

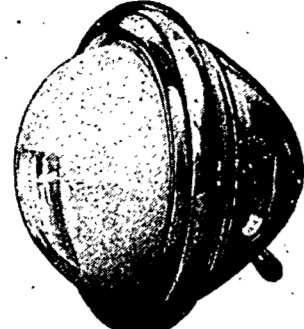
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LITTLETON

News Items.

Elmer W. Fletcher has been to the winter meeting of the N. E. Fox Hunters' association in New Bedford this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. D. Whitcomb are both confined to the house with the influenza.

The Alliance will hold the regular sewing circle at the home of Mrs. O. J. Fairfield's next Friday afternoon.

The scarlet fever scare is somewhat subsiding. To the present date no new cases have been reported. Edna Hartwell has been pretty sick, but is improving. Mrs. Dodge had a very light case. Dr. Simpson, of Lowell, was called by the local board of health to investigate conditions. He fumigated the men at Mr. Dodge's and requested them to board out, permitting them from that time to sell milk. The public were happy to see Mr. Dodge again and receive their daily supply of milk which had been shut off by order of the health commissioners. The public schools have been closed this week, but will reopen on Monday if conditions admit. The health board assure us that they have done and are doing all in their power for the good of the public.

Miss Martha Wainwright has accepted a position with her uncle in Fitchburg as housekeeper.

Mrs. John Murphy has been very ill at her home on Whitcomb avenue.

Miss Hannah Dodge continues to gain, and it is hoped she may return from the hospital soon.

Many friends are inquiring for Miss White, who was burned at the fire on Wednesday. We are happy to report officially, that although the burns were quite extensive on face and neck, they are not deep.

The Webster and Dodge families at the Common have been visited by the prevailing epidemic.

From the Boston papers we quote the following item of interest to many Littleton friends: "Mrs. Carrie Leland, of Auburton, and recently of Littleton) has been appointed assistant pastor of the Dane street Congregational church in Beverly. She will take up her duties the latter part of this month. Her associate pastor with Rev. Richard H. Bennett, pastor of the church. Mrs. Leland was formerly engaged in similar work in Pilgrim church of St. Louis."

Mrs. C. K. Houghton and Mrs. W. E. Conant have been under submission to grippy colds that have kept them housed a few days.

Miss Julia Conant is up and dressed, but not yet in her normal strength.

At the union meeting in the Congregational church on Sunday evening, Rev. J. C. Alvord will give an address on "Religious life in the Tyrol," illustrated by thirty stereoscopic pictures. Mr. and Mrs. Alvord ascended the passes in this section where the Italian army is now fighting the Austrians.

The name of Harriet Elizabeth has been given to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Robinson's Christmas baby. Miss Chandler, of Ayer, is with Mrs. Robinson.

The Riflemen's club had a good meeting on Wednesday evening. The following officers were all re-elected: Harry Knights, pres.; J. W. Ames, v. p.; Harry Hunt, sec.; J. J. Jacobs, treas.; J. H. Remick, ex. officer.

The Grange will hold a costume party next Wednesday evening. A fine will be imposed upon every member over the attendance of the estate of Ellen A. Barry, Harvard, her nephew, J. Fred Barry, Schenectady, N. Y., having filed a claim of appeal to the supreme court from the probate court decree, allowing the will, and ap-

pointing J. A. Barry, Harvard, father of J. Fred Barry, as executor. The first intimation of a contest over the settlement of the estate of Mrs. Barry was the filing of the claim of appeal, there being no opposition to the allowance of the will and appointment of the executor when they came up for allowance in the probate court. The nephew is represented by counsel in the person of the Worcester law firm of Norman & Campbell, through which the claim of appeal was filed.

Prof. A. S. Richards is confined to his home with quinsy sore throat. During his extended vacation Mrs. Eggerley and Miss Sears are in charge at Bromfield.

Mrs. L. W. Hall is quite sick with pneumonia. She has a trained nurse caring for her.

A citizen's caucus will be held on Saturday evening, January 22, at the lower town hall at eight o'clock for the purpose of nominating officers to be elected at the annual town meeting to be held in February.

SULL RIVER.

Mrs. William W. Viles entertained the Birthday club last Saturday afternoon and all had a very pleasant time. Miss Katherine Richardson, of West Acton, who was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Viles, gave several vocal selections. Mrs. Mary Haskell accompanying on the piano. Sandwiches, cocoa, cake and ice cream was served. In the evening, after the guests had gone, Mrs. Viles and Miss Richardson called on the members of the club who were unable to be present. Miss Richardson sang a solo at the Baptist church last Sunday morning.

Mrs. Jennie Willard is the latest known victim of the severe grippe.

Erwin Walker, who has been working in Worcester, has given up his job and is now at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Walker.

Miss Davis, of Lowell, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Morse over Sunday.

Anna W. Robinson has been appointed meat inspector for the town of Harvard, and is kept quite busy inspecting the calves and pigs that are being killed.

SHIRLEY

News Items.

Frederian lodge, I. O. O. F., installed officers on Thursday evening. The installing officers consisted of J. Gardiner Willey and suite of Peppercell. A collation was served and the evening pleasantly spent. The following is a list of the officers installed: Alvah B. Watton, n. g.; Arthur G. Dunn, v. g.; George W. Balch, sec.; George F. Buxton, treas.; Morton E. Lawrence, w.; John E. Beach, con.; H. Fowler, chap.; John E. Adams, r. s. s.; Roy Birchstead, l. s. s.; Harry H. Lynch, r. s. n. g.; Joseph McPherson, l. s. v. g.; George N. Herson, r. s. v. g.; Homer C. Harris, r. s. v. g.; Sylvester Chesbrough, l. g.; James L. Holland, o. g.

Center.

Nine members of Shirley Grange attended the installation of officers at Ayer Grange on Wednesday evening. The Matrons' Aid society will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, January 25, with Mrs. C. E. Bradford, important business to be transacted and every member is requested to be present.

Four from Shirley Grange attended the meeting of Grotton Grange Tuesday evening when the installation of officers took place.

Miss Ruth M. Graves, who has been confined to her home with illness for the past two weeks, has recovered sufficiently to return to Lancaster on Monday.

TOWNSEND

Center.

Thursday afternoon a whist party was given at the home of Mrs. G. E. Worcester. Miss Bertha Donnell won the highest score. Refreshments were served by the hostess and a pleasant afternoon enjoyed.

Leiland Woods of Athol is enjoying a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Woods.

Frederick J. Piper, forest warden, has appointed the following deputies for 1916: Galen A. Proctor, John Donagan, Andrew J. Eaton, F. D. Parsons, Clarence L. Webster, Thomas J. Smith, Edgar E. Campbell, Robert G. Fessenden and Adney W. Gray.

The board of fire engineers have re-organized for the coming year with these officers and members: Frederick J. Piper, chief; A. N. Fessenden, clerk and treasurer; Adney W. Gray, list asst. at the Harbor; Clarence L. Webster, list asst. at West village; H. Fessenden, Dr. Henry B. Boynton, P. A. Greenleaf and R. A. Lancy, members on the board.

Wednesday evening, district deputy to the grand master, J. G. Willey and suite, of the officers-elect of Shirley, I. O. O. F., Frank A. Woods, n. g.; H. Raymond Thatcher, v. g.; Robert S. Misner, s. n. g.; Leon Z. Watkins, l. s. v. g.; Sanford Johnson, s. v. g.; Ivan Hilltz, l. s. v. g.; George A. Wilder, sec.; E. Alonzo Blood, treas.; Henry J. Miller, chap.; Frank B. Higgins, con.; John E. Temple, w.; Nilo Woods, r. s. s.; Russell Greeley, l. s. s.; Willard Gray, l. g.; Joseph W. French, o. g. At the close of the installation a collation was served and pleasing remarks made by visiting brothers and members of the home lodge.

The installation of the officers-elect of E. A. Spaulding Itebekah lodge will be held this week Friday evening. Installing officer, Mrs. Rockwood, and suite from Grotton.

The Dorcas class met Thursday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage. Miss Emelle Lawrence in charge of the afternoon work and program.

Mrs. Little Kirk entertained this week the members of her Sunday school class. An afternoon and evening of pleasure was enjoyed with a beautiful supper served by the hostess.

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GROTON

West Grotton.

Miss Grace Bixby stayed on Thursday from a two weeks' stay in Boston. Several of the scarlet fever cases are out of quarantine, none other in the family having taken the disease. Latest cases reported are those of Forrest Sleeper and Alden Dudley.

Mrs. E. K. Harrington is suffering from a fall several weeks ago, having a lame and painful shoulder.

Mrs. F. L. Blood has been quite ill with the grippe, but is now gaining. One of her little daughters was troubled with a bad throat at the same time.

Doris Green is ill with whooping cough and other cases are said to be among the children.

Several pupils have been kept from school by severe cases of indisposition, among them being Dorothy Thompson and Marjorie Carey.

Dorothy Bixby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bixby, was quite ill on Wednesday. The physician summoned pronounced it grippe, and she is now gaining.

In the list of prize winners at the Horticultural fair held in Boston as published recently in the Post, appeared the names of Marshall Parker, Richard Kezar, James Fallon, all of this village.

The Improvement society will meet on Tuesday evening and an interesting meeting is expected with a short entertainment at the close. Let all who are interested try to be present and by their presence, if in no other way, help the cause along.

A pleasant family reunion occurred on Sunday when four brothers spent a day together, the first in three years, and the first in many years at the home of their aunt, Mrs. H. Spaulding. Farley Kilbourn, late of Idaho, arrived on Saturday afternoon, remaining until Tuesday. Coming on Saturday evening, the oldest brother, Rev. Albert Kilbourn of Enfield, N. H., spent the following day, leaving on Monday. Ralph of Albany and Ellery, late of New York city, made their appearance on Sunday morning, for the day only. Since childhood days, the brothers have often visited West Grotton, but during the past ten years have been quite widely scattered.

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All officers were re-elected—Mrs. Spaulding, pres.; Mrs. Charles Bixby, v. p.; Mrs. C. Roy, sec.; Mrs. Percy Briggs, sec.; Mrs. E. K. Harrington, treas.; Mrs. G. H. Bixby, Mrs. Albert Harrington, directors. The following committee were elected: Mrs. W. M. Kimball, Mrs. F. E. Harrington, lookout; Mrs. L. G. Strand, Mrs. M. McCarley, social; Mrs. A. W. Lamb, Mrs. C. R. Dudley, Mrs. C. E. Bixby, entertainment; Mrs. W. M. Kimball, Christmas. Refreshments were served and another social afternoon was ended; another year of endeavor begun.

Mr. and Mrs. Murdoch McCarley are rejoicing over the advent into their son's family of a little daughter—Norma Wilder McCarley.

The Gun club served an oyster supper at its meeting on Friday evening of last week. Five members were voted upon and accepted. Cards followed the supper. The first prize, a pack of cards, was won by Harold Lincoln, consolation by Mrs. Green. A name unintentionally omitted last week from the list of permanent officers in the Squannacook lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U. is that of E. F. Sleeper, treas.

An alarm was sounded early on Wednesday morning for a chimney fire at the McCormick place on Shirley hill. Large pieces of blazing shingle fell upon the roof, which being frost covered, refused to ignite and a disastrous fire was thereby averted.

C. E. Inklings.

A very lively and enthusiastic business meeting was held on Friday evening of last week at the home of Miss Marian Melish. The reports of the regular committees were interesting and helpful. The special committee on the installation of electric light in the parsonage reported the probable cost as \$100 and the society voted affirmatively on the question. A social and lunch were enjoyed after the business routine. A new wall pledge will be purchased this week and a temperance committee will hold meetings next week.

The subject for Sunday evening is "How to work with others," a "get-together" meeting. Special music.

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"We are not murderers," said the Austrian officer as he superintended the work of rescue. Later, when he discovered that to sink the Easulus probably meant the death of those still on her, he allowed her to proceed.

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WESTFORD

Center. Wallace Johnson started Wednesday of this week cutting ice on Burgess pond. The ice is between eleven and twelve inches thick and of good quality.

Miss Nellie Gill, of Boston, is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher.

Miss Hilda Isles, who has been ill, is improving and able to sit up a part of each day.

Mr. Foster, living in Mr. Seavey's tenement, is convalescent after a two-weeks' sojourn with the grippe, as is also J. Henry Colburn after a brief stay indoors.

A hearty appreciation goes to Mr. Pickering for so efficiently repairing the town pump. The fountain in the town fountain is out of commission during the cold months the old pump fills a need and is a satisfaction to those who use it for their horses to find it in good repair.

J. H. Fletcher, postmaster, was in attendance this week at the annual meeting of the New England Fox Hunt club with banquet on Wednesday evening.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary E. Heywood took place from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth, Thursday afternoon of last week at two o'clock. There was a large gathering of sorrowing relatives, neighbors and friends present. Rev. L. H. Buckshorn conducted the services with wise words of sympathy and comfort, closing with the reading of "Crossing the bar" and "The friend's burial." The floral tributes were profuse and beautiful. The bearers were H. L. Wright, J. Herbert Fletcher, Alfred Telle and Edward Fisher. Interment was in the family lot at Fairview cemetery.

Emory J. Whitney is reported gaining each day, although still confined to his bed.

The new arrangement at the postoffice which J. H. Fletcher, postmaster, has been instrumental in securing for its patrons whereby the morning mail is ready for delivery fully an hour earlier, is proving a much-needed change. For many years the morning mail has arrived on the 8.10 down train, but arrives on the 7.21 up train, giving people their morning papers and letters appreciably earlier in the day. This arrangement gives Frank C. Wright, R. F. D. carrier, a chance to get his mail sorted and started on the route much earlier in the day, and with an extra long route this is much of an advantage.

The annual meeting of the Boy Scouts was held at the Congregational church Friday evening of last week and the following officers elected: Otis Day, troop pres.; Artemas Griffin, George Perkins, patrol leaders; Charles Robey, treas. Meetings have been arranged every two weeks throughout the winter.

At the close of the morning service last Sunday morning at the Congregational church the communion service was held. At the evening service Mr. Wallace gave an interesting account of the work of the late Anthony Comstock and his long fight against impure literature.

Tadmuck Club.

Guest night in the Tadmuck club calendar took place Tuesday evening at the Congregational church. There was a large attendance of the members with their guests, about 175 being present. The entertainment of the evening was given by the Ladies' Germania orchestra, Miss Edith Chase, piano; Miss Florence Nix, violin, and Mrs. Gertrude Hutchinson, cornet; also, Rev. Marion Franklin Ham, of Reading, gave readings of the ordinary, called the Kinchen Stories. These stories portrayed negro stories of plantation life, told in dialect, and cleverly portraying the wit and humor, the pathos and humor in the life of one old southern negro. Mrs. J. Willard Fletcher was the hostess of the evening, and with a capable group of assistants served a delicious and plentiful collation. Mrs. L. H. Buckshorn and Mrs. William C. Rondenbush presided at the coffee urns and the handsome table was set with Mrs. Julian A. Cameron's handwork. The evening was one of delightful sociability and marks one more successful guest evening in the annals of the club.

Annual Church Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Congregational church took place on Monday at the church. Dinner was served at noon and was most enjoyable in good friends, good cheer and good fellowship. Personal greeting cards for the church year from the pastor were at each plate, also nicely prepared responses for the roll call. These last were the work of Miss S. W. Loker. At the close of the meal the roll was called by the clerk with good response from those present and from absent members. A pleasant letter was read from the Misses Atwood written from Tampa, Fla. At the business meeting which followed in the vestry reports were given by the various officers. The financial conditions showed all bills paid and a balance in the treasury.

Officers chosen for the ensuing year were L. W. Wheeler, clerk; Miss L. B. Atwood, treas.; John P. Wright, asst. treas.; H. G. Osgood, col.; A. E. Day, H. G. Osgood, L. W. Wheeler, J. P. Wright, C. D. Colburn, trustees; J. W. Rafan, auditor; Miss B. Atwood, Miss S. W. Loker, A. E. Day, L. W. Wheeler, supply com.; H. G. Osgood, Sunday school supt.; C. D. Colburn, asst. supt.; Miss Anna Symmes, sec. and treas.

It was voted that the treasurer renew all expiring insurance policies, and that the use of the vestry be permitted for boys' organizations at the discretion of Mr. Wallace and Mr. Rondenbush.

About Town.

Rev. H. L. Buckshorn will exchange with Rev. L. L. Green, of Chelmsford, on Sunday.

At the vestry of the Village church in West Chelmsford next Wednesday evening the Ladies' Benevolent society will hold a social evening consisting of games, supper, vocal and instrumental music and recitations.

The officers of Westford Grange were installed last week Thursday evening by Deputy George E. Averill, of Andover, assisted by Miss Burt of the same town. The work was very well done. The following are the officers installed: Frank C. Wright, m.; Mrs. Clara Greig, o.; Charles Robey, l.; Rev. David Wallace, chap.; Mrs. Aurilla Wright, sec.; Alonzo H. Sutherland, treas.; W. M. Wright, stew.; J. Willard Fletcher, asst. stew.; Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor, l. a. s.; Mrs. Daisy Colburn, Mrs. Ella May Wright, Mrs. Lillian Miller, Ceres, Flora and Pomona, respectively; Clyde Trassout, m. k.; W. J. Rafter, ex. com. Music for the installation was played in a clever style by Miss Grace Robinson. At the close of the installation lunch was served.

Middlesex, North Pomona Grange installed its officers for 1916 in Lowell last week Friday by Charles M. Gardner, past master of the State Grange, assisted by Mrs. Chester Colburn of Dracut, Mrs. Lillian Snow of Tyngsboro and Miss Lunn of Lowell. The following officers were installed: Warren A. Sherburne, Tyngsboro, m.; Bert A. Cluff, Dracut, o.; George W. Trull, Tewksbury, l.; Mrs. Alice Colburn, Dracut, chap.; Mrs. Lulu Hutchins, Billerica, sec.; Norman L. Peavey, Dracut, treas.; Harry L. Margaret Sarre, Lowell, l. a. s.; Mrs. Ella May Wright of Westford, Mrs. Sarah Buck of Wilmington, Mrs. Charles A. Wright of Billerica, Flora, Ceres and Pomona; Charles A. Wright, Billerica, ex. com. The lecturer announced that the much-pledged program would be one of the new features of the Grange this year. It was voted to give ten dollars for the educational aid fund.

S. W. Keenan, for the past year superintendent for George A. Drew at the Reed farm, has resigned and moved from town.

The registrars of voters will hold their first meeting prior to the town meeting at the selectmen's room on Wednesday evening, January 16.

Parkerville village folks and some other folks in that zone after having been shook off the map for several months by the new shake-up in R. F. D. business, are again back on the receiving line. We all ought to get into the much obfuscated line in that we have so genial and efficient a man to boost as congressman, John Jacob Rogers.

Albert E. Jenne, who died at his home in Chelmsford Center Monday evening from pneumonia, was well known in Westford, having for several years owned the Laws farm located on the road from Minot's Corner to Chelmsford. About three years ago he sold his farm to Mr. Emerson, of the Cape, and moved to Chelmsford, where for the past year he had been janitor of the town hall. He is survived by a son, Elmer, of New York city, and by two daughters.

The Massachusetts College Extension school will wheel itself to the town hall on Monday at ten o'clock. The college management and the management on behalf of the town are anxious to have all taking this course to catch the early thoughts at the word "go," as it will be the foundation of what follows. This is an opportunity that should not be overlooked. The school will be in session January 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21.

The question has been raised as to whether Nabunassuck should be spelled with one or two "s." Neither are correct. There are no letters in Nabunassuck, which is the correct name of the pond, containing 123 crotchets, but why and when we stumbled from Nabunassuck to Nabunassett we don't know; it probably happened between the tomahawk period and the water wheel period.

Bernard J. Flynn has sold his apples to Prescott & Wright, to be delivered in Boston market.

Mrs. Carlos D. Cushing, of Framingham, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. William R. Taylor, at the New Stony Brook on the Stony Brook road, Stony Brook district.

Forge Village.

Fred Davis, who has been confined to his home by illness, was able to resume his work on Monday.

Peter Delaney is ill at his home, suffering from pneumonia.

Mrs. Felix Leclere is confined to her home suffering from the grippe.

William Davis of Amsterdam, N. Y., who has been the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis, returned to Amsterdam last Saturday.

Joseph Conroy of Woburn, formerly of this village, is ill with pneumonia.

The Damped Gage Ice Co. have a large force of men and horses are now at work cutting ice on Forge pond. William Leahy, manager of the Gage Ice Co. here, is in charge of the work. It is expected the ice will be all harvested in ten days, provided the weather is favorable.

Services at St. Andrew's mission will be held on Sunday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock. Rev. W. M. O'Connell officiating.

Baby Wesley Farrell is ill with bronchitis at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Wilson.

John Hobson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hobson, who has been working in New Bedford, has now accepted a position in Sergeant's Machine Shop.

George Weaver, overseer of spinning in the mills of Abbott & Co. was injured while at work last week Thursday. He returned to work this week.

Mrs. John E. Burnett and son Leonard were the guests Wednesday afternoon of Mrs. Lester McLenna of Grantville.

Extracts From a Letter.

The following is an extract copied from an English newspaper received last Thursday by John McNiff of Orchard street, and will be of much local interest to residents here. James Cooper, a Burnley man who had served eight years in the Border regiment and had made his home in America, has recently been the central figure in a thrilling episode in the Dardanelles.

He was jobbed in a New Bedford mill, but the publication of the German workmen over the sinking of British ships, incensed him, that he called them "pigs" and left right away for England. He became a sergeant in his own regiment and while on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Evans, Marlborough street, Burnley, he stated that his wife and child were to come over on the Lusitania. "If anything happens to that ship," he said, "I'll have my revenge."

With the sinking of that ship Mrs. Cooper and child were drowned and from that time Sergeant Cooper prayed for an opportunity to avenge them. How he did it has been related by an officer of the Border regiment, who stated that Sergeant Cooper the other morning left his trench, covered the 120 yds. between it and the Turkish trench at a steady double, arriving there he killed in turn five Turks and then set off back.

All the Turks nearby were so excited that they exposed themselves over the trench to shoot Cooper and the sergeant's colleagues, "bagged" some more. The sergeant escaped untouched and the officer's comment was: "It was an extraordinary incident. No one can ordinarily put his hand over the top of the trench by day for ten seconds without getting a bullet through it or near it."

Mrs. Cooper, wife of Sergeant Cooper, above mentioned, was Nellie Thorpe of this village and was very well known and highly esteemed. She resided here two years, coming from her home in Keighley, England. While here she regularly attended St. Catherine's church. In 1914 she left here for New Bedford, where she married Mr. Cooper. With her two months old baby, she left America to join her husband, sailing on the Lusitania, the ill-fated vessel.

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HARVARD

News Items. At the Unitarian church on Sunday the music will be given by a mixed quartet.

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SHIRLEY

News Items. The high school students are preparing to stage "Old Ace's folks," a drama in two acts, to be given in the old fellows' hall about the latter part of April.

were present. It was a missionary meeting in charge of Mrs. Woodman and Mrs. Louise Butler. The president of the circle, Mrs. Alice L. Wright, presided. Several letters were read from shut-ins thanking the circle for Christmas baskets. It was voted to hold the next meeting on Tuesday afternoon in the church vestry at 8 o'clock.

Rev. Albert S. Kilbourn, of Enfield, N. H., has been in town this past week enjoying a much needed rest as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Morse of Townsend Hill and Mr. and Mrs. George Wilder at the Center. On Tuesday Mr. Kilbourn accompanied Rev. A. L. Struthers and Mr. and Mrs. George Whitcomb to the installation of Rev. B. A. Willmott as pastor of the Immanuel Walnut avenue Congregational church in Roxbury.

Dr. Ebel Rockwood entertained the first of the week two lady physicians from the Worcester Memorial hospital. Dr. Rockwood and Miss Lizzie Whitcomb are at present enjoying a several weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Waterbury, Conn.

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Seaver and daughter, Miss Alice Seaver, Mrs. Ernest G. Wilson and daughter Gertrude and Miss Edith Tenney attended the meeting of the Epiphany club at the Congregational vestry on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Hodgman being one of the hostesses.

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close of his address he was given a rising vote of thanks by an enthusiastic audience. A solo, "A Little Bit of Heaven," was beautifully rendered by Miss Alice Seaver.

Edward Pierce attended the Hillsboro County Pomona Grange in Pelham last week Wednesday.

Mrs. Ella Rockwood, who was ill a few weeks ago, and had recovered sufficiently to be out, has again been stricken and is very sick.

John Whitcomb was called to Keene last week on account of the death of an aunt.

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Rev. Joseph MacKean will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church on Sunday morning, taking for his subject, "What God requires of man."

At the recent business meeting of the Brotherhood the following officers and committees were elected: Henry B. Hathaway, pres.; Warren Elliott, vice; Herman L. Stickney, sec.; Frank C. Clark, treas.; Rev. Joseph MacKean, pastor; Dr. R. S. Ely, Frank Willard, Abbott Hodgman, Carl B. Willard, Alexander Reed, social com.; Harry S. Cook, and Mrs. L. M. Kegan, Mervin Wares, Charles Hodgman, membership com.; Fred A. Patch, George Adams, Duncan Risk, Justin Hodgman, visiting com.; Ian Risk, Dr. R. S. Ely, Joseph MacKean, social com.; Warren Elliott, William Mills, William W. Webster, personal interests committee.

The Grange meeting on Monday evening was one of the most enjoyable and profitable to the members present. The literary program being in charge of the local officers. Two piano selections were pleasingly rendered by Mrs. Flora Parker, entitled "The Great Specie—Gold, the panacea for everything."

Rev. Joseph MacKean delivered a lecture on "The use and abuse of books" before the Monday club at the home of Mrs. Charles E. Worcester last Monday afternoon.

Brotherhood Banquet. The West Townsend Brotherhood held a banquet at the Baptist vestry on Wednesday evening, and in spite of the inclement weather the tables were well filled, about seventy partaking of the bountiful supper of ham, scalloped potatoes, fancy pies, coffee and cream, rolls and coffee.

Miss Lena M. C. Thompson, who has been spending the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson, has resumed her teaching in Norwood.

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