

Fellowship of Mrs. Jenkins

We know not whether all our readers noticed in the proceedings of the Ontario Association of Universalists, inserted in the *Ambassador* of the 26th ult., that Mrs. Lydia A. Jenkins, the celebrated female preacher, received the fellowship of that Association as a preacher of the Gospel. Such was the fact, and her title is now Rev. Lydia A. Jenkins. This is the first instance in our denomination, and we think in the world, where a woman has received a formal license or Letter of Fellowship as a minister of Christ. It may strike many as a novel proceeding, as indeed it is. We have not a doubt, however, as to its wisdom or propriety. Mrs. Jenkins is a very talented and acceptable preacher. Her situation being such that she can devote her time to the instruction of the people on the important topic of religion, why should she not be authorized to do so in the name of that denomination whose doctrines she most ably and successfully advocates. We have sanguine hopes of great good growing from her efforts in the ministry. She labors in whatsoever direction she is called. Her address, as also that of her husband, Rev. E. S. Jenkins, is Marengo, Wayne Co., N.Y.

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