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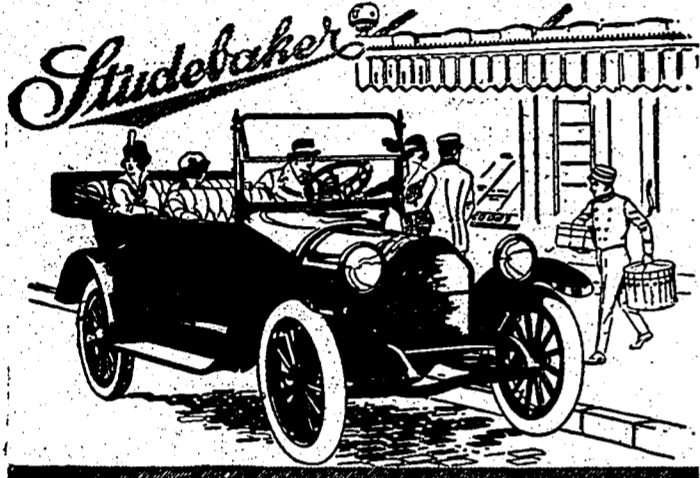
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### HARVARD

**News Items.**  
E. N. Calkins, of North Abington, is visiting his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Calkins.  
A petition has been posted, signed by twelve citizens of Harvard and addressed to the county commissioners of Worcester county, praying them to relocate or repair that part of the county road laying on the road from Harvard to Still River. A meeting of the county commissioners is to be held at the town hall, Harvard, at ten o'clock on the morning of June 23, and all persons interested are requested to be present. This petition has been circulated with the idea that the county may appropriate a sum of money to be used in connection with the \$10,000 already raised by the town and highway commission to be used in constructing a piece of state road between Harvard and Still River.

Mr. L. I. Brown returns this week Saturday from a week's trip to New York city, where she has been in company with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Brown, visiting places of interest in the city and suburbs, the Hippodrome and Grant's tomb being among the places visited.  
The Harvard branch of the Massachusetts Anti-Suffrage association will meet at the Hapgood Memorial rooms on Monday afternoon, May 24, at three o'clock. A full attendance is especially requested.  
The Boy Scouts baseball team defeated the grammar school nine last Saturday by the score of 11 to 10.  
Mr. and Mrs. George Fletcher visited over Sunday last with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Biegelow.  
Solon F. Whitney of Watertown is with his daughter spending a few days here at his summer residence.  
The firm of Gale, Dickson & Co., which for thirty-five years has conducted one of the best country stores

to be found anywhere in New England, has dissolved partnership. Phillip O. Dickson has, in the interest of his best health, withdrawn and will retire to some other line of work. A new firm has been formed under the name of Gale Brothers, taking possession on Monday, May 17. With the retirement of Mr. Dickson the firm lose a man who has devoted his energies to building up and keeping up a line of groceries, hardware, dry-goods, farming tools and men's furnishings to be found in no other country store in the state. He retires with the best wishes of the community.

The new Edgarton house on the Bolton road is being raised and beginning to assume the proportions of the house to be.

The Littleton Woman's club, in company with the Harvard Woman's club, have planned a field day on the afternoon of May 25, at "Fruitlands." Miss Clara Endicott Sears has very kindly reserved this day from one to five p. m. as a free entrance day for both clubs. McCleery's auto truck will furnish conveyance at a reasonable price, leaving the postoffice at two o'clock, and returning every half hour until all members are accommodated. All members wishing to engage conveyance in the truck will please notify Miss Annie Reed not later than Monday noon.

"Bronson Alcott's Fruitlands" is the name of the book which Miss Sears has been compiling this last winter. Her idea has been to enclose under one cover all the material written concerning the Community of Fruitlands, so as to give a true account of the experiment, and this includes Louisa Alcott's "Transcendental Wild Oats," the diary of Anna Alcott written at Fruitlands, which has never been in print before, Louisa Alcott's diary written at Fruitlands, Hester's diary written at Fruitlands, as well as other accounts of it, and many extracts from the Emerson Journals and from Mr. Sanborn's works. The book is illustrated by Houghton, Mifflin Co. are publishing it and it is expected it will be on sale next week. The price will be one dollar.

The Bromfield ball team met the Pepperell high school team at the home grounds on Wednesday. The score was 12 to 5, in favor of Harvard. It looks like a 100% season, there having been no lost games so far this season. The game will be on the Bromfield grounds with the Townsend high school team. This is a strong team and a close game is looked for. Last Saturday the team played the Littleton high, defeating them in seven innings, by a score of 7 to 1.

Miss Edith Hapgood, from Boston, is at home for a week's vacation.

Miss Blanche Dammun, with a party of twelve young ladies from Somerville, are at the Dammun cottage on Lovers' lane for this week-end. They came up to attend the minstrel show and dance given by the members of the Grange.

Bromfield girls' basketball team played the game with the Pepperell high school girls on Wednesday with a score of 10 to 6, in favor of the Harvard girls.

### Church Notes.

The regular service for worship will be held at the Unitarian church at 10:45 Sunday morning. Sunday school at twelve. A male quartet will furnish music for the service.

The usual service for public worship will be held at the Congregational church on Sunday morning. At this service the theme of the pastor's sermon will be "Travelling by compass." Music by the chorus choir.

The bible school meets regularly at twelve o'clock. At the session on Sunday active preparations for the children's day exercises will begin. It has been decided to hold these exercises on the last Sunday in June.

For the Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting at 7:30 o'clock the following subject will be used: "Religious reading—what and why." Mrs. W. O. Willard has charge and is preparing an attractive program with special music.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Benevolent society will be held on Thursday, May 27, with Mrs. W. O. Willard from ten to four o'clock. Members will please note the change of day from Tuesday to Thursday.

### Still River.

The funeral of Mrs. Mark A. Farnsworth was held from her home on last week Friday afternoon. There were many beautiful flowers sent in by friends. The burial was in the family lot at Bellevue cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barrett are entertaining a friend from Clinton, Mr. Walter E. Haskell and baby returned home from Clinton last Saturday.

Henry Barrett is on the sick list this week and unable to attend to his duties as section foreman on the railroad.

Miss Caroline Harrison, of Pepperell, has been with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sprague a few days this week.

Charles Haskell has been suffering from an attack of sciatic rheumatism, this week, but at last reports was somewhat better.

Charles Farnsworth, of Worcester, has been at his father's, Mark A. Farnsworth, for a few days. He is suffering from rheumatism and been unable to work for several months.

Several of the members of the King's Daughters attended a meeting and reception to Miss Brockshire, county treasurer, at Clinton Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Thompson, of Clinton, was the guest of Miss Katherine L. Lawrence on Thursday afternoon.

The sociable of last week Friday evening was largely attended. Owing to illness of some of the characters the play, which to have been given by the Squashville fire brigade had to be given up, but an entertainment of music and readings was given. Miss Laura A. Brown, of West Acton, being present, gave a couple of readings.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Newcomb and two children, of Rutherford, N. J., are the guests of Mrs. Newcomb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Fairchild.

Mrs. Mary Hewes, formerly Mary Stone, of South Lancaster, called on Still River friends Wednesday, her first visit here in nearly ten years.

## SPRING ANNOUNCEMENT

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**News Advertisements.**  
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Saturday, May 22, 1915.

WESTFORD

Center. Mrs. M. Elizabeth Whitney and Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Wright have opened the Whitney summer home for the season, coming up from Brookline this week.

The Henry M. Wrights were visitors at H. Wright's Sunday, motorizing up from Quincy.

Mrs. Charles H. Pickering has been enjoying a two-weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Marie Pickering Smith, at the latter's home in Portland, Me.

Al Bicknell, who has had a serious case with bronchitis, is reported as more comfortable. Mrs. Bicknell is also sick with a bad cold.

Mrs. Carleton D. Cushman, who has been spending the winter in Miami, Fla., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. William H. Taylor.

The school committee have called for bids for the painting of the William E. Frost school, said bids to be in the hands of the school committee by June first.

The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Missionary society of the Congregational church met with the Misses Atwood on Thursday afternoon. This closes the season's study of "Redman's Land," which the members have found enjoyable and profitable.

Harwood L. Wright is having electric lights installed at his home. Electric lights have recently been added to the home of Alfred W. Hartford and to the cottage house owned by John Feeney.

Miss Gertrude Hamlin completes her course at Boston university next week with Misses Marjorie Seavey and Pauline Wallace conclude their freshman year.

At the Sunday evening services at the Congregational church a series of studies of the lives and works of famous religious leaders is being held. Last Sunday evening Mr. Wallace conducted an interesting study of "John Wesley and the English bible." This coming Sunday evening Mr. Rafferty will give a talk on "John Wesley and Methodism." These meetings begin at seven o'clock and everybody is cordially invited. The officers of the Sunday school are busy preparing for children's Sunday—the second Sunday in June.

The apple blossoms that have so nearly gone show promise of a good apple crop through the town.

Wright & Fletcher have installed a modern gasoline tank at their store.

The baseball team of the Westford academy felt that they were a little more than defeated by the Ayer high school team that came down to play them at Whitney playground on Wednesday afternoon. The score was 22 to 4 in favor of Ayer.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mills on Sunday.

The C. E. play, "Up to Freddie," given at the vestry last week, proved so successful that the request for its repetition may be realized in the near future. Much credit is due Miss Young, who coached the young people so successfully.

Entertainment.

The operetta, "Cinderella in Flow-erland," which has been in preparation by the pupils of the Frost school for some time, and which took place at the town hall on the evening of last week, proved very much of a success and delighted the capacity audience of interested parents and friends. The pretty costumes of the children, with their fresh, young voices, made the fanciful interpretation of the play most attractive. Miss Hazel Pond impersonated Cinderella and Frederick Lussier younger Prince Charming. Both these young people have unusually good voices and carried their parts finely and were well supported by the other children representing ladies and gentlemen. The evening's entertainment reflected the greatest credit upon Miss Mary E. Raynes, instructor in music, who drilled the young people, and also the efficient teaching force at the Frost school, Misses Smith, Grant, Crocker and Wright. Miss Precious, of Forge Village, was the skillful accompanist. The proceeds go for the purchase of records for the new Victrola recently purchased by the school.

About Town. Frost was very much in evidence in the valley farms on Thursday, Friday and Saturdays last week. Asparagus fell down flat before it, and not being able to rise for the count, was counted out for recreation. Potatoes got a hit and a skip here and there. Beans obeyed the danger signals and were not injured. Peas on the Prairie farm got badly scorched, so much so that the woodchucks have discontinued them as a daily diet; those on the old "oaken Bucket farm are ready to blossom.

Charles H. Bicknell has sold his farm on the Carls, recently to Mr. Baubser, of Boston, and has bought the George W. Heywood place on Main street, Westford, and is occupying it.

At the last meeting of West Chelmsford Grange several candidates received the third and fourth degrees. The lecturer's hour was less than thirty minutes and was devoted to music, notes and cornucopia that was presented by Mrs. Frank Edwards. The next meeting will be held on next week Thursday evening. The long overdue question, "What more can the Grange do for the farmer, the family and the community?" will be discussed by any and every one who feels like contributing some helpful provocation.

The W. C. T. U. will bunch up and trolley this week Saturday to Bedford, the mecca for cold water stimulants.

The Branch Alliance of the Unitarian church will hold a public meeting in the vestry of the church this week Saturday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock. The address will be given by Mrs. Clara Bancroft Beatley, of Boston, on "Morals through reverence."

A large woodland fire last week in Nashobah hill district, called out the fire department and company that was not department. This kept fire folks busy, the same day as fires in Eat Grotton and Northwest Westford. This week Saturday properly be called "between fires."

John A. Taylor writes from North Dakota of snowstorms lapping over into the lap of spring. Some farmers in this region think something besides spring is lapping over of spring and wish it would get out.

Granville.

William Buckingham, the well-known ball player, was the lineup for the M. C. team in their game with the Kimball-System club on the Aiken street grounds in Lowell on last Saturday afternoon.

It is expected that the local ball club, under the management of William Ledwith, will start the season here on Saturday with some strong club from Lowell.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church held a strawberry festival and entertainment in the church on last week Thursday evening and the affair was largely attended. The program was strengthened to a great extent by the presence of Mrs. Florence Saxton, who was heard in several pleasing songs.

Miss Anna Denahy, of Grotton, has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Healy.

Mrs. F. L. Farbusch has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. U. Layton, in Livermore Falls, Me., for the past few days.

The members of St. Catherine's church choir gave a very interesting entertainment in Forge Village hall on last week Friday evening that was largely attended.

P. Henry Harrington and Joseph Wall, delegates from Court Grantville, F. of A., are now attending the convention of the grand lodge of the Eastern Star at Springfield this week.

The members of the A. R. Choate hose company had a practice tryout on Tuesday evening, during which many of the hydrants throughout the village were flushed out.

The members of the Young People's Social club of the M. E. church presented the play, "Liberty Bells," to a crowded house in Dracont on last Monday night.

Alvin Nelson had charge of the entertainment given at the Westford Grange on Thursday night and presented a very pleasing program.

Forge Village.

Mrs. M. A. Lowther is ill at her home on Bradford street.

Mrs. M. Keefe, of Townsend Harbor, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. Carmichael, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Uney Murphy and Mrs. M. Lewis, of Lowell, were guests Sunday of Mrs. M. A. Lowther.

John Burnett attended the convention of the Manchester Unity Odd Fellows held in Beverly on last week Wednesday. Mr. Burnett was chosen delegate from Loyal Self-Help lodge, of this village.

Little Ruth Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bennett, is suffering with a broken arm as a result of a fall. Dr. G. V. Wells, of Westford, is attending her.

Miss Mary Madden, of New York city, was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Daly.

Mrs. Rose Howland, who has been visiting friends here, and who was returning to her home in Keighley, England, on the Lusitania, called her relatives here that she is one of the survivors. She tells a very interesting story of how she was thrown into the water and found a little girl, whom she saved. The little girl proved to be Edith Williams, of Philadelphia, who was the only survivor of a family of seven. Mrs. Nellie Cooper, a former resident of this village, with her baby, was also a passenger on the fatal ship, about whom her friends here have worried. Mrs. Cooper and child are reported among those saved.

Private Patrick O'Hara, mentioned in the casualty list at Ottawa, Ont., is the husband of Catherine O'Hara, Pond street, a highly esteemed resident of the village for some years. Private O'Hara enlisted seven months ago in Canada, being a reservist in the 10th Battalion of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Two months ago he was sent to the front and is now wounded. His son, James O'Hara, is a clerk in the printing store of Joseph Leclerc.

Miss Marion Lord spent the week-end with her sister, Miss Eva M. Lord, of Westboro.

On Sunday the services at St. Andrew's mission will be held at 9:30 o'clock in the morning, instead of in the afternoon. Sunday school will be held at the usual hour.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle held their regular meeting in Recreation hall on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. William Burnett spent Thursday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Chester Blodgett, of the Grotton Ridges.

Miss Emily Bartley, of Pleasant street, gave a very interesting address at the Epworth league meeting held in the M. E. church, Grantville, on Sunday evening.

The Young People's Social club, recently formed by the young folks of St. Andrew's mission, has elected the following officers for the year: Miss Edith M. Foster, pres.; Miss Edmond Penderberry, v. p.; Miss Lottie Parrott, sec.; Albert Collins, treas. The president is preparing a very interesting and instructive course which will greatly benefit the members. Mrs. Warren Sturges, of Grotton, was to meet the club members on Tuesday evening, but owing to the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Peabody, of Grotton, was her substitute.

Charles Flanagan and John Sullivan are busy cleaning the chimney of all houses belonging to Abbot & Co.

LITTLETON

Littleton high school baseball team played against Bromfield academy on last Saturday and was defeated by a score of 11 to 1.

The annual meeting of the Woman's club will be held on Monday, May 24, at the usual hour.

Thomas Moore brought Allan Stiles home from the hospital last week and we are happy to report that the young man is improving. At present he is able to sit up a few hours each day.

Mr. Shedd, formerly instructor in the department of horticulture at Harvard college, has been engaged as foreman of the Harwood farm and has moved into the tenement house on Boxborough road.

The Everett Kimball family moved to Stoneham last week and called upon the A. Webbers. Sup. Webber has received his appointment for three years in Stoneham and Bedford. The town of Billerica has been assigned to another district.

N. H. Whitcomb visited his sister, Mrs. Hayward Hartwell, and family in Norwell last Saturday, and upon his return brought his mother, Mrs. Hattie Whitcomb, for her annual visit to the family. Other recent guests of the family were Mrs. W. H. Combs, and the Misses Porter, of West Acton.

Miss Ella F. Paine, of Woonsocket, R. I., a former parishioner of Rev. J. C. Alvord, spent the week-end at the Congregational parsonage.

Chester B. Robbins, proprietor of Nagog Inn, has enlarged his kitchen and installed a bakery.

Judge Sanderson has recently ad-

ded a bathroom to his summer home at the West End.

Frank Piper, who has been located in South Acton, recently moved back to Littleton, as the inside work at South Acton impaired his health.

Rev. J. C. Alvord entertained his college-mate, Dudley Dowd, at the parsonage last week.

Mrs. Emma K. Lemley, of Boston, and Mrs. Marston, of Camden, Me., were week-end guests at George H. Kimball's in Newtown. Mrs. Lemley was entertained by other relatives at the Center and the Common.

Richard Conant, of Passade, N. J., spent Sunday at his home on King street.

Edward Scott and family, of Somerville, were Sunday guests of their cousins, the P. A. Fosmeyer.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Pickard Monday. At last reports he belonged to the no-name series.

Miss M. T. Carter, of Dorchester, will be in town on business from May 26 to May 29.

Mrs. Myra T. Keefer has gone to Northampton to visit friends in her former home.

Mrs. Thomas Stephens spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Plummer, and family.

Miss Ella Grimes subjected to a second operation last Sunday and now in case of a nose. She has been a great sufferer, and lost much sleep through continued pain. Her brother, Bert Grimes, has visited her this week.

Earl Spar's new house is progressing rapidly. The unit brick is being used to advantage in the construction. Needham & Fletcher are doing the work and hope to complete it by mid-summer.

The annual strawberry festival will be held in the Baptist vestry on Monday evening, May 24. Real strawberry shortcake will be served with the supper at 7:30. Ice cream and cake will be on sale and a good entertainment will follow at eight o'clock.

Friends of Dea. J. W. Thacher are happy to learn that he is convalescent.

A most gratifying culmination of the church anniversary was the raising of two hundred dollars last Saturday afternoon for the purpose of buying a mechanical organ blower.

Supr. Hill, choir director, and Miss Fannie A. Sanderson, organist, with Ralph Hill, as chauffeur, started out shortly before noon in the Hill auto and called on all the parishioners of the Congregational church with very few exceptions, and met with hearty response. The entire sum needed was soon raised, and the method commends itself to the people who are pleased not to resort to the entertainment plan at the close of this unusually active social season. As an anniversary gift it seems best that the contributions should come from the worshippers at the church where the motor is to be installed.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Marshall are spending two weeks with their daughter, Mrs. Douglas Whitcomb.

Miss Junius Fairbank has been offered the position of assistant librarian for Boston university for the next school year and will withdraw from her position of assistant librarian of the Reuben Hoar library here on the first of September.

We wish to correct a statement in last week's issue. Dr. George Hall resigned from the Littleton Congregational church to accept a position in Vergennes, Vt., and from there went to Dover, N. H.

Anniversary Exercises.

The anniversary exercises of the Orthodox Congregational church were well attended by present and former members of the church and friends from sister churches of this town last week Friday afternoon, when the order of exercises as outlined in the columns of this paper was carried out in a very gratifying manner. Rev. J. C. Alvord, pastor of the church, read from the scriptures a portion of the eighth chapter of first King's beginning with the twenty-second verse.

After offering the prayer Mr. Alvord extended a very happy and cordial welcome to everybody present, and read letters of greeting and pleasant remembrance from the former members of the church, including the late Rev. S. H. Boynton of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. Samuel Lane Loomis of Newark, N. J.; Mrs. Chas. E. Havens of Colorado Springs, Col.; ex-Sunday school supt., George A. Marsh and Mrs. Marsh of Pueblo, Col.; ex-supt. of schools, H. E. Richardson and Mrs. Richardson of New Jersey and greetings were received from many others whose names were not mentioned for lack of time.

Rev. George B. Frost of Andover and Rev. Paul G. Favor of Somerville brought grave and pleasant reminiscences of their Littleton days. Hon. Chas. A. Kimball delivered a timely message with regrets from Dr. Hall of Oberlin, Ohio, and read the funeral address read by Rev. W. B. Conant of Concord, which covered the entire period of seventy-five years and was remarkable for its interesting presentation of the church's development.

The church prides itself in the quality of the ministers who have guided its destiny. Besides a few who have ministered to this people but temporarily, the following have honored this pulpit: Revs. Bryant, Bacon, Babcock, Loomis, Cooley, Hall, Sewall, Boynton, Staples, Frost, Mr. Frost, Havens, Fulton, Favor, Pickard and Alvord.

Rev. Ellhu Loomis' pastorate was the longest, covering a period of sixteen years. Rev. Mr. Bryant, the first minister, received a salary of five hundred dollars, and from that sum gave back one hundred dollars one year and nearly the same amount two other years. He resigned to go as missionary to Zululand in South Africa, and that may have been a factor in shaping the missionary interests of the church. Certain it is the church has always been zealous in its missionary effort, and generous in its contributions to missions.

Judge Ellhu Loomis in his reminiscences referred to Dea. Otis Manning's generous and frequent gifts to missions. To quote from his address given a word of praise was justly given for the long continued benevolences of that organization.

The deacons who have served the church are as follows: James Kimball, Otis Manning, Sparhawk Tuttle, George W. Tuttle, R. H. Phelps, John S. Hartwell, Waldo E. Conant, John B. Thacher, Fred W. Kimball, and this number might be added the only deaconess, Miss Annie Manning. There were thirty-two charter members in the church and not a few of their descendants are in the present membership roll. The changes in the church building, arrangement of pews, etc., the gifts to the church and other details were faithfully recorded.

Rev. Harrison E. Packard, in his response was most happy and hope-

ful. Judge Loomis carried his audience back to the days when there were Sunday forenoon and afternoon services with Sunday school in between and an evening service in conclusion, making it the hardest day of the week for the minister's wife and some others. He said in eloquent tribute to his schoolmate and companion, the late Gen. A. Kimball, of the Boston Elevated company, and to other loyal men and women of this church, expressing with much feeling his regrets that his father, now nearly ninety-two years of age, could not be present and take the part assigned him.

Rev. John L. Sewall, son of another of our pastors, was called upon for a prophecy. He spoke of these great tendencies of the present, namely, the material expansion and the individual types, particularly in the city and third, social congestion. He discussed the practical bearing of the church's relation to these three tendencies and urged that the church take advantage of this material expansion to further its own interests, for instance, if automobiles are taking people from the churches, then let the church use the automobile to collect those who have no conveyance and take them to church. He would have the church exalt spiritual democracy in view of the varying types. Finally he maintained that the future of this church must seek to unify and deepen our conception and application of religious truth. Rev. Herbert I. Calhoun of the Baptist church offered the closing prayer and gave the benediction.

A very important and greatly appreciated part of the program was the music, consisting of an organ prelude by Miss Fannie A. Sanderson, two anthems by the quartet, Messrs. Hill and Dodds, Messrs. Hager and Mrs. Houghton. The church auditorium was very pretty in its decorations of laurel, ferns, white lilacs, bridal wreath and carnations, and the vestry to which the company adjourned at four o'clock was fragrant with apple blossoms artistically arranged. The tea table, adorned with carnations in a center bouquet and well laden with delicate loaves and strawberries, old acquaintances were renewed over a social cup of tea, and by 5:30 farewells were said and the entire event had passed into church history.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the estate of ISAAC F. WRIGHT, late of Harvard, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, CATHERINE A. FAIRBANK, executrix of the will of William H. Fairbank, who was executor of the will of said Isaac F. Wright, has presented for allowance the account of his administration upon the estate of said Isaac F. Wright.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the twenty-fifth day of May, A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said executrix is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate of said Isaac F. Wright, the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, from the date of the publication of this citation in a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said court, and by mailing postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said court.

Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this fourth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

2333 HARRY H. ATWOOD, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of JOHN B. JEWETT, late of Pepperell, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented for admission to probate, and DAVID E. WESTON who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, as executor of the same, has filed out giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the third day of June, A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to file a report of the same by publishing this citation once in each week for three successive weeks, in the Pepperell Citizen, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said court, and by mailing postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this eleventh day of May, in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

316 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of SARAH SUPPLE, deceased.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration upon the estate of said deceased to PATRICK SUPPLE of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the eighth day of June, A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to file a notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said court.

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

317 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of QUINCY ADAMS, late of Townsend, in said County, deceased. Whereas, certain instruments purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented for admission to probate, by CHARLES A. BURTT, who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to him without requiring surety on his bond, or to some other suitable person, the executor named in said will having declined to give public notice thereof. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-fifth day of May, A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted. And said petitioner is hereby directed to file a public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said court, and by mailing postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days, at least, before said court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen. 3155 W. E. ROGERS, Register.



SHIRLEY

News Items.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge are planning to hold a strawberry festival, the date to be announced later.

John G. Conant spent the weekend and over Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. C. Pevear, in Swampscott.

Miss Doris White spent the weekend and over Sunday with relatives in Boston.

Lewis Huggles, gardener for C. W. Marshall, left Monday for Middletown, Conn., where he has secured employment.

N. Dana Sanderson, express driver at the depot, had a narrow escape from injury last week Friday while driving on Freedom street. Dana lost control of the reins and the horse bolted, throwing him out of the team and also the wagon seat. Fortunately he escaped without injury, sustaining only a couple of slight bruises. The horse was put out of commission, however.

The military whist party at the home of Mrs. George S. Wells on last Saturday evening was a pleasing and successful social event. There were thirteen tables. The winning table consisted of Miss Inez Brown, Miss Leah Brull, Thomas C. Burrill and George Emerson. The high score of ninety-five, the highest of the evening, and were awarded a box of correspondence cards. Light refreshments were served.

Winnie Weeks has accepted a position at Torrey's garage, Concord.

Rev. G. Edwin Woodman was in Pittsfield Tuesday and Wednesday attending the State Congregational conference.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., holds its regular meeting next Monday evening.

The selectmen have decided to erect the new bandstand near the watering trough in Depot square, unless the residents of the town petition the selectmen for a different location.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tremblay Tuesday. The Tremblay family have recently moved to Littleton.

Mrs. Joseph Kubiak died at the Clinton hospital Tuesday afternoon of convulsions after child birth Monday. She was taken to the hospital early Monday morning, an hour after the child was born.

Herbert George Farnsworth, who has been doing chore work at the home of Henry Dodge located the check book in the house and forged a check, using the name of Mr. Dodge's wife, M. E. Dodge, for the sum of three dollars on the Fitchburg Bank and Trust company. He then indorsed the check and got it cashed at the grocery store of Mr. Cutler on Freedom street. He was arrested and in the Ayer court last Saturday morning he pleaded not guilty and the case was continued for one month.

Ralph Mayhew, who was operated upon at his home last Saturday for the removal of a small tumor on the right breast, is now able to be out again. Drs. Hopkins and Priest of Ayer performed the operation.

Death.

Mrs. Estelle (Cox) Snell, wife of Frank W. Snell, passed away Wednesday afternoon at her home on Center road from the effects of an operation for fibroid tumor. Mrs. Snell was operated upon a month ago, the 21st day of April, and while it was generally conceded that the operation was a serious one, Mrs. Snell seemed to recover to such an extent that she was thought to be out of all danger. In the morning of the day she died she was able to sit up and write a few letters and at noon it was feeling well enough to remain up while she enjoyed dinner. However, immediately after the dinner hour she had a sudden and radical change for the worse.

Mrs. Fernald, the nurse, who only an hour previous had left for good of her own accord, satisfied that her services were no longer required, was sent for and the attending physician, Dr. Lilly, applied all efforts known to medical science, including the use of pulmonary embolism, the dreaded after effects of many critical operations, had developed and a few hours later death ensued.

Mrs. Snell was the daughter of Nelson and Susan Cox and was born in Fairfax, Vt., December 24, 1868. She received her education in the public schools of Fairfax, her native town. Mrs. Snell has been a resident of Shirley for the past twenty-two years and was a member of the Congregational church and was active in all the work of the church. A cheerful and kind disposition won for her a host of friends. She was well known to many residents of Fitchburg, Leominster and neighboring towns, as she spent her summers assisting in her husband's well known pleasure resort at Fort Pond.

The near survivors are her husband, Frank W. Snell, one daughter, Harland Cox of Moore's, New York, a sister, Mrs. Gertrude Newton of St. Albans, Vt., who has been at the Snell home assisting in the care of Mrs. Snell, a niece, Mrs. Mabel Collins of St. Albans, Vt., and two nephews, Purdy Cox of Leominster and Ernest Cox of California.

Funeral was held from her late home this Friday afternoon with service at her late home at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. G. Edwin Woodman, pastor of the Congregational church officiating. Burial was in the Village cemetery.

Crucially Assaults Wife. It took the combined efforts of Constable Thomas C. Burrill and four citizens to place John P. Squire under arrest about midnight last Saturday. Squire, who is thirty-eight years of age, went to Fitchburg early last Saturday evening and after indulging freely, returned home and gave his wife a severe beating. Mrs. Squire's face was pummeled to such an extent that the services of Dr. T. E. Lilly were required to dress the wounds. The assault was characterized by brutality and cowardice, as the attack was unwarranted. Squire, not having the least provocation, played the part of the bully.

In response to a hurry call Constable Burrill arrived on the scene, where there were also gathered a number of the residents of the neighborhood who were attracted to the scene by the cries of the woman. Four of the citizens volunteered to assist Burrill in taking the man, who had started in real desperado fashion to clean out everything in sight, fighting like a raving maniac in the mix-up and melee. The bed in the room was broken and the furniture was wrenched from their fastenings and smashed to splinters. He was finally landed in one of the cells in the lock-up where he had an opportunity to think it over.

He also raised a disturbance on the electric car of the Fitchburg and Leominster railroad on his way home, causing Conductor Ballard considerable annoyance. Squire has resided in Shirley only about a month, coming to this town from Lowell. He secured employment as a painter in Ayer. He hired a room at the residence of Joseph Seymour on Ballou's hill. Squire's wife is employed as a spooler at the foot mill in Lowell and came to Shirley every Saturday to remain over Sunday. Squire was arraigned in the district court at Ayer on Monday morning. Judge Warren H. Atwood presiding. He pleaded guilty to the charge of beating his wife, and after the testimony of the police he was sentenced to the house of correction at Cambridge for six months. He has had a previous court record.

Center. Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton, of Brookline, spent last Saturday at their summer home on Center road.

Mrs. Almond Wink, of Brookline, spent the week-end at the home of her father, Albert Adams.

Mrs. Arthur G. Dunn returned home last week Thursday from the Groton hospital.

The next regular meeting of the Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel will be held on Saturday afternoon, May 22, on the common, weather permitting.

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liked it over the road to this town, where they were met and made welcome by Rev. and Mrs. James Seaver, and escorted to their home on Main street, where they remained over night. On Saturday they walked back home to Milford and announced that they had had a fine time.

The supper and entertainment at the Congregational church on last week Friday evening was well attended. Among those who held entertainments were Mrs. William Boutelle, Llewellyn Powers and Mrs. Clara Russell. Mrs. Russell spoke at some length on the subject of the Panama exposition, which she and Mr. Russell attended in the months of March and April.

Miss Matilla Betterley, as the guest of Miss Edith Winslow, of Pepperell, attended the high school entertainment in that town on last week Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Whitcomb were visitors in Boston on last Saturday.

Mrs. Carrie Whitcomb is having some improvements made in her house and an extension built on.

Mrs. Perley Pierce and Mrs. Frank Maynard were in Pepperell last Saturday, shopping and calling on friends.

Porace Hall motored to Fitchburg last Saturday. His brother, with wife and baby son, returned with him to spend Sunday at the home of his father, Alpha Hall. They returned to Fitchburg by auto on Sunday evening.

Miss Lauretta Desjardins motored here from Fitchburg last Sunday and spent the day visiting her uncle, Alexander Leveque.

New Advertisements.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this opportunity to thank all our friends and neighbors, including the order of Masons, Eastern Star, Grand and King's Daughters, for their sympathy, kind offices and floral tributes which have been deeply appreciated during our recent bereavement. Mrs. Minnie Johnson, Frederic K. Johnson, Littleton, Mass., May 19, 1915.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the many kind friends, neighbors, and relatives, including the Circle of King's Daughters and all who so kindly helped us in various ways during the sickness and bereavement in our family. Also, many thanks for the beautiful flowers. Mrs. Joseph C. Dodge and Family, Littleton, May 12, 1915.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been appointed administrator of the estate not already administered of MARY JANE WRIGHT, late of Groton, in the County of Worcester, in the State of Massachusetts, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, and calling on the heirs of WORCESTER, in the County of Middlesex, his agent, as the law directs.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to the subscriber.

EARL COLE CRAIG, Adm., 114 Walnut St., East Providence, R. I., April 29th, 1915.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of NATHANIEL H. GROTON, late of Groton in said County, deceased.

Whereas, ARTHUR F. POOLER, the trustee under the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the fifth account of his trust under said will, you are hereby called to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the twenty-fifth day of May, A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, and by me, the undersigned, this thirtieth day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber of the WILLIAM BROWN DRUGGIST, late of Fox Point in the County of Norfolk, in the State of Massachusetts, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are hereby required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to the subscriber.

RICHARD McELGOTT, Executor, West Townsend, Mass., May 19, 1915.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Worcester, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs at law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of FRANCIS A. HOWARTH, late of Haverhill in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court for the administration of the estate of said deceased, and the Court has appointed the undersigned as administrator of said estate, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the first day of June, A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Haverhill Herald, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court.

Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this thirtieth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

HARRY H. ATWOOD, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs at law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of THOMAS F. MEEHAN, late of Ayer in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration of the estate of said deceased, and the Court has appointed the undersigned as administrator of said estate, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the first day of June, A. D. 1915, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Ayer, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least, before said Court.

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

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts LAND COURT

To Harry L. Atwood, Frank E. Conant, E. and A. D. Fessenden, Company and Cordelia Hildreth of Townsend, formerly of said Townsend, and said Commonwealth; the Connecticut River Transmission Company of Worcester, in the County of Worcester, and said Commonwealth; James O. Reed of Mason in the State of New Hampshire; any heirs, devisees, or legal representatives of Hiram Walcott, formerly of said Townsend, deceased; and to all whom it may concern:

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court by Ida B. Brown, Walter E. Brown, Alice G. Brown and Mattie E. Brown of said Townsend, to register and confirm their title in the following described land:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situate in the southerly part of said Townsend, on the easterly side of the road leading from Townsend Harbor to Lunenburg, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the most southerly corner of the land hereinafter described, on said road at land of Harry L. Atwood; thence running Easterly by said Atwood's land to a corner; thence Easterly by said Atwood's land, land of Frank E. Conant, and land of B. & A. D. Fessenden Company to the Squannacook River; thence Northerly by said River to land of James O. Reed; thence Westerly, Southerly, Westerly, Northerly and Westerly by land of said James O. Reed to said Road; thence Southerly by said Road to the point of beginning. Containing about ninety-five (95) acres.

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

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Witness, Charles Thornton Davis, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this fifth day of May in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen.

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GROTON

News Items.

George E. Mevet, who has been in the employ of the Groton School for eight years, has decided to enter upon independent business. Mr. Mevet has a house situated on the Boston state road, near Shaw school, and with certain additions and alterations, he is planning to establish a small tea-room there. There will be considerable building and preparation necessary before business can be begun, and Mr. Mevet does not expect to open his tea-room until the latter part of August. Next year it will undoubtedly be of the greatest convenience to the many people who visit the school from Boston.

Miss Erida Holmes has been obliged to use a crutch for a week or so, the result of an ailment which she contracted in Groton. Mr. William Peabody has moved into her tenement in James Wood house, corner of Main street and Meadow road.

Frank D. Lewis went to Boston on Monday to have his arm looked after. The plaster cast was removed and a smaller one put in its place. Dr. McAusland found the arm doing well.

George H. Woods is making repairs and improvements on the dwelling house at Pinecrest Orchards, formerly the Nathan Culver and still more recently the historical Morris place. This is the home of Mrs. and Mrs. John H. Storor.

An anti-suffrage meeting will be held in the Groton town hall on Wednesday evening, April 26, at eight o'clock. The speakers will be Mrs. Henry Preston White, chairman of the publicity committee of the Massachusetts Anti-Suffrage association, and Rev. Sherrard Billings, of the Groton School. Mrs. White is a very able speaker, and Mr. Billings will speak from the men's point of view. A cordial invitation to attend the meeting is extended to all.

Mrs. Fred Jacques, of Brattleboro, Vt., a sister of Mrs. Fred McDonough of this town, died at the Groton hospital on Monday. The little son, born last week Friday, survives its mother. There were complications in the case. The second operation, which was performed on Monday, was because of an intestinal trouble.

Rev. P. H. Cressy exchanges pulpits with Rev. O. J. Fairfield, of Littleton, on Sunday.

Groton School defeated Lawrence academy last Saturday afternoon by a score of 4 to 3. This is Lawrence's first defeat of the season.

Ice formed in some localities here in town last week Friday night.

Richard Lawrence, son of the late James A. Lawrence, is in Europe, working with the French army in the Vosges Mountains. He is at present in command of a section containing twelve cars and fourteen men.

Among the other good things offered at the food sale to be held by the Middlesex Rebekahs this Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, hot baked housewives and all self-boasting persons will thus be able to get their freshly baked, home-picked beans for their week-end eating without much trouble.

Rev. G. M. Howe attended the two-day state conference of Congregational churches held in Pittsfield this week, going as delegate from the Middlesex Union Association of Congregational churches. Marshall Sewall attended as delegate from the Groton church, which is one of the churches of the Middlesex association.

The presentation of the play "Esther" for the two nights, Tuesday and Wednesday, was all that could be desired in every way. The seats were largely taken on both evenings. The play itself was a good one and took well with the audience. The arrangements on the stage were artistic, and the actors in carrying out their parts were above criticism.

Mrs. Elizabeth Prescott Leonard returns to Groton this week Friday.

Miss E. S. Hill, supervisor of school gardens, has the West Groton gardens started. There are twenty-two who are in the Boy Scout gardens near her home, and ten in the other West Groton gardens. The school gardens in Groton have just started, but will start soon. There are to be about twenty-four gardens in this division and they will be under Miss Selma Bradley, assistant supervisor.

Sunday, May 23, is Memorial Sunday for the G. A. R. and other allied organizations. E. S. Clark post and W. R. C. are invited to attend services at West Groton and have accepted.

The recently elected officers of the Groton Farmers' and Mechanics' club are William Taylor, pres.; F. E. Watters, v. p.; John H. Sneydy, sec.; Joseph F. Peabody, treas.; Charles H. Johnson, James Frazer, John Moyle, ex. com.

Mrs. Bassett Diekmann, an active member of the Neighborhood club when her home was in Groton, entertained the club at her home in Ayer on Wednesday afternoon, much to the enjoyment of all. The members went from Groton by autos or others driving down and were present in good numbers. There was the usual roll call and quotations, after which the hostess gave current events and read a story which was well received. The program was largely musical. Miss Cole, of Ayer, gave several selections on the piano and also played the accompaniment for Doris and Elise Diekmann as they sang, and for little Barbara, who gave a vocal solo by herself. Doris also played several selections on the piano. The charming little girls entertained their mother's friends delightfully, as all agreed when the afternoon closed with refreshments and club song in the usual manner.

Mrs. Frances Forbes opened her house this week after an absence of nearly five months. Wholly away she was the guest of Sharon and Mrs. Charles Whitcomb of Ayer and Mrs. Frank Whitcomb of Allston.

Harry E. Nutting has sold his place on Common street, a cottage and about twenty acres of land, to Louis H. Clark.

There was a frost here in several different localities on Wednesday night.

Groton high defeated Ayer high last Saturday in Groton by the score of 11 to 10. On Wednesday Groton beat the Shirley Industrial school boys in Shirley and defeated them by a score of 9 to 8 in ten innings. This week Saturday Groton high will play Groton School 2a at the Groton School.

It is requested that all who have flowers to contribute for decorating the soldiers' graves on Memorial day, Monday, May 31, will bring them

early on Monday morning to the lower town hall. They should be made up into bouquets if possible. There will be but little time to arrange the flowers and those who can possibly stay to help get them ready are urged to do so.

Groton chapter, D. R., met with Mrs. Endicott Peabody on Thursday afternoon, the new regent, Mrs. Mattie Robertson, presiding. Miss Rose Peabody, daughter of the regent, read a most interesting paper written by herself, giving an account of experiences in Japan in her trip around the world. The regent produced original Japanese songs read to the edification of all present. The members were out in good numbers and there were several guests. Refreshments and a social intercourse closed the pleasant afternoon.

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Clipping. The Boston Sunday Herald gives at considerable length the following arrangements for the coming marriage on Tuesday, June 1, at Philadelphia, Pa., of Miss Elizabeth Mary Claxton and John Humphrey Story, Jr.

The ceremony at four o'clock in the afternoon will take place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Hebard (Margaret Claxton) in Chestnut Hill, Mass. Rev. John LaFarge, S. J., an uncle of the prospective bride, will officiate. A younger sister, Miss Emilie LaFarge Claxton, will be the maid of honor. The ribbon-holders will be Misses Catharine and Frances Childs, of Hewlett, E. I., and Miss Ian Campbell, cousins of Miss Claxton, and Miss Ethel Cummings, of Boston, a cousin of Mr. Story.

Robert Treat Faine Storor will be his brother's best man. The ushers will be Theodore Storor, Stephen W. Sabine, Oliver H. P. Claxton, Morgan Hebard, Francis Duvencak, and Paul Withington. A party of Boston friends and relatives will go to this wedding. The young people are to make their home at Pinecrest Orchards, Groton.

West Groton. C. E. Bixby of New York has been at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bixby, during a part of this week.

Coming on Friday of last week Mr. and Mrs. Champlin of Worcester were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Adams until Tuesday.

Mrs. C. R. Dudley is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Perry, of Danvers.

Evyadne Harrington, having recently undergone an operation for appendicitis, returned to her home on Saturday of last week. She is making a very quick recovery.

Born on Saturday, May 8, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John Winkle.

On Saturday, May 15, a daughter was welcomed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hill.

On Sunday, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hallett.

Mrs. Charles Bixby has been quite ill this week.

Mrs. A. W. Lamb is in care of her physician with an attack of indigestion.

Mrs. George Dodge, who visited her mother, Mrs. Beverly, of Ayer, for a few days after leaving Groton hospital, returned to her home on Monday evening.

A. F. Bates attended the annual meeting of the Massachusetts district of the I. O. O. F., M. U., at Salem last week.

Frank Powell still remains on the sick list in care of his physician.

Coming on Saturday, Miss Katherine Spaulding of Torrington, Conn., will be at the home of her brother, H. Spaulding, until Thursday evening, when she left for a few days with friends in Lunenburg.

The Ladies Aid society will meet on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. McCarthy.

A supper, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid society will be held in Squannacook hall on Friday evening at 6:45 o'clock. Mrs. W. M. Kimball, chairman, assistants Mrs. E. Harrington, Mrs. Malley, Mrs. G. H. Bixby, Mrs. G. I. Woolaver, Mrs. E. Harrington, reception committee, Mrs. McCarthy.

Following the supper there will be a debate by members of the C. E. society on the subject of phonetic spelling. These debates are a fine discipline for the young people who take part in them and are decidedly interesting to the audience.

Seven from this village and vicinity are to receive the third and fourth degrees in Groton Grange on Tuesday evening, May 25, at 8 o'clock. Mr. E. Harrington, H. C. Porter, station master, Raymond Sleeper, Earl Dodge, and the Misses Mildred Dodge and Dorothy Thompson.

The following item was unintentionally omitted from our last week's items: A year or more ago prizes were offered by the Church Peace society, instituted by Andrew Carnegie, for essays on the subject of "The Christ of the Andes."

The West Groton Gun club will hold its next regular meeting on Friday evening. Two members are to be initiated, and cream and other light refreshments will be served and cards will furnish entertainment.

On Monday morning, as the motor hand-car, used by the section hands on the railway reached the pumping station crossing, coming toward West Groton, it suddenly left the track and its two occupants were thrown several feet. Both men were badly bruised, the section boss receiving the most serious injury. The car, which was owned by Frank Murch, who heard the unusual noise made by the car, investigated and was in time to back the train. The men were taken on board and conveyed to Ayer, and later it is understood, the broken leg was treated in a hospital.

The weather on last Saturday was most auspicious for the opening of the Groton branch library. The room was very tastefully decorated with pine, ferns and other beautiful greens of spring, with apple blossoms and other flowers intermingled. Beautiful bouquets of pinks and tulips graced the reading-table and librarians' desk. The shelves had been furnished with about 200 books ready for distribution, and as many more had been received too late for immediate service. Miss Emma Blood, the Groton librarian, was present to assist Miss Tarbell in getting familiar with her new charges, and the library closed at nine o'clock. Three names had been listed. A fine beginning, which we have faith to believe will grow and develop into a great usefulness for good in our little community.

Mrs. Fred Benson and family have arrived at their summer cottage in North Shirley for the season. Mr. Benson spends the week-ends with them.

The Improvement society met on Tuesday evening, the vice president, A. H. Thompson, presiding. The following appointments by the executive board were announced: A. F. Cottrell, chairman of sanitary committee; Harry Kemp, park and forestry; G. H. Bixby, citizens' com.; Mrs. C. L. Hoar, lookout com.; Mrs. G. I. Woolaver, hospitality; E. K. Harrington was elected executive committee for three years in place of W. V. Bixby, who declined to accept a re-election. It was officers' evening and a paper on "Good citizenship" was read by the secretary, John Robinson,

which seemed to meet with the approval of those present.

Mrs. William Parsons, of Los Angeles, is at the home of her brother, Charles Lawrence, their mother, Mrs. John Lawrence, is very ill and has been confined to her bed for many weeks. A son, William Lawrence, was born at his mother's bedside on Sunday.

Willard Falcom has been at home for a few days, being unable to attend to his railroad duties.

Mrs. Walter Flarity has visited in Greenville this week.

LITTLETON

News Items. The vestry of the Unitarian church is being decorated according to the advice of the architect, D. H. Woodbury, and under the patronage of Stedman Stewart is assuming a very attractive appearance and well in harmony with the church proper, which is being successfully worked and considered a model of colonial church architecture and decoration.

Rev. Penberton H. Cressy, of Groton, an always acceptable speaker in Littleton, will be the preacher at the Unitarian church Sunday morning in exchange with Rev. O. J. Fairfield.

The Woman's Missionary society Wednesday afternoon in the Baptist church parlor. The subject for discussion was "The working of the 'peace fleet,' of missionary boats used by the Baptist Publication society on the Pacific coast rivers and bays."

An entertainment and dance for the benefit of the catholic mission will be held in the town hall on Friday evening, May 28. Music, Lawrence's orchestra of Maynard. Late in the evening a supper will be given.

Among a list of the creditors of the Cochrane Manufacturing company, which has a plant in Dedham and offices in Boston for the manufacture of sale of chemicals and which was recently declared an involuntary bankruptcy last week in the United States district court, appears the name of the Avery Chemical company, formerly located here, for \$702.69.

Hon. Charles A. Kimball attended the reception held in honor of Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge in Lynn on Tuesday evening, and the banquet given at the same time. Mr. Kimball is a republican state committee in honor of the legislature on Wednesday night.

Mrs. George H. Cash spent Saturday and Sunday with her daughter Miriam in Marshfield.

A son, Robert Bernard, was born on Tuesday, May 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kimball, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Miss Helen B. Hartwell has leased for two years a house opposite one of the smaller houses in Boston, which will take from seventeen to twenty students to room and board. For three years past she has successfully conducted the housekeeping department at the Cape house in Northampton connected with the Cape school. The experience has been an excellent preparation for Miss Hartwell in her new undertaking, which will insure her success. In her latest venture she has the best wishes of her many Littleton friends.

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A crowning event in the Back Log calendar was the men's annual supper, held in the Back Log hall last week Friday evening. Tables were set for 125 and every place was taken, so that the remaining fifty had to be accommodated at the second table. The ladies of the Back Log for the early years served the men. The usual good taste in arrangement of tables was maintained. The menu was as follows: Potato, cold ham, scalloped potato, French bread, butter, salted nuts, olives, orange salad, French crackers and peach melba, fancy crackers and coffee.

At eight o'clock the company assembled in the vestry auditorium and listened to a very interesting program consisting of vocal solos by George A. Cook, accompanied at the piano by Miss Sanderson; vocal solos, E. W. Stone, Miss Needham accompanying; selections, orchestra, Miss Selma Bradley, piano; solo, Miss Norman; piano, Miss Prouty; lecture, Jonathan H. Harwood, on his trip out west and a piano solo, Ruth Bradley, a guest of her uncle, Mr. Bradley.

As nearly everything for the supper was prepared and the services of the entertainers were gratuitous, the money raised a very good sum of money being received in many compliments as the result of their efforts.

Grange. The Grange entertained the children Wednesday evening and gave them a most good time. A fine program was given, which was as follows: Selection, orchestra; Miss Selma Bradley and Miss Bonnell; piano solo, Stella McClellan; songs, Misses Fletcher's and Bradlee's school songs; Elizabeth Hill and March schools, accompanied by Mrs. Prouty; recitation, Barbara Priest; folk dance, Misses Fletcher's and Bradlee's school songs. "The little girl home school" song, Mrs. Prouty, accompanied by Mrs. Prouty; trio, Elizabeth, Rosa and Frances Hill; piano selection, Rebecca Millett; song, "America," with flag drill, Miss Forbes; school, Mrs. Prouty; accompanist; May pole dance, directed by Miss Lovejoy, to whom great credit is due. The dancers were Edith Ames, Alice Hanger, Ruth Jewett, Margaret Hazel Bradley, Barbara Priest, Mabel Dewey, Ruth Hardy, Eunice Piper, Frances Hill, Josephine Holbrook, Stella McClellan, Elizabeth Fletcher, Charlotte and Winifred Pickard and Louise Caulkins; selection by the orchestra. Ice cream and cake were served free to the children and sold to the adults.

Dancing by the young people concluded the program of the evening. Miss Grace Needham played for the dancing. Everybody had a good time. Guests were present from Acton and Boxborough Granges.

LUNENBURG

News Items.

The Camp-fire Girls, fourteen in number, were very pleasantly entertained on Thursday afternoon of last week by their teacher, Miss Elizabeth Bryant, at the Congregational parsonage. Refreshments were served, and games made up a delightful and varied program.

F. C. Cross and family have moved from the Cunningham farmhouse this week to the C. A. Cross estate, a little farther from the Center, but in sight of it. It is understood that a party from Townsend will occupy the house he has just vacated.

Arthur W. Rockwood is at the Carver hospital in Boston. He has been out of health for several weeks, and it is thought a fall he received last winter is more or less the cause of it.

Mrs. Horace Parker and Mrs. Alfred Noon left town on Tuesday for a visit of a few days with old friends and former neighbors in Popperlton, both their husbands have been pastors there, one of the Congregational and the other of the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Marshall have just returned from a pleasant visit with friends in New Bedford and vicinity.

The Village Improvement society will hold a meeting in the lower town hall on Saturday evening at eight o'clock to consider any business that may come before it, and decide upon the best way to use the funds now in the treasury, where it is most needed.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Aker (Myrtle Hastings) will be glad to learn that their home was saddened by the advent of a little daughter on the evening of May 12. Both mother and daughter are doing nicely. The little lady will bear the name of her mother, Myrtle Hastings Aker.

Pleasantly Entertained. A company of twelve W. C. T. U. ladies left the Center square of Lunenburg on Wednesday morning of last week for a day's outing at the Y Settlement until summoned to dinner, which by the way, was the best ever—a splendid chicken-pie with all the fixings, for the hostess said she had invited them to a dinner of the products of the farm, and every dish was delicious. After dinner the business meeting was held, followed by music and singing, with Mrs. Horace Parker at the piano. At 4:30 the great wagon came to the door for the homeward trip, and after a hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess all departed feeling that it had indeed been a most enjoyable experience—a real oasis in the journey of life.

Union C. E. Meeting. Last Sunday evening the Senior and Junior C. E. societies held a union meeting which was very interesting. The subject was "Why I believe in Christian Endeavor." The meeting was held in the hall of the Y Settlement, and thirty or more junior took part, and fully as many seniors. Tests were given, questions asked, scripture texts repeated, experiences shared, and all of which seemed very satisfactory to Miss Munroe. Many of the older members thought the young people acquitted themselves very creditably. One aged, gray-haired gentleman, who had been a member of the church for many years, had had such a training and such teaching as that when young I could have been a minister now." A very pretty tree stood in the rear of the platform on which the children hung emblematic fruits of Christian Endeavor in the colors of the society, red and white, each child repeating an appropriate scripture text as they placed their offering on the tree. Responsive singing by the two societies added very much to the interesting program. A rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. Munroe for her interest she has shown in the junior society here since its organization and the efforts she has made in its behalf. Her cordial acknowledgment was shared by all who were present, and she thought more credit was due our pastor's wife than to herself. Another song by the united societies closed with the Mizpah benediction.

Memorial Day Program. Memorial Sunday comes this year on May 29 and will be observed in Lunenburg by union services in the Methodist church at Rev. George B. Dean, of Worcester, will deliver the address of the day. Services will begin at 10:45 in the morning. Lewis L. Harrington will have charge of special music, which will be reserved in the body of the house for veterans, daughters of veterans, sons of veterans, members of the W. R. C. and relatives of deceased soldiers, and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance from all these.

On Monday, May 31, people are requested to assemble in the village square, near the town hall, at 7:30 in the morning to form the procession which will start at eight o'clock for the South cemetery, led by the Military band. After the exercises there the procession will return to the hall for more flowers and then proceed to the North cemetery for the usual ceremony there, returning to the hall for the following program: Selection, band; decoration of tablets, daughters of veterans; singing, schools; prayer, Rev. R. A. Bryant; singing, schools; selection, band; address, Rev. William D. Goble, of Fitchburg; singing, "America," which everybody is cordially invited to join. A collation with hot coffee will be served in the lower hall for which cookies, doughnuts and sandwiches are solicited. Flowers, either wild or cultivated, are solicited, with the request that they be brought to the hall as early as possible.

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Saturday, May 22, 1915.

AYER

New Items.

E. M. Cohen aged 23 years; Max Cohen, aged 18, and Max Greenberg, aged 22, all of Lowell, who left that city last Saturday to walk to San Francisco, Cal., stopped here for several hours last Saturday...

A new cement walk is being made in front of St. Mary's church and grounds, under the direction of D. C. Smith, superintendent of streets...

C. W. Walls, of Worcester, installed a fire escape on the block of Geo. E. Turner & Son this week.

At the special town meeting Tuesday evening the water main to Mitchellville was voted postponed and \$600 was voted for repairs on the burn at the town farm, Thomas F. Mullin was moderator...

The closing lecture of a series of three, entitled "Irish schools—past and present," was delivered by Rev. J. J. Walsh, of Peppercorn, chaplain of Division 7, A. O. H., before the members of the division and A. O. H. and their friends in A. O. H. hall last Sunday evening...

In the illustration accompanying the report of the meeting of the woman suffragists on Boston common last week Friday, which appeared in the Boston Post on last Saturday morning, there appeared the photograph of Frank Truda, who was evidently "snapped" by the photographer while playing the cornet, his favorite instrument...

Edward Lambert, transfer man at the railroad station, met with a painful accident last Sunday morning while he was transferring a large amount of cream from the Greenville train to the train for Boston...

These officers of George J. Burns hook and ladder company have been elected for the ensuing year: Alfred E. Oikie, capt.; O. Hartwell Kluder, 1st lieutenant; Ruel M. Scruton, 2d lieutenant; Alton E. Washburn, clerk; Harvey W. Winslow, treas.; David H. Young, steward; Erastus B. Lewis, A. Paul Fillebrown, Joseph Kyle, standing committee.

Douglas C. Smith, superintendent of streets, informed that during a consultation with the state highway commission some time ago that body promised that a new section of state highway from the end of the last section built at Pinkneyville, and extending to the property known as the Rural Home would be built by the state...

The third and fourth degrees are to be conferred upon a large class of candidates at the meeting of Ayer Grange on Wednesday evening, May 26, 8 o'clock, at the hall of the Warwick, is to inspect the work of the officers at this meeting.

Mrs. F. A. Greene of Bridgewater and Mrs. N. W. Mitchell of Forest Hill have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Tittle, at Forest Hill.

Holy Communion will be held at St. Andrew's church on Sunday morning at 7.30 o'clock. Morning prayer in Forge Village at 9.30 o'clock. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Choir report at seven in the evening, sharp. Evening service at 7.30.

The fire alarm committee, composed of J. E. O'Connell, E. O. Proctor, Charles Mahan, P. H. Hooley, H. E. Farrar, C. E. Pappin and the photographer, went to Newton Upper Falls by auto on Tuesday to witness a test made of a diaphone fire alarm horn and were very much impressed with the exhibition.

Miss Doris Fletcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Fletcher, was taken to the Groton hospital on Monday evening and on Tuesday morning surgery was operated on her appendix by Dr. Hopkins. Miss Fletcher is getting along nicely from the effects of the operation.

About thirty Masons from St. Paul and Catch Biter lodges attended an exemplification and lecture on the ritual at Lowell last Saturday afternoon and evening, under the supervision of Frederick L. Putnam, grand lecturer. St. Paul lodge is the oldest in the twelfth Maine district, having been instituted in January, 1797, and had assigned to it the lecture of the first section of the Entered Apprentice degree. Catch Biter lodge worked the second section of the Master Mason degree. An excellent supper was served during the evening.

We received a postcard this week from Mrs. Walter W. Manning, dated Tijuana, just over the line in Mexico, May 11. On the reverse side of the card was a photo of six of the party in an auto taken in Mexico. Among the party were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fletcher, who was before her marriage Miss Mary Batchelder, a classmate of Mrs. Manning at the high school here.

Misses Madeline E. Donlon and Natalie Bickelow of the Framingham Normal school, together with six other young lady associates are to occupy the Donlon cottage, Sandy pond, beginning this week Friday evening, until June 1. Mrs. Mary A. McCarthy will be the chaperone.

William O'Connell, a former well-known citizen of this town, died at Philadelphia, Pa., last week Friday after a short illness of pneumonia, aged fifty-eight years. He contracted a cold which rapidly developed into pneumonia, from which death resulted in a few days. Mr. O'Connell was employed here in the tannery, then conducted by Alley Brothers & Place. For years previous to his death he was employed in Philadelphia in the Crompton & Knowles loom works,

whose main office is in Worcester, but which has a large branch in Philadelphia. Mr. O'Connell leaves a widow and two daughters, in Philadelphia; also, three brothers, James H. O'Connell of Groton and John O'Connell of Winchester, and one sister, Mrs. Michael Callahan, of Woburn. The funeral was held on last Sunday in Philadelphia. Interment took place in that city.

George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., will hold his hall on Memorial Sunday, May 23, at 10.30 o'clock in the morning for the purpose of attending services at St. Mary's church.

Thomas Bowler, a section foreman on the Greenville branch, met with an accident at Vose station, West Ayer, on Monday morning when he sustained a broken ankle. At the time of the accident he was operating a power car which jumped the track. He was thrown violently to the ground, receiving the above injury. He was taken here on the regular morning passenger train on Wednesday and is now in his home on Third street. He is under the care of Dr. Sullivan.

The annual union memorial services of the public schools will take place in the town hall on next week Friday afternoon, commencing at two o'clock.

Paulus Brothers offer this Saturday as the closing picture the great photo play in three parts, entitled "The regenerating love." Charley Chaplin, the world's funniest comedian, will be seen in "The Jitney comedy" in two parts, "On the altar of love" and "When Slippery Slim brought the eggs" will conclude the fine program. The exploits of Elaine, every Wednesday are getting very interesting. The "Clutching Hand" still keeps the moving picture patrons guessing.

The work of using oil as a dust preventer on the streets has been under way during the past week. It is the intention to use oil on all the streets in town. The work is being done under the direction of Douglas C. Smith, superintendent of streets.

Mrs. S. Bassett Dickerman, of East Main street entertained the Groton Neighborhood club at her home Wednesday afternoon from two to five o'clock. A pleasing musical program was provided which was followed by a social hour. This was a regular meeting of the club.

A full account of the exercises of the unveiling of the tablet at Camp Stevens last Tuesday, together with the address by Edward A. Richardson, will be found on page seven.

The Rifle club have received their rifles and contemplate having a range soon where they can have target practice for some time.

Post 48, G. A. R., will leave Ayer, escorted by Camp 40, S. of V., with their drum corps and Boys' Industrial School band, Memorial day, May 24, at eight o'clock. Services at Center cemetery and soldiers' monument on arrival, about 9.30; services at Bellevue at 9.15; services at the Shirley Center, about 11.30, remaining for services until 3.30. Services at St. Mary's, Ayer, 4.30 in the afternoon; at Woodlawn cemetery at 5.15.

The remains of Miss Mary E. Doherty, of Leominster, were brought here for interment on Thursday in St. Mary's cemetery. She was the wife of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Doherty, of that town. Mr. Doherty being a former resident of Ayer.

The subject for the morning sermon at the Congregational church on Sunday will be "The things which make for peace." The evening sermon "A lesson in faith." Meeting of the C. E. society at 6.15. The topic will be "Religious reading."

Mr. Josie Morgan was in town on Thursday visiting friends. She had made her home since last October in Waltham, but intends to make her permanent home here if she can find a suitable tenement. Mrs. Morgan went to Fitchburg this Friday on a visit with relatives.

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening, May 24, at 7.30 o'clock. Work—Entered Apprentice degree.

Sunday school will be held at the Methodist church at ten o'clock Sunday morning. Public worship at eleven o'clock. Subject, "The spirit a potent factor in the world's progress." Evening worship at seven o'clock. Subject, "Jesus and the prayer meeting." Friday evenings at seven o'clock.

Recent visitors noted in town were Mrs. L. S. Greenfield and daughter, Mrs. H. Greenfield, at the home of Mrs. H. Greenfield, of Greenfield, N. H.; Mrs. H. M. Savare, her mother; Mrs. Kellough, and daughter, of Cohasset, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert G. Whitney.

At the last regular meeting of Ayer Grange four members were elected. The first and second degrees were conferred on a large class of candidates at a special meeting held on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. George G. Osgood has returned from Fond du Lac, Wis., where she had gone on account of the sickness resulting in death. Mrs. Osgood was a sister of Mrs. Osgood's late husband.

Mrs. M. A. Gately, of Boston, is spending a vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. H. Graves, Mrs. Gately is a nurse at the Boston City hospital.

Wallace Kittredge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oik Kittredge, has returned to town from Windsor, Vt., where he has been employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Draper and family and maid leave on Monday for Brant Rock, where they intend to remain until July.

The Woman's Guild of St. Andrew's parish will give a May party and entertainment in Hardy's hall on Thursday evening, May 27, at eight o'clock. A cantata, "The lower garden," will be given by the members of the choir. The scenery used in the cantata was painted by Mrs. Thomas L. Fisher, of Leominster.

The Northern Worcester County conference will be held at the Fitchburg Equine Exchange headquarters, 558 Main street, Fitchburg, on Wednesday, May 26, at 2.30 o'clock. Mrs. Claude U. Gilson, assistant chairman of the state organization, will be present and preside.

The anniversary meetings of the liberal christian churches come in Boston next week.

The contest in writing essays upon "Peace" in the high school has been offered to the members of the junior and sophomore classes. The prize will be given. The offer is made under the auspices of the Woman's club, through its education department.

The following letters remained unopened at the Ayer office last week ending May 17: John Friedman, Sokolowski, N. Morse, Dinty Moore, Perry & Son, A. F. Stone.

Death. Miss Louisa A. Durgin, who has been a resident in this town for the past sixteen years, died in Boston, May 15, of dropsy, where she went a few days ago for treatment. She was a native of New Bedford and her age was 63 yrs., 21 days. For some time past she had been in poor health and when she found there was no relief from her treatment, decided to go to the city for consultation.

The funeral was Tuesday afternoon at Talbot's chapel, Lowell. The services being conducted by Rev. Asa R. DeLoe of Calvary church, Lowell, and the burial was in the Reed hill cemetery, where services were held. Two selections were sung by Mrs. F. L. Roberts and Mrs. H. A. Symonds. Miss Durgin is survived by a brother, Joseph Durgin of Suffield, Conn., a sister, Lydia Durgin of Lowell, and her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. DeLoe of Calvary church, Lowell.

Delegates from the Girls of Lowell, and W. R. C. attended the funeral. Others from here who were present were Mrs. John Wentworth, Mrs. James Boutwell, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. G. K. Brooks, Mrs. Alfred Yates and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Webb. The floral tributes were very beautiful. Among them was a choice selection sent by members of the Methodist church, of which the deceased was a devoted and active member, and who took a great deal of interest in the high school, having charge of the primary department for many years.

Prominent among the mourners was Mrs. Robert G. Boston, whom she cared for from infancy until her death was to him an irreparable loss.

Both Claim Victory. The baseball game between Ayer and Groton high schools in the latter town last Saturday ended in a very unusual manner. The Ayer players claim the game with a score of 10 to 9. The Groton team claim the score should be 11 to 10 in their favor.

The difficulty arose in the last half of the ninth inning with the score 9 to 9 in favor of the Ayer team. The Groton team out and player each on second and third bases. At this point the Groton coach, who was stationed on the Ayer bench, started to run toward the home plate to the evident intention of deceiving the Ayer pitcher, Empire Herbert Hardy, who was the signal maker on balls and strikes, called by the Ayer base out, basing his decision on the rule in the official baseball guide. This made three out and game should be over with the victor. After a few minutes the argument over the decision was renewed. The Groton umpire, who was officiating on the bases, claimed the decision was wrong and ordered the game proceed. The result was that Groton added two more runs to its score and claimed the victory with an alleged score of 11 to 9.

This is the story given out by the Ayer high team. They support Umpire Hardy's decision as correct, as has been seen by consulting the official baseball guide.

Accident. Arthur Joseph Coughlin, a brakeman in the south railroad yard received injuries last Saturday at 12.15 o'clock, that resulted in his death at the Burbank hospital, Fitchburg, about four hours later. He would have been twenty years of age on June first. The young man had been formerly employed by the railroad company as a call boy, and for the past few weeks prior to his death he worked as a brakeman.

The accident happened while he was adjusting what is known as a knuckle in a safety coupler so that the cars could be shackled without going between the cars. While so engaged he was caught between the draw bars. Although his severe injuries gave no ground for hope of recovery, yet everything was done for him in the way of medical science and care. The unfortunate young man was taken to the railroad station where Dr. Sullivan was waiting to give treatment. He was afterwards rushed to the Burbank hospital on a special locomotive, where he died at four o'clock. His spine was fractured and his body was terribly crushed. He was well known to C. Coughlin and Eva J. Matthews, Coughlin and was born in Ayer. His sad death caused much sorrow about his relatives and friends, with whom he was very popular.

The young man leaves his father, Michael J. Coughlin; three brothers, Edward, Al, Leo and D. Ralph Coughlin; a sister, Mrs. Dennis Coughlin, with whom he made his home, all of Ayer.

The funeral was held from St. Mary's church on Monday morning at nine o'clock, where a requiem high mass was said by Rev. Thomas P. McGinn. The bearers were John Crowley, Everett Hurley, George A. McGuane, Leo Organ and Paul McGuane. The members of Division 7,

A. O. H., of which the deceased was a member, attended the funeral in a body. The interment took place in St. Mary's cemetery. There were many fine floral pieces.

Notable Gathering of Masons. On the occasion of the raising of Victor LeForrest, Fillebrown to a master, the members were present about one hundred and fifty Masons at a special communication of Caleb Butler lodge on Monday evening, May 17, in Masonic hall. Present was a Fillebrown representation as past master Albert A. Fillebrown, father of the candidate, acted as master; past master Reuben C. Fillebrown of Harvard, brother of the candidate; A. Paul Fillebrown, brother, as junior deacon; Walter N. Johnson of Waterville, Me., brother of the candidate; and Wallace F. Bryant of Harvard, a cousin, as junior steward.

Among the prominent Masons present were: Melvin M. Johnson, of Waterville, grand master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; William F. Farrington, grand marshal; Herbert Leitch of Westford, past deputy grand master; Thomas Deane of Concord, past district deputy; Benjamin W. Clements of Lowell, district deputy; Robert N. Brown, past master of Corinthian lodge, Concord; William Hamilton of Clinton, past district deputy; William A. Lasselle of Fitchburg, past master; John C. Fairbairn of Cambridgeport, Middlesex county; Thomas Leighton, Jr., of Cambridge, register of deeds; Joseph O. Hayden of Somerville, county treasurer; Walter C. Wardwell, Cambridge, ex-master and deputy sheriff; George C. Lawrence, Leominster, deputy sheriff of Worcester; J. Gardner Willey, Ayer; William S. Duncan, Clinton; master of Trinity lodge; Archie Moran, Leominster, master of Wilder lodge; C. Cruys, Cambridge, chief clerk to vice-president of Boston and Maine railroad.

The same evening Ruel U. Scruton was elected to the will of the business of the third degree. After a collation was served in the banquet hall, which was followed later by singing by a number of the Masonic brethren present.

A very interesting and instructive address was given by Melvin Maynard Johnson of Waltham, most worshipful master of the grand lodge of Massachusetts and the president of the lodge with the closest attention by every Mason present. It was full of historical facts of this world-wide ancient order and was read and listened to with the closest attention by every one present. He received an ovation for his close and scholarly efforts in so ably enlightening his fellow Masons.

Alliance. The annual May meeting of the Woman's Branch Alliance was held on May 7, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon at the Unitarian church parlors. The meeting opened with scripture reading by the president, Mrs. Alice Butterfield, followed by the secretary's report. The annual reports of the secretary, treasurer and flowteller were read and accepted. The postoffice mission and other letters were read and accepted. The following was a brief verbal one, owing to the fact that very little work was done during the year. The report of the neighborhood meeting recently held in Groton was read by Miss E. Butterfield; also, a report of the formation and growth of the Alliance in Groton, was read by Mrs. Butterfield.

The following candidates for office were then unanimously elected for the coming year: Mrs. Avis Burns, pres.; Mrs. Clara Burns, p. sec.; Mrs. Clara Burns, treas.; Mrs. Harriet Hall Bixby, sec.; Mrs. Estella Farnsworth and Miss E. Butterfield, flower girls; Mrs. Barker, cheerleader; Mrs. Carrie B. Bigelow, hospitality.

The following hostesses served a delicious lunch during the social hour which followed: Mrs. Barker, Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, Mrs. D. W. Fletcher, Mrs. Joseph Graves, Mrs. Franklin Lawton and Mrs. Edward Wood and John E. Harwood were present during the social hour.

The members of the Alliance are invited to attend a neighborhood meeting to be held on Saturday afternoon, May 22, at 2.30 o'clock at the Unitarian church. Mrs. Clara Bancroft Beatty, of Boston, will give the address upon "Morals through reverence." The train leaves Ayer at 12.50 and connects with the Westford electric at Brookside.

To the Editor: In order that the citizens of Ayer may fully understand my position relating to the extension of the water main to Mitchellville, I wish you to publish the following: My intention to have presented at a town meeting last Tuesday night had an opportunity been given, but there was evidently a misunderstanding as to the time when the meeting was to be held. I am still ready to make the proposition which I intended to make at this meeting, namely: To supply the town with water from the town located on the way thereto, I make the town the following proposition: That I will extend the water main as extended to Mitchellville within four months, guarantee eight (\$8) or more meters, which will furnish an annual return of four percent. I will also guarantee to make up any deficiency so that the town will receive from meters or otherwise an annual return of four percent. I will also guarantee to extend the main to Mitchellville and I agree that this guarantee shall be so made that it will not bind me personally, but shall be binding on my estate, and shall be in full satisfaction of the water commissioners. Levi W. Phelps.

District Court. A Litchuan, known as Mike Kites, was found guilty of a charge of larceny on Monday and sentenced to the state farm in Bridgewater. This man created considerable excitement here last Saturday night, when he was arrested, by smashing a large front window in Sherwin's store with his hand, which was cut in the operation. He was arrested by Chief Beatty, who was within a few feet of him at the time. The chief had been in the window for a long time before the glass was broken, as he had been acting very suspiciously. In answer to a question of the chief as to why he broke the glass Kites said that he wanted to go to his own country, or thing, to live where he could get some money. He was unable to make a living here. It is evident that he committed the act so that he might be committed to jail.

Herbert G. Farnsworth, of Shirley, was found guilty of uttering a forged check and last Saturday the case was continued for one month. Farnsworth had been working for Henry Dodge in Shirley and procured a blank check from a drawer in the Dodge home and filled it out. He then had it cashed.

The case of William Taylor, for violation of the liquor law, was continued from last Saturday to this Saturday in order to give him time to prepare a defense.

John Squire, of Shirley, was found guilty of assault and battery on his wife and on Monday morning he was sentenced to six months in the house of correction. Another complaint charging an assault on Officer Thomas C. Burritt was dismissed by request of the officer. Officer Burritt told Judge Atwood that the case was the worst that he had ever handled and did not care to repeat the experience. When the officer was called to Squire's house last Saturday night he stated that Mrs. Squire, the victim of the brutal assault, presented a revolting sight. Her face appeared to have been beaten and her head and clothes were covered with blood. Squire stated in defense that his wife accused him of stealing her pocket-book and this accusation, together with the fact that he had been drinking, was responsible for the assault. Officer Burritt had a very hard time getting the prisoner to the lock-up and in so doing was severely kicked and bruised.

W. T. Read, of Westford, was found not guilty of non-support of his wife and discharged from custody on Thursday morning.

Thomas Gibbons was arraigned on a charge of larceny at Westford to which he pleaded guilty. Gibbons is a parole man from the Concord reformatory, where he was ordered by Officer Gardell, of Westford, who made the arrest, to take charge of the defendant and to see that his charge getting out of the reformatory was for his return to the reformatory for violation of the terms of his parole.

Resolutions. Following are the resolutions adopted by Division No. 7, A. O. H. of Ayer, on the death of Brother Arthur J. Coughlin. When his death has once again entered our division and removed from our midst our beloved brother; therefore, be it Resolved, that while we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, the division has lost one of its youngest members, whose pleasant smile and winsome ways will be missed amongst us, and whose memory will be cherished by members of this division. Resolved, that we hereby sympathize with the bereaved parents, and in these moments of deepest sorrow we extend to them our tenderest pity and commend them to Him who said: "I will never leave or forsake thee." Resolved, that the resolutions be placed on our records, a copy sent to the bereaved parents, and printed in Turner's Public Spirit.

John T. Crowley, Paul J. McGuane, John E. Harwood, Committee.

News Items. Harold W. Conant has begun work on the cellar for his new house on Shattuck street.

Principal Charles H. Cummings, of the high school, has had offered to him a new building for the Springfield high school of commerce at a salary much in advance of that he now receives.

The college entrance board of examiners has admitted the Littleton preparatory school to the number of college preparatory schools enjoying the certificate privilege. Accordingly, our high school boys and girls who have taken the required studies for college may enter college without taking examinations. This privilege has been enjoyed in regard to Normal school teaching for a few years past, and it is mainly special preparation for the teaching force and also the excellent student that the high school has gained this consent of the examining board. It is up to our graduates to make good as the privilege is taken away from a school whose graduates do not sustain in college the honorable reputation of the high school.

Urban Ewings is very weak and continues to fail.

Mrs. G. W. Canney gains, and her friends hope to see her soon in her accustomed place.

Rev. and Mrs. Alvord have been the guests of their friend, Osborn Leech of Fitchburg, a few days this week. They also visited another friend, Mrs. D. W. Richardson, of Middleton.

Rev. J. C. Alvord will preach Sunday morning and evening. The Union meeting planned for when Clinton Alvord was to speak on "The go-to-church movement," has been postponed because of the epidemic of whooping cough among the children, and the address was to have been given especially for the children. The subject of the pastor's sermon at the Congregational church on Sunday morning will be "Thou shalt love."

Miss Margaret Harwood is on her way to California. Today she is visiting her brother, Joseph A. Harwood, in the south.

Memorial day will be observed on Monday, May 31. The post will go to Groton in the forenoon, and Groton veterans will join with Littleton comrades here in the afternoon, leaving the town hall for Westlawn cemetery at two o'clock. After their return to the hall an address will be made by Rev. A. P. Newton, of Dunstable. Music will be furnished by Shirley Cornet band. Harry S. Barker has been appointed chief marshal.

At the Woman's club on Monday an account of "Fruitlands" in Still River will be read. Tickets to "Fruitlands" will be given out at that time to the club members who join the Harvard Woman's club next Tuesday afternoon in a visit to the place through the courtesy of Miss Clara Bancroft Beatty. Members of the Littleton club are reminded that club dues are payable at the annual meeting.

The Center school entertainment will be given this evening as previously announced, for the benefit of the music in schools.

There will be a union meeting of the churches of the town Sunday evening at seven o'clock in the Unitarian church. The speaker of the evening will be Clinton Alvord, of Worcester, the president of the "Go-to-church band," who will tell of the aims and success of that movement. A good attendance is desired. Mrs. Alvord will be entertained by his brother at the Congregational parsonage.

Misses Beale M. Day, Edith L. Whitcomb, Esther A. Robinson and Master Lester A. Whitney were graduated from the Junior society of C. E.

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Rev. J. C. Alvord will preach Sunday morning and evening. The Union meeting planned for when Clinton Alvord was to speak on "The go-to-church movement," has been postponed because of the epidemic of whooping cough among the children, and the address was to have been given especially for the children. The subject of the pastor's sermon at the Congregational church on Sunday morning will be "Thou shalt love."

Miss Margaret Harwood is on her way to California. Today she is visiting her brother, Joseph A. Harwood, in the south.

Memorial day will be observed on Monday, May 31. The post will go to Groton in the forenoon, and Groton veterans will join with Littleton comrades here in the afternoon, leaving the town hall for Westlawn cemetery at two o'clock. After their return to the hall an address will be made by Rev. A. P. Newton, of Dunstable. Music will be furnished by Shirley Cornet band. Harry S. Barker has been appointed chief marshal.

At the Woman's club on Monday an account of "Fruitlands" in Still River will be read. Tickets to "Fruitlands" will be given out at that time to the club members who join the Harvard Woman's club next Tuesday afternoon in a visit to the place through the courtesy of Miss Clara Bancroft Beatty. Members of the Littleton club are reminded that club dues are payable at the annual meeting.

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Center. Monday evening, May 24, Townsend Grange will give a reception to the high school pupils, teachers, and superintendent in Oddfellows' hall.

Reception committee—Albert J. Atwood, Flora I. Atwood, T. E. Flarity, Clara C. Flarity, George A. Wilder, Frank A. Woods and Agnes M. Woods. Entertainment committee—Margaret B. Higgins, Ica L. Cowdry. Reception committee—Hattie E. Cook, Edna L. Gates, Mary A. Spring, William Bush, Leander Jeffs and B. Blood. Rushing Townsend members of the 53d regiment accompanied by veterans A. D. Turner, C. W. Hill-dreth, A. Richards and eleven other citizens went by auto Tuesday afternoon to attend the dedication of Camp Stevens memorial tablet given in memory of the 53d regiment. The dedication exercises took place at the White's bridge, North Shirley. Miss Edna Bush, daughter of veteran William Bush, as youngest daughter of the company, had the honor of unveiling the tablet.

Walter E. Wilder occupied the Baptist pulpit at West Townsend on last Sunday morning and evening in the absence of the pastor.

Miss Edna Temple left last Saturday for Poland Springs for the summer season at the Mansions house.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Stevens have moved into the Martha Sanders house and Edgar Wilson and family have moved into the house recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Cook, who have gone to the West Village to live.

Lawrence Morgan, auctioneer, will sell by auction on Thursday afternoon, May 27, at 2 o'clock, a lot of household furniture and farming tools.

Memorial Program.

The plans and exercises for Memorial week have been completed and the programs arranged as follows: Memorial Sunday will be observed on May 23, at seven o'clock in the evening at Memorial hall—Piano selection; "The flag and victory," chorus; scripture reading, Rev. E. C. Charlton; prayer, Rev. A. H. Smith; address, "To thee O country"; address, "The Union soldiers' contribution to the perpetuity of our American republic," by Joseph McKean; singing by the choir; benediction by the audience and benediction. Comrades will appear in uniform and assemble at the Memorial association room at 8.30 in the evening.

On Friday afternoon, May 28, at two o'clock in Memorial hall, all the school children will be given a free entertainment. The new south—its heritage in song and story—illustrated by 100 stereopticon slides; also, "Way down upon the Swane river," illustrated by twelve slides. The same entertainment will be given on the same evening to the public, when an admission will be charged.

Memorial day will be observed on Monday, May 31, with appropriate exercises. Prayers, Rev. A. H. Smith; Comm. Albert D. Turner at headquarters, Memorial hall, at nine o'clock in the morning, leaving by train for West Townsend at 9.28. Escort, August D. Fessenden, commander, and the Townsend brass band, R. A. Lacey, leader; assistant escort at West Townsend, the Brotherhood, G. A. Seaver, president. The Townsend Memorial association, assisted by a detail from the G. A. R. post, will attend the exercises of decoration at the bridge and the cemetery at West Townsend at 10.20, and the afternoon exercises at the Center.

Flowers are solicited and may be left at Seminary hall, West Townsend, and Memorial hall at the Center. Dinner will be served in the banquet hall at 12.20 by the Sons and Daughters of Veterans to the association and to the organizations that participate in the parade. Also to the families of the allied associations. The Sons and Daughters of Veterans, soldiers and sailors and the school children are cordially invited to assist in the exercises of decoration in the cemetery.

Memorial day afternoon program—1.30, exercises at the bridge at the Center; 2.00, exercises at Memorial hall by the band; selection, "Native land," high school chorus; prayer, Rev. E. C. Charlton; Lincoln's Gettysburg speech, Hattie E. Sanders, address, Harry E. Luke, Esq., of Concord, N. H.; selection, "The Star Spangled Banner," high school chorus; "America," band, audience to join in singing, followed by exercises of decoration in the cemetery.

Evening entertainment, Memorial hall, at eight o'clock, under the auspices of the Sons and Daughters of Veterans, given by the Schubert male quartet, of Boston, assisted by Catherine Cole Steele, reader, including solos, quartet singing and readings. Tickets for entertainment on sale at C. W. Hill-dreth's store on Monday, May 24.

West. Thomas Plummer, from Somerville, has been a guest of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Z. Sherman.

Miss Agnes Wilson, of Waltham, has been spending a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Wilson, and her sister, Mrs. W. C. Wright, at the Center.

The work of slating the roof of the Baptist church, which has been done by a Fitchburg firm, was completed the first of this week.

George Ellis, of Boston, has been at the home of his mother, Mrs. Anna Ellis, for a few days, suffering from an attack of the grippe.

Walter Corey, from Fitchburg, is boarding for the summer at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boutelle, of Bayberry hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Streeter, of Nashua, N. H., have been recent guests of Mrs. Mary Streeter, of Josselynville.

Charles R. Morgan received the sad news of the death of his brother in Ashby the first of this week.

The Ladies' Mission Circle met at the home of Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence on Tuesday evening, May 18, in the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Herman Lawrence. Mrs. Fred Patch was chosen secretary pro tem. The topic was "Our peace fleet and interesting articles were read, followed by the question box. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Samuel Wares on the third Wednesday in June.

On last week Friday evening there was a good attendance at the Victoria recital given in the intermediate room by the pupils of the public schools and quite a goodly sum was raised toward the completion of the play-acting by the machine. After the playing of the records ice cream, cake and candy were on sale.

Walter W. Wilder, from Townsend, occupied the Baptist pulpit on last Sunday morning and evening and also conducted the Y. P. S. C. E. service for Abbott Hockman. His morning topic was "The sifting," and in the evening he spoke on "Son-ship."

Miss Janet Clarke, of Josselynville, entertained at lunch, Friday, of eight of her schoolmates and friends in honor of Miss Deris Ormsby on last Saturday afternoon and a most enjoyable afternoon was passed. Lunch was served in nice fashion in the woods near the house.

Miss Arline Clarke, from the Center, was a week-end guest of Miss Gladys Rawson.

Edward E. Brayton, of Providence, R. I., visited Mr. and Mrs. George Adams on Sunday, and Mrs. Brayton, who has been spending a few days with her parents, returned with him in the auto.

Mrs. Mary Tucker spent the week-end with friends and relatives in Templeton, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Boutwell and family visited relatives in Barre last Sunday, making the trip by auto.

Edward Patch and William Lyons, from Boston, visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Patch, of Josselynville, on last week Thursday and enjoyed a fishing trip, returning with a catch of twenty-two fish.

Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Battelle and son, of Ayer, visited friends in town by auto last Sunday.

Miss Bertha Reid, intermediate teacher, entertained a party composed of her brother, Arthur Reid, Joseph Clarke and Miss Dorothy Bizelew from her home in Reading at her boarding place at Miss M. Elinor Tower's over Sunday.

Miss Laura Upton, from Milton, has been spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. S. W. Upton.

Mrs. Mary Davis, of Boston, is stopping for the present with her brother, Augustus Bruce, of Main street.

Mervin Wares acted as teacher at the meeting of the West Townsend Brotherhood last Sunday in the absence of Rev. Joseph McKean.

Rev. Joseph McKean returned from a visit to Townsend, Vt., and Springfield on Wednesday evening, accompanied by his daughter, Georgiana McKean, who is recuperating from an ailment. He is residing here as a teacher in Brattleboro, Vt., for the present. Edward McKean, of Worcester, also accompanied them on their return.

Mrs. Sophia R. Burtt, Adams, widow of the late Quincey Adams, who died just a month ago, passed away at her home on Elm street at about nine o'clock Monday evening. Although in ill health for a number of years, she died suddenly and a shock to her friends and neighbors.

Her only surviving relative, a brother, Charles Burtt, of Worcester, was summoned to her bedside but a few hours before she breathed her last. A nervous invalid for several years it is thought that the loss of her husband, who had been her devoted attendant until the sad change in her life hastened the breaking down of her vital forces and caused her death. Funeral services will be held at her home on Thursday morning at ten o'clock.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items. Mrs. Charles Hills was quite sick last week, threatened with pneumonia. Her mother, Mrs. Kendrick, from Brookline, Mass., is taking care of her.

Miss Merle Swain, from Somerville, Mass., and Mrs. John Bent, from Pepperell, spent the week-end Friday with Mrs. Henry Goodwin.

Rev. Mr. Morrison, from Nashua, will be the orator for Memorial day. Mrs. Merrick Pierce has returned to her home in Hollis after spending the winter with her brother, Wesley Smith, in Lowell, N. H.

Rev. J. B. Lewis, from Pepperell, preached in Hollis last Sunday in exchange with Rev. Mr. French.

Mrs. Ida K. DeKham, from Boston, is with her sister, Mrs. Andrew Jewett, who is very sick.

The Blinshanks took with Mrs. French recently and took a short trip to Silver Lake.

Miss Grace Hardy, of Keene, spent the week-end with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Wellington are boarding at Mrs. Maxwell's. Mr. Wellington is working for Henry Wilson.

Andrew Colburn. They enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon. The program was as follows: music, Mrs. Leonard Lawrence; current events and roll call; essay, "Rural arts," Mrs. William Canavan. Delicious refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McLeod, of Nashua, were in town on Wednesday. Mrs. Harry Inalls and Miss Christina Fielding left town on Thursday.

Children's Night. Tuesday night the Grange held its regular meeting. As it was children's night it was an open meeting and about sixty-five visitors were present. The program was as follows:

Readings, Ellen Clark; "Decorations day," Francis Goodwin; recitations, "How did you know?" Thelma Locke and Hazel Lovejoy; Grandmothers, Albert Mayne; "Thinking on the old camp ground," boys chorus; recitation, "Opportunity," Florence Marchant; reading, "The golden rule," named, Irving Simonds; recitations, "Make up your mind," Frances Wright; "Selfishness," Louise Kimball; "Memorial day," Marion Sanders; song, "Just before the battle mother," girls chorus; recitation, "The lonely child," Helen Morrill; "Wealth," Belle MacMaster; "The life," Frances Goodwin; children, Theresa Stiekney, Pauline Carpenter, Ralph Bascom and Robert Baker; piano, solo by Helen Kimball; song; recitations, Raymond Flanders; "The partnership home," Theresa Stiekney; "The prayer," the children were named; Hannah Barton; "The butterfly," six girls; Barbara Scott, Claire Carpenter, Belle MacMaster, Katharine Baker, Rita Lock, Mildred Lund, whistling duet, "Marching through Georgia," Harland Muzzey and Clarence Stiekney; recitations, "Geddes," Alice Burton; "A history lesson," Clara Smith; song, "Work," children's chorus; short sketch, "The trading woman," Jar, eight girls, Clara Smith, Ellen Clark, Morris Lovejoy, Hazel Lovejoy, Theresa Stiekney, and Marion Sanders and Frances Goodwin.

Camp-fire Girls. Last Saturday the Nisittisitt Camp-fires Nos. 1 and 2, took a hike to Rattlesnake Den on Proctor hill. There were thirteen present and they found water violet along the banks of the brook which empties into the small pond, unusually beautiful. Part of the girls were quite a distance ahead and suddenly came running back declaring that they had found one for one had seen a big black snake. The girls armed themselves with clubs and started on nevertheless. They missed the trees which show the way to water and walked nearly a quarter of a mile too far, and had to climb up a hill on top of which is a very large rock, then down that hill and on to the water, where another rock, inside of which is the den. The guardian thought that it was the wildest place in Hollis. With much labor the girls climbed to the top of the rock and ate lunch. From there the bungalow belonging to Rodney Hardy could be plainly seen. All enjoyed the walk, but were pretty tired. However, a night's sleep was sufficient to refresh them all.

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A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon, situated on West Main Street, formerly known as Harvard Street, in Ayer, Mass., bounded and described as follows, viz:

Beginning at the northeasterly corner of the premises on the south side of West Main Street at a corner of land formerly of Michael Brown; thence westerly by said Street one hundred and twenty (120) feet to land now or formerly of Mary A. Truda; thence southerly by said Truda land one hundred and twenty (120) feet to land formerly of John Walsh; thence easterly by said Walsh land and land of Levi W. Phelps one hundred and twenty (120) feet to land formerly of said Brown; thence northerly by said Brown land one hundred and twenty (120) feet to the point of beginning. Containing 14409 square feet and being lots No. 14 and No. 17 on an unrecorded plan of land of Grotton Junction drawn by Parker, Stearns and Sanborn for Benjamin Martin et al. dated Sept. 1852.

Terms: \$100 down at time and place of sale and the balance on delivery of the deed within ten days from sale at the Banking Rooms of said Bank, 298 Main St., Fitchburg, Mass. The premises will be sold subject to any liens for taxes or assessments.

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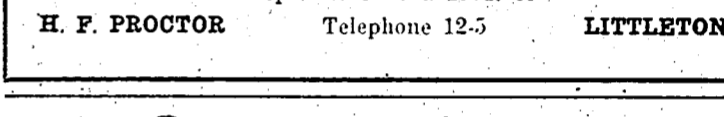
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The exercises in connection with the unveiling of the granite tablet, which marks the site of Camp Stevens, which took place on Tuesday afternoon, were of a very interesting and inspiring character. The occasion was honored by the presence of eleven members of the famous 53rd regiment, who had prepared for service in the field before their entrance into active service in the war. Many others, however, were present to testify by their presence of the deep interest in the historic event, some of whom at this place, as members of the regiment, prepared for service in the great civil strife. The various towns in this vicinity and the city of Kimball, the home city of John W. Kimball, the colored soldier of the regiment, were represented, as were also W. R. C. George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., and Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of A. of Ayer.

As the beautiful granite tablet, which covered the tablet was removed by Miss Edna Bush, of Townsend, who bears the title of the daughter of the regiment, the large tablet, with bared heads, joined in the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner." The scene, with the veterans, with its attractive natural setting, a large American flag floating in the breeze, and the singing of the national anthem, was one of rare impressiveness. The singing was led by a quartet consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Herson, Mrs. Ruth Phelps and Lester Wells, all of Shirley.

Previous to the opening of the exercises the eleven members of the 53rd regiment, who were present, assembled about the tablet. The tablet, a substantial granite one, the material coming from Milford, N. H. It stands three feet high, two feet and eight inches wide and eight inches thick. It was erected through the efforts of George S. Boutwell, W. R. C. of Ayer. The committee in charge was Mrs. Abbie J. Wells, Mrs. Ruth C. Phelps and Mrs. Elizabeth A. Clough, who were in the order of the chairman, secretary and treasurer of the committee, and Mrs. Lucie S. Richardson of Ayer.

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The manner in which the regiment nobly sustained its part in the war is a matter of record. In the volume mentioned will be found the names of all who enlisted in the various companies. Our purpose is to call attention to some of the events in the military establishment, to briefly show the movements of the regiment from Camp Stevens to the field of the war for a season was heard in the drill and martial tread in the drill field, and the healthfulness of the camp was shown by the fact that the localities in the vicinity of the camp were not without other-land Indian trails and the various valleys where in 1876 the early settlers engaged in actual combat with the Shawnee and the Chickasaw.

The spirit of defense of the nation was manifest in all the surrounding hill country, and found full expression in the military duty. In the fall of 1862 various regiments were recruited in the various sections of Massachusetts for the particular purpose, as given out, of affording reinforcements, under the leadership of Gen. Banks, to the military occupation of New Orleans.

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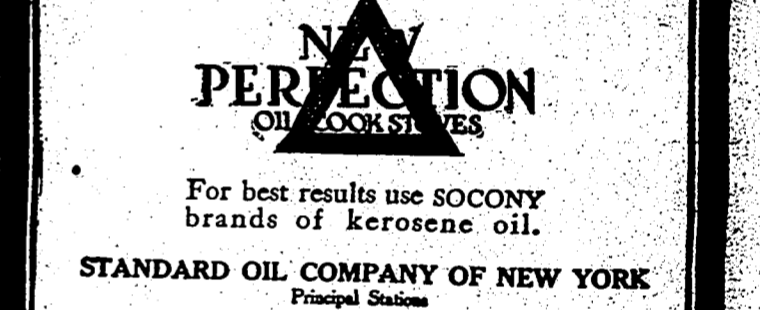


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PEPPERELL

About Town.

Mr. and Mrs. George Selbert moved back to Holyoke on Friday last week. Mr. Selbert having again secured employment there.

Miss Gertrude Raymond entertained her cousin, Miss Ethel Cobb, of Melrose Highlands, over Saturday and Sunday, the occasion being her sixteenth birthday on May 15.

The E. H. Baker residence on Keyes hill is being made ready for occupancy. Mr. Baker and his daughter were in town on Saturday, Miss Baker, during the afternoon, entertained about twenty-five of her young friends who arrived from Boston by auto and on the eleven o'clock train on the Fitchburg division.

Florence Ames came from Winchendon last Saturday to spend Sunday with her parents on Shirley street. Mrs. M. E. Swasey spent a part of this week with relatives in Quincy, going Tuesday.

Bernard Shattuck, from Boston, spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Shattuck.

On Thursday afternoon of last week six boys of the N. J. I. club, being the members of Mrs. Child's class who recently proved so zealous in helping in the work at Central hall, were taken into Boston by Mr. and Mrs. Child by auto. After a lunch they enjoyed an evening at Keith's, and arrived home early Friday morning much pleased with the outing.

Mrs. Charles Card spent a part of last week with relatives in Salem, N. H.

Officer Andrews has taken the Sheehan house on Leighton street, and will occupy it with his family for the present.

Oliver Perry, with his bride of two weeks, recently visited his mother, Mrs. Lucy Perry, of this town. The marriage occurred in West Somerville, where the groom, who is a Peppereil boy, has lately been engaged.

May 8. The bride was Miss Ethel M. Garside, also of West Somerville. After June 1 Mr. and Mrs. Perry will be at home to their friends on Hawthorn avenue, Winthrop.

Mrs. Ella Fitzpatrick, of Stoneham, was a recent guest of the week-end and Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Raymond, Hollis street.

Mrs. F. H. Wilson, of Elm street, recently left town to join her husband in Lawrence. Her daughter accompanied her and the son Ashley went this week. Their place is for sale.

Mrs. Charles Lawrence came from New York on Thursday of last week to join her husband, who came a few weeks ago to assist his father, J. A. Lawrence, on his farm on Nashua street. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence intend to remain through the summer, and will be in Lawrence on his father's place having been fitted up for them.

Miss Mildred Shattuck is just recovering from a severe attack of the grippe, which placed her under the care of a physician.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Mills entertained over the week-end at their home on Jewett street, Mr. Bent of Cambridge, Mrs. Mills' brother; also her niece, Miss Katherine Bent, and her sister, Miss Alice Bent, of Toledo, Ohio. The young ladies came from the Whittier School for Girls, near Amesbury, returning to their studies on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Sibley, of Fitchburg, were week-end and Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Darling, Foster street. Mr. Sibley is connected with the Fitchburg Sentinel and is rarely able to obtain an extended vacation. He was much pleased with the picturesque scenery in various parts of our town, and being a Grand Army man, was particularly pleased with the Prescott memorial table and grounds.

Mrs. Elsie Copp, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Willett, of Lynn, rendered a solo before the Woman's club of that city during her stay. She also responded to an enthusiastic encore. On Sunday morning she rendered the solo "Face to face" at the Congregational church in Dunstable, by request of friends there.

John Dupree, who closed his barber shop in town some time ago, has been working in a barber shop in Derry, N. H., recently.

Harry Hatfield has moved his family to Mason, N. H., where he has employment with relatives.

Robert and Carl Deware went to Andover to visit over an invitation from a friend who is a student there.

Stanley Chase, who has been working on the farm of J. Absalom Lawrence for more than a year past, was

recently injured by falling from one of the farm implements. He was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, for treatment, and is expected to be discharged on Monday.

The blacksmith shops in town are to be closed on Saturday afternoons again this year, commencing the first Saturday in June.

Mrs. E. J. Darling entertained a friend, Mrs. Kate Spaulding, of Townsend, part of last week.

E. S. McElhenney, of Lynn, accompanied by his wife, visited his brother, Mr. McElhenney, on Oak Hill last Sunday coming by auto. Other guests for the day were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gilman and three children.

Little Edna Cotton, who has suffered so much from spinal trouble the past year, is again confined to her bed with a bilious trouble.

Rehearsals, which have been taking place at Oak Hill hall this week, indicate that the children of the Oak Hill Bird club will probably give a pleasing entertainment on Saturday evening, May 22. This is the pioneer of the kind in this town, having been formed by Mrs. A. I. Maxwell last September. The members are anxious to collect enough funds to be able to do aggressive work for the protection of the feathered inhabitants of the groves. Because the cause is a worthy one they should have a full house.

The ice cream parlor occupied by Mrs. Elsie Copp last year in the bank building, corner of Main and Mill streets, is being installed and will be opened by her for the summer, probably on Wednesday, May 26.

A new stable is being erected by Miller's carpenters for Mrs. W. H. Merrill in the rear of the one destroyed by fire last winter. The site is in the rear of the old building.

Thomas Fhinney has returned home from St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, no operation having been attempted. He has been falling since his return and is now confined to his room.

Richard Hardy, who has recently been in Milford, N. H., returned here this week. He will remain with his aunt, Miss Allen, on his little farm on Shipley hill, West street.

Charles H. Miller is making some changes in the cottage house on Main street vacated by the Buss family. A bathroom is being installed and other improvements made before Dr. and Mrs. Wood move in.

Wardell Parker is sufficiently recovered from his attack of blood poisoning to be able to resume his duties for the summer at the E. H. Baker place.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Burns entertained the two sisters of Mr. Burns, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Randolph Brown, from Milford, N. H., on Saturday. They went from here to Boston on Tuesday night and will visit relatives there previous to their return home.

Thomas Murray of Middleboro has been in town a few days at his old home in town.

There were Memorial day exercises at the different schools this week Friday afternoon. Debates from the G. A. R. post were assumed to speak before the school-children in the course of the program.

The L. A. S. are to meet at their room at the Methodist vestry on Wednesday afternoon, May 26. Special business will come before the meeting and the new pastor, Mr. Boes, will meet the ladies to consider some details concerning their work.

The meeting of the East Village Social club at the home of Mrs. N. W. Appleton on Wednesday afternoon was well attended. Fifteen members being present. A report of the work accomplished in Nissittisitt square was given and favorably accepted. Action was also taken on an invitation received from Mrs. Paul Maxwell, the president of the Oak Hill Woman's club, to meet with her on the afternoon of June 2. It was voted to accept the invitation and a social followed the business with music and light refreshments.

Mrs. R. H. Lawson was called to Haverhill on Thursday by news of the illness of a relative.

Rev. J. B. Lewis attended a church conference in Pittsfield this week. William W. Dole, being appointed as delegate, also attended.

Theresa Tully came from Beachmont to visit her sister, Mrs. Margaret Davis, over the week-end and Sunday.

Mrs. Joseph Saunders is quite ill and confined to her home by an attack of tonsillitis.

A meeting of the children of the Audubon Nissittisitt Bird club will be

held with Mrs. Frederick H. Parker, Mill street, on Wednesday afternoon, May 26.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Maynard are entertaining George H. Richmond of Boston at their home on South st.

Mrs. Arthur Elliott of Gardner is visiting her sister, Mrs. Bartlett, coming Wednesday.

Mrs. Thos. Burns came from Derry, N. H., staying home on Tuesday with her little son, who has been staying here for a few weeks with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Graham.

An Unusual Lecture. The committee of the Ladies' Social Circle of the Unitarian church are making arrangements for a very fine entertainment to be given at their church on Thursday evening, June 3. There is to be a lecture, illustrated by 100 splendid stereopticon views, the subject "The seat of the present war in the near East, viz., the Dardanelles, the Aegean Sea, Smyrna and Constantinople," which will prove peculiarly interesting just at this time.

The lecturer, Alcide T. M. de Andria, is not unknown in this town, having previously visited here as a relative, by marriage, of one of the ladies of the committee. He has delivered lectures in countless clubs and schools in New York and New Jersey; he resides, also, before the Unitarian society of Lowell, at Harvard college, the Boston Harvard club twice, the Brooklyn Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y., and the French Alliance of Troy, N. Y.

In connection with the lecture, which will be delivered in English, the lecturer will sing a few Greek songs in his own language. The national airs of the allied nations: "The brabanconne" of Belgium; "Rule Britannia" England; and "The Marseillaise" France. He also sings these Greek songs, which are of great melodic beauty, in a simple, straight-forward manner in much the same way that they were sung in the past. He will sing them centuries ago. They portray the character, thoughts and feelings of a by-gone time and people.

All who value an evening's entertainment from the studies, the most interesting character, will plan to attend. A salad supper will be served by the ladies in Central hall, previous to this lecture, which will be held in the auditorium.

Witness Accident. An auto party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Willoughby and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Robinson, of Townsend, Willoughby as driver, went from here to Leominster last Sunday to visit Wallace Willoughby and family. In going north on the road, Leominster they were unfortunate in reaching the point where the fatal auto accident occurred Sunday afternoon, within a few moments of the time of his having been struck by the man from Fitchburg, who was almost instantly killed, had not been removed, and the four other men, including the driver, were receiving treatment from Fitchburg hospital.

Bernabe, aged sixty, being the one who was killed. Over-speeding and a dangerous curve are the reasons assigned for the disaster, the car striking being badly smashed up. Prill was arrested on a charge of reckless driving and held in \$500 bail.

Grange Notes. Prescott Grange met in regular session at Grange hall on Friday evening, May 11. The subject for the evening was "Agriculture." The master of rolls, Charles B. Merrill, was present and gave an instructive talk on the spraying of apple trees, speaking at some length on the different kinds of mixture and the times at which they should be applied to the trees. Mr. Hardy is the son of Charles Hardy, of Hollis, a graduate of the Durham Agricultural college.

The results of his experiments are well-known. His work since leaving college has been first among the older orchards of his father's farm and next among young trees which he has set out. He has been successful in both, and a drive in the vicinity of his orchards with their smooth, gray trunks and branches, and the abundant bloom is well worth taking just now. He has given practical demonstration that he knows how to make this profitable, and his talk was listened to with much interest.

Lester Hill, a past master and member of the Grange, presented and gave an equally instructive talk on "Potato culture." George E. Shattuck, of this Grange, told of the use and benefit of the potato. His remarks were very interesting and the several slides brought out the various phases of the life and degradation of the potato since the civilizing effects of the potato blight during the war was also portrayed. At the close the address of Abraham Lincoln in Berlin county, Ky., was read. The program was repeated at the Oak Hill hall on Monday evening to an appreciative audience, some what small in account of the bad weather. It was as close as the previous one, the log cabin in which Lincoln was born, which had been removed and is now lived after the removal of the family to Indiana, near Chicago. Also, Lincoln's monument was shown, and the address was thrown on the screen, and the audience enjoyed seeing "America."

Illustrated Lecture. The illustrated lecture given by Rev. J. B. Lewis on the subject "The heart of the Cumberland," was well attended on Sunday evening at the Congregational church. The historical and geographical facts of the region were made very interesting and the several slides brought out the various phases of the life and degradation of the potato since the civilizing effects of the potato blight during the war was also portrayed. At the close the address of Abraham Lincoln in Berlin county, Ky., was read. The program was repeated at the Oak Hill hall on Monday evening to an appreciative audience, some what small in account of the bad weather. It was as close as the previous one, the log cabin in which Lincoln was born, which had been removed and is now lived after the removal of the family to Indiana, near Chicago. Also, Lincoln's monument was shown, and the address was thrown on the screen, and the audience enjoyed seeing "America."

Wedding. Many guests from town attended the marriage ceremony of Marie Annette Mason, only daughter of Edward and Made (Shattuck) Mason, at the Unitarian church at Brighton on Saturday evening at eight o'clock. The groom was Charles Frederick Davis, also of Brighton. Rev. Mr. Perkins of the Unitarian church, the pastor of the bride, and Rev. Mr. Knight of the Congregational church, the pastor of the groom, officiated at the ceremony, the double ring service being used.

The bride was charmingly gowned in white, and her hair was styled in the latest fashion. She carried a shower bouquet of white valley lilies. She was preceded by four flower girls and attended by four bridesmaids. Following the church service, which three hundred invitations were issued, a reception of the most in-luxurious and the relatives, was held at the home of the parents of the bride.

Miss Mason is a graduate of the Brighton High school and is most popular among her classmates and friends there. She has also made many friends in connection with her position as bookkeeper in a Boston wholesale jewelry establishment. The estate connected with a Boston real estate firm and is also popular among his associates. The estate in which they are both held was shown by the abundance of rare and costly

pieces of cut glass and silver, beautiful paintings, linen and china, as gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Davis took a two weeks' trip, after which they will reside on Commonwealth avenue, Boston.

The relatives who attended from this town were Mrs. Louis Shattuck and son Howard, Mrs. W. W. Lunt, Dr. and Mrs. N. S. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Judman Blake and two children and Mrs. Mildred Lunt and Donald Shattuck.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mason are well known in this town, having resided here at the Mason homestead on the street for some years. They were removed to Brighton about ten years ago, where they have since resided.

Baseball and Basketball Games. The Peppereil Grammar school ball team was defeated by the Groton Grammar school team on the Groton grounds Saturday, May 15, by a score of 3 to 2. The features of the game were the brilliant batting of Nicholas, McPartlan, the star twirler for the Peppereils, held the Groton team to two hits.

P. H. S. Entertainment. The entertainment given at Present hall on Friday evening, May 14, by members of the high school, under the supervision of Principal D. L. Whitmarsh, was very well attended. The program was opened by a piano solo by Lambert Sullivan. The debate was on the subject: Resolved, "That the army and navy of the United States should be enlarged." The affirmative side was taken by Lloyd Tower, Roscoe Hayes and John Cunningham. The negative side was taken by Henry Wilson, John Conlan and Green T. Thayer. The national airs of the allied nations: "The brabanconne" of Belgium; "Rule Britannia" England; and "The Marseillaise" France.

At the close of the program dancing was indulged in until ten o'clock. Music being furnished by the Standard orchestra. A table of home-made candy, in charge of Miss Tucker, the commercial teacher, and sophomore girls, was well patronized.

Death. The many friends of Mrs. Harriet (Vernon) Lakin in this section of the town were shocked and greatly shocked by the news of her sudden death on Wednesday noon, May 19. She had been in poor health for some time for kidney trouble, the complication being the cause of death at the last.

She was born April 15, 1852, and was the daughter of the late Joseph Bradley Varum, and his wife, Betsey B. (Tucker) Varum, who resided for years on what is still known as the "Mountain Whites" farm. Harriet Ann Varum was the last of the family, her brother William having died in Boston some years ago, and another brother dying an infant.

The deceased became the wife of Nathaniel Lakin of this town June 5, 1871, and has been to him, as she always was, a devoted companion, a faithful, devoted and loving wife. She was also an aunt, Miss Elizabeth Tucker, who resides in town.

Services were held at her late home on Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock. The officiating clergyman was Rev. Harry Shattuck of Loudonville, N. H., a nephew of Mr. Lakin's, and Rev. Geo. M. Newhall, pastor of the church in which she died. Burial was in the Varum lot at Walton cemetery.

The annual meeting of the L. S. Branch Alliance of Unitarian church, Peppereil, elected as officers for current year: Mr. Addison Woodward, president; Mr. D. E. Harlow, secretary; Mr. Maull, vice-pres.; Mrs. Minnie Greenlee, sec.; Mrs. E. B. Heald, cor. sec.; Mrs. Harry Holbert, treas.; Mrs. A. S. Woodward, collector.

Twelve persons by the courtesy of the Groton Bird club attended their very interesting meeting on the evening of May 17, driving over from Peppereil in the cold and misty rain. The clubs have been evenly matched in two games, each club winning out in the final inning on its home grounds. The score:

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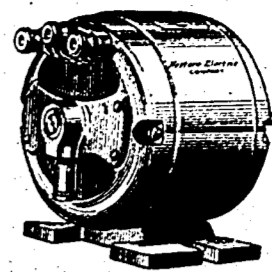
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of Townsend. During their visit Mr. and Mrs. Blood attended the Panama-Pacific exposition and report it as being wonderful in every way. While at the exposition they met George Sullivan, of Townsend Harbor, who with his wife and eighteen other midlets have a season's engagement in Toyland at the exposition.

Albert D. Turner is having his house wired for electric lights, the work in charge of George Jones, of Cooper Corner.

Mrs. Alice Bowley returned home last Sunday from the Forest Hill hospital. Her many friends are pleased that her recent operation was successful and to know that she is rapidly convalescing.

Church Notes.

At the Methodist church Sunday morning Rev. E. C. Charlton's sermon subject will be "The Republic of God." Wednesday afternoon at eight o'clock L. E. S. held a very enjoyable meeting with Mrs. Annie Dow, hostess. The ladies were very glad that Mrs. Alice Bowley was able to be present at this meeting after her recent illness and hospital operation. The new minister's wife, Mrs. Charlton, was also present to meet and to receive greetings from the ladies. The occasion being the annual meeting the following officers were elected: Mrs. Minnie R. Upham, pres.; Mrs. Hattie M. Seales, v. p.; Mrs. Esther E. C. Estlin, sec.; Mrs. Esther E. C. Estlin, treas.; Mrs. E. B. Heald, cor. sec.; Mrs. Harry Holbert, collector.

The first quarterly conference meeting of the M. E. church was held with Mrs. W. F. Taylor, Main street, Wednesday evening. The district superintendent, Rev. George B. Deah, of Worcester, was present and presided at the meeting.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers' topic will be "A new type of patriotism." An E. evening service will be omitted on account of services in Memorial hall.

Last week Friday afternoon a meeting of exceptional interest was held by the Congregational ladies' society. The club have been evenly matched in two games, each club winning out in the final inning on its home grounds. The score:

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when a widow dies without children and without leaving a will, the property she acquired from the deceased husband and which has not been disposed of reverts to the heirs of the husband. In the suit for the estate the relatives of Mrs. DeBaker claimed upon her death she was the widow of Col. DeBaker, not of Stearns, and that the latter's estate relatives had no claim to her estate.

It is of interest in passing to know that the said Abel Stearns made the first shipment of gold from California, was the first president of the San Francisco Society of Pioneers, was mayor of Los Angeles several times, and when California was made a part of the United States, was a member of the convention that adopted the constitution of the state.

Harbor.

Monday evening Adney Gray attended the Old Fellows' meeting in Milford, N. H. The newly erected perzola is an added attraction to the grounds of Harbor farm.

Mrs. L. E. Whitney and baby Elizabeth, of Chicago, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer.

Mrs. Ransom Adams, who has been visiting friends in Marlboro, returned home on Thursday.

Mrs. Ida Brown and family went to their new home in Lunenburg on Thursday. The household goods were moved by auto trucks.

James Moran, whose arm was casted from two rollers of one of the wet machines at the feather mill, thereby breaking both bones of the forearm, is at the Burbank hospital and doing well.

Mrs. Henry Spaulding, who spent the winter in Nassau, has opened her home in this village.

The Ladies' Aid met as usual on Thursday afternoon at the home of its president, Mrs. Buckley. Mrs. B. C. Cummings acted as hostess. Miss Myra Morris gave several piano solos.

Mrs. Mary Crikshank, who has been visiting friends in Medford and vicinity, returned to Pinehurst Tuesday.

Gilman Conant, while ploughing one day this week, met with a painful accident. An apple tree branch, catching in the harness, flew back and hit him in the face, rupturing a blood vessel of one of his eyes. The eye is doing better and is thought the injury will not be permanent.

Although still seriously ill at Memorial hospital in Worcester, Miss William Warner, who a week ago Saturday underwent an operation for appendicitis, is very slowly recovering.

On Friday, May 14, Mrs. Charles Warner received a postal shower. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blake made a business trip to Boston on Monday.

The Misses Fletcher, of Fitchburg, spent the week-end at their summer home in South row.

The driveway at Seven Pines is being made a handsome as well as useful adjunct to the estate.

At her home in Peppereil Mrs. Nathaniel Lakin died suddenly of heart disease Wednesday.

The employees of the E. & A. D. Fessenden Company contributed the sum of over thirty dollars towards the funeral expenses of their former fellow workman, William M. Wharf. Mr. Wharf's life is lived in vain when at its close such material expressions of respect are called forth. On account of ill health Mr. Wharf has not been able to work steadily. He greatly appreciated the kindness of the E. & A. D. Fessenden Company whereby he was given employment whenever his health permitted activity.

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