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SPRING — AN IDYL.

Now sweet the strings O living muse,
And sing the glories Nature shows
What living thoughts the soul can use
From blasted wastes, and frozen snows.

No, not the death of life we'll sing,
But sweeter thoughts our theme shall raise;
We'll chant the beauties of the Spring,
The type of more celestial days.

Come gentle life, O, living Spring!
Sighing like nut brown southern maid,
And in thy lap life's glories bring,
All we can ask; all left unsaid.

Bring happy days of sweetened life,
Bring zephyrs soft—Wake nature through.
Bid streamlets sing in joyous strife,
Pass back all old—Bring in all new.

And now thou'rt come, O, Heavenly Spring!
Fresh from the home of cloudless day;
And all the land thy praises sing
From bird, from bud, each flower and spray.

What brilliance in thy opening day,
What promise in thy dewy eve,
Oh, linger with us, With us stay—
Thy joys too sweet, to lose, to leave!

Each tree, each shrub, in living green,
Oh, artist great when thou dost speak,
Out flash the violets' blush, the daisy's sheen
Who else can paint the lily's cheek?

Long dwell with us, oh, happy Spring!
Chastened in the death of winters' night,
Thy virgin matins millions sing,
Oh, stay thee, hold, delay thy flight!

And wilt thou go? oh, passing spring!
Displaced by Summers' sweltering heat;
Oh, would'st thou stay, we'd woo thee now,
So fresh, so pure, so good, so sweet.

Ah, well! if thou from us must part,
Even then our love is due, we see;
Thou leav'st the treasures of thy heart,
So here's our heart's best love to thee.

Highland Park, May 1st

We understand that George W. Higgins, Esq., of Chicago, and Keeler, Platt & Co., contemplate the erection of several comfortable dwellings in their subdivision, (lying between the depots of this city and Highwood), during the coming summer. This sub-division, if improved in the manner now contemplated, will command the attention of persons of taste desiring a residence in our flourishing city, destined to become the "Long Branch" of the West.

MASONIC.

In our city is a flourishing lodge of Masons—A. O. Fay Lodge No. 676, A. F. & A. M., of which E. B. Rambo is Master, Harry Obee Senior Warden, Albert Dixon, Junior Warden. Their meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, and special meetings at other times, in their hall, which is neatly fitted and appointed for their purposes, and adjoins Central Hall. Visiting Brethren are cordially welcomed, and all Brethren moving to our city are invited to affiliate with this lodge.

THE GRANGERS.—We think the following, by one of the speakers on the negative, in the discussion of the Granger question, which lately came off before our Literary Society, too good to be lost. We give it only as a *jeu d'esprit*.

Along lately in this wondrous modern time,
"Old Scratch" got stuff to make a man, six tenths fine;
He worked on that by plan, by rule,
Intending to make a premium fool,
Now need you wonder stranger,
That when he turned the creature out,
Behold it was a Granger?

SUBURBAN LIVING.

REFLECTIONS.

What is gained by living in the Suburbs? We think we can best answer this question by the Yankee, orthodox method of asking another: What is lost? Certainly not church privileges, not necessarily valuable city lectures and grand concerts, or the wider range of metropolitan social life, for these can all be had when desired, with but slight inconvenience. Then what is gained by suburban living? We answer, peace, freedom, quiet, health, longevity, resting when riding, and all the exalted possibilities of a free contact with Great Nature in all her wondrous phenomena. Let us for a moment muse on this latter point.

Coming daily face to face with Nature, we are made to feel, as no city dweller can, all her sweet influences, her mighty forces; to see the working of her strange, subtle alchemy, and her restless ever active power.

On first turning attention to the investigation of Nature, the student is likely to be struck with her more general phases, the grand march of the Seasons, their ever-varying and ever-onward movements, their distinct and marked characters, in countless aspects, from "blushing Spring" to "fruitful Autumn." Or, he may specially note the vastness of animal and vegetable organisms, or the law of universal life, or the function of equally universal death, as well as the wondrous harmony and unity which pervades all. To merely thus contemplate the more general and obvious aspects of Nature is to many a source of precious delight, and yet such generalization, to be of the highest order, must succeed, not precede a careful and minute analysis. He who would know her wealth must see her in her quiet and secret methods.

Who to his soul's or royalet thoughts would bring,
Must drink deep of her electric Cosmic Spring.

Again, in such a suburb as ours, our youth have opportunity of acquiring a branch of education which we hold to be indispensable to a completely educated man. It was a great mistake of the school men of the middle ages that they treated with contempt the idea of a scientific investigation of Nature. This was worse than a mistake; it was a crime alike against human need and Divine requirement. And we are sorry to say, that even to-day the idea of the thorough teaching of Natural Science has only a seeming partial hold on many of our abodes of learning; yet here is a source of knowledge and ground for culture of infinitely more value than the dead languages and their cognate branches. In what line of education else can so well be cultivated reason—from cause to effect—perception and memory; or where else can be found such models for art, or be seen so clearly the True, the Beautiful, and the Good. Here is, then, magnetism, chemistry, force, law, order, and in all so directly and palpably the Divine idea, that we can, as it were, lay our very hands on His living thought.

We have spoken of quiet. How peacefully breaks upon our hamlet a Spring or Summer Sabbath morning. No noise, din or bustle of distracting human activity, but a calm, holy quiet prevails, inviting the thoughtful to devout meditation, or the tired to needed repose. And all day long the monitors of Nature sing her everlasting refrain, broken only by the tone of the silver voiced bell, like some minstrel angel calling men to things upward. Surely here is Beulah, and not far off the Delectable Mountains. Then comes evening perchance, falling on us calm and sweet as a heavenly bene-

diction, promising to the weary, sleep; and if to the smitten, no sleep, then, perhaps, great thoughts

From voices near, bright,
In "sing of the night."

Here let us build tabernacles and dwell in sweet contentment and peace "till the day dawn and the shadows flee away."

HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Report of the Higher Department for the Term of Fifty Weeks, Ending April 17th, 1874.

"A" AND "B" CLASSES.

Rank determined by averages.	NAMES.	No. of half-days present.	No. of half-days absent.	No. of times tardy.	Average attendance.	Average report.	Average behavior.
1	Sarah Buck	148	0	0	100	100	81
2	Archie A. Beebe	148	0	0	100	98	82
3	Belle G. Mackie	144	4	0	96	98	83
4	Stella Duffield	144	4	1	96	96	80
5	Katie E. Beebe	144	4	5	96	93	83
6	Aggie M. Leslie	145	3	3	96	100	73
7	Clermont Brokaw	148	0	0	100	99	65
8	Hattie Hurd	141	7	5	93	92	71
9	Ada Lamson	138	4	0	98	100	64
10	Edith Seavey	136	2	1	98	96	75
11	Bertha Baker	145	5	1	95	90	75
12	Mary Hatch	146	2	1	97	96	81
13	Freddie Woodell	99	8	2	91	84	77
14	Frank Plummer	92	6	0	83	92	65
15	Charles Shepard	108	0	0	100	94	55
16	Sophia Cox	128	20	13	89	97	66
17	Mattie Fischer	136	12	3	90	98	57
18	Mary Stearns	146	2	0	99	96	68
19	Della Baker	110	28	20	72	94	74
20	George Leslie	148	0	3	98	94	56
21	Lily Hastings	127	1	0	93	100	44
22	Willie Willard	124	24	0	88	88	50
23	Frank Owen	131	7	0	90	85	65
24	Jennie Wood	78	2	0	98	100	62
25	Julia Lamson	105	5	0	98	100	62
26	Henry Denison	146	2	2	97	75	53
27	Jas. McDonald	137	11	0	92	94	39
28	Alice Boyington	75	15	0	84	86	40
29	Carrie Rusco	129	19	23	80	97	37
30	George Hamner	137	11	4	90	80	37
31	Willie Cameron	128	15	9	87	72	44
32	Charlie Curtis	123	25	4	77	73	37
33	Gregg O'Brien	64	36	2	43	71	47
34	Logan Hall	6	4	0	80	100	—

"C" AND "D" CLASSES.

1	Mamie Fischer	138	10	1	92	97	82
2	Eunice C. Preston	147	1	4	97	97	74
3	Florence Duffield	134	14	1	93	92	81
4	David Bowden	60	0	0	100	98	67
5	Harleigh Gillett	137	11	0	91	92	81
6	Hattie H. Denison	143	5	2	96	95	71
7	Fannie Streeter	142	6	0	96	95	68
8	Carrie Knights	119	29	0	86	98	73
9	Lewie Preston	145	3	7	95	81	80
10	Eddie Smith	141	7	0	95	89	76
11	Charlotte Feakes	125	23	0	92	92	66
12	Louisa O. Gray	125	23	0	92	80	63
13	Willie Gray	147	1	1	98	80	59
14	Freddie Clappitt	149	8	10	91	92	67
15	Freddie Lunan	130	8	0	92	98	56
16	Mead Kelsey	148	0	3	98	92	45
17	Ida Andrews	142	6	0	94	94	48
18	Lillie Beebe	127	21	0	83	92	60
19	Eunice Wittmack	78	4	4	65	90	47
20	Martie Feakes	137	9	0	78	88	55
21	John Birmingham	132	15	3	87	82	50
22	Nellie Carpenter	126	12	4	86	88	44
23	Frankie Field	133	15	7	82	79	54
24	Ella Elvey	118	35	0	76	78	37
25	Charlie Leslie	140	8	4	88	77	45
26	Eddie Hurd	130	18	5	87	77	45
27	Anne Hammond	137	1	0	78	79	34
28	Cornelius Field	130	18	6	80	80	45
29	Grover Williams	125	23	0	84	78	26
30	Mary Fraser	128	22	11	84	92	17
31	August Nathing	106	2	0	79	60	61
32	Willie Andrews	102	15	0	65	65	36
33	Annie Carpenter	107	21	8	72	71	37
34	Frank Gallagher	125	23	0	83	72	30
35	Leon Pluard	59	12	0	78	63	18

The "Highlanders" Base Ball Club appeared on Saturday April 25th in their tasty new uniform, and presented a fine appearance, but in consequence of thinking too much perhaps of how nice they looked, did not attend to business, and were defeated by the "Beebe Nines." Both clubs are composed of as fine a set of young gentlemen as one would wish to see, and Captains Cox and Beebe, may be proud of their nines.