

"EFFECTS OF THE TARIFF"¹
[excerpt]

Within the last few months a number of beautiful and commodius buildings have been erected in this city, including churches, stores, dwellings and outhouses[!]. We have recently visited several of these edifices; and were struck with the air of neatness, economy, and apparent thrift that everywhere greeted us. Lots, that before had lain wholly desolate, or at best had served only as the depositories for rubbish, have been filled up, graded, and built upon; and it is pleasant to see these waste places made glad with the abodes of social happiness...and to reflect that all—all *is in consequence of the Tariff!* On the corner of Fulton and Pineapple street, however, the change is most striking. There a number of old hovels, that were scarcely fit to burn, have been demolished, and on their site is erected a spacious and elegant church, for the use of the Universalist Society, and capable of seating eleven hundred persons; while its basement is divided into five large stores, each of which is stocked with a choice and elegant variety of goods, and the whole form a brilliant terminus to the shopper's range. In the immediate vicinity a new house is in progress of erection by the Unitarian Society. It is in the Gothic style of architecture; and will, when finished, add greatly to the beauty of the neighborhood (already quite attractive). In South Brooklyn a number of beautiful cottages have sprung up, like mushrooms in the night....

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DEDICATION

The new church edifice, erected by the Universalist Society of this city, at the corner of Fulton and Pineapple streets, will be dedicated to the service of God to-morrow afternoon, 22d, at 4 o'clock. Sermon by the pastor, Rev. Abel C. Thomas.

A collection will be taken up, to assist in defraying the expense of furnishing the church.

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¹ I think this article is intended to be sarcastic commentary, but a number of the references in it are comments from the period that have no meaning to this reader. The article concludes: "Seriously, however, is not this habit of attributing everything valuable to the late tariff a monstrous absurdity?" Still, the article provides interesting information about the first Universalist edifice in Brooklyn, which tragically was burned down during a firestorm in 1848, only five years later. *KED*