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### HARVARD

**News Items.**  
Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Ryder of West Pownal, Me., are visiting this week with their daughter, Mrs. Walter Baugher.  
Mrs. William Savage is reported as very seriously ill and scant chance of recovery. Mrs. Jane Clark, an experienced nurse, is caring for her.  
Miss Alice Preston has accepted a position as teacher in the high school of Plymouth, beginning her duties there this week.  
The churches hold their regular services on Sunday at 10.45. At the Unitarian church Rev. I. C. Merrill will preach using for his subject, "Life's perspective." Music by the quartet. At the Congregational church Rev. H. B. Mason will conduct the service. Miss Madeline Parker will sing a solo with Miss Maude Sears of Providence, R. I., assisting on the violin. Miss Sears is visiting here this week with her sister, Miss Bertrice Sears, assistant teacher at the Bromfield school.  
F. Cedric Webster, who has spent his summer at the "Balsams," a large stock farm in North New Hampshire, is home here this week for a visit with his family after which he will enter his senior year at the Massachusetts Agricultural college at Amherst.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle O. Turner left on Thursday afternoon for Brooklyn, N. Y., where Mr. Turner is engaged in the civil engineering department of the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute and where they will make their home.  
Arthur H. Turner moved his family and household goods from the old homestead now sold to his new home on the common in Westford this week. Mr. Packard and family, the new owners of the Turner farm, are also moved into their place.  
Miss Mary L. Merriam closed her bungalow at Bare Hill pond on Wednesday and moved to her home in Boston for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nickerson, with Mrs. S. M. Savage, of Brookline, are at their summer home on Oak Hill for a two-week stay.  
Mrs. E. W. Hosmer left on Thursday for LaGrange, Ill., where she will visit until December with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sawyer.  
Mrs. D. McK. Morris, who has with her two children, spent the summer here with her father, George F. Polard, left for her home in Pittsburgh, Pa., on Wednesday.

A party from the local C. E. society went by auto to West Groton last Saturday to attend the district convention in that place.  
About twenty past grantees from the local lodge of Odd Fellows attended the parade of the lodges in West Groton on last Sunday. They went down by auto truck.

Miss Nancy Harlow has entered the Cushing academy in Ashburnham, commencing her school work there this week.  
Painters have been at work this week refinishing the interior of the library and postoffice and also the lower-town hall. Later, the town hall is to be painted outside.

Mrs. James Barry has just returned from a very enjoyable motor trip to Mohenacady and return, going via the Schenectady Trail. She visited with her son, James F. Barry, and wife while there.

**Grange.**  
Rehearsals for the Grange play to be given on October 13, for the benefit of the annual poultry and fruit show to be given by the Grange on September 19, are under way, the first one to be held on Monday evening. The committee are Arthur T. West, chairman, Etta M. Ripley and Mrs. Alfred C. Fuller. They are to produce the four-act comedy-drama, "All on account of Polly," with an especially good cast of characters.  
The next meeting of the Grange will be on Tuesday evening, September 19, and will be an open meeting. F. C. Rane, state forester, will give an address on the subject of "Our woodlands," illustrated with some beautiful lantern slide views. The public are invited to hear him. Meeting at eight o'clock.  
The committee in charge of the fruit show announce the following list of prizes: Best R. I. Red pullets and cockerels, 2 prizes each; Barred Rocks, White Wyandots and White Rocks, pullets and cockerels, pen of cock and 4 hens, any breed; best plate exhibit of not less than 4 varieties, 2 prizes; single plate Baldwin, McIntosh Red, Greenstain, Roxbury Russet, Hubbardston, Blue Pearmain and R. I. Greening, 2 prizes each; bushel and standard boxes, 2 prizes each; best exhibit of jelly, fruit, vegetables and pickles, 2 prizes each; best collection of canned goods, all kinds, 2 prizes; best loaf of bread, 3 prizes. Besides generous money prizes many items have been donated. Different articles which will be given in addition to the money.  
Quite a number from here are planning to attend the meeting of the Grange on Wednesday evening, September 20, when Ashby Grange will furnish the entertainment.

**Still River.**  
Elisha Stone, Esther Stone, Katherine L. Lawrence and Miss Edith Fairchild spent the last week-end in Jaffrey Inn, Jaffrey, N. H., and had a most enjoyable trip.  
We are glad to report that Mr. Caruth is improving and able to be out upon the veranda on pleasant days. Mrs. Burgess, of Bolton, is now with them; their daughter, Mrs. French, returning to her home in Gardner on Wednesday.  
On Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Hutcherson, Mrs. Julia Keyes, Mrs. Carrie Souge and Mrs. Alice Haskell went to Upton in Mr. Hutcherson's auto and called upon Mrs. John Whitney, a former Still River resident.  
Mr. and Mrs. Luther H. Bateman, of Arlington, were guests at the Bateman home on Sunday.  
Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Morse are entertaining their sister, Mrs. Williams, of Worcester.  
Wendell B. Willard is on the sick list.  
Mrs. Thomas Higgs is visiting in Boston.  
Miss Jane M. Reed has gone to Cambridge to stop with Mrs. Robert Fuller for a while.  
Mrs. Hester Littlefield, of Framingham, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Sarah C. Scates Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Anna W. Robinson, gaining somewhat from her sickness, a young lady from Fitchburg, a friend of Mrs. Hubert Robinson, is helping care for her.

Mrs. Fairchild and Miss Eleanor Merrifield, whose birthdays come on the same day, combined in entertaining the Birthday club at Mrs. Fairchild's on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Fairchild was quite ill the first of the week, but is now much better.

Miss Maggie Madigan, of Ayer, is spending part of her vacation at the home of her father, James Madigan.

Mrs. Josephine Whitney is with the family of her son Ralph in Worcester for a week or so.

Warren K. Harrod resumed his school teaching in Worcester on Monday.

Miss Edith Farnsworth returned to Springfield on Sunday but owing to the fear of infantile paralysis the schools have not yet opened.

A. A. Hutcherson was one of the Harvard Odd Fellows who attended the annual church day exercises of the Triple Link League of Massachusetts Odd Fellows in Boston last Sunday.

### TOWNSEND

The Townsend Union Sunday School Field Day association met on Wednesday evening in the vestry of the M. E. church. The meeting was called to order by the president, T. T. Goodwin. Reports of officers and committees were read and accepted. The following new officers were elected for the ensuing year: Frank Hamilton, pres.; Walter Farrar, v. p.; Miss Alice Seaver, sec.; Walter Wilder, treas. It was voted that the next field day be held on a date between June 15 and 20 of next year. It was proposed at this meeting that the tenth anniversary of this union in 1918 be celebrated on a large scale. Albert S. Howard, T. T. Goodwin, pres. of the Congregational and Methodist churches, and Herman L. Stickney, from the West Townsend Brotherhood, were chosen a committee to make plans for this celebration.

At the Congregational church on Sunday Rev. A. L. Struthers' morning topic is "When a man's man." Junior Endeavor at six o'clock; topic, "Hannah, the faithful mother," leader, Louise Drake. Senior C. E. topic, "Little chances to help," leader, Alice Wilder. The annual church roll call will be held on Tuesday, September 28. Business meeting in the forenoon; dinner at noon; roll call and preaching service in the afternoon. Rev. Alice S. Kilbourn, of Enfield, N. H., will deliver the afternoon address; subject, "The influence of the church upon the community." Mr. Kilbourn, who is a native of Townsend, and a former member of this home church, will receive a cordial welcome. At the roll call it is the earnest desire of the pastor and clerk to receive an answer to every name. Should a member be unable to attend personally, a note or a scripture quotation read when the name is called will show thought and interest, but it is the earnest plea of the pastor and clerk that all will attend personally if possible.

A benefit game will be played at Athletic park on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock between the Fitchburg vs. Townsend A. A. The Park-hills are a strong team. Eton, who pitches, is called "the Fitchburg wonder." Those desiring to contribute more than admission kindly hand to men at the gate. The proceeds of the game is to go to the player injured on Labor day.

Mrs. Wright, of Seattle, widow of the late Will Wright, formerly of Townsend, passed through town this week, making a brief call. Mrs. Wright had motored all the way from Seattle in her Ford car. Her daughter, who is now in Seattle, accompanied her, the lady taking turn with their mother at the wheel. It is understood Mrs. Wright will stay in the east while attending the education of her children.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morse attended the funeral of Mrs. Morse's mother, Mrs. Gowen, which was held in New Ipswich on Tuesday.  
Master James Woolley, Jr., who has been visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Woolley, has returned to his home in Winchester.

Stanley McNear's mother, who has been spending the summer months at her home on Townsend hill, has returned to her home in Somerville.

**About Town.**  
Miss Joyce Bolliver on the West Townsend road has been quite ill this week and under the care of a nurse.  
The Townsend fans will have a chance to see their old pitcher, Harry Knight, in the box on Saturday when they cross bats with the strong Park-hill team from Fitchburg on the home grounds here. The proceeds of the game are for the benefit of a player who met with misfortune on Labor day.

Miss Eva Stearns was in Boston on Monday and Thursday of this week. Miss Stearns goes to Boston twice each week to receive treatment for a condition which has troubled her immensely since the wrist was broken several months ago.  
High wages have induced some young men in town to leave for Maine to help here the potato harvest there. They were Wallace Green, Russell Greeley, Carl Ferrar and Oris Merrick.

Mrs. B. Savak has been very ill the past week and is being cared for by Mrs. Daniel McKenzie.  
Charles Wilkinson was taken very suddenly ill while at work on Monday. A doctor was called and after a while the intense pain with which he was suffering was relieved. He was much better at last reports and the illness was pronounced inflammation of the bowels.

Mrs. Alice Bowley attended the funeral of Mrs. Gower in New Ipswich on Tuesday.  
The house occupied by Abel Stearns is receiving a coat of paint by William T. MacMaster.  
Miss Ina Wilder is assisting with the household duties at the Woods' farm on the Fitchburg road.

The body of W. D. Christian was brought to town on Wednesday evening from Birmingham, N. Y. The deceased died very suddenly with heart disease. The remains were laid to rest in his wife's lot. Mrs. Christian is quite well known in town as Miss May Elliott, and is a niece of Mrs. Lucy J. Lawrence. The funeral was held in New York on Tuesday. The



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**Harbor.**  
Among the pupils of the Harbor school detained at home on account of illness are George Doran, Ralph Conant, Madelyn and Richard Ross and Ernie Palmer.

Miss Ruth Mellich of West Groton, was a recent guest of Miss Mildred Conant.  
Miss Amelia Suprenant is spending her vacation with her parents.  
Mr. and Mrs. George Sullivan, familiarly known as the Tianta Milligets, after more than a year's absence, opened their house in this village last Tuesday.

Mrs. Ruth Doran has entered the family of Roy Shattuck of Pepperell. George Blodgett has entered the employ of the paper mill company at Vose, filling the position recently vacated by Jack Doherty.  
Mr. and Mrs. James Bennett left on Friday for Sweden, Me.  
Mr. Macomber has bought the valuable black horse recently owned at Harbor farm.

Willard Gray has entered the employ of the Jeffrey automobile service station on Commonwealth avenue, Boston.

Mrs. Charles Josselyn, of Minneapolis, was a mid-week guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Josselyn at Pinecroft. Mrs. Charles Josselyn is spending the summer at her cottage at Lake Boon, Hudson.

Frank A. Delano spent the week-end with relatives in Lynn.

On last week Friday Harry Wright met with an accident at the paper mill at Vose, where he is employed, severely cutting the middle finger of his right hand, thereby enforcing a vacation.

Miss Marion Spaulding, of Beacon street, Brookline, was a guest of her aunt, Mrs. C. Josselyn, on Friday of last week.  
Ernest Reavy is filling one of the positions in the paper mill at Vose.  
Capt. and Mrs. Hutch were mid-week guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Noyes at Schem Villa. Mr. Hatch is a captain in the fire department in Everett.

It is rumored that Miss Hester Burdett and Mrs. Burdett are to return to the Harbor to live. Their many friends will be glad to welcome them.  
Miss Mary Taylor is visiting friends in Fitchburg.  
Mrs. Ida Phelps was a recent guest at the home of Mrs. Anson Spaulding and Miss Susie Phelps.

All members of the Social club are requested to be present at the business meeting at 7.45 o'clock on Saturday evening of this week at the church.

### LITTLETON

**Baptist Notes.**  
Rev. E. P. Burr, of Shin Hing, China, will be the speaker at the morning service Sunday. He was a classmate of the present and of one former pastor of the church.  
The Sunday school will make Sunday, September 24, a rally day.

Ten of the young people, with the pastor, attended the C. E. convention in West Groton last Saturday.

The first meeting of the season for the Women's Missionary society will be held on Wednesday afternoon, September 20, at three o'clock at the home of Mrs. Emma Henry; Mrs. Calkins leader.

The response last Sunday morning to the invitation to make that service an "after-vacation" "get-together" was very gratifying in both numbers and interest. A new singer appeared in Miss Edith Whitcomb, who rendered very acceptably a soprano solo at the morning service.

"The chamber of imagery" will be the subject of Sunday evening's sermon.  
A Sunday school class that has exerted influence to secure a perfect mid-summer evening for a lawn party on September 13 deserves the splendid patronage which the Franklin class received on Wednesday evening. Under a ring of electric lights which illuminated the lawn, the North Chelmsford Industrial School band of twenty pieces provided a liberal program of excellent music during the evening. The red tag of admission was worn by many appreciative listeners. The party was successful in every way and the work, which was almost wholly done by the boys themselves, under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Elmer Flagg, was very creditable to the class.

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NOTICE OF HEARING.

Sept. 1, 1916. To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Ayer, Mass.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Ayer, Mass., Sept. 13, 1916. Ordered that a public hearing be held on the foregoing petition on Monday, the second day of October, 1916, at eight o'clock P. M.

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TOWNSEND

Center. The last open-air band concert of the season, closing a series of excellent musical treats, was given on the common on last week Friday evening.

An interesting program was given at the open meeting of the Grange on Monday evening, Prof. Selskar M. Gunn, director of hygiene, state department of health, giving a lecture with lantern slides on "Quackery and the patent medicine evil."

Mrs. Julia Keith, of Lowell, is spending several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Flora Parker.

Mrs. Mrs. W. Hildreth spent the mid-week with friends in Finchenden and in Fitzwilliam, N. H.

Mrs. Emma Spencer, who has been matron of an old ladies' home in Lawrence, for some time, has returned for the present at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Seaver, South row.

John Dobson, postmaster, spent the week-end in Eastport, Me.

Miss Lucile Kennedy, of Jamaica Plain, has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Agnes Woods, this week.

Charles Pettit and Charles Russell, former residents, have been recent auto guests in town, visiting John N. Goins and calling on old friends.

The Grange is planning to hold a fair in Memorial hall on Wednesday, October 4. In the afternoon there will be an exhibit of fruit, vegetables and fancy work; ice cream, candy and mystery booth will be ready for patronage.

Mrs. C. F. Osgood left town Tuesday for her home in Oakland, Cal. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. E. A. Blood, who will make her future home with her.

The hour of the regular mid-week prayer service at the Baptist church on Thursday, which was changed to 7.45 during the summer, has been resumed to 7.30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Hodgman and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilson have been spending a few days in Boston and vicinity.

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Mrs. Priest, from Norton, is a guest at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Glazier.

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Mrs. Joseph Hornig, from Ayer, a former resident here, visited friends in town this week.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the West Townsend Brotherhood held their regular monthly meeting at the parsonage on Monday afternoon with a large attendance, and after the regular business was transacted a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Joseph MacKean.

be of great value to our Finnish residents.

Lendall C. Clement has conveyed to S. R. Crimmins of Leominster property in Townsend consisting of one acre of land and a building containing three tenements and a store.

Henry B. Hildreth and Alexander Reed have been drawn as jurors to serve at a session of the superior court at East Cambridge commencing September 19.

At the Methodist church on Sunday morning Dr. Charlton's sermon subject will be "The borderland between folly and wisdom."

Baschall. Townsend A. A. lost the third and decisive game of the series with Milford A. A. on the latter's grounds Saturday. Pitcher Johnson was in great form, fanning eighteen men. Compared with the line ups of the last few games the Townsend team was weak, being without the services of Eastman and E. Swicker. The local boys made only three safe hits off Johnson. Two of them came in the first inning and saved them from a shut-out. W. Greene singled, stole, and scored on Durant's single to right. The Milford team got breaks and the close decisions also. Farrar pitched what ordinarily would have been a winning game, allowing seven well scattered hits. H. Greene and Merrick played well in the field for Townsend while Johnson and Murray were the whole show for Milford. The score:

Table with 2 columns: Townsend A. A. and Milford A. A. showing runs, hits, errors, and totals.

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Home run—Muzzey. Bases on balls—off Farrar 4, off Johnson 1. Struck out by Johnson 18, by Farrar 3. Passed ball—Baker, Baker, Danols. Time—1:09. Umpires—Tardiff, Kane.

West. Mrs. Laura Sanders and daughter, Miss Mary Sanders, from New Ipswich, N. H., have been visiting Mrs. Cutting. Mrs. Sanderson returned on Sunday afternoon to her home, but her daughter will remain for a time with her grandmother and aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams and son, from Ashburnham, accompanied their guest, Mrs. Fannie Bruce, of Springfield, a former resident here, enjoyed an auto trip to town and called upon old friends last Sunday.

Mrs. Carrie Chase, who has been for several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Cook, is at present employed in Groton.

The Belgrade rug factory, which has been closed for the week, will reopen Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Morse, of Somerville, spent last week at the home of Mrs. Harriet Stickney.

Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman was taken quite violently ill on last week Thursday night, but is reported as much improved.

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Clinton, W. J. Boswick of Boston, William Hutchins and Anne Thompson from Sterling have been recent guests at the Squannacook Inn. Mrs. W. T. Cook of Elm street, left Tuesday morning for Silver's Mills, Me., to attend the wedding of her son, Herbert, to Miss Zella Estrope, of that place. During her absence Mrs. Ellis, from Ashby, will act as house-keeper. Miss Esther McElliot, who has been stopping at the Squannacook Inn during her vacation, has returned to her home in Boston, but her mother and her friend are stopping for a while longer. Mrs. James Bell was taken on Wednesday morning to Fitchburg to the Burbank hospital to undergo an operation for appendicitis. Gilbert McNay has resumed his duties at Damon & Richardson's mill. Herbert McNay, of Andover, has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert McNay. Dr. Henry B. Boyton has purchased the George Hildreth place on lower Main street, just below the railroad crossing, and is to take possession Friday afternoon from Tuesday, and is neighbor, Mrs. Mary Reynolds, for a few days before leaving for Boston, where she is to make her home for the present. Accident. Frank Damon is under the doctor's care with a badly injured foot as a result of an accident at Damon & Richardson's mill on Tuesday, and is very fortunate to escape without more serious injuries. As he was going into the basement of the mill he stepped upon the conveyor which carries the waste wood and was dragged some distance, but fortunately his struggles slipped the belt, stopping the machine, or he probably would have suffered a broken limb or worse injuries. His foot had become so tightly wedged against the timbers his rescuers were obliged to cut away a portion of the timber before he could be released. Although suffering from the shock and

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Saturday, September 16, 1916.

GROTON

Erving Hynes is working at Hodgman's market since Cedric Hodgman left to work in a garage in South Hamilton. B. Wyman, with his two sisters, Mrs. Comins and Miss Wyman, who make a home together with their brother in Lancaster, are all here, visiting his daughter, Mrs. David Gibson, and family. The opening of Groton School is delayed until October 3. Mr. and Mrs. William Clark and young son returned by auto from Squam Lake on Monday. It was a five-hour drive. Ruth Willis, the new teacher in the high school force, boards with Mrs. Arthur A. Wood on Whiting avenue. A large number of workmen and men with teams are at Groton School, for the making of which a large sum has been given by the father of one of the boys at the school. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Warrall are here from their home near Philadelphia, Pa., spending their vacation at her old home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Hodgman. Miss Hazel Gibson left last week Friday on her vacation to Phillips, Me., where she has a position as teacher of music and assistant in a grammar school. Miss Gibson made a stop over in Portland to visit her aunt, and then to begin work on Monday. Her folks hear of her arrival and that Phillips is a small manufacturing place near the Rangeley Lakes and is quite pleasantly located. Miss Gibson will be missed in Groton. The relatives and acquaintances here of Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Hart, of Newport, N. H., are interested to hear of the marriage of their only son, John Hart, to Miss Bernice Paul, of Newport, where the marriage took place on September 3. Miss Annie L. Gibson, of Groton, an aunt of the groom, attended the wedding. Rev. Dr. Peabody and family and several of the sub-masters have returned from their vacation and are at their homes at Groton School. Work on the buildings—formerly the Mel Lawrence house moved from Hollis street to Champey street—is to begin soon. It is to be made into a two-tenement house and is located on the lot of Charles H. Dodge, the owner, who had the building moved there. Mrs. Elizabeth Prescott Leonard has commenced the moving of some of her goods from Dr. Green's house to her own house, recently the Bigelow place, on the Lowell road. When the moving is completed Mrs. Leonard and son Robert will go to Colorado, where he returns to his studies at the excellent high school there, graduating from which he will enter Harvard college. Mrs. Toole is visiting her friend, Mrs. W. S. Woods. Mrs. Stanley, an aunt of the Misses Vickery, Pleasant street, went Tuesday morning to make a visit with relatives in Worcester. Lawrence Academy opens on Wednesday, September 27. Middlesex Rehekal lodge will observe the sixty-fifth anniversary of the order at their regular meeting at Odd Fellows' hall on Tuesday evening, September 19. There are to be refreshments and an entertainment. It is hoped there will be a large attendance of members. Charles B. Baldwin has gone to spend the autumn and winter with his niece, Mrs. Etta A. Armstrong, of Maplewood. Unitarian services will be held in Odd Fellows' hall on Sunday morning, September 17, at 10:30 o'clock. Sunday school will not open until October 1. The Groton Branch Alliance will hold its first meeting of the year on Thursday afternoon, September 21, at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Neesham. A large attendance is expected as plans for the year's work are to be discussed. The Woman's club will hold its first meeting of the year at Odd Fellows' hall on Friday afternoon, October 1. The following is the list of department chairmen: Miss Charles S. Vickery, literature; Mrs. Susan F. Earle, current events; Mrs. Carolyn A. Woods, civics; Mrs. Annie H. Harrington and Mrs. Lillian M. Shattuck, arts and crafts; Mrs. Julia W. Shaw, education; Mrs. Vera Gerrish and Mrs. Rose Waters, play, stamp saving; Mrs. Ethel Blood, entertainment; Mrs. Marion Torrey, Mrs. Helen G. Bailey, Mrs. Helen Eversole, program. Will members please bear in mind the fact that dues should be paid to the treasurer, Mrs. Warren, at or before the first meeting in October. There were forty-seven girls at the opening of the cooking school at the Chaplin school building last week Friday. Girls from the seventh and eighth grades and from the high school and sophomore classes of the high school are eligible for instruction in this school. A number from Groton Grange attended the Pomona at Ashby Thursday. Mrs. J. M. Taylor, who went with Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Messinger and Miss Hattie Messinger and C. H. Berry. Miss Muriel Molson leaves this Saturday for Springfield, Ct., where she is attending the Fitchburg Normal. The following program was carried out at the Grange meeting Tuesday evening: Vocal duet, Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Bishop; remarks, C. H. Messinger and Miss Helen Barrows; selections, orchestra; remarks by Mrs. Brock, master of Leominster Grange; remarks, Mr. Allen, steward of Leominster Grange; remarks, Myron P. Swallow, selection, orchestra; talk describing in a most interesting manner the making of crockery, dishes used on the table; attendance of field Grange day at Waltham and a visit to his son who was working on a farm about three miles distant from where he was at Waltham. Lewis M. Knapp left Tuesday night for Lennoxville, P. Q., Canada, where he is to teach at Bishop's College school.

touched, but there has been no general frost as yet. Mr. Duane, who worked for the late J. Duncan Edmonds, has moved with his family into William Clark's house in Willow street. Almon Gauthier (Miss Marion Blood) is going soon to Louisiana, accompanying her husband on a business trip. The opening of the school in Arlington where Miss Ruth J. Blood is to teach, is delayed until September 26. James A. Dunphy returned home from St. Joseph's hospital about ten days ago, but has not been able to return to his work as yet. Mr. Dunphy suffered from the effects of his recent experience, having had an abscess in the throat and a sore neck with general loss of strength. Mrs. H. R. Fitzgerald underwent an operation Tuesday, performed by Dr. Goodwin at the Clinton hospital. The minstrel show given in town hall on Wednesday evening, under the auspices of Groton Grange, culled out a good attendance. The music, by the pupils, endmen and clor dance were all well done and applauded. There were any number of local hits which were taken in their spirit and produced a hearty laughter. The financial results were enjoyed by many. The dance was not held. Frank M. Blood returned on Monday from a two-weeks' visit at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Marion Gauthier, Concord, N. H. Mrs. Ella P. Woolley and her sister, Mrs. Alice Moors, are busy preparing for their annual sale to be given some time next month. They will be their usual variety of articles. All roads lead to Peppercell Sept. 28 and 29. See account in news items. Baptist Church Notes. Sunday, September 17, morning worship at 10:30; subject, "Our minds subject to Christ's." Sunday school at twelve. Classes for all ages. Evening prayer service at 7:30. The subject for the week is "The East the West." Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Rally day will be observed by the Sunday school on Sunday, September 24. A special program is being arranged for all members of the school are asked to make a special effort to be present and to assist in making the day a success. Boy Scouts. At a regular meeting of the Boy Scouts on Thursday evening of last week it was voted to hold the meetings of the troop on Saturday evenings. The program as carried out by the troop during the past year has been a great aid in making the troop a success. On Saturday the troop went on a hike to Knopp's pond in charge of their scoutmaster. The following program was carried out: Boating, two hours for signalling, lunch, swimming, first aid practice, including fainting, clowning, bandaging of cuts on arm, head and leg and hand. The boys took a deep interest in the work and are endeavoring to pass the second class test. Auto Trip. Mr. and Mrs. George I. Molson went last week to Manchester, N. H., the home of Mr. and Mrs. Trudell, brother-in-law and sister of Mr. Molson. The next morning—Wednesday at six o'clock the four started in Mr. Trudell's automobile for North. They ate their breakfast in New Hampshire, their dinner in Vermont and their supper in Canada, and had a fine time on Saturday evening. After looking around for awhile and enjoying Canada and those whom they met there they started on their return trip down through the Green Mountains to Groton. Though they had found the White Mountain scenery and country very beautiful all agreed that they never passed a more delightful section of country as that of the Green Mountains. After a five days' delightful outing covering an auto trip of 528 miles they returned again to their homes. Engagement Announced. Rev. and Mrs. Endicott Peabody announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Rose Saltonstall Peabody, to Dr. William Barclay Parsons, Jr., a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Barclay Parsons of New York. Dr. Parsons returned Wednesday on the Touraine from Europe. Miss Peabody is well known in Groton society and has been head master at Groton School since 1884. Her mother before her marriage was Miss Fannie Peabody of Danvers. Dr. Parsons, who graduated from Harvard in 1910 and later from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, afterward studied abroad for his Ph.D. and is now a resident of the Presbyterian hospital in New York. His father is one of the most prominent engineers of this country. Mr. Parsons' mother was Miss Anna Reed and on his mother's side he is a grandson of the late Mrs. Sylvanus Reed, who for many years was head of a private school in New York. No date has been set for the wedding. Death. Eugene S. Shattuck, father of Mrs. Frank M. Blood of this town, died suddenly of heart disease on Monday, August 7, at the home of a younger daughter, Mrs. J. M. Tellow, at Elkins, Oregon. The following is set forth in a lengthy obituary in the Monmouth Oregon Herald: Mr. Shattuck was the son of William and Sarah Parker Shattuck. He was born at Groton January 7, 1827, and lived here almost continuously for thirty-eight years, with the exception of a short time spent in Kansas and Ohio when a young man. He was married in 1863 to Miss Emma C. Clark of Athens Co., Ohio. Of this union three children were born. Mrs. Shattuck died in 1868 and Mrs. Shattuck returned to his birthplace, but later going back to Ohio, where he was married in 1875 to Miss Ellen B. Pritch of Groton. There were several children by this marriage. Mr. Shattuck moved to Mason City, Iowa, and from there in 1892, to Oregon, where he has since lived near his children located in the vicinity of Portland. Mr. Shattuck was a farmer, as were several generations of his family before him. He always enjoyed good health until the past few years and was active and busy to the last. He was a kind and loving father, a good neighbor and a true friend. Miss Mary J. Shattuck of Groton is a sister and is the last of their parents' family of ten children. His widow and surviving children mourn his loss. Groton Military Training School. The drill on Wednesday evening took the form of a night march and outdoor problem. The second platoon, under Lieut. Branigan, was to attempt to capture the triangular patch of land at the corner of Hollis and Champey streets, which was guard-

ed by the first platoon, under command of Lieut. Ayres. Lieut. Branigan decided to take his men around Gibbet hill, so as to attack from the rear. This march was conducted skillfully and very quietly. The men did not talk nor smoke and kept constantly in the shadows, a short distance away. They could be neither heard nor seen, although they were advancing at a good rate. Corp. Wharton with Private Denahy, Donahy and the rest of the first platoon, had a very elastic formation. They were followed by the advance guard, under corp. Parker, which consisted of the main body, marched in road column—a column of twos, that is, on the sides of the road. Meanwhile Lieut. Branigan sent Serg. Lamb with Private Ebert, Ames and Fenton up the railroad track to Court square with instructions to approach from the Main street side, allowing themselves to be discovered and endeavoring to give the impression that there were a large number of them. The object of this movement was to draw the attention of the enemy to that side, while the main body prepared its attack against the rear. Lieut. Ayres, in view of the facts that he had but a comparatively few men and that it was night, kept most of his force at the objective point, with outposts of single sentinels only. Communication from these sentinels was by means of bird calls. In order readily to distinguish them from the enemy, all of his men rolled up their left sleeves, and on seeing a signal, a sentry would man slapping his bare arm or his rifle; vice versa. His sentry discovered Serg. Lamb's detachment and gave the alarm. Sent. Lamb, who was running back and forth in the darkness, calling out, and snapping their rifles, the men opposed them though they were in the rear. Even before they were finally captured, however, Lieut. Ayres sized up their demonstration as a feint and promptly doubled his outposts on the opposite flank. The second platoon got to Hollis street and down that street a short distance without being noticed by the enemy, and without being discovered. Lieut. Branigan then brought up and deployed his main body, intending to rush the remaining distance. About 10:30 p. m. one of the outposts of the first platoon, reported having seen the advance scouts of the second platoon. Lieut. Ayres surmised that the second platoon was in the rear and sent his men to meet it. Hardly had this been done when the second platoon commenced its rush, the men running slightly down hill, without being seen as skirmishers and relying on the bayonet for the success of the attack. What the outcome would have been it is, of course, not possible to say. The first platoon, in a clear field of fire across a well-lighted square, were delivering a good volume of fire; and the men in the second platoon were employed at the intervals, and by mistaking the direction of their advance subjected themselves for a time to an enfilading fire. The second platoon had reached the enemy's position, and was in a point dangerously close to the enemy, and they were well under control, that they were not willing to be taken by the swiftness and force of their attack. On Saturday last several men fired on the new rifle range at an angle of 45 degrees. There was an opportunity to shoot on next Saturday during the afternoon. The Provisional company has now reached a point where they are doing very well. They are working hard and faithfully and are improving with every drill. The wooden guns which they are using are borrowed from the Groton school opens. It is, therefore, essential that some substitutes be secured. These substitutes ought to be worthy of the organization. It is hoped to purchase enough Krag rifles to equip every man. This will cost between \$300 and \$500. The men of the school are being drilled liberally of their time and money; many of the citizens of the town have done likewise. A number have not contributed, however, who it is understood are not in the line. The committee will therefore have a contribution box in the town hall all day and evening on Wednesday, September 29, for gifts of any kind. Wednesday evening, before the drill, "armed parties" will visit various prominent citizens, to give them an opportunity to subscribe if they so desire. History of Groton Band. An occasion which is still clear in Mr. Coburn's memory is the very early visit to the home of George and Joseph Shattuck in West Groton. They went by invitation of the Shattuck brothers and gave a musical supper and left the house of the house, after which the door opened, says Mr. Coburn, and the musicians were invited in, where they sat down to the table, and the host, Mr. William A. Woods, chosen by the band as speaker, made a few remarks. After the supper, one of the Shattuck brothers said that if they could get the music, they would have a large room at hand where they could, and they were ushered into an immense reception room, where they played a few pieces and always remembered this as one of the pleasantest times of their lives. In 1871 Capt. James J. O'Brien, now of Ayer, but then a resident of Groton, engaged the band to play in Lowell for the Hibernal lodge, whose headquarters were in Groton Junction in the old Stone hall, which stood where the house of Patrick Markham now does. The band came down on an early morning freight and went from Groton Junction to Lowell. Capt. O'Brien acted as conductor and led the band in the parade. He says it was one of the best bands in Lowell that day and received much praise. Being then in the city, he thought that the Groton band went to Boston and played for the ceremonies attending the unveiling of soldiers' monument on Boston Common. Mr. O'Brien thinks they were the best in the Hibernal lodge, but is not certain. Another idiosyncrasy of the memory is shown by the fact that this engagement of Groton Band only remembers the band played at Island pond, Groton, between '70 and '80, probably twice, but at least once, in 1878, for a Grand Army day, when Mr. Ames though he didn't play, remembers the occasion and says it was the biggest picnic he ever saw, there being probably a thousand people there. The great credit is due to Mr. Palmer for keeping the band together during this period. He was secretary and treasurer and it was through his untiring efforts that money was always kept in the treasury. He says that the enthusiastic ones would have driven the band out of existence if he

hadn't kept a tight rein on them. One wanted to hire an expensive teacher, another to buy a new kind of head gear, another more music, when there was not sufficient money in the treasury to warrant any of these. Mr. Palmer put his foot down against such expenditures except when they could be afforded and by so doing kept a balance on the right side and was even able to declare a small dividend. Quite a number of new men came into the band at different times between the years 1870 and 1880, and as it is not known just when the majority of a short time we will give the entire list, with what we have been able to learn about each man. Charles Duren was a civil war veteran and lived where Paul Wilson does now. He was a stone-worker and played cornet most of the time, although he perhaps started on alto. He became Amos Ames' step-father, and he and Ames used to practice together. Mr. Ames says that Duren could memorize very quickly and had a good ear, but could not play very difficult music. He never knew how they used to play gospel hymns together at home, and remembers how angry Duren would get if, in a hymn written in a difficult key, Amos should practice it. Towards the last of his stay in Groton Mr. Duren had a pocket E-flat cornet which was quite a novelty, and he played it at this time. Duren came into the band in the late seventies and left Groton for Concord in the eighties. Charles Nutting, brother of Charles Nutting, came into the band during this period, playing both alto and cornet, but did not play regularly. Mr. Nutting interested more than anyone else to get him started. By so doing he did a good service to all succeeding bands, as there has never been a more faithful member of the band. Mr. Nutting now lives in Waltham. According to Lewis Clark, Charles Woolley, brother of James Woolley, the first bass drummer in the band, played in the band in the late sixties and early seventies. Mr. Woolley, however, knows nothing of this. The name of Mr. Tilston also comes to the mind of Clark. He played snare drum. There was a Tilston connected with Hollingsworth at the paper mill in the eighties, but we do not yet know whether he was the one who played in the band. Jerry Hulsey's name first appears in the record in 1873, having received five dollars from the band for playing at this time we do not know. He did, however, play alto for some time during the seventies. He went to Chicago before 1881. Timothy Denahy played cornet at the time the picture of the band was taken in front of the inn, although he is not in the picture. He never played after 1881. Thomas Ryne, known as "Tinker," played cymbals for a short time. He was one of those, we believe, whom Mr. Coburn missed. He played piccolo, little too. Thomas Donahue, Sr., according to Norman Shattuck, played either alto or tenor before 1881. He acquired the instrument during a short period of active playing to encourage his son at an early age along musical lines. Charles Sawyer, an uncle of Elmer Sawyer, played during the seventies, and familiarly known as "Pep," played cornet for quite a few years. He moved to Leominster in 1884 and is now located in Groton. Mr. Lewis is quite sure that George Craigin played in the second band. We do not know what instrument, but hope to learn more about it from some of our readers. Mr. Waldron, a wheelwright, is said to have played snare drum. We know nothing more of him. Fred Blood, who started on cymbals and then advanced to snare drum, took up successively alto, cornet and tenor, before he finally settled on the clarinet. He played for a number of years, but both cornet and tenor he tired of quickly. Frank Blood had at this time advanced to drum carrier, where we left him at Grant's celebration, to snare drum player. Other members, we believe, retained their old instruments. Decoration day during this period, according to George Chase, the band played in Ayer, Shirley and Harvard, being carried from one town to another by Mr. Nutting. Dr. McClellan, father of Edward McClellan, of Ayer, was a Grand Army man and on this day he asked the band to stop at his house, which was on the old Bacon place on the Harvard road. They did so, and the doctor brought out his little black mare which he had ridden during the war, and which was killed by a shell during the war. The band formed in a circle around the doctor and his mare and played, while the horse pranced around in great enjoyment. The doctor said that it would be the best music his pet would ever hear, as he was getting old and would have to be killed. The mare which was well known by everybody in the town, was killed by the shell. The Hollis street band room, which Mr. Fuller had so generously put at the band's disposal, was abandoned here in the seventies. The band moved to the upper story of the high school building where they held meetings in what was known as music hall. This was a good arrangement, but it was not ideal, because it had two stories, which on winter nights made the place cozy and comfortable. Dr. Norman Smith presented a band with a set of bells, for Mr. Blood was playing drum, how to manipulate them. But neither the doctor or Frank could handle the bells, for the whole says that when you ring one the whole set vibrated. They must have been similar to those often seen on the vaudeville stage. In 1878 the band ran pretty low, according to most of our informants. Mr. Ames took up alto in 1879, in 1880, he, with Arthur Blood, George Blood, Charles Barrows, Bowman Gale and Charles Nutting, went weekly to Ayer for a period of six months or more and played with the band there. This was led by Clarence Green, who was a well-known teacher of former years. The Ayer organization was evidently the more alive of the two, but still the Groton band did not lose its identity in the city. After six months of driving back and forth from Groton to Ayer these six musicians, cutting doughnuts and being very tired of their task and through the efforts, combined with the energy of the Groton band, fresh life was given in 1881 to the Groton organization. (To be continued.)

has been given to an improvement on the serpent, Russian bassoon, or bass horn." It is a brass wind instrument having a cup-shaped mouth-piece and keys. It was a very popular instrument for years after its invention and perfection, 1810-1820, but the unsatisfactory tone quality in some registers led to its being superseded by the bass tuba. The lower register, we learn, "is replete with powerful tones that can easily sustain above it masses of brass harmonics; the medium is coarse in tone, and the upper wild and unmanageable." The instrument was used by both played ophicleides in the first band. The ophicleide on exhibition is the property of Warren Blood, of East Peppercell. In his possession, we understand, through an auction, and its exact history is not known. It is thought, however, to have been connected with the Groton band. Engraved on one of the keys is the name, "J. Q. Adams, Peppercell, Mass." Any one to whose eyes this item comes, who knows anything concerning this man or the instrument, will confer a favor to the band by communicating with Fred Barrows. Charles Prescott was never a player in the band, but he played the old flute to be seen in the window for years in the Unitarian church. The flute upon which Moseley Gilson so often played and which inspired the "old-timers" with enthusiasm may also be seen. Bowman Gale's baritone and bugle are also in the collection. Mr. Gale played in the band in the city, while at Ft. Delaware, which was on an island, and it is stated that his bugle could be heard and distinguished from the bugles of other soldiers on the mainland eight miles away. The long-bell tenors and rotary valve trombone of Charles Shattuck are instruments of similar make, but our grandfathers had no woodwind seen. The drums of the first band are owned by George Blood. The dimensions of both drums are very different from those of the present band. The cornet which belonged to Gilman Barrows was a good instrument when it was made for the great Providence landman, Reeves, but modern ingenuity had worked many improvements over it. Charles Baldwin's old bell-front alto has probably been seen in action, as it seems to be nearly everyone in Groton, because Mr. Baldwin's figure was conspicuous in the band's ranks. An effort is being made to locate Capt. Denahy's old bass. It is thought to be in Groton. The instruments will be on exhibition about two weeks. Band History Letter. The history of the Groton band is read with interest wherever the Landmark goes and its circulation as we know is far and wide. The following letter is given to your correspondent and speaks for itself: 363 Seventh Street, Hollister, Cal., August 28, 1916. Ever since the "Band history" began in the Landmark, and I saw it, I have known what an instrument Geo. Shattuck played I have thought I would write you (not knowing who it was) to say he played the snare drum. I remember when Lizzie showed me the drum she remarked, "I can play it as well as he can." If she had done so there would have been a longer record. I'm thinking, it wasn't ever known for her laziness. The history is very interesting. I can find much that seems to savor of "boyish" and "ought to be" in the history, but I can use this or not as you think best. J. Shattuck-Morey. West Groton. C. R. Dudley has sold his house on Birch street to J. DeLoche, who has lived at Vose for several years. Mr. Dudley left on Saturday for his new position in Lynn. The family expect to leave next week. Avery Hartwell, who was reported ill last week, is still further afflicted with a badly sprained ankle, which his physician has placed in a plaster cast. Miss Alice Humiston, of Hanover, N. H., is visiting at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Martha Tarbell. Mrs. W. M. Kimball visited in Gardner on Thursday. Miss Mildred Dodge is attending the Fitchburg Business school, going by train each day. Communion service will be held at the church on Sunday, a "radio" broadcast service on Sunday of the following week, September 24. The young people are to hold a dance in Squannacook hall on Friday evening. John Farrar, of Shirley, who was expected to assist in M. F. McGowan's store, is ill with pneumonia. Oliver Hallett and family have moved from the Sleeper place in Shirley to their new home just beyond the bridge from the village. Little Raymond Sleeper is reported as doing well following his operation last week for the removal of water on the lung. The last meeting of the Ladies' Aid society was held with Mrs. Guy Wright, the first meeting since the summer vacation. Thirteen members and the pastor were present. The treasurer reported \$140 paid toward the church expenses. It was voted to assume the expense of painting the church floor and purchasing runners. The next specific object for which the society has been working is the refrescoing of the chapel walls. A pleasant social hour was enjoyed, during which the hostess served a delicious lunch. Miss Mildred Blood assisted in serving. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. George G. Harrington. The next meeting of the Improvement society will be held on Tuesday evening, September 19. Special business to come before the meeting will be the election of a treasurer in place of C. R. Dudley, resigned. An interesting program is planned by the looking-out committee. All members are urged to be present. Non-members are most cordially invited to come and join. C. E. Convention. Clear skies, bright sunshine and invigorating breezes were Nature's contribution to the success of the convention, held here last Saturday afternoon and evening by the Middlesex Local C. E. Union. As the pastor, Rev. J. P. Trowbridge, rose to welcome the guests he brought a crowded church and vestry. Following the praise service led by the pastor, and a short business meeting at which the president of the union, John Hough, presented a report on the work of the Framingham, spoke on "County conventions and their importance," emphasizing the necessity of sending delegates. The Nashobah quartet of Littleton, Somerville, followed by Rev. G. E. Miss Ruth Robinson, of Littleton, recently returned from the Sagamore convention, gave an interesting account of the meetings and work accomplished there. The favorite speaker

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of the union. Rev. William Goble, of Fitchburg, spoke on "The well-balanced life giving many examples from history, both secular and sacred and drawing largely from personal experience. At 5:30 supper was served at the hall by the local society to about 135 guests and local members. Platters of sweet corn, donated by Charles Lawrence, proved a tempting addition to the usual West Groton menu. The evening service opened with a praise service, led by Rev. G. E. Woodman, of Shirley, who gave interesting history of the songs chosen. Leland W. Pollock, a pleasing and magnetic speaker, held the audience interested and entertained during a half-hour's talk on "The Law of Life." The Nashobah quartet rendered "Let the lower lights be burning" very effectively. Rev. Carl Stackman, of Somerville, followed, speaking on "The law of progress," continuing the line of thought introduced by the previous speakers. A consecration service ended a most successful convention. After the enjoyment of a social hour autos were provided for all lacking means of conveyance. Other Groton matter will be found on opposite page.

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**News Items.**

Chester W. Phelps pleaded guilty to overspeeding an automobile and not sounding his horn in the district court at Ayer on last Saturday morning. He was fined the sum of ten dollars for overspeeding and the charge of not sounding his horn was placed on file. Ernest Bohannon, who was also summoned to court last Saturday on a similar complaint, did not appear to answer to the charge and the court issued a warrant for his arrest. The complaints were made by Itzy Mrs. E. N. Noylan and young daughter, who have been visiting at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gately, for the past month, returned to their home in Scituate on Monday.

Mrs. Mildred Hart was confined to her home the first of the week with sickness.

Harding M. James and family left last Saturday in their automobile for Lake Winnepesaukee, where they have rented a cottage for two weeks.

Robert Gately, of Pittsburgh, Pa., is spending this week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Gately.

Rev. E. L. Halford, pastor of the Universalist church, is boarding at the Brookside.

Mrs. Ida M. Warren, of Manchester, N. H., a former well-known resident, visited friends in town the first of the week.

Mrs. Herbert E. Lawrence, Mrs. Ernest L. Harris and Miss Alice E. Howe attended the annual picnic of the Past Noble Grand association of K. K. P. in Winchendon last week Friday.

Mrs. Mabel Miner, of Keene, N. H., in company with her sister, Miss Evelyn Miner, are spending this week at the cottage of Mrs. Richardson, Fort Pond. Miss Mabel Miner is enjoying a three-weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Dora Sahlke and daughter Thelma, who have been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Gately, will return to their home in Pittsburgh, Pa., the first of next week.

Mrs. Warren E. Bryant, with infant daughter, returned from the City a hospital last Saturday.

Miss Mamie Connors left Monday for a vacation of a week or more at Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. James W. West spent the week-end and Sunday with relatives in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Clark, of Chapel street, entertained over the week-end and Sunday Mrs. Clark's mother and sister, Mrs. L. Clark and Mrs. Annie Clark, of Lawrence. Charles Clark, who is working in Bridgeport, was also home for the week-end and Sunday, returning to Bridgeport Monday.

Joseph McGinnis and Adolphus Bastien left their employ at the President Suspender Company last week Friday at the closing hour, and on Saturday morning left for Boston, where they remained until Tuesday, when they boarded a cattle steamer bound for England, where they anticipate remaining for a time at least.

The Ladies' circle of the Congregational church met in the ladies' parlour on Wednesday afternoon, the president, Mrs. Alice L. Wright, presiding. Progress was reported by the arrangement committee in regard to the coming fair to be held on November 9 and 10, and it was voted to hold a good work Wednesday afternoon in the vestry at four o'clock. At the close of the business session Mrs. Minnie Allen, entertained with an interesting account of the life of David Livingstone. The meeting then adjourned to meet again in two weeks.

Mrs. John Riley has been ill the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana Sanderson have returned from a two-week trip through the White Mountains. They made the trip on their motor-car.

Miss Ruth Knowles spent the week-end at the home of her sister, Miss Ernest W. Wolff, of Lawrence. Mr. William W. Wolff has purchased a third of an acre of land from the Davis estate located to the west of the Davis Company, directly opposite the railroad crossing on Depot square.

**Wedding.**

Miss Gertrude Frances "Nell" of Ayer, was married to Edward J. Sanderson, of Canton, by Rev. James O. Duncan. The bride is a native of this town and for the past eight years has been employed as an assistant at the postoffice, where she will be greatly missed by the townspeople, as she was always courteous and obliging and made an ideal young lady for the position. The groom is employed at the transfer station at the Ayer railroad depot. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson left for a few days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Miller in Harvard, where they will then take an extended trip to New York and Washington, D. C., going from there to Dayton, Ohio, where they will reside for the present. Mr. Sanderson has been granted a six-months' leave of absence from his duties at the transfer station.

The couple are well known and respected and have the very best wishes from Shirley and all surrounding localities for a prosperous and happy future.

**Alliance Meeting.**

Mrs. Ethel Stanwood Bolton entertained the Alliance at her summer home last week Thursday afternoon. The spacious parlors were well filled. Among those especially invited were noticed Rev. and Mrs. Noon of Lunenburg, Mrs. May Allen Jones of Boston, Mrs. Edward Tolman and Miss Millie Parker. A short business session was held, followed by an address by Rev. Alfred Noon, pastor of the Methodist church, Lunenburg. His subject was "Some problems of today, which he handled in a concise and interesting manner. Following the address, a white elephant party was successfully carried out, which furnished a small amount of money and a large amount of entertainment. The honest served refreshments and many took the opportunity during the social hour to inspect the fine collection of antiques owned by Mr. and Mrs. Bolton.

The next meeting will be on September 21 at the home of Mrs. Bridgman. The program committee has secured as the speaker for this meeting, Rev. G. E. Woodman, of the Congregational church.

**Resigns Pastorate.**

Rev. G. E. Woodman has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Congregational church, having accepted a call to become pastor of the Congregational church in West Boylston, and will preach his farewell sermon at the Shirley church on Sunday, October 8.

Mr. Woodman will receive a salary of \$1000 per year and parsonage in West Boylston. The Shirley church members and attendants regret the contemplated departure of Mr. Woodman, who has been the subject of favorable comment by his Shirley parishioners.

The Shirley church pays \$500 per year to the town for the use of the Woodman, however, stated at a meeting of the parish and church committee the first of the week that the main reason for the proposed departure was the closing of the high school, which necessitated sending the pupils out of town. Mr. Woodman's daughter, Ruth, entered the Junior class of the Fitchburg high school at its opening last week and the traveling to and from Fitchburg has already begun to show its effect upon Miss Woodman, who does not wish to enjoy the best of health and the family fear a general breakdown physically if it is continued. Mr. Woodman made it plain to the committee that under no circumstances was the additional one hundred dollars per year which he will receive at the West Boylston church an inducement for him to leave town.

Mr. Woodman has been the pastor of the Congregational church here for the past three years, coming here from Greenport, Me., and he leaves with the kindest of wishes from his parishioners for happiness and success in his new field of labor.

**Center.**

Miss Vera Bradford left last Saturday for Bath, Me., where she has a position as teacher in a private school.

The Center Camping Girls, under the direction of their manager, Miss Vernice Hough, held a camp last Saturday, near the home of William Jubb.

Mrs. Ruth Clark, of Haverhill, N. H., is spending a day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Graves.

Samuel Johnson, of Manchester, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Adams over the week-end.

Mrs. Josephine Harrigan, of the North, is visiting for a few days.

John C. Ayers is visiting this week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Penelope, in Waltham.

Leonard Wood, Mrs. George Deane and Mrs. Parker, who have been in Lawrence, Woodville, and last week at the Church place recently visited by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Waldron.

Mr. W. Farrar is bound to his home in Hazen Pond with a severe cold and influenza.

A party of young people from the town, under the direction of Rev. H. A. Woodman, held a camp last Saturday evening in William Jubb's barn.

A. A. Adams, tree warden, has been engaged the past two weeks in cutting the brush along the town highways.

The portable saw mill of Ebenezer and Gould, West Ayer, located this week in the woods at the North, is being owned by the late Charles Hadden.

Miss Charlie Bradford and Miss Vernice Hough left last Saturday on a short trip to Maine, returning home this week.

September Barnard, of Holbrook, and William F. Barnard, of South Westmouth, were visitors last Saturday at the home of Mrs. Hattie P. Holden and Mrs. L. Barnard.

George Goodspeed, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Goodspeed, is confined to his home on Center road, under the care of a physician.

Miss Christine G. Langley left last week Friday for Plymouth to resume her duties as teaching.

The next meeting of the Matrons' Aid society will be held on Tuesday, September 26, with Mrs. Vera Adams on Center road.

Mr. M. M. Miller of the police had charge of the service at the church last Sunday and preached an excellent sermon.

The next meeting of the Grange, Tuesday evening, September 19, is in charge of Mrs. H. E. Bradford. The program will consist of music and readings.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Adams and Mrs. E. W. Walker attended the meeting of the Pomona Grange at Ashon on Thursday.

The ladies who have on some clippers for the wounded at the French hospitals, held their last meeting on Wednesday afternoon. A good number of the clippers were made and have been 224 pairs of slippers made.

News has been received of the birth of a baby to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kemp of Westover, Monday of this week.

The steel girders for the new bridge at the North have arrived, and it is expected that work on the bridge will be started at once.

Some of the young people are planning to have a party next week evening in the town hall on Saturday evening, September 16. There will be a short play, music, etc., followed by dancing.

Rev. F. B. Gifford, being called away unexpectedly to supply the pulpit of the church last Friday evening and Sunday, Rev. William C. Adams, of Cambridge, substituted for him in the First Parish church. Mr. Adams will preach on Sunday the subject, "The night under a canopy of hemlock boughs, and although it rained quite hard during the night they said it did not trouble them and they had a fine time all through with breakfast at six o'clock they visited the ladies, returning to their home in the afternoon.

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Miss Jessie Flynn left last Saturday for Carlisle, where she has a position as fifth grade teacher in the public schools.

Ernest Melindy has entered the employ of E. S. Durant as driver and helper at his livery stable.

The New Prescott hotel, it is now announced, will be kept open later than October 1, as was decided last spring by Mr. Graham. The members of the New England Fox club, who were at the New Prescott last year, have asked to come there again, when the club meets here the last of October.

Mrs. T. E. Butler was in town from her new home in Swampscott last week, visiting friends.

On Thursday evening, September 7, Miss Anna Eoynton, president of the Community Service club, entertained the members at Sweet-briar lodge. It was an open-air meeting, a huge bonfire followed by a corn roast being enjoyed. The meeting was of a social character, although somewhat in the form of a farewell party, as many of the members, students and teachers, will be soon returning to their duties. The town is to be congratulated on possessing so many helpful young people.

Mrs. Clarence Hildreth and family were in town over Sunday. They will close their house on Townsend street for the present and reside in North Chelmsford.

Edward J. McCord, of Somerville, was at his home in town the first of the week.

Frost was reported in many places in town on Tuesday morning.

Miss Anna Sartelle has returned to her duties as clerk at Tower & Cook's after a two-week vacation.

Supr. A. R. Paul, who was in town last week, attending to necessary school details, motored to Old Orchard, Me., Saturday, accompanied by Miss Mildred Lunn and his son Raymond. They returned Sunday evening.

Miss Bertha Maloney, of Uxbridge, Me., is staying with her aunt, Mrs. James Dunn, to attend high school here.

Thursday afternoon, September 21, will be the last half holiday for the clerks this summer, as the stores will close no more this season.

Miss Doris Butler has returned from Swampscott and entered the high school here to resume her studies until she graduates. She is at the home of her aunt, Mrs. W. A. Kemp, where Mrs. Witt is staying. The young daughter, Mary and George, are with their father in Swampscott.

At the meeting of Prescott Grange held on Friday evening of last week, the program in charge of Miss Whitney, Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Simmons, was postponed, as Miss Whitney, the chairman, had but recently returned from a business session and had been unable to make preparation for it. A business session was held and plans discussed for the coming Grange fair to be held here on October 6, at which time Mrs. Margaret, of Lowell, is to be one of the speakers. The next meeting of the Grange, which will be held on Friday, September 22, will be neighbors' night. Graton Grange will entertain, and furnish the entertainment.

Mrs. A. E. Elkins returned from Portsmouth, N. H., on Saturday. Mrs. Pitman is still at the hospital there, now being threatened with rheumatic fever.

The news of the death of William Bennett, a former resident here, at his home in Petersham, Tuesday of last week, was received with regret by the nearest relatives in this section. Mrs. Harriet Gutterston, a niece, now residing in Ayer. The other residents of the town will recall Mrs. Bennett as having been a traveling salesman for a manufacturing concern in New York.

Mrs. Harriet Gutterston, of Ayer, was in town a part of this week, visiting some of her old friends and neighbors.

Mrs. Jerry Annis is quite ill of rheumatic fever at her home on High street.

Miss Gladys O'Neal is working for Mrs. J. McMurray, as Mrs. John McGrath is finished working there and is at home at present.

It is a matter of regret to the many friends and associates of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gaze, Jr., that the rumor that they may remove from town seems to be founded on fact. It is understood that Mr. Gaze has been offered a position in a factory, Ohio, which he may accept.

Miss Kathleen Boush came from Leominster to pass Sunday with her parents on River street.

At the Federal union picnic held at the Congregational church on last Sunday evening a most interesting address was delivered by Rev. H. A. Bridgman, editor of the "Ayerist" and pastor of the church, on the general movement along the lines of federation he complimented the people of the churches for their early start in the matter and suggested many new methods and ideas. A good sized audience availed themselves of the opportunity to hear him.

At the meeting of the Boy Scouts on Wednesday there was a general reorganizing for the work of the coming season and plans made for a camping trip before cold weather.

Miss Blanche Yeo of Framingham has been the guest of Mrs. Earl Menton and Mrs. Rupert Blood.

George Brown of New York has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, at the Keth place on Oak hill.

Mrs. C. B. Weaver of Milford, N. H., were the guests of Mrs. Rainsford Deware the first of the week.

At the bi-monthly meeting of the North Middlesex association of Unitarian ministers at Fairview, Monday, Rev. D. R. Child was elected scribe and treasurer. The address was given by Rev. O. J. Fairfield of Littleton.

Paul Maxwell was recently at his home in town from Middleboro. It is probable that Mrs. Maxwell and little daughter will go there to join him for the winter.

Bernard Wheeler of Nashua visited his aunt, Mrs. Fannie Lawrence, on his way to Fairview farm, returned Monday to Brooklyn, N. Y., accompanied by Miss Mildred Moran.

are to return home next week to attend school.

D. E. Weston has the contract for equipping a bath room for Mr. Hayes at the Wright place on Townsend St.

Mrs. Bessie Wright, manager at the telephone exchange, spent the week-end with friends at Portsmouth, N. H.

P. A. Hammond of Nashua, who is well known here from his connection with the Champion yard shop, is once more able to attend to his duties at the Champion International shop at Lawrence. He entered the hospital at Nashua for treatment for stomach trouble the last of June and has been under treatment up to within a few weeks ago.

The Men's club of the First Parish church will hold the first meeting of the fall season at Central hall on Tuesday evening, September 19. D. L. Whitmarsh, principal of the high school, will address the audience on town civics or community service work.

Miss Ethel Wells left town last week for Everett, where she has a position as teacher in the public schools.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jewett entertained Mr. and Mrs. Orin Kidder on last Sunday, who came from Ayer in their auto, accompanied by Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Gutterston and son Norman.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sanborn, who have been spending the summer in town with Mr. and Mrs. Allan McElhenney, Oak Hill, return to their home in Boston on Monday.

Miss Grace Hill, of Leominster, has been visiting Mrs. Carl Lawrence.

A meeting of the Girl Scouts was held on Thursday afternoon with the leader, Mrs. D. R. Child. Many of the members have passed the first test and some are taking the second test. There is quite an increase from the original membership.

We have thought that the youth of our town possessed quite a degree of smartness, but it seems to be retained by a young man from Lynn to teach them another lesson. We do not presume to make any assertions, but offer the following suggestions to any newly-started couple: If it is hinted that your bride may be missing from your side when you come to leave town, quietly but firmly tell her to stay, and in the general excitement, which will follow, get immediately to an auto and get a quick get-away. If a gay crowd gets another auto and attempts to accompany you, let the chauffeur turn your car into a side road, dim the lights, and let the hilarious ones go past, even thirty or forty miles to the place of your supposed destination.

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Frank Dray from Tacoma, Wash., visited old friends in town this week. He was on his way to Sacramento.

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Public Improvement. F. A. Cushing Smith of the Massachusetts Agricultural college spent a strenuous day in town on Friday of last week. He was met by the committee on public improvements, and taken to various parts of the town and if requested will make a survey of various spots capable of improvement and a map of the same.

Miss Florence Flynn goes to Everett on September 25. Her parents are in town.

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