

# "Young Folks Circle"

Where Uncle West Presides.

## THE SCULPTOR BOY

Chisel in hand, stood a sculptor boy.  
With his marble block before him;  
And his face lit up with a smile of joy  
As an angel dream passed o'er him.  
He carved that dream on the yielding stone  
With many a sharp incision;  
In heaven's own light the sculptor shone—  
He had caught that angel vision.

Sculptors of life are we, as we stand  
With our lives uncarved before us,  
Waiting the hour, when, at God's command,  
Our life dream passes o'er us.  
Let us carve it, then, on the yielding stone  
With many a sharp incision;  
Its heavenly beauty shall be our own—  
Our lives that heavenly vision.

## UNCLE WEST'S MESSAGE

My dear Nephews and Nieces:—You will see a letter in the page written by a boy who is president of the first Winnipeg "Progress Club." This club can be highly recommended to any boy who is coming to Winnipeg and who would be alone in the city. The Leaders' Corps is composed of fine healthy and manly boys and boys who are in every way fitted to help the younger members of this organization. Mr. Finegan, the chief, does not preach to his boys, but gives them every opportunity of training themselves mentally, morally and physically. If any of the boys and girls will write in to the club I am sure they will receive a nice letter in return.

Your own,

UNCLE WEST.

## W. B. C. PROGRESS CLUB

As a branch of the Progress Club has been formed in connection with the Winnipeg Boys' Club it will no doubt be of great interest to the readers of this page to know something about that organization. It is regarded by all as the most successful boys' institution in the city of Winnipeg. Everything has an origin, even the small things, and the way the club had its first start was as follows: At one of the monthly meetings of the "All Peoples Mission" in the year 1904, one of the gentlemen present suggested that something be done in the way of helping the newbies and bootblacks of the city, and the first practical move in this direction was made when a Thanksgiving dinner was arranged, and on the 17th of October, 1904, seventy-five boys sat down to a sumptuous repast, which started a movement that has been so instrumental in later years in uplifting and building the boyhood of our city. Advancing by leaps and bounds, the club has reached, by dint of hard work and the way the officials have stuck to their guns, to a position that has a right to be called a public institution. Starting from the bottom it now has a building of its own with full gymnasium equipment and a membership of 500 boys. During the first few months of the club's babyhood, meetings were held in the All Peoples Mission every Thursday evening, when the boys would be treated to refreshments and a concert. The active workers of the club at that time were: C. A. Marshall, A. R. Walkey and Mr. and Mrs. Suider. After careful consideration the directors decided to secure more commodious quarters, and after a few weeks of diligent search a place was found in the old Alhambra Hall on Rupert St. There the work progressed until the fall of 1906 when it was found necessary to again seek fresh diggings, and the same were secured in the German Hall on Ellen St. At this stage the work was becoming so important that it was decided to call a meeting of citizens to strengthen the executive. This was done and the result was that the club was organized on a proper basis, and a charter was applied for and granted, thus incorporating the club.

At present it is holding the unique position of being the only incorporated boys' club in the city. Another interesting development about this time was the directors' decision to obtain a suitable man to superintend and devote his full time to the work. Among their own number one was found in the person of J. H. R. Finegan, the present manager

whose many years of experience as master of boys at the Fegan Home for Boys in the Old Country fitted him admirably for the post. After a continued run of success in the headquarters on Ellen St. a very important change was due to take place in the constitution of the club, and that was admitting all classes of boys to the benefits, and not restricting the membership to newsboys only. The change in the last few years has certainly worked for the best and has put the Winnipeg Boys' Club in the limelight as one of the finest mediums through which a boy can grow up to be a strong, healthy, robust, moral man. The board of management at last decided to find a permanent home, and after great difficulty the present building was found about eighteen months ago, and during that

time the club has enjoyed a most successful and prosperous existence, not having better results in its career than at this time. When you realize the fact that when the club was first organized the boys were accorded the use of one night a week in it, and now at the present time it is used by the boys for seven nights a week, you can readily see the great advance that has been achieved. With a membership of five hundred and an average attendance of eighty-seven boys per night, the superintendent and leaders are kept busy. Beside the big "Gym" there is a wrestling and boxing room, a games room with all the latest games, and a fine reading room with all the up-to-date books and magazines. Two shower baths for a hot or cold shower are also included in the club. The Leaders' Corps is one of the items in the club's work that helps the superintendent, they being comprised of about fifteen boys from 16 to 20 years old who elect their president and officers each quarter and who assist greatly in the welfare of the club. A fine room has been set apart for them and been papered and decorated and also furnished by the leaders.

In the winter months basketball games, indoor baseball and other inside amusements are indulged in, and in the summer time a baseball league is run. A big move is on hand to organize an intermediate football team in the spring and enter it in one of the city leagues, and several of the older boys are taking an interest in it.

On Tuesday, January 30, the club's annual dinner was held, and nearly two hundred boys sat down to the turkey feast that had been arranged by the Ladies' Aid of Grace and Wesley churches assisted by the Ladies' Auxiliary. Mayor Waugh and the Lady Mayoress were present, both being delighted with the inside workings of the club. Alderman Milton was there too, and invited all to visit his bread factory, which invitation was readily accepted. Taking it on the whole it is clearly seen that the object of the club is to try and induce the boys to live a clean life and to inspire within them the desire of raising themselves to a position of honor and trust.

DAN DAVIES,

President W.B.C. Progress Club.



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