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### Your Subscription

If you receive this issue of "The News Letter" and you are not a subscriber, we ask you to give the matter a moment's thought. The "News Letter" is the only paper between Lake Forest and Winnetka. You are interested—genuinely so—in the social life and activities of the North Shore. There is only one way to keep in touch with the local news and announcements and that is by subscribing to "The News Letter." So long as you live on the North Shore you want to be a part of its business and social life—you want to support every movement that makes it a better place to live in. For this reason we want your subscription to "The News Letter."

Kindly do something about the matter.

We offer the month of December free to those subscribing for one year (\$1.50), beginning January first.

### High School Notes

The boys' basket-ball season was opened on Wednesday afternoon in a game with Evanston High School. The game was uninteresting from the point of view of a Deerfield rooter, as the other team outclassed our boys by the score of 45 to 15. But there is some solace in the fact that this is the first game of the season, and that we will do better in the games to come. The line-up was as follows: Hickey, L. F.; Conrad, R. F.; R. Fritsch, C.; Abercromby, R. G.; Meyers, L. G.

Arrangements are now being made to publish a school paper. This is to appear every month and it is hoped to have the first issue out by December 20. The board of editors which has been selected consists of Lylle M. Bittinger, editor-in-chief; Melvin Sweetland, assistant editor; Rose Brown, literary editor; Joy L. Miller, news editor; Kenneth K. King, athletic editor. George Phillips is business manager and Allen Schaffler is assistant. It is hoped that every one who can will subscribe for the paper and help make it a success.

### New Club Quarters

The Colonial Club, which was organized by the young men of Highland Park and vicinity several weeks ago, has moved into new quarters in the Bergen block, occupying the rooms vacated this week by Doctors James Watson, A. R. Sheldon and J. F. Beaumont. A pool table, reading table, and other recreations and amusements have been installed, and the members expect to add a billiard table to the equipment very soon. The object of the club is mainly social pleasures, and a number of receptions and entertainments have been planned for the winter season.

## The Fecit Club

One of the new organizations of boys to apply for admission to the National Federation of Boys' Clubs is one that is likely to attract the attention of all who are interested in the "boy problem."

The new organization is called "The Fecit Club" and its motto is, "He did it."

The Constitution states that the purpose of the club is "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."

The pledge which each boy takes is one of "endeavor," and reads as follows:

"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 all take hold and help. If it is too big for all of us, we will get others to help—only it must be done by someone, somehow, sometime. We pledge each other not to boast of what we are going to do, or to talk about it to others more than is necessary until it is done,—and then we will try to find something else to do."

The officers of the club consist of a Factor, Principes, a Factorum Scriba, a Tabularum Confecto, and a Faciendi Monitor. In conversation, these Latin titles are abbreviated to Factor, Scriba, Confecto, and Monitor.

All the officers are chosen from the Club except the Monitor, who may be "some person of mature age elected by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the regular semi-annual meeting held in January for the term of one year. His duties shall consist in giving such counsel and assistance as he deems necessary to make the Club most effective."

It will be seen that the purpose of the club is "to do things," to furnish wholesome activity for boys from twelve to sixteen years of age, and to direct this activity toward helpful service for others. We all get into mischief if we have nothing to do.

While activity is the first purpose of the Fecit Club, there are by-products quite as valuable. The Fecit Club, for instance, which was organized in Highland Park, a suburb of Chicago, has given a library of nearly one hundred books to a Chicago Mission Sunday School. They have helped to fit up two rooms in the "Chicago Home for the Friendless." They have given three illustrated lectures on Palestine, one of them for the benefit of a settlement Sunday School in Chicago. Last summer they sent in Tuesday mornings a large hamper of fresh vegetables to a Mission worker who distributed them among the poor. At Christmas time they gave a "Boys' Bazaar" in Highland Park, taking in over \$600.00, with a profit to the boys of over \$200.00, which they have been busy spending ever since.

The Club has its own Club rooms and a baseball nine and foot ball eleven, and went on a camping trip to Round Lake last spring. In doing these things there are sufficient opportunities for ethical instruction to satisfy the most didactic.

The Club has helped the boys to understand what friendship means; to realize their social relations, and the qualities that invite comradeship.

It requires an unanimous vote to elect a member, and sometimes when a mysterious black ball has been found in the ballot box, it has been discovered that the applicant for membership is known as "a rough-houser" "a quitter" or "a boss."

"League One" of the Fecit Club in Highland Park, Illinois, is a village club, the members being elected regardless of denominational lines, and five churches being represented.

The Factor or Scriba of the Highland Park, Illinois, League, will be glad to send a copy of the Constitution to anyone interested in forming other "Leagues."

## Whip It Out of Him

In the schools of a Connecticut town measures were recently taken to test the children's eyesight. As a doctor finished each school he gave the principal a list of the pupils whose eyes needed attention, and requested him to notify the children's parents to that effect.

One night, soon after the opening of the fall term, a little boy came home and gave his father the following note, duly signed by the principal:

"Mr. ———, Dear Sir: It becomes my duty to inform you that your son shows decided indications of astigmatism, and his case is one that should be attended to without delay."

The next day the father sent the following answer:

"Dear Sir: Whip it out of him. Yours truly,  
———."—*Advance*.

Of non-committal men there are two classes—the weak and the wicked. Weak men never express an opinion until other speak, because they never have any of their own. There are others who never express an opinion, no matter what they think, until they find out which is going to be the stronger side. The first class is to be pitied, the second despised.—*J. W. P. Otts, D. D.*

*Apron Sale and Oyster Supper.*—The Ladies' Aid Society of Ebenezer Evangelical Church will sell aprons and serve ice cream, cakes, sandwiches and coffee, from 1 to 9 o'clock p. m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, 1906. Oyster supper served from 4 to 9 o'clock at Masonic Hall, 21 No. Sheridan road, Highland Park, Ill. Oyster supper 25 cents.

## Fecit Club Christmas Bazaar—Continued

### MEMBERS OF "THE FECIT CLUB"

EDWIN O. GROVER, Monitor

Roland Brand, Factor	Allen Schaffler
Robert Shields, Scriba	Henry Schaffler
Eddie Wrenn, Confecto	Clayton Denman
Willie Wrenn	Clarence Parliament
John Ewart	Alan Flinn
Clifford Gray	Walker Flinn
Norris Parrott	Lawrence Small

### PATRONESSES OF THE BAZAAR

Mrs. F. M. Steele	Mrs. A. A. Pfanstiehl
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Mrs. Enoch Brand	Mrs. Carleton Moseley
Mrs. H. H. Doty	Mrs. P. C. Walcott
Mrs. W. A. Alexander	Mrs. E. R. McMullin
Mrs. C. W. Buckley	Miss Evva Egan

### Fecit Notes

The second league of "The Fecit Club," with a membership of 15, was organized at Lacon, Illinois, last week, with Rev. Thadeous Stephens as monitor. Mr. Stephens was formerly at Gay's Lake, in Lake county. League Two is already "doing things," as it is after a stereopticon for its Sunday School.

The Fecit football eleven is playing a series of three games with the Imperials. The score for the first game was 15 to 0 in favor of the Fecit club; for the second game, 5 to 5. The third game was played Saturday afternoon.

The new picture of Sir Galahad hanging in the reading room of the Public Library was recently presented by the Fecit Club. Roland Brand as "Factor" made the presentation, and Rev. P. C. Wolcott accepted the picture for the trustees.