

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

For the benefit of those who are not acquainted with the high school a short history may not be out of place.

The township high school was organized in 1887. Previous to this time the Highland Park high school was held in the old grammar school building, but in '87 it was moved to its present location and made a township high school. John T. Ray was the first principal, assisted by Miss Baker. The first commencement was held in June, 1890. Miss Bertha Moses and Miss Marie Raffin had the honor of being the first graduates. Prof. Chase next took charge, Prof. Ray going to the city. He is at present principal of the John Crerar school.

The school steadily increased in membership. In 1894 a class of eight was graduated, being the largest in the history of the school. Prof. Ladd succeeded Prof. Chase and Miss Baker was succeeded by Miss Stewart. In 1895 Prof. Wilson took charge and in '96 another assistant was added in the person of Miss Douglas.

At present the school has a larger membership than ever before. Out of sixty scholars enrolled, fifty-four are in attendance with a daily average of fifty, an increase of nearly 50 per cent. over 1895. The school has outgrown its present location, and next year, if a similar increase takes place, it will be necessary to find larger quarters.

Several members of the football team are still nursing sprains.

Several interesting recitations were given during the week, those of Maybelle Appleton, Lottie Brand, Ira Hole, Thomas Gail and Will Belmont being especially good.

The High School Athletic Association hopes to put in the field next year a foot ball team that will be able to take care of anything of their weight that may be brought against them. They are not at all discouraged over the games played this fall, but will keep on practising whenever the weather permits. They will also put a baseball team in the field next spring.

The young ladies of the school have formed a gymnasium club. They will have the exclusive use of the gymnasium of the Young Men's Club for one hour on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. They intend to practise with Indian clubs and dumb-bells, so that when the season opens next spring they will be in good health and spirits to enjoy the pleasures of cycling. Miss Stewart and Miss Douglas will have charge of the class. We hope to have a gymnasium of our own some day in the not far-distant future.

HIGHWOOD NOTES.

Postmaster Clampitt and wife have been visiting Col. Clampitt at Janesville, Wis.

Plenty of good skating on the skokie and the young people are making good use of it.

Mr. McCormick has sold out his ice and coal business to Mr. Benson who has already carried on a successful ice business.

This snow comes a little late for Thanksgiving, but it is seasonable just the same. By the way, some weather prophets predict seventeen snowstorms this winter.

C. H. Osborne, father of Mrs. F. E. Clarke, was buried at Lake Forest, Tuesday, Nov. 24. Rev. Mr. Gavette conducted the exercises, which were held at Mr. Clarke's house.

Philander Gillette, who has been confined to his rooms for several weeks, is reported as no better. His sickness, which may be called La Grippe, though tedious, is not serious and we hope he may soon be convalescent.

Conundrum: What does "H. P. N. P. L. E. U." stand for? It professes to be the name of a society with head quarters in Highwood. But unless the society is in inverse ratio to the size of the name it is too big for our small village,

The friends of John Skidmore, formerly of this place, now of Ravenswood, will be sorry to learn of his serious illness. He is quite low and his daughter Alice, who is employed in the Ft. Sheridan post

office, has felt obliged to go home on account of his critical condition.

An old landmark will be moved when M. Bohl's house is moved, as we are informed it will be when it passes into the hands of Dr. Bergen's hands. Mr. Bohl has traded with the Doctor for a place on Park Avenue, Highland Park.

Rev. Mr. Gavette has purchased the home formerly owned by Rev. H. C. First. We are glad to see the place pass into the hands of so desirable a citizen. Mr. Gavette has secured a bargain, as it was a desirable piece of property and will make a pleasant comfortable home. He will not occupy it immediately however, as his lease at Evanston has not yet expired. The place here is rented meanwhile to Mr. Locke, who moved in this fall.

RAVINIA ITEMS.

A few lights would improve Ravinia.

Have you heard the new pastor of the M. E. Church?

You should hear the M. E. Church choir quartette; they are immense.

J. Ginty, of Ravinia stock farm fame, is about again after being laid up with an injured back.

The cottage prayer meeting form of weekly worship, now being carried on here, will be at the house of Mr. Dings for the month of December.

The entertainment and social, held at the Railroad Men's Home in Idlewild by the Epworth League of the Ravinia M. E. Church was a decided success, and was enjoyed by a goodly number from here, and we hope also, by the occupants of the Home. We understand that there is to be a repetition of the event about Christmas and we feel satisfied if there was anyone in Ravinia that did not attend they will make an effort to be at the next. The efficient and organized work done by Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Kellogg since their coming to Ravinia is beginning to tell in the improvement of attendance at Sunday school and other meetings. It was due to their talented family that the entertainment was a success.