PLAY GROUND ASSOCIATION

Friday Evening-Fifteen Named on Board of Directors.

LECTURE

Recognized Authority on Playgrounds Gives Illustrated Lecture Before the Meeting.

following an address on the subject facts to support this contention, of playgrounds, by Prof. Henry S. Curtis, of Olivet, Mich.

The new organization starts out prominent men and women They funds, are: William Aldrich, Jas. W. Huis- "Adults," said the speaker, "could kamp, P. C. Hayden, Mrs. Leonard not live one week under the conditions Matless, Rev. H. B. McElree, Mrs. O. that prevail on the vacant lots where W. Weyer, Rev. Geo. Giglinger, Lee your children live." He referred to A. Hamill, Dr. B. C. Hinkley, Mrs. the law of might makes right in the John P. Hornish, J. F. Lutz, Rev. F. children's code on the vacant lot. But B. McAllister, Hon. E. W. McManus, place a competent director over the E. S. Patterson, Miss Younker.

man of the organization meeting. He ated among them; the use of bad lanread the report of the committee, guage ceases; and the formation of composed of members of various or- fitting ideals begins. The speaker ganizations in this city which had claimed that the play ground does what taken formal action in approving the the Sunday school cannot. Knowing playground's movement, on the organ- what is right and doing what is right ization of Keokuk Playground asso- are two different things, he said. And

Report of Committee on the Organization of a Keokuk Playground Association,

association be organized by those attending this meeting tonight; that slides from different cities were the membership fee shall be one dol- shown Prof. Curtis explained what lar per year and that all paying this had been done in these places toward annual death rate of the whole popu- officials in their work. As I said at

Board of Directors.

cutive committee elect a chairman, a that it had been necessary often to purvice chairman, secretary and treas- chase entire blocks on which were the officers of the Playground asso- and these buildings torn down. ciation until their first annual meeting or until their successors are MOORHEAD SPEAKS

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Organization Meeting Held dren are using them. The association also is anxious to create a wide interest in this movement among the people of Keokuk,

> Lecture by Prof. Curtis. Before the organization of the association took place Prof. Curtis gave an illustrated address on the needs of CURIIS playgrounds and showed by the slides what can be done and what has been done as well as what should be done.

The speaker made quite plain the point that he favored only the organized playground, where the children engage in "directive play," as he called it. Without directors, and competent directors, the playground can be compared only with the vacant lot, a. very bad place for children, accord-

ing to Prof. Curtis.

The speaker made the statement The Playground Association of Keo- that, in his opinon, the playground ku was organized Friday evening in a was no whit less important to the meeting at the high school building, child than the school. He sited many

Only a Question of "How Soon."

"It's not a question," he said, "of with a membership of about forty; whether or not Keokuk shall have thirty-seven became members that playgrounds for its children. It's evening and there are several others merely a question of how soon she not present then who are num-shall have them." He pointed out bered among the members. The that two thirds of the cities in the organization has a board of directors, United States the size of Keokuk have elected Friday night, comprising fifteen play grounds supported by public

children on a modernly equipped play Prof. P. C. Hayden acted as chair- ground and a sense of justice is cre-The report of that committee fol- will be honest in business when he becomes a man.

Slides Illustrate Lecture.

The slides with which the lecture was illustrated were reproduced from We recommend that a playground photographs taken in many cities in shall become members of the advancing the play grounds move- lation was 4 per cent. That is, four the outset, we must have practical high as \$1,000,000 an acre for play realization of the dire consequences results.

BEFORE INSTITUTE

(Continued from page 11.)

of health. A sick man is not only useless so far as producing is con- there is much that can be done by has already been produced. He burns healthful locations for residences, can the candle at both ends. He earns keep these in healthful condition by nothing and, at the same time, incurs supplying them with a proper amount sanitarily, morally and religiously. large expense. Without going into fig- of warmth and pure air. They can ures in detail let me cite an example or two of the cost of neglecting the times and so ventilated that the air laws of health. One epidemic of ty-Following the adoption of this re phoid in a Pennsylvania community port a nominating committee was ap- cost nearly \$100,000, and the persons pointed which reported on the names who died in it were earning in wages given above for the board of direc. \$19,000 a year. Munich, Germany, place for flies and disease germs, He tors. This report also was accepted was at one time probably the most and the directors chosen. Thirty-sey, unhealthy city in Europe. It was en joined the organization at the known the world over as the home of into practice that which he teaches. typhus fever. In one year 407 died In other words, he must first of all The work immediately ahead of the from that disease alone. At another see that his own premises are in a organization is to secure more equip- time the choler aswept away its inment to install in school yards, and habitants like a devastating flood. as soon as possible, to employ direc. More than 50 per cent of the children tors to have active charge of the born there died in infancy, and the

further recommend that an grounds was largely due to the fact that of neglecting sanitary provisions. executive committee of fifteen be 000,000 in the last eight years for this Sewers were constructed, refuse and What shall Keokuk be? It is for us aves more than \$2,000,000 annually.

Individuals Can Help.

in the work of preventing sickness also keep their cellars clean at all from them does not pass up into the rooms above. They can see to it that no garbage or manure accumulates on their home and on their ideals and the their premises to afford a breeding who would help the cause of sanitation in the community must himself put clean and sanitary condition. It has the institute. been well said that "the family that keeps a rain barrel to breed mosquitos need not complain if a neighbor keeps a manure pile for the hatching of flies the man who spits on the sidewall need not be surprised if a passing consumptive leaves a swarm of tuberculosis germs by his front gate; and the family that keeps an offensive closet behind the house is in no post tion to make a successful fight for better sanitation in the town. The first and greatest service that we can render the cause of sanitation is to cease to offend against sanitary laws ourselves.

On the other hand there are many things the individual citizens cannot do. He is powerless to remove an of- kuk, says: "My back was extremely fensive pig sty or cess pool from a lame and when I heard that Doan's ity or to prevent the sale of well-appearing but diseased or unwholesome ed me promptly and although I had meat or milk or other foods. Neither tried other remedies without success. can he isolate his neighbor when the my back is now in much better shape latter is suffering from a contagious I know of another person who took disease. Those things are within the Doan's Kidney Pills when suffering province of government and can be from pain and lameness in the loins abated only by the proper administra- and relief was had in that case." tion of judicious city or state sanitary Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't laws. For the administration of these simply ask for a kidney remedy—get laws we have board of health officials Doan's Kidney Pills-the same that to the community by upholding such Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Playground association for one year. ment. New York city has the great persons out of every 100 died every unanimity of sentiment and concerted play ground system. It has paid as year. Finally the city awoke to a effort if we are to achieve the best

elected to have immediate charge of purpose. He explained that the enor- garbage were transported to safe dis- to say. We have faith that it will the playgrounds affairs until their mous cost of the New York City play tances and houses were modified to be what it ought to be. But the Apossuccessors are elected; that this exe- grounds was largely due to the fact conform to hygienic principles. The tle tells us that faith without works result is that today Munich ranks is dead. Let us then address ourfairly among the healthy cities of the selves to the task before us with the urer, and that these officers shall be erected large and valuable buildings, world. There has come about a less firm determination to do our best, sening of the death rate by which unaismayed by temporary backsets or 1,600 lives are saved annually and by discouragements. The old proverb has lessening the cost of sickness the city it that well begun is half done. We shall have made a good beginning when we, ourselves, have conformed to what we expect of others. I hope and confidently believe that we will all do this and that Keokuk will eventually become an object lesson to cerned, but he is a consumer of what individual citizens. They can select other cities, not only industrious!y and commercially, but aesthetically,

> Following the mayor's talk there were vocal solos by Mrs. Triplett and then Dr. Sage introduced John E. Craig, one of the advisory committee. Mr. Craig spoke very briefly, complimenting the institute members on work they could accomplish. He spoke of the purpose of the organization to serve and help and commended the work already done.

Following the talks, sandwiches and coffee were served by the women of

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