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Obituary

William K. Sidley, on Saturday last, February 8th, there passed away at San Diego, California, where he had gone to recuperate his health, one of Highland Park's valued and highly respected citizens.

William Kirby Sidley, whose home has been in our midst for nearly ten years, was born about seventy-five years ago in the north of Ireland, and was the youngest son of a large family. His parents had planned a place for him in the Clergy of the Church of England, but this did not meet the ideas of the young lad, who took matters into his own hands and came to America, where he found his way in 1852 to Milwaukee. Here he obtained employment in a fur store, and after the long day's work, he and his boy chum who came with him, diligently employed themselves by the light of candles, to the finishing of what became to him, a liberal education. He grew to be a great admirer of Shakespeare and was able to quote from memory, large parts of his favorite plays, and also liberally from the more stately poems of two generations ago. "O why should the Spirit of Mortal be proud" was often on his lips. Later he rose to be a fur buyer, and as his native ability showed itself, he gravitated to Chicago, where he became associated with the Keith Brothers. In various capacities, for most of the time as its active and controlling head, he built up, as President of Keith Brothers & Co. what became the largest hat and cap concern of the world. It was to this business he gave the energies of his life, and in his latter years the appreciation and gratitude of his business associates, many of whom he had raised from boys, was his great reward and pleasure. The employees looked upon him as a father, and so treated him. He was noted for his fair mindedness and strict integrity in business, and at the time of the important and hard fought Danbury hat strike, both sides picked out Mr. Sidley as an arbitrator whose judgement and sense of justice would qualify him to adjust and harmonize their differences. He was of an unobtrusive nature, and shunned publicity, but was urbane and courteous to a marked degree in his affiliations with his fellow men. His keen sense of humor, and ready wit, made him a great favorite with those who were fortunate enough to know him well. He was active in building up the Reformed Episcopal Church in Chicago, and was Senior Warden of St. John's.

The funeral will be held at Christ's Church, Michigan Avenue and 24th St., on Friday morning, Feb. 14 at eleven o'clock. Six of the "boys from the store" will be active pall bearers, and some of his life long friends will act as honorary bearers.

Mr. Sidley leaves a widow, who was mother of a family of eight children, six of whom are living, and all prominent in their several walks of life.

William P. Sidley, a lawyer and late President of the Union League Club; Frank C., Vice President of Keith Bros. & Co.; Thomas H., in the Electrical Supply business. These three sons are of Chicago. Dr. Frederick K. of Peoria, a specialist surgeon; John S. of Racine, Wis., of the Horlick Malted Milk Co., and Mary S., wife of Rev. H. S. Foster of Denver. All the children will be with their mother at and after the services.

We only wish the world contained more such men as the courtly gentleman who has left us. His friends, and our community have suffered a distinct and great loss in his death, and his family, a loss that is irreparable.—Contributed

Mrs. William G. Dalton, of Lake Forest and well known in Highland Park, died Saturday morning at the Alice Home hospital immediately following an operation performed after an illness of several years. Surviving Mrs. Dalton is her husband, an employee of the Public Service Co., and one daughter aged nine years. The funeral took place at the Catholic church at ten o'clock Tuesday morning. Interment at Lake Forest cemetery.

Lyman Dresser Hammond, father of Mrs. George McBride of Linden Avenue, and a frequent visitor in Highland Park, died Tuesday at Magnolia Springs, Ala., whither he had gone for his health. Mr. Hammond was one of the best known insurance men in Chicago and senior members of L. D. Hammond & Co. He was born at Amherst, Mass., October 31, 1844. His offices were in the New York Life building and his residence at Hotel Windemere. He was a member of the Union League, Kenwood and Homewood clubs. Mrs. McBride was with her father at the time of his death and Mr. McBride left Tuesday for Magnolia Springs to bring the remains to Highland Park, where the funeral services will be held.

- Books Received at the Public Library
- CLASSIFIED LIST
- Colonial Homesteads and their Stories Harland Paine
- Mark Twain, a Biography Bryce
- South America, observations and impressions Bryce
- In the Courts of Memory Bergemann-Lindencrone
- The Spell of Italy Mason
- The Pigeon, a Fantasy in three acts Galsworthy
- The Story of a Round House, and other Poems Masefield
- Everyone's Saint Francis Egan
- Your United States Arnold Bennett
- FICTION
- A Cry in the Wilderness Waller Perry
- Melindy Lincoln
- The Trevor Base Mungier
- The Wind before the Dawn Child
- The Blue Wall Hutchison
- The Happy Warrior
- JUVENILE
- Mary Ware's Promised Land Johnston
- Boys' Life of Edison Meadowcroft

MR. O'BRIEN'S LETTER

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(fashionable and so up to date, (don't yer know) but I don't take much stock in it, it may exist in a small measure, to some extent due to an elaboration of frills and flourishes on the curriculum, but largely due to a tendency on the part of the (powers that be) to deal out accommodation to so many outside the district. I am satisfied in my own mind that there is no portion of District No. 107 so far distant from the school as to require transportation facilities according to law, so clamp down the brakes on the bus lines from outside the district, brother taxpayer, let the powers that be awaken to the fact that you have grown tired of their dealing the cards, making themselves distributors of your benevolence without your permission, to those who have no claim on the same, and that you no longer look on it as an act of charity for the simple reason that charity and injustice will never go hand in hand.

If you fail to discern the ear marks of injustice in this phase of the situation just look through your old tax receipts for several decades past, do a little mental computing and then ask yourself what Mr. Outsider has done. If you know you will answer: He has come in here, found educational facilities, which I might say took fifty years to build up, to be had for the asking, with possibly a meager tuition fee which would not even compare proportionally with the cost of maintenance to say nothing of the cost of establishing.

If you don't know brother taxpayer I'd advise you to do a little quiet investigating on your own account rather than look to the powers that be for enlightenment as I, some six months ago, asked them, through the columns of THE PRESS for statistics along these lines. Up to the present time they have ignored the request. They evidently have very little regard for public sentiment or they would not have the temerity to broach this same proposition again without having made some attempt at an answer other than their actions which bespeak as follows: All you've got to do Mr. Taxpayer is to pay your taxes and ask no questions. In my former letter, above referred to I stated that I was an advocate of the best to be had in educational facilities. I have not changed and I feel brother taxpayer that herein I have voiced your sentiments also; but it is not our fault that we are skeptical of the designs of the powers that be, as the whole question arose in the interest of the Sheridan Road property for which a bond issue was defeated at the last election for the simple reason, brother taxpayer that you and I saw that it was unwise to approve of a proposition whereby over two thirds of the children in the district would be obliged to cross two railroads tracks four times a day throughout their whole attendance at school in the face of the fact that the time was ripe for launching a proposition for at least a site for a west side school.

When the interests back of the Sheridan Road property—after calling the second election—awoke to the fact that there were almost as many children in the Exmoor subdivision, which you might say was yet in its infancy, as there were in the whole of District 107 on the east side of the tracks, consternation reigned as sure defeat stared them in the face and as a last resort they called off the election.

Here we are again brother taxpayer, face to face with the same proposition somewhat incognito, nevertheless we can see through the new togs, such feeble efforts to "be-fuddle" the people are really ludicrous.

What heartaches it must have caused to see their pet project yoked up with a west side site even if it is only as a blind, or as it is termed nowadays in any shady legislation, a joker. They figure on a united stand by the interests back of the Sheridan Road site bolstered up by the west side contingent who might be inclined to favor the west side site and would thereby be obliged to vote for the bond issue, the power that be, having taken the precaution to arrange for a selection on the west side that would be sure not to meet with anything like general approval. The site in question being located within three blocks of Deerfield Ave., the south line of the district on the west side, directly across the tracks from the present school, leaving the whole Exmoor subdivision all the way up to Highwood viaduct in just as bad a plight as it was before, of course the location has to be named in voting for a bond issue but it can be readily seen that the tendency was to name one that would eliminate anything like solidarity in the ranks thereby knocking into a cocked hat anything in the way of a chance for a west side site at this time and profiting on the vote for the bond issue by the votes of those who might be inclined to vote for a west side site. However brother taxpayer just demonstrate to all concerned that you are doing your own thinking that you will tolerate no longer such manipulation at the hands of those who are your servants in the strict sense of the word, vote "NO" on the bond issue until such double dealing with any part of the district is rooted out.

The site will take care of itself later on whenever the proposition is submitted open and above board.

With thanks to THE PRESS for the use of its columns, I beg to remain,

Yours respectfully

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Parents and Teachers' Association

High School Division

The mothers and teachers enjoyed an excellent interpretation of Dvorak's Humoresque by the high school orchestra with Mr. McFarren at the piano on Friday afternoon at their monthly meeting. This was followed by the presentation of the one-act play "The Misdemeanor of Nancy," in which the five pupils taking part acted exceptionally well. The mothers and teachers then adjourned from the study hall to the lunch room where they listened to an address by Mr. A. B. Welty of Racine who is Supervisor of Industrial Education. He told many things of interest in regard to the establishment of vocational schools bringing out in his address the practical points. Following the program tea was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Henry M. Bacon announced at the mothers meeting at which Mrs. William French presided that the next meeting to be held on March 7th, would be addressed by Dr. Mary McEwen of Evanston on a subject pertaining to social hygiene.

Under the auspices of the Parents and Teachers' Association the pupils of the high school enjoyed an informal and delightful dance and a cotillion led by Mr. A. R. Williams on Friday afternoon. Mr. Thomas Findlay, one of the pupils, deserves great credit and appreciation was expressed by those present for the dance music which he furnished. Punch was served during the afternoon.

South Division

Miss Ruth Ewing will address the mothers study class on the afternoon of Tuesday, March fourth on the subject of "How Shall we Cultivate the Love Impulse in Children?" Suggested Discussion, Dolls—Pets, Chances for Service. Mrs. I. Cramer will be the hostess.

Elm Place Division

On Thursday afternoon, February 20, Mr. Smith will give a talk before the mothers meeting on "Arithmetic, Now and Then." Question box, Fresh Air and Fresh Air Schools.

MARRIAGE AS IT IS TODAY.

Women Too Busy With Interests Outside the Home.

Since all time the happiness that attends a marriage has been uncertain. Men and women expect so much and often give so little. Disappointment is all too common, for the average young individual expects perfection and finds poor human nature. "No man is a hero to his valet," runs the little old French proverb. It is perhaps as hard to be a hero in the eyes of the woman's man has carried five years after marriage. Familiarity breeds contempt. It is hard to laugh not once, but many times, at the same jest, at the same old story as our mothers did. In the present day that is not even attempted.

Most women and a great many men only try to please before, not after, marriage, and so marriage is not as happy as it used to be.

Marriage formerly among women was looked upon as a profession. Now it is only an incident, and an incident that need not continue unless it means sugar and spice and all that's nice to the woman, for her home is often the last place where a wife is to be found. The modern woman is often so busy that she cannot live at home. She must sell roses for hospitals, organize relief for strikers, slum among the destitute and leave her husband and children to look out for themselves.

This is not quite for the happiness of the world, because the right center of a woman's life is her home, and when that is vacant the cupboard of the affections becomes bare. Remember, after all is said and done, it is the man who works for the woman. It is he that tells for the tower and for the comforts of his wife. It is therefore not only foolish, but not fair, if when he returns home, the bower is always empty.

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The only woman in the United States in full charge of a seacoast lighthouse is Mrs. E. A. Fish of Point Pinos, near Pacific Grove, Cal., who has received a letter of commendation for her twenty years' faithful service from the chief of the lighthouse service, together with a medal bearing the inscription, "E. S. L. S." and "Efficiency." She has been in charge of the Point Pinos light since the death in 1892 of her husband, who was head of the department of history and physiology in the University of California.

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