

the past necessities of today. Life has been enriched by the magic hand of progress. The geologist has read earth's long-hidden records, the astronomer has told the story of stars, the biologist has sought the germ of life, and with all these things Homer G. Barber was more or less familiar. Business absorbed his attention while engaged with it; from his home and library it was excluded. He often expressed the wish to "die in the harness," and his wish was gratified. Few, indeed, were the days of sickness during his seventy-eight years. The measure of his years was full. When the night was done, when the morning came, the work of life was finished, and he fell asleep, not having outlived his usefulness. Had he voiced his own sentiments he would have said:—

"Let me not live after my flame lacks oil,
To be the snuff of younger spirits."

Mr. Barber's home was an ideal place, to which he was strongly attached. His first marriage with Lucy H. Dwight occurred in 1853, they lived together for forty years. In 1893 she died. His second wife, whose maiden name was Gertrude Baker, survives him. Of the three children born of his first wife and an adopted daughter who married W. C. Alsover, only one, Edward Dwight Barber, who has been for many years associated with his father in the hardware business, is living. An older brother, Ed-

ward, is now residing in Jackson, and the home of his youngest full brother, John Carlos Barber, is in Battle Creek. A half sister, Mrs. Phene B. Dickinson, lives in Vermontville, where she was born, and a half brother, Albert M. Barber, also a native of Vermontville, is register of deeds for Eaton county and is a resident of Charlotte, Mich. All were present, with Mrs. Barber's two sons, Ralph Wood of Chicago and James Wood of Manistique, Michigan, at the funeral, when the body of the beloved husband father, brother and citizen was laid to rest in Woodlawn cemetery with most of the Vermontville pioneers. Mr. Barber was a member of the Vermontville Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons and of the Charlotte Commandery of Knight Templars, and his brother Masons in a body paid the last sad tribute to his honorable name and revered memory.—E. W. B.

Pratt Pugh moved onto H. Y. Patterson's farm the first of the week. He will work for Mr. Patterson this year.

Miss Ruby Green, who was injured last week is getting along nicely and expects to be able to begin school on Monday.

About thirty friends of Mr. and Mrs. Allie Baker went out and gave them a surprise party Monday night. They all reported fine time.

During the month of January there were 2879 deaths in the state of Michigan and for the same length of time there were 4295 births.

Rev. Parsons attended the funeral of Mr. Uriah Prindle of Gresham last week.

The Taka Embroidery Club will meet with Mrs. (Dr.) McEachran on Wednesday, March 24.

Get out your green necktie and ribbons and celebrate St. Patrick's day, to-day, by wearing the green.

Mr. Gearhart has bought A. B. Brown's house on south main street and will take possession the first of April.

Rev. Adam Clarke of Eaton Rapids gave a splendid local option address at the Congregational church last Sunday evening.

Don't forget "When Women Love" at the opera house Monday evening. Prices 10 and 20c. Reserved seats at Loveland's drug store.

Andrew Green and family have moved to town and settled in their home recently purchased of Mr. Beck. We are glad to welcome them to our village.

E. Tyler has opened a store in the room adjoining the meat-market and will do all kinds of pump repairing and has a fine stock of pumps on hand.

The subject for the sermon Sunday morning at the Congregational church will be, "What It Means to Love God and Love Man." All are invited to attend.

On Wednesday, March 11, our esteemed townsman, Mr. A. G. Hawkins was very pleasantly reminded of the fact that it was his 67th birthday by twelve of his friends calling on him in honor of the event.

Harley Smith and family moved to Sunfield the first of the week to their farm recently purchased of James Thomlinson. Their many friends regret their departure from Vermontville and wish them success in their new location.

The farmers are certainly reaping a harvest on their horse flesh this spring. Several heads have been sold to foreign buyers and at figures that are higher than ever before paid here. At the present rate it is expected that even the so-called dried beef which we all eat with so much relish will soon be advanced in price again owing to the highness of horses.

Mrs. Mary L. Dann, wife of Judge Dann, and probate register, has a very clever story in the March number of The Travelling Man entitled "Trial Sermon of a Travelling Man." The publication is the official organ of the commercial travellers of the United States, which will in a measure indicate the merits of the sermon.—Charlotte Republican.

A. B. Brown has resigned his position with the Hirth Krause Co. of Grand Rapids and accepted a position with the Ohio Rubber Co. of Cleveland. He left for Cleveland last week and started on the road Monday. We are pleased to announce that the family will not move from here as his new work will take him from home only a part of the time.