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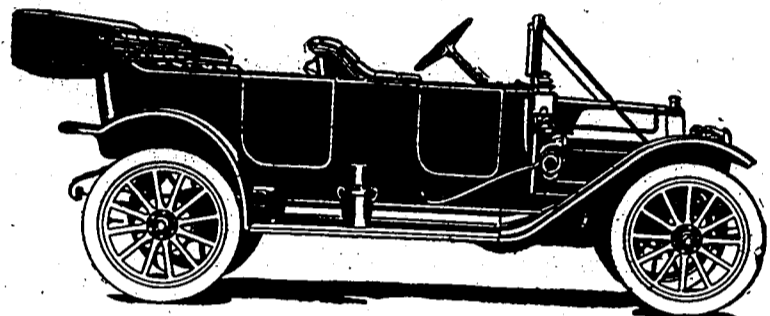
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HARVARD.

News Items.
The closing exercises of the grammar school will be held at the town hall on Thursday evening, June 13. As this is always one of the most interesting evenings of the year, it is needless to urge all to attend. The pupils are hard at work to make this year, if possible, better than any previous, which means a lot of entertainment for the public in general. The exercises will begin at eight o'clock sharp.

Children's night was observed at the grange on Tuesday evening. The program for entertainment was arranged by Miss Mildred Carman and Miss Grace Morse. There were readings by Celia Craggs, Raymond Whittemore, Herbert Morse, Allston Keyes and songs by Misses Miriam and Nancy Harlow. Refreshments of cakes, strawberries and ice cream were served. The evening was very pleasantly passed.

Sunday evening, June 9, the C. E. society will hold a special service at the vestry of the Congregational church for past and absent members. All are invited to be present. Service at 7.30.

Miss Lucy Hazard of Worcester is at home during the absence of her mother, who is in Alabama.

At the meeting of the Bromfield school alumni held on Wednesday evening it was voted to hold the annual business meeting and banquet on Wednesday evening, June 19.

Mrs. Edward Mills, of San Francisco, Cal., was a recent guest with Miss L. W. Dwyer and Mrs. M. D. Sherman.

On Wednesday afternoon Bromfield played the Lancaster high at Lancaster, Bromfield winning by a score of 19 to 3. On this Saturday afternoon they play on the home grounds and will have as their opponents the Westford boys. The game will be called at three o'clock.

Mrs. Bert Menzies, of Hudson, several years ago in the millinery business here, was a guest last week with Mrs. A. F. Ripley.

S. H. Houghton is at work remodeling the upper part of his work shop. He has installed running water with lavatory and bath accommodations, tinted the walls and ceiling, and otherwise completely renovating it. This floor is to be occupied by Miss Norwell and Miss Beard.

Of Cambridge, June 15, who will open a summer refreshment place under the name of the Mary Jane Tea house.

Sunday will be observed by the I. O. O. F. lodge as Memorial day. The members will meet at the lodge room at 9.30 in the morning and will decorate the graves of the departed brothers.

At 10.30 they will attend the services at the Orthodox church in a body. Rev. H. B. Mason will preach a special memorial sermon. All visiting brothers welcome to join with the lodge in this service.

Carpenters are at work on the new barn to be erected by John Harlow on Lovers' lane.

Leon E. Badmun, of Somerville, opened his summer home here on last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Badmun has the lumber for his new barn to be erected at once, parties from Ayer having the contract.

Walter Hazard, who graduates from Tuskegee Institute, Ala., this month, is sick at that place with ty-

phoid fever. It is feared seriously, owing to the extreme warm weather prevalent there. His mother, Mrs. Martha Hazard, has gone south to be with him and bring him home as soon as it is possible to do so.

Otis Kittredge, of Ayer, is excavating and putting in a wall for the foundation of a new stable to be erected on the property of W. A. Dill.

Pleasantly Entertained.

The members of the concert chorus of the Harvard Musical Union were guests by special invitation on last Monday evening at Hillcroft, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Cobb. The buildings and grounds were resplendent with light from colored shades and Japanese lanterns, giving the place a very warm and cordial appearance. Mr. and Mrs. Cobb as host and hostess were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Lucey, who welcomed and entertained the guests as they arrived. Cakes, ices and lemonade were served throughout the evening.

An entertainment was given consisting of violin solos by Grace E. Morse, ladies' quartet, Mrs. Viola Parker, Miss Madeline Parker, Mrs. Lillian Cleaves and Mrs. Alice Cleaves; reading, Mrs. William Parker; soprano solo by Mrs. Edw. Bliss and Mrs. Daniel A. Lucey; male quartet, Messrs. Cleaves, West, Turner and Mason. Between numbers Mrs. Lucey and Mr. Cobb gave selections on the Victrola. Everyone enjoyed an especially social and entertaining evening.

Still River.
Saturday last Miss Ethel Parker returned to her Still River home after spending the winter at Southern Pines.

Miss Edna Robinson went to Ruthersford, N. J., to spend a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Victor Newcomb, Mrs. Newcomb being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild, who has spent several summers here with her parents, and who was married to Mr. Newcomb here last August.

Mrs. Herbert Whitney of Worcester spent the day in this village last Friday.

Mrs. Mary Keyes of Clinton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Haynes.

Miss Alice Lincoln of Somerville was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sprague from Saturday until Monday evening.

Miss Mary Cumming has been visiting Mrs. Mary Houghton at East Northfield this week.

Mrs. Arabella Nichols of New York was the guest of Miss Alice Marshall Thursday.

Mrs. Anna Flanders spent Sunday with her daughter Edna at Worcester.

Deputy Sheriff Charles Sanderson of Clinton came to Still River Wednesday and arrested Warren Fifield on a charge of non-support, brought by his wife of Clinton.

Mrs. Adella Turner has fancy work for sale—will also take orders. Look for the sign "Fancy Work" near the village pump.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.
An exhibition of handwork of the Shirley schools will be held on Wednesday afternoon, June 12, from twelve to 4.30 o'clock in the little brick schoolhouse on Church street. The work which will be exhibited will

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Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Bronson are spending this week at their summer cottage, Pocasset.

TOWNSEND.

Center.
The first ball game of the season for the Townsend A. A. team will be played here this Saturday afternoon with a Fitchburg team.

The first band concert of the summer was given on Friday evening. Miss Alberta Barber is at home from the Boston university for the summer's vacation.

Harbor.
Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Doran and family visited Mrs. Joseph Breen, of Fitchburg, last Sunday.

Miss Mary Doran, sister of Lorenzo Doran, visited at Dinglewood farm last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wharf have returned to Cape Corner and are now occupying the farm owned by R. B. Adams, and formerly occupied by the Wilkins family.

Mrs. E. J. Lane, of Ashburnham, is making a two-weeks' visit with Cyrus W. Lane.

Orin Ball, who has been very ill the last five months, was again able to go out for the first time on Tuesday.

Mrs. Anson Spaulding returned home on Tuesday from her visit in Shirley.

Mrs. Searles and Clarence and George Searles spent Memorial day and remained for the week-end with friends in Westford.

Mrs. H. E. Wilder and daughter Dorothy, of North Scituate, visited with her sister, Mrs. Stephen Keefe, arriving on Monday noon and returning on Wednesday noon.

Mrs. Frank Knight attended the ball game between St. John's prep. and Lawrence academy at Manchester, N. H., on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norton Thomas and two daughters spent the week-end at the home of Mrs. Thomas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. J. Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gray visited in Fitchburg on Wednesday.

The Taft family is now out of quarantine.

LITTLETON.

News Items.
The A. H. Gilmore family of West Acton moved recently into summer quarters at the Littleton driving park where Mr. Gilmore is daily training a string of fine horses.

F. W. Brackett, drawing supervisor, has received many flattering offers in other fields among them are Potsdam, N. Y., Wilmington, Del., and Greenwich, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Barker of Athol visited at G. H. Barker's this week. They brought with them large quantities of pink azalea which is very plentiful in the region of Athol and Barre.

There will be a strawberry festival at the Congregational vestry next Thursday evening, June 13. Supper from 6.30 to 7.30. Strawberries, ice cream, cake, bread and butter and coffee will be served. Entertainment at eight o'clock. The usual price of admission will be charged.

Sunday morning will be observed as children's day. A special service has been arranged. The sermon will be especially for the children.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Littleton High School Alumni association will be held in the town hall on Wednesday evening, June 26, at seven o'clock. Mrs. Robert Roberts has been engaged to do the catering for the banquet that evening. Miss Annie Murray, of Portland, Me., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank H. Hill.

The graduating exercises of the high school seniors will take place on Tuesday afternoon, June 25.

The Woman's club and the Historical society will observe field day on June 17. The meeting will be held in town hall park. The high school sophomores will read their papers on local subjects as usual, and the program planned for the afternoon promises to be of as great interest as usual.

Mrs. Goldsmith, Wellesley alumna, attended tree day exercises at Wellesley college last Saturday.

Morton S. Alward and family have moved to Peabody, where he expects work.

Miss Chadwick, teacher of French language and literature in the Brighton high school, Boston, was a week-end visitor at George H. Kimball's.

The ladies' quartet will go to South Acton on next Wednesday night to fill the engagement made several weeks ago.

Allen Kimball fell from a tree on which he was swinging last Saturday and dislocated his shoulder, requiring the services of a doctor. He has recovered, however, and is as active as his mates.

The Misses Porter, of West Acton, were recently the guests of their niece, Mrs. Nahum H. Whitcomb.

According to reports, Edward Esten is arranging to enter Dartmouth college next September.



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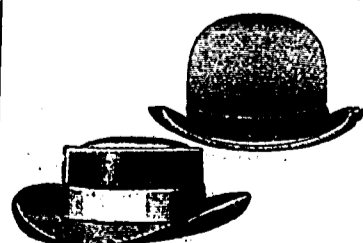
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WESTFORD.

Center.
A large force of skilled workmen started on Monday morning of this week to connect the new central telephone exchange which has been recently installed with the 112 subscribers. The automatic system that has been in use the last few years has been especially unfortunate recently owing to the severe electrical storms. Subscribers had all the way from especially unfortunate recently owing to the severe electrical storms. Subscribers had all the way from especially unfortunate recently owing to the severe electrical storms. Subscribers had all the way from especially unfortunate recently owing to the severe electrical storms.

The pupils of the William E. Frost school held very interesting and appropriate Memorial day exercises on Wednesday afternoon. The last week of the school has been recently installed with the 112 subscribers. The automatic system that has been in use the last few years has been especially unfortunate recently owing to the severe electrical storms. Subscribers had all the way from especially unfortunate recently owing to the severe electrical storms.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Blanchard, of Swampscott, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fisher.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Blodgett and George Gould moved this week, going to their place on the Merrimack river between Lowell and Lawrence. Mr. Gould stored a good deal at his recently acquired property bought of Miss Ida E. Leighton. Miss Leighton and her sister, Mrs. Stone, have not yet decided where they will locate. Mrs. Isles and Miss Moran have moved into their house this last week vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Blodgett.

The house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Anderson is having an addition which gives them one more room on both first and second floors, making their home more commodious for themselves and family.

A collection of valuable minerals with a cabinet to contain them, belonging to the late Prof. William E. Frost, has been purchased by some of his former pupils and placed in the J. V. Fletcher library, where they may be available under proper restrictions and regulations for students' use as they may be required in their studies.

Charles Carpentier, who has run the Frank Miller blacksmith shop and lived in his house, has removed with his family to Granitville.

Rev. Alfred Woods, a former minister at Granitville, has recently been in town visiting former parishioners.

The Edward M. Abbot horse company held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening of this week. Seven drafts were opened and tested by the men. Afterward at the headquarters, Mr. Watson, 1st lieutenant, furnished birch beer and cigars to the company.

Warren Gould, a former blacksmith at the Center, and who of late years has had a large blacksmith and repair shop at Middlesex Village, has recently removed with his family to settle in California.

Mrs. George E. Jenkins, of Morris-town, has been visiting former friends in town.

The tent presented by the Tadnuck club to the Boy Scouts, was nicely set up on the commons on Memorial day for their headquarters.

Young lady students of the academy conducted a refreshment booth on the old store piazza on Memorial day. They did a good business in spite of weather conditions, and the proceeds will be used in connection with the graduating exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Coburn and daughter, Miss Clarissa, were Memorial day guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Watson and Mrs. Edmund Day.

The Fred A. Hildreths, of Malden, spent the holiday with the H. V. Hildreths.

More than passing mention is deserved by our townsman, J. H. Fletcher, for his effort to rescue little ten-year-old George Richardson, who was drowned in Stony Brook the week before last. Without a second's hesitation as soon as the call came, he plunged into the water and made a heroic search for the body, which had already sank. Had it been his own well-loved son he could have made no more effort, and if the other children could have warned him of the accident a little sooner probably through Mr. Fletcher's efforts the little body might have been resuscitated by the physicians.

Fairview cemetery was unusually beautiful this year. The season and the work of the caretakers combined to have everything in good condition, and the decorations were unusually beautiful.

Mrs. Mary Fletcher, owing to continued illness and weakness, and under the care of physician and trained nurse, is denied callers, and her many friends wish for her a sustaining sense of their continued loving interest.

Miss Amelia W. Lambert has been spending a brief vacation with her home people, coming from Westmoreland hospital, Greenburg, Pa., where she holds a responsible position.

Memorial Day.
Memorial day that everybody likes to have one of the beautiful out-of-doors holidays of the year, proved cold and stormy. The day following, the threatening skies and occasional showers made a difference in the attendance and in the carrying out of the day's plans.

The line of march formed at the Cavalry association building at 10.30 o'clock in the following order: Capt. Sherman H. Fletcher, marshal; Nashua military band, the twelve veterans, sons and daughters of veterans and a delegation of Boy Scouts.

The impressive service of decorating the soldiers' monument presented two years ago to the town by Col. Metcalf, of Auburn, N. Y., was conducted by J. Everett Wood, Fred A. Hildreth and Wesley O. Hawkes, after which the line of march was taken to the town hall and the following program given:

Call to order and word of welcome. Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher, prayer. Rev. Hugh Layton, festival hymn. Grace church quartet. "War memories." Nashua military band. "Vacant chair." Grace church quartet, address. Rev. Lyman B. Weeks, duet. "Devotion." Messrs. LaJole and Tolles, duet. "Flowers we bring to deck each grave." Mrs. and Mrs. Burns, "Star spangled banner." Grace church quartet. "America!" by the audience and band.

Rev. Lyman B. Weeks gave a thoughtful and interesting address, sketching the conditions that lead up to the war and many other phases of the great struggle of the rebellion.

A substantial dinner was served in the lower town hall after the exercises by the Daughters of Veterans to the veterans, the members of the band and the other guests of the day. Owing to the rain in the afternoon the concert that was to have been given instead in the town hall. While the effect of a band of so many pieces was not as good indoors, they gave an excellent concert which received the attention it so well merited. Many were heard to express the opinion that this Nashua band which has been hired so many times never gave better music than on this Memorial day.

About Town.

The Hiram Dane farm bordering on Long-Sought pond, and sold within a year to Boston parties, is being laid out into streets and camp lots. That part of the farm lying between the Dunstable road and the pond already has several streets and summer camps. An office has been established close to the Dunstable road under the management of The Long-Sought-for Pond Camp Company. The first three streets are named after the pond—Long street, Sought-for street and Pond street. The farm is owned by Boston parties and appearances indicate that summer Boston is about to be annexed to Westford. The price cars are near enough to increase the value of this Long-Sought-for summer resort.

The W. C. T. U. held their monthly meeting on Wednesday afternoon in the vestry of the Orthodox church, which was appropriately decorated with flowers. This meeting was for mothers and their children, and about twenty mothers and twenty children were present. The committee in charge of refreshments was Mrs. H. M. Seavey, Mrs. Mae Gould and Mrs. Gladys Fletcher. The entertainment was in charge of Mrs. Clara Greig and Mrs. Perley Wright. A lull-a-bye song was given by Mrs. C. A. Blaney, select reading by Mrs. Perley Wright, Mrs. Langley read a paper on the state convention which was encouraging the local branch. Mrs. Daisy Colburn entertained with the graphophone and Mrs. D. Colburn with vocal music.

The contest for the first green peas this year seems to be between Smith and Smith, Brookside Smith and Granitville Smith. Brookside claims the prize, but as matters are not involved he doesn't propose to wait for any one. Granitville planted his peas in February and they barely missed blossoming in March. With this contest started on the 2nd table.

At the sale of the rights of John J. Sheehan in the Sheehan farm, the report that the other heirs bought this right was incorrect. His interest in the home farm was sold to Byron H. Brow, of Dunstable, for \$300.

At the Unitarian church on Sunday Rev. Lyman B. Weeks will take for his subject "Making merchandise of the keys to the kingdom of heaven." In the afternoon he will by request give an address at the Long-Sought-for chapel.

C. P. Decatur, who has been seriously ill, has taken a sudden turn for the better and has been able to get out on the lawn with the aid of a wheel chair.

Samuel Ogley, a former superintendent of Brookside mills, recently visited old friends. He was one of the most popular superintendents of the mill. His old friends were all pleased to see him again. He holds a responsible position in Providence, R. I.

Columbus Pickup, of Fitchburg, overseer of the spinning room of Brookside mills, has moved into the house recently occupied by Charles L. Watts.

Mrs. Samuel Ogley and Miss Jennie Frazer, of Brookside, are in Rocky and Carrington, Nova Scotia, for the summer.

The Royal Oak club gave their first social dance at Marshall's hall on last week Wednesday evening. Clark orchestra, five pieces, furnished music. The committee in charge were Lotta Brown, general manager, Eva Carlson, floor director, and Bertha Colburn, Mary Flynn, Minnie Savage, Janet Brown, Etta Douglas and Hulda Carlson, aids.

Mrs. George E. Jenkins, of New Jersey, a former resident of Westford, was a visitor in town on Memorial day, remaining in town over Sunday and attending the Unitarian church.

Mrs. Collins, who died in Haverhill, was brought to town for burial on Monday afternoon in Fairview cemetery. She was seventy-six years old, and the mother of Miss Collins, of Forge Village.

Both masses in St. Catherine's church on Sunday morning were celebrated by Rev. M. E. Doherty, and he also delivered a short, but highly interesting sermon on "The Holy Trinity." At the second mass R. J. McCarthy was heard to excellent advantage in a fine vocal solo.

Rev. Alfred Woods, a former pastor of the M. E. church here, has been a recent visitor in this village.

Mrs. Julia B. Wall and Mrs. Margaret McCarthy, of Cameron Circle, C. F. of A., of this village, attended the annual convention of the grand lodge that was held in Worcester this week.

All the schools in this village closed here on Friday for the annual summer vacation. The schools will re-open for the fall term on September 2.

Fred Longbottom, of Arlington, made a brief visit on friends here this week, coming over the road on his new motorcycle. Fred is a great lover of the "bike," and finds the power driven machine far superior to the one he drove in former days by foot power.

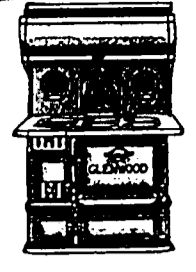
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Some of the young men of this village are now planning on holding a minstrel show in the near future. Frank Charlton will have general charge of the affair and it promises to be a "hummer."

Baseball.

The regular Graniteville baseball team visited Lowell on last Saturday afternoon and on the South common met the South End baseball club in a fast and well played game that was won by the Lowell club before a large crowd of spectators by the score of 6 to 4. Although the Graniteville club outbatted their opponents and were faster on the bases, errors coming at a critical stage of the game proved to be their undoing, for the South Ends took advantage of every opportunity and squeezed in the necessary runs that landed the game. The playing of both teams was sharp and timely, and gave the fans a fine afternoon's sport, and with the proper backing of his team mates Spinner, the local pitcher, would surely have landed the game.

The White Sox of the Suburban league dropped another game on the home grounds here on last Saturday afternoon when they were defeated by the Cubs of North Chelmsford, by the score of 7 to 2. Mr. Jones, from Lowell, that the White Sox were trying out, was the real cause for the loss of the game, for after McCarthy, the regular twirler, went into the box the Cubs stopped scoring. The White Sox will play in Westford on this Saturday afternoon.

Forge Village.

Cameron school closed on Friday, June 7, for the annual summer vacation. School will reopen on September 2.

Memorial day was passed rather quietly here this year. The rainy weather prevented many from attending the exercises at Westford. Old Glory was displayed at many homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jones, of Worcester, spent Saturday and Sunday visiting relatives here. Mr. Jones returned on Monday morning, leaving Mrs. Jones visiting her sister, Mrs. James Whigham, for a week. Mrs. Jones was formerly Miss Janie Cotterell, of this village.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ferguson, of Westford, on Memorial day. On Sunday evening services will be held at St. Andrew's church at 7.30 o'clock.

Miss Edith Precious was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Michael Keefe, of Townsend Harbor, on Memorial day.

On the holiday, Alvin S. Bennett entertained at his home his grand-children, Walter Bennett, and three great-grandchildren, Helen, Irene and Gordon Bennett, of Townsend.

Miss Emma Dufort, of Leominster, was the guest of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Daly, over Sunday.

A delegation from Loyal Self Help lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., drove to Fairview cemetery, Westford, on last Sunday morning and decorated the graves of departed members.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins and family attended the funeral of Mr. Collins' mother, who died in Haverhill on Saturday. Interment was in Fairview cemetery, Westford.

Archie Whigham, of Barre, and Miss Sarah Hunt, of Ware, have been recent visitors at the homes of William and Edmund Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. John Paquette, of Nashua, N. H., spent Memorial day with Mrs. Paquette's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Leclerc, of Story street. Mr. and Mrs. Leclerc also entertained their daughter, Mrs. Edward Hyde, husband and baby.

Mrs. Joseph Mason and children, of Lowell, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Catchpole last week.

The annual sale of the ladies of St. Andrew's mission will be held on Saturday afternoon, June 8, at Recreation hall from three until six o'clock. A lot of fancy articles and aprons will be displayed for sale, and candy and ice cream will also be on hand. The Ladies' Sewing Circle, favorably known for its fine sewing, has an unusually large assortment this year, especially children's clothing. As no admission fee will be charged, it is hoped that a large number will patronize this sale and thereby help a worthy cause, which is for the benefit of St. Andrew's mission.

Mrs. George Alderman and children, of Somerville, and Percy Hargrave, of Beverly, were guests of Mrs. M. A. Lowther last week.

The cut worms have been and still are doing their deadly work in the gardens of many amateur farmers here this season. Over one hundred were found in one garden after great havoc and loss had been discovered. It is to be regretted that a remedy for such pests cannot be affected.

Miss Elizabeth Plummer was called to the bedside of her brother in Beverly recently on account of his severe illness.

A large box containing the foliage of the Oregon grape was received here from Mrs. W. E. Precious, Vancouver, Wash., who formerly resided here. Mrs. Parsons sent the foliage to her place on the family tomb in Westlawn cemetery on Memorial day.

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Current Events.

Children's day will be observed on Sunday at the Congregational church in the morning. There will be a concert followed by an illustrated talk by the pastor. The unique feature of this occasion will be a song in the Punjabi language. Mrs. H. S. Nisbit and Mrs. H. A. Hadley, both mission-aries to India under the United Pres-byterian board are resting for a sea-son at the summer home of their brother, Edward L. Hadley, in this village. Mrs. Nisbit is the happy mother of five wide-awake children, and four of them are to sing to us in Punjabi on Sunday morning. Miss Hadley will speak on their work in India at the Congregational vestries in the evening.

A large auto truck arrived in town on Tuesday afternoon with the house-hold goods of J. Oliver, who has purchased the Lacey property.

Herbert Hall and family, of Som-erville, and Henry Hall and family, of Leominster, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Russell and Jo-sephine Stiles visited at Milford last week.

Mrs. Hannah Lowell, of Reed's Ferry, is the guest of Miss Josie Seaver and Mrs. Hattie Stiles.

Mrs. Ellen Sweet has been the guest of Mrs. R. S. Patch a few days this week.

Eldorus Fessenden and uncle, James Fessenden, of Newton, Mass., have been guests of relatives in town the past week, returning home on Mon- day.

Luther McDonald has been the guest of Mrs. Etta Rockwood, return- ing to his home at Malden this week.

Dr. Holcomb visited at Concord re- cently, attending a medical meeting.

Recent guests in town have been Mrs. Leroy Talbot, Mrs. James Fay, Mrs. Addison Crosby, Mrs. Emma Nel- son and Mrs. Lottie Sargent, Mrs. Charlotte French, Herbert French, of Milford; Frank French, of Milford, and Miss Gilbert, of Milford, and Mr. and Mrs. George French, of Townsend.

Pleasantly Entertained.

On Wednesday of last week the Loyal Workers met with Mrs. Jennie Boutelle where they were cordially welcomed and entertained in her pleasant home. The meeting was opened by all repeating the Lord's prayer, reading of the minutes of the last meeting, etc. The commit-tee for the lawn party which is to occur in the near future, as soon as conditions are favorable, were ap- pointed. The rest of the time was spent in sewing. "Reuben" appeared on the scene and entertained for a few minutes which caused much fun. Among other stunts he very quietly sat erect and smoked the pipe, peace, much preferring a clean pipe to a dirty one. After this he retired seeming to feel well satisfied with his pranks.

The genial hostess served all to ice cream and cake, not forgetting a lit- tle lad who just called at the door and presented the hostess with a bouquet. A social hour was enjoyed. Two guests, Mrs. A. H. Hill, of Hunt- ington, L. I., and Miss Belle, of Her- rick, of Farmingdale, L. I., were present and assisted.

Death.

On Wednesday, May 29, Miss Mertie Shattuck passed away at her home at South Brookline at the age of fifty- three years, after a long and pain- ful illness following a shock sustain- ed a long time ago. Patient and kind to all her attendants, a kind and lov- ing daughter, sister and friend, has passed out, leaving a vacant chair. Many fond memories are to be brightened the future of those who are left. Two brothers, Eldorus, at the home, Lindell, of Pepperell; one sis- ter, Mrs. Minnie E. Ross, of Jamaica Plain and her nephew, Gerald Shat- tuck. For many years, Miss Shat- tuck was a member of the Congrega- tional church and Sabbath school. She had served on the board of edu- cation but for several years her health had prevented her going out- side of the home very much.

The funeral service was held at the home on Friday of last week, her pas- tor, Rev. W. L. Noyes, officiating. Mrs. Jennie Boutelle and Mrs. Minnie Holcomb sang "The home land," and "Go bury thy sorrow." The bearers were neighbors, O. D. Fessenden, Louis Poppie, Herbert Rockwood, W. J. Bailey. Many beautiful flowers be- spoke the love and friendship of friends, Mrs. A. A. Gould, of Town- send, and Elwin Edson, of Leominster, were present at the services.

Memorial Day.

Memorial day was observed on Sat- urday, June 1, at Brookline. The Milford who came by invitation from the city were met at the 11.45 train by Capt. A. H. Taylor and conducted with the Hollis guests to the banquet hall where under the supervision of Mrs. Annie Gilson, Mrs. Catherine Cady and Mrs. Myra Stanley dinner was served to 120 or more. After dinner the march was taken up and a call was made at the resi- dence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rus- sell, Mr. Russell being a member of the G. A. R., and Mrs. Russell a mem- ber of the W. L. R. C., of Milford. Here they were cordially received and held a short reception.

They then returned to the hall where the following exercises took place: Singing, "Battle hymn of the Republic"; prayer, Rev. N. S. Beard; recitations, singing, "Yankee Doodle"; recitations, "Who Daniels and Anna Pinette, George Stanley, Laura Burnham, John Pinette, Clara Picard, Jessie Farnsworth; singing, "Star spangled banner"; salute to the flag; recitations, "The day of mem- ory"; Mable Parson's chorus; "Memorial day"; Janet Nesbitt; "My Joy"; Gilbert LaBean; "Our heroes' graves"; Nina Brayley; drill, school; recitations, "The last grave"; Veimer Taylor; song, "Who'll care for mother now"; Berneice Connel; "Our heroes"; Arthur Green; "Nothing but Lin- coln"; Mildred Bouchard; "Bring ye sweet flowers"; Madeline Connel; song, "America".

Comrade Daniel Hayden and Charles Hale, of Hollis, were intro- duced and spoke for a few minutes. Comrade O. H. Foster spoke mostly to the children, telling them the story of the flag and of the largest flag in the world, which is at Salt Lake City, also, that on June 15th, 1900, the flag will be 135 years old. Three cheers and a tiker were given for Judge E. E. Parker when called upon. Mrs. E. E. Parker spoke in be- half of the Nashua W. R. C. and kind- ly thanked all for the enjoyable en- tertainment. Others of the ladies en- doped with a few words. A fine paper explaining the origin and work of the W. R. C. was read by the pa- triotic instructor of the W. R. C. at

Milford in an entertaining manner.

This closed the exercises at the hall.

A procession was formed and to the beat of the drum marched to the South cemetery where with flags and flowers the graves were decorated. Returning to the tablet of the un- known dead three volleys were fired and they returned to the hall where here were served with ice cream and cake.

We feel that the children ought to be congratulated on their fine work. It reflected great credit on them and their several teachers. The mem- orial committee, Capt. A. H. Taylor, Warren Gould and Charles Gilson, wish to thank everyone who assisted in any way.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Bridges, of Boston, have been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Bridges.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Greeley spent Sunday in Milford, N. H.

Mrs. Minnie Fisher, from Worcester, spent Saturday in town as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Taylor.

Donald Perrin and friend from Brookline, Mass., were at his sum- mer home over Sunday.

Mrs. Ella Tucker, who has been spending a few days in town, has returned to the home of her daugh- ter at Quincy, Mass., for the summer.

Luther McDonald, of Malden, Mass., has been the guest of Mrs. Etta Rockwood, of South Brookline.

Miss Exilda Oulette has left the employ of Mrs. L. P. Peabody and Miss Blanche Warden is to take her place.

Mrs. Nellie Sweet is at the home of few days, Mrs. Patch at Nashua for a few days.

James Fessenden, of West Newton, and Wendell Taylor, of this town, captured a string of sixteen pickerel at Lake Potanipo on last Saturday that weighed over twenty-one pounds.

Miss Ethel Taylor has entered the employ of Mrs. Edward Hadley for the summer.

The next meeting of the Loyal Workers will be with Mrs. Frank Barber on Townsend hill. The date is to be set later.

TOWNSEND.

West.

Mrs. S. D. Ringrose is still in Marl- borough, where she was called last Sun- day, who the serious illness of her mother, who is now in the Worcester hospi- tal awaiting a dangerous surgical operation. Mr. Ringrose received word on Saturday of his mother's ill- ness. She is suffering from a nervous ailment as a result of being in a recent railroad accident in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson, from Shackelford, Mo., former resi- dents here, have returned to town and will commence housekeeping at Mr. Thompson's home on upper Main street as soon as Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wilson, the present occupants, can vacate.

Warren Elliott is at present employ- ed at the new granite quarry at the Center.

G. E. Walker lost a valuable new bicycle on last week Friday night, it being stolen from the shed where he kept it sometime during the night.

Miss Lizzie McAllie, of Boston, is back.

The friends of Mrs. W. F. Spidell, wife of a former pastor of the Baptist church, are pleased to learn that they are prospering at their pastorate in Delhi, Ont.

Mrs. Miles Wilson and her daugh- ter, Miss Isabelle Hellur, from Nash- ua, N. H., are stopping for a few days at their former home in Josselyn- ville. Mrs. Wilson's son, Edwin Hel- lur, has left his situation at Lancas- ter and is at present in a market in Nashua.

Miss Mildred L. Seaver, who has been enjoying a six-weeks' vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Seaver, left on last week Friday morning for New York, where she will be employed by the Library Bureau association during the summer.

F. H. Ormsby and family, from Winthrop, have arrived at their sum- mer home in Josselynville for the sum- mer.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Homer, from New York city, are at their sum- mer residence on Main street for the season, arriving on Memorial day.

A party consisting of Clarence E. Streeter, Harry B. Hathaway and Fred A. Patch, of this village, and Edward Patch, of Boston, are enjoying a for- tnight's vacation on a fishing trip to Barnet, Vt., leaving here on Saturday morning of last week.

The Knights of the White Shield held a very pleasing social in the Baptist vestry under the direction of the counsellor and committee. After the program, in which several of the mem- bers took part, and Mrs. Fred A. Patch entertained them with two amusing selections, the remainder of the evening was passed in games and amusement.

Miss Inez McElligott, of Somerville, a former resident here, is enjoying a visit to her friends in the village; this week.

Miss Grace Thompson, of Simmons college, Boston, is at the home of her mother, Mrs. Charles Patch, for the summer vacation.

A social dance was given in Sem- inary hall by the young men of the village the evening before Memorial day, which was well attended and a successful affair.

Mrs. R. C. Clarke, one of the vil- lage's oldest residents, celebrated her ninety-seventh birthday at her home on Memorial day. She was well re- membered with gifts, postcards and greetings from her many friends and received a number of calls from her friends and neighbors which she heartily enjoyed. Her daughter, Miss Nellie C. Clarke, from Boston, was at home for the occasion, which was a very pleasant one for all concerned.

Mr. and Mrs. William Robbins and daughter, of Josselynville, spent Mem- orial day with relatives in New Ipswich, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Whyte, from Troy, N. Y., are with their son, Edward A. Craig, for the summer.

Miss Blanche Sprague entertained her father from Reedsboro, Vt., a few days last week at her boarding place at Alexander Reed's. His vaca- tion was suddenly and sadly termi- nated by the news of the sudden death of his mother on last week Friday afternoon. He and his daugh- ter left for Reedsboro early last Sat- urday morning. Miss Sprague return- ed and resumed her duties as teach- er of the grammar school on Wednes- day morning.

At the regular monthly covenant meeting of the Baptist church on last

week Friday evening the resignation of George A. Seaver as trustee of the church was accepted, and at a special business meeting to be held in a forth- night, his successor is to be appoint- ed.

Miss Grace Sullivan, of Reed's Ferry, N. H., has been a recent guest of Mrs. Andrew Shattuck at the Squannicook hotel.

Miss Clara Hosley has returned from Lancaster, where she was called by the illness and death of her sister, Mrs. Martha Howard.

Abram White, of Rindge, N. H., is spending a few days with his relatives in the village.

Mrs. Everett Pierce and grandson, from Brookline, are at the House cot- tage on Elm street.

Charles Norton, who is employed at the state road work this spring, spent Sunday with his family in Somerville.

Miss Mary Dorey, from Nashua, N. H., is assisting at the home of Mrs. Mary Streeter, of Josselynville.

Rev. S. D. Ringrose preached his second anniversary sermon at the Baptist church last Sunday morning to a large audience. The Brother- hood, S. C. E., and Knights of the White Shield were represented by large delegations and the front seats were reserved for their use. The church was prettily decorated with June pink and other wild flowers, and the pastor's text was "He went about doing good."

The West Townsend Brotherhood met in the Baptist vestry at noon last Sunday with an attendance of sixty- eight. G. A. Seaver, vice president, was in the chair, and the lesson was led by Herman L. Stickney.

The K. of S. met in the Baptist vestry on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock with James Rusk, king, in charge of the business meeting. Six- teen were present and after the ex- ercises a walk to the summer house across the river was enjoyed.

At the Baptist Sunday school ses- sion Arthur Smith assumed his new duties as superintendent, and the retiring officer, Walter E. Wilder, re- ceived a vote of thanks for his faith- ful service for the past four years. Benjamin Hodgman also commenced his duties as treasurer. A re- hearsal was held for the music for children's day concert, which will be held on Sunday evening at six o'clock in the auditorium, under the direc- tion of Mrs. Charles Hodgman.

Charles Thorning is assisting at Dr. H. B. Boynton's during the absence of H. B. Hathaway, who is enjoying a vacation and another lad from the Lyman school is working there also.

George Roebuck, chauffeur for C. S. Homer and family, from New York, are at their cottage here for the sum- mer.

Mrs. E. R. Brayton, of Providence, R. I., accompanied her mother, Mrs. George Adams, and Miss Emma Adams home from Rochester, N. H., on Tuesday and is enjoying a brief visit at her home here.

Oren Powers is enjoying a vacation from his duties as assistant at C. A. E. Patch's stable on Main street.

Mrs. Sara Hodge is spending a few days with relatives out-of-town.

Alden Basford and his daughter, Miss Mildred Basford, have returned to their home in Peabody.

Milton Wilder has been on the sick list at his home in Josselynville for the past few days.

Mrs. Louise McElligott, of Somer- ville, is a guest of Mrs. Edward Craig. Her daughter, Miss Inez Mc- Elligott, who has been spending a few days with friends here, has re- turned to her home.

John Campbell has been confined to his home for a few days with a slight illness, but at this writing he was much improved.

Center.

Miss Edwards is entertaining her mother from Madison, Me., at A. S. Howard's.

Children's night will be observed at the grange on this coming Monday evening and a good program is in preparation, which will include a large number of the little ones to take part. The committee in charge are Mrs. Bertha Drake, Mrs. Frank Woods and Mrs. Angie Lang. The special feature of the children's entertain- ment will be a coaching parade.

T. E. Flarty is in Hoboken, N. J., for about a week's stay.

Mrs. Mattie Felch, of Cohasset, a former resident here, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Harry Felch.

Mrs. B. W. Potter, of Worcester, is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. A. G. Fessenden, this week.

All schools but the high school will close on Friday, June 14.

Invitations are out for the thir- teenth annual alumni concert and hall which will be held at Memorial hall on Friday evening, June 28. Those in charge have secured the Sa- lem cadet band orchestra, of Lynn.

Mrs. Mary McGuane and little son, of Ayer, were at Harry White's on Wednesday.

Mrs. Edith Barber Wright, of Wor- cester, who has just returned from a Washington trip, is enjoying a few days this week with her parents on Townsend hill.

Memorial Day Exercises.

Although Memorial day was far from pleasant and hot showers every now and then, nevertheless, as usual, the band and sons of veterans escorted the soldiers and members of the memorial association to the depot where they took the morning train for the West village, decorating the graves there and returning on the noon train, after which dinner was served at the Memorial hall banquet room.

At 1.30 p. m., there were the usual appropriate exercises at the bridge, af- ter which all who wished had a chance to hear the exercises at the hall as given in last week's paper. Comrade Alfred S. Roe's address to the veterans was full of inspiration and even those who were not veterans got into the spirit of the war and realized more what it meant as he re- viewed the old scenes and battles with the "boys." In concluding he feel- ingspoke of the three vacant chairs which stood draped upon the platform and spoke of the peace which has come from war. A. X. Fessenden's ac- count of how Lincoln's Gettysburg speech was received and the speech itself won him a hearty applause. The selections by the band and by Mrs. Gwinn and Miss Sanders also were well received.

In spite of the cloudy evening the hall was well filled to witness the military comedy which concluded the whole day's program. All the veterans were well taken and Mrs. Ella Wilson, who had the title role of "A little saviour," together with Roy Brown as "Lord Cretch" kept things lively for the rest of the players.

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GROTON.

News Items. The Groton Improvement society will meet on Monday afternoon, June 10, at 3.30 o'clock at the home of the Misses Warren.

The friends of Miss Adelaide Porter in Groton and surrounding towns will be interested to know that she has won one of the highest honors at the gymnasium at Brooklyn. She has gone to Allerton to spend the summer months.

Arthur H. Mason is taking Daniel Mason's place as assistant ticket agent at AYER.

Born Saturday morning, June 1, a son, Minot Weld, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur O. Christensen (nee Miss Helen Minot Eddy).

D. R. Steere, commander of E. S. Clark post, came up from Providence, R. I., on Memorial day to be with his comrades.

The Boston Baptist Ministers' conference on Monday, May 27, paid their respects to all of their number who served during the Civil war in the army of the north. The meeting was held in Chipman hall, Cambridge, Mass. Mr. Crane of Malden gave one of the addresses. He was in the Civil war, Capt. A. M. Crane of Co. D, 21st Conn. volunteers. The pictures of six G. A. R. veteran ministers of the conference were given in the Boston Post of May 28. The pictures of Rev. Mr. Crane were easily recognized by people in Groton, where he lived a number of years ago when pastor of the Baptist church.

In a report of a ministers' meeting held at Providence last week, the name of Rev. H. H. Cornell appears as one who took part in the discussion of a paper read before the meeting.

The W. R. C. held their regular meeting Tuesday afternoon. There was an initiation of one new member, Mrs. Jessie Paulus. A solo was given by Mrs. Emma Blodgett and there were a number of readings.

Last week Saturday Groton high played Fitchburg Normal beating the visitors 7 to 6. It was an eleven inning game. On Monday Pepperell came down for the return game, but they were defeated, Groton high again winning by a score of 10 to 0.

Mrs. Mosey Gilson left Thursday morning en route for Pittsburgh, Pa. where she is going to visit her son, H. L. Gilson and family.

Some from the First Parish Unitarian church are intending to attend the session of the North Middlesex conference of Unitarian churches to be held with the Pepperell church next week Thursday, June 13. Addresses will be given by Rev. Mr. Foote, secretary of the dept. of education and Edgar F. Wiers of Montclair, N. J., president of the invitation for social justice. The invitation to attend embraces all who choose to be present.

There are numerous cases of grippe here, some so severe that they require a doctor's treatment.

Arthur H. Mason attended the train despatchers' outing at Bass Point on Wednesday.

William Denahy, who came up to his brother's wedding Wednesday, returned Thursday to his position at Kennebunkport, Me., where he is employed by Miss Sarah Bancroft. Miss Bancroft was at Groton Inn for some weeks during last fall and winter.

Warren H. Whitehill graduated from Lowell Textile on Friday of this week. His high rank in scholarship is shown in the fact that he is invited to return to the school next fall as an instructor in chemistry and dyeing.

Mrs. Fernald and her daughter, Mrs. Webber, with a relative, Mrs. Carrie Lewis of Boston, all left Friday morning, where they will be staying with Mrs. Fernald's daughter, Miss Evelyn Fernald, is a member of the graduating class at Vassar and the party from Groton are going to spend commencement week and see her take her diploma.

Mrs. Davis, who has been staying with her daughter, Mrs. A. Moore, returned from New York, N. H., on Tuesday. She was accompanied by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Davis, who came to have her return with her.

The Misses Mildred Brown and Emma Gilson returned to their homes this week for the summer, leaving behind them a record of one year's study at Simmons college.

Lawrence academy played a winning game last Saturday against Dorchester high here on Shumway field, and won by a score of 10 to 0. Dorchester made only one hit off Palmer. On this Saturday afternoon the academy played Worcester South high on Shumway field.

Last April, at the annual town meeting, an appropriation was made for a fire alarm system. The committee in charge of the purchase of this alarm signed a contract last week Thursday for a whistle which is to be operated at the telephone office on Station avenue. When this alarm system is in working order and all arrangements completed the town will have when the fire whistle is blown the fire department will know exactly on what road or direction the fire is located. Provision is also made for a no school signal for the use of the school committee.

Everett Nutting is trying the experiment of taming a young fox. He is keeping the same fox the same experiment with another one. If they succeed there may be possibly some further developments.

Mrs. Charles Whitcomb motored from Sharon on last week Wednesday in her new 1912 Buick. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Frank Whitcomb of Alliston, and their niece, Mrs. Wesley Wright and son, from Dorchester. They spent the day with their sister, Mrs. Fannie Forbes.

Miss Fannie E. Woods attended "Tree day" at Wellesley, her alma mater, last week Saturday, and this week, leaving Friday night, she plans to go to New York then up the Hudson to Poughkeepsie, where she will arrive in time Saturday to attend the opening functions of commencement week at Vassar where the Baccalaureate sermon on Sunday. Miss Woods will be denied further attendance at the commencement exercises as she must hasten back to her duties at the high school for Monday.

Mrs. Margaret Benedict, who has been staying with her daughter, Mrs. Grant W. Shattuck, through the past winter and spring, left this week to go to the summer with her daughter, Mrs. Trevitt at Bolton.

The C. H. Gorlish camp at Baddacock is opened for the summer last week and some of the family have been staying there.

The new town sprayer has been in operation recently over the trees along the highways.

Mrs. John Locke and son from Duane, N. H., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Shattuck. Mrs. John M. Moore of Waltham was a recent guest of her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Perry.

A letter and some flowers in token of remembrance and best wishes were sent to Dr. S. A. Green from his comrades of E. S. Clark post and the ladies of the W. R. C. for Memorial day.

The Reading club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. C. A. Griswold. Mrs. Verena Adams Dugas and Little son from Milford, N. H., are spending the week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Boynton accompanied Mrs. Dresser, Mrs. Boynton's mother, to Lovell, Me., where, having sold her former place, they go to vacate the premises and close up Mrs. Dresser's affairs connected with the property sold.

George Gillette, who has been very ill for several months, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. C. Leonard on Thursday forenoon. The funeral services will be from their home on Court street on Sunday morning with interment at Nashua, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Huntley N. Spaulding and sister, Miss Mason, have arrived at Groton Inn with nurse and their chauffeur.

The commencement exercises of Lawrence academy are to take place on Wednesday, June 19, at 10.45 a. m., at the First Parish meeting house. In the evening at eight o'clock in town hall, a reception will be given by the senior class of the academy and Principal and Mrs. Clough.

The marriage of Catherine Mae Dilbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dilbert, and Thomas J. O'Connor, of New York city, will take place in the Sacred Heart church on Wednesday morning, June 12, at 9.30 o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Marshall Swallow, of this town, is doing a fine business in the vacuum cleaning line and although he has numerous engagements ahead, can attend to your wants if you should need anything in this line. His Santo advertisement can be found in another column.

Birthdays Anniversary. Mrs. William A. Lawrence gave a birthday party to her father, A. K. Porter of Leominster, on Wednesday.

Some from the First Parish Unitarian church are intending to attend the session of the North Middlesex conference of Unitarian churches to be held with the Pepperell church next week Thursday, June 13. Addresses will be given by Rev. Mr. Foote, secretary of the dept. of education and Edgar F. Wiers of Montclair, N. J., president of the invitation for social justice. The invitation to attend embraces all who choose to be present.

There are numerous cases of grippe here, some so severe that they require a doctor's treatment.

Arthur H. Mason attended the train despatchers' outing at Bass Point on Wednesday.

William Denahy, who came up to his brother's wedding Wednesday, returned Thursday to his position at Kennebunkport, Me., where he is employed by Miss Sarah Bancroft. Miss Bancroft was at Groton Inn for some weeks during last fall and winter.

Warren H. Whitehill graduated from Lowell Textile on Friday of this week. His high rank in scholarship is shown in the fact that he is invited to return to the school next fall as an instructor in chemistry and dyeing.

Mrs. Fernald and her daughter, Mrs. Webber, with a relative, Mrs. Carrie Lewis of Boston, all left Friday morning, where they will be staying with Mrs. Fernald's daughter, Miss Evelyn Fernald, is a member of the graduating class at Vassar and the party from Groton are going to spend commencement week and see her take her diploma.

Mrs. Davis, who has been staying with her daughter, Mrs. A. Moore, returned from New York, N. H., on Tuesday. She was accompanied by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Davis, who came to have her return with her.

The Misses Mildred Brown and Emma Gilson returned to their homes this week for the summer, leaving behind them a record of one year's study at Simmons college.

Lawrence academy played a winning game last Saturday against Dorchester high here on Shumway field, and won by a score of 10 to 0. Dorchester made only one hit off Palmer. On this Saturday afternoon the academy played Worcester South high on Shumway field.

Last April, at the annual town meeting, an appropriation was made for a fire alarm system. The committee in charge of the purchase of this alarm signed a contract last week Thursday for a whistle which is to be operated at the telephone office on Station avenue. When this alarm system is in working order and all arrangements completed the town will have when the fire whistle is blown the fire department will know exactly on what road or direction the fire is located. Provision is also made for a no school signal for the use of the school committee.

Everett Nutting is trying the experiment of taming a young fox. He is keeping the same fox the same experiment with another one. If they succeed there may be possibly some further developments.

Mrs. Charles Whitcomb motored from Sharon on last week Wednesday in her new 1912 Buick. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Frank Whitcomb of Alliston, and their niece, Mrs. Wesley Wright and son, from Dorchester. They spent the day with their sister, Mrs. Fannie Forbes.

Miss Fannie E. Woods attended "Tree day" at Wellesley, her alma mater, last week Saturday, and this week, leaving Friday night, she plans to go to New York then up the Hudson to Poughkeepsie, where she will arrive in time Saturday to attend the opening functions of commencement week at Vassar where the Baccalaureate sermon on Sunday. Miss Woods will be denied further attendance at the commencement exercises as she must hasten back to her duties at the high school for Monday.

Mrs. Margaret Benedict, who has been staying with her daughter, Mrs. Grant W. Shattuck, through the past winter and spring, left this week to go to the summer with her daughter, Mrs. Trevitt at Bolton.

sketch, decided to follow his profession.

Although it was known that she had been somewhat ill this past winter the trouble was not thought alarming. She, however, consulted a physician in Boston, who advised an operation. Deciding to consult somewhat further Miss Marcy went to New York and under the examination and later the hands of the celebrated Dr. Morris for a most skillful and dangerous operation. For a week everything looked hopeful, then suddenly on the morning of May 29, the end came. The pathologist's examination showed an incurable condition. It was a kidney trouble.

The funeral was held on Saturday, June 1, from the chapel at Mt. Auburn, Cambridge, with every testimony of respect from friends in professional and private life. The interment was in the family lot where both her parents are buried. She leaves one sister and step-mother, leaving behind her kindred. Her aunt, Mrs. S. R. Mason, and her cousin, Miss Clara L. Hutchins, attended the funeral last Saturday from Groton.

West Groton. The health of J. H. Hunkins seems greatly improved. He has been able to be out-of-doors these late warm days.

Miss Trask, of Danvers, is a guest of her cousin, Mrs. C. R. Dudley. John Burton, of Brookline, N. H., is occupying the little cottage in the pines owned by Edmund Blood. Mrs. Burton is visiting her mother in Grantville.

Born, recently, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Ballo. The names of Asel Bates, William Baker, Joseph Doherty and Caldwell Bliss have been added to the membership roll of the Keystone club.

The youthful winner of garden prizes last year, Frost Thompson, here in Groton, is now in Connecticut on that business. On leaving the West Groton paper mill he was presented with a handsome traveling bag by the workmen of his department, possibly others. The presentation was made by A. W. Adams.

Sunday is children's day at the church. The program is in charge of a committee, Miss Sylvia Lawrence chairman. There will be the usual promotions, presentation of lilies, etc. Several names have been added to the cradle roll recently, among them: Bernice Irene May Balamon, and the youngest children of the Pierce family, which has moved here lately from Townsend.

Mrs. G. S. Webber, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Fernald, of Groton, and a friend, Mrs. Lewis, started on Friday for Poughkeepsie, N. Y., to attend all the exercises of commencement week at Vassar college, where Miss Evelyn Fernald is a graduate.

Howard Spaulding, of Cleveland, Ohio, is to give a paper on Monday evening before the Boston branch of the Illuminating Engineers. He will entertain the members of the society for a short visit at his home in West Groton, where he is expected to arrive on Saturday evening, to remain until Monday noon. After fulfilling his engagement in Boston he will return at once to Cleveland.

Mrs. J. T. Shepley visited her aunt, Mrs. A. P. Blood, in Haverhill on Wednesday. The Keystone club will present a comedy, "The striped sweater," on Wednesday evening, June 12, at Squannacook hall. Dancing until twelve o'clock will follow the entertainment. Refreshments will be furnished by the Arian orchestra. Ice cream will be on sale during the evening. All are cordially invited.

To the Editor: No small happening has caused so many comments in this village for a long time as the recent induction of the new members of the Squannacook fire company. Since the installation of the district water supply the reduction has been more or less expected, and that in itself occasioned that little surprise. It is understood that the selection gave instructions to resign the membership from twenty-five to eighteen by requesting the resignation of those members, who, by reason of advancing age or other infirmities were least fitted for service.

On Monday six men were requested to resign on or before Tuesday evening, and had they been the six oldest members of the company, or had they been drawn by lot in the presence of the company, they would doubtless have complied with the request. A man rarely fails to abide by a decision reached by a method strictly just.

Five of the men, however, who were respectfully asked to eliminate themselves from the company, have not attained the age limit; three of them are younger than the all-conquering "Teddy," who is considered to be at the height of his powers; nor are these men otherwise incapacitated by physical infirmities or intemperate habits.

If the interest of the community were to be considered, it would seem that nearness to the engine hall should count as a favorable factor in the selection or retention of a fireman; nevertheless, two of their men live almost within a stone's throw of the hall and three others within easy distance. These six members have maintained a good record upon the secretary's book throughout the year, thereby giving evidence in black and white of their attention to duty and interest in the company.

It would seem that the opposite course would have been more conducive to their personal interests. Firemen are servants of the people, guardians of their lives and property, and into their selection no prejudice nor personal animosity nor selfish interest should enter. Neither national nor church affiliations should be considered. Physical fitness, ability and courage are essential. How many of these requirements are lacking in the men who are ordered "down and out?"

The responsibility of this act of manifest injustice seems to be floating in mid-air, awaiting shoulders upon which to fall. The local engineer? Preposterous! He deeply regrets the necessity thrust upon him. The Groton engineers? Is it reasonable to suppose that they would so combine to oppose the wishes of their fellow members? The selectmen? The rejection of firemen is outside their province, and so it still floats, but the law of gravitation is strong.

We cannot better express our own and to believe, a universal opinion than to quote the exclamation of a prominent citizen, one versed in public affairs: "What are they thinking of? The men nearest the engine room and all good men, it is all wrong." A Taxpayer.

LITTLETON.

News Items. Mrs. Grace E. Lawrence attended two family weddings of note in Wakefield this week. One was that of Eustis Carey Fitz, a cousin, and Miss Charlotte Rodgers, daughter of the Cambridge register of deeds. The other was the wedding of Norman Dillingham, grandson of the late David Slade, and Miss Grace Clark, of Brookline.

Charles L. Smith, Jr., son of Chas. L. Smith, will celebrate his seventh birthday on last Tuesday afternoon. The young guests were entertained with games, and at the conclusion of which prizes were awarded. A delicious spread consisting of sandwiches, strawberries, fancy cakes, ice cream and fruitade, the little people forming in line and proceeding to the dining-room to the music of a lively march played by Miss Vera Smith. The young host acted his part with thoughtfulness and grace of a veteran, and he, in turn, enjoyed the attentions received from his guests.

Charles H. Steinfeld has moved into the Willard O. Gibson tenement on Harwood avenue.

Richard G. Conant graduated this week from Lowell Textile school in Lowell, N. H., considering different positions now open to him.

Misses Lucy and Emily Adams were at home on Saturday and Sunday.

S. P. O'Banion's young son and his aunt, with whom he went south for the winter, returned home last week.

The Christian Endeavor rally at the Baptist church last Saturday evening was very attended. A large number of enthusiastic Endeavorers from the different societies in the union and other organizations invited. Miss Nichols of Boston, spoke of the society, its aims and accomplishments. A male quartet, consisting of Messrs. Cook, Hill, and Dadds, rendered good music, and the regular choir of the Baptist church sang acceptably. The guests were pleasantly entertained at a social held in the vestry at the close of the meeting in the church auditorium.

Francis Gregory of Bolton, England, is visiting his nephew, Frank Gregory. He plans to be absent from his home three months or more, and will tour through the continent, visiting places of special interest.

Memorial services were held in the public schools on Wednesday, May 29, in honor of the late Mr. N. Y. each building. Many visitors were present to listen to the singing, speaking and drills, which showed finished work on the part of teachers and pupils alike.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hanscom and James Griffiths, of Medford visited Littleton on Wednesday, June 6, on Monday, calling on old neighbors in Newtown. Mr. Griffith's wife, Mrs. Jane Griffiths, passed away suddenly on May 10. She retired in her usual health good health and died during the night from hardening of the arteries. She was born in Shropshire, England, in 1844. With Mr. Griffiths she came from England to America in 1873, and lived in the Clarence Jackson place until about sixteen years ago, when they moved to Lexington. For about ten years she has been living in Medford, where her burial took place recently. She leaves besides her husband, an adopted daughter, Eleanor, now Mrs. Howard Hanscom.

The Conant and Houghton water system has been connected with the town water works. For about ten years Mrs. Charles A. Kimball and Miss Martha Kimball were among the many guests who called on A. Kendall Porter at his daughter's home in Groton on Wednesday, his ninetieth birthday.

Mrs. William Baker's father, Mr. Hall, who experienced a shock several weeks ago, was taken on a cot to Fitchburg last Sunday and will be cared for by another daughter who lives in that city. The Baker family moved to their new home in Westford this week.

Mrs. Chambers left the Rev. O. J. Fairfield home this week Wednesday and journeyed to visit the state of her former residence, where she will spend the greater part of this summer.

Sunday will be observed as children's day and the usual concerts will be given in the respective churches.

Miss Fannie A. Sanderson went to Wellesley college on last Saturday to attend the annual three-day exercises.

James T. Bennett, of Groton, has bought of Charles A. Hartwell a camp lot bordering on Spectacle pond, next to the lot purchased by Gardiner Rockwood of Mr. Hartwell a year ago.

The annual meeting of the United Workers was held at the Congregational parsonage Wednesday afternoon. There was a good attendance. Mrs. H. L. Packard, president, Miss Elizabeth Houghton, vice-president and Miss Susie Robbins, secretary and treasurer. An interesting literary program was presented. Mrs. T. E. Conant described one of the new schools in the south, which she recently visited. Miss Florence Wilcox read about the experiences of some young immigrants in this country and Mrs. Goldsmith Conant gave an account of part of her life in the same line. An afternoon social concluded the entertainment of the afternoon.

The grange observed children's night last Wednesday with the following well appreciated program: Piano solo, Norman Bonnell; recitation, Rose Crowley; piano solo, Ruth Gladys Woodworth; recitation, Rose Crowley; song, Anna Showe; recitation, Stella McLellan; piano solo, Helen Hume; recitation, Esther Thorpe; piano solo, Norman Bonnell; recitation, Rose Crowley. At the close of the above program ice cream and cake and candy were served to all the children.

Henry Malcolm Priest, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Priest, was graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology on Tuesday, June 4, receiving the degree of S. B. He was one of a class numbering 290 students. The subject of his graduation thesis was "Design for a reinforced concrete viaduct." Mr. Priest belonged to the Lambda Chi Fraternity and enjoyed membership in the Civil Engineers society. He has a position with the American Bridge Company in June, where he will begin work on July first. Members of the Priest family attended the class day functions, Tech night, at the pop con-

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cert, the senior ball at Hotel Somerset and other commencement festivities.

As Benjamin Conant and a few other Harvard college students were on their way to the Cornell boat races two weeks ago, Benjamin was thrown from the electric car which he was boarding and hit the pavement with such violence that he sustained internal injuries. He was taken to the Stillman infirmary in Cambridge where it was found necessary to operate the following Wednesday. An abscess had formed on one of the kidneys. He has been very sick and much anxiety has been experienced by the A. F. Conant family, and the reports on Thursday of this week are favorable. The patient is now out of danger, and it is expected that he will be able to leave his present quarters in another week.

The Fugitive Slave Law.

Parker Varnum, father of Mr. Caleb Butler, of Dracont, now of Lowell, was noted for his pity for the poor and needy. On one occasion a poor and needy girl had fled from her tyrannical master and sought concealment at his house. He took her to his granary and inverting an empty hoghead placed her beneath it, strewn with straw. Her master looked diligently for her passing his hand through the grain in several places. The girl, Phyllis, until her death remained in the family of her benefactor, refusing any compensation. This was fifty years before there was much agitation of the slavery question, long before the civil war, and the way of aiding runaway slaves that was called the underground railroad, was managed in this manner. It was a sort of a secret society, only those that were friendly to the slaves were in it.

Those of the underground railroad were people that would conceal and aid such slaves. One man would entertain them and give them money and provisions and a note to the next Canada, and so on until they were through to Canada, where there was no such thing as taking them back.

The late Rev. E. R. Warren of New Berlin, N. Y., told the writer he had aided 140 slaves to Canada via the underground railroad, while pastor of the First Baptist church in New London, Conn.

In 1850, congress passed a law called the fugitive slave law that allowed an owner of slaves to take him back from any part of the United States, the bill being signed by President Zachary Taylor. The law was condemned all over the north, and the underground railroad was in opposition to the workings of that law. Massachusetts was instantly aroused, and when a slave by the name of Anthony Burns was captured in Boston in May, 1854, it caused a riot among the people of Boston who objected to his being returned to slavery and it took a company of marines, ordered by President Pierce, to enforce the law to get him out of Boston.

Gov. Emory Washburn and everyone who took part in it was censured, but they got him and he was returned to slavery. His friends in Boston and slavery soon raised a fund and bought his freedom.

In the town of Clarendon, Vt., a slave was captured there and his case was taken before a justice of the peace for a hearing by the name of Theophilus Harrington, who had been

one of the supreme court judges a few years before the slave was produced in court. The owner appeared with counsel who came from the state of Georgia. They were armed with the fugitive slave law in their favor and a bill of sale from the former owner in Georgia and presented it to the venerable ex-justice and justice of the peace, who upon hearing their arguments on the law, bill of sale and other things in their favor said: "I demand a bill of sale from God Almighty." They could not produce that and he rendered a decision in favor of the slaves and released him.

There were plenty of the employees of the underground railroad present and he was sent into Canada that night by rail, as Clarendon is only about seventy-five miles from the Canadian line.

The fugitive slave law caused a great amount of trouble to the country over the then existing curse of slavery. The law was engineered by Clay and Webster, so the admission of California was as a free state to please the north was admitted into the union. The fugitive slave law was passed to please the south and was a compromise between Clay and Webster, both U. S. senators, Clay from Kentucky and a slave owner, Webster from Massachusetts.

Webster made his memorable speech on March 7, 1850, in the senate in favor of the fugitive slave law, and it was the mistake of his life. He did this as a bid for the presidential nomination which was then not far away. He did this to please the south, but when the convention did come he only received seven votes for the nomination as a Whig candidate. The south would not trust him nor the north.

After he made his March 7 speech, he came home and underwent a severe squall himself with the people and they condemned him on all sides. He was refused the use of Faneuil hall in Boston to speak in, where he had formerly spoke in the hall when it was crowded to the doors as the most brilliant orator of the United States ever produced. His was the greatest fall of any statesman that ever lived in this country. All his friends forsook him except a few of his high protection Whig friends in New York.

Mr. Webster was a famous high protectionist and his revisions always revised upward like our recent revision that Pres. Taft said was better than nothing. His Whig friends raised a fund of \$100,000, the interest for his use through life and his wife, he being a man who never looked out for a rainy day. After his March 7 speech in 1850, he retired to his farm in Marshfield in obscurity and oblivion and died in October, 1852.

The fugitive slave law did a great deal to fan the flame that led to the civil war. Chief Justice Roger B. Taney, of the U. S. supreme court, made his noted decision in March, 1857, that a black man had no rights that a white man was bound to respect in the Dred Scott case, but the decision was not unanimous by all the U. S. court judges. With the help of two disloyal presidents, Pierce and Buchanan, and one disloyal vice-president, Breckenridge, the south had their own way. Jeff Davis was Pierce's secretary of war and John B. Floyd was the same with Buchanan.

Everything was handed over to the south that could be up to 1861, then came Abraham Lincoln and the civil war and the freedom of all slaves by his memorable proclamation on September 22, 1862, to take effect on January 1, 1863.

William H. Lynds, Lowell.