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A good New Year resolution: be loyal and subscribe for your home paper.

With the last issue of '98, Judge Lewis B. Hibbard terminated his relations to the NEWS as editor. He has ably edited the NEWS from its first issue over two years ago and brought the ripe experience of many years of newspaper work in the county capital and elsewhere, to Highland Park's first local paper. The publishers wish to bear record to Mr. Hibbard's faithful services and honest endeavor for the welfare of the NEWS, and wish him well in whatever he undertakes.

There is a criticism which can possibly be made on the public school system, not only of Highland Park, but of many other places. The pupils are kept so long in each grade by examinations and other work that they do not graduate before they are sixteen or seventeen years of age. By that time young people are anxious to get out into the world and are not willing to undertake a four years course in the High school and subsequent college work on account of their age. Then, too, there are cases of boys and girls leaving school when fifteen or sixteen years old while still in the three upper grades. It would seem as if this could be obviated by arranging the course so that the great majority

of the pupils would finish their public school work not later than their fourteenth year. There would then be more in the High school and the young people would be better prepared for life's duties by the additional discipline given by the higher grade of work.

**CATHOLIC CHURCH INTERIOR.**

The Catholic church has always paid a great deal of attention to their houses of worship. Some of the largest and most beautiful churches of the world are Catholic. St. Peters at Rome, probably the finest church in the world, excels not only in its massive arches, but also in its beautiful interior. The artists of the day placed their inspired paintings upon its walls and the niches around its sides give evidence of the sculptor's work in beautiful statuary. This is also true of many other Catholic churches throughout the world.

The Catholic church in this city is not behind in this respect. They have just finished a thorough renovation of their church interior, so that today it is the most beautiful in its finish of any church in the city.

The finish is in orange and red relieved by frescos of gold and other colors. On various parts of the walls are artistic paintings of the open Bible, the Holy Eucharist, the cross and other symbols of Catholic worship. In the front are beautiful white altars, while overhead the dove descends from a blue star-lit sky with the Holy Spirit. Throughout there is evidence of harmonized color and artistic conception.

The W. P. Nelson Company of Chicago, did the work, which was finished just before Christmas. Father Madden and his people are to be congratulated on their beautiful house of worship.

The real estate firm of D. M. Erskine & Sons of Waukegan, consisting of Fred S. Erskine and Robert J. Erskine have dissolved partnership. Mr. Fred Erskine will continue the business. This firm are among the oldest in their line of business in the county.

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