and the pews are cushioned also in a uniform color and style. The pulpit is a neat and commodious structure, and is furnished with a sofa; and the singing gallery, which is very conveniently located and arranged over the entrance, is furnished with a good organ. In fine, the church is a gem of beauty. We doubt whether a house of worship can be found in city or country which surpasses it in convenience, neatness or elegance.

Our friends in Victor are justly entitled to the highest praise for the devotion and liberality they have exhibited in the erection in this church. Their old house of worship had become somewhat dilapidated and inconvenient. Believing they could put a portion of their means to no purpose more useful, they resolved to furnish themselves with a new and commodious church, where they and their children, and children's children could worship God in comfort and peace. This resolution they have carried into effect in a manner which reflects equal credit on their taste and liberality. And what is highly gratifying, they have wisely determined to take immediate measures to liquidate every liability resting upon them in consequence of the erection of the new church, and commence their worship in the same free of debt.—The Ladies of the Victor Society are worthy of great commendation for the assistance they have rendered in this enterprise. By their industry and zeal, they have raised over \$400, which has enabled them to furnish the church in the most ample and tasty manner. May the Divine blessing rest upon the Universalists in Victor, and prosper them in all their spiritual and temporal interests.

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