

The Albany Universalist Society to the Public

The Universalist Society of the city of Albany asks pardon for again obtruding itself before the public, but this time the occasion is one of business. They wish, now, to inform the public that the subscription for their debt has been fairly commenced here at home, in an amount, thus far, of about \$1,500, to which some addition will be made—they cannot say how much—but certainly some fair amount. For the residue of the debt (the whole debt being about \$5,500), they must appeal to the liberality of their friends throughout the country. With a view to meet the exigencies of this case, they have appointed Rev.'s Theophilus Fiske, of Utica, N.Y., and John N. Parker, of Troy, N.Y., their agents to obtain the contributions of their friends by subscription and by payment. The terms of their subscription paper are to the effect that no contribution becomes binding unless the whole amount of the debt, as it shall exist on the 1st of December next, is subscribed in good faith, by reliable persons, on and before that day, and also that the Society continues a Universalist Society. These conditions seem to afford guarantees for the proper appropriation of the money raised. The subscriptions will be payable on, or if possible, before the first of December next.

Our course we believe to be right, our object good. An opportunity is now offered, we believe, to plant Universalism firmly in this capital of the State of New-York. We interfere with no other organizations, whether deemed rival, or otherwise. We seek merely to take care of our own. Our form of doctrine and our organization we believe calculated to promote correct religious views, and therefore we wish to uphold them, and extend their influences.

We call upon the preachers of our denomination, in all proper localities, to lend themselves to our support in this matter, and to hold themselves in readiness for any special call that may be made upon them. We call upon them to do this, as the value the steadfastness of their own societies.—Brethren, we must help one another, for we are “all members, one of another.”

The labor of our special agents will be more particularly confined as follows:—Br. Parker will take the vicinity of the Hudson River, including the city of New-York and vicinity. Br. Fiske will labor West and East of us, and elsewhere off Br. Parker's line. Brethren in the ministry, you may all lighten the labors and responsibility of these brethren, by doing what lies before you, in your own immediate vicinity. The result, under God, is not doubtful; it is certain; and what a triumph for the cause of truth, and the prevalence of the Universalist idea of christianity... Our agents will commence their work forthwith, and the editors of our religious papers are requested to publish or state the purport of this notice in their respective columns. Signed by the order of the Society.

JAMES R. SILLIMAN, Clerk

Albany, April 24, 1856

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