

## Gifts for Christmas

We mention a few of the many useful articles we have in stock:

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| Electric Flashlights   | 75c. to \$2.25   | Electric Toasters        | \$2.75 to \$5.00  |
| Electric Grills  | \$5.00 to \$7.00 | Electric Coffee Pots     | \$6.50 to \$8.50  |
| Electric Irons   | \$3.00 to \$5.50 | Electric Water Heaters   | \$3.00            |
| Electric Toys  | 75c. to \$2.50   | Electric Portable Lamps  | \$5.00 to \$8.50  |
| Electric Decorative Lamps for Christmas Trees and Interior Decorations |                  |                          |                   |
| Electric Fixtures and Domes  |                  |                          |                   |
| Pocket Knives  | 25c. to \$2.00   | Automobile Goggles       | 25c. to \$2.00    |
| Razors   | \$1.00 to \$2.25 | Scissors                 | 50c. to \$1.00    |
| Carving Sets   | \$1.75 to \$2.25 | Razor Straps             | 50c. to \$1.00    |
| Manicure Files and Scissors  |                  | Grapefruit Knives        | 50c.              |
| Shaving Brushes  | 50c. to 75c.     | Kitchen Knives           | 10c. and 15c.     |
| French Cook Knives   | 65c. to 85c.     | Ammeters and Tire Guages |                   |
|  |                  |                          | \$1.25 and \$1.50 |

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### A FEW CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS FOR THE MAN THAT TRAVELS

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| Shirt Bags             | Pullman Slippers     |
| Glove and Cravat Cases | Cravat Pin Cases     |
| Kerchief Cases         | Manicure Sets        |
| Hat Brushes and Case   | Shoe Horns and Cases |
| Coat Hangers and Case  | Shoe Wipes, Etc.     |
| Collar Bags            |                      |

### A FEW CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS FOR THE LADY TRAVELLER

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| Hand Bags       | Mirrors and Cases      |
| Fancy Work Bags | Pullman Slippers       |
| Pin Cases       | Shoe Wipes             |
| Kerchief Cases  | Stationery Cases, Etc. |
| Glove Purses    |                        |

These Suggestions and Many Others are on Display at our Factory, Central Avenue. Do not complete your Christmas list until you have looked them over

## SIGSBEE COMPANY

Central Avenue AYER, MASS.

### LITTLETON.

News Items.  
A Christmas suggestion of the Littleton booklets to be sent to an out-of-town friend. They may be had at any of our stores and the proceeds go to the Improvement society to further town plans.

Sunday, December 13, Misses Elizabeth and Mary Ryan of Boston, formerly of Littleton, leave Boston for California, where they will spend the winter. Miss Elizabeth will join her brother, John Ryan, in San Diego, and Miss Mary will go to Pasadena with Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Ayer, by whom she is employed as housekeeper. The sisters will be within three hours' ride of each other.

The next attraction of the lyceum which comes one week from tonight, on Saturday, December 19, will be a concert by one of the foremost lyceum companies, "Walter Eccles and the college girls." Walter Eccles is a noted humorist and actor, the four young ladies are college graduates of operatic ability and training, each one a soloist, and with them is a musical director to secure the highest standard of concert work. With a company of such worth it is thought the patrons of the lyceum will gladly put up with the inconveniences of a Saturday night and the date being so near to Christmas week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Barrow, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cash and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Kimball of the local grange attended the state grange convention in Worcester, this week and report excellent programs.

The webbing factory is to run on short time, according to reports. All the Littleton schools will close next week Friday for Christmas vacation. The high school will have but one week and the grade schools will have two weeks.

Miss Gladys Kimball, graduate nurse of St. Luke's hospital, New Bedford, has passed the state board examinations with credit and received

her "R. N." registered nurses of which she may well be proud.

Sept. F. H. Hill attended a school superintendents' meeting at Fitchburg, Wednesday.

Miss Louise Flagg, teacher at Arlington High school, is at home for Saturday and Sunday.

Calvin Howard has been on the sick list and is now recovering from his illness.

The ladies' quartet, which is making many engagements this season, sang at an entertainment in the M. E. church at Granville last week on Thursday evening. They were most hospitably received and enjoyed hearing artists from Lowell, who contributed much to the fine program.

Miss Margaret McElliott visited her sister, Mrs. Mary McCarthy at South Acton last week.

J. J. Barry & Co., Ayer, expect to move into their new store on Tuesday, December 15, and will open up with a complete line of household goods, etc., at reasonable prices. The store will be open every evening until Christmas from the above date. See advertisement for bargains.

Mrs. L. B. Caultkins is visiting with friends in Leominster.

Eugene Esten has had a severe cold and neuralgia, necessitating his staying at home from school throughout the week.

V. T. Esten cut his foot while chopping in the woods last week Friday. Although he has suffered much pain and more or less inconvenience, he has kept at his usual work.

Domino LeMass, one of the West primary school boys, while playing in the school dressing-room with his mates, got a silver several inches long into his foot, requiring a doctor to remove it. He has been confined to the house for several days in consequence.

The good coasting and skating have been the cause of several minor accidents and other misfortunes. Evelyn Ewins was coasting Wednesday when she slid against a tree and a sprained

ankle resulted. This will mean that Miss Evelyn must be housed for a while and content herself with watching the fun of others as they enter into winter sport for the present must remain in bed.

### Church Notes.

The C. E. society of the Baptist church have invited Mrs. A. B. Lawson, of Boston, to address their meeting on Sunday evening upon settlement work in the city, especially in connection with the Florence E. Ward Settlement at the West End. The meeting will begin at seven o'clock and an invitation is extended to all.

The Sunday school will hold a food sale in the vestry on Saturday afternoon of this week from two to four o'clock.

The Mission Circle will meet with Mrs. H. B. Sauler at three o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. Leader, Mrs. Lucy J. Dodge. Subject, "The American Indians."

Rev. O. J. Fairfield's sermon on Sunday morning at the Unitarian church will be the fifth in the series on the aims and ideals of the people engaged in the great war, and will present the inner life of the French people. In the evening, at seven o'clock, a redemptive talk will be given with pictures of French places and people. The sermons of this series are spoken of as very helpful to our understanding of the causes that have made the war.

The United Workers held their monthly missionary meeting with Mrs. Charles W. Houghton on Thursday afternoon. There was a large representation present and an excellent program was given. Mrs. J. C. Alford led in the devotions. This was followed by singing of hymns by Miss Miriam Conant's Sunday school class, with accompaniment by Caroline Conant. The child in the home was the subject discussed. The address was read by Miss Conant's class on the treatment of children in foreign homes. Several members of the United Workers also read selections relating to the subject.

Miss Conant and Miss Merriam read papers based on the meeting at Northfield last summer. Mrs. A. F. Conant, the leader, contributed much on the subject. Miss Julia Conant read a missionary letter on Southern Africa and offered the closing prayer. Miss Elizabeth Thatcher reported on the expense of repairs and improvement of the parsonage and the ladies voted to make up the deficit on parsonage bills.

The Extension School. Littleton has been favored this week in having one of the four extension schools in community planning to be held this year by the State Agricultural college. When the attendance has not been as large as it should have been owing in part to the weather and in part to the fact that this is a new kind of school whose value is not generally understood, the interest and enthusiasm shown at some of the sessions of the school has been good and results of practical benefit to the town should follow.

From eight lectures of such marked ability, each of them an authority on his own line, it is ungracious to mention anyone as better than the others. To make a choice depends upon the individual point of view. Prof. Ferguson on Cooperation was most stimulating and one may easily imagine a local society being organized as a result of his course.

On Tuesday Dr. Sprague and Dr. Marshall divided the honors quite evenly, one on town administration and the other on measures for public health and together they led out a helpful discussion of the needs of a local playground and a town house for social gatherings.

The evening illustrated lectures were very different but both practical. Prof. Fowles on "What gives success in farming," and Prof. Stimson on the new plans for teaching agriculture in connection with our high schools. In this lecture we had the privilege of seeing one hundred and seventy of the views that are to go to San Francisco for the World's Fair.

The chairman, Mr. Morgan, for his valuable assistance and the secretary was instructed to express to the college the gratitude of the members of the school for the privileges accorded them. Littleton is a growing town to live in, but let us think of better things for it and get together to "do them for Littleton."

### New Advertisements

### Your Xmas Shopping

Has been Done for You

Call at the

Big Elm Tea Shop

HARVARD

and get the goods. You will find many Christmas and New Year Cards and Novelties, Assorted Candies in fancy boxes, and a very attractive line of Holiday Books.

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### Suggestions for

## Gifts that are Practical and Have Lasting Value

Our Store is a Christmas Store now—full of Gifts for a Man's or a Boy's Christmas. Anybody looking for a Christmas remembrance for "Him" can find any number of choice and practical things here that will be appropriate and no doubt fully appreciated.

We make the wants of Men and Boys our study, so far as their outfitting is concerned. Where would you be more apt to find a gift appropriate for "Him" than here?

### HANDKERCHIEFS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

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|---|---------------------|
| Men's Linen Hemstitched   | 15c, 25c and 50c    |
| Men's Japanette, Initial  | 10c and 12c each    |
| Men's Embroidered, Initial  | 10c and 15c each    |
| Men's Linen, Initial  | 25c and 50c each    |
| Men's Silk, Initial   | 25c and 50c each    |
| Men's Linen, Hemstitched, in Handsome Christmas Boxes,            |                     |
| 6 in a box  | \$1.50 to \$2.50    |
| 4 in a box  | \$1.00              |
| Men's Plain Hemstitched, half a dozen in a Handsome Christmas Box | 50c and 75c per box |
| Boys' Plain, three in a Pretty Christmas Box                      | 15c per box         |
| Boys' and Men's Handkerchiefs                                     | 5c and 10c each     |
| Men's Fancy Colored Silk Handkerchiefs                            | 25c and 50c each    |

### GLOVES FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

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| Men's Cape Gloves, unlined, for dress wear  | \$1.00 to \$2.00  |
| Men's Cape Gloves, lined, for dress wear    | \$1.00 to \$2.50  |
| Men's Mocha Gloves, fleecy lined            | 50c and \$1.00    |
| Men's Mocha Gloves, Silk or Knit lined      | \$1.50 to \$2.50  |
| Men's Mocha Gloves, Hare and Squirrel lined | \$3.50 to \$5.00  |
| Men's Mocha Gloves, Lamb's Wool lined       | \$2.50 and \$3.00 |
| Men's Working Gloves and Mittens            | 25c and 50c       |
| Men's Woolen Gloves and Mittens             | 25c and 50c       |
| Men's Fur Gauntlet Driving Gloves           | \$1.50 to \$5.00  |
| Boys' Wool Gloves and Mittens               | 25c and 50c       |
| Boys' Leather Gauntlets, lined and unlined  | 50c               |
| Children's Woolen Gloves and Mittens        | 15c and 25c       |

### SWEATERS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Nothing could be more acceptable for a gift than a good Sweater. We have Sweaters for every member of the family. We have them in Tan, Gray, Navy and Crimson colors. Some are plain and some have collars and pockets.

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| Men's Coat Sweaters, all colors | 75c to \$7.00     |
| Boys' Coat Sweaters, all colors | 50c to \$2.00     |
| Women's Coat Sweaters           | \$3.00 to \$6.00  |
| Girls' Coat Sweaters            | \$1.50 and \$2.00 |
| Children's Coat Sweaters        | 50c to \$1.50     |

### A Few Suggestions from our Furnishing Department

NECKWEAR. The very newest styles and colors, very attractive patterns in Four-in-Hands, 25c and 50c

A beautiful Fancy Silk Four-in-Hand in a pretty Christmas box for only 50c

ARM BANDS. Fancy Arm Bands, each pair in a very Handsome Christmas Box, 25c and 50c

KNITTED DRESS SCARFS. In White, Black and Steel colors, 50c and \$1.00

COMBINATION SETS—In Handsome Christmas Boxes.

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| Pair of Suspenders, a pair of Arm Bands or a pair of Garters for                              | 50c            |
| Pair of Suspenders, a pair of Arm Bands and a pair of Garters, three articles for             | 75c and \$1.00 |
| Pair of Pure Silk Hose in fancy colors and a Pure Silk Knitted Four-in-Hand to match in color | \$1.00         |
| Pair of Arm Bands and a pair of Garters to match in a Christmas Box                           | 25c            |

### CAPS AND TOQUES

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| Men's Cloth Caps              | 50c to \$1.00    |
| Men's Fur Trimmed Caps        | \$1.00 to \$2.50 |
| Men's Fur Caps                | \$2.50 to \$5.50 |
| Boys' Cloth Caps              | 25c and 50c      |
| Boys' Toques                  | 25c and 50c      |
| Misses' and Children's Toques | 25c and 50c      |

### UMBRELLAS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Always an acceptable gift. We have them for Men, Women and Children. Many new and beautiful designs in Mission and Sterling Silver Trimmed Handles. The better grades are Silk covered.

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| Men's Umbrellas      | \$1.00 to \$3.00 |
| Women's Umbrellas    | \$1.00 to \$4.50 |
| Children's Umbrellas | 50c and 75c      |

### LEATHER BAGS AND SUIT CASES

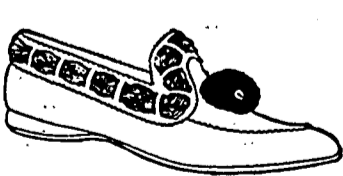
Suit Cases, made of Imitation Leather, \$1.25 to \$3.00  
Suit Cases, made of Leather, \$5.00 to \$7.00  
Suit Cases, made of Japanese Matting, \$1.25 to \$3.00  
Hand Bags, made of Leather, \$3.00 to \$8.00

### Holiday Footwear for Every Member of the Family

CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS FOR MEN. In a great variety of styles, in Black and Tan Leathers, or in warm Felt Goods, 50c to \$1.50

CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS FOR GIRLS AND CHILDREN. In Patent Leathers and also in warm Felt goods in fancy colors, 50c to \$1.25

High Buckle Arctics for Men and Boys  
High Buckle Arctics for Women and Children  
Rubber Boots for Boys and Children



CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS FOR WOMEN. In a great variety of warm Felt goods, in fancy colors, some with Fur Trimmings; also, Kid and Patent Leathers, 50c to \$2.00

Indian Moccasins for Men and Boys  
Indian Moccasins for Women and Children  
High Cut Skating Shoes for the Boys and Girls

## George H. Brown

Reliable Clothier Store Open Monday, Friday and Saturday Evenings Ayer, Mass.





# J. J. Barry & Co.'s Grand Opening Sale

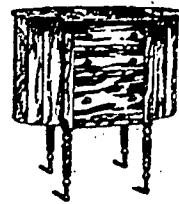
We extend to the public a cordial invitation to the Opening of Our New Store on or about December 15, and ensuing week. In the meantime we afford a last opportunity of purchasing Household Furniture at "Close Out" Prices. We have the following goods on the floor to close out:

One Florence Upright Piano, Mahogany Case.....	\$185	\$23.25 Mahogany Chair, Leather Seat and Back.....	\$19.00	\$29.00 Home Herald Oak Heater.....	\$25.00	One \$4.00 Electric Lamp.....	\$20.00
One Packard Upright Piano, Mahogany Case.....	\$300	\$14.50 Mahogany Chair.....	\$10.00	\$18.50 Glenwood City Heater.....	\$12.00	One \$9.50 Electric Lamp.....	\$6.00
One Packard Upright Piano, Walnut Case.....	\$275	\$18.00 Oak Morris Rocker.....	\$15.00	\$7.75 Flash Heater.....	\$5.00	One \$6.00 Electric Lamp.....	\$4.00
One \$30.00 Oak Buffet.....	\$22.00	\$23.25 Mahogany Leather Rocker.....	\$19.00	\$18.00 Cast Iron R. R. Heater.....	\$12.00	One \$35.00 Electric Lamp.....	\$20.00
One \$36.50 Oak Buffet.....	\$28.00	Two \$18.25 Combination Desks and Bookcases.....	\$12.00	Second-hand Heater.....	\$5.00	Also Oil Lamps of Various Styles	
One \$37.50 Oak Buffet.....	\$29.00	One \$19.00 Lady's Desk.....	\$10.00	Second-hand Cook Stoves.....	\$8.00, \$10.00, \$12.00	\$23.00 Mission Hall Rack.....	\$18.00
One \$52.00 Oak Buffet.....	\$40.00	One \$17.50 Mission Lady's Desk.....	\$10.00	Glenwood Ranges—all styles—set up in your home this week at Special Prices			
One \$24.00 Mission Buffet.....	\$15.00	One \$28.00 Desk.....	\$14.00	\$6.00 Customers.....	\$4.00	\$25.00 Mission Hall Rack.....	\$19.00
				\$5.50 Umbrella Stands.....	\$3.00		

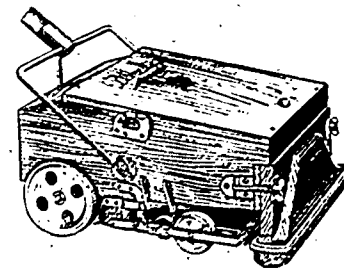
In our New Store we will carry a Complete Line of Home Furnishings as well as Men's and Women's Clothing; Everything in Silverware and Cut Glass, and a most select stock of Jewelry and Diamonds. We solicit your Christmas Trade and suggest that you make your selections NOW for later delivery and get the benefit of our removal discounts.

## CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS AT SENSATIONAL PRICES

**CHINA AND CUT GLASS**  
 \$6.99 Chocolate Sets, handsomely decorated, comprising large tray, pot, 6 cups and saucers. **\$4.00** per set  
 \$5.59 Fruit or Berry Sets, decorated in floral design with gold tracing—one large bowl and 6 small dishes. **\$3.00** per set  
 Cake Plates, Mayonnaise Sets, Water Pitchers, Fern Dishes, Etc.



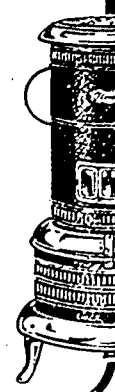
**SEWING TABLES**  
 \$15.00 Martha Washington Sewing Tables, Solid Mahogany..... **\$12.00**  
 \$16.00 Colonial Sewing Tables, Mahogany..... **\$12.00**  
 Parlor Tables at All Prices



**"SHE" WOULD APPRECIATE THIS GIFT**  
 Every woman would appreciate a Gift of a Carpet Sweeper or a Vacuum Cleaner.  
 Ask to See Our Line

Children's Rockers..... **\$1.50 to \$5.00**  
 Children's High Chairs..... **\$1.75 to \$8.00**  
 Doll Carriages..... **\$2.50 to \$10.00**  
 Rocking Horses..... **\$2.50 to \$15.00**  
 Children's Desks..... **\$4.50**  
 Folding Card Tables, Green Felt Top..... **\$3.00**  
 Pedestals and Plant Stands..... **\$1.50 upwards**  
 Mirrors..... **\$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$6.50, \$9.00**  
 Gilt and Wooden Frames

**Make Home Pleasant With A Florence Heater**  
 There's no surer way, in these seasons of changeable weather and uncertain chills, than to have a note-worthy reason why you find this joy in possessing a Florence. It is really a small hot air furnace, constructed on furnace principles, as we can show you if you will let us. No smoke, no odor, no burning up of the air you breathe. Yet the current cost is no greater than some of the other kind, only visit to see.  
 Even as parlor ornaments, they are worth your visit to see.  
**A PRACTICAL CHRISTMAS GIFT**



**Pictures**  
 We have a fine assortment of Dining Room and Parlor Pictures which would make splendid Christmas Gifts.  
**\$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$3.50 and Upwards**  
**Mahogany Clocks**  
**Gold Clocks**  
**Alarm Clocks**  
 Make a serviceable gift and you can find just what you want at our store.

**Victor Talking Machines**  
 What grown-up or child would not be delighted to find a Victrola in their home on Christmas morning.  
 Come in and let us demonstrate the different styles and hear the new records.

**HOOSIER GABINETS**  
**BEST KITCHEN CABINET MADE**  
 "The White Beauty"  
 1915 Model  
 Makes a Grand Christmas Gift



**SHIRLEY.**  
 News Items.  
 Almost Rottenberg, six years of age, while playing in the barn at Mr. Jubb's farm on Tuesday, fell from the hay mow to the barn floor and broke his right arm just above the elbow, causing an unbroken fracture. He was attended by Dr. Lilly and Dr. Billeby of Ayer. He is the son of the housekeeper at Mr. Jubb's home.  
 Blanche Stebbins, three years of age, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Stebbins, is confined to her home with diphtheria.  
 Albert Bassett, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Bassett, fell with a broken leg.  
 The Altman club holds its regular meeting in the club rooms on next week Thursday. The committee on education, consisting of Mrs. Anne E. Wright, Mrs. Mary W. Hazen and Mrs. Cora F. Wilbur, wish to announce that F. C. Johnson, superintendent of schools, will be the speaker at the meeting.  
 Aid Shirley chapter, D. A. R., held its last regular meeting on November 10 with Mrs. Mary W. Hazen, Mrs. M. H. Haskins, of Fitchburg, rendered a paper upon the subject, "Conditions in England at the time the Puritans left." The next meeting will be held on December 22.  
 Nonnaceous Campfire Girls held a regular meeting last week Friday afternoon with their quartet, Mrs. D. W. L. Landerberg, Lancaster road.  
 Miss Nellie Gardner returned to town again last Saturday from her home in Presque Isle, Me., and on next Wednesday leaves Boston in company with her mother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. White, of Caribou, Me., for Daytona, Fla., where the party will spend the winter.  
 Harding M. James visited his father on Wednesday at the soldiers' home in Chelsea.  
 Miss Margaret Love leaves town in about two weeks to assist again this winter at a large hotel in Deland, Fla., to remain about three months.  
 Leslie J. Mossman, of Fitchburg, was appointed administrator of the estate of George W. Mossman, of Westminister in the probate court in Worcester on Tuesday. Mr. Mossman is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Conant, of this town.  
 Miss Grace Tewksbury, of Cushing academy, has been at her home part of this week suffering from the effects of a hard cold. She has improved sufficiently to return to her studies at the academy on Thursday.  
 Miss Inez Brown expects to leave town about Christmas time for Deland, Fla., to be waitress at a hotel, and will return to town again next April.  
 A number of children in town are confined to their homes with mumps.  
 Miss Helene Desmond is spending this week with relatives in Boston.  
 We are pleased to report that there has been a marked improvement in the physical condition of Mrs. Charles W. Marshall during the past week, and that she is responding to the medicine and treatment of the Boston specialist with the assistance of the local attending physician, Dr. Charles J. Felice in a manner that is wonderful. That the medicine is having greater effect than was anticipated by the specialist or Dr. Felice is most

profitable good news, which is a source of attention to our townspeople.  
 At the session of the high school assembly held on this week Friday afternoon the following program was given: "The Cruise of the Frigate," recited by Walter Strohbach, current events school, Sarah Conant, first speaker.  
 Many from Shirley are planning to attend the grand ball at the town hall in Harvard on Friday evening, December 15, given under the auspices of Mrs. C. R. White's dancing classes. The affair gives promise of being a very elite social event and agreeable weather conditions are all that is needed to make the affair a brilliant success.  
 Herbert E. Lawrence received a bad fall while at work in the Samsan building works on Thursday morning. Mr. Lawrence was coming down the steps of an uninclosed building and slipped on the ice, injuring his back severely. He was attended by Dr. Charles J. Felice, who made a thorough examination, but found no bones were broken. He was taken to the hospital for observation, and a bruised back and severe shaking up.  
 The residence of Frank Cifera, on Main street, was raided on last Sunday evening about eight o'clock and the premises searched throughout, but no intoxicating liquors were found. The raiding squad consisted of John H. Locke, selectman, and other Barry's men, including Shirley, and Chiefs Dowling of Groton and Beatty of Ayer.  
 Rev. A. A. Farnham, of Vassalboro, Me., gave a very novel address on "The Church in the Congregationalist's hands in the 'Holy Land,'" illustrating with 100 souvenirs. A large audience was present to hear Mr. Farnham, who proved most interesting.  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. Lloyd Allen, of Newtonville, spent the week-end and over Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Allen, Harvard road.  
 The King's Daughters meet with Mrs. Helen W. McCoy on next week Tuesday evening.  
 J. C. Ayer lodge meets on Monday evening, when officers for the coming year will be nominated.  
 Miss Inez Sawyer is confined to home with sickness and is under the care of Dr. Charles J. Felice.  
 Charles R. White has been confined to his home the greater part of the past two weeks with his usual ailment, chronic rheumatism.  
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 Interesting Address.  
 The Ladies Circle of the Congregational church held its regular meeting on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles H. Tewksbury, Center road, about twenty-five of the ladies being present. The president, Mrs. Alice L. Wright, presided. The meeting opened with devotional exercises by Mrs. S. Louise Butler. After the usual order of business was disposed of Mrs. Wright introduced as the

following taking part: Miss M. E. Boland, Miss H. Smith, piano; Mrs. Haze, Harlow and Miss Gertrude Proctor sang; Miss Mary Hadstinger, in the guestess' contest, Thomas L. singer won the soft pillow and Alfred Shoen won the bed quilt. About twenty-five sat down to supper and the few articles remaining unused were disposed of by auction.  
**Is to Resign.**  
 Prof. Edward H. Sullivan has been athletic instructor and general observer over the mental condition of the boys at the Shirley industrial school for the past three and a half years. It is to be noted in connection with the school to become parole agent of the Massachusetts Training school in Springfield. Mr. Sullivan has made a study of mental deficiencies in his school work and during the past few years has studied in a couple of our New England colleges, including Harvard, under the eminent Dr. Healy, on the subject of abnormal psychology which has admirably equipped him for his new position of parole agent. Mr. Sullivan's work at the Shirley industrial school has been highly successful in every particular and his associates with the townpeople have always been of a high moral tone and cordial character, and it is needless to say that they regret his contemplated departure from the community life which will leave a fragrance of fellowship and pleasant memories.  
 Mr. Sullivan will assume his new duties about the first of January, and possibly sooner, and regrets very much the termination of a residence that has been so full of an atmosphere of happiness and real pleasure.  
**Enjoyable Meeting.**  
 The Church Debt society of St. Anthony's church held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening with Mrs. Fred S. Hgown of the Brookside. A large number were present, including many invited guests. The entertaining features of the evening was in charge of the young people and as a result merriment held sway during the entire evening. A brief business session preceded the festivities when the following officers were elected for the year 1915: Mrs. Mary E. Lilly, pres.; Mrs. Annie Desmond, sec.; Mrs. Lillian Provost, sec.; Mrs. Rose Brown, treas. A game of whist was then played with a vim and Mr. McMillan, of Lowell, took first prize for men and his wife had the distinction of being first prize winner for the ladies. Mrs. Charles Stebbins won the booby prize and Master Thomas Desmond was the winner in the boys' game. Miss Anna Lougee and Mrs. Annie Tremblay gave piano solos. Weeks rendered vocal solos. Games of various sorts with the serving of refreshments were greatly enjoyed, and dancing with a social hour, brought the evening's enjoyment to a close. About one hundred were present.  
**Monthly Meeting.**  
 The Universalist Church Men's club held its regular monthly meeting on Monday evening in the church vestry, thirty members being present in spite of the inclement weather. The president of the club, J. Edwin Pomfret, presided. When the annual order of business had been transacted the following debate was then argued

at length. Resolved, That Orientals should be admitted to citizenship. George E. Boyton and James L. Holland, acting as J. Edwin Pomfret, John T. Smith, of the Ballou, Harry H. Lynch and Arthur E. Felice, neg. A vote was taken, the majority declaring in favor of the negative side. Resolutions were then served under the direction of Frank H. Wheeler and John H. Will. Nine new members were added to the club, making the total membership thirty-four, the following being the complete list:  
 J. Edwin Pomfret, Arthur C. Anna, John L. Holland, Harry H. Lynch, Charles A. Kinsler, Charles J. Wheeler, William Robert M. Ballou, George H. Wilson, Thomas L. Hazen, John T. Smith, Fred Hgown, Fred H. Wagon, Austin J. Felt, Walter H. Hadstinger, and H. Hadstinger, Henry R. Hadstinger, C. A. Sargent, Russell S. Jones, Albert M. Tremblay, George F. Boyton, and John H. Will. Charles H. Wheeler, David H. Hadstinger, Sidney S. Horton, George W. Boyton, Morton E. Lawrence, and J. W. Merriam, Harry C. Banks, and J. H. Hodson, James J. Chubbuck.  
**Wedding.**  
 Ralph Mayhew, of this town, and Miss Florence L. Hill, of Lunenburg, were united in marriage on Tuesday evening about six o'clock at the Baptist parsonage, Ayer, by Rev. J. W. Thomas. The bride was attended by Miss Viola Woodworth, of Fitchburg, and Charles Maylin, of Shirley, brother of the groom, was best man. A reception was held at the home of the bride in Lunenburg immediately after the ceremony. The newly-weds then departed for a brief honeymoon, and upon their return they will make their home for a time with the groom's parents on Benjamin road. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Addison B. Hill, of Lunenburg, and for some time past has been employed in the finishing department of the C. A. Edgarton Company. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mayhew, and until quite recently has been employed in the weaving department of the same firm. The couple have the best wishes of a large circle of acquaintances for future happiness.  
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GROTON.

News Items. The newly-elected officers of E. S. Clark post, G. A. R., are: C. H. Berry, com.; E. S. Hixley, sen. vice-com.; Warner Southern, jun. vice-com.; S. A. Green, M. D., surg.; M. P. Palmer, q. m.; C. H. Torrey, adj.; James Moore, chap.; Thomas Gilson, officer of the guard. Delegates to state general encampment at Boston, C. H. Berry, E. S. Hixley, alternate; M. P. Palmer, the post voted to hold a joint installation with the W. R. C. on such date as they appoint. G. G. Tarbell of Peppercorn to be installing officer.

hurst, chap.; Mrs. Effie Harrington, cond.; Mrs. Mary Messinger, guard. Delegates to department convention, Mrs. Sarah J. Lucy, Mrs. Gertrude Balcomb, alternates; Mrs. Josephine Whitney, Mrs. Dora Putnam, The W. R. C. and G. A. R. will hold a joint installation, date not fixed.

Mrs. Elizabeth Day Totten of Reading was the guest last week of Mrs. Allen Woods, attending the Alliance sale on Thursday and remaining for the week-end.

At the special meeting of the Groton Historical society on Tuesday evening it was unanimously voted to accept a legacy of \$500 left to the society by the late Mrs. Henry Eastcroft.

The Baptist church on Sunday Rev. William Breckenridge pastor will preach at 10:30 in the morning on "Like the palm tree" and in the evening at seven o'clock on "Truth from the energy" preceded by a brief praise service.

The Reading club met with Mrs. Everett Gerrish on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. and Mrs. Millard Sawyer and Frank Estabrook attended the Grange at Worcester on Wednesday. The Brown Leaf club met with Mrs. Samuel Raddin at their home near Sanduski on Wednesday afternoon.

The house upstairs and down was thrown open by the hosts for the entertainment of the club. With a wide, old-fashioned fireplace and comfortable old-fashioned rooms made neat and pretty, too, in many modern comforts, was an ideal place for the gathering. The sale of articles just among themselves gave very satisfactory proceeds, the sum being promptly forwarded to be added to the Belgian relief fund that same Wednesday afternoon. The refreshments were enjoyed by all present and the afternoon altogether was one of enjoyment.

The latest reports from Mrs. C. H. Berry are that she is much improved.

The sleet and rain of Monday, followed by some additional on Tuesday and Wednesday, made plowing sleighing here in town, though not two inches deep. The conditions were good for coasting and slippery walking also. On Thursday, after three days of clouds, the sun shone out on a glittering show. Every tree, twig and bush, the fields and house-tops were a coating of ice beautiful to look at.

Mrs. Abram Miller of Champey street returned last Saturday night from her visit to an uncle and aunt in Sharon, Conn. Her uncle had been an invalid for some time and had apparently not long to live, but Mrs. Miller left her aunt in her usual health. A telegram announcing the sudden death of this aunt on Sunday was received by Mrs. Miller, who left on Tuesday to attend the funeral at Sharon.

J. Harrington, assistant agent at the Groton station, has returned to work from a two months' vacation.

J. Everell Nichols passed away at his home here Thursday afternoon. Although Mr. Nichols had been out of health for a long time and not so well as usual for the past few weeks, at the last the end came very suddenly. He was a civil engineer by profession. The new bridge over the Nashua near the papermill was built under his supervision a few years ago. Mr. Nichols and family came to Groton to live about two years ago, moving here from Everett. He was fifty-seven years old and is survived by a widow, three children and two step-children. At this writing the funeral arrangements have not been made.

Mrs. Olive Fuller from Dorchester is in town for awhile visiting among relatives.

The Village Improvement section of the Woman's club met with Mrs. Grant W. Shattuck next Monday afternoon, December 14, at 3:30.

A civil service examination for a patrol car will be held in Ayer to fill a vacancy in the police force. The examination will be held on Saturday, January 10, Application form 1341, and full information concerning the requirements of the examination can be obtained from the secretary of the local examining board or the postmaster.

The Village Improvement section of the Woman's club met with Mrs. Grant W. Shattuck next Monday afternoon, December 14, at 3:30.

Mrs. Lucy E. Mizer has opened a diet parlor for the accommodation of her customers at the house of Miss Helen Moore in Groton. She is prepared to give attention to scalp-treatment and shampooing, chignon and manicuring and facial-massage. She will also carry a stock of first-class toilet articles and an attendant will be in the parlor from nine o'clock a. m. to six o'clock p. m. daily, and on Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Work done at the homes of patrons by special appointment. Telephone connection.

Mrs. Charles A. Harrington and Mrs. Albert E. Farwell will hold a Christmas sale of fancy and useful home-made articles and hand-decorated china in the lower town hall on Monday and Tuesday afternoons, December 14 and 15, from 1:30 to six o'clock. 213

A Grand Attendance. At the meeting for the discussion of equal suffrage held at Miss G. A. Boutwell's on Tuesday afternoon, December 7, Mrs. Wenona O. Pinkham delivered the address.

The Alliance Christmas sale of last week Thursday was given a good attendance and liberal patronage. The proceeds amounted to upwards of one hundred dollars. The placing of the tables so that they formed a hallway square in the center of the hall was a new arrangement and an improvement over the old way as to convenience to the saleswomen and purchasers. Some very pretty decorations had been planned all ready to be carried out when it was found that such were not permitted by law.

The entertainment in the evening was under the management of Mr. Powers of Powder House road. Everybody was on the qui vive to see and hear what it might be. As no program had been given out, it all proved to

be very amusing and enjoyable, the several numbers greeted with laughter, loud and long and hearty applause. The numbers in the program were:

A quartet of "undergraduates," viz. George Hodgman, Everett Gerrish, William Gleason, Walter Powers. These were called out and introduced singly in a marvellous way. They sang a long, beautiful soprano, "Where the caravan rested" and as an encore "Bonnie Sweet Lass."

Two characters, Mr. and Mrs. Powers, where Mrs. Powers berated her husband in one unbroken long, while he never said a word through it all. Finally it came out that the poor husband had been out buying his wife a birthday present.

The next number caused lots of fun. The manager told the audience that he had discovered a hidden musical talent in Groton. They would now listen to a masked singer and meanwhile be guessing who it was. A masked lady appeared and sang in a clear, beautiful soprano, "Where the caravan rested" and as an encore "Bonnie Sweet Lass."

After the applause had subsided the lady appeared again and was unmasked, showing the well-known features of Rev. P. H. Crosby. This was a double joke. Mr. Crosby was not the singer. She was Mrs. Carroll Swan of Groton, a great-granddaughter of the Powers family.

A graceful Spanish dance in costume by Mrs. Powers and in response by an encore, two Spanish ladies in costume gave Spanish dances. These ladies were Carl J. Lawrence and Harry L. Bruce. This number was joyously given out by a Russian dance.

"A rule musical show" was the last of the program. Mr. Powers was the middleman. The end men were Clarence Elbert and Carroll Swan, accompanied by the entire cast. There were some local hits and some jolly songs. This was the last, but not the least of this humorous and original entertainment carried on so naturally that the audience thought they were quarreling and back talk was in earnest and that is giving much pleasure to the rubes.

Dancing followed the entertainment.

Excellent Concert. The concert by Frank Stanley Tower and assistants on Wednesday evening was one of great excellence, of the highest musical order. The fame of his last year's concert induced music lovers to hear the former Groton boy, who has won more than national recognition. Considering the evening there was a large attendance. An unexpected feature was the Spanish dance, which was given by Mrs. Burnham, a friend of Mr. and Mrs. Tower, who was pleased to come to Groton with them and add to the pleasure of the evening. The proceeds are not all in hand at this time, but satisfactory, giving a good share to the village improvement section of the Woman's club under the management of Mrs. E. K. Harrington. The Groton public hope it will be their good fortune to hear the Tower concert here again at some future time.

Clipping. The following article is taken from the Boston American of December 5: Mrs. Grace Stanwood Ayer, widow of the late public librarian of Cambridge, Cambridge, Mass., has been expected that a secret bride since last August of a student at the Lawrence Academy at Groton, it became known today, when

the marriage return was discovered in the Cambridge and Boston registry offices.

Early in May, when young Bothwell filed wedding intentions at Cambridge, the secret bride denied emphatically that she intended to wed a student. At that time she considered Bothwell's act a lark and declared that she was not going to be married and probably never would be.

Three months later the couple wedded the Church of the Advent on Brimmer street, Boston, and were united in marriage. Since that time they have zealously guarded their secret, and few of their intimate friends knew they were married.

Just where Bothwell and his secret bride are living is a mystery. They have not been seen together by friends for several months.

The young student in his marriage intention gave his bride's address as No. 7 Gray street, Cambridge, and her occupation as a teacher at Groton. He described himself as a student living at No. 5 Kingsdale street, Boston.

The wedding license remained in the files of the Cambridge city clerk's office for months. Bothwell called for it on some occasion, but did not present the card given at the time for the purpose of identification and was refused the license.

Early in August, so officials of the Cambridge city clerk's office say, Mrs. Ayer herself called and secured the license.

With the return of the marriage certificate came a note from Bothwell to the effect that his correct name was Bathwell, and that he desired that the change should be noted.

Bothwell is a Brazilian, and during Mrs. Ayer's residence at Felton Hall, he is remembered by some as a frequent visitor a few years ago, but no one had an inkling of the romance.

Mrs. Bothwell, before her first marriage in 1902 to Mr. Ayer, was Grace Stanwood of Brockton and taught at the high school in that city, where for ten years Mr. Ayer was public librarian. She has two sons.

West Groton. Elmer Small left town last week for his annual winter trip to Florida.

Little Dorothy Blood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Blood, is quite ill with quinsy sore throat.

H. C. Porter, station agent, spent last Saturday in Boston. He saw and greatly enjoyed "The road to happiness," and later journeyed to Athol, the home of his parents, remaining with them over Sunday.

L. A. S. Fair. The Ladies' Aid fair opened on Thursday as advertised. The tables were attractively arranged, decorated in combinations of red and green, the Christmas colors. Before the close of the evening the ladies at the candy table had exchanged their checks for a cash equivalent of something more than ten dollars. It is impossible to speak further of the sales as at time of writing they have not been completed.

The entertainment on Thursday evening was well attended and was pronounced a success. The reading, "Love letters of a life time," by Mrs. C. R. Dudley was illustrated by twenty-five tableaux from the girl and boy of seven to the aged couple of seventy-five. Those who passed were as follows: Evelyn Parker, Mrs. Thompson, Harry and Norman Dodge, Miss Marian Parker, Miss Jessie Robertson, Lee Hixley, Mrs. A. F. Cottrell, Mrs. J. W. Francis, T. G. H. Howard, Miss Bertha Dixie, Edward Webber, Mrs. McCauley, Norman Bates, Raymond Sleeper and A. H. Thompson.

The reading of "Annie Laurie" and "Lullaby" by Mrs. A. W. Lamm during the reading, also, "Home sweet home," by Miss Lawrence, gave added enjoyment.

The vocal solos by Miss Jessie Robertson were heartily enjoyed as were the violin solo by Mr. Reuter, the vocal solos by Harold Gray of Townsend and selections by the local orchestra, Mrs. E. F. Sleeper, Mr. Reuter and Raymond Dodge. The musical program throughout was finely rendered and most enthusiastically received. Scenes from "Mrs. Worry" by Miss Lawrence and Webster Harrington gave a humorous touch fully appreciated by the audience.

Harvard. Mrs. D. W. Ellis and her daughter, Miss Georgie Ellis, of Cambridge, motored up on Monday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. George C. Maynard.

W. F. and P. O. Dickson have closed the sale of a strip of land on the Bare Hill road between the residences of W. H. Fairbank and F. W. Moses, comprising three large building sites, to parties in Brookline, one a Mr. Ekarton and a retired business man, is to build a residence at once. Mr. Ekarton has a wife and two daughters just out of high school. Harvard seems to be a boom town in comparison with surrounding towns. During the past twenty-five years no less than fifty-two new houses have been erected in this town, this not including the houses that have been demolished and in some cases practically rebuilt.

The storm the first of the week has made travel extremely hazardous and other accidents. Fiske Warren had a bad fall at his office building on Wednesday. He fell on the icy walks, cutting his nose and face badly and fracturing two ribs. He is confined to his bed as a result.

Mrs. C. R. White gives her dancing class a reception and ball on Friday evening, December 18, at the town hall.

The Woman's club are agitating in their meetings the question of a water supply for our town. This is certainly a burning question and worthy of discussion. Ideas along this line will be gladly welcomed in the columns of our local paper. There are several ideas in regard to this subject and all worthy of consideration.

Found Guilty. George F. Sanford was fined thirty-five dollars by Judge Jonathan Smith on December 4 in Clinton. He was charged with stealing a can of milk valued at \$1.50 from Edward F. Crowell, and also with stealing seven hens valued at \$7; three bags of meal valued at \$2.75, which belonged to Luther H. Mead.

Sanford was asked if he was willing to return the property named in the complaint to the owners and he said he was. After court Mr. Crowell asked Sanford how many hens he took. He denied that he took any, but Mr. Crowell said that he has lost fifteen. Sanford asked for time in which to pay his fine. Judge Smith granted this request on the condition that he furnish surety in the sum of \$200. He was unable to secure bail and so, as a last resort, Chief Sampson came to his place in Harvard that afternoon in company with Constable Hanna and a woman from Marlborough, who it is said was Sanford's sister. He had about 150 hens and enough of the biddies were taken to amount to thirty-five dollars, the total of the fine. Sanford was then released from custody.

Still River. Seventeen ladies of the village met in the chapel on Wednesday to sew for the Red Cross. There were several sewing machines brought in and much was accomplished. Lunch was served at noon and all had a pleasant time.

We are all sorry to learn that Mrs. Caruth is in danger of losing the sight of one eye. She has had trouble for some time and a short time ago she sent to her daughter's in Gardner and is still there under the care of an eye specialist, who gives no hope that the sight can be saved. Her many friends most sincerely sympathize with her and hope the trouble will not extend to the other eye.

Mrs. Alice M. Haskell entertained the Birthday club on Thursday afternoon.

The Boston and Maine railroad are making much needed improvements at the station. For some time the sewer pipe has been clogged, causing bad odors in the waiting room. This week men are putting in new sewer pipes and when these are laid modern arrangements will be put in the toilet room to replace the present antiquated ones which were installed nearly forty years ago.

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Saturday, December 12, 1914.

AYER.

News Items.  
Ever since the first issue of this paper, forty-seven years ago, it has been our constant aim to make it one of the best local papers in the state, and judging from the favorable comments of the patrons of this paper, we have succeeded.

At the meeting of Robert Burns Lodge, I. O. O. F., Tuesday evening, one candidate was initiated. At the meeting to be held Tuesday evening, December 15, the first degree will be conferred on one candidate.

The Ayer Club gave a reception and dance in Hardy's hall, Tuesday evening, to those outside the club who took part in the drama, "Neighbor Jack," which was recently presented in Page hall. All had a very pleasant time. Refreshments were served.

Walter A. Blodgett left the employ of Fletcher Bros. last Saturday night, where he has worked for several years. His place will be taken by David H. Walsh, who takes up his new duties next Monday. Mr. Blodgett is in company with Joseph M. Markham will soon open a tobacco and confectionery store in J. J. Barry's new store.

The private dancing club gave a sheet and pillow case party in Hardy's hall last week Friday evening, which was a very enjoyable affair.

The next meeting of the Woman's club will be given by the "Topics of the Day" class on Wednesday, December 16, at three o'clock. It is hoped that as many of the club members as possible will be present and each be prepared to respond to the roll call of current events. The club of Tuesday evening, the 8th of December, will give a grand concert in the town hall, under the auspices of the Woman's club.

The following is a list of the officers elected at a special meeting of the W. U. C. T. U. on Tuesday evening: Eileen G. Sawyer, pres.; Charlotte H. Knox, sec.; Mrs. C. Woodwell, v. pres.; Mrs. L. Lovely, treas.; Mrs. D. Scroton, chap.; Alice M. Crawford, con.; Etta Craig, read.; Millie M. Beverly and Juliet E. Allen, del. to dept. con.

The ladies of the Unitarian Alliance wish to thank the church for the part or in any way assisted in the pageant play.

Rev. G. W. H. Troop of Waltham will preach in the Unitarian church next Sunday morning.

H. L. Phillips of Greenfield was in town last week Friday to see his father, H. H. Phillips, who is quite feeble and confined to his bed. His son left for Nashua that afternoon on a visit to his sister Susan and returned with his wife and daughter on Sunday and remained with his father till the afternoon, when he returned to Greenfield.

The Unitarian Girls' club held a successful sale in the church vestry last Wednesday afternoon. The decorations were in Christmas colors, red and green, and the tables were in charge of the following club members: Nancy Atwood, Miss Wright, Mrs. C. M. Murphy and Miss Belle Murphy, candy boxes, Misses Whitcomb and Redwood; food sale, Misses Pillsbury, Mrs. Authier and Miss Cochrane; mystery packages, Miss Louisa. The next club meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. C. Kinney, Wednesday evening, December 16.

The 25th annual meeting of the Unitarian Social Gathering will be held at the home of Mrs. C. Kinney, Tuesday, December 15, at three o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Robbins attended the meeting of the State Grange at Worcester, where they were delegates from Ayer Grange. Mrs. Emma Woods also took part in the meeting.

The drama, "The Boy and the Girl," will be the feature of the Saturday afternoon show in Page hall. The drama, a western drama, will be a close second in importance. The drama is a two-act play, "The Boy and the Girl," and "Such a Hunter." Good singing and good music. Matinee at three and evening at eight sharp. The management will put on an especially fine program for Christmas day. The famous picture, "The shadows of the past," in three parts, will be the feature. Another good one is the masked frolic, "The two parts," presented by Mrs. C. Bushman, the noted artist. The matinee show will commence at three o'clock and the evening show at eight o'clock. The program and advertisement in another column giving details of show.

Leonard A. Bowler was found guilty of disturbing the peace and drunkness Tuesday, on the former complaint he was fined twenty dollars, and the latter complaint was fined. A. J. Coughlin was also found guilty of both offenses and placed on probation for six months.

Alfred J. Tetrenail, formerly of Ayer, is awaiting the action of the grand jury at Taunton for assault and intent to rob. He is a barber by trade and formerly worked here.

Up to date there have been over 275 persons who have been before the local court this year charged with vagrancy. Most all tell the same story of being on the road looking for work and in trying to find friends to assist them. They account for their inability to find employment to the hard times and their stories in the main have all the elements of truth. The men came from all parts of the country and embrace practically every nationality. The above number is by far the largest that has ever applied in the time mentioned for food and shelter. At the expiration of the year, January 1, at the present rate, the number for the year will probably be about 300. They have become so common that their appearance has long since ceased to become a matter of news so far as their records are concerned.

A new soda fountain arrived this week Friday for Joseph M. Markham and Walter A. Blodgett to be used in their store in Barry's new block.

It is reported that Richard Kittredge and Miss Louise Leighton have been married.

Wednesday morning, after Chief Beatty had put several hoboes through the court and given them the usual refreshment of the number had for work. One of the number had



Holiday Greetings

With only two weeks' time to do the Christmas shopping our thoughts naturally turn to Christmas Gifts. What is more practical and more appreciated by the men and boys than some article of wearing apparel? Our Christmas Goods are all in, the newest styles and patterns in Men's and Boys' Clothing, Furnishings, Shoes and Slippers. Come in while the variety is good and let us help you make your selections. Here are a few suggestions:

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- Mackinaw Coats ..... \$5.00 to \$8.50
- Bath Robes ..... \$3.50 to \$6.00
- Men's and Ladies' Sweaters ..... \$1.00 to \$7.00
- Men's and Ladies' Umbrellas ..... 50¢ to \$5.00
- Men's and Ladies' Slippers and Moccasins ..... 50¢ to \$2.00
- Bags and Suit Cases ..... \$1.25 to \$6.00
- Neckties of all kinds in Christmas Boxes ..... 25¢ to \$1.00
- Arm Bands in Christmas Boxes..... 25¢ and 50¢
- Gloves in Christmas Boxes..... 25¢ to \$3.50
- Braces in Christmas Boxes ..... 25¢ and 50¢
- Men's Linen Handkerchiefs, with initial ..... 15¢, 25¢ and 50¢
- Men's Japanese Handkerchiefs, initial ..... 10¢ and 15¢
- Men's Silk Handkerchiefs, with initial ..... 25¢ and 50¢
- Combination Necktie and Handkerchief Sets in Christmas Boxes ..... 75¢ and \$1.00

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been given a plum of tobacco in addition to a substantial breakfast. At the moment when the chief's back was turned he took leg bail and the last seen of him was in rapid flight through the upper railroad yard, going toward Harvard. If this particular individual ever comes to Ayer again he need not be surprised if he receives a cool reception by the chief.

Chief Beatty, although making strenuous efforts to enforce the law concerning the removal of snow from sidewalks, he has not been entirely successful. Many of the delinquents when censured for not complying with the law, say that as the sidewalks abutting town property are never cleaned and say that as the town made the law it ought to show good example in complying with it. The walks on the entire length of Main street and East Main street are now cleared except those in front of town property.

Remember that Ayer is the place to do your Christmas shopping. There are in this town fourteen or more first-class stores that carry a large and fine assortment of seasonal goods suitable for holiday gifts that will bring you the best of what you need and what you want.

Dr. R. B. Carter, who has been with Dr. Gilson the past season, has been offered a better money-value position in the city. Where conditions and prices can be obtained for his services. He will sever his connection with Ayer and be again working at his new position December 7.

This week Friday evening is the first of the nine evenings of evangelistic meetings at the Methodist church. The church will be open for present services will also be held on Saturday evening, Sunday morning and evening and every night next week. These services are but one aim—to present the gospel of Jesus Christ, and invite men and women to accept it. Please consider that you are welcome to all our meetings.

Mrs. J. W. Thomas and her sister, Miss Amy Covell, visited friends in Cambridge and Worcester last week.

The heavy snow storm of Monday night made travelling hazardous. The electric cars and steam trains were slightly delayed.

Benjamin M. Spaulding has been visiting with relatives in Leominster.

Married on Tuesday evening, December 8, at the Baptist parsonage, by Rev. G. W. Thomas, Ralph Maylin of Shirley, and Miss Florence L. Hill of Leominster.

A large number of the members of the Baptist church went to Groton in last week Friday evening to attend services conducted by Rev. Mr. W. Phillips, who has held similar services here in the past.

The annual communication of the Congregational Church will be held on Tuesday evening, December 15, at three o'clock.

E. A. Whitney has received a new lot of horses this week. Call and look them over.

J. J. Barry & Co., Ayer, expect to move into their new store on Tuesday, December 15, and will open up with a grand sale of household goods, etc., at reasonable prices. The store will be open every evening until Christmas from the above date. See advertisement for bargains.

Mrs. Frank S. Bennett attended on Wednesday the twentieth anniversary of the Fitchburg Woman's club.

The Unitarian Alliance held a pleasant social afternoon with Mrs. Albert Phelps on Thursday.

At the meeting of the Unitarian Social gathering on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Marie M. Clark, plans were made for the annual meeting. Refreshments were served.

correcting faults of all sorts, in a way that must have set her hearers to thinking, for there was a lively fire of questions at the close of the lecture.

These officers of Capt. Geo. V. Barrett camp, S. O. V., were chosen at the regular meeting Thursday evening, J. W. Wentworth, ch.; Holden C. Barlow, svt. James M. Boutwell, J. V. C.; Leon A. Downing, sec.; E. E. Sawyer, treas.; J. C. Davenport, E. E. Evans, Frank Mason, C. E. B. Hallow, chap.; John H. Craig, e. b.; Fred Scroton, g.; Frank Mason, J. Lawrence Heath, l. g.; Elliott Barrett, o. g.; Ellis B. Harlow, mus. One candidate was mustered in.

Miss Maude Whitaker was called to South Dennis, Wednesday, to aid her sister, Mrs. Laura Allen, in caring for Mr. Allen, her husband, who is seriously ill.

Charles W. Mason leaves this Saturday for Tampa, Fla., where he intends to spend the winter.

A good suggestion has come to our attention which is that in this cold, dry weather, the birds should be remembered. The humane custom prevails in many places of throwing corn or other food out doors so that our feathered friends may escape the sufferings incident to lack of food.

On page seven will be found some interesting Ayer articles.

Deaths.  
Mrs. Miriam O. Hill, widow of Jason P. Hill and mother of George H. Hill, died at her home on Pleasant street Thursday night at 11.15.

At the time of going to press definite arrangements have not been made but it is expected that the funeral services will be held at the house on Sunday afternoon at 1.30. Interment will be in the family lot at Shirley Center.

Miss Clara Sophia Whitney died at the home of Mrs. L. T. Tutus on West street, where she has lived for several years, Wednesday. Miss Whitney was born in Harvard June 1, 1856, and for years has been in ill health. Death was due to pleurisy pneumonia with epilepsy as a contributing cause. The remains were taken to Harvard for interment, which took place this week Friday. She was the daughter of Samuel F. and Sarah T. Gardner. Whitney. Harry F. Whitney of Harvard is a brother.

William H. Conklin, a native of this town, died in Philadelphia, on Sunday, December 6, at the age of sixty-nine years. When he left here he went to work as a master mechanic at the old Worcester steel works, and from there he went to the electric light company of that city and remained with them as their superintendent from the time the company was established in 1883 until 1911 and since then he has been living in Philadelphia. His father was a man of over six feet tall and was employed by the Worcester and Nashua railroad as measurer of wood, as the locomotives at that time were being built. His house stood where is now the lively stable of E. A. Whitney with the present open lot in front.

The house many years ago was bought by Bridget Mahoney and she had it moved to Shirley street and it is the house next to the one now occupied by Mrs. Margaret Mason, and formerly owned and occupied by Wm. Payne and family, who moved to Pittsburgh many years ago.

When Mr. Conklin took the position of superintendent of the electric light company of Worcester he moved to that city with his mother and four sisters. One of his sisters, Bridget, died here. He leaves a family in Philadelphia and two of his sisters are living.

W. C. T. U.  
The W. C. T. U. held a very interesting meeting in the Baptist vestry on Friday afternoon of last week. At the close of the business session the Royal Temperance legion were invited to come in and spend a pleasant hour with the union. A pleasant feature of this occasion was the recitation of a poem by Miss Edna Mosher, entitled, "A rose for the minister's wife" and the presentation of a beautiful pink rose and a sterling silver souvenir. W. C. T. U. spoon to Mrs. J. W. Thomas, a gift from the L. T. L. Mrs. Thomas, although taken completely by surprise, responded in a very feeling manner, thanking the legion for the gifts and their much appreciated thoughtfulness in so kindly remembering her.

Refreshments of ice cream, cake and cocoa were served by the W. C. T. U.

Clipping.  
The following clipping was taken from the Hudson Dispatch of Weehawken Heights, N. J., relative to the appointment of Frank A. Balch, a native of this town and a graduate of the Ayer public schools, to the newly-created position of supervising

principal of the Weehawken public schools. Mr. Balch is a brother of George W. Balch of Shirley and is well known to all the other residents in this district. His successful and rapid rise in his chosen career is a source of gratification to his many friends in this locality.

"I consider my appointment to the supervising principalship of the Weehawken public schools by the Board of Education as an expression of confidence," said Principal Frank A. Balch, at his home, 201 Jane street, Weehawken Heights, last night.

"It came as a great surprise to me," continued Mr. Balch, "but I am prepared to give all the assistance possible to the board in carrying out the work of the present school system."

Although the resolution providing for a supervising principal should go into effect immediately, no appointment was made whereby the newly appointed principal will receive an increase in salary. At the present time his salary is \$2000, and whether this will be increased or not, no one is able to say.

It was the consensus of opinion that the newly created office was to be made quite a success when, on Wednesday night, the resolution for the appointment was read at the meeting. It was received without a murmur, and the members of the board showed plainly they were surprised.

When asked by a representative of the Hudson Dispatch whether he would be ready to accept the position, Mr. Balch said: "I firmly believe in individuality, and when it is taken from a capable principal efficient methods of school teaching are lost."

"The members of the Board of Education are all business men, and although they give a great deal of their time to the school, they are not in conjunction with them in carrying out their educational plans," said Mr. Balch. "I have been appointed to work with them in this matter, and I will do the best I can to carry out the present methods employed in the educating of our children."

It is believed that there are many ways of bettering conditions in the schools, and in the course of time I hope to do many things with the cooperation of the other principals. At the present time I will act as principal of No. 2 school, and carry on the work of supervising principal of the three schools."

Principal Balch has been the ruling head of School No. 2 for the past sixteen years, coming from the Hoboken academy in the year 1897. While in Hoboken he taught English and arithmetic classes, and being successful, left to take charge of the Heights school, at Ayer and Jane streets.

A native of Ayer and graduated from our public schools and attended the high school in this town. He also graduated from the state normal school at Bridgewater in 1888. After leaving school he taught in the public schools of Chester, Pa. Being quite successful there he took a position as principal of a grammar school at Ayer, Mass., and after a year gave it up for a better offer at Lyndon, Vt. Leaving there in 1885 he went to Hoboken, N. J., where he taught in the German academy, now known as the Hoboken academy. Then in September, 1897, he went to Weehawken, where he has had a most successful career in public school teaching.

Mr. Balch lives with his wife and son at Jane street, Weehawken Heights, N. J. His young son, whose name is Seymour, twelve years of age, attends school No. 2, and is one of the brightest pupils of the eighth grade.

Fair and Entertainment.  
The entertainment given by Herbert A. Clarke, of Waltham, under the auspices of Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. O. V., and George S. Boutwell, W. R., in Page hall last week Friday evening, was one of the best ever presented here. Mr. Clarke kept the audience interested every minute during the time he occupied the stage and his efforts were repeatedly applauded. His impersonations and musical and vocal selections have rarely been equaled and never surpassed locally. In addition he made many humorous "bits" some of our well-known citizens being the victims, which added greatly to the pleasure of the occasion. Mr. Clarke's "making-up" for his impersonations and musical and vocal selections were made without leaving the stage and in full view of the audience. The entertainment was given in connection with a supper and sale on Thursday and Friday evenings, all of which were successes in every way.

Successful Affair.  
The sale and entertainment of the ladies of the Congregational church on Thursday afternoon in Page hall was very successful. It opened at

two o'clock with the women on duty at the various tables arranged around the hall. At the fancy table were Mrs. G. Wood and Mrs. McMillan. A thriving business in candy was conducted by Mrs. Charles Haslam, Mrs. John Lentz, Mrs. Charles Brown, Mrs. A. M. Sargent and Mrs. Eva Harlow. The food table was in charge of Mrs. Lester Whitcomb and Mrs. Snow, while the grab bag made fun for everyone in care of Miss Worcester Stone and Miss Mildred Sanderson. In the evening the hall was well filled with an audience that listened intently and applauded generously the impersonator, Miss Marion Hertha Clarke, who gave skillfully and charmingly the play "Peg o' my heart."

News Items.  
The fair given by the Ladies' Social Circle was very successful in every way. The chicken supper was excellent and Miss Eleanor Soule Hayden of Cambridge proved a first-class entertainer. Her playing on the organ, chimes, mandolin and xylophone delighted everyone and added to the very vocal solos by Mr. Cook of Littleton and Miss Martha Hale of Acton, both popular here. The tables were well filled with useful and fancy articles and what remained was auctioned off by Mr. Cook, who again added to the interest of the evening by consenting to serve as auctioneer.

Thursday morning the sad news of the very sudden death of Rev. F. P. Wood of Acton reached us. He was often heard here as an exchange with our pastor and well liked and his many fine qualities deeply appreciated by his friends.

Mrs. Louisa Priest passed her ninety-first birthday last Tuesday in her usual good health and spirit. She received many postal and gifts and enjoyed a card party in the afternoon.

Benjamin F. Hayward of this town and Miss Mary T. Galvin of Orient Heights were married Wednesday at the bride's home. They will live with Mr. Hayward's mother for the present.

Arthur Houghton of Worcester was a week-end guest at C. T. Wetherbee's.

The ice this week has caused many ladies and minor mishaps, but thus far nothing serious has been reported, but dignity has had to be discarded until a warm spell comes.

The selectmen say that all reports and bills and accounts must be in by December 20, owing to the change in the date of the annual town meeting.

The Neighborhood club was entertained on Monday afternoon by Mrs. Albert Hartwell and the reading of Lord Grimthorpe completed. Further reading of George Meredith's works will be taken up this winter.

Mrs. Earle Littlefield entertained the West Acton Whist club very delightfully on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richardson and Mrs. George Burroughs attended the meeting of the State Grange at Worcester this week.

Mrs. E. L. Bartlett, Mrs. Ada Durkee, Mrs. M. L. Whitcomb and Mrs. C. R. Blum enjoyed a day in Boston on Wednesday.

Miss Judith of Concord Junction was the guest of Mrs. Vets for the fair.

Miss Edith Withington of Fitchburg is visiting her aunt, Mrs. John Cobleigh.

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Paris Sleds 50¢ to 85¢  
Food Choppers \$1.00 and \$1.25  
Bread Mixers \$1.98  
Mop Wringers \$1.25  
Clothes Wringers \$2.50 to \$4.50  
Wash Boilers \$1.60 to \$3.50  
Ash Cans \$1.50 and \$2.00  
Ash Sifters 35¢ to \$2.25  
Pocket Knives 25¢ to \$1.00  
Sad Irons, set of three \$1.25 and \$1.50  
Electric Flat Irons \$3.25  
Pyrene Fire Extinguishers \$7.00  
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PEPPERELL.

About Town.

The Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church will hold their annual Christmas sale Thursday, December 17, commencing at three o'clock in the afternoon and continuing through the evening. In addition to the usual lines there will be a display of the "Cleansing" laundry bag and the "So-and-so" sewing bag in charge of Mrs. George J. Talster. The table will be in charge of Mrs. Margaret Sylvester and aprons in charge of Mrs. Handley and Mrs. Smalley. Christmas novelties and cards will be sold by Mrs. McMurray and Mrs. Farley and candy of the home-made kind will be sold by Misses Farley and Sylvester. The ice cream will be in charge of Mrs. Andrews. At eight there will be a musical program and the Christmas play, "Why Santa Claus comes in December," will be given by sixteen children.

Superintendent A. R. Paul attended a superintendent's convention at Fitchburg on Wednesday.

Mrs. Frank Gilman of Gardner was in town on Tuesday for a short time, being on her way to Brookline, N. H., to visit her daughter, Mrs. Henry Bailey.

Carleton Bolles has a position as bookkeeper at the Boston and Maine carshop at Billerica.

Miss Alva Crawford, accompanied by her friend, Mr. Dixon, came from Nashua, N. H., on Sunday for a short visit at the home of her aunt, Mrs. F. B. Simmons.

Mrs. E. L. Farbell was thrown from a sleigh on Tuesday morning and severely injured. She was taken to the hospital and is recovering. The accident happened near her home and she was alone in the sleigh. The sleigh was overturned and she was thrown out. She was taken to the hospital and is recovering.

The Nashua River Paper mills at Hollingsworth have been shut down this week.

Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson, who has been making an extended stay with relatives in New York state, is expected home the last of this week. Her friends in social life and church work will be glad to welcome her back among them, as she has been much missed.

Rev. P. R. Stratton attended the meeting of the Pomona Grange at Leominster on Thursday last week. At the meeting of Acoma Bokokah lodge held on Tuesday evening, December 8, two officers were installed, being performed by the regular officers in a fine manner. A musical program followed vocal solos being rendered by Mildred Morgan and Mrs. Elsie Copp and piano solos by Helen M. Robbins. Refreshments of sandwiches, cake, waters and cocoa were served.

Attribute Bros. have filled fish to their stock of groceries with Ames Mahoney in charge.

The family of A. D. Prescott, who have been occupying the house on Main street near the garage, are to move to Lowell, where Mr. Prescott has employment there.

Charles Messer and Louis Bernard are making arrangements to harvest ice on Blake's mill pond, as soon as it thickens to the required number of inches.

Our congratulations to the editor and publisher on its improved appearance with its additional column. The town schools close Friday, December 18, for two weeks' vacation over the holidays.

Frank E. Turner was in Boston on business on Saturday last. On his return he was accompanied by his brother-in-law, C. E. Marsh, of Athol, who spent Sunday with his relatives at Twin Valley farm.

Percy J. Benedict has purchased a farm at North Brookfield and intends to take up his residence there, with his family in a short time.

Frederic Belcher of Winchester was a week-end guest at the home of his brother-in-law, George E. Shattuck, at Brookdale farm.

The no school signal for the grades was sounded Tuesday morning, giving the youngsters a fine opportunity to enjoy an all-day vacation on the fine ice crust, as it turned out a fine day.

Elmer A. Gilson resumed his work at the Nashua River Paper Company as night electrical engineer on Monday, it having been twenty-two weeks last Friday, December 4, since the injury to his arm.

Holman, the photographer, intends moving from town with his family, as he has a position offered him in a studio in Lawrence. His goods are to be put on the cars with the exception of his auto, which will be moved into the possession of Tower, the printer, with whom Mr. Holman has had some business dealings.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas M. Nokes entertained friends and relatives at their home on December 2, which was the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding. Refreshments were served to those who called during the afternoon and chicken supper was enjoyed in the evening by the immediate families of Mr. and Mrs. Nokes. The rooms were prettily decorated with evergreens and flowers and several beautiful gifts were received, including china and table linen, also cards and letters of congratulation. A family pitcher, which has been in the luster for several years, was presented to Mrs. Nokes by her mother, Mrs. George Smith.

Edward Robbins of Boston visited his mother, Mrs. Florence Robbins, in town on Tuesday, as he starts for California this week for the winter.

Mrs. John McGrath has closed her house on Main street and is assisting

in the household of Rev. D. R. Child for the winter.

It is understood that Jerry Sullivan, whose disappearance was reported last week, had been heard of, or from, at Newburyport.

Mrs. Robert Gardner is quite ill with decided symptoms of appendicitis, though her consent for an operation cannot be gained by her physician.

The E. V. S. club held a most pleasant social meeting at the home of Mrs. Nathaniel Appleton on Wednesday afternoon, December 2. The rehearsal of music was held that the members might become familiar with several songs. Miss Jordan acting as emcee, the evening was very enjoyable. There was a large attendance in spite of the rainy weather. Delicious refreshment were served by the hostess and a general good time was enjoyed.

Mrs. Burton K. Humphrey acted as hostess to a company of about fifteen invited guests on Friday evening of last week at her home on High street. Most of them were interested in the work of the L. S. who are holding a series of these social meetings to aid in raising a certain sum of money. On this occasion the usual good time was enjoyed by a few gentlemen, the meeting being purposely held in the evening for their benefit. A very merry party enjoyed the company of the hostess and the social hour, when refreshments were served.

Louis Euphish, a former resident in town, but now residing in Waltham, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Frederick on Tuesday.

Patrick Powers is quite ill at his home on Mill street with ulcers in the stomach.

The members of the Ready Workers' circle held a pleasant and profitable meeting at the home of Mrs. Ellery Davis on Thursday evening of last week. The hostess served an appetizing chafing-dish supper. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Kate Dunlop on Tuesday evening, December 15.

Miss Edna Kittredge spent Thursday of last week in Leominster with relatives attending, also the meeting of the Pomona state grange.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas M. Nokes announce the engagement of their daughter, Gertrude June, to Victor Geizer of Pepperell.

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J. J. Parry & Co., Ayer, expect to move into their new store on Tuesday, December 15, and will open up with a complete line of household goods, etc., at reasonable prices. The store will be open every evening until Christmas, from the above date. See advertisement for bargains.

The regular monthly meeting of the District Nurse association was held at the home of Rev. D. R. Child on Monday evening, December 7. The attendance was not large, owing to the bad weather and slippery walks, but reports were read and approved.

Mr. and Mrs. George Parke and two children, who have been visiting Mrs. Parke's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bart, returned to their home at Burlington, Vt., on Thursday. Mrs. Parke and her children have been here some weeks and Mr. Parke came recently to return with them.

The top ladies who constitute the Wide-awake Whist club met on Monday evening in spite of weather and walking at the home of Mrs. Helen Pike on Main street. The evening passed pleasantly with the games, the social chat and the delicious dishes of home-made confectionery served by the hostess. The first prize was won by Mrs. E. L. Farbell and Mrs. F. B. Simmons, the third by Mrs. Jones Hazen and the fourth by Mrs. Lunt. The consolation prize fell to Mrs. D. W. Hazen.

The saw mill operated by John Sartelle of Mr. Leighton has been running for more than a week past. S. M. Nokes and Victor Geizer have the contract for drawing the logs into the mill.

J. N. Shattuck sustained a serious injury to his left arm on Wednesday by falling on the icy sidewalk in that part of the town where no sand was applied. It was at first feared that the elbow was dislocated. He will not be able to use his arm for some time.

Fred Davidson, from Pittsfield, Me., has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Shattuck, Groton, since the time of his return from the farm formerly owned by John B. Barrett, of Brookfield and Worcester streets, has been sold to Worcester Brothers, of Hollis. It is understood they intend to cut it in two and haul it to the mill at West Hollis station.

Reginald Dudley was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Marshall. He has resigned his position as night electrical engineer at the Lowell plant and is now in charge of the electrical work for San Francisco, Cal., where he has accepted a position in a private hospital. Mrs. Dudley will remain here at her old home until the end of the year, if not longer.

The Forward club held a pleasant social at the Congregational vestry on Friday evening of last week. The important part of the business of the evening was the vote to purchase a table to be placed at the altar of the church bearing the name of the church and of the pastor and the hosts of the day.

The high school girls club will discontinue their meetings during the busy holiday season. The first meeting after the holidays will be held on January 6, at the home of Mrs. Mrs. Merrill and her mother, Mrs. Constance of the work of Kate Douglas Wiggins.

Mrs. Horner Kellon of Mohale, Ala., and her sister, Mrs. Abbie Barrett of Nashua, N. H., were Sunday guests at the home of their cousin, Mrs. Daniel Hynes.

An entertainment and dance is being arranged by P. H. S. to take place in Prescott hall on the evening of December 13. One very commendable feature is a spelling match which will be arranged between the sophomores and the juniors. This may prove but a spasmodic attempt toward better spelling, but it has been recognized in the past that some of the graduates of the P. H. S., although perhaps fine Latin pupils, lacked the ability to write a letter in the English language, correctly spelled and punctuated.

The Woman's club will meet at Saunders' hall Tuesday afternoon, December 15. There will be a lecture, "Normal diet for a healthy body. What shall we eat? What shall we drink?" Given by Mrs. Harriet L. E. Darling.

Oak Hill hall was well filled Tuesday evening by a lecture in an entertaining manner given for the benefit of the Christmas fund for the Sunday school. The children of Oak Hill school gave a very little afternoon program about Thanksgiving time, with recitations and exercises. They were

thely drilled by the teacher, Miss Marlon Bodwell, and by request this program was repeated on Tuesday evening. There was also a very interesting tableau, representing the Indian maiden, Pocahontas, saving the life of Capt. John Smith, the scene being portrayed in a very realistic manner. There was also a reading by Mrs. Fred A. Parker and an amusing illustrated song given by Mrs. Edmund S. Blodgett and his daughter, Catherine. At the close of the program much merriment was excited by an auction of Christmas cards, candles and novelties. George H. Stewart made most interesting and interesting and the articles were well disposed of. The proceeds from the whole affair were very satisfactory.

Deaths. Mrs. Carrie Augusta (Shattuck), wife of Charles F. Kemp, died Thursday, December 10, of heart trouble, at her home on Heald street. The deceased was born in Townsend June 4, 1815, making her age 99 yrs. and 6 mos. She was the daughter of Reuben and Olivia (Wagon) Shattuck of that town and was married to Charles F. Kemp of Groton March 1, 1855, making their fiftieth marriage anniversary near.

The family resided in Groton until their removal to Pepperell, twenty-four years ago, living at first in the house on Townsend street now owned by P. F. Sullivan. They removed to their present home on Heald street about eighteen years ago.

Mrs. Kemp had been in poor health for the past several years, but continued to her bed one day. During the days of her failing strength she has been ministered to and tenderly cared for by her husband and son and her neighbors. She was of a quiet disposition and was rarely seen out of her home, but she is held in high esteem by all who knew her. A tribute of high praise was given by one who knew her best, that she was never heard to utter an unkind word against anyone. The orphan boy, Ernest Clauson, speaks of her kindness to him and grieves for her death as for a mother.

She is survived by a husband, a son who resided at home, Edwin Kemp, and a son, Elwyn Kemp of Groton. Also, one sister, Mrs. John Smith of Lunenburg.

Services were held at her late home on Saturday afternoon, Rev. J. B. Lewis officiating.

The following is a list of the flowers sent by her friends and relatives: Sprays—Asters, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Shattuck, white carnations, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Chase, carnations, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lawrence, Mrs. R. E. Farbell and Mrs. Walter Corey, carnations, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fitch and family.

Burial was at Woodlawn, the bereaved being George and Mrs. Shattuck and Addison Woodard, Willis Perry, Fred Bennett, Willis Chase and Louis Shattuck of this town.

It has been remarked that Mrs. Kemp's death was the third to occur on Heald street within a few weeks. In each case, also, a wife and mother was taken, and from homes very near each other.

Thomas Smith, aged seventy-six years, died of apoplexy at the home of Charles St. John, at South Hollis, N. H., on Friday, December 11. He was a native of Nyack, N. Y., and was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted as a member of Co. E, 2d Regiment Connecticut Heavy Artillery and served his allotted time. He was a very close friend of the family of Mr. St. John by whom he was regarded, in turn, almost as a relative. He had a son, J. H. Smith, who is present home about a month, so far as is known he leaves no relatives whose whereabouts are known, as his only son being dead for some time and has not been heard from for several years. His wife was deceased some years previous to this.

Services were held at his late home on Monday, December 14, at 10 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Decker of Brookline, N. H., officiated and made fitting allusion to the service the deceased had rendered to his country, by the national colors draped about the casket. Burial was in the South cemetery, Brookline, N. H.

Edward J. the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Supple, of Tarbell street, died on Sunday last, after an illness of only a few days of diphtheria. He was a very bright child. There was one of a large family of children, the older members having attended school up to the time a physician was called for. The family were then placed in quarantine and it is very much hoped that no new cases will develop, as the case seemed of a malignant type. The burial of the child occurred on Monday morning at St. Joseph's cemetery.

Grange Notes. A special meeting of Pleasant Grange was called on Friday evening, December 11, for the purpose of electing the third and fourth degrees of a class of candidates. There was a large attendance, more than eighty persons present. The candidates were: Bro. Silas and Hollis, N. H. Littleton and Westford. Among those coming from Groton were: Mildred S. Sawyer, past master of Groton state grange, and Mrs. Sawyer. Among those from Lunenburg were Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Colburn.

The Ladies degree staff, under the direction of Mrs. Phoebe A. Kemp, worked the third degree in their usual efficient and praiseworthy manner. The fourth degree was worked by the regular officers.

No program was given as the degree work occupied so much of the evening. A fine collation of sandwiches, assorted cake, coffee, fruit and candies was served under the direction of the committee composed of P. J. Kemp, Mrs. Louise Lunt, Mrs. Elmina Shattuck and Lloyd Bancroft. The election of officers occurs this week Friday evening.

Sale and Entertainment. The ladies constituting the December committee of the L. S. C. of the Unitarian church held a successful winter sale and supper at Central hall on Thursday afternoon and evening, December 3. The stage was devoted to the tables of various articles for sale, consisting of the usual approved most attractive to the younger set, were the grab bags in charge of Mrs. W. A. Parker, which were made to resemble a well-filled Christmas stocking.

The supper committee left nothing

unprovided for, either in the culinary line or the decorations. Bright hued Christmas balls, lighted up with candles of red and white, made the long supper tables most attractive. They received a goodly patronage all showing much interest in the genuine Christmas publishing.

A rare treat was given all who attended the entertainment held at eight o'clock in Prescott hall, when Miss Martha Chase of New York appeared as the singer of "The Song of My Heart." To say that she met all expectations is but to praise. Miss Chase not only gave a pleasing representation of the play, but her personality and wonderful rendering of such phases of the play are her most admirably portrayed.

Miss Chase followed the play with a beautiful song, "The Song of My Heart." The public generally have reason to thank the members of the committee who planned so fine an entertainment and who supported the same. The financial returns were satisfactory.

Nineteenth Birthday Anniversary. Mrs. Walter E. Jewett celebrated the anniversary of her birthday on Friday, December 11, having reached the age of forty-nine years and ten months. She is a kind and hearty in spite of her many sorrows and one would suspect them to be many. She is still fond of assuming certain cares about her household and is physically able to attend to them.

During the afternoon and evening the cosy rooms of her home on Townsend street were well filled by the many relatives and neighbors. She was the recipient of many gifts, useful, beautiful and to some ones, and a shower of post cards and letters of congratulation from relatives, relatives and friends. Prominent among her guests were a niece, Mrs. Quincy Cole, from Bedford, with a grand-nephew, Harry Jackson of West Somerville, came to the occasion. Rev. J. B. Lewis, her pastor, and Mrs. Lewis also called during the afternoon.

The table cloth used was one Mrs. Jewett had before her marriage sixty-six years ago. This speaks of the caretaking of old-time housekeepers. Mrs. Jewett was assisted in receiving her guests by Mrs. Alice Spencer, by whom dainty refreshments were served each guest.

It is noteworthy that on former occasions her birthday anniversary it had never happened that the aged lady had been presented with a birthday cake, but on this occasion she had a large one, finely decorated in different ways, that presented by her daughter bearing the dates 1824-1914. The others, presented by Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Appleton and Mrs. Chase, were daintily decorated with cherries or bright candies or flowers.

It was made a bright memorable anniversary for the aged lady.

Congregational Church Notes. The Forward club had charge of the prayer meeting last Tuesday evening. The topic was "The American Highlanders." Miss Martha E. Swinerton was the leader. Misses Fannie F. Tower, Marguerite Carter, Flora Peabody, Edith Day, Ruth Miller and Mrs. M. A. Adams were assigned. The Forward club recently contributed material for the domestic science department of one of the mountain academies.

The Methodist church will have a prayer meeting on Sunday morning, December 13, at 10 o'clock. The choir are busy with Christmas music to be held on December 20 at both morning and evening services.

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