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Brighton Public School

For Education

There is a saying true to all mankind
That education forms the common mind,
And knowledge, where'er it be attained,
Is far the best of jewels ever gained.
And as our children soon must feel the strife
That's bound to come to most of us in life;
There's not a better gift in all the nation
Than a first-class and finished education,
To those who dwell near Brighton I would say
We have a school to offer you to-day
That ranks among the best in Michigan,
In education on the more enlightened plan.
The child is taught from lower grades to higher,
Along life's way at all times to aspire
To higher walks; and learns the lesson well,
That in future years will surely tell.
Give to the child a well-developed brain
And it will live to battle every strain,
And in the voyage all must travel here
Among the better classes will appear.
Professor E. D. Watkins, in whose care is placed
The interests of all; his name has graced
With a degree on which we place reliance,
The high degree of Bachelor of Science.

And Mary Stewart Seymour, the
Preceptress too,
Among the teachers ranks among the best 'tis true.
Lovina Westphal has the Grammar
Grade
And as a teacher has her record made.
While little ones can learn
Their A, B, C
Through Etta Abrams and Ella
Kennedy.

The country school can start the
Germs of thought,
But higher aims at higher schools are
Bought.
Just send your boys and girls to
Such a school as this
And the cost of tuition you
Will scarcely miss.
And Ptolemy, Clark, and Ratz,
Placeway and Boylan too.
The board of education will do
What they can for you.

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* Jan. 6, 7 P.M. Program Planning for 1997.
* 8-9 P.M. Jan. 28, 1-5 P.M.,
  Genealogical Help at Library.
* 21, 1-5 P.M. Work in Archives.
* 25, 7-8 P.M. History Book Committee
* 27/1:30 P.M. Board Meeting.

Feb. 6, 7 P.M. Livingston County
  Genealogical Society-LDS Church,
  1041 W. Grand River, Howell,
  "Let's Check the Internet".

Mar. 6, 7 P.M. LCSG, Livingston
  County Register of Deeds
  Office, Available Records
  and How to Use, 227-1760.

Apr. 11, 12, Michigan Historic Preser-
  vaion Network, 17th Annual
  Preservation Conference.

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