

### CHILDREN'S READING TOPIC BEFORE P. T. A.

#### Hubbard Woods Association Hears Beatty Talk of Hero Age in Literature

The Hubbard Woods school Parent-Teacher association held its first meeting of the year Tuesday, November 10. The mothers visited the class rooms from 1 to 3 o'clock. Mrs. Warren W. Shoemaker opened the general meeting in the assembly at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Walter Fisher, president of the Winnetka Parent-Teacher association, gave a short talk. Willard Beatty, the speaker of the afternoon, talked on "The Hero Age in Children's Literature."

Much attention has been given in the Winnetka public schools to the development of the pupil through his reading interest. Mr. Beatty said that there was a best time for introducing to the child King Arthur, Roland, Robin Hood, and many other characters of myth and tradition which help to mold ideals of chivalry, honesty, charity, etc. A lifelong loss may be that child's whose parents know not when to feed certain interests.

Under the direction of Superintendent Washburne, said Mr. Beatty, a series of studies has been conducted on the interests of the child in books, as expressed by himself. The work is being carried on through a grant from the Carnegie Foundation to the American Library association and will result in the publication of a graded list of 700 titles of books for children, which will be off the press about December 1.

The Music department furnished two numbers. The children's orchestra played a group of folk songs.

Miss Jean Hislop, director of music in the elementary schools, Griff L. Lathrop, Jr., director of music in Skokie school, and Mrs. Edith L. Woody of the Horace Mann school have organized the Winnetka Trio. They gave two delightful numbers—"To the Sea," by MacDowell, and "Love Song," by Cadman.

There was a record breaking attendance. A competition was held to get 100 per cent attendance of mothers from each room. Over 250 mothers were present. Mrs. Harriett Bock's room had the highest percentage, with Miss Claire Bernard's room a close second.

Miss Dorothy Dickinson who is attending Ferry hall in Lake Forest spent last week-end in Winnetka with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Dickinson of 1228 Scott avenue.



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