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HARVARD.

Fair.

There was an unusually large number out to the annual fair and supper, given by the ladies of the Orthodox society. About forty-five dollars was taken at the supper table. Nearly all of the supplies on the different tables were sold before the entertainment, and the ladies are very much pleased with the success of the affair. The entertainment consisted of views of Harvard, groups of children and characteristic poses of different men and women of the town. These latter brought out repeated laughter and applause. The pictures were all shown on a twelve-foot curtain with a fine calcium light. Rev. H. B. Mason, who took all the pictures as well as operated the machine, deserves much credit for his work. Supper was in charge of Mrs. S. J. Savage, and was all that could be desired. Mr. Dill presided at the carving table.

News Items.

Sunday afternoon three automobiles laden with twenty passengers from Lowell took a run out to the beautiful town of Harvard. About two miles from the center the party alighted at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Griffin, and enjoyed the hospitality of that estimable couple for several hours. After the bountiful supper had been enjoyed, there was music and general good cheer, and the time for the homeward start came too soon, but all good things have an end, and goodbyes were said and the party headed for home.

F. W. Dixon has sold his place in East Bare Hill to parties taking possession at once.

J. Frederick Barry has been spending a few days with his parents at the Barry homestead.

Dr. Howard P. Rogers is reported to have sold his farm property in Old Mill, the purchaser taking possession April 1, 1910. The new man will occupy the year round.

Miss Annie Belcher of Waltham has been for the past week a guest with Mr. and Mrs. Lindley.

Orrin A. Fairbanks intends to move his family into his newly-purchased property on Lover's lane early next week.

E. W. Boyd, who for several years visited annually at the farm of H. A. Lawrence, is for a short time a guest at "The elms," the home of G. C. Maynard.

Mrs. Avery, of the Old South Home, is staying for a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. John P. Harlow.

Thomas Haggerty has secured work at Hudson and intends to move there with his family.

Miss Mary Bull is visiting for the present with her cousin, Mrs. H. E. Whitney.

Mary Davis has been visiting with friends at Fitchburg.

Miss Eva Kilburn is stopping with Mr. and Mrs. Stowell W. Davis.

Miss Alice Ames of Groton has been visiting this week with Mrs. A. T. West.

The town of Harvard offers a reward of seventy-five dollars for the arrest and conviction of party or parties who broke into the cooper shop of E. F. Houghton the night of November 3.

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Still River.

Miss Ethel Parker is now much better, being able to sit up quite a while, and her friends are making her happy by sending her souvenir postal cards, of which she receives several in every mail, and they serve to help her pass many an hour that otherwise would be dreary in a happy manner.

Wednesday evening, A. A. Hutchinson and S. B. Haynes went to Worcester, on the invitation of Ralph Whitney, and saw the first degree of Odd Fellowship worked on nine candidates.

Last Sunday, there being no services in the church here, in the morning quite a number attended the Congregational church in Harvard, and some went to Lancaster. In the evening Mr. Haynes had charge of the meeting and gave an account of the Laymen's Missionary movement meeting, that he attended in Worcester that day.

Last Saturday afternoon Lester Keyes of Springfield made a short visit with his mother, Mrs. A. H. Keyes.

Napoleon Goddu of Winchester was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Willard this week.

Miss Alice Marshall is visiting relatives in Methuen, N. J.

Historic Houses.

The Journal of American History, of recent date, has an article written by Miss Laura A. Brown, and illus-

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trated by photographs, taken by Miss Alice Marshall, both of Still River. The article is an account of historic places in Still River, entitled "Ancient homesteads in America," and the photographs are of the following houses: Joseph Willard house, built about 1730, and especially in evidence at the first ordination in Harvard in 1733. This place is now owned and occupied by James Murchie.

John Bigelow house, built about 1690, the picture taken before alterations were made in the house, a few years ago, and show what was the first schoolhouse in Still River, and which was used as an ell to the house, after being discarded as a schoolhouse.

The Henry Willard house, now owned and occupied by W. B. Willard. This house was built in 1687.

The Thaddeus Pollard house, now owned by Isaac H. Marshall, is one of the oldest houses, but it is not known when it was built.

The James Houghton garrison house is next shown, built about 1692, and now owned by Edward W. Houghton.

The Joshua Atherton house, built about 1700. In this house two British officers, on parole, were quarantined for many months during the revolutionary war. This is now owned by Herbert W. Atherton of Holyoke, who comes to the old homestead for his summer vacation.

The last of the illustrations is the house owned by Luther Willard, which was built many years before America was a nation, and was a meeting place for the patriots during the revolution.

SHIRLEY.

Center.

Miss Elsie Graves of Boxborough is visiting her aunt and cousins at Cherry Hill farm.

Our young townsman, Herman S. Willis, was at home for the week-end with his father, who is poorly in health.

The fair held at Grange hall by the Matrons' Aid was a great success, both from a financial and social viewpoint. In the guessing contests A. Adams, A. Cummings and E. Hubbard were the winners. Adams won the whip, Cummings got the comfortable, so he can keep warm this winter, while Hubbard "took the cake." The contributions of fruit, vegetables, etc., were auctioned off to the highest bidder and a good sum was realized, after which an entertainment, consisting of music, recitations, tableaux, etc., concluding with the farce, "A kiss in the dark."

At the first Parish church, Shirley Center, Sunday, November 7, at 11.15 a. m., Rev. George Willis Cooke will preach.

Unitarian.

Rev. J. Willis Cooke filled the pulpit at the First Parish church, Sunday, and preached a strong and helpful sermon on "Loyalty," taking for his text the parable of the ten piles of money deducing the conclusion that the lesson intended is not so much that when we are faithful to a trust we have done our duty to a friend, a neighbor or an employer, but we must consider the matter as having relation to posterity, and that whatever of success a man may attain to whether it be the accumulation of wealth or reaching the light of inventive skill or fame in any direction, he must remember that his talents, his abilities are a heritage from those that have preceded him, and that the greatest reaches of achievements of the future along any and all lines rests largely upon the loyalty and fidelity with which we grapple with the opportunities of life.

Grange.

A regular meeting of Shirley grange was held at Grange hall, Tuesday evening, November 2. A good number were present and a very interesting program was carried out. It was history night and the worthy master, M. W. Longley, was the principal speaker, and he gave a very instructive and concise history of the town of Shirley, making mention of many of the prominent old-time families, whose names are held sacred by the present generation, among which the Whitneys, Chandlers, Holdens, Edgartons, Longleys, Browns, etc., may be mentioned, paying a high tribute to the memory of the late Edwin White and Jonas Longley, who was a faithful and conscientious worker for the town, holding the office of town clerk for a long term of years.

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Items of Interest.

Eugene V. Debs may be wrong in many things, but he was right when he said: "There is something wrong with a country wherein the wealthy and aristocratic women will pay one hundred dollars for a pug-nosed bulldog to hug and kiss and fondle while many a bright little orphaned child holds up its tiny hands in a vain appeal for a mother's love and care."

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WESTFORD.

About Town.

Emery J. Whitney has been appointed by the selectmen inspector of meat in place of Wilbert E. Parsons resigned. Mr. Parsons has returned from a short visit to Newton, Me., where the affections of earlier life repose in the cemetery, among whom are his first wife and three children, the latter all dying in one year. This visit was preparatory to leaving town for California and Oregon.

Deer are holding camp meeting in the forest near Cold Spring, and can be seen with the naked eye in the mowing fields that are close by. Give them a chance to eat a little old grass, and don't for mere sport give aim with shot gun and dog.

Mrs. David L. Greig and Mrs. Alma Richardson started Monday for New York and New Jersey for a two week visit. If they expect to see all hear all and tell all in that time, it will be a busier two weeks than the berry season at the fruitful Greig farm with having following as a close second.

Rev. Seth Walker of the Walker homestead on Main street has opened a school for boys on Foster street, Lowell, to be under the control of the Advent society, of which Rev. Walker is the minister for Lowell. He holds out a wide open welcome to the people of his native town, to attend services Saturday afternoons at Branch street, Lowell.

Unless the elements of nature and other unforeseen contingencies favor a modern trust to prevent, Rev. B. H. Bailey will exchange with Rev. P. H. Cressey of Groton next Sunday. Odd age, you know, has to guard carefully its promises of exchange, as the approaches to that season of the year are close by when we shall be reminded by the words of Emerson, "heralded by all the trumpets of the sky, arrives the snow."

The annual church fair of the Unitarian church will be held next Thursday evening, November 11. There will be a whole roomful of attractions to see, hear and taste, and everyone is sure to get a fit along some of these lines. The ladies of the parish are its guardians, and they have sublet to the men folks of the parish, who will be inquired of their stewardship in the matter. Let there be no excusing of duty behind the tangles of "Too busy, couldn't attend to it."

Mr. and Mrs. William Parfit have moved onto the Tallent farm on Stony Brook road. This is the farm of her uncle, the late Eben Tallent.

The Overlook farm on the Tenney road, North Westford, has not been overlooked in the distributions of nature where crops are good and stones are plenty. The potato crop has been a regular Aroostook style, large and smooth, but free from machinery. A recent digging unearthed sixty potatoes that weighed seventy-five pounds. This farm is owned by Fred L. Snow, recently of Lowell. Conundrum, if he can raise such potatoes as these without knowing how to farm, what will he raise when he does know? To be answered by Stony Brook potato raisers. Their answers are liable to be a sort of small potato affair of a half century's gathered experiences.

Farmers' Institute.

The Middlesex North Agricultural society will open the winter campaign of farm instruction by holding its first institute at Groton next Wednesday. Prof. L. B. Clinton of Storrs Agricultural college, Connecticut, will give the addresses of the day. Forenoon, "Soils;" afternoon, "Trend, country-ward." This is a non-excusing opportunity for the farmers in the north-west tier of towns of Middlesex county to hear a speaker who knows his subject by special education and experience. The writer knows whereof he affirms when the statement is made that Professor Clinton is one of the brightest and most satisfactory institute speakers Middlesex North has on its lists. Let there be no stay-at-homes in the vicinity of Groton on any score of "Ephraim is joined to his idol, let him alone." Brush off some of the old cobwebs that have been allowed to tangle over the life for lack of contact, with just such a live wire as the institute will prove to be. It will be surprising what a healthy happy shaking up it produces. The towns down Lowell way will do well to inquire about the express stopping at Groton for this institute.

Gain in Valuation.

The valuation of the town is still gaining, and we are becoming wealthy so gradually and so extensively, territorially considered, that we may not be aware of it unless figures are quoted. Here are a few out of the many thousand that the assessors have painted on the valuation books in red, black and white, and they are all right. Total valuations of the town

May 1, 1909, \$1,833,214, a gain of \$80,765 over 1908. Number of horses, 382, a loss of 16; cows, 781, a gain of 30; swine, 80, a loss of 70; hens, 4882, a gain of 1637; dwelling houses, 507, a gain of 3. Number of assessed polls, 690, a loss of 2. All other cattle commonly classified as neat stock (without being neat many of them), 206, a gain of 2. As usual the rise was mostly in the manufacturing villages, which already pay over half of the taxes of the town.

Town Meeting.

Election passed off with the usual hurry-up calls of automobiles and horse carriages in the interest of favorite candidates. The contest of the day centered largely over the register of deeds for northern Middlesex. It is to be regretted that nature, having specially equipped Horace S. Bacon for this position, and almost audibly saying "Thou art the man," that he should be allowed to be defeated in the district by 196 votes. Without questioning the fitness of his opponent, it was poor business judgment that voted this change. The town stood loyally by him with 206 votes to 92 for his opponent. Precinct 3, the Brookside precinct, seems to have something individual that the public takes to. It has with business ability represented the state two terms in the house of representatives and three terms in the senate, and the recent election has furnished a member of the governor's council. Three cheers for Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher and hurrah for Brookside precinct clear to Oak Hill. Those who serve the Brookside precinct as election officers were warden, Michael L. McGlinchey, clerk, William R. Taylor; inspectors, Houghton G. Osgood, Peter B. McGlinchey. Owing to sickness, absenteeism, worldly-mindedness and a perverse spirit, the showing except for register of deeds was not up to expectation or previous record. Only forty-seven votes were cast out of sixty-two registered. The vote for governor was, Draper, 23; Vahey, 14; White, socialist, 7. For lieutenant-governor, Frothingham, 21; Foss, 15. Register of deeds, Bacon, 31; Purcell, 10. Councillor, Fletcher, 26; Callahan, 9. Representative, Elisha D. Stone of Ayer, 22; John M. Fletcher of Westford, 16. The vote of the town for representative was Stone, 158; Fletcher, 145. If there are flowers and disappointments in election results distributed over the state, none of them were distributed to the candidate for representative from Westford. For smiles that will last, for smiles well charged with grateful appreciation, peruse the vote for representative by precincts, and then apply for a bill of particulars at the home of the Lincoln street candidate. The citizens should feel that while they may differ widely politically, there is no signed protest of alarm against the propriety of their election as happened in a close-by district.

Center.

Diphtheria has made its much-to-be-dreaded appearance in the William E. Frost school. Two of the children in the family of Joseph Sears are in quarantine with the disease. Mrs. Oscar R. Spaulding entertained the members of the Thimble club and their husbands at Halloween whist Saturday evening. The score cards were unique designs suitable to Halloween. Mrs. G. W. Goode made the highest ladies' score and received first prize, a dainty brooch pin, in Canadian design. The honors all went to the same family, Mr. Goode securing the gentleman's prize, a particularly handsome pack of playing cards. Traditional Halloween refreshments were served during the evening, and later ice cream and cake were enjoyed by all present.

The Unitarian ladies are busily at work preparing for their sale, November 11. A farce is in preparation, which promises well for the evening's entertainment.

The Edward M. Abbot Hose company held their regular monthly meeting at their headquarters, Tuesday evening. The first supper of the season was served. This was an oyster supper and was in charge of J. Herbert Fletcher, Edward M. Abbot and Aaron Tuttle. At the business session the name of Frank E. Miller was proposed for membership. John Goode was appointed second lieutenant in place of Albert Heywood resigned from the company. A good representation of the membership went to Granitville the night before to help at the Healy fire.

Mrs. David L. Greig and Mrs. Alma M. Richardson are enjoying a trip of a week or ten days to New Jersey. They expect to visit Mrs. E. H. Bernhart at Newark, Mrs. George E. Jenkins at Morristown, and Miss Martha J. Taylor at Bound Brook.

Irving P. Wright and little son Fletcher have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wright, and his sister, Mrs. Walter J. Merritt.

Mrs. Charles P. Marshall and Marion have had a thoroughly enjoyable visit of a few days with their old friends and neighbors, at their pleasant home in Grafton. During one day of their stay Misses Sarah and Lillian Atwood, while on a business trip to Worcester, came out and spent several hours at Grafton.

Aaron Tuttle has accepted a position with a Lowell firm as night watchman and fireman.

The Ladies' Missionary society of the Congregational church held a good meeting with Mrs. John B. Fletcher on Tuesday afternoon.

Edward M. Abbot is off to the Maine woods for his annual hunting trip.

Colds are very prevalent. Mrs. James Spinner is convalescing from a severe attack of bronchitis. Miss Edith Babbitt of the academy teaching force was detained from the school-room two days last week with a hard cold.

A Pleasant Home.

Messrs. Needham and Fletcher have the house they have been building for Mrs. Mary E. Fletcher and her daughter Nellie nearly ready for occupancy. The finishing touches are going on rapidly, and Mrs. Fletcher expects to begin moving within a few days. Nothing but the pleasantest comments have been heard from every side about this house since it began to take form and shape as a dwelling.

It is delightfully located in the first place, being readily accessible to town hall, church, library, etc. It has the desirable southeasterly exposure and is placed so that the drainage is excellent, always insuring a dry cellar. This lot on which the house is placed is what was known as the "pear orchard," a part of the large farm which was Mrs. Fletcher's home for thirty-seven years, and was reserved by her at the time of the sale early last spring, and it has made a most desirable building lot.

The house is a model of convenience and comfort. Every bit of floor space being planned to the best advantage, and while it is compact the wide arched porways and good lighting gives a spacious appearance.

The main house is square, measuring 28 by 30, and the ell 12 1/2 by 28. The covered piazza extending across the front, the convenient side piazza, the dormer window lighting the attic, and the bay window at the side, are all arranged in a way to give harmonious outlines from the outside. There are eight rooms with pantry, closets, bathroom and attic. As one enters the vestibule front door there is a large hall with stairway with landing lighted by a large ornamental window. At the right of the front door is an arched alcove with built-in seats. Beneath the staircase is a good coat closet. At the back of the hall is a library, and at the left of the hall is a pleasant sitting room with southeasterly exposure with bay window and corner fireplace. Back of this is the dining room with built-in china closets. In the ell are the kitchen, pantry, back stairs and a back room for fuel, refrigerator, etc. The arrangement of this part of the house is so sensible, practical and pleasant that it at once appeals to the housewife.

Upstairs are four pleasant, airy chambers with bathroom and linen closet, and over this a large unfinished attic. A feature of one of the front chambers is a built-in chiffonier. These upper rooms are all papered in light, pretty effects, while downstairs the hall is in conventional design, the sitting room is two-toned effect, and the dining room in plain color half way up the wall and flowered design above with moulding between. All ornamentation is placed with simple and effective good taste. The house is heated with furnace and the plumbing is of the best. There are hardwood floors throughout. The finish is of cypress. All of the windows in the front of the house are of plate glass. Outside, Mr. Tarbell, the landscape gardener, has laid out the ground in a way that gives a most excellent result.

This home makes a pleasant addition to the village and its new occupants have the best wishes of their many friends for the enjoyment of their pleasant home.

List of New Books.

New books have been recently purchased for the library, and a short list of those ready for circulation is given below. As other lists will appear soon, some readers may choose to save and use them.

FICTION.

Barr, A. E. Hands of compulsion. B 22.20
Bazin, R. "This, my son." B 363.3
Cabot, O. Man without a shadow. B 416.15
Crawford, F. M. White sister. C 599.38
Davis, R. H. White mice. D 264.12
Eaton, W. P. and Underhill, E. M. The woman in the white dress. E 145.2
Glasgow, E. Romance of a plain man. G 548.6
Grant, R. Chippendales. G 762.3
Kingsley, M. T. Instigation of Miss Philura. K 554.5
Lincoln, J. C. Our village. L 138.6
Lynn, J. Arched. L 388.3
McLwin, B. Girl and the hill. M 535.2
Miller, A. D. Less than kin. M 468.2
Pratt, L. Ezekiel. P 916.2
Rice, A. H. Mr. Opp. R 142.4
Rideout, H. M. Dragon's blood. R 545.3
Sandeman, G. Uncle Gregory. S 1946.2
Webster, H. K. King in khaki. W 351.5
White, W. A. Certain rich man. W 589.3

Entertainment.

The first in the series of socials for the winter season at the Congregational church, last Thursday evening, was a pleasant event, and successful from the standpoint of a good social time and a creditable amount for the treasury.

An oyster supper was served from half past six to eight, and was well patronized. Those who presided over this feature were Mrs. D. L. Greig, Mrs. J. E. Knight and Mrs. S. L. Taylor. The dining room was decorated with autumn foliage and the tables were brightened with the berries of the alder arranged with greenery. This was the deft handiwork of Mrs. A. W. Hartford.

The entertainment at eight consisted of a piano duet by Mrs. Marshall and Hazel Hartford; recitations by Mrs. Oscar A. Nelson; duet, Misses Cushing and Burnham; piano solo, Sadie McMaster; readings, S. L. Taylor. The entertainment concluded with a short play, entitled "Six little grandmothers." The various numbers were well rendered. Mrs. Nelson's recitations were much appreciated. Mr. Taylor regretted that his readings were ones that he had given before, but the applause he received must have convinced him that people liked his selections second hand as well as some at first hand. Later there were games and singing around the piano. Mrs. S. B. Wright and Fred A. Smith contributed duets.

The next event that the ladies are planning is a food sale, to be held at the home of Mrs. G. W. Goode.

Granitville.

The ninth anniversary dance given under the auspices of Court Granite-

ville, F. of A., was held in town hall, Westford, on last Friday night and was a grand success. Kittredge's orchestra of Lowell furnished excellent dance music, and at intermission a fine oyster supper was served in the lower hall by caterer F. A. Smith. The affair was well attended, many being present from out of town. The following committee had charge: General manager, Edward Riney; assistant, A. R. Wall; aids, Fred Defoe, John Spinner, R. J. Hemen, William Wright, Dr. C. A. Blaney, J. B. Riney, Lester McLenna, George McCarthy, J. Austin Healy, J. B. Healy, Henry Leaud, Omer Leduc.

Election day passed off very quietly here. Not a very heavy vote was cast, and the ticket was pretty well split up. Precinct 2 went republican with the exception of the vote for register of deeds, which was won by William C. Purcell, democrat, 41; Horace S. Bacon, republican, 36.

The members of the St. Catherine's Temperance society will hold a social dance in Abbot's hall, Forge Village, on next Saturday night.

Miss Sarah Teague and Miss Alice C. Sheehan of Lowell were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wall in this village.

Michael J. Rafferty of Hardwick, Vt., is now visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rafferty in this village.

The Sargent school was closed on Friday of last week, as all the teachers were attending a teachers' convention in Boston.

Fire.

What might have been a serious fire broke out shortly after nine o'clock here Monday night, when the large barn belonging to J. A. Healy was completely destroyed by the flames. As it is the loss on the building and contents will approach \$5000. The structure was a large affair, having a fifty-foot frontage and a rear length of one hundred feet. In it were fifteen horses, two cows, several pigs and many wagons and carriages. Several tons of hay and straw were also in the burned building. All the live stock and carriages were saved, but the barn and the hay and straw are a total loss.

How the fire started is unknown. It was discovered breaking through the roof over the harness room shortly after nine o'clock by Fred Defoe and William Buckingham, who gave the alarm. Mr. Healy was returning from a firemen's meeting in the club house when he heard the cry of "fire." He soon found it was his own barn blazing, and hurried at once to the scene. Meantime the neighbors had gathered and begun to take out the live stock. Notwithstanding the heat of the flames, they worked so quickly and so well that in a short time no living animal was left in the doomed building. Help was prompt in arriving, the A. R. Choate hose company of Granitville, the John Edwards company of Forge Village and the Edward M. Abbot company of Westford responding within a short time, and did valiant work in staying the progress of the flames. The town water supply and hose equipment certainly paid for itself in this instance, and much credit is due the fire department for their excellent work. The house and paint shop owned by Joseph Wall, but twenty feet from the burning structure, was saved by the firemen, who poured tons of water on the house. The loss on the barn and contents is protected by insurance.

This is the second loss sustained by Mr. Healy, whose house and barn were burned out eleven years ago last June. Both fires started the first day of the month, June 1, 1898, and November 1, 1909, at about the same hour of the night.

Fortunately there was very little wind on Monday night, and the good work of the firemen and townspeople confined the flames to one building. The fire attracted a great number, who stayed until the flames were under control, which was shortly after eleven o'clock, although watchers were kept all night.

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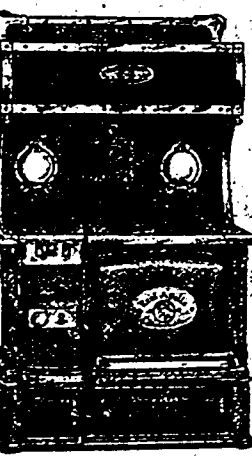
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WESTFORD.

Forge.
After November first J. B. Spaine & Co. and Hanley & Co. will close their stores every Tuesday and Thursday evenings at eight o'clock until further notice.

Herbert Catchpole of Boston was a week-end guest of his brother, Henry Catchpole.

Mrs. David Lord and Miss Maria Lord spent Saturday and Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Sargent of Pepperell.

Miss Annie Champlang and Master Frank Champlang of Lawrence were over-Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Hunt.

Communion services will be held at St. Andrew's mission on Sunday, November 7, at nine a. m. Sunday school at three. Evening service at seven.

Halloween Parties.

The ladies of St. Andrew's parish of Ayer entertained the choir of St. Andrew's mission of this village at a Halloween party, held at the vicarage in Ayer last Saturday evening. Supper was served at 6.30, and the five large tables were elaborately decorated in keeping with the day. Large pumpkins served as sugar bowls and butter dishes, while apples with centers removed and candles placed in them furnished the light. The waitresses were Salem witches and attired in white with pointed hats and brooms. They presented a ghostly appearance as they continually chanted verses in keeping with the occasion. The large room was beautifully decorated with autumn foliage, corn stalks and grinning jack-o-lanterns. After the supper was over many games were which caused much laughter, following which a musical hour was enjoyed. The program consisted of a piano solo, of his own composition, Mr. Higley of Groton school; piano solo, selected, Miss Mary Cherry; piano solo, Miss Gladys Glynn; solo, "Meditation," Miss Phillips; piano solo, selected, Miss Eva Blodgett; vocal solo, "Flight of Ages," Miss Theresa Lowther; vocal selection, "Queen of May," Miss Kathleen Northrup; reading, "When the minister comes to tea," Miss Marlon Farnsworth; vocal selection, "Love Divine," Miss Theresa Lowther and Rev. Thomas L. Fisher. The choir spent a very enjoyable evening. They will in turn entertain the Ayer people in the near future. The following committee were in charge of the affair: Rev. and Mrs. Thomas L. Fisher, Mrs. Howard Northrup, Mrs. Farnsworth, Mrs. Dudley, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Olkley and Mrs. Chasbarn.

Misses Christina and Theresa Lowther entertained a number of young people at a Halloween party last Saturday evening. The affair was given in honor of their nephew, Edwin Cherry of New York city and Albert, who sailed Tuesday, November 2, for Liverpool, England, where he expects to spend the winter. The evening was very pleasantly spent in playing games, telling fortunes and trying tricks, which was to decide their fate. At twelve o'clock, the "magic hour," a dainty luncheon was served, following which ghost stories were told. A prize was offered to the one who told the best, and Miss Mae Lord proved to be the lucky one.

An Enjoyable Ball.

The eighteenth annual ball of the O. O. F. M. U., was held in Abbot's hall, Wednesday evening, November 3, and proved to be a very enjoyable affair. Many guests were present from out of town. This ball is looked forward to as the leading event of the social season, and the committee in charge spared no expense to make it one long to be remembered. At 10.30 a chicken supper was served, after which dancing was resumed until one o'clock. The following committee had charge of the arrangements. General manager, Francis Lowther; assistant manager, A. V. Nelson; floor director, James Whigham; aids, Fred Davis, Henry Catchpole, William Baker, John Burnett and George Weaver. Hibbard's orchestra of Lowell furnished the music for dancing.

Accident.

While the John Edwards hose company was returning from the fire in Grantville, Monday night, the whiffletree broke, causing the heavy hose cart to swerve to one side. Captain Elmer E. Nutting was thrown out and his leg received a severe sprain. John Carmichael, one of the regular men, jumped, but before he could clear the side of the wagon it suddenly lurched back, throwing Mr. Carmichael on his head. Several stitches were necessary to close the wound.

The accident was near the residence of Fred Reed, and only the fact that the driver, R. D. Prescott, clung to the reins and quieted the horses, that a very serious accident was averted. Dr. O. V. Wells was hastily summoned and attended both men. Neither injury proved serious, although the firemen admit it was a very close call.

TOWNSEND.

Center.
Frank Chisholm, who occupied the Congregational pulpit last Sunday, in behalf of the Tuskegee Institute, gave a very interesting address, which showed the vast growth and good work done by this institute since it was founded by Booker T. Washington.

The Monday club met with Mrs. John J. Piper this week. The subject of the meeting was upon Italian art, and was in charge of Mrs. Anne E. Fessenden. The following interesting papers were read: "Italy's supremacy in art," by Mrs. Anne E. Fessenden, and "Michael Angelo," by Mrs. E. A. Flagg. Professor A. G. Seaver rendered several difficult selections upon the piano, and Mrs. Evelyn L. Warren gave an excellent account of the life and works of Raphael. Refreshments were served.

November 8, at the grange, the following questions will be discussed: "What will be the practical benefit of the President's commission on country life," by past-masters, Galen A. Proctor and F. J. Knight; also "How far are the misdeeds of life responsible for the failures," by T. E. Flarity; reading, W. H. Seaver; and current events, Games in charge of Mrs.

Ethel Eldredge and Mary E. Hildreth. Music in charge of Margaret B. Higgins.

Franz Miller entertained his friends and schoolmates with a husking bee in his father's barn; after which the merry party adjourned to the house, where games were played and refreshments served.

Charlie Swicker, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Swicker, who was taken to the hospital at Boston, and had a successful operation for the removal of adenoids last week Wednesday, showed symptoms Sunday of diphtheria, which has been so prevalent here, and is now ill with that disease.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Seaver entertained the members of the Country club last week Friday night at a husking bee. Everyone greatly enjoyed the evening.

Principal and Mrs. Wallace Hall and V. H. Wachs of the high school, Mrs. C. Craig and Miss Martha Harrington of the intermediates, Miss Maud Hyde of first and second grades, Miss Vera Robbins of Harbor school, and Miss Flora Williams of Townsend Hill school, attended the teachers' convention at Ayer Friday.

Miss Catherine Mead of Boxborough is visiting with her brothers, Eben and Clarence Mead.

The Anson D. Fessenden camp, S. of V., and the Phoebe Weston Farmer tent, D. of V., are to give a concert and ball at Memorial hall, Friday evening, December 3.

The Harbor Monday club, which has been holding meetings for about a month, met at the home of Mrs. Dana Fletcher, Monday and reorganized. Mrs. Emma Josselyn is president, and Mrs. Minnie L. Knight, secretary. Monday, November 8, they meet with Mrs. Josselyn.

At a recent meeting of the Whist club at F. J. Knight's, at the Harbor, the following won prizes: First, ladies, Mrs. F. J. Knight; second, gents, Dana Fletcher; Booby prizes, Mrs. C. Hagar, F. J. Knight. Refreshments were served and a general good time enjoyed. Another meeting was held at H. J. Kelly's, and they will continue through the winter.

Early Saturday evening, as Mrs. Frank Weston was coming down stairs with her pocketbook, which she had gone after to pay for some work done, she slipped on the stairway landing, which is about five stairs above the floor, and fell to the floor, striking on her head in such a way as to cause, it is feared, a severe injury to the spinal column. She was unconscious for some time and is at the present time in a critical condition. It is hoped by all that she will recover soon. Her daughter, Nellie Weston, a nurse, is with her.

Mrs. A. E. Dwight of Melrose is visiting in town for a few days.

Grand Success.

The fair, supper and entertainment given last week Friday night by the Phoebe Weston farmer tent 33, S. of V., was a grand success, both socially and financially, and much credit is due the managers of the various departments. The usual candy, variety tables and grab bags were all prettily decorated and were well patronized. An excellent supper, in charge of Mrs. A. J. Atwood and able assistants, was served in the banquet hall. The evening's entertainment was a farce, "Miss Fearless & Co.," after which there was dancing. Music, Thayer's orchestra of Pepperell. The dolly to be given to the one guessing the nearest to the number of beans in a bottle was won by Luther Richards, and the clock went to Mrs. Roy Cowdrey, who guessed the nearest to the number of yards of ribbon in a bottle. About ninety dollars or more will be added to the treasury as a result of the day and evening's work.

Party.

The Halloween and Costume party given by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Josselyn at Emery hall, Harbor, last Saturday night, was one of the most enjoyable affairs ever held here. All entered into the spirit of the occasion, and so many came in costume that it would be impossible to mention them all. Many of the costumes were unique in get up, some of the very old-fashioned type and others representing different characters, and also poverty costumes. All kinds of Halloween games and stunts were participated in, and a real witch, who afterwards, by some magic or other, proved to be only one of the village girls, Miss Isabelle Ewings, caused all sorts of pranks to happen, and it certainly seemed as if something had gone wrong when the dignified Cooper, Gray and Lawrence Morgan were seen playing leap-frog in the middle of the hall; also the staid blacksmith, F. J. Knight, trimmed a woman's hat and tried it on to the lady of his choice, Miss McCarty, proved that she could was wood, and Carlisle Kelly drew a wonderful picture, supposed to represent the latest in ladies' hats, John J. Harvey gave a solo which was greatly enjoyed. Miss Myrtle Gray was in a fortune teller's costume, Mrs. Baldwin received first prize for best ladies' costume, Mrs. McCarty second, Mr. Hallahan first for gents', and E. Morgan second. James Coughlin as Count "Hate-to-get-up," won a special prize. There was also an excellent musical and literary entertainment, consisting of songs, readings, the old-fashioned school, husking bee, duets and tableaux, "Good night." Refreshments were served.

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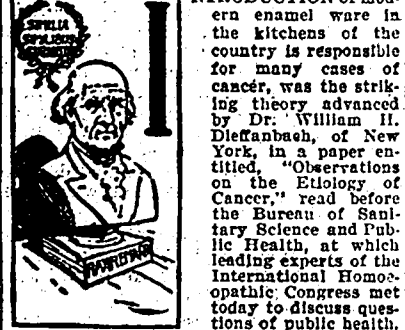
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ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 11.



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The argument advanced was that chips of the hard-coated dishes used in preparation of meals allowed minute but dangerous particles of foreign matter to become mixed with the food. These are taken into the stomach, where the cancerous growth is caused by abrasions which they make in the walls of the organ.

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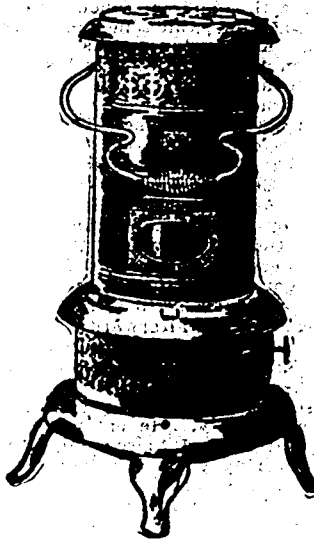
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Saturday, November 6, 1909.

GROTON.

News Items.

Vesper service will be held in Lawrence academy, Sunday, November 7, at five o'clock. Principal Clough will address the meeting. The public is invited to this service.

It is said that a Mr. Sullivan of Pepperell has bought J. A. Sanderson's place in North Groton.

Miss Myra Hosmer from West Acton was an over-Sunday guest at Charles A. Hodgman's.

Rev. C. W. Turner has returned from a vacation in Nova Scotia.

Everett T. Warren, who was at home last week, has returned to his work in Fitchburg.

Leonard C. Williams, who has been away during the summer and fall, returned home last week.

Miss Margaret Cleary is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Donnelly in Cambridge.

Miss Mary L. Hutchins remains very seriously ill, the outlook for recovery or improvement not hopeful.

Mr. and Mrs. John Folkins from New Brunswick are visiting their daughter, Mrs. H. Frazee and family here.

Eight young ladies, finding that the dance expected to be given in town hall last Saturday evening was not to be given, bestirred themselves and got up a Halloween dance, which had an attendance of a hundred and fifty, and proved a satisfactory party. Miss Delia Haley, presiding at the piano, furnished lively music. Mrs. C. Z. Southard and Mrs. William A. Goble were matrons.

Mr. and Mrs. George Boynton went last week to spend a vacation in Lovell, Maine.

Mrs. George Brigham with her child was in town a few days ago on a visit to her husband, who is foreman of the men of the electric lighting line work.

B. B. Lovett holds an assembly in town hall, Wednesday evening, November 25, the night before Thanksgiving.

The Catholic society give a supper and entertainment, followed by a dance in town hall, Thursday evening, November 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Allen have just gone to housekeeping in tenement of W. W. Ames' residence on Willow Dale street.

The Groton relatives and friends of Herbert J. Parmenter heard of his being hurriedly taken to a hospital in Waltham one day last week for an immediate operation for appendicitis.

Mr. Parmenter was for several years a clerk in Stevens & Tainter's store here and active in the Baptist church. He left town a year or two ago to return to work on his father's large farm in Wayland, where he was when taken ill.

Miss Mary Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence, was successfully operated on for appendicitis at a Boston hospital last week Friday.

Miss Lawrence is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence, and will be recalled by the Groton public as the young lady who appeared as Lady Mary in the play given in Groton town hall last spring for the District Nurse association, and very charmingly yet modestly gave a violin solo with encores.

William A. Woods, local commissioner on moth work, is on the war path with his assistant, Millard Sawyer. As yet Mr. Woods has gone over only about one-third of the territory of the town, but finds even many more gypsy moth colonies in the area already gone over than in the whole town area gone over last year. This shows an alarming increase. Owners of property must look sharply to their own trees in addition to the commissioner's work.

Dr. Harding of Boston is about to take an office in Groton for the practice of dentistry.

The first in the season's course of the Luther Blood Free Public lectures will be given in own hall, Thursday evening, November 11, by Prof. Spillman Kiggs. Subject, "Musical fits and misfits."

Although Groton School came home defeated by their rival, St. Mark's, in their annual game, played Wednesday afternoon, they had this to comfort them. The game was acknowledged to be the most interesting and the most even ever fought out by the two schools, and that it is the first football defeat experienced from St. Mark's for the past nine years. The hard and fiercely-fought contest gave a score of 6 to 0, in favor of St. Mark's.

Among the Groton townspeople who went to Southboro, Wednesday, to watch the Groton-St. Mark's game were Dr. W. A. Goble, Fred H. Torrey, Fred O. Porter, Clayton Shedy and others whose names are not recalled, fourteen in all.

Mrs. Jane Clark was called professionally last week to the family at Brown Loaf farm.

Last Saturday night Mrs. E. A. Barrows home was the scene of a jovial gathering of young people who enjoyed thoroughly the Halloween festivities. There were some twenty present, including Dame Fortune in the corner. Among others present were George Barrows, a student at Clark college; Fred Barrows, the proficient musician, and their sister, Miss Violet, a violinist; also their friend, George Withrow, who came up from Ayer with them to have a good time at "grandmother's." All made merry in games, music and dancing, and appetizing refreshments added to the enjoyment of the Halloween party.

There was a large attendance at the mock court trial, Thursday night, but a further report can be made next week.

A singular little animal is attracting attention in J. H. Shedy's store, where it is frisking around in a cage. You may call it a squirrel-rat, for it is a mixture of both. It has a rat's long tail and hind legs, and for up to the neck, and then all the remainder is a red squirrel. The motion's and habits are like both creatures. Mr. Shedy caught the freak on his roof. Some showman like Barnum would probably like to add it to his animal curiosities and make a good thing out of it.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church will give a harvest supper and concert at the church rooms on Thursday evening, November 11.

Deacon and Mrs. Thomas R. Clough have returned from a three months' trip through the west, taking in the exposition and visiting Mrs. Clough's sister in Seattle.

Page Mack, chauffeur for Mrs. Dwight, a wealthy lady of Boston, was in town and at Groton Inn, Monday. Mr. Mack had opportunity to call at the home of his sister, Mrs. Boynton and family on Whiting avenue.

Miss Carrie E. Clarke takes the place at telephone office vacated by Miss Jewett.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Tuttle will start soon for Florida, where they will spend some weeks, going partly on business and partly for pleasure.

At the recent Pomona rally day at Townsend Harbor there was quite an attendance from Groton grange, some of whom were the worthy lecturers, Mrs. L. E. Starr, Mrs. Millard Sawyer, Mrs. E. Collier, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hawkes, Mrs. Edith Kierstead, Miss Elsie Bailey and others whose names have not been given. Box lunch was enjoyed at noon with hot coffee served by the Townsend ladies. Business meeting, speaking, discussions, papers helped make up the program of an enjoyable day's meeting.

Accepted.

Rev. Henry A. Cornell has accepted the unanimous call extended by the Baptist church of this town, and his pastorate begins November first. The Baptist parsonage has been put in readiness for occupancy, although Mr. Cornell, being a widower, will reserve for his own personal use only a part of it. The remainder of the house is to be let to some suitable family.

It will be of interest to the people to whom Rev. H. A. Cornell will minister, and to the public generally of Groton, that Mr. Cornell's resignation as pastor of the Immanuel church, Lowell, was accepted by that church with regrets. During the two and one-quarter years of work there he rendered faithful and self-denying service under conditions difficult and discouraging. Mr. Cornell has been clerk of the Lowell Baptist union and recently received a vote of thanks for his efficient service.

His many friends in Lowell and vicinity are glad that this new charge over the Baptist church in the attractive town of Groton, where he begins work at once, is to be within easy reach.

Town Meeting.

The vote at town meeting for governor was, Draper, 180; Vahay, 67; lieutenant-governor, Frothingham, 175; Foss, 77; senator, Hibbard, 182; Draper, 55; representative, S. W. Longley, 194.

The four articles in the town meeting for town business, relating to the electric lighting, to see if the town will vote to appropriate sufficient money to complete, operate and maintain the electric light plant until April 1, 1910; to see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to extend the electric lighting line from Hollis street, along Martin's pond road, to Lawrence Brooks' gate; to see if the town will vote to put an electric lamp at the junction of the Ayer road and Peabody street; to see if the town will appropriate money enough to extend the electric line from Main street to house of George Prescott; were all passed and an appropriation amounting to \$3876 was voted.

Death.

Dr. Endicott Peabody, headmaster of Groton school, was called to Salem last Saturday night by the death of his father at his home in that city.

Samuel Endicott Peabody, long identified with banking interests in this country and Europe, but who had been retired from active business life for several years, died Saturday night at his summer home, "Kernwood," in Salem, where he had been since the early summer. Mr. Peabody was stricken with apoplexy about three years ago, from which he partly recovered. About six months ago he slipped on a polished floor in his Boston home and fractured his hip. In time the fracture mended, and he was taken to his Salem home. The shock of the accident, however, was such that he had fallen ever since.

Samuel Endicott Peabody was born in Salem, April 19, 1825. He was the second son of Colonel Francis and Martha (Endicott) Peabody, the latter a direct descendant of John Endicott, the first governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, who settled in 1628 in Naumkeag, which afterwards became Salem. Mr. Peabody's father was a famous Salem merchant and a large ship owner.

In his son gained his early education in his native city. He entered Harvard, but remained there only one year, preferring a life of more activity than a college career held out. He went to sea in one of his father's vessels, and on his return engaged in business with Franklin Curtis, an India wharf, under the firm name of Curtis & Peabody, their trade being with the far east. Mr. Peabody continued in this business for many years.

In 1871 Mr. Peabody with his family removed to London, where he became a partner in the banking house of J. S. Morgan & Co., then among the leading bankers, and earlier known as George Peabody & Co. He remained abroad for eight years, and returned to America with the intention of retiring from business life; but this could not do, as his energy so asserted itself that he was soon induced to return to business life.

Accordingly, Mr. Peabody accepted a directorship in various business enterprises, among them the American Loan and Trust Company. Upon the death of Ezra H. Baker, the com-

pany's president, Mr. Peabody was elected his successor, a position which he continued to fill for many years. For a long time he also was a director in the old Thomson-Houston Company, which later became the General Electric Company. For many years, also, he was president of the Salem National bank.

At the time of his death Mr. Peabody was president and director of the Electric Corporation, director in the Eastern Audit Company and the Salem National bank, and trustee of the Massachusetts Electric Companies and the West End Land Company.

In 1848 Mr. Peabody was married to Marianne Cabot Lee, daughter of the late John C. Lee, one of the founders of the banking house of Lee, Higginson & Company. Beside the widow five children survive; John Endicott, a designer and interior decorator since 1887, prior to which he was in the banking business abroad; Francis Peabody, a member of the Massachusetts bar; Rev. Endicott Peabody, D. D., head-master of Groton School; George Lee Peabody, a member of the banking house of Lee, Higginson & Company; and Mrs. John Lawrence (Martha Peabody) of this town.

Mr. Peabody's Boston home was 40 The Fenway. His summers was spent at the old family mansion, "Kernwood," Salem, which had been his father's home.

Mr. Peabody was a frequent visitor in Groton and was one of the trustees of Groton School.

Final tribute to the memory of Col. S. Endicott Peabody was paid Tuesday afternoon by a large number of Salem and Boston business men. The services were held in the North Unitarian church, Salem, Rev. Thomas Bacon officiating. There were musical selections by the choir. The floral tributes were profuse. There were no pallbearers.

The ushers at the church were George P. Gardner of Boston, Robert Saltonstall of Beverly, Endicott Peabody Saltonstall of Beverly, James Lawrence, Jr., of Milton, William C. Endicott and Capt. Jacob C. R. Peabody of Danvers.

J. Pierpont Morgan of New York city was expected to be present, but at the last moment, owing to the death of a near friend, he was unable to come.

Burial was in Harmony Grove cemetery, Salem.

A Worthy Citizen.

The purchaser of J. R. Hawkes' farm, situated on the Ayer road, is Samuel Ramsden of Cambridge. Mr. Ramsden was very much pleased with the location, and after remodeling the buildings, intending to make it one of the finest homes in Groton, will occupy for a summer residence.

While Mr. Hawkes has been successful in his farming and was not very anxious to sell his place, he thought it best to do so, when it could be sold to good advantage. He will remain on the place until next June.

Mr. Hawkes was received most favorably in Groton as the large vote cast for him last April for selectman plainly showed, and he has proved himself a worthy citizen, one whom the town would be sorry to lose. But Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes both like Groton and are contented to stay here, so it is hoped that they will find some other place in Groton to settle.

Hospital Notes.

Joseph Lavalley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Lavalley of Pepperell, was operated on for appendicitis last Monday, and is doing well. He is a nephew of M. J. Cleary of this town.

Lawrence G. Park, a prominent citizen of this town, was operated on Wednesday, for appendicitis.

The case of Miss Vining's employe, who was operated on for hernia, some two or three weeks ago, terminated fatally Wednesday night.

Miss Inabelle Dorriety of West Groton was brought over for operation for appendicitis this week.

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LITTLETON.

The Fair.

The annual fair and supper held at the Unitarian vestry last week Friday afternoon and evening were well patronized.

Booths were attractively decorated with laurel, trailing evergreen, white pine boughs, bitter sweet berries, crepe paper and artificial flowers.

The tables were abundantly supplied with fancy and useful articles, plants, candy, peanuts, vegetables, fruits, jellies, etc., and a large variety of wares offered by a bevy of irresistible saleswomen.

At six o'clock a bountiful supper was served by adepts in the art. Of this it may be said nothing was wanting in quantity, quality or service.

Net receipts amounted \$230, plus a jolly good time.

One incident, however, marred the occasion for a few unfortunates. Some of their possessions disappeared very mysteriously. Sooner or later the guilty party will be detected and suffer from humiliation and shame out of all comparison with the value of the treasures appropriated and the gratification of a base desire to get without giving. It is sincerely to be hoped that whoever yielded to the temptation will think the matter over seriously, allow the better impulses to gain ascendancy and make possible the restoration of the articles to their rightful owners.

News Items.

Forty members of Littleton grange attended the neighbors' night meeting at Groton last week, and from their number supplied the program of the evening.

Mrs. A. W. Knowlton and Heywood spent Saturday and Sunday at Mrs. John Ames in Somerville.

Mrs. George F. Brown and daughter, Mrs. Wheeler, were in town last Monday.

Walter Kimball has a fine large flock of turkeys, somewhat of a variety for Littleton in these days, and the present indication is that he won't have to look far for a market.

Robert Fulton's illness continues to keep him from his accustomed place in Conant & Co.'s store.

Fred Hosmer's little boy, Augustus, has been sick with ptomaine poison, but is reported much better.

Miss Mary Hartwell of Boston was a guest of her aunt, Madam Lucy Harwood, over Sunday. Miss Helen Hartwell, a sister, has recently accepted a position with Miss Capen in the Smith college preparatory school at Northampton.

Fred C. Hartwell has been spending a few days of vacation in North Conway, N. H., where he enjoyed the free life of a sportsman.

At a recent meeting of the Franklin County Teachers' association, Allan C. Cummings of Orange was chosen treasurer and Herbert E. Richardson chairman of the executive committee.

A number of the Littleton young people attended the husking at E. H. Flagg's last Tuesday night.

Mrs. Bert Bower, nee Griffiths, of Waltham, has a young daughter that was born last Sunday.

The Littleton Women's club will hold its next meeting in the Baptist vestry Monday afternoon, November 8. Mrs. Mary J. Priest will present a paper on Labrador, and a news letter from Mrs. Ida Thompson will be read.

In the obituary of Mrs. M. E. Somes, printed in last week's Gulton, was a statement made through misinformation, viz., that Walter is the adopted son of Mrs. Somes.

Last Sunday was observed as "prison day" at the Congregational church. The pastor, Rev. Paul G. Favor, preached an earnest sermon on the subject of prisons, giving startling statistics in regard to the number of inmates cared for in the prison, reformatories and other institutions for correction of evil in Massachusetts, described the methods pursued with wrong doers and defined the duty of the christian toward the released convict.

J. H. Whitcomb returned from South Wellfleet Monday after five weeks of pleasure with his gun. James Nixon joined him for nearly two weeks. They bring with them no marvelous tales, but it is understood that they found plenty of ducks and seldom missed aim. Mr. Whitcomb has spent several days this week at Mrs. Gardner's in New Bedford. Next Monday he returns to his position as conductor on the theatre train between Boston and Troy.

Fire.

The fire bells and factory whistle called out a good number of would-be helpers at Elmer Fletcher's on Littleton Common last Saturday night about 9:30 o'clock. Mr. Fletcher, upon his return from a hunt with his dogs, discovered the odor of smoke in his barn, and upon investigation found a closet all ablaze. His presence of mind served him a good turn, for immediately he closed the door, gave the alarm, and lost no time in getting a sufficient amount of water to extinguish the fire unaided. When help came Mr. Fletcher in his usually calm manner announced his conquest of the fire, which in a few moments might have been beyond control.

The origin is not positively known. It is supposed that the children in their Halloween revels, visited the closet for some purpose and unconsciously ignited with their jack-o'-lanterns an article of clothing that hung there.

Mr. Fletcher's return at that very opportune time probably saved a conflagration, for the Baptist church and the sheds so near the Fletcher barn would have been in great danger, as well as the adjoining buildings and the houses near by.

About Town.

Of the Westlap quartet, which is to open the Lyceum course Tuesday evening, November 9, the following is taken from the Portsmouth, N. H., Times: "A delightful concert was given by the Westlap quartet, and they certainly achieved a most notable triumph in the cordiality of their reception, and the distinct impression made upon a large and rather critical audience. Encores were frequent, and the quartet was the most highly appreciated upon growing acquaintance. Their works blend with remarkable nicety. There is refinement and grace in all their singing, and the arrangement of the program was exceedingly felicitous."

The guild at the Unitarian church will be led by Rev. Mr. Drummond, Sunday evening. Subject, "Some Roman Catholic symbols."

Littleton Historical Society.

Its annual meeting was held in the library Tuesday evening, November 2. Reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and accepted. With the exception of historian for the society previous officers were re-elected: H. J. Harwood, pres.; F. B. Priest, vice-pres.; Miss S. F. White, sec. and treas.; the same officers to be also an executive committee.

As Joseph A. Harwood could no longer continue the work of historian on account of absence from town, Miss Julia S. Conant, who has previously filled the office very acceptably, was elected in his place. Mrs. J. M. Hartwell was appointed and elected to have charge of the scrap book.

F. B. Priest reported the giving to the society by Mrs. Samuel Sargent, Arthur Sargent and Miss Sargent, some papers belonging to Capt. Charles Bulkeley, a citizen of Littleton many years ago, and then occupant of the house in which the late Mr. Sargent resided. Captain Bulkeley was associated at one time with the celebrated Robert Rogers of Ranger fame, and pay-rolls, lists of soldiers and other matters recorded by him in connection with this period of our history. The gift of these papers was much appreciated by the society, and a unanimous vote of thanks given to the donors. Interesting items relating to Captain Bulkeley, Robert Rogers, and the historical period of their day were given by Mr. Harwood and Mr. Priest.

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AYER.

News Items.

The annual harvest supper of the Sandy Pond School association will be held in the sandy pond schoolhouse on Thursday evening, November 11. Supper served from six to eight p. m. Price, fifteen cents. Don't miss this delectable affair.

The Congregational church will hold its annual fair and entertainment in Page's hall, next Monday and Tuesday, November 8 and 9. The entertainment is Monday evening beginning at eight o'clock. This consists of a farce entitled, "Arabella's poor relations." See large poster to get a view of Uncle Josh. There will also be readings, solos, chorus of six in unique conditions and good music by mandolin club. On Tuesday at four the tables will be spread with useful and fancy articles and all that pertains to a good fair. Supper ready at 6.30. Come and help us.

Mrs. Lillian Moore of Grove street was taken to a homeopathic hospital in Boston, Thursday. She is in a very critical condition and her only chance is an operation. It is said to be cancer of the stomach.

Dea. H. D. Evans is very critically sick. For the last few weeks he has fallen very fast and unless a change for the better comes soon he cannot survive long.

Married at the Congregational parsonage, Wednesday, November 3, by Rev. L. E. Perry, Frank C. Brockelman and Miss Annie Mabel Stocomb, both of Shirley.

Rev. G. H. Morss of Stow preached last Sunday at the Congregational church for Rev. L. E. Perry, who he officiated at the marriage of his nephew last Saturday morning.

Judge George A. Sanderson has been assigned to the December sitting of the superior civil court at Worcester.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will hold their annual fair in lower town hall, Tuesday, December 7.

Services at the Baptist church, Sunday, November 7. Preaching at 10.45 a. m., followed by communion service at twelve. A full attendance desired. Praise and evangelistic services at seven in the evening.

The Loyal Temperance Legion will meet in the Baptist vestry, Thursday afternoon, November 11, directly after school.

The Abigail Wright W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Charles Scruton, Friday afternoon, November 12, at three o'clock for the election of officers.

Rev. J. W. Thomas attended the Ministers' conference, which met in Fitchburg last Monday morning and conducted the devotional exercises of the meeting. Rev. Mr. Robbins, who has been in attendance at the great laymen's gatherings in Buffalo and Cleveland, gave an inspiring report of the enthusiasm of those meetings and some account of his work in the Philippines.

Cushing & Co. of Fitchburg have lowered the grain storehouse on Park street a foot, as it was too high, and Mr. Morin of Fitchburg did the job.

The top of the tall chimney of the lower sawmill of Mr. Phelps is being repaired and the apparatus used to reach the top is a novel one. It runs up by the pulling of ropes on the corners of the chimney, which makes it an easy matter to repair instead as before of erecting staging from the ground.

A young dog last Tuesday forenoon was leisuredly walking about the streets of the town, and when last seen was wending its way from Pleasant to Park streets. It was a handsome young creature.

The election officers at town meeting were: G. G. Osgood, J. H. O'Brien, ballot clerks; C. E. Sherman, H. G. Turner, P. H. Hooley, J. J. McGuane, tellers; E. H. Bigelow, ballot box; J. H. O'Connell, constable. There were cast 415 ballots out of 603 on voting list. For governor, Draper, 209; Vahey, 184; lieutenant-governor, Frothingham, 208; Foss, 180; senator, seventh Middlesex district, Bennett, 221; Kingsley, 139; representative to general court, E. D. Stone, 269; Fletcher, 126. E. D. Stone had thirty-nine more votes than any other candidate on the ballot.

There was a Halloween party at the vicarage of St. Andrew's church last Saturday evening, and the choir of St. Andrew's mission of Forge Village were entertained and supper was served. A more extended notice of it is under the Forge Village heading on page three of this paper.

A boy was born Wednesday, November 2, to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Pirone.

The Unitarian women's alliance met Thursday afternoon with Miss S. R. Tuten. An appropriation was voted to the Pacific agent of the A. W. A. and to the building fund of All Soul's church in Winnipeg. There was a reading by Miss Tuten, which was followed by a discussion. A social hour closed the meeting, during which refreshments were served.

E. O. Proctor bought Tuesday of Bartholomew McGrail the lot of land on West Main street from his barn to the brook. It has a frontage of ninety feet. Mr. Proctor will have the foundation in this fall for his garage, and if the weather is favorable may commence work on the building for the garage before long.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wyman have moved into their winter quarters this week in the bank building from their summer residence in Shirley Center.

Michael McGrail of Boston made a visit here with his brother, Bartholomew McGrail, and his sister, Mrs. McKay, coming Wednesday and leaving Friday afternoon for Boston.

The Ayer Electric Light Co. have all the wiring done to the Groton line, and it is expected the electrical current will be set in motion about November 15.

Mrs. C. R. White's next dancing class will be held Tuesday afternoon, November 16, in Page hall, instead of November 11, as previously announced.

Unclaimed letters at Ayer postoffice, November 1: A. Ferrandi, Mrs. J. H. Flynn, New England Box Co., Patrick Roper.

Gymnasium Course.

The evening of November 11 will see in Page hall a most intelligent, artistic impersonation of characters in costume. Persons of historic interest and modern popularity; types of the country, city, society and fiction, dramatic and humorous, will be realistically presented by Miss Wilson of New York.

Between scenes there will be varied vocal and instrumental music by local talent, and every moment of the evening will be occupied in profitable enjoyment.

The Civic club, in taking up the winter's work for the boys' physical development and moral welfare, seeks the willing cooperation of the people of Ayer, and presents this entertainment in aid of the gymnasium fund.

Standish-Perry.

A very pretty home wedding occurred in Dighton, on Saturday afternoon, October 30, at five o'clock, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Edith Standish, when her daughter, Mary Carver, was united in marriage to Harry Clifford Perry of Berkeley, son of Herbert A. Perry, brother of Rev. L. E. Perry. The home was decorated with a profusion of ferns and chrysanthemums. The bride was charmingly attired in white and carried roses. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Lewis E. Perry, pastor of the Congregational church here, and uncle of the groom. The double ring service was used. The wedding march from Lohengrin was played by Raymond Lovely, who also furnished music during the brief reception which followed. The young couple made a novel start on their wedding trip by leaving in a motor boat on the Taunton river, near the house, to connect with the Fall River line to New York.

Accident.

Quite a number visited the automobile that was stranded on the Groton road near the Ayer line on Tuesday. It belonged to Mr. Gardner of the Groton School. It had just been furnished with a new top and that was not injured. The auto, in charge of the chauffeur, was proceeding at a good speed, at the time the attention of the driver was fixed on a particular part of the machine, when on looking up he noticed that he was not in the middle of the road and made too quick a turn, the auto going over a stone wall, just missing a big tree and digging into the ground. The driver escaped injury, but the machine was considerably damaged.

Dropped Down Dead.

George H. Stone, baggage master of the Greenville branch of the Boston and Maine railroad, running from Ayer to Greenville, died at his residence in Greenville, Thursday night, October 28, of valvular disease of the heart, aged sixty-seven years.

About ten days previous to his death he quit running on the train, not feeling well. The night of his death he got up to go to another room, and on going back to his room dropped down dead.

Mr. Stone was a native of Groton, and over forty years ago he was employed in a livery stable located near where is now the E. A. Whitney store. At that time Mr. Kingsbury was conductor of the Greenville train, and Leonard Felch baggage master. Mr. Kingsbury wanted another man on the train, and Mr. Felch secured Mr. Stone as passenger brakeman for the position. When Mr. Kingsbury left the branch to run on the main line of the Fitchburg railroad, Mr. Felch was promoted to conductor and Mr. Stone to baggage master.

Mr. Stone has been in the railroad service for about forty-three years, and thirty-six of that time baggage master. In 1871 he was married to Miss Abbie J. Flanders. He is survived by his wife and a daughter, Mrs. Eva Wilkins of Nashua.

W. R. C. Fair.

The annual fair of the W. R. C. was held Thursday afternoon and evening in the town hall. A fine supper was served at six o'clock in the lower hall to over one hundred people. It was in charge of the executive committee of the corps, Mrs. Mary A. Beverly, chairman. The sales were in the upper hall which was gay with the pretty booths. The harvest booth was in charge of Mrs. Elizabeth Kyle and Mrs. Edith Downing; candy, Mrs. Fred Allen and Mrs. Mildred Stroud; fancy, Mrs. Eileen Sawyer and Miss Millie Beverly; mystery, Mrs. W. W. Wentworth; apron table, Miss Addie Lovejoy and Mrs. Abbie Wells; Japanese, rolling board, Mrs. Clara C. Wentworth; ice cream, Mrs. Laura A. Hardy and Mrs. Nellie Winslow.

The evening closed with an entertainment which included music by the high school mandolin club; quartet, S. of V.; piano duet, Misses Helen Hardy and Edith Longley; comic drama, "Mrs. Willis' will," by a club from Brookline, N. H.

Moving Pictures.

The feature film for Saturday evening's performance at Page hall is entitled "Fighting Bob." This is a self-

production and is in a class by itself from a photographic standpoint, and has few equals, while the plot and sensational features are startling in themselves and leave nothing to be desired in the way of scenic equipment, ability of interpreting company, or original effects. It is a wonderful production in many ways.

Other subjects are: "Cupid's four darts," "The dog detective," "The way to happiness," "Eddie is a live one," "An obliging friend," "A profitable marriage," "The bachelor's wife," "Mr. Flipp."

Saturday evening will be announced the winner of Tuesday evening's guessing contest, and there will be another of those popular guessing contests for next Wednesday evening's exhibit. The management has secured special attractions of unusual merit for that evening, all of which have created more or less of a sensation upon their appearance in the realm of motion photographs. Illustrated songs both evenings.

Teachers' Gathering.

The Teachers' Institute and seventeenth annual convention of the Northwest Middlesex Teachers' association assembled in the high school building, Friday morning, November 5, at nine o'clock. Devotional exercises were led by Rev. T. L. Fisher of the Episcopal church. The convention then divided into three sections. Mr. Clark of Boston gave a discussion on penmanship in primary grades; Miss Annie S. Crowell of the Hyannis Normal school spoke on hygiene, and Alford M. Hitchcock of Hartford, Conn., high school, discussed "English in the secondary school." Miss Kendall of the Fitchburg Normal gave a very practical talk on language in the primary grade; and Prof. Samuel F. Capen of Clark college told of a new method of admission to college.

Dinner was served at the Unitarian vestry to one hundred and thirty people.

In the afternoon the exercises were held in the town hall. There was music by the High School Mandolin club, songs by the quartet of the Littleton Woman's club, and addresses by Alton E. Briggs of the Chelsea board of control, by Willis B. Anthony of Fitchburg Normal on industrial trade education, and by Professor Hart of Massachusetts Agricultural college on the agricultural side of industrial education.

They Spoiled Him.

Last Saturday night there was a lively scrimmage in the house on West Main street, better known as the Truda house, where quite a number reside, and it is now known as the House of Israel. Mr. Slovsky, junk dealer, as near as can be learned, took in a partner to help him conduct his business and there was some trouble over the deal. His partner was the moneyed man. It was not a case where Greek meets Greek, but Jews confronted a Jew, and they spoiled him so badly that Slovsky had to take to his bed, where he lay several days done up in bandages to rest his battered head and punched body. It was not a fair stand-up fight between two contestants, but the onslaught on Slovsky was a family strike, the entire group strikers, five of them, the youngest Israelite of the family, the broom-handle striker, aiming for Slovsky's head at intervals with full of opportunities, while the rest of the family were pummeling him elsewhere. It is to be fully aired in court, November 6, if Slovsky is presentable.

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NEWS OF THE TOWNS

On Sunday, November 7, service will be held in the Unitarian church at 10.45. The sermon will be a review of the recent book entitled "Eloha on the Religion of the Future," and of Dr. George A. Gordon's book on "Christianity and the Future." The purpose of the sermon will be to show that the religion of these representative scholars of the Unitarian and Unitarian churches is the same.

Regular services at the Congregational church on Sunday morning at 10.45. Communion and short sermon by the pastor. Subject, "The Real Ministry of Jesus." In the evening at seven the subject of the service will be "The world as Christ saw it."

By the agreement and co-operation of several denominations, there will be throughout the United States and Canada a period of united prayer and preaching from November 28 to December 6. In this large national movement the church in Ayer will enter, by engaging in common prayer four consecutive evenings, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, November 30 to December 3, inclusive. The meetings combine prayer and the study of prayer. For the teaching of the motive, object and result of prayer, special preachers have been engaged. These will be announced, together with the hours and places of each service.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Three of the boys at the Industrial school are confined in the hospital ward with diphtheria, and three of the boys who ran away were taken to Concord reformatory, Tuesday morning by Forrest Hooper.

At the Universalist church, Sunday morning, November 7, preaching at eleven o'clock. Regular meeting of the Y. P. S. C. U. in the vestry at seven p. m.

Services at the Baptist church, Sunday morning, November 7, at 10.45. In the evening at seven.

Frank Balcom of Baldwinville, and Amasa Balcom of Boston, were visitors first of the week at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Balcom.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold its regular meeting, Monday evening, November 8.

Miss Inez McMurray spent last Sunday with relatives in Boston and vicinity.

Burt Gately of Springfield, a former resident, spent last Sunday in town with relatives.

W. L. Allen of the Boston university law school spent the week-end and last Sunday at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Allen.

The Alliance meeting with Mrs. Abbie J. Wells, on Thursday afternoon, October 28, was well attended by members and invited guests. Mrs. Bridgman's paper, describing various summer conferences, was most interesting. The next regular meeting will be on November 11, with Mrs. La Forest Carpenter.

Old Shirley Chapter, D. A. R., held its regular meeting Monday evening with Miss Gertrude Conant. After the business session Miss Minnie Hobbins gave a very interesting talk on her life in Lorenzo Marques, in the province of Mozambique, Africa. She also showed several pictures of the scenery and people.

George N. Cross, A. M., will give an illustrated lecture on "Washington, the beautiful capital of a great nation," Monday, November 8, in the Congregational church vestry, under the auspices of Old Shirley Chapter, D. A. R.

Miss Mabel Miner of Keene, N. H., spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miner.

Miss Jessie Love was very pleasantly surprised on Friday evening, when about thirty of her young lady friends called at her home and congratulated her, the occasion being the anniversary of her sixteenth birthday. During the evening's festivities Miss Love was presented with a very fine manicure set. Refreshments were served, and music and games were enjoyed, when after the evening's merriment the guests all departed for their homes, wishing their hostess many happy returns of the day.

The ladies of the Universalist church will hold a food, apron and candy sale at their vestry, Wednesday evening, November 10, followed by an entertainment in charge of Mrs. M. W. Hazen. Sale is to commence at seven o'clock.

It is expected that Professor Harmon of Tufts college will preach in the Universalist vestry Sunday morning at the usual hour.

Wedding.

Frank C. Brockelman and Miss Annie M. Stocomb were united in marriage at Ayer, Wednesday, November 3.

The marriage was a decidedly quiet affair, as not even the relatives of either party were informed or knew anything of the marriage till the announcement cards were received from Boston, Thursday.

The young couple are well known and highly esteemed. The groom is in partnership with his brother in the drug and periodical store in Shirley, known as Brockelman Brothers.

The bride is the daughter of John W. Stocomb and for years past has resided here with her aunt, Mrs. Banks. She is a member and also the organist at the Congregational church and has a host of well-wishing friends. They will be at home after January 18, 1910.

Thoroughly Repaired.

The auditorium of the Congregational church, which has been closed for repairs for the past four months, has been thoroughly renovated at a cost of about \$1500. The repair committee, consisting of H. Allen, chairman, Eugene Livermore, Mrs. Edwin H. Conant, Miss Mary A. Park, all have given a great deal of time and thought to this work, and before giving the contract visited many churches out of town in order to be intelligently informed as to the details, character of work, artistic designs, etc., and to obtain the best results possible, and their efforts have been overwhelmingly crowned with success, as is freely admitted by all those who have had only the remotest experience in the remodeling of churches.

The work accomplished as a whole consists of a new steel ceiling, which is conceded to be one of the finest pieces of workmanship ever executed in this section; new carpets have also been laid, and the walls, ceiling, organ and pews have all been repainted and decorated in a very artistic manner with delicate restful shades, so that they all blend in harmony and present a very striking effect.

The side pews to the right and left in the front of the church have been taken away entirely, and the pulpit has been built longer. Considerable work has also been done on the exterior, such as the re-shingling of the eaves and the removing of the horse sheds from the side to the rear of the church, and other incidental but necessary repairs attended to.

Money could never repay the committee for the vast amount of time they have found it necessary to put into this important task, which means so much not only to the attendants at this church, but to the community as a whole.

The Phi Alpha Pi fraternity of boys connected with the church wishing to have a share in the repairs of the church have paid for the laying of cement walks leading from the two front entrances to the sidewalk, which is so very much appreciated.

Celebrated.

Last week Saturday evening the Societe l'Assomption, Court S. J. C., celebrated their third anniversary. The evening's enjoyment consisted of a whist party followed by a clambake, which was much enjoyed.

At the close of the feast the president of the society introduced as the first speaker of the evening Rev. J. H. Coté, parish priest, who extended to all present a very cordial welcome and outlined the important work that has been accomplished by the society since its organization, and also what was possible to accomplish in the future. He closed his address by informing the members that it was his earnest desire to see the society prosper in his parish and that he could always be depended upon to assist in any way when opportunity offered.

John H. Le Blanc of Fitchburg, grand secretary of the association, was the next speaker, and he remarked on the principles of the associa-

tion and what they were based upon. He also gave a very lengthy historic account of their country, Canada, and the Acadian French, but laid strong emphasis on the fact that they must all be loyal to the United States, their adopted country. Both speakers were loudly applauded at the close of their remarks.

The winners of the prizes at the whist game were: First prize, ladies, Miss Edella Chaisson; second, Miss Lillian Descoteaux; first prize, men, Gus Chaisson, second, Arthur Morin. The consolation prizes were awarded to Philip Vieu and Miss Agnes Cormier. Other prizes were won by William Gionet and Albert Gionet.

Town Meeting.

Election day was passed unusually quiet. Herman S. Hazen, town clerk, called the meeting to order at eleven a. m. It was voted to lay on the table the articles relating to town business till 1.30 p. m. Only 162 votes were cast out of a registered list of 295.

At 1.30 town business was taken up and D. C. Parsons was chosen moderator. The following business was transacted:

Voted, that the town accept the provisions of section 367, chapter 560, of the acts of 1907, relating to choosing selectmen and overseers of the poor, which means that at the annual town meeting in April, 1910, the citizens will elect their selectmen—one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, and at each annual meeting thereafter it shall elect one for the term of three years, as the term of office of one, two or three expires.

The election officers were: Counters, J. H. Flynn, H. W. Brockelman, F. O'Neill, H. H. Lynch; ballot clerks, Harry Collier, G. C. West; check list, Walter Knowles; ballot box, E. J. Stevens; gate tenders, F. P. Rugg, Thomas J. Gately.

The vote for governor—Draper, 113; Vahey, 43; lieutenant-gov., Frothingham, 108; Foss, 44; senator, Hibbard, 100; Draper, 47; representative, S. W. Longley, 121.

Altruism Club.

The regular meeting of the Altruism club was held at their room, Thursday afternoon, the president, Mrs. Mary W. Hazen, presiding. The secretary, Miss Grace M. Kilibourn, being absent, owing to illness, Mrs. F. M. Ballou acted as secretary pro tem, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. An invitation from the Ayer Woman's club was extended to the Altruism club to attend a lecture December first, to be given by Dr. Frank Holt of the Massachusetts hospital on "District nursing."

Mrs. M. W. Hazen gave an account of the reciprocity meeting at Ayer, and reported a very pleasant reception. Mrs. Martha Cooper was appointed a delegate to the convention at Brockton next week.

The chairman of committee on rummage reported a successful financial sale, having netted over fifty dollars in two days.

Mrs. M. J. Conant, chairman of directors, stated that Lucy Barney Hall, M. D., instructor at Boston University School of Medicine would lecture on "Practical home nursing," at the next club meeting, November 11, at the Congregational vestry, opening at 2.30.

The papers for the afternoon were: "How other small towns help their mill population," by Miss Cronin, who had given the subject close attention, and a careful account of different towns' assistance to their help, was quite instructive.

Mrs. Harlow read a paper on "The duties of overseers of the poor," giving an interesting account of their duties. "What shall we do for our youths?" was responded to by Mrs. Ida Wolf, giving her own views of the question in a very practical and interesting paper.

The papers were followed by a discussion on "How shall we treat the tramp?" After a short intermission, meeting was adjourned.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Salmon, Sr., have gone to Somerville for the winter.

W. H. Furbush returned Monday from a business trip down in Maine.

Owing to ill-health, Mrs. Nellie Whittier has been granted leave of absence from her school duties until new years. Miss Tucker of Truro, N. S., is substituting for her.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Catherine L. Mead and Frank W. Dodge.

Melvin Cobleigh made a short visit with his mother before starting on a two weeks' hunting trip in Maine.

Last Friday evening about twenty-five young people enjoyed a husking-bee at C. L. Woodward's. After the corn was all husked and the red ears disposed of, the party adjourned to the house, where a fine spread awaited them.

Miss Alice Crane of Somerville was a recent guest at S. D. Salmon's.

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The operetta, "Cinderella in flower-land," will be presented in the town hall on Thursday evening, November 11, for the benefit of the church improvement fund.

T. A. Greenleaf, who has been quite ill, is better at this writing and able to be out of doors.

Miss Nellie Wood of Groton visited her parents, J. E. Wood and wife, on Thursday.

The Plain Truth.

From Leslie's Illustrated Weekly, October 28:

The publisher of a weekly newspaper in Chicago has just been sentenced to six months in jail on the charge of making false circulation statements, in order to secure the privileges of second-class mail rates from the post-office department. The publisher admitted that, in order to secure advertising, he had represented his circulation to be 100,000 when he had but 10,000 subscribers. If such a statement deceived the advertisers, the latter were themselves responsible, for in these days every reputable publication stands ready not only to give its circulation, but to guarantee it. Not many years ago it was customary for newspapers to claim any circulation they pleased. This claim was usually based on that of its rivals, so that in the end it became a rivalry of false statements. We recall two daily papers, warm competitors in an interior city, neither with a circulation of over 6000, that for years reported their circulation in the official year-books of certain advertising agencies as over 20,000. Circulation statements naturally became a by-word and a laughing stock among advertisers. In these days the leading publishers not only give their circulation, but guarantee it and open their books for the inspection of the advertiser. The Saturday Evening Post, enjoying the largest circulation by far of any publication of its high character, prints on its cover every week its circulation statement. Leslie's Weekly does the same and has done it for a long time. Statements of this character are accepted by advertisers for the publishers stand ready to guarantee their correctness, and to this end open their books with utmost freedom to any advertiser who desires to make an investigation. If the Chicago publisher who had 1000 subscribers and claimed 100,000 deceived any of his advertisers, it is, therefore, their fault.

To guarantee our circulation the subscription books and mailing lists are always open to advertisers.

Items of Interest.

Elbert Hubbard says he was nearing the end of a lecture before 1000 attentive inmates of a state insane asylum, when an old woman came screaming down the aisle waving her arms frantically, "My God! I can't stand this nonsense any longer!" "That," said the superintendent to Mr. Hubbard, "is the first sign she has shown of returning sanity."

The mother who does not teach her daughter to do housework is not doing justice to her daughter nor her future son-in-law.

The girl who knows how to cook may sometimes have to get the meals while her sister entertains the young man in the parlor, but she is the kind the wise will tie to.

A news item informs us that Massachusetts school teachers receive an average salary of \$550 a year. This is less than \$1.75 a day for work that requires years of expensive preparation, while the most ignorant Montenegro fresh from Europe commands more than that salary for shoveling dirt. An education is not always a paying financial investment.

Great men are seldom appreciated while alive. Even the savior was one of the most maligned of men during life.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

E. P. HUTCHINS has moved his Barber Shop to East Main Street, Ayer, where he will be pleased to see his old customers and as many new ones as may come. 315

We cordially invite the People of Ayer and vicinity to call at our store and inspect the new line of HOLIDAY GOODS just received from New York, consisting of Vases, Jugs, Toilet Sets, Bowls, Games, Dolls, Air Ships, Kinetograph, Photoscope, Albums, Cards, Post Cards, Watches, Dominoes, Etc. P. Donlon & Co.

SHIRLEY.

School Census.

The result of the enumeration of school children compared with that of last year in Shirley:

	Sept. 1, 1908.	Sept. 1, 1909.
Boys between ages of 5 and 16	163	178
Girls between ages of 5 and 16	156	181
Total	319	359
Boys between ages of 5 and 15	155	165
Girls between ages of 5 and 15	144	172
Total	299	337
Boys between ages of 7 and 14	124	129
Girls between ages of 7 and 14	97	116
Total	221	245
Pupils in private schools	3	3
Pupils in out-of-town schools	12	12
Pupils in parochial school	128	128
Pupils in the town's public schools	183	183

C. L. CLAY, Enumerator.

A Successful Party.

The Halloween party held at I. O. O. F. hall last week Saturday evening, under the auspices of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge, was a social and financial success. A large number of people were in attendance. The decorations were a very attractive feature of the evening, consisting of unique designs in autumn leaves and an abundance of figures representing devils, cats, witches, spooks, etc. Jack-o-lanterns, pumpkins, apples, with other reminders of Halloween were in evidence, all serving to yield an appropriate and decidedly weird effect.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were on sale, and were liberally patronized. Johnson's orchestra of Leominster furnished music for the dancing, which came to an end promptly at twelve o'clock.

Parties were present from Boston, Fitchburg, Leominster, Lancaster, Ayer and other places.

The committee, consisting of Mrs. C. H. Weare, Jr., Miss Margaret Love and Mrs. Eddie Gately, is to be congratulated for its splendid efforts, which were crowned with success, and Mary A. Livermore lodge has added another gilt-edged link to its chain of social successes.

Congregational.

Reopening services will be held at the Congregational church, Sunday, November 7. At the morning service there will be a sermon by the pastor, Rev. A. A. Bronson, communion and the reception of a new member. The evening service will be held at seven p. m., and invitations have been accepted by the Baptist and the Universalist churches to attend that service. Following is the program for the evening service:

Organ voluntary; responses by the choir; invocation; anthem; responsive readings; solo; scripture; hymn; prayer; response; remarks, Rev. Dr. H. A. Bridgman; solo; remarks, Rev. W. H. Desjardins; solo; remarks, Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker; hymn; benediction. An invitation is extended to all to attend these services on Sunday.

The supper and entertainment held in the Congregational church vestry, Wednesday evening, was attended by a goodly number. The entertainment consisted of readings and music by Turner's orchestra of Ayer.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of Henry Baldwin, late of Pepperell, in said County of Middlesex, deceased.

Whereas, E. Alonzo Blood, the administrator of said estate, has presented to said Court, his petition alleging that he is in doubt as to the validity of a claim presented against said estate by Lydia A. Haselton of Townsend in said County, and praying that he may be authorized to pay said claim or so much thereof as said Court may authorize.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the thirtieth day of November, A. D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by mailing a copy thereof to each of you fourteen days, at least, before said Court, and by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, CHARLES J. MCINTIRE, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this third day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

335 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of Sarah C. Severance, late of Townsend, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, Lunetta J. Fowler, the executrix of the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the account of her administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the nineteenth day of November, A. D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said executrix is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, CHARLES J. MCINTIRE, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-second day of October, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

337 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of William E. Beck, late of Townsend, in said County, an insane person.

Whereas, Bernard L. Beckonert, guardian of said ward, has presented for allowance, his first account as guardian upon the estate of said ward.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the thirtieth day of November, A. D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said guardian is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days, at least, before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, CHARLES J. MCINTIRE, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this third day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

338 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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341 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed, given by Luther W. Blodgett of Groton, in County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Adde Whitford of said Groton, dated March 29, A. D. 1898, and recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, Book 2644, Page 97, which said mortgage has since been assigned by an instrument in common form, to Alec Fisher, of Westford, in said County, and for breach of the condition of said mortgage, will be sold at public auction, upon the premises, in said mortgage deed described, on Tuesday, the Thirtieth Day of November, A. D. 1909, at Two o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular, the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, viz.:

A certain piece or parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in the Southerly part of said Groton, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Northwesterly corner of the premises at a stake and stones in the corner of the wall at corner of land of the heirs of Elnathan Brown; thence Easterly as the wall now stands, by said heirs' land to a corner of the wall; thence Northerly by said heirs' land, as the wall now stands, about twenty rods, more or less, to a corner of the wall; thence Easterly by said heirs' land, as the fence now stands, to a corner at another wall; thence Southerly, as the wall now stands, by land of one Wheelock to the end of the wall; thence in same direction to the pond; thence Westerly by the pond and a ditch by land of said Wheelock to land of William Ward; thence Northerly by land of said Ward to corner; thence Westerly by land of said Ward to a corner at an oak tree by land of Joseph Prescott; thence Northerly in a curved line, as the fence now stands, to a walnut tree in the pond hole; thence Northerly to a stake and stones in the fence; thence Westerly, as the wall now stands, to a corner of the wall by land of George Day; thence Northerly as the wall now stands, to the point of beginning. Containing about seventy acres, more or less, and being the same premises conveyed to me by deed of said Whitford. Said premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes and assessments.

Terms, \$100 cash at the time and place of sale, and the balance within ten days thereafter, on delivery or tender of the deed. Other terms made known at sale.

ALEC FISHER, Assignee of said mortgage. Westford, Mass., Nov. 4, 1909. 318

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

In Groton, Mass.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Hannibal Reardon to Julia E. Hannis, dated April 3d, 1901, and recorded with Middlesex So. Dist. Registry of Deeds in book 2887 page 57, will be sold by public auction upon the premises below described on Monday, the 22d day of November, A. D. 1909, at Two o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, and therein described as follows:

"A certain parcel of land situated in the Southerly part of said Groton on the Westerly side of the main road leading from said Groton to Ayer, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Southeasterly corner of the premises at the Northeastly corner of land formerly owned by Lewis, now owned by Sargent; thence Westerly by said Sargent land One Hundred Sixty (160) feet more or less to land of George Whitney; thence Northerly by said Whitney's land Two Hundred and Sixty-Six (266) feet more or less to land this day conveyed by Julia E. Hannis to Ellen Powell; thence Easterly by said Powell's land One Hundred Sixty-Six (166) feet more or less to said road; thence Southerly by said road about Two Hundred Sixty-Six (266) feet to the point of beginning."

The premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes. Other terms made known at time and place of sale.

DELIA McRAY, Assignee of said mortgage. Ayer, Mass., Oct. 29, 1909. 317

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of Mary D. Stanley, late of Pepperell, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, Charles D. Hutchinson, the executor of the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the first and final account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the twenty-second day of November, A. D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said executor is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, CHARLES J. MCINTIRE, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-eighth day of October, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

317 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of Mary D. Stanley, late of Pepperell, in said County, deceased.

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Witness, CHARLES J. MCINTIRE, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this third day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

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An extensive auction sale of the real estate of the late Imia M. Williams will take place Thursday, November 11, under the supervision of the auctioneers, Charles J. Hadley of Manchester and Clarence R. Russell of Providence, including nine tracks of land, three dwelling houses and about 600,000 feet of standing pine and chestnut timber.

The friends of Mrs. Daniel McKenzie, who is at the Burbank hospital at Eltchburg, remembered her with a shower of postals Monday.

The third and fourth degrees were conferred upon Mrs. Emma Jenness at the local grange, Wednesday evening, October 27. Workey deputy Fred Dudley of Hollis inspected the grange. Vocal duets were sung by Ethel and Maud Taylor. The farce, "Cheerful and musical," was presented. Past-master Shattuck of Ashby grange gave two recitations. Cake and coffee were served under the supervision of Mrs. Clara Russell.

Mrs. Newton Holcombe has been detained at home with a severe attack of muscular rheumatism.

George L. Dodge found one of his driving horses dead in the stall one morning last week, and George Berkeley and William Matthews have recently lost valuable heifers that were pastured at Mason.

Rev. Warren L. Noyes gave a very interesting account of the convention of the American Missionary association at Burlington, at the Sunday morning service at the Congregational church, Communion service Sunday morning, November 7. Mr. and Mrs. Chester B. Valdege, Mrs. Vielle Dodge and Mrs. Louise Bragg will unite with the church.

George L. Perin, Jr., the little son of Rev. George L. Perin and wife, has been critically ill with diphtheria at their home at Brookline, Mass., Saturday, and his condition was considered very serious. Their many friends will be glad to know that favorable reports will be received Monday and that he is now improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lawrence have recently entertained at Hill Crest the Misses Corinne and B. Chapman of Boston, Lewis W. Parker, New York, and Louis Thorne of Philadelphia.

Miss Bela G. Cochrane observed her eighty-fourth birthday at the home of her son, Carl W. Cochrane at Wollaston. Flowers, loving tokens and friendly greetings added to the happiness of the day.

Frederick Koch and family of Townsend have moved to the Hall cottage near the parkway station.

An old-time husking was held at the home of Herbert Rockwood last Saturday evening, and seventy-six bushels of corn was husked. A tempting supper was served, the menu including a clam chowder.

Freeman E. Wright has become the owner of the handsome Leighton silver cup, having won it by being awarded the fruit premium for the best general exhibit of the New Hampshire Horticultural society, at Peterborough for the second year. Mr. Wright was also awarded over thirty premiums. His exhibit was certainly an honor to Brookline, and he is entitled to the hearty congratulations of the community.

Mrs. W. T. Boltenhouse, superintendent of the Deaconess home at Baltimore, Md., has remembered several of her friends with the annual report of the home, finely illustrated.

Organ Recital.

About eighty enjoyed the delightful organ recital given at the Congregational church, Friday evening, by Prof. Edwin H. Higley of the Groton School. Rev. Warren L. Noyes introduced Professor Higley in a pleasing manner, referring to the meeting of the blind organist with Mendelssohn. Professor Higley has the touch of an artist and brought out the full volume and sweetness of the organ. Rev. and Mrs. Drawbridge of Pepperell charmed all with their beautiful singing. The entire program was one of culture. The Chautauqua salute was given by the audience at the close of the program. The platform was attractive with autumn foliage, arranged by Mrs. Helen Hall, and Mrs. Bertha Brown and Miss Marion Holcombe served as ushers. Mrs. Fred Lovejoy and daughter were in attendance.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Several friends and schoolmates of Miss Jean Baker visited her last week Thursday evening, October 27, to help her celebrate her birthday. The evening was spent in games and a good time is reported. The party broke up at a late hour.

The Hollis Woman's club was held with the president, Mrs. W. C. Hardy, Wednesday afternoon. Owing to the stormy weather only seven ladies were in attendance. Current events were given by several ladies; a very interesting paper on the geography of Holland was given by Miss Stratton. Two Dutch poems were read by Mrs. Davis; a Dutch poem by James Whitcomb Riley; a Dutch lullaby by Eugene Fields. Light refreshments were served.

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Gordon's Proposal

It Only Came After He Recovered From His Bashfulness

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"That Gordon McFarland," remarked Davy Moulton, "is the limit. He hasn't courage enough to propose."

"Hub! Do you want to marry him that you are so anxious about it?"

"No; I haven't cherry lips and dimples."

"Never mind the inventory, Brother Davy," she replied.

"All right, sis, but it'll never happen unless you propose. In the presence of his divinity—meaning you—he is reduced to a pulp."

The sting to this teasing was in its truth. Gordon was devoted to her, yet it was a silent adoration. He seemed unable to utter a word in her presence. She had given him many opportunities in that unexplainable way a woman has, and once or twice he had floundered and stammered with effort until in vexation she had retorted so whimsically that she had silenced him completely.

"Oh, he's just too ridiculous, a great big thing like him, stammering and blushing like a schoolboy. It fairly makes me ashamed," she grumbled.

A woman's motives are difficult to fathom. Bess, in an unusual fit of graciousness, had allowed Gordon to escort her to a ball. She was justly vain of her escort's appearance as she snuggled beside him in the depths of the carriage. But by the time they had arrived her manner had changed visibly, so much so that she almost ignored him after the conventional first dance. He had tangled his feet hopelessly in her train and missed step until she was nearly beside herself with mortification.

There was ample excuse for his bewilderment. She was intoxicatingly lovely, with her draperies floating, cloudlike, about her bare shoulders, and the flush of exercise tinting her face like a rose. Davy's comment was, "Gordon looks as if he would like to eat her."

Bess was so provoked at this that she intended to punish Gordon by flirting outrageously. "Besides, if I could make him cross, he might pluck up a fraction of courage," she thought. It vexed her still more because she felt that he understood her motive. So did Davy, and he would not fall to tease her on the morrow.

Carelessly tossing Gordon her bouquet in passing, she walked off with Gerald Stone for an ice.

"Queer duck, that Gordon. Doesn't appear to have much to say," remarked Gerald insinuatingly.

Here the eternal feminine came to the surface. "Oh, I don't know!" Her tone was resentful in the extreme. The next instant she said sweetly, "Here's just the look for a quiet chut. Let us sit here awhile. The ice can wait; so can Gordon. He'd hold my bouquet all night," laughing.

An hour later Gordon sat abstractedly pulling at the petals of the roses. He had hoped that the flowers might convey to her that which he found so difficult to say.

In upon his musing dribbled the conversation of two acquaintances.

"So Gerald Stone has won Bessie Moulton? I thought Gordon was to be the man, but he lacked courage. He deserves to lose her. He should know a woman despises a faint heart," said a voice he knew.

"I wonder how she would like it if she knew that Gerald boasted to me of his conquest? He told as a great joke that she had left Gordon to moon over her bouquet. Said they were going to slip away and let him hunt for her when he had tired of the flowers. Seemed to think it mighty funny," answered the speaker's companion.

"It's contemptible. I wouldn't have thought it of Bessie Moulton!" was the reply as they sauntered down the room.

The sturdy independence of Gordon's Scotch ancestry rose within him. He attached his card to the flowers and left them in the cloakroom; then, with a determined step, he left the house.

Bess lolled in her frivolous chat with the man she detested, dawdled over her ice and finally sauntered back to the dancing hall, apparently oblivious to the fact that she had promised this twostep to Gordon. She expected him to be waiting for her. When he was not to be seen she was perturbed.

"Come on, let's take this twostep," said Gerald, with great familiarity.

"No, thanks," hotly resenting his tone. "You have had more than enough of my company for one evening," she added lightly lest she betray her annoyance as to Gordon.

An hour or so later, she called Gerald to her side. "I claim a woman's prerogative—I have changed my mind. You may take me home."

As he bowed his thanks he thought of his boast to Van Ayltine and smiled. "I suspect it was he who tattled."

Bess kept up a running fire of nonsense all the way home, effectually excluding sentiment.

Gordon waited in the shadow of the trees until they arrived. He meant to assure himself that he was not being misled and that he was doing her no injustice.

"Not dignified, this, but I must make sure. I do not blame her for it, but she might have been more kind about it. I certainly subjected her to ridic-

cul, and then, when she showed me her favor so plausibly and I was such a tongue-tied fool that I couldn't take advantage of it, she must have thought—oh, I do not know what she could think but that I was a fool!" he muttered bitterly.

He watched Gerald assist her from the carriage with what looked to his jealous eyes like an embrace, and as she turned to enter the house he gave her the flowers. She tossed them into the shrubbery disdainfully. "I don't want the withered things," she said.

Gordon gathered one rose from the apparently despoiled bouquet and placed it in a book, as if he had need of a token by which to remember this one night.

In the meantime Bess, in her room, was pressing his card to her lips with tears and inarticulate murrurs.

Two years later Gordon McFarland sat in his office writing. It was after business hours, but he had remained to think out certain points in quiet and solitude.

Turning in his chair, he picked up the telephone receiver.

"I will call Jones and find out what he knows about this business," he soliloquized. He was on the point of calling "Hello, central!" when the sound of his own name arrested his attention. "That's the nuisance of a party line," he muttered. He had no intention of listening, but how could he help it when he heard his own name in that well remembered voice?

"Oh, Gordon McFarland? Well, if you'll never, never breathe it I'll tell you. He took me to a ball, and, yes, Grace, he left me to get home as best I could."

"No; certainly I don't think he was to blame. It must have been some of Davy's mischief."

"Yes, of course Davy denied it, but I know it was. Gordon would not have done it unless he thought he was justified."

"What's that? Did I really care? Well, yes, I did, and I don't care if you do know it."

"No, no; we weren't engaged. He was so bashful."

"What's that? Encourage him? I—I did. I tried to make him jealous of that abominable Gerald Stone, and—and I succeeded. That's how it all happened."

"Yes, that's so. It isn't the thing to talk secrets over a phone. Those horrid operators always do listen. Well, goodby! Come over in the morning—224 Fourth street, you remember. Good night!"

Gordon called in hurriedly before she could hang up. "Hello, Bessie!"

"Well, what is it, Grace?"

"This is not Grace, Bessie."

"Gordon McFarland!" The exclamation was one of dismayed surprise.

"Yes, I have recovered from my bashfulness. Will you marry me now, Bessie?"

"Indeed I will not! You're just too awful! You listened!"

"I couldn't help it, and I'm glad I didn't try. Don't you hang up that receiver or I'll be there within ten minutes," he threatened.

"Then I'll hang it up. If you want an answer to that question come and get it!" And he heard the receiver clang as it reached the hook.

The Deer's Eyes.

A Canadian hunter tells this incident of how he once came face to face with his quarry and hadn't the heart to fire: "It wasn't a case of 'buck fever,' such as a novice might experience, for I had been a hunter for many years and had killed a good many deer. This was a particularly fine buck that I had followed for three days. A strong man can run any deer to earth in time, and at last I had my prey tired out. From the top of a hill I sighted him a few miles away. He had given up the fight and had stretched himself out on the snow. As I stalked him he changed his position and took shelter behind a bowlder, and, using the same bowlder for a shelter, I came suddenly face to face with him. He didn't attempt to run away, but stood there looking at me with the most piteous pair of eyes I ever saw."

"Shoot? I could have no more shot him than I could have shot a child. Had the chance come from a distance of a hundred yards I would have shot him down and carried his antlers home in triumph, but once having looked into those eyes it would have been nothing less than murder. I have hunted deer since then, but I find the sport affords me little pleasure. Whenever I draw a bead the picture of those mute, appealing eyes comes before me, and though it has not prevented me from pulling the trigger, I have always felt glad somehow when my bullet failed to find its mark."

Mair Sense.

A Scottish lad had his leg injured at a factory and was treated for some time by the doctor without favorable results.

His mother had great faith in a local bone setter and wanted her son to go to him, but the boy objected, preferring, as he said, the "regular faculty."

Finally, however, he yielded to his mother's persuasions and was taken to the famous bone setter. The leg was duly examined, and it was found necessary to pull it very severely in order "to get the bone in," as the bone setter expressed it.

The patient howled in agony, but at last the bone was "got in" and he was bidden to go home—in a few days he would be all right and could resume work.

"Didn't he do it well?" said the joyous old lady as they started homeward.

"Yes, he did, mother," said the lad. "He pulled it well, but ye ken I was na sic a fool as to gie him the lad leg."—London Tattler.

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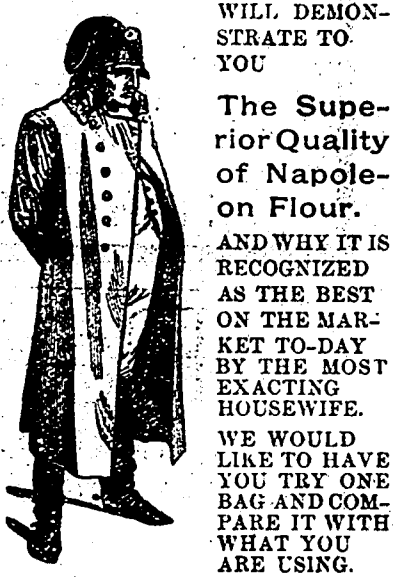
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Leave Merrimack Square, Lowell, for Boston via Tewksbury and Reading to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charlestown—6:45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9:45 p. m. Sundays—Same as week days. Return—Leave Sullivan Square—6:45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 8:45 p. m. Sundays—7:45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9:15 p. m.

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Lawrence—6:15, 6:15, 6:40 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:40 p. m. Sundays—7:15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9:45 p. m. Return—Leave Lawrence—6:20, 6:10, 6:50 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:50 p. m. Sundays—7:20 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 11:00 p. m.

North Chelmsford via Middlesex Street—5:18, 6:00, 6:30, 6:55, 7:05 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11:32 p. m. Sundays—7:35, 8:05 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 10:33 p. m. Return—Leave North Chelmsford—5:30, 6:55, 6:50, 6:57, 7:15 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11:03 p. m. then 11:48 p. m. Sundays—5:55 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11:03 p. m.

Nashua—6:15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:15 p. m. Sundays—7:15 a. m. then same as week days. Return—Leave Nashua—6:15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:35 p. m. Sundays—7:35 a. m. then same as week days.

Tyngsboro via Middlesex Street—6:18, 6:00, 6:15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9:48 p. m. Return—Leave Tyngsboro—6:18 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:18 p. m. Return—Leave Tyngsboro—6:40, 6:20, 6:57, 7:33 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:33 p. m. then 11:33 p. m. Sundays—6:30 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:33 p. m.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the trusts under the will of Lydia R. Hudson, late of Ayer, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court by Orrin S. Fowler of Maynard, in the County of Middlesex, praying to be appointed trustee under the will of said deceased, which has been proven in said Court.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the ninth day of November, A. D. 1929, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in "Turner's Public Spirit," a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fifteenth day of October, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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BADLY MADE GOWNS.

Famous French Dressmakers Who Think Good Sewing Beneath Them.

The decision of a French court that an American must pay \$5,000 for gowns she ordered in spite of her protest that they were badly made will afford some satisfaction to other American women who have had the same experience. They may not have been ordered to do so by a court of justice. But how many of them have protested in vain against the badly made, poorly sewed and ill fitting gowns that have been made for them by Paris dressmakers of repute? It used to be said that the hurry of most Americans made it necessary for the women to put the gowns together as best they could, but there is no longer any validity in that excuse. Gowns are just as sketchily put together as they ever were. American women who are buying for the first time in Paris are astonished at the careless sewing which is accepted as a matter of course. And it is in the expensive shops along the Rue de la Paix that this defect is most likely to exist. The smaller couturiers in the streets far away from the haunts of the strangers are more careful about their work, although in neatness and thoroughness they stand far behind the American dressmaker.

Most Americans in the habit of having gowns made in Europe are accustomed to the methods in the sewing rooms and hand over their gowns to their own maids to have their neat fingers repair the damage that the first wearing is sure to produce. It is the inexperienced alone that go rushing back to the dressmaker to show him or her the poor sewing. There is the portentous expression of regret and surprise, and the dress is sent to the workroom to be repaired and is delivered the next day—in precisely the same condition. No amount of complaining will have the least effect on the garment.

Wise women take them as they are, are thankful for the smartness in the general design, which is all that even the Frenchwomen are able to get out of their seamstresses.

"It is not only the Americans that suffer from the ill made clothes," said one of the buyers for a dressmaker when she came back from Paris the other day. "The Frenchwomen have just as thoroughly ceased to expect well made dresses. They have their maids sew them up after the first few wearings just as a matter of course. The average Paris dressmaker considers it beneath her dignity to look after such unimportant things as whether the stitches will hold or not. Her ambition is to supply something smart, something that will look well as to the outside on the woman she has made it for. She has no time to bother her head as to whether the seams are holding inside or not."

HINTS WORTH KNOWING.

Five cents' worth of whiting kept in a bathroom closet is a cheap and quick polisher of nickel fixings.

Add a teaspoonful of lemon juice to the water in which prunes are cooked. The sirup will be much improved in flavor.

If oilcloth is given a coat of varnish twice a year it wears longer. It more easily kept clean and does not lose the pattern.

Parmesan cheese sprinkled thickly over stewed tomatoes that are later browned in a baking dish gives them an added zest.

When chopping suet add a little flour. The suet will separate better and the work be done much more quickly and easily.

To secure the meat from pecan nuts, it is claimed they will break and the kernels will come out easier if the nuts are soaked in water overnight.

Just for a change try filling apples which have been cored ready for baking with orange marmalade or raisins and a little butter and sugar. The result is delicious.

A saucerful of lime placed in a damp closet will act as a disinfectant and absorb dampness. The lime should be renewed once in two weeks or as often as it sakes.

Discolored ivory knife handles should be cleaned with lemon juice and salt. Cut a lemon in half, dip it in salt and with it rub the ivory. Wash off immediately with warm water and wipe dry.

Nagging a Poor Policy.

Here is another lesson for the nagging woman. Nagging never accomplishes anything either in domestic life or in politics.

Sarah Grand, the author of the "Heavenly Twins," claims that nagging is the curse of the suffragette cause. She herself is a suffragist, but not a suffragette—note the distinction—and she thinks that the suffragettes have made a fatal mistake where they might have made a brilliant stroke. When they first broke out and startled the world by their militant tactics they did a brilliant thing and made a brilliant political play. But they failed stupidly when they kept it up, for, as she expresses it, they exhibited themselves in the most offensive of human relationships, that of nagging.

Nobody ever had any sympathy or toleration for a nagging man or woman. The policy of a nag is worse that futile; it is disastrous. It has alienated friends and converted the indifferent into enemies.

That is the way a bright woman has summed up the nagging habit, and whether the practice is applied to politics or neglected husbands, her estimation of it is wholly true.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Francis Butterfield, late of Shirley, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for Probate, by Julia E. Holden, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix thereof named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the tenth day of November, A. D. 1929, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in "Turner's Public Spirit," a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least, before said Court.

Witness, CHARLES J. MCINTIRE, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of October, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

NOTICE—I intend to spend the winter in Florida, and will sell at very low prices 2 Double-runners and 1 Single-runner Pungo, 6 Single and 1 Double-runner Pleasure Shighas, some have been used, but all are in good order also Democrat, Concord, Road, Express and Farm Wagons and Carts, Barrows, Stanchions and Top Eucates; Harness of all kinds, Bobcat, Wagon, Blankets and Horse Goods; Agent for Rogers & Hubbard's Perfumery, F. B. Fitch's Carriage Harness and Implements, Dealers, Ayer, Mass. Tel. 84-2.

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PEPPERELL.

Center.
The reception which was given Fri-
day evening, October 29, to Rev. and
Mrs. Dudley R. Child, in Central hall,
was the most prominent social event
of last week. It was largely attended.
Mrs. Elizabeth B. Heald and Mrs. Clara
W. Reed were the patronesses, and
Frank and Fred Bennett the conduc-
tors in the introductions. The hall
was tastefully decorated with autumn
follage. A very large fern upon the
platform, in front of which the parties
took their stand, added to the effect.
After the ceremony of introduc-
tion a social hour was spent. Choice
refreshments were passed to the
company by the ladies of the con-
gregation. Every one enjoyed the oc-
casion.

Miss Annie Gilson left town last
Monday for California, where she will
occupy the same position in the family
of Mrs. Margherita (Teola) Hyde,
which she had last year. She traveled
alone.

The ladies of the L. B. S. of the
Congregational church met on Mon-
day to pack the missionary barrel, to
be sent to North Dakota to the home
missionary there.

Miss Angie M. Jordan has been visit-
ing her friends in Providence the
last two weeks.

The Woman's club had a pleasant
meeting last Tuesday in the banquet
hall, Saunders' Corner. An excellent
musical entertainment was given by
local talent, both instrumental and
vocal. The usual business program
was carried out. Mrs. Dudley R. Child
has become a member of the club.

Miss Anna French has returned from
Manchester, where she has visited
several weeks with friends. She is
preparing for spending the winter in
Worcester.

Miss Margaret G. Blood returned on
Tuesday from a week's visit in Con-
cord Junction. She attended a Hal-
loween party in Acton on Saturday
night, October 30.

The November business meeting of
the Ladies' Social circle of the Uni-
tarian church will be held in the la-
dies' parlor, Thursday afternoon, No-
vember 11, at three o'clock.

East.
Unclaimed letters at East Pepperell
postoffice, November 1: Wallace Blake,
Frank Atkins, M. Goodman, Augustus
Moulton, Colin F. McInnis, Mrs. Georgie
A. Rogers.

The following is the vote at town
meeting Tuesday: Governor, Draper,
171; Vahey, 122; lieutenant, Frothing-
ham, 173; Foss, 119; senator, eighth
Middlesex, Hibbard, 171; Draper, 113;
representative to general court, S. W.
Longley, 196.

Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., work the
initiation degree on two candidates,
Thursday evening.

The November meeting of the Pru-
dence Wright Chapter, D. A. R., will
be held at the home of Mrs. Edward
L. Tarbell, Tuesday afternoon, Novem-
ber 9, at 2:30 o'clock. Board meeting
at two o'clock. A full attendance is
desired, as there is business of im-
portance to come from the meeting.

James Gray has had his residence
connected by telephone.

The moving pictures at Tarbell's
Opera House, Tuesday evening, were a
popular affair. The election returns

pest on their property, take counsel
with the warden and do not confound
the brown-tail and gypsy moth.

A large number here have secured
tickets for the Harvard-Yale football
game at Cambridge, November 20.

The Driving club turned over to the
selectmen a portion of the profits of
the Field day results. Friday work
was resumed on the public play-
ground by teams of I. J. Rowell.

Dr. Charles G. Heald is taking a
special course at Harvard Medical
school, and will not be at his office
Fridays during November, December
and January.

Fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lakin returned
Monday from a few days with their
son at Greenfield, N. H. Henry had
an exciting welcome home. For only
a few minutes after his arrival the
fire alarm sounded and he was soon
at his post at the steamer house, su-
perintending the preparation to put out
a brush fire. This fire was in the fine
chestnut growth belonging to Elijah
Reed, and was evidently set from a
fire which some one had made in the
trunk of a dead pine. Very little dam-
age was done, for a large crowd ar-
rived in answer to the alarm and what
credit there is belongs to the chemi-
cal. Aside from his, special mention
of the response by our volunteer de-
partments is in order. The greater
part of these men left their work at
the call of the alarm.

TOWNSEND.

West.

The Ladies' Literary and Social cir-
cle met at the home of Mrs. Herman
W. Lawrence, last Friday afternoon,
taking for their topic, "The life and
works of Oliver Wendell Holmes." Selections from his writings were read
by the members, and light refresh-
ments were served during the social
part of the program. The next meet-
ing will be Friday afternoon, Novem-
ber 12, at the home of Mrs. Edward
Craig.

The L. B. S. held a meeting at
the Baptist vestry, Wednesday after-
noon, to complete preparations for
their fair, which is to be held in Sem-
inary hall, Wednesday evening, No-
vember 10. An excellent program has
been planned, consisting of readings,
illustrated reading, entitled "The bat-
tle of Bismarck," and a farce, "The
business meeting." There will be the
usual sale of fancy work, confection-
ery and refreshments, and the pro-
gram will be followed by a social.

Mrs. J. H. Cox has returned from
a brief visit to her daughter in Dor-
chester.

The public schools enjoyed Hal-
loween exercises on Friday afternoon,
the rooms being darkened and lighted
by Jack-o'-lanterns, and Halloween
sports and games being enjoyed dur-
ing the closing hour.

Rev. Mr. Upton from New Ipswich
occupied the Baptist pulpit last Sun-
day morning and evening, and is also
expected to supply for the coming Sab-
bath.

Miss Marion Hicks and Mrs. Keefe
from Boston have been recent guests
of Dr. and Mrs. Ely.

Miss Ora Craig, who teaches at Leb-
anon, N. H., is at her home for a
week's vacation.

Mrs. James A. Willard is visiting
her daughter, Mrs. S. W. Tyler of
Clinton.

Mrs. Roland Allen from Greenville
has been at the home of her mother,
Mrs. Robert Kaddy, for a few days be-
fore commencing housekeeping in
Groton, where Mr. Allen is employed.

William Sullivan and family visited
relatives in Derry, N. H., the first of
the week.

Ivers P. Sherwin has been enjoying
a few days' hunting in Ringde, N. H.,
with very successful results.

E. T. Davis and family have return-
ed from Stoddard, N. H., where they
have spent the summer, and opened
their home here.

Miss Isabelle Hellur, who has been
enjoying a week's vacation, has re-
turned to her duties at a hospital in
Worcester.

Mrs. Edward White of Ayer has
been a recent visitor at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman.

Mrs. Bolster of South Paris, Me.,
is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R.
Morgan.

Winfield Reed of Boston spent Sun-
day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Alexander Reed.

The Ladies' Whist club met on
Thursday afternoon for the first meet-
ing of the season at the home of Mrs.
George Tenney.

Edward Patch spent Sunday at home
and on Saturday evening went out and
captured a coon for a souvenir of his
visit.

Mrs. Oscar Evans has been quite ill
at her home in Joslynnville.

Mrs. George Roebuck and children
closed their cottage here and left
Thursday for New York city. She was
accompanied by her brother, John
Willmott, who will remain with her for
the present.

George McElligott of Boston has
been a recent visitor at the home of
his mother, Mrs. Louise McElligott.

Miss Marion Kellogg is spending a
few weeks with relatives at the Cen-
ter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Homer have
returned to their home in New York
city for the winter.

Alden P. Sherwin and James F.
Dodd spent last Sunday with friends
in Boston and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Reed have re-
turned from New Ipswich, where they
spent the summer at the E. W. Seaver
cottage, and Miss Clements of Boston
is acting as housekeeper for them.

Miss Blanche Hall of Brookline, N.
H., has been a recent guest at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Webster.

Halloween Party.

A very pleasing Halloween party
was held in Seminary hall last Mon-
day evening under the auspices of the
L. L. A. B. A brief program, consist-
ing of a piano duet by two ghosts; a
recitation, "My pumpkin face," by
Miss Gertrude Hamilton; a song, "The
sandman," by Gladys Veno; and a se-
lection by a quartet of ghosts was
heartily enjoyed, and the remainder

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of the evening was passed in games
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ding of the cobweb, followed by an ori-
ginal ghost story, a la Peter Coddie,
in which a large number took part.
Refreshments of apples, cornballs and
doughnuts were served and an appe-
tizing and elaborately frosted cake with
a miniature pole with a Teddy bear at
the foot, bearing the legend, "Peary or
Cook," was contributed to the occa-
sion by Mrs. C. S. Homer, and was par-
taken of by all present with much
pleasure.

Birthdays Anniversary.
Mrs. Edwin Streeter celebrated her
eighteenth birthday at her home in Jos-
lynnville, Monday, November first, and
enjoyed a family reunion, as well as
the congratulations of a host of neigh-
bors and friends. Her seven sons,
George, Clarence and Ashbel, from this
village, Ralph, and Orrin, Streeter
from Nashua, Harry from Waltham,
and Julius from Thornton Ferry, N.
H., gathered around the table with
her, and also her three sisters, Mrs.
Robert Nicholson from Clinton, Mrs.
Holman from Kingston, and Miss Em-
ma Olmsted from Waltham, helped to
make the occasion most enjoyable.
Mrs. Clarence Streeter of this village,
Mrs. Julius Streeter and Mrs. Orrin
Streeter accompanied their husbands.
In the afternoon eight members from
the L. L. A. S. called to offer their
best wishes and congratulations, and
presented a bouquet of eighty beauti-
ful carnations, and a bouquet of ex-
quisite chrysanthemums was also pre-
sented by one of her friends, as well
as a number of gifts and bouquets of
cut flowers.

Center.
Misses Adelaide Well and Elsie Pow-
ell gave a Halloween party at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. George Brackett
of old city, Saturday evening. The
rooms were prettily decorated with au-
tumn leaves. All kinds of games and
tricks were played. Refreshments
were served, and a general good time
enjoyed. There were about twenty-
five in number who attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright of Ayer
have moved into the tenement lately
occupied by Gordon Whitlock. Mrs.
Wright was formerly Miss Georgie
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man, stated that morning that Dixon
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the double deed because their mother
and father, Frank Berry, a travelling
salesman of Watertown, were soon to
be reunited.
Dixon is married and has one child,
but has been separated from his wife.
The Dixons have been living apart for
some time, but got together several
times after separating. On June 26,
of the present year, they mutually
agreed to live apart and on separate
maintenances proceedings he gave her
the sum of \$1000. On the following
day he brought divorce proceedings
against her, claiming desertion. Ac-
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county court at Cambridge, and she
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