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## OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The following letter was received last week by Supt. G. C. Butler: Urbana, Ill., Dec. 12, 1912. Supt. G. C. Butler, Downers Grove, Ill. My Dear Sir: On my recommendation as a result of my recent visit to the Council of Administration has approved the renewal of accrediting of your high school as fully accredited for a term of three years, or until June 30, 1916. This means that, in our judgment, you have an efficient high school. With a sincere wish for the continued prosperity of your school, I am

Yours very truly,  
H. A. HOLLISTER,  
High School Visitor.

While the course of study in our high school is such that those who wish to prepare for college and university may do so, yet we are not shaping and directing our course with this in view, but for the great number of boys and girls who are attending high school in order to be the better fitted to take up work in the business world.

In our high school is now offered a good, practical course in bookkeeping, commercial arithmetic, shorthand, manual training, mechanical drawing and other subjects which the student may elect, depending largely on just what he has in mind to do. We are also keeping in mind the "3 Rs" and emphasizing the fourth R, "the art of right living."

We are conducting a very complete course of study for the room and equipment afforded by the school. Our high school enrollment is growing larger every year, and this speaks well for the complete course of study now offered. A fine school spirit exists in the community, which is evidenced by the large number of our young people who, enter the high school each year. A taste for larger educational growth is shown by the large number of our graduates who have the past two or three years entered the higher institutions of learning, there being this year in the different colleges and universities from twelve to fifteen, besides a score or more who are making good use of their time in the commercial world.

We hope the time will soon come when more room will be provided and better facilities offered for doing work along lines not able to be undertaken because of lack of room and equipment. The very best school we can give to our boys and girls today is none too good, and we hope the day will never come to the American people when they will be satisfied with anything educationally short of the

best. We trust that when our work is resumed January 6, 1913, and we enter a new year, we may also enter into the work with a new zeal and energy and do all in our power to make the work in our schools still more efficient.

With sincere thanks and appreciation to all the patrons for the help and co-operation received the past three years and wishing to all a merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year, I am  
Yours for better school work,  
G. C. BUTLER, Superintendent.

## CHRISTMAS IN MANY LANDS

Written for the Reporter by the Rev. J. H. Williams.

A flight in an airship would be an interesting trip on Christmas Day to see how the nations of the earth celebrate the birthday of the Christ Child. We might stop in England the night before Christmas and hear the children going from house to house singing their Christmas carols. How beautifully they sing. These old carols have been sung for centuries and are as popular as ever. We hear one company singing "Silent Night," and so impressively is it done that we are carried back to the manger of the Christ. It is too bad we never adopted this custom in America.

These singers do not forget to hang up their stockings, and are awake long before daylight to see what is in them. The living rooms are garlanded with evergreens, holly and mistletoe. Mistletoe! Few are the girls who escape. A bunch of it usually hangs in the center of the room awaiting the luckless victim. But everybody is jolly for it is Christmas. Christmas morning is given over to worship in the churches, and the afternoon to frolic. The dinner is a great feast. Roast beef, called "Sir Lion," so named by King Charles, who one day was so delighted with huge juicy roast that striking it with his sword said, "I knight you, Sir Lion." Turkeys, pheasants, geese, plum pudding and other things are loaded upon the tables until they groan.

The Yule Log is a feature of an English Christmas. It is selected weeks before the holiday season, is cut down, its branches cut off and as it is considered a promise of good luck for anyone who aids in bringing it into the house and sharing it, there is no lack of willing hands to drag it from the forest. There are also other customs such as bringing in the boar's (Continued on Page 9.)

## BUY IN DOWNER'S GROVE

Avoid the Crushing Crowds in Chicago.

The Christmas spirit is now in the air. The children are impatiently waiting for the coming of Santa Claus and the older folks are busy with plans to make them happy.

Downers Grove merchants have laid in a big, splendid stock of goods, which they are offering for Christmas buying. Visit the stores here and see the large display of toys and other more substantial articles suitable for gifts.

Why not do your Christmas shopping in Downers Grove and avoid the crush in the Chicago stores? You will have time to examine the goods and make your selections at leisure. You will find just as good values here and will always be assured of courteous service.

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## CANTATA AT M. E. CHURCH.

On Christmas eve the members of the Methodist school will present a pleasing Cantata, Santa Claus, Jr. It will cover about 60 minutes, possibly an hour and a quarter. Every member of the school from the adult classes to the primary is doing their best to make it a success. Costumes are being made, decorations planned and about 60 people are having almost daily rehearsal of their different parts.

The music is bright and sparkling and the libretto has enough continuity to hold the interest. You will enjoy the four-part songs by Santa's nieces, the rousing chorus by the Earth children, the pleasing solos by Tina, the fairy messenger; Zero, the gnome; Santa, Santa Jr. and Lucia. Then there are the pies, puddings, the dolls, Santa's carpenters, Nicodemus the faithful, the irrefragable Jack-in-the-box, Luna and Mother Goose Rhymes, who will be there to make your acquaintance. And we feel sure you can but sympathize with the "discontented children" who are reprimanded so severely.

The hour set is 7:45 P. M., Dec. 24, in the auditorium of the church, and you are most cordially invited to be present.

## XMAS IN THE VILLAGE

"God rest you—merry gentlemen,  
Let nothing you dismay,  
For Christ our Lord and Savior  
Was born on Christmas Day."

Clear and strong the tones of the village tenor rang out on the frosty air as the doors of the little brown church in the wildwood opened and let out a flood of light on Christmas eve, 188—

"Hurry, grandma, we'll be late," piped a childish treble and a little boy tumbled up the church steps followed sedately but no less eagerly by his aged relative. The doors closed and the two took their places in the crowded church.

Their pew, well toward the front, was occupied, but no matter, on Christmas eve "first come first served" was the rule and soon from a rear seat the restless boy was peering eagerly toward the pulpit.

The eyes of the lad were dazzled by the brilliancy of the lights—twenty-four oil lamps in an enormous glass reflected candelabrum hanging half-way down the church with another similar circle of lights nearer the pulpit. Was there ever such splendor!

"Where's the Christmas tree, grandma?" he whispered. "O there it is, in the corner," and he wiggled half out of his seat to get a better view.

A tall dark-haired and mustached man stepped forward and announced: "The pupils of the Sunday School will now present a program, after which we expect a visitor."

Little boys, black-haired, tow-headed, chubby, or slender, together with cute little girls, their hair braided tightly in little pig tails or hanging in curls, spoke their pieces to the delight of their parents and friends or forgot the hard-learned lines and were prompted by kindly teachers. Never mind, they all knew something was coming.

While the closing chorus of childish voices sang "I would be a Christmas bell," one of the deacons came forward with a long staff topped with a burning candle and approached the Christmas tree.

The little voices faltered but kept bravely on though each eye was on the wonderful tree which soon began to blaze with little sparks of light as one by one the deacon lit the scores of candles on its branches.

"O-o, grandma, ain't it pretty," said the little boy clapping his hands. The children trooped off the platform and crash! bang! the window behind the choir was opened and a red-coated, fur-gloved, booted figure

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## A YULETIDE INVITATION.

Something in this Christmas season should without a rhyme or reason make us pause; make us stop in chill December for a minute to remember Santa Claus, with his heavy-laden pack strapped upon his sturdy back, leaving toys at most every house he passes for the chubby little lassies and the boys; but perhaps he is near-sighted for some little ones are slighted every year, and their tiny hearts are pained and their cheeks are often stained with a tear. So this year let's you and I at this business have a try, helping out; give a lone-some little lad something that will make him glad, so he'll shout; give some little girl a dolly, it will certainly be jolly just to hear the delighted squeals of glee, when the kids the presents see. Don't you fear that you ever will regret it, why, you sure could not forget it for a year.

S. Y. D.

## THE MESSIAH.

A Choral Society of Downers Grove has been organized, which will render the Oratorio Handel's "Messiah," under the direction of Mrs. Raasweiler. It will be sung on Tuesday evening, January 7, 1913, at the Methodist church.

The singers have been rehearsing for the past two months and the solo parts will be sung by special Chicago talent, the names to be announced later.

This chorus promises a splendid evening entertainment. Tickets will be sold by members of the Choral Society and at the different stores.

## NOTICE, AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHERS.

The photograph class taught by J. M. Perkin will start again the first Monday in January. Mr. Perkin has kindly consented to teach anyone who is interested in photography. The class will meet at his home on Railroad St., January 6th.

## LOCAL NEWS

—Give him or her a Camera and outfit for Christmas, they will appreciate it. J. Perkin.

—Go to Perkin's for your cameras and photo supplies of all kinds.

—Mr. Leon, the painter, living on N. Forest Ave., was killed at La Grange by a C. & N. Y. train at 12 o'clock Tuesday night.

—Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Pearce are the happy possessors of a victrola. —Read the original Christmas stories on page 6 by local contributors.

—V. Simonson and family entertained his sister from Chicago on Sunday.

—Miss Mary Nourse has returned from a visit at Mt. Sterling, Ill.

—Misses Alice and Mary Nourse will leave in a few weeks for their work in China.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Lucore returned from their trip to New Orleans on Sunday.

—Madam Curtis of Clarendon Hills is recovering from her recent illness.

—Mrs. J. W. Rogers is so she is out again after a severe case of grip.

—Mrs. Spencer and Miss McAlester of Forest Ave. have both been on the sick list.

—Miss Louise Stanley is recovering from a severe cold.

—Mrs. W. W. Ward of La Grange was calling on friends in D. G. on Monday.

—Mrs. Mabel Noble (nee Rutherford) has been quite ill with quinsy sore throat.

—Arthur F. Beidelman, of Naperville, has been appointed deputy coroner of DuPage county by Coroner Dr. W. W. Hoff.

—Rev. R. L. Gress, of Modeltown, N. Y., was in the village visiting friends and relatives last week.

—Miss Marie Coleman has returned from a visit to Springfield and Peoria.

—Reuben Diener has gone to Montana with Roy Miller to spend the winter.

—Ben Diener has returned from Texas and moved to Hinsdale.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Dickerson are making a two weeks' visit with Mr. Dickerson's parents at Union, N. Y.

—Miss Stella Abrahamson is at the Evangelical hospital, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. She was seriously ill, but is improving nicely.

—A. Abrahamson is still laid up on account of the accident he met with at the 31st street crossing about six weeks ago.

—Household furniture for sale. Call at M. Flecka residence, 75 South Main street.

—G. H. Sange, who is a patient in a hospital in Chicago, is improving from a recent operation.

—John Sawyer took in the children show last Sunday in Chicago.

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Soft Shell Almonds, lb.....	25c	Savoy Canned Pineapple, lb.....	40c
Soft Shell Walnuts, lb.....	22c	Savoy Glazed Citron, lb.....	25c
Extra Large Washed Brazil, lb.....	15c	Savoy Orange & Lemon Peel, lb.....	20c
Extra Large Filberts, lb.....	20c	Extra Large Dipped Marshmallows	
Extra Large Pecans, lb.....	20c	Cherries, box.....	15c
4 Crown Layer Figs, lb.....	15c	Loose Muscatel Raisins, lb.....	10c
Washed Figs, lb.....	22c	Savoy Seeded Raisins, pkg.....	12c
Washed Figs, 1 lb. cartons.....	25c	Sultana Raisins, lb.....	12c
Stuffed Dates, lb.....	20c	Fancy Bartlett Pears, lb.....	20c
Quart Jar Mince Meat.....	25c	Fancy Muir Peaches, Large and	
Quart Jar Olives.....	25c	Meaty, lb.....	14c
Olives, plain and stuffed.....	10-25c	Fancy Apricots.....	18c
In bottles, large variety.		Fancy Prunes, lb.....	10, 12 and 15c
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