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Chas. H. Bartz of Greenfield, formerly of this town, was here Thursday evening making a short call among his acquaintances.

Charles S. Jackson, who has been foreman of the Falmouth Motor Car Co., has accepted a position with the Robert Murphy's Sons Co. in their automobile department, commencing next Monday.

Mrs. Hattie Budlong of Providence, R. I., has returned to her home after a stay of eight weeks with Mrs. Simmons of Page street. She is a sister of the late S. R. Simmons.

Edward A. White, professor of botany at Cornell university, coming in an auto with his wife, two sons and a daughter, were in town Wednesday, the guests of his brother, Howard B. White.

Labor day there was a family gathering of twenty at Mrs. Susan H. White's, Ashby. There were present

on this occasion at the home farm her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. White and Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Norman and son Benjamin were among those present.

The number of pupils in the third grade will be fifty-seven when all are in attendance. This unusually large number makes it necessary to assign the twelve pupils from Shirley street in grade three to the Shirley street school, which now has enrolled about twenty-two pupils in the first two years.

The ladies of the Federated church are to have a food sale in the vestry of the congregational church on Tuesday afternoon next from two to five. A business meeting will be held that afternoon.

Judge Sanderson and his family return to town Saturday from their summer home in Littleton, where they have spent the greater part of the summer.

John O'Malley, Frank B. Harrington and James Craft concluded their du-

ties at Harlow & Parsons' market last Saturday night.

William Drow has returned from a visit to Fall River.

M. S. Donahue is off duty for a vacation of two weeks.

Mrs. H. W. Winslow and children have returned from a several-weeks' visit in Lyme, N. H., and Wilder, Vt.

Malcolm Crockett is reported as getting along nicely in the Groton hospital following an operation for appendicitis, performed there by Dr. B. H. Hopkins.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. James J. McGuane last Saturday.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Côté on Monday.

Alton Washburn has returned from Peak's Island, Me., where he and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Washburn, spent their vacation.

Mrs. John H. Manderschied, of Leominster, formerly of Ayer, is in town this week, visiting relatives.

A daughter was born on August 26 to Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Dwinell at the Clinton hospital.

The remains of Mrs. Henry McGurn, of New York city, were brought here for interment in St. Mary's cemetery this week Friday morning.

A regular high mass was said at nine o'clock at St. Mary's church by Rev. Thomas P. McGinn. The bearers were William J. Madigan, Jeremiah Desnoyer, and John Lee of Harvard, and Edward P. Sheehan of Littleton. Mrs. McGurn was a former resident of Harvard, where she lived many years, and was well known in Ayer and nearby towns.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sherwin and Mrs. Mary Hume attended the funeral of William A. Green in Ashby on last week Wednesday. Mr. Green was a brother-in-law of Mr. Sherwin and Mrs. Hume.

The annual election of officers of Ayer Council, K. C., will take place at its next meeting, Tuesday evening, September 12.

A regular communication of Celtic Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening, September 11, at 7:30 o'clock. Work—Fellow Craft degree.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent at the Unitarian society on Thursday, when the Alliance held their first fall meeting. Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Duncklee, Mrs. Kittredge, Mrs. LaPointe and Mrs. Priest, hosted the evening.

At the business meeting Mrs. Stanley Cotton and Mrs. Benjamin Taft became members by the usual balloting. The program opened with a group of songs by Misses Mona Kittredge, followed by an inspiring address upon "Plans and hopes for the coming year" by Rev. E. B. Crandall. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Kittredge, which followed by the hostesses. The society has been invited to a neighborhood meeting with the Littleton Alliance on October 6.

TOWNSEND

Center.

There will be an open meeting of the Grange Monday evening, September 11, to which the public are cordially invited. Prof. Selskar Gunn, director of hygiene of the state department of health, Boston, will give a lecture with lantern slides, subject, "Quackery and the patent medicine evil." Miss Lucile Kennedy of Jamaica Plain will render vocal selections. Miss Alice Hatch of West Townsend will give readings.

Mrs. Myron F. Goring of Worcester has been a guest at the home of John N. Goring this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gulian attended the funeral of Mr. Gulian's uncle at Wallston Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Farrar entertained her cousin, Sumner Chatin, of Springfield the first of the week.

Rev. George Purging of Pepperell will occupy the Methodist pulpit Sunday morning in the absence of Dr. Charlton.

Rev. William Hodge and family who have been spending three weeks' vacation in town, returned to their parish home in Weston.

Townsend A. A. goes to Milford, N. H., Saturday to play the rubber game with Milford A. A. This will probably be the last game of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Marshall of Lawrence were the guests of Mrs. Marshall's sister, Mrs. M. L. White, over the holiday.

Misses Margaret and Mary Buckley, formerly of this town, have been the guests of Miss Bertha Warren and calling on friends and former schoolmates.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stevens of Fitchburg have also been the guests of Miss Warren and her mother, Mrs. Augusta Warren.

Mrs. A. L. Struthers and family have returned to the congregational parsonage from their summer home at Nelson, N. H. Rev. and Mrs. Struthers attended the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Myron W. Clifton at Upton on Wednesday, September 6.

About Town.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Eaton and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kendall and little niece motored to Nashua, N. H., last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Kendall visited Mr. and Mrs. George Woodward on Sunday, while Mr. and Mrs. Eaton, accompanied by Charles E. Powell and family, motored to Franklin and other places during the day. They returned home on Monday night after a very pleasant trip, returning by way of Concord and Billerica.

Miss Emma Piper left town last Saturday to attend the Milton, N. H., high school, where she has been for the past two years. She stays with Herbert Finnegan and family during the school season.

Miss Eva Stearns returned home on last week Friday after a very pleasant vacation spent at the beach and elsewhere.

Miss Lole Stearns and Mrs. Jennie Stevens were in town at their mother's home for a brief visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Piper visited during last week at Hell pond with C. E. Worcester and family.

Ernest Northrup and family, of Milford, N. H., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Abel Stearns.

Arthur Burt has been assisting at the tin shop with Oscar Mudgett has been on the sick list.

Edward Gilman and a friend from Gardner are spending a week in town with his mother, Mrs. Martha Blood.

Katheryn Markham, of Chelsea, spent the week-end and Labor day at her home in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lavole returned home Monday after a week's vacation in New Bedford and West Peabody.

Miss Lula Ballou is assisting with the housework for Miss Eva Stearns and her mother.

Dennis Coffey spent Sunday and Labor day with his family and other relatives in town.

Miss Helen Dobson returned on Sunday her home in Chicago after a two-weeks' visit with her niece, John Dobson, and cousin Helen in town.

Fred Campbell and family moved this week into the other part of the house occupied by Mr. Peckham, the cobbler.

Mr. Peckham spent a few days recently visiting his daughter Esther.

William Creighton and family are moving into the Evans house on the West Townsend road, recently occupied by Frank Felch.

George Wilson and family and Herbert Wilson and family drove to Mt. Watatic on Monday and enjoyed a fine day's outing.

George Ward is working in Ayer and expects to move his family there soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Arlin were in Clinton last week Friday and visited Frank Wright, who is there in feeble health.

Frank Spring spent the week-end and Labor day at his home here.

Mrs. Ivora Spring Austin returned to her home in Nashua, N. H., on last Saturday after spending several days with her mother and sisters in town.

Christy Gates and family and Mr. and Mrs. George Page spent the week-end and holiday with Mr. and Mrs. George Gates.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Streeter and daughter have been recent visitors with Mrs. Ellen Estes.

William Spofford was in Framingham and Milford the early part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Robbins and daughter have moved from the Donovan block into the store building owned by Lendall Clement.

Harbor.

Lester Spear, of Reading, was a week-end guest at Westview.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Blake are enjoying a two-weeks' vacation motoring in this and adjoining states. During the week-end they were in Concord, of which Mr. Blake is in charge of the poultry plant at Hickory farm.

During the week-end and over Labor day Mr. and Mrs. Irving Seaver entertained a house party, members of which included Miss Esther Lang of Gardner, the Misses Seaton and Will Livingston, of Lowell. Complimentary to her guests Mrs. Seaver gave a white party on Saturday evening.

The highest scores were made by Mrs. Walter Fletcher, 38; Frank Taft, 29. Those winning least were Miss Adelaide West, 19, and Edward Fletcher, 12. Following cards, ice cream and cake were served. During the evening there were vocal solos by Mrs. Brackett, piano selections by Miss Bertrice Fletcher, and other numbers.

Mrs. M. E. Cowell, who has been a guest for several weeks at the home of Oliver Proctor, returned to Greenfield early in the week. Frank Taft, another guest, left Tuesday for his home in Natick.

Dr. Werner H. Field, of Easthampton, was a guest of Miss Mildred Morrison for over the holiday. Dr. Field was formerly connected with the German hospital in New York.

Miss Myrtle Gray returned from Wintthrop on Saturday. Harold Gray, of Lenox, was a week-end guest at the home of his parents.

Mrs. Strout has with her, her nine-months-old grandson, Robert Proctor. John Knowlton, a former resident, is a guest at Pinhurst.

Miss Hollahan, of Arlington, is a guest of her brother, Thomas Hollahan.

On Monday Walter Fletcher and family closed their summer home at South row and returned to Fitchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shattuck, of Concord, were at the Shattuck homestead on Buzz hill over Labor day.

The home of Harry Dustin in this village presents an attractive appearance in its new coat of paint.

Miss Blanche Sperrman is spending her vacation at the home of her parents, Mrs. B. C. Cummings is spending the week-end with friends in Hudson, N. H.

Miss Esther Bailey entertained several friends over Labor day.

Corneilus Keefe has been enrolled as a student at Dartmouth Business college, Boston, owing to his courtesy and desire to please, "Com" will be missed from the Harbor store, where he has been employed for several years.

On last week Wednesday Gilman Conant, in accidentally disturbing a hornet's nest, was stung five times on the left arm. As a result his system was so affected that he is still under the doctor's care. It may be two or three weeks before he will be able to resume his usual work.

Prof. Palfrey is making frequent trips from Fitchburg to his farm at South row in his new Ford touring car.

Jack Doherty and family, who for many years have been residents of the Harbor, on Friday moved to Wallston, where Mr. Doherty and the older sons will be employed.

The leatherboard mill is shut down for a few weeks while repairs and improvements are being made.

On last week Friday the As You Like It club met at Edgewood with Mrs. Hanson Adams and Miss Mary Adams. The club was entertained in the recently completed summer house.

The program was in charge of Mrs. B. C. Cummings, lecturer. The entertainment consisted of selections on the new Edison readings by Mrs. Charles Noyes and Ransom Adams were much enjoyed.

Dr. Peters, professor of metallurgy at Harvard, is a very interesting talk based on personal experiences in the opening of a copper mine in Tasmania. The entertainment was followed by a social hour, during which the guests participated in an enigmatical romance. Refreshments were served by the hostesses. Besides club members there were present as guests, Dr. Peters, Miss Curdwin, Mrs. Frank Warren, Mrs. Vernal Barber, Miss Alberta Barber, Miss Lillian Warner and Miss Melora Warner.



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BOXBOROUGH

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Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Maude C. Kathon of Hudson to take place in Cambridge September 20.

George Goodard is attending the agricultural college at Storrs, Conn.

Robert Cunningham is to take a business course at Waltham business college.

Charles Littlefield spent Labor day at the Worcester fair.

Mrs. Charles Libbey has come from New York to remain until after the auction sale of her goods next week.

The friends of Mrs. M. E. Wood are sorry to hear that she lately broke her hip and her advanced age makes it a very serious accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Littlefield with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Sizer of Hartford, Conn., motored to Nantasket on Monday and had a delightful outing.

Mrs. Samuel Wetherbee of Waltham is visiting at C. T. Wetherbee's.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hanscomb of Melrose spent the holiday with the Bramans.

Mrs. Lewis Richardson returned on Monday from a visit with friends in Alstead, N. H.

Clement Wetherbee of Bolton recently visited Walnut farm. When a young man he lived there several years so has always felt an interest there. Mr. Wetherbee is slowly recovering from a fall which caused a broken elbow which has given him a good deal of trouble.

Mrs. Gartner, who has been housekeeper for Llewellyn Wetherbee for a number of years, has left town. Her little daughter Mildred, who on her pony Buster has become a familiar figure flying along the streets, will not soon be forgotten.

Mrs. Gibbs and her daughter, Mrs. Edith Turner, and two boys, Francis and Norman, who have spent the summer at Bide-a-Wee, returned to their home in Waltham on Friday. The oldest son Lincoln came Tuesday for a short vacation with the family. This is the third year they have spent here and their departure is always much regretted by their neighbors who find them a great addition to hill sociability.

Guests at the parsonage Sunday included Mr. and Mrs. Eben H. Mead and daughter Helen of Lenburg, also Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Russell and son Philip of Waverley.

Mrs. Frank W. Dodge spent Labor day with friends in Waverley.

The Lovelace boys have erected a neat and attractive sign—Sunnyhill farm.

Church Notes.

Sunday services—Morning worship at eleven. Preacher, Rev. G. M. Millis; the minister; subject, "Religion and labor." Sunday school at 12:15.

A missionary rally will be held next Sunday evening, September 10, at seven o'clock in the vestry. Mrs. W. E. Conant of Littleton will tell about the golden jubilee of the Woman's Missionary board. An address by the pastor and several short papers will be given. A collection will be taken for the golden anniversary gift. All

the people of our town are very cordially invited to this useful meeting.

The annual business meeting and election of officers of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary will be held at the vestry on the second Wednesday in this month, September 13, at three p. m. It is hoped that the members who cannot be present will send their annual contributions to the treasurer, Mrs. Arthur Nelson, before that date.

Last Monday morning a good number of the young people in the town enjoyed playing a good game of baseball. Adolphian club members formed their own team and played a game of nine innings with the rest of the young men who were there. The score was 10 to 11 in favor of the latter.

A wealthy native of India has given a fund of \$5000 a year for fifteen years to aid in suppressing tuberculosis in Bombay.

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At the Baptist church last Sunday morning Mrs. Everett Porter of Brookline officiated as organist and Miss Florence Dorr, one of the young ladies at the vacation camp at Vinton pond, rendered a beautiful solo, "Oh, consider and hear me." At the Sunday school session these were appointed to serve as a field day committee to meet with the others among the members of the association for their annual meeting at the Methodist church on Wednesday evening, September 13, Frank Hamilton, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph MacKean, Perry W. Sawtelle, Mrs. Fred A. Patch and Justin C. Hodgman.

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Miss Margery Peabody, one of the daughters of the Rev. and Mrs. Endicott Peabody of this town will be introduced to society the coming winter. Miss Peabody's only brother is the Rev. Malcom Peabody, whose marriage to Miss Mary Parkman took place last June. She has three other sisters, Miss Helen, Miss Rose and Miss Elizabeth Peabody, and a young sister, Miss Dorothy Peabody, who is still in school.

C. Wendell Oglive, substitute carrier on R. F. D. 1, is taking the place of the regular carrier who is on a vacation.

Howard Gilson and mother, Mrs. Moseley Gilson, going in his auto, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John L. Gilson, started Tuesday morning on a trip north up through New Hampshire and Vermont. They will make a stop at Newport, N. H., the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harrt and will visit other places along the way.

Hon. R. B. Stone of Bradford, Pa., a native of this town, was the principal speaker at Bradford, Saturday, August 26, at the exercises in that city in honor of the late Senator Stone, founder of the petroleum industry in that state.

Miss Mary Hurl of Richmond, Va., who came last week to Groton to visit her aunt, Mrs. Lella Nutting, went this week for a visit to another relative in Mattapoisett, returning to complete her visit here on Tuesday, leaving to return to Richmond on Friday.

The New England fair held at Worcester this week called out a large attendance, especially on Labor day when there was an enormous crowd. There were quite a number of Grotonians. There was a splendid exhibit of vegetables and a fine exhibit of apples, only the season being late the apples were smaller than usual. The exhibit in flowers was large and beautiful. George S. Knapp, these awards being of the first, second and third prizes. One of the first prizes was for the best collection of apples. The show of peaches was small, Mr. Knapp winning one prize on this fruit.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Souther and children made their annual camping out at Baddcock last week staying with Mrs. Lizzie Floyd. Many friends were down to see them while there and on Labor day all went on a lively fox hunt.

At the band concert last Saturday evening the following men from other towns kindly assisted: F. J. Piper, E. J. Johnson, of Townsend; Guy Cook, Harry Collier, D. S. Boyden and F. G. Sherry; L. Woodard, of Westford; H. S. Turner, G. C. Peterson and J. W. Kyle, of Ayer. The occasion of the "gathering of the clans" as Mr. Flarity termed it, was made a social affair as music was enjoyed by all.

At the annual forestry conference at the Crawford House, Crawford, N. H., on Tuesday, William P. Wharton, of this town spoke on "The new white pine blister rust," for the suppression of which congress recently appropriated \$50,000.

The village improvement section of the Woman's club will meet with Mrs. F. F. Woods on the afternoon of Monday, September 11, at 3.30 o'clock.

Mrs. Baker, of Milford, N. H., is housekeeper at the Congregational parsonage for Rev. G. M. Boylston. An attractive minstrel show will be given in the town hall under the auspices of the Grange on Wednesday evening, September 13. Director Russell E. Wright, of Pepperell, has reserved seats sold and exchanged at Bruce's drug store, Monday morning, September 11, at nine o'clock. Dancing will follow the show.

Mrs. J. E. Adams received word on last week Friday of the death of her brother, Solon C. Corwin, in Athol, where he had lived for the past thirty years, for a while holding the position of chief of police. His passing away, suddenly and unexpectedly, occurred at about five o'clock last week Friday. His family called him at the usual hour and when there was no response at the third call went to his room. A doctor was summoned and found he had died from heart disease. Mrs. Adams, his only sister, Mrs. Miss Corwin, in Vermont, and they both attended the funeral held on Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church in Athol. The service was held in the presence of the Masonic Blue Lodge and also senior deacon in the Masonic fraternity, who attended the services. The father's funeral a few months ago, and the mother's a few years ago, also officiated at this funeral. Mr. Corwin was fifty-two years old and was never married.

Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Crane and Dr. and Mrs. Judson A. Crane, with their little daughter Dorothy, also, Mrs. Judson Crane's mother, Mrs. Polamb, all of Malden, were entertained with pleasure to lunch in the hostesses and the visitors on last week Thursday by Miss M. J. Shattuck and her niece, Mrs. E. F. Nutting and Miss Flora Smith.

They were very busy on Monday and Tuesday, the largest number of guests being on Labor day.

A number from the C. E. society plan to attend the C. E. convention which meets with the West Groton society this week Saturday afternoon and evening.

William S. Dennison, grandson of the oldest Mr. Woodward, and nephew of George Woodward, who formerly lived on Farmers' row, in the old house which stood on the site of the Jacob residence, was in town with an auto load calling on some who remembered the family.

Miss Mary J. Shattuck passed her eighty-eighth birthday at her home, the old Parker homestead, on Common street last Saturday. She enjoyed the anniversary very much and was not forgotten by friends who sent the postcards and other tokens of good wishes for that and all coming days.

George E. Meyet and James B. Harrington left on Wednesday evening for Springfield. They went as delegates from Groton lodge of Odd Fellows to attend the convention held there at Odd Fellows, which lasted two days.

The four school children from Chicopee row are being conveyed to the Boutwell school and home again in Adams' auto.

There were 125 or more at the Groton Inn on Labor day.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sanderson, of Westfield, were over for the holiday to visit his sister, Mrs. Edwin Shattuck, and his mother, Mrs. Wood, and others of his relatives here.

Miss Alice Eudora Chapman, of Winchester, is here and has commended drilling members of Groton Orange for the coming play. Miss Chapman was accompanied when she came from Winchester by her mother, Mrs. Charles Chapman, who is visiting her other daughter, Mrs. A. E. Farwell.

The White mountains illumination last Saturday evening took in Mr. Monadnock and Mt. Uncoln or the Twin mountains which are visible here in Groton. F. D. Lewis from his hill in Chicopee row and Mrs. Marshall Swallow who gets a view of these mountains from windows of their residence on Champey street, were some here in town who saw the illumination Saturday evening.

Morning worship at Baptist church at 10.30; subject, "The golden rule in daily life." Sunday school at twelve. Classes for all ages. Evening worship at seven. The problem of failure. All who do not attend church elsewhere are cordially invited to all of the services of the church.

Dr. Kilbourn, watching the possible development of disease, especially of infantile paralysis among the children, is going to make daily calls on the lowly, and on the first of October, October 17, when they will be held in Odd Fellows' hall until repairs at the church are completed.

Waldo Green was home for the week end over Labor day, from Cambridge, where he has a position in the purchasing department of the Boston Elevated.

Mrs. Dowling and two children finished their stay in Groton this week and has returned to her home in Marlboro.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles B. Ames arrived here from their vacation Thursday noon, and he will resume his duties as pastor of the First Baptist church on Sunday, September 17, when they will be held in Odd Fellows' hall until repairs at the church are completed.

There were 150 pupils enrolled about 155 pupils in the Boutwell school. A few more primary children may come in a little later.

The high school opened with 72 pupils, 27 of whom are in the freshman class. The majority are the same with one exception, Miss Irene Tyrrell teaches in Springfield, and Miss Ruth Willis, of Cambridge, fills the vacancy made.

Miss Marian Green has received a notice that her school in Newton will not open until September 19. The Springfield schools do not open until September 15, but the teachers were requested to be in the city by September 5, as usual, or at the farthest by September 11. Teachers' meetings were to be held. Miss Tyrrell and Miss Mason, of this town, are there awaiting the opening of the schools. Miss Marguerite Leonard, a teacher in Chicopee, also received word that the schools there would not open until September 15.

Mrs. Sidney Whitney is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Gilpatrick, at the home of her daughter at Mystic, Conn. The last band concert of the season, closing a series of excellent musical treats, was held last Saturday evening. It was given a rousing good attendance. A fine program was given.

There was a home gathering of the children and their families at the home of T. F. Donahue, Sr., of Whiting avenue, Labor day.

The ball game on Lawrence playground on Labor day afternoon between the Groton team and the Gulf Refining company team of Boston was given a good attendance. The score was 6 to 1 in favor of the Groton boys.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Berry enjoyed a delightful auto trip on Labor day, first to Ashby, then to Winchendon, Westminister and lastly to Fitchburg before coming back home. This trip was through the kindness of the nephew and niece, Deacon and Mrs. Sherman, of Lincoln, who were over in their auto to see them.

There is an interesting display of old musical instruments in the window of Mrs. E. M. Moore's store. These instruments have been connected with the history of the Groton band and are well worth seeing, as some of them are no longer seen outside of our town. Mr. Moore will be glad to show them in next week's paper.

Communications concerning the history of Groton band will be published next week, their length causing them to be crowded out this week.

A letter. The following letter was recently received by Mrs. Moseley Gilson from her son, H. K. Gilson, who is on a business trip to England, and was written from the SS. New York, just before arriving in London. It is a most interesting trip. We sighted Fastnet light on the south of Ireland at two o'clock this morning, our first sight of land. The ship was brilliantly lighted. Two large U. S. flags were painted on the side together with the name of the boat. The lights were hung over the stern to illumine the U. S. flag flying in the breeze.

Many of the passengers stand on deck all night and there was considerable excitement because of the fear of submarines and drifting mines. We sat up and it was great fun. When we entered the Irish channel the most serious English cruise on guard and they looked business-like I can tell you. There were also as far as the eye could see, steam trawlers acting as patrol boats, each with a 200 ft gun mounted in the bow, looking for German submarines.

About an hour ago two fast destroyers stripped for action, passed close by and fired a few shots. They were a magnificent sight, decks cleared and guns ready. It brings the war very close. We have been in the war zone about thirty hours now and in a few more will be at Liverpool. Some of the women on board carried life vests (like a preserver) around with them every minute, even while they were eating. They were very nervous and talked continually of torpedoes, mines, etc.

We have been in constant wireless communication with the shore and it was reported last night that a German submarine had gotten through the English blockade and was lying in wait to the south of Ireland. It was nothing at all and as far as our ship was concerned there was no danger from that source. This morning a large English liner passed south on the coast of New York and a fourth mile in front of her went a British cruiser as protection. There are 153 first cabin and 120 second and 158 third cabin passengers on board, also 1000 sacks of mail and a large cargo of foodstuffs. I understand we are carrying no contraband at all.

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The meals are very good and the service satisfactory. There are deck stewards, table stewards, bedroom stewards and others to wait on one hand and foot.

All the life-boats were swung out Friday afternoon before we entered the war zone, so as to be ready to be lowered at a moment's notice in case of a sudden attack. The boats were double and many precautions taken. It has all been so interesting. Every letter going in or out of Great Britain is censored so I cannot write anything about the war conditions and have to rough you.

This letter will go in a U. S. mail sack and be sealed on the boat. I understand and am glad to hear that without being censored.

As I stood on the stern of the ship last night and watched the folds of good "Old Glory" unfurling in the breeze in the brilliant electric light the thought of the great power behind that flag and what it meant to us on that ship, struck me very forcibly and never seemed to be brought home to me so forcibly as then. No wonder men can die for their flag; it symbolizes so much.

Family Reunion. At the farm of Joseph Carter in the eastern part of Groton on Labor day and held the Annual Family Reunion. This was about the twenty-fifth annual picnic held by this New Brunswick family. Some forty or more were in attendance, coming mostly by auto from Worcester, which makes a pleasant innovation, as until the last three years the reunions have been held there. Mr. Carter had four long tables on which the happy crowd spread their lunches, supplemented by an abundance of baked beans, fruit and coffee served by Mrs. Carter. After lunch were taken including pictures of the crowd taken, including Anderson old and young, one of the youngest being little Beulah Anderson of Pepperell, who celebrated her second birthday in December, has the distinction of weighing 1 1/2 lbs. when she began life.

Others present were Mrs. Henry Lee, son of Albert and daughter, Mrs. Edie Woodcock, with her husband and daughter Catherine, also Waldo Woodcock; Mrs. Lee's sister, Mrs. Olivia Merson with sons Henry, Fred and daughter Josie; Mrs. Winifred Merson and two children. Another sister of Mrs. Lee was Mrs. Sam. Wright, son Wilfred and daughter, Mrs. Marion and Mrs. Penney with her husband and child. Two Charles Andersons, one of the first and one of the second generation were present. Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Cooper, Lynn, and Mrs. Vernon Hopkins, Teris Hopkins, Hazel Rombey, Lincoln Adams, Esther Larson, Ida Tabber, John Bennett, Catherine, Progress, Peppercorn, Mrs. A. W. G. and husband and daughter and son. From Boston came Mrs. F. C. Mills, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carter.

The Groton Military Training School. One of the two target pits, the rifle range has been lined with railroad ties and roofed over. Corps, Parker and Powell have made and installed a complete target range. Several of the members of the Provisional company helped in fitting up the target and pit. There was a little practice shooting. The Groton boys at 200 yds., their scores being as follows: Capt. Powers 24, Kalin 22, Sgt. Shaw 22, Sgt. Shady, Sgt. Lakin 21, G. E. Lawrence 21, Sgt. Johnson 20, Corp. Powell 19, Sgt. Torrey 19, M. Blood 19, Hammond 19, W. Denard 18, Hammond 17, Corp. Parker 17, G. E. Lawrence 17, L. G. Madley 15, F. A. Torrey 15, Cook, Carpenter 15, M. Robinson 15.

The average score of Groton boys in the second platoon, 19.1. There will be an opportunity to fire at 200 yds. and possibly at 500 yds. on Saturday afternoon. The shooting was taken up principally with a aid duty. A guard was posted surrounding the block in which the town hall is located. The company of Groton boys, regulars, each of which took a regular turn. The sentries had plenty to keep them busy with visits from the officers, such as sergeants, privates and privates, and suspicious characters of various kinds.

The work was on the whole done carefully and intelligently. One citizen remarked that while it seems like a game to some, it is a most serious and challenging one another. It is possible that a time might come when the town would be glad that it carried the rifle range in its camp. It is the same work, and in the same earnest, efficient manner.

Boy Scouts. The Boy Scouts held their first meeting of the season on Thursday evening of last week. Plans were talked over for the strengthening and development of the troop and making it a higher standard so that it will rank with the troops of high standing in other parts of the country. During next week will be the second class meeting for the second class scout. During the evening Mr. Tucker spoke to the troop on his visits with troops in the northern part of Vermont, where he visited and addressed the scouts of Barton, East Hardwick, Highgate and St. Albans.

All boys between twelve and seventeen are invited to become members. Idlewild returned so well developed physically, mentally, morally and spiritually that they are planning to attend camp next season. Mr. DeWolfe of Malden wishing to show his appreciation for what the camp has done for his son has promised to supply a motorboat for the camp. The people at the vicinity of the camp stated that the five boys' camps held in the vicinity during the summer Camp Idlewild held the best record in the day closing with a devotional service around the camp-fire in the evening. There were thirty-two boys in the camp, 1000 sacks of mail and a large cargo of foodstuffs. I understand we are carrying no contraband at all.

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period of 1874-1881. Mr. Ames, for instance, knows that the band played at the Fourth of July celebration in 1876, above mentioned. Though too young to belong to the band he was interested and kept tabs on it through this period. Warner Souther, too, believes the band was practically continuous to belong to the band he is interested and kept tabs on it through this period. Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Raddin both say the band ran pretty low during this period, but would not dare say it was completely covered this period. Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Raddin both say the band ran pretty low during this period, but would not dare say it was completely covered this period. Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Raddin both say the band ran pretty low during this period, but would not dare say it was completely covered this period.

The West Groton. Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bixby and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Harrington, going on Tuesday, enjoyed an auto trip through the Berkshires, over the Mohawk Trail. They returned on Thursday very enthusiastic over the beautiful scenery of Western Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hallett and children have returned from a week's vacation in Yarmouth. Their youngest son, Francis, was ill during the visit, but he has fully recovered, although much better. The trouble was indigestion.

Miss Alice Knapp, of Groton, was a guest last week of Miss Ruth Bixby. Mrs. Lewis, of Boston, who has visited in Groton, returned to her home on Thursday.

Donald Bixby, second son of W. V. Bixby, left for Waltham on Tuesday, where he has obtained a position in the watch factory.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac and children were out of town for over the holiday. Mrs. Phineas Parker and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Clara Malley, spent several days last week in Providence with Mrs. Parker's oldest daughter, Mrs. James Malley. The two little children of Mrs. Malley were cared for by their grandmother, Mrs. Parker, of Pepperell.

Clyde Gilchrist, son of Harry Gilchrist, well-known to many Groton people, visited relatives here on Tuesday, leaving on Wednesday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Gilchrist and came by auto from his home in Westford. He is employed by the Westinghouse company.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dudley and children returned on Monday from a visit with relatives in Danvers. Mr. Dudley, who has been employed by Holliston, Mass. Co. for the past five or six years, has obtained a much more lucrative position in Lynn and expects to leave town on Saturday. His family will follow as soon as necessary arrangements can be made. He hopes to sell his house on Bixby hill before his final movement to Lynn. Mr. and Mrs. Dudley have taken an active interest in the village life, its church and various societies, and have won many warm friends who regret that it takes them elsewhere.

Mr. Clark, foreman at the Shattuck farm for the past seven years, has resigned his position and returned to his home in Groton. His only daughter, Miss Mary Clark, who was graduated from the Fitchburg Normal school last June, is teaching her first school, situated in the Berkshire region in the vicinity of Greenfield.

Miss Lida Bliss entered McGowan's store this week as bookkeeper and cashier. It is reported that John Farwell of Shirley Center is to serve in the place of Mr. Clark.

Miss Marian No. 6 room, the first and second grade teacher, is with Mrs. L. G. Strand.

Raymond, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Sleeper, has been very ill for the past few weeks. On Wednesday he was operated on at Groton hospital and about a quart of water drawn from one of his lungs. He has been taken home and is reported as resting comfortably.

The work carpet, which for fifteen years has served its purpose in the chapel, has been removed, the floor painted and runners placed in the aisles and between the pews. The expense will be met by the Ladies' Aid society.

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There remains but one way in which a waltz can be played as a march and that is to play it very rapidly, making two measures of three-four time pass for one of six-eight. Those who understand band music would sympathize with the alto players in this event, as two groups of two notes each as fast "after-beats" throughout a march would be very exhausting. At best this proceeding of substituting a waltz for a march would be very peculiar and there is probably a reason why it has passed out of existence. (To be continued.)

West Groton. Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bixby and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Harrington, going on Tuesday, enjoyed an auto trip through the Berkshires, over the Mohawk Trail. They returned on Thursday very enthusiastic over the beautiful scenery of Western Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hallett and children have returned from a week's vacation in Yarmouth. Their youngest son, Francis, was ill during the visit, but he has fully recovered, although much better. The trouble was indigestion.

Miss Alice Knapp, of Groton, was a guest last week of Miss Ruth Bixby. Mrs. Lewis, of Boston, who has visited in Groton, returned to her home on Thursday.

Donald Bixby, second son of W. V. Bixby, left for Waltham on Tuesday, where he has obtained a position in the watch factory.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac and children were out of town for over the holiday. Mrs. Phineas Parker and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Clara Malley, spent several days last week in Providence with Mrs. Parker's oldest daughter, Mrs. James Malley. The two little children of Mrs. Malley were cared for by their grandmother, Mrs. Parker, of Pepperell.

Clyde Gilchrist, son of Harry Gilchrist, well-known to many Groton people, visited relatives here on Tuesday, leaving on Wednesday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Gilchrist and came by auto from his home in Westford. He is employed by the Westinghouse company.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dudley and children returned on Monday from a visit with relatives in Danvers. Mr. Dudley, who has been employed by Holliston, Mass. Co. for the past five or six years, has obtained a much more lucrative position in Lynn and expects to leave town on Saturday. His family will follow as soon as necessary arrangements can be made. He hopes to sell his house on Bixby hill before his final movement to Lynn. Mr. and Mrs. Dudley have taken an active interest in the village life, its church and various societies, and have won many warm friends who regret that it takes them elsewhere.

Mr. Clark, foreman at the Shattuck farm for the past seven years, has resigned his position and returned to his home in Groton. His only daughter, Miss Mary Clark, who was graduated from the Fitchburg Normal school last June, is teaching her first school, situated in the Berkshire region in the vicinity of Greenfield.

Miss Lida Bliss entered McGowan's store this week as bookkeeper and cashier. It is reported that John Farwell of Shirley Center is to serve in the place of Mr. Clark.

Miss Marian No. 6 room, the first and second grade teacher, is with Mrs. L. G. Strand.

Raymond, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Sleeper, has been very ill for the past few weeks. On Wednesday he was operated on at Groton hospital and about a quart of water drawn from one of his lungs. He has been taken home and is reported as resting comfortably.

The work carpet, which for fifteen years has served its purpose in the chapel, has been removed, the floor painted and runners placed in the aisles and between the pews. The expense will be met by the Ladies' Aid society.

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News Items.

Fred M. Atherton, driver of the National express wagon, went on his week's vacation Tuesday and during his absence Robert H. Saunders takes his place on the delivery wagon.

A rattlesnake skin, on exhibition in the window at Hill's drug store, attracts much attention. The snake was killed by Edward C. Backus, Jr., the local fish and game commissioner, at South Egremont on August 20. The snake measured 5 ft. 7 in.

Labor day was observed in the usual quiet way about town, many visiting Fitchburg and Lowell where elaborate celebrations were held. The ocean roads and both electric lines did a great business in passenger traffic, the Lowell and Fitchburg line running twice the usual number of cars to handle the crowds. Many visitors were in town over the week-end.

Miss Christine Maloney has returned from a visit with Miss Mary Gayton at Medford.

Warren L. Preble and John W. McGuane have been drawn as jurors and will report for duty at the superior court at Lowell on Monday morning, September 11.

Frank Cote moved his family on Monday from the Phelps house on Shirley street to the J. N. Cornelli place on the old Harvard road.

P. J. Sheehan, who has conducted a tailoring business in Carley's block, sold out to Max Pentaskey, and the action being completed, on last week Friday. Mr. Pentaskey will continue to run the business in his quarters on Merchants row in addition to the one purchased of Mr. Sheehan.

Mrs. Lizzie A. Sartelle, of Pepperell, a former resident of Ayer, was in town on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward O. Richardson and son Edward, who have spent the summer at Mr. Richardson's place, Sandy pond, left on Monday for their home in Mansfield. Mr. and Mrs. Waterhouse and family, of Dorchester, left for home on Tuesday after spending the summer at the Lawrence cottage. W. P. Boutelle and family, who have occupied the O. K. Pierce cottage, left on Tuesday for their home in Dorchester.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a basket picnic at the town park on Thursday, September 14. Mrs. Clara Webber, of Loomis, superintendent of Lumberton's work, is an invited guest.

Chief Beatty was asked by the authorities of the Concord reformatory to be on the watch for four prisoners who escaped from that place, two on Wednesday and two on Saturday.

The prisoners were known in prison language as trustees and were given more liberty than the other inmates. The quartet started in the direction of Ayer after eluding the guards. Two boys escaped from the Shirley Industrial school the latter part of last week and are still at large. They were supposed to have come from Ayer.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will meet with Mrs. Waldo Sprague, East Main street, on Tuesday afternoon, September 12, at two o'clock.

P. J. Pender has returned to his duties at the Palace Cafe after a vacation.

Harold Pillman has been laid up on account of an injury received at the Ayer Machine Tool Company shop.

The time-honored frankfort sausage, which is a delectable article of food for many people, is in danger of extinction for some time at least, because the makers of the sausage at the local place is unable to supply its customers as none of the desired food can be obtained.

Judge and Mrs. Warren H. Atwood have returned from a month's vacation at the Seaside Hotel, Bangor, and other Maine seashore resorts. The judge resumed his duties on the bench Tuesday morning.

A large auto truck bearing the Williams' name, and driven by Charles and the members of the company became stalled here while returning from the firemen's muster in Fitchburg. The truck was later released. The members of the company returned by train.

Frank B. Harrington, recently in the employ of Harlow & Parsons, began work at J. W. Brown's lunch-room this week.

A. S. J. Flood joined his wife and son over the holidays, they having spent the previous week on a visit down the Cape. They returned on Tuesday.

St. Andrew's church will be open again for services on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. The choir is asked to report for rehearsal.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Osmond and children, who have been spending a vacation at the Seaside Hotel, Bangor, returned last week Friday.

Miss Helen Savage has returned from her vacation of three weeks to her home at the Seaside Hotel, Bangor. Rufus Savage at their summer home in that place a short distance from Montreal.

M. P. Sheehan has as guests his wife and two children, Charles and Esther, of Yonkers, N. Y. Mr. Sheehan, who is stopping at the Taylor house, is the general foreman on the south yard extension.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey W. Huntington and two children, Fred and Fred, returned from Plum Island on Monday, where they had spent several weeks.

The work on the south railroad yard extension is now well under way. Mr. Sheehan, general foreman, says he is badly handicapped by lack of help. He has a fair-sized force at work now, but nowhere near enough to make the progress in the work that is desired. He said he would hire 150 extra men at once if he could get them, and hopes to have a sufficient number of men before long. The men at work have good clean quarters and good beds in which to sleep in the new buildings erected for them near the work. The giant steam shovel is gradually changing its location on the east of the yard, the filling being dumped into the tannery pond from the old culvert near the tower, up to and including Sunny Bay, an inlet of the pond. The shovel has now removed fifty-four cubic feet of earth each time and four shovelfuls fill a good sized dump car. An average of 5000 cubic yards of earth are removed in a day of ten hours.

Henry W. Robbins, of Canton, a former resident of Ayer, was in town on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith, who have been guests of Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Pelch, warden and matron of the town farm, have returned to their home in Fitchburg.

Herbert J. Hall, an engineer on the Fitchburg division, will have the honor of conducting the funeral service for him. He will have the same run as at present.

Frank Donahue, Edward McNeil and Jerome Ryan spent the week-end at Labor, day in a trip to Portland by boat, returning Monday night.

Rev. F. F. Peterson, secretary of the Massachusetts Sunday School association, will preach at the Baptist church on Sunday morning at 10.45, and in the evening at seven o'clock. He will address the Sunday school at 12.30. A full attendance is desired, as he is a very interesting speaker.

John M. Maloney has bought the John McGrath place on Pleasant street. The transfer was made through Thomas M. Mullin.

Charles A. Normand, cashier of the First National Bank, lost clothing to the amount of ten dollars when his camp at Bell pond, Harvard, was robbed last week Friday. The theft was evidently committed by an escaped inmate of the Shirley Industrial school for boys, which is located just across the Nashua river from Mr. Normand's camp, as a pair of shoes, such as are worn at the school, were found on the bank of the river. The boy evidently swam across the river and discarded his clothing for the dry ones that he found in the camp.

The streets about town are being given a coating of oil as a dust layer.

There are still a few delinquent dog tax payers whom Chief Beatty says must come around with their contribution or else incur the penalty of the law.

The recent robberies and attempted break-ins on Washington street have added impetus to the agitation for all night electric lighting service. Supr. Lester Whitcomb of the Ayer Electric Light Company, when seen on the matter, said that lights could be run until daylight at a slight additional cost over the present rate. Viewed even from the standpoint of convenience of those citizens who are obliged to be out after dark, it seems that the selection when they make their contract with the electric light company, the matter of personal safety of the people and their property from the early morning marauders. The extension of the lighting time until daylight would no doubt promote greater safety and result in fewer robberies.

Those stores which have been closed on Wednesdays at twelve o'clock noon during the summer months will be opened after Wednesday, September 13, which is the last closing day.

Mrs. James H. O'Brien has moved from the Brown house on Mechanic street to the house of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hyde, West Main street.

A poverty party will be held by the Grange on Wednesday evening, September 13, at which all members who do not dress for the occasion will be fined. Prizes will be given and light refreshments served. Mrs. A. Adams of Shirley and Mr. and Mrs. S. Sawyer of Groton will be the guests. Each member may invite a guest.

L. H. Barrows, George Barrows and Fred Barrows will play the offertory on Sunday at the First Unitarian Parish church.

Mrs. Amelia Andrews and her daughter Maria came to town from Montvale and for the present they are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Turner. Mrs. Andrews is a sister of Mrs. Turner. They will later reside on Grove street.

The Unitarian Girls' club will hold a special dance on Tuesday evening, September 12, at Phelps' pavilion in Mitchellville. Music by Wheeler's orchestra. Tickets are being procured of the members of the club.

The sewing school under the direction of Mrs. Carrie Breeow, chairman of the civics department of the Woman's club, will re-open at the town hall on Friday afternoon, September 15, at 2.30. Children from the third to the sixth grades, inclusive, will be admitted. The parents of children attending the sewing school will please see that each child is provided with a thimble.

The civics committee of the Woman's club will be very grateful for contributions of flowers every Wednesday to be used in their hospital work. The flowers may be left with Mrs. Carrie Breeow, East Main street, Mrs. Margaret K. Fushing, Pleasant street, or Mrs. L. H. Barrows, East Main street. Kindly bear this notice in mind.

The semi-annual C. E. convention will be held at West Groton on Saturday, September 16, at 10.30 a. m. All local members of the C. E. are invited to be present. Supper will be provided. Trains leave Ayer for West Groton at 1.00 and 9.15 p. m. Local members will return by auto at the close of the evening session. There will be no charge.

The schools opened on Tuesday with the following enrollment: High school 120, eighth grade 46, seventh grade 26, sixth grade 40, fifth grade 34, fourth grade 46, third grade 57, but 12 of these are to be sent to Shirley school, where the primary has only 22, and thus both schools will be fully utilized. The students of the primary are 45 and East Main street primary 40.

Bassett Dickerman and family will occupy the house on Nashua street recently vacated by Charles H. Bartz.

Stuffed Yates, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Yates, who has been quite sick with convulsions, is reported as much better.

A. W. Devine, representing the state highway commission, was in town the first of the week investigating the fatal accident on Park street last Sunday afternoon, when Mrs. Lottie Johnson, of Jamaica Plain, was killed.

Herbert Hall, Stanley Fleet, Mrs. A. G. Downing and two sons, Dewey and Ernest, have been spending a vacation at Hampton Beach.

Other Ayer matter will be found on the first page.

The following letters remained unopened for the week ending September 4: Mrs. Elizabeth Burbee, J. P. Dane, George Hillock, Harry Monahan, District Court.

John W. Henderson, of Groton, was found guilty of violating the automobile law in Pepperell and was fined ten dollars Thursday morning.

Halfdan Johnson, of Norway, was arraigned Tuesday morning on a charge of vagrancy. He was found not guilty and discharged. Johnson's case was an unusual one. In the morning as he showed marked refinement and intelligence. He told the court that he was an expert penman and went about from place to place doing fancy card writing. Of late the business had been very dull and he found himself nearly penniless and was obliged to walk from place to place soliciting work. He had specimens of his fine work which he exhibited.

The inquest on the death of Mrs. Lottie Johnson, of Jamaica Plain, who was killed by an automobile last Sunday afternoon on Park street, will be held this Saturday morning.

The trial in connection with the Fish-Slaus-Dominic feud which was continued since last week Friday, occupied the center of the stage Thursday morning before Judge Atwood.

The appearance in the principal roles of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Slaus, Herman Fish and Mrs. Annie Dominic, suited from trouble which has been brewing for several months between the Slaus and Fish. Mrs. Dominic's complaint to the court was that scraps was made last week when the smoldering embers burst into a fierce flame which engulfed the four principals and which has since been burning a good deal of the time. Slaus was arraigned on two complaints for assault and battery on Fish and one for disturbing the peace. Fish was charged with assault and battery on Mrs. Slaus and for disturbing the peace. All the cases were tried.

Slaus and his wife were fined five dollars each for assault. All the other cases were filed. Both appeared and were held for trial in the superior court, which will begin its sessions in October. After the appeal Judge Atwood revised the sentence, making the fine ten dollars in both cases. Hall in the superior court was fined \$100 for the appearance of Mr. and Mrs. Slaus at the higher court.

Chief Beatty was the first witness called in behalf of Fish. He testified that while more or less ill feeling had continued among the parties for some time past, the trouble that led to the complaints being filed started last week Thursday. It appears that Fish had complained to the chief that some one had broken into his tailor shop and stole a suit and a half of clothes. He used Fish's words, or more specifically a suit and a pair of pants. Suspecting that Slaus might have the goods Fish had Chief Beatty issue a search warrant. Armed with this instrument they proceeded to Slaus's quarters in Fletcher's block to make a search for the goods.

Chief Beatty made indignant protests against the search, giving his attention mainly to Fish. Mr. Slaus soon appeared on the scene and added his protests to those of his wife. Fish told Slaus that he did not suspect him of having the missing clothes, but thought Mrs. Dominic, another tenant in the building, had them. This statement brought the latter into the room. In a few seconds the allied forces received several punches and blows from a stick which was used to beat Slaus down the stairs to the street. Chief Beatty tried to protect Fish, but the suddenness of the attack caught him unprepared and he was unable to interfere. Fish, she claimed, caught her bad names.

The second day's battle occurred on last week Friday morning, near the corner of Main and Cambridge streets. The chief stated that when he arrived on the scene he found Fish bleeding at the ear and fingers, and his face scratched and bruised. Fish showed that at one time Slaus's son had taken a dollar from Fish's girl, which was later returned; also, that there was \$200 worth of fish repairing, which the former had not paid.

Fish's story of what happened on the day of the search for the goods was practically the same as that given by the chief. He named the following names. Coming to the day of the second assault Fish said that he met Slaus in front of Mullin's store, that the latter struck him on the head with a stick. After the fight all three chased him to his tailor shop, where he was again assaulted. Douglas C. Smith restored order. Slaus said that Fish was given \$100 worth of fish repairing, which has never been paid.

Slaus denied strongly that he struck Fish in the first engagement of the second day's battle. He stated that his opponent away after Fish had first attacked him. Fish fell against Burton Allen's wagon, which was nearby, and the shaft was broken by the impact. It is understood that Slaus will settle for the shaft.

Slaus said he was further provoked by Fish calling him a wife offensive names, which he was unable to recall. He had extended over a long period. According to the evidence given by Slaus the terms of the feud came into existence last Tuesday evening when Fish, who is a tailor, an order for a suit of clothes, making a deposit of five dollars thereon. Although he repeatedly asked for the money or for the clothes he has not received them since that time. In answer to this Fish said that he had sent for the cloth for the suit to New York city, but for some reason of other the cloth did not come. Those who testified in addition to the principals and Chief Beatty were L. H. Tuttle, H. H. Bliss, Anthony Angelo and Douglas C. Smith, John D. Carney, assistant clerk of Fish and Frank J. Maloney for Slaus.

Clipping.

The following is an account of the marriage of Miss Elsie Rose Putney of George's Mills, N. H., was married Thursday evening August 31, at the residence of her father, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Putney, assistant director of the Mashashumet Park and Social Center, Sag Harbor, N. Y. Rev. J. S. Strong of Ayer officiated. The bride was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Z. Hart of Lynn. Miss Mabel Sargent, B. U. 14, of Melrose and Miss Josephine Gardner of Lynn attended the bride. Walter James, B. U. 15, of Franklin N. H., was best man. James Gould of George's Mills, N. H.; David A. Palmer, B. U. 14; Arthur Rich Cunnick, B. U. 12, and Russell T. Hatch, B. U. 11, were ushers.

The bride was graduated from Boston University with the class of '14. She is a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Society, and was active in W. C. A. work while in college. The bridegroom was graduated from Boston University with the class of '15. He was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. They will live in Sag Harbor.

Auto Accident.

Mrs. Lottie Johnson, of Jamaica Plain, aged seventy years, was struck by an automobile driven by Arthur E. Bannan, of Pepperell on the Groton School road at the home of Mrs. Peterson, and died in fifteen minutes.

Mrs. Johnson was partially conscious until the end, but was unable to speak at any time following the accident. Dr. Frank S. Buttery, medical examiner, was called to the scene of the accident and later ordered the body removed to Wright's undertaking rooms, where an autopsy was performed. With Mr. Bannan were his wife and his father-in-law, J. H. Holt, and Mrs. Holt.

The sad accident happened on that part of the road which allowed the unobstructed view for a good distance. Mrs. Johnson had spent four weeks with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Pierson, who

occupy what is known as the Russell Pond School road, Mrs. Pierson having been a neighbor of the Jamaica Plain. She planned to return Sunday with her son John Johnson, who cannot here to accompany her to her destination. Mrs. Johnson, with her son and William Pierson, a young son of Mr. and Mrs. Pierson, started to return from Groton to the Groton station, where he and the son were to take a train for Jamaica Plain. Mrs. Johnson and her two companions proceeded but a short distance from the station when the accident occurred. Mrs. Johnson was walking a few feet in front of the car when it struck her. At the same time Mr. Bannan, who was driving the automobile, turned his horn and turned to the left of the road and pulled both brakes. As the automobile came forward Mrs. Johnson is said to have stepped directly in front of it, receiving the injuries that resulted in her death. The car struck her, landing it and also the mudguard.

The automobile was said to be going slow at the time. Mrs. Johnson was said to be quite deaf and had poor eyesight, which may have accounted for her getting into the path of the oncoming automobile. She received several small bruises over the upper part of the chest, bruises on the scalp and face, right elbow, a fracture of the outer table of the left parietal bone, a fracture of the right radius, a fracture of the collar bone and several ribs. Death was caused by hemorrhage and shock resulting from the injuries.

Chief Beatty went to the scene of the accident and procured the names of the parties figuring in the unfortunate case as well as witnesses and other persons who had seen the accident. He notified the police station, where he was questioned in regard to the accident in the presence of John Johnson, who is the deceased, and also gave his testimony as to how the accident occurred. Mr. Bannan was afterward allowed to go as nothing could be learned other than that he was not responsible for the very unfortunate accident.

The body of Mrs. Johnson was prepared for burial and taken to Jamaica Plain on the 12.50 train Monday afternoon.

Annual Reunion.

Under ideal weather conditions the annual reunion of the Sandy pond school pupils, teachers and friends was held at the old school house on the Woods last Sunday afternoon. The reunion, like all which have preceded it was a most enjoyable one. Former teachers and pupils met and many old friendships were renewed. The gathering was held in the school and to exchange greetings on the pleasant occasion.

Oliver K. Pierce, the president of the Sandy pond association, under which auspices the annual reunion are held, called the gathering to order at 2.30 o'clock by ringing the bell. The first address was by Rev. J. W. Thomas, pastor of the church, which was followed by prayer by Rev. J. W. Thomas, and the business meeting, over which Mr. Pierce presided.

The report of the treasurer, Daniel W. Fletcher, was read and approved. The report of the association, read the minutes of the last meeting. The report of the treasurer, Daniel W. Fletcher, was read and approved. The report of the association, read the minutes of the last meeting.

The next in order was the election of officers for the ensuing year. It was voted that Rev. J. W. Thomas call on the pastor of the present officers to serve during the coming term. Mr. Thomas performed this duty and those officers were chosen: Daniel W. Fletcher, president; William H. Leary, junior, secretary; William H. Leary, junior, secretary; William H. Leary, junior, secretary.

After the business session there was a program in charge of Mrs. L. E. Richardson. The first number was the singing of "The olden time" by the audience. Next came a series of character songs in costume by Miss L. Hazle Childs, of Worcester, a noted singer. The closing number was an encore of "The little Irish girl." The next was an Italian character song, "Rose Marie" by Miss Childs. "Romeo" was an encore. The third was a Dutch selection, "My Sweeter" with an encore of "Wilhelm Tell." The closing number was a clever sketch in costume, entitled "Uncle Sam" by Edward Richardson, the ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Richardson, former pastor of Ayer, now living in Mansfield, and who spent the past summer at their cottage at Sandy pond. The act ended by all singing "America," led by the audience.

During the afternoon there were remarks by many in the audience by invitation of Mrs. Richardson. The first speaker was Samuel L. Taylor, pastor of the church. He spoke of the school and well-known throughout the town in this vicinity. Mr. Taylor gave a fine address on the present day topics, such as preparation in the individual sense, and the tendency to ignore the proper observance of the Sabbath and the disposition of many people to leave unread many fine and helpful books in order to give their time to reading works of fiction which now amount to seventy-five percent of the total number of books published. He said that he had read a number of certain amount of fiction, but thought that seventy-five percent was altogether too much. His remarks on the main subject were interspersed with his well-known and able witisms which kept the audience in good humor.

Senator C. A. Kimball, of Littleton, when called upon, made an excellent speech in which he spoke of the Sandy Pond School association for its work in keeping and preserving the old school building on which site there has been a school for many years. He also spoke of the patriotism of the residents of the Sandy pond district from which had gone to the civil war probably the largest number of young men in proportion to the population of any place in the country.

Other speakers were Patrick Donlon, a prominent member of the Sandy Pond School association, and a former pupil at the school; Rev. W. Thomas, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, Mrs. Clara Sheldon of Ashby, Mrs. Sawyer of Groton, Mrs. Lillian E. Greene and H. H. Greene of Dorchester, D. W. Fletcher, Mrs. Bruce of Townsend and others.

A pleasant feature of the day was the presentation of a framed portrait of Sarah Lawrence, a former pupil of the school, the gift of her daughter, Mrs. Annie Harvey, of Manchester, N. H., a member of the Sandy Pond School association. Her brother, Joel P. Harvey, was a member of the Massachusetts regiment. He was killed at the battle of the Wilderness on May 10, 1863.

Letters of regret at not being able to be present were received from Mrs. Annie Harvey, of Manchester, N. H., and from Mrs. Mary D. Boutelle, of Dorchester, a former teacher and pupil. Receipts were also given by Dr. Samuel A. Green of Groton, who was unable to be present. It was voted to send letters to deceased members' friends. It was also voted to have the next reunion on the Saturday preceding Labor day, 1917. Speech was given under the direction of Mrs. Landry and Mrs. Nixon.

During the evening, which was largely attended, brought to an end a very pleasant occasion. The music for dancing was furnished by Mr. William H. Greene, pianist, and Harry A. Cobb, of Boston, violinist.

An Exciting Chase.

A running revolver fight between Chief Beatty and three supposed burglars started the residents of Ayer washing street early last Saturday morning, shortly after midnight. The burglar, in the presence of the chief, was in the darkness, escaped the chief, and was followed by the chief in the darkness. The burglar was seen at 1.45 of Jasper, the faithful watch dog belonging to George H. B. Turner, which attacked the burglar, and the chief, who was about to return to his bedroom window a suspicious looking man was seen in the rear of Mr. Turner's house, who was directly across the street from Mr. Savage's house. He at once called up I. Mills, night officer, and notified James I. Mills, night officer, of his suspicion. Mr. Mills quickly procured the assistance of Chief Beatty, who was about to go off duty for the night. The two officers at once proceeded to Mr. E. H. Hopkins' automobile which was standing near Brown's lunch room on Concord street, where the doctor's chauffeur, William Wood, was procuring lunch. Mr. Wood was procuring the case and made fast time in getting the officers to the scene of operation.

Directing Officer Mills to search for the bandits in the vicinity of the Moses house on Pleasant street, a short distance away, the chief ran down Nashua street, near the intersection of Taft street, near the house of Theodore W. Barry, where several shots were fired at him from the wooded section, which is closely where the desperadoes were concealed. The chief fired in the direction that the shots came from and then rushed into the woods, making a hurried search with the aid of his watch dog, which came out of the woods and noticed two of the gang running down Taft street in the direction of the Moses place. The chief fired at the fleeing pair, at the same time commanding them to stop. He had run but a short distance when one of the gang who had concealed himself in the edge of the woods between the houses of Theodore W. Barry and Frank Wheeler, fired at him at close range, the bullet coming within a few inches of his head. The chief, who was running toward the other two and courageously entered the woods in pursuit of the one firing the shot, but could find no trace of him.

In the meantime the sound of the shots had aroused the whole neighborhood and several citizens came to the scene of the excitement. When last seen the desperadoes were running toward the railroad tracks. No trace of them could be found. When he saw that the gang had escaped Chief Beatty at the scene of the excitement, he returned to the scene of the excitement, where the desperadoes were hiding.

This is the second time within a brief period that the hill section has been visited by robbers. A few weeks ago the desperadoes entered four places in that neighborhood and escaped capture after robbing two houses.

It is supposed that the gang Saturday morning were making a survey of the vicinity while the street lights were burning and intended to commit the robbery of the night, which followed the turning on of the lights at one o'clock. Chief Beatty's activity and courage in the attempted capture of the desperadoes, who were highly commended by the citizens of Ayer, where the robbers intended to perpetrate.

At the "Movies."

"Playing with fire," a Metro wonder play, in five startling acts, with the supreme artist, Mrs. Petrova, in the leading role, is the feature play for Saturday evening's motion picture show. Mrs. Petrova is justly acclaimed as the most gifted emotional artist now appearing on either the stage or screen. In this latest contribution to the silent drama she has set a new high mark. Her two most recent successes were "What will people say" and "The soul market." All photo dramas as well as many new and novel effects and terse situations which belong exclusively to the present production, will be shown. On Wednesday comes the eminent dramatic star, Edmund Breese in "The line of heart's desire," in five acts of vital human photodrama. This melodrama is based on Robert W. Service's dramatic poem "The spell of the Yukon." Mr. Breese's most recent contributions to the screen were "The song of the weaver" and "The shooting of Dan McGrew."

Unitarian Church Notes.

Sunday services—offices, confession, litany and divine service at 10.45. Music, prelude, "Gavneria rustica," interlude, "Ora pro nobis," "Pleasant Home," "Boysie," "Te Deum," "Gloria," offertory, violin, clarinet and cello. L. H. Barrows, George Barrows and Fred Barrows; "May Queen," Gorderler, preacher. Subject, "Union with God," church school at twelve.

The Alliance met in the vestry on Thursday afternoon. The minister spoke of the movement being undertaken by the church. It is, he said, a long and arduous task, but the peculiar strong features of each of the several varieties of christian churches and to exclude the vices that have gained a foothold in them. The minister made an appeal for co-operation, corresponding to the far-reaching importance of the cause.

Outline of program of sermons (continued)—External happiness. (a) Union with God. (b) The salvation of the soul. (c) The kingdom of God.

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