

[Cravens, Charles C.]

REV. CHARLES CRAVENS

The *Universalist* for February 20 says: —

The *Banner of Light* takes pains to say for our comfort and that of our denomination in general, the “the Rev. Mr. Cravens, spending some time in Washington, D. C., has attended the Spiritualists’ meeting, Lyceum, Circle and Conference; and what is more, speaking in the Conference meeting, said emphatically, ‘I AM NOT A UNIVERSALIST—I am not a Christian either, but a *Theist*, accepting the principles of the *Spiritual Philosophy*, and the *Radical*, as the best exponent of my theological convictions.’” The person alluded to is the Rev. Charles Cravens, formerly a minister in this State [NY], and lately settled at Pavilion and LeRoy, N. Y. We believe he still enjoys the fellowship of the New York State Convention [of Universalists], and lately, our readers will remember, denied the statement that he had withdrawn or was about to withdraw from the ministry. If the above report which the *Banner of Light* parades with so much delight, is to be credited—and from what we know of the case, we cannot doubt its substantial accuracy—it will be seen that if Mr. Cravens has not withdrawn from the ministry, every sentiment of honor should impel him to do so forthwith.

We are happy to explain that Mr. Cravens is disposed to do the fair and honorable thing in regard to our denomination. He assured us that he *would not* belong to our State Convention, and from this we infer that he *does not* belong to it. And he also said to us, that he did deem it wrong for a person to seek our fellowship who is at the same time not with us either in belief or sympathy. When all who are really not of us will take the same honorable position, all cause for complaint will disappear; besides outsiders will not be compelled to adjudicate matters for us.

*Christian Ambassador*, New York NY, 14 Mar 1868

Former Pavilion Pastor Dead

Pavilion, Feb. 19.—The news of the death of the Rev. Charles Cravens of Toldeo, O., has been received by Richmond Crofoot. Mr. Cravens, who died on Saturday at his home, married Miss Mary Crofoot, a sister of Richmond Crofoot [and a daughter of Louise Hannum and Gideon D. Crofoot]. He was well known in this town some fifty years ago, when he was pastor of the Universalist church.

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