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sees! He arranged the children in a row on the edge of the shelf and proceeded to feed them in order. A less industrious and enthusiastic parent would have been discouraged at the black bottomless pits which those four open mouths seemed to indicate, for no matter how many times they were fed the mouths were always wide open begging for more. Their little monotonous story told over and over again sounded more like a number of grasshoppers than anything else we could think of. We never saw the mother feeding her children nor were they allowed to remain on the shelf when she was there. Whenever she appeared the father would fly at the young, frightening them away and then proceed to feed her. When she had finished her meal and had flown away the little birds would come back from a nearby tree and the father would continue feeding them. The whole family came every day and many times a day. All the young birds looked very much like the mother with the exception of their bills which were black. They grew rapidly and were soon very independent in feeding themselves whenever the father was not around but just as soon as he appeared they would all open their mouths, and, childlike, beg to be waited on. On Labor Day Father Cardinal appeared with two new little fluff balls who soon grew to be as independent as the first lot. Their bills very gradually turned red, in fact it was well along in December before they seemed as red as the parents'. Among the six young there was only one male. It has been a wonderful treat to have eight cardinals at our feeding tables most of the winter.

In addition to our Kentucky friends we have had daily calls from a number of chick-a-dees, a pair of white-breasted nuthatches, a pair of downy woodpeckers and a number of jays. Early in the winter we had visits from a hairy woodpecker.

A large flock of cedar waxwings, from one hundred and fifty to two hundred, were in the yard for two days. They have a special liking for Japanese barberries of which we have a good many and on January 10th we discovered about fifty Bohemian waxwings in our ash tree and on a stone wall near the house-feeding on the berries of a bittersweet vine. This was an event, as we had never seen the Bohemian waxwings before. On January 24th we saw a solitary one near the bittersweet vine.

I should not forget to mention the solitary white-winged crossbill I "met" on December 4. Among the chattering notes of some English sparrows in the scrubby I thought I detected snatches of a song strangely canary-like. A nearer approach brought only closer views of the sparrows when suddenly the song occurred again just at hand. Looking up I found myself within but a few feet from a bird scarcely larger than a sparrow, apparently olive-green in color and with conspicuous white wing bars. Another look revealed the crossed tips of its mandibles and readily established the identity of the bird. I had time for a good visit with it before it disappeared. I could find none of its companions.

Bird guests add great interest to our shut-in days and make the winter season pass more quickly.

On February 5 we heard the cardinal's song for the first time this season and later in the day discovered that several of the pussy-willow buds, in a sheltered corner, had burst their hard brown shells and were pushing their little gray banners out into the cold world, unfurling harbingers of spring. —(Mrs.) Marion Moseley.

M. E. CHURCH

Results of First Six Months of Conference Year:

They have been modest enough but give reasons for encouragement and inspiration to greater efforts. They suggest the almost infinite possibilities of organized, consecrated and persistent human effort when dedicated to the service of man under the blessing of God. They justify and make more imperative insistence upon a complete consecration of the whole life to God which comprehends not only turning from a life of sin but what is better, a stewardship of life, time, property, etc. They reveal to us the fact that we have barely touched the surface of our community problem; that to do the work assigned to us as Christians, we need to forget or subordinate our peculiar personal views and ambitions to the interests of the larger unit. We hope that all will find it easy to do this in view of the results accomplished. Here they are: Since last October, seventy persons have professed conversion. This number includes twenty-seven soldiers won during the Win-My-Chum week in November. The remainder have taken a definite stand as the result of



A Story of Spring

A dialogue between Mr. Commuter of Highland Park and his wife

"Why so sad, tonight, my dear?"

"Because Springtime is coming and most of our friends have had flowers planted since last fall, while we have nothing in our garden coming up early in the Spring. I am getting very anxious to see our beautiful home surrounded by trees, shrubs, evergreen, flowers, roses, vines, a pool and fountain, a rustic tea house and a beautiful lawn."

"Well my dear, you do not need to be sad. It is not a serious matter that we have not had our plants started early, or shrubs planted last fall. We can have our place made beautiful within a short time."

"How could it be possible to have this work done within a short time?"

"Coming out on the 5:10 this evening, I heard of an honest, experienced landscape gardener named Fiori. I believe this man is interested in his work and could solve our problem."

"Good! As he is honest and experienced, why not call him on the phone and arrange to have him come over Sunday morning to discuss this matter with us?"

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personal work and the special services in March. The evangelistic tide is constantly rising. We shall feel great sorrow should any fail to take advantage of this opportunity to get into a movement that means so much to each participant and assures a new future for the church. This forces upon us the need of mature and intelligent leaders to instruct in the principles of church membership and Christian living according to the most modern and approved standards. What are these standards? Those of the Centenary and Inter-church World Movement. If you want a position and are willing to conform to these standards, we WANT YOU.

Last Wednesday and Thursday evenings were full of good omens. On Wednesday the prayer service was led by Mr. Albert Anderson, assisted by Mr. Frank W. Schar. The attendance was large and the service most helpful. On Thursday a men's conference was held at which plans for future work were gone over. We are not ready to announce these plans, but the fact that every one of the twelve men present besides the minister consecrated himself to the work in a closing prayer service in which each one took parts is suggestive.

Sunday, the 25th, was a good day in every respect. At the evening service, the Business Men's Quartet sang the gospel message with power.

Services of the Week

The Wednesday evening service will be led by Mrs. Charles L. Boyd. Thursday evening a number of our men and women will attend the dinner at the Central "Y" given by the Gospel teams and their wives.

Saturday Evening Musical

A musicale, given under the direction of the fourth department of the E. L., by the young people of the E. L.'s of Chicago and the North Shore, will be rendered in the church. No admission will be charged at the door. A silver offering will be taken during the course of the evening. The proceeds will go toward the War Work of the Ileetain Work of the League. This musicale should receive the generous support of all.

Sunday Services

Sunday school at 9:30. Morning worship at 10:45. Epworth League at 6:30 with Mr. H. V. Nichols as leader. Subject: "Will a Man Rob God?" 7:30, Evangelistic service.

W. F. M. S.

First meeting Tuesday, May 4th, at 2:30 p. m., at the home of the president, Mrs. A. W. Howell, on Bloom street, Highland Park. It is hoped that each of the thirty members will be present. New members will be reported for acceptance.

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SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Mrs. Henry Dittmer will entertain the Euchre club today at her home on St. Johns avenue. The meeting was announced for last Thursday but was postponed a week.

Campbell Chapter, O. E. S., will hold the Past Matrons' and Past Patrons' night next Wednesday evening in Masonic hall. All chairs will be filled by past officers. All members are cordially invited to attend.

Miss Clara and Mr. Barrett Sleeman entertained five couples Monday evening. Dancing was the feature of the evening.

MRS. MOSELEY WRITES FOR AUDUBON BULLETIN

Recent Issue of Audubon Society Bulletin Gives Interesting Article Concerning Cardinals

The spring bulletin of the Illinois Audubon society just off the press contains a very interesting article by Mrs. Carleton Moseley which we have secured permission from the president of the society to reproduce. Following is the article:

Four years ago this winter we had the pleasure for the first time of having a pair of cardinals come daily to our feeding shelf. In the spring they disappeared and although there have been several pairs living in different parts of the town we have seen none in our yard since, until last March when a beautiful male was seen in an oak tree near the house. We immediately added sunflower seeds to the supply of grain and suet with which the feeding shelf was always bountifully provided and in a few days had the pleasure of having him return with his less brilliant but equally beautiful mate. They came every day and many times a day and we were able to observe them quite closely as the feeding shelf is built on the sill of a south window in an upstairs sitting room which we use a great deal.

One day in May we saw quite an acrobatic performance between two gorgeous male birds; they tumbled over and over in the air darting at each in a most warlike manner but finally the intruder was driven out

and our own brave soldier came back a victor but rather out of breath and with feathers considerably awry.

From this time on the domestic life of our cardinals seemed to run very smoothly. Mr. Cardinal was most devoted to his pretty wife during the entire nesting season. They came together to the feeding shelf every day and he was very faithful and untiring in cracking sunflower seeds and feeding them to her. At times she was a bit coquettish and would refuse to come to the shelf, preferring to remain in a bush or tree some distance away. When this occurred the faithful husband would crack seeds and carry them to her; she always accepted them but many times in a very indifferent manner.

After a while we seldom saw Mrs. Cardinal; Mr. Cardinal appeared regularly, ate his meal, then filled his bill with seeds and flew away; presumably to feed her on her nest. One day we were much interested in seeing him add a salad course to his dinner. He flew onto the shelf with his bill full of inch pieces of green. They looked like the tips of young grass. He laid them carefully on the board, ate several sunflower seeds, then a mouthful of his salad, then more seeds followed by more salad. He then filled his bill with seeds and last of all picked up the remainder of the green—about half of it—and flew away in the direction of a ravine north of us, where we imagine he had his nest, but which we were never able to find.

One hot July day I heard a peculiar lispng sound in a tree near one feeding shelf, soon father Cardinal appeared on the shelf and in a most persuasive way tried to call attention to the tempting array of food displayed there. He would take a mouthful then seemed to say something. We could not see to whom he was speaking but the lispng sound became louder and more continuous; he finally flew to the tree with his mouth full of seeds and thru my glasses I soon discovered several fluffy brown balls among the green leaves of the oak, which proved to be four baby cardinals. The coaxing and feeding the young in the tree continued for several days when one morning the father flew onto the shelf followed by the four baby birds, the cunningest, fluffiest little brown balls you ever saw, with black bills and very large mouths which they seemed unable to close. Such a proud and busy father one seldom