

Winnetka Department

THE LITTLE GIRL WHO DIED.

"If the little girl who died, mamma,
Had been your own what would you do?"
She asked as something kin to tears
Shone in her tender eyes of blue.

"If it were I who lay so still,
And could not pet you when you cried,
How could you bear it, mother dear,
If I had been the child who died?"

I looked into her shining eyes,
My glance caressed her dimpled cheek,
And for a moment Grief's surprise
Seemed crushing all my power to speak:

And then I said: If it were you
Who lay asleep where now she lies,
Perhaps I could remember sweet,
That Pain is only Joy's disguise.

Perhaps I'd say the way is rough,
By sin and sorrow sore defiled,
God knew when she had seen enough,
And took my tender little child.

He watched her as some costly flower,
And not one moment He forgot,
He took her in the morning hour,
"While yet the evil days came not."

If it were you, oh Little Love,
I'd trust the Father then as now,
In life, or in the change called Death,
To deeper wisdom we must bow.

I'd look at sad-eyed women pale,
With burdens grievous to be borne,
And say: 'Dear Lord, since she is spared,
Grace give me that I may not mourn.

Help me with meekness to rejoice,
That wiser will than mine is done,
That better care and deeper love
Has found my precious Little One.

She looked at me and tenderly
Held up her face to ask a kiss,
"But then," she said, "her friends who mourn—
Why don't you write and tell them this?"

Why don't you write them God knows best,
And loves more tenderly than they?
I'm sure I'd try to comfort them,
If only I knew what to say."

So would we all; but words are weak,
When hearts by grief are rudely torn,
And yet, "They shall be comforted,"
The promise is for them who mourn.

AGNES LEONARD HILL,
LITTLETON, Colo.

Mr. H. Totten is quite ill.

Mrs. S. W. Osgood is spending a few weeks in Wisconsin.

Miss Warren has been the guest of Mrs. F. A. Windes the past week.

Mrs. George Martin and children of Chicago visited the family of Mr. Oliver A. Leonard the past week.

The members of Winnetka club have a supper and an informal dance this evening, Aug. 19, at the club rooms.

COUNCIL MEETINGS.

The president called a special meeting of the council of Winnetka on the evening of Aug. 8th. President Herdman, Trustees Baker, Capron, Curran, de Windt and Winship were present.

The president read ordinance for committing prisoners to House of Correction, Chicago, and on motion of Trustee Winship the same was passed on unanimous roll call.

On motion of Trustee Winship the following was ordered addressed to the county treasurer: "The county treasurer of Cook county, Illinois, is hereby authorized and instructed to separate the special assessment No. 78 of the village of Winnetka for macadamizing Elm street on the north half of block 27 of Peck's subdivision in said village and allow the owners of the west 193 feet thereof to pay their proportion thereof and allow the balance of said assessment to stand against the east 181 feet of said block."

On motion the meeting was adjourned.
J. E. BURKITT,
Village Clerk,

A special meeting of the council of the village of Winnetka, called by the president, was held August 15th. Present President Herdman; Trustees Baker, Capron, Curran, de Windt, and Winship.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The President stated object of the meeting was to consider various sections in the ordinance granting franchise to the Bluff City Electric railway co, and its successors, and to see to the faithful execution of the same.

On motion of Trustee Capron the regular order of business was suspended.

The president read the ordinance referred to and remarked upon the danger of trains crossing streets without the ringing of gong.

The disposition of the 24 incan-

descent lights of 32 candle power that the electric railway co, are to place at the crossings of their line was deferred.

The section regarding 5 c. fare through Winnetka and to Glencoe and to Wilmette and its present fulfillment, or otherwise, was discussed.

The section regarding the sale of tickets to Davis street, Evanston, received attention; also the condition that 20 ride tickets should be sold on the cars.

The president called attention to condition of trestle work at and near Willow street and on motion of Trustee deWindt the following resolution was passed:

"Whereas, by an ammended ordinance, passed by the village council, March 7th, 1899, the Bluff City electric railway co., and its successors was authorized to construct a superstructure on the west 20 feet of their right-of-way between Maple street and Willow street to such a point that would make a grade of one per cent on said trestle work; and, whereas, said superstructure has been extended by said company without authority on the public highway east of the right-of-way of said company, five feet more or less;— now, therefore, the president of the village of Winnetka is hereby instructed to notify said railway co, to remove such obstructions within ten days from the public streets whereon said superstructure has been constructed by said company where the same extends more than twenty feet east of the west line of the right-of-way of said company."

Trustee deWindt remarked upon a letter from Engineer Windes regarding drainage of low spot near Locust and Spruce streets. Referred to drainage committee.

On motion the meeting was adjourned.

J. C. BURKITT,
Village Clerk.

Visitors along the north shore are invited to call on D. M. Erskine & Co. and talk real estate. It will be time well spent.

LOST—Set of plans for the new school house, District No. 5. Return to H. K. Coale.