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To Our Friends.

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THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

HOME NOTES

The proverbial January thaw set in Tuesday.

Miss Maud Campbell of Detroit spent Sunday at home.

Another of Bert Blakeslee's interesting letters in this issue.

Miss Belle Corson returned to Ann Arbor Monday afternoon.

A number of our young people are struggling with the mumps.

Mrs. Toms and daughter of Commerce are visiting Mrs. Drew.

Mrs. Tabor and daughter of Ann Arbor are visiting friends in town.

George Shadbolt of Grand Rapids has been spending a few days in town.

G. W. Fay enjoyed a pleasant holiday visit with his two sons at Battle Creek.

We understand that the mumps have invaded about every room in our schools.

Mrs. W. E. Aldrich of Fenton visited her brother, G. F. Aldrich, last Saturday.

Evening services are being held at the Baptist church during the week of prayer.

Pontiac's fire laddies responded to alarms forty times during the past year of 1901.

Remember the free magic lantern discourse at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church will give a New England supper on the 22nd of February.

Henry Dodge's tree near Circle seems to worry many of our exchanges. It doesn't worry Henry.

Miss Minnie Bingham is now post mistress at Big Beaver, much to the the joy of all the Big Beaver people.

Geo. C. Aldrich of Battle Creek is visiting his father and brother this week and will spend Sunday in town.

Mrs. Eva Arms and daughter of Lapeer enjoyed a delightful holiday visit with their aunt, Mrs. Marion Wooster.

Miss Emma Blakeslee returned to the Detroit Business college last Monday after spending the holidays at home.

Robert McClellan and Judson Bradway returned to the U. of M. last Monday after spending the holidays at home.

Miss Flora Keyes returned to Ludington last Saturday after spending the holiday vacation with her mother and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gamble and little daughter of Pontiac visited their aunt, Mrs. Martha Quick, one day last week.

Miss Waters of Detroit has been spending some time visiting her sisters in Birmingham, Mesdames L. and Fuller.

Visitors at the home of Geo. W. Greer and family Tuesday last were Mrs. Henry Yessen of Farmington and James Garrett of Detroit.

Our Birmingham teachers who are engaged in the Detroit schools returned to their tasks last Monday morning after two week's vacation.

Mrs. Hattie MacBride is teaching physical culture classes in Detroit and Pontiac and expects soon to have a class among the nurses of Harper hospital.

Mr. Frank West of Detroit will give at the Presbyterian church next Sunday evening his celebrated lecture on "Types of Christ," illustrated by stereopticon views.

John Duckering of Milford, who sailed for England the Saturday after Christmas, is enjoying a delightful visit with friends and relatives in the land of his birth.

We are sorry to say that our old friend, Geo. W. Fay, is quite ill. We trust that under the careful attention of Dr. N. T. Shaw he will soon be around as well as usual.

Big Beaver patrons of the Detroit, Rochester and Romeo railway want a depot or waiting room for the point where more people get on and off the cars than any other point on the line.

Mrs. Luther Skillman and Mrs. William High of Mt. Clemens and Mrs. Minerva McCall of Detroit were guests of Mrs. Harriet Mitchell last Monday.

A good many people here have been congratulating Judge and Mrs. Thos. L. Patterson of Holly on their golden wedding only to learn that it was another happy couple of the same name.

The ice harvest is well under way. A considerable quantity of the crystalized coolness has been gathered from the mill pond during the past few days and appears to be of fine quality.

Mrs. Hattie C. MacBride is about forming a class in physical culture among the ladies of birmingham. Anyone desiring information as to particulars may inquire of Miss Nellie Smith at the postoffice.

This is known as the Week of Prayer throughout Protestant christendom. Services are being held in the Presbyterian and Methodist churches in this place every evening this week except Saturday.

J. S. Spaulding of the Hupp farm is all right again and was down town Tuesday for the first time. The family have had a severe spell of sickness but Dr. C. M. Raynale carried them all safely through the war.

The residents along the line of the Northwestern street railway in West Bloomfield, near Franklin, etc., are not happy over the actions of the managers of that road. Their woes are great but their indignation is greater.

Miss Lou Elliott, the pleasing clerk of the probate court at Pontiac has been quite ill for several days and unable to be at her desk. We are pleased to say that she is now about recovered and as pleasant as ever.

An Oxford man couldn't find an overcoat to suit him while trying to buy one until at last he struck just the right thing, and what do you suppose his desire was?—to find one with a pocket that would hold a quart bottle.

The regular annual meeting of the Ladies' Library Association of Birmingham, Mich., will be held in the library building, Saturday, January 11, 1902, at 2:30 p. m.—Belle W. Bigelow, president; Martha Baldwin, secretary.

Owners of horses should remember that we have a state law against cruelty to animals, and that the failure to properly blanket a horse on a cold day is adjudged sufficient evidence to compel the owner to pay for his forgetfulness.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will hold their first meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. Thos. E. Crary Wednesday afternoon, January 15, at which time supper will be served at the usual hour. All welcome.

Miss Viola Pickering suffered a second stroke of paralysis last Sunday morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. Elmore Higby, at Walnut lake. We are pleased to state that under Dr. Shaw's careful attention she is doing nicely.

Mrs. Bonfoy of Fowlerville, an aunt of Spencer Lawrence and Mrs. Palmer of Southfield, died at the home of Mrs. Palmer on Monday last. She had been visiting friends for several weeks, took cold and died suddenly of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen of our village passed the holiday season very pleasantly with their daughter, Mrs. Rose Thomas of Mason and found the family nicely situated and Dr. Thomas more than rushed attending to his many patients.

It's a good indication when a newspaper's are copied verbatim by other papers without credit. We know they must be good when they are appropriated in that manner, and that's the case with the ECCENTRIC and the county press—ever notice it?

Yesterday was the date when the days began to lengthen at both ends. Heretofore the days have been lengthening at the rate of one minute each afternoon, but now the sun begins to rise earlier also, and a rapid increase in the hours of daylight will be noticed.

The undersigned will sell at public auction on the premises, one and one-fourth miles west of Center Line road and one and three-fourths miles east of County Line road, on Tuesday, January 14, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following property: One black horse, one gray mare, three cows, two yearling heifers, calves, chickens, lumber wagons, buggies, farming machinery and many articles too numerous to mention. Henry Behrns, proprietor; M. H. Blunt, auctioneer.

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The mail carriers along the rural delivery routes would be very grateful if their patrons would supply themselves with postage stamps—at least during the winter season. It is a needless hardhip to compel the the carriers with stiffened fingers to hunt for pennies in a zero temperature.

Isn't Southfield a little ahead of the adjoining towns? There are two ladies living there who are past ninety years of age. They are Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Irish, aged respectively 90 and 92 years. Mrs. Johnson has been visiting Mrs. Fuller the past week. She is remarkably strong and well.

We are pleased to learn that Rev. W. L. Rogers has been engaged as pastor of the Baptist church for another year. Mr. Rogers is an earnest and consecrated worker, winning his way to the hearts of outsiders as well as his own parishioners, and the church is to be congratulated on retaining him another year.

The B. Y. P. U. will hold their first business meeting of 1902 on Monday evening, January 13. A feature of the program will be a question box. Everybody attending is requested to bring in a Bible question, in writing, and an attempt will be made to answer it. Place of meeting will be announced from the pulpit next Sunday.

Farmers' institues will be held in this county during the winter as follows: Clarkston, February 10; Oxford, 11; Royal Oak, 12; Farmington, 13. The round-up will be a two-days' institute at Pontiac on February 17 and 18. A fine program will be prepared, and farmers may expect a rare treat at all the institutes.

J. Allen Bigelow has been a very busy man covering the pipes that carry the hot water to all radiators in his house. Covering the pipes makes his heating plant a very complete outfit, and the work was carefully and satisfactorily performed by the Prof. Thos. Edwards, superintended by Chas. H. Hoffman, better known to our readers as "Hungry."

A little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hathaway last Saturday, but the little one hardly opened her eyes on this world before she closed them again in death, only living until Monday morning. The funeral services were held on Tuesday, Rev. Mr. Instema officiating. The little one was laid away in Greenwood cemetery. The family have the sincere sympathy of all their neighbors.

A Birmingham lady sent her little niece a handkerchief at Christmas through the mail and the other day she received the following unique acknowledgement of the gift: "Dear Auntie—Thank you for that lovely handkerchief. I cried on it for the first time yesterday and was so thankful that I had such a pretty handkerchief to cry on.—Your loving little niece, L——."

Will Bloomburg of Syracuse, N. Y., after nearly twenty-five years of hard work at his profession as book-keeper is home for a vacation with his mother, Mrs. Henry J. Bloomburg. Mr. Bloomburg enjoys the reputation of keeping the largest set of books in the United States and doing his great work better, finer and neater than any other book-keeper in the nation.

An effort is being made to develop another Sandow from among the athletes of America in a physical culture contest open to all amateurs now going on under the auspices of the Police Gazette for a diamond championship medal and three other prizes in gold. The judges are Jim Corbett, "Parson" Davies and Sam C. Austin. Already entries have been received from two hundred athletes in all parts of the country, and the contest promises to be a a notable one.

The thirty-second annual meeting of the Baptist church of this place was held Saturday, January 4, at which time reports from the different branches of the church were submitted, showing the church to be in a flourishing condition. The tables almost groaned at the noon hour but became somewhat relieved as the hour passed by. Eighty persons were present. Election of officers was an important feature, as was also the engaging of their pastor for the ensuing year.

Notice to all cattle raisers.—Henry Spicer, the veterinary in our midst, has a fine invention of his own for dehorning cattle. Instead of the cruel shear style of taking away bossy's horns, Henry has a "saw system" that is just as good, less painful, and he positively affirms that the cattle really enjoy the operation. If you are in need of the services of a dehorner see Mr. Spicer, who guarantees satisfaction.

The Sis Hopkins Co. at the Lyceum theater last week played to capacity every performance and the matinees were regular crushers. Everybody who knew George H. Maxwell or had heard of him went and heard him at his best as Papa Hopkins. His work was fine and artistic and all his friends are pleased and satisfied to see him away up in his professional line. The entire company are good and stand as one united family.

A Cure for Lumbago.

W. C. Williamson, of Ambert, Va., says: "For more than a year I suffered from lumbago. I finally tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm and it gave me entire relief, which all other remedies had failed to do. Sold by Whitehead & Mitchell

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"O! Ye douce folk that live by rule,
Grave, sideless-blooded, calm and cool."
—BURNS.

All men have their ways of enjoyment,
Some costly treasures buy,
And some are for joys that are simple,
And one of these am I;
For to me still the chief of my comforts
And the solace that never cloys
Is to hie me away of an evening
To meet down town with The Boys

There are those, I know, that reprove it,
That solemnly shake the head
And believe there's a mighty virtue
In an early going to bed;
Small drop of hot human kindness
Their chilly blood alloys;
Oh! I pity the man so careful
That he can't sit down with The Boys.

There are some things men count sinful;
Upon which the rigid frown,
That show not so on The Journal
Where everything's set down:
The Almighty Judge that's above us
No vengeful pen employs;
And I'm sure the Recording Angel
Has a special page for The Boys

It is well there's a Court up yonder
Looking down with a wider ken;
It is well that the final verdict
Will not be pronounced by men;
And if at the last I am faced
To the sentence that destroys,
'Twill not be because I loved so
Those evenings with The Boys.

So the wise men, the moralizers,
May frown upon my ways,
And for all my comings and goings
Have never a word of praise;
They may reprobate and rebuke me,
But I will not heed their voice;
They know not whereof they are talking
They never met The Boys,

Chagrins I have known, and failures,
Of crosses I've had my fill,
But I've kept a clean conscience always,
Meddling not with the things that kill;
An honest heart and a kind one,
That is what above all I prize,
And I find them around me in plenty
When I meet down town with The Boys.

I am growing old; well I know it?
And The Boys grow older too;
Year by year the chinks are widening
And a clearer light steals through
From the Other Land, giving warning,
To my thinking a pause and a poise,
And gliding for me with a glory
The grizzly heads of The Boys.

I know not what's before me;
I'll take my chance with the rest;
My lot will be hard, I fear me,
If I'm judged by what I've professed.
That is, if the Church is the only
True judge of the heavenly joys,
For I doubt if it thinks there's salvation
In a night down town with The Boys.

But where ever they go, God bless them!
When with Earth they've gotten through,
Be't to regions of light or of darkness
I want to go there to;
For still to be with them and of them
Will be chief of my cherished joys,
No better fate do I long for
Than to keep with the dear Old Boys.

Where the gates all jewelled and golden
And the streets of the shining pearl,
And everywhere spread around me
Of splendor a perfect whirl;
Even there I could not be happy
Nor with full free heart rejoice
If I couldn't in some quiet corner
Sit down as of yore with The Boys.

The above poem by William Cowie of Syracuse, N. Y., is printed by request of a friend of the author and of the ECCENTRIC.

It Girdles the Globe.

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Milton's letters often allude to his mother in the most affectionate terms.

Raleigh said that he owed all his politeness of deportment to his mother.

Wordsworth's mother had a character as peculiar as that of her gifted son.

Sydney Smith's mother was a clever conversationalist, and very quick at repartee.

Goethe pays several tributes in his writings to the character of his mother.

Haydn dedicated one of his most important instrumental compositions to his mother.

Gibbon's mother was passionately fond of reading, and encouraged her son to follow her example.

Charles Darwin's mother had a decided taste for all branches of natural history.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

IT OFTEN HAPPENS—

That women fancy they are pretty through men's flattery.

That men figure as masters who are fit only to be followers.

That men become supersensitive because of too much petting.

About Several Things.

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