

been the richest gift the world could give her. But the poor mother had not been strong for a long time and what with hard work and lack of good food, and perhaps scant covering, she found herself very tired and was glad to turn her face upon her pillow and fall asleep, leaving little Patsey to Grannie's love and care.

The doctor said that Patsey would soon follow his mother, he was such a tiny baby, that it would be a mercy if he did, for he was born with spinal trouble and would be a hunchback if he lived.

Then it was that Grannie rose up and gave the Doctor a piece of her mind. She was a beautiful old woman, was Grannie Doonan, with a skin as white and pink as a girl's; with soft white hair that was mostly hidden under the snowy white cap she always wore, and she had a pair of dark Irish gray eyes, and her lips were red and her-teeth were white and strong.

"Hould!" she said, standing before the astonished doctor, the wan baby held tight to her breast, "hould while I make bould enough to ask yez whin his riverence St. Peter gave the kays av his office into your kapeing? Yez may know the signs of faver or the way to stop a chill, but praise be! yez don't hould life and death in your hands. Now what yez can do, doctor dear, is to tell an ould woman how she can find her way wid her son and her son's motherless child, out of this black hole of a place, to where there be pure air blowing and one hears the sound of a dacent tongue."

The doctor did think, and to some purpose too. He had a brother who was a contractor and who lived and did most of his work at the upper end of New York Island, and it was through his influence that the Doonans one day moved out of Cherry street with all their belongings and went to make their home in Manhattanville.

TO BE CONTINUED.

Mrs. A. Haefele's Sunday school class of the United Evangelical church gave a supper and entertainment at her home Thursday evening. A large company were in attendance.

Report of Library Board.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Highland Park.

I beg herewith to submit the annual report of the Public Library Board of Highland Park for the year ending May 31st, 1899.

The number of books in the Library on May 31, 1898, was.....	25.72
Added since by purchase.....	117
Added since by donation.....	75

Showing the present number of books in the library for circulation 2764. 53 volumes have been replaced and but one volume lost. The Book Committee have exercised the most careful judgement in the selection of books and nothing but the very best have been purchased.

The analysis of the books we have show:

Fiction.....	28 per cent
History and Travel.....	21 " "
Juvenile.....	25 " "
Science.....	5 1/2 " "
Poetry.....	5 " "
Reference.....	3 " "
Magazines and Miscellaneous.....	12 1/2 " "

The circulation has been steadily on the increase, during the year; 6309 volumes have been loaned to 550 borrowers.

The receipts and expenditures were:

RECEIPTS.	
Balance on hand June 1, 1898.....	\$ 341.90
Balance of tax levy '97-98.....	419.55
On account tax levy '98-99.....	500.00
Fines, cards and catalogues.....	26.05
One book sold.....	.50
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	\$1,288.00
EXPENDITURES.	
Books purchased.....	\$126.41
Rebinding.....	10.00
Librarian and janitor.....	113.25
Insurance.....	10.00
Printing and stationary.....	39.53
Repairs and sundries.....	18.87
Sinking fund bond.....	500.00
Balance on hand May 31, 1899.....	469.94
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	\$1,288.00

The reason so few books were purchased was on account of lack of room in the present library room and also to create a reserve fund for building as provided in the Library Act. The Board have had negotiations under way for some time regarding the purchase of the property held by the Athenæum and express their thanks to the council for the steps taken by them in this matter. The want of a building suitable for library purposes has long been a drawback to the progress of the library and the benefits it is intended to produce.

Money spent for a good library and a creditable building for it is by no means wasted, looking at it from a purely material point of view; as an advertisement of our city's resources, culture and spirit it will pay for itself many times over.

Three of our directors, Mrs. Henry Street, Mr. Wm. G. Obee and Mr. C. G. Phillips, retire by rotation from the board and I would request that their successors be duly appointed by the mayor.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. O. HIPWELL,
President Public Library.
Highland Park, August 1, 1899.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Parrott returned Saturday after a weeks' visit with relatives in Oakfield, Wis.

AN ORDINANCE.

AN ORDINANCE granting permission to the City of Highland Park to purchase for its use as a Public Library, part of lot nine (9) in block twenty-two (22) in the City of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois and improvements thereon.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Highland Park:

SEC. 1. That in accordance with the request of the Public Library Board of the City of Highland Park, the City of Highland Park purchase for Public Library purposes part of lot nine (9) in block twenty-two (22) in the City of Highland Park, county of Lake and State of Illinois, described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the northwest corner of said lot nine (9) running thence northeasterly along the northerly line thereof 54 6-10 feet, thence southeasterly parallel to the easterly line of said lot 81 2-10 feet, thence southwesterly parallel to the northerly line of said lot to the west line thereof and thence north along said west line to the place of beginning with right of way over the ten (10) feet adjoining on the south in said City of Highland Park, in the County of Lake and State of Illinois. Said lot not to cost the City of Highland Park with the improvements thereon to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000).

SEC. 2 It is hereby ordered that the City Clerk of the City of Highland Park be and is hereby authorized and instructed to prepare bonds of one thousand dollars each, amounting in the aggregate to one thousand dollars (\$1000), drawing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, both principal and interest to be payable at the office of the City Treasurer of the City of Highland Park.

SEC. 3. Said bonds shall bear date November 1, 1899, and payable on the first day of November, 1903, out of the general fund of the City of Highland Park.

SEC. 4. Said bonds shall be signed by the Mayor, attested by the City Clerk, under the corporate seal of the City of Highland Park and countersigned by the City Treasurer of said city.

SEC. 5. That upon the delivery to the City clerk of a good, sufficient and proper deed of conveyance, conveying to the city of Highland Park a fee simple both to the land described in section one of this Ordinance, together with abstract of both thereof. Thereupon the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized to draw on the City Treasurer in the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000); in favor of the owner of the land aforesaid.

SEC. 6. This Ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication.

Passed Sept. 19, 1899.
Approved Oct. 11, 1899.

SEAL: DANIEL COBB, Mayor.
ATTEST: JOHN FINNEY, City Clerk