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Editor Sheridan Road NEWS LETTER:

The Highland Park Woman's club have secured for its evening meetings next winter Professor Edwin Sparks of the Chicago University who will deliver six lectures. Topic: "The Men Who Made the Nation." Profesor Sparks says of the course: "It is the most picturesque period in our history and deals with well known personages." An added attraction of the course is, that the steriopticon is frequently used and the pictures are reproductions of the American and English art of that time. To those who have never heard Professor Sparks we would say that he is a most charming speaker, perfectly at home with his subject, using no notes and enhancing general interest with clever stories and delightful touches of wit and humor.

It is hoped that the men of the town, will take a personal interest in this course and aid the Highland Park Woman's club by taking course tickets ($1.50 for the six). It must be borne in mind that the Highland Park Woman's club is open to every woman in Highland Park and accepts as associated members the men belonging to the families of the club women. Our dues are $1.10 a year. We are utterly dependant upon the club treasury to meet current expenses. We have no club house at our disposal and for the coming year must pay $2.00 a meeting for our afternoon sessions in Library Hall and for our evening meetings (requiring light) a larger necessary tax for the Baptist church. Realizing that our membership already represented the majority of Highland Park homes, we feel that the Club is a force for good and so we ask the men of Highland Park to help us to secure good audiences for Professor Sparks. Any one desiring a course ticket can apply during the summer to Mrs. H. C. Sampson, treasurer of Highland Park Woman's Club. Respectfully Submitted,

LAURA DAYTON FESSENDEN,
President H. P. W. Club.

TO THE EDITOR:

Now that law (!) and order have been made complete by the installation of the new alderman into Davidson's old shoes, it is suggested that the mentality of our leaders be turned upon our neglected and disgraceful Park.

Facing the Presbyterian church the rank growth of poison ivy that is making serious illnesses for many citizens, both old and young; and last but not least, the garbage question. Our stretches of woods and ravines are used as dumping places for broken china, tin cans and shredded correspondence. We are a city and should enjoy the city privilege of paying a tax for a city scavenger who should at stated periods, take unburnable refuse and carry it to a city dumping place where it could be properly cremated. As it is now, people of tidy inclinations and moderate means are forced to pay a dollar every two or three weeks for the removal of this waste and always feel that this load is going to be dumped somewhere to add to the town's untidiness.

A HOUSEKEEPER.

EDITOR NEWS-LETTER:

The Highland Park library has moved into its new quarters and it now seems fitting that its management should become a thing of the past and a more up-to-date condition succeed. The library is simply open for a few hours of each week on two days of the seven. This gives opportunity for the exchange of books and the paying of fines for those who have not been able to meet the iron-clad rules and regulations of hours and minutes. Would there not be some way suggested by which the Public Library could be open to the public at convenient times and hours? When the reading room could be used for study and reference, and by so doing be a forceful means of good to the town?

As the money for books largely comes from the town tax, it is suggested that the committee on literature, instead of using so much of the fund for procuring passing fiction, discover what the study of the two women's clubs is to be for the coming year and secure text books on these subjects. That will render it unnecessary to spend time and money consulting the Chicago library.

The writer also objects to introduction of absolutely denominational books in the Public Library. If the Life and Letters of Bishop Whipple are put on the shelves, the writtings of Baptist Mr. Weyland and George W. Sampson, Bishop Foss, John Wesley, Lives of the Popes, and the rest should be produced. It is natural that a board predominated by Episcopal members should be interested in the literature and history of its own sectarianism, but outside of its communion this has little value.

These are kindly suggestions offered for the benifit of the reading public of Highland Park.

A READER.

City Council.

There was a brief adjourned meeting Friday night. Alderman Grant introduced the ordinance making appropriations. They put on an extra $400 to the fire department to secure 400 feet of extra hose, so as to be ready for service in the winter. One or two small bills were ordered paid. The matter of a "condenser," an auxiliary heater, came up. It was fully discussed two years ago and all favored it then. The fire and water committee was instructed to put them in at a cost not exceeding $600. They will save from $200 to $250 a year in fuel alone. A request from the electric railroad to improve their accomodations, went to the street and ally committee.

Alderman Van Riper created a great laugh by saying "filter bed," when speaking of the "condenser" but all agreed such a lapsus linguae was pardonable in view of his early departure for Europe.

Just before 10 o'clock the five aldermen present adjourned. Messrs. Davidson, Stubbs and Warren being absent.

Highland Park Localettes.

Bazar patterns at Mrs. Bohl's.

Madam Greenslade has gone to Montana for five or six weeks' visit with friends.

Mr. Leach, and son will occupy their Laurel avenue home during the summer.

Mr and Mrs. S. P. Child entertained Mrs. Cornelia Gray at dinner in the Log Cottage, Friday evening.

There was a woman's tournament on the Golf grounds Thursday afternoon with two prises and Mrs. W. A. Alexander won them both.

Miss Constance Gray, in the absence of her mother invited Miss Eleanor Brown over to Ravinook for dinner and they had a delightful time.

The elite of the town will go to Lake Geneva tomorrow. You never will have so good a chance for a fine trip in first class society; don't miss it. The train leaves at 8 o'clock.

Mr. C. W. Kirk endeared himself to many children's hearts by taking each one who would vote for Mr. Roberts, into Schumacher's and ordering a cream soda. Such "bribery" is not liable to the penalty of the law.

Alderman Van Riper and wife started Monday for their European trip. They went to Montreal and thence to Glasgow by the Donaldson line. From Glasgow they will go to Ebinburgh, London, Paris, Germany and Norway and Sweden and return home about September 1st. We wish them a pleasant trip.

Mrs. Charles Waugh is a woman for the times. The back yards of the Highland block became unbearable to her fine womanly sense of neatness and health, and Monday she went to the city authorities and filed her complaint, and the result is, the yard is all cleaned up now. Good for the woman who can bring things to pass.

Filmore M. Evans is connoisseur in ducks, but like some other distinguished men in this city, he allows his wife to attend the hatching, rearing, etc of the birds. She had 27 fine specimens and on going out to the coop a few morninga since, they had disappeared. On careful search she found that a lusty rat had killed and pulled them into his big hole under the coop and, now "Fill." spends all his spare time, loaded shot-gun in hand, watching for the rodents.

A bicycler from Evanston came into Mr. Laegler's drug store Friday and told us of his call on the Port Clinton school. He said he found the teacher and pupils all out on the lawn, she tossing the ball for the lads, then teaching free hand drawing and saw the pupils pictures of tht school house, works of art too, went into the school house and rested and saw the school go on and wanted to remain longer but knew his first visit should not be prolonged. He was immensely taken with the school and it's teacher, but capped the climax of his discription by saying "I have paid two dollars many a time to go to the theater but that school was better than any theatre." As he spoke the car came and he left for the "Saint's Rest."

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