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 discussion of local matters and
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 most delightful features of the
 coming winter in Highland Park
 is the course of lectures to be
 given by Prof. Edwin E. Sparks
 at the Baptist church, under the
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 Woman's Club. Professor Sparks
 is on the staff of the Chicago Uni-
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 ing anything but delightfully en-
 tertained; so completely is he a
 complete master of this subject
 that he has raised the standard of
 interest in American history a
 hundred fold since he began, sev-
 eral years ago his University Es-
 sential Lectures on this theme.
 The course that he will give in
 Highland Park consists of the
 first six in the section, called
 "The Men who made the Nation."
 Professor Sparks talks without
 notes; and as surely as Irving
 Mansfield lead their audiences out
 of themselves to become part of
 the time and condition in which
 these great players take character,
 so one is unconsciously spirited
 back to late colonial days, to walk
 hand in hand with Washington,
 Adams, Morris, Jefferson and
 many more of the men who, when
 liberty was held up for auction
 before the then civilized world,
 stood to bid the price for her that
 has made us what we are to-day.
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 fight that tightens the civilization
 of the world. Not alone from a
 political and ethical standpoint
 are these lectures of great inter-
 est, but they are full of glimpses
 into the manners and customs of
 our past. We are bidden to
 the houses of the great, to sup-
 port to dance, we may tread a me-
 asure with the stately Washington,
 or find a quiet corner in which to
 gossip with Mr. Franklin about
 the latest thing in Paris modes or
 London manners; we go with the
 crowd to see the first steamboat
 launched in New York and
 joining the Marquis de La Fayette
 make a visit to the home of good
 Mary Washington. It is a varied
 panorama that Mr. Sparks pre-
 sents to us, and one that will
 greatly add to our store of in-
 telligent comprehension of that time
 that tried men's souls, and women's
 hearts. The Highland Park
 Woman's Club has opened this
 course to the public hoping that
 the older Grammar school children
 and the students of the High-
 School would avail themselves of
 this rare opportunity. The course
 tickets for the six lectures will be
 \$1.50, making the lectures two-
 five cents each. The course tick-
 ets are transferable, so that a num-
 ber could club together and buy
 one ticket, and each take from the
 course the lecture he or she pre-
 ferred to hear. Tickets may be
 had on application to Mrs. Ed-
 Laing, Mrs. Henry C. Sampson
 and Mrs. Fessenden, from Mrs.
 Bohl, or Mr. Cummings. The
 Baptist church has a limit to its
 seating capacity, and those who
 intend to take the course should
 secure their tickets at their earliest
 convenience.
 LAURA DAYTON FESSENDE

Did Imperialism Win?
 The jingo imperialists are in
 great glee over "our victory," as
 they style it. But was it their
 victory? McKinley has a big
 popular majority, but it was won
 on the money question, financial
 stability, business prosperity, "no
 fooling with the Currency," etc.
 For one we are glad that free sil-
 ver on a 16 to 1 or any other basis
 and bimetalism in all its forms is
 a dead issue for our time at least.
 The country is as "soft as a meetin'
 house" against it; and that ends it.
 So much is sure clear gain.

But has imperialism triumphed?
 We doubt it. Give McKinley his
 big majority of the popular vote;
 then deduct from that all the anti-
 imperialists who voted for him on
 the money issue, and then against
 the rest, his real imperialistic
 strength put Bryan's popular vote.
 All those who voted for McKinley
 like Senator Hoar, college presi-
 dents, professors, and scores, and
 hundreds of thousands of others,
 who oppose imperialism, a large
 section of the Prohibition vote, for
 they are men who carried their
 consciences to the polls and men
 who take their consciences into
 politics are not imperialists; take
 all these elements together and we
 question very much whether im-
 perialism won the day.

Most people say at once that if
 Grover Cleveland had been the
 democratic candidate he would
 have had the biggest landslide in
 American history. The American
 people have no love for imperialism
 or Mark Hanna-ism.

Notice.
 The next regular study class of
 the Highland Park Woman's club
 will be held on Tuesday afternoon
 November 20 at 3:15 p. m. The
 meeting place is Library Hall. The
 division of the topic is "Witchcraft
 as an Article of Religious Faith, in
 every civilized country in Europe,
 during the 16th and 17th centuries.
 There will be papers on Italy, Ger-
 many and France. Mrs. Dela Baker
 Morrison is leader. The President
 with permission of the club, cordially
 extends an invitation to the gentle-
 men of Highland Park and any of
 the surrounding towns to be present
 and to take part in the discussion
 which should follow the papers.

The President wishes to express
 in the name of the club her appreci-
 ation of the consideration and kind-
 ness of the Library board who have
 decided to make no charge for the
 Library Hall for the past fall meet-
 ing as the board has been to no
 actual expense for either lights or
 fire and the President feels sure
 this expression is voiced by every
 individual member of the Highland
 Park Woman's club.

An Important Decision.
 A decision was handed down in
 Chicago a few days ago to the effect
 that after the city council has passed
 an ordinance to improve a street, the
 county court had approved, the
 special assessment spread or laid, the
 contract let, the work done and in-
 spected and approved by the board
 of local improvements, city engi-
 neer, inspector, etc., and the job as
 inspected is approved by the city
 council, the property owner need not
 pay his assessment if he could go
 into court and prove that the job was
 imperfectly or defectively performed
 or not according to specifications and
 contract.

That is an important and far
 reaching decision, and a just one
 also, and competent attorneys, we
 understand, say it will stand the test
 if carried up to the supreme court.
 It will effectually prevent a collusion
 between dishonest contractors and

willing city engineers, inspectors,
 etc., to defraud tax payers. It
 therefore behooves tax payers to
 keep their eyes open and on the
 sharp watch while a job is being
 done for which they are taxed. We
 understand some of our citizens are
 to test the decision on some por-
 tions of the newly-built Sheridan
 Road south. It would make a city
 council careful as to whom it ap-
 points inspectors of such contracts.

Conflicting Emotions.
 Mrs. Thomas Howe, of Oakwood
 boulevard, called at this office
 Thursday and confided to us the
 fact that her daughter-in-law,
 Mrs. Robert Daggitt, of Glencoe,
 was the mother of a brand new
 baby boy. Mrs. Howe's grand-
 motherly heart was filled with joy
 over the little fellow's arrival. She
 had long anticipated his coming and
 at every thought thereof her big,
 warm heart was filled with un-
 bounded joy.
 And yet right over against this
 deep wellspring of joy is a very keen

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and bitter disappointment. For
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 baby's expected arrival and she
 wanted it to be a girl, ergo a girl it
 would be, and then it should bear
 her name, the honored family name
 she brought with her when she
 crossed the seas from merry old
 England for this land of the brave
 and the free. But baby is a boy,
 and her name won't fit, and the mis-
 fit sends grief and pain into her
 heart.
 Let us suggest one comforting
 thought to good Madam Howe: this
 boy may grow up to be president of
 these United States, or governor of
 Illinois, or mayor of Glencoe, or fill
 some other exalted position, and his
 name become a household word in
 all the land from sea to sea. So,
 dear Madam, be comforted.
 We have received from Gov. Wil-
 liam N. Stickney, of Vermont, his
 message to the legislature now in
 session. As we expected it is a
 bright, sensible document, and busi-
 ness from beginning to end, showing
 that the Green Mountain boys of
 these days mean business the same
 as when Ethan Allen led them so
 victoriously. We hope Gov. Yates
 will give us as good a message.