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

The school election which is set
 for today between the hours of 1
 and 7 p. m. at the Elm Place
 school building is deservedly at-
 tracting much attention. There
 should be a large vote so that the
 Board of Education may be as-
 sured of the wishes of the voters
 of this school district.

A circular of information signed
 by six members of the Board has
 been sent as nearly as possible to
 every male voter. This circular
 contains a clear and unbiased
 statement of the conditions which
 call for action on the part of the
 voters of the district, and is in
 every way worthy of the most
 careful consideration of all who
 are interested in the public school.
 Elsewhere we print a copy of the
 circular, and further comment is
 unnecessary.

An unsigned circular of doubt-
 ful origin has also been sent

through the mails for the purpose
 evidently of creating false impres-
 sion as to what the Board of Edu-
 cation of District 107 is attempt-
 ing to do. The fact that it is an-
 onymous will cause it to be receiv-
 ed with suspicion, as it should be.
 The burden of its plaint is that
 the children of Highland Park
 living south of Ravine and Deer-
 field Avenues and, therefore, in
 District 108, should share the
 the school facilities of District 107.
 In the light of events that oc-
 curred but a few weeks ago, such
 a plea at the present time is pal-
 pably misleading.

In February last the proposi-
 tion to consolidate came up, and
 was rejected with practical unan-
 imity by the people in the district
 south of Deerfield and Ravine
 avenues. The proposition seemed
 to have a few friends there, but
 hardly one of them would circu-
 late the necessary petition or work
 openly in its behalf. Prominent
 residents of the territory in ques-
 tion who live along the Sheridan
 Drive favored detaching them-
 selves from the lower district and
 forming a new district by
 themselves, while the Ravinia peo-
 ple rejected all overtures with
 positive indignation.

In spite of these facts the auth-
 or of the anonymous circular seeks
 to give the impression that the
 very people just mentioned are
 anxious to come into this school
 district, and another year would
 bring about the annexation!
 Everybody knows better than
 that. It should be said that the
 Board of Education recognizes the
 true condition of affairs and is
 going ahead with plans to increase
 the scope and efficiency of our
 present school system, and that
 whenever the school patrons of
 school district 108 apply of their
 own accord for annexation there
 will be not wanting the intelligence
 to meet the resulting conditions
 and to provide for the new accom-
 modations which by that time it
 will be necessary to supply.

The anonymous circular also
 seeks to give the impression that
 there are plenty of rooms in the
 high school building which can
 be rented for grammar school pur-
 poses. This is not strictly true.
 The Board needs at least three
 rooms for next Fall. There is but
 one room at the high school build-

ing really available. There are
 two unfurnished rooms there which
 the township Board might fit up,
 but at an expense far beyond the
 rental the grammar school
 Board can afford to pay. Besides
 neither Board is satisfied with the
 renting arrangement. The high
 school has its own methods of ad-
 ministration which must of neces-
 sity differ from those of the grades
 and the presence of grade classes
 in the high school building tends
 to thwart the work both of grades
 and high school.

Last of all the anonymous circu-
 lar is sadly misleading as to the
 cost of the proposed policy. The
 Board proposes to pay off two one
 thousand dollar bonds each year
 with accruing interest. That is
 precisely what this district has
 been doing in paying for the pres-
 ent building. So the whole plea
 of the anonymous circular writer
 falls flat.

Highland Park is entitled to as
 good schools with modern equip-
 ment as are to be found in any of
 the progressive suburbs of the
 North Shore or anywhere else.
 Any petti-fogging for selfish in-
 terests should and will be disre-
 garded by the intelligent voters
 of this district.

You cannot build up a town by
 spending your money in other places.
 No man is a good or desirable citizen
 who does not buy at home all things
 that the home market affords. Keep
 the money in local circulation. Help
 your neighbors to live and they will
 always be ready to lend you a help-
 ing hand. Have some local pride
 and do your humble share to make
 your town the most prosperous,
 liveliest community in the county or
 the state. The man who is too all-
 fired smart to let his home merchants
 make a nickle out of him will over-
 reach himself in the long run and
 will receive no sympathy.

A friend of ours, who is what is
 known as a fine woman, got a servant
 from a remote country district the
 other day. One afternoon a lady
 called at her house and rang the bell
 Orintha Scagback answered the call.
 "Can Mrs. C., be seen?" the visitor
 asked. "Can she be seen?" snickered
 Orintha. "Well, I rather think she
 can. She's 6 feet high and 4 feet
 wide. Gracious! You can't see
 much of anything else when she's
 around."—Pick-Me-Up.

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