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The Fourth Society in Brooklyn

Within the last few months the writer has preached for this society several Sundays, and has witnessed with much satisfaction the determined and self-sacrificing spirit with which the little band are laboring to sustain their organization and work out a success.

Since the day of their first efforts to build up a society in a part of the city comparatively new, yet rapidly growing to be the most beautiful and central point of the great municipality, they have met with some reverses which would have disheartened a less devoted band of Christian believers; but they are not to be disheartened. They feel assured that the cause for which they are laboring is a good one. They believe that God's truth must prosper, and that the faith of Universalism demands their love, their prayers and their support. In one word, they are bound to succeed. Since the first Sabbath which I spent with them, their congregations, still small, have been steadily increasing, and their Sunday school has nearly doubled its numbers. Last Sunday there were eighty-seven children present, at the session of the school, and the classes were well supplied with faithful teachers.

The place in which this society hold their meetings is uninviting and uncomfortable. What they need now is a better place of worship, and a pastor as earnest and faithful as he would find his people to be. Both of these auxiliaries they are determined to have. Their liberality will doubtless secure the first-named necessity, at no distant day; and may the Lord send them one of his faithful servants, who shall ere long rejoice with them in a well-earned success.

L. J. FLETCHER

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FOURTH UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY.—The Rev. L. J. Fletcher, Pastor. At their Chapel on Cumberland street, near Lafayette avenue. Services morning and evening. Subject for the morning—"Punishment and Forgiveness." The public are invited.

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