

NEWS

Christmas is almost here. Mrs. Frank Young has recovered from her recent indisposition. Miss Grace Irtels visited a few days last week with Mrs. Harry Slick. Little Raymond Clark is ill with a severe cold. The radiation has been repaired at the Paragon Theatre. Mrs. E. T. Lawrence is the victim of a severe cold. The young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. LaMott is ill. Mr. Elmer Ford of Nopahset, Ill., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Syster. Mrs. G. A. Walter spent Sunday visiting friends in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. John Harthorn spent Sunday with friends at Edgewater. Miss Anna Huling has returned from her trip to the Pacific coast. The college boys are expected home this week for the Christmas vacation. Mrs. Hunt has returned from her visit to her son at Hammond, Ind. Rev. Voth has returned from a visit to Iowa. The Monday Evening Dancing Class is now held in Library Hall. Mrs. S. Martin of Columbus, Mo., is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. G. M. Perkin. Mr. and Mrs. John Harthorn visited with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kellet at Aurora, Tuesday. Miss Mildred Briggs is confined to her home with a malignant case of influenza. The Misses Ruth and Francis Hughes will be at home during the holiday vacation. Miss Margaret Kettinger is ill with diphtheria at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Brooks. Mrs. Anna Kuude and children are spending the week with Mrs. Phil Koeh. Miss Mildred Manning of Naperville visited Sunday with Miss Jessie Aldrich. Mrs. E. G. Lemon has been very ill for the past two weeks. She is now better and improving. The Shakespeare Class met with Miss Jessie Bryce on Maple avenue on Monday p. m. Our fellow townsman, E. G. Barrett, is now a full fledged 32nd degree Mason. The Xmas party of the teachers of the public schools was held Thursday night at Wm. Boyer's. Mrs. Chas. Lacey of Lisle Township, spent the past week as the guest of her sister in Chicago. Mrs. Verdine was hostess on Wednesday when the sewing club held their Christmas party. Swearingen & Co. are having a hard time getting Victrolas enough to fill orders for the holiday season. Mrs. Balczynski and young son, of Lincoln avenue, have been on the sick list the past week. Fred Micolet, Sr., who has been under the weather for some time, is slowly improving. Nat C. Goodwin in "Business is Business" at the Paragon Theatre Saturday night, Dec. 18th. Don't miss this. Mrs. A. P. Mehren entertained Miss Kathie Mehren of Chicago and Miss Mamie Engelhall at dinner on Tuesday evening. Have you seen the black skull cap the Scotchman is wearing nowadays? His hair does not lay just right to suit him, needs trainin'. Miss Mabel E. Johnson entertained several Chicago couples last Saturday evening in honor of Dr. Kantze of Wheaton, who is a professor of music. Five who were the mark our old friend, Winter, set for us to brave on Tuesday morning. A biting cold it was. Mrs. Fox of the government service at Washington, D. C., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jno Griffiths, on Belmont street. Garfield Piano Co., of Chicago, has rented one of the stores just east of the postoffice and will open a branch office. St. Andrew's Church will keep the old custom by celebrating the Holy Eucharist on Christmas Eve at midnight. All are invited to attend this service. The snow does make the outside world take on the appearance of winter time and also reminds one that the merry Christmas time is but one short week ahead. Born to Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Sprague of Caro, Texas, November 20th, a son. Mrs. Sprague will be remembered to her Downers Grove friends as Miss Gladys Lacro. The Congregational Choir will sing a Christmas cantata Sunday evening, December 26th, instead of December 19th. Everybody should take advantage of this opportunity to hear some excellent music. E. E. Sargent, of Naperville, is erecting a bungalow on the corner of Highland and Rogers, on the site of the old livery barn which burned down several years ago. It is rumored that two more bungalows will be erected next summer. The basketball game at the gym on Friday night between Plano and our high school team was a fine game. Both teams were in excellent form and played fast ball from start to finish. While Downers won 27 to 20, the Plano boys are fine fellows and put up a good game. The Victoria concert at Library Hall on Sunday p. m. was well attended. Mrs. M. M. Beckman and Chas. Davis were the soloists and the audience enjoyed the music very much. Come out and hear the Victoria and a program of Christmas music that is being prepared for next Sunday at 4 p. m. in Library Hall. The Pathology Committee of the Women's Club has in hand four very nice, large, ornate, large silver

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J. C. White has received several cards from A. C. Riddler, who, with his wife, is on a hunting trip in southern California, the last card being mailed from Tijuana, Mexico.

Small Shetland pony lost, strayed or stolen, has been picked up and awaits identification. It is about five years old. Owner can have same by proving ownership and paying charges. Apply to Martin White, chief of police.

We have received many favorable comments on our Christmas issue from our subscribers, for which we wish to thank them. Next year we hope to print a bigger and better edition, with the co-operation of the local advertisers.

If any local resident is in straightened circumstances and in need of coal or any of the necessities of life, they can get the same by applying at The Reporter office, who have the names of local residents willing to contribute.

Mrs. Courtright, who makes her home with her son in Oakland, Cal., recently celebrated her eightieth birthday. Her old acquaintances in the Grove will regret to hear she has had an attack of pleurisy. At last accounts she was improving but suffers more or less from the weakness incident to old age.

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DUBS TRIM THE NEAR STARS NEATLY

Win by 419 Pins from Hoehn's Barbers in Runaway Match, Monday.

Rolling in true "All Star" style, the Dubs cleaned up on E. Hoehn's barbers to the tune of 419 pins on the local drives Monday night. From the time the first ball went rolling down the alley for a strike until the last frame the Dubs showed they "had something" and the Near Stars never had a chance.

E. David was the star of the evening, getting a 197 average for the three games; his scores were 209, 230 and 152; he just missed a 200 average by falling down in the last game with a low score.

C. Staats and G. Vix averaged next high with 174, Staats opening with a 206 game. Vix rolled consistently, his low score being 167.

Barre got the best games for the Near Stars, getting a 163 1/2 for high average, his average not coming near W. Staats' 167, which was low on the Dub team.

The members of the All Star team who were present rooted for the Dubs to beat their high series record, which is 2,711, but the last game, 832, stopped all hopes of that.

Following are the scores and averages:

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| Dubs— | (1) | (2) | (3) | Ave. |
| Staats, C. | 206 | 149 | 167 | 174 |
| David, E. | 209 | 230 | 152 | 197 |
| Barre, W. | 178 | 156 | 169 | 167 |
| Vix, G. | 144 | 197 | 165 | 168 |
| Vix, G. | 178 | 167 | 179 | 174 |
| Totals | 911 | 899 | 832 | 2,642 |
| Near Stars— | (1) | (2) | (3) | Ave. |
| Worley | 110 | 131 | 163 | 134 |
| Barre | 156 | 160 | 174 | 163 |
| Hoehn | 158 | 175 | 127 | 153 |
| O'Brien | 144 | 146 | 155 | 148 |
| Heal | 122 | 134 | 168 | 141 |
| Totals | 690 | 746 | 787 | 2,223 |

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION PLAYS THIRD GAMES OF SCHEDULE.

The two athletic association teams and Trinity Presbyterian played to an even split in the local gym Saturday evening, Dec. 4, again keeping the average at an even 500 per cent.

Owing to remarks and actions from the onlookers, together with now and then a little rough work on the part of the players, but, however, mostly due to the former, time was called to settle a few arguments, which nevertheless, did not hinder the smooth running off of the games, the association lightweights coping the first and the heavies losing the second both by rather close counts.

Tuesday evening the basketball men of the association about a captain

and manager for the remainder of the season, Carpenter getting the captaincy and C. Steager the management. On Saturday the teams will meet at Western Springs quiet and a speedy five from the city and now being more closely organized hope to exhibit a better class of basketball than heretofore.

OUR RICH INHERITANCE.

By Dr. James Freeman Jenness, the Author of a Book on That Subject.

Probably most of the readers of the Reporter have seen some of the little books in the famous "What is Worth While" series, published by Thomas Y. Crowell Co., of New York, but few know that one of them was written by a man who now lives in Downers Grove. On a recent Sunday morning Mr. Jenness gave some extracts from the book instead of a sermon, but did not tell his people that it had been published.

We give here the opening paragraph of the book:

Imagine a child, born in a hovel of poverty, suddenly transported to a home of wealth. So far in his experience home had been a place of small dimensions, a few comforts and fewer pleasures. A broken table, some rickety chairs and a tumble down bed were the only articles of furniture which he had known. A dilapidated doll, an empty spoon and a few articles of household use which had been left within his reach were his only playthings. Now he is placed in a home with a dozen rooms, any one of which is larger than the whole tenement which his mother had called home. Furnishings more beautiful than any he could have imagined are in the rooms. And one of these rooms, to his mind the best of them all because of what it contains is all his own. Everything his childish heart could wish is in that room. There are horses and dogs and carts and cars and wheelbarrows. There are dolls and picture books and soldiers and jumping jacks and automobiles. There is a big seat by the window upon which he may climb when he is tired of play and look out upon the garden. And there, in the snugest corner of all, is a little bed, white enameled, with brass trimmings and covers of snowy whiteness, and no one in all the wide, wide world but himself to sleep in it. Then is told that not only this beautiful room with its many provisions for his comfort and pleasure, but the great house with its rich furnishings, the stately grounds and broad fields and wooded hills which surround it, and almost countless wealth besides, are his to use and enjoy as he will as long as he lives.

What conception can be formed by

such a child of the value and usefulness of his new possessions? He is dazzled and blinded by the grandeur and immensity of it all.

An appreciative reader, who has spent much time in the study of the best literature writes concerning "Our Rich Inheritance":

"The thoughts are exceptionally well chosen and beautifully expressed. The message is religious but spoken as the poet would give it and not in the conventional preaching style. There is nothing of the bigot about the author. His creed is apparently as broad as the needs of men, yet escapes the opposite danger of indefiniteness. He proclaims that inasmuch as this world has spent thousands of ages in fitting itself to sustain human life and thousands of minds have labored to give us a better understanding of how we may best live upon it; that inasmuch as the present with its opportunities, and the future—at least in the sense that our influence endures—are also ours; we have abundant cause for rejoicing and little for discontent. We should feel surprised, not that the world is imperfect but that it approaches so near to perfection. This message the author delivers with a beauty of illustration, a grace and melody of phrase, a wealth of true sentiment that lift it far out of the ordinary run of religious writings."—G. A. N.

Mr. Jenness is also one of the authors of the book entitled "The Retired Minister," which is being given wide publicity in connection with the movement to raise a fund for the purpose of caring for the ministers who have retired from active service. This book is edited by Dr. Hingeley of Chicago and contains contributions from some of the leading men in nearly all the Protestant churches.

CHRISTMAS! THE NIGHT OF ALL NIGHTS.

How dear to the heart is the time of Old Santa, Which December brings 'round once a year, With its bells and its reindeer, Its tree and its stockings, The sleigh and bright harness and gear.

Filled with goodies from toe to very tip-top, Stockings bulge and almost overflow; Bright eyes will soon spy them When peeping day tells them From sleepless warm bed they may go.

For where is the child who happily hears thumping, Who sleeps on this night of every year in his bed, Or Santa Claus peering, Or old, or on pillow or chair,

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