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CLIFTON HEIGHTS NEW LIBRARY NEARLY READY – Old Mansion Has Been Remodeled at a Cost of \$1,700 – Methodist Endeavors to Play Santa Claus

The big old mansion on Baltimore Avenue in the East ward which is being remodeled for a public library will be ready for occupancy by February. This statement was made yesterday by Burgess N.S. Keay, who has been in charge of the improvements which are being made at the place. The entire building has been in charge of the improvements which are being made at the place. The entire building has been remodeled and after the work is completed, it will be one of the finest buildings in the borough, and just suited for library purposes.

An immense steam heating plant has been installed by Charles Donovan, a local plumber. This plant keeps the big building comfortably warm. Much carpenter work has been done by a force of men under the supervision of Jordan Brothers, builders of this borough. The interior of the building has been painted and next week a force of paper hangers and decorators will begin to put the finishing touches to the interior.

The rooms on the first floor will probably be used for library purposes, while the rooms on the second floor will be used for gymnasiums. One of the features of this place is the long stretch of ground in the rear which Burgess Keay had ploughed and graded and sowed with grass seed last fall. This plot will make a fine playground and several tennis courts can be put in the plot.

The trustees of the Swedenborg church, which have charge of the building and who will turn the same over to the people of this borough for library purposes, have appropriated \$1000 toward the improvements while \$800 has been raised by private subscriptions and a baseball game. The improvements will cost at least \$1700.

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