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White Goods Dept.  
100 Dozen Hand-Embroidered Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, imported to sell for 25c. Choice for 15c each.  
Lace Dept.  
A handsome new line of Neckwear will be opened this week.  
Fancy Goods Dept.  
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## COMMENCEMENT DAY.

Samuel Dickie, President of Albion College, Addressed the Class.

Thursday evening, June 25, is a day long to be remembered by the graduating class of '03. It was the largest class ever graduated from the Birmingham high school and numbered 21. Fourteen are ladies and eight gentlemen. The class are named as below:

Minnie Ford,  
Emma M. Miller,  
Jessamine Jane Howers,  
Marion R. Clibbe,  
Rena E. Dennison,  
Dot Daniels,  
Bessie M. Bell,  
M. Vina Purdy,  
Mabel M. Allen,  
Alice G. Cray,  
Larrie E. Mitchell,  
Mary A. Wallace,  
Gertrude M. Bray,  
Laura Storz,  
Lloyd G. Campbell,  
Irving S. Hanna,  
Clare Cummings,  
Harold Cottonson,  
John Wilber,  
Raynald A. Whitehead,  
Ralph Hildow,  
Fiel Erb.

The evening was warm, very hot, and the seating capacity of the church was exceeded, many having to turn away and give up trying to crowd in. Prof. J. B. Field as master of ceremonies was a busy man and in many places all at once. He succeeded in seating the multitude very neatly and in good time the program was started. The grand march for entrance was played by Prof. Depeve, of Detroit, and class of '03 marched in stately and dignified as they sang. After being seated, Samuel J. Slade said his class motto, "Cypres Jan," and generously responded to an encore. Invocation followed by Rev. W. S. Watson, and then Messrs. Slade and Jarvis, of Detroit, gave a duet, "See, 'Tis the Pale Moon." They were most vehemently cheered again and again, but the shortness of time to be used by Mr. Dickie prevented their responding.

Samuel Dickie, in an informal talk to the class, held his great sweltering audience spell-bound from start to finish. Mr. Dickie is an orator from the ground up and his subject was intensely interesting to the audience and of especial interest to the class, who drank in every word. All too soon he closed his powerful effort to catch an early car, and after that Messrs. Slade and Jarvis gave their delighted hearers several songs and were heartily applauded.

Prof. J. B. Field then followed with a few pleasing well-timed remarks, and as each member of the class left past him, he gave to each with a stately bow which returned their respectful compliments, the one thing so much longed for all these four years. Rev. M. B. Maxwell pronounced the benediction and the large audience again slowly melted away. The school board all attended the exercises in a body and presented a fine scholarly appearance and one and all pronounced the program very fine and interesting.

It would be hardly fair to give any member of the graduating class special mention for his work during the class day exercises, held Wednesday of last week, as each and every member received his share of applause, and it was we learned. When we take into consideration the large number in the class it seems to us they must have had a level-headed professor to have brought them up to this high standard of excellence. Surely they were well-trained for the grand finale. We now bid goodbye to the class of 1903.

THE ALUMNI BANQUET.  
No prettier, brighter or happier company can be imagined than the one that gathered to celebrate the thirtieth meeting of 1903. The guests were nicely served by the boys and girls of 1904 and kindly greeted by the president, Mr. T. A. Hartwick, who later on assumed the duties of toastmaster in so easy a manner as to place the most difficult at ease.

Rev. M. B. Maxwell gave the invocation and Charles Shaw welcomed the class of 1903 to the ranks of graduates and Mr. Lloyd G. Campbell gave the response. The toast, "Vesterly and Today," was responded to by Rev. W. S. Watson. The Educated Man in the World of Affairs, by Rev. A. C. Shaw; What We Can Do, by Miss M. Baldwin; The Class of 1903, by Miss C. Erb; and the Birmingham High School, by J. B. Field. Recitations were given by Orville Brooks and Mrs. Wade. A vocal solo from Miss Jackson and instrumental music from Misses Jeana Chemsin, Starr, Robbins and Master K. Kinfisten gave great pleasure to all.

Then followed the election of officers: James Cobb, '95, was chosen president; vice-president, Lloyd G. Campbell, '03; secretary, Dot Daniels '03; treasurer, Fred Erb, '03.

With hearty good fellowship and kind remembrance of the absent, the moments sped and each one left the place feeling that the B. H. S. A. must live forever and "keep our memories green."

Two of the speakers at the Alumni Meeting, Mr. Watson and Miss Baldwin, refer to the question that is receiving so much attention all over the country--that of opening the school rooms and the basements of churches for the use of

those who own them, when not in use for church or school. Why should we not use them for music, for reading, for games and for social culture? Too often the saloon is the only place open in the town.

Mr. Watson first introduced the subject and Miss Baldwin prefaced her response by saying, "If you wish to open this school building--a staid, dark and gloomy every night in the year--you can do it. If you wish to open the basements of these churches, the reading-room at the library, and gather in the boys and girls from our streets, you can do it. If you wish to have the most beautiful village in the year--you can do it. If you wish to have the sprinkled streets and electric lights, you can do it."

## HYMNIAL.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Smallbone, when their daughter Anna and Warren B. Spalding were united in marriage. The ceremony, the best of service, was solemnly performed by Rev. A. B. Sutcliffe of Troy, Mr. Geo. Smallbone of Chicago, brother of the bride, acted as best man. Miss Mabel Spalding, sister of the groom, acted as bridesmaid. The wedding was beautifully rendered by Mrs. Robt. Chase, of Albion. After the ceremony a bounteous supper was served to about 70 guests after which they departed, leaving many beautiful and substantial tokens of the high esteem in which the young couple are held.

Among the out of town guests were, Mr. John Smallbone, of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Spalding, of Troy; Mrs. H. Arnold, Miss Lottie and Hattie Arnold, and Mrs. Stephen Arnold, of Fenton, and numerous Detroit friends.

## THE ECCENTRIC EXTENDS CONGRATULATIONS TO THE YOUNG COUPLE.

For further particulars inquire of local agent or write to Mrs. V. A. G. P. & T. A. Adv. Department, Chicago, Ill. (to July 15)

## AT REST.

Harry S. Courtney who was discharged as a patient from the Eastern Michigan Asylum at Pontiac, Thursday of last week, and came here the same day, died at the National Hotel Saturday morning. Single fare for the round trip. Going dates July 15th and 16th, 1903. Return trip without deposit fee, stateroom and payment of 50c extra, return limit extended until Aug. 15th, 1903.

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Investigation and inquiry of Dr. Christian and the fact that the deceased had no living relative and thus his burial became the duty of the proper township officer, and in justice to Supervisor Porter, will say that he nobly performed this duty and in the face of unattractive opposition secured for the unfortunate man a Christian burial, showing that the hearts of our citizens are not care-hardened but are ready at all times to come to the aid of those in distress and to protect their remains after death.

Mr. Courtney was a newspaper man more than ordinary ability, and had held important positions in publishing houses in St. Louis and other western cities. He has been employed at different places in Michigan. He was at one time in the Livingston Herald at Howell and later went to Owosso where he was employed by The Argus. Upon leaving that city he was struck by a train and injured to such an extent that he was taken to the University hospital at Ann Arbor and was transferred to the asylum at Pontiac March 11, 1903.

His funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from the undertaking rooms of Mr. H. B. Burman of the M. E. church, directed by a very impressive and appropriate service, Mrs. Warren Brown and John M. Kelsey sang two hymns for which all that was mortal of Harry Courtney was laid to rest in beautiful Greenwood cemetery. Requisite in pace.

## CARD OF THANKS.

Being the only person in Birmingham who was acquainted with the deceased, I deemed it my duty to thank all those who showed him any kindness during the closing hours of his life. Life is also to those who had not forgotten after his death that he had been a human being, and even if unfortunate, was entitled to respect and sympathy.

E. P. JARVIS.

## Advertised Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Birmingham postoffice June 27, 1903:

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You take no chances at Traver's--the Best is a certainty here; that fact alone should bring you even if our prices were not so moderate as to offer extra inducements to buy.

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## MITCHELL'S CONCERT

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PROF. WILL LEGGETT--Detroit--Violin Virtuoso, accompanied by Miss Olean Doty, of Birmingham.

MISS RUBY BROWNELL--Detroit--Soprano--one of the finest.

MISS BEATRICE EBY--Detroit--in Character Sketches--excellent by none.

MISS ROSADA TAYLOR--Detroit--Contralto--a pleasing vocalist.

MISS OLEAN DOTY--Birmingham--Piano Soloist.

MISS CARRIE E. MITCHELL--Birmingham--Recitation.

MISS EMILINE M. MITCHELL--Birmingham--Recitation.

DR. C. D. MORRIS--Pontiac--Will sing "All About Mitchell," an original solo composed by Mrs. Bertha Higelow, Nell, of the Pontiac E. M. A., at this event only.

## EXCURSION TO DETROIT

Via Grand Trunk Railway System. Single fare for the round trip. Going dates July 15th and 16th, 1903. Return trip without deposit fee, stateroom and payment of 50c extra, return limit extended until Aug. 15th, 1903.

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## WHAT ONE WOMAN DID

Birmingham Owees Much to Miss Mattie Baldwin.

The credit for Birmingham's being a beautiful suburban town is due mainly to the efforts of Miss Mattie Baldwin, of Maple avenue. The estimable lady inaugurated the "Birmingham Improvement Society," which has done so much for the place. She planted trees and a shrubbery on a deserted sand pit, and making it a beautiful spot and then donated the park to the town. She also made it possible for the Ladies' Library society to build a beautiful opera house, including the library building. Miss Baldwin came of a famous family. Her father, Edwin Baldwin, was with a juristic party in the vicinity of the present site of Battle Creek, and was attacked by Indians when in camp alone. His famous fight and victory over the Indians gave the present pure food town the name of "Battle Creek."--Detroit Tribune.

## BLUE RIBBON MEETING.

The Blue Ribbon Meeting at Detroit this year promises to be the best in the history of the club. The field in the great M. and M. is the best and most evenly balanced of any before, and it will undoubtedly be one of the most hotly contested races of the season. The Clubber of Commerce stake has among its entries all of the sensation in green pacers of the country and indications are that a new record will be made for this race.

These two races, as usual, will be best three in five, but the balance of the program will be two in three, and among the entries will be found all the leading horses of the country.

For the meeting the aggregate amount to be distributed will be over \$50,000, and nearly every horseman of the country will be on hand to witness and take part in the distribution of the purses. Everything promises that it will be an ideal meeting, and everybody in the state should attend at least one day and it doesn't make any difference which day you go, for each day will be a good one.

This year the meeting will be one day later than usual, the dates being July 20 to 22 inclusive, and the horses will be in better condition to go the race of their lives.

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## SPARLING'S CHALLENGE SALE

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Every Piece will be reduced and marked in Plain Figures on Yellow Tickets.

In connection with this Stupendous general price reduction, each Department will offer special attractions each day, which will be announced in the Daily Papers and a package circular.

Extra Salespeople have been employed to insure prompt service. Make your selections early, and come as early in the day as possible to the

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