

FORESTERS ENTERTAINMENT.

Last night (Thursday), the Foresters held an open meeting and sociable at their rooms over Mrs. Bock's store. A large company of friends of members were present and the room was well filled. Quite a lengthy program was rendered, consisting of violin and vocal music, recitations, speeches, etc. Harry Guilford's rendition of popular songs was received with much applause, and H. M. Prior's violin solos had to be repeated to satisfy the audience. The Highland Park Quartette, consisting of Messrs. Burns, Armstrong, Warren and Bowden sang during the evening. Messrs. Breakwell and Loeb spoke of the advantages of belonging to the Foresters. About 10:30, coffee, sandwiches and cake were served and after a pleasant social chat, all departed about 11 p. m. well satisfied with the pleasant and profitable evening.

The Foresters court here has 62 members. They have paid out over \$3000 in sick benefits, about \$400 funeral expenses, and between \$11,000 and \$12,000 where members have died.

This social evening is to be repeated in the near future, March 18th being the date announced for the next one.

PATRIOTISM EXALTED.

Monday evening in honor of Washington's birthday, Rev. P. W. Raidabaugh delivered a highly instructive and interesting lecture on the Permanency of American Civilization. He showed himself familiar with the history of civilization, and the striking phases of our peculiar civilization, and marked well some of the perils which threaten its perpetuity; as learning, obscenity, intemperance, and Sunday desecration. It was a powerful and timely discussion of a pertinent theme in a practical manner. It was delivered in the new Evangelical church, which was well filled, about 250 persons being present. Pastor Thoren introduced him in a very happy manner, and the services closed with all singing that grand national hymn, America.

EVERETT-GRAY.

The marriage of Mr. Charles F. Everett to Miss Anna Gray took place at the residence of Prof. Elisha Gray, the bride's father, Thursday morning, Feb. 25th, 1897. It was solemnized by Rev. S. M. Johnson, the pastor of both bride and groom, and in the presence of their immediate relatives only. It was in

way a quiet family affair. After the wedding and an elegant breakfast, Mr. and Mrs. Everett took the express for Chicago and a trip South, to Biloxi, Miss., we think, for a couple of weeks. They will be at home, for the present, at Prof. Gray's after about the 15th of March.

Mr. Everett is connected with the Union National Bank, of Chicago, and a young man of excellent ability and promise. The bride is the youngest daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Elisha Gray, an accomplished young lady, having pursued her musical studies from one to two years in Europe, and has presided with signal success over the organ in the Presbyterian church. They have the best wishes of hosts of friends in the Park and elsewhere.

We have read with pleasure and profit an abstract of an address on the "Coming Patriots of Chicago," by W. E. Bennett, a student in the Northwestern University at Evanston. Young Bennett's home is in Waukegan, so he is a Lake County boy. The address is marked by a vigor of thought, a clearness of statement, a diagnosis of the situation and a general maturity and manliness which is refreshing and full of promise for the future of the young man. His father came from the same locality in England as did the late Jonas Steers, and remained warm friends so long as Mr. Steers lived. The son is not only a student at Evanston, but a warm and loyal friend of his prospective alma mater. We bid him God speed.

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