

[Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence Co.]

First Universalist Church of Ogdensburg, N.Y.

Saturday afternoon a business meeting of the Society of Liberal Christians was held at the "East Room" in Gilbert block for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization. The following permanent officers were elected, viz.: Moderator, Henry Rodee; Clerk, Geo. B. Oswell; Treasurer, Capt. William L. Best; Trustees, Henry Rodee, George B. Oswell, William L. Best, Royal Tallman and Robert E. Waterman. The society decided to place itself under the control and supervision of the New York State Convention of Universalists, and adopted the name, "First Universalist Church of Ogdensburg, New York," under which to incorporate. Articles of association were prepared, executed and forwarded to the county clerk for record. The society wishes it distinctly understood that it does not, and will not seek to recruit its ranks from other churches. It does, however, invite to membership all those who are unconnected with any other religious denomination and who will accept as a working basis this covenant, "In the love of truth and in the spirit of Jesus Christ, we unite for the worship of God and the service of man." If the movement meets with sufficient encouragement an effort will be made to build a chapel. Meanwhile services will continue to be held as heretofore, twice every Sunday until the first of January, when an afternoon service will probably be substituted for the winter months. Rev. Lewis B. Fisher, Ryder Professor of Pastoral Theology, St. Lawrence University, will continue to officiate.

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