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COMMENCEMENT WEEK

Beginning With the Baccalaureate Address Sunday Evening the Exercises Have Been Unusually Interesting.

It used to be Commencement Day but now with so large a class and so much to do it takes a full week to finish the exercises and Sunday evening the finale started. Rev. M. H. Battram preached the Baccalaureate sermon to a church crowded to its fullest capacity by an interested audience. The text was from Psalms 144:12 and reads as follows: "That our sons may be as plants grow up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace."

Mr. Bartram's address was fine and was listened to very attentively. The class of '03 attended in a body and were treated to lots of good advice and interesting information that not only pleased the teachers and graduates but the entire audience. The Revs. Todd, Maxwell and Rogers assisted and the choir was out in great numbers. Miss Lema Bartram sang a solo as did Mrs. Bert Bird, both ladies acquitting themselves very satisfactorily. The church was handsomely decorated in 1903 class colors, orange and white, and the evening closed with everybody in a happy frame of mind. We are pleased to say that in the near future we will print in full Rev. Bartram's excellent address.

MONDAY NIGHT.

This evening the primaries had their inning and despite the fact that it not only rained all day long from dewey morn till setting sun and a long time after, but it just poured and poured and poured all day long, you can't keep the children down, neither can you the fond papa or loving mamma who had a child on the stage. About 250 were present when Superintendent J. B. Field marshalled in the different grades beginning with the wee little ones and ending with the junior class, the 1904 graduates, carrying on a staff the class colors, pink and blue. Prof. Field announced the program and the audience was greatly pleased with the songs, recitations, drills, speeches, etc., of the participants running from the chart class to the now junior grade.

The exercises on Class Day and Commencement are left over for our next issue. The programs for Class Day took up all of Wednesday, there being both a forenoon and afternoon session, beginning at ten o'clock and three respectively. The Epworth League served luncheon at noon to the many who took in the all day exercises which was a good idea. The following programs were presented to a large audience at each session:

The forenoon exercises made up the

CLASS DAY PROGRAM.

Entrance March	Olean Doty
Vocal Solo	J. M. Rainey
Salutatory	Minnie A. Ford
President's Address	Lloyd G. Campbell
Address to Undergraduates	Emma M. Miller
Instrumental Solo	Jessamine June Bowers
Class Oration	Irving S. Hanna
Class History	Marion M. Clarke
Class Prophecy	Rena E. Denison, Del Daniels
Quartet	Misses Starr and Merrill
Class Will	Bessie M. Bell
Valedictory	M. Vina Purdy

The afternoon exercises made up the

PIONEER PROGRAM.

Instrumental Duet	Misses Robbins and Starr
Historical Landmarks of U. S.	Mabel M. Allen
First Settlers Story	Carlton Alice G. Crary
Instrumental Solo—C. Chamende	Jessamine June Bowers
Nomenclature of Michigan	Clare Cummings
Historical and Biographical Birmingham	Carrie E. Mitchell
The Sufferings of the Pilgrims	Mary A. Wallace
Vocal Solo	Mr. Hulbert
Forests of Michigan	Harold Corson
The Hanging of the Crane	Gertrude M. Bray
Changed Conditions	John Wilber
Violin Solo	Miss Marion Hobbs
Rock Me to Sleep and Answer	Laura Storr
Local Woodlands	Raynale A. Whitehead
Reminiscence Dialogue Adapted	Fred Rich, Ralph Beddow
Benediction	

And the year's work closed with Commencement address and presentation of diplomas at the M. E. church, Thursday evening, followed by the Alumni banquet Friday night.

Startling Evidence.

Fresh testimony in great quantity is constantly coming in, declaring Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, Colds to be unequaled. A recent expression from T. J. McFarland, Bentorville, Va., sums up its example. He writes: "I had Bronchitis for three years and doctored all the time without being benefited. Then I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery and a few bottles wholly cured me." Equally effective in curing all Throat and Lung trouble, Consumption, Pneumonia and Gripp. Guaranteed by Cobb & Cobb, and Whitehead & Mitchell, druggists. Trial bottles free, regular sizes, 50c and $1.

Advertised Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Birmingham postoffice June 20, 1903:

J. Crombie Esq., Mr. Geo. B. Sinclair.

JOHN HANNA, P. M.

Worst of all Experiences.

Can anything be worse than to feel that every minute will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Newson, Decatur, Ala. "For three years," she writes "I endured insufferable pain from indigestion, stomach and bowel trouble. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and fail remedies failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bitters and the result was miraculous. I improved at once and now I'm completely recovered." For Liver, Kidney, Stomach, and Bowel troubles, Electric Bitters is the only medicine. Only 50 cents. It's guaranteed by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb, the druggists.

A GOOD THING

The D. T. S. Alumni Dramatic Club Acquit Themselves with Glory and Honor.

The entertainment given by the Detroit Training School Alumni Club last week Friday evening was a success in every particular except the audience. The night was dark, rainy and very disagreeable but enough in numbers turned out so that the venture was not a losing one. It would be unfair to say that any one member was better at acting than the rest. They were all good and at some future day may return again. "Just for Fun," a comedy in two acts, was amusing and very interesting to all hearers. In this play we particularly noticed Alice S. Finley, Helen Chaffee Workman, Emma Burtraw-Raviler, Mildred A. Bolt with Messrs. W. H. Workman and C. E. Hill an all star combination.

The Imperial Quartette, of Pontiac, gave a few selections that were highly pleasing judging from the repeated rounds of applause. All gentlemen with finely trained voices.

The second play was Poor Pillicoddy, a farce in one act. A new star appeared in this pleasing comedy, Mr. Wm. S. Bolt. Although it is more than 40 years ago since Poor Pillicoddy was heard here but it has not lost any of its funnyism and all had a hearty laugh at Pillicoddy's fears as shown by the powerful work of W. H. Workman who "sutenly" was good.

The orchestra was all that could be wished, and the night closed with a jolly dance by those who "trip the light fantastic." We are sorry that so many of our people missed a treat.

ANCIENT HISTORY.

In the olden days, sometime in the early 60s, says a Franklin man, the stage [illegible] from Birmingham to Southfield run twice a week, via Franklin, and of course it carried the semi-weekly mail to those villages.

Robert Beattie "old Bob" as he was familiarly called, was the stage driver, mail contractor and carrier, and also did at times many a kind act in delivering packages along the route.

Dr. H. S. Buel, then in his prime, had an extensive practice and Southfield Berg and vicinity were in the bounds of the doctor's ride. One severe winter day he had prepared a bottle of medicine and asked the carrier to leave it with the postmaster at Southfield and the patient would call for it.

Time passed—it always does—and as the doctor had heard no more from the patient, no inquiry as to the delivery of the package was made.

Spring came, the sleighing gone and the old double rig was being stored for the summer when to the consternation of the old stage driver he found the medicine safe and sound, nicely addressed, in the straw of the old cutter.

The next trip to Southfield Mr. Beattie carefully made inquiry: "Has there been any deaths in Southfield, of late?" When assured that there had been no deaths for many a month, he took courage and made definite inquiry as to the health of Mr. ———, who was sick during the winter. His joy knew no bounds when he heard the gentleman had speedily recovered.

His only and logical reply was, "Thank God, I forgot to leave the medicine."

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A Rest Room in the New Court House.

Several new court houses have been recently completed in this state and some of these have set apart a room to be known as the "Woman's Rest Room" for the comfort of women from different parts of the county, waiting for the transaction of legal business.

The Pontiac Woman's Club has maintained such a room for some time past, but it has cost them a great deal for rent, etc., and the ladies have worked very hard to maintain it. Could such a room be placed at their disposal in the new building, it would be easy for the woman's clubs of the county to furnish and maintain it. In consideration of what the women of this county have done and are doing for this domain, and in view of the fact that a large proportion of the tax in Oakland county is paid by women, this does not seem an unreasonable request, and I believe there is not a taxpayer in the county who would object.

This matter of the "Rest Room" was brought before the Oakland County Federation of Woman's clubs last fall, by the Pontiac club, and all members of the clubs fully appreciate the value of the room to women, and also realize that the Pontiac club has too great a burden, and one that they cannot always bear, therefore, I appeal not only to club women but to all women in the county to urge the acceptance of such plans for the new building as will secure to us some corner that we may call our own. We are not asking for a large space, not asking for a club room, but for a rest room, where the mother and her child may rest while waiting.

M. BALDWIN, Pres. Oakland Co. Fed. W. C.

Card of Thanks.

Mrs. L. M. Hubert wishes to sincerly thank the Ladies of the Maccabees for the beautiful piece of sterling silver she received from them.

MRS. L. M. HUBERT.

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Calumny is like a coal; if it does not burn it will soil.

He who sweats afield and prays to God at home will never starve.

The Hen and the Editor.

A hen sits on her nest and lays eggs. An editor sits in his chair and lies in his bed—or in his paper. The hen feathers her nest, the editor does not—he cuts his own throat by doing busines for nothing simply to keep his competitors from getting it. The hen cackles when she lays a good fresh egg, the editor cackles about what he intends to do, but seldom does it. Sensible hen. The hen scratches for a living, so does the editor. The hen often covers up bad eggs; so does the editor. The hen hatches chickens that come to some good; most editors hatch schemes that never amount to anything. The hen presents her bill when she wants anything, and usually gets it; the editor presents his bill and seldom gets anything. The hen has a comb which she seldom uses, the editor may have a comb and use it sometimes, but not always. The hen has wings; the editor has none and never will have. The hen isn't a high-flyer, the editor is—sometimes. The hen broods and raises a large family; the editor broods over how he is to raise the large family he already has, as well as over wasted energies and lost opportunities. The hen is a rooster when she sleeps; that's queer; the hen is a queer rooster all the time. The hen often gets in the coop; the editor gets in sometimes. The hen often gets in the neck; so does the editor. Sometimes the hen crows, but nobody knows why. The editor crows all the time, but nobody knows why. There may be other similarities and dissimilarities between the hen and the editor, but they don't come to mind just now.

The Cynical Tailor remarks that men are mixed goods and that fewer are all wool than a yard wide.

There isn't anything younger in God's world than a young man of twenty—unless it is a young girl of seventeen.

"Let the currency alone!" cries the Buenos Ayres Weekly Herald. This is a personal insult. I haven't been touching the currency—at least not hard enough and not often enough to hurt it.

ALL TRUE.

Many who marry in haste repent in the divorce court.

Consistency may be a jewel, but it is as scarce as hens' teeth.

Spring fever by any other name would be laziness just the same.

If a man is a little weak in the garret a white vest will not save him.

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