

GLENCOE.

Miss May Trude is on the sick list.

Miss Mae Kiess was home over Sunday.

Mrs. Branscombe is ill with tonsillitis.

Mrs. Shaw is out again after a siege of the grip.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Hall are down with the grip.

Mrs. O. D. Swain is another victim of the la grippe.

Mrs. Thompson was the guest of Mrs. Hovey over Sunday.

Mr. Stanley James left Tuesday for his home in Portland, Ore.

The Glencoe firemen gave a "calico hop" at the village hall Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Holste spent Wednesday in the village, en route from Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Plummer, of Dixon, Ill., spent Sunday with Mr. Jonathan Plummer.

Friends of Mrs. Harvey Pound will grieve to learn of the death of her sister, Mrs. Williams.

Mr. Hugh Hammer and Miss Mary Kalk, of this place, were married at Wankegan, Sunday.

Mrs. Clark, who is making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Becker, is sick with pneumonia.

Mr. Dundas Todd gave a stereopticon entertainment at the school house Friday evening, which was very interesting.

Mr. Clement Dopfer is remodeling his building so as to have the dry goods department on Vernon avenue. It is a great improvement.

A death of the past week which came as a great blow to everyone was that of Mrs. J. H. Calhoun, formerly Miss Alice Brown. Mrs. Calhoun was born in Wawatoosa, but came to Glencoe in 1882, and has since made her home here. Her married life dates back twelve years. Her death was very sudden, and her funeral was the saddest Glencoe has ever had. It may be said with special emphasis that the place which Mrs. Calhoun loved most was her home. It was there and not out in the world where she loved to put in the best part of her life. It was a part of her religion to be a good

wife, a good mother, and a good home-maker. It was for this reason that those only knew her who met her in the circle of her own family and home. There was where she was happiest. And can we say there is a better place to give one's life than to the home? It was there that her forethought provided for the comfort, the rest and the happiness of all the other members of the family circle, and this forethought for others was most forcibly illustrated in the weeks and especially the last days and hours of her life. As for herself, she knew the way was open. These things go to make up the finest possible type of the Christian life. Whatever Heaven may have in its fullest abundance for those who live aright here, must come to Mrs. Calhoun.

ENLARGE THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

There is great need of enlarging the usefulness of our public library. There certainly is need of a public playground, but there is a crying need for a public audience hall in Highland Park.

We are suffering, unconsciously perhaps, but none the less really suffering, for want of a centrally located public meeting place where all classes, tradesmen and millionaires, Jew and Gentile, men's and women's clubs, can co-operate in handling their common interests.

It should, if possible, be an attractive place where art and architecture shall have combined to make its influence refining and its construction safe, a place where we could take our families without fear of crowd-poisoning or fire panics. It should, in short, be a source of pride and power to every citizen.

Some of us dare to believe that such a boon is emerging from dreamland and may be on the point of rearing its noble form in the land of the real, with Mr. Carnegie's possible gift to the city.

If in a beautiful new home for our library is included a public assembly hall, there surely is added reason why the council and whole body of citizens should rise with vigor to grasp this high opportunity.

A. B. BASTIN.

Last Saturday evening a citizens' meeting was held in Deerfield at the home of R. B. Chase, for the purpose of meeting the owners of the North Shore Electric Company, to see about the expediency of having a wire run over from the Park. Ten families were desired, but fourteen were secured.

SCHOOL NOTES.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

With this week the first half of the school year ends, and the mid-year promotions take place. By the system of grading that has been in effect here for two or three years, all our pupils are classified into sixteen groups or half grades, the work of each group covering, as a rule, half of a school year. The grades are designated 1 B, 1 A, 2 B, 2 A, and so on to 8 B and 8 A. Formerly the designations A and B meant respectively the stronger and the weaker pupils. Now they are understood to record only the difference in length of time the children have been in a grade. By making promotion units a half year in length instead of a whole year, as was once the custom, the chances for energetic and ambitious pupils to overtake those immediately in advance are much increased. So, too, the needs of children that have been compelled to fall behind are more effectively provided for.

During the half year just at an end, there has been no 8 A class, but next Monday the 8 B's become 8 A's and the 7 A's make up a new 8 B class. It will be seen that the latter class will, under ordinary circumstances, complete the work of the 8th grade by Feb. 1, 1904, and that at the beginning of each recurring February thereafter there will be a class to receive the 8th grade diploma. It is not to be foreseen whether the township high school will, in time, be able to care for entering pupils in the middle of the year, but this does not reflect one way or the other upon the wisdom of the plan of half-year promotions. Some pupils should complete the eight years' work of the grades in seven, or even less time, while others should spend eight and a half, or nine years. So whenever a pupil completes the 8th grade work, he should receive his diploma even at the middle of the year. In the latter case, he can spend his half year specializing in "extras," such as drawing or music or manual work, or he may review work in the grades, or he may have a half-year's rest from full effort. Many children might well pause for that length of time before taking up high-school work, for reasons written large in the laws of their physical developments.

The class of beginning children to enter Miss Barlow's room during the next four days will be known as the 1 B's. To make room for this new class, the upper section in this room will be advanced to room 2, a

like change being made in that room, and so on, all along the line. It has not seemed feasible to do this so completely heretofore, and the effect of assigning too many pupils and too many classes to one teacher has shown inevitably in all the lower grade work. Such a condition of affairs can be partly remedied at this time, owing to the fact that we have a salaried cadet who is to take about a dozen pupils out of one crowded section in each of room 2 and 3. More pupils could be assigned her, there were a full sized school-room at disposal.

NOTICE.

All interested persons are invited to give attention to the regular mid-year announcement of the organization of a new class for children living in district 107, Highland Park, who are ready to enter school for the first time. The new term will begin Monday, February 2. At that time, or as soon thereafter as possible, all children that are to join this class must be enrolled. Please note that after this is fairly organized there will be no other new class until September. It will not be possible to admit beginners later on in the spring without seriously handicapping the work of the whole primary grade.

Children whose sixth birthday will fall within the first sixty days of the term beginning February 2, will be permitted to enter with those already of proper age. Children that have not been vaccinated should receive proper attention at the earliest opportunity.

JESSE L. SMITH,
Superintendent.

There will be a course of three lectures in the Presbyterian church on February 13, 20, 27. These are the stereopticon lectures of Mr. Nat. M. Brigham, and those who attended last year will be delighted by his return. The lecture on Feb. 13th will be on the "Grand Canon of Arizona," and it is safe to say that the pictures cannot be surpassed, and are changed so frequently as to nearly resemble a cinematograph. The second lecture on February 20th is "The Apache Warpath," and Mr. Brigham will introduce a number of their songs. Mr. Brigham's voice is a delightful tenor. The third lecture is of the Mormons. Mr. Brigham was for fifteen years sheriff in Utah, and therefore knows of what he speaks. This is his latest lecture. Tickets for the course will be one dollar while single admissions are 35 cents.

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