

Closing Title for Universalist Church
Free Library Association Buys Building It Has Occupied
for Several Years as Home for Library

Arrangements are now progressing for the purchase of the old Universalist church as a home for the Geneva Free Library and the ultimate site for the proposed soldiers' memorial. The trustees of the library Association have authorized its treasurer, Mrs. F. W. Henendeen, to accept the title as soon as the papers are in shape for the transfer. Attorney E. J. Cook, who is representing the Library Association, is now at work upon the abstract of title and as soon as he is satisfied with the title to the property the transfer will be consummated.

For some time the Library Association has been endeavoring to raise sufficient funds to take up the option that it held on the property and it was only through the generosity of Mrs. W. W. Hopkins, who recently donated \$5,000 to the library fund as a memorial to her mother, that the ambition of the Board of Directors was attained.

It is the plan of the association to hold the building until the soldiers' memorial project will take on a definite form, when the building and lot will be offered as a part of the subscription to enable Geneva to erect a suitable memorial for her soldiers and sailors who served in the recent war [World War I].

The Board of Directors of the Free Library Association has been working incessantly for several years in its efforts to raise the funds for the purpose and now they are rewarded. For the present they do not intend to make any great improvements. It was announced that the organ which has been in the building since the Universalist society discontinued holding services there will be offered for sale by the Universalist Society and the old gallery will be added to the space now used as the library.

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