

or not and it is with a great regret that his numerous friends have learned of his decision to leave Vermontville. In the four years and three months of his work here he has built up the Congregational church so that today it is in the best condition it has been in for a good while. During that time nearly fifty new members have united with the church and the congregation has been largely built up.

Not only has Rev. Parsons been a most popular man in his church work but in everything which has entered into the progress and welfare of our village has he taken a most active part. Among the young people in and out of school he has done a great deal for them in connection with their social work as well as their athletic work. Especially in the latter has he been of untold help. In the upbuilding of good clean sports in the town too, he has been an important factor. In baseball circles he will be greatly missed as he has done much towards keeping up a strong local ball team and helped in the encouragement of good clean sports of all kinds.

While all regret the fact that Mr. Parsons is leaving still all are proud of the advancement which comes to him as the Greenville church is one of the leading churches in the state and has a membership of 384 people, one of the finest church buildings in the state, a fine parsonage (just what he will do with that, of course, is a conundrum) and a large and progressive congregation.

The entire community wish in every manner of success in his new work.

Only hope that a man of his ability for the local church will be soon awake and pro-

Cupid Gets Busy.

BRIGGS-DUNLAP.

The friends of Alfred M. Briggs and Mrs. Addie L. Dunlap were given quite a surprise Monday morning when they learned that after church Sunday evening Rev. Parsons performed the ceremony which united the two as one at the home of the bride on South Main street. Mr. and Mrs. Briggs are now receiving the congratulations of their friends.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our kind friends and neighbors, also the Lady Macabees and Helping Hand society for beautiful floral offerings and acts of kindness during the sickness and death of our dear wife and mother and sister.

A. W. CRONK,
MR. AND MRS. R. E. WEEKS,
MR. AND MRS. R. E. CRONK,
MISS LUCY CRONK,
MASTER GAYLEN CRONK,
CHARLES ROGERS.

DECEMBER 13, 1911.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Moore on Saturday, an eight pound son. Grandpa Charlie Parks is hustling the freight and express around a little livelier now so he can put in his spare time with the youngster.

DECEMBER 20, 1911.

Parsons-Barningham Nuptials.

A very pretty private wedding took place at the beautiful and spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Town-

in Charlotte on Tuesday, Dec. 19

when Rev. St. Clare Parsons and Miss Mary Barningham were united in marriage.

The near relatives and close friends of the bride and groom arrived on various trains during the morning hours.

About one o'clock the bridal couple took their place unattended, under a very beautiful arch of white and pink carnations set in a back ground of holly intertwined throughout with silver tinsel.

The bride was prettily dressed in white, the gown being made of Persian lawn with hand embroidery. The groom wore the conventional black, Prince Albert style.

Dr. Foster of Olivet, former teacher of the groom, pronounced the solemn words of a modified form of the Episcopalian ring service, having been prepared by the Doctor especially for this occasion.

Immediately after this impressive ceremony the members of the party entered the dining-room where each one found place cards of rose design at various tables which had been spread for thirty-two guests. At each place was a pink carnation for the members of the party. The bridal table was covered with a spread of a beautiful rose pattern with napkins to match, set with a pretty centerpiece of sweet peas, stood under a chandelier covered with green foliage from which hung many Christmas bells.

From the beautiful roses in the reception room to the minute decorations of the various dishes served, one could see that the pink and white idea in

three course luncheon was served by the Misses Hazel Thompson, Lois Hall, Etna VanVleet and Margaret Young, having been prepared by Mrs. Burrell, the caterer. During the luncheon hour the guests enjoyed several selections of music on the Victrola.

About three o'clock the guests began to depart for their various trains, the bride and groom going on the four o'clock Grand Trunk train for a few days' stay in Detroit and Flat Rock, Michigan. They will be at home in Greenville after Dec. 25th.

The other guests present besides those mentioned were: Mrs. Moses, of Flat Rock, an aunt of Mr. Parsons; Mrs. M. A. Kenfield, from Herndon, Va., a sister of Mr. Town; Miss Emma Bodine, of Battle Creek; Mrs. Hattie Sprague and daughter, of Kalamazoo; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holden and children, from Lansing; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barningham and baby, Thomas and William Barningham, Mr. and Mrs. David Young, Mrs. H. L. Curtis, Miss Bessie Granger and Charles Stiles, from Vermontville.

The presents were many, beautiful, valuable and useful, consisting of cut glass, hand painted china and sterling silver.

The best wishes and congratulations of their hosts of friends go with the happy couple to their new home in Greenville, where Mr. Parsons takes up his duties as pastor of the Congregational church there.

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