

SCHOOL EXHIBITION.

The graduating class of the public school at Highland Park held its closing exercises Thursday night in the Presbyterian church and it was the best thing for a commencement program we have known for a long time. It was one thing from beginning to end, entitled, "An Evening in the British Isles," or a tour through Scotland and Ireland and a touch on England, with a fine lot of stereopticon views and descriptions by the members of the class one taking one subject, and another pupil another scene or person. These fourteen descriptions by the pupils were their own well committed and delivered as the pictures on the canvas moved. These were interspersed with local songs by the class and the music was pronounced the best in a school exercise we have had for years. Mrs. C. F. Everett was at the organ, and the music was in charge of Miss Agnes Benson. There was no hifalutin' hot attempts after the impossible, but something that was in the line of the pupils work, on a level with a plane of their ability and attainments and highly gratifying to the public and we congratulate Superintendent Smith and all the others on the complete success of the evening's exercises.

Of course there were degrees of excellence. Mary Moore and Elsie Maroney were most highly spoken of, though with no depreciation of the other. The class as a whole did admirably.

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FORT SHERIDAN PARK.

A large and enthusiastic audience greeted the excellent performance at the pretty and popular Fort Sheridan Park. Every available seat was filled in front of the brilliantly lighted stages, and the applause and the laughter which greeted each act in succession spoke volumes for the merit of the performance.

The bill is composed of a pot pourri of acts which are uproariously funny, and daintly artistic interspersed with excellent singing, fine dancing and the cleverest contortion work ever seen on any stage.

The bill opens with, the Connelly-Sisters, three charming young ladies and the possessors of unusually fine voices. Their three songs were highly enjoyed and applauded.

An excruciatingly funny team are McFarland and Murray, their appearance was the cue for laughter and applause. Their dialogue is side splitting and kept the audience in roars.

Miss Lola Fawn deserves special mention, she sings three coon songs, but the manner in which she presents them can only be appreciated when seen. The best thing she offers is the old negro character song entitled "The Phrenologist Coon." Her facial expression which is excellent adds to her clever rendition. She was forced to respond to several encores.

A very dainty duo are "The Gregsons." The little lady looks like a Dresden china doll, in her three charming gowns. Their act is refined and pleasing. They make three changes of costume and won a place for themselves in the hearts of the audience by their singing, their artistic appearance and clever dancing.

"The Human Dragon" as he is billed is Olivia and he certainly deserves the title. The stage is darkened when the curtain rises on the act, one sees a writhing form with an immense head and tail with flames issuing from the huge mouth. It slowly lifts itself on to a pedestal where it goes through snake-like evolutions. A shot is heard the dragon falls the head and tail disappear in some quick unaccountable manner and we have before us the famous Olivia. Words are inadequate to express the marvelous contortion work presented by him. We can only say that his feats are the most wonderful ever presented.

His head certainly must be loose for he swings it around as though it were on a pivot, but what is the use of trying to describe it, go and see for yourself the greatest novelty before the public and then you will

understand why words fail us.

Ladies and children are now admitted free on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoon and a special matinee will be given on Saturday at 3.15 and evening performance at 8.15.

HIGHLAND PARK CITY COUNCIL.

There was an adjourned meeting Tuesday evening. The council passed a resolution accepting Mr. Carnegie's gift of \$10,000 for a new library building and informing him that the council would increase the amount for annual maintenance to \$1,500, if he sees fit to increase his gift to \$15,000. New plank sidewalks were ordered in Ravina near the new church and alongside the railway on St. Johns avenue and one up north on Clark street. An ordinance was also passed enabling the city to issue bonds in the total sum of \$7,500 to be used for corporate purposes in sums of \$500 each at 4 per cent, semi-annual interest which shows the high standing of the city's credit. The street and alley committee were authorized to contract for the building of a new bridge on Linden avenue at the rear of the historic ruins of the Hugh McFarland homestead in "The pocket," so that the avenue can be improved this summer. Attorney Smoot reported on the matter of that section of Sheridan Road south, where a lady was taxed on ninety seven more feet than she owned.

The bulk of the session was given to listening to arguments about vacating a fifteen foot alley in the rear of the lots of Messrs. Murphy, Bournique and Erskine in block 25. Mr. Bournique wants it vacated and the others do not, and in particular Edgar M. Snow opposes it, as it cuts off access to his new lots. Mr. Snow had blue prints of the whole block with his property and Mr. Bournique's is in colors, so the eye could take in the situation at a glance. Mr. Bournique has bought all Mr. McDonald's land north of the alley and also Mr. McDonald's title to the alley. Mr. Snow wants the alley kept open, but improved and will pay his proportion of the cost according to his frontage on Central avenue, eighty-five feet. A good deal of feeling was manipulated over the matter and it will come up at the next meeting for action. In Mr. Snow's place we should want it open. The thing for the city to do is to protect itself and the council must not involve the city in half a dozen law suits with damages. Hence it is a question of law and not one of sentiment.

Who's NEWS-LETTER are you reading?

WHO WILL IT BE?

In the matter of a new public library, it behoves the citizens of Highland Park to move. There can not be a new building without ground for it to stand upon, and Mr. Carnegie specifies in the few reasonable conditions of his gift, that the city shall provide a suitable site.

The possibility of the city's buying land for that purpose, seems out of the question. The few lots owned and controlled by the city, for various reasons, are unavailable. The present library site is in disfavor, because, as already been cited to Mr. Carnegie, its surroundings are of such a character as to preclude the making of satisfactory contracts for insurance against fire. Nor would this property be adequate in an exchange. A suitable site could be scarcely be bought for a sum which might be realized from the sale of the library real estate.

The disheartening outlook is this, that, unless some large hearted citizen, with a bank account to match the size of his heart, steps forward to the rescue, the conditions of Mr. Carnegie's gift will not be fulfilled.

We shall fail to seize an opportunity which comes but rarely the opportunity to place in the midst of our families and those with whom our children will be influenced, a great source of culture, namely, a high grade public library.

CORRESPONDENT.

LECTURES ON BIRDS.

Mr. Edward B. Clark, of the Chicago Evening Post, will give an illustrated lecture on birds in the Presbyterian church, Monday evening, June 22. This lecture is under the management of the public school pupils, who are paying the expenses of the stereopticon illustrations, the lecturer asking no fee for his services. The lecture is free to all lovers of birds, although it is no secret that the school pupils will gladly receive contributions towards the expenses, which amount to \$12.

Mr. Clark is very familiar with the ravines and bird haunted woods and meadows of Highland Park. He has published a very interesting book, called Birds of Lakeside and Prairie in which he describes many delightful bird studies made in and around Highland Park.

The lecture begins early—at 7:45 p. m. The colored views are loaned by the Chicago Audubon Society of which Mr. Ruthven Deane, a resident of Highland Park, is president.