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On Nov. 1st 1904 the publication of the NEWS-LETTER was begun under the present management. Since that time we have endeavored to improve the general appearance and tone of the paper. We have attempted to keep its columns clean and newsy in order to merit the support of the entire community. In the future we hope to improve the paper materially and discuss from time to time topics of local interest for the betterment of the city. In this respect our subscribers can be of much assistance to us by furnishing us suggestions and items that may have escaped our notice;

If you are not getting the NEWS-LETTER regularly, let us know, in order that we may rectify the mistake at once. If any of your friends are not subscribers urge upon them the necessity of sending in their subscriptions at once. If you know of any business houses whose advertisements should appear in the paper let us have their names. We want both your moral and financial support. We not only need it but must have it if the NEWS-LETTER is to be continued and improved in its present form. Read the advertisement of the Canterbury Press in this issue and see if it does not suggest something to you. Here is a business that can be developed so as to be a credit to Highland Park, will you help to make it a success.

In the selection of the prize story from the contributions of the class in English I, considerable difficulty was encountered. The two stories that were chosen from which a final selection was made were almost equal in general merit. Tornag, the Spirit-Child by Harriet Bradley was written with better attention to the detail of the plot, and consequently is awarded the prize. The story will be published in next week's issue of the NEWS-LETTER. A Christmas in the Woods, by Margot Cushing which was the other story selected, appear in the NEWS-LETTER to-day. Our readers will thus have an opportunity of deciding whether or not our judgment is correct.

## Clean Up and Keep Clean

The people along the North Shore have reason to congratulate themselves on the admitted fact that Highland has been a clean town for the last two Sundays. The law having been observed, at least outwardly. Public sentiment supporting the efficient labors of the military officials at Fort Sheridan and the work of the various committees of citizens in the neighborhood is proving effective, a marked change being noticeable in the conduct of some of the worst resorts, others having been closed up.

We are informed that the citizen's committee, not content with the present semblance of good order are laying a solid foundation for future good behavior in that suburb by preparations for action, and affecting prosecution of the various offenders themselves, but especially of those who, for pur-

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poses of personal gain, have introduced the vilest elements, and even those who, claiming respectability, themselves being well hidden, and reaping profits from the whole infamous business. The ablest and most experienced counsel has been consulted and retained, the State and County officials have been enlisted and a large number of cases against violators of laws to preserve public decency and safe guard the youth, are soon to be brought in the several courts, having jurors to preside in such cases.

The plans of the various committees provide for a reasonable as well as careful and effective effort at enforcing the laws and cleaning up the sore spots on the North Shore, and we are assured that no visionary schemes or extravagant notions of regulating other proper business or affairs will be considered for a moment, the only object being to "clean up, and keep clean." This purpose will appeal to every good citizen and demands the loyal support by influence, means and effort of every one who has at heart the public welfare or that of his family.

The North Shore is the "home lot" of thousands of families of those who are compelled in one form or another to toil in the near by metropolis and in the manufacturing towns adjacent. These families came here for the sake of their children. The North Shore is an educational center for the youth of the middle West as well as a land of homes, and the institutions and schools at Evanston, Lake Forest and Highland Park are known all over the land.

The least that any right minded man or woman of this neighborhood can do is to give his or her moral and financial support to any earnest, honest effort to keep those localities pure and wholesome.

The Committee have begun work along proper lines. We wish them "Godspeed."

## A Laudable Enterprise

Mr. Pfanstiehl's young men's class, known as the North Shore League, has for a number of years been interested in helping the West Division Street Mission in the City of Chicago, particularly with reference to the welfare of young men. We have recently equiped a large room connected with the Mission with gymnastic apparatus, and put in a new hardwood floor. Baths and other improvements are contemplated.

With a view to increasing our funds for this enlarged work there, we are planning to publish a book written by Mr. Pfanstiehl on "William the Silent and His Times," the manuscript of which he offers to the class. If we can secure 200 advanced subscribers at \$2.00 a volume, a goodly sum will be realized by the class for the mission work. The book will be between 200 and 300 pages, containing a number of illustrations from original paintings, and from scenes, copies of which were made expressly for it.

The book has gone to press and will be ready for delivery next week. Those wishing to subscribe for a copy or copies can do so by sending their names to Mr. Lovell, 805 Lincoln avenue, Highland Park.

## The Fecit Club

The bazaar given by the Fecit club last Friday and Saturday was in every way a success. A goodly sum of money was made, although the exact amount of gain is not yet determined. This bazaar was unique for Highland Park and the Christmas gifts which were for sale made an arts and crafts exhibit which was well worth seeing. Through it many people became interested in the club which gave it and for those who would like to know just what this club is, we print clippings from their constitution; which will tell in the boy's own words just what the club stands for.

**PREAMBLE:**—We boys of Highland Park, Illinois, in order to help others and make our lives count for something, in order that we may work together without difficulty, and in order that we may become better and faster friends, do hereby agree to form ourselves into a permanent society.

**PURPOSE:**—The purpose of the Club shall be "to do things," to find out what needs to be done in our homes, in our schools, in our towns, in our churches,—anywhere, and then do it to the best of our ability.

**PLEDGE:**—We pledge ourselves to make every effort to accomplish what we undertake. We will not be "quitters" or afraid of hard work. If we undertake something too big for any one of us to do, we will take hold and help. If it is too big for all of us, we will get others to help,—only we must get it done by some-one, some way. We pledge each other not to boast of what we are going to do, or talk about it to others more than is necessary until it is done,—and then we will try to find something else to do.

**MOTTO:**—The motto of the Club shall be the Latin word "Fecit," which means "He did it," and any active member in good standing shall have the right to use it, and to wear the button or other insignia of the Club.

We are glad to know that such club exists and may it have every success in its good work.

## Entertainment at the Post

The entertainment given in the Mess Hall at Fort Sheridan last Monday evening was in charge of Rev. Z. M. Corbe of the St. Mark's church of Chicago. An excellent programme was presented, although of a classical order, every number was highly appreciated by the several hundred soldiers who were present. The soldiers applauded freely. Mr. Corbe and his friends furnished the evening's entertainment gratis. The following artists appeared:

Miss Adelaide Yager of the Columbia School of Music; teacher of pianoforte, and organist of St. Mark's church.

Miss Elsie Oberg, of the Chicago Musical College; teacher of the violin and widely known as a player of exceptional merit.

Miss Harriet Franing of the Chicago Musical College; teacher of vocal music and a well known leader of musical clubs in Lake View.

Miss Mable Nelson, of the Chicago Musical College is an excellent contralto singer whose concert engagements have brought her a large circle of friends.

Miss Ella Wunder of the Chicago Conservatory of Music, a young pianist whose merit is winning her a large place in the public heart.

Miss H. Frahm, a pupil of Mrs. Genevieve Clark-Wilson, is a contralto whose beautiful voice deserves the wide reputation that its fortunate possessor is winning.

Olive Getty, a natural born little speaker whose training under the best Elocutionists is developing her special gifts in a marked degree.

**WANTED:**—By a prominent monthly magazine, with large, high-class circulation, local representative to look after renewals and increase subscription list in Highland Park and vicinity, on a salary basis, with a continuing interest from year to year in the business created. Experience desirable, but not essential. Good opportunity for the right person. Address Publisher, box 59, Station O, New York.