

From "Pastors and People"
PROGRESS OF THE FOURTH STREET [sic] UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

The Fourth Universalist Church, quite recently established with Ridgewood Hall as a temporary headquarters, has already gained a membership of 50, with an average Sunday school attendance of 62. The society has extended a call to the Rev. Abraham Conkling [Conklin], who has also been asked to fill the pulpit of the [Third] Universalist Church in Greenpoint. If he accepts the invitation thus extended he may be able to divide his work between the two churches, preaching in Greenpoint in the morning and in Ridgewood Hall in the evening, or vice versa. The Sunday school as been invited to repeat its Anniversary day picnic and will do so before many days elapse. On that day it was taken to the house of Mr. W. S. Slocum, Wyckoff avenue, near Cooper avenue, where the grounds were fitted up and decorated for the occasion, and where a gladsome shout broke forth, when a wagon driven by Mr. Henry [Mabukin?], covered with flags and bunting and laden with cake, fruit, and icecream [sic], drew up before the premises. Owing to Mrs. Slocum's illness on that day, she was unable to participate or assist in the sports of the children, and to the end that she may do so, she has invited them to her house and grounds again.

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