

**WORK FOR THE WOMEN.**

At the meeting of the Woman's Club on Tuesday, Jan. 20th, after the reading of the very able paper on "Club Federation and Civic Reform," by Mrs. Duncanson, of Chicago, the essayist of the afternoon, there followed a discussion of great interest in which the Rev. Mr. Wolcott, who was present as the guest of the club, told of some of the efforts toward civic reform in which he had taken part during the past ten years. In particular he called upon the women of the club to help to secure for the community two things which are specially needed at the present time; these are an athletic field for the boys and a reading room in connection with the Public Library to be open every day and evening.

On June 7th last, the Township Board of Education submitted to the people of the township at a special election a proposition to buy land north of the high school buildings for such a field and to put it in order and equip it, issuing bonds in payment for the same to the amount of \$10,000, or so much of that sum as might be necessary. It is not possible that the people of Highland Park understood the importance of this matter; at all events it was defeated at the polls.

At present there is no place except the field of the Military Academy where our young people can play out-door games such as base-ball, foot ball and tennis, and when they are not using the Academy grounds they have to play on the streets or no where. The importance of providing a proper place for out-door sports cannot be overestimated; it would keep them off the street corners and give them an opportunity of engaging in healthful recreation.

If the women of Highland Park would take this matter up and agitate it it would not be difficult to secure the necessary votes should another election be held.

The other matter is the extension of the usefulness of the Public Library by the addition of a reading room and by keeping it open every day and evening. We are all proud of a library which is an unusually good one, but we ought to be ashamed of the parsimony which makes it possible to keep it open only eight hours in the week. The trustees would gladly open it daily, but for lack of funds are unable to do so.

Mr. Wolcott congratulated the ladies of the club, and in particular their president, Mrs. Fessenden, upon their success in securing from Mr. Carnegie the promise of a gift

for a new library building, but he said that to his mind the greatest benefit resulting from such a gift would be the necessity of securing an adequate income for the maintenance of the new building which would be a condition of the gift.

The city council at present makes an appropriation to the library of one thousand dollars annually, which is wretchedly inadequate to its needs, if they were to give it the full amount of the special tax provided for in the statute that amount would be about doubled. Mr. Wolcott called upon the members of the club to begin an agitation which would bring about a more liberal appropriation for library purposes by the city council, and to secure concentrated action for the upbuilding of an institution in which we all ought to take a proper pride.

All that was said upon these two subjects made a deep impression upon the members of the club, and they promised to do their utmost to assist in accomplishing both plans.

**SKATING BECOMING POPULAR.**

Skating as a winter sport is becoming more and more popular each year in Highland Park. A handsome silver cup given by the local Drumtochty Skating club is now on exhibition at Schumacher's drug store. The cup is to be engraved each year with the name of the year's champion team. The first club winning the cup for the third time to become permanent owner of the trophy. To-night, Friday evening, Drumtochty plays Winnetka. A big bonfire and refreshments served by Mr. Schumacher are to be usual features of the entertainment. Next Tuesday evening Highland Park plays its first regular game of the championship series with Evanston, at Evanston. Next year the present manager of the Drumtochty rink hopes to have a rink on the west side and plans to have a club house there and electric lights, so that the children of the town may all have a chance to skate.

Winter playgrounds for the children as well as summer athletic grounds are lacking in Highland Park. The average person does not appreciate the need of an athletic field in Highland Park.

On Friday evening, the 30th, there will be a concert in the Presbyterian church, given by Miss Eva Emmett Wycoff, under the auspices of the Young Woman's Auxiliary. Miss Wycoff's program is varied, and will show her beautiful voice to great advantage. This will be something too good to miss. Tickets are on sale at all drug stores, and are fifty cents.

**GLENCOE.**

Mrs. L. L. Lloyd is very sick. Mrs. C. T. Shaw has been ill for the past week.

Mr. L. B. Taylor has been quite ill, but is recovering.

Miss Ethel Hankey has left for a visit to relatives at Ottawa, Can.

Mr. E. L. Clyde has gone to Janesville, Wis., for a short visit.

Miss Elizabeth Saunders has been able to take up her teaching again.

Mrs. H. E. Williams, of Adams, N. Y., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Kilby.

Miss Mabel Hawks, of Lakeside, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Morton Culver.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews and son, of North Dakota, are visiting her brother, J. H. Winslow.

William Harry and Miss Mary Lynn were married Thursday at the Lakeside Catholic church.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brigham will be pleased to know that they have a baby girl.

Miss Jessie Love, who has been visiting Mr. A. H. Day, has accepted a position in the Evanston schools.

Mrs. W. Scott has gone to Toronto to attend the wedding of Miss Stanhope, whom many will remember.

Libby McArthur left Friday for Montreal, Can., and Miss Mabel Shea will take her place at the postoffice during her absence.

The Ladies' Guild of the Congregational church gave their annual supper Wednesday evening in the church parlors, followed by the annual church report in the auditorium. It was a very enjoyable affair and largely attended.

**VILLAGE AFFAIRS.**

Progress is being made in the matter of macadamizing parts of South, Greenleaf, Hawthorne and Hazel avenues the coming season. The plan outlined by the board of local improvements had a public hearing Tuesday evening, and the attorney will at once prepare an ordinance to be presented next Tuesday evening. The ground to be covered is South avenue from Sheridan Road to Green Bay Road, Hazel avenue from Sheridan Road to Green Bay Road,

Hawthorn avenue from Green Bay Road to Greenleaf avenue, and Greenleaf avenue from South avenue to Hazel avenue.

The committee on streets and alleys has directed the street commissioner to rebuild the stairway from the top of the bluff to the beach at the foot of Central avenue, and to build a similar stairway at Harbor street.

The council has under consideration the matter of putting up arc lights at some half dozen street intersections where they would be most serviceable. The one at Park and Vernon has given good service, and though the cost (\$5 per month per light) is greater than the cost of the oil light, about half this would be saved by the removal of oil lamps at these intersections, and it is thought the superiority of the light would justify the increased cost.

**WOMAN'S CLUBS.**

Those in this community who have felt that Woman's clubs lack the virtue of being practical, will be glad to know that our Highland Park Woman's Club is a notable exception, for it is due to their forethought and prompt action that there is now a possibility of securing a Carnegie library for our town. A letter was written to Mr. Carnegie last May, by the club's president, Mrs. Fessenden, at the instigation of two of its members, Mrs. Geo. Cummings and Mrs. Frank Green. Mrs. Cummings was one of the founders of our present public library in 1888.

Shortly after Mr. Carnegie's return an answer was received inclosing a question blank, which is always a forerunner of the gift bestowed. Now that the Woman's club has made the appeal, it only remains for the citizens of Highland Park to avail themselves of this opportunity to secure a lasting monument to the progressive spirit of the town by desiring that the law relating to taxation for library purposes shall be taken advantage of to the full.

This afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at Ravinia, H. K. Coale will deliver an interesting lecture on the Pan American, illustrated with fifty Victor records of band music and sights and scenes there. There will be no admission fee, and a most hearty invitation is extended, not only to the pupils, but to everyone.

McKinney & Weibel's new store room, next door to the postoffice, is an improvement to the street.