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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM.
DETROIT & MILWAUKEE DIVISION.

TIME TABLE.
IN EFFECT
June 20, 1897.

WESTWARD

†Morning Express	7:40 a. m.
*Mail	12:15 p. m.
†Steamboat Express	4:30 p. m.
†Suburban	6:20 p. m.
*Chicago Express	9:12 p. m.
*Night Express	11:45 p. m.

EASTWARD.

*Night Express	6:37 a. m.
*Chicago Express	8:20 a. m.
†Suburban	7:15 a. m.
†Steamboat Express	11:05 a. m.
*Mail	3:10 p. m.
*Evening Express	8:38 p. m.

E. H. HUGHES, T. & P. A., Chicago, Ill. BEN FLETCHER, Trav. Pass. Agent, Detroit, Mich.

GEO. F. ALDRICH, Local Agent.
*Daily.
†Daily except Sunday.

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TIME TABLE.

Trains Run on Central Standard Time.

GOING NORTH.	STATIONS.	GOING SOUTH
Frgt. Pass. Mxd. Nos. 8 No. 2 No. 1		Mx'd Pass. Frgt. No. 2 No. 4 No. 6
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COMMENCEMENT.

BIRMINGHAM IS PROUD OF HER CLASS OF '97.

The Event of the Season Occurred When Seven Young Ladies and Gentlemen Received Their Diplomas so Arduously Sought for and Honorably Won.

Shakespeare has truthfully declared: "Like as the waves make toward the pebbled shore, so do our minutes hasten to their end," and Commencement in Birmingham has once more been chronicled as a thing of the past.

As usual, the atmosphere on this occasion was oppressively warm, however the extreme heat did not in the least diminish the attendance, for at an early hour every available square foot was occupied, and many were obliged to go away without gaining an entrance.

The church looked very inviting with its dainty draperies of pink and blue and its profusion of beautiful ferns and delicate white flowers in the background. The "sweet girl graduates" numbered five, and the (?) boys two, making the total combination of sweetness seven, and, to say the least, a more intelligent looking class never graduated in Birmingham.

As the entrance march, executed by Mr. Salter, floated out upon the air, the graduates, escorted by their eloquent conductor in structor, marched down the centre aisle, passing through an archway which bore the inscription, "To the Threshold," and gracefully took possession of the seats of honor awaiting them.

After the invocation by Rev. A. Marsh, Mr. House, of Detroit, rendered a classical violin solo.

Miss Carrie Poppleton then appeared and gave a very concise though spontaneous salutatory followed by a glowing essay entitled "The Hall of Troy," which contained much authentic history of the epoch depicted, intermingled with a sufficiency of romance to make it highly entertaining. Her enunciation was remarkably distinct and her general appearance very pleasing. Miss Poppleton is highly endowed with intellectual genius, and will undoubtedly excel in whatever she attempts.

The Class History, by the class comedian, Roy Blakeslee, was a very accurate historical narration, the narrator even going so far into detail as to give the combined ages, height, weight, etc., of the members. His remarks bubbled over with wit and although he made several personal hits, his classmates seemed to take it all in good part.

"The True Dignity of Labor" was the topic chosen by Miss Zilla Campbell, which she painted with so much earnestness as to convince her hearers that she had given her subject due cogitation. Miss Campbell's essay had a strong tendency toward elevating and encouraging the laboring classes.

The Class Oration, "Our Future," by Frank Schanbacher, contained many helpful suggestions and thoroughly demonstrated this young man's ability to discourse upon a subject requiring such deep thought and consideration, his delivery also was excellent.

Miss Cora Springsteen's well chosen subject —"Character and Ambition" was clothed in beautiful thoughts and seemed like an inspiration of goodness, embodying all that is noble, pure and lofty. Miss Springsteen's ideas on this topic were imparted to her hearers with just enough emphasis to give her a charm of manner pleasing to all.

The Class Prophecy, by Miss Mabel W. Bolhwin, was an ideal production, revealing the fact that the young prophetess possesses a truly poetical and fanciful nature, a passport by which she gains access to the realms of fairyland, and is thus enabled to bestow upon her classmates a future well pleasing and delightful to each. She was very generous on this occasion, reserving for herself only the fate of "Single Blessedness" and the way in which she pronounced the decree of fate upon her companions was really charming.

The valedictorian, Miss Inez E. Bassett, fluently discoursed on "Little Things," and her conception of the magnitude and potency of small and seemingly trivial acts was portrayed in a vividly clear and comprehensive manner. Miss Bassett's medium of parting advice was indeed a commendable number and received due appreciation.

The musical part of the program, consisting an orchestra from Detroit, the Birmingham male quartet, a vocal selection by our popular soloist, Miss Minnie Hunt, and a piano duet by the Misses Desobelle and Logan, should under no consideration be ignored, as "Commencement" would be incomplete without good music.

Prof. E. F. Wallis's brief but interesting address was followed by the awarding of diplomas, presented by Chas. H. Schlack, president of the school board, and the class of '97 awaited the congratulations of their numerous friends. May prosperity attend them.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the post-office at Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending June 26, 1897:

George Keir, Miss Minnie Romer.

Persons calling for any of the above will please say "advertised."

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

COMMUNICATED.

Another Brother Discusses the Saloon Question.

EDITOR ECCENTRIC:

Seeing in a recent number of your paper an invitation for your readers to discuss the saloon question, I feel free to ask a little space in your column with the hope that what I have to say may serve in some small degree to stir the public conscience, and create a sentiment which will at no distant day drive this demon from our community, our state and our nation.

In the first place, if the license system is right, the new saloon has just as much right to exist among us as the bar in the hotel.

If the system is wrong, then neither the bar nor the saloon should be for a moment tolerated. The saloon and bar both measure up to the degree of civilization in any community where they are allowed to flourish. Again, the saloon is here in Birmingham because the people want it here. I know this proposition is disputed, but it is true all the same. This community has furnished its full quota of influence for the last 30 years to establish this damnable license system, and that now, right in the face of repeated warnings and protests on the part of a few citizens whom they designated as cranks, they throw up their hands in holy horror as they behold the legitimate fruit of their own doings. "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." To me it appears a little inconsistent, to say the least, to deliberately confer upon a man the legal right to do a certain act and then curse him for doing it.

Fraternally,
T. C. WILLIAMS.

NAME THE FARM.

Some very Pretty Names Already Appropriated by Our Farmer Friends.

An Idea That Should be Developed.

The practice or custom of naming the farm is one thing that our farmer friends should be interested in and encourage it in all ways. The best way to foster and encourage the step is to name your own farm then work upon your neighboring farmer friends to do the same. A neat little board at your front gate, announcing the name of your farm with your name as owner will be of interest to every passer by as well as silently proclaiming the up to date farmer. There is no reason at all why farmers should not present to the passer by the farm name and its owner as well as his city cousin should live on named streets and number his house. We have without much searching discovered the following farms in our vicinity and give them to you with their owners:

"Coal Kabin" farm, O. W. Shipman.
"Red Gable" farm, E. L. Parson.
"Spring Brook" farm, Col. T. Roberts.
"White Oak" farm, John H. Snow.
"Evergreen" farm, Bert B. Bird.
"Maple Hedge" farm, Edwin Miller.
"Long Meadow" farm, Thos. Estate.
"Black Meadow" farm, Fred Baker.
"River Rouge" farm, Davenport Bros.
"Oak Ridge" farm, M. F. Conklin.

There no doubt are others that we know not of or do not just now remember and we wish all our friends who know of any more named farms to hand them in and we will gladly add them to the list.

Another thing that helps to scatter the farm name is to use printed note paper and envelopes. We make a special price on 250 envelopes printed with a request to return in five or ten days as the farmer desires. All letters should be sent in a return request envelope anyway, no matter who mails them, and as we print them and sell them to farmers for about the same price as you pay for envelopes alone we expect to print 20,000 the next thirty days. Name the farm, send in your request to print the envelopes, and during the next 30 days we will print one-quarter of a thousand for just an even dollar. Roll in your dollars and we will send back to you nicely printed 250 envelopes or ten packages of good No. 6, white, high cut envelopes from the Eccentric Office.

Matrimonial.

The following we clip from the Cincinnati Inquirer of a recent issue and will be of interest to Birmingham generally:

Another pretty wedding of yesterday was that of Mr. Herbert A. Poppleton, of Birmingham, Mich., and Miss Edyth D. Holabird of this city. The ceremony took place at noon at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Rev. Paul Mathews officiating, and the breakfast was served at the St. Nicholas.

The bride, a beautiful girl, who attracts all by her charming face and winning manners, was attended by Miss Hanna G. Nash, of Wesley avenue. Mr. Poppleton is a prosperous business man of Birmingham.

Miss Holabird is a daughter of Captain Lucelis H. Holabird, and a niece of Gen. I. B. Holabird, Quartermaster General of the United States army.

The happy pair left for Old Point Comfort, Richmond, Charleston, Norfolk, Newport News and Washington, after which a short stay was made in Cincinnati. On their trip for Birmingham a week was passed visiting friends in Central Ohio at different points, arriving home Friday night of last week.

Obituary.

Died in Detroit at Harper Hospital, Monday, June 28, of Bright's disease, George Montgomery, age 52 years.

Deceased has been in Birmingham for nearly three years and engaged in different businesses. He was employed at the market of John Hanna, and by his quiet, gentlemanly way had won a host of friends.

His remains were brought back to Birmingham Tuesday of this week and on account of a telegram being received that his son-in-law would be here Wednesday his funeral was withheld till a day later. He leaves seven children, five girls and two boys, the youngest, Fred, being 12 years old and one of the girls is married He was taken to Harper Hospital by his employer, John Hanna, Thursday of last week and died the following Monday.

STRAW HATS!

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R. H. TRAVER

DETROIT, MICH.

EPWORTH LEAGUE SKETCH.

An Interesting Paper on This Grand Organization

The following creditable article was written by Miss Edith Moore, of Big Beaver, and read in the Methodist church at that place, on Epworth League Day, May 13, ult., by the young lady herself:

Today the Epworth League celebrates its eighth anniversary; it has grown from an infant to a giant; from a regiment to a mighty army, until now our Epworth band numbers nearly two million young Methodists battling, bravely for the cause of christ.

The League is the only training in practical christian work that thousands of young Christians will ever have. For the training of the ministry there are a dozen or more theological schools more or less generously endowed. Their whole aim is to educate Methodist pastors, and provide for the great need of the times, and for meeting the new conditions that will confront the church in the twentieth century an educated ministry. But the laity must come in somewhere. No regiment ever won a victory in which the colonel did all the fighting.

West Point is highly important in providing officers for the U. S. army, but a drill sergeant in every company is still important. The Epworth League must stick to its business. It is the training to produce efficiency in the future church. To educate in intelligent and vital piety, and to train the young people in work of "mercy and help", that is the object.

The mercy and help department has no more important work than that of "social purity," for as St. James tells us, "The wisdom from above is first pure, then full of mercy and good works."

Slowly but surely the Epworth League has won its way among those who have been hostile to it. Those who love Methodism soon come to love the Epworth League, when once they understand its principles and its tendencies.

Although our chapter is not all we desire it to be, we must cultivate the spirit of forbearance, faith and trust; there are many discouragements. On every side are the apparently impossible heights. Temptations here, failures there, disappointments yonder. A long cherished plan must again be denied fulfillment. The sky is heavy with clouds when we hoped the sun would shine; but the trial of faith worketh patience. Still we cannot be utterly destroyed, so let us be brave and trustful knowing there are garlands for the brow of the man who can bravely bear disappointment and smile in the face of discouragement, and, with a true heart, "trust in God and do right."

We are apt to count the little things as of no worth; but where we have one great renunciation to make we have a thousand little ones, and life, which we are apt to think common-place, is not so, for every day can be made rich in beautiful deeds. God who is just is merciful, and when a temptation comes, even if we fall, he remembers that we tried to do what was right, and so is tender in His thought of us. There is not one of us who achieves even for a day, what we long to; but we can try for it by equipping ourselves by prayer and good thoughts, and so come up to the Christian standard and thus each day become more like Jesus.

Fellow Epworthians, let us love one another in deed and in truth, in heart and in spirit, even as our Lord loved His disciples and loves us. We who are followers of Christ have walked the same valley of repentance, have climbed the same mount of faith, have been born of the same spirit rejoice in the same Father, are on the same road to heaven. Let no envy, jealousy, nor any of the little or larger difficulties of life separate us and cause us to dislike one another. Let us obey this last commandment of our Master and love one another, as he loves us.

But, you say, does it pay? Ah yes, for there can be no greater honor than to be a follower of the blessed Savior, who, despite some temptation, affliction and sorrow in this world gives us that "peace which passeth all understanding and in the world to come life eternal, where all is peace and joy."

Earthly honors, wealth and pleasure
Like the dew before the sun,
Sparkle for a moment only,
Then forever more are done.
But the honor that is given
In the way of Christ our King,
On and on through endless ages
Peace and rapturous joy shall bring.

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