MISS JENNIE DOWNING

and babies Harold and Ardis of Lansing visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Eitel, and sister Della, Sunday.

Miss Addie Corey graduated from Lansing Business University, Friday March 2.

Mrs. Una Moss left on the fast train this forenoon for Grand Rapids and Grandville. Her son-in-law who is in Butterworth, Hospital, is not improving much.

Mrs. Arza Barnes of Eaten Rap ids is visiting her mother Mrs. Lake from Friday until Sunday.

Mrs. Nellie Fuller returned from Grand Rapids, Sunday, her son Roy and family motoring here with her and spending the day.

of the Little Alberta Dies, onthree months old twins of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dies, of Charlotte, passed away at seven o'clock nanday moraing. Three sisters and four brothers survive, Funeral reader was bein Tuesday at one o'clock at their bome and forcial was made at Woodlawn cometery, Vermontville, Mr. and Mrs. Cleve flower and famiily of Nashvitte were Sunday dianer guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Field Pondill were afternoon callers.

Mrs. J.cues Boyles was taken ill Friday and was confined to her bed several days, but is improving.

Mrs. Cecil Powers and Kenneth were in Battle Creek Sunday to see the 71/2 lb. boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Campbell, who arrived Sunday, February 26th. Mrs. Campbell was formerly Erma Powers.

Mr. and Mrs. Luban Barnes were Thursday evening guests, and Wellington and Alton Barnes and wife visited Monday evening at Mr. and Mrs. Ho Ferris'.

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Mrs. C. S. Snell received the sad news about noon Wednesday that her brother, Mr. E. S. Waite, had passed away at his home in Portland, Maine. He had been sick for several months.

A. L. Barningham had a felon on the second finger of his right hand last week which became more painful Friday, and blood poison developed. He has been having a serious time, but we are glad to

report him improving. Mr. and Mrs. Harley Dorman or-Detroit were callers at Cecil Powers', Sunday.

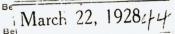
Miss Mary Thrun will be home from Toledo in a few days for a week's visit.

O. B. Tubbs will move off the farm and has rented the Fred Rawson house on West Main street hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jacobson, Mrs. Una Moss returned Tuesday norning from Grandville. Howard Cronk is improving nicely and expects to leave Butterworth hospital -,he last of the week.

e Donald E. Carey of the Caledonia aichool has signed a contract to reamain as Superintendent of Schools rit Caledonia, making the seventh prear.

n The General Centract for the laSchool building was let last week to gElmer E. Laliue of Midland, Mr. La 1 Eucs.confract does not include Heating and Ventile (is or plumbing. Stryce and Co of Toledo has the Contract for heating and ventilating. General Contract is for\$32,225 Heating and Ventilating is for 9,529 \$ 12.754.



On page one, part two in th issue you will find extracts from Vol. 1, No. 1, of the Vermontvil Enterprise, our first paper publishe Oct. 16, 1874. It has shipping new school notes and many other iten of interest.

The passing of Miss Jennie Dowr ing takes from our midst one wh has been prominent in the religiou: social and business interests of Vermontville for many years. As assistant postmaster, she was able to serve the village and surrounding comable to do. She was painstaking advice was often sought. and conscientious and won the re- E She united with the M. E. Church home where she was made so wel-1 the W. R. C. come and was so tenderly cared for, Miss Downing had many warm she spent many happy hours in spite friends who will ever cherish her much cannot be said in praise of f dren and young people, and was Miss Andrews and the unselfish especially fond of her brother's care she gave Miss Downing. Noth- children and grandchildren. ing was left undone to make the: She passed away Sunday morn-last days of Miss Downing pleasant ing, March 18, 1928, her six brothers for her to the last. She passed away Niles of Olivet. shortly before eight o'clock Sunday morning, March 18th.

Among those from away to attend the funeral of Miss Downing were: Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Downing and son Carl of Grand Ledge; Mrs. Lura Niles and daughter Helen of Olivet; Dale Downing, and Harold Niles of Lansing; Mrs. Ines Walsh and Mr. and Mrs. Doty of Grand Ledge.

Jennie Downing was born at Troy, New York, May 29, 1845 At the age of five she was adopted by a cousin, and for twenty-two years lived at Taunton, Mass. At the age of sixteen she united with the Baptist Church, and was an active member 12.72

When Abraham Lincoln called for teachers for the Freedman in 1863, she was among the first to respond; but did not receive her commission until June, 1864 from the Freedman's Bureau, Boston, as teacher and from the Baptist Home Mission society as helper with sick, and Be wounded soldiers (too young to go. Plambing Elimated not to exceed B, as a nurse). She was sent to Ports-\$2,000 has not been let as yet. Total Benouth, Va., remaining until June, 1865. After the close of the War

Bit was deemed unsafe for teachers Beto remain South so she returned home.

In 1872 she came to Michigan with her brother John C. Downing and located at Bismark, having another brother and sister living there. She came to the village of Vermontville in the S0s with her brother J. C. Downing and wife, and for more than forty years in business and private life she has lived among us doing her share for the upbuilding of the community. She was assistant postmaster for eleven and one-half years, and was ever ready to help those who needed assistance. It was always a pleasure munity as few people have been to her to do for others, and her

and conscientious and work the lose E in 1921, and was ever ready to spect and esteem of all. Her close E in fuence for all that which confinement to her work no doubt use her influence for all that which was the cause of so much suffering E elevates and makes for righteousduring her long sickness, but she F ness. She was broad and charitable during her long sickness, but she, in her religious opinions and will bore it with Christian fortitude, in her religious opinions and will be greatly missed in the church. never complaining. During the be greatly missed in the church, months at Miss Naomi Andrews' She was also an active member of

of intense suffering at times. Toot memory. She was very fond of chil-

and happy, and not only Miss Down- and six sisters all having passed ing appreciated it, but her many on before. She leaves one nephew friends rejoiced with her that Miss Mr. Wesley Downing of Grand Andrews was given strength to care Ledge, and one niece, Mrs. Lura

Funeral services were held at the Downing home Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by her pastor Rev. C. H. Phillips, assisted by Rev. Mitchell. Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Weiler sang, "Rock of Ages", Miss Martin accompanist. Postmaster Loveland and carriers Grant Hawkins, Allen Faust, Tom Dancer and Harry Hammond, and K. R. Weiler acted as bearers. Burial was made at Woodlawn

cemetery. -