## Dedication at Kendall, N. Y.

Another Temple has been erected and dedicated, "to make glad the city of the living God." Joyfully did the believers in the "Restitution" respond to the invitation of their brethren in Kendall to come up and help them dedicate their church to the "one living and true God" on Wednesday, Oct. 24. Although the weather was unpropitious, yet as many as could be accommodated assembled, all expressing in their looks, the feelings of the Royal Psalmist when he said, "How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts!" The exercises on the occasion were as follows:—

- 1. Voluntary by the choir
- 2. Reading of the Scriptures by Rev. O. F. Brayton
- 3. Hymn
- 4. Introductory prayer by Rev. D[eWitt] C. Tomlinson
- 5. Hymn
- 6. Sermon by Rev. J. J. Austin
- 7. Voluntary by the choir
- 8. Dedicatory prayer by Rev. Wm. B. Cook
- 9. Benediction

In addition to these exercises, there were services held through the day and evening on Wednesday and on Thursday. Sermons were delivered in the following order by Rev's Wm. B. Cook, O. F. Brayton, R[oyal] H. Pullman, and O. F. Brayton. Truly a feast we had—a "feast of fat things full of marrow."

The sermons were delivered with great power—full of love, they went right to the heart; full of life, they nourished plants of perennial beauty indigenous to the soul. The exercises "distilled as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass."

The cup of happiness for the Universalists in Kendall is full to overflowing. "To think," as one good sister expressed to me, "that now we may worship God under our own vine and fig tree with none to molest or make us afraid, fills my soul so full of joy, that I want to shout "glory to God in the highest."

Our brothers and sisters are deserving of much commendation for the true zeal they have manifested in the holy cause, for the very short time employed in getting up the subscription, raising the full amount, laying the foundation stone, and erecting as fine a temple to the worship of God as graces any country town; and they have in addition a bell, whose glad sound calls all worshippers together.

It really seems almost incredible. It is only about one year and a half since Br. J. J. Austin informed me that he was to settle in Kendall. I rejoiced much at the announcement, because the sheep were in need of a shepherd—they were scattered abroad, and many to each other were strangers—not known as Universalists. Within this short period, Br. Austin has called the flock together, organized, held meetings every Sunday, sometimes in a Hall, then in a place remote from the central point, all the time working earnestly for the new church. There were no drones in the hive—all were busy—men, women and children of the Abrahamic faith. And God has blessed them all—has given them a beautiful temple in which to worship—a faithful and devoted pastor to minister unto them, and a pastor's wife who is truly a "help-meet."

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