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The building of the new hotelfor which ground has been broken on one of the most Success Assured. beautiful spots in Highland Park—is a fitting illustration of the fact that the merits of the North Shore are being recognized.

Anything that attracts the attention of people to whom the great natural beauty of this district is unknown, is certain to result in material gain to all the North Shore towns. For what is one town's gain can but be to the advantage indirectly of all the other municipalities.

As one travels in other countries and sees much of the beautiful in nature in places noted for their scenic charms, one can but feel that this section is not appreciated as it should be by those people to whom a long familiarity with its attractions may perhaps have resulted in blinding critical impressions of the high standard of natural beauty possessed by the North Shore.

In England, the American seeing for the first time what man has done to beautify nature there, realizes, through his first impressions of the lovely English scenes, something of where nature has done so much.

To whom on returning from trips to other lands has this Lake Shore district not appealed as never before, through pride awakened by comparing it with places visited elsewhere.

The site of the new hotel in Highland Park was happily chosen. Two immense ravines meet just to the east of the hotel site. So that the architect and landscape artist will have unlimited opportunity to create artificial charms in settings perfect in natural attractiveness. Overlooking a body of water as deep a blue under summer skies as ever the famed bay of Naples was, the hotel will at the same time crown a spot near to bluffs rivaling the elevated shores of the Hudson in picturesque qualities.

The builder of the new hotel is enthusiactic over his enterprise, and fortunately he is also earnest in his wishes to do all he can to promote the welfare of this district. Anything that would tend to injure the North Shore in any way will not for a moment be countenanced, and everything that can be done to make the new hotel and its surroundings truly worthy of the North Shore will be done.

Mr. Cushing is the first person to take advantage of the possibilities offered by the North Shore as an exceptional region for a thoroughly modern hotel. And the fact that many people are already engaging rooms in this hotel "to be," points to a great success for Mr. Cushing in his enterprise.

Early last spring the News-Let-TER editorially urged upon all in-The Water terested in the ques-Conference. tion of purifying the water supplies of the various North Shore suburbs—the importance of having a conference on the subject, in which representatives of each town could discuss the mooted questions arising from the existence of the mighty microbe in the lake water.

Now that the conference has been held and that the study of the water question is being delved into quite generally, it is fitting and proper the chances Americans have to attain that—as newspapers always do—we the beautiful in districts like ours, blow our horn in announcing, a la

"Chicago Times-Herald" and the Marconi telegrams, that the News-LETTER was the first to suggest the holding a North Shore conference on the water question.

Much space was given in these columns to spread abroad the desirability of acting together on such im portant questions, and when in the not distant future boards of health, State boards or hollow boards are used to scoop up various portions of Lake Michigan to show it is absolutely uninhabited by the energetic microbe after filteration or before contamination, let these "scoopers" the future remember the greatest scoop of all was made in the spring of '99 by the Sheridan Road News-LETTER.

Winnetka early showed herself cognizant of the necessity of good Winnetka's roads - witness the many fine bits of ma-Good Fortune. cadam in that beautiful village. Next Winnetka proved herself as possessing characteristics to be prized by all the North Shore towns when her thoroughly modern and complete school building, the pride of all the people of Winnetka, was erected.

And now the liberal spirit of the people of Winnetka is evidenced in a gift that has been offered the "Committee on Library" of the Winnetka Improvement Association, of one thousand dollars, from Mrs, H. A.de-Windt, to be kept for use in building a public library when sufficient funds have been raised. The pride of every person interested in the welfare of the North Shore in general and in any one of the North Shore towns in particular, is measured not alone by one's appreciation of the material interests possessed by this district, nor by its fine natural features, but in a far better way is our pride in and love for the North Shore measured by our knowledge of the public spiritedness so often displayed by many citizens of different North Shore towns in aiding causes that make for the public welfare.

Mrs. deWindt's gift to Winnetka should be an inspiration to the people of Winnetka to join in making possible the proposed public library.