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#### UNTO OTHERS / 3 YOU LIKE TO BE DONE BY.

he paper committee of the Ladies' of the Congregational Church F. E. Johnson. to thank one and all for past Escher & Dixon, A. B. Austin. and a happy and prosperous

and we will try and do better W. S. Brookins, John Nylin, the new year by gathering Geo. Nicholas n a good deal

ASSOCIATION

are on the program.

or the banquet, hich will

This Issue Marks Beginning of New Year and a New Volume.

This issue of the Reporter marks the beginning of its thirty. ' th year. As you can see under the heading, we are starting Vol. XXXI and this is sue is No. 1.

For the past thirty-eight years the Reporter has been the medium whereby local news has circulated not alone in Downers Grove but to many former citizens now living in "furrin" parts.

Its columns have told of the arrival of a great many of us into this world, it has chronicled the joyous news of marriages and has ever been in the forefront of those mourning for dear departed ones.

In all its history the Reporter has ever stood for the upbuilding of Downers Grove life. It has boosted our community when it seemed as if Downers Grove had hardly a friend in the world.

The many advantages in improvements which are now enjoyed by local residents have been fought for through its columns. Lanes, not streets and paths, not sidewalks, were the order of the day in which it first appeared. Wells, oil lamps and couriers, instead of telephones, are a few of the many disadvantages of that day. Through it all the staunch pioneers labored and present day Downers Grove is a fitting result of their labors.

Our many beautiful trees which mark the streets of the village were planted by the folks of those days. Many an older resident of the town can tell you that they have seen these trees grow from mere shoots to their present stateliness.

The first paper printed in Downers Grove, so far as can be learned, was "The Messenger," which was the official organ of the Downers Grove Literary Association. This little paper, 8%x1114 inches in size, consisted of four pages and was edited by D. W. Woehrel, still lives on Curtiss street.

The first issue of "The Messenger" appeared on Saturday, November 3, 1874, and we can imagine the excitement which ran through the village on reading the first "newspaper." At the end of the "literary season" Mr. the village (as printed below) to conchanged the title to the Downers tion we believe was run until January miniature bride and groom. , 1876. It was printed at the office of the "Clarion" in Naperville, a print- Gladys Rogers, their granddaughter, ing outfit in those days costing almost who, also unknown to the two, had as much as they do now. From all the decorated the room and table in red light anyone can shed on the subject, and white, with "bride and groom" this was the forerunner of the present place cards at each plate. "Reporter," which made its bow to the

Downers Grove five churches and one ingly on his bride. Sunday school. The churches and their pastors were: Baptist church, church, Rev. W. S. Crow; Congregational church, Rev. G. T. Holcombe: Evangelical church, Rev. A. Strick faden: Lutheran church, Rev. Mr. Gooch. A. B. Austin was superintend-

ent of the Universalist Sabbath school. as pastor of the Evangelist church, is spent in cards and music. brother-in-law of Fred Gerwig, he having married Mr. Gerwig's sister in XMAS AT ST. ANDREW'S fae spring of 1876. He has now re tired from the ministry and is living with a married daughter in Chicago.

The same issue shows a "Q" time table between Chicago and Downers Grove. Nine trains a day each way, nine, think of it. E. W. Farrar was local agent at this time.

#### Petition and Answer. A PETITION.

Downers Grove, March 25, 1875 We, the undersigned, residents Downers Grove and vicinity, hereby petition Mr. D. W. Crescy to continue the publication of the village paper-"The Messenger"-after the adjourn ment of the "Literary Association: and we do, by these presents, pledge ourselves to pay the sum of 75 cent for eight months' subscription to the paper if continued, the time being from May 1875, to January 1, 1876 W. C. Powell, T. S. Rogera,

David Dissinger, D. C. Stanley, John Holland E. E. Downer. old newspapers and mag. J. W. Rogers, J. W. Whiffin.

> J. D. Sucher. J. M. Barr. J. T. Buck Help Fred M. Woods, And Many Others Although being petitioned, as above. your gain, as besides receiving many private solici ping your own tions of friends-who promised their support-to continue the publication You know the of the Messenger, I deemed it imprac save for ticable, owing to the expense attend and dver ing the publication—which is consid erable, although it be ever so smalland would cost me a greater pecuni-

ary sacrifice than I felt able to bear I had given up the undertaking; but. having recently received proposals to do the printing, on extra favorable terms, from the Clarion office at Naperville, I was thereby induced to make the attempt.

It will appear under a new name-The Downers Grove News, which, think, will be a trifle more appropriate, as the character of the paper will Rev. W. W. Diehl of be changed from the organ of the "Literary Association" to a more secular one, and devoted to the interests ested can drop in and look them over. of Downers Grove and vicinity. Instead of putting the subscription price at 75 cents for eight months, I have "local news" paper, devoted entirely concluded to put it at 75 cents for the to the interests of Downers Grove and year, which extremely low price I expect will secure the News a large cir-



FIRST EVANGELICAL CHURCH WM. E. GROTE, Minister.

# COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY

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MR. AND MRS. J. W. ROGERS CELEBRATE THEIR 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERS-ARY.

Sixty years ago, New Year's day, 1857, J. W. Rogers and Miss Mary Crescy, whose daughter. Mrs. Emil Freeman were married, and last Monday the dawn of a new year and of another twelvementh together was celebrated simply and quietly at their Highland avenue home.

The two had planned for a pleasant evening with a friends with no direct reference the anniversary Crescy was petitioned by residents of but the element of surprise was not lacking. When the guests led by Mr. tinue the publication. He did, but and Mrs. Rogers entered the dining room all was darkness except the Grove News, the first issue of which table, where the figures "60" blazed appeared May 8, 1875. This publical forth, the rays shining directly on a

The surprise was arranged by Miss

The meal was a round of merriment public in the first week in January, ias "J. W." recounted memories of other New Year's days before the This first issue of the "News," May snows of winter were transferred to 1875, in a church directory, gives his head and the seal of time set lov-

It is seldom that two loving ones can travel sixty winters and summers Rev. John L. Jackson; Methodist side by side and all the friends of Mr and Mrs. Rogers join in hearty congratulations and unite in wishing them a happy new year.

The guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. D Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bunge and Dr. and The Rev. A. Strickfaden, mentioned Mrs. W. S. Bebb. The evening was

### CHURCH.

this service, the choir walked to the aunts of Susie prim, to be sure, but homes of quite a number of "shut-ins" naturally so, and above all, human. in the village and sang carols, a cus- likable, even lovable, in spite of their tom very prevalent in European coun- severe cast of countenance. tries and surely a pleasing and helpeve of Holy Infocents' Day, the Sun- nington is fortunate in the vehicle that day school handts Christmas tree, has been provided for her introduc-Claus. Under the general direction of no question that by her interpretation Miss Mary Ryan, assisted by Mr. Lew she matches it in appeal. Leo Delaney F. Edwards and Miss Irene Bryan, very interesting and enjoyable program of songs, recitations, and dia logues was given by the younger members of the school

Goet Had Right Idea. Matthew Arnold, discussing the popularity of his own dog poems, said that while comparatively few loved poetry, nearly everyone loved dogs. And Matthew Arnold was right.

No Substitute Handy. A New York physician says that

what we need is fewer drug stores Maybe-but where would one buy toothbrushes and cigarettes and postage stamps- and where would one go to have a look at the city directory? -Cleveland Plain Dealer.

circulation and send in the 75 cents according to the terms

Items of news are solicited from all quarters, no matter how small-it may be of interest to somebody. The continuation of the paper beyond the time I specified will depend upon the support it receives. D. W. CRESCY

We have a small file of these old Transcript papers in the office and anyone inter-For the coming year we hope to make the Reporter more and more a

WATCH NIGHT SERVICES AT METHODIST CHURCH

In spite of the snow storm and slippery walks the services at the Methodist church last Sunday evening were very largely attended.

At 7:30 the choir gave a Christmas Fullment, the solo parts were taken by E. Rassweller, Miss Myrtle of a drama like "The Captive God." Nielsen and Mr. Ralph Herring. Among the special features of the concert was a peace song, the words of which were written by Mrs. Jenness and dedicated to the choir, of which she is the leader. This song was presented as a solo by Mrs. Rassweller, the entire choir joining in the chorus.

A large number of those present remained for the watch-night meeting. The Epworth League had arranged a variat program, which included addresses by Mr. Oliver and Ar. Grote. Refreshments were served at eleven o'clock and the last half hour of the old year was spent lu song, prayer and testimony. Though some of the participants in the earlier parts of the service had gone out, one hundred and ten persons saw the coming of the

#### "SUSIE SNOWFLAKE"

nn Pennington Makes Successful Screen Debut in Famous Players Five-Part Subject That Makes Splendid Entertainment.

In "Suste Snowflake," released by the Famous Players, we have one of those too rare "Sweet domestic stories," It marks the photoplay debut of Ann Pennington, of the Follies. The on his return voyage to Petrograd. story has a touch of stage life, and it Russia. is just a touch—enough to display the art of Susie as a dancer. The greater part of the story has to do with those Christmas in Saint Andrew's Epis who live in a small community. Shancopal Church began with a choral non Fife, who writes the script, has celebration of the Holy Ex parist at drawn some excellent character studmidnight on December 24 with a very les, and Director James Kirkwood has large congregation in attendance. The made much of his opportunities. Standmusic was unusually fine. Prior to ing out in the support are two maiden

The picture is filled with homely ful one for us in this country to adopt. touches, of the sort that weave and On Wednesday night, the 27th, the blend comedy and pathos. Ann Pen-Mr. Ballard ses acting as Santa tion to the screen; and there can be former Vitageaph player, is opposite Miss Pennington, while William J. But ler, long time with Biograph, portrays the role of the family man of all work. Here are two fine delineations, as are also those of the aunts, previously referred to, by Marcia Harria and Billie Wilson. William Courtleigh, Jr., is seen as the ambitious but unsuccessful

suitor for the hand of Susie. On the comedy side of this drama very likely the situation that will most strongly "go over" is that where the stage-trained girl is by some of the women members of the village church invited to dance at a coming function. She responds, and as she takes the center of the platform she discards the long coat and swings into the act which had made her so successful on the stage-and in the same attire What ensues is a lot-and drama punetuates the comedy.

"Susie Snowflake" is a charming picture, and we are not going to spoil it by telling any more about it. Will be shown at The Dicke Theater

Tuesday, January 9th.

Willing to Carry It a Little Way. "Great wealth is a burden. shouldn' mind having it long enough to become a little fatigued."-Boston

Service. The aristocracy of the future is in sight. It will not be an aristocracy founded on might; it will not be an aristocracy based on the accident of birth; it will not be an aristocracy by virtue of possession, whether of

The Downers Grove Athletic Ass ciation lost to the East Alumni tear of the Hinsdale High School last Sat urday evening in a fast tilt.

The first half was Hinsdale's all the way through. N. Beatty of the Hinsdale quintette was the star of the contest, caging five field goals played with the Hinsdale high team

for several years. At the end of the initial period the score was 15 to 6 in favor of the visitors. In the second half the association lightweights were put in and by the accurate shooting of Johnson and the excellent guarding of Klein and Schultz the visitors were being held. The score was close until just before the blowing of the whistle, when Hinsdale spurted and brought the final score to 25-19.

Following is the lineup: Hinsdale -R. f., N. Beatty; l. f., C. Beatty; c. Morris; r. g., Freeman; l. g., Wartenburg. A. A.-R. f., Drew; l. f., Kidwell, Johnson; c., Jorgenson, der; r. g., Vix, Klein; l. g., Schultz

W. S. HART IN SPECTACU-LAR PLAY OF ANCIENT AZTECS.

Western Characterizations

part is that of a stalwart Spaniard, the sixteenth century, is adopted by the people of Tehuan, in ancient Mexico, and made their leader because of his superior wisdom

Never since he first entered the moconcert. In the cantata, Promise and tion picture fold has Thomas H. Ince bent his efforts toward the production He has preferred to let pass un touched that period of the world's history which contains some of the most interesting and unusual romances ever written. But when Katterjohn wrote "The Captive God," Ince saw in it the possibilities of a remarkable motion picture play.

incorporated a great amount of detail into this subject, and the result is a scenes are rich with the picturesqueness that abounded in the Aztec country, and its action is tense with dramatic situations.

In the titular role, Hart is declared to have rendered another fascinating performance that will establish him still more firmly in the popular favor. He appears, it is true, sans chaps and sombrero and esix-shooters, but his

Walter C. (Whiffen, formerly of Downers Grove, started last Friday

the Associated Press in Russia and on his arrival at the Russian capit will proceed to the front.

For the last month he has been visiting friends and relatives in and near Chicago. In seven years Mr Whiffen has been in America only three weeks until his recent

he witnessed the Diaz revoluti out na in since the first year of the European war he has been stationed in Russia

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After the funeral services the full Grove

neral party stopped at the home of pleces

Mrs. D. Austin on West Maple avenue Yours

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evils is working for daily bread without any interest in the work, and with ill will toward the institution or person who provides the work. The work of the world must be done, and the great question is, Shall it be done happily or unhappily?-Charles W. Ellot

Triangle Star Seen in Striking Role, Differing Widely From

William S. Hart will be seen at the Curtiss theater, Saturday, Jan. 6th, in the long-awaited Triangle "Aztec story," "The Captive God." This play is from the pen of Monte M. Kat terjohn and offers Hart in a role that is totally unlike anything he ever has attempted since his desertion of the footlights for the film studio. The who, shipwrecked in the early part of

With his customary care, Ince has magnificent spectacle-romance. Its

The cast pears in support Hart included of d Markey. D. Tabler, Dorothy hiton, Robert Kim, Dorcas Matthews, Herbert Farjean and Robert Kortman.

#### BACK TO "THE FRONT."

Mr. Whiffen is correspondent at

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