

[Lisle, Broome Co. NY]

LETTER FROM REV. N. [NELSON] DOOLITTLE

To the Editors:

It is more than eighteen months since I commenced my labors one half time with the First Universalist Society in Lisle. This is one of the oldest societies of our denomination in the Southwestern part of the State of New York. It was organized as early as 1819. The first preachers who labored in that portion of the moral vineyard were Dr. A. Green, Thomas Gross, Amos Crandall, and Dr. Salmon Adams. The labors of these true and faithful men were blessed. A church was formed, composed of a considerable number of those who had been members of the Calvinistic Baptist Church, but had become converted to the faith of the Gospel of a world's salvation.

From some cause this society and church were without a Pastor between 1823 and 1828. In 1828 the writer was engaged to preach to this Society one half of the time. The Society was reorganized, and my connection with it continued about six years, when I removed to Oxford, Chenango Co. In 1830, a meeting-house was built, and from that time to the present, the Gospel banner has been unfurled, and with the exception of brief intervals, the Society has been favored with the preaching of the Word.

Among those of the ministry who have been employed there in years past, we may mention the names of A.[Albert] Clark, C. S. Brown, W.[William] Queal, A. O. Warren, T. S. Bartholomew, and R.[Rufus] O. Williams. Many of the fathers and mothers have passed away, but their children have come in to supply their places. The Society includes many excellent families, and all circumstances considered, may be viewed as strong now in numbers and means as ever.

Since our labors commenced here, a Sunday School of about 30 scholars has been organized, and a small library purchased. Union, zeal and perseverance on the part of the members, cannot fail to secure the future permanence and prosperity of this Society.

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