

**A VALUABLE BOOK.**

We received some weeks ago from the American Book Company a little volume entitled the "Mastery of Books," by Librarian Harry L. Kropman of Brown University. There are twelve chapters besides a copious index. Hibbards have been graduating from old Brown University for the last fifty years, so that we have kept in personal touch with its life, and know how competent its librarian is to produce a valuable book. Some of his chapters are as follows:

"Why and How Much to Read;" "How to Read;" "Reference Books;" "Memory and Note-Taking;" "Place of Library in Education," "List of Books," etc.

Many people know much, but they can't impart it: or they can't give you the wheat without the chaff; they can't seize on the essentials and let all else pass, or do it in a vivid, interesting way. But Professor Kroopman can. His style is clear, terse, pointed and interesting, just the essentials for such a book. It is not fascinating only as the subject is fascinating, but clear—you know just what he means—and it is very suggestive. We took more notes on the first fifty pages, than we take on some large volumes.

His competency to write such a valuable book, is unquestioned; not only has he access to and is a master of the old university, a choice one, but Providence is rich in other valuable libraries, all at his fingers' ends, apparently. He not only tells you what books are best, but in what their value consists; why one book on a given subject is more valuable than another. His classified list of books fills over 40 pages and is very carefully made, but to us that is not the best part of the book. We have used Professor Richardson's little volume several years, but this is the last, freshest and best of all its class and costs from 50 to 75 cents only, and is richly worth the price.

Mrs. J. W. Wakem, whose eye was injured a couple of weeks ago on the golf grounds, is doing well, and she hopes to secure full possession of her sight again.

Don't fail to read the notice of the Soldier's Monument Association and if you wore blue, put your hand and your heart to this work. It is ten and thirty years since Lee surrendered his sword and it is time something was done so that a few of the old veterans may know what the world thinks of their patriotism, before they die.

**SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.**

The Lake County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Association has placed all of its matters in the hands of an executive committee authorized to proceed with the work. The committee consists of Hon. G. R. Lyon, chairman; B. L. Flagg, secretary; Hon. C. A. Partridge, Capt. J. R. Bracher and Arthur Cook.

Their first move has been to get the old subscription lists and books together. They find that there is in the hands of N. A. Steele, treasurer of the association, about \$3,750. This includes the county appropriation of \$2000 and the fund of \$602.50 raised by the Waukegan Woman's Relief Corps. There are two to three hundred dollars in the hands of the committee-men. As soon as the lists can be checked up and verified, all unpaid subscriptions will be asked for.

The association has lain dormant so long that there will be some shrinkage in the list, owing to the death or removal of subscribers. There are several hundred dollars, however, that are collectable. In addition to this, a considerable subscription should be raised among patriotic citizens of the county to whom the matter has never been formally presented. When the association made its special effort five years ago, largely through the personal work of Major H. S. Vail of the Park, a goodly number of people were given blanks and books and secured subscriptions of considerable amounts. Most of these were returned, but a few are still out. It is especially requested that any persons having any of these books or blanks return them to B. L. Flagg, secretary, Waukegan. It is also asked that any persons who still hold funds belonging to the association, or whose subscriptions are still unpaid, remit the amounts, whatever they may be, to N. A. Steele, treasurer, Waukegan.

If you want to see some neat grounds, go down to "Happiegoaluckie," the home of the Fessendens on Prospect avenue. It is finely laid out and then Mr. Cawley keeps it in apple-pie order. We did not know how charming a spot it is till we drove our wheel over it a few days ago.

In response to numerous inquiries as to the wisdom of going to the Klondyke gold regions, we say get an outfit and saw wood enough to pay up all your old bills and leave your family a little money, and then go, by all means. The News will publish a brief obituary notice free.

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