

Springfield is in the throes of another municipal campaign and just how it will end, it must be left with Anna Eva Fay to tell.

**Bad! Awful.**

Suppose we young people just resolve to be some body or die.

Last Sunday at Zion Baptist church, and we call attention to this because every bad act of one hurts the whole, a crowd of young people were noisy, at times obstreperous, and they did not realize how ugly it looked—remember, young people, we are to be the light of the world. Let us remember we are civilized—surrounded by schools and colleges, going to school side by side with millionaires of the Caucasian race, whose civilization dates back for centuries. We are in Illinois and it is up to each one to be a lady and a gentleman. The same castigation should apply to many young people who attend the Culture Club. What did they go to school for? Did their parents teach them so poorly or are they transgressing their law and riding over their teachings? So much for that.

Another bad act was seen, very bad indeed, in the house of God, after the sermons are preached, one of the deacons, observed noisy people, became angry, and declared to them, "if you don't stop that talking, I'll call the police. The minister erred by saying 'thank you.' These all erred.

In the first place, the young men and women should have common sense and decency not to talk audibly during services, and should any one be so mean as to talk, it is the duty of the deacon to walk quietly back and ask them to please desist and act like people. Another brother declared that if some of them did not do better he would put them out. All such is bad. It is not intelligent on either part and we offer this castigation for the good of our people.

Another thing, let us not have such long services, ventilate the houses, not make so much noise about the finances. This is our law and our gospel.

**Commencement Program Out.**

**Richardson Helmle Valedictorian of High School.**

Richardson Helmle, son of George H. Helmle, has been named as valedictorian of the February, 1907 graduation class of the Springfield high school. This was settled beyond a doubt yesterday by the members of the high school faculty. It followed a hot fight for the first honors in which Miss Josephine Snowden, a colored member of the class, came very near defeating Mr. Helmle at the finish for the first honors of the class of twenty-nine pupils.

For some time there was considerable rivalry among the various members of the class for the first honors. Two colored girls were mentioned in a semi-official source some time ago as being the winners of both first and second honors. When the final

counting of the grades for the four year course was made it was discovered that Richardson Helmle, by a wonderful increase of his grades during the past two months, had forged to the front.

The average of the grades for the four years in the high school showed Helmle to have an average of 92.46, while Miss Snowden, the colored girl, had an average of an even 92 per cent. It was a remarkable fight, and one which was being watched with the greatest of interest by the members of the class, the high school faculty, the board of education, and in fact everybody posted on high school education.

In the class there were nine members who had an average of 90 per cent or over for the four years. Two of the colored girls of the school were in that number. There was considerable friction between the members of the class on account of the honors received by the colored members. Many of the boys refused to have their photographs in the class picture to be presented to the school, and it is rumored that some of the regular senior class affairs will be missing this year. This fact is greatly deplored by the members of the faculty, who have been asked in regard to the showing made by the colored girls.—Illinois State Register, Jan. 29.

[It was ever thus, but these girls have demonstrated the fact that their brain is just as susceptible when it comes to mastering the intricacies as laid down in the high school course of study as Richardson Helmle or any one else, regardless as to whether the members of the class have their photos taken with them or not. We have our doubts along certain lines, anyhow.]

Religious institutions should require that their constituents imitate Jesus Christ, their master, in going about doing good. Some Christian people complain that at times they do not know how to pass the time. If there are Christians of leisure who read this paper, we prescribe herewith something new for them: "Try always to do a little good." We are told that the Gymnast were so much opposed to idleness that they required of every pupil that came under their influence and tutelage that he should tell of some good he had done, or some good scheme he had devised every day before he was called to sit down to eat his dinner.

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