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ANOTHER UNIVERSALIST CHURCH TO BE BUILT IN BROOKLYN

The Fourth Universalist Society, worshipping at present in Ridgewood Hall, has so prospered, materially and spiritually, that it will shortly rejoice in a church edifice of its own. Land has been bought on Quincy street, between Reid and Stuyvesant avenues, in measurement 100 feet by 50 feet, and on that it is proposed to erect a building sufficiently large to accommodate the growing parish whereof Rev. Abram Conklin is minister. No plans have yet been formed as to the shape, size or material of the building, but it will be one that the society will not be ashamed of, that is, if the present enthusiasm of the members is read aright. There are no wealthy members in the church and its progress must necessarily be cautious, but money has already been raised in excess of immediate needs and Mr. Herman Mueller has generously advanced money for the purchase of the land, in order to secure it before any further increase in prices in Twenty-fifth Ward real estate goes into effect. The neighborhood amid which it will stand is growing rapidly, and the Reid avenue station of the elevated road is but a block and a half distant. The larger churches of the faith, those of Rev. Drs. Canfield and Gunnison are two miles or more away, and Mr. Conklin's success shows that there is room for just such an enlargement as his people have in contemplation. He is at present supplying both the pulpit in Ridgewood Hall and that of the Universalist Church in Greenpoint, but after the new church has been erected it is probable that his labors will be confined to the Twenty-fifth Ward parish. The Universalist mission in South Brooklyn grows less rapidly, though there is interest in the work, and prophets who claim to read the signs aright declare that it will not be many years before South Brooklyn also has a church of Universalist denomination, or at least a chapel where work will be carried forward under direction of the Church of Our Father.

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