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Intimate friends of great men are strengthened and elevated through **A Heroic** associations with the **Life.** lives that breathe inspiration to all who are so fortunate as to be near to them in daily intercourse.

In "The Letters of Robert Louis Stevenson" selected and edited by Sidney Colvin, who was, perhaps, the great author's best friend, the world has been given a masterly view of a beautiful character. To read these two volumes all thoughtful persons will come to know Stevenson almost as well as though in life he had been near to them. This work has just been published and the fact that it is difficult to purchase it bespeaks to some degree the value of Colvin's picture of a wonderfully brave and beautiful character. Stevenson, cursed—or shall we say blessed—with ill health throughout his life, suffering from pain and weakness of body, yet by his indomitable pluck and belief in himself was able to continually inspire and make happier those about him. Whether what Sir John Millais said of Stevenson—that he was the greatest artist of his time—be true or not the reading of Col-

vins' edition of his letters must convince the reader that Stevenson was a wonderful man. The beauty of his character and the brave life he lived must inspire and strengthen all who read this work.

FORT SHERIDAN can occasionally give pretty good testimony of its possessing citizens progressive in their ideas and ready to help in anything that will aid the welfare of their community. A Christmas celebration given on Xmas day in the big Park Pavilion of Fort Sheridan was so well attended and so gloriously successful in regard to the happiness it occasioned the children that were present that not one person of the 450 of that big Christmas audience can say enough in praise of the good work done in the planning by Messrs. W. F. Hogan, Dr. Turner, E. A. Welch, Charles Gordon and J. J. Condon.

The people of Highwood and Fort Sheridan gave more than the amount of money needed to purchase good things for the children. Mr. Lewis B. Hibbard of Highland Park was an admirable master of ceremonies. Rev. Morse and Rev. Madden of the Park, A. K. Stearns, the able editor of the Waukegan Sun, and Father Vattman of the Post all were happy in their remarks to an interested audience. A well rendered musical program, a "fancy sword dance," and, last but not least, a Punch and Judy show, all contributed to make the children happy at a Christmas celebration that will not soon be forgotten.

"I just heard that small boy across the aisle say 'I wish that Christmas **Wise** and came all the year.'" **Otherwise.** "So?" the weary response from young north shore business man No. 2. "Just wait till he tackles these 3:30 a. m. Germans and then tops them off with 7:30 morning trains."

Things probably went pretty smoothly to the philosopher of old who said: "Three men are my friends—he that loves me, he that hates me, and he that is indifferent to me. For, who loves me, teaches

me gentleness; who hates me, teaches me caution; and who is indifferent to me, teaches me self reliance."

It is said that two men on reading a bulletin in front of a Chicago ticket broker's office, "Tickets to St. Louis and return \$3," exclaimed "What's the use," as they turned away.

Often on the Exmoor links the name of Great Scott is mentioned. Which of the able players of that name is meant.

The many friends of Mr. G. D. Hall of Glencoe, whose book, "The Daughter of the Elm," has just been published, are glad to hear from Mr. Hall that the book is meeting with considerable success in finding its way to favor amongst the reading public. The Wheeling Intelligencer of West Virginia printed last week, in connection with a flattering criticism of the story, the news that it is having a ready and increasing sale in West Virginia.

Col. W. T. Dowdall, the veteran editor, has purchased Carter's Monthly, a high grade literary magazine, published in the Rand-McNally building, Chicago, and will re-enter his life-long profession—journalism. Col. Dowdall as editor and proprietor of the Alton Daily Democrat in 1862 made a name for himself as an able publisher and journalist, and at Peoria for a quarter of a century he occupied a high position in state and national politics as an able writer and newspaper publisher. If the Colonel succeeds as well in magazine pursuits as he did in politics and newspaper work, the success of Carter's Monthly is assured. Associated with him will be Opie Read as editor, assisted by the most able magazine writers in the country. No money will be spared in making Carter's Monthly the leading literary magazine in the west. In order to give it a world-wide circulation it will be mailed to any address in the United States at the low price of \$1.00 per year, single copies ten cents. The trade supplied on liberal terms by the Western News Co., Chicago.