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## A special Commencement Number of the North Shore News Letter.

The tocsin of the NEWS-LETTER has sounded in vain so far as concerns the fourth of July for this year. It is now too late to make the proper arrangement for such a program as we have from time to time urged. We hope the day may not be abused more than the average of past years but we think this annual event ought to be preserved to its noble purpose by the citizens of the North Shore.

We notice with much pleasure that the new fountain so generously donated by Mr. W. B. White is almost ready for use. If it proves as useful as the one on W. Central Ave. has proven to be it will have the added advantage of an ornament at a more advantageous point.

We hope the occasion of its inauguration will not pass without some form of public recognition. When a citizen so far adds to the general utility and beauty of a city as to donate a gift, the least we can do is to dedicate it as an object lesson to others.

## Our Outlook

### AIDED HOUSING OF THE PEOPLE

John Ruskin never turned his genius for benevolent economics into a more practical channel than when he advocated and led the way to measures for providing homes for the people. For, however true it may be that love and not place makes a home; human life must have a house in which love may dwell, just as birds must have their nest.

In England they are now reaping some of the fruits of Ruskin's work. A great scheme is in operation for cooperative housing of the people, which is backed by influential and philanthropic leaders.

In the United States there is practically nothing done to aid in this most desirable of all measures of aid and relief.

It would be hard to find any other form of social or economic distress, or any avenue of education or social ministry, that is not in purpose or fact generously aided in this country.

Charity in the United States engages it-

sell by strenuous measures, not only to answer the cries of the distressed but to seek out those who are in need, so that "man's inhumanity to man" is met by human love to save.

Yet here is one great need—perhaps the one most urgent of all social needs is absolutely neglected or forgotten.

Millions on millions of dollars are given to endow Colleges or Universities, millions more are poured into Libraries but, in the one thing which, more than any other one material thing, would make good citizenship and promote content and permanent comfort, there is no philanthropic enterprise or government provision.

To put it more plainly—the common people are handicapped for lack of houses. Homes for want of houses are crippled and wrecked. The most serious problem that faces every young couple, who are dependent upon a wage income, is that it takes at least one fourth of their income to pay rent and even then in large cities, it is a three or four room flat at best.

Yet a million dollars philanthropically and judiciously spent would, in a course of years produce a million cottages which might become the property of a million home-founders. This calls for more comment and invites enquiry from all readers.

### PROGRESS OF PEACE.

The man of peace is no longer regarded either as a quack or a quaker. Jenken Lloyd Jones, who is an old soldier and a liberal teacher told the various guests who gathered at Orchestra Hall for Memorial Day exercises that we can "never scare a nation into peace," and the Rev. Tobias Selanfarber, who is the Jewish Rabbi of Temple Emanuel, said:—

"We can all be just as patriotic in times of peace as in times of war. Some time ago some one made the statement in the public print that the Jew was not patriotic and that he had not gone out to fight for this country in any of its wars, the continent at war or the war of 1812, the civil war or the war with Spain. I am proud to say that this statement was nailed down as a slanderous lie. The Jews have always made more than a favorable showing in fighting for the cause of this country.

"This country is spending 100 per cent more than any other nation today for war, and it should be unnecessary. All of this great expenditure and preparation will not scare war out of the people or peace into them. What we need is the constant teaching toward peace."

### HIGHLAND PARK CITY COUNCIL

The Council met on Tuesday June 2, in the Council chamber. All the Aldermen were present except Ald. Ditmer. Two communications in reference to good roads were referred to the Streets and Alley Committee.

A communication from H. P. Price asking that lot 33, of Highwood be connected with the Highland Park sewer was also referred.

The Fire and Water Committee presented their report and the contract for coal for the year was voted to F. Siljestrom. Appropriation of \$30 was made for a gong for Hook and Ladder wagon.

Mr. Louderback addressed the Council

asking that a change be made in the ordinance so that bicycles may be permitted the use of sidewalks. The matter was referred to the Judiciary committee.

Committee on Street and Alley reported against repealing the ordinance referring to Rice St. sidewalk and also against making improvement on Bronson St., Ravinia, for the present. The Committee was voted a sum not to exceed \$120 for brick cross walks in the first and fourth wards and for repairs of bridges not to exceed \$3,500.

The Street lighting committee reported in favor of Electric light contract with N. S. Electric Light Co. and the report was adopted. \$1,500 was voted to the Joliet Bridge and Iron Co. for work on the Sheridan Road and Central Ave. bridge.

The Mayor reported that he would be absent during the months of July and August and Ald. Leaming was elected substitute Mayor during the Mayor's absence.

Bills were passed and adjournment was taken until June 16th.

You need no more than this to emphasize your thoughts. All the chemicals in the land, even if given you on golden spoons by physicians to royalty, cannot overcome the more powerful mental chemicals of wrong thoughts. The man who overcomes obstacles is the man who first overcame his own wrong thoughts, and the man who does not overcome his thoughts can not overcome obstacles.

The man who advertises a little and then says advertising does not pay is like unto the man who burns one match beneath a five barrel kettle of water and then says the fire will not heat water.

An advertiser must have discrimination—to sift from the information only the things that will interest a prospective buyer. Nothing important must be hid. But nothing unimportant must be told for advertising costs ten to twenty times as much as a telegram and words are valuable.

Imagination in advertising—not exaggeration of statements—is the power to transfer to the mind of the reader a mental picture of the goods being advertised—their quality, their economy, their usefulness, etc.

Learning makes a man proud, but wisdom makes him humble.

Most men do as they please—after consulting their wives.

The value of a good husband can't always be estimated by the amount of his salary.

Most "smart" people are like a pin, sharp at the point and small at the head.

A Michigan editor wrote a communication to his rival calling him an ass—and signed it "Yours fraternal-ly."

A woman who ordinarily pays no attention to what her husband says will lie awake all night to hear what he says in his sleep.

A monumental lie—under a gravestone. And sometimes on it.

Aided by the moral support of a new suit of clothes, even a weak man may rise to greatness; but it takes a strong man to maintain a respectable average when his trousers bag at the knee.

C. K. Shetterly.

A man returned late to his room in a hotel, and kicked off one shoe, which flew with a clatter to the other end of the room. Then remembering that the man in the next room was a nervous fellow, and a very light sleeper, he divested himself of the rest of his clothes as quietly as possible, and got into bed. Three hours later he was awakened by a voice at his door. "For goodness sake," said the voice, which he recognized as that of his nervous neighbor, "when are you going to kick off the other shoe?" "I have been lying awake three hours waiting for it."

The new teacher had arrived at the school, and the children were doing their best to form an accurate estimate of her abilities, temper and general character. The first lesson was to be one in natural history, and the teacher had chosen the interesting but complex subject of the cat. "Now, children," she said, "tell me what sort of clothes pussy wears." No reply. "Come, come," said the new teacher, determined to extract the right answer by naming everything that pussy didn't wear; "does she wear feathers?" A painful expression crossed the face of a little boy in the front row. "Please ma'am," he said pitiably, "ain't you ever seen a cat?"

"Ah!" said Mrs. Malone, "tis a benefactor to the race that my husband, Mick, is, as well as a jaunty." "Sure, I never noticed much of either in Mick," said Mrs. Finnegan. "Phwat's he been doin'?" "Do'n? Why he's invented a patent road-sweeper which will do the wurruk av foive men." "Precious little benefactor about that, bedad," was the scornful comment. "Why it's takin' the bread out of min's mouths! that's what it is." "Whist, now. That's where ye make a mishtake. Mick's road sweeper takes six men to wurruk it. Och, 'twill be a great thing for the unemployed."

When my eldest brother (an exceptionally gifted man, who scarcely lived to middle age) was a very little boy, his mother had occasion to correct him for some fault, telling him his parents could not love him so well if he did such things. He thought a moment, then gravely replied, "When my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up!"

Mr. Slim (hunting for a new boarding house)—"Is the lady of the house in?"

Servant—"No, she's gone for a policeman."

"What are the terms for board here?"

"Cash."

"I mean how much a week?"

"Ten an' fifteen a week, 'cording to room."

"I presume she makes a reduction to people who stay a month or two?"

"I don't know. No one ever stays that long."

A good father observing that regular attendance at the Lent Mission had done nothing to reform one of his parishioners, told him so, and asked him the reason of it. "Ah! father," he replied, "I can manage the faith right enough; but the morals bate me."