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The Highland Park Woman's Club.

In spite of the fact that it was the day after Christmas, that many were ill with severe colds, and many more were filling previously accepted engagements, some sixty-five or seventy members of the club and their friends were present on Tuesday night at the drill hall. The exercises of the evening were opened by the reading of Tennyson's ode to the New Year by Mrs. Frank Green. Mrs. Green was followed by Mr. John T. Dale of Winnetka, who read a twenty-minute paper on "The Relation of Women to Humane Work." Mr. Dale gave instances of what had been done for humanity in many different directions, but dwelt with most insistence upon woman's power for helpfulness among children and in the temperance field. Mr. Dale was followed by Dr. Newkirk, who talked to the club on nature study and the protection of the birds. The doctor gave a delightful picture of Lincoln as a naturalist. I think we all seemed to see the great gentleman as he walked through the Illinois woods surrounded by a group of boys and girls listening with rapt attention to the beating of Dame Nature's heart. The doctor told us of the many varieties of birds that made their homes in Highland Park during the summer, and dwelt particularly upon the song of the thrush and the morning and evening song of the whip-poor-will.

He suggested that the women of Highland Park should protect in every way in their power their neighbors the birds: that they should keep as few cats as possible, and above and beyond all things, abstain from wearing feathers of song birds in their hats. Rev. Mr. Wolcott spoke of woman's attitude toward religion, and dwelt upon modern Paganism, comparing it from an intellectual standpoint to that of Athens in its prime. Mr. Wolcott felt that there was much for the women of Highland Park to do by their example and precept for the spiritual good and uplifting of their city. Colonel Davidson spoke on "Questions of Public Interest," and from the standpoint of a teacher he spoke of the boy and the influences at home and in the school that must make or mar the life record of the man of tomorrow. The colonel told of the good work done by the ladies' aid society of our city and of its far-reaching power to comfort the sick and suffering, and to help the helpless. He urged upon the consideration of the gentlemen and ladies present, the putting up of a building of moderate cost that should give the Highland Park Woman's Club a home, the Ladies' Aid Society a well equipped room for emergency cases and the library fitting quarters where it would be possible to make a reading room of sufficient size so that the library

should be a place where the children in our public schools could go after school for reference study.

Rev. Mr. Gingrich spoke of woman's duty in the home, pointing out the responsibility of the wife and the mother in many given directions as a factor for good in the community. Rev. Mr. Haefele spoke of women in the temperance work; he suggested the possibility of stimulants being obtained in or about Highland Park, from the fact of the arrests and trials for drunkenness of men in our own absolutely temperance town. He believed that if Illinois allowed its women to vote on the liquor question a wonderful reformation would take place. Father Madden concluded the addresses of the evening by an eloquent and witty appeal for temperance. He depicted graphically the results of "blind pigs," upon the home life of laboring men and asked the women of Highland Park to use all their united influence to root out this crying evil from our midst.

After the singing of "My Country 'Tis of Thee" by the club the meeting adjourned.

A New Years reception will be given at the club house on Tuesday evening, January 2nd, from half past seven until ten, for the club members and the gentlemen who represent the associate membership of the club.