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#### ALMOST A MYRACLE

"I must have slept on a wedding cake and not known it," said a Y. M. C. A. man to the librarian. "Such luck as this is!" The librarian smiled as much at the joy of solving her own problem as at his eager enthusiasm. For days she had looked in despair at the piles of children's spellers and readers which a friend of libraries has sent to the Public Library for distribution to War Camp Libraries. "What would any full grown Yankee want with elementary text-books?" she had asked. "Want?" the man in uniform had almost shouted in reply. "Want? Why, Woman, give me more and more! I have men in my camp who cannot read or write in any language. In one company alone there are one hundred and eighty men, eighteen of whom do not know enough to sign their own name to the pay-roll." "Impossible," the horrified librarian murmured, thinking in a flash of the way she had struggled to get through college and of the many times she had wondered if it really was worth while to work so hard. "Do they come from the mountains, or are they foreigners? It seems to me that all children are forced to learn, almost, nowadays." "Foreigners nothing!" he replied indignantly. "They are our citizens fighting in our army; and what's more they are little more than walking distance from Highland Park." "We will have to help these boys learn how to write home," answered the librarian, thinking of her own three service stars and the days when no letters came. Then she turned to the piles of books which the people of Highland Park had sent to the Library for distribution to Camp Libraries, and she pulled fourth seventy-five "A B C" books, the most elementary arithmetic books and some a little bit advanced, a simple history of heroes of the United States, a civics book written for children and some "reading for pleasure" boys' books which she had wanted for her own Public Library. The eyes of the Y. M. C. A. man shone with pleasure but he asked for more. Will anybody help? If the Public Library is closed to the public because of the "Flu" bring the books anyway and tap on the Library door. Someone will be there to receive them. Novels and travel books are wanted for steamer-transport deck libraries. Geometries, general science, trigonometries for artillery, airplane mechanics, and automobile mechanics schools. And then your own personal effort is needed, to write book-cards, paste in book-plates and card-pockets and pack the books for shipment. The American Library Assn. has arranged for free shipment of all books to camp libraries and overseas service free by Quartermaster freight. Any man or woman of any age who will help can do so by applying to the Highland Park Public Library.

It is hoped that the Public Library will be opened in time for the children to use the list of Hallows'en stories, which has been compiled recently.

"Carry On," the new magazine on the reconstruction and wounded of the war, has been added to the number of periodicals as a gift. It is an excellent and encouraging publication of highest authority.

"Coal Thrift," published by the Massachusetts Board of Education, Extension Division, is a small but valuable pamphlet which is simply written and illustrated by diagrams. Dealing with steam, hot water and hot air furnaces and stoves, it supplements our other material on the subject.

"Official Recipe Book" of the Council of Defense is also an addition to an allied war subject which can do so much in making ends meet and lap over a bit on the pleasure and profit margin. The various state and U. S. government departments have compiled and tested recipes which they have published to fill the needs of war-time buying, such as use of substitutes and the use of limited quantities of essential ingredients, which are such a puzzle to almost everyone. The Public Library has a liberal supply of these publications, and the information as to where more can be procured at nominal expense; also duplicates of many which will be gladly given to anyone who may apply.

An army insignia identification hand-book has just come which gives the army hat cords in color in addition to the other facts and details of army organization, rank, dress, etc. It is called "U. S. Army: Facts and Insignia."

"Camps and Trails in China" is a 1918 story of exploration, full of adventure and romance, told by the leader of the expedition, into the lair of the mysterious Blue Tiger and the wild, unknown section of northern China, along the border of Thibet, the Forbidden Land. The author, R.

C. Andrews, accompanied by his wife, made many important discoveries in this unmapped wilderness. They mingled with over thirty little-known tribes, and secured a vast assortment of rare fauna. They had many thrilling experiences, including an attack by bandits during their exploration of the jungles and a thousand mile journey by caravan through the districts where news of the outside world never penetrates.

"The Call of the Offshore Wind" by the author of "The Fighting Fleets" tells the story of a young sea captain, the son of a Maine ship-builder. Owing to the abandonment of the wooden ship the young man follows the sea and goes through adventures as captain of a schooner, and has interesting business experiences on shore. In the end he chooses the right one of the two girls in the story, and when the call for war-time ship building comes, he soon gets the old ship-yard going on a war-time basis. Paine writes of the sea with spirit and a wealth of knowledge reminiscent of "Two Years Before the Mast" and the novels of Captain Marryat.

"Under Sail" by Felix Riesenberg, is another sea story full of adventure, which culminates in a breezy, happy-ever-after ending. It is the kind of a story which runs up statistics in its favor with the men. As a Man's Story it has a sportsman-like frankness about it which is delightful to all—women as well as men.

Now that the U. S. is urging us all to do our Christmas shopping this month and mail the gifts before the end of next month, we have to begin to decide the question of what to give. Why not give books? There are so many kinds of books for so many varying moods of so many different kinds of people, perhaps your Library can help you decide. Look over the books reviews in the last few numbers of the Highland Park Press and see if there is anything which may appeal to you, and if there is, come to the Public Library the minute that the Health Officials open the schools, library, etc., and look at the books which appeal to you, and decide what you are going to give for Christmas. If nothing appeals to you, ask the Librarian. She will gladly go over the lists of new books and place at your disposal all of the book reviews by unbiased authorities and the publishers' trade journals, so that you may know what is obtainable, and not waste time and energy looking for something which you cannot seem to find in the almost endless stretches of counters full of books of which you know nothing in the shops. You do not buy food until you know something about it. Why buy books until you have read a few reviews of them and obtained a brief of the plot? Come to the library and look over your books leisurely, unhampered by the sales clerks' interruptions, and then order your gifts for next Christmas from the shops.

### UNITED EVANGELICAL

Corner of North Green Bay Road and  
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C. G. UNANGST, Pastor

We were glad that we had the privilege of holding our services on last Sunday morning. We have been officially informed that all of our usual services may be held next Sunday, provided there is no order to the contrary from the State Board of Health.

The Sunday school will meet at 9:30 a. m., and the lesson presents the story of an ideal marriage. The twenty-fourth chapter of Genesis is the portion of Scripture that will be considered.

The morning service will be held at 10:45 and the pastor will preach on "Christian Weapons and Victories." 2 Cor. 10:4-6.

The Christian Endeavor Society will meet at 6:45 o'clock. The Missionary Committee will have charge of the meeting and the topic is "The Power of the Cross in Latin America." Luke 15:1-10.

The evening service will be held at 7:30. The pastor will speak on "When a Jailor wanted Salvation." Acts 16:29,30. This will be a message full of practical truth.

Referring to the epidemic that is in our land today, one of the members of this church asked the pastor, "What does it mean?" There is a striking, startling incident in Israel's history, "written for our admonition," in 2 Samuel the 24th chapter, and 1 Chron. the 21st chapter. It shows that in the days of King David, after prayer and the confession of sin, "the plague was stayed from Israel." Read it! Think it over carefully. Is there a practical lesson for us?

The folks who are dissatisfied with the number of American airplanes are reminded that 30 pleasure automobiles have got to stop using gasoline for every one plane that is started.

# NOTICE

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