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LITTLETON.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Cameron of Somerville have announced the marriage of their daughter, Clara Augusta, to Herbert C. Carson, on Wednesday, October 6. Mr. and Mrs. Carson will be at home after January 15 at 33 Flint street, Somerville. Mrs. Carson is very well known in Littleton, where she has cared for many patients since receiving her trained nurse's degree. She was at one time a member of the L. W. C.

The Woman's club will observe opening day Monday afternoon, October 11, at 2.30 o'clock in the Orthodox vestry. Among the attractions of the program are the president's address, music by Elliot Young, and vacation notes. There will be a roll call, to which it is hoped that each member will respond with a brief description or narration of recent observations and experiences during the summer vacation.

The Arts and Crafts society will meet Wednesday, October 13, instead of Tuesday.

Tuesday afternoon, October 12, recognition services will be held at the Baptist church, beginning at two o'clock. In the evening of the same day a reception will be given to the pastor, Rev. H. B. Drew, in the vestry, to which the other two churches are invited.

Guild meeting at the Unitarian church at seven p. m. Leader, Mrs. M. K. Priest. Subject, "Religion and science."

C. E. meeting at the Congregational and Baptist churches at the usual evening hour. Subject, How can we help our pastor? Leader at the Congregational church, Ralph W. Conant; at the Baptist, the pastor.

The first missionary meeting of the C. E. S. of the Congregational church was held with Mrs. Briggs Wednesday afternoon. A good number was present and enjoyed the speaker of the hour from the Congregational

rooms in Boston, and the pleasant social that followed under the cordial and generous hospitality of Mrs. Briggs.

Cyrus Pickard of Nashoba district has sold his farm to a Mr. Martin of Newton. It is Mr. Newton's intention to remain for the present in his Newton home. Mr. Pickard thinks of leaving Littleton if he can find a home to his taste elsewhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter S. Whitcomb spent Wednesday at the home of Ivo Mead in Dorchester.

Hon. G. W. Sanderson reached the seventy-ninth milestone of his life, Wednesday, October 6. He had the best wishes of his townsmen for many more happy birthdays.

Margaret McDonald is again clerking in the postoffice at Littleton station.

We notice the names of George Yapp and Edward Wesley among the prize winners in the horse races at the Groton fair.

The grange held its regular meeting last Wednesday evening, discussing in addition to the business favorite authors, and giving from them quotations. Littleton grange visited Harvard grange Tuesday night and furnished part of the program. At the next meeting neighbors' night will be observed, when one of the state speakers will be present and address the grange.

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Brennan arrived in town Thursday on their return from the Chicago convention of unitarian churches.

Wednesday afternoon, October 13, the social circle of the Baptist church meets in the vestry to sew.

Rev. H. B. Drew health has improved so much that he has again taken up his studies in the Newton Theological seminary.

Grange.

The Littleton grange has engaged E. H. Forbush, state ornithologist, to give an illustrated lecture in town hall, Thursday evening, October 14.

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Death.

Augustus P. Hager passed away last Saturday morning at the home of his son, John H. Hager, in Gardner, where he had been affectionately cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Hager during the last five months or more. Death was due to senile debility. For two years the infirmities of age had been sapping his strength and clouding his mental vision. It was indeed pathetic to see their rapid inroads upon a physique that had remained intact for more than sixty years without a hint of disease or ailment. It is supposed that Mr. Hager suffered the last of several shocks a week ago last Sunday, when he fell, injuring one hip so badly that he was obliged to take his bed. From that time he faded rapidly until the death angel peacefully closed his eyes from terrestrial scenes.

The body was removed to his Littleton home, where the funeral was held Monday afternoon. Many relatives and friends were present to pay a final tribute of respect to their highly esteemed townsman. Rev. H. B. Drew conducted the services, and Mrs. Priest and Mrs. Hartwell rendered two favorite selections, "Lead, kindly light," and "Nearer my God to thee."

The abundance of beautiful flowers mutely expressed the esteem and sympathy of loyal friends. The body was laid to rest by the side of his wife just as the last rays of sunlight were giving place to the evening shadows.

Augustus P. Hager was born in Boston, January 31, 1831. When he was about ten years old his parents moved to Pelham, N. H., and later to Lowell, where he was educated. At the age of eighteen he became a travelling salesman selling dry goods and small wares in Maine and New Hampshire. With his parents he moved to Wilton, N. H., where they lived until Augustus was about twenty-two. He then bought what is now known as the Teele place in West Acton and carried on that farm until he was twenty-six years old, when he disposed of it in order to purchase of the late Edwin Robinson the Littleton farm, on which he lived with the exception of the last few months through the remaining fifty-two years of his life.

In connection with his farming he conducted various lines of business. He carried on the meat business many years, started and continued in the retail ice business for seventeen years, held a real estate agency with an office in Boston for five years, and for five years more was the senior partner of the Hager firm in the Center grocery store. He dealt extensively in cattle and for more than fifty consecutive years drove large herds to and from his pastures in Stoddard, N. H.

The deceased was active in town affairs and held several important offices, some for many years; among them were those of collector, treasurer and constable. He took a keen interest in the lyceum and held office also in that organization.

He was a member of the Baptist church for sixty years, acting as superintendent of its Sunday school for a long time, and contributing much by way of service and funds when the church edifice was rebuilt and repaired.

Mr. Hager was married January 1, 1859, to Miss Roxanna Byam of Chelmsford, whose death occurred October 25, 1902. To them were born three sons, Frank J. of Ironwood, Mich., John H. of Gardner, and Leslie of Nashua, N. H., all of whom are married and conducting a profitable business. Through his death B. S. Hager of Littleton is now the sole representative of a family of three brothers and one sister.

A. P. Hager was so well and favorably known that a lengthy eulogy hardly seems called for here. In his home, on the farm, in business, town and church affairs he was conscientious, faithful, accommodating, progressive and under all conditions optimistic. In the memory of his fellow-townsmen his life and character will ever be revered.

Items of Interest.

There are 750,000 paupers in England and Wales.

Conservative estimates place the number of people who will emigrate from the United States to Canada during the year 1909 at from 75,000 to 100,000. As a large number are well-to-do farmers, they will take with them many millions of dollars.

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