

## A New Church

The corner-stone of the Fourth Universalist Church of Brooklyn, was laid on Sunday afternoon, the 4th instant, in accordance with the ancient rites of Freemasonry. The site of the new edifice is in Greene-avenue, between Carlton-avenue and Adelphi-street. The building was commenced some four weeks since, and is now raised up to the first floor. It is to be of brick, with brown-stone front, 50 feet by 75 feet in extent, and 65 feet high outside, and 40 feet from floor to ceiling inside. It is calculated to seat 480 persons. The interior will be neatly furnished, with groined ceiling and walls. The basement will be occupied as a Lecture and Sabbath School rooms. The structure will be ready for occupation about the first of February next. The cost will be about \$12,000. Mr. Rembrandt Lockwood is the architect, and Mr. T. W. Rollins the builder. The order of services consisted in reading a portion of the Scriptures by Rev. Mr. Blanchard, of the Monroe-street Universalist Church, followed with a prayer by Rev. L. J. Fletcher, pastor of the society. A hymn was then sung, in which all present joined, commencing:

"This stone to Thee, in faith we lay—  
We build the temple, Lord to Thee,  
Thine eye be open night and day,  
To guard this house from error free."

An address was delivered by Rev. G. T. Flanders, of the Second-avenue Universalist church, New York, after which the cornerstone was laid by Grand Master J. M. Fuller, assisted by D. G. Master, R. G. Millard, S. G. Warden [and] H. W. Kasson. The Masonic address was delivered by Grand Master Simons. The proceedings of the day, records, coins (among them a fifty-cent silver piece), &c, were deposited in the stone. The services terminated with singing, prayer and benediction.

A very large congregation was present, and much more than usual interest was manifested in the services throughout.

We heartily congratulate the Brooklyn brethren of the Fourth Society on the prospect they now have before them: that, in a few months, they will be in possession of a handsome church, furnished with all the necessary appointments of convenience and taste, and in every respect calculated to secure their success. Especially of this they may feel confident, under the leadership of their very able pastor, who, whether as a preacher or a pastor, is "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." We anticipate for the Fourth Society, a future of uninterrupted prosperity. They are a worthy band of zealous hearts and true workers, who have surmounted many difficulties, and it may be said of them..."I know thy works, and thy labor, and patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil; and hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hath not fainted. To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."

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