

GOVERNMENT WINS ELECTRIC LIGHTS

Left P. Goodwin, a Birmingham Boy, a Prize Winner and a Student of Deep Thought.

The following from the Albion College Field is good reading to the many friends of Mr. Goodwin, of this place. We have the ms. of his speech before us and do wish we had the space to give it in its entirety.

On the evening of Wednesday, May 20, Levi P. Goodwin won the annual Silliman Oratorical Contest for Sophomores and a prize of \$25. Mr. Goodwin's oration, "The Problem of a Drugged Race," was a strong production and was delivered with forcefulness, energy, and earnestness.

"Sad has been the ruin of three quarters of a century of opium slavery. More than one hundred million of China's citizens are to-day slaves to the drug. To supply the demand the poppy has crowded off her fertile soil the grains, vegetables, and absolute necessities of life.

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Yours very truly, HARRY L. FRERSON

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"But who shall hear the cry of the helpless, who shall demand that China shall be free to solve her problems and work out her destiny? England? Her Indian revenue has fallen. In our sympathy and bound her to the franchise of her pernicious policy.

Wanted in Our Village Soon. Hope The Council Will Sit Up and Take Notice.

The Village Improvement Society of the Village of Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

I understand that for about six or seven years, each succeeding Village Council of Birmingham has had under consideration the very serious question of granting an electric light franchise to some electric lighting company.

My impression is also that our present Village Council is known as a reform council. This may mean no disrespect to previous councils, but it has led the citizens to look for a prompt and business like management of the village affairs.

There is no question but that there is an urgent need for the opportunity of using electric lights in the village and there is also no disputing the fact that electric lights are a decided improvement.

On the other hand, I understand that Mr. Lynch, from Pontiac, has applied for a franchise. He refuses to take the Council into his confidence as to the names of the parties for whom he is acting.

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ENTERTAINED SOCIETIES AID

The Woman's Literary Club Entertained the Woman's Club, of Detroit, Tuesday.

The committee on Forestry and Town Improvement from the Woman's Literary club invited all the women's societies in the village to do something for town improvement.

The guests of the day were the members of the Woman's Club, of Detroit. The roll call brought out short responses suitable to the time and place, such as the following: "If in Detroit life is worth living, how much more in Birmingham, Detroit's most beautiful suburb."

Refreshments were served and many words of praise were heard for the beauty of our village, especially for the beauty of our trees and shaded streets as well as for the great efficiency of our cooks and home makers.

The floral decorations were fine and elicited much praise, the color effect being in shades of blue, white, blue and yellow.

On the visiting ladies told it had reached beyond itself out into a world of usefulness and work for others.

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