

### E. H. STEVENS, CIVIC LEADER, DIES SUDDENLY

Edmond H. Stevens of 414 Essex road, Kenilworth, died at the Evanston hospital Saturday morning, October 7, after an illness of little more than forty-eight hours. His death has come as a great shock and grief to his host of friends and all of the many who knew and loved him are sorrowing with Mrs. Stevens and her daughter, Frances, in their great bereavement.

Mr. Stevens was 54 years of age. He was vice president and general manager of the Miehle Printing Press and Manufacturing company of Chicago, the largest of its kind in the world.

As a resident of Kenilworth, Mr. Stevens was always active in every movement for the betterment of the village and had watched its growth with keen interest, serving for several years on the Village Board where his excellent executive ability made him a most valued member.

He was affiliated with a number of clubs, including the Chicago Athletic club and the North Shore Golf club. He leaves a very definite memory in the hearts of all who knew him and his genial, strong, friendly, loyal personality will be missed in innumerable ways.

Services were conducted Monday by the Rev. William A. Colledge at the Kenilworth Union church, of which Mr. Stevens had been a trustee. Burial was at Oakwoods.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Georgene Williams Stevens, he leaves a daughter, Frances Stevens Marx, and a brother, Mr. Charles Stevens of Chicago.

### Davies Attends Recreation Congress at Atlantic City

J. W. F. Davies, director of Winnetka Community House, attended the Recreation Congress in Atlantic City during the past week. This congress was held under the auspices of the Playground and Recreation Association of America and Community Service.

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1. A theological objection. Artificial illumination is an attempt to interfere with the divine plan of the world which had preordained that it should be dark during the night time.
2. A medical objection. Emanations of illuminating gas are injurious. Lighted streets will incline people to remain late out of doors, thus leading to increase of ailments by colds.
3. A moral objection. The fear of

darkness will vanish and drunkenness and depravity increase.

4. Police objection. Horses will be frightened and thieves emboldened.

5. Objections from the people. If streets are illuminated every night, such constant illumination will rob festive occasions of their charm.

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