

HIGHLAND PARK

Clement Smoot is at home from Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Masterson have been visiting Mrs. Masterson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Strieber.

Mr. Arthur Smith, formerly of Highland Park, has been spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, Sr.

Rev. Haeefe and family of Barrington spent the Fourth here and attended the picnic given by First United Evangelical Church on the Lake Front on that day.

A new Columbia Phonograph for your old one at Greene's.

Mr. and Mrs. Masterson have been visiting Mrs. guest of Mrs. Charles Strieber this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Williams are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott Philpot.

Phonographs for a dollar at Greene's.

Mrs. Landon C. Rose has as her guest Mrs. Ransom George of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Wells, who are living in Mrs. Cobb's house, had Mr. and Mrs. Irving C. Black and Miss Elizabeth Little as guests at the Moraine over the Fourth.

Among recent arrivals at the Moraine are: Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Boal, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Keeney, Mr. J. Harley Bradley and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Glass and Mr. C. L. Johnson.

Mrs. W. A. Scott and son, Mr. Harold Scott, together with Mrs. Chester D. Crandall and her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Crandall, Miss Ruby Chapin and her brother, Mr. Chapin formed a pleasant party at the Morain over the Fourth.

Presidents Annual Report

TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK, ILLINOIS

GENTLEMEN—I herewith present to you as required by law, the Annual report of the Highland Park Public Library for the year ending May 31st, 1906.

As a whole the year has been a fairly prosperous one, as the Librarian's report will show. In addition to the ordinary routine work, your library board has been engaged in erecting a new library building, on a lot two thirds of which was donated by Mr. Arthur C. Thompson of Brooklin, Mass., and one third purchased by your board. This building is nearing completion and we hope to have it ready for occupancy during the month of July. Its estimated cost was \$14,000 for which we had the funds at hand, and the plans were adopted by the board on this basis.

When bids were received, we found that the lowest, called for an expenditure of about \$17,000 or a little in excess of that amount. The board then practically decided to erect the building according to the original plans, eliminating some few features which could be spared without injury to the building. It was the plan of your board also to go on and finish the interior as far as we could with the funds in hand, and leave the remainder unfinished till future time. Then the work of construction reached the stage where a final decision must be made as to its completion, the building committee found that its completion at some future time would be as much more expensive than to do it now, and also, there was such a demand on the part of our own people for the finishing of the

building at this time, that after mature deliberation we decided to finish it at the risk of a debt, strong inducements being held out to us that Mr. Carnegie would add \$2,000 to his original gift which he has not done.

Hence the indebtedness with which we are confronted. But we are more than satisfied with the building, for it is not only capacious, but substantial, and thoroughly constructed in every detail, and will bear out, in its entirety, our architect's statement, that no finer Public Library building can be found outside Chicago, in Northern Illinois.

The Librarian's Report shows that one year ago we had in the Library 4,418 volumes. During the year 281 volumes have been added, making a total of 4,699 volumes on our shelves at the present. This does not include some 40 odd volumes presented to the library by Judge W. G. Ewing, which will not be accessioned and shelved till we enter the new building. During the year 2 volumes were destroyed, to prevent the spread of contagious disease, have been replaced and 81 volumes have been rebound, at an expense of about \$50.

The circulation has steadily increased; the smallest number of books loaned in one month was 525 volumes in June 1905 and the largest number was in March, 1906, 938 volumes, the banner month for circulation, I think, during the history of the library. The total circulation for the year was 9,657 volumes, an increase of 1,034 over the last year.

The financial report of the Librarian's department is very brief. She collected in fines, etc., \$56 and received from all sources \$82.33, of which she paid to the President \$78.77 leaving for the miscellaneous expenditures of her office only \$7.46.

The Doctor Knew

A young laborer went to the registrar's office to record his father's death. The registrar asked the date of the death.

"Well, father aint dead yet," was the reply, "but he will be dead before morning, and it'll save me another trip down here if you'll put it down."

"Oh, that won't do at all," said the registrar; "your father may be well before morning."

"Ah, no, he won't," said the young laborer. "Our doctor says he won't, and he knows what he's giving father."

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