

[Fifth Universalist Society, New York City]

NEW-YORK ASSOCIATION

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New-York City (excerpt)

Fifth Society (Fourth-st.) owns a neat meeting house; Sunday School has 75 children, church 35 members, pastorship vacant.

The 2d, 3d and 4th Societies enjoy abundant prosperity; the 5th labors under some local disadvantages which the zeal of its earnest friends will, it is hoped, obviate. The church has been surrounded by a large foreign population, while respectable American families, in moderate circumstances, from whom our Societies received their chief support, are but few in its neighborhood. A proposition is seriously entertained to sell the present church and purchase elsewhere.—Notwithstanding the disadvantages to which reference has been made, the interest of the people in the Sabbath services and church institutions, under the judicious ministrations of Br. Nye, has greatly increased.

*Christian Ambassador*, Auburn NY, Sat. 2 Aug 1851

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Fourth St. Society

This Society have sold their church to "the Union Congregational Church," reserving to themselves the use of the house every Sabbath afternoon till they can secure another place of worship. Efforts will immediately be made to obtain a location further up town.—Perhaps this Society may unite with the Congregation now worshipping on 8th Avenue. At any rate, being now free from the obstacles and hindrances which have been considered as opposed to their growth and prosperity, we hope this Society is destined soon to enjoy prosperous and palmy days.

*Christian Ambassador*, Auburn NY, Sat. 6 Sep 1851

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