

Mrs. Horne was very dangerously ill the first part of the week, but is slowly recovering her usual health.

Today being the feast of the Annunciation, services will be held this afternoon at St Paul's Episcopal church. Also every evening next week which is Holy Week.

The friends of Mrs. Wm. H. Johnson all sympathize most deeply with her, in the loss of her mother.

**At Cattalina Island.**

The letter printed below reached The News-Letter too late for last week's issue. The fact that Mr. and Mrs. Newhall have returned to Glencoe from their California trip will not detract from the letter's interest, even if a little belated:

Avalon, Cattalina Island, Pacific Ocean, March 6, 1899.

Editor Sheridan Road News-Letter:

You asked me to write a word from out this way, but until now I have had no opportunity; in fact, very little inclination, as California in general has already been worn threadbare by visitors. I have not noticed it to be the case with visitors to this island, however, and you may find space for a word concerning it. As most of your readers probably know, Cattalina Island is practically a mountain rising out of the ocean, steep and almost inaccessible at most points. A few acres of ground at the mouth of the canon forms the foundation for the village of Avalon, whose population, apparently, consists chiefly of people awaiting the arrival of pleasure-seekers from California points. The hotel accommodations, though only fair, are sufficient. The scenery is very beautiful, indeed, and the harbor is an exceedingly fine one with deep water close up to the beach. The village is in the bay at the mouth of the

canon. Boating, stage riding, wild goat hunting, and views of the submarine gardens form the principal amusements. The last-named seems to be the most interesting and really wonderful thing here. They are viewed in the bay and outside of it along the rocky coast through glass-bottomed boats. The water is so clear that rocks and even fishes can be seen in places at the depth of fully 100 feet. The rocks below, covered with the most beautiful varieties of seaweed, with all sorts of strange and beautiful fishes darting in and out, all plainly seen at a great depth, are really the most interesting thing I have seen on this trip. The mountains in California, from 50 to 100 miles dis-

tant, could all be plainly seen. At sunrise and sunset the changes in coloring of the ocean, the rocks on the island, and the mountains of the mainland, were truly wonderful. The trip from San Pedro Harbor is made in about three hours. I presume many of your readers may have taken this trip, but if not, they should do so.  
Benj. Newhall.

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