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All the world has known for some time that Glencoe has literary pretensions. It has a Woman's Club, who have been reading solid literature for a quarter of a century, any one of whose members is thoroughly competent to conduct a Chautauqua circle. They know Motley's Dutch Republic and Rollins' Ancient History by heart; and there is nothing deep in English literature—from Dryden to Alfred Austin, from Shakespeare's universal corruscation and Francis Bacon's philosophy down to John Stuart Mills' political economy, Spencer's biology and Darwin's origin of species—that has not been turned up with a subsoil plow and examined with microscopic care. Now they are just coming into a \$5000 inheritance, left them for a library building. Unfortunately, the building cannot be erected in the air. Castles in Spain are the only kind of structures that can be built without foundation. There is plenty of ground in Glencoe to build on, owned by numerous people rich enough to give the library a site, but unable to do so for the sufficient reason that they expect to take their blocks and acres with them when

they die, and the building would be an incumbrance.

Glencoe was for a time headquarters for a newspaper—the "North Shore News," of happy memory; and only by the skin of its teeth missed being the home of the NEWS-LETTER when started. Mrs. Hill had the true literary instinct. She sought to plant her enterprise in the classic soil and academic atmosphere of Glencoe; but the "Reminder" formerly conducted by Rev. Moses Smith, had been revived by Rev. A. M. Ingraham, and then held the field.

Glencoe is the home of several literary people of note:—Melville E. Stone, founder and builder of the "Chicago News", (who, as general manager of the Associated Press possesses greater potentiality than any man in the United State;) his son Herbert, head of the Chicago publishing house of H. S. Stone & Co.; Gen. Charles H. Howard, editor of the "Farm, Field and Fireside;" Mr. Henry W. Tiernan, editor of "Four O'Clock." It is the summer home of Mrs. Irene A. Safford, the brilliant essay writer and book critic of the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat;" while a frequent visitor is Miss Mary W. Plummer of Brooklyn library, a poetess and author of distinction.

Readers of the "North Shore News" and the NEWS-LETTER can testify that in their columns Glencoe has always "held up her end" with grace and spirit. We have heard that a great poem on the Sheridan Road was written in Glencoe three or four years ago but that the paper in which it was to be printed broke down before it arrived. It was read before the Woman's Club a year or so later and made a sensation—but just what kind of a one, we are left in doubt. Considering the romantic character of the subject, it must have been an inspired effort. But there is evidently poetry in the Glencoe air, if we may judge by the samples furnished by our Glencoe columns the past season.

But now approacheth the efflorescence of this literary growth. A rumor is abroad that Glencoe has produced a book—not by united collaboration, of course, but through one of its denizens under the general stimulus of the

environment. It is said one or two favored people have seen the manuscript and think it promises to be another "David Harum;" that it is a love-story with accompaniment of robbers-cave, theft, murder, etc., etc. It is related that a boy of twelve or fourteen, whose mother had the manuscript, got hold of it and sat up all night to read it, being, like one who holds the handles of a battery, unable to let go till he had finished. It is further rumored that the book is now in press and will be sprung on an unsuspecting world about the holidays. All of which is highly interesting if true.

Wherefrom it would appear that Glencoe means to contest with Lake Forest the claim to be the Boston of the North Shore. We shall watch for developments and keep the readers of the NEWS-LETTER advised.

Rev. E. Vatman has returned from a six months' trip abroad, where he has been in search of health. The reverend father has improved somewhat and his many friends rejoice over his return.

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