

## North Shore News-Letter

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If the Young Men's Christian Associations of America are to be regarded as a part of the church it certainly cannot be said that in this agency the church is failing. The present number of associations in North America is 1,887 and the membership has reached nearly half a million. They own buildings to the value of \$39,000,000 and there are subscriptions in hand for \$11,000,000 more for new building projects. The force employed in association work is 2,400, and 92,000 men are instructed in Bible classes during the year. The daily attendance at association rooms throughout the country is 138,000.

We have said more than once that these Y. M. C. A.'s lack the helpfulness which their equipment enables them to offer to the stranger and the wanderer, especially in large cities, and we still think so. But there is this to be said, that these wonderful institutions certainly offer splendid premiums to young men to adopt Christian habits and enter into Christian fellowship.

We believe that similar progress is going on among young women. Young Women's Christian Associations are opening up in every large city and these are, in some cases, erecting magnificent buildings in which to carry on their work. In Milwaukee is one of the finest and also in Minneapolis and Indianapolis. St. Louis is trying to follow suit and Omaha is now erecting a building which will cost \$125,000 to meet the needs of its near two thousand young women members, and Pittsburg has half a million dollars with which to build and endow their institution.

### SCHOOL DAYS AGAIN!

There is a delicious sense of renewed life and activity in the reopening of school days. Vacation season is suddenly turned into a flurry of anticipation and the whole atmosphere of street and home is changed. Instead of hammocks and bathing suits, the girls and boys are seeking books, pads, pencils, bags and straps and other paraphernalia of school equipment.

This revival of interest is not due to the immensity of the American public school. What cares little Johnny or Mary who goes for the first time to school—half in fear and half in anticipation—that he or she is one of eight or ten millions of pupils. Or for that

matter what cares the girl or boy who is entering the eighth grade that he or she will be one of as many thousands to graduate this year.

The thing that concerns them all is that each one is one and every home from whence a child passes out to school is invested with a new problem and bearing a new sense of importance.

The relation of today in the chain of events to the future of the public school pupil is full of promise and prophesy.

Nor is it the children only that make school days of interest. Teachers that have changed their location—are come into new surroundings and bring with them their personality of manner and spirit and character and some have entered into the mystic circle of school ma'ams for the first time.

To the local school teachers along the North Shore we extend our hand of welcome. We commend these teachers to the cordial friendship and fellowship of our citizens. These are our faithful trustees of greatest worth. In them we hand over the moulding and training of our most precious values. They will find discouragements enough as they each respectively seek to instruct and direct the thirty or forty distinct and separate minds and wills for several hours each day of five days in each week.

We, humble fellow-laborers in the cause of education, who find ourselves pinned to the editor's chair, desire to co-operate with all teachers of the young. If we can serve them in any way that will contribute to the common cause it will be our pleasure as well as our duty.

### THE FOUNTAIN MOVEMENT.

In accordance with our announcement last week, the following petition was presented to the City Council at its meeting on Tuesday evening. The council agreed to the terms of the petition and referred the matter to the Street and Alleys Committee with power to act, of which Dr. Turner is chairman:

#### PETITION.

To the Mayor and Council of the City of Highland Park. Sheweth that:

Whereas, one of our citizens offers to donate to the city a valuable and ornamental drinking fountain, to be placed on some suitable site on the east side of the railroad tracks, and a society of young people have collected funds for the purchase of another fountain, to be placed on a suitable site west of said tracks.

Your petitioners request that your honorable body will take prompt steps to receive such gifts on behalf of the city, and that you will direct that such means be taken as are necessary to co-operate with the donors in placing such fountains in suitable situations and provide that the required water supply shall be attached and maintained.

This petition was signed by a number of our citizens, who practically represented the sentiment of the entire population. It may be now assumed that we are in a fair way to secure an early

pressure of water supply for man and beast. We hear of a third fountain for a point somewhere on St. John's avenue, and we hope that it may become a reality.

### CHICAGO'S NEW CHARTER.

The issue of the present struggle in Chicago is the passing of a new charter for the city. It is a question which does not directly interest the general public outside, but it does appear that so large a city as Chicago ought to be able to work out its own future with machinery adapted to its enormous interests and growth.

Prof. C. E. Merriam has shown that it does not compare with other great cities in America or abroad, in expenditure per capita and the reason why it cannot meet the necessary improvements which such a city calls for is because it has not the taxing power. Prof. Merriam gives the following table to show the ordinary revenue per capita in other cities compared with Chicago:

Boston	\$40.47
New York	28.83
St. Louis	28.76
Average of all cities over 30,000	27.36
Average of all cities over 300,000	32.78
Chicago	19.88

He further says:  
"The recent increase in saloon licenses and in the valuation of property will probably make Chicago's figure about \$21.50 or \$22; but this is far below the average. Chicago is below European cities, even, where the cost of labor is lower and administration more economical than here. London's income is \$21.40 per capita, Paris has \$25.68, and Berlin \$22.20. In short, the municipal income of Chicago is lower than that of any other modern metropolitan city.

"At the same time, the great area of the city increases the cost of government disproportionately. Chicago has 4,235 miles of streets, while New York reckons 2,589 and Philadelphia 1,661."

### MARRIAGE OF MISS EVERETT.

The social event of the present season was the marriage of Miss Frances Denison Everett to Mr. Abbott Lawrence Mills, Jr., of Chicago, on Saturday evening, August 31, 1907. The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. O. Pfanstiehl, who, as the pastor of the Presbyterian church for a number of years, was a close friend of the family.

The marriage took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Everett. Not only was the event of general interest because of the well known high esteem of the family, but Miss Everett has been for some time a very popular young lady in the social ranks of Highland Park, taking first place as a champion lady golf player.

The bride was attended by Miss Esther E. Schwarz and Miss Carr, of Springfield, Mass. These two ladies were radiant as bridesmaids in their white mull dresses over green, and carrying bouquets of Marshall Field roses. The bride was robed in white liberty satin. The ushers were Mr. Harry C. Champlin, of Wilmette, and Mr. James

Everett, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

There was the usual flow of good spirits and much festivity at the home of the Everetts. The happy pair were literally showered with favors and rice tokens as they left for a wedding tour to Europe. They go direct to Italy, and will return to their home in Highland Park about November 1.

### A COURSE OF LECTURES.

A Series of Studies in Shakspeare and Other Literary Subjects.

Arrangements are now partially completed for a course of lectures to be given in Highland Park, and it is hoped also in Glencoe and other places on the North Shore, which should prove of great interest and value to students of literature and to all who are desirous of studying the moral aspects of literature.

These lectures are the product of great study and have proved of profound interest when delivered at colleges, clubs and public assemblies elsewhere.

The Woman's Club of Highland Park have agreed upon the initial steps to have four of these lectures during the fall of the year—say in October and November, and possibly four more early in 1908. The subjects chosen will probably be the plays of Shakspeare, which will be treated from a new point of view, bringing out the ethical order and purpose of the plays and the moral character of all the works of Shakspeare.

We hope to be able to announce the details of this event in our next issue. Meantime we shall be pleased to hear from any who may desire to co-operate or to answer any questions relating to the lectures so far as at present possible.

Correspondence on the subject is invited and may be addressed to the Editor of the North Shore News-Letter, Highland Park.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S FOUNTAIN FUND.

The Young People's Humane Society of Highland Park has been busy completing their canvass for the handsome new drinking fountain, which they are purchasing from the Humane Society of Chicago, at a cost of about \$125.00. They desire to place it on the West Side, their choice of location being the front of the city hall.

The following is a list of subscriptions reported up to time of our going to press:

Collected by Arthur S. Dorsey—Mrs. E. W. Brooks, \$5.00; W. H. Olmstead, \$3.00; Mary E. Hall, \$1.00; A. E. Dorsey, \$1.00; Mr. W. B. White, \$1.00; H. B. Roberts, \$1.00; Dr. Hamilton, \$1.00; A. R. Sheldon, \$1.00; Dr. James Watson, \$1.00; B. J. Stevens, \$1.00; F. B. Green, \$1.00; Mrs. Campbell, \$1.00; Miss Ruth Ewing, \$1.40; C. J. Gipp, 50c; A. C. Gipp, 50c; Leo A. Haak, 50c; Tony Landoni, 50c; Yencil Muzik, 50c; John Rouse, 50c; A. Santi, 50c; W. A. Garrity, 50c; B. G. Skidmore, 25c; Paul Gerhardt, 25c; E. L. F., 25c; Fred