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## HARVARD

**News Items.**  
Webster Browne is visiting with his uncle and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bryant, Oak Hill, for a few days.  
Homer Richards arrived home this week from his camping trip at Plum Island military camp. About 2000 young men were enrolled there. His stay there was shortened somewhat over the possibility of a quarantine of the camp, owing to the danger of infantile paralysis. Mr. Richards reports a very pleasant and instructive stay there.  
Frank A. Pollard has been appointed administrator of the estate of his father, the late Mary L. Pollard. The inventory filed with the probate court places the estate at \$11,291.58.  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kingman, of Falmouth, are guests this week with the latter's brother, Harry F. Whitney, and family.

Work was commenced this week on the new roadbed on the Still River road. Consequently the road is now closing to travel from A. H. Turner's to Mark Farnsworth's.

On Monday evening the Catholic society held a lawn party and dance at the town hall with very gratifying results. The night was ideal and a large number were out. Music was furnished by the Northboro brass band and Eddy's orchestra.

The "Mack" Camp-fire Girls start on Saturday this week for a ten-days' camping trip to Silver Lake, Hollis, N. H. Their guardian, Mrs. H. B. Mason, goes with them as chauffeur.

Mrs. Maude L. K. Morse is at the Marlboro hospital, where she is recovering from an operation.

Miss Susan Davis is enjoying a visit from her cousin, Miss Giddings.

Jeremiah Jones celebrated his eighty-second birthday at his home on last Sunday. His many friends remembered him in a kindly way with gifts.

Irving Greene, of New York city and Denver, Colo., is visiting a few days with his cousin, Orrin A. Fairbank.

The next dance of the summer social series will be held in the town hall on Thursday evening, August 21, Still River.

Lieut. Com. Tomb, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of his father-in-law, H. E. Drury. Mr. Tomb is connected with the ordnance department of the navy yard in Washington, and on Tuesday evening he gave an interesting talk on his duties and the navy at an open meeting of the Grange in the town hall, Harvard, and a good number from here went up to hear him.

Howard Stone and family, with Warren Harrod, took an auto trip to Marblehead last Sunday.

Mr. Hutcherson is busy with his auto these days. On Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday he took parties to the beaches, and on Wednesday took a party to Temple, N. H., on a berrying trip.

Bert Atherton, of Norfolk, Va., is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Atherton, at the old homestead.

Mrs. Wade and daughter, Miss Lucy Wade, of Norridgewock, Me., are visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Viles.

On Wednesday Norman Marshall, of Newton, came up to the old homestead in his auto, and in the afternoon he took his sister, Miss Alice Marshall, Mrs. Mabel Sprague, Mrs. S. B. Haynes, Miss Elizabeth Haynes and Miss Katherine L. Lawrence on an auto ride to Mt. Wateck and returned.

Miss Jane M. Reed has returned from her visit with her brother's family in Springfield, Ohio.

Frank Ryan, road commissioner, and a force of carpenters have put the Nashua river bridge in good repair, replacing all of the woodwork with solid southern pine. The bridge is now as good as new, at least as far as the wooden part goes.

Thursday was the great outing day for the residents of this village, the annual Sunday school and village picnic being held at Turner's shore, Bare Hill pond. Everyone who can get away to these picnics and outings was no exception, all having a good time.

Miss Esther Stone had her canoe stolen from the river here a few weeks ago and has never got any trace of it. On Thursday her father brought her to the railroad station, on their return from the picnic, and surprised her with another fine canoe to take the place of the one she lost.

Mrs. Emma J. Parker, who has been keeping house in Worcester, is at her Still River home for a rest.

Mrs. Nugent, of Worcester, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Morse.

Misses Alice and Kathryn and Master Willard Keyes, of Springfield, are visiting their cousins at Chester Keyes' on Prospect hill road.

Miss Higgs of Boston, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Higgs.

Mrs. Walter Haskell entertained friends from Nashua on Thursday.

## TOWNSEND

The Townsend Hill Improvement society gave a large party and entertainment at the brick college on Tuesday evening, August 15. The weather was all that could be asked for which is surely the making of such an occasion. A large crowd was present and pronounced the entertainment as a great treat and one that would surely carry on the good reputation that had been made by the entertainments given there before this season. From a financial standpoint it was all that could be desired. It is hoped that these gatherings will be continued.

The Misses Ruth and Mildred Stearns are visiting for a few days with their aunt at Lynn.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent at the home of Mrs. R. A. Lancey on Wednesday, August 16, by the past noble grand officers of the A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge in honor of Mrs. E. A. Blood, who will leave for California sometime in the near future, where she will make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Alice Osgood. Kindly greetings were exchanged and many good wishes extended to her, also a little gift of remembrance was presented to her by P. N. G. Sister Emma Seaver from those present, after which refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mrs. Grace Beckonet is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Spaulding, of Brookline street.

Miss Marion Steeter spending a few days with relatives in town.

## Geo. Th. Brown

RELIABLE CLOTHING AYER, MASS.

# OUR AUGUST CLEARANCE SALE

Of Our Summer

## Clothing, Hats, Furnishings and Shoes

This sale includes our distinctly Spring and Summer Goods in SUITS, HATS and SHOES. In spite of the general advancing of prices, we find that we have many lines of merchandise that we do not wish to carry over to next year. We much prefer to sacrifice on these lines than carry them over. We want to start next season with a brand new, fresh stock as has been our policy for twenty years. Hence this August Clearance Sale. Goods are all fresh and the prices are extremely low and, as you well know, are based upon our former low-selling prices, and not on so-called values. You should take advantage of this opportunity to secure good merchandise at much below the market value.

### MEN'S SUIT BARGAINS

The balance of our stock of Summer Fancy Mixture Suits and Outing Suits. All new goods this season. Only Fancy Mixture Suits included in this sale—not Staple Suits. In the better grades you will find many Suits from A Shunnam & Co., of Boston. These reductions are from our low-selling prices and are genuine bargains.

\$10.00 Suits now reduced to	\$8.47
\$12.50 Suits now reduced to	\$9.47
\$15.00 Suits now reduced to	\$11.47
\$18.00 Suits now reduced to	\$13.47
\$20.00 Suits now reduced to	\$15.47

### Outing Suits

Two-piece Suits	Pinch Back Suits
\$12.50 Suits now reduced to	\$8.47
\$15.00 Suits now reduced to	\$10.47

### MEN'S OUTING TROUSERS

\$2.50 Trousers reduced to	\$1.98
\$3.00 Trousers reduced to	\$2.47
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### MEN'S WORKING TROUSERS

A big lot of Working Trousers have been marked down for this sale.

\$2.00 Trousers reduced to	\$1.69
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\$3.00 and \$3.50 Trousers reduced to	\$2.47

### STRAW HAT BARGAINS

All our Straw Hats and Cloth Hats are now offered at greatly reduced prices.

\$3.00 Sailor Straws now for	\$1.50
\$2.50 Sailor Straws now for	\$1.25
\$1.50 Sailor Straws now for	\$1.00
\$2.50 Porto Rican Panamas now	\$1.50

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Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Bray returned Monday from a two weeks' vacation in Bath, Maine.

Miss Annie Spring is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lora Tustin in Milford, N. H., for a few days.

All reports of the moving picture show, "The Tugmaster," given for the benefit of the Dorcas class of the M. E. church at Memorial hall on Tuesday, August 16, as being very good and it is hoped a good sum was realized to add to the treasury.

Miss Viola Messer is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Higgins.

Miss Mary Dodge of Grafton is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Adams at Old City.

Harold Swicker of this year's graduating class of the local high school has severed his connection with the B. & A. D. Fessenden Co., and is enjoying a week's vacation, after which he will go to Mount Hermon to attend school for the coming year.

Miss Lena Barnes of Mason, N. H., is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Miller.

Rev. A. L. Struthers' Sunday school class motored to Chesham, N. H., Saturday for a three days' trip, which was spent with Mr. and Mrs. Struthers at their summer camp. All report a delightful outing.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keefe, of Worcester, are spending a week or two at Christebrook.

Harry Knight has severed his connection with the Remington Typewriter Co., Boston, to accept a position in the office of the B. & A. D. Fessenden Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Breaux and son Irving, of Fitchburg, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Doran at Dinglewood on Sunday.

The members of the Monday club at its last meeting were the guests of Mrs. Michael Keefe, the occasion be-

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### FURNISHING GOODS

#### Men's Summer Shirt Bargains

One lot Fancy Coat Shirts, a regular 50c. quality, now	39¢
One lot Fancy Coat Shirts, a regular \$1.00 quality, now	79¢
One lot Fancy Coat Shirts, with soft cuffs, a regular \$1.00 quality, now for	79¢

#### Underwear Bargains

Men's Athletic Union Suits, worth \$1.00, now for	69¢
Men's Porosknit Union Suits, the regular \$1.00 kind, for	79¢
Men's Porosknit Shirts and Drawers now reduced to	39¢
Boys' Porosknit Shirts and Drawers now reduced to	19¢
Men's Blue Derby Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, our regular 50c. grade, now for	39¢

#### Men's Neckwear

One lot of 25c. Four-in-Hands now	19¢
One lot of 50c. Four-in-Hands now	35¢
One lot of Wash Four-in-Hands now	15¢

### SHOE BARGAINS

In spite of the advancing prices in Shoes, we have many lines of Men's Tan and Gun Metal Oxfords that we do not care to carry over to next year and so we are offering them at reduced prices.

#### Men's Tan Oxfords

\$3.50 Tan Oxfords now reduced to	\$3.00
\$4.00 Tan Oxfords now reduced to	\$3.25
\$3.50 Tan Calf, Rubber Sole Oxfords, for	\$3.00
\$4.50 Tan Calf, Rubber Sole Oxfords, for	\$4.00

#### Men's Gun Metal Oxfords

Several discontinued lines of Oxfords.

\$3.50 Gun Metal Oxfords now	\$2.98
\$3.50 Gun Metal Oxfords, Rubber Sole	\$3.00
\$4.50 Gun Metal Oxfords, Rubber Sole	\$4.00

### MISCELLANEOUS BARGAINS

Men's White Handkerchiefs	3¢
Men's Cotton Hose, in Black and Tan colors, a regular 15c. value, for	9¢
Men's Police Braces, 25c. value for	19¢
Men's Silk Hose, seconds of 50c. quality	33¢
Men's President Suspenders	25¢

## SHIRLEY

The Fitchburg police are keeping a sharp lookout for the man who assaulted Mrs. Dessautier in such a brutal manner this week in a vain endeavor to get money that she supposed she had with her, as it had been rumored that he was seen in that city after committing the deed. There is a strong belief that he is on his way to Canada.

Miss Edna E. Holden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden, has accepted a position as assistant at the Lancaster public library. Miss Holden recently graduated from the Shirley high school.

The postponed mile race of St. Anthony's field day was run again on Thursday evening at seven o'clock. The first prize was a silver cup, donated by Raymond Dwyer, Fitchburg, and was won by Carl Badstuber. The second prize, a silk umbrella, was won by Francis Desmond.

Rev. and Mrs. Allen A. Bronson, of Millers Falls, have been visitors in town this week.

Mrs. J. C. Provost and daughter, Miss Gertrude Provost, are expected home the first of the week from Nantasket Beach, where they have spent two weeks. Miss Doris White has substituted for Mrs. Provost at the telephone office.

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Mrs. Hattie B. Foley, of Revere, and Mrs. Bertha Gilson, from Winthrop, were midweek guests of Mrs. Hagar.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. W. Bean and daughter Ruth, of Somerville, are spending two weeks at Nissequasick farm. Dr. R. W. Thompson, of Maiden, and Howard A. Gilson, of Winthrop, were week-end guests.

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WESTFORD

Center. John R. Draper is the guest of Leon F. Hildreth this week.

Miss Hazel B. Harford is enjoying a two weeks vacation at home.

Mrs. Henry L. McCuskey, of Worcester, is a guest this week at Charles H. Wright's. Mr. McCuskey hopes to come down Sunday for calls with the Westford friends.

Miss Lillian Sutherland is visiting in Swaney, N. H., where she formerly taught school. Thursday of this week was Old Home Day, for which quite a celebration was planned.

C. Willis Hildreth has been having various repairs and improvements about his pleasant home buildings this summer and William Sutherland has been doing the work.

Miss Eunice Smith, of Franklin, N. H., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. S. B. Wright.

Miss Evelyn Hamlin was among those present at the lawn party and dance under the auspices of the A. A. this week.

Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher is spending a week or ten days at South Sudbury with her cousin, Miss Nellie Gill.

Wallace L. Cutter is discontinuing housekeeping and will board at Charles H. Hildreth's.

William Sutherland has been spending the greater part of this week visiting a married daughter in Methuen.

The historic old First Parish church is having a repainting most appropriately in keeping with its colonial architecture, and will be repainted with green blinds. While the graceful proportions of belfry and spire of Christopher Wrenn pattern have always been much admired, it is now undertaking to renovate them and the rather vane at the top of the spire.

There has been an interesting sight to see the workmen with their careful arrangements of ladders at work on the tall spire this week. The man who has done this particular part of the work is no professional stepladder, but just a good painter with steady nerves and level head. It is about twelve years since this church was last painted. E. C. Pearson, of Lowell, has charge of the work, and P. Henry Harrington is in charge of various repair jobs of carpentering.

Henry Colburn has a Maxwell auto and is building a garage for the same. While a man employed by Percy E. Wright was out Monday afternoon gathering produce to go to Boston, he met with an accident that fortunately proved no worse for him than it did. While going down Richardson's hill something went wrong with the harness starting the horse to run and Willis Hildreth's driveway the wagon overturned, throwing the man out. The horse was kept from running away, but the harness and wagon were somewhat demolished, and the driver was pretty badly bruised and shaken up.

Miss Sarah W. Loker conducted the singing service at the congregational church Sunday, which was the single service of the day. This coming Sunday evening Houghton G. Osgood will have charge of the service.

It was a great victory for the Westford A. A. last Saturday, as they defeated Whitney playground to win the game from the strong St. John's T. A. team of North Chelmsford. Both teams had an unenviable season's record and went out with a strong desire to win. The victory went to the Westford A. A. by the score of 3 to 0. It proved the best game of the season in point of attendance and interest, and was a good attendance from both sides to witness the contest.

It was a merry group of friends and past masters and their wives of Westford Grange that gathered at the home of Frank C. Wright, master, on Wednesday evening, at being Mr. Wright's birthday. In behalf of the company Mr. Wright was presented a handsome rooster and turkey. A social evening was enjoyed and refreshments were served by Mrs. Wright.

Death. The sad death of Mrs. Ellen M. wife of Arthur H. Burdick took place at the Melrose hospital on Friday of last week. Mrs. Burdick had been a patient at the hospital for two weeks, when she underwent a surgical operation when first entering the hospital. Serious complications made her case hopeless and at the last her death was not unexpected.

Mrs. Burdick had not lived in Westford but a comparatively short time, but all who came within the circle of her influence were impressed with the sincerity, simplicity and womanliness of her personality. She is survived by her husband and four children, two sons, Charles and Leonard, and two daughters, Ethel and Helen, and to this family circle of which she was the center, and from which she will be so sadly missed, she gave of her best in loving ministrations. Mrs. Burdick's age was fifty years.

The deceased was a member of the Central M. E. church, Malden, and at her funeral service at her late home on last Sunday afternoon her pastor, Dr. L. H. Bugbee, officiated and paid loving and sincere tribute to her memory. There was a large group of relatives, friends and neighbors present. The bearers were L. H. Nation of Lynn, E. Mosher of Malden, and J. P. and H. L. Wright of Westford. Burial was in Fairview cemetery. The floral offerings were unusually beautiful and large in number.

Cavalry Association Reunion. The Spalding Light Cavalry association held a most successful outing and reunion at Whitney playground on Thursday of last week. Good weather conditions and other attractions made it possible for fully 200 to be in attendance, representing Westford and all the surrounding towns.

In the afternoon, at the clay pigeon shoot, John H. Wilson, of Chelmsford,

secured the cup, shooting 17 out of 25 birds; Henry A. Fletcher came second with a score of 14, securing the second stakes.

At 6:30 a dinner was served by the D. L. Page Company in the lower town hall, the menu being of the best. The entertainment in the evening was by the University quartet, of Boston. The members of the quartet were in excellent voice and their numbers gave much pleasure. They were supplemented by Herbert Clark, of Boston, in character songs, impersonations and sketches. At the annual meeting held at the association building in the afternoon the following officers were chosen: Capt. Sherman H. Fletcher, pres.; Capt. Horace W. Wilson, Carlisle, V. P.; Hon. Edward Mosher, sec.; Charles H. Bartlett, Chelmsford, treas.; Capt. John J. Monahan, Lieut. W. J. Quigley of Chelmsford and Caleb L. Smith of Lowell, fin. com.

About Town.

At a meeting of the republican town committee in the eleventh Middlesex district, held at Chelmsford Center on last week Friday evening, Dr. Frank Small, of Chelmsford, was chosen as chairman and A. B. Nordrup as secretary. A committee of one from each town was appointed by the chair to make an allotment by towns for representative for the next ten years—Alfred W. Hartford, Westford; Charles Kimball, Littleton; Edward Mosher, Bedford; Charles Nichols, Chelmsford; Charles Allgrove, Tyngsboro; James S. Anthony, Carlisle; James Grimes, Acton. The committee reported and it was unanimously accepted and adopted the following allotment: Chelmsford, 1917-18; Carlisle, 1918; Westford, 1920-21; Tyngsboro, 1922; Littleton, 1923; Bedford, 1924; Acton, 1925-26. Among those making remarks were C. A. Kimball, Herbert E. Fletcher, Alfred W. Hartford, Louis and Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr., James S. Anthony, Charles Allgrove, Edgar H. Hall and S. L. Taylor.

Miss Luanna B. Decatur, with a party of seven from Illinois, Virginia and Kentucky, none of whom had ever before the north part than New York city, took an auto view of New England. To all except Miss Decatur the scenery was a new revelation of the beauty of the world we know so little about. The route took in all of the interesting places in New England. To those who had never seen the unlimited resources of New England for its natural beauty it will never be forgotten.

The field day of Westford Grange will be held on next week Thursday. There will be music by the Middlesex Training School band, sports, reading, singing, etc. Through the influence of the state lecturer, Mrs. George S. Ladd, Henry Cabot Lodge, senator, will give the address of the day. Officers of the grange will be George S. Ladd, past master; Mrs. George S. Ladd, state lecturer, and Lewis A. McBragne of Lowell. The state lecturer will provide a reader and entertainer. Basket lunch. Everybody is invited to participate in this field day, whether a Granger or not. If the weather should be of the most variable, the dryness of the town hall will be the convening place.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Taylor of the Old Oakken Buck farm, are by invitation camping at Sandy pond today, enjoying the sea breeze and listening for rattles on Kattiesake hill.

Mrs. Leonard Walker, of Groton, has been a recent visitor at the Old Walker homestead farm on Main Street.

Mrs. Anna Dupper, camping at Sandy pond, has been looking at old-time neighbors in the Sudbury brook valley where in the by-gone days she dwelt with her family at the Dupre homestead farm near Westford station.

John A. Taylor, of the Old Oakken Buck farm, has been enjoying his pleasure and friendship at York Beach, Me.

Prof. A. Shaw and others, as per automobile, were guests of themselves last Sunday afternoon at the semi-annual picnic of Harvard.

Edward W. Monahan has charge of the repair improvements at Miss Ella Wright's, Brookside.

John P. Wright has now \$1000.17 Studebaker seven-seater car which he purchased of the Ayer Auto Station.

Mrs. Chester L. Bennett is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. George W. Ward, at Newburyport.

Miss Christine LeDuc has returned home after a week's vacation spent with friends at Barre.

Miss Henry Byron and three children of Pittsburg, who recent weeks have been at the home of Mrs. Henry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter S. O'Brien, are in William Bennett of Exeter, N. H., has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. William Hosmer.

Mrs. A. H. Conroy and two daughters spent last Thursday at Rayville, N. H.

Mary from here attended the meeting held in the town hall, Westford on Tuesday evening to discuss the matter of extension of the central heating system.

William DeLoach, of Worcester, is the nephew of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Weaver.

A son, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merrick of Haverhill on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Merrick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Merrick.

Miss Frank Parvill and four children, who have been staying at the home of Mrs. Margaret Wilson for several months, have gone to Canada for a visit, where when they will return to their home at Lewis, Mass.

Cameron school will reopen September 5. The following teachers will be in charge: Miss Letitia V. Ward, principal, assistants, Miss Mary Garvey, Abbie M. Edwards and Eva P. Payne.

Miss Edith M. Forster, who has been situated at Cameron school for the past year and a half in place of the principal, Miss Letitia V. Ward, has been appointed as teacher in the Winchester schools in the seventh and eighth grades.

Graniteville. The members of Court Graniteville, F. of A., are busy making plans for their picnic that will be held at Nahasset lake on Saturday, August 26. Numerous attractions will be offered, among them being the ball game between the regular Graniteville team and the South Ends or Kimball System club of Lowell. The boys are surely going to make it one good time.

St. Catherine's Picnic. The annual picnic of St. Catherine's church was held at Cameron park, Forge Village, last Saturday, under conditions that were in every way ideal. A large crowd were in attendance and the affair proved a great success. Numerous attractions were offered and all did a flourishing business. The Middlesex Training School band was in attendance and under the direction of James P. Larkin enlivened matters during the afternoon. Among

the sporting events listed, the first was the ball game between the Red Sox and the White Sox at Worcester. The Forges boys played the better game and won in a hard hitting contest by the score of 18 to 10. Batteries were Connell, Gagnon, Ledwith and Pivoette for the Tigers, while Douglas and Rose were on the firing line for the Red Sox. Harry Hartford was the umpire.

A fine list of sports were then run off that resulted as follows: 100 yd. open, won by James Mulligan, Groton; Gower second; girls' race, Gower Smith first, Henry Smith second; boys' race, Ed. Socha first, J. Belmont second; hop, step and jump, John Pivoite first, Ed. Riney second; broad jump, Ed. Riney first, John Pivoite second.

The conclusion of the sports the line was spent in listening to the excellent band concert and taking in the other attractions.

The affair was brought to a pleasing close by a social dance in Albert hall, with Marinel's Crescent orchestra furnishing excellent dance music. The dance was largely attended, many being present from out of town. A late car conveyed the merry party to their homes after the dance. The whole affair was one grand success and much credit is due Rev. Henry Smith, who had general supervision of the affair, for bringing about such a very enjoyable event. A. K. Wall was appointed general manager of the picnic, but owing to illness in his family the bulk of the work fell upon Edward Riney, the assistant manager, who was a great help to Rev. Mr. Francis Gower was the man all through the affair.

The secretary and Hugh F. Daley the treasurer. The sporting committee consisted of R. J. McCarthy, Joseph Wall, William Loring, and Fred Gagnon. The ticket collectors were James and Thomas May, James Sullivan, M. B. Ledwith, Sammie checks, Mary Katherine and Gladys Daley. The ladies of the parish also assisted during the afternoon and evening. The committee in charge is deeply grateful to all those who helped in any way toward the success of St. Catherine's church picnic.

Death. Miss Sarah Hayden, a well-known resident of this village for many years, died at her home in West Graniteville on Friday night, August 11, after a long illness, at the age of sixty-two years. Miss Hayden, though a woman of quiet disposition, had many warm friends and was beloved by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. Her nearest relatives are her sister, Mrs. Fred E. Reed, a nephew who resides in Lowell.

The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock and was attended by Rev. Henry Smith, pastor of the house and were conducted by Rev. Alonzo S. Pite, pastor of the M. E. church, whose consoling words made a deep impression upon those who were present. Myrtle Blanchard sang with deep feeling and expression, "Abide with me, 'Some time we'll understand' and 'The Christian's Goodnight'." The words were many beautiful hymns. The bearers were W. G. Rodgett, O. A. Nelson, Samuel Balch and A. H. Conroy. Burial was in the family lot at Groton, where Rev. A. M. Reed officiated at the committal service.

LITTLETON

News Items. Mrs. George W. Garvey is visiting friends in Farmington and Wilton, Me.

Mrs. H. J. Harwood and Mrs. J. A. Harwood are the guests of relatives in Kennebunkport, Me.

Miss Marion Prouty, with friends from Greater Boston, is enjoying an outing at the Westford station.

Mrs. William Bennett, of Exeter, N. H., is visiting at the home of her sister and two children from Northern Vermont.

The Ladies Aid society of the Baptist church met with Mrs. A. M. Reed on Wednesday.

Mrs. George Bennett has been out on the independent circuit this last week.

John H. Harwood and son, Harold, returned to town last Sunday and were the guests of the J. A. Harwood family. They also attended the neighbors of their friends.

W. A. Manton, of Littleton, was a weekend guest of A. Harwood Knowlton.

Misses Marion and Grace O'Neil spent the weekend at Sandy pond, Whiteport, Me., with friends.

N. B. Chant and family arrived home on Monday night, after a vacation before the gates of the town were closed by order of the board of health, who are trying to check the spread of influenza by the closing of the gates, including further ingress and egress.

Miss Emily Sadler has returned from a visit among relatives in Pittsburg.

Misses Gertrude and Pearl Soderstrom went to Boston and Cambridgeport on Wednesday, to visit with their new summer home at Newburyport.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Elliott of Boston, were recent guests of the W. H. Tenney family.

Mrs. Sarah P. Taylor is visiting with her mother, Mrs. W. H. Tenney, at Newburyport.

Mrs. Kelly was out on the independent circuit at the Baptist church on Friday.

The services at the funeral of Mrs. J. H. Hardy will be held on Friday at 10 o'clock at the home of the Rev. H. L. Packard will occupy his former pulpit.

Prof. E. H. White, of Cambridgeport, speaking last night at the town hall and will remain for three weeks.

J. H. Hardy has been appointed inspector in compliance with the new apple packing law and will meet that body in the selectmen's room on Wednesday evening, August 27, at eight o'clock. According to the new law a large fine may be imposed for improper packing of apples.

P. C. Edwards returns this week to his home in New York. Mrs. Edwards is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Davis, of Winchester, at the Lodges.

Charles H. Yapp is the possessor of a new Ford automobile. The hall game for last Saturday was cancelled. Littleton is scheduled to play Lunenburg A. A. in Lunenburg today.

The members of the Chelmsford fire department, with their families, enjoyed an outing at Long pond last week. Thursday, with the ball game, which usually attend such an occasion.

Miss Katherine Kimball spent Sunday with her home people. Edgar P. Cleaves, of Harvard and William, has the contract to build the new summer home of James A. Wood, of Cambridge.

The Sunday school picnic for August 23 has been given up on account of the precautions parents with children are

advised to take in avoiding crowds during the present epidemic. Arrangements will be made later for a substitute that will be acceptable to all the scholars.

Miss Gladys Eisner spent last week with friends in Worcester. Wesley Eisner was out Saturday to Keene, N. H., where he has secured employment.

C. W. Perry has returned to the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. C. Harwood, after several weeks spent in Hillsboro, N. H.

Miss Grace Needham, who is taking her annual vacation, left home in her automobile Tuesday, taking a lady trip with her on a trip to Plymouth and Provincetown.

Mrs. Goldsmith H. Conant is entertaining an aunt from St. Louis and three little children, making a group of five little people in the home, including her own.

Mrs. Ellen A. Kimball, of Malden, was the mid-week guest of her brother, A. T. Kimball.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ambrose, of Somerville, and their sister, Mrs. H. C. Ambrose, were guests of their cousins in the family on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Smith and daughter spent a part of last week with their home people. On their return to Gloucester they were accompanied by the sisters, Misses Edna Harwell and Marion Smith.

Mrs. Annie C. Smith recently attended the Tupper reunion at Sandwich and is now enjoying automobile trips around the Cape.

Storrs Derby of Boston, and Miss Evelyn Fowler of Andover, are spending the week-end with Miss Marion Whitecomb.

The chairman of the various committees in charge of the annual fair held at the Methodist church on Wednesday afternoon with Miss Edna Harwell and Marion Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. D. Whitecomb and daughter Marion attended the Bates-Archibald wedding in Wilton, N. H., Wednesday. Miss Bates was the bride. Miss Whitecomb acted as bridesmaid.

A very timely warning was sounded in this column last week in regard to the danger at Long pond from broken bottles. The warning and along the lower shore of the pond, as in the case, the situation was not realized and provision made to prevent accident until someone was hurt. The accident occurred with a picnic party from the Sunday school on Tuesday before the party from Ayer visited the pond, and saw many bottles and much broken glass in places where people were walking. Doubtless, the refuse bars and warning boards now recommended had been placed there by the young friends from the neighborhood, but they were restrained themselves from the lively sport of breaking bottles in the water as readily as other young people. Even the wisest of medical practitioners will not prove sufficient as a lasting reminder to ourselves and others. We need the barrels and the placards.

The ladies will hold a food and fee picnic sale at the Baptist vestry on Saturday afternoon from three to five o'clock.

The opening services at the Baptist church were well attended, many being present from the other churches in the vicinity. The services will be held on Sunday and all are cordially invited to attend. The subject of the morning service will be "Our treasures in the gospel."

Death from Infantile Paralysis. The deepest sympathy a university is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Tenney, of the local board of health, who lost their only child, Sunday, August 13. She was taken very ill last Saturday night and Dr. Frost was called, but every effort to restore her failed. The cause was ascertained to be infantile paralysis. The origin of the disease, like that of most cases, is a mystery. The burial took place at Westford cemetery on Monday afternoon, only members of the family, the nearest relatives and a few friends attending. Rev. O. J. Fairchild read the committal service and offered prayer. The grave was being held at the graveside. The grave was very prettily decorated by ladies representing the King's Daughters.

It is to be regretted that the age of seven years old seemed healthy and happy. She was exceptionally intelligent and a most attractive interest. Her death was a great loss to all who knew her, and in the home she had made herself exceedingly companionable to her parents and her grandmothers. Her death was a great loss to her family and to her friends. Her death was a great loss to her family and to her friends. Her death was a great loss to her family and to her friends.

THE PINE GROSBEAK. Once this bird was called a "Red English sparrow," and the name seemed to fit him pretty well at that. He appears to be perfectly at home with sparrows, siskins or any other birds that spend their winters in the north. He is a good mixer, in other words, like the pine siskin, he likes to hover around forests of pine and hemlock—probably not so much because he prefers the food of the cones of these trees, but rather because that's about all he can find in a northern woods in December. At any rate, his eating habits gave him his name—we call him the pine grosbeak.

If you're acquainted with him you'll know why he was once called the "red English sparrow." He's about the size of the sparrow, and his color is a light rose pink. The feathers on his back have dark centers, which makes him look rather polka-dotted. He's not so far from the sparrow at that, for they belong to the same general family. If there are any pine grosbeaks in your neighborhood—and you can't mistake them when you see their rose-colored garb against a background of snow—scatter some hemp seed on the snow and watch how they enjoy it.

In addition to small seeds, he's very fond of buds from trees, particularly those of the hickory and maple.

The British empire rules 379,000,000 persons.

New Books. The following books have recently been added to the Reuben Hear Library:

Adams, E. F. Charles Francis Adams. Boston, J. K. From pillar to post.

Bel, E. J. Political shame of Mexico. Boston, J. K. From pillar to post.

Brown, P. J. Master Detective. Boston, J. K. From pillar to post.

Cooper, J. The adventures of old Mr. Todd. Boston, J. K. From pillar to post.

Dickinson, T. H. Chief contemporary dramatist. Boston, J. K. From pillar to post.

Glover, E. H. "Dime Curtsey" book of children's rhymes, sandwiches and beverages. Boston, J. K. From pillar to post.

Goodwin, W. A. R. The church enigma. Boston, J. K. From pillar to post.

Levy, H. S. The about Trench. Boston, J. K. From pillar to post.

Lock, S. Samaritan Mary. London, Jack Little lady of the big Maxin, H. Leading opinions both for and against national defense. Boston, J. K. From pillar to post.

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GROTON

News Items. Mrs. F. B. Barnard and daughter Betty, of Brookline, are guests this week with Mr. and Mrs. Barnard at their summer camp at Hill pond, Harvard.

Fred H. Torrey has purchased a new Series I Studebaker Six, seven-passenger car of the Ayer Auto Station.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett E. Gerrin went Sunday from their camp at Hill pond, Harvard, on an auto trip of a few days to North Woodstock, N. H., on a visit to Dr. and Mrs. Brangan, who are camping at the White Mountains on their trip. They returned Wednesday night.

Miss Gertrude Forbes came from Worcester on Monday and spent the week with her mother and sister, returning on Tuesday.

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Rev. Mr. Cawthorne, of Exeter, N. H., will preach at the Baptist church on Sunday.

Mrs. M. W. Parkhurst went to Winchendon this week to visit her brother, Asa Williams and family.

Cedric Molson is working with David E. Murphy.

Dr. A. G. Kilbourn, who is the physician here on the board of health, says there are no cases of the infantile paralysis plague in Groton.

In answer to some questions about the disease and best means of preventive, the doctor says while some adults have it, the cases are mostly among children. Mothers should see that their children are kept very clean, use plenty of water, keep them in fresh air, keep their bowels open, have no kissing—a kiss can be thrown instead of given on the lips with safety and as lovingly, and no disease will be carried as in kissing on the mouth.

Mothers or others having the care of children should not take their own handkerchiefs which they have used and use on children's noses and mouths.

Mr. and Mrs. George Simmons and little son were up from Lowell to spend the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Lella Nutting.

George E. Meyet took an auto ride up to South Woodstock, N. H., and returned Thursday, bringing home his wife and their two nieces, the Misses Marguerite and Edna Leonard, and Miss Mildred and their mother, who have been there on their month's vacation.

Mrs. Richardson and daughter Dorothy returned Tuesday from a vacation spent in Plymouth.

Mrs. E. J. Crowley went to Milford, N. H., last week Friday to visit a friend, and will return on Sunday night and stayed over Sunday.

It is reported that Joseph MacMahon, who has worked on Keeble Fletcher's ice car for years, is soon to move to Fitzburg, finding that a change of work is necessary on account of rheumatism.

Mrs. Harry Tolles, who went with Mr. Tolles to Detroit, Mich., a few weeks ago, has been treated there under treatment from Dr. Burton, the specialist for troubles like her's. Her trouble, by some of the doctors whom Mr. Tolles has consulted, was called locomotor ataxia, while others do not call it that, but have not determined what it was. Dr. Burton does not name the disease, but assures a recovery, but he does not know why she should not recover from this trouble she has had for some ten or twelve years. Mr. Tolles has worked out there at his trade as carpenter.

Charles Mansur and family moved out this week from the Patrick Haley house to the Andrew Kelley house, formerly Mrs. Ryan's, on the road to the mill.

There will be a concert this week from the bandstand. At the concert next week, August 26, Leroy Shattuck, of Leominster, will play a trombone solo. Mr. Shattuck has been playing in the Fitzburg band, and his playing is sure to be a treat.

The C. E. society last Sunday evening had the topic, "True beauty and how to get it." The lesson was Miss Dorothy Gleason. Miss Hazel Gibson rendered in her usual effective style the solo, "The voice of Jesus." Rev. Mr. Richards, the pulpit supply for the day, spoke on "Beauty and how to get it." The club members gave a good plain talk. Other time was well taken up.

Miss Thelma Brown, of Plymouth, was a recent guest of Miss Dorothea Gleason.

George Mason, of the Brown Leaf farm, who was operated on for appendicitis at Dr. Ayer's private hospital, returned home last week Friday.

In the obituary last week the name was spelled incorrectly. It should have been J. Duncan Edmonds, in- stead of Edmonds. The family has always been particular about the spelling of their name.

The Book and Whalom club have an outing party to Whalom all arranged for this week Friday. This party was in honor of Mrs. Ellen A. Barrows, a well beloved member of the club, who on this day reached her seventy-eighth birthday. Many of the members of the club remembered Mrs. Barrows' birthday with the best of good wishes.

Mrs. George H. Woods and daughter, Mrs. James Fitch, concluded a two-weeks' visit to relatives in Dorchester and Middleboro last Sunday evening. Frank Woods went down in his auto to meet his mother and sister, returning by way of Plymouth and so home over the smooth roads and through the pleasant country they had a most delightful drive.

While living, Mrs. Bigelow donated her baby grand piano with pianola attachment to the Groton Cornet band. It has been recently placed in the church parlor. Miss Robbins will have it tuned and placed in perfect order.

It will ever be a pleasing reminder of Mrs. Bigelow.

A niece of the Misses Vickery is visiting them at their home on Pleasant street.

Mrs. A. J. Kilbourn is entertaining her mother and also an aunt.

The Congregational church is to be entirely closed for the two following Sundays, all services being held in union with the Baptist people at their church.

Miss Carrie Stevens, who has been a guest of Mrs. Charles M. Kaddin, left Tuesday to make a short visit to Mrs. P. J. Benedict at West Brookfield, after which she will return to her home and work as milliner in Chester, Vt.

The will of the late Mrs. Mary J. Bigelow was filed in the probate court in East Cambridge last week and will be probated at the sitting of the court in September. Besides private bequests, which do not concern the Groton public, there are the following: To the town of Groton is left \$7500, the income from \$5000 of this sum is to be used for the free public lecture course, and the income from \$2500 is to be used in support of the Congregational church, of which Mrs. Bigelow had long been a member, is left \$5000.

Newell Jewett, who lived in town many years ago and kept the Hill Tavern, died at his home in Lunenburg last Saturday evening. Prayers were held at the house on Monday, after which the remains were taken for interment to Ipswich, where he had lived for thirty years of his life. He was about seventy-two years old and was a brother of Waldo Jewett, of Groton.

The W. R. C. resumed meetings on Tuesday afternoon, having had a vacation since early in July. There was a good number present.

Some of our farmers are still having—quite unusually late since the advent of summer—trouble with their corn. Miss Florence Souther, one of our faithful and obliging telephone operators, is on a vacation from the central office.

Among those who went over to West Groton for Groton to enjoy the band concert last Saturday evening were Mrs. James Woods, Miss Charlotte Sibley, Miss Mary Woods, Mrs. James Frazier and Mrs. Wheeler Ames. These were driven over in his auto by Mr. Beers of the Beers & Martin garage.

Mrs. H. A. Perkins and daughters, of Everett, are visiting her sister, Mrs. H. E. Souther.

Bernice Souther has returned from a two-weeks' stay with her uncle, H. J. Potter, of West Somerville.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Cook visited the Boy Scouts at Gloucester, going by auto. Their son Wendell, and Lovell Souther returned with them.

Groton Military Training School.

The drill Wednesday evening was preceded by a non-commissioned officers' school on guard duty and company close-order movements. The drill was held on Main street and Shumway field, the company marching to the field in column of platoons. Each platoon completely filled the street from side to side and the men made a fine appearance. Front into line, company deployment on right and left into line and movements of squads acting alone were taken up. About sixty-five were present.

After the drill there was a talk on interior guard duty, exemplified by two guard reliefs under command of Corps. Parker and Bradley. Next Wednesday Lieut. Ayers will give a lecture with practical illustrations on first aid. The lecture will begin at 8:30 in the town hall and will be open to the public.

Privates Stephen W. Sabine and Edward E. Bradley, commanding lance corporals. The company has been divided into two platoons, which are made up as follows: First platoon, Lieut. H. W. Ayers, commanding; Sergeants, Lamb and Richards; Corporals, Bradley's, Dudley's and Hodgman's squads; Lance Corporals, Sabine's and Malley's squads; second platoon, Lieut. Edward E. Bradley, commanding; Sergeants, Shaw and Johnson; Corporals, Parker's, Donnell's, Woods' and Wharton's squads.

The rifle club has been admitted to the National Rifle association and work on the range has commenced. Two Springfield rifles are to be purchased at once for target work. It is expected that the rifle club will be organized for each man will be bought.

On last Saturday a small patrol and outpost problem was worked out. Corp. Parker, with privates E. Wood, Lacey, Peterson and A. Robinson, pitched a tent near the main road, and posted outposts. Capt. Powers, Corp. Woods, Lance Corp. Sabine and Lieut. H. W. Ayers, commanding, were in charge. It was their duty to locate it without being observed. In this they were unsuccessful, two of them being captured as a result of the skillful placing of Corp. Parker's men, and the other two covering the territory assigned to them, but without discovering the enemy. There will be no exercise on the coming Saturday.

Groton School Boy Help.

An eighteen-year-old Groton school boy, a ward of J. Pierpont Morgan, will come into possession of a fortune of over \$100,000. This was made clear when Mr. Morgan and his executor, Francis Lynde Steierson, petitioned the Surrogate's court for settlement of his accounts of the estate of George S. Bowdoin, who was a partner in the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co.

The schoolboy here, who has lost both parents, is George Peabody Bowdoin, a grandson of George S. Bowdoin. His property is being held for him by Mr. Morgan and Daniel P. Kingford, as guardians. He receives one-sixth of the residuary estate and \$23,772 from the accumulated income, and in addition he is heir to two-thirds of the residuary estate of his father, Temple Bowdoin, who died in 1914.

Miss Edith Grinnell Bowdoin, a daughter of the elder Bowdoin, has received stocks and bonds worth \$257,205, constituting one-sixth of the residuary estate and \$112,395 from the accumulated income. She is a daughter of Mr. Morgan and Daniel P. Kingford, a grandson, also received a one-sixth share.

History of Groton Band.

After the civil war was over and the men had returned home, some of them to carry for life the marks of that struggle, their thoughts turned to the old band which had been silent for half a century. It was some ten years, however, before the actual reorganization of the band took place. We read in the record that on October 3, 1868, at a meeting of the former members of the Groton Cornet band, held in Liberty hall, it was voted to reorganize the band. A week later another meeting was held, at which time Charles Blood was chosen leader; M. P. Palmer, clerk and treasurer, and Thomas Thompson, of Shirley, was selected as teacher. "Tom" Thompson was an Englishman, played E cor- net, and was well-known in this vicin-

ty as an efficient band teacher. Mr. Baldwin says he was a "ripper." Rehearsals under Thompson's baton began on October 17 and continued weekly throughout the winter of '68 and '69. Thompson was paid three dollars an evening for his services (which was a good price, considering the scale of salaries at that time), and the band furnished his transportation to Shirley. Dexter Fuller attended to the reorganizing of the band and those who still played were Moseley (Gibson), George Weston, Gilbert and Gilman Barrows, Bowman Gale, Moses Palmer and Charles Blood. The new recruits were Warner Souther, Parker, Fuller, Herbert Williams, Samuel Bennett, Charles Baldwin, Edwin Brooks, Joseph Kaddin, George Childs, Oscar Johnson and Arthur Blood.

Mr. Souther played bass. He was born in Littleton and had played with a band in South Groton and with another in Shirley before coming to Groton. When the reorganization of the Groton band took place he was on hand and for many years a valuable member, and still an interesting collector of notes.

Parker Fuller was son of A. H. Parker, the butcher and musician. He was a student at Lawrence academy at this time and after finishing there he went to Groton, where he is now a physician. His connection with the band was a short one, lasting probably two years.

Samuel Bennett was a brother of Judge Bennett, and he had considerable music in him according to Mr. Baldwin.

Charles Baldwin needs no introduction. His name is a recent one to the memory of those who have a recollection of this material is due. Mr. Baldwin came to Groton from Dunstable, joining the band soon after its reorganization, and he stayed in Groton from that year until 1909 without a break, a period of forty-one years, the longest time of any player up to the present day. Mr. Baldwin played with Dunstable band before coming to Groton. This fact was not known by many of the musicians in Groton, and was the cause of an amusing incident which occurred on the street, about to start its first job, and when the march was taken up Mr. Baldwin says he "kind of slipped off" and set the time. Such a mistake would not have occurred had he known the fact that he had been in the band for so long.

Edwin Brooks worked for Andrew Spaulding in his elder son's office. He married Mr. Spaulding's daughter. He played baritone for about two years.

Joseph Raddin, who is well-known in Groton, and who has just passed his seventieth birthday, was in the band at this time. Mr. Raddin has a clear memory of this period and many incidents told to us by him will appear later.

George Childs, son of William Childs, who was a member of the first band, played either alto or euphonium, but only for a short time. Oscar Johnson also played, but a critic would probably say he was a "bit of a dud." Arthur Blood, brother of Frank Lawrence Blood, was a tinsmith with a shop where Hodgman's market is. He played bass for quite a number of years.

The band met for practice at No. 12 schoolhouse, a one-story, two-roomed building, which stood on the site of the old building which was built in 1869, and at that time the band had to move to new quarters. "Ham" Fuller came to the rescue. He bought an old tin shop which stood on the site of the old building from the Baptist church, which Charles Wright now lives, and moved it to Hollis street, between Main and Shattuck streets, and the band re- ceived upstairs, which they probably did until 1874, although Mr. Souther thinks they rehearsed at some time upstairs in the "Chapin school" building.

From the same records we can find little that the band did this first winter except rehearse every week on a hundred dollars worth of new instruments and quite a lot of new music was purchased. In February, 1869, they gave a levee from which they netted \$1000, which was used for the purchase of instruments.

The real letter day of this first year was the occasion of President Grant's visit to Groton on June 15, 1869. Great preparations had been made for the expected reception, and the band was out in all its splendor. The reception to the president, however, was marred by an unfortunate accident, as told by Capt. Palmer, which is very amusing. It seems that the townspeople placed a cannon by subscription, an old Spanish or English gun, which was to be shown in the possession of Michael Sheehy. Capt. Will Shattuck furnished some wheels for it and Charles Nutting hauled it over from the mill. "Charles" Waters, in charge of the committee, took the cannon up on Gibbet hill, where it was loaded and a tremendous wad of grass put in it. Mr. Palmer says that when the cannon was fired it "pulled grass boys, or you shan't hear a noise." Boys, ubiquitous then as now, where a noise is promised, hastened to pull grass for a wad at this important juncture.

Waters, in charge of the cannon, was supposed from his elevated position to watch for the presidential train and to fire, if the cannon when it "pulled grass."

In the meantime Frank Peabody, father of Joseph Peabody, had got an old arvil which had a hole bored in it, and he fired it down to Depot square. He fired this hole up with powder and placed a wad in it. In some way or other he got a line on the incoming train before Waters did and fired the welcoming salute from his humble arvil. This ignominious salute anticipating that of the cannon, a "liberious" carried to its eminent position was highly incensed to Waters, who expressed his disgust for Peabody's "damned old arvil" in no uncertain terms. Waters, chagrined though he was, fired his salute, nevertheless, and kept the old cannon booming away for the full salute of 27 guns.

Dr. Samuel Green, who rode up from Boston in the president's car, remembers hearing the cannon given to him, but thinks it was not from Gibbet hill, but from the meadow west of the depot. Dr. Green kindly told us much of interest concerning this trip. He had attended the reception given to Grant in Boston, and Mr. Boutwell, then a member of Grant's cabinet, being a close friend to Dr. Green, asked him if he would accompany the party to Groton, saying that the president was subject to stomach ache and it would be well to have a doctor handy in case he should experience an attack. The doctor agreed, and the party left Boston about nine o'clock in the evening. Dr. Green sat with Mr. Boutwell in the seat behind Grant as far as Concord, where Ralph Waldo Emerson, who had been sitting with

the president, left the party. Then Dr. Green accepted the invitation to sit with the president and remained chatting with him during the rest of the trip.

At South Groton the presidential car was shifted around to the Worcester and Nashua tracks and sent to Groton, where it arrived shortly after ten o'clock that night.

The band and townspeople were waiting. Grant had notoriously had a car for music. He is said, you know, to have once remarked that he knew two tunes, one of which was Yankee Doodle, the other was "The Star Spangled Banner." Grant jokingly said when he got off the train that ever since he had left Washington he had been serenaded and drummed about to death, and that he had slipped away to Groton to visit his friend Boutwell and be quiet, and here he was, he left, however, according to Mr. Baldwin, he paid the band a nice compliment.

The band escorted the party up to Boutwell's house, where Mr. Boutwell made short speech, announcing that Grant was tired and asked to be excused from further serenading until morning, and the party broke up.

(To be continued)

West Groton.

Mrs. A. W. Lamb is entertaining two young ladies, the Misses Lucille and Helene Burton, of Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Bixby were visited by their son, George, nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Adams.

Miss Mabel Downes is entertaining a friend for a week, Miss Mary Lydden, of Cambridge.

Peers Mrs. Peer and little daughter, of Cambridge, were guests for a week at the home of Mrs. Peer's brother, Edward Mellish.

Coming on Saturday Miss Isabelle Bixby, of Roxbury, spent the week-end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams, of Brookline, N. H., called on Mrs. M. E. Williams on Wednesday.

Miss Emily Sweet, who has been the guest of Miss Bertha Bixby during the past week, returned on Monday to her home in Waverley.

The Misses Elsie and Olive Tarbell, of Hanover, N. H., will spend a few days' vacation at their home.

A. H. Thompson and his daughter Dorothy, on their return from their vacation, returned Wednesday morning, Miss Dorothy remaining for a week as the guest of Mrs. Isabel Wiggins.

Miss Florence Farish, teacher last year at first and second grades, resigned some week ago to take a school nearer her home town. Her successor is Miss Marian Nickerson, of Worcester, a graduate of Fitzburg Normal school.

Mrs. M. F. McGowan, who went to Jamaica Plain several weeks ago, has since accompanied relatives to Maine. Miss Maude Kittredge, of Wellesley, visited friends here last week.

Mrs. A. B. Bates spent two days of her week in Groton. On her return she was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Arthur Childs, who remained until Saturday.

The Daniels family, who have occupied one of the schoolhouse, which she moved to Ayer this week.

A message from Pittsfield gives the welcome information that Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Trowbridge, after an absence of nearly four months, will soon be home.

Norman Dodge was surprised on Thursday evening by the arrival at his home of a number of young friends, about fourteen in all, who showered him with gifts and refreshments. Some of the evening, with games and refreshments followed, leaving with Norman pleasant memories of his sixteenth birthday.

Saturday's ball game will be with a Greenville nine at the home field.

BOXBOROUGH

News Items. The Women's Missionary society held their last party at the church, which was held on Friday afternoon of last week as the weather was unfavorable on the day before. About sixty were present to enjoy the exercises. A group of ten or twelve children under five years of age was organized with Mrs. Arthur Nelson as superintendent. The play, "The season's game" was presented by the children. Miss Alice Richardson recited the names of the members in costume. Refreshments were served after the entertainment.

The Grange meeting on Friday evening of last week was not largely attended as so many members are out of town. In place of the scheduled program a social time was held, one of the contests being giving the correct names to about eighty wild flowers brought in by Miss Richardson, the lecturer. In this contest Mrs. S. D. Salmon 3d won with Mrs. Jennie Littlefield a close second.

Tuesday evening Carl Swanson's party carried a party of graners to Hudson to enjoy neighbors' night with Berlin Grange as the entertainers. Not only was the entertainment very enjoyable but as it was so well planned and so perfectly the ride was delightful.

B. C. Steele brought the Camp-fire Girls home from Hart Lake on his auto truck on Wednesday. They had a most enjoyable and glorious time to quote their own words. They have learned how to manage a boat and swim, also probably several points in domestic science have been solved. They have entertained many guests. Among them Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wetherbee, Mabel Wetherbee and George Richardson, who acted as chauffeur. Llewellyn Wetherbee also carried over a party in his auto and on Friday last Swanson's truck carried over a large number of relatives and friends to spend the day.

Last Monday the men to the number of twenty-five went to Swampscott on a fishing trip. The Adelpian club went on Swanson's auto, the rest of the party going in their own autos. They were accompanied by Mr. Swanson, brought back. Emil Swanson's twenty-pounder was the biggest and won him the prize and the prize for the greatest number went to Francis Burdett. Mabel Wetherbee was returning after the trip in his auto from West Acton he had the misfortune to run into a tree on the state road and badly damaged his auto. He was not hurt. As he is one of our solid and respected citizens we charitably conclude the bright moonlight confused his vision and caused the mishap.

Andrew Walker has gone to visit his sister in Spencer and celebrate his birthday, which was Monday.

Leon Wetherbee is making daily trips to Boston now with the auto truck, carrying out only the apples in his vicinity, but also from the large Underwood orchards in Gleasondale.

Mrs. Philbrick and Mrs. Loring visited in Marlboro the first of the week.

Mrs. Eva Davidson and children of Woburn are in Mr. Withington's care.

Mrs. Frank Dodge was returned from a visit with friends in Waverley, Boston and Revere.

Mrs. Austin Lawrence is now in Ayer after quite a long visit with her home people.

Mrs. Thurston, who was Hattie Knight before her marriage, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Ada Durkee. She is living in New Jersey. She looks about the same as when she went away and it is difficult for us to believe she now has seven little children in her home.

Miss Mabel Wetherbee returned from the summer school at Hyannis last Saturday and had a fine time, although less stormy weather would have been acceptable.

Charles Wetherbee and Albert Littlefield went to Provincetown Monday morning to enjoy the fishing there while C. B. Robinson, a young man called Mr. Littlefield home Tuesday night, but the other two are supposed to be still there.

Mr. and Mrs. James Knight have gone to New Adams to visit Mrs. Knight's parents. They went by auto and were accompanied by Mrs. John Cobleigh and daughter Alice as far as Amesbury, where Mrs. Cobleigh will remain for a few days with her daughter.

A word should be said about the beautiful hydrangeas blooming in Mrs. Anna Page's yard. Every passer-by admires them and exclaims at their unusual beauty. They are not the hardy but the house variety. Over eighty blossoms have been counted on one plant and she has had a great number the effect of them massed together is very beautiful.

Arthur Houghton of Worcester is spending a few days at C. T. Wetherbee's.

Frank W. Dodge wants a reliable farm tractor for keeping this fall and winter, also four head of young stock.

Church Notes.

Sunday services—Morning worship at eleven o'clock. Preacher, Rev. G. M. Missirian, the minister. Subject, "The new life." Sunday school at 12:15. E. meeting and evening service at seven o'clock.

After having enjoyed a delightful vacation Rev. Mr. Missirian expects to be at the parsonage by August 19. He will be in town on Sunday, August 20. He plans to make his calls in the parish, as usual, on Tuesdays and Fridays and will be at home to receive callers on Mondays and Thursdays.

Our Sunday school plans to have a picnic on August 23. The place and the details of the picnic will be announced after the Sunday school session next Sunday.

LITTLETON

News Items. Edward Gardner, of Jamaica Plain, who had the week-end of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Gardner.

The Merfield family, of Somerville, returned last week to their New Estate road home.

James A. Wood, of Cambridge, an uncle of Fred and John Merrifield, is spending a week in Groton. Some of the men joined the company for box lunch at six o'clock. Others were present in the evening and after the business meeting, over which Fred Merrifield presided as master in the absence of Mr. Hill, the company enjoyed a few hands of whist, followed by a musical entertainment consisting of piano solos by one of the talented and chorus singing of popular songs.

The Grange, Houghton Syndicate are busy putting up four tenement houses at the common. Needham & Fletcher are doing the work. They are also erecting a two-story house for E. S. Kimball in Newtown.

Miss Dorothy Smith is visiting her brother Clifford at Ashcroft.

Mrs. Thomas Stephens accompanied her granddaughter, Margaret Plummer, to Marlborough and remained with her daughter's family for a brief visit.

Miss Evelyn Hamlin was the guest of her uncle A. T. Kimball, Wednesday.

Littleton people were divided in their minds on Thursday evening. Many attended out-of-town functions, some spending the time very pleasantly at the band concert in Westford, others at the Wallace dance, and not a few went to the Acton dance.

Mrs. Albert Shedd, of Boxborough road, has recently entertained two sisters.

Fred C. Reed's infant boy has been sick since last Saturday night. A specialist was called and diagnosed the case as pneumonia. For several days he has lain very listless, receiving the best of care from a trained nurse. At last reports he seemed a little more comfortable.

Miss Florence Whitecomb was the guest of Miss Helen Jones in Waltham on Thursday and Friday.

Donald Mellicie, of Concord Junction, has been visiting Adams Whitecomb this week.

Samuel L. White, who was brought up in Littleton, and is known to many of the older people here, died in the Beverly hospital on Tuesday from injuries received when run down by a street car last month. He had reached the advanced age of eighty-eight years. His birthplace was Groton; his younger days were spent in Littleton, and during the greater part of his life he was in his home. The late Dr. E. G. White, of Cambridge, also well-known in Littleton, was a brother. A widow and three sons survive him. The sons are Rev. Herbert Judson White of Hartford, Conn., Samuel White of Beverly, a Boston attorney, and Frederick B. White of Wakefield. Mr. White's father, Samuel White, was a deacon of the Littleton Baptist church and his family have always been interested in its welfare. A commitment service will be held at the grave in Westlawn cemetery this Saturday afternoon at 1:15.

Interesting Letter.

Littleton friends have received an interesting letter from Arthur Newcomb, who left town to join his company at the call for the militia two months ago. He speaks of a royal send-off at Portland, Me., of courtesies extended the boys in the way of lunches at Kansas City, and similar attentions from the third class at Fort Worth, Texas. They reached Laredo, Texas, July 4, and celebrated by putting up tents in the center of a newly ploughed sandy field, and creating order out of chaos. It was a very hot and dusty day, with no water except what we boiled ourselves. The companies were laid out in order, A, B, C, etc., each company streets between. The food on the train he describes as nothing extra, corn beef, hard tack and coffee. At Laredo it was better, and consisted of beef roasted and stewed, bread, canned fruit and coffee. He speaks of Laredo as an attractive place with many beautiful houses and all the modern conveniences. The boys slept on cots to protect them from ants, spiders, lizards, horned toads, etc. "After staying in camp a week he was ordered to Zapata with the third battalion. This distance of sixty miles the boys covered on foot through rain storms, muddy roads and across swollen streams. On the march the food and the water were 'mighty poor.' It took four days to complete the march. The food on the train he says, has nothing in it, and the food is wretched. Most of the boys complain of stomach trouble and heat. The infantry spend their time in drilling and guard duty. It is Mr. Newcomb's special work to look after the sick. He refers to only two accidents, one of a soldier's drowning while in swimming, and the other a case of accidental shooting. One night the writer camped just across the river from Carranza's headquarters. The boys expected an attack, but all remained peaceful and quiet.

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**News Items.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Berton Williams and son Mason left last Sunday for a vacation at Hampton Beach, N. H., returning on Friday morning.  
Miss Susie Neylan, of Elm street, is at York Beach, Me., on a vacation of two weeks.  
Miss Nora Scullane and her niece, Miss Catherine Scullane, of Leominster, are spending the week at Franklin, N. H.  
Mrs. Howard B. White and grand-daughter, Bertha White, and Mrs. George H. B. Turner and children returned from Hill pond, Harvard, on Tuesday, where they had spent two weeks. Mrs. White is now with her son, Howard A. White, at his farm in Ashby.  
Miss Anna Scullane, of Shirley street, is at Seboc Lake, Me., for three weeks.  
Mr. W. E. Force, k.r.s., and Oscar C. Rand, m.f., of Harbinger lodge, K. P., attended the dinner and conference held at the Hotel Raymond in Fitchburg on Thursday evening.  
Miss Mollie M. Sullivan and Miss Mary M. Skerritt have been spending the last ten days at the Keenage hotel, York Beach, Me.  
Charles L. Farnsworth, maker of Ma-dritte roads, is one of several different contractors who will give a test of their work for the city of Boston, the test being made in Roxbury. Mr. Farnsworth will make 2200 yards of highway for his sample. Whichever one does the best work will be given the preference in work for the city.  
Regarding the construction of the piece of state highway between Pingreyville and the pumping station at Ayer, which has been the subject of many inquiries, it may be said that the State Highway Commission refuses to contribute for the building of this piece of road unless the town of Ayer completes a section of the state highway on Park street between the residence of Otis Kittredge and the Main street railroad crossing. So says Mr. Pillsbury, who has charge of the state highway work in this section. In case the town should complete the section last referred to the state is ready to lay cement road which is the last word in good highways, from the completed section in Pingreyville to the pumping station in Ayer, a distance of one and a half miles at a cost of \$20,000. When these two pieces of highway are completed there will be a continuous state road from Boston and Fitchburg by way of Ayer.

Mrs. A. C. Bulkeley returned on Thursday from the Clinton hospital, where she gave birth to a son recently.  
Charles H. Meehan, night yardmaster in the Ayer yard, is on a two-weeks' vacation, part of which was spent in Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Detroit and in Chicago.  
Miss Gertrude O'Neil went to Beverly Thursday. She will spend a week of two with her brother William, who has been located in Beverly for a few years past.  
J. W. McLane will preach at the Baptist church Sunday morning at 10.45. Sunday school at twelve. Song service at seven in the evening, led by Warren Treble.  
Rev. Frank B. Randall has charge of the service at the First Parish church, Shirley Center, Sunday.  
Dr. Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr., chairman of the Bedford board of selectmen, has announced his support of the republican senatorial nomination in the seventh Middlesex district. He was an active member of the House in 1914 and 1915. The doctor is a brother of Louis Pfeiffer, assistant secretary of the republican state committee and G. O. P. state committeeman from the seventh district.  
Recruits for the national guard or the U. S. army are wanted for order duty. They have the choice of entering the infantry, artillery, signal corps, ambulance corps or hospital corps. Recruiting officers were at the Ayer office on Thursday morning at ten o'clock, and will be there every Thursday morning until further notice.

Victor L. Fillebrown, teller in the First National bank, left last Saturday for a two-weeks' vacation, this week being spent with his brother, Walter Fillebrown, in Waterford, Me., and next week at Hampton Beach.  
Mr. Charles A. Normand and little son Benjamin returned on Sunday from a vacation spent at Christmas Cove, Me.  
For other Ayer matter see last page.  
The following letters remained uncalled for at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending August 14: H. F. Edwards, Daniel Gallagher, Walter Horton, Oscar E. Huse.

**District Court.**  
Samuel Levy, of Worcester, was found not guilty last Saturday morning on a complaint alleging that he was collecting junk without a license in Shirley and was discharged. According to Levy he was engaged in buying cattle for slaughter for the firm including himself and a man named Graham, when he was apprehended by Chief Riley of Shirley and was not collecting junk. Chief Riley stated that when he acceded Levy the latter had a large quantity of empty bags and coats in the automobile truck which he had at the time and had stopped at the house of Augustus Gram for the purpose of buying some old automobile tires. Raoul E. Graham, son of one of the members of the above firm, who was operating the automobile which was used in the work, was found not guilty of driving an automobile without a chauffeur's license, and was discharged.  
John Allen, of Watertown, through his attorney, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor on a complaint for operating his automobile without a license in Groton, and the case was filed upon the payment of the expense of the prosecution, amounting to five dollars.  
Timothy F. Breen and James Terlizzi, both of Malden, were arraigned Monday on complaints for vagrancy. The cases were filed by order of John M. Maloney, associate justice, after a finding of guilty. These men were arrested by Chief Beatty Sunday on suspicion of being implicated in the recent breaks on Washington street. They were brought into court Monday morning and the cases were continued until Tuesday in order to have a witness for the government present. The

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witness could not be found, however, and the men were ordered to be discharged.  
Louis Hickory, formerly of Pepperell, who figured in the strange elopement in that town with Mrs. Frederick Miller a short time ago, was in court on a minor offense. A love letter sent by Hickory to his intended bride was produced by Chief Smith and read by Judge Atwood in open court. Hickory, in a statement to the court, insisted that Mrs. Miller is unmarried and he wants to marry her. At the former appearance in court Mrs. Miller said that she is married, but yields to some mysterious power which Hickory has over her.  
He went to Pepperell, where he wished to get some wearing apparel that he left at the Miller home, where he formerly boarded, and was taken into custody by Chief Smith. Hickory said the letter read in court was written by another person, but was dictated by him. The letter follows:  
Ayer, August 2, 1916.  
Mrs. Annie Miller—The clerk of the court wished me to write to you to see what you are intending to do. If you are going to marry him or me. Please write back to the above address and let me know at once. I have been very lonely since we parted, but I hope to be with you again in a day or two. I have a good job in Ayer that will last the year round. So be sure and come down as soon as possible, so be sure to come down and see me. I shall be pleased to meet you. Please to write back at the return of post and let me know all particulars. Believe me to be yours as ever, lots of love and best wishes. Good-bye for the present.  
Lewis Hickory.  
It was said that another amorous episode was about to be sent, but nothing definite could be found out about it according to Chief Smith.  
George Hartley, of Lowell, who was charged with evading fare, was found not guilty.  
**Leominster the Winner.**  
The Leominster Gun club carried off the honors last Saturday afternoon at the Goodale grounds in that place, when its five representatives competed against Ayer and Groton, upwards of 2000 targets were thrown. The event was one of the series of contests for the silver cup in the Trolley league shoot. Leominster, Groton and Ayer taking part. Leominster added 20 birds to its lead and now has an aggregate of 58, enough to make the championship reasonably sure. At times during the afternoon the wind was gusty and for that reason targets were missed that otherwise might have been broken. Clinton failed to enter and its non-appearance is regarded as forfeiting all title to the trophy. The Ayer squad kept Leominster guessing throughout the contest, a total of but 20 separating the two teams when the shoot ended.  
Eli W. Carley was high gun for Ayer with a total of 41. H. LeRoy Cook, of Leominster, scored the highest of the shoot with a total of 46. Other scores were A. Goodale 34, H. E. Lancy 29, A. Pickford 33, O. Goodale 40, A. J. Belliveau 32, A. R. Griffin 28. The total now stands as follows: Leominster 64, Ayer 58, Groton 48.  
George Chapin of the Winchester Arms Co., and Arthur Sibley of the American Powder Co., professionals because they represent munition makers, were guests of the association and took a peg with the regular squads. Both shot well. Everything connected with the meet went off smoothly. Fifty or more spectators, several of them women, watched the sport and the afternoon was enjoyable, one of the best ever held by the association. The summary:  
Leominster—Woods 41, Rice 44, Cook 46, Gates 44, Rowland 45, total, 220.  
Ayer—Bodger 29, Reynolds 40, Hayes 40, Carley 41, Sabin 40, total, 200.  
Groton—Dowdson 34, Kalmer 32, Reid 30, Wright 22, Kozar 20, total, 152.  
The last meet of the series will take place on the Ayer grounds, Saturday, August 26.

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News Items. Miss Grace Tewksbury has arrived home after a week's visit with friends in Needham. Miss Agnes Jones returned with Miss Tewksbury for a stay of a week or so.

Annual Field Day.

St. Anthony's parish held its annual field day on Saturday at Whiteley park, which was attended by fully 600. The various committees planned well and worked hard to make the day one of enjoyment and their efforts were crowned with success.

People from Wollaston at their home

church conducted the service. C. C. Mowry and Mrs. I. S. Woods sang three selections. "Sometime we'll understand," "Gathering home" and "Good night."

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PEPPERELL

News Items. Mr. and Mrs. C. Lane were prevented from taking their trip to York Beach as they were planning by reason of the illness of Mrs. Lane from tonsillitis. She is slightly improved at last reports.

Mrs. W. H. Bowman, Mrs. Addison Woodward and Mrs. H. F. Hobart returned on Monday from Ogunquit, Me., where they were the guests of Mrs. D. B. Child.

D. L. Whitmarsh went back to Barnstead, N. H., the first of the week to spend two weeks with relatives. Mrs. Whitmarsh was visiting a part of the week at Groton.

Miss Ada Whitney started for New York on Tuesday for a two-weeks' stay with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dewar, their son Basil, and Mrs. Mary Jordan motored to York-end with relatives. They returned on Monday.

Mrs. Helen Pike, who has been visiting friends in Boston and vicinity, returned home last Saturday.

Mrs. W. W. Lunt, improving slowly from a serious attack of laryngitis. At the all-day meeting of the L. S. C. at the home of Mrs. Maltman on Friday of last week, many were present during the day and a good degree of interest was manifested in the work and plans for the coming Federated fair in September. Miss Anna Blood and friend, Miss Whitney, who were to address the ladies in the afternoon, and no others being available the afternoon was devoted to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ford moved last week from the Marshall cottage on Pleasant street to the Behrens' cottage on Cottage street.

J. J. Wiloughby finished up his vacation last week by going to Manchester, N. H., and to Lexington to see his sons and James. He returned to his work in West Groton on Monday.

Francis Lawrence is having a vacation from his work in the munition factory in Bridgeport, Conn., and with his family has taken camping at Lake Muscatumpus, Brookline, N. H., the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Frossard, with their granddaughter, Phyllis Nodding, spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Nodding and family at Silver Lake, Wilmington.

Many in town have been afflicted with a mild form of tonsillitis. Among those who are convalescing are Mrs. J. A. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Thell, Mrs. L. W. Taylor, Mrs. E. Elsie Copp, Mrs. E. Handley, Mrs. M. C. Lane and O. M. Nash. Donald Rivers was a victim the first of the week, going home sick Monday afternoon and it seems probable that the epidemic is still liable to claim many more victims.

Mrs. D. W. Hazen spent the weekend with her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Smith. Jasper Shattuck recently entertained Mr. and Mrs. Kane, relatives from Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Clarence Keith has accepted a position as chauffeur for a party at Kennebunk Beach, Me., on Friday, Saturday to assume his new duties.

Miss Anna Thayer spent last week at Iye Beach with her brother, William Thayer, and family.

Miss Elizabeth McNamee, clerk at the Saunders' department, will be on duty for the next two weeks, which she will spend with Mrs. A. R. Bond in Milton, N. H., and at Sterling Camp-ground.

Miss Bertha Johnson is expected next week to spend the last of her vacation at home. At present she is with a party of friends in Maine.

Mrs. W. A. Stevens returned to her home in Salem on Monday, instead of last week, as the result of a doctor's advice. The illness of her sister, Mrs. E. E. Handley, whom she was visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Pike and son, and Mrs. Margaret Baker were weekend guests in Groton, and the family of the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Parker has been named Russell Leroy.

The force of Italians hired by the Nashua River Paper Company, set through last week and the families accompanying the house on Mill street have vacated. Their going occasioned no great grief among the neighbors.

The household goods of Mr. and Mrs. Moulton came by auto truck from Nashua on Monday, and the truck of Mr. and Mrs. Muzzey, from Hudson, and the families are now occupying their respective homes on Mill and Cross streets.

Lawrence Doe and John Tierney have gone to the Middleboro state farm to work.

Mrs. Ethina Farnham is visiting her friend, Mrs. Sarah Patch this week. Frost was reported in some of the low places about town on Tuesday morning.

Rev. E. M. Slocum has been visiting with relatives in New Haven, Conn., the past week.

Dana Merrill has finished his work in Leicester and is at the home of his parents until the fall term opens at Amherst.

Miss G. Frank Jewett and two daughters, of Newton, have been recent guests in town at the residence of Charles Jewett.

Oscar Anderson, instructor of polo at Purdue university, Lafayette, Ind., arrived on Saturday of last week for a three-weeks' stay at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gustaf Anderson, Oak Hill. He has been at work during the first part of the summer, doing extensive work from the university through Indiana.

Katherine Hobart has been visiting relatives near Stockbridge, Vt., during a part of her school vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennie McDonald have been entertaining a household of relatives and friends, including Mrs. Sargent from Somerville, Miss May Gibbons and George Gibbons from Clinton, John McDonald of Somerville, Pauline and Oakley Jay from Cliffside, and Clarence Webster from Revere.

The band concert drew a larger crowd than usual on Monday evening, owing no doubt in part to the fine weather and moonlight night. Many auto loads came from several of the surrounding towns and as far away as Greenville, some attending the dance on the hill at the conclusion of the concert.

Rehearsals are going on briskly for the play, "The Colonel's Maid," to be given under the auspices of the Community Service of Groton, on Wednesday evening. The proceeds are to be devoted to a very worthy object, for the benefit of the District Nurse association, every-one should have an interest in the play and its success. It is being rehearsed promptly at eight o'clock on the date mentioned.

Mrs. Adams and two children, from New York, are the guests of Mrs. E. M. Stanley, of Groton, on Monday. Mrs. Jeffrey, N. H., by auto, where they recently visited.

Miss Adelle Dalton has been visiting friends in Jamaica Plain.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cook, who have been taking a vacation at Groton, returned to Essex Junction, Vt., returning on Friday of last week.

Services were conducted at the Congregational church last Sunday forenoon by Rev. Francis E. Webster, and the evening by Rev. G. F. Durand. No community sing was attempted as the evening was so cool. There are to be no services in the church on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Beers and children returned Wednesday from their two weeks' stay at Sandy Pond, Ayer.

Mrs. Roderick McLennan and daughter Dorothy from Quincy are the guests of Mrs. Jennie McDonald, at her home before her marriage was associated with Miss Shattuck as nurses at the Boston hospital and also at the Seaside home at Oney Island.

Mrs. H. A. S. Phelps is entertaining Miss Della Tenney, of Groton, at her home. Miss Tenney will be remembered as the daughter of the late Alfred Tenney, a life-long friend of the late Col. S. P. Shattuck, the family being formerly of Groton.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Shattuck came from Concord Junction on Saturday by auto to visit Miss Ida E. Shattuck. Mrs. Shattuck went from here to visit her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Shattuck remaining here over Monday.

Miss Rose Alden and the three children who are with her drove to Fitchburg to spend the day, Thursday.

Mrs. Willis Kimball is visiting this week at Warren, N. H. Her daughter, Mrs. Lillian Dudley, of Natick, is keeping house in her absence.

Mrs. E. F. Pond and Miss Avis Giddings of Waltham came Tuesday for two weeks at Maplelawn farm.

On Wednesday several ladies and gentlemen, including Mrs. L. W. Taylor, Miss Marion Lovejoy Dow, and Miss Bessie Jenkins, spent the week-end with her at her home, 111 North Pepperell.

Miss Marie Kemp is having a vacation from her work at the Groton hospital at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kemp.

Miss Annah Blood is spending the week-end at Oak Hills, Martha's Vineyard.

Mrs. Marion Lovejoy Dow and little daughter Dorothy returned to Worcester on Sunday after a week's visit at her old home in Ayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cobb and son have been spending the week at Hampton Beach.

George Dow, Jr., arrived here from Niagara Falls, N. Y., last week for a short vacation at the home of his father, Mrs. Lillie Dow, North Pepperell. He is now freeman on a freight and is making good progress.

Mrs. Lucius Stark and daughter Dorothy, of Fitchburg, arrived at the home of Mrs. George Stark, Sunday, at her residence, 174½ Street, where she had been visiting there.

Playground Notes. The playground director has three athletic teams which he is very anxious to have a large number of boys pass. The tests are drawn up by the Playground Association of America, and are as follows: 1. Running, 2. Jumping, 3. Throwing, 4. Catching, 5. Passing, 6. Tossing, 7. Hitting, 8. Shooting, 9. Swimming, 10. Climbing, 11. Digging, 12. Carrying, 13. Pushing, 14. Pulling, 15. Lifting, 16. Carrying, 17. Pushing, 18. Pulling, 19. Lifting, 20. Carrying, 21. Pushing, 22. Pulling, 23. Lifting, 24. Carrying, 25. Pushing, 26. Pulling, 27. Lifting, 28. Carrying, 29. Pushing, 30. Pulling, 31. Lifting, 32. Carrying, 33. Pushing, 34. Pulling, 35. Lifting, 36. Carrying, 37. Pushing, 38. Pulling, 39. Lifting, 40. Carrying, 41. Pushing, 42. Pulling, 43. Lifting, 44. Carrying, 45. Pushing, 46. Pulling, 47. Lifting, 48. Carrying, 49. Pushing, 50. Pulling, 51. Lifting, 52. Carrying, 53. Pushing, 54. Pulling, 55. Lifting, 56. Carrying, 57. Pushing, 58. Pulling, 59. Lifting, 60. 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