

# NORTH SHORE NEWS-LETTER

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## FOR ONE THOUSAND NEW SUBSCRIBERS

Twenty-Five Cents for Trial Subscriptions to the End of the Year.

The Editor of the North Shore News Letter has received a number of encouraging letters highly commending the policy of this paper in seeking to represent the better phases of social life rather than to be a mere echo of the gossip of the vicinity.

On the other hand he has heard hints that the paper is "too high-toned" or too serious for the average citizen of these suburban places.

The Editor is not himself at all satisfied with present attainments. His own aim is to increase the size and value of the paper just as soon as the appreciation of the public makes it possible.

And this brings up the very crucial question: Ought the development of the paper to be in the same direction or shall we strike at a higher vein? The publication of a serial story, for instance, was a matter of doubt in our mind, and its actual acceptance and value is still in doubt.

Now we would be glad to get the opinion of our readers—and, what is better, would like their help, and we need their help if we are to bring the paper up to anything like our own ideal.

It costs money to properly represent the public movements. Even a paper like this cannot sustain its news columns without cost both in securing the news and printing it when it is secured.

It is a question, therefore, of an increasing subscription list and a more generous use of its advertising columns by our merchants.

There are quite a number of our citizens in Highland Park, Glencoe, Deerfield, Highwood and other places who ought to have their name on our mailing list.

Will not our present subscribers help to induce their neighbors to send us a subscription?

As an inducement to get acquainted with it we offer the North Shore News Letter for the three months, October to December, for twenty-five cents.

We will send the paper to any address for the rest of the year for twenty-five cents.

Any of our readers who wish to aid us can have the paper sent to their friends as a trial on these terms. Send us a dollar and four names or a quarter and one name and we will do the rest.

## CHICAGO REJECTS THE CHARTER

Did Chicago reject the charter because it does not want increased power to enlarge and improve the city? Or was it the fear of increased taxes which led them to bury the new charter under an avalanche of votes? 121,000 against 61,000 is a large majority of the votes cast and is for the present decisive.

But the end is not yet. It is inconceivable that the great city should continue to work in a village dress. The objections raised to the charter are none of them fundamental.

The opposition was directed against the republican machine and wings were given to the cry of "increased taxation."

As to the attitude of the saloon men—they saw that they need not fear Mayor Busse's disguised threat of Sunday closing. Water does not rise above its source.

The Highland Park movement for adequate drinking fountains seems to be now fairly on the way for realization.

The committee appointed by the city council to whom the matter was referred, consisting of Aldermen Turner, Denzel and Leaning, met on Monday evening and again on Thursday of this week to confer on suitable sites and discuss plans and specifications necessary to a proper equipment and placing of these valuable gifts to the city.

By the way, while it is the privilege and right of citizens to criticize the public officials whom they have elected, it is also their duty to recognize the service rendered.

Election times are not the only—not the best times—for testimonials of our public servants. There are men who give loyally of their time and thought and sometimes serve us to the extent of personal loss in business. We have no special individuals in mind as we write this, but we do believe that citizens should observe the faithfulness and fidelity of men who serve us while some of us are quietly resting or seeking pleasure.

## SHAKESPEARE LECTURE COURSE

Under the Auspices of the Highland Park Woman's Club.

The lectures announced to be given by the Editor of the North Shore News Letter are designed to promote general interest in the ethical order and moral aspects of literature and especially of Shakspeare.

Mr. Burgess has given great study to the subjects and is the author of

"The Bible in Shakspeare," a book of 500 pages, which has received wide notice and high commendation from the press.

The first course will consist of four lectures on the following subjects:

1. The Genius and Character of Shakspeare.
2. The Merchant of Venice.

3. Macbeth—a Study of Conscience.

4. Hamlet—a Study of Immortality.

These lectures will be given: Two in the month of October and two in November, in the lecture room of the Public Library, under the auspices of the Highland Park Woman's Club.

In order to place them within easy reach of all, the course tickets will be sold at the very moderate price of sixty cents for the course of four, but they must necessarily be limited to the number of seats in the hall.

The lecture will be of special interest to young readers of Shakespeare, and to any who desire to possess a key to the moral action of the plays. They should prove especially attractive to teachers and to Bible class students.

The Socratic method of study by question will be invited at the close of each lecture.

## DONALD ROBERTSON AT RAVINIA PARK THEATRE.

From the point of view of entertainment, the North Shore is provided in a very high degree. Ravinia Park, located as it is on the N. W. R. R., and the electric lines, is a boon of which North Shore residents cannot be too appreciative, for while it offers fine open air privileges in summer months and a really beautiful theatre for the later season, it has the effect of preventing undesirable amusement attractions from locating in our midst.

At this season we are rich in the Donald Robertson Company, who are tastefully and artistically presenting a series of dramatic performances that are attracting good audiences and giving more than ordinary pleasure and satisfaction.

Mr. Robertson is an actor of unusual merit, and he seems to have trained his company, each in their way, to exactly fit in to his characterizations.

His repertory of eight or ten plays, offered during the present season, is now well before the North Shore public, and each of them seems to have its admirers by the hundred, if not the thousands.

"The Triumph of Youth" is a play which has in it no special literary merit, but in the hands of this competent company, the battle between two worldly women for the capture of the handsome marquis brings into full view the contemptible depths of trickery into which women may fall, and sometimes do fall, in their rivalries, while the unlooked for triumph of the plain, unattractive "little mouse" is a fitting climax with a good moral lesson.

If any criticism be offered here to the chief actor it could be that while he is a master of expression, he sometimes lengthens out his address beyond the limits, as when in the love scene of the play named, the intensity of interest is lost before he reaches its climax.

It will be of interest to North Shore people to learn that an engagement has been made with Mr. Robertson's Company for a series of matinees at the Garrick theatre, Chicago.

## A GRAND OLD MAN.

The News Letter has already called attention to the coming of the head of the Salvation Army. General Booth will arrive in New York about September 27, and will proceed on a tour west, taking in Chicago October 6, and two or three days following. He will be the lion of the days, receiving first honors of the most distinguished institutions and individuals throughout the country.

The London Daily Mail, of June 22nd last, says of this remarkable man: "Physically he is the most wonderful old man the world has seen for centuries, and it is doubtful if history can give another example of a man nearing eighty who has done so much as he."

"He is seventy-eight years old. He works unceasingly, without holiday or recreation. Even when traveling he carries his office with him. He travels more than many who make travel their business; he preaches more often than a popular evangelist; he writes and publishes as much as almost any professional author; he bears the daily burden of the management of a world-wide organization, and he is ever devising new schemes. As his years increase his activities seem to increase also."

The simplicity of General Booth is in striking contrast to others who have placed themselves at the head of religious movements in modern times. There are for him no costly equipages, no special cars engaged at enormous cost, no palatial mansions. When he comes to New York he will reside for a week—not in a royal suite at a big hotel, but in two small rooms at the national headquarters of the Army. At Chicago he is offered banquets and fetes in his honor, which he is, through his officers, declining. Yet his following is greater than any other modern religious leader, and he has accomplished more in his long life than any dozen of the would-be's.

## How General Booth Lives.

The London Mail says: "The first secret of his life is simplicity, and the second is the art of leaving every secondary detail to his assistants and yet himself keeping a grip over the heart of his work. If you visit his personal room at the headquarters in Queen Victoria street you will not find a book, a paper, or a document there save those which have to do with the affair of the moment. A big, firm table, a number of maps on the walls, and an easy chair or two complete his equipment."

"He lives in a little house at Hadley Wood, a house that would be rented at not more than \$300.00 a year. The rooms are scantily furnished with the old-fashioned goods that he had when he was a young Methodist minister."