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**Proposition for New Public School
 Building to be Voted on Saturday,
 May 16th.**

Notices for an election to be held
 Saturday, May 16th, have been
 issued by the Board of Education.
 At this election the male voters of
 District 107 will be given a chance
 to vote for or against the proposi-
 tion to add Lot 8 and the south 116
 feet of Lot 11, all in Block 20, to
 the grounds on which the grammar
 school building now stands, and for
 or against the proposition to add an
 addition to the present building, and
 to issue bonds to the extent of
 \$21,000.

The inadequacy in size of the
 present grounds has long been a
 matter of comment. Of the eight-
 tenths of an acre there included,
 more than half is occupied by the
 building and the sod plots which
 add so much to the ornamental
 beauty of the school site. This
 leaves what amounts practically to a
 strip of ground 130 feet square for

from 350 to 400 pupils to play on.
 Many of the wholesome influences of
 organized school games with their
 favorable reaction upon the formal
 work of the school, are impossible
 because of this lack of sufficient
 grounds.

The new model Horace Mann
 school at Winnetka has a site of
 three or four acres, while at Glencoe
 five and one-half acres surround the
 building.

The Board finds it impossible to
 buy extensive additions to the
 grounds because of lack of funds,
 but it seemed advisable so recom-
 mend the purchase of all of Lot 8
 just east of the building and 116
 feet of Lot 11 which adjoins the
 grounds on the north. This latter
 strip will give the Board control of
 the ravine on this north boundary.
 It is quoted at a reasonable price.

After considering for several weeks
 the problem of adding to the school
 room facilities of the district, the
 Board has at length decided to re-
 quest the voters to pass upon the
 proposition to add an addition to the
 north side of the building. The
 architect of the building pronounces
 such an addition quite feasible in
 every way. The acceptance of this
 proposition will commit the district
 for the present to the policy of con-
 centrating the teaching force and
 necessary school equipment in one
 building, a policy which the Board
 at Winnetka is deliberately carrying
 out. At the latter place it is
 planned to abandon the old building
 and to add a wing to the new Horace
 Mann school mentioned above so
 that concentration may be complete
 and efficient.

With the addition to the building
 there can easily be installed a per-
 fect ventilating system, such as is
 in place at the high school.

BERLIN, GERMANY.

Extracts from a letter received
 from Miss Charlotte Brand by her
 parents.

Berlin has a population of about
 two million and it is a beautiful city
 with remarkably clean and well kept
 streets. It is prohibited by law to
 build a structure over five stories
 high and this regularity in height
 gives a neat precise appearance.

I find the Germans a pleasure
 loving people. Even the poorest
 take time for amusement. Sunday
 is the great holiday of the week.
 Then the streets are crowded with
 people of all classes, who have their
 various amusements. The parks, of
 which there are a great number, are
 always full of people. Women with
 their knitting or sewing, Sundays
 the same as week days. In Berlin

the regard for Sunday is not the
 same as at home.

Entering Brandenburg Thor from
 the Thiergarten an imitation of the
 Propylasa at Athens and surmounted
 by a master piece of art, "The
 Chariot of Victory," one finds him-
 self on the most beautiful street of
 Berlin—Unter den Linden. Its
 double rows of lime trees form a
 beautiful avenue from Brandenburg
 Thor to Schloss Brucke (palace
 bridge), but I must say a feeling of
 disappointment came over me when
 I first saw this world-renowned
 street for the trees are not as beauti-
 ful as many in America. But the
 shops present a fine appearance in
 the evening when they are brilliantly
 lighted.

Ranking next in beauty is the
 Lust Garten, which contains the
 handsome monument of Kaiser
 Wilhelm I. The main figure is a
 fine equestrian statue standing on a
 pedestal and being led by a lovely
 female figure of peace. Other figures
 recline on the steps below, and at
 the corners are four lions.

The next park of consequence is
 the Zoological Garten, scientifically
 the first on the continent of Europe.
 11,200 Species of beasts and birds
 are represented. The arrangement
 is of a most systematic and instruc-
 tive character, such as is to be found
 nowhere else in the world. The
 buildings were designed by the most
 expert architects in Berlin and are
 exceedingly attractive. The elephant
 house is a pagoda; the stork house a
 Japanese temple; the ostrich house
 ancient Egyptian; the antelope
 and monkey house are in oriental
 style. The military concerts at the
 Zoo are excellent. Near the band
 some 10,000 seats are provided,
 where the people drink their beer.
 Thus one might ramble on describ-
 ing the sights of Berlin, but think
 this is enough to give an idea of the
 beautiful city. Evidently the Amer-
 icans like this German city for there
 are a great many to be found here,
 and the majority seem to be studying
 music in some form.

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