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FRIDAY, DEC. 26, 1902.

All correspondence and communications for publication in the News-Letter must be addressed direct to the paper, or no attention will be paid to them.

MR. EDITOR: Why can't High-land Park have a Carnegie Li-brary as well as Waukegan and other smaller towns? We are nearer Chicago, have two rail-roads, and is a full-fledged city with as high aspirations as any other place. The city already owns a fine library site that is centrally located and convenient to all its people, if convenience is to be considered. The old school building now on it could be moved away. I will give as much for it as the city sold it for several years ago. But if to spread the town and get the library building as far out of town as possible, like the high school, be advisable, I will donate a site on the west side, facing the Skokie, and not far from Bobolink farm. Have we among us no magnetic wizard like Dr. Harper, sufficiently charming and self-possessed to make the ap-plication? I would suggest Rev. Pfanstiehl and the president of the Woman's Club, in this li-brary, which Mr. Carnegie is dy-ing to give away to those who have the sand to ask for it. A full file of the SHERIDAN ROAD NEWS-LETTER might be preserved for future reference. Who will say "Speed the good work?"

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Don't forget that the NEWS-LETTER job department is better equipped than ever before to do all kinds of printing, from a lady's calling card to a three-sheet poster.

HIGHWOOD.

Robert Woods & Son are be-sieged with orders for packing the furniture of the officers of the 9th Battery, who are to leave for the Philippines soon.

W. S. Potter, president of the English Zink Smelting Co., and Charles Stewart and B. Cummins, all of English, Ind., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hostetter, this week.

The teachers of the Highwood schools expect to spend their va-cations at their homes. Miss Emily Obee, in Highland Park; Miss Mayme Vetter, in Deerfield; Miss Sue Stewart, in Genoa, Ill.; Miss Trumbull, in Glencoe.

The Highwood schools closed for the holidays last Thursday morning. The entertainment given by the little tots was well rendered and reflects great credit on their teachers. Each one did so well that it was hard to decide who did the better. Special men-tion must be made of the song, "Frog He Would A Wooing Go," rendered by the two little Con-naughton boys. It was thorough-ly enjoyed by all present.

Through the untiring efforts of the mayor and his friends, Santa Claus was induced to visit Fort Sheridan Park and distribute pres-ents to the little ones (and big ones, too) on Christmas afternoon. The Christmas tree was lighted and beautifully decorated and Santa distributed two barrels of apples, five bunches of bananas, 100 pounds of mixed nuts, 150 pounds of mixed candies, also oranges and other dainties in abundance. The children sang a Christmas carol, and Miss Mary Delmore followed with an appro-priate recitation. Miss Alma Kelly's recitation, entitled "What Did Santa Claus Do?" was re-ceived with much delight. Miss Gavitt sang and presided at the piano. Rev. Father Morrissey, of Highland Park, made a few ap-propriate remarks to the little ones that were equally appreciat-ed by the grown folks present. The orchestra of the 20th U. S. Infantry band made the hall ring with catchy music, they having kindly volunteered their services for the occasion. Much credit is due to Mr. Gordon for the inter-est with which he handled and so-

lited the funds for the under-taking.

The entertainment given at the Highwood M. E. church on Christ-mas Eve was a grand success in every respect. The following pro-gram was beautifully rendered:

Voluntary..... Miss Fox
Song—"Ring, Bells, Ring"..... School
Recitation—"Christ's Welcome".....
..... Miss Mamie Fagan
Prayer..... Mrs. Schaffer
Hymn—"Joy to the World".....
..... Congregation
Recitation—"Christmas" Bessie Fagan
Solo—"Birthday of King"..... F. Shelton
Duet—"Oh, Lovely Babe"..... Misses
Della Breakwell and Kathryn Pease
Dialogue—"Little Thoughts by Little
People".....
Fay Breakwell and Forest Cummings
Song—"Everywhere a Song"..... School
Recitation..... Miss Mabelle Lee
Song—"Light, Love and Joy"..... School
Recitation..... Miss Alma Kelley
Song—"Over Bethlehem's Hill"..... School
Bible Reading..... Pastor Wood
Exercise—"Name of Star"..... Class of Girls
Exercise—"Hush-a-Bye"..... Class of Girls
Song—"Holiday Time"..... School
Song—"Blessed Christmas Morn" School
Recitation..... Miss Grace Lighthall
Solo—"When Santa Claus Comes
Around"..... Frank Shelton
Scene..... Miss Ivy Break-
well and Jean Fagan and Santa Claus

A bountiful collection was then taken up for the benefit of the Orphanage Home at Lake Bluff. Rev. Wood's bible reading was very appropriate for the occasion. At last Old Santa appeared on the scene and the generous old soul supplied each child with an abun-dance of nuts, candy, oranges, etc.

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Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park.

Notice of Awarding Contract

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all persons interested, that the bids for the construction of a four-inch water main on Laurel avenue, in the City of Highland Park, connecting with the water main on McGovern street, thence westerly along the northerly side of said Laurel avenue for a distance of 600 feet from place of beginning, were opened on the 23d day of December, A. D. 1902, and Edward Laing and Chas. McNeill being the lowest responsible bidders, the contract was awarded to said Edward Laing and Chas. McNeill on the 23d day of December, A. D. 1902. Said bid is for the work as a whole and is as follows:

Edward Laing furnishes all the ma-terial required according to the speci-fications for the sum of Four Hundred and Nine (\$409.00) Dollars; Chas. Mc-Neill furnishes all labor necessary to put down the water main in accord-ance with the specifications for the sum of One Hundred and Fifty-eight (\$158.00) Dollars.

The owners of a majority of the frontage of the lots and lands upon said Laurel avenue wherein said work is to be done may, within ten days from the date hereof, elect to take said work and enter into a written contract to do said work at ten per centum less than the price at which the same has been awarded.

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