

Church Activity at Ravinia.

The First M. E. Church Sunday school at Ravinia is doing well under the able superintendency of Mr. Warren of Highland Park. Mr. Vail of the Park was a visitor at the school last Sunday and delivered a short historical address of the First M. E. church of Ravinia. He is the organizer of the first Sunday school in Ravinia, taking as a basis for organization a small mission school which was held in the railway station as early as '81. When Mr. Vail took hold of the school in '85 it was moved to the school house and then later on from place to place until the present church was built. A lot being donated for the church, Mr. Vail, together with other Highland Park and Ravinia people, succeeded in raising enough money to build the present edifice.

Then Mr. Vail told the children how the church was filled, viz; each one in attendance "picked out" a house in Ravinia to visit and the consequence was that in a short time every seat was taken.

Recently the attendance of the church has fallen off, owing to the removal of several families from Ravinia that were active church workers and also owing to various other reasons, but with the new pastor, Rev. Melville T. Wire, and with such men as Mr. Vail and Mr. Warren taking an interest in affairs everyone feels sure that the church will soon be filled again. Miss Shultz of the Park, also spoke to the school in a brief but pithy way. Mr. and Mrs. Warren sang a beautiful duet, Mrs. Warren playing the organ.

Next Sunday at 2:15 p. m., a meeting will be held in the church to discuss ways and means and elect officers. All older ones interested in the school are urged to be present. The Sunday school and bible class meets at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Wire leads the bible class. Preaching by the pastor at 7:30 p. m. All are cordially invited. Seats free.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson of the Railroad Men's Home, spent a pleasant evening with Conductor Ostrander at Evanston last Monday.

A kindergarten will be opened on Monday, Nov. 6th, at the home of Mrs. Fred Hill, corner Forest avenue and Sheridan Road. It will be in charge of Miss Alice M. Walker a graduate of the Chicago Kindergarten college. Any one desiring to enter children between the ages of three and six years may communicate with Mrs. Hill or present them at the kindergarten rooms. A bus will be run in connection with the school and parents desiring to have it call may make arrangements to that effect.

Col. Arthur H. Winchester, Commissioner of Forestry to the Paris exposition of 1900, spent Sunday in the Park, the guest of his sisters, Mrs. Hipwell and Mrs. Carver.

A farewell reception was given Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Fischer at the Presbyterian church last evening. Mr. and Mrs. Fischer will move to Chicago, where they will remain until spring, when they will leave for California, their future home.

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