

For the Highland Park News.

ON THE SHORE.

The sky was blue, the laughing wind
Cared me with its kisses sweet;
The crested waves came rolling in,
And sang an anthem at my feet.

A low, sweet song, whose rippling tones,
Fell in soft cadence on the shore.
I listened, and the sound grew clear,
The waters sang, "Forever more!"

"O, waves," I cried, "what means your song?
Why do ye sing it o'er and o'er?
Our days are brief, all things must change,
What may we keep 'Forevermore?'"

Methought the waves an answer gave,
A low, sweet murmur on the shore:
"God's tender love will be the same,
Forevermore! Forevermore!"

The sky was blue, the laughing wind,
Cared me with its kisses sweet;
My very heart caught up the song
The waves were singing at my feet.

"God's tender love will be the same,"
I sang its sweetness o'er and o'er—
And still the waves sang their refrain,
"Forevermore! Forevermore!"

M. H. ROWLAND.

THE picnic given by the Oriental Sovereign Consistory of Chicago on the 27th, was a grand affair, and one of the most brilliant displays with which Highland Park has been favored. Ten full car loads of "Sublime Princes of the order, and their "ladies fair, arrived at the depot on a special train, at about eleven o'clock. At the bugles call and the roll of drums, the gaily uniformed knights fell into line, and escorted by the Great Western Light Guard Band marched gaily to the picnic grounds, which had been put into fine order by the Highland Park Building Co. under the direction of its agents assisted by Mr. John Middleton and Mr. V. E. Rusco both of whom are high up in masonry as in all other good qualities. The day was most delightfully spent in dancing and other festivities, and all seemed to enjoy themselves greatly. The weather was all that could be asked, the lake was clothed in most beautiful blue, the breeze came fresh from the lake, and made dancing very agreeable. Before the party left they all assembled and had their photographs taken by Frank Leslie's artist for his paper. They then formed into company and with flags flying, and to delightful music marched to the station, on the way to which they halted under the arch which had been thrown over Central Avenue, and trimmed with flowers and evergreens and gave three hearty cheers for Highland Park. We received many personal expressions of satisfaction at the manner in which they had been treated, and all seemed favorably impressed with Highland Park and her people.

A Patterson man, who had placed several lightning-rods on his house, was delighted, during a recent storm, at seeing it struck in two places, while the house of his neighbor, who was too mean to pay for a lightning-rod, was not struck at all.

An elderly maiden in Lockport, N. Y., purchased one of the Egyptian mummies at the Niagara Falls Museum the other day, for a parlor ornament. She said it would seem better to have a man around, even if he was advanced in life and withered.

There is a good boy in Lisbon, if we may believe the Lewiston Journal, who, when he found his aged mother's Bible was of too fine print for her failing eyesight, sold the book and bought a base-ball bat, and four sticks of chewing-candy.

A citizen of a country town, noted for his dishonesty, was lately taken very ill, and, becoming alarmed, sent for a clergyman, who came to see him, and laid down the divine law to him with great faithfulness and emphasis. The sick man was much affected, and said, "Well, parson, I think you're right, and I've made up my mind that if I get well I shall in the future live principally honest."

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