

Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

This place is situated on the eastern side of the Hudson river, about midway between New York and Albany, 75 miles from either place. It contains about 7,000 inhabitants, and is truly a beautiful and thriving village.

There is a society of our faith in this place, formed several years since. It once owned a church and enjoyed the regular ministrations of the word. But adverse circumstances, which need not be named here, discouraged our friends, and a favorable opportunity presenting itself, they sold their church to a Baptist society. After paying their debts, they had some money left, which they put out at interest; since which, till very recently, they have done little for the advancement of our cause in that place. During this period they have lost by death and removals, several prominent among them in former years; yet those left retain a love of the truth, and are again uniting their exertions for its promotion. We have visited the places and held services on three Sabbaths of late, and the meetings, held in the village hall, have been well attended, especially in the evenings when particular subjects were announced.

But the most important matter connected with recent movements there, is the purchase of the Presbyterian Church for the use of our Society. The Society hitherto occupying that church, is a large and wealthy one, and having resolved on building a new and superior church, the one they now occupy was offered for sale, and purchased by one who will pass it over to our Society. This house, though an old one, was put in complete repair a few years since, and is both externally and internally a very neat edifice. It is surmounted with a steeple in which is a good bell. It will seat comfortably about 700 people. The Presbyterian Society will occupy it on the Sabbath, till they erect another church, though on week days and evenings our friends can have it. After they come in complete possession of this house we hope something effectual will be done for the advancement of Universalism in Poughkeepsie.

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