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CONGREGATIONAL WILL BUILD NEW CHURCH.

On Tuesday evening the members and friends of the Congregational church, over 100 strong, sat down to a delicious banquet prepared for them by the ladies. By a vote practically unanimous the church had already decided to erect a structure adequate to the work. This banquet, therefore, as every one knew, meant business as well as mirth. The Rev. Philip Yarrow, the assistant superintendent of the Chicago City Missionary Society, was the chief speaker. After a few well chosen earnest words on the value of the church, he asked for subscriptions. What a magnificent response came from the auxiliary societies, from classes, from families and individuals, even the babes of the Cradle Roll were ready with a gift. So hearty and generous was the response that in less than two hours \$9,055 was pledged for a new Congregational church, a substantial edifice of brick, which will be an ornament to our village. The spirit of liberality and sacrifice manifested at this gathering augurs well for the continued prosperity of the church.

FALL FESTIVAL.

The women of St. Joseph's Church are busy making preparations for the Fall Festival, dance and card party at Dickes Hall and store Thursday evening, Nov. 13. They will have a variety of fancy and useful articles on sale suitable for the holidays. Do not miss this, you will enjoy it.

PLAN NOW FOR THE CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO THE LOVED ONES.

Already preparations are under way for Christmas by those who wish to save themselves as well as others the strain of the hurry that comes each year at the last hour. It has grown so strenuous that there is a revolt coming. The barbarous crowding and the merciless overwork with which we tax ourselves, the postman, the expressman, and most of all, the shop girls at what should be the merriest time of the year are utterly inconsistent.

But give gifts we will. So make up your mind to begin early and commence by visiting the bazaar at the Congregational Church Nov. 20.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY.

Miss Lily Wolf entertained the young people of St. Paul's Church at a Hallowe'en party last Friday night. The house was beautifully decorated with autumn leaves and jack-o'-lanterns, the Hallowe'en color scheme being carried out in all decorations, each guest was presented with a witch or black cat. Numerous stunts were performed while they were blindfolded which caused a great deal of merriment, the usual Hallowe'en apple bob and other amusing contests followed. The ghost song by Emory Klein received well merited applause. After this all marched into the nicely decorated dining room and the following menu was served: Devil's cake, imps' delight, spirit kisses, dragon's teeth, brownies' broth.

The complete Christian Science lecture delivered by Clarence W. Chadwick C. S. B. at Dickes' Hall on Monday evening will be found on page 3

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATION BROACHED

Possibility of a Citizens Group Effectively Aiding the Village Officers Suggested.

Isn't it about time to give the village a boost? Haven't we waited—you and I—long enough without putting our shoulders to the wheel? It's fine to sit back and say "Downers Grove is the best suburb on the C. B. and Q.," but what are we doing to prove it? These and many similar questions might be asked and probably truthful answers would not add to the self satisfaction of the residents of the village who when away from town, or not in the throes of a campaign, are really and truly fond of Downers Grove and know that it is a good place in which to live.

The recent special election in which some two hundred and fifty voters out of more than twelve hundred thought it worth while to express their opinion on a subject so vital to the town, as a bond issue for the rehabilitation of the electric light plant, was a sad commentary on the public spirit of the village.

Not long ago reams of paper were spoiled with arguments for and against the worth and effectiveness of the electric light plant. For hours at a time the pros and cons of the vexed subject were argued and it was strongly suspected that many of the arguers became highly excited now and then over the deplorable state of affairs or the singularly dense ignorance of their auditors. Then came the pitiable vote.

Mrs. Pankhurst and the woes of Englishwomen; Huerta and his astonishing bravado; through routes on the Chicago elevated; W. J. Bryan's lectures and the peregrinations of Theodore Roosevelt receive our earnest attention but when it comes to giving honest, persistent thought to the solution of village problems where are those who are interested? That we have chosen and placed in office a village board and a president all good men, hard working men, men with a sincere desire to do the right thing for the town, does not excuse us from doing our share. It is not enough to fold our hands and say, "Let them handle it but, that's what they were elected for."

It is or should be our business as residents of the village, as voters, as householders to aid them, to hold up their hands and to do all in our power to improve the village.

Sporadic enthusiasm will not accomplish the task. Organized effort alone is equal to the occasion. There are at the least calculation at least one hundred men and an equal number of women who could be of distinct service to the town and whose support would be welcomed by the village officers and through whose efforts Downers Grove would be mightily improved.

Other villages have tried the experiment and have found that an improvement organization helps. That such an organization, working with and not at cross purposes to, the village board is a benefit none will deny. Why is the plan not tried?

THE ENTERTAINMENT COURSE TONIGHT.

Dr. Scott F. Hershey, the orator, scholar and lecturer, will open the Baptist entertainment course tonight at 8 p. m. Dr. Hershey is one of the famous lecturers of this country. This is the first of a series of five entertainments. The others are: "The Jubilee Singers," "The Illinois Glee Club and Bell Ringers," Dr. J. H. McLaren, lecturer and humorist, and Ida May Lewis, the impersonator.

Dr. Hershey's subject on Friday is "The Fellow on Top," or "How to Win." This is perhaps the happiest combination of pathos, philosophy and story telling to be heard on the American platform. Young men have declared that it was worth \$5 to them. Fathers have often gone forward to express their regret that their boys were not there. The old say they never saw so much in life before.

CORRECTION.

In last week's issue an error was made relative to the payment of \$200 of special assessments against the new library site at Curtis street and Forest avenue. The gift which was credited to Elbert C. Stanley was made by Mr. Stanley and his sister, Mrs. Arthur Cole of Galesburg, jointly and not by Mr. Stanley alone. The Library board of Downers Grove in behalf of the citizens of the village takes this occasion to express their thanks for the gift of Mrs. Cole and Mr. Stanley.

Way of the Race.

Ten thousand enthusiasts will follow a golf champion through a downpour but a heavy fog will keep them from the polls on election day.

SCHOOL NOTES

The evening program of our Illinois meeting at Oak Park Friday will consist of the High School Orchestra of sixty pieces and a chorus of 300 voices. After the musical program the teachers will have the real pleasure of listening to an address by Hon. P. P. Claxton, commissioner of education, Washington, D. C. During the day when meetings are not in session guides will be furnished for visitors to inspect the high school building. The "English Room" and the "Classical Room," the new boys' gymnasium and girls' gymnasium, the new manual training rooms and the laboratories are especially worth seeing.

C. H. Norton, representing Ginn & Co., and F. L. Manasse, representing the Educational Pub. Co., were visitors at the school Monday.

The second game of foot ball between the Naperville high school team and the Downers Grove high school team was played Saturday at the south side school grounds, the score being 13 to 40 in favor of Naperville. Clean, manly, honest playing marked the work of the Downers Grove boys. These virtues are more to be desired than winning a game, as they bring honor not only to the players, but to the school and community as well. Our next game will be played at Wheaton, Nov. 15, with the high school team at that place.

Trim out large numbers, complex fractions and all other nonsense.—Journal of Education.

Regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education was held Tuesday evening.

November 19 will be the fiftieth anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg address. Fifty years ago 1863, on the battlefield of Gettysburg there leaped from the soul of this great American a lofty sentiment which form and thought constitutes one of the greatest literary and moral selections ever delivered. He stood to deliver this address, we are told, at about 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon, eastern time, or 3:30 o'clock in Illinois time. Supt. F. G. Blair of the state department recommends that all pupils beyond the sixth grade in public and private schools of this state shall commit to memory this noble address, and that it shall be repeated by some or all of these pupils at 3:30 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 19. There is joy and inspiration in the thought of half a million children joining in such a patriotic exercise. What greater monument could be built to the memory of any man than that which is built in the hearts and minds of the children? Every boy and girl from the sixth grade up in our schools will learn this noble address and each grade will repeat in concert on Nov. 19 at 3:30 o'clock. What a fine opportunity to impress on the minds of our boys and girls the real meaning of these words to our nation.

ENTERTAINMENT COURSE IN METHODIST CHURCH.

Miss Launsbury, representing the Century Lyceum Bureau of Chicago, is in town this week and has had marked success in securing pledges for season tickets for the six number entertainment course to be given in the Methodist church. Enough tickets have already been pledged for the course and the first entertainment by the Metropolitan Ladies' Orchestra will be given the latter part of this month. Positive dates for all of the entertainments have not yet been sent out by the Chicago bureau.

MEETING OF TRUSTEES OF ST. BERNARD'S CEMETERY.

The meeting of trustees of St. Bernard's cemetery met at Albert Riedy's in Lisle last Tuesday night and accepted the estimate of Mr. Webster of Wheaton for surveying and platting. The contract for the construction of a fence around the ground was given to Mr. Riedy.

On account of the great demand for burial lots work will be pushed on the improvements as quickly as the weather will permit.

MISS ESTHER NELSON ENTERTAINS HELLO GIRLS.

Miss Esther Nelson gave a very delightful Hallowe'en party in honor of the "Hello Girls" and their friends at her pleasant home on Lincoln street last night. The party was very scarce. Everybody agreeing in reply that another party of this kind

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