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for this event, the purple and gold being used effectively in the reception and the cream and green, the senior colors, adorning the dining room, and the parlors. The graduates, eighteen in number, stood in the receiving line greeting their friends, and received the hearty congratulations and best wishes of all, after which there was a general social intermingling. The large dining room had been cleared of the tables, chairs taking their places, but here and there were punch tables, where that cooling and refreshing beverage was dispensed, Dwight Peterson, Leah Hensley and Robert Quinn presiding at the punch bowls. Later in the evening strawberry ice cream and macaroons were served, the class being assisted by several of the younger school circle. Music was provided by the male quartet and the festivities extended far into the night, making the closing event of commencement week one to be long remembered.

The Young Men's New Movement class of the Evangelical church held a very good meeting Friday evening at the home of Charles VanCamp. After the business period, there was a social hour, with several amusements. Among them was a contest in which words were made from "Evangelical Bible Class," the Rev. D. O. Wise winning the honors in making the greatest number in a given time. Refreshments were served later in the evening. The class planned to unite with the other young men's class in giving a picnic soon.

The Entre Nous club girls were guests of Miss Matilda Sellemeyer at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Michaud Friday evening. The girls visited the air-domes in the forepart of the evening and later returned to the Michaud home, where they had luncheon and spent the hours in a delightful informal way. Miss Ella Mutchler will be hostess at the next meeting in two weeks.

Cards announcing the wedding of Miss Estella Vorice Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Ellis, to Dr. Earl S. Coverdale, Wednesday, May 24th, have been received by friends. Cards are enclosed announcing that they will be at home after June 15th, at 110 South Third street.

The Misses Edna Ehinger and Vera Ehinger were guests of Dr. and Mrs. McArdle at Fort Wayne Friday evening.

A profusion of garden flowers carrying out the colors of red and white, made the M. E. Brackett home on Winchester street Friday afternoon fragrant and unusually pleasing to the sight, when Mrs. Brackett entertained forty-five ladies at a "Five Hundred" and needlework party. The floral decorations were carried out with white syringas and red geonies and carnations, these being arranged in great bowls about the mantels and tables, with branches of syringa and foliage and pots of growing plants placed about the rooms otherwise in a pleasing way. While some of the ladies sewed, others played "Five Hundred" with the busy and pleasing hum of conversation over all. Mrs. L. W. Coppock was awarded the first prize, while the "slam" went to Miss Minnie Orvis. Out of town guests were Miss Halo Holden, who is returning to her home at Bellevue, Michigan, after spending the winter in Huntington, where she is teaching; Miss Veda Ward of Sanford, Fla., and Miss Cora Barker of Ada, Ohio. Piano selections by Miss Ward added much to the pleasure of the afternoon.

Miss Halo Holden, who has been teaching at Huntington the past season, is here for a week's visit with Mrs. M. E. Brackett before going to her home in Bellevue, Mich.

The Friendly Hand.

When a man hain't got a cent, an' he's feelin' kind o' blue, An' the clouds hang dark an' heavy, an' won't let the sunshine through, It's a great thing, O my brethren, for a feller just to lay His hand upon your shoulder in a friendly sort o' way!

It makes a man feel curious; it makes the tear-drops start, An' you sort o' feel a flutter in the region of the heart.

You can't look up an' meet his eyes; you don't know what to say, When his hand is on your shoulder in a friendly sort o' way.

O, the world's a curious compound, with its honey an' its gall, With its cares an' bitter crosses; but a good world, after all. An' a good God must have made it—leastways, that's what I say.

When a hand rests on my shoulders in a friendly sort o' way.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

Charles H. Colter, who was returning Saturday evening from a business trip to Muncie and other points in the

interest of the Smith & Bell lumber company, was one of those who sustained minor injuries in the wreck between a southbound Muncie-Bluffton interurban car and an Indianapolis-Fort Wayne limited northbound car on the Indiana Union traction line south of Bluffton Saturday evening a few minutes before 5 o'clock. The wreck was very similar in mode of occurrence to that of the Kingsland wreck of last September 21st, though in this wreck there were no fatalities, three being seriously injured and five others quite badly injured, though twenty or more of the sixty on the limited and the thirty on the local received minor bruises.

The wreck occurred a mile south of Poneto, or about six miles south of Bluffton. The Kingsland wreck occurred just about that distance north of Bluffton. The southbound car in charge of Motorman Farber and Conductor Smith, was standing one car length north of the siding, ready to take the switch, which is the regular passing point, and allow the northbound car to pass. The northbound car, which is the limited, ran three car lengths past the point where it should have stopped, and crashed into the stationary car at the rate of about twenty miles an hour.

Mr. Colter stated that the northbound car was somewhat behind time and had been running with full speed to make up for lost time. Mr. Colter was about five seats from the rear of the car. As he was sitting there unconcernedly, he suddenly noticed the passengers at the front rise to their feet with one accord, and then he heard the tooting of a whistle. Knowing that something was wrong he got to his feet in less time than it takes to tell, and got into the aisle, where he saw with horror the car into which they were about to run. Simultaneously he seemed to see all the passengers lifted from their feet into the air, himself with the others—and then slammed down with full force onto the floor. Mr. Colter, however, was fortunate enough to be thrown upon several other people and escaped with little injury. The fact that he was in the aisle, also, out of the way of the seats, which were flopped about violently, also saved him more serious injury. Mr. Colter stated that the collision occurred near a curve in the road, and that the motorman, as soon as he saw the approaching collision, tried to turn on the brakes, but they refused to work. The emergency brakes he also used and tried to reverse the car, and while this may have to some extent helped in averting a greater disaster, could not prevent the wreck. The front platform of the southbound car ploughed into the front platform of the northbound car, a distance of some five or six feet and the partition between the main room and the smoker of the southbound car was broken out. The northbound car on which Mr. Colter was riding, had the vestibule broken out and nearly all the windows in the car were broken, many injuries being inflicted by flying glass. Doctors from Poneto were summoned and many of the injured were taken to Fort Wayne hospitals. Mr. Colter assisted in caring for some of those hurt. He stated that it is an experience which he does not care to repeat and one that might easily have resulted just as seriously as that of the Kingsland wreck. He stated that one can form all sorts of plans as to what he would do if he were in a wreck, but when it comes to actual occurrence, the plans have all sped. Beyond scratches on the shins and bruises on his elbows, Mr. Colter escaped injury.

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fall down the cellar steps, sustaining a broken leg, Mrs. John T. Baker, aged sixty-eight years, one of the best loved and best known ladies of Kirkland township, passed into eternal life at 12:30 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Baker never fully regained her strength since the accident and later complications of asthma and lung trouble arise. For several weeks she had been at the point of death, but later became better, only again to become worse until final relief at the hour stated. The maiden name of the deceased was Malinda Beery. She was the daughter of Eli and Hester Beery and was born January 13, 1843, in Fairfield county, Ohio. When but four years of age, she came with her parents to this county and settled west of this city, spending the remainder of her life in this vicinity. She was married April 15, 1860, to John T. Baker, the couple arriving the fifty-first anniversary of their marriage last April 15th. Those who have been acquainted with Mrs. Baker say that nothing too good can be spoken of her life, as she was an ideal woman, wife and mother, a devout Christian in every respect. The marriage was unusually happy and besides the heartbroken husband she leaves the following grief-stricken children: Ellen, wife of B. F. Beery, of Goshen; Frank Baker, of Elkhart; Jonas E. Baker, of Peabody, Kansas; Samuel Baker, of Mott, N. D.; John Baker of Houston, Texas, and Rosa, wife of Charles Andrews, who resides at the homestead. Quite recently the children from a distance were called to the mother's bedside, and were here with her for several weeks, but upon her improvement, returned again to their several vocations. Mrs. Baker leaves the following brothers: Martin Beery of this city, Reuben, John and Chris Beery of near this city, and Dan Beery of this city. The funeral will be held Wednesday, the hour to be arranged later upon receipt of word from the children who live at a distance. The services will be held at the Beery church west of this city. The Rev. A. B. Yoder of Bronson, Michigan, a minister of the Mennonite church, of which Mrs. Baker was a member before uniting with the United Brethren in Christ, and the Rev. G. W. Tevis of New Carlisle, Ohio, will conduct the services.

During her declining days, Mrs. Baker made the request that should her friends desire to pay their respects to her after her death by the giving of flowers, that the floral pieces be of the white flowers only, with the green foliage as a background.

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CARD OF THANKS.

Clyde McClure, Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Nidlinger and Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas take this way of thanking the many who so kindly assisted them at the time of the death of their wife and daughter.

Decatur people who Sunday paid a visit to the hospital at Fort Wayne, return with good news and state that all are doing nicely. The condition of Miss Emma Terveer is still improving, as she has been doing for nearly a week now, and she is pronounced by the physician to be out of danger. Just what day she will return home is not known, but it is thought some time the latter part of the week.

Mr. Ellis is still gaining strength, and those caring for him are well pleased with the improvement in his condition, which is shown, and believe he will now get along all right without any trouble. He is now able to sit up and be about the hospital, and it is believed that he, too, will be able to return to his home here before the passing of many days.

Mrs. Irvin Acker, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Eva, left this morning for Fort Wayne, where the former entered Hope hospital, and on tomorrow morning will undergo an operation for hernia. She has been afflicted with this illness for sometime and it was deemed by the attending physician that the only way to obtain relief was to submit to an operation. Dr. Beavers, who has been in charge of her case, will look after the operation and will be assisted by several Fort Wayne physicians.

With the chancel appropriately decorated with American flags and with great bowls of beautiful garden flowers, at the altar, and the doorways draped with the silken folds of the American flag, for which the soldiers fought, the Presbyterian church Sunday morning was a fitting scene for the annual memorial services held in honor of the brave defenders of American principles. The central section of the main auditorium had been reserved for the members of the G. A. R. and all soldiers, as well as for the women of the Relief Corps who attended in a body, marching from the hall to the church, with the large American flag in the lead in the hands of the color bearers. Nearly all the churches of the city dismissed the regular Sunday morning services at their several places of worship and joined in this union service, the Presbyterian church being more than filled. The service was opened with an organ prelude by Miss Elizabeth Peterson, followed by the congregational singing of the doxology, then the invocation, the recital of the apostle's creed and the singing of the Gloria. The Rev. Imier, as presiding officer of the ministerial association of the city, in a short talk, extended to the Rev. Gleiser, the new pastor of the church, a hearty welcome. He stated that the ministerial family was glad to

announce an increase in the family, and especially since the new chap was so promising a youngster. He stated that the association trusted that under its nourishment and care he would rapidly grow stronger and stronger in spirit and truth, and the Rev. Gleiser responded, thanking him for his words of welcome, in gladness of appreciation of the same.

The reading of the appropriate Scripture lesson was well done by the Rev. Wise of the Evangelical church, with an earnest prayer following by the Rev. Semans of the Methodist church. The special musical part of the service was beautifully appropriate, the choir, comprising Messrs. Bruce and Fred Patterson, J. C. Peterson, Will Schrock, C. J. Lutz, Hugs Perkins and Wilson Lee, rendering a song, "We Are Marching Under the Banner." Miss Frances Laman gave a solo, entitled, "Out on the Misty Sea of Life." These selections were received with exquisite pleasure.

The speaker of the day was the Rev. Charles E. Ehle, pastor of the Baptist church. He began by thanking the congregation in behalf of the G. A. R. for the favors bestowed upon them, the meeting, the musical selections for the interest taken by the various churches, and asked their co-operation in making the Decoration Day exercises of May 30th one worthy of the day. Rev. Ehle then announced his subject, "Our Nation's Honor," taking as his text a part of the thirtieth verse of the second chapter of the first book of Samuel: "For them that honor me I will honor and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed."

The sermon brought out the point that our honor is one of our dearest possessions, worth the giving of our life. Just as the boys in blue fought for the nation's honor so should we fight to preserve our individual honor, which can only be retained by honoring our Lord and Master. The sermon will be further outlined in tomorrow evening's special paper. An impressive prayer for blessings upon the brave heroes of the civil war, was given by the Rev. G. H. Myers and the service closed with the benediction by the Rev. D. O. Wise.

At the close of the service the audience remained seated while the G. A. R. and W. R. C. passed out, the audience giving them the handkerchief salute as they passed.

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