

**Relief and Aid Society.**

The annual meeting of the Highland Park Relief and Aid Society met on Thursday, Feb. 8, at 10 a. m. in the Young Men's Club house.

After the reading of the secretary's and treasurer's reports, the president gave a short talk on the work and its progress since this society was organized, in 1885, showing by contrasting the past with the present that the society has been the means of helping many families out of trouble, thus giving them a start so they are glad now to be able to care for themselves. In the winter of 1896-97 we gave assistance in various ways to eighteen families; in the winter of 1898-99 eight families were helped. We have been glad to find that in many instances kind, encouraging words and advice, with a little help has been all that was needed, and we rejoice to be able to give it.

We beg the sympathy and encouragement of every lady in our city. Our membership fee is but fifty cents a year, and that sent to the secretary or treasurer from each lady showing an interest in the society would be a great help to all concerned.

Then came the election of officers: President, Mrs. Henry C. Sampson; vice-president, Mrs. H. P. Davidson; second vice president, Miss A. R. La Bar; secretary, Mrs. D. M. Erskine; treasurer, Mrs. K. Smoot; visitors, Mrs. H. R. Green, Mrs. C. H. Warren, Mrs. C. B. Woodbury, Mrs. William Noerenberg, Mrs. K. Smoot, Mrs. Lawrence Oleson, Miss V. Chandler, Miss E. Turnley.

There is such a thing as being too funny. Dr. Holmes once said he had to restrain himself. One council during Mayor Fletcher's time was nick-named, in a bit of pleasantry, the "bhe boys council," as so many members were young men, and ever since they have been known to the old officials by that name, just as Lord Roberts, now leading the British forces in South Africa, is everywhere known as "Bobs" in the British army. Not as a name of reproach, but as a familiar nick-name. So some one spoke to us of the old

"boys council," and that was the way it was used in last week's paper. Let no one think he has made a great find in a last year's bird's nest.

**The Minstrel Show.**

The younger set of the young men of the Highland Park club families wanted something to relieve the ennui of the winter, and decided on a series of Saturday evening entertainments, the first of which they gave down at the club. They decided on a minstrel show, and unique as it was, it proved the biggest kind of a success. The novelty of the thing and the desire to see what the boys could do drew a full house, packed indeed, so that standing room was at a premium. Feeble, sickly women went there and stood nearly two hours under the fascinating spell of their boys, or some other folks' boys' dramatic power. Sir Henry Irving could not have chained people more securely than our boys did. Will Hill had a lecture on Literature which would have given Andrew Lang valuable points. A cake walk was fine, and one of the end men injected a novel notice of the city council into his drollery and a tilt about automobile. The season's success is assured, and we congratulate the boys most heartily.

Capt. O. H. Morgan has gone west, to be absent about ten days, on a business trip.

Many young people attended a dancing party at Lake Forest Wednesday evening.

Editor Stearns, of the Waukegan Sun, was in town Wednesday looking after his representative boom.

Mrs. Richardson (nee Geraldine Hull) is one of the soloists who will sing at the Baptist church next Sabbath morning.

Mr. A. W. Fletcher this week has been laid up with a severe cold which it was feared might develop into pneumonia. At this writing he is very much better and it is thought will soon be about.

C. H. Baker and other Royal Arcanumites spent Wednesday evening with their Waukegan brethren, mak-

ing speeches, singing songs and dispatching a sumptuous banquet.

George F. Lynch of Libertyville, is a candidate for the General Assembly, 8th senatorial district, subject to the decision of the Democratic senatorial convention. Mr. Lynch is a young man of excellent qualities, a staunch democrat, and sure to receive flattering support in this vicinity. He also understands the game of politics and has a very considerable acquaintance among democrats throughout the 8th district. In fact, while he will have some opposition, yet he can and will put up a good hard fight.—Libertyville Independent.

**Filter Bed Problem.**

The Citizens' Association committee received the official report of the state board of health a few days ago, met and formulated their report and gave the same to the Association Wednesday evening in McDonald's hall. About sixty persons were present, over fifty of whom were members of the Association. The committee presented two reports. The major one was signed by five members, P. A. Montgomery, Geo. D. Boulton, Jams H. Shields, F. C. Brown and Robert W. Paton. This report favored a filter bed to be built, presumably, the forthcoming season. The second or minor report, prepared by S. M. Millard, the other member of the committee, advocated taking the outlet of sewer "B" far off to the south before allowing it to enter the lake, while it now discharges all the sewage from that part of the city into the lake close along side the city's main intake pipe. If after removing that outlet down as far as the foot of Ravine drive, or where sewer "C" empties into the lake the water is seriously polluted, then plan for some kind of filtration.

From one to two hours were given to the discussion of those two reports, after the state board, the state chemist and other reports were read. The discussion was participated in by Messrs. Patton, Montgomery, Shields, Grant, Cobb, Hibbard, Bortree, Tillman, Fessenden, Sampson, Millard, Phillips and perhaps some