

OLD CHURCH PASSES; STORES TO BE BUILT
Universalist Property in Huntington Sold to Make Room for Business
MARKS END OF CHURCH THERE
Society, Depleted in Membership, Will Not Build New House of Worship.
(Special to The Eagle.)

HUNTINGTON, L.I., September 8—The First Universalist Church edifice of the village, at the corner of New York avenue and Elm street, and the lot adjoining it on the north have been sold to Warren B. Sammis. The property is located in what is growing to be a prominent business section. It has a frontage of sixty feet on the New York avenue and 100 feet on Elm street. The reported price is \$280 per front foot on New York avenue, or \$13,800.

It is said that Mr. Sammis will put up a business block on the premises. It is adjacent to the Cushing livery stable and about forty feet south of the Masonic building, in which is located the post office.

The property was conveyed a number of years ago by the local society to the General Universalist society [Convention].

The church, an attractive frame building of Gothic style of construction, was built about forty years ago. Some of the most prominent ministers of the denomination have preached in it from time to time. Some of the more recent pastors have been Rev. Frank Masseck, C.[Charles] Tomlinson and R. T. Polk.

The society originally worshipped in a building at the corner of Nassau avenue and Platt street, which was converted into a parsonage after the new church was built.

It is said that the church members will not rebuild, as the society has been seriously depleted by the death of some of its influential members. For several years services have been held for only a portion of the year.

The church was endowed many years ago by a gift of \$5,000 by the late Zophar Oakley, a wealthy merchant of the village. The society in the village is over seventy-five years old.

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