

[German Christian Universalist Church, New York City]

German Universalist Society

Our readers are already aware that Rev. Charles Schaum, a gentleman of education and elevated character, has for several years been a member of the New York Association of Universalists. During the time, and for some year previous he has been pastor of an independent German congregation in East New York. Recently a few of the more wealthy members of the congregation have become dissatisfied with Dr. Schaum's orthodoxy, and by an illegal action of the Board of Trustees ousted him from his place and closed the doors of the church against him. A large part of the congregation, however, is still attached to Mr. Schaum.

Although we do not doubt that a suit at law would restore him to his parish, still both he and his friends are of [the] opinion that such a course would lead to no good practical results and only entail upon them a long and disagreeable religious quarrel. They have therefore resolved to adopt immediate measures for building a new house of worship, which shall be a *German Universalist Church*.

We hail this movement with great pleasure and wish it all success. It is the first of the kind, we believe, in the country and deserves all the encouragement the denomination can give it. As the congregation in East New York associated with Mr. Schaum is neither large nor wealthy, he proposes to appeal to our more opulent and zealous friends for aid in the good enterprize [sic]. When prepared to enter upon this work he will be furnished with the necessary introduction, and we shall commend him most earnestly to the sympathy and co-operation of Universalists, wherever he may go.

The Christian Ambassador, New York NY, Saturday October 15, 1864

A GERMAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

A German congregation of Universalists has purchased a Methodist church, with two lots, in East New York, at the cost of \$6000—in every respect a convenient edifice, with basement rooms for a Sunday School, or for lectures. Rev. Carl Schaum has been chosen pastor. There are about eighty German families in the congregation. We trust and believe that great good will result from this movement. East New York, we may inform those who need information, is on Long Island, not far from Brooklyn.

The Ambassador, New York NY, Sat. 23 Feb 1867