

## CHAPTER XXXI.

### THE PRESS OF GRAND RAPIDS.

#### **The Grand River Times.**

April 18, 1837, less than four years after the permanent settlement began, the first number of the first newspaper in Grand Rapids was issued. It was a weekly, six-column folio—four pages 15½ by 21½ inches—comparing well in size with many of more recent date. The following was its announcement:

#### GRAND RIVER TIMES.

Printed and published every Saturday Morning at the Rapids of Grand River, Kent County, Michigan.

BY GEORGE W. PATTISON,  
Editor and Proprietor.

Terms.—Two dollars and fifty cents per annum in advance, three dollars at the end of six months, or four dollars at the end of the year. Subscribers paying within thirty days from the time of subscribing will be considered in advance.

Village Subscribers, having their papers left at their door, will be charged fifty cents in addition with the above prices.

Advertising—For twelve lines or less, three insertions, One Dollar—and twenty-five cents for every additional insertion. Longer advertisements charged in proportion. A liberal discount made to those who advertise by the year.

No paper discontinued until all arrearages are paid, unless at the option of the publisher.

Fancy, Job and Book Printing, done with neatness and despatch at this office.

The story of the establishment of this paper was related by Mr. Pattison as follows: The Kent Company purchased for about \$4,000, the office material of the Niagara Falls Journal, and in the fall of 1836 shipped it from Buffalo on the steamer Don Quixote. The boat was wrecked off Thunder Bay Island, and the press and material were transferred to a sailing vessel, reaching Grand Haven late in the season. When it was landed, Mr. Pattison pur-