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The Holmes Fire.

Saturday afternoon a little after five o'clock, one of the neighbors discovered smoke issuing from the roof of the residence of David A. Holmes, on Park avenue. Mr. Holmes was at his desk in the bank, Mrs. Holmes and daughter are still in California, where they have been some weeks, and no one was in the house. The woman who discovered the fire gave the notice to Mr. Holmes, the steam whistles sounded the public alarm, and the firemen were soon on hand. They found the fire chiefly in the outside walls and attic, and soon had it under control by cutting many holes in the walls and roof. Hose was attached to all the hydrants in the neighborhood, even up to the Hipwell corner.

The fire, of course, greatly damaged the house, inside and outside, and the water added to it. Mr. Holmes had just put it in first-class condition by quite extensive internal repairs and the electric light wires had just been put in also. Some think the fire originated from these wires, others from the furnace, but no one seems to have any clear and satisfactory idea of how it did orig-

inate. Joseph Rioux made a somewhat hasty examination of the place Monday and placed the damage at \$1000, which he thought a modest figure. We understand the furniture was not extensively damaged. He had insurance enough on the entire property to cover his loss. The firemen were very prompt and did good work, as did the citizens and neighbors.

Bible Lectures.

Rev. Robert M. Rabb pastor of the Baptist Church, gave the first of a brief series of stereopticon lectures on the Old Testament history and characters. He had from fifteen to twenty slides, chiefly from Dore's paintings, and used acetylene gas in his magic lantern. The effect is not quite as good as with a calcium light, but we saw them very well indeed from the extreme rear of the church. Some of them very powerfully exhibited the transcendent genius of Dore, and were highly instructive to those interested in such subjects.

There was a good-sized audience, including many not regularly attending public worship there. A collection was taken up to help

cover the expenses of the lantern, slides, etc. Mr. Rabb is familiar with this kind of work, having given several series in his former pastorate in East Aurora, N. Y., to the great satisfaction of the church and the public. Mr. Earl Purdy operated the lantern and did it admirably, especially as the whole outfit was new to him. Even an expert has to get the hang of the school house, and he did it very quickly. We hope he will pull the throttle every time.

The Epworth League of the Highwood Swedish M. E. church will give a literary and musical entertainment in the chapel Thursday evening, March 1st. After the program has been rendered refreshments will be served to those who wish. Their own local talent will be assisted by Mrs. C. H. Warren of this city in a solo, and an address by Rev. A. G. Pfanstiehl on that taking topic, "How to Do It." It will cost you just five and twenty, or one shilling English currency, or one shilling and three pence old Canada money. Go and make our Swedish neighbors feel at home in this land of the free.

Dan P. Sheahen went to Oakdale, just west of Fond du Lac, yesterday for a week or ten days' hunting coons. The boy will distribute milk. Why use artesian water.