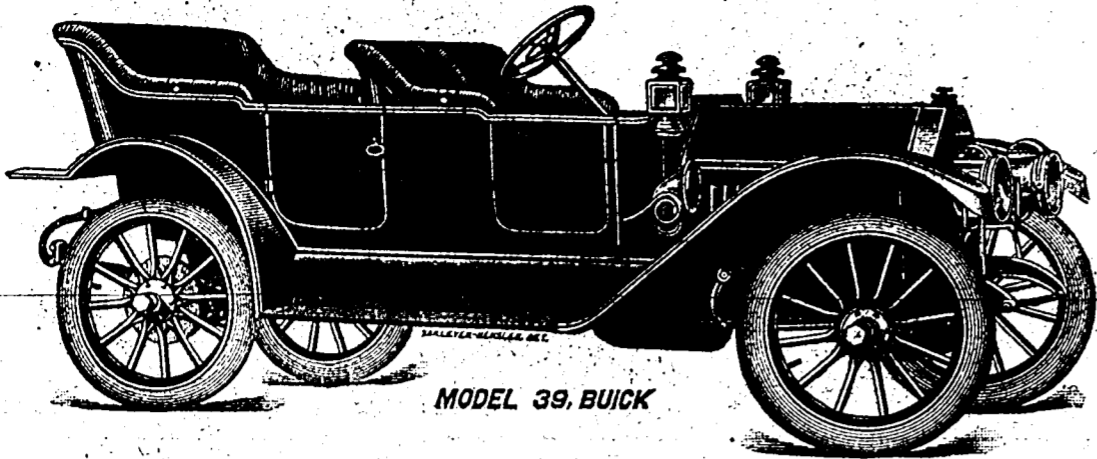


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### LITTLETON.

#### News Items.

Rev. Harrison L. Packard will exchange pulpits with Rev. A. A. Bronson of Shirley Sunday morning.

A large herd of deer was seen in the western part of Littleton on Thursday morning.

Miss Sara Bent of Stow, sister-in-law of Jeremiah T. Warren, and an occasional visitor in town, died on Wednesday morning, after an illness of less than one day.

Mrs. Gardner Prouty returned home from Cambridge on Wednesday evening, after a five days' visit with her aunt, Mrs. Wm. Hartwell.

Mrs. J. M. Hartwell has been spending a week in Somerville.

At the regular meeting of the grange on Wednesday evening the first and second degrees were conferred on a class of about eighteen or twenty persons. Still the grange grows.

E. P. Wilcox gave the Junior Endeavors of the Congregational church and their leader, Mrs. H. L. Packard, a fine sleighride on Thursday afternoon.

Jesse Dodge took the eighth grade and Miss Schneider, the teacher, on a pleasant sleighride to Groton last week. At the Groton Inn, the children enjoyed the hospitality of the proprietor, Mrs. Dodge, who served refreshments. The children were radiant with delight and upon their return home pronounced the event the time of their life.

Fred Hosmer of the Hartwell & Hosmer firm has had to capitulate in face of the two stern foes, rheumatism and grippe, and Robert Roberts and James Ewings are taking his place on the route.

Avery Bluebolt, tenant of one of the Fred C. Hartwell houses, met with a sad accident near Littleton station on Thursday morning. He was sawing the limb of a tree when a heavy branch hit his head unexpectedly and effected a scalp wound extending to the bone. He was taken into Thacher & Ireland's store where the wound bled profusely. Dr. Christie was summoned and took seven or eight stitches. It is reported that Mr. Bluebolt's shoulder was dislocated in a fall resulting from the blow on his head.

The old folks' concert has again been postponed to Tuesday evening, February 28.

Schools will be closed Wednesday, February 22, as it is a legal holiday.

Little Junior Flagg was again operated on at the Nashua hospital last Saturday.

Mrs. Varnum H. Flagg is sick in bed with the grippe.

Born Wednesday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Leander Fisher a daughter.

Rev. Stone of Newton Theological seminary spent Sunday and Monday with his fellow student, Rev. H. B. Drew, and as Mr. Drew was much inclined to grippe on Sunday morning Mr. Stone preached for him. The Baptist church was unusually well decorated for Lincoln Sunday with red and white carnations, flags and bunting, and two pictures of Lincoln had a prominent place. Mr. Drew kept his engagement with the Congregational church of Ayer on Sunday.

Miss Gladys Kimball of Tilton academy was at home from Saturday night to Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith of Waltham and Mr. and Mrs. G. Edward Prouty of Somerville were in town over Sunday.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of SARAH A. FARNSWORTH, late of Shirley in said County, deceased. Whereas CHARLES F. WORCESTER the administrator of the estate of said deceased has presented for allowance, the 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-eighth day of February A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said administrator 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 on or at least before said Court, and by mail, 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 ninth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

Frank B. Priest has bought the hearse house and moved it Monday afternoon to his premises on Foster street, where he will convert it into a garage.

The Newtown whist club met with Dr. James Christie last Saturday evening.

Clarence Jackson missed seven hens and a rooster from his henhouse last Saturday morning, but an arrest was recently made in one of the lower towns that reduced the number of hen thieves by one.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Reed were recent visitors at Samuel Reed's.

An excellent biographical sketch and memorial of the late Rev. John Lemley, D. D., of Albany, N. Y., was published last Saturday in the Zion's Watchman, a Methodist paper established by Dr. Lemley in 1879. It contains also a beautiful likeness of the well-known author, editor and divine and an account of the funeral services at his late home and at the Rensselaer church, with resolutions of the official board of the church and those of the Albany Methodist ministers' association, over which Dr. Lemley formerly presided.

#### Supper and Entertainment.

The Lincoln club had one of the most successful of its annual chicken suppers last Monday evening. The tables were teeming with good things to eat, and a large company of people did the banquet ample justice. The decorations used in the church the day before were transferred to the vestry where they were artistically arranged. The entertainment was of the usual high order and consisted of readings in French dialect by Mr. Stone of Newton Theological seminary; reading of Lincoln's second inaugural address, Rev. H. L. Packard; violin solo, Miss Katherine Kimball; vocal solo, Clifford Shedd; singing, double quartet, assisted by Mrs. Leslie Hager; vocal solo, Mrs. Hager; piano solo, Miss Emma E. Tenney; vocal duet, Mrs. Hager and Mr. Drew. The efforts of the club were rewarded by increasing the exchequer to the extent of about forty-five dollars.

#### A Most Eloquent Orator.

Monday afternoon the Woman's club with the superintendent, school board, teachers and high school enjoyed a lecture of compelling interest, a gem

RELIABLE CLOTHIER AYER, MASS.

OUR FINAL

## CLEAN UP SALE

Our Make-way Sale proved very satisfactory, but we still have some good things left, for the late buyers.

The sizes are somewhat broken, but yet there are many good trades here for you now. We have decided, therefore, to continue selling the balance of our

## Winter Suits, Overcoats Caps and Furnishings

as per list below, through the month of February, previous to Stock Taking.

MEN'S SUITS	FANCY OVERCOATS
The sizes are broken-of-course, not many suits of a kind, but all sizes in something.	For Men and Youths
\$ 8.50 Suits, make way price ..... \$5.47	Every Overcoat in stock now cut in price.
10.00 Suits, make way price ..... 7.47	\$12.00 Overcoats now ..... \$8.47
15.00 Suits, make way price ..... 10.47	15.00 Overcoats now ..... 10.47
18.00 Suits, make way price ..... 13.47	16.50 and 18.00 Overcoats now ..... 13.47
20.00 Suits, make way price ..... 14.47	20.00 and 22.00 Overcoats now ..... 15.47
22.00 Suits, make way price ..... 16.47	
Also one lot of odd suits for Boys and small men, 31 to 35, ages 15 to 19 ..... 2.47	
CHILDREN'S CLOTHING	MEN'S BLACK KERSEY OVERCOATS
One lot of Children's Knee Pant Suits, ages 8 to 16, the pants are cut straight only, which we offer at just one-half regular price.	\$10.00 Overcoats now go for ..... \$7.47
\$3.00 Suits now go for ..... \$1.50	12.00 Overcoats now go for ..... 8.47
4.00 Suits now go for ..... 2.00	15.00 Overcoats now go for ..... 11.47
5.00 Suits now go for ..... 2.50	20.00 Overcoats now go for ..... 15.47
Knickerbocker Trouser Suits	
\$3.50 Suits reduced to ..... \$2.50	
4.00 Suits reduced to ..... 2.89	
5.00 Suits reduced to ..... 3.47	
Odd Knee Pants	
Straight Cut Only	
One lot regular price 75c., \$1.00 and \$1.25, now reduced to your choice ..... 23c.	
WINTER CAPS	CHILDREN'S OVERCOATS
Every Winter Cap at a Cut Price	Ages 4 to 12
All our Men's \$1.00 Caps now ..... 79c.	\$2.75 Overcoats now ..... \$1.98
All our Men's 50c. Caps now ..... 39c.	4.00 Overcoats now ..... 2.89
All our Boys' 50c. Caps now ..... 39c.	5.00 Overcoats now ..... 3.47
All our Boys' 25c. Caps now ..... 19c.	
Odd Winter Caps for Men, 50c. values, now 19c.	
A FEW SPECIALS	PANTS
Men's Police Braces ..... 15c.	One lot of Men's \$1.50 and \$2.00 Pants, now ..... 98c.
Men's 25c. Suspenders ..... 17c.	One lot of Men's \$2.50 and \$3.00 Pants, now ..... \$1.50
Ways' Mufflers, seconds of the 50c. grade 25c.	
Men's Coat Sweaters in Plain Gray, Gray and Red, and Gray and Blue, 75c. value for ..... 39c.	
TAMS FOR MISSES AND WOMEN	FURNISHING DEPARTMENT
At One-half Price	Underwear
50c. Tams ..... 25c.	All our 50c. Fleece-lined Underwear, Single or Double-breasted, the kind we have been selling for 50c. all season for ..... 39c.
75c. Angora Tams ..... 37c.	All our Blue Derby-ribbed Underwear, the kind we have been selling all season for 50c., now for ..... 39c.
\$1.00 Chinchilla Tams ..... 50c.	Boys' Fleece-lined Underwear, 50c. kind ..... 39c.
	Boys' Fleece-lined Underwear, the 25c. kind 19c.
HOSIERY	Gloves
35c. Heavy Wool Hose now ..... 25c.	All our 25c. Woolen Gloves and Mittens for Men and Boys now ..... 19c.
25c. Heavy Wool Hose now ..... 17c.	One lot Heavy Working Gloves for Men, 50c. value ..... 35c.
15c. Heavy Cotton Hose now ..... 9c.	One lot of Jersey Gloves for Men, Women and Children ..... 15c., 2 pairs for 25c.
15c. Fancy Cotton Hose now ..... 9c.	One lot Men's \$1.00 value Winter Gloves now ..... 75c.

Also price reductions in the following lines of goods, running from 15 to 25% off the regular price. The original and the cut-price tag on every article and every garment:

**MEN'S FUR COATS**  
**MEN'S SHEEP-LINED COATS**  
**MEN'S FUR-LINED COATS**  
**MEN'S RAINCOATS**  
**HORSE BLANKETS AND ROBES**

**SHIRLEY.**

News Items.

Twin boys were born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Bassett on Thursday night. Mother and babies are doing nicely. Mr. and Mrs. Bassett reside on Tinker hill.

Miss Mary Prescott, teacher at the Centre schools, will spend Saturday and Sunday at her home in Haverhill.

Henry W. Brockelman, who has been spending a couple of weeks with relatives in Connecticut, is expected home this week-end.

Mrs. Thomas L. Hazen and Mrs. George S. Wells attended a meeting in Boston on Thursday of the Daughters of Vermont.

J. Albert Deardon, who has been confined to his home for a couple of weeks past with sickness, is improving nicely.

Miss Nellie F. Cronin, teacher of the fifth and sixth grades, has tendered her resignation to the school committee to take effect as soon as a new teacher can be secured to take her place. Miss Cronin has accepted a similar position in Waverley with a larger salary.

Miss Lena Allen, fifteen years of age, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Allen, was operated upon at her home on Front street on Thursday morning for appendicitis. The operation was performed by a Clinton physician, assisted by Dr. Chas. J. Pierce.

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WESTFORD.

Tadmuck Club.

Postponements and changes in time  
of meeting have never been the policy  
of the executive board of the Tadmuck  
club, but the meeting for February 7,  
was necessarily put over until February  
14 on account of the very stormy day.

The meeting was held Tuesday after-  
noon under the usual pleasant condi-  
tions with good attendance. A club  
valentine of a vase of carnations  
graced the speaker's table.

The subject was the fifth in the se-  
ries of the special topic for study of  
Spanish North America, and was "Cal-  
ifornia."

Miss Grace Lawrence of Forge Vil-  
lage, who spent last winter and spring  
on the western coast about six months  
in all, was the speaker of the after-  
noon and had prepared one of the  
best of travel papers; adding to the  
more to the list of excellent ones this  
club has enjoyed. It was well-  
written and well-delivered, and por-  
trayed entertainingly the enterprises,  
climate, size and great natural beau-  
ties. In the latter part of her paper  
Miss Lawrence outlined a most inter-  
esting account of the early Spanish  
mission schools of southern California.  
It was a gracious and capable ser-  
vice that Miss Lawrence extended to  
the club and those present extended  
their most cordial appreciation and  
have made her an honorary member  
of their number.

The speaker and the subject for the  
next meeting, February 21, are sure  
to be good. The speaker will be Rev.  
B. H. Bailey, and "The minister in  
fiction," is the attractive subject.

Board of Trade.

The recently organized Board of  
Trade made up of the citizens of our  
town with a view to its welfare and  
development on broad lines starts out  
most auspiciously. There are twelve  
articles in the constitution, the first  
two of which give a good idea of the  
proposed scope of the organization,  
and are as follows:

Article 1. The association shall be  
known as the Westford Board of Trade.  
Article 2. It shall have for its ob-  
ject the advancement of the public  
interests of the town of Westford; the  
development of all legitimate enter-  
prises tending to increase its pros-  
perity; the uniting of the energies and  
influence of its citizens upon all sub-  
jects affecting the welfare of the town;  
the improvement of facilities for trans-  
portation; the diffusion of information  
concerning the manufactures, trade  
and business of the town; and the  
cultivation of friendly relations among  
the citizens of Westford and vicinity.

The membership fee is fifty cents  
and an annual fee thereafter of fifty  
cents a year.

The new officers are: Edward Fisher,  
pres.; P. Henry Harrington, vice pres.;  
Charles O. Prescott, sec.; Leonard W.  
Wheeler, treas. The board of directors  
to serve for one year are: Capt. Sher-  
man H. Fletcher, Edward Hanley, A.  
F. Sargent, E. B. Spaulding, Edward T.  
V. Hildreth, and these directors have  
appointed the following committees for  
the ensuing year: Finance, Charles O.  
Sargent, Charles M. Trull; public ad-  
vertising, parks, sidewalks, street light-  
ing and improvement, Albert H.  
Choate, Oscar R. Spaulding, Edward T.  
V. Hildreth, John D. Carmichael, R. D.  
Prescott; entertainment, Edward M.  
Abbot, Joseph Wall, George H. Weaver.

Centre.

Farmers and other have taken all  
the advantage they could of the good  
sledding to get wood and logs from the  
woods this last week. Also some  
merry sleighing parties have been en-  
joyed. Will E. Wright and Fred A.  
Smith took a party of eighteen young  
people last Friday night, going to-  
ward Lowell and home through  
Chelmsford. The party was chaperoned  
by Mrs. Florence Isles and Mrs.  
Mervin Steele.

Wednesday evening of this week a  
party of academy students went to  
Chelmsford for a basketball contest.

Henry Kuhn, living on the Blood  
place, who was quite seriously hurt  
with a runaway horse and been shut  
in, is on the gain with prospects of  
reuming active work soon. Various  
ones have substituted on the milk  
team for him.

Miss Ethel Fowle, who taught dan-  
cing here so successfully a few sea-  
sons ago and has many friends here,  
is quite ill with typhoid fever at her  
home in Woburn.

The regular weekly prayer meeting  
of the Congregational church was held  
with Mrs. Quincy Day on Wednesday  
evening. Last Sunday morning at this  
church Mr. Wallace's tribute to Lin-  
coln was particularly good. In the  
afternoon Mr. Wallace went to Lun-  
enburg to officiate at the funeral of a  
little child in the home of former  
parishioners.

William Sutherland, who has been  
quite sick with a heavy cold and an  
abscess on his face, is improving.

The rehearsals for the old folks'  
concert which were in progress at  
the time of Mrs. Woods' sad death,  
committee in charge, who were special  
friends of the deceased, cannot get it  
ready for this month, and it is hoped  
that the committee who had the  
March supper in charge will alternate  
with this committee and have the so-  
cial take place on Friday of next  
week.

Quite inadvertently in reporting the  
last social, the teachers' enterprise,  
the name of Miss E. Marion Sweatt,  
the skilful accompanist of the even-

ing, was omitted from the list of en-  
tertainers.

A little son was born into the home  
of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Wilson on  
the South road this week.

About Town.

Owing to a flush milk market and  
other kindred hindrances, Henry B.  
Read has decided to reduce his stock  
at auction next Monday afternoon.

Albert S. Hildreth, who has been ill  
with the grippe at his home on the  
Concord road, has, with the aid of Dr.  
Wells, got a grip on the grippe and  
it appears at present like sticking to it.

The board of registration held the  
first meeting prior to town meeting  
on Friday evening at the town hall  
and arranged for future meetings,  
which will be made public next week.

The usual whippers of the approach-  
ing annual town meeting are already  
for hearing. As the town has cancelled  
all indebtedness of the J. V. Fletcher  
library, the library having been cre-  
ated to light up the mind, it is now de-  
vised to ask for an appropriation to  
light up our feet on the public roads.  
Electric lights for Westford, Forge  
Village, Graniteville and Brookside is  
what is coming. Don't try to hinder  
this movement by catching hold of the  
wire. You will be shocked to find  
what a live affair the wire is compar-  
ed with you.

Does the new ad. of Bliss hit you?

Farmers' Institute.

Good fortune and good management  
had it there will be a midway Farm-  
ers' Institute between the Westford  
Institute and the early March Insti-  
tute at Tyngsboro. This extra will be  
held at the church in Pawtucketville,  
Lowell, Tuesday, February 21. The  
address of the day will be given by  
Dr. George M. Twitchell of Maine,  
former editor of the Maine Farmer,  
and at present president of the Maine  
Pomological society and practical  
farmer. In the forenoon his subject  
will be "The coming man," and in the  
afternoon, "Stumbling blocks." The  
usual dinner and after dinner attrac-  
tions promise well for digestion with-  
out dyspepsia tablets. This is the  
third institute given by Middlesex  
North this winter. The fourth and  
last will be given at Tyngsboro in  
early March.

Death.

Mrs. Helen E. Swain, aged forty-five  
years, died at her home on the Dun-  
stable road on Friday, February 10,  
after several months' illness. Hospital  
treatment last autumn failed to bring  
relief as expected, and a gradual  
decline resulted until the fractures of the  
flesh obeyed the universal law of  
change. She leaves beside her hus-  
band, Fred W. Swain, who is draughts-  
man for the C. G. Sargent's Sons' ma-  
chine shop at Graniteville, four boys  
and two girls, the youngest being  
about one year old. The funeral was  
held from the residence on Sunday  
afternoon, relatives, friends and neigh-  
bors gathering for this last, final uni-  
versal and closing scene. Rev. Haver-  
male of the village church of Granite-  
ville conducted the service. The flow-  
ers of roses, pinks, sweet peas and  
asters contributed their hopeful em-  
blem.

The body was sent on the early  
morning train to Franklin, N. H.,  
where burial took place. Undertaker  
David L. Greig & Son, with their usual  
careful and sympathetic management,  
were confided with full charge.

The Swains have been in town but a  
few years, moving from Tyngsboro,  
and purchased the small farm close  
to the Tyngsboro line at the foot of  
Scribner hill.

Attendance, the Largest.

The Fortnightly club held its regu-  
lar semi-monthly meeting on Friday  
evening, February 10. The attendance  
was the largest of the season. Arthur  
T. Blodgett, president of the club,  
was master of ceremonies and read  
the roll-call of exercises, and the  
following persons responded: Arthur  
T. Blodgett, cornet, Mr. Nuthall of  
Billericia, trombone. This was a  
very enjoyable, for "do it again,"  
Mrs. Emily Blodgett and Miss Carrie  
Prinn. This song was so charged  
with catchy, quick-step metre, that  
everybody chimed in for more. Trom-  
bone solo, Mr. Nuthall, recalled. Vi-  
olin solo, Arthur T. Blodgett, who was  
also a repeater. Discussion, resolved:  
"That home has a greater influence on  
character than the influence of soci-  
ety." The well-known Delacey Corkum  
of Billericia, the man with many  
words and great memory, spoke for  
the affirmative. He went back to  
Adam and traveled all the way a foot,  
peered into homelife along this tedious  
march until he reached the homelife of  
one Corkum, there he paused for re-  
freshments and allowed S. L. Taylor,  
the "feather weight," to relieve him-  
self of a few harmless thoughts on  
the negative side. The affirmative  
spun two and one-half rounds and the  
negative two rounds. This extra was  
followed for entertaining in a general  
way rather than argument, after  
which the question was given to the  
audience and C. R. P. Decatur, Horace  
Gould, Andrew Johnson, Joseph Wall  
and Ernest Dane proceeded to knock  
down arguments and set up others.  
Whether a heavily charged memory  
won this debate or "Feathers" don't  
know as no vote was taken. All that  
can be said is that neither side seemed  
exhausted when the gong sounded.

The evening's entertainment was in  
charge of Mrs. Emily Blodgett, Mrs.  
Elizabeth Wyman and Carl Wright.  
The next meeting will be held on Fri-  
day evening, February 24. After giv-  
ing Mr. Corkum a rising vote of thanks  
for his aid, the meeting adjourned.

Forge Village.

A most enjoyable dancing party was  
held by the members of the Pro Tem  
club on Saturday evening which  
proved to be a success. Among those  
present were many from Graniteville  
and Ayer, besides those who attended  
from this village. After the dancing  
and during intermission, ice cream  
and cake were served. The young  
men who had charge of the affair  
and who are responsible for its suc-  
cess were: John E. Burnett, floor di-  
rector; William DeRothen, assistant;  
Percy Wilson, John Shackleton and  
Harry White, aids.

Rev. Michael E. Doherty of North  
Chelmsford conducted the service in

Abbot hall on Sunday morning and  
preached a very fine sermon.

Miss Hannah Coburn, who has been  
ill with the grippe, is now improving.  
Capt. Eaton has returned to work  
after being confined to his home by  
illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leclerc and  
little daughter Irene of North Chelms-  
ford spent last Sunday at the home  
of Mr. Leclerc's parents, Mr. and Mrs.  
Felix Leclerc.

Services were held at St. Andrew's  
mission on Sunday afternoon. Rev.  
A. L. Bumpus preached an excellent  
sermon which was enjoyed by all who  
attended service.

The men who have been at work  
during the week on the frozen water  
mains of the Westford Water Com-  
pany, situated near the Boston and  
Maine railroad crossing, completed  
their labor on Tuesday afternoon.

Many from this village attended  
the supper held at the home of Mr.  
and Mrs. Chester Blodgett on Sunday  
evening, it being the occasion of Mrs.  
Blodgett's birthday. The table was  
laden with good things and twenty-six  
sat down to supper, after which a  
musical program was enjoyed. The  
merry party broke up later and were  
driven home in a huge sleigh, which  
was a most enjoyable windup of the  
happy event.

The Ladies' Sewing circle met on  
Wednesday afternoon at the usual  
hour. A dainty luncheon was served.  
There was no rehearsal of St. An-  
drew's choir on Wednesday evening.

Large Attendance.

The try-out for speedy horses was  
held on Forge pond on last Sunday  
afternoon with a very large attend-  
ance. The racing took place at the  
Beaver Brook side of the pond, and  
covered about one-quarter of a mile  
in length.

As no time was set, it was not  
known at just what hour the speed  
trials would start, but a little after  
two o'clock a few of the fast horses  
gathered, including Henry Healy's  
chestnut, Angus McDonald's bay, Aus-  
tin Healy's little mare, Mr. Graves  
with his black horse, the Yapp Bros.,  
and Victor Pigeon with his bob-tail,  
and started for the run, each time  
with Austin Healy's mare in the lead.

Other high speeders soon gathered  
to have a "try," but to the amaze-  
ment and disappointment of all, it was  
discovered that Mr. Healy had turned  
homeward before the finish of the  
game, which would have been very  
interesting had he remained to see  
things through.

The question is still left in debate.  
"Who owns the fastest trotter?" It  
will be decided, however, on next Sat-  
urday afternoon, when a fair and  
square trial will be held on the pond  
at 2:30 o'clock. This race will be run  
on racing rules and will be open only  
to Graniteville, Forge Village, Little-  
ton and Westford. Three judges will  
be on hand to give the decision, and  
prizes will be awarded the winners.  
It will be a "square deal," and it is hoped  
that a large number will participate.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

The Backlog club enjoyed a fine  
program last week Thursday evening  
at the Unitarian vestry. Miss May  
Balch of Westford, an accomplished  
elocutionist, recited several selections  
to the gratification of her very ap-  
preciative audience. The other ar-  
tist of the occasion was Fritz Oehl-  
gel of West Acton, who played the  
zither and the trombone as only a  
born musician can play. Miss Grace  
Needham accompanied him at the  
piano. At the conclusion of the pro-  
gram the company heartily engaged  
in amusing games and everybody had  
a good time.

Mrs. White, the popular teacher of  
Shirley, opened a dancing school in  
town hall last Saturday afternoon.

J. Hartwell Whitcomb has been  
missed from his usual place at the  
station where it has been his custom  
for years to wait for the morning mail.  
He has been confined at his home be-  
cause of inflammatory rheumatism.  
We were glad to see him back this  
last Wednesday morning.

Varnum H. Flagg has recovered  
from a recent attack of the grippe.  
Mrs. David Wilcox is on the sick list  
and at nearly every house there is  
sickness caused by colds.

W. H. Miner of Chazy, N. Y., who is  
well known at the U. S. quarantine,  
as an extensive dealer in cattle, has  
bought the highest bred and most  
valuable calf in the country for \$10,-  
000 of Daniel W. Field, millionaire  
shoe manufacturer and fancy cattle  
breeder.

Mrs. Frank Bentley Layton of Lit-  
tleton spent Monday in Boston with  
friends. In the evening she sang at a  
musical given by the pupils of her  
teacher, Miss Ida E. Dow, 603 Hun-  
tington Chambers, Boston.

Mrs. Charles Roberts is visiting a  
friend in West Acton.

Mrs. P. Corning Edwards of Spring-  
field was in town Tuesday and Wed-  
nesday visiting at C. F. Johnson's and  
E. A. Cox's, and calling on other  
friends. Tuesday evening she gave a  
lecture recital before the West Acton  
Woman's club and returned on Wed-  
nesday evening to Springfield.

Last Saturday afternoon E. P. Wil-  
cox took the high school seniors and  
their teachers on a fine sleighride, and  
upon their return all were hospitably  
received at Daniel G. Houghton's  
spacious and inviting home where a  
feast fit for the Gods awaited them.

Monday afternoon Nahum H. Whit-  
comb entertained Mrs. Wm. Channing  
Brown's Sunday school class of young  
children and on Wednesday afternoon  
Fred S. Kimball took the first and  
second grades with Miss Davis, the  
teacher, for a similar outing.

Thursday, the older children, includ-  
ing Mr. and Mrs. August Kimball, Mr.  
and Mrs. Nahum Whitcomb, Mr. and  
Mrs. Daniel Houghton, Mr. and Mrs.  
Fred Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. Osman  
Needham and Mr. and Mrs. Charles  
Kimball, laid aside the cares and re-  
sponsibilities of the home for a few  
hours and stored up some pleasant  
memories for distant old age by in-  
cluding in a sleighride party with  
Lowell, a good dinner and an after-  
noon at the theatre as pleasant ob-  
jectives.

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A special meeting of the Forget-not  
circle of King's Daughters is called  
for at Mrs. William H. Davis' home  
next Tuesday afternoon, February 21.  
This is to be a very important meet-  
ing and every member is urgently re-  
quested to be present. Plans for the  
Easter sale will be discussed and  
work for the same will be continued.

Tomorrow morning, Rev. H. L.  
Packard will preach on "Christ's need,  
man's supreme opportunity." At the  
evening service of the Congregational  
church there will be an address by  
Miss Ellen M. Blakely, president of  
Marsh college in Turkey. Miss Dor-  
othy Roberts will lead the C. E. meet-  
ing at the Congregational church, and  
Miss Augusta Smith will lead at the  
Baptist church. The subject is "Se-  
renity: how to get it; what it ac-  
complishes."

The Lincoln club will discuss "The  
city and monopolies," at their meeting  
tomorrow.

February 22, the Backlog club will  
give a Sunset party in town hall  
afternoon and evening.

Recently, there has been added to  
the library, "The children's hour," a  
careful selection of the best literature  
for young people and children, in ten  
volumes. Houghton & Mifflin Com-  
pany, who publish the books, offer a  
first-prize of fifty dollars' worth of  
books to any one who can identify the  
seventy-five characters in this "Heroes  
and heroines" contest. Smaller prizes  
are given for identifying a less num-  
ber of the characters. The contest is  
open until April 1, 1911. Inquire  
at the library for further particulars.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Corning Edwards of  
Springfield and Littleton, have an-  
nounced the engagement of their  
daughter, Ruth Davis Gilman, to  
Ralph Waldo Conant of Chicago, son  
of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo E. Conant of  
this town.

James Mahoney is employed as su-  
perintendent of the stock room in the  
Buffalo Shoe Company.

Melvin Howe is at Hovey's corner  
with Mr. Winn, Mrs. Fannie Shattuck's  
mother.

The Lawrence library will be closed  
from Saturday, February 18, to Wed-  
nesday, March 1. All books must be  
returned on or before Saturday, Feb-  
ruary 18, under penalty of twenty-  
five cents for each book not returned.  
Books will be issued again on March  
first.

An Interesting Meeting.

The Littleton Historical society will  
meet in the reading-room of the li-  
brary on February 22, at three o'clock.  
The program promises to be very in-  
teresting, and will consist of short  
sketches by several members. The  
president, Joseph A. Harwood, will  
give a brief talk on the "No-nothing  
party," which was organized before  
'60. The vice president, Frank B.  
Priest, will give an account of sev-  
eral former residents of Littleton who  
are not enrolled on our lists of sol-  
diers—men whose names should be  
placed with the others who fought  
for the nation.

Miss Julia S. Conant is expected to  
give "The Lives of the Grimke  
sisters," who came to Littleton to  
lead the cause of the slave.

It is hoped that Miss S. F. White,  
the secretary, will read a paper on her  
grandfather's works, and that Hon. G.  
W. Sanderson will give reminiscences  
of some incidents connected with  
events that transpired here previous  
to the civil war. Mrs. J. M. Hartwell  
has charge of the program. To all  
who are interested a cordial invitation  
is extended.

First Number.

A copy of "Mystic Light," a new  
periodical, devoted in general to var-  
ious interests of an elevating nature,  
and in particular to those relating to  
free masonry, has been placed on the  
reading-room table in the public li-  
brary.

This is the first number of the mag-  
azine and the editor-in-chief, Peter  
Corning Edwards of Springfield and  
Littleton, and his associate editors  
have the good wishes of our people  
in their new enterprise.

In the editorial Mr. Edwards gives  
the aim and policy of the publication  
and the significance of the title. He  
has also contributed an article on  
"Benjamin Franklin as a mason,"  
which will appeal to his readers.

Much valuable and entertaining read-  
ing are contained within the pages of  
this first number, and if the high  
ideal set forth in the editorial and  
plainly visible throughout the con-  
tents is maintained, there can be no  
question regarding its success.

About Town.

Miss Juniata Fairfield will lead  
the Guild on the topic, "The value of  
patience."

Needham & Fletcher are putting the  
Hartwell mill, near the railway sta-  
tion, in repair for C. F. Johnson's  
work there.

The Unitarian parsonage and the  
vestry of the church have just been  
newly curtained with green curtains.

F. B. Priest has bought the old  
horse-house building, and has had it  
moved to his home place.

The old folks' concert to be given  
by home talent is the last entertain-  
ment in the lyceum course and will be  
given on Tuesday evening, February  
28.

Last Saturday evening Principal and  
Mrs. Backus, the assistant teachers  
and members of the graduating class  
in the high school were taken on a  
sleighride through Westford by Bert  
Wilcox. On their return they were  
welcomed to the hospitable home of  
D. G. Houghton and treated to a hot  
corn chowder.

Last week Miss Caroline Rogers of  
Berlin was a recent guest here of her  
aunts, Mrs. Jessie Dodge and Mrs. F.  
A. Hosmer.

Monday afternoon N. H. Whitcomb  
took Mrs. William C. Brown and her  
Sunday school class of nineteen little  
ones for a sleighride to Ayer. It was  
good sleighing and the little ones en-  
joyed the ride to their hearts' content.

Miss Elizabeth Thacher has had as  
a guest this past week, Miss Cora  
Richards of Lunenburg.

The Littleton Historical society will  
meet on Wednesday, Washington's  
birthday, in the Reuben Hoar library  
at two o'clock. The main topic will  
be notes on "Anti-slavery days in Lit-  
tleton." F. B. Priest will report brief-  
ly some recent discoveries of his re-  
garding officers and soldiers from Lit-  
tleton in the French and Indian  
war. Several recent gifts to the so-  
ciety will be shown. All persons are  
cordially invited.

Does the new ad. of Bliss hit you?

The Coming Play.

Whatever may be scheduled for  
March 9 and 10, it may as well col-  
lect its properties and step down and  
out, for the whole town and part of  
Harvard, Ayer and Westford will all  
wend their way to our town-hall on  
these two evenings to see the fate,  
chance and fortune of "A scrap of  
paper." Just a little bit of paper,  
that at different times in the world's  
history has absorbed the play-goers'  
interest on two continents. It is not a  
domestic drama or a comedy farce,  
but a comic drama in three acts—six  
male, six female characters. The time  
required for presentation is two hours,  
that means a little longer for Lit-  
tleton, but so long as it is good, the  
longer the better. A synopsis of inci-  
dents might make interesting reading,  
but would require too much space and  
would detract from the apparent origi-  
nality of the play when really wit-  
nessed.

All the Backlog stars are too busy  
for anything, bringing their parts up  
to the point of perfection and it is  
a hard matter not to call their names  
right out on this page. But we all  
know them, and they know that only  
the best they can do will give us pure  
satisfaction. In the issue of February  
25, the entire cast of characters will  
be given. Signs are in the air that  
there will be an early rush for seats,  
and everybody is wishing that not  
only the stage, but the hall itself was  
larger, March 9 and 10.

Copies of Records.

The following are copies of records of  
the doings of the Massachusetts  
legislature, on the reports of commit-  
tees regarding the "Nashoba lands":

The Report of the Committee of the  
Honourable Court upon the Petition of  
Concord, Chelmsford, Lancaster and  
Lands, Pursuant to a Resolution of the  
Honourable Court bearing  
date the Thirtieth of May 1711.

The Committee Report of follows:  
That is to say: That one the sec-  
ond day of October 1711 the sd com-  
mittee went upon the premises with  
an article and viewed & surveyed ye  
lands mentioned in the petition  
and that the most southerly line of  
partly on Concord partly on Stow &  
this line contains by Estimation 40  
ye Survey About three miles & 50  
Partly on a farm called Powers Farm  
on Stow & partly on the Dier and  
Gronot and contains four Miles and  
20 Rods Extending to a place called  
Brown Hill on the Line Runs along  
certain Lands claimed by Gronot and  
contains three miles the Easterly  
Runs partly on Chelmsford and  
partly on a farm called Powers Farm  
in concord this line contains about  
four Miles and seventy five Rods.

The Lands Above Mentioned were  
shewed us for Nashoba Plantation and  
there were ancient marks in the  
Lines fairly marked & sd Comtee up-  
on the Survey that Gronot Hath Run  
in to Nashoba (as it was shewed to  
us) so as to take out one sd  
Plantation and the biggest part of the  
Meadow it appears to us To agree  
well with the Report of Mr. John Flint  
& Mr. Joseph Wheeler who were  
Comtee Imployed by the county Courts  
upon a Petition to Run the bounds of  
sd Plantation Jan ye 20 1712

Place will Demonstrate how the Plan-  
tation Lieth and How Gronot Comes in  
upon it. As also the Quantity which  
is about 700 Acres.

And sd Comtee are of Opinion that  
there may be a Township in that place  
lying so Remotely from the most of  
the Neighbouring Towns provided this  
Court shall see Reason to continue the  
bounds as we Judge they Have been  
made at the First Laying out, and that  
they be some Addition from Concord  
and Chelmsford which we are Ready  
to think will be complied with, by sd  
Town and sd Comtee in about 16  
Families Settled in sd Plantation  
Nashoba Ave in Gronot Claim, and Ten  
in the Remainder; and three Families  
are also Settled on the powers  
Farm very convenient to join with sd  
Plantation, and are about 8 miles from  
any Meeting House, also there are  
about 8 Families in Chelmsford who  
are already settled near Nashoba line  
and six or seven miles from there own  
Meeting House.

Jonathan Tyng  
Thomas How  
John Starns

In the House of Representatives  
November 2 1711 Read October  
23 1713 in Council Read and Exceuted  
and the Indians Nations Proprietors,  
of the Said Nashoba being being Re-  
moved by Death except Two or three  
Families only Remaining. It is Declared  
and Directed that the sd Land of  
Nashoba be Preserved for atownship  
whereas it Appears that Gronot  
Concord and Stow by Several of their  
Inhabitants have

upon the sd Land this court see not  
Reason to Remove them to their Dam-  
age but will allow them to be and Re-  
main with other Inhabitance That may  
be admitted into the town of be then  
Settled and that they have full Liberty  
when there Names and Numbers are  
determined to Purchase of the few In-  
dians there Remaining for the Estab-  
lishing of atownship Accordingly: Sav-  
ing convenient Allotments of Land to  
the Remaining Indians Inhabitance for  
the Settlement of a Plantation. Sent  
Down for Concurrence.

Isaac Addenton.  
In the House of Representatives  
October 23: 1713 Read.

Upon Reading a Petition of Sundry  
Inhabitants of Concord, Chelmsford,  
Lancaster & Stow for Grant of a Part  
of Nashoba Lands Concord with the  
order passed thereon by the House of  
Representatives viz that Jonathan Tyng  
Esq. Thomas How Esq. and Mr. John  
Starns Be a Committee to View the Land  
Mentioned in the Petition and Repre-  
sent the Lines or Bounds of the sev-  
eral adjacent Towns bounding on the  
same Land & to have special Regard  
to the said Grant of the Indians &  
Circumstances there of the following  
Report of the Comtee to Run the Line  
Mentioned in the Petition Accepted by  
the Reprint Read and Concurred in  
Wee the subscribers Appointed a Com-  
tee by the General Court to Run ye  
line betwixt Gronot & Nashoba &  
to Lay out five hundred Acres of Lands  
in said Nashoba to the descendants of  
the Indians Pursuant to sd Order of  
Court Bearing date the 20 of Jan 1712 We  
the subscribers Retain as follows that  
on 30 of November Last We met on  
the Premises to view the Informa-  
tion of the Inhabitants of the Towns  
Nashoba and others of the Neighbour-  
ing Towns Relating to the Line that  
has been betwixt Gronot & Nashoba &  
seen Several Records of Nashoba &  
Town Book & Considered other writing  
that be Long to Gronot & Nashoba &  
we have Considered all we have Run  
the Line which we account to be the  
old Line betwixt Gronot & Nashoba we  
begin Next Chelmsford Line at cheap  
stones where we were informed that  
there had been great



Home of Benjamin Hall, 1843-1856.

### The Annals of a Neighborhood.

By Edward A. Richardson.

The subject matter of the following sketch has become of more than passing interest to the writer who lived for a number of years in that part of Groton known as the Community.

To preserve for future historians some of the incidents which led up to the establishment of the settlement and to give an account of its continuance and decline is the intent of the following article in the writing of which I wish to acknowledge the assistance rendered by my father, Joseph Henry Richardson, who was born in Westford, Mass., December 26, 1835, and whose mind is a storehouse of memories of those early days. I have studiously avoided many personal allusions and recorded only such characteristics of individuals as are necessary for a proper understanding of the subject.

The settlement in Groton, called for years, the Community, was a gathering place in the year 1847 and thereafter of kindred spirits who had become knitted together in the bonds of friendship and in their faith in the second advent of Christ as set forth by William Miller in the early forties.

One pleasant autumn day in the year 1840, four young men were tramping in company along the "Great Road," from Concord to Groton. The party was composed of Theodore Parker and George Ripley of Boston, Christopher P. Cranch of Newton, and A. Bronson Alcott of Concord.

To fully appreciate the conditions which led the people of 1840 and the following years to take up this ism, we must consider that it was a period given up largely to an analysis of all beliefs and dogmas, and that in those days there were not lacking men of independent thought and initiative.

It was this spirit that led Messrs. Parker, Cranch, Ripley and Alcott to walk in company over the road from Boston to Groton to attend a second advent convention at which Mr. Parker spoke.

In the following years there came other movements led by the abolitionists, the transcendentalists at Brook Farm, Roxbury, the colony at Fruitlands, Harvard, and political bodies of whigs, free-soilers, locofocos and others with various shades of belief.

There are men now living in this vicinity who remember the great wave of religious interest which reached to all parts of the country. The various cults and isms had hosts of followers, some of whom became famous as noted thinkers and investigators.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, in a lecture, entitled "New England Reformers," delivered in Boston, March 3, 1844, says: "Whoever has had an opportunity of acquaintance with society in New England during the last twenty-five years, with those middle and with those leading sections that may constitute any just representation of the character and aim of the community, will have been struck with the great activity of thought and experimenting."

This same spirit of independent thought and a belief in what is right gave rise to temperance societies and the anti-slavery movement throughout the eastern states.

Groton, just before the coming of the railroads, was an important inland town and to it came many people who sought here to pass their declining years in the peaceful retirement of a good old town with a healthful environment.

The religious schisms of a few years ago had been adjusted and the three churches in the town had become established and working in harmony when the movement known as Millerism, or the belief in the second coming of Christ, was taken up by a few at the centre of the town, while in the country at large, eventually, over 50,000 people were credited as being believers in the faith.

Men of strong mental attainments became interested and, as viewed in this later day, we can but feel that they were sincere for the greater part and no more to be scoffed at than those other experimenters who took up with the dietetic schemes at Fruitlands and Brook Farm.

This new belief, so-called, though appearing at intervals for the past one thousand years, was based on an interpretation of the scriptures not in accord with the generally accepted rendering and was dependent largely on the prophecies of the old and new testaments.

The following extract is from a letter written before 1843 by William Miller to a brother preacher: "I understand that the judgment day will be a thousand years long. The righteous are raised and judged in the commencement of that day, the wicked in the end of that day. I believe that the saints will be raised and judged about the year 1843, according to Moses' prophecy in Leviticus, Chapter 26. Ezekiel, Chapter 39. Daniel, Chapters 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12. Hosea, Chapter 5, and Revelations, the whole book, and many other prophecies have spoken of these things. Time will soon tell if I am right."

"I believe in the glorious, immortal and personal reign of Jesus Christ, with all his people on the purified earth forever. I believe the millen-

nium is between the two resurrections and two judgments, the righteous and the wicked, the just and the unjust. "I hope the dear friends of Christ will lay by all prejudice and look at and examine these three views by the only rule and standard, the Bible."



William Miller, 1781-1840.

All the comments of the day acclaimed William Miller as a good man, sincere but under a delusion. Meetings were held all over New England and somewhat in the states at the westward. Those interested were accustomed at first to go to the larger places like Boston and Lowell, and later to meetings held in the suburban towns by various preachers among whom were William Miller, Elder Cole and Elder Preble, the last of whom was recently living at the advanced age of ninety years.

At times large assemblies or camp meetings were conducted, particularly in Littleton, where many gathered on the farm of Andrew Whitcomb to hear the doctrine set forth by Mr. Miller and his followers.

Some of the leading citizens of the surrounding towns, in all sincerity took up the idea and among them the Whitcombs of Littleton, Leightons and Richardsons of Westford, Hall, Bancrofts, Gates, Cragin and Hartwells of Groton, became interested in the actual followers of Millerism.

To these camps by stages, barges and other conveyances, the countryside came as for a holiday and some who came to scoff remained to pray.

In Westford the Leightons had been engaged in a small way in the manufacture of boots and shoes, which business they afterward continued in Marlboro and later in Pepperell where Albert Leighton died.

The Richardsons in Westford had both been school teachers for many years in early life and with the Leightons had closely followed all the advanced thought of the day. They had frequently made trips by team in company to Boston to listen to William Lloyd Garrison, the anti-slavery champion, and it was hinted that their homes were stations on the underground railroad.

In Westford, William Miller explained by elaborate charts the certain end of the world which he had computed would come to pass between the vernal equinoxes of 1843-1844, first set for March, 1844, and then again for October, 1844.

The Lowell Courier of October 17, 1844, commenting on the excitement says: "The 21 inst. (next Tuesday), is we believe the 'last day of Grace.'"

The same newspaper reports: "The Newburyport Courier states that on Saturday last, the following notice was posted on the door of one of the dry goods stores in that town: 'Believing as I most sincerely do, that the Lord Jesus Christ will, in a few days, come in the clouds of heaven, I retire from this shop; as I am determined, God being my helper, that my works shall correspond with my faith.'"

Saturday afternoon Oct. 12, 1844. The Newburyport paper adds that the Millerite fever seems to be on the increase and that other stores were closing and the signs taken down, expecting that the end of the world would come before Monday morning.

In Pennsylvania the advents were in camp in groves Monday and Tuesday nights. Not much newspaper comment is made on these events, perhaps largely because the country was in the very midst of a great political contest where the whigs and abolitionists were each seeking the ascendancy which resulted in the success of the democracy. George S. Boutwell of Groton was a democratic candidate for congress and Franklin Pierce, "New Hampshire's gifted and eloquent son," was stumpng the State of Massachusetts for the democracy, and spoke in Lowell, October 24, 1844.

Daniel Webster delivered a two-hour address on the topics of the day in Pepperell on November 5, 1844. Over one thousand people gathered in the common before the church and the meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Charles Babbidge. The auditors came from Groton, Shirley, Ashby, Townsend, Dunstable and Pepperell, and the address was fully reported

ed in the Lowell Courier on November 7, 1844.

Benjamin F. Hartwell was born and lived in Groton, but later moved to Acton. In 1844 he was living at Littleton Common and his house was a gathering place for the believers from Westford, Acton and Littleton, who assembled on October 10, 1844, to await the end of the world.

That night the adults passed the time in prayer and reading of the scriptures in an upper room, while the children slept on the lower floor.

It is of course needless to say that the end of the world came not, and in grievous disappointment they went back to their farms to gather those crops which had not already been put in store for them, against their need, by their unbelieving friends and relatives, some of whom showed much indignation at the neglect of their farm work and lack of foresight which led some even to give away their stock.

Soon after these events, new computations were made and Mr. Miller stated he had made an error in his reckoning and new dates were set for the end of the world.

In Groton Centre, Benjamin Hall and his followers had erected for a place of meeting, the building called by the world's people, the Pollwog Chapel, from its location near a pond hole, where Willow Dale Road leads off from Hollis Street, next to the home of John H. Hartwell, who lived there at that time.

John and Benjamin Hartwell, skilled carpenters, assisted in the work, and to this place came visitors from Westford, Littleton and other towns about for the services and these meetings were a sort of reunion of those who had met together in Westford and Littleton.

The Pollwog Chapel was sold in November, 1844, to Daniel Needham and George S. Boutwell, moved to Main Street and made over into Liberty Hall, which was burned March 31, 1878.

Benjamin Hall was a native of Westford, a descendant of Willard Hall, the first minister of that town, and was born on July 12, 1796, on the Day farm between the centre of the town and Graniteville.

In early life, with his brother William, he engaged in the wholesale clothing business in Boston for about fifteen years, and when his brother moved to England, the firm became importers of woollens and other goods.

In England, William became a publisher and obtained the royal distinction as publisher to the crown and amassed a large fortune. There was also another brother, Judge Willard Hall of Wilmington, Delaware.

We find that Benjamin Hall was living in Groton as early as 1838, when he bought the farm on the Nashua River, though it does not appear that he lived upon it until after 1843. His second wife was Caroline Bancroft, a sister of George and Henry Bancroft of Groton. The daughter and only child of Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Caroline, married, July 15, 1842, Daniel Needham, a son of James Needham, who was a Quaker from Salem and had been engaged in business in Boston, and had formed a close friendship with the Halls.

Daniel Needham's mother and his brothers Ezekiel and Benjamin, and sisters Olive and Lydia had moved up from Salem and were for years residents of the town.

Daniel Needham was admitted to practice at the bar of Middlesex County in 1847, and the success of Mr. Hall in Groton was due in a large measure to the family relationship which gave to him the advice of an honorable and intelligent counsellor, and the Community a steadfast friend.

Mr. Hall had lived in Acton for about six years between his residence in Boston and Groton, and in 1842, was living in the house of Aaron Mason on Main Street, Groton, the house known as the Nelson Shumway place, and in 1911, as the Dr. Kilbourn hospital.

Mr. Mason was a wheelwright and builder of sleighs, wagons and stage-coaches, and nearby was a large shop in which was a huge treadmill, horse power for operating the machinery. The Zedutha Stanley place had been sold by the heirs, Nabby Stanley, Polly Jaquith and Dorcas Hopkins early in 1835, and in October, 1828, Mr. Hall took title to two separate parcels, making a farm of 120 acres extending along the Groton-Shirley Road from the J. J. Graves farm, now Groton School land, to the farms of Deacon Walter Dickson and Major Amos Farnsworth, and westerly to the Nashua River. In his early ownership the farm was let, meanwhile the wood and timber on the Hill was removed to quite an extent.

On Butler's map of Groton published in 1847, we have along this street the owners to which many additions were soon to be made. It would seem that Rodolphus Parker, whose wife was said to be a descendant of Gov. Dudley, had moved up from the neighborhood of the Concord-Acton line in about 1846, and that Walter Keyes from Acton was living in the Hall place.

At the south were the farms of Walter Dickson, Jacob Pollard and Major Amos Farnsworth, and to the southeast was the large farm of Benjamin Moors. To the north was living George Martin Shattuck on the farm more recently known as the Joshua Walt place, and the next farm towards Groton Centre was owned and occupied by John J. Graves, familiarly known as Jack Graves. This farm is now owned by the Groton School and upon it are most of the school buildings.

About this time, as shown by the conveyances, Mr. Hall conceived the idea of establishing the Community upon and near his farm. The interest of Mr. Hall and his followers had fallen away from the general advent doctrine, but we must understand that by this time the community of thought had led to a close friendly acquaintance, and while the real value of their belief was often questioned, among themselves they were drawn the closer and others of their kindred and friends joined them.

About 1847, Mr. Hall conveyed a large part of his farm to his long-time friend, Benjamin F. Hartwell, whom he had known in Acton, and to



Benjamin F. Hartwell Home, 1847-1867.

others were sold smaller lots, and these purchasers were assisted in building their homes.

Benjamin F. Hartwell was a scholarly man, and like his brother John, inherited marked mental abilities and physical strength. These qualities were repeated to a great degree in his four children who had filled important places in the world's work and who became leaders in their chosen professions. He was early in life a teacher and studied for the ministry; was a great reader and later in life a good all-around carpenter. He erected and moved buildings and contracted for the construction of churches, schools, houses, barns and bridges. He died on September 15, 1897.

At this time other settlers were Joseph Richards of Newburyport, who at one time drove stages between that city and Boston; John Fitz and Merrick Hale from Winchendon, who were skilled woodworkers; Joseph A. Cushing from Stoneham and Mrs. Weston and Minot Leighton from Westford. From Westford in 1849, also came Mrs. Lucy Richardson and her

family of young children, and bought of John H. Hartwell, sixteen acres of the farm he had purchased on April 10, 1847, of Mr. Shattuck. Mrs. Richardson, in company with Miss Betsey Ash, built on this land a cottage house which shortly after the war of the rebellion, was sold with a portion of the land to Jordan Goodwin, a returned soldier, and moved northerly to the fork of the roads, enlarged several times by various owners and finally burned in about the year 1905.

Miss Ash moved to South Groton, and Mrs. Richardson had built just south of her cottage location a large two-story house, partly from the wheelwright shop of Mr. Mason, which was taken down at Groton Centre and re-erected here. She lived here until her marriage again in 1870, and moved to the house of her husband, Mr. Francis B. Parker of Chelmsford. Her place was purchased by her son, Joseph H. Richardson, who after several years' occupancy, moved to Ayer in 1887, and sold it to Mr. George Whitney, the present occupant, in 1890.



Home of Lucy M. Richardson, 1849-1870.

After Mrs. Richardson moved into her new house, the cottage was rented to various persons. Mr. Albert Billings, who was somewhat of a shrewd business man, occupied it for a season while interested in the yeast business with Noah Dutton and Joseph Richards. This business was started in Mr. Richardson's dwelling house further up the street. Mr. Billings will be mentioned later. Joseph A. Cushing bought a part of the Hall place which here extended southerly to the old Moors farm, in later years known as the Culver farm. The cross road from the Hall place leading easterly to the South Groton Road was laid out by Mr. Hall through the Cushing land and land of Lucy Richardson, and a sharp turn was made around the lot of Miss Nabby Stanley just before it reached the east road.

Mr. Cushing built his home and set out grape vines and fruit trees which under the care of the next owner, Mr. Newman, grew to bear fruit of most excellent quality as all the boys of forty years ago will testify. Subsequent owners were Messrs. Cochran, Ring and Swan, under whose occupancy the buildings were burned and most of the fruit trees and vines destroyed. The house and outbuildings have been replaced with a dwelling and an extensive greenhouse plant by the present owner, Mr. H. Huebner, the florist.

John Fitz, Rodolphus Parker and Merrick Hale were located at the end of a lane provided by Mr. Hall off the south side of his farm. Mr. Fitz lived where lately Millard Smith lived, Mr. Parker where Mr. Rynn lived in the seventies, and Mr. Hale lived on the corner where the lane turned to

the right where an instructor's house is now being built for the Groton School.

After 1847, a hoop shaving shop used by Walter Keyes was sold to Miss Rebecca Green, a sister of Mrs. Cushing, and converted into the dwelling where John Hackett or his family have lived for fifty years.

At the rear of a house built for Mrs. Weston from an old barn moved over from the Hall place was erected, an ell extending across the whole end, and on the upper floor was a hall where the first meetings of the adventists in this village were held and continued for about four years. This place was conveyed by Mrs. Weston to Minot Leighton and was afterwards known as the Leighton house.

Mr. Hall became the leader of the advent movement in Groton, and in this room was accustomed to explain his belief which differed somewhat from the generally accepted creed in that Mr. Hall preached the establishment of the New Jerusalem right here in Groton, while others, of which Deacon Walter Dickson was a type, believed that the Kingdom of God was to be set up in Palestine, the sacred land of Bible history.

Having a common dooryard and a common pump through which the division line ran, Joseph Richards built his home adjoining the Leighton place. This was afterwards known as the Widow Ann Gilson or Goding house, the home of Thomas and Sumner Gilson, and their sisters, one of whom married Mr. Harrison Goding. These houses stood in front of the present stable of Mr. William Amory Gardner.

(To be continued.)

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### Boston & Maine R. R. Time Table

Boston to Ayer		Ayer to Boston	
Week Days		Week Days	
a. m.	p. m.	a. m.	p. m.
6.00	12.30	5.46	12.42
6.45	1.05	6.30	1.27
7.44	2.45	7.00	2.49
8.15	4.00	7.55	3.32
8.59	4.25	8.30	4.22
9.30	5.05	9.00	4.29
11.00	5.14	9.11	4.29
11.30	5.59	11.02	6.04
	6.14	11.23	6.32
	7.00		7.10
	7.15		8.07
	9.14	Sundays	
	11.29	5.46	4.23
8.55	12.30	8.05	5.52
9.30	1.10	9.00	6.47
	2.00		7.32
	2.00		
	7.15		

### Ayer to Fitchburg

Ayer to Fitchburg		Fitchburg to Ayer	
Week Days		Week Days	
a. m.	p. m.	a. m.	p. m.
12.47	12.54	5.20	12.15
6.00	6.00	6.30	1.32
8.08	7.40	7.40	2.00
8.56	8.40	8.05	3.05
9.14	9.05	8.38	4.00
10.31	9.10	9.30	4.03
10.26	6.25	10.40	5.27
12.00 m.	7.15	10.58	5.38
	7.15		6.10
	8.30		7.10
	10.19		8.42
10.36	1.30	5.20	3.56
10.41	3.32	7.34	5.27
	5.05	8.38	6.25
	8.20	9.14	7.10
	10.35		

### Ayer to Worcester

Ayer to Worcester		Worcester to Ayer	
Week Days		Week Days	
a. m.	p. m.	a. m.	p. m.
1.00	4.52	6.14	10.33
Sundays	8.05	8.15	10.37
Worcester to Ayer	4.07	6.20	8.00
9.35	11.42	6.25	6.25
Sundays	4.07	6.37	6.15
From Lincoln Square daily except Monday.			
From Lincoln Square.			
Ayer to Nashua	3.06	8.54	10.26
12.54	6.11	7.35	8.21
8.05	8.26	8.26	8.26
Nashua to Ayer	4.42	7.05	8.34
6.11	8.21	7.32	8.15
7.05	8.21	8.15	8.15
Ayer to Lowell and Intermediate stations	4.55	8.21	8.21
6.20	8.15	8.15	8.15
Lowell to Ayer	7.02	11.55	8.15
5.42	8.55	8.15	8.15
*Daily except Mondays and does not stop at intermediate stations.			
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Ayer to Milford, N. H.	9.13	a. m.	12.31
Milford to Ayer	6.55	10.25	a. m.
1.32	6.15	p. m.	
Ayer to Greenville, N. H.	9.15	a. m.	
1.32	6.15	p. m.	
Greenville to Ayer	6.50	11.45	a. m.
4.50	p. m.		

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Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of **HARVEY D. BROWN** late of Littleton 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 **FRANCIS H. BROWN** who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without bond, and a surety in his official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge County of Middlesex, on the twentieth day of February, A. D. 1911, 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 on one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or otherwise, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirtieth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven. **W. E. ROGERS**, Register.

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of **MARTHA J. O'NEAL** late of Pepperell in said County, deceased, intestate. Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to **AGNES M. O'NEAL** of Leominster in the County of Worcester without giving a surety in bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge County of Middlesex, on the first day of February, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted. And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Pepperell Citizen, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be on one day, at least, before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven. **W. E. ROGERS**, Register.

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the next of kin and all persons interested in the estate of **ESTHER THURMAN** otherwise known as **ESTHER M. RAMSDELL** of Littleton in said County, minor. Whereas, **NATHAN A. TAYLOR** the guardian of said minor has presented his petition for license to administer the estate of said deceased, and in accordance with the order named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, certain real estate therein specified, of his ward for investment. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge County of Middlesex, on the twenty-seventh day of February, A. D. 1911, 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 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 on one day, at least, before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven. **W. E. ROGERS**, Register.

GROTON.

News Items.

"The galloper," by Richard Harding Davis will be presented by the Groton School Dramatic club in town hall on Thursday evening, February 23.

Dr. D. R. Steere has sold the place on Champey street recently vacated by the Lehare family, to Herbert J. Folkins.

There are at least fifteen Groton people now at the "sunny south," not including those who are there from West Groton.

George Carlin is off duty as driver at the Shattuck store, having cracked one of his ribs last Monday while at work. Jerome C. Shattuck has been taking his place this week.

Rev. H. A. Cornell will be one of the speakers at the meeting of the Nashua River Union, Y. P. S. C. E. at Hollis, N. H., on February 22. Mr. Cornell, under the topic, "Pay your debts," will speak on indebtedness to missions.

The thermometer here in Groton on Thursday morning, February 16, which was one of the coldest so far this winter, stood at from ten to twelve below zero.

Flags were out here on both Sunday and Monday, February 12 and 13, in honor of Lincoln's birthday.

Last Sunday evening at the Unitarian church, Dr. H. B. Priest spoke on the medical side of "The Emmanuel movement" and this next Sunday evening, Rev. P. H. Cressey will speak on "The spiritual side of the movement." The meeting opens at seven o'clock.

Mrs. W. B. Robinson, with her two children, Miss Clara and Burton Robinson, are visiting in Concord.

The Odd Fellows' ball of last week Thursday evening was very fully attended. Many friends came from other towns to enjoy the festivities. The music was furnished by an orchestra from Worcester and was of more than ordinary satisfaction. The grand march was led by noble grand, George T. Bailey and daughter, Miss Elsie Bailey. The supper committee called to their assistance Mrs. George Badman who knows so well how to roast the turkeys to the right turn and color and also bake the appetizing scalloped oysters just right. The entire supper was a fine spread, well patronized. After all expenses were paid, the sum of \$121.08 was cleared from the evening's income. This clears up all debts of the society.

B. P. Crowley was sick in bed with the grippe and having the doctor through last week, but is getting around again, and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Coughlin are other sufferers from the prevailing influenza.

The winter issue of the telephone directory for 1911, has been passed around to Groton subscribers.

George L. Moison is driving on the Mike-route of his brother-in-law, Charles M. Raddin, during the latter's absence at the south.

The supreme court handed down an opinion on Monday holding that a trust deed not disposed of by will at the death of its owner is liable to a succession tax. The ruling was in the action brought by State treasurer Stevens against the children and heirs of the late Mrs. Nancy W. Wharton.

Hon. William F. Wharton of Groton, former assistant secretary of State is one of the children and heirs of Mrs. Nancy W. Wharton. The state will collect a large sum in taxes on the property.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Raddin left last week Saturday for the south. They embarked for Boston on Saturday afternoon on "The City of Macon," for Savannah, Ga., thence they made journey by rail to Hastings, Fla., where they plan to spend four or five weeks picking oranges, looking up the openings for possible purchases of land and enjoying the climate, etc.

The body of Mrs. Sarah E. (Hitchings) Spaulding was brought to town from Brockton for burial on Tuesday noon, February 14. Rev. H. A. Cornell conducted the committal service at Groton cemetery where just a month previous, he had performed a similar service at the interment of her mother, Mrs. Ira Holmes. Mrs. Spaulding was fifty-two years old and died after a brief illness from pneumonia. When young she lived for a number of years in Groton with her mother, who had married a second time. Her first husband being a Mr. Hitchings, a soldier of the civil war.

In answer to the question in Boston Globe of February 12, "How do women's clubs benefit the home?" five prominent club women wrote articles of considerable length. One of these answers was "They uphold the home," by Mrs. Clara Bancroft Beatty, who then went on to tell how they uphold and why. Mrs. Beatty was the speaker here in Groton last week before the neighborhood Alliance meeting at the Unitarian. First Parish church.

Herbert W. Mason has enlisted in the United States navy as machinist's mate. He is now on the U. S. S. Missouri, well pleased with his position and prospects.

John Lawrence has bought the Hart place on Farmers' row of Walter D. and Carrie M. Hart, children of Albert W. Hart, by his first marriage. Papers are all passed in this sale.

The Luther Blood lecture course provided a delightful treat in the Weber male quartet of Boston, which gave a vocal and instrumental concert in the town hall on Tuesday evening, February 14. The Groton public generally, and many from other towns, were of one mind, and that was to go and enjoy the grand music. The hall was full, more so than any time this winter, and the large audience at the close were greatly pleased with the finished musical production to which had been their privilege to listen. Besides the regular numbers of the program, there were many encores.

George E. H. Abbott has improved much since last week, and Mrs. E.

A. Barrows is recovering from an attack of the grippe.

Miss Helen Belle Moore visited her friend, Miss Mildred Brown, at Framingham last week Friday night and returning on Monday night.

Ernest C. Willard, having completed his work at Louisville, Ky., late last fall, is at Seattle, Wash., where he is professionally employed by the Seattle Electric Company. He is soon to enter upon his duties as city engineer at Mt. Vernon, besides a private business. Mr. Willard is much pleased with Seattle, a city of 250,000 inhabitants, which he considers one of the very finest cities of our country. The climate agrees with Mr. Willard better than in Louisville, Ky. It will further interest his Groton friends and schoolmates to hear that his engagement to Miss Mabel Kimball Lang of Malden, is announced.

Does the new ad. of Bliss hit you?

**Birthday Party.**  
The Groton branch Alliance will hold their annual Washington birthday party and social dance on the evening of Wednesday, February 22. The matrons of the evening are Mrs. L. M. Mansur, Mrs. C. N. Chase, Mrs. D. Needham, Mrs. W. A. Lawrence, Mrs. C. H. Bickford and Mrs. Mosely Gilson, and three young ladies, Edith Waters, Hertha Fletcher, Clara Robinson will be the ushers.

A departure from the usual custom will be the serving of refreshments in the lower town hall.

The friends of C. Z. Southard, civil and mechanical engineer and expert in court testimony, discovered his ability along another line and urged upon him his duty to exercise this talent for the party of February 22. Mr. Southard yielded to their persuasions and will act as chef on this occasion. The result cannot be doubted.

**Historical Society.**

The members of the Groton Historical society enjoyed a rare treat on Wednesday evening in being permitted to listen to an interesting and instructive address by Mr. Montagu Chamberlain upon "The primitive life of the Indian women of New England." Mr. Chamberlain has made a careful study of Indian life and customs for many years. In the prosecution of his researches he had visited the Indians of Maine and New Brunswick repeatedly, and in this way has become very familiar with their peculiar social and religious customs. In some instances he has shared their domestic hospitality, joined in their sports and hunting expeditions, and under all circumstances found them exceedingly hospitable and courteous.

The illustrations presented during the address were all drawn from personal experience and observation while accepting the hospitalities of the different tribes visited by him. In New England there were two classes of Indians, those who lived along the coast, and those who dwelt in the interior. The Indians living in the interior were, in many respects, superior to those who dwelt by the sea. This the speaker showed by the numerous illustrations which he was able to give from his wide knowledge of their habits and customs. The Indian women, anciently and even now, are divided into three groups—the maiden, the matron, and the grand-dame or grandmother. Certain duties, for ages, have been assigned to each group, but it is not until they become grandmothers that they enjoy special and peculiar privileges. To the old women is given the task of

training the girls and fitting them for the duties of wife and motherhood. The family government, said Mr. Chamberlain, was superior to that of the white race. The children are taught to be respectful to their elders; to be obedient and to exercise self-control. In this respect the Indian boys and girls were shown to be greatly superior to the white children in the more civilized environments. The courtship and marriage customs and ceremonies were graphically described by the speaker. As conducted by the elders of the tribe they were simple, yet beautiful and impressive. The lecture was replete with information along a line which is largely, if ever alluded to, by the modern historians. The interest in the address was shown in the fact that every available seat in the lower town hall was filled. It is to be hoped that the society may hear still more upon this or kindred subjects from Mr. Chamberlain in the near future.

**Clipping.**

The following is taken from the Cambridge Tribune of February 4: Samuel Ramsden, or "Rammy," of rathskeller fame, having been honored with an invitation from Contractor Nawn to inspect the new Cambridge subway, accepted Mr. Nawn's hospitality on Monday and thoughtfully shared his good fortune with Messrs. Charles H. Lake, Charles E. Caustic and Wallace Pierce, who accompanied him on the trip. Mr. Nawn, with his chauffeur, met Mr. Ramsden and his friends at the hour appointed at the Brattle square end of the excavation and the entire subway down to the opening at the new Cambridge bridge. Mr. Ramsden and his proteges greatly enjoyed the ride in "Rammy's" well-known Buick touring car, which could not have sped along better if it had been headed for Groton. To make the trip more pleasing to Mr. Ramsden and the party, the subway had been freshly sprinkled much of the distance, making the air clear all along the line. Mr. Ramsden of course highly appreciated the thoughtfulness shown him and his friends in this particular. Friends of Mr. Ramsden who have called on him at his office this week have been much interested in his account of the trip, which he describes with a good deal of his native enthusiasm.

**Deaths.**

Edward Addison Lawrence died in Orange, N. J., on Monday, February 6. He was the eldest child of Deacon Curtis and Lucy (Merriam) Lawrence of Groton. He was born there on February 25, 1823. He fitted for college at Lawrence academy, then known as Groton academy, and graduated at Dartmouth in the class of 1843. Soon after graduation he became principal of Appleton academy at New Ipswich,

N. H. He remained there seven years and then went to Scotland, Pa., where he became superintendent of the public schools. For nearly fifty years he was connected with the University Publishing Company of New York. Mr. Lawrence leaves a wife and daughter, Mrs. Henry Hale of Orange, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The death of George Lee Peabody at Johns Hopkins hospital last week Thursday, one of the most socially prominent and successful business men of Boston, being connected with the banking house of Lee, Higginson & Co., brings into mourning the families of Endicott Peabody, D. D., and John Lawrence of Groton. He was the brother of Mr. Peabody and Mrs. Lawrence. Rev. Sherrard Billings of Groton School took part in the funeral services on Monday at Emmanuel Episcopal church, Boston, reading the opening sentences, the burial chant and the lesson. James Lawrence, Jr., was one of the ushers. The committal service at Harmony Grove, Salem, was read by Mr. Billings.

**Entertainment.**

The Valentine evening of Groton grange on Monday passed off very pleasantly with a well arranged program and well carried out by the young people. The exercises opened with:

"Hanno solo, Miss Gertrude Nokes; Valentine day, a paper by Miss Bertha Swallow; piano solo, Miss Eva Blodgett; "Indian love tales," a paper by George Lee Bixby; vocal solo, Miss Dora Bailey; harmonica solo, G. Evans and Clarence Anderson; "Love message," a paper by Miss Ethel Young; piano duet, the Misses Messenger; "A romance of Wedgwood and Darwin," Miss Pansy Howe; vocal solo, Miss Anna Patterson; "A love song," Shad Evans.

The passing of confectionery and the laughable game of pinning a heart in the right-place-on-the-picture of a man made a pleasant diversion. As a further appropriate observation of Valentine's day it was announced that congratulations were in order for Walter Winslow of Ayer, recently engaged and Miss Pansy Howe of Pepperell, whose engagement to a gentleman of Pepperell is just out. There were a good number of grange members and also a few visitors from other granges at this Valentine evening of Groton grange.

**West Groton.**

Miss Alma Bowles of Shirley Centre passed her weekly recess at her home here.

Lois Worster of Fitchburg is spending some weeks with her grandmother, Mrs. M. E. Williams.

Mrs. R. H. Burgess visited friends in Lowell on Thursday.

Mrs. Florence Briggs is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Clarence Tuttle of Groton.

Mrs. George Gay is entertaining her daughter from out-of-town.

James Mitchell, superintendent of a mill in Bar Mills, Me., visited relatives here this week. He was accompanied by Mrs. Mitchell.

Mrs. E. K. Harrington spent Tuesday in Lowell.

Mrs. Beatrice Harrington of Ayer was a guest at Mrs. Albert Harrington's on Wednesday, attending the L. A. social and supper.

Mrs. A. F. Bates was in care of her physician last week, being confined to the bed for several days. Mrs. Bates of Fitchburg, Mr. Bates' mother, is assisting in her care.

R. H. Burgess of Bar Mills, Me., coming Saturday, remained at his home here until Tuesday. Mrs. Burgess expects to join her husband in the spring.

There was quite an exodus from West Groton last Tuesday evening, when more than fifty of its people not only took advantage of the good sleighing, but availed themselves of the privilege offered in Groton town hall, of listening to a musical treat furnished by the Weber quartet of Boston. These finely trained musicians gave their hearers an evening of rare enjoyment.

An entertainment, followed by a dance, will be given in Squannacook hall on Friday evening, February 24, under the auspices of Squannacook lodge, I. O. O. F., M. T. There will be a one-act farce entitled, "Zerubabel's second wife." Music both for entertainment and dancing will be furnished by Robbins' orchestra of Pepperell, three pieces. Time, 7.45. Ice cream and cake on sale.

**L. A. S.**

The Ladies Aid society will meet with Mrs. A. W. Lamb on Thursday afternoon, February 23. A new office has been instituted by the society, known as the literary committee, consisting of three members, to see that a half-hour entertainment is provided at each meeting of the society, and to take charge of, or assist in all socials and public entertainments given under the auspices of the society, are the duties pertaining to the office. At the last meeting, held with Mrs. W. F. Lane, note was taken of several of the February birthdays. Mrs. J. P. Trowbridge read a humorous selection from Dickens' "Pickwick versus Bardell." Extracts from Lowell's "Vision of Sir Launfal," also a character sketch of Lincoln were given by Mrs. E. P. Shores. The musical part of the program was furnished by Mrs. A. W. Adams.

The Ladies Aid supper on last Wednesday evening was patronized in the usual generous manner. In honor of St. Valentine, the decorations consisted of variously colored hearts mingled with festoons of green and scattered like autumn leaves upon the tables. At each cover appeared a conundrum menu which furnished much amusement. At first glance it seemed that whether one's supper was to consist of the usual substantial viands and toothsome delicacies, or merely of apples, pickles, and cold water, would depend entirely upon one's skill in guessing the aforesaid conundrums. Fortunately, however, the tables were later filled with a variety of good things from which to choose. The sum netted was \$14.50. Those who later visited the supper hall had the privilege of hearing many facts and interesting episodes concerning the life of Julia Ward Howe, given by

Rev. J. P. Trowbridge. The singing by a chorus of Mrs. Howe's beautiful hymn, "The battle hymn of the Reformation," followed the talk. In view of the fact that this gifted woman was an earnest and persistent advocate of the cause of woman's suffrage, a number of those present were asked to give their opinion upon the subject. Interesting remarks, mostly serious, were made by Charles Bixby, J. T. Shepley, Mrs. H. D. Bowles G. H. Bixby, Mrs. Charles Bixby, Clinton Boutelle, Rev. J. P. Trowbridge, W. V. Bixby, L. G. Strand. Six of the nine speakers favored the extension of the franchise to women.

A vocal solo, "Sing me to sleep," was rendered by Miss Kate Tarbell in her usual pleasing manner. Short favorite quotations from various authors were given by Miss Bixby, Mrs. Trowbridge, Miss Nellie Harrington, Miss Lawrence, Miss Bowles, Mrs. A. W. Lamb, Miss Kate Tarbell.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to marching, which, owing to its variety, was accompanied by a quiet hilarity. The pianists of the evening were: Miss Bixby, Mrs. Fred Blood, Miss Edna Bowles, and for the children's march, Miss Barbara Richardson of the grammar school.

**AYER.**

**To the Editor:**

We are having the most winterless winter that I ever experienced, in fact it is too warm for comfort. For the past month we have had green peas, string beans, new beets, cucumbers, tomatoes, turnips, new potatoes, and last but not least nice large ripe strawberries at only fifteen cents a box. So you see we don't have to live entirely on razor back hogs. Hoping you will be able to keep warm and we cool, I am yours truly, F. B. Felch.

**Complimentary Ball.**

One of the very brilliant gatherings of the year took place in town hall on Thursday evening, on the occasion of the complimentary ball. The perfect weather and the fine sleighing made almost ideal conditions. Guests were present from Littleton, Shirley, Groton, Fitchburg, Worcester, Providence, Boston and Ayer. The president of the club is A. E. Lawrence, and E. E. Sawyer is the very efficient secretary and treasurer. Mr. Lawrence was also floor director, and his aids were Dr. E. B. Butterfield, Edw. Whitney, J. G. Dwinell and Edw. Sawyer.

The music was Hibbard's orchestra of Lowell. The grand march was formed at 8.45 and was led by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lawrence and was followed by sixty-four couples. At 10.15 a fine turkey supper with all kinds of good things was served in the lower hall by the ladies of the Unitarian Social Gathering, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by about two hundred people. The committee in charge was Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, Mrs. Franklin Lawton, Mrs. A. M. Spaulding, Mrs. A. C. Perkins, Mrs. E. G. Duncklee, Miss Hattie Whitcomb, Mrs. S. M. Barker, Mrs. F. A. Wyman, Mrs. S. H. Proctor, Mrs. Charles Fisher, Miss Emma Butterfield, assisted in the serving by Mrs. J. L. Kennison, Mrs. Roy Lawton, Mrs. H. L. Whitman, Miss Millie Beverly, Miss Natalie Bigelow, Miss Pauline Sherwin and E. H. Bigelow. Natalie Bigelow and Pauline Sherwin presided at the punch bowl during the evening in the hall.

**A. W. C.**

At the Woman's club on Wednesday afternoon the annual children's day was observed. Seventy little people had a very delightful time. The afternoon was in charge of Mrs. Carrie Lynds, who was assisted by Mrs. Charlotte I. Whitman, Mrs. Viall and Miss Lucy Wyman. The exercises opened with a vocal solo by Mrs. Eva Richardson, after which there was marching by the children to the merry strains of music played by Miss Etta Green. Then the children hunted for candy hidden about the hall, and when a guest was crowned with success there was a special burst of merriment. Other games of all kinds occupied the party for a long pleasant hour while the club members were interested spectators. Each child received at the close of the afternoon a pretty box filled with bonbons as souvenir of the occasion.

**A Bit of History.**

The town of Ayer was incorporated forty years ago Wednesday, February 15. The territory included within it was taken from Groton and a small slice from Shirley. The town was named in honor of Dr. J. C. Ayer, the patent medicine manufacturer of position against naming the town was strenuously objected to, but at a meeting held on February 7, 1871, it was finally adopted. A week later the act of incorporation was signed by the governor, and the day for holding the first town meeting. The meeting next succeeding this was held on April 3, and the sum of \$7,000 was appropriated; \$3,000 for schools, \$500 for roads, and \$3,500 for incidental expenses, including \$100 for a town library.

A committee was appointed to adjust an equitable division of the property, debts, State and county taxes between the town of Ayer and Groton, and this committee named \$12,000 as the sum Ayer should pay Groton allowing \$700 as consideration for Ayer's share of the public library. It had previously been agreed to pay the town of Shirley \$500 as Ayer's share of the town's debt, 1871.

On October 21, Dr. Ayer informed the selectmen of his "readiness to pay over the amount to the selectmen of Ayer or any person authorized by them, upon call, for the benefit of the town, its schools, or whatever the people shall direct." This proposition was accepted, and Robert P. Woods, Lewis Blood and H. C. Rolfe were appointed trustees to safely invest the money. The only living member of that committee is Mr. Rolfe of Concord.

**Presentation.**

An interesting event occurred on Wednesday evening at the meeting of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S. It was the last meeting to be attended by Mrs. Eva Richardson, who was going to start for California on the following

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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 MARY F. SHATTUCK late of Pepperell 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 ETHEL MEDORA WELLS who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein 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 second day of March A. D. 1911, 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 ninth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven. 3122 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

As an advertising medium this paper is not surpassed for a local paper. An advertiser in Pepperell recently inserted a small advertisement and two days after the issue of the Pepperell Clarion-Advertiser he had received nine letters in reply to his advertisement.

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AYER.

News Items.

The members of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., W. R. C., and Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of V., attended the morning service at the M. E. church last Sunday, where they listened to a fine address by the pastor, Rev. Frank Hargrave on Lincoln, the above date being the birthday of the martyr-president. The members of the post and sons of veterans also attended the Congregational church in Shirley in the evening where they heard an address on the same subject by Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker, pastor of the Universalist church in that town.

Ephraim Gilman, who for several years has been employed as a barber at the shop of Joseph C. Anno, has finished his services there and is now employed by Thomas Fitzgerald in his barber shop in Turner's block. G. E. Pierce of Boston takes Mr. Gilman's place.

At the next meeting of Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of V., on next Thursday evening, there will be an initiation of candidates, followed by a collation and smoke talk. The members of the local G. A. R. have been invited. The speaker for the smoke talk has not yet been decided upon, but will be from out-of-town.

The degree staff of Division 7, A. O. H., assisted by Thomas J. Drummey of Division 29, Peppereil, initiated eleven candidates at a meeting in A. O. H. hall on last Sunday afternoon. A large gathering of over one hundred members of the order, including many from Peppereil was present. After the initiation refreshments were served.

The members of Division 7, A. O. H. are making arrangements for their annual concert and ball which will be held as usual on Friday evening, March 17.

Henry F. Miller, who has been wanted by the local police since last July, on a charge of neglect of wife, was arrested at Somerville last Sunday by the police of that city. He appeared in court on Monday morning, when two additional complaints were charged against him, that of neglect of wife from the time of his disappearance last July, and of his minor child since July 28, last. The cases were continued until this morning for trial. The complainant in the above charges is Emma L. Wood of Ayer. Miller was held for trial in \$200 bail which was furnished.

For other Ayer news see opposite page.

The junior class of the high school enjoyed a sleighride to Townsend last week Friday evening, where they had supper at the Park hotel. Besides the members of the class there were the teachers in the high school, Principal H. L. Whitman, Misses Laura S. Leavitt, Ulfica Benson and Grace O'Neill and Misses Marguerite McGuane, Mildred Sanders, Pearl Carley, Elizabeth McGuane, Sarah Ross, Kathleen Hackett, Theresa Markham, Madeline McCarthy and May Peterson; Leonard Bowler, Frank Donahue, Harvey McColister, Wallace Kirtledge, Harry Moffitt and Albert Irwin. After supper the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing and playing games.

The services at the Baptist church next Sunday will consist of a sermon at 10.45 a. m., Sunday school at twelve. Evening praise service with short address by the pastor at seven o'clock.

The next meeting of the Ministers' Union will be held in the lower town hall on Tuesday, February 28. The public is invited to attend the afternoon session, when Bishop J. W. Hamilton of the M. E. church is expected to speak. The union comprises ministers of all denominations. The morning session will be devoted to remarks from those present and a discussion on the subject, "The aim of the local church."

The valentine party given under the direction of the Congregational Sunday school on Tuesday evening was a successful affair. The entertainment consisted of a musical program, followed by a short farce.

Frederick Burnham, state agent for drawing and manual training, was in the schools on Wednesday and examined the work in that line. He spent the day here and at four o'clock gave an address to the teachers at the high school building. After the address refreshments were served by the teachers.

William Brown, who left here with his brother, George H. Brown, a couple of weeks ago for Pinehurst, N. C., is expected to return this Saturday. His brother George will remain at Pinehurst for the present. It is a delightful resort and they have enjoyed the sojourn there to their utmost.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Savage and their two children Llewellyn and Helen left Pine Bluff, N. C., last week Saturday for Richmond, Va., where they remained for two or three days. From there they went to Fortress Monroe for a short stay and from there they go to Washington and expect to reach here by Saturday, February 25. They are having a grand time sight seeing and the children have had the time of their life.

A meeting in lieu of the annual meeting of the stockholders of Chandler Planer company will be held at the company's office on Friday, February 24, at one o'clock p. m., to transact the following and any other business that may legally and properly come before the meeting: Art. 1. To hear and act upon reports of various officers of the company. Art. 2. To elect a board of directors, a treasurer and a clerk for the ensuing year.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Richardson and daughter Charlotte left Thursday evening for Ontario, Cal., and going with them was the mother of Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Powell, whose husband for years was principal of the high school here. They go as permanent residents there.

The L. H. Cushings are spending a few days with friends at Attleboro. The Boston Ice company shipped their horses from here Wednesday

morning that were engaged in ice getting at Sandy pond. After filling their icehouses the weather was not in condition and the ice not what it should be to enable the company to cut any more to load in cars, which they have usually done after filling the icehouses.

Thomas Manning, former chief of police here, was in town Friday morning of this week on a stopover, taking the nine o'clock train to Boston. Mr. Manning is chief of police of Greenfield, where he has been located since leaving here, and he proves as he did here to be an excellent officer for the position.

There was a family reunion last Sunday when the five sons of Mr. and Mrs. Theophilus G. Smith were present, that for years has not happened, and it was a very pleasant happening. The sons are Geo. Gillman, Jamaica Plain, the only married one, with wife and two children, Lawrence B. of Boston, Edward C. of Nashua, Francis W. of Manila, and Theophilus G., Jr. of New York city. All the boys are in the enjoyment of the best health, are the best of boys and are all prosperous in their different lines of occupation.

The thermometer at the gate tender's shanty at the Main street crossing Thursday morning recorded fourteen below zero, the coldest of this winter.

A minstrel show is to be given by the boys of the Industrial school for boys, who are to be assisted by Mrs. E. Collyer and Charles Spruit, under the direction of U. H. Barrows, for the benefit of the George J. Burns hook and ladder company in Page hall on Tuesday evening, February 28, and it will be well worth going to see. Give them a full house.

Miss E. B. Patterson will be in town Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 25.

Middlesex county may be included with the five western counties of the state in the open deer season, next November, for the legislative committee on fisheries and game reported favorably on such a bill. Representative Langtry of Springfield dissented. There was an adverse report from the committee on a bill seeking to include the twelfth Middlesex representative district in the open season, for this included in the general bill for the county. The twelfth Middlesex district includes the towns of Ashby, Dunstable, Groton, Peppereil, Shirley, Townsend and Tyngsboro.

Miss Minnie Evans, sales lady at Mr. Davis', is in New York attending the millinery openings. Her long experience will enable her to select some of the most desirable models. While in New York Miss Evans will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. Z. Nutting.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blodgett Armstrong of Somerville announce the engagement of their daughter, Marjorie Wright Armstrong, to Walter Winslow of Ayer.

Edward H. Bliss reports the sale of the Hart farm of ninety acres situated near the Groton School on Farmers' row, Groton for Walter D. and Caroline M. Hart, who gave it to him to sell only a few weeks ago.

We published in the issue of February 11, twenty-six and one-half columns of news matter from the different towns, and there was more than three columns of new advertisements.

Mrs. L. E. Canning of this town opened the restaurant in the Day building for business on Thursday morning. It is her intention to merit the patronage of the public by keeping a first-class place. Mr. and Mrs. Canning and family will occupy the tenement upstairs in the same building which they moved into on Tuesday.

George Davis of Pearl street has returned to his work on the steam shovel for the Boston and Maine railroad at West Boylston. He was taken home last week suffering from a severe attack of acute indigestion, which kept him from his work for several days.

Miss Hattie Davis is at her home on Pearl street recovering from blood poisoning which she contracted while operating a linotype machine at Boston.

The birthday party of the M. E. church on Thursday evening proved to be an enjoyable affair and a good-sized number attended. Light refreshments were served and the evening was passed in an informal social way.

Mrs. A. M. Phelps continues to suffer from blood poison which settled in one of her fingers. The improvement is very slow.

The Unitarian Social Gathering held a business meeting on Tuesday evening with Mrs. A. E. Lawrence, and completed arrangements for the complimentary ball supper.

Mrs. H. A. Lang of Manchester, N. H., with her little daughter, was the guest over Sunday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Richardson and daughter Charlotte had quite a reception at the railroad station on Thursday at five o'clock, while waiting for the train that was to take them on their journey to California.

Mrs. S. N. Lougee is quite ill with a form of grippe, and Miss Oliver, the efficient nurse from Worcester, is caring for her.

Rev. Mr. Pennoch of East Acton occupied the pulpit at the Unitarian church on Sunday.

Mr. Burnham, State agent of drawing, visited the schools on Wednesday and examined the work in drawing. At four o'clock he gave a talk on the work to the teachers at the high school building. A light lunch was served at its close by the teachers.

The feature pictures at the moving picture show for this Saturday night are "Red Eagle's love affair," a Lubin, and "Ranch life in the great southwest," a great western Selig. The singer is Henry J. Kelley, tenor, of Boston, who will sing, "Since I fell in love with Mary," "Cowboy," and "My love for you is like the stars that shine." There will be a special show next Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock. A Boston singer will be secured. Don't miss it.

St. Andrew's guild will hold an important meeting at the vicarage on

next Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock.

St. Andrew's church Sunday morning at 10.45, the vicar will preach on "Judging others." Holy communion at ten o'clock. Sunday school at noon. Does the new ad. of Bliss hit you?

Deaths.

Died in Roxbury, February 9, John N. Roberts, who was born in Walpole, February 12, 1833, and within three days had almost completed his seventy-eighth year. He was the last of eight successive sons of Stephen and Pamela Roberts. In 1852, his father moved to Shirley from Waltham, Roberts station, running the papermill located at Mitchellville. Stephen Roberts died in 1865, and after his death the mill was owned and run by J. N. Roberts, until it was burned on January 2, 1869. He married Anna B. Cutter of Shirley, and his home was in Shirley and Ayer until 1870, when he moved to Boston. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter, three granddaughters and one sister, Mrs. Florence Lewis. He was buried in the family lot at Waltham with father, mother and six brothers.

There are a few of the members of Caleb Butler lodge who will kindly remember him as one of the sixteen charter members, who have all passed on to the great beyond, but three—Arthur Fenner, Wales A. Hayward of Boston and Dr. J. Q. A. McColister of Waltham.

Mrs. Sara G. Shattuck died at her home on Washington street on Friday morning. She had been in failing health since last summer, but was able to attend to her duties till a few weeks ago, when the disease took a change for the worse. Since that time everything that could possibly be done in the way of care and medical attention failed to make any great change in her condition, and aside for periods of temporary improvement, she gradually faded till the end. In the hope that she might be benefited by expert treatment, Dr. Maurice Richardson of Boston, the famous physician and surgeon, was brought here through the kindness of E. Z. Nutting of Brooklyn, N. Y., a former resident of Ayer and a friend of Mrs. Shattuck, Mr. Nutting coming here with the doctor.

The last time Mrs. Shattuck was out of doors was on Wednesday evening, January 18, when she and her husband attended the gentlemen's night entertainment arranged by the Woman's club.

Mrs. Shattuck was a native of New Ipswich, N. H., and came to this town with her husband to live twenty-four years ago. She was a prominent member of the Congregational church and was also a member of the Ayer Woman's club.

Mrs. Shattuck leaves her husband, George Shattuck, two sisters, Mrs. A. C. Whalley, Mrs. Nettie L. Scates of Leominster, and two brothers, Stillman Gibson of Leominster and F. J. Gibson of New Ipswich, N. H. The funeral will be held on Monday afternoon, February 20.

Well Attended.

Those who take pleasure in music which has a snap and swing to it, yet which has lasting qualities as well, were much pleased with the concert given by the Groton School orchestra and band at Page hall, Tuesday evening, February 14. All the selections were especially pretty. The vocal numbers were rendered in an especially satisfactory manner, which brought forth loud applause. The players seemed unusually gifted and each did his share toward the perfection of the concert, which bore great aptness and careful training.

The following is the program: Overture, "Festival March." Orchestra. Vocal solo, "Irish love song." "Danza." DeLancey Nicoll, Jr. Waltz, "The kiss of spring." Orchestra. Selections by the band. "Carry me back to old Virginia." "Dixie." Selections from the "Spring maid." Orchestra. Violin duets, "The Palms," "Perpetuo Mobile." Misses Mary and Geraldine Lawrence. "Coronation march." Brass and reed quintet. Selection from "Our Miss Gibbs." Orchestra. Duet for French horns. "How can I leave thee?" "The rose and the laurel tree." Mr. Call and F. H. Cabot, Jr. Vocal solo with violinello accompaniment. DeLancey Nicoll, Jr. Selections by the band. "Sweetheart's waltz." "The American favorite." "Phrynic waltz." Orchestra. "Prismatic polka." Cornet solo by Mr. Call and orchestra. Selections from "Madame Sherry." Orchestra.

Surprise Party.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. West gave them a surprise party at their home on Pleasant street last Saturday evening. Mr. West was presented with a pair of gold monogram cuff links, and Mrs. West with a dress suit case and a fine neck scarf. Mrs. J. W. Thomas made the presentation remarks. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant time followed. Those present were Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Preble, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Delano, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Scruton, Mrs. J. C. Reynolds, Mrs. Leon Downing, Mrs. Edward King, Mrs. Byron Murphy, Mrs. Thomas Miller, Miss Sophia Delano and Philip Delano.

The surprise party was given as a mark of esteem to Mr. and Mrs. West and took the nature of a farewell reception. They are about to leave town to take up their home in Michigan. The change is made in the interest of Mrs. West, who is in poor health, and whom it is hoped will be helped, at Mount Clemens, the famous Michigan health resort, where she will live. Mr. West will live at Detroit, twenty-five miles distant from Mount Clemens, and has secured a position as printer in the former city. They intend to leave town on next Monday.

Church Services.

Services will be held at the Unitarian church Sunday as usual. In the evening Miss Eunice Sanders will lead the Y. P. R. U. meeting. At the First Congregational church the theme of the morning service tomorrow morning will be "Salvation by grace." The evening service will be devoted to song and a brief address on "The prophet Micah and his definition of religion."

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## TOWNSEND.

**Centre.**  
Clifford Bliss is keeping store and driving team for Arthur Bliss during his sickness.

A little daughter was welcomed into the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Hill of Mills, Monday, February 6. Mrs. Hill was formerly Miss Eva Morse of this town.

John Harvey injured one of his fingers quite badly while at work on Wednesday morning. He was taken to West Townsend and Dr. H. B. Boynton dressed the wound.

Frank Van Etten, who is firing on the Boston and Maine railroad is at his father's this week.

Harry Winchester and William Cromble entertained Chas. T. Haynes' Sunday school class at their pleasant quarters in the "Halden" on Wednesday evening. An entertaining program was given consisting of musical selections and a talk upon "Charles Sumner," by Mr. Haynes. Refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.

Mrs. George W. Brown is very ill with double pneumonia.

Joseph Baxter died at his late home on Monday of old age and complications. He was 86 yrs. and 5 mos. old. The funeral was held at Brookline, N. H. He leaves a widow and son Samuel of Keene, N. H., and Mrs. Martha Hildreth of this town. Mr. Baxter was a member of the Congregational church.

A barge from Ayer with a party of high school students had a sleighride to this town last Friday evening, taking supper at the Park hotel, after which they had a social time in the hotel hall.

The Pomona grange will be held at Ashby on Wednesday, February 22, and there will also be a social in the evening.

Mrs. V. Wright, who lives at the family homestead with her son, A. E. Wright, is ill with pneumonia, and a trained nurse is in attendance.

A large crowd attended the annual concert and ball given by our local firemen at Memorial hall last week Friday night. About eighty-seven couples participated in the grand march which was led by Captain Arthur P. Bliss and wife.

Mrs. Ellen Richards, who has been quite ill with pleurisy and bronchitis, is still confined to the sick room, but is improving.

Fred Davis, who is in a Somerville hospital, ill with scarlet fever, is getting along nicely and it is considered a light case.

**Grange.**

Valentine's night was observed at the grange on Monday evening and the program was in charge of Mrs. Clara Clement and Mrs. Angie Lang. A table prettily decorated with white crepe paper was trimmed with red hearts hanging from all sides, and on the table were valentines for each one present. These consisted of sweets tied up in fancy paper napkins, and ornamented with large red and white hearts. During the evening there was a valentine march and verses were read on heart shaped papers, and also wishes were written on blank valentines and then collected and read. Each one made someone else's and when read they produced much laughter. Life sketches from famous men born in February were given during the evening as follows: "Horace Greeley," George L. Whitcomb; "Thomas Edison," T. E. Flarity; "Mendelssohn," by Prof. A. G. Seaver, accompanied by two piano selections; "James Russell Lowell," Mrs. Mary Haynes; "Henry Wardsworth Longfellow," selections by all; "George Washington," Mrs. Margaret Higgins; "Abraham Lincoln," Wilbur H. Scales. "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung by Mrs. Ethel Eldridge.

**Board of Trade Meeting.**

The Townsend Board of Trade held a public meeting at Memorial hall on Tuesday evening to discuss and get more information upon the proposed water system for the town. Out of town speakers, familiar with the installing of such systems, and those who were able to give estimates upon the same were invited, and it was the idea of the committee to have both sides of the question brought up in a fair manner, the main idea being to gain all possible knowledge upon the subject. All taxpayers, and in fact all citizens of the town, including the ladies, were invited. The following were among those who took part in the discussion: Francis Hayes and C. A. Dennen of Pepperell; C. A. Taylor, construction engineer of Wellesley; T. E. Flarity, Dr. A. J. Atwood, Galen Proctor and E. L. Haynes. Mr. Taylor estimated that it would cost \$50,000 to run the water by gravity from Vinton pond, which is 180 feet above the town. Other estimates were given also a letter from F. N. Mathews of the N. E. Insurance Exchange, upon reduced rates, was read by G. L. Whitcomb. The reduction would be from twenty-five to thirty percent.

**West.**

Landlord and Mrs. Shattuck entertained a sleighing party of forty-four young people from Leominster at the Squannicook house last Saturday evening. The party arrived in two barges at seven o'clock and after enjoying an excellent oyster supper they adjourned to Seminary hall where the evening was passed with music and dancing. Misses Agnes and Ruth Wilson assisted as waitresses.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Mission circle was held with Mrs. Lucy Lawrence on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Tucker has returned from Pepperell, where she has been caring for a patient.

Lincoln day was observed at the grammar school with an hour's program on Monday morning, at which John Campbell gave a very interesting talk on some of his personal experiences in the civil war, and a poem was read by Mrs. C. B. Shaw.

The members of the Ladies' Study club, assisted by the Ladies' Literary and Social circle will entertain the Men's club at the Baptist vestry on Tuesday evening, February 21.

A cottage prayer meeting was held at the home of Walter Bennett on Wednesday evening which was conducted by Walter Wilder and was well attended and very helpful.

A. F. Stickney is confined to his home by illness.

The Tuesday club met at the reading-room Tuesday evening and discussed "Current events."

Miss A. M. Taft of Lowell is visiting her sister, Mrs. Josephine Boynton.

Clarence E. Streeter spent Sunday with friends in Newton.

Mrs. Warren Hadley of Charlestown has been a recent guest of Mrs. Josephine Boynton.

Miss Mildred L. Seaver of Worcester spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Seaver.

Miss Myrtle Hobart of Waltham has been spending a few days with relatives in town.

Miss Blanche Hall and a friend of Brookline, N. H., have been recent visitors in town.

Ralph H. Willard of Boston spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Willard.

Mrs. George Adams, who is quite ill with bronchial pneumonia, is reported to be improving. Her daughter, Miss Emma Adams, is confined to her home by illness.

Mrs. Charles Hodgman spent a few days last week with relatives in Worcester.

Mrs. George Richardson entertained the Ladies' Whist club at the reading-room last week Thursday evening.

Miss Emma Lees of Boston has been spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. E. J. Lees.

Alexander Reed, who was confined to his home for a few days by illness, is able to be about again.

Mrs. Herman L. Lawrence visited her son in Palmer last week Friday.

The John Blood place on Bayberry hill has been sold by Mrs. Kate E. Nutting to Mrs. Francis Whitney of Leominster, who expects to take possession in April.

Miss Nancy Reed of Cushing academy, Ashburnham, and Winfield Reed and Miss Elsie Patterson from Boston spent Sunday with Mrs. Alexander Reed.

**Runaway.**

The runaway accident in town last week Thursday evening, was the horse driven on the main route between this village and Ashby and became frightened by the breaking of some part of the harness, and ran away from Stickney's bridge, while returning from Ashby about nine in the evening. The driver, Roy Kaddy, was thrown out, but not seriously injured, and a search was immediately started for the runaway, which was finally captured in Groton, about three in the morning. Parts of the sleigh was picked up on the Pepperell road, while the mail bags were found in West Groton.

**Interesting Meeting.**

On Monday evening the Ladies' Study club met in the reading-room and held a most interesting meeting on "Famous men and women of our country," in charge of Mrs. George A. Seaver and Mrs. Fred A. Patch. Brief sketches were read of famous men as follows: Gen. Robert E. Lee, Mrs. L. O. Barker; Richard Mansfield, Mrs. E. J. Lees; William Lloyd Garrison, Mrs. F. A. Patch; Nathaniel Hawthorne, Mrs. C. B. Stickney; Aaron Burr, Mrs. Mervin Hodgman; Benjamin Butler, Miss M. Elinor Tower; Admiral Farragut, Miss Edith Tenney; General George Custer, Miss Alice Seaver; Brigham Young, Miss Blanche Sprague; Phillips Brooks, Mrs. G. A. Seaver. The topic of the famous women was given general questions and those taken up were Harriet Beecher Stowe, Frances E. Willard, Martha Washington, Pocahontas, Hannah Dustin, Clara Barton, Mary Livermore, Julia Ward Howe, Lucy Stone, Lucretia Mott, Ellen Stone, Mary G. Baker Eddy.

**BROOKLINE, N. H.**

**News Items.**

Miss Marguerite Whealon of Sandown is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Nye.

The Fresh Pond Ice Company resumed the harvesting of ice last Saturday and had an excellent run.

Walter Taylor has hired the hotel here and took possession last Monday.

Donald Porter, little son of Delbert Porter, who has been ill with diphtheria, is better.

The horse used on the order wagon of Walter E. Corey became frightened at the unusual sight of a pair of oxen last week Friday, and ran a short distance. He was captured by the driver, Ralph Greeley, ere any damage had been done.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Patenade of Dedham were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sweet over Sunday.

Mrs. Clara Russell was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Patch at Malden, Mass.

The Ladies' Aid met with Mrs. E. P. Gerrish on Tuesday.

The selectment met on Tuesday and Wednesday to settle the accounts of the town for the past year.

Mrs. E. A. Davenport of Cambridge is the guest of Mrs. Edward Hadley.

Mrs. Jennie Gage of Boston is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Gerrish.

The Misses Mildred and Mary Dodge are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilman Beverly at Ayer.

Josep Duphrey is ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Abbie Wetherbee of Pepperell is the guest of Mrs. Lewis Popple.

Mrs. Ernest Nye and Mrs. Bertha Follansbee of Sandown are guests at the Nye homestead.

Worthy deputy Fred, Dudley of Hollis will inspect the local grange on Wednesday evening, February 22. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell will have charge of the entertainment.

The fifty-second session of the Nashua River Union, Y. P. S. C. E., will be held at the Congregational church at Hollis on Wednesday, February 22. The topic will be "Personal debts, pay

that thou owest." Mrs. Warren L. Noyes of Brookline will give a paper upon "Our debt to the Sunday school."

Mrs. Alpha A. Hall will entertain the Sunbonnet club on Thursday, February 16.

**Entertainment.**

The Valentine fair, given under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal church, at Tarbell's hall on Tuesday evening was a very enjoyable occasion. A tempting supper was served in the banquet hall from six to eight o'clock. The candy booth was a bower of evergreen with decorations of red and here the Misses Mable Popple and Lila Barnaby sold delicious sweets.

The ice cream booth was attractive with the national colors and laurel. The fancy table with streamers of red, white and blue interspersed with silver, was very alluring and the mysterious packages rapidly disappeared. The following program was presented in most delightful manner:

Solo, orchestra, Mrs. Cora Boultonhouse, Frank W. Jenness, Alfred S. Barnaby, reading, "Just before Christmas," Rev. James N. Seaver; violin solo, Frank W. Jenness; vocal solo, Mrs. Julia Barnaby; sketch, "How he Hall," Mrs. S. Barnaby; vocal solo, Robert Copeland; Mrs. Blanche Fessenden; accompanist, vocal solo, Albert Cook; Mrs. Gertrude Abbott; Albert Cook; selections from "Hiawatha" were read by Mrs. Cora Boultonhouse, and beautifully illustrated by tabulating, Minniehaha; Miss Blanche Fessenden; Nacomi; Albert Cook; Hiawatha; Alfred S. Barnaby; guitar; making attraction of the fair was the boot-black stand where Miss Blanche Hall courteously attended to all who desired an extra shine.

**HOLLIS, N. H.**

**News Items.**

Last week Friday the schools were closed while the teachers spent the day in other towns visiting schools.

The high school basketball team had a contest with a team from Nashua at the town hall on Friday evening of last week, the Hollis boys winning by a score of 21 to 5. A load of rough fellows came from Nashua to witness the game and made so much disturbance they were placed under arrest and after a tussle ejected from the hall. They were not members of either team.

A masquerade ball was given in honor of St. Valentine at Hollis town hall on Tuesday evening. It was gotten up by W. W. Worcester, Y. M. Jameson and Leon Morse of Nashua. It was well-attended and quite a success.

**Death.**

Mrs. Mary W. Bill passed away on Friday evening, February 10, after an illness of several months of cancer. Mrs. Bill was a native of Hollis, the oldest daughter of the late Gilman T. Worcester. Some years ago she married Dr. Bill of Bridgeport, Conn., and lived in that city during all her married life. Dr. Bill died four years ago and Mrs. Bill returned to the ancestral home three years ago, where she has resided ever since. Hollis people were rejoiced when she came back, for she was a very lovable woman and endeared herself to all. She was greatly interested in the welfare of Hollis, and proved her interest by her deeds.

Mrs. Bill is the third member of that Worcester family who have passed away during the past six months. Her youngest brother, Judge Frank Worcester, stricken with pneumonia last July while on a trip in Europe. Henry Worcester of Malden, was stricken suddenly four weeks ago.

Mrs. Bill is survived by two sons, Dr. Philip Bill of Bridgeport, and Harold Bill of this town. Her funeral service was held at her late home on Monday afternoon, and was largely attended by sorrowing friends. Rev. C. H. Davis was the officiating clergyman. Interment was at Fern Hill cemetery.

**Y. P. S. C. E.**

The fifty-second session of the Nashua River Union, Y. P. S. C. E., will meet with the Hollis society on Wednesday, February 22. The general topic of the day is "Pay that thou owest." The session opens at ten o'clock in the morning with devotional service in charge of Rev. E. W. Drawbridge of Pepperell. Topic, "What is debt?" After an informal welcome by the president of Hollis society, the topic will be discussed in the following detail:

"Our debt to the Christian Endeavor society," by Howard Bowles of West Groton; "Our debt to the prayer meeting," Dunstable society; "Our debt to the Sunday school," Mrs. Warren L. Noyes, Brookline; "Our debt to the town," Rev. E. D. Ringrose, West Townsend; "Our debt to the individual," Miss Ellen Bennett Pease of Cambridge; "Our debt to the needy poor," Miss Hattie Kendall, Pepperell.

The afternoon meeting will have two addresses: "Our duty to humanity," by Rev. Henry Cornell of Groton, and the closing address will be given by Rev. Franklin Babb of Deerfield, N. H., "Pay that thou owest."

**New Advertisements.**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.** Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of THOMAS E. FERGUSON, deceased testate, in said County, deceased testate. Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration to the estate of said deceased to WILLIAM F. ROGERS of Cambridge, in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held on and after the first day of March A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the 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.

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

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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.

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## PEPPERELL.

### Items of News.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church will hold an attractive food sale in A. A. Tarbell's dry goods store on Friday afternoon, February 24, at three o'clock. There will be in addition to the usual supply, Washington pies, also cakes suggestive of the season. There will be Washington birthday decorations.

Friends in town are receiving post-cards from Mr. and Mrs. Harris Tarbell, who are sight-seeing in New York city. While there they called on Miss Dora Putnam, formerly of this town, who is private maid to Mrs. John Hyde, wife of Mayor Hyde of Bath, Me., and is stopping at the Hotel Plaza.

The Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., are invited to meet at Central hall on Sunday morning, February 19, at 10.30, to attend the Unitarian church, it being the Sunday between Lincoln and Washington's birthdays, and one of the chapter days. The chapter meeting of February 22, will be held at the home of Mrs. Earhart A. Williams on Park street, at 2.45 o'clock in the afternoon, following a short meeting of the executive board called at 2.30 o'clock sharp. A short musical and literary program will be given. Contributions of food are solicited for the benefit of the food sale, to be held that afternoon from four to five o'clock.

Rev. Harry E. Shattuck, formerly of this town, resigned his pastorate of the Advent church in Lowell recently, and accepted a unanimous call to become pastor of a church of the same denomination in Portland, Me. The church in Lowell accepted Mr. Shattuck's resignation after using their utmost endeavors to prevail upon him to remain. The church to which Mr. Shattuck has gone has a membership of 180, a large Sunday school, and a bible class of about twenty young men. The church edifice is new with all the modern improvements. Mr. Shattuck and wife moved to Portland last week.

Miss Kittie Murray of Newton is sick with the grippe, at her father's, Thomas Murray.

George A. Mahoney is out after being confined to the house for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lawrence Kimball plan to celebrate the fifth anniversary of their wedding at their home in Somerville next week Thursday, by giving an elaborate party.

Edwin N. Robinson and Mrs. Annie Smith are homeward bound from Texas, where they have spent the last month with relatives.

Word has been received of the death of Dr. Webber of Cambridge, brother of Superintendent A. B. Webber.

Miss Florence Chamberlain of Lowell spent last Sunday with Miss Ethel Edwards. Miss Edwards is now visiting a friend in Ayer.

Mrs. George W. Canney plans to leave home for New York the latter part of next week to visit her son Roy for a week or two.

Mrs. Harry Hume and her two daughters are confined to the house with very severe colds.

The regular meeting of Prescott grange to be held on the evening of February 24, has been postponed to March 3.

The meeting of Prescott grange on February 10, was of unusual interest. Rev. Dudley R. Child's lecture being the principal educational feature.

Pepperell Women's club will hold their next meeting at Central hall on February 21. Special board meeting at 2.15. Meeting at 2.45. Subject, "A talk on art" will be given by Frederick L. Burnham, State Director of Manual Arts.

George Sumner Butters died on January 20, at the Soldiers' home in Chelsea. He was born in Pepperell at the place now owned by Mrs. Julia Litchfield. He was a carpenter, and a veteran of the civil war. During the last few years he spent much of his time at the old place and was a familiar figure about town.

Miss Laura R. Herrig rendered violin solos at the twenty-fifth anniversary of the order of King's Daughters in Quincy on Tuesday evening, February 7.

Acoma lodge will have an entertainment and social on Tuesday evening, February 21, at Odd Fellows' hall.

A cold meat and baked-bean supper will be served by Rebekahs on Tuesday evening, February 21, from six to seven, in the banquet hall, Saunderson corner.

There will be a meeting of the L. B. S. of the Congregational church on Thursday afternoon, February 23, at 2.30 in the ladies' parlor. A Washingtonian supper will be served at 6.30. A pleasant evening is promised with some entertainment.

The Woman's club will meet on Tuesday afternoon, February 21, at 2.45. The principal feature of the afternoon is a lecture on "Art," given by Prof. Burnham, State instructor in drawing. The afternoon is under the direction of Miss Emma H. Haynes. There will be a special board meeting at 2.15.

All people having bills against the school department of Pepperell are requested to present the same before Monday evening, February 20.

A meeting for the practice of anthems and hymns will be held in the Unitarian vestry on Saturday evening, February 18.

Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., will attend "Patriotic Sunday" service at the Unitarian church next Sunday at 6.45.

Rev. D. R. Child attended the sessions of the General Convention of Religious Education association held at Providence, R. I., this week.

A Lincoln service was held by the Oak Hill Sunday school on February 12, consisting of readings and music appropriate to the occasion, also an interesting talk by Rev. R. W. Drawbridge. At the close of the service several took advantage of the opportunity to take the abstinence pledge of the "Lincoln Legion," written, signed and advocated by Abraham Lincoln.

A few R. C. Black Minorena cockerels for sale. Come early and take your choice. Mrs. H. E. McCord, Oak Hill street, East Pepperell. R. F. D. No. 1.

The O. H. I. S. of Oak Hill will hold a Mother Goose party at their hall on Boynton street on Tuesday evening, February 21. Supper will be served from 6.30 to 7.30. Entertainment at eight o'clock. Everyone is invited to come and bring a package worth at least five cents for the bachelor's wedding present.

Services as usual at the Congregational church.

Letters remaining uncalled for at the East Pepperell postoffice for the week ending February 13: Buck Hartwell, P. Jentosky, Mrs. W. Walter.

Does the new ad. of Bliss hit you?

Grange Meeting.

The Middlesex Worcester Pomona grange meets at Ashby on Wednesday, February 22. The program will be as follows: Welcome, master of Ashby grange; "Which have good roads helped the most, the farmer or the autoists?" "How much work ought one to do for his neighbor, without pay?" national songs, everybody sing. Speaker, E. L. Haynes, superintendent of schools at Townsend, "Man, his head and his hand." Reading Mrs. Clara W. Farrar, "Townsend." "Is a lie ever justifiable?" Mrs. Lizzie Shaw, Ashby. "A funny story," J. R. Hawkes, Groton. "Cherries," an original poem, H. Warren Seaver, Townsend. "The axe and the tree," A. N. Fessenden, Townsend.

The evening meeting is of interest to all patrons of husbandry in this section as it is an invitation to an old time "Merrie" with old time games and indoor festivities. Any lady having a gentleman friend not a patron, or a gentleman having a lady friend not a patron, is invited to bring their friend, otherwise it is strangers. A large load of twenty is being gotten up by Ernest Melendy. Groton grange has placed the matter in the hands of Mr. Berry and Elmer Sawyer. John Piper of Ashby is chairman.

### About Town.

Mrs. Lyman Fuller has been suffering from a very severe cold the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Foster of Elm street were moved with their household furnishings to the town farm on last Saturday.

Mrs. John Holt and her sister, Miss Severance, left on Monday for a visit with their sister in Cambridge who is ill.

Miss Annah Blood of New York city has recently made a visit of several days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Blood.

John Holt was visited by relatives from Worcester this week Tuesday.

Chester Parker is confined to his home, suffering from an abscess in the ear.

Measles is going through the family of Edgar Chase of the East Village.

An account of the Crossley-Burns wedding that took place in Saco, Me., February 15, and which was sent us for insertion in this week's issue, was crowded out for want of space and will appear in next week's paper.

### HARVARD.

#### News Items.

Tuesday evening at the regular grange meeting the question, "Resolved, That reciprocity with Canada is a benefit to the United States," will be discussed. Mr. Kerley, McLaughlin and West; neg., Willard, Knights and Dudley. Music to be furnished by the grange choir.

The 500 club will hold a dance at the town hall on Wednesday evening, February 22. Clintontian orchestra.

Twenty-seven couples from the Harvard complimentary club enjoyed the hospitality and dance given them by the Clintontians on Friday evening of last week. Nothing was left undone that would add to the comfort of the out-of-town guests and certainly all from here are very enthusiastic in their praise for the Clinton club and their party of last week.

Mary Davis arrived home on Saturday noon from the Memorial hospital. She is getting along as well as can be expected. Mrs. Alberta Greenfield of Worcester, a friend of Miss Davis, came home with her, returning to Worcester Saturday night.

The Ladies' Picnic club held their annual meeting at the Memorial rooms on Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Blanche Davis is at home for a five-weeks' vacation from her school duties in New Hampshire.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. L. Clarke of Lancaster visited on Sunday with Mrs. S. J. Savage.

Misses Priscilla and Ruth Shores entertained at their home on St. Valentine's night, Misses Dorothy West and Rachel Farnsworth. Lunch was served at 5.30 p. m.

Does the new ad. of Bliss hit you? Wednesday was given the teachers in the public schools as visiting day. Consequently there was no school that day.

#### Rejuvenated.

The Evening Whist club held its regular party on Tuesday evening, February 14, at I. O. O. F. hall, Gertrude Farwell and Helen Dickson acting as a committee on refreshments. Cards were the attraction, the results giving the first gent's prize to Ruth Whitney, gent's booby, Wm. J. Kerley; first lady's, Mrs. N. A. Dill; lady's booby, Miss Helen Barnard.

The general news of the day was ably discussed, conversation drifting to reminiscences of the old dramatic club, now dormant. However, before the evening had passed, those present, probably rejuvenated by the good coffee and delicacies from the refreshment department, formed a society to be known as the Harvard Dramatic club with Miss Ruth Whitney as president; Mrs. N. A. Dill, secretary; Rev. George Jones, treasurer, without bond.

Anyone interested in this organization may be interviewed by the president be fully informed as to the necessary qualifications for eligibility.

#### Had a Good Time.

A party of twenty pupils from the Bromfield school with their teachers, Prof. Leonard, Miss Chadwick and Miss Sears enjoyed a sleigh ride to Bolton on Tuesday night last. Arriving at Bolton they gathered at Robinson hall, where the young party enjoyed themselves with dancing, cards and best of all a hot oyster supper. Miss Maud McRae presided at the piano for dancing. Herbert Dickson and Willard Houghton conducted the affairs in the kitchen and Miss Amy Bryant acted as class orator. There were a few casualties. Miss Harriet Thayer says some one has her back comb, Grace Morse is still looking for her glasses and Cedric Webster was taken with sea sickness, due to the rocking motion of the barge and eventually got out and walked home. He insists that the walking was good. All had a good time.

#### Obituary.

Mrs. Rebecca H. Turner, a life-long resident of this town and one of our most respected ones, aged about ninety years, passed away very quietly at the home of her son, Arthur H. Turner, on Wednesday, February 15, at 12.30 o'clock. Mrs. Turner was born in Still River village on February 5, 1821, one of eight children of the family of Major and Mrs. William K. Harrod. She married Oliver Turner, and by this union three children were born—Edward, Ellen and Arthur, the latter only surviving her, living on the homestead and giving to his mother the comforts and care in her declining years she so richly deserved. To really appreciate the motherly and always genial ways of Mrs. Turner, one had only to meet her in her home life.

Mrs. Turner's kindly manner toward all with whom she came in contact was not in the least affected, but seemed to radiate from her, as it was a part of her nature. During the latter years of her life she has been in declining health, owing to her advanced age, and has been constantly cared for by a competent nurse. Funeral services from the house today at two o'clock. Rev. George Jones officiating. A quartet from the Uni-

tarian church sang "Abide with me" and "Crossing the bar." Burial in the family lot at the Centre cemetery.

#### School to Give Drama.

The Bromfield school will give the drama, "The three chauffeurs," in town hall on Monday evening, February 27. Dancing will follow at close of the play. The following is the list of characters:

The three chauffeurs:  
Kitty Kennedy, the mimicking girl,  
Amy E. Bryant  
Lorry Spenser, the host,  
Albert S. Goodrich  
Marvin Hunter, a young man,  
Herbert P. Dickson  
Mrs. Lorry Spenser, the hostess of the house party,  
Olive Houghton  
Gertrude Castleton, masquerading as Melindy Pike, a country bumpkin,  
Luch D. Willard  
Betty Marshall, the sentimental girl,  
E. Louise Freeman  
Lois Drummond, the girl with a fad,  
Sadie E. Jones  
Jane Armstrong, the hungry girl,  
Madeline H. Parker  
Luelle Beverly, the college girl,  
Mildred E. Parkbank  
Minta Morris, the primpling girl,  
Josephine N. Baker  
Eugenia Allen, the giggling girl,  
Frances C. St. John  
Mary Smith, the practical girl,  
Harriet Mason  
Patience Primrose, the studious girl,  
Marguerite Thomas  
Mrs. Spenser, the mother-in-law,  
Katherine Dickson  
Lieut. Beverly Churchill, U. S. A.,  
Paul H. Sheehan  
Norah, the cook,  
Grace E. Morse  
Annie, the maid,  
Marion I. Campbell

#### Open Pond Fishing.

The case of Fred Howard and Ernest Turner of Lancaster, charged with fishing in Bare Hill pond in violation of a town by-law, was heard before Judge Smith at Clinton on Saturday last. Howard was discharged and Turner was found guilty and fined five dollars. Amos Saunders for the town and Allan Buttrick for the defendants. Mr. Turner appealed, personally recognizing in fifty dollars for his appearance before the May term. Witnesses for Harvard were James L. Whitney, W. H. Fairbank and Wm. Hanna, constable.

Much opinion is expressed in regard to these fish cases. General sentiment seems to be that the town should defend its officials and protect its by-laws. Many also feel that this by-law, protecting the fishing in Bare Hill pond, is not a public benefit but a benefit only to property owners about the pond. Then, too, many argue that that law is expensive and it is best to keep out of it if possible. Nearly all the local fishermen express themselves in favor of an open pond under state protection of ten lines or less, giving as a reason that fishing out the big fish actually improves the fishing. However, the April meeting will decide in regard to public sentiment.

#### To the Editor:

As matters now stand, it seems to the writer in the same way that law-suits appear to most citizens.

The town of Harvard is already noted by outsiders for its recent wrangles in court. How many taxpayers desire to continue with such proceedings? It is your duty and nearly all will avail themselves of the opportunity to speak their opinion at the polls in the April town meeting.

Should this town fight the last case of violating the "Harvard fishing law," the chances are two to one that the Lancaster defendant will win.

Only last week, on February 11, the very day the above case was tried at Clinton court, a small party of Lancaster "sports" were enjoying themselves at the questionable game—fishing through the ice with no less than twenty lines set in the ice on Bare Hill pond.

A political "pull" cannot be defeated in any court. But, of course, did town fishermen disobey this statute they would be convicted.

Many of the same parties from Clinton and Lancaster fish in town today in the same manner they did years ago, and let happen what may, they always will use ten lines at least as the State law allows.

There are as many pickered in Bare Hill pond now as there ever will be in years to come. Why? Because they destroy many of their own species.

Law-suits are just as expensive affairs for a town as they are for the individual. It is up to you Mr. Taxpayer!

#### Still River.

The Ladies' Benevolent society will give an entertainment, consisting of Scotch song and story, in the chapel on Tuesday evening, the eve of Washington's birthday, and a small admission will be taken at the door. Ice cream and cake will be for sale.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Nolan from Greenville, N. H., moved into the tenement over Mrs. Viles' store on Thursday, and later, as the tenement is in readiness, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Hart of Littleton will move into the south tenement of Mr. Viles' Parker house.

Messrs. Nolan and Hart are the men in care of the Still River-Boston milk car and will leave Still River at 7.32 a. m., for Boston, returning at 6.28 p. m., daily. They each have one child, so that the village is quite a gainer by means of the new milk car.

Mrs. Chester Willard and infant son, Rowland Parker, came home from the Clinton hospital last Sunday.

S. B. Haynes called upon Miss Gladys Spencer at the hospital in Worcester last Sunday, and found her fast recovering from the operation of Tuesday for appendicitis, and she expects to leave the hospital the coming week.

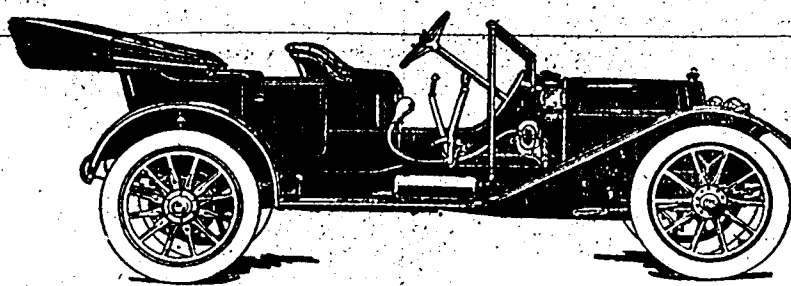
Wendell B. Willard has been quite sick the past week, but is better. The effects of the carbuncle, from which he has been suffering for several weeks, has left him far from strong.

Work on the abutments for the new railroad bridge is now progressing finely. The north abutment is nearly done and the south is about half done, and with good weather, two weeks should see this part of the work about finished.

Thursday morning was the coldest at the railroad station thus far this winter, the thermometer standing at twelve below.

Except on the coast there are no inns or hotels in Morocco.

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EDWARD H. BLISS, Ayer, Mass.

### TOWNSEND.

#### Harbor.

Louis Gravelle and family have lately moved into the house next the church.

Neuralgia has kept George Blodgett on the sick list for the past week.

Mr. La Bean and Patrick Riley have each been confined to their respective homes for several days on account of sickness.

La grippe claimed Frank Gilchrist for a victim from last Saturday till Wednesday.

Walter Brown has been engaged at the gristmill for several days this week.

Miss Etta Jones is spending the week in Everett with her sister, Mrs. Noyes.

Clarence Josselyn has so far recovered from a severe attack of tonsillitis as to walk out on the piazza.

Lorenzo Doran has recently lost a valuable helper by his slipping on the ice and breaking one of his legs.

Last Friday, Miss Carrie Hager came home for the week-end, accompanied by ten of her friends. In the evening the party attended the firemen's ball and on Saturday night Miss Hager gave a reception in honor of her guests.

While working at Fessenden's mill, John Harvey sawed the side of his thumb in such a manner that the burn resulting from the impact of the saw did greater injury than the cut. Though not a severe wound it is proving exceedingly troublesome so that it will probably be two weeks before he can resume work.

Last Saturday evening, the C. C. Whist club met with Mr. and Mrs. Taft. The rooms were tastefully decorated with the stars and stripes in honor of Lincoln's birthday. At the close of the game the scores were found to be remarkably high. One member reached forty-nine points, while the score cards of several others showed a tally of forty-five. At eleven o'clock the hostess served a bountiful lunch. The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. Florence Conant.

The As You Like It club at its last meeting was delightfully entertained at Mrs. Adney Gray's. The exercises for the afternoon commemorated Lincoln's birthday and consisted of biographical sketches, humorous stories and reminiscences. In addition, selections were read from Ida M. Tarbell's charming work, "He knew Lincoln." Mrs. Josselyn, the guest of the afternoon, read the beautiful symbolic poem, "The white light," by Cy Warman. After the serving of refreshments, the meeting adjourned. On February 21, Mrs. Etta Jones entertains the club at Seven Pines.

Does the new ad. of Bliss hit you?

#### Birthday Surprise.

One of the pleasant social functions of recent date was the surprise birthday party by the Mid-week club in honor of one of its members, Mrs. Orin Ball. The club had previously arranged to meet at Mrs. Lizzie Spaulding's and Mrs. Ball was about to leave her home to attend the meeting, when to her great surprise she was met at her own door by her fellow club members, who tendered her their hearty congratulations. Mrs. Ball, assuming the role of hostess, invited her guests within and a delightful afternoon followed. With a few happy remarks, Mrs. Warner in behalf of the club presented Mrs. Ball with a handsome tea brewer. At four o'clock refreshments were served, after which the guests departed, wishing their hostess many happy returns of the day.

#### Relics.

Mrs. Etta Jones is the fortunate recipient of three antique sets of andirons of quaint and rare designs. One

set consists of slender brass colonial columns, with brass rings attached and feet closely resembling the Chippendale design. Another set has tall, white porcelain columns surmounted by large brass balls. The bases are of metal in the shape of horses, equipped with saddles and saddle bags. The third set is of iron with serpentine uprights surmounted by large gilt suns. These "fire dogs" are known as the sun andirons. Mrs. Jones has also fallen heir to a handsome brass knocker which has already seen long service.

### New Advertisements.

#### GUARDIAN'S SALE OF

## Standing Timber

By virtue of a license granted to me by the Probate Court on February 10, 1911, the following described lot of standing timber will be sold at Public Auction on the premises, on Monday, March 6th, 1911, at three o'clock in the afternoon, to wit:

A certain lot of standing wood or timber, consisting of four (4) acres, more or less, of white pine, in the northeast corner of the following described parcel of real estate, to wit:

A certain tract of land situated in the north part of said Pepperell on the east side of Hollis Street, and bounded: West by said Hollis Street, fifty (50) rods; north by land of George H. Dow One Hundred Twelve (112) rods; easterly by land of C. M. Blood and H. B. Robbins One Hundred (100) rods; southerly by land of heirs of Linde Prescott One Hundred Twelve (112) rods.

Terms will be announced at the time and place of sale.

FRED W. LOVEJOY, Guardian.

Pepperell, February 14, 1911. 3t23

### A New Year 1911

#### For All

But not a new year of business in painting with W. E. Chapman and his employees who have satisfied the majority and endeavored to satisfy hereinafter mentioned, held in trust under the will of BENJAMIN HALL HART, who late of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, and to all persons who issue not now in being may become so interested.

Whereas HELEN EMILY HART, WELLS, trustee under said will has presented to said Court her petition praying that she may be authorized to sell, either at public or private sale, certain real estate held by her as such trustee situated in Groton in the County of Middlesex, and particularly described in said petition, for the reasons therein set forth.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-eighth day of February, A. D. 1911, 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 delivering a copy thereof to each person 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 on day at least before said Court.

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

3t22 W. E. ROGERS, Register.