

THE SHERIDAN ROAD NEWS-LETTER.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Mrs. Elizabeth Happ, of Oakland, California, died Saturday morning. Particulars of her death were not mentioned in the telegram sent to her oldest sister here, Mrs. Patrick Sheehan.

The fair held by St. Mary's church this week was a success. Thursday an artist on the light fantastic toe gave an exhibition. The supper was in charge of Mrs. Burube and Mrs. Dugan. Father Hart, of Lake View, patronized the fair, with a number of his parishioners.

There will be a Republican rally at Fort Sheridan Park Monday, October 24, at 8 o'clock. Speakers, Hon. Geo. E. Foss; L. O. Brockway, circuit clerk; L. P. Hanna, state's attorney; Dr. J. L. Taylor, coroner; and Jas. Anderson, county surveyor. The Hon. Dan Hogan, the state's greatest campaign singer, will be present. George P. Everhart will preside. Music by Fort Sheridan Military Band. Everyone cordially invited. A special invitation is extended to the ladies.

The High School football team has the following schedule of games ahead: Oct. 28, New Trier, at Ravinia; Nov. 5, Waukegan, at Ravinia; Nov. 11, Chicago Latin School, at Ravinia. The game next Friday afternoon with the New Trier Township High School should be the most interesting of the series, as the two schools are close rivals in numbers and the teams well matched in weight. The game will be called at 3 o'clock.

Rehearsals are going on for the High School dramatic entertainment to be given on November 18th. The Ravinia Park theatre has been engaged for the occasion. It is expected to be a notable performance on account of the unusual amateur talent in the cast, the excellent facilities offered by the theatre, and the fact that no expense will be spared to make it a success. More details will be given in this column next week.

The lecture Friday evening of last week by Jerome H. Raymond, on "Madrid: the Progress of Freedom," was attended by a large audience. Professor Raymond found much in the Spanish capital that was interesting and instructive. The pictures were particularly good. After the lecture the rooms of the High School building were thrown open and many took advantage of the opportunity to see the equipment. About seventy-five people came down from Lake Forest to attend the lecture. Next Friday night, Oct. 28, the lecture is on "Brussels: the Conflict with Clericalism."

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The library board held its regular monthly meeting Thursday evening of last week, with President Hibbard in the chair and most of the members present. The following bills were ordered paid:

McClurg, for books.....	\$14 88
Middleton, coal.....	12 40
Electric light for September.....	1 95
W. E. Brand, 3 years insurance.....	20 00
Purdy & Sons, repairs on furnace.....	8 75
Janitor for September.....	8 00

Total.....\$65 88

RECEIPTS.

Rent of hall for September.....	\$15 09
Fines for books over time.....	4 60
Catalogues sold.....	20
Cards sold.....	30
1 Book lost.....	1 05

Total.....\$21 15

Mrs. Jennings, our efficient, hardworking, and, I fear, underpaid, librarian, spent some \$4.00, and the city treasurer has our funds on hand, a full statement of which will be given next month. I have not the figures at hand as I write.

The librarian's report is as follows for circulation in September:

Volumes of fiction loaned.....	407
juvenile ".....	218
" history, travels, essays, etc.....	115

Total volumes loaned.....740

But, gentle reader, won't you note the overwhelming preponderance of fiction. A little fiction should be relished now and then by the best of men, including women, but that there should be almost four times as much fiction as solid, substantial literature, is not to our highest credit.

The following committees were named by the president:

Books—Matteson, Street, Bastian.

Finance—Everett, Hipwell, Morrisey.

Management—Hipwell, Warren, Fuessle.

The book committee met Tuesday evening of this week and selected their first lot of new books, which I trust will be on the shelves ready for use some time next week.

This committee will meet every month to make up its list of books for purchase that month. They cannot promise to purchase every book asked for, but will do the best they can, endeavoring to keep all departments well balanced.

The president surprised the committee by saying he wanted an inexpensive copy of the Bible purchased. Some one asked who he thought would go to the public library for a Bible, and he said he wanted it put there alongside that

magnificent Hastings Bible Dictionary in five volumes, so when the city pastors and Sunday school workers went there to consult that dictionary, which Rector Wolcott's wisdom put there, they would have a Bible handy to look up the Scripture references.

LEWIS B. HIBBARD,
President.

WHY I GO TO CHURCH ON STORMY SUNDAYS.

1. God has blessed the Lord's day and hallowed it, making no exceptions for rainy Sundays.

2. I expect my minister to be there. I should be surprised if he were to stay at home for the weather.

3. If his hands fall through weakness I shall have great reason to blame myself unless I sustain him by my prayers and my presence.

4. By staying away I may lose the prayers which may bring God's blessing, and the sermon which would have done me great good.

5. My presence is more needful on Sundays when there are few than on the days when the church is crowded.

6. Whatever station I hold in the church, my example must influence others. If I stay away, why may not they?

7. On any important business rainy weather does not keep me at home, and church attendance is, in God's sight, very important.

8. Among the crowds of pleasure seekers I see that no weather keeps the delicate female from the ball, the party or the concert.

9. Among other blessings, such weather will show me on what foundation my faith is built. It will prove how much I love Christ. True love rarely fails to meet an appointment.

10. Those who stay away from church because it is too warm, or too cold, or too rainy, frequently absent themselves on fair Sundays.

11. Though my excuses satisfy myself they still must undergo God's scrutiny, and they must be well founded to bear that. Luke xiv:18.

12. There is a special promise that where two or three meet together in God's name He will be in the midst of them.

13. An avoidable absence from the church is an infallible evidence

of spiritual decay. Disciples who follow Christ at a distance, afterward, like Peter, do not know Him.

14. My faith is to be shown by my self-denying Christian life, and not by the rise and fall of the thermometer.

15. Such yielding to surmountable difficulties prepares for yielding to those merely imaginary, until thousands never enter a church and yet think they have good reasons for such neglect.

16. I know not how many more Sundays God may give me, and it would be poor preparation for my first Sunday in heaven to have slighted my last Sunday on earth.
—Frances Ridley Havergal.

OUR LOCAL NAVY.

The Northwestern Military Academy's fleet came to anchor in our spacious harbor Monday, just north of the slowly but surely crumbling and decaying Fletcher's pier. We did not note the names of the several staunch men-of-war as they rode at anchor, but presume one of them bore the name of "Foss," in honor of that warm friend and advocate of the American navy. If any one doubted the ability of this country to contest the doctrine, so obstreperously pushed to the fore by our ancient foe but present friend, John Bull, that "Britannia rules the wave," he had only to look at those staunch and silent emblems of our sea power.

Brave tars were busy dismantling the vessels, preparatory to going into the academy's dry dock for the winter, for thorough overhauling and repairs, so as to be ready for any possible international complications growing out of the Eastern war or questions of reciprocity with our bumptious neighbor on the north, Canada. All hail to our local navy and to Commander Davidson's sagacity—which equals if it does not rival that of Congressman Foss—in being prepared in a time of peace for the emergencies of war.

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FOR SALE.

At a bargain, owing to closing stable, one sound, serviceable carriage horse; also large leather extension top surrey. Can be seen at Mr. W. R. Stirling's stable, north end of Lake avenue, Lake Forest. 20-21