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## LITTLETON.

### News Items.

The Alliance will hold a food sale at the Unitarian vestry on Friday afternoon, September 29, from 2.30 to four o'clock.

Miss Edith Flagg, who has been taking a month's vacation, returned to her library work in Brooklyn, N. Y., last week Saturday.

Walter Kimball has fallen in line with other dairymen and built an up-to-date milkroom.

The loss sustained through the effects of the frost last week was heavy in Littleton. Corn was badly damaged, large fields of tomatoes were practically ruined, squashes and cucumbers suffered equally, and the late peaches in some orchards were rendered unmarketable. Other crops came in for their share of injury, so that the farmer has had on the whole, from effects of drought and freeze, a rather discouraging summer.

Percy Crane has been substituting for Miss Griffiths in the ticket office during her vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Edward Prouty of Somerville, spent Sunday with their relatives in town.

Mrs. Charles Hinton of Cohoes, N. Y., has been the guest of Mrs. Thomas Stephens this week.

William Adams opened the barber shop at the West end on Wednesday morning. He came from Groton, where he has followed the same business for several years. Previous to that he was engaged in the same business in Leonminster.

F. Ward Brackett, drawing teacher, has Townsend in addition to his former school district. Miss Alice Genthner, music teacher, has added Boxborough to her school district.

Benson Priest of East Orange, N. J., has hired Harry Smith's house on Mill road for three months. He has been engaged as surveyor by the public water committee, and will soon be on duty.

The harvest supper at the Congregational vestry will be held on Thursday evening, October 12, instead of on October 11, as noted in last week's paper. The change was made because of William F. Conant's wedding which will take several people from town on October 11, who wish also to attend the supper and entertainment.

Hon. and Mrs. Arthur Peck have moved into their new apartment at 19 Wellington road, Brookline.

The Woman's Alliance of the Unitarian society will hold an open meeting on October 6, to which the ladies of similar societies in the other churches are invited. Mrs. Carr of Andover, N. H., will address the audience on Mary Lyon.

Littleton and Acton granges gave an excellent entertainment at Westford grange on neighbors' night last week.

Rev. Edward H. Brennan began his new duties as pastor of the Unitarian church in Ware last Sunday.

The engagement of Wallace A. Robinson and Miss Rose Davis, both of Littleton, is announced.

Dr. Brigham of Dorchester, who preached at the Baptist church last Sunday, will occupy the same pulpit tomorrow.

Frances and Rose Hill, twin daughters of Supt. Frank H. Hill, celebrated their seventh birthday Monday, by giving a party at their home on Harwood avenue. Games and refreshments furnished the principal part of the entertainment. A birthday cake and other gifts were much appreciated and enjoyed. Those present were Philip Cook, Hester Hume, Marlan and Josephine Ruggles and Gertrude Bradley.

Mrs. J. L. Quimby, a minister from Gardiner, Me., was a recent guest at Charles L. Smith's, King street.

An eleven pound daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Morton S. Alward this last week.

Messrs. Smith and Healey are making extensive improvements on their tenement house recently vacated by Leander Fisher.

Mrs. Frank Pingrey has been visiting relatives in Maynard.

Miss Virginia Hyde of New York is a guest at the Ledges.

Several of the farmers who have been selling milk to F. S. Cummings, milk peddler, have received word this week of his new project to buy a large quantity of milk from dairies in Barre and his consequent request that his Littleton supply be transferred to other customers.

Mrs. Joseph Crane has been for several weeks a great sufferer from an ulcer which has necessitated the use of a crutch much of the time.

Miss Myrtle Fletcher has given up her position in Beverly.

Miss Margaret Harwood is on her way home from Europe and is expected here the middle of next week.

Mrs. A. W. Knowlton is ready to take subscriptions for newspapers, magazines and other periodicals.

Everett Kimball and his brother, Frank Kimball, of Boston, started on a trip into New Hampshire and Vermont last Saturday. They expect to be away from home a week.

Dr. and Mrs. Herbert B. Priest arrived at their home in Groton on Sunday. Much of their honeymoon was spent at Crystal lake, Canaan, N. H.

Mrs. Warren Flagg has been spending several days in Allston, where she and Mr. Flagg hope to begin housekeeping soon. Mr. Flagg is pleased with railroad life and as yet has little desire to return to farm life.

Mrs. Mary Wheeler of Boston is spending a few days at Douglas Whitcomb's this week.

Miss Emily Wellesley of Danvers, Conn., arrived at Henry Work's on Great road last Saturday. This is Miss Wellesley's first visit to town for nearly two years.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Turner of Milford, N. H., were auto guests of the H. F. Proctors on Sunday.

Misses Clara and Myrtle Fletcher were at home from Beverly over Sunday.

Miss Emma Byam of Boston spent Sunday with her mother on Foster street.

Mrs. K. E. Christie of Arlington is visiting at J. H. Whitcomb's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kimball and little daughter were recent visitors at S. Z. Cleaves' in West Rindge, N. H.

Miss Jackson, a former high-school teacher in town, spent Sunday at Miss Mary Marshall's.

The registrars of voters will be in session in the selectmen's room, town hall, on Monday, October 2, from eight to nine o'clock p. m., and on Saturday, October 28, at the same place from twelve o'clock until ten o'clock p. m.

Mrs. Wallace and infant son of Fitchburg have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shafter, this past week.

Augustus True of Allston is the guest of Herbert Whitcomb this week. The warrant for the primaries has been issued by the selectmen for Tuesday, September 26, from seven to nine p. m.

The rally day exercises at the Congregational Sunday school were attended by a large number, many of the older members of the society remaining to hear the children sing and speak. The interesting program was

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well carried out and besides the recitations and songs by the younger members of the school, included two excellent clarinet solos by Elliot Young, accompanied at the piano by his mother, Mrs. Jessie M. Young.

Over Sunday guests at Miss Marshall's were Miss Elizabeth Jackson, Benjamin Conant of Arlington, and Mrs. Smiley of Great Barrington, N. H., mother of Miss Smiley of the high school faculty.

Several of the ladies in the society of United Workers attended the meeting of the Woman's Board held at Ayer on Wednesday. Among them were Mrs. A. F. Conant, Mrs. N. B. Conant, Miss Julia S. Conant and Mrs. H. L. Packard.

### Number of Pupils.

The entire number of pupils enrolled in our public schools is 216. A year ago at this time the number was the same. In the freshman class at the high school there are 18, in the sophomore class 10, junior 9 and senior 11, making a total of 48.

Miss Cornwell, teacher at the center, has 19 pupils in the seventh grade and 15 in the eighth grade, making a total of 34.

Miss Andrews at the union schoolhouse has 19 pupils in the sixth and 12 in the fifth grade, total 31.

Miss Bowley at the union schoolhouse has 12 pupils in the fourth grade and 14 in the third grade, total 26.

Miss Davis at the union schoolhouse has 24 in the second grade and 17 in the first grade, total 41.

Miss Sargent at the West school has 5 pupils in the sixth grade, 6 in the fifth grade and 7 in the fourth grade, total 18.

Miss Whittier at the West school has 8 pupils in the third grade, 1 pupil in the second grade and 9 pupils in the first grade, total 18.

### Reunion.

At the thirty-seventh annual reunion of the 40th Mass. regimental association held in Chelsea, September 10, John Blatchford of Lynn was voted the oldest member of the regiment present. Mr. Blatchford, who is now in his ninety-first year, was accompanied by his wife, eighty-four years of age and his daughter, Mrs. Charles L. Smith of Littleton. He is in good health and enjoyed the reunion. Mr. Blatchford belongs to a patriotic family, his father, his grandfather and a brother having fought in the war of 1812, the revolution and the civil war, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Blatchford have enjoyed more than sixty years of married life. In summer they busy themselves with caring for a vegetable and flower garden, which is said to be one of the neatest and most attractive in West Lynn.

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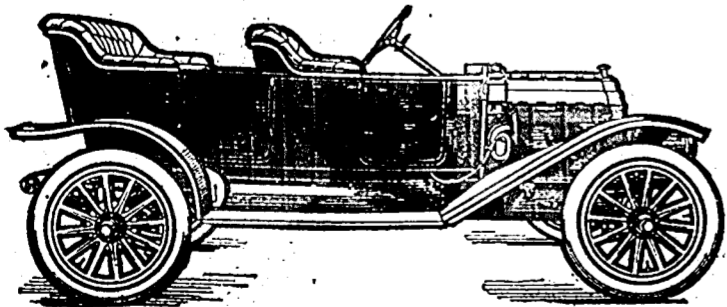
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### WESTFORD.

#### Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jennison and daughter Lillie of Lowell were guests for the day last Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Whitney's.

Miss Blanche Waller is among those of our young people returning to their teaching. Miss Waller goes back to Guilford, Me., the same as last year.

John H. Shaw of Spokane, Wash., made a brief visit to Westford recently. Mr. Shaw had just returned from a European trip and was on the way back to his western home.

The enrollment at the Frost school this year is 140 pupils, which makes this modern four-room building quite comfortably filled.

William Bunce of Worcester is at Providence farm visiting his uncle, Augustus Bunce.

An attractive set of pictures from the Library Art club portraying Naples is on exhibition at the library.

Mrs. A. W. Hartford is enjoying a vacation with relatives in historic Deerfield.

The twelve-year-old boy, Morris Winters, at Charles H. Bicknell's, reported last week suffering with lockjaw, died there last week, late Wednesday night. The younger sister, who had infantile paralysis, is much improved. These children were wards of the state and boarding with Mr. and Mrs. Bicknell.

The Donald M. Camerons, who have been spending the summer at the Cameron homestead, have returned to their Lowell home.

The latest acquisition in art treasures at the library, donated by his good friend, Mr. Raymond, is a Japanese saddle in beautiful lacquer work. This has been placed for inspection for the present, on one of the reading-room tables.

Master John Gill Fletcher was taken to the Lowell General hospital on last Saturday and was operated upon for the removal of adenoid growth. He made good recovery and was back in school the first of the week.

Alexander Cameron and Fletcher Abbot go this week to Middlesex school at Concord.

Principal Dexter Coggsball of the academy, has the commendable enterprise on his hands of organizing a company of Boy Scouts. The organization is only in its beginning, but there are sixteen members. Mr. Coggsball is the scout master and there are two divisions—Leon Hill-dreth is captain of one and Edward Blodgett the other. Saturday forenoon will be the gathering time for the boys, with tramps, games, etc., all dominated with the spirit of good comradeship.

Archie Hartford does not return to Norfolk this fall to teach, but has accepted a position to teach mathematics in a school in Youngstown, Ohio. Mr. Hartford took a special course in his special branch at the Harvard summer school this season.

A new set of tapes has been put in place on the tennis court this last week. The old ones were worn to shreds, testifying to the real use of the court by its devotees this season.

A recent real estate transfer is the house on the road to Littleton recently occupied by Alec McDonald and owned by Albert H. Flagg, who has sold to a Mr. Brunelle of Littleton. Mr. McDonald has removed with his family to the house owned by his father, Angus McDonald, known as the Eliakim Hutchins place.

Coming gatherings of interest are the meeting of the North Middlesex Temperance union October 12 and the conference of Unitarian churches here October 19.

Mrs. O. R. Spalding and Miss Charlotte Prescott have been enjoying a sojourn at camp at Forge pond.

#### Park Improvements.

Five of the substantial cement and wooden seats have been received this week and put in place at Whitney park. These seats replaced five out of the six that were part of the equipment planned by the donor of the park, but that were broken in transportation. Part of these damaged seats were repaired and purchased at much less cost thus making a larger number for the park. Those that have come this week are to be advantageously placed in the vicinity of the tennis court and a second one under the big maple tree in the center of the main lawn. The recent rains have put the grass and shrubs in the park into good condition. Those shrubs, mostly buckthorn, that did not withstand the drought earlier in the season so soon after their setting, will be replaced later in the season.

#### Books Added to the Library.

Barr, A. E. Sheila Veda B265.21  
Bennett, E. A. Old wives' tale B470.3  
Bosher, K. L. Miss Ginnie Gault B743.3  
Chalmers, S. Prince of Romance C438.2  
Clifford, Mrs. L. L. Sir George's ob- C634.3  
jection  
Day, H. F. Skipper and the skipper D274.5  
Dillon, M. C. Miss Livingston's com- D579.3  
panion  
Fuller, A. Later Pratt portraits P366.6  
Gilson, R. R. In the morning glow G490.3  
Grissom, I. W. The superintendent G870.2  
Hall, E. C. To love and to cherish H175.4  
Hall, E. V. Basset, a village chron- H175.2  
icle  
Harrison, H. S. Queed H320.2  
Hibbens, R. Dwellers on the three- H626.3  
hold

#### About Town.

John A. Taylor now writes Grand Forks; University of North Dakota.

George Reed, blacksmith at the H. E. Fletcher Company on Oak hill, met with a more painful than serious accident on last Saturday by a piece of steel imbedding itself in his hand. Blood was gushing and an auto went rushing. The doctor stayed the blood which prevented it becoming a flood. In a few days George will be around again as before there was any pain.

Brookside mills are on the start up order. Just who is going to start up is not quite certain. Rumors several times amended is authority for the sale of the property. After a few more amendments have been tacked on, it may be discovered that Mr. Moore is the real live wire of affairs yet.

Mrs. Cole of Tyngsboro has been enjoying the September zero breezes at the Old Oaken Bucket farm.

Clyde Carpenter, who has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Abby Hamlin, and was present at the Unitarian church on Sunday, is attending school in Virginia.

At a meeting of the registrars on Wednesday evening, five persons appeared and were registered, two from the Brookside precinct, and three from precinct one. The following dates and places were agreed upon for holding the next meetings of the registrars: Brookside, Friday evening, October 20, from 7.45 to 8.45; Graniteville, Monday evening, October 23, from 7.30 to nine; Forge Village, Wednesday evening, October 25, from 7.30 to nine. The last meeting will be held at the town hall on Saturday, October 28, from noon until 10.30 p. m.

Westford station was again entered by thieves on Tuesday evening and a small sum of money taken from the telephone company. Graniteville station received the same treatment. These periodical rounds are made with auto.

George E. Gould has bought the well-known Timothy Blood farm on Chicopee row, Groton, close by the Chapman farm.

Some of the farmers of Westford Center are sending milk to Groton creamery. Mrs. Albright, living on the Providence road, is conveyancer.

Daniel H. Suman has finished sawing lumber in Groton and is making preparations to start his cider and cotton-wollen mill on Tadmuck brook.

Middlesex North Agricultural society held its fifty-fifth annual fair at Billerica last week Thursday and Friday in connection with Billerica grange. The display was fine and the attendance finer, 1500 being present the first day. Westford was well represented by people and vegetables. William R. Taylor entered apples from his new bought farm and won three premiums—first on Baldwin, first on Tolman Sweet, and third on McIntosh Red. S. L. Taylor entered a trace of field corn from the Old Oaken Bucket farm and had a very narrow escape from receiving a premium.

The W. C. T. U. held its annual meeting last week Wednesday with Mrs. Homer M. Seavey. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Janet Wright, pres.; Mrs. Emma Day, sec.; Mrs. Adelaide Seavey, treas. The two last named were re-elected. The next meeting will be held the first Wednesday in October with Mrs. Emma Day.

Rev. B. H. Bailey delivered a strong and inspiring sermon last Sunday. Mr. Bailey is to exchange pulpits with Rev. N. S. Hoagland of Tyngsboro tomorrow.

The freshman class at Amherst Agricultural college, of which Seth Bannister is one, were the winners in the tug-of-war with the sophomores with a crew of sixty on each side.

Gerald Deocar has secured a position as teacher in the public schools of Porto Rico, and left town last week Friday. He has had experience as scholar in the old Stony Brook school, and as a teacher in town and other parts of the state. He received several highly commendable recommendations from friendships in the Stony Brook district and friends elsewhere.

#### Instantly Killed.

Lewis H. Denton who has been in the employ of the Boston and Maine railroad for twenty-one years, and who is well-known in Westford, was instantly killed at Prison Point, Somerville, last week Tuesday. Just how the accident happened is not certain. He was an engineer in the yard and alighted from his engine at the noon hour for rest and was found a few moments afterwards on the track close by, his head having been crushed by a freight train. What caused him to be thrown on the rail may possibly be learned at the legal findings.

Mr. Denton was thirty-eight years old and leaves a widow, one brother, Harry Denton, of Rutland; five sisters—Mrs. F. W. Bannister of Westford, Mrs. Charles Crosby of Arlington, Mrs. F. A. Craghern of Swampscott, Mrs. Elizabeth Howe of Boston, and Mrs. Thomas Riley of New York. The funeral took place on the following Thursday afternoon from his home in Somerville. Rev. Mr. Wilcox of Somerville conducted the services. Burial was in his native town, New Brunswick, N. J., beside his early loves and friendships, father and mother and memories of early school days.

In temperament and cultivation Mr. Denton was retiring and free from the shams of misleading pretensions. The unusually large display of flowers at the funeral, with their silent beauty and fragrance, were better witnesses of his life than the eulogy of words.

#### Brought a High Price.

There was a large attendance at the auction of the farm and personal property of Hiram Dane last week Saturday on the Dunstable road at Long-sought pond. There was evidence that there would be sharp competition for the farm by the unusual number of stylish automobiles from the direction of Boston. This view

proved to be correct when the farm was auctioned off to a Boston party for \$4800, nearly four times its assessed value. But times have changed from the old standards of values. As resorts of pleasure the ponds of the town have increased the values of the early life of the town.

Mr. Dane will return to California in October and make his permanent home there. He is a veteran of the civil war, from Westford, his native town.

#### Fire.

Near the dividing line of time between Friday night and Saturday morning of last week, the farm house on the Birchwood farm, recently owned by Hans Dege, was destroyed by fire and nearly all its contents perished into ashes. The actual loss is estimated at \$1500 above the insurance. The cause of the fire was a defective chimney. The house had been remodeled several times within a few years, chimneys and all. Like the fire that consumed the house of Hon. H. E. Fletcher on Oak hill a year ago, the chimneys were practically new, which leads to the thought that modern workmanship is defective and the more waste the less quality. The Birchwood farm is owned at present by John Autel and located a little north of Keyes' pond.

#### Death.

Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Virgen of New York, died suddenly on Sunday morning at the home of his son, Dr. Fred Virgen, of New York city. He will be remembered in this rural region as making his summer home in West Chelmsford and the roads among our wooded retreats will miss the oft occurring summer drives. He was a well-known and popular minister of the Congregational church and for many years was settled in Brooklyn, N. Y. He leaves two children, Dr. Fred Virgen of New York city, and Mrs. Meriam Ravi at the summer home in West Chelmsford. Dr. Virgen's wife died about eight months ago on a Sunday evening, and the remark has gathered interest that his death occurred on Sunday morning. The burial was at Mount Auburn.

#### Forge Village.

A parish meeting was held in Recreation hall on Wednesday evening.

The Girls' Friendly society held the first meeting of the season on Wednesday evening at 8.30 o'clock.

Miss Sarah Precious and Miss Emily Collins spent the week-end as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dugdale of Lawrence.

Mrs. M. A. Lowther, who has been very ill at her home, is now able to sit up again.

Mrs. Willis Holt of Lowell entertained at her cottage on the shores of Forge pond, the members of the Ladies' Circle of St. John's church of Lowell, recently.

The home of John H. Bennett of Worcester was the scene on September 4, of the sixteenth annual reunion of the Jonathan Smith Bennett association. Among those present were brothers and sisters from Wisconsin, Washington, D. C., Shrewsbury, Forge Village, and Worcester, the oldest present being eighty-four years of age, and the youngest sixty-six years.

Harry White and his sister, Miss Minnie White, left on Monday for a visit to their home in Prince Edward Island.

Miss Sadie Smith is entertaining a cousin from the west.

Mrs. Samuel Blowey is confined to her home by illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fisher of Lowell are sojourning this week at the Birches, as also are Mr. Fisher's mother and sister of Westford.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett spent Tuesday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Chester Blodgett of the Groton Ridges.

Mrs. Mary Miner, a former resident of this village, was the guest this week of Miss Hannah Coburn.

Mrs. Harriet E. Randall has returned from a visit with relatives in South Abington and Braintree.

Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Lodgers and daughter Hazel, and Mrs. Ledgers's mother, Mrs. Jennie White, of Lowell, said farewell to their many friends here on Sunday. They have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Carlin for a short while, but left Lowell on Friday noon for Los Angeles, Cal., where they will make their home in the future.

Miss Mary T. Madden of New York city, a former resident, is spending this month at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Daly of Pond street.

Joseph Orange, formerly of the United States marines, has returned home.

Cameron park and playground adjoining are now being put in excellent condition under the direction of Mr. Tarbell of Lowell.

The heavy frost which visited here on Wednesday night, certainly did much damage to the many vegetable and flowers gardens in the village. Tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, together with many choice blossoms, presented a poor appearance on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swain, who were married in North Chelmsford on Saturday evening, will make their home on Pleasant street, this village. Mr. Swain is draughtsman at the C. G. Sargent & Son's establishment of Graniteville.

The time of the services at Forge mission will be at 7.30 o'clock p. m. instead of 4.30 as at present, beginning the first Sunday of October.

#### Graniteville.

Miss Louisa G. Finn and Miss Hannah Finn of Pawtucket, R. I., made a brief visit with relatives here this week while en route for Fairview, N. H., where they will spend the next few weeks.


Mr. and Mrs. Sherman of Damariscotta, Me., father and mother of Dr. Sherman of this village, are now visiting here with this village.

Mr. and Mrs. William Feno have

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recently moved into their cosy new bungalow in upper Main street, and have entertained many visitors during the past few days, who have called to wish them every success in their new home.

Mrs. Mollie Stewart and Mrs. M. Landry of Boston were week-end visitors at the home of Mrs. Maria McCarty.

Among the many young people who are now attending school out-of-town are the following: Miss Ruth Furbush, a graduate of Westford academy, is attending the State Normal school in Lowell; Joseph C. LeDuc, also a graduate of Westford academy, is attending Clarke university in Worcester; Vernon Fletcher is attending the Lowell high; Miss Mary Provost, the Notre Dame academy in Lowell, and Edward Healy is attending a boys' preparatory school in Danvers. All are getting along finely, and are highly pleased with their new surroundings.

Workmen from the Lowell Electric Light Company are now putting in the poles and will soon string the wires preparatory to installing light in the different houses along Main street. The poles now extend to a point in West Graniteville opposite St. Catherine's church. The church building has already been wired and will be ready just as soon as the connection is made on the feed wire.

The recent frost has caused havoc with the garden truck and fall flowers here and those who failed to cover their favorite plants these last few nights have been on the sorry side.

Mrs. George Day of Damariscotta, Me., is now visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Sherman.

The members of the E. S. B. C. club held a social dancing party in Abbot hall, Forge Village, on Friday night of last week, which in spite of the inclement weather, was well attended. The Colonial orchestra of Lowell furnished excellent music, and at intermission refreshments were served. Miss Lena Dolorenzo had general charge of this affair, assisted by members of the club.

#### Formal Opening.

Rev. Edmund T. Schofield, pastor of St. Catherine's church, celebrated both masses here on Sunday morning. Rev. Schofield announced that the formal opening of St. Catherine's church in West Graniteville would take place on holy rosary Sunday, October 1, at 4.30 o'clock. Owing to the fact that the church is not large enough to accommodate all those who would like to attend, admission will be by ticket, to be distributed by the members of the collecting committee. There will be special services at the opening of the church including an address by Monsignor Teeling of Lynn. Rev. Schofield also announced that although he had several offers from vocalists from out-of-town, who would be pleased to assist at the services at that time, he had decided, and Rev. Doherty had agreed with him, that the singing would be done by the regulars of St. Catherine's church, which he considers capable of filling every requirement.

The wire connections for lighting the church have been already made and everything will be in readiness for the formal opening.

#### M. C. O. F.

The members of Court Westford, M. C. O. F., held a largely attended and interesting meeting in their rooms on Thursday evening of last week. Considerable business of importance was transacted and favorable action taken on the question of attending the union class initiation that will be held in North Chelmsford the first Sunday of November. Court Westford, Court Wannalancit of North Chelmsford, and one of the Lowell courts will participate. The chief

ranger appointed the following members of Court Westford to attend to the details of this affair from a local standpoint: M. Edward Riney, J. A. Healy, R. J. McCarty, Mrs. A. R. Wall, Thomas Hughes.

Owing to the recent resignation of Mrs. Bridget Healy as chief ranger of Court Westford, some changes were made in the list of officers, and the following officers, having been legally elected to the different offices, were duly installed on Thursday evening of last week by Thomas J. Wallace, G. C. R., of Lowell, assisted by Owen McNally and Henry Miner, C. R., of Court Wannalancit, of North Chelmsford, who acted as conductors: Charles E. Dudevour, C. R.; Mrs. Julia B. Wall, V. C. R.; William Ledwith, U. C.; William J. Healy, I. S.

The entertainment committee will put on an entertainment after the next regular meeting. The court is favored by having a large number of good vocalists and musicians on the roster, and a treat is in store for the members who attend the next regular meeting.

Before the meeting closed on Thursday night, Thomas J. Wallace, deputy, Owen McNally and Henry Miner of North Chelmsford were heard in pleasing remarks that were keenly appreciated by the large number present.

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All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to  
GEORGE A. SANDERSON,  
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Ayer, Mass., September 12, 1911.

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You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the ninth day of October 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, who can be found within the Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, and if any one cannot be so found, by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published at 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 September in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

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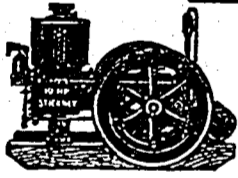
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## MOORS SCHOOL, Groton, Massachusetts, Formerly DISTRICT NUMBER TWO SCHOOL.

By Edward A. Richardson.  
(Conclusion.)

Sarah Jane Wright, better known to her pupils as Miss Jennie Wright, taught several terms, beginning in 1870. She was born in Groton on October 24, 1848, the daughter of Deacon Alva and Fanny Gilson Wright. She was also for some years a pupil here, beginning with Miss Alma Willard and ending with her own sister, Maria C. Wright, as teacher. Besides teaching here, she also taught other schools in Groton, Grantville and Worcester. Miss Wright married on December 24, 1873, Josiah K. Proctor, and they now live at Wyocote, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia.

She recalls many amusing incidents as pupil and teacher. At one time a boy was given this sentence to read: "Why do you not take better care of your king?" taken from a bible story. In a halting manner the boy read: "W-h-why d-do y-o-u n-o-t not tak-take a b-e-basket and c-a-r-r-y your k-i-n-g-king?"

Mr. Andrews, one of the committee, was once questioning a class in grammar and called upon this same lad who had tried "to carry a king in a basket," and asked him to give the plural of scissors: "Shears sir," he replied, and of sheep, "Sheeps sir." A small boy failed to recognize his own name when he began to spell it: S-t-e-p-h-a-n, until told that it was really "Stephen."

Miss Lucy Maria Hill was well-known in the district when she came to teach the school in the fall of 1872. She lived with her parents, Henry and Abigail Coffin Hill, upon Farmers' row, nearer Groton, and had attended the academy in 1864, when her sister also attended. She also attended Abbott academy in Andover, Mass. She was born in Bradford, Mass., December 15, 1849; married Frederick Fosdick, son of Rev. David Fosdick, a neighbor, April 24, 1873, and resided in Fitchburg until her death on December 8, 1908. Mr. Fosdick has held many positions of trust in that city, having been elected mayor several times.



Curtis Lawrence. 1790-1888.

Mrs. Ellen M. Torrey, as a teacher of Moors school, will always be remembered as one of the most successful teachers Groton ever had, though her work was confined to the district schools. She is the daughter of the late Samuel and Clarissa (Hartwell) Williams, and was born in Groton on Chocopee row in 1846. She married first, Rev. Watson Willard Torrey, a son of Willard Torrey, of the Chocopee row neighborhood, and secondly, Sumner R. Mason, D. D., who was a son of Rev. S. R. Mason, D. D., of Cambridge, Mass., who was killed at the Wollaston railroad wreck several years ago. The Mason family, after his death, came to Groton in 1875, and purchased the old Levi Stone farm below the school. She attended school at No. 7 in her young days, and was enrolled at Lawrence academy in 1857. During her years of teaching she kept school in Connecticut, Iowa, Harvard, Weymouth and four different schools in Groton, besides giving private instructions in Newton.

Mrs. Mason says: "The motto, 'Not how much but how well,' which I tried to impress on the minds of my beloved pupils of Moors school has in the main been my own." Her own children have gone out into the world earnest exponents of their mother's belief and two have been teachers in Groton and Pepperell.

Mrs. Mason will have the sympathy of all her old pupils in the loss of her husband, Sumner R. Mason, who died on August 5, 1911.

The following is a tribute from a former pupil to her old teacher: "Mrs. Ellen M. Torrey, under whose guidance I was fortunate enough to be, was far above the average country school teacher. Her sunny nature and rare womanliness made us all love her. She developed the best in each one and held up high ideals which left an impression upon our after lives."

The teacher for 1877-8, was Miss Clara F. Woods of Ayer, a graduate of the high school there in 1876, and the class secretary. Miss Woods was the daughter of Moses W. and Caroline L. Woods, and was born in Shirley, Mass., December 5, 1859. She was a successful teacher here and afterwards went to Wellesley college, and then taught in Needham, Natick and Ayer. She married in April, 1882, George H. Hill of Ayer, where she now resides.

In 1892, for two terms, Miss Nancy Jane May of Groton, was in charge of the school. She was the daughter of George and Mary May, and was born in Groton on June 14, 1873. She taught also the Willard and Chaplin schools in Groton, the Coollidge and Hooper schools in Watertown, and was a teacher at the Elliot school in Boston just previous to her death, which occurred in that city on Jan-



Harris C. Hartwell

uary 17, 1907. She was a graduate of the Groton high school, class of 1890, and attended the State Normal school at Framingham.

In the spring of 1892, the school was taught by Miss Martha Leola Wright, daughter of Henry T. and Martha A. Wright of Groton. She was born in Ayer, Mass., July 30, 1872, and this was her first school, taken up after two years at Smith college, Northampton. She had previously completed a four-years' course at Vermont academy, Saxton River, Vt. After a successful term here, she returned to Smith college and completed the course in 1895. She has since taught in Ware, Mass., and at present is a teacher of history in the Northampton high school. As a pleasant accompaniment to the work, she traveled in 1905, in France, Italy and Greece.

Miss Mary A. Kimball, a well-known and successful teacher in Groton Center at the present time, presided over the school for two terms in 1908, while Miss Longley was in California. Miss Kimball was born in Alfred, Me., the daughter of Alden B. and Caroline C. Kimball. She is a graduate of the Alfred high school and the normal school at Gorham, Me. She taught in Maine, and in Massachusetts in the towns of Danvers, Beverly and Lynn, and in this vicinity in Townsend and Pepperell.

Miss Anna Bancroft, who taught in 1879, was one of the four daughters of the late Edmund Dana and Mary P. M. Bancroft. She was born in Shirley, Mass., November 21, 1854, and her home was at Ayer for many years. She graduated at Lawrence academy in the class of 1872, and taught school ten years in this state previous to her marriage to Charles H. Richardson of Groton and Washington, D. C., October 10, 1883. Mr. Richardson had been a pupil at this same school nineteen years before. As a teacher she was universally loved by her pupils and was altogether successful. Since her husband's death, Mrs. Richardson has resided at Washington, holding a position in the dead letter office.

Duren, George B., Co. B, 26th Massachusetts regiment.  
Duren, Charles, 57th and 59th Massachusetts regiment.  
Evans, Harrison D., 13th N. H. regiment.  
Farnsworth, George H., Co. B, 6th Massachusetts regiment.  
Gilson, George Herman, 26th Massachusetts regiment.  
Gilson, Sumner, Co. B, 6th Massachusetts regiment.  
Hackett, Michael, Co. B, 33rd Massachusetts regiment.  
Hartwell, John S., 14th N. H. regiment.  
Kendall, George E., Co. B, 26th Massachusetts regiment.  
Messer, Abbott M., Co. B, 26th Massachusetts regiment.  
Richardson, Rufus B., Co. B, 6th Massachusetts regiment.  
Richardson, Alfred A., Co. B, 6th Massachusetts regiment.  
Proctor, Sanford, U. S. navy, eight and one-half years.  
Mason, Joseph, cadet at U. S. naval academy, Annapolis.  
Gardner, John W., cadet at U. S. military academy, West Point.  
Barnes, Oscar W., Spanish-American war, 1898.

To this list may be added the teachers:

Bruce, George Anson, 13th N. H. volunteers.  
Bancroft, Cecil F. P., Christian commission, 1864-65.  
Livermore, Rufus, Co. B, 6th Massachusetts regiment.  
Parker, James C. C., 2nd Massachusetts cavalry.

Michael Hackett, one of the pupils in 1860, just before the war, was the son of John and Mary Hackett, and came to America when a small boy. He died in Manchester, N. H., May 11, 1911, aged sixty-eight years. It is related that he was such a zealous soldier boy that he went off to the rendezvous without informing his parents and that his mother, with a younger infant brother in her arms, went to the camp and begged for the return of her boy home. The recruiting officer was more willing than the boy, who was really under age, but the boy informed his mother that it was no use to take him home for he would enlist again. She finally gave her consent and he went away to the war in Company B, 33rd Massachusetts regiment and served four years, and at the close of the rebellion enlisted in the regular army for a three-year service. Mr. Hackett used to say that he had been during his military



Rufus B. Richardson, Ph. D.

The long continued service of Miss Sarah H. Longley as teacher of this school, is one that is quite noticeable and which meets with universal approbation on the part of pupils and parents. Thirty complete school years at one little brick schoolhouse is a record to be proud of, and the teacher can see her pupils grow into useful men and women while still keeping guard over the moral and intellectual welfare of those who are to follow from the same neighborhood school. Miss Longley came to this school well equipped with a normal school training and is considered one of Groton's best teachers, who are always needed in the rural district schools.

The names of the one-time pupils who have had a military service and their enrollment is here given: Brown, Daniel, war of rebellion.  
Brown, William, war of rebellion.  
Dickson, Henry A., Co. B, 6th Massachusetts regiment.  
Dickson, Michael, Co. D, 20th Massachusetts regiment.  
Donlon, Patrick, U. S. railway military department.

service, in every state in the union, except Vermont. He was a brave soldier and a general favorite with officers and men. He was an active member of Louis Bell Post No. 3, G. A. R., at Manchester. He is survived by a widow, one son and five daughters.

Henry A. Dickson, a pupil for a short period in about 1842, was one of those patriotic citizens, who in April, 1861, responded to the first call for troops, and marched to the defense of the national capital. After serving in Company B, "Old Sixth," for three months, he enlisted in Company E, 33rd Massachusetts regiment for three years. Mr. Dickson lives in Fitchburg and was the commander of E. V. Sumner Post 19, G. A. R., for the past year.

There were four pupils at No. 2 in about the same period, who were close neighbors and chums and kept up the acquaintance in after years as they went on to the high school or academy and on to still higher educational institutions.

Benjamin H. Hartwell took a course of lectures at the medical school at Dartmouth and at Jefferson Medical

college at Philadelphia, where he graduated in 1868. He became a skilled physician as has been stated elsewhere.

His only brother, Harris C. Hartwell, went to Harvard and graduated in the class of 1869. He located as a lawyer in Fitchburg, where he died in 1892, in the very midst of a successful career.

Samuel L. Graves went to Amherst college, where he graduated in the class of 1870. He also located as a lawyer in Fitchburg, where he has filled many important positions of trust.

Rufus B. Richardson went to Yale, where he graduated in 1869, and afterwards taught there and held professorship chairs at Indiana State university and Dartmouth college, and became a noted student of Grecian antiquities.

The following description of the schoolroom in 1833, may interest some of the present day scholars. Mrs. Lewis says:

"I remember the schoolroom as it was in those early days. The large fire-place was in the middle of the side opposite the door at which one entered. The teacher's desk was in the corner of the same side. On the other sides were the seats for the scholars with desks in front of them; the boys on one side, the girls on the other. There was a large space between them, where the scholars went out and stood in a line to read, spell, etc.

"The word given out to spell, if not spelled correctly by the one to whom given, was passed on, the one who spelled it right going above the others. The one who was at the head of the class wore a medal home at night, in the morning returning it and taking a place at the foot of the class. The medal was a twenty-five cent piece with a hole in it."

This system of spelling down, or spelling up, was quite in vogue about forty years ago, and the description given us by Mrs. Lewis shows that it had continued from a much earlier date. In those days the teacher must have been considered when the desk was located in the corner, comfortably near the fire-place.

A list of pupils who have taught school:

Evans, Harrison D., Peterboro, Mason, Hillsboro, Wilton, and Sharon in New Hampshire; also, in Illinois and in West Townsend and Chelmsford, Mass.  
Gilson, Mary Emeline, Groton.  
Hartwell, Benjamin H., No. 2-11-Groton high.  
Hennigan, Kate, in Groton at Trowbridge, Butler, Intermediate and Tarbell schools; in Holden and Belmont school, Maiden, Mass., since 1892.

Keves, Lizzie, Acton.  
Keating, Susie, Maynard and Everett.  
Keating, Mary J., Groton.  
Lawrence, Curtis, No. 2 and No. 12.  
Lawrence, Edward Addison, Appleton academy, New Ipswich, N. H.  
Lawrence, Susan F., No. 2.  
Pollard, Agnes B., No. 2.  
Richardson, Rufus B., Yale, New Haven; Bloomington, Indiana; Dartmouth, N. H.

Richardson, Charles H., Ayer.  
Richardson, Edward, Groton.  
Stong, Emma, Westford, Shirley and Tyngsboro.  
Torrey, Linette W., Groton, Littleton.  
Tuttle, Lena W., Bolton, Littleton.  
Willard, Alma H., No. 2.  
Wright, Sarah J., Groton, Westford, Worcester.

Wright, Maria C., Groton, Dunstable, New Hampshire, Tennessee.  
Wright, Fannie E., Groton, 3 schools.  
Walt, Charles H., Kansas.  
Weber, Elinor May, Goshen, Mass., Salisbury, N. H., Plainfield, Mass.

The Levi Hildreth family came into the district about 1840, and at about this time there were several Hildreth children in the school. One of these, John P. Hildreth, first Townsend, states that when he first attended school here, his family lived at a place called "The Dale," which is another place name to be added to that part of the James Brook valley which lies now in Ayer, just below the old Reuben Hartwell farm, where the Hildreth lived. The term savors of old England and may have been given it by some settler who wished to perpetuate the name in some beautiful locality in America.

In closing this school narrative I am aware that the subject is of more particular interest to those families which have had representatives in the school as pupils or teachers, than to the general reader. The work has been undertaken with a purpose to preserve the fugitive facts, less easily obtainable as the years pass by. The reminiscences of old pupils of school here bring out many almost forgotten facts in the home life of the inhabitants of the district. To some extent this account is supplementary to "The story of a Neighborhood," which was published in the spring of 1911.

The present generation of scholars will be interested to learn something of the school life of those earlier ones, who trudged over these same country roads, in sunshine and in storm and sat within the same walls to secure the instruction which would fit them for whatever station in life.

The old homes have undergone transformations from time to time, with here an addition and there an entirely new house, but in many cases the general form of the buildings is the same as when erected.

At the "Community" on the hill, fires and removals near the Groton Episcopal school have caused many of the old houses to disappear and have changed the entire neighborhood, but on the east road very few changes have been made in the homes, and with one exception, fire has not placed its effacing hand in that part of the old district.

Not to the same extent as formerly do the families continue on at the old homesteads, generation after generation, but the present occupants may see in imagination the sacrifices and hopes of former owners who were brought up beneath the old roof-trees and were pupils at Old Number Two School.

**NOT A WORD OF SCANDAL**  
marred the call of a neighbor on Mrs. W. P. Stange of Marville, Vt. She said: "She told me Dr. King's New Life Pills had cured her of obstinate kidney trouble, and made her feel like a new woman. Easy but sure remedy for stomach, liver and kidney troubles. Only 25c. at William Brown Ayer."



GROTON.

**News Items.**  
Miss Fanny H. Prescott of Cambridge, coming on Thursday, was a guest for a few days last week of the Misses Hutchins of Pleasant street.  
Mrs. Augustus Moulton has gone to live with her father's folks in East Groton.

It is said that the change made in the running of pipes at the Pleasant street bridge cost the Groton Water Company \$2,000.

The marriage of Miss Ada Trayne and Thomas Edward Bywater, both of Groton, took place at the Baptist parsonage on Saturday, September 16, at eight o'clock in the evening. Rev. H. A. Cornell performed the ceremony, using the ring service.

Miss Clara Robinson, coming from Concord, has been in town for a week or two, staying at her grandmother's and at the home of her friend, Miss Beatrice Darling. Her mother, Mrs. W. B. Robinson, has also been in town.

Mrs. Register of Providence, R. I., is visiting her cousin, Dr. D. R. Steere. Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Priest returned from their honeymoon trip early this week and are occupying their home on Main street.

It is claimed that Major M. P. Palmer of Groton is the oldest as a voter of the republican ticket, in the republican ranks of Middlesex county.

The Groton School boys returned on Tuesday night for the opening of the fall term on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wotton have moved into Miss Mary L. Hutchins' cottage on Elm street. James Rowe is to board with them.

Elizabeth, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Miller, was taken ill last week Friday night and has remained in a serious condition up to Tuesday, the time of writing, when her case seems more hopeful. Besides a doctor, a trained nurse, Miss Sullivan, from Worcester, is caring for the baby.

Mrs. S. A. Lowell (formerly Mrs. G. H. Williams), coming last week Thursday, visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. M. W. Parkhurst, and left Saturday to visit relatives in Framingham. On Wednesday of this week Mrs. Lowell started for California, where she goes for a lengthy stay.

Mr. Adams, the new barber who set up business here a short time ago, has moved to Littleton, having bought out a barber in that town.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis G. Rowe left town this week, moving all their goods to Marion, where Mr. Rowe has accepted a fine position as superintendent of a farm.

Mrs. M. W. Parkhurst and Mrs. G. H. Rockwood went Thursday to visit relatives in Framingham.

Albert F. Sargent, a former business man of this town, has moved back again to the farm in Newport, N. H., which he purchased and lived on when he left Groton some two or three years ago. He subsequently went into business in Dorchester, but returns to the farm on account of his health.

John Clarke, superintendent of the Lawrence farm, Wm. H. Whitehill and Dr. Davis of Pepperell went together Wednesday morning to attend the Vermont state fair at White River Junction. They planned to return on Thursday or Friday.

A few days ago Kenneth Sawyer picked some blossoms from an apple tree.

Mrs. Finley of Haverhill came last Saturday for an over Sunday visit to her brother, Joseph B. Raddin. Her daughter, Mrs. Belle Carlton, and son, Joseph Raddin Carlton, accompanied Mrs. Finley on the visit.

Miss Mildred Brown and Miss Mildred Emeline Gilson left Tuesday to attend Simmons college.

The specialist whom Mrs. Jane Clark consulted about her eye last week, gave her encouragement that he could help her and hoped an operation would not be necessary. Mrs. Clark is using the treatment prescribed and will consult the specialist again in a fortnight.

Mrs. Weeks was operated on for appendicitis at the Groton hospital one day last week. On the following day her sister was operated on there for the same trouble. The family live in the small cottage on F. A. Sherwin's place, Hollis street.

Miss Mary W. Condon went Wednesday to Boston for a return visit to her cousins who visited her father's family here last month.

Mrs. Ansel M. Shattuck and daughter, Miss Jessie, are visiting relatives in Williamsville, this week.

Winthrop L. Sheedy returned to Williams college last week Thursday. Carl A. Lawrence returned to Dartmouth this week Wednesday. Harold H. Woods returned to Dartmouth on Monday. John Bradley, Dr. Wyman Gibson and John Moyle, Jr., left for Amherst Agricultural last week Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace A. Brown gave Mrs. Ellen A. Barrows and Mrs. Jane E. Clark a pleasant auto ride on Wednesday, taking Mrs. Barrows to Shirley to see her son, U. H. Barrows, who is instructor at the Boys' Industrial school, and afterwards continuing their drive to Clinton.

There was a meeting about the Pleasant street bridge on Wednesday. The selectmen and four railroad officials and Burpee Blakney, commissioner on the town roads, met to talk over some proposed measures, but arrived at no conclusion.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Taylor, who have been away visiting, arrived home last Saturday night. They first visited Mrs. Taylor's relatives in Rochester, N. Y., and went afterward to visit Mr. Taylor's mother in Hamilton, Canada.

Mrs. P. H. Crowley, who called this week for a visit to her old home in Sweden, took with her their little girl Mary, not a son as given last week.

Among the births in town this month not yet noticed in this column was that of a daughter, September 9, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fletcher, of Hollis street.

Miss Eliza Corwin of Athol is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. E. Adams.

Lawrence Brooks lost one of a span of work horses on Tuesday. It had been hurt internally. About three weeks ago he lost a driving horse.

Rev. H. A. Cornell spent Monday in Lowell.

Rev. and Mrs. G. M. Howe returned home on Monday.

Miss Julie Shea of Cambridge is visiting relatives here. She is wearing, so they say, a tell-tale ring.

Mrs. Jennie Hemenway went to Nashua last week Wednesday and was operated on for a nasal trouble by Dr. Kittredge of that city. The removal of the polyp caused two severe hemorrhages under which Mrs. Hemenway collapsed. She was taken by the doctor in his auto to the emergency hospital where she stayed one day and was then able to return home. She is still under Dr. Kittredge's treatment. Clarence Hemenway, her son, was up to Nashua twice during the day of operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace A. Brown, with Mrs. E. C. Leonard and Mrs. Eugene O. Collier, made an enjoyable auto drive to West Somerville on Thursday morning. They went for a week-end visit, the first three to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Williams, and the latter to her son, Edmund D. Collier, and family.

Arthur A. Wood has charge of putting in the new hay scales, the work being well under way. The scales are put in by vote of the town and belong to the town.

Annual Fair.

The annual fair of the Groton Farmers' and Mechanics' club will be held on their grounds next week Thursday. There will be about the same classes of exhibits and premiums as in other years. The committee are working hard to make the day a success and hope and expect the public will do their part. There will be a ball game at ten o'clock in the forenoon between West Groton and Groton teams. A good dinner will be provided, M. J. Cleary having the charge of engaging the person to set it up. The horse racing will be a leading feature of the afternoon. Already a good number of desirable horses have been entered and more will come before the entry closes Friday night. The usual dance in the town hall in the evening will close the day's festivities.

Death.

Mrs. Jane P. (Williams), widow of John W. Parker, passed away Monday, September 18, after a prolonged illness at her home on Court street.

Mrs. Parker was born in Shirley on October 26, 1838, but had lived in Groton for many years, coming here when young. She was a capable woman, faithful and efficient in whatever work she was called to do. She was active and useful in the Baptist church of this town, of which she first became a member on May 22, 1858. Mrs. Parker bore her long illness with patience and resignation.

The funeral was from her late home on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. H. A. Cornell officiating. The bearers were George T. Stevens, Harry P. Tainter, Albert F. Parkhurst and Gardner H. Rockwood, the same who officiated at the funeral of her husband, whom she has not long survived.

Mrs. Parker leaves one daughter, Miss Mary W. Parker, a well-known and successful teacher in our public schools, and one brother, George Williams, of Boston, who, although eighty-nine years old, was present at the funeral and in remarkably good health for a person so advanced in years. Besides these, there are no nearer relatives than nieces. The interment was in Groton cemetery.

Engagement Announced.

Announcement is made of the engagement of John Donaldson Nichols, Harvard, son of Rev. Harry P. Nichols of New York, once halfback on the Harvard football team, to Countess Beatrice von Beylandt, daughter of Count von Beylandt of the Hague, a member of the Dutch parliament.

Mr. Nichols, who is twenty-seven years of age, prepared for college at Groton School, where he played for two seasons on the school football team. Entering Harvard in the fall of 1902, he was elected captain of his freshman football team, on which he played halfback.

He also played first base on his freshman baseball nine and the following autumn played left halfback on the varsity team, which position he filled for three years.

He took his A. B. in '06 and remained at Harvard another year, receiving the degree of A. M. in the spring of '07. He was an instructor in Groton School for a short time, but is now engaged in mercantile business in New York. His address is 18 West 122d street, New York.

West Groton.

Henry Farrar has just returned from a week's stay in Philadelphia, Pa., with his daughter, Mrs. Albert Bennett.

Mrs. John Lawrence is visiting her son in Holyoke.

Miss Kathleen McGuane, going on Friday of last week, is assisting in Groton hospital.

Mrs. Elliott, with two children, is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. C. R. Dudley.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Harrington have returned from their visit in Long Island.

Mrs. Angelo Blood went by automobile on Thursday to enter the Deaconess home in Haverhill. It is Mrs. Blood's intention to board at the home for a time before making permanent arrangements.

Mrs. Lewis of Boston is visiting at G. S. Webber's.

The flagpole at the schoolhouse has been fitted with new rope and pulley; also, a brass ball as a finishing touch.

The house of Arthur Wilkins in North Shirley is nearing completion. A large stockhouse has been erected recently by the leatherboard company.

Miss Addie Rudolph has returned to Groton hospital for further treatment.

**NOTICE.**—As is our custom from October first to April first, our store will be closed every evening, except Saturday evening, at six o'clock. Saturday evening at eight o'clock. A. E. LAWRENCE & SON, Ayer.

HARVARD.

News Items.

The Unitarian Ladies' Sewing circle will hold an all-day sewing meeting with Mrs. S. M. Farnsworth on Friday, September 29.

At the Unitarian church on Sunday, September 24, Miss A. J. Beauchmin, one of Worcester's best church sopranos, will sing in connection with the regular morning service. Miss Beauchmin is a singer of ability and promise, and will certainly be appreciated by those who hear her.

The ladies of the Congregational church, Orthodox, held an all-day sewing meeting with Mrs. Sarah Lawrence at the home of Mrs. Carrie Hussey on Thursday of this week. Basket lunch was served.

William Hanna has purchased from Robert Murphy & Sons, Ayer, a Flanders "20" fore-door 1912 model. He is taking all kinds of enjoyment with it. This week, with Mrs. Hanna, he is visiting in Waltham with his son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hapenny.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bagster of Winter Hill are week-end guests at the home of Mrs. Thomas Bagster. They return on Monday.

Mrs. C. F. White of Shirley, who has for several seasons conducted successfully a class in dancing here, will be unable to resume teaching here this winter, owing to the continued ill health of her husband. Mrs. White was always given great success here and her many friends will regret to learn that she is not to return. Mrs. White always appreciated the good will shown her in her work here and regrets very much to be absent this year.

Born on Sunday, September 10, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Paul K. Morrison at Barnet, Vt. Mrs. Morrison was formerly Miss Ethel Merrill, and well-known here.

Last Saturday, Mrs. Abbie C. Sawyer engaged Mr. Hutcherson with his big auto and gave the members of her Sunday school class, fourteen youngsters in all, a joy ride to Concord and return. They visited the North bridge, saw the Minute Man in Bronze and had a generally good time. Returning, Mrs. Sawyer served a lunch on the lawn in front of her house.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Ford, the former a schoolboy in our schools, is visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. John S. Preston.

Under the direction of Mr. Bliss, the buildings on the so-called Skillings place, are being put in first-class repair. Running water and a bathroom are being installed. The new family now occupying the place are from Barre. The name is Willett.

Miss Katherine Madigan is attending business college in Boston again this season.

Prof. and Mrs. Leonard attend-d the bi-centennial celebrations at Needham this week.

Ole Gabrielsen has been engaged as farm manager on the D. C. Brewer farm in old mill district, to take the place of George R. Houghton. Mr. Houghton and family are to locate in California.

Ithel Ryan and family moved on Wednesday into the Orchard End cottage on the estate of Fiske Warren. Mr. Ryan supercedes Mr. Russell as farm manager at Tahanto farm.

A. A. Filibrown, auctioneer, will sell on Saturday, September 23, at two o'clock p. m., a lot of personal property of the late Ephraim H. Burgess in Harvard.

Twenty-first Annual Course.

The following is the program for the Warner free lecture fund course for the season to be given in the town hall:

Friday evening, November 19—G. O. Shields, "Wild animals and birds," illustrated.

Friday evening, December 1—Margaret Barrack, "Comedy of errors."

Friday evening, January 26—Concert, Lotus quartet, Miss Catherine Cole, reader.

Friday evening, February 16—Ex-Gov. Joseph W. Felt, "The era of consolidation."

Friday evening, March 15—Prof. Edward Howard Green, "Public education and the problem of democracy."

Friday evening, March 15—Thomas Brooks Fletcher, "Tragedies of the unprepared."

Friday evening, April 5—George T. Powell, "Possibilities in country life," with practical demonstration.

Still River.

Last week, Mrs. Wendell B. Willard received a visit from her brother-in-law, Sumner Tupper, who has been farming in Salem, Oregon, for about four years. Although he liked the place, he found no facilities for marketing fruit and vegetables in small quantities, and so decided that New England was good enough for him, and he has bought a farm in New Salem, N. H., and intends to raise poultry and small fruit.

Mrs. Richards and daughter, who have been spending several months in California, returned to their Still River home last week Friday.

Joseph Arey and friend from Salem have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sprague.

Mrs. Josephine Whitney has been visiting friends in Maynard this week.

Alfred McClintock was married to Miss Ruth Farnsworth at Lancaster, at the Congregational church in that town last Saturday. They came to Still River this week, where they have started a home in the house lately owned by H. W. Hersey. Mr. McClintock works for Chester Willard. Quite a number of their Still River friends attended the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dyer, who have occupied the Richard cottage for several months, returned to their home in Arlington on Saturday last.

Malcolm Campbell entered Amherst Agricultural college last week for a four-years' course.

Miss Marion Campbell has gone to the Rutland sanatorium for treatment.

Mr. Hunter had a friend from Waltham visiting him Wednesday.

Mrs. Viles has been visiting in Boston and vicinity for a short time this week.

The new double track on the Boston and Maine railroad is now completed as far as Still River, and commencing last Sunday afternoon the double track is in use between Still River and Worcester. Still River has been made a register station, so that all trains have to stop here that conductors may register. Therefore, passengers may take any of the express trains here if they wish. This is only a temporary arrangement until track is continued to Harvard or Ayer, but while it is in force it will be taken advantage of.

Excavation is being made under the vestry to the church so that the stove can be converted into a furnace and so do away with smoke and dirt in the newly-frescoed vestry.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Priest and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knights have been on an automobile trip to the White Mountains this week. At Bretton Woods they met Mrs. John Lemley, who plans to return from her vacation at seashore and mountains next week and remain at her brother's in Newtown for several weeks.

Mrs. Nellie F. Johnson has been spending the week in Waltham.

Six members of the Alliance attended the neighborhood meeting at Shirley last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie A. Hager and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Shedd attended the recent Shedd reunion at Billerica. Mrs. Hager was one of the soloists of the day.

Mrs. Gay of New London, N. H., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Varnum H. Flagg.

Reception.

The dawn of Thursday, September 21, was fair and promising, just what the King's Daughters had prayed for, and the kind of morning that makes the old heart young. With the brightness and increasing warmth of the sun as it advanced towards its meridian, our venerable townspeople now at or beyond the seventieth milestone, found it easy to accept the invitation they had received from the King's Daughters annually for the last three or four years; and at the appointed hour were conveyed by team or automobile to the Unitarian vestry. As they arrived the president and other members stood ready to greet and assist the guests. Upon entering each was presented with a white carnation nestled in a spray of asparagus fern.

The auditorium, where the reception was held, was beautiful indeed in its furnishings and decorations. Stage, piano, chandeliers, book-case and other convenient places were adorned with the warm, cheering foliage of sumacs, and bright asters from garden and roadside. Much could be said on this feature alone, for the decorations were so unusual in richness of color and artistic arrangement that all were loud in praise of the effect. Greetings and pleasant stories were exchanged during the first hour.

The president, Mrs. Everett Kimball, after a few words of kindly welcome, introduced the chairman of the entertainment committee, Mrs. A. T. Kimball, who in turn, announced the program. This consisted of a pleasing variety of well rendered music and readings, and an original poem by Mrs. S. E. Whitcomb, which was happily received, and owing to its tardiness in getting to the publication office will be printed in this column next week.

The program was as follows: Vocal solos, Mrs. Martha K. Priest; reading, Rev. H. L. Packard; graphophone selections, Mrs. J. W. Ireland; readings, Mrs. O. J. Fairfield; original poem, Mrs. S. E. Whitcomb; singing, Alda Lang Syne, audience, led by Mrs. Priest.

Ice cream, cake, fancy crackers and tea were served and a social hour followed. Henry Nye, in very grateful and happy manner, voiced the universal sentiments of the guests present in well chosen words of appreciation and thanks. The three honorary members of the King's Daughters were presented each with a K. D. silver cross.

As the good-byes were said, each guest received a pretty souvenir card containing an appropriate verse. These cards and the carnations were the gift of the older members of the society whose interest and sincere affection have been manifested in many pleasant, but silent ways.

That everybody had a good time is beyond a doubt, for not only the voice, but the happy countenance revealed the sense of keen enjoyment and gratification.

How much it meant to those who entertained, and infinitely more to those who have but this one opportunity in the year for handshakes and cherished greetings with so many of the dear friends who are growing old together!

About Town.

Mary A. Livermore will be the topic of the Guild meeting led by Eunice Priest.

Mr. and Mrs. John Houghton of Gardner, in their auto, accompanied by his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Houghton, are spending the week at Onset Bay, enjoying their first vacation together.

During the past week Mrs. Sherman Jewett has visited her niece, Mrs. Meade, in Arlington.

Miss Cora Warren has begun her school duties at the North Bennett Street Industrial school in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Priest have spent the past week at the White Mountains, N. H.

Last Monday, Roger Priest entered Durham, N. H., Agricultural college. Miss Fentrice Kerlin of Cambridge was a week-end and over Sunday

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Miss Ethel K. Bruce. Has a splendid display of FALL MILLINERY. At her Rooms in Phelps' Block, Ayer, Mass.

guest of Elizabeth and Margaret Brown. Miss Ida E. Dow of Boston is at Mrs. Millett's for the latter part of the week to arrange for her work for the coming season.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Frederick A. Sherwin and Bessie E. A. Sherwin to Mortimer B. Williams, dated January 31, 1911, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, Book 3580, Page 119, will be sold at public auction for a breach of the conditions of said mortgage on the premises hereinafter described on Saturday, the fourteenth day of October, A. D. 1911, at three o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed and therein described substantially as follows:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in the center of Groton in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on the northwesterly side of Station Avenue and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stone bound at said Avenue and at land of the Worcester, Nashua and Rochester Railroad Company; thence northeasterly by said Avenue sixty-two (62) feet to a stake and stones; thence northwesterly by land of Mary W. Shattuck one hundred and thirty-five (135) feet to land of William A. Lawrence; thence southwesterly by said Lawrence land sixty-two (62) feet to land of said Railroad Company; thence southeasterly by land of said Railroad Company one hundred and thirty-seven (137) feet to the point of beginning.

The above premises are conveyed subject to the conditions in a deed from Mary W. Shattuck to Henry M. Adams, recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, Book 2354, Page 524. Said premises will be sold subject to a first mortgage of Twenty-five Hundred (\$2500) Dollars, a second mortgage of Fifteen Hundred (\$1500) Dollars and unpaid interest thereon, and unpaid taxes. Terms at Sale. MORTIMER B. WILLIAMS, Mortgagee. 3152 Boston, Mass., Sept. 6, 1911. Boutwell & Hastings, Attorneys.



AYER.

News Items. The Boy Scouts will meet in the vicarage connected with St. Andrew's church this afternoon, when plans for the coming year will be discussed. All boys twelve years or over, who are not members of the local patrol, are invited to come to the meeting.

Harry Fleming, son of Mrs. P. D. Sampson, is seriously ill in a private hospital in Brockton with pneumonia. The funeral of Asa Simeon Burgess was held from his late home on last week Thursday afternoon. Services at the house and the cemetery were performed by Rev. A. D. Stroud of Newton Highlands, a former pastor of the local Methodist church.

Governor Foss passed through town on Thursday morning on the 10.26 west bound express train on his way to the Greenfield fair, where he was a guest of the day. Miss Madeline E. Donlon and Miss Edna Brown, who are members of this year's graduating class of the high school, left last Sunday for Convent Station, N. J., where they entered the college of St. Elizabeth.

which was struck was badly damaged. The occupants were all thrown out, and medical treatment given but the physicians reported no serious injuries. Those in Mr. Hosmer's car were not even jarred from their seats, and the only parts of the machine damaged was one of the mud guards and a lamp. The wrecked car was taken in charge by the Fitchburg Car and Automobile Company, which repaired it.

sequent primary unless he has appeared, at least ninety days before the primary, before the town clerk and requested in writing to have his enrollment changed to another party or cancelled. And he cannot vote in a primary for one year from the date of cancellation.

preme redeemer of men, the supreme helper of men, the supreme lover of men. He was many other things. Who shall grade these offices when raised to their supreme power? And if there be a difference that we can measure, how about this, that he was the supreme brother of men!

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# SHIRLEY.

## News Items.

The opening whist party of the season was held in St. Anthony's hall last week Thursday evening under the auspices of the Sodality of St. Ann, and was a social and financial success. Over one hundred were present and fully that number took part in the game. First gift for men was won by Arthur Wellet, and second by Richard Murray. First for ladies, was won by Mrs. Arthur Bassett, and second by Mrs. Philip Leger.

Fred B. Harvey of Ansonia, Conn., a former resident, arrived in town last week Friday from Canada, where he has been spending his annual vacation. Mr. Harvey made a flying call upon his many friends in Shirley and left town the day following for his home in Ansonia.

Earl Biers of Newburyport, a former resident, spent the week-end in town.

Russell Miner of Allston spent the week-end at home with his parents.

The Shirley baseball team lost their game with the Y. M. C. A. team of Lowell last Saturday afternoon on the home grounds by the score of 4 to 3.

Miss Inez McMurray spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. George Pomfret at Pocasset.

Harding M. James and family will return to Shirley again, and with this in view, Mr. James has rented the lower flat in the house owned by heirs of the late Henry Edgarton, which was recently vacated by Miss Alice Flynn. Mr. James and family left Shirley about a year ago for Topsham, Me., where they bought a farm. They do not like the location of the farm which is somewhat isolated from friends and neighbors.

Miss Rena Churchill spent the week-end with friends in Boston and vicinity.

Miss Nellie Gardner has returned from a three-weeks' visit to her home in Maine.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold its regular meeting on Monday evening, September 25.

Erwin Livermore's many friends in Shirley will be pleased to know that he is recovering nicely from the effects of typhoid fever, which has confined him for a brief space of time in a hospital at Memphis, Tenn., where he is now located.

The police have no clue as yet to the thieves who broke into the home of Mrs. McGinness last Monday.

Henry W. Brockelman has left town to join his wife at Bennett's Landing, Jefferson, N. H.

Miss Mabel Miner continues to improve in health and is now able to walk short distances unassisted.

## Case Again Continued.

In a dramatic effort to save her husband, William R. Richardson, the Lunenburg farmer, who is held upon the charge of attacking John Carlson of Fitchburg, with a shotgun on the night of August 12, the man's wife took the witness stand on Tuesday in the criminal session of the police court, Fitchburg, and related a pathetic story of the midnight attack upon her home by three men.

Mrs. Richardson told the court how she locked the door of her home on the night of the alleged attack after her husband had left on horseback to come to Shirley, five miles away, to purchase provisions for his family, how she waited patiently for his return and then came the sudden attack upon her home.

There was considerable pathos to her story, and it was evident from the expression of the spectators and witnesses that she aroused their sympathy. Her description of her condition of mind as she stood in her home while the three men attempted to batter down the door was vivid.

"I prayed to God for the return of my husband, when I heard the men beat at the door, for I felt that my life and that of my only child might be taken before his return. I stood behind the door and begged to the men to go away, that I was alone with my child, but they were deaf to my appeal. Presently my prayers were answered. I heard the sound of my husband's horse as he galloped down the road. I called to him to hurry as I feared my life was in danger. He saw the three men run away. He ran to the house, seized a shotgun, mounted his horse again and drove off in the direction that the men had disappeared. I begged my husband not to shoot. I went back to the house and prayed that nothing terrible would happen. After a few minutes I heard the report of a shot, and again I prayed that he would come back safe. He returned in a little while and told me the gun was accidentally discharged, and that one of the men had been injured."

Mrs. Richardson remained standing as she told her tragic tale. She told the court how she trembled as the men knocked at the door, how she thought every minute they would be in the house and how she tried to be brave. She said her husband was anxious only for her safety and that he thought they had really attacked her when he dashed away with his gun.

She told of his kindness as a husband and father and said that she knew he did not intend to injure the men. Mr. Richardson, her husband, did not testify. John Carlson, the alleged victim of the shooting, who has been in the Burbank hospital since the attack, was in court. He wore a large collar arrangement about his neck.

The bullet which entered Carlson's cheek, is still lodged in the back near the spine. Carlson admitted going to the Richardson house on the night of the alleged attack, and said that he and others attempted to gain an entrance.

He told of the appeal of Mrs. Richardson for the men to go away, how he ran away when he saw Richardson riding up to him near the Shirley bridge.

Carlson and other witnesses called, said that Richardson appeared very much excited as he rode up to Carlson and that he talked in angry tone.

The prosecution did not offer any witness to show that Richardson threatened to shoot before the gun was discharged.

Medical Examiner Thompson, who treated Carlson at the hospital, told the court that although the wound made by the shot was a dangerous one he expected that Carlson would eventually recover.

The court after hearing all of the evidence, intimated to counsel that he would probably hold the defendant for the grand jury. Upon the request of Attorney Thomas L. Walsh, the court withheld his finding until Saturday to allow Richardson to make arrangements to secure bail. He was released in the sum of \$1,500 for his appearance in court on Saturday morning. The prosecution was represented by Attorney J. H. McMahon.

## Caucus.

The joint caucus which under the new law calls for direct nominations, will be held at town hall, Shirley Center, on Tuesday evening, September 25. The meeting will be called to order at 6:30 and will close at nine. At this meeting delegates to the several republican and democratic conventions will be chosen; also, a republican and democratic town committee. The method of procedure will be similar to that of state and town elections. The board of registrars will meet in the engine hall on Saturday, September 23, from three to six p. m., for the purpose of registering those who may wish to vote at the joint caucus on September 26. Barges will convey voters from the village to the primaries on September 26.

## Broken Into.

The residence of Mrs. Elizabeth McGinness on Leominster road, nearly opposite Fairbanks' cooper shop, was broken into Monday afternoon between the hours of three and five o'clock. The thieves took a gold locket and jewel case; also, a dollar or more in small change. It appears from the story of Mrs. McGinness that she went to Lowell on Monday shortly after the noon hour and returned home on the car arriving in Shirley at 6:15, and upon entering the parlor, located in the north part of the house, found the floor covered with the fancy boxes of various kinds which had been taken from the parlor table, and the room generally upset.

Mrs. McGinness stated that while it may be possible that something else may have been taken, she has failed to miss anything in any other part of the house, as all the other rooms appeared to have been undisturbed by the intruders. The thieves gained entrance through a window in the rear of the house, which was left unfastened, and made their exit through a door in the rear which locks and unlocks from the inside. Mrs. McGinness also said that some one made an attempt to enter the house last Saturday night, but was scared away by the awakening of the family.

The local police believe the robbery to be the work of boys and with this theory in view Chief Goodwin has interviewed many of the town boys with the idea of seeking information which will lead to the discovery of the boy or boys who committed the deed, but nothing definite has as yet developed. That more than boys are prowling around the town is evident from the fact that Frank Wheeler, who resides on Fredonian street, was disturbed from his slumbers about three o'clock on Monday morning, when a man appeared at his chamber window with a flash light. The sudden flashes around the room and the sound of footsteps thoroughly aroused him and he arose and went to look through his front window just in time to see a man running from his house directly across the street. Whether there were more than one he was not able to discover in the darkness.

## Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Lovell of Heniker, N. H., spent several days at W. E. Barnard's last week.

C. C. Lane, publication agent of Harvard university, together with his family, is spending a few weeks at his summer home, formerly the Dame house.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Andrews of the North have bought the Charles Fuller place in Townsend Center, now occupied by their daughter, Mrs. R. J. Harrgrave.

Raymond Farnsworth spent a few days last week with the Burnhams at Revere.

The next regular meeting of the Matrons' Aid will be held on Tuesday, September 26, at the home of Mrs. Homer P. Holden.

Thomas H. Evans has left Shirley high school and is to commence attending at Fitchburg high school this week. Henry Crowe of the East has also left Shirley high school.

The Girls' Sewing Guild will hold their next meeting on Saturday afternoon, September 23, with Ruth M. Graves.

Mrs. Almon Wing returned home to Roxbury on Monday, together with her son Forrest, who has been spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams.

Mrs. Henry F. Grout visited relatives at Magnolia last week.

Ernest Bohanon is trying out an Indian motorcycle recently purchased of Edward Smith at the village.

Misses Winnie, Marion and Dora Burnham spent the week-end at their house at Woodville.

Christine Longley, graduate of Shirley high school, class of 1911, left on Wednesday for Quincy Mansion school, where she is to take a year's preparatory course before entering Mt. Holyoke college. While at Quincy she is to board with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Goodspeed.

Arthur R. Holden left on Monday for Middlebury college, where he enters as a sophomore this year.

Robert Evans leaves town this week for Brunswick, Me., where he is to take several examinations before entering Bowdoin college next week.

Rev. William Ware Locke of Boston, a civic and settlement worker,

gave the address at the First Parish church on Sunday morning.

Miss Annie Costern of Lynn was a guest of Elsie Kirby over the week-end.

Mrs. William Berger and son Raymond of Fitchburg spent Tuesday with Mrs. Edward Farnsworth.

Miss Miriam Woodbury of New York was a guest of Howard Fuller over Sunday.

Captain Blair was taken ill on last Saturday afternoon at the auction at Woodville from the effects of the sun and had to be carried to his home. He is much better at the present, however.

Herman Willis of Boston spent a few days with his sister, Edna Willis, at the North, last week.

Mrs. Von Hesse has closed up her summer home and returned to New York, together with her companion, Miss Jacks, and the cook.

Miss Florence Adams started on Monday for Worcester on her way to Mt. Holyoke college, where she has a position as an instructor.

Homer P. Holden lost the greater part of his cranberry crop from the unexpected frosts last week. He estimates his loss at between three and four hundred bushel.

Forrest Wing and Robert Holden attended the Clinton fair on Thursday of last week. C. A. Harris received several prizes on the poultry which he exhibited at this fair.

Horace Howard of Lexington and Mrs. Louise Blood of Pepperell, the only heirs of the late Mary Howard, sold all the personal property at her home at Woodville at auction last Saturday. A. A. Fillebrown of Ayer was the auctioneer.

Henry Clarke of Roxbury is spending the week at S. A. Carter's. Mr. Clarke was here last year with the party of Y. M. C. A. boys, who spent a week at the Mary Anna home.

Miss Elsie Kirby spent the first part of the week in Boston.

Harrison Hatch has returned to Maine to reënter the University of Maine after a three-months' vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hatch, at the North.

Misses May and Ella Moulton of Jamaica Plain are visiting Miss Bessie Farnsworth.

Edna R. Willis and Mrs. Henry C. Johnson spent the first part of the week in Boston.

Miss Mabel Davenport of Cambridge was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Graves on Tuesday.

John W. Evans of Pennsylvania is spending his annual vacation of several weeks with his family here.

Howard Fuller lost a gold watch last week somewhere between his house and Norman Graves'. The watch was one that he had had for years and was valuable on account of associations.

Rev. A. A. Bronsdon of the village occupied the pulpit at Trinity chapel last Sunday afternoon. Tomorrow the Groton School boys are to return and Sunday school will be commenced. Remsen B. Ogilby's letter from the Philippines will probably be read at this meeting of the Sunday school.

Rev. Percy Lyndon will preach at the First Parish church tomorrow at 11:15 a. m.

Rev. A. L. Bumpus of St. Andrew's parish will conduct services at Trinity chapel, Shirley Center, beginning on Sunday, October 1, at 3:30 p. m. Tomorrow the services will be in charge of S. Warren Sturges of the Groton school, and will be held as usual at 3:15 o'clock.

## Grange.

The meeting of Shirley grange on Tuesday evening was well attended and proved to be a very successful meeting. Three new names were proposed for membership at this meeting. The lecturer's hour was devoted to a competitive entertainment between the men and lady members. The ladies, under the leadership of Mrs. Annie Ward, gave the following program: Piano duets, Mrs. Annie Ward and Ora Holden; reading, Mrs. Arthur R. Cummings; musical reading, Ruth M. Graves; reading, Margaret Evans; song, Margaret Evans, Elsie Holden, Ruth Graves, Ora Holden. The men, under charge of William Jubb, gave the following selections: Readings, William Jubb; talk by Merrick W. Carey; song, William Jubb and a chorus of men; readings, Arthur R. Cummings. The members who did not take part acted as judges and declared the men to be the winners.

The postponed exhibition of corn, fruit, vegetables and flowers also took place at this meeting. The members took remarkable interest in this exhibition and some fine displays of fruit and vegetables were exhibited, especially those of Norman R. Graves, William Jubb and A. R. Cummings. Blue ribbon bows were given as prizes and the judges, George Farmer, N. Otis Colburn and Mrs. Rockwood of Lunenburg, awarded them to the following:

Arthur R. Cummings, plate of Ben Davis apples, plate of Roxbury Russets, plate of Nod Head apples, plate of Tolman Sweet apples, plate of Yellow Bellflower apples, plate of peaches, plate of Bartlett pears, plate of beets, Norman R. Graves, plate of King apples, plate of McIntosh Red apples, plate of Longellow corn, Ralph J. Evans, collection of cucumbers, muskmelon, Lester Holden, plate of onions, plate of quinces, watermelon, William Jubb, collection of apples, collection of tomatoes, plate of Porter apples, Merrick W. Carey, plate of mixed fruit, Mrs. Arthur R. Cummings, collection of flowers.

## Neighborhood Meeting.

As an appreciation of similar courtesies received from sister branches, the Shirley Center First Parish branch Alliance held a neighborhood meeting at the old First Parish church on Thursday afternoon of last week. This was largely attended by members, friends and representatives of the Ashby, Groton, Pepperell, Ayer, Littleton, Lowell, Leominster and Fitchburg branches, who were present by invitation. The speaker was Rev. William W. Locke, who held the close attention of his audience on the

subject of Dorothy Dix. At the close of the meeting a bountiful collation was served by the hospitality committee which consisted of Mrs. Mary W. Hazen, Miss Agnes Holden and assistants. The visitors expressed much pleasure at being so well entertained in the historic old church.

The next regular meeting of the Alliance will be held at the church parlor on Thursday, September 28. Miss Sara A. Dunn will have charge of the literary part of the program and her subject will be "Leonardo da Vinci," the man and the artist, his place in the Italian Renaissance and among great painters of all time, his Mona Lisa recently stolen from the Louvre gallery in Paris, and the three most beautiful portraits of women that great painters have given to the world. Members are privileged to invite friends for this meeting. Five o'clock tea will be served.

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Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to FRED H. GREEN of Ashburham in the County of Worcester without giving a surety on his bond, and you are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the tenth day of October, 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 on one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness Charles T. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fifteenth day of September in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven. 312 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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 CATHERINE E. GREENWOOD late of Groton 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 PAUL L. GREENWOOD of Lexington in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond, and you are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the tenth day of October, 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 the Groton Landmark, a newspaper published in said County the last publication to be on one day, at least, before said Court.

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## TOWNSEND.

Center.  
Mrs. M. D. Well of New York City is spending the month of September with Mr. and Mrs. George H. Brackett.  
The program for the grange on Monday, September 25, will be changed from that scheduled. There will be a question box and several discussions, and Mrs. Abbie Barber will be requested to read the most excellent paper which she gave at the Pomona grange as many were away and unable to hear it then. Mrs. Mabel Brackett will sing. Come prepared with questions to be discussed.  
Charles Hill and family of Southbridge arrived on Friday for a visit with his brother and sisters.  
George G. Clarke has a new auto, a Maxwell.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Bruce of Somerville have been visiting relatives in town.  
An interesting game between the Townsend and Ashby ball teams last Saturday resulted in a score of 5 to 4, in favor of the Ashbys.  
Mrs. Clara M. Farrar is enjoying a vacation with relatives in Ashby and in Hancock, N. H.  
West Townsend.  
Mr. and Mrs. Tebbets from Melrose have been recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morgan.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hodgman returned Tuesday evening from a three weeks' auto trip to Maine, where they visited relatives in Lewiston and vicinity.  
Rev. S. D. Ringrose's topic for Sunday morning is "Three days," and his evening topic is "The loving penitent." The Y. P. S. C. E. meeting will be conducted by Miss Lena Thompson and the topic will be "Missions in Africa."  
Rev. A. C. Hunt, who is supplying the Congregational church at Greenville, N. H., has been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Ringrose.  
Invitations have been received by Congregational members of the church at the Center to the annual roll-call which will be held there next Thursday.  
Miss Mildred L. Seaver, who has spent a five-weeks' vacation at her home, has entered again the employ of the Library Bureau association, and is at present stationed at Nashua, N. H.  
Charles E. Stickney and Ivers P. Sherwin attended the fair at Greenfield this week.  
John Clarke of Josselynville is enjoying a two-weeks' vacation on a trip to Maine.  
George Adams enjoyed attending the annual reunion of his regiment at Lowell last Tuesday.  
Mr. Timmers of California, who has been visiting friends and relatives in the neighboring towns, has returned to the home of Mrs. Lucy Lawrence of Elm street.  
Miss Nellie C. Clarke of Boston has been spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Lucy R. C. Clarke.  
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Taylor are entertaining friends from Waltham and vicinity.  
Rev. S. D. Ringrose commenced his studies for his second year at Boston university on Thursday, going back and forth on the train for the present.  
Rev. Granville Pierce of Ashby held a Unitarian service in Seminary hall on Sunday afternoon, preaching a farewell sermon, having closed his pastorate in Ashby and being about to move to Worcester, where he will make his home. He will be greatly missed, not only in his own parish, but in the entire community, where he has been very popular.  
Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman returned the last of the week from a several weeks' visit to relatives in Lewiston, Me.  
Mrs. Nickerson, from Cliftondale, a former resident here, is visiting friends in town.  
The invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Bessie Conway, who makes her home with her aunt, Mrs. A. J. Manchester, of Josselynville, and James Dodd of Edinburgh, Scotland. The marriage will take place at the home of the bride's parents in Salem, on Wednesday, September 27, and the young couple will be at home at Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Manchester's after December 1. Miss Conway has been a resident of this village for a number of years, and Mr. Dodd is one of the employees at the office of the West Townsend Granite Syndicate, and a very popular singer, and their many friends wish them all possible happiness in their marriage.  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Patch have returned from Maine, where Mrs. Patch has been employed at Oakledge, most of the summer, and Mr. Patch has been visiting for the past two weeks.  
Miss Ruth Hayden of the Fitchburg Normal school spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. A. D. Winship.  
Ralph H. Willard of Boston spent Sunday at his home on Main street.  
Mrs. L. C. House, who has spent the summer here, closed her cottage on Elm street last week Friday and returned to her home in Dorchester for the winter.  
Miss Florence L. Austin, who has been a boarder at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reed for several months, has returned to her home in Cambridge.  
Warren Elliott and family have moved from Bayberry hill into the tenement in the Moore house on Elm street recently occupied by Anos Marion, where they will remain during the building of a home on the lot on Bayberry hill near the Otis Walters place.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Homer have returned from their summer home at Prout Neck, Me., where they have been spending the past two months.  
Mr. and Mrs. Whyte, who have been

spending the summer with Mrs. Whyte's son, E. A. Craig, have returned to their home in Troy, N. Y. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Craig, who will make them a brief visit.  
F. H. Ormsby and family, who spent the summer in the cottage next to the railroad station, owned by Fred Smith, have returned to Wintrop for the winter, and Mr. and Mrs. Smith will take immediate possession of the cottage.  
Ernest Kaddy and family from Cambridge are visiting Mrs. Robert Kaddy of Main street.

Rural Free Delivery.  
The new free delivery mail route is soon to be established in this section, covering about twenty-one miles. The first route will go from Josselynville past the Oren Bruce place to Harry Hayward's and Cutting's bridge, past Fred Davis' place, down the North road to Josselynville.  
The second route will cover Bayberry hill from Johnson's place to Greenleaf's corner in Old City and back from Whyte's corner to Owen Hardy's and to James King's place on the Fitchburg road.  
The third route is on the Greenville road from the town farm to J. C. Richard's and down the old turnpike road to Temple's blacksmith shop, up the state road to the village of West Townsend.

## BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.  
Mrs. David Hobart has been on the sick list; also, Madam Gerrish.  
Capt. William Ladd Dodge, who has suffered with a painful eye for several months, had it removed on Wednesday, September 13. Dr. Tenney, a noted oculist of Boston, performed the operation.  
The friends of George H. Kendall remembered him with a shower of postal cards on Monday.  
Mrs. Charles P. Hall of Nashua has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Gerrish.  
Mrs. R. S. Patch of Nashua, Miss Irene Patch and Henry Patch of Roxbury, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Swett.  
Mr. and Mrs. George Betterley have recently entertained Mrs. Emily Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bussell and Mrs. Albina Jones of Manchester.  
The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ouellette severely burned his face by upsetting a dish of hot syrup.  
George Rockwood, James H. S. Tucker, Fred Rockwood of Nashua, and Benjamin Colidge of Acton have been guests of Herbert Rockwood.  
The Loyal Workers met at the home of Mrs. George Betterley on Wednesday.  
Children's night will be observed at the local grange on Wednesday evening, September 27, in charge of the lecturer, Mrs. Edna Hall.  
Mrs. E. D. Holden and daughter Louise of Lowell have been guests of Mrs. Walter Parker at Four Pines.  
Miss Mildred Gilman and Miss Lila Barnaby have returned from the Grand at Mont Vernon, where they have been employed during the summer. Miss Gilman contemplates spending the winter at Florida.  
Mrs. Martha Bromley has returned from Castleton, Vt., and is at the parsonage.  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nye and Miss Doris Nye of Nashua were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Nye over Sunday.  
Mrs. Gertrude Davis of Manchester is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lawrence at Hillcrest.  
Mrs. James Whitmarsh of Nashua is a guest at Inncroft.  
Cornelius Regan is ill with diphtheria.  
Miss Elizabeth Hammond spent part of last week at Groton.  
David Nye and daughter Cora of Keene, N. Y., have been guests at the Nye homestead.  
Judge and Mrs. Edward E. Parker are at Inncroft.  
The West primary school is not in session on account of diphtheria.  
Many are engaged in picking cranberries at the Farnsworth meadow.  
Miss Myrtle Lawrence of Hollis is the guest of Mrs. Walter Corey.  
Frank Gilman was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bailey at Milford over Sunday.  
All members of Samaritan Commandery, U. O. G. C., are requested to attend the regular meeting on Tuesday evening, October 2. Grand commander Elmer E. Hill will be present and other guests are expected. There is also new business to be transacted.  
Mrs. D. A. Andrews of Somerville is the guest of Mrs. Mary Cox for the week.  
Dr. Holcombe and family are enjoying a vacation at Temple.  
Mrs. Eleanor Lamprey and Frank Farrar are at Rindge for part of the week.

## HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.  
Miss Floy Woodbury of Portland, Me., is spending a few weeks with Miss Mildred Rogers.  
Mrs. L. A. Boynton of Pepperell is visiting with Mrs. Goodwin.  
Mrs. Maria Bradley of Milford, is visiting her niece, Miss Clara Smith.  
Miss Louise H. J. Hardy returned home last Saturday afternoon from Nova Scotia, where she spent two weeks. She left home again on Monday morning to resume her studies at Simmons college.  
Last Saturday afternoon the children, grandchildren and intimate friends of Mrs. S. E. Hills gathered at her home in honor of her birthday. It was hoped it would be a surprise, but she found out the scheme before they arrived.  
Last Saturday evening a large company gathered at the home of Lester Hayden to attend his marriage reception. Mr. and Mrs. Hayden were

assisted in receiving by his oldest brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hayden. The house was beautifully decorated with asters, ferns and other beautiful flowers and plants. Prof. F. W. Dudley favored the company with two solos. The house was full of friends with their congratulations for the newly-wed couple. Guests were present from Marlboro, Mass., Amherst and Milford, besides a host of Hollis friends. A bountiful collation was served. Mr. and Mrs. Hayden received many beautiful presents.  
The W. C. T. U. met on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Nellie L. Hardy. It was the annual meeting; reports were given by the secretary and treasurer. The election of officers were postponed until the meeting next month. Mrs. N. L. Hardy was elected as delegate to the state convention to be held in Claremont on October 10-12. Mrs. E. K. Jewett as alternate. At the close of the meeting the hostess served a delicious fruit punch.

## BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.  
Richard Downes and Miss Helen Howes of West Acton were married on Saturday evening, September 16, at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Myers of this town, by Rev. F. H. Viets.  
John P. Whitman of Boston was a Sunday guest of Mr. Burroughs.  
Mrs. Alice Mann of Newburyport is visiting at George Keyes'.  
The library has recently received fifty new books from the state. It is an unusually desirable collection, containing encyclopedias and other books of reference as well as fiction.  
Benjamin Hager and family visited in town over Sunday.  
Frank Dodge and wife visited at Edgar Mead's over Sunday.  
Augustus Mellin, a resident of this town for the past year, died on Monday morning of inflammation of the lungs and bowels. He leaves a wife and two small boys. The funeral was held on Wednesday at two o'clock in the Congregational church, Rev. F. H. Viets conducting the service. Burial was in the Boxborough cemetery.  
Mrs. William D. Parker of Milton and Miss Laura Fitch of Boston spent Sunday with Mrs. Albert Hartwell.  
Mrs. Alice Lambert of Westford has been visiting Miss Mary Hager, and Miss Hager returned with her on Wednesday.  
Mrs. Norman Wetherbee has returned from a two-weeks' visit in Chelmsford.  
Miss Annie Sherry starts today for Seal Island, Me., where she will teach school.  
Miss Judith Smith of Rosindale and Mr. and Mrs. Mailman and son visited Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Poland for the week-end.  
Seven new voters registered last Saturday night. The primary will be held on Tuesday, September 26, from seven to nine o'clock.  
Mrs. A. A. Maynard and her daughter, Miss Fannie, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Salmon, 3d.  
Paul Viets has been sick for the past few days, having had his tonsils removed.

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Saturday, September 23, 1911.

## PEPPERELL.

### Items of News.

The Oak Hill Improvement society have set Monday, September 25, for one of those social times that mean so much in the life of a community. There is to be a show of fancy work and household arts. The household exhibition is to be followed by an auction sale of jellies and canned fruit. Every lady is asked to bring a pie, some one will buy the pie, a gentleman expected, and eat the same with the fair maker. It is not said that a man may not eat pie with as many as he will buy pies, that depends on the number of pies and men. After this a miscellaneous program is to be followed by dancing. Let each one make a special note of this date as a slight change has been made.

Miss Elizabeth Farrar of Oak Hill went to Leominster on last Saturday and returned home on Wednesday.

S. S. Blood and family returned on September 19, to their winter home in New York.

It is expected that the coming town fair will bring out a string of fine colts and Peppereil is getting quite a reputation for raising young horses.

Charles Stone of Ayer visited friends in town on Thursday afternoon of last week and noted the changes in the place.

A party who had the investment of funds for a lady came to Peppereil and said our Main street was not "inviting enough to induce anyone to settle here," and should not advise it as there were better places for the money. We feel that no town in New England offers more beauties of nature or better water. Our library is second to none, the trees are beautiful. Will some one kindly suggest things that this stranger might have seen that were not up to the standard and we will see what can be done by public spirit?

Sunday morning the fire alarm rang for a fire in the Nashua paper mill. The fire burned through the roof over machine No. 2, but with our town water it was put out without much trouble after it was discovered.

C. C. Bell of Hollis, N. H., was in town on Wednesday, saying a car would be at North Peppereil on Saturday for cider apples.

The Middlesex Worcester Pomona grange has accepted an invitation to a rally day with the Worcester East Pomona on Friday, September 29, at the hall at the Wachusett grange at Leominster. Mrs. L. E. Starr gives the address of the morning on "Community service," and Charles M. Gardner, master of the state grange, is the speaker of the afternoon. The readings and music will be furnished by members of the Middlesex Worcester Pomona under the direction of its lecturer, Mrs. Annie N. Greenleaf, of Townsend. All patrons are cordially invited from this Pomona.

Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., will hold a meeting at the chapter house on Saturday afternoon, September 23, at 2:30 o'clock. The executive board will meet the same afternoon at two o'clock at the same place. Mrs. Georgie Stickney of Milford, N. H., chapter, will give her paper entitled "The first silhouettes of America." Hostesses, Mrs. William H. Merrill, Mrs. Adella Carter and Mrs. L. Adelbert Boynton.

This postoffice has been designated as a postal savings bank, dated from October 7. Accounts can be opened by any person ten years of age or over. The postmaster will be pleased to furnish information as to regulations, etc.

Mrs. Arthur Wright returned on Friday of last week from a two-weeks' outing at Oak Bluffs, where she had been with friends from Newton.

The coming event of the town is the cattle show and fair at Babbitts-trotting park on Thursday, October 5. The exhibition tent will be in charge of W. E. Chapman and H. N. Tower. There will be ample provisions made to receive all exhibits of farm, mechanical or fancy work. Liberal premiums will be offered. Call for premium list. It is hoped the townspeople will respond and make the fair a success.

Miss Marion Lovejoy is taking a four-months' course at Simmons college in Boston in connection with her training to be a nurse.

Mrs. M. L. Bartlett has been spending two weeks in Gloucester.

Boynton Merrill and Arthur Tower left town for Hanover, N. H., last week. They enter the freshmen class in Dartmouth college.

Miss Fannie Tower returned to Mt. Holyoke college on Tuesday for her senior year.

Jessie Annis is on the sick list.

Miss Helen Lovejoy attends the girls' Latin school in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Blood and son Minot left on Thursday for Lexington, Me.

Minot Blood has sold out his laundry business to B. F. Parker of Oak Hill. He was on the route on Tuesday.

Miss Susie Andrews left on Tuesday for Boston to take care of a lady friend of Miss Effie Merrill, who was taken suddenly ill and returned on Friday night.

Charles Foss dislocated his shoulder Monday night when tying a horse.

Mrs. Hollis Jordan of Cross street has been suffering with rheumatism and her right hand has been entirely disabled for a week.

The Warren Veteran Fireman's association will compete at the firemen's muster at the Brockton fair, October 6. There will be practice meetings on Monday and Wednesday evenings of next week. The Warrens captured the first prize at the recent muster at Nashua, amounting to \$250. There is considerable enthusiasm shown and a large turnout is expected at Brockton, where the best teams in New England will compete.

R. L. Bowser of Stoneham is visiting his sister, Miss Frances J. Bowser of Oak Knoll this week.

Advertised letters remaining at the East Peppereil postoffice for the week ending September 18: Edward H. F. Simon, Chabonau, Miss Dora Fayama, Miss Hattie Merrill, J. M. P. Oscar McDonald, Miss Alice Leonard, Miss A. Woodward.

### List of Fair Officers.

The following is a complete list of committees that have charge of the fair:

**Committee on fair**—H. W. Hutchinson, L. C. Wood, A. A. Lawrence, J. W. Hingley, Leroy Shattuck, A. S. McNayre, Richard Savage, E. S. Durant, William Atkinson, A. S. Shattuck.

**Special committees**—Horses, H. W. Hutchinson, and swine, Richard Savage, and vegetables, Lyman C. Blood, and John O. Bennett; poultry and live stock, Leroy Shattuck; plowing and draft horses, S. McNayre; and J. W. Hingley; exhibition, H. N. Tower; dinner, Forest O. Andrews; printing, A. A. Lawrence; dancing, F. O. Andrews and E. S. Durant; household products, Mrs. Lucy B. Page; and A. A. Lawrence, marshal.

### Current Events.

John Monteith, our efficient policeman, is not well, and is at the home of his parents in Natick, hoping his health may be benefited by rest and a change.

Miss Anna May Shaw, who is at the City hospital in Worcester, having had an operation for appendicitis, although getting better very slowly, her physicians say is doing as well as can be expected. Her mother, Mrs. Geo. Shaw, is at the hospital assisting in the care of her.

Lyman Robbins has left the employ of E. E. Tarbell and is now at work in I. J. Rowell's grain store in the place formerly occupied by Forrest Andrews.

Mrs. G. G. Tarbell has been spending a few days in Lowell.

Mrs. Forrest Winch (Grace Morse) of Hollis street, has been visiting her parents in Portland, Me.

Mrs. H. O. Shattuck returned last week from Orange, where she had been visiting relatives of her late husband.

The water pipe on Main street near the railroad bridge, which burst so long ago, has just been repaired to the great joy of the people who have been inconvenienced by the unavoidable delay.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Errington, who have been living in the Varnum house, so-called, on Hollis street, have moved to Fitchburg, where their daughter, Miss Marian, is employed.

Miss Marjorie Putney has moved from Chapel place to one of Capt. Palmer's houses on Main street.

Mrs. O'Brien and daughters, Lizzie and Nellie, also, Miss Amelia Supernault, have returned from Oak Bluffs, where they have been employed during the summer.

George Beck, recently of Fitchburg, formerly of this town, has moved his family to Holyoke, where he is at work in a paper mill.

Lewis H. Bean is visiting in Short Falls and Deerfield, N. H., going on Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Leonard Nodding and children of Wilington are spending a few days at the home of her parents on Cross street.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Deware (Bessie Supernault) have moved into one of John Frossard's houses on Cross street.

Mrs. Samuel Kendall of Florida, widow of the late Samuel Kendall, well-known to the older inhabitants of this town, has been visiting at his sister's, Mrs. Ann Davis. Mrs. Kendall expects to spend some time in Worcester and other places, and to return to Florida in October.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church will meet at the home of their president, Mrs. I. J. Rowell, Wednesday afternoon, September 27. A thimble tea will be served. A full attendance is desired, as business of importance will be discussed at said meeting.

Rev. and Mrs. James Sutherland returned from a three-weeks' vacation spent at Laurel Park, near Northampton on Friday of this week. Mr. Sutherland will occupy his pulpit in the Methodist church on Sunday, September 24.

Miss Bessie Farley has accepted a position in the store of Nichols & Frost in Fitchburg.

Mrs. L. G. Robbins has been a recent visitor at the home of Fred Robbins in Fitchburg.

Miss Helen Sullivan of Charlestown is a guest of Miss Beatrice O'Connell of Cross street.

Mrs. S. J. Barber, Mrs. Frank Jameson and infant son of Hollis are visiting at L. H. Bean's.

Mrs. Georgianna Kimball returned from Boston where she had been to visit her son, who is at the Carney

hospital, where he had an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Kimball, for a time, was very ill; but is now gaining slowly.

Miss Ella Saunders, who is working in Harvard, is at home for a few days on account of an attack of tonsillitis.

Otis Saunders has returned to town from Lunenburg, and is boarding with his brother, Austin Saunders.

Miss Mamie O'Connell and Miss Margaret Malley have returned to their homes in this town from Bethlehem, N. H., where they have been employed in a hotel this summer.

## SHIRLEY.

### News Items.

The following have been chosen officers of the Samson Cordage Works band: William H. Wilbur, pres.; John D. Hadley, vice pres.; Charles H. Weare, jr., sec. and treas.; Andrew H. Phelps, band leader. The band organization has enlisted a number of recruits who have hired instruments and are busy practicing in the hopes of soon being able to pass muster and join the band at rehearsals every Wednesday night. The band hold their rehearsals in the rear of Forest Hooper's tinsmith shop.

Granville Fairbanks has two of his five horses quarantined with the glanders. Dr. White of the cattle bureau and Dr. Simpson of the state board of health was in town Thursday and ordered all public watering places to be disinfected. Dr. P. F. Wallingford of Shirley, the well-known veterinary, was placed in charge by the state doctors.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Collyer entertained a few baseball enthusiasts last week Thursday evening at their home. A supper of nine courses was served. Mrs. David Goozy and Miss Maggie Love assisted Mrs. Collyer in receiving and entertaining. The occasion was Mr. Collyer's birthday and he was the recipient of a silver-mounted cigar holder and a pipe rack from the guests of the evening. Mr. Collyer is the captain of the Shirley baseball team and has been prominent in the promoting of the national game in Shirley. The evening was most enjoyably spent.

Miss Mildred Edgarton of Concord, in company with Miss Mildred Tilden, have gone to Northampton to resume their studies at Smith college.

D. Chester Parsons was one of the invited guests at the 200th anniversary of the town of Needham on Tuesday.

Edward E. Edgarton lost a few hundred bushels of cranberries by the heavy frost recently.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dodge last Sunday night.

The Albert F. Saboll family have left the Sanderson tenement on Lancaster road and have occupied the so-called Hammond house on Main street.

The Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church held their first supper of the season on Thursday evening in the church vestry. A goodly number was present to enjoy the good things provided and the evening was very pleasantly spent.

Mrs. Emma Cummings is confined to her home with a serious illness.

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Tolman left town yesterday for their home in Newton.

### High Honors.

Stanley White left town the first of the week to commence his studies at the Worcester Polytechnic institute. Mr. White passed all his entrance examinations with high honors, and it is only just and right to say at this time that no young man ever left the town of Shirley to prepare for his life work that was more respected or esteemed in his intercourse with the people of the town either socially or otherwise. Mr. White was always the unassuming young gentleman to each and all, coupled with manly and dignified qualities that will serve as a vital factor in the rounding and developing of a successful career. In deed to say that Stanley leaves Shirley with the best and kindest wishes of the community for future success and happiness is only a mild expression of popular sentiment.

## TOWNSEND.

### Center.

Thursday, September 28, is the annual business meeting and roll-call at the Congregational church. This is the church's annual day, a day of fellowship and good will, with dinner in the vestry followed by an address by Rev. E. C. Porter.

Members of the high school are enjoying the tennis court that they personally assisted in making at the north side of the common.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Eldridge and little daughter of Portsmouth, and Mrs. Earl Miller of Boston are visiting in town.

Comrades C. W. Eldred and J. D. Finnegan left on Thursday morning for a stay of a week or more. During their absence they will attend the reunion of Mr. Finnegan's regiment at Burlington, Vt., and also visit his cousin in St. Albans, Vt.

The T. R. & T. of Billerica will play the Townsends at Athletic field this Saturday.

Mrs. H. B. Hildreth is visiting Mrs. Frank Shirley in Lynn.

Ralph Bush, who had been ill with stomach trouble for some days, became so much worse last week Friday that he was taken that afternoon in Mrs. A. E. Fessenden's auto to the home of his brother, Dr. Arthur Bush, in Wakefield, his mother accompanying him. It was at first feared that an operation would be necessary, but at last reports he was on the road to recovery without it.

Mr. and Mrs. Eben Estes celebrated the fifty-first anniversary of their marriage in a quiet way on Wednesday evening. It was a family party of children and grandchildren, the time being spent with games and reminiscences of the past years.

### Mock Trial.

For some time, it is alleged, one of our prominent citizens, has paid more

or less attention to a young and beautiful widow of this town, forgetting, or at least not heeding, the advice of the immortal Mr. Weller to his son Samuel, to "beware of widows." He now claims that he was not serious in his attention and that he was not attached to her, but however that may have been, the widow became attached to him, and as he seems to have lost interest in the matter she has attached his property. The parties in the case are so prominent that it is feared no court room will hold the vast crowd desirous of attending the trial, so it will be held in Memorial hall on Friday evening, October 6, under the auspices of the Townsend grange, for whose benefit the proceeds will be devoted. Col. A. V. Newton of Worcester will conduct this mock trial.

### A Wonderful Story of the Glenwood Range.

For more than a hundred years Taunton, Massachusetts, has been famous for its stoves. The craft of molding, casting and setting up a range seems in this busy city to have been handed down, father to son, for generation after generation. As yet, mention Taunton today, and the mind pictures a Glenwood range. Just thirty-two years ago three young men started making stoves in a barn at Taunton. One was a designer and pattern-maker, one a foundry boss, the third a skilled molder. They all turned carpenter long enough to add a shed to their barn in order to accommodate their melting furnace.

If the castings came through all right, their output ran up to four ranges a day. One of the first claims ever made by the Glenwood makers is set forth in the phrase, "Glenwood Makes Cooking Easy." This modest claim appeared at once to busy housekeepers, and it rang from home to home as fast as Glenwoods were put in until today 500,000 users know "Make Cooking Easy" means "Glenwood Range."

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At present there is a Glenwood range cast, set up and shipped every three minutes of the day. In a generation the business has increased from four ranges a day to one range in just the time of the day. It has taken you to read this story. (Article from May Munsey's magazine.)

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by auction, on Monday, October 2, at 9:30 a. m., thirty-three head of Holstein cows, heifers and bull, some farming stock, of the property of E. J. Butterfield, Maple street, East Lexington.

### New Advertisement.

FOR SALE—Small Sorrel Mare, Five Years Old, safe and sound; also, Harness and Top Buggy. J. W. BAILEY, Littleton Depot.

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WOOD FOR SALE—Delivered anywhere within four miles for the following prices: Hard wood cut stove length, \$7.00 per cord; Pine limb wood cut stove length, \$4.00; Pine limb wood four feet long, \$2.00. I also have some walnut wood cut stove length for \$3.00 per cord. Address, LOUIS J. FARNSWORTH, North Shirley. Telephone, 2-476.

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## L. K. Barker

Proprietor, Ayer, Mass.  
September 21, 1911.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank of Peppereil, at East Peppereil, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, September 1, 1911.

Resources.	
Loans and Discounts	\$150,077.95
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	17.75
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	113,124.22
Banking house, Furniture, and Fixtures	1,100.00
Due from approved Reserve Accounts	31,252.73
Checks and other Cash Items	9.65
Notes of other National Banks	500.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels, and Cents	25.51
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$2,218.00
Legal-tender notes	16,959.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 percent of circulation)	2,500.00
Total	\$365,566.88

Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	4,500.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes	8,892.63
National Bank Notes Outstanding	50,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	251,820.88
Cashier's checks outstanding	244.37
Total	\$365,566.88

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss:

I, H. F. Tarbell, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. F. TARBELL, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of September, 1911.  
George G. Tarbell, Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest:

I. J. Rowell,  
E. D. Howe,  
Arthur P. Wright,  
Directors.

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MAIL ORDER DRUG HOUSE, Buffalo, N. Y.

The Board of Registrars of Voters will be in session in the Selectmen's Room, Town Hall Building, for the purpose of registering voters and correcting the list of voters,

Saturday, September 23, 1911, from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m.

Saturday, October 14, 1911, from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m.

Saturday, October 28, 1911, from 12 m. to 10 p. m.

Registration will close at 10 p. m., Saturday, October 28, and no names will be added to the voting list after that date until after the next election, except the names of voters examined as to their qualifications between the preceding 30th day of April and the close of registration, or to correct a clerical error or mistake.

Persons wishing to register should bring a tax bill or a notice from the collector of taxes to show that they have been assessed for the year 1911. Naturalized citizens wishing to register must show their certificate of naturalization.

JOHN L. KENNISON,  
PETER B. MURPHY,  
FRANK J. MALONEY,  
GUY B. REMICK,  
Registrars of Voters.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

## LAND COURT.

To the inhabitants of the town of Ayer, a municipal corporation located in the County of Middlesex, and said Commonwealth: Ida M. Fletcher, Lory A. Wright and Julia C. Fletcher of said Ayer; and to all whom it may concern:

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court by J. Narcisse Cornellier of said Ayer, to register and confirm his title in the following described land:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situate in said Ayer, on the southerly side of East Main Street, bounded Northerly by said East Main Street one hundred and two (102) feet, westerly by Maple Street one hundred thirty two (132) feet and ten (10) inches; Southerly by land of Lory A. Wright ninety six (96) feet and easterly by land of Julia C. Fletcher or Mrs. Pelletier Fletcher one hundred and thirty two feet; containing 12,828 square feet of land.

The above described land is shown on a plan filed with said petition, and all boundary lines are claimed to be located on the ground as shown on said plan.

You are hereby cited to appear at the Land Court to be held at Boston in the County of Suffolk, on the ninth day of October A. D. 1911, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted. And unless you appear at said Court at the time and place aforesaid your default will be recorded, and the said petition will be taken as confessed, and you will be forever barred from contesting said petition or any decree entered thereon.