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**The Lake Question.**

Never in the life of the human race, so far as history shows, has there been so much interest taken in the betterment of all classes and conditions as at the present time. Individual efforts for the uplift of humanity is giving place, at least comparatively, to organized philanthropic movements. The Christ doctrine of altruism is steadily becoming the dominant motive of life. As is most natural and fitting the children, the boys and the girls, are the ones on whom most of the benevolent efforts are centered.

There is no more ennobling work than that of saving human life, especially the lives of the young, the boys and the girls. Once again Highland Park has been saddened by the drowning of Alfred Keller last Friday off our lake shore. We recall several victims of our treacherous lake shore within the last few years. Is it not quite time that we made all possible effort to stop these sad tragedies? We all know that our lake shore is treacherous, that it is not a safe place for young people to bathe, even though they are "good swimmers," unless some strong, mature and skillful swimmer is present to care for them. It may be said, and is said that young boys and girls should not be allowed to go bathing in the lake. Theoretically that sounds well; but theory and facts are often at variance and, as in this case, ought to be at variance. There is no more enjoyable sport to the young people and no more healthful sport under proper conditions than swimming. But swimming is something more than a mere sport. It is a vigorous exercise, well calculated to develop every muscle of the body. It is a sanitary exercise. It is a valuable art. Not only because every day men are saved from accidental drowning by being able to swim, but lives are constantly being lost because no swimmer is present to save them. But the question now is what can be done to stop this sad loss of life. It will not do to say we will prohibit bathing in the lake.

First we cannot prohibit, at any rate without an expense greater than the cost of preventing accidents. Secondly, we ought not to prohibit it. The fact that it is accompanied by danger is no final argument against it. Every sport and every employment for that matter, is more or less hazardous. Watch the list of deaths among the base ball players, and a little later among foot ball players. Watch the appalling casualties accompanying very many of the industrial pursuits. Shall we therefore abolish all such pleasures and pursuits? The art of falling, learned on the foot ball grounds or in a gymnasium, has enabled many a man to escape injury by the accidental falls in practical life. But what can we do to prevent the loss of life incident to bathing in the lake? What can

we do? We can do many things if we are willing to do a little thinking and make a little sacrifice. We hope the Park District Commissioners recently elected will find it within legal rights to do something towards providing safe bathing places (one or more) on the lake shore. If it is not legal to create bathing places by public taxation, then let us do it by subscription and do it in time to avoid next season's sacrifice.

The loss of Alfred Keller brings to mind an incident in the life of that noble philanthropist, the Honorable Horace Mann. In addressing the members of a philanthropic association on one occasion, after summing up the expenses of the association, he made the statement that if one boy had been saved it was worth all the cost of the association. After the meeting was over some one said to him: "Mr. Mann, wasn't that too strong a statement when you said that the saving of one boy was worth all the costs of the association?" "Not if it were my boy," promptly replied Mr. Mann. What loving father would not give his last dollar to bring back his lost boy! What good citizen is not willing to be taxed to save every father's boy from being lost? "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

**A New Religion?**

We are accustomed to talk of practical things as those only which apply to material property. Business, Politics, Medicine and Law, are all practical, but to many of us morals and religion are only speculative.

But it is a fair question whether this is not altogether a mistake. May it not be that the most practical thing on earth is that which sets a standard for human character?

The discussion awakened by Prof. Chas. W. Eliot's recent prophecy of the "New Religion" seems to have one point at least of common agreement. His critics declare and he himself admits that it is essentially Unitarianism which is based on the two great commandments, the love of God and the service of man. He says:

"The twentieth century religion accepts literally St. Paul's statement: 'In him we live and move and have our being.' This new religion will be thoroughly monotheistic. God will be so immanent that no intermediary will be needed. For every man God will be a multiplication of infinities.

"This religion rejects the idea that man is an alien or a fallen being who is hopelessly wicked. It finds such beliefs inconsistent with a worthy idea of God.

"It will admit no sacraments, except natural, hallowed customs and it will deal with natural interpretation of such rites. The new religion will not attempt to reconcile people to present ills by the promise of future compensation.

"The new religion will not even imagine the 'Justice of God.' Civilized nations realize that legal punishments now frequently fail of their purpose, and the new religion cannot pretend to understand God's justice, for there is no earthly conception as a comparison.

"The new religion will laud God's love and will not teach condemnation for the mass of mankind. Based on the two great commandments of loving God and one's neighbor, the new religion will teach that he is best who loves best and serves best, and the greatest service will be to increase the stock of good will."

If we have read the great Channing rightly there is a sharp distinction between the Unitarianism as he presents it and of a proposal to eliminate all mediation, all sacraments, all authority, and even the "justice of God."

There are always many persons ready to accept any new cult which cuts adrift from authority and make a wide swath for what is called "liberty".

And it may be that an association of men and women based upon some merely ethical order of this kind would find numerous followers who have already an educated sense of what it means and the mutual obligations which it implies. We may admit that it embraces a standard far above the average practice of even civilized and Christian nations.

But, after all, could such an association be, in any true sense, a religion? An order, a brotherhood, a cult it might be, but does not religion presuppose human dependence and divine authority? Eliminate the thought of the justice of God and what have we left as a basis or standard of what justice may mean?

We are not enamored of the methods which would win men to righteousness by promises.

Cut out all mediation and the existence and thought of an advocate disappears.

Home life would be anarchy without the exercise of authority and the hope of reward.

And what is true of the home in this respect is true of society generally. Back of all law and order and as a basis of all morals we have the religious conscience. Even the faults attributed to religion are not defects in the main principles which underlie it, but are errors of form and teaching and wrongs committed through weaknesses, hypocrisy and oppressions which are perpetrated in its name.

The Chicago papers have been commenting this week upon the supposed action of the City Council prohibiting bathing. There is nothing to it. Mayor Dooley says he has never even expressed an opinion on the matter.

**Highland Park News.**

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**Bohemian Week at Gads Hill Encampment.**

A large party of Bohemians, members of the Bohemian Club of Gads Hill Center, came to the encampment July 27. With them was Mr. Lennoch, the well known Bohemian newspaper writer. Mr. Lennoch is very enthusiastic over the good work that Gads Hill Center and Gads Hill Association have done among his people and is using his influence, both personal and as a newspaper man, to get the well-to-do Bohemians to aid the Association financially.

Highland Park ladies held a picnic at the grounds last week and shared their delicious luncheon with the Workers. Mrs. Annette Jones of Highland Park, with her two sons and a magician, entertained the children July 28th. Mrs. Jones also sent twenty pounds of candy and on Sunday every child on the grounds had a stick of candy.

Sunday Rev. Dr. Goodson conducted the vesper service and Mrs. Underwood told the story of the Great Stone Face, to the delight of all who heard her.

Miss Edith W. Lindblom has gone to Elyria, Ohio with her auntie for a month.

Miss Hannah Steele spent the weekend at Ottawa Beach.

Miss Martha Ingersoll, who was recently employed by the Telephone Co., has left their service and taken a position with the Meyers Bank, Winnetka.

Mrs. Bussey of W. Linden avenue gave a luncheon Tuesday.

Miss Mildred Thayer is entertaining her friend Miss Hecht.

Mrs. W. T. Underwood entertained Sunday evening in honor of her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Howard, of New York.

Miss Helen Messenger entertained Saturday evening.

Mrs. McGregor Adams was given an old-fashioned surprise party Monday evening.

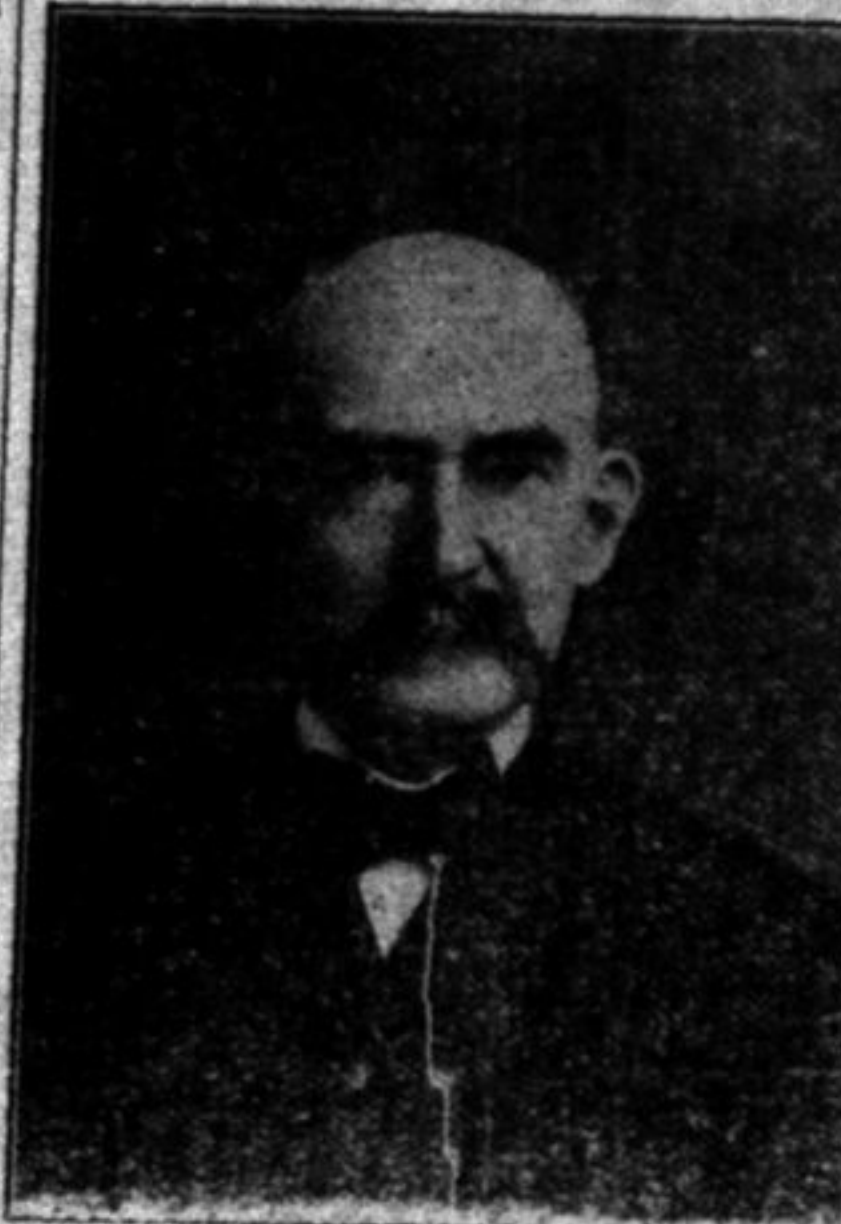
Miss Gertrude Willits, who has been visiting her aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Willits for several weeks, returned Friday to her home in Albion, Michigan.



**EARL W. GSELL**  
NEW PROPRIETOR OF OLD RELIABLE DRUG BUSINESS

Mr. Earl W. Gsell, the new proprietor of the drug store recently conducted by Geo. B. Cummings, hardly needs an introduction to Highland Park people. He was for some time with F. W. Schumacher, who owns a flourishing drug business in Highland Park.

Mr. Gsell is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Pharmacy. With his ability to compound medicines and his pleasing business manner he can be assured of success. The business men of Highland Park extend to him the hand of fellowship and good will. We welcome every honorable business enterprise that may bid for a place among us.



**GEO. B. CUMMINGS**  
RETIRED PIONEER DRUGGIST

**Highland Park Young Man to Marry.**

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tuttle Leonard of Girard, Kansas announce the coming marriage of their daughter Alice to Mr. Ralph Thorn of Highland Park, Ill., on Wednesday morning Aug. 11th, at the home of the bride's parents, 211 No. Summit Ave., Girard, Kansas. The wedding is to be a quiet home affair and the young couple will leave at once for a trip in the North, spending some time on their honeymoon after which they will be at home to their many friends at 211 No. Summit Ave., Girard, Kansas.

Mr. Thorn is well known here and has many friends who will congratulate him and his Kansas bride.

Mrs. E. P. Knapp entertained for Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monday evening.

Mrs. G. M. Seward gave a luncheon Wednesday.

Dr. Quayle and his daughter Mona have sailed for England, where they will visit for several months.

Miss Grace Mihills, who has been enjoying a month's vacation at her home, has returned to the Michael Reese Hospital.

Mr. Harlow Holabird of Chicago is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Holabird.

Judge and Mrs. Wean and their daughter, Miss Wean, are enjoying a trip through the West.

Mrs. J. E. Colburn and daughter Ruth will start Monday for Ogunquit, Maine.

There will be a lawn service under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild of the Baptist Church at the residence of Mrs. Wm. E. Brand, Wednesday evening, August 11th. Ice cream and cake will be served. Miss Whitney and Mrs. Brand will be the hostesses for the occasion.

**Entertainment for Gads Hill.**

Miss Rowena Bastin as Pandora, Helen Hill as Hope, Gura Cole as Quicksilver, Gardner Cole as Hate, David Cole as Poverty, Kenneth Cole as Then, Lawrence Cartier as Greed, presented "Pandora's Box" Tuesday evening on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Cole. The parts were all very well acted and the young people added over nine dollars to the Gads Hill treasury.

Miss Jean Tenbroeck has returned from Milwaukee, where she has been for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Brand and daughter are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. M. Orth at Random Lake, Wisconsin.

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. Bert Skidmore, who has been seriously ill, is gradually improving.

Mr. Arvid Magnusson, who has been away on a vacation, is home again and resumed his duties at the post office.

A number of our young ladies are spending their vacation days at Naperville Park, famous for the yearly camp-meetings of the Illinois Conference of the Evangelical Association. They are the Misses Florence Renning, Edith Mennich, Alice Brand, Charlotte Brand and Laura Muhlke. The ladies are camping in the cottage owned by G. L. Brand.

Mr. F. V. Klotz of Glencoe avenue returned Thursday from a business trip to St. Louis.

Mrs. John A. Bunnell of Laurel avenue is away on a visit in the East.

Mrs. John Jennings of Wilmette was a visitor here Wednesday.

Mrs. T. M. Wilder entertained informally from 3 to 5 Friday of this week in honor of Mrs. Gregg, who is a newcomer in South Highland Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Winyard Bellhouse and Winyard Bellhouse of Amberstburg, Canada, made a short visit here this week on their way to Greer Lake.

Mr. Werner Spengler is spending his vacation in South Bend.

A great many people are complaining about the long intermission at the concerts at Ravinia Park. It does not seem to be a popular move on the part of the management.

The old Jessup residence at the corner of Roger Williams and Rice has been greatly improved and made into a beautiful modern home by Mr. Casey.

While we are waiting for tarvia to demonstrate a dustless city let us have a sprinkler.

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