



## A Brief Review for the Home-coming of "The Old Boys" May 23, 1903.

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"When we were boys—  
Merry, merry boys,  
When we were boys together;  
It seems to me but yesterday  
When we were boys together."

"Be it ever so humble,  
There's no place like home."



SITUATED on the elevated plateau of a peninsula formed by the windings of Kettle Creek, the City of Saints is surrounded by picturesque and most beautiful scenery—the views in every direction are fine—that from the west is certainly magnificent.

### "WHAT'S IN A NAME"

St. Thomas was named after the Honorable Thomas Talbot, the first settler and founder of the settlement. He it was who cut the first tree, May 21st, 1803, and for years after the event was celebrated annually by a supper and ball in the village; but why the prefix "Saint" was added to Thomas must remain a mystery, for whatever else may be said of Colonel Talbot he was never called a Saint.

The earliest date of settlement was 1810, when a few families took up land, among them the Rapeljes, Mandevilles, Drakes and Curtis, who erected their homes on the crest of the western hill, near Pleasant street.