

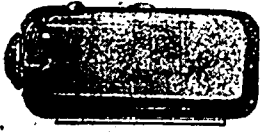
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### PEPPERELL

#### News Items.

Mrs. Susie W. Dort was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Balmforth, and family in Wollaston on Thanksgiving day.

Lyman Robbins has recently purchased the cottage house of Charles H. Jewett on Pleasant street, which he had occupied since last spring. On Thanksgiving day his father, George Robbins, and brother, Lewis Robbins, and family, were guests at dinner.

A slight correction should be made concerning the account of the hearing of the selection of the town last week. In the case of Mr. Masters, the district court, Ayer, on October 7, the records state: "John E. Masters, of Pepperell, was found not guilty of two complaints in court for assault and battery last Saturday and was discharged from custody." We make this correction for the sake of accuracy and in justice to Mr. Masters.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Harris entertained his uncle, Charles Harris, of Lowell; his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Harris, of Hampstead, N. H.; and Miss Lois Patterson, of South Merrimack, N. H., over Thanksgiving day.

Miss Elizabeth McNayr took a half holiday from her duties at Saunders store on Tuesday afternoon, going into Boston to hear Rev. W. A. Sunday.

Mrs. M. E. Reed went into Boston Wednesday night, accepting the invitation from her two sons to spend Thanksgiving as their guests, as their work just at this time makes it difficult for them to leave.

Miss Carrie Foskett returned to her home in Newtonville this week after a short visit with her friend, Mrs. Florence Willoughby.

Mrs. N. W. Appleton spent last week in Boston and vicinity, returning on Friday. She attended the patriotic and religious services celebrated by the D. A. R. on Monday, Puritan day, at King's chapel. The presence of a company of the state militia with their commander, Col. Charles Appleton, and the trooping of the colors, was a most impressive scene. The address

was delivered by Rev. Howard Brown, rector of the chapel, Rev. E. A. Horton, chaplain of the senate, reading an original poem. Martial music added to the service.

Miss Margaret Blood is spending Thanksgiving week with her sister, Miss Annah P. Blood in New York.

Emerson Cook motored to North Conway, N. H., Wednesday, to spend the week with his niece, Mrs. George Virgin, and family.

D. L. Whitmarsh spent the week-end with relatives in Barnstead, N. H. He also spent a part of the Thanksgiving vacation with his daughter in Bellows Falls, Vt.

The next meeting of the East Village Social club will be held with Mrs. Charles Goff, Pleasant street, Wednesday afternoon, December 6. On the day preceding Thanksgiving several families where there was sickness or other remembrances from this society, carried to them by its president, Miss Jordan.

Miss Edna Tarbell spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Brookline.

Miss Blanche Supernault went to Lynn Thanksgiving day to visit Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ham, remaining for a week-end visit.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Tower entertained her father, Mr. Spooner, from Peterham, the past week. Their sons also spent Thanksgiving day here, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Everts, of Roxbury.

**Birthday Party.**  
Little Natallie Blake celebrated her eighth birthday on Saturday, November 25. A little party with a birthday feast at the end was given from three to five o'clock by her grandparents, Mrs. N. W. Appleton, at her home at Blakemere, this being an annual custom. The guest of honor was the child's former school teacher, Miss Pond, her present teacher, Miss Joselyn, not being able to attend. There were also five little girls, Owen Parker, Katherine Maltman, Ruth Plimmer and Tinsie and Geraldine Parker. With the small hostess and her brother Theodore, the party numbered eight. Their lunch table was a charming

sight with its decorations of flowers, the rosebud and sunbonnet china, and the delectable birthday cake for each guest, and a basket of bon-bons for a souvenir. The special birthday cake with its eight pink candles occupied the place of honor in the center, and held a crystal vase in which was a tiny silk flag, to which all pledged allegiance. Miss Natalie received many presents and good wishes.

**Bazaar Great Success.**  
The bazaar held at the Opera House on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, ending with a dance on Wednesday evening, under the auspices of St. Joseph's church, surpassed all former efforts along this line. Perhaps the largest crowd was present on Saturday evening, when the minister show was presented. There were about fifty voices in the chorus and the soloists were Miss Mary T. Sullivan, who rendered "The story of a soul"; Madeline Sliney, who sang "One, two, three and four"; Leo Gagnon, "Turn back the universe"; Edmund Cote, "I am glad my sweetheart is not a soldier in the U. S. A."; Miss Geraldine Elkins, of Nashua, "He has got a beautiful girl"; Irene Salter, "Where did Robinson Crusoe go with Friday on Saturday night"; Joseph and Arthur Nalette, a song, "Good-bye, my good old bachelor days"; Master Hackett, song, "McNally's old high hat." All the artists were applauded to the echo.

On Monday evening the vaudeville was excellent, although some changes were caused by the non-appearance of Hickey and Donoue, of Nashua. Mr. Perry, of Lowell, appeared instead, in songs and dances, and Miss Margaret Gorman rendered piano solos. Doris Boulla, violin solos and Oliver Thayer, cello solos. Miss Greenache and Edward Hayes appeared according to program. In the sketch, "In the Philippines," Mrs. Joseph Attridge, as "Carita," the Spanish girl, won much applause. The part of "Sergeant Casey" was taken by Mr. Attridge, and Raymond Paul took the part of "Pedro," the Mexican. On Tuesday evening the sketch given by Mrs. Irene Attridge and Russell Wright was universally enjoyed, being of high order, and excellently portrayed by the two artists. Other entertainment was afforded by Messrs. Perry and Brown, from Lowell, and Hickey, and Donoue, from Nashua. Charles Early, of Nashua, the comedian, was also present.

The dancing party on Wednesday evening was fully attended by townspeople and parties from out of town. The contest on the subject of the best in favor of Mrs. M. Haggerty. The contest on the boy's suit is not announced at this time.

A partial list of the lucky ones in the contest for various articles is given as follows: J. L. Kezar won the willow chair; Mr. McGuire, Townsend, Morris chair; John Doyle, Mattapan, linen table cover; Howard Goff, 22, Prescot street, coat; Mrs. Thomas Gardner, \$5 grocery order; Irene McGuire, Townsend, \$5 gold piece; Nellie Lorden, doll; Katherine Sullivan, pair shoes; Alice Treadin, live turkey; Patrick Sliney, bed spread; Mary Lynch, aluminum tea kettle; Mary McDonald, cut glass dish; Alvin Bouchard, extension table; Mrs. Egan, 22, Prescot street, pocket watch; Adam Schottmiller, sacred heart statue; Mrs. F. W. Flynn, embroidered sacred heart; B. Reagan, hand-painted sacred heart; Mrs. Joseph Attridge, Thermos bottles; James Robinson, \$5 grocery order; Timothy Connelly, half cord of wood; Francis Lavalley, gold watch; Mrs. James Hackett, prize ticket.

### Church Notes.

On Sunday morning at the Methodist church the pastor will preach on the subject "The by-product of the christian church." In the evening at 7:30, his topic will be "Evangelism and our part in it." At the Epworth league meeting at 6:45 the subject will be "Missionary work among the children of India." Leader, the pastor.

At the united meeting of the workers in three Sunday schools of the Federated churches on Friday evening of last week, Rev. A. W. Bailey, of Boston, gave a plain, forceful address before a representative audience of the Federated churches. The speaker outlined what might be done in the work by Sunday school superintendents and teachers, although no definite action was taken. The main object was to arouse interest among the workers.

At the congregational church on Sunday, Rev. J. P. Lewis will preach at 10:45 in the morning. Sunday school will be held at noon, and junior meeting at 3:30. At seven o'clock there will be a report on the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions recently held in Northampton.

The Forward club held their monthly social in the vestry on this week Friday evening. Miss Kathryn Rouse was chairman of the committee.

On Sunday, December 10, the trustees are planning to have a canvass. It has worked well this past year and seems to be the most approved method of church support.

A fine Federation service was held by the three churches so combined on last Sunday evening at the Unitarian church. An appreciative audience listened to an address by Rev. L. C. Cornish, secretary of the American Unitarian association. His text was from "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills." His sermon was practical and comforting, dwelling upon the foundation of our faith. Music was rendered by a union choir of about twenty voices, under the direction of Mrs. E. H. Bliss. The other soloists were a serenade by Piusati, Mrs. J. O. Bennett presiding at the organ. The choir rendered the anthem, "Praise ye the Father," by Gilbert, and the entire service was thoroughly appreciated.

At the Unitarian church on Sunday morning the pastor will preach on the topic "Unitarian christianity, the easiest to understand—the hardest to live."

The Sunday evening service will be held at seven o'clock in the vestry services. These will be held at seven o'clock and will be largely musical. At these services will be stated the principles of liberal religion. On Sunday evening the preacher will be Rev. Edward Cummings, pastor of the South Congregational church, Boston. Speakers for the other evenings will

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WESTFORD

Center. Samuel H. Balch succeeds H. Bert Walker as caretaker of the Unitarian church since the former's removal from town.

One of the leading social events of the season will be the annual farmers' ball which will take place on January 5, with Poole's orchestra, of Boston in attendance.

Mrs. George T. Day, who underwent a serious surgical operation at her home on Friday of last week, is resting comfortably. Miss Regan is the nurse in attendance.

The date of the reception to welcome Rev. and Mrs. Howard A. Lincoln into the church and community has been changed from December 13 to December 12. The committee in charge are Mrs. J. E. Knight, Mrs. Isabel, Mrs. S. L. Taylor and Mrs. F. W. Bannister.

Mrs. and Mrs. John P. Wright are having alterations and improvements made in their home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wheeler spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Newport, R. I.

Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Buckhorn entertained Mr. John Burbeck and Misses Grace and Mary Burbeck for the holiday.

Rev. H. A. Lincoln enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Kimball over last Sunday.

Mrs. Edmund Day was eighty-four years young on Thursday of this week. Enjoying good health and with pleasant outlook in life she was the recipient of cards, flowers and other gifts; and good wishes for other pleasant birthdays.

The public libraries of the country and the Boy Scouts are co-operating in the observance of "Good book week" from December 1 to 7. The plan is to stimulate a more lively interest in good reading, especially among the young people, and to make available to parents help in selecting books for purchase as Christmas gifts for their children.

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Blaney and family spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Framingham.

Mrs. Augusta Prescott enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with her two sons; also, other kindred from out of town.

Rev. Howard A. Lincoln preached his first sermon as pastor of the Congregational church last Sunday. A good-sized audience listened to a good sermon on "The lives we build." At the evening service Mr. Lincoln spoke most appropriately for the Thanksgiving season on "The message of the Pilgrims." At a business meeting Mrs. James L. Kimball was accepted into membership by letter from Tremont Temple, Boston. A letter of dismission was granted to Mrs. Jennie E. Field, now living in Nashua. Mr. Lincoln, who arrived in town on Wednesday with Mrs. Lincoln, expects to get moved into and settled in the parsonage this week.

Arthur E. Day and James W. Rafter are among those who have attended the Billy Sunday meetings in Boston. A week from Saturday the Men's class and others plan to attend a service at the Sunday tabernacle in a body.

John M. Fletcher, Miss Eva A. Fletcher and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Buchold, the latter of Silver Hill, were the guests at J. H. Fletcher's Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar R. Spalding entertained a family group of twelve for Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Hildreth entertained their maiden relatives for the holiday. Harold W. Hildreth went to Brockton, where Mrs. Hildreth and baby Richard have been spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence.

Red Cross Christmas seals are on sale in town and it is hoped people will bear in mind the cause they represent and purchase them as liberally as they can.

Deaths. Mrs. Kendall Wright, who suffered a stroke of paralysis at the home of her son, Percy F. Wright, a week ago Saturday, died on Monday. Mrs. Wright, who was aged 79 years, 1 month and 6 days, was born in Westford, being the daughter of James Wright, of the north part of the town. In young womanhood she was married to Kendall Wright, and while her home has not always been in Westford, she has always cherished a keen interest in her native town and its people. She, with her late husband, were former members of the Union Congregational church. Mrs. Wright possessed a gentle, refined and capable personality. The funeral services were held at her late home on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. L. H. Buckhorn was the officiating clergyman and man. Mrs. Charles H. Wright and Mrs. David L. Greig sang "There's a beautiful place called heaven" and "The Christian's good night." The bearers were Horace Gould, H. L. Wright, Arthur E. Day and L. W. Wheeler. Interment was in the family lot in the North cemetery.

James B. Nathans, formerly of New York, and who had been spending the autumn with his daughter, Mrs. J. Henry Colburn, on account of impaired health, died at a hospital in Lowell on Thursday of last week. He had only been removed to the hospital but a few days previous to his death and at the last his death was sudden. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. J. Henry Colburn; also, a second wife and two young children. The burial took place at Fairview cemetery last Saturday afternoon at a committal service was conducted in charge of Rev. L. H. Buckhorn.

About Town. The Unitarian Sunday school gave a Thanksgiving concert on Sunday evening to a full and appreciative audience that was out to encourage and inspire.

The choir loaned themselves in the program as children of the Sunday school were William and Mary Carver, Marden and Gordon Seavey, Fisher Buckhorn, John Fletcher, Freida, Alice and Maude Johnson, Marion and Mildred Fletcher, Everett M. Benault, Edna Hamblin, Betty Prescott, Elizabeth Wells. Rev. L. H. Buckhorn also gave a reading.

Rev. L. H. Buckhorn preached an eloquent sermon last Sunday on "War and business ethics." Next Sunday he will speak on "The world's tragedy and the church."

J. Henry Colburn is in the carpenter employ of Needham & Fletcher, Littleton.

The staff from the Old Oaken Bucket farm is visiting at the Thomas E. Taylor's in Woodsville, N. H., who celebrates his seventy-third birthday and fiftieth anniversary of his marriage coming closely together the former on November 23, and the latter on November 28.

The Pitkin family of Vermont, formerly of the Drew-Read farm have become part of the farm reliance for labor.

Mrs. Solon Dodge, of Groton, has been a recent visitor with her uncle and aunt, Charles E. and Miss Belle Walker, at the old Walker homestead, on Main street.

The Old Oaken Bucket spent part of their energies and some appetite with the Fred A. Snows in West Chelmsford, Thanksgiving day.

Twenty-four from Westford Grange were in the brave line against storm, darkness and a liberal contribution of mud last week Thursday evening and fulfilled the neighbor night promise to West Chelmsford Grange. Tynings Grange was also present.

Mrs. George H. McGregor, of Westford Corner, observed with friends last week sixty-nine years' worth of life and be useful.

At the birthday-marriage anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Taylor in Woodsville, N. H., Tuesday, the G. A. R., by Comrade Willis, presented each with gold souvenirs, and the Pine street neighbors followed the same gratulatory relatives in Westford, West Chelmsford, Lowell, New Jersey, North Dakota and other places in New Hampshire were in the receiving line by the proxy of congratulations and substantial California gold.

There was a gathering of Grangers last Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. J. E. Knights, lecturer, in the lecture of the lecturer's program for 1917.

Deaths. Rev. Edward B. Magalhães died at his home in Westford, New Hampshire, on Friday, in his sixty-fifth year. He was ordained to the ministry in 1881, and for four years was minister of the Unitarian church in Harvard, Mass. For two years he was minister of the Unitarian church in Westford, and for two years he was one of the masters of the high school in Cambridge. In 1889 he was appointed superintendent of the schools in Easthampton. In 1891 he was elected superintendent of schools in Easton. In 1896 he was a director of the Bristol County Teachers' association and served five years. In 1893 he was called as minister of the First Parish in West Bridgewater, where he served as minister for more than twenty years. A resident of Westford, he will be remembered for his unflinching loyalty to convictions, and his cultured and genial personality and scholarly life. In political matters, as in his religious convictions, he was industriously loyal to truth as he read it up and thought and acted it in life. He was a loyal believer in free trade without any custom house, ready to defend this faith with all on-comers. While a resident of Harvard he was chairman of the democratic town committee, and in Westford was active in the cause of humanity as it revealed to him truth. He left a widow and several children.

Gravities. Miss Marie Louise Brule and Dennis Gagnon, two well-known young people of this village, were united in marriage at the parsonage residence of St. John's church, North Chelmsford, on Monday morning, November 27, at nine o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Henry L. Scott. The bridesmaid was Miss Ruby Gagnon, a sister of the groom, and the best man was Norber Brule, brother of the bride. The bride's costume was of white satin, trimmed with lace, with a wedding picture band of the prevailing mode. Immediately after the ceremony the wedding party were conveyed by automobile to Lowell, where a wedding breakfast was served at the Richardson house. In the evening a wedding reception was held at the bride's home in this village that was largely attended by friends of the young couple. After a brief wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Gagnon will take up their residence in this village.

W. Carroll Furbush, of the U. S. Torpedo Boat Destroyer Tucker, was a recent visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Furbush.

Rev. U. H. Layton, with Mrs. Layton and their young son, have recently moved from Livermore Falls, Me., to North Duxbury in the western part of this town, where Mr. Layton has accepted a call to a fine parish.

F. Russell Furbush left here recently to accept the position of manager of a large auto garage in Pittsfield.

The mills and shops closed here on Thanksgiving day as usual, and the day was spent very pleasantly in peaceful home gatherings.

Notices have been posted in the mills of the Abbot Worsted Company announcing an increase in wages in all employees, the same to go into effect commencing Monday, December 1.

The family of Alfred Prinn have recently moved into one of the new houses on River street.

The youngsters have been enjoying skating on some of the small streams in this vicinity.

GROTON

History of Groton Band. In December, 1888, U. H. Barrows was made first leader, a position which he held until December, 1892, a period of four years. Rehearsals continued without interruption. On February 27, 1893, the band played for a farmers' levee. The record says, "Got \$5 for the band and two tickets for each member." Throughout this winter the record shows how many men were present at each rehearsal. The lowest number was on March 2, when only five men showed up; the highest on May 11, when sixteen men practiced. The average was about ten or eleven.

The only engagement out of the routine was on July 18, when the band played at the "Parker Fletcher grounds with the Kickapoo Indians for the benefit of the Johnston sufferers."

The program of a concert given on August 21 is given in the records and is worth printing to show the kind of

music they played at that time: Nabant March; Gen. Banks' March; Old Times March; Adjutant Keeler March; Schottische, "Bury Thoughts of Schottische," "Dear One Far Away"; Waltz, "The Little Fishermalder"; Overture, "Our Bride"; Polka, "Anvil." Probably the order in which the band recorded was not the order in which they were played, as four marches in succession would be out of the ordinary.

Nothing of special interest appears again in the records until May 9, 1891, when we read that the last meeting was held in Music Hall. This place had been used for twelve or fourteen years and was a good one, as John Donahue says, "It was hot in the summer and cold in the winter." The band had to vacate, we understand, because the town wished to fix up the room for a grade school. They went from Music Hall to the room in the town hall building where they meet at the present time, the town kindly giving them the room.

On October 23, 1891, the band played for a firemen's muster in Ayer. On May 23, 1892, the following men were proposed for membership: Thomas Black, Patrick Sullivan, John Donahue, John Devine and Henry Adams, and on May 23, they were voted in, on which date Oren Cummings was given a discharge.

Thomas Black was a colored fellow and played snare drum. Everyone who played with him agrees that he was a drum major, and that he "faked" more than he read the part. He played xylophone as well as drums. He had the negro's proverbial good humor and kept the band jolly whenever they went on a march. He played with the band until he moved to Leominster.

Patrick Sullivan was a blacksmith in Peppercorn and played E-clarinet. George Blood says he was the first to stamp his name on his part to each selection. He played several years with the band.

John Devine played clarinet and lived in West Groton. He came over to rehearsals with Henry Adams, who also lived in West Groton at that time. He did not remain in the band long, as John Donahue had been mentioned before. He says that he moved to Cambridge in 1887, and on his return did not rejoin the band. We cannot understand the misunderstanding between this statement and that contained in the record book, unless there was another man by the same name. This will be cleared up later.

Henry Adams, although only proposed for membership in 1888, had played with the band off and on for ten years. When he moved to Groton he was urged to become a regular member. Mr. Adams' career in music began with the Mulpus band, under the direction of Stephen Tyler, in the seventies. Mr. Tyler was acquainted with Mr. Adams, worked with him together cooping, and when upon starting the Mulpus band he needed a baritone player, he sent word to Henry Adams to get an instrument. Mr. Adams went to Worcester for a baritone and quickly "caught on" to blowing it, and went to rehearsals with the Mulpus band.

Although Mulpus, situated between West Groton and Lunenburg, is some distance from Groton, still its band is interesting to us because it represents the starting point in the musical careers of a number of well-known local musicians of the present day. It would be interesting to study into the causes, at certain periods in the last century, of musical progress in Groton in out-of-the-way towns. Whether this social phenomenon was due to the desire of ensemble playing on brass instruments, to the anticipated social activities of the band, or just to the pure love of music which has to express itself, it would be difficult to determine; but it must have been, at all events, a by-product of a certain stage of community cultivation.

A band is, we believe, almost unknown in a town of two or three thousand in a state like Texas. The ambition of the men who started movements resulting in building up bands in towns like Ashby, Townsend, Groton, Peppercorn and Mulpus, is certainly praiseworthy.

But to return to the Mulpus band. They rehearsed in the schoolhouse there, and some of the best known musicians in the country towns in this vicinity had their first work in this place. The Lancy brothers, Roswell, Frank and William, and T. E. Flarity of Townsend, Huntley Turner and Otis Kirtledge of Ayer, and several others of West Groton are persons known to all musicians in this section—they all began at Mulpus.

All of the Mulpus men did not turn out successful musicians. One member, who shall be nameless, took up cornet. He used to come to rehearsals in a two-wheeled gig, with his instrument slung beneath his seat. He did not make progress enough to suit Mr. Tyler and the latter told him goodheartedly that he had better give it up. The young musician was highly incensed and said that he might not be as good as the best of them, but he was better than some. He continued to play, doing considerable damage in his section of the town. There seemed to be no less heroic method of discouraging him, so one night the fellows extorted his cornet from beneath the gig and threw it into the pond near the schoolhouse. That ended the unhappy musician's career. Otis Kirtledge, of Ayer, led the Mulpus band one year, and states that he has a very good memory of playing in Fitchburg and other places.

Mr. Adams progressed quite rapidly on the baritone, but being of a very accommodating nature, he shifted from one instrument to another. Tyler's request to fill up the weak places. One reason he played E-cornet with Warren Lane; at another time E-cornet, and again valve trombone. It was not for some years that he shifted to bass, which he still plays. Besides playing the brass instruments Mr. Adams plays drums, violin and the instruments of the mandolin family. For the past three winters he has played with Odell's Boston Festival Mandolin club at their concerts in Boston. Mr. Adams went back and forth from West Groton to Groton several seasons. In 1891, business being rather low with the Groton organization, he organized the West Groton Cornet band, becoming first leader, teacher and manager. Fred Blood, Wallace and Otis Kirtledge, Edward Mellish and Fred Sleeper are some of the men who played in the band at West Groton. Mr. Adams gave Mr. Sleeper his first lessons in music, starting him on cornet, which he played for several years. He found his forte to be baritone, however, and when once on this instrument he progressed rapidly, becoming one of the best baritone players in this section. He played cornet, alto and baritone with the Groton band at different times, and for many years has played with the Shirley and Ayer bands, where his solos are still listened to with a great deal of pleasure.

Mr. Adams hired a few Groton men to play in his band, bought uniforms from the Leominster band, held strenuous rehearsals, and on Decoration

day, 1891, appeared in public, playing in Lunenburg. Throughout the summer band concerts were given in front of the bandstand hall, or at the homes of any of the citizens who would invite and treat the band. Entertainments were held and money enough raised to pay all debts. But it was too much of a competition with the older band in Groton, and so the West Groton organization passed out of existence in less than a year.

(To be continued)

LITTLETON

News-Items. Mrs. Minnie Johnson is in Winthrop helping care for her grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Smith, in her ninety-sixth year, who is suffering from the infirmities of advanced age.

Harry W. Knights has bought the setting park and his men and horses working on the land.

On Wednesday afternoon, December 6, the United Workers met with Mrs. George H. Kimball, leader, Mrs. F. S. Kimball, subject, "Following the cross." Current events, Mrs. Alvord.

Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield will deliver his James W. Riley lecture in Nashua, N. H., last week Wednesday.

Sunday, December 10, has been selected as a date for the every-member canvass in the Orthodox Congregational church. Extensive preparations are being made and it is hoped that the church finances will be put upon a firm basis.

Ernest Lund has resigned from the janitorship of the Orthodox church.

Rev. J. C. Alvord expects to preach on "The every-member canvass," Sunday.

The War Relief association will meet with Mrs. William Manning Brown on next week Thursday.

Rev. William C. Brown spent last week with the family of Rev. John Malick in Salt Lake City. He is expected home next week after an absence of two months.

Mrs. A. W. Turner, of Milford, N. H., visited at H. P. Proctor's early this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Warren Fletcher, Mrs. Carrie Nye, Miss Mary Nye, Miss Myrtle and Edith Fletcher, and Roland Fletcher had a pleasant Thanksgiving at Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fletcher's.

The Burton S. Plank family, of Andover, and C. F. Plank and daughter Marion were at C. K. Houghton's on Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Parker entertained as their Thanksgiving guests his mother, Mrs. Fred Parker, of Billerica, and her sister, Mrs. Charles B. Anthony, of Boston.

Miss Florence Brown, teacher, of Milton, was the holiday guest of her sister, Mrs. W. C. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hopkins entertained a party of nine from Winthrop, Wakefield, and Jerry, N. H.

Mrs. Annie C. Smith is spending a week with friends in Worcester.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Kimball and L. W. Bartlett and daughter, of Greenfield, were holiday guests of Mrs. J. A. Kimball and Miss Kimball.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Whitecomb attended the funeral of Miss Chase in Lynn on Wednesday.

Antonio Tace has moved into the Everett Kimball tenement house on Harwood avenue.

Charles Gordon and family, of Newton, were at H. Brown's, King street, over Thanksgiving.

Mrs. P. S. Whitcomb welcomed her children and grandchildren of the H. A. Robbins family, of Newton, and the G. M. Lovejoy family of Hartford, through the holiday season.

Mrs. Minnie Hartwell entertained Mrs. Ada Ireland and son William, the G. F. Hibbards, Mrs. Mary F. Robbins and the George Haywards Thursdays.

Amos Black succeeds Mr. Young as foreman for Dr. Cross on his New-town farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kimball will have a large family reunion at their home on Sunday as all could not be present Thanksgiving day.

Goodwin Warner sold his farm, known as the Cyrus Pickard place, to Robert Cobb, of Brookline. Mr. Warner will continue to live in his present home.

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talking would do for labor in the event of his election. Within two weeks after election and almost before the votes were officially counted comes the announcement that \$8,000,000,000 of capital, are organizing for the purpose of stamping out the unions through the country and a big fund is being subscribed to defray the expenses of this somewhat difficult job. The matter came up before the A. F. of L. convention in Baltimore which has just adjourned and had the effect of bringing together all the component parts of that organization and brought out a vigorous declaration of war which was adopted unanimously, thus preparing the way, if both sides stick to their guns, for the greatest war between labor and capital the world has ever seen. All petty differences between the various labor unions were instantly dropped and all fell into line as against a common enemy. The railroads, too, have started vigorous measures to nullify the eight-hour law for the men, showing that they perfectly understood it was necessary as a pre-election bluff to stave off the threatened strike of the trainmen. Undoubtedly congress will try to pass a compulsory arbitration act early in the session in the endeavor to cripple the unions in the future in the matter of striking. President Wilson, it has to be admitted, was honest enough to give his out-spoken approval of such a measure even before election and it is not to be expected he will have changed his opinion in favor of labor since that event. If the supreme court follows its usual action on laws favoring the working class it will promptly declare the Adamson law unconstitutional, thus giving the railroad men a chance to start the fight all over again. Although the prospects for a lively scrap between labor and capital seems extra good. Those working men who believe it is better to vote for what you don't want and get it rather than vote for what you want and not get it, ought to be particularly well satisfied with the results of the election, for it surely looks like they would get just what they voted for—and then some." V. T. E. WOMEN MAKE CHILDREN FRETFUL. Victim of worms. Begin treatment at once with Kickapoo Worm Killer. This candy laxative in tablet form kills the worms and removes it quickly and easily. Don't permit your child's development to be retarded by the continued draining of his vitality by worms. Get Kickapoo Worm Killer at your Druggist, 25c.

## LITTLETON

## News Items.

The Baptist church held its second parish-wide visitation, or every member canvass on last Sunday afternoon, ten teams of visitors, two in each team, making the rounds of the families during the afternoon and returning to the church to compare notes and to report at the evening service.

Mrs. Margaret Parker, Mrs. Alice Prouty, Mrs. Harriet Kimball, Mrs. Florence Wilcox and Miss Marton Plazg spent a very pleasant afternoon as guests of the Groton Woman's club on Friday of last week.

Misses Fannie and Gertrude Sanderson have closed the old homestead for a while during the cold weather and have taken an apartment on Walnut street in Boston.

The Ames Black family will return from Concord Junction and again make their home in Newtown, having engaged the McKinley house.

At the evening meeting on Sunday there will be a union service with the intermediates. Robert Wood is the leader appointed. Subject, "Little chances to help."

The Forget-not circle of the King's Daughters will meet on Tuesday, December 5, at the usual time and place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell spent Sunday and Monday in Boston.

## Death.

Daniel C. Fletcher, of Charlestown, passed away on Monday night, November 27, at the age of 88 years and 6 months. Funeral services were held in the Unitarian church on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock, and interment was in the family lot at Westlawn. Mr. Fletcher was one of the young men who answered the call for volunteers in 1861, and gave his services willingly and heroically for the preservation of the union. He wrote an account of his experiences some years ago and many of our townspeople have read with much interest the very commendable product of his ready pen. Much of his life was spent on the home farm in Newtown, and though absent in body for several years his interests in his old home and the community have always remained with him, and his visits here have been frequent until the infirmities of age necessitated made them impossible.

Mr. Fletcher was the only survivor of the Mozart (Civil War) Regiment of New York and a member of the Massachusetts Legislature in 1874. He, who was the last of his family, was a son of Jonathan and Lydia Hammond Fletcher, and was born in Charlestown. He attended Westford academy. He enlisted in April, 1861, in Company H of the Fortieth New York Regiment, known as the Mozart Regiment. He was shot in the leg at the Battle of Chancellorsville, September 1, 1862, and because of this wound was discharged from the service. Mr. Fletcher had been a member of E. S. Clark post, G. A. R., of Groton, but in late years transferred his membership to Francis Guild post of Arlington.

## Thanksgiving Guests.

The W. A. Munsons of Walpole were Thanksgiving guests of the J. H. Hardy's. The H. F. Proctors were entertained at J. M. Hartwell's. Misses Fannie and Gertrude Sanderson dined with Judge Sanderson and family in Ayer. E. L. Shedd of Belknap Falls spent Thanksgiving season with his daughter, Mrs. L. A. Hager and family. The N. H. Whitcomb family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Adams of Concord Junction, who welcomed all the Adams brothers and sisters. Miss Marjorie Turner, a Ware friend, teaching in the York Village, Me., High school, Misses Priscilla and Junia Fairfield of E. T., and John G. Fairfield of Massachusetts Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y., enjoyed a holiday reunion at Rev. O. J. Fairfield's. Douglas Whitcomb and family with the E. P. Carr family of Somerville spent Thanksgiving at Waterbury, Conn., at Herbert Whitcomb's. George Gardner and family of Nashua, N. H., were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Whitcomb. A large family gathering enjoyed Thanksgiving at A. P. Gardner's. J. A. Wright entertained his children and grandchildren. Miss Claudis Kimball of Gardner, Miss Mary Kimball of Framingham, Miss Evelyn Kimball of Athol and Miss Katherine Kimball of Simmons college with her room-mate, Miss Bond, were at Everett Kimball's Thanksgiving.

## L. W. C.

All conditions favored the Woman's club Monday evening and every feature of Guest night contributed to make a complete success. Fine weather could not be desired. The club members and guests from town and many from outside were present in large numbers. The congregational vestry was conveniently furnished and homelike in appearance. The club president, Mrs. Margaret Parker, with becoming modesty and pleasing grace, presented the speaker and musician of the evening, Charles Newton Pollard, a former acquaintance of Littleton people, a profound music student and able teacher, who gave an instructive lecture followed by his skilful rendering of music by German, Italian, French and Russian composers. Mr. Pollard's entertainment met with such high favor that the request for another in the future by this accomplished artist was urged. The social hour in the vestry was a feature that all enjoyed. Under the supervision of Mesdames Howard, Jacobs and Eames, cake and ice cream were served. The club ushers deserve a good word for their courteous service and all who planned and helped carry into effect the arrangements for the evening may accept thanks and congratulations for the happy culmination of their efforts.

## Clipping.

From the Textile World Journal we quote the following:

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GROTON

News Items. Owing to the conflict with the Woman's club meeting on Friday of last week the senior class high school food sale was held Thursday afternoon of last week. The tables were prettily arranged in a hollow square in Miss Woods' room of the high school building. On these tables the food was placed in an attractive manner. In spite of the steady rain the sale was successful, netting the class twenty dollars.

Mrs. Herbert Shattuck of Melrose and formerly of this town is visiting Mrs. Maranah in Lowell for a few days. Meanwhile she is making calls on old acquaintances here.

The concrete foundation walls are being laid by C. H. Dodge for his house on Champey street. The house is being situated close to the highway and was moved there from Hollis street. When moved onto the foundation the buildings will be in line with the others on that street.

The Neighborhood club held its fortnightly meeting on Wednesday afternoon of last week with Mrs. Lizzie B. Clough. The roll call with quotations was followed by the business meeting. Two very interesting Thanksgiving stories were read by Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Clough, each reading one, after which work was resumed on the comfort slippers for the French soldiers and as usual there were the refreshments and singing to close the pleasant social time.

Rev. and Mrs. Endicott Peabody are to give a dance at the Somerset, Boston, on Monday evening, December 18, at which they will present their daughter, Miss Margery Peabody.

The Groton Branch Alliance will hold their annual fair in town hall on Thursday afternoon, December 14. Doors open at 2:30. There will be different tables, such as fancy, toy, household articles, aprons, cake, candy, etc. There will be a supper in the lower town hall at 6:30 o'clock. At eight o'clock there will be given in the main town hall the moving picture show of "Silas Marner," by famous artists.

The Christmas Carol, written by Charles Dickens, is to be given by the Groton High school on Saturday evening, December 9. There will be dancing after the play until 1:30. The play is given by the English club, with the exception of one of the principal characters, who is a post graduate of '16.

The next meeting of the W. R. C., will be the election of officers for the ensuing year.

There were Thanksgiving family gatherings at the homes of Silas Northrup, G. H. Woods, Mrs. Needham and the family circle. Mrs. Smith had a reunion at one of the homes.

Lawyer Charles B. Campbell, grandson of C. H. Berry, is now located in Nashua, N. H., in the law office of George Charles Smith. He is a notary public and justice of the peace, as well as a practicing lawyer.

Mrs. Leila Nutting spent Thanksgiving at the home of her sister, Mrs. Simonds, in Lowell.

Miss Ellen Priest has been spending the week with her niece, Mrs. Northrup and family at Arlington.

Harvey Woods, son of Allen Woods, left home last week Friday for Chester, Pa., where he has a position in the mercantile department of a store. Cedric E. Hodgman came home from South Hamilton to spend Thanksgiving.

The items commenting on the lecture of last week Thursday evening and the report of the senior class food sale with several other items appearing in the Groton column this week, were sent in last week, but for some reason unexplained the letter was carried past to some extent. The items did not reach the Ayer postoffice until late Friday afternoon, when the papers were all printed.

The Chilopee Row folks had another of their royal soirees at the old schoolhouse last week Friday evening. It was in keeping with the season and the program was arranged by Mrs. N. H. Breckinridge, who very successfully made the evening a part in the little play, "The first Thanksgiving." This was largely of a patriotic sentiment with quite a dramatic closing, when old George, which was thrown out to view and all greeted it singing, "The star spangled banner." After that came the spelling match, Mary Lewis and Gertrude Breckinridge being the two captives and Mrs. Breckinridge giving out the words. Then came the "spelling down" with a prize to the speller who took longest. This was won by Mrs. Geo. S. Knapp. Light refreshments were served and then followed a social good time. There were 37 present.

The fire of Monday afternoon was in East Groton, the superintendent in the department of the town with his assistants was there burning brush when the fire got away from them and spread so rapidly that the assistance of the fire company was called for.

There was a home gathering of all the family circle at W. M. Tyrrell's on Thanksgiving day, a dozen in all, and the first complete reunion of the family for four years. Mr. and Mrs. Tyrrell welcomed home their eldest daughter, Mrs. Clark Hall, with her husband and their three children were there, also Miss Irene Tyrrell, teacher, came home from Springfield and Dorothy, the youngest, high school girl, made the twelve.

The next regular meeting of Groton Grange will be held Wednesday evening, December 6, instead of the regular night, as the members are planning to attend the state grange meetings in Boston December 12, 13 and 14.

The History of the Groton Band will be found on page two. C. H. Berry, commander of E. S. Clark post, received word Sunday of the passing away that day of Comrade Peppercorn. He was a steady falling member of the post and to the W. R. C., who regret losing another from the ranks. Comrade Lawrence was an active member when ill health prevented his taking any office and also used to meet at the social gatherings and reunions with the W. R. C. He was

well known in Groton and was an uncle of our citizen, George E. Lawrence of Hollis street. He was a Civil war soldier of Co. B. 32d Mass. regt. and often told interesting reminiscences of his war experience. He was wounded at Fredericksburg when he was crippled for life. The post attended his funeral from his late residence in Peppercorn street last afternoon. The interment was in cemetery at Peppercorn.

Commander Berry of the E. S. Clark post received word on Tuesday night that another G. A. R. comrade had died. Daniel Fletcher, of Littleton who was a member of the post, and used occasionally to come over to post meetings and Memorial days, died in Charleston on Monday, November 27. The death of Comrade Lawrence, whose funeral was on Tuesday, and of Comrade Fletcher, both crippled veterans, leaves only eight comrades belonging to E. S. Clark post, on Thursday.

The senior class of the high school have arranged for a concert and ball to be held in the town hall on December 15. They have engaged a fine orchestra from Worcester.

The class of 1920 of the high school organized on Tuesday with the following choice of officers: Harvey Lawrence, pres.; Hazel Randall, sec.; Harwood Eaton, treas. Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Cook, Dea. and Mrs. Ansel Shattuck and Mrs. H. H. Gay, going in Mr. Cook's auto, went to Boston and heard Billy Sunday on Tuesday. They heard nothing that would adversely criticize in his sermon and the music was especially inspiring.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Bennett had their customary party of relatives at Thanksgiving dinner. At the Grange meeting on Tuesday evening the following officers were elected for 1917: Mrs. Blanche Brown, m.; Kenneth Sawyer, o.; Mrs. Arlene Bishop, sec.; Mrs. Edna M. Peabody, treas.; Jerry Harrington, sec.; Wallace A. Brown, treas.; Fred Lawrence, sec.; William Folkins, ass't. stew.; Edith Messenger, l. a. s.; William Sanderson, m.; William Dodge, Corer; Florence Perkins, Flor.; Blanche Frazer, Pomona; Helen Barrows, pianist; Elmer Sawyer, ex. com.

The selection have just made the tour through the town as is required by law to see that the guide posts and boundary stones are all in good condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Shattuck entertained a party of relatives and family and other relatives on Thanksgiving.

Closing Wednesday afternoon, the schools enjoy a Thanksgiving recess until Monday.

There were thirty or more Odd Fellows who went to the sessions of Tuesday night. A fraternal visit was being held in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. George Meyer and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Leonard and two daughters, Marguerite and Edna, had their Thanksgiving gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dillbert Duran's. Mr. Frank, a friend from Burlington, Vt., was also of the number at Mr. Dillbert's.

The next meeting of the Woman's club will be on Friday afternoon, December 8. The department of civics, Mrs. F. E. Woods, chairman; subject, "How we can improve our village." Speakers, Prof. F. C. Smith, of the Agricultural college. This is an open meeting and everybody is cordially invited to attend. John Mainville has sold the old Hodgman place in the town of Ayer, consisting of Mrs. S. E. Lewis and family, to A. G. Potter, of Newton, who will occupy it part of the time as a week-end home. Mr. Mainville intends to make extensive improvements on the property and will add new buildings such as he needs. Mr. Mainville has purchased a tract of heavy timber land on the former site of thirty-three acres, from Mrs. Daniel Needham. He will clear off a part of the land and intend to build a house next spring. Mr. Potter, who occupies a bungalow on the former Almon Black place on the Ayer road, is in partnership with a brother of the Hodgman family who purchased the old Hodgman place.

The members of the Congregational church and congregation, who are planning to contribute to the Thanksgiving fund, are requested to present their offerings on Sunday morning. Mr. M. Howe spent Thanksgiving with family friends at Maple farm, Oxford. Mr. Howe has not been able to meet with the Oxford branch of the family on the national festival day since the death of the ministry forty-two years ago.

The mid-week service at the Congregational church was omitted this week.

"New England in summer and winter" will be the subject of the lecture to be given by E. S. Jones, official photographer for the Boston and Maine railroad in the Luther Hood free public lecture course in the town hall on Tuesday evening, December 5. This is the second lecture in the season's course and will begin at eight o'clock, the lecture being finely illustrated.

Walter Wolf, the Lawrence academy student, who sustained a fracture of the spine while playing football against the Huntington school on November 18, is getting along nicely and will come out all right.

Union Thanksgiving Meeting. The union Thanksgiving service held at the Congregational church was well attended, an estimated number of 150 or more being present. Rev. C. B. Ames had charge of the exercises, which opened with the doxology, followed by the invocation, and then the singing of an anthem and reading of the scriptures by Mr. Ames, and prayer by Rev. G. M. Howe. Rev. B. E. Tucker chose for the text of his very earnest sermon and message to his audience, "In all things give thanks, not alone for the blessings, but for the discipline that comes with the crosses of life. This was a real enthusiastic Thanksgiving sermon and seemed to reach the hearts of his hearers. The music by the choir was admirably rendered. Great praise is due those who had charge of the work of singing the songs. The pulpit decorations were very attractive. The centerpiece consisted of the produce of garden and orchard and was very effective. Thanksgiving services will continue to be held in much favor and every year are enjoyed by members of the churches represented.

Luther Blood Free Course. The first lecture of the season in the Luther Blood free course was held on Thursday evening. Notwithstanding the darkness and steadily falling rain there was a very good house, much larger than was really expected under such weather conditions. There is hardly need to say that a large number of townspeople were disappointed in feeling obliged to miss the lecture of

Prof. Woon Young Chun of Harvard college, a native Chinaman, who was a most attractive speaker, using the most perfect English and in our own fashion. He is a young man about 22 years of age and was educated in this country. He is a native of Shanghai and gave descriptions of the life and customs of his native land in an entertaining manner. Prof. Woon Young Chun was given a warm reception by his Groton audience. Chinamen are not so very rare now even in our country, owing to the fact that they are coming here in giving us a public lecture. Here of late the trustees of the lecture fund makes always special effort to give our fellow citizens as good an entertaining variety of lectures as is possible and Groton is certainly favored in this respect.

The Military Ball. The military ball given by the Groton Military Training School, Thanksgiving eve proved a remarkable success from every point of view. The attendance numbered over four hundred, by far the largest gathering of the kind in Groton for many years. The military ceremonies, the concert, and the dance went off beautifully. The receipts were in the neighborhood of one hundred dollars, of which just about one-half represents profit; this will be ample for the purpose for which the dance was held—the purchase of enough Krags to meet the present needs of the Provisional Company.

The stage, the balcony, and the double row of seats around the hall were filled with people before eight o'clock and many were obliged to stand during the ceremonies. All classes and ages were represented. At eight o'clock Lawrence Park, on behalf of his son, Thomas Lothrop Motley Park, and in memory of Col. Thomas Lothrop Motley, presented to the provisional company a national color, of silk, with the name of the carrier, pike and case. Mrs. John Lawrence then presented a similar state color, a white flag bearing the seal of the company and the motto of the special old society, the W. R. C. and of Mrs. Lawrence herself. Both presentations were accompanied by brief and graceful patriotic addresses. The addresses were made by the three company officers, Capt. Walter Powers and Lieut. Harold W. Ayres and Edward B. Branigan, Capt. Powers expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the provisional company.

The soldiers then retired to the lower town hall, leaving a guard of eight men, under command of Capt. Powers, to stand around the hall. A bugle was heard from below following the assembly. Presently First Sergeant Fred H. Torrey and adjutant, Col. Sgt. Fred H. Torrey, entered the hall and took their posts near the stage. The musicians then sounded adjutant's call. The first platoon, under command of Lieut. Ayres, marched in and into the hall; the guides ran out on the line; and the platoon came up to the line from the rear, halted and dressed. The second platoon, under Lieut. Branigan, followed, and the adjutant, with the smartness and precision with which they executed the commands and the position of the platoon, they were halted caused complimentary remarks from all parts of the hall, and even occasioned here and there some snatches.

When the two platoons were in position, the color guard marched in, consisting of Col. Sgt. Lawrence, Col. Sgt. Ayres, Frank Lawrence, carrying the state color, and Private Amos Ames and William A. Lawrence. When they had taken their place between the platoons, Capt. Powers took from the company's honor staff, consisting of First Sergeant, Torrey, Quartermaster Sgt. Carl A. P. Lawrence, Corp. Dan G. M. and ten non-commissioned officers from Groton School. The first sergeant brought the company to present arms and reported that the company was formed. Lieut. Branigan's platoon was then detailed to receive and escort the national color. It marched out of the hall, carrying the color, and then left, the captain and staff changed position, to face in the same direction as the company. At this point an unexpected voice, coming from an unexpected quarter, Private Michael J. Denahy's little daughter, having just succeeded in picking out her father, saluted him by calling out heartily, "Hi, daddy!" The effect of the salute and laughter were dying away the bugle in front of the postoffice blowing to the color announced that the band struck up a march, and the second platoon marched in, Col. Sgt. Park, with the national color, in the center. In front of the captain they swung around into line and halted, and sent arms, and the bugles again sounded to the color. The color then took its place in the line and the second platoon marched to its position.

After a short rest the dress parade was held. The first sergeant posted the platoon guides, Adjutant's call was sounded, whenupon the platoon on the new line. The first sergeant then commanded "Parade rest," and ordered the band to sound off. The buglers marched from one end of the line to the other and back again, the band playing. When they were back in place retreat was blown by Mr. Rainie, the leader of the orchestra. That beautiful call was immediately followed by the Star Spangled Banner. The audience rose and the company presented arms. At the conclusion of the music the first sergeant faced the color, saluted and reported, "Sir, the parade is formed." The captain directed him to take his post, drew saber and gave a few commands in the manual of arms, after which he directed the first sergeant to receive the reports and publish the orders. The orders detailed Lieut. Ayres as officer of the guard, on command, took posts with the captain, on his left. Capt. Richard Lawrence, personally perfect as Capt. Powers' command of the first platoon and Sgt. Arthur W. Lamb of the second platoon, Capt. Powers commanded.

"Parade rest," and the band playing, the company formed column of squads, then column of platoons, and marched past the officers and staff, their alignment perfectly perfect as Capt. Powers' men all executing "Eyes right." After passing the reviewing line they were marched off the floor, and the ceremonies were over. The performance of the Provisional Company deserved, and received, great praise. One of the members of the orchestra, who has seen hundreds of similar ceremonies, remarked that he had seen few so well performed. A military concert of half an hour

followed. The orchestra was composed of the best men from Severn and Concord. Most week under the leadership of Herbert W. Rainie. The music received many praises during the evening. The dancing began with a grand march by Lieut. and Mrs. Branigan and Capt. and Mrs. Lawrence. At 11:30 mess call was sounded to announce the supper served by George Meyer in the lower town hall. The mess was resumed at midnight and tips were blown at one o'clock.

The committee in charge, to whom is due the greatest share of the credit for the success of the affair, consisted of Priv. Frank A. Torrey, chairman, Sgt. Arthur W. Lamb, Corp. Stephen W. Sabine, Cook Fred G. Carpenter and Priv. William Denahy. G. W. C.

It was sure a red-letter day of the Woman's club on last week Friday afternoon, it being neighborhood meeting and guests were present from the clubs of Ayer, Fitchburg, Harvard, Littleton, Peppercorn, Shirley and Westgrove. The members of the club were out in full numbers, so that the hall was taxed to its capacity. Mrs. Marion Torrey, the president, was in the chair and introduced the first speaker, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe—as she introduced her daughter, Mrs. Laura E. Richards, the reader of the afternoon.

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News Items. Robert Hartwell, of Durham college, is at home for Thanksgiving recess. It is understood that E. A. Strout has sold his farm, the Stillman Farm place, to a Mr. Hutchinson of Maiden, formerly of Vermont state. However, the papers have not been passed the middle of the week.

A large audience greeted Mrs. Anna Tillaght, the famous orator at the Lyceum Tuesday evening, who gave a brilliant revelation of her national ability as orator. She handled her subject with the grasp of a master and met fully the expectations of the eager listeners as she unfolded her scholarly arguments in a clear, logical, and charming manner of presentation and charming personality are by no means the least of her valuable assets as an orator. She was entertained, at Mrs. W. C. Brown's.

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HARVARD

News Items. An all-day meeting of the King's Daughters will be held with Mrs. H. B. Ross on Thursday, December 7.

Mrs. Agnes Hemis entertained as guests of herself and brother, Henry Crossley, at the Crossley home, for Thanksgiving dinner, the Misses Charlotte and Minnie Crossley of East Groton; Miss Miss Peattie, of New York City; Miss Carrie Crossley, of Middleboro; W. H. Gould, of Boston; Miss Josephine Disney of Springfield, the sisters of Boston, A.; Miss Lola Bemis, of Boston, and Reuben Reed.

Charles N. Pollard gave his lecture recital on Monday evening before the Littleton Woman's club on their annual night. The subject being "Incidents in life abroad," with Russian, French, Italian and German organ music. The audience were very enthusiastic. Mr. Pollard's lecture in East Groton on next Tuesday, illustrated with the piano music of those different nations.

Fiske Warren, with his electrical and farm machinery, will start on Wednesday for Spain, their objective being Andorra, where Mr. MacLennan will install an electric plant for the benefit of the village. They expect to be gone about ten weeks.

Miss Edna McMahan, of Ayer, spent the holiday with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Miner.

Miss Ruth McMahan, of Leominster, was a guest for over Thursday with Miss Jessie Canney.

Just fifty members of the families of Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Ryan, with George Hardy and daughter Hazel, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Miner and Mrs. Edna McMahan, celebrated their Thanksgiving feast at the town hall. Dinner was served in the lower hall and afterwards the party adjourned to the upper hall, where a general social good time was enjoyed.

BOXBOROUGH

News Item. The will of Augustus W. Wetherbee of this town, who died in Ayer on November 2, filed at the probate court in East Cambridge, gives the sum of \$500 to the Evangelical Congregational church, in trust, and the sum of \$100 to the public library. A proviso is that the money given to the church is to be used for the support of the preaching of the gospel in Boxborough. It further states that if the income from the fund is not used for that purpose within three years the fund is to be divided between the public library of Boxborough and the Home Missionary society of Massachusetts. The estate is valued at \$1000.

Our two villages represent the homes of the citizens of the society. The one in this village now merged in the Groton Woman's club—have attended to keeping the streets and commons tidy, refuse to be employed to pick up papers and other trash that individuals have thrown upon the highways instead of into the barrels furnished for that purpose. In any one of all the condition of the streets in 1902, the year the Improvement society was formed, when a Boston gentleman passing through the village by the street cars, saying it was the most untidy village street he had seen for many a day. They will be amazed at the change. The improvement has been so gradual that it has hardly been noticed. All this has been done by us out of our own funds raised by the most of our members.

An impressive improvement of our parks must be done by money appropriated by the town for that purpose. There is a great awakening all over the state and the progressive and improving the parks and supervising the erection of their buildings.

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AYER

News Items. Among those from Ayer who attended the Harvard-Yale football game in New Haven, Conn., last Saturday were John H. and Frank J. Hoodley, John M. Carrigan, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Carney and John H. Walsh.

Gorham D. Brooks killed a young buck deer near the south railroad yard last Saturday morning. This makes a total of four killed by local hunters during the open season for a week ending last Saturday at sunset.

Mrs. John Galvin, a former resident of Ayer, died suddenly at her home in Cambridge last week. Miss Alice Galvin and John F. Lynch, of this town, attended the funeral, which took place in that city on Thursday.

Ellsworth Reed has returned from the Clinton hospital, where he recently underwent an operation for hernia. Ernest Ruddy, formerly clerk in Brown's lunch-room, entered the employ of Blodgett & Markham on Monday morning.

A new spur track was started Monday by the Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway Company at North Chelmsford, near the transfer station. Rumor says that it will be used for setting off cars when the cars run through from Fitchburg to Lowell.

Robert H. Saunders, who is an express messenger on the Boston and Maine railroad, is off duty by reason of an accident which happened in the North Station, Boston, last week. The unloading of a safe tipped over and struck the forward part of his right foot, cracking the joint.

Ralph M. Jackson, a well-known freight brakeman on the Fitchburg road, was thrown from the forward end of the caboose of extra freight No. 1423, Ayer bound from Deerfield, at 4:45 o'clock Monday morning in Fitchburg. He was taken to the hospital in that city. At first it was thought that he was seriously injured. An examination at the hospital, however, showed that such was not the case. He was discharged from the hospital later in the day. He sustained a scalp wound, near the right eye, and bruises about the head, shoulders and back. At the time of the accident Jackson was riding in the caboose, when a sudden stopping of the train threw him violently against the forward part of the car.

A grass fire, which started between the Shirley road and the Fitchburg division tracks, a short distance beyond West Main street railroad crossing, was extinguished by the fire department on Box 29 shortly before two o'clock last Sunday afternoon. It was at first feared that the blaze would set some of the nearby houses on fire. It was extinguished by the fire department soon removed all danger to the buildings. Box 29 was installed not long ago and this was the first time it was used. The alarm worked perfectly.

Judge George A. Sanderson is presiding at the sessions for naturalization of citizens held in Fitchburg, beginning on Monday of this week.

The flower of No-man's land, a Metro wonderplay of supreme beauty and sublime heart interest, in five wonderful acts, featuring the exquisite little star, Viola Dana, is the headliner at Saturday evening's matinee performance. Miss Dana has no superior in the portrayal of emotion and as "The flower of No-man's land" she has every opportunity for splendid acting. The play is a grand and beautiful romance which will keep the audience in an uproar. Next Wednesday evening comes "The dawn of love," a play of romance, daring and desperate, presenting Mabel Taliaferro, the magnetic little star. In this production she has an unusually fascinating part to play. In addition there will be shown the ninth episode of "The shielding shadow," serial, entitled "The incorrigible captive."

The December meeting of the Ayer Branch Alliance will be held on Wednesday, December 7, at 8 o'clock, instead of December 7, owing to the union fair coming on the same date. The hostesses will be Mrs. G. J. Burns, Mrs. H. Fisher, Mrs. M. Fisher, Mrs. E. A. Whitney, at the home of Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Fisher.

A special meeting of the Ladies Benevolent society of this town, at the church was held at the home of Mrs. Charles G. Hassam on Friday afternoon of last week. A goodly number were present and quite a large amount of work was accomplished on articles for the union fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Perrin and daughter Marguerite spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Perrin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Kennan, of Somerville. Mrs. Perrin and daughter will stay over the week-end and Sunday.

"A definite faith" will be the subject of the morning sermon at the Federated church on Sunday morning. Sunday school will meet at noon and the C. E. society at six in the evening. At the evening service the subject will be "The man who tried to get away from himself," being a study of one of the characters in Kingsley's "Hypatia." Mid-week service Thursday evening at 7.30.

The next rehearsal of the Ayer Musical society will be on Tuesday evening, December 5, in Hardy's hall. Every member is expected to be present. Kindly make it a duty to do so.

Prof. W. E. Brown, of Fitchburg, will open his dancing school season in the town hall on Monday evening.

The ladies of the Federated church who are making aprons for the union fair are requested to leave them either with Mrs. Lillian Harlow or Mrs. Sargent on or before Saturday forenoon, December 2.

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Ayer Council, K. C., conferred the second degree on two candidates at its regular meeting on Tuesday evening.

Chief Beatty took into custody on Tuesday a boy giving his name as Joseph Burns and his home as Worcester. The chief got into communication with the boy's parents and he went back home on Wednesday.

Walter R. McDonald, who was severed from duty during the past week, time ago while employed as a fireman on the Boston and Maine railroad, has returned from the Greenfield hospital, where he has been under treatment. He is home here.

Miss Anna G. Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman J. Taylor, is spending Thanksgiving and the week-end at her home. She is teaching in Wilburham.

Paul W. Carrigan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Carrigan, is at home from his studies in Dartmouth college, over the holiday.

Cleve Alley, of Everett, and Miss Edith Allen, of Newton, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. E. Force.

At the meeting of Harbinger lodge, K. P., Monday evening, there will be the annual election of officers. The rank badge will be conferred on five candidates.

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The next party in the whist tournament series will be held in Odd Fellows' hall on Thursday evening, December 7. Teams representing the whist club, I. O. O. F., Capt. Geo. V. Barrett camp, S. of V., and Harbinger lodge, K. P., will compete for honors.

The air is full of rumors of a big railroad boom during the past week. It is stated that the Boston and Maine railroad intends to run a track from a point this side of Shirley station across the plains to the south plain road, to further expedite the business of the road. A rumored boom in land in the vicinity of Robbins' pond, which is not far from the yards, started from negotiations for a large girls' camp. The idea was finally given up.

The football game scheduled for Thanksgiving day between the Ayer high school and annual teams was abandoned because of the heavy rain.

Misses Fannie and Gertrude Sanderson, of Littleton, spent Thanksgiving with their brother, Judge George Sanderson.

The schools closed on Wednesday afternoon over Thanksgiving and the week-end, and will re-open Monday morning.

There are many cases of measles in town. Since the epidemic first broke out there have been forty cases reported to the board of health.

Miss Annie Hillery was operated upon for a severe case of appendicitis at the Memorial hospital in Nashua, N. H., last Monday.

Morris Schwartz has bought out the restaurant in the Day building, so-called, on Merchants' row. He is said to have secured a five-year lease of the building from Louis Brooks, of Boston, the present owner of the building.

Richard Farrell, who has been an employee at the tannery for about a week, was taken to Salem this week Friday by Inspector Barrett of that city. A complaint has been made against him charging him with non-support of his wife and child, the case coming up for trial this week Saturday.

All the public school, including the William Brewster primary, will open on Monday morning, except the sixth grade, as Miss Robinson, the teacher, takes Monday for visiting day.

Union Thanksgiving Service. On last Sunday evening a union Thanksgiving service of four churches was held at the First Baptist church. The church was filled with delegates from the four churches uniting in the service, which consisted of hymns, then Rev. William M. Ford, of St. Andrew's church, read the lesson, Rev. J. W. Thomas of the Baptist church read the governor's Thanksgiving proclamation, and Rev. J. Selden Strong of the Federated church offered prayer. The preacher was Rev. Frank B. Randall of the First Unitarian church. The service was "a feast for all people." Mr. Strong dismissed the people with the benediction. The service itself was a cause for thanksgiving since it reflected the true spirit of the day, the worship of the Father and in the common discipleship of the Master.

Unitarian Church Notes. Sunday service—Regular offices, morning prayer and sermon at 10.45. Music: Prelude, "The homeland," Johnson; "Seven-fold amen," Stainer; "Gentle, Boyce; "Te deum," Stainer; "Offertory," Johnson. The faith looks up to thee," Fauriol, alto solo, Miss Clark; "Postlude," "Morning song," Mendelssohn. Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Randall, the minister, subject, "Confession of faith." Church school at twelve.

A goodly number from the parish attended the union Thanksgiving service last Sunday evening in the Baptist church.

The parish is indebted to Edward Q. McClester for repairs to one of the upper leaded glass windows and for putting a new covering on the central inner doors of the church proper.

Last Sunday saw the finish floor laid and the lining of the ceiling erected. The carpenters are putting in the long outer railing this week. Other workmen are staining and waxing the floor and painting the new woodwork.

The people of the congregation are strongly urged to participate more generally and enthusiastically in congregational singing. The new hymnal provided is one of the best ever published and entirely free from hymns that are jingles and hymns that border on the sentimental. The minister and organist take special care that no tune or hymn is used that is unworthy to be sung in praise of God. The singing ought to match the majestic and stirring character of the hymns chosen.

On Sunday the preacher will emphasize the duty of confessing one's faith. He will show that the best way is not with one's mouth but in one's manner of life. Faith without works is dead, and works without faith are impossible.

Obituary. Mrs. Josephine (Haskins) Dickman, a resident of Fitchburg in her childhood days, and a daughter of the late John F. Haskins, inventor of the Haskins steam engine, died suddenly of

heart disease at the Copley-Plaza, in Boston, Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Dickman, whose home has been retained at Peterborough for the past ten years, was spending a few days at the Copley-Plaza.

She was born at Grotton Junction, now Ayer, on July 1, 1846. Her father, John F. Haskins (David), was a prominent citizen of the town. Shortly after her birth her parents moved to Peterborough, where her father was engaged in the manufacture of steam engines for some years. In 1877, her mother died, and Mr. Haskins, with his daughter and his son, the late Carroll D. Haskins, an official of the Central Electric Co., at Schenectady, N. Y., left for London, England, where they made their home for several years afterwards.

It was in London, in 1884, that Miss Haskins met an Englishman, the late Dickman of Brooklyn, N. Y., at that time European representative of the Todd & Baird Co., and afterwards of the Eastman Kodak Co. Her husband died about fifteen years ago. Since that time Mrs. Dickman has lived in Peterborough and New York city, besides taking frequent trips abroad. She was an extensive traveler, for she spent a few years with her father in China while he was starting a manufacturing plant there. For some years she has been a member of one of the board of directors of the Louthorpe school in Grotton.

Funeral services were held in Forest Hills chapel on Friday afternoon at two o'clock. Burial was in Dedham.

Union Fair Next Week. The board of directors and committees have been working hard to make this year's fair an even greater success than last year's. The members of the several churches have already prepared or will prepare a large quantity of fancy work, aprons, food, candy, etc., for the various tables. The doors will be open from one to ten p. m., Wednesday and Thursday. Admission to the fair will be free.

A feature of the fair will be the decorations in the national colors. At a time when Americanism is getting a new emphasis, such a scheme is particularly appropriate.

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Whatever the defects of this kind of civilization, it has plenty of sensational. Each week brings to pass something in the criminal world that forcibly reminds us that we are not too far from the realm of savagery. While knowledge of the crookedness of the vicious class is of little value it serves to show the lengths to which the criminal class will go in order to obtain their ends.

Recently the gentleman who teaches oral expression in the Cheney Normal school, his wife and two children, were held up some hundred miles to the southwest while crossing the sand and sugarbrush plains. Perhaps his experience was the greatest of his life. The remarkable feature was not the holding up of an automobile, when it is almost an everyday occurrence, but the fact that the robberies were committed by a teacher. A few days later a couple of desperados at mid-day entered a bank in the east end of Spokane and held up the cashier. No one was hurt, but their hands were upheld. At this point a clerk from a neighboring store came in with a gun. The robbers shot him, inflicting a wound which was fatal. No one was hurt, but their hands were upheld. This is the remarkable feature is the habit of carrying a gun. My friend Knight, who conducts the undertaking business both in Cheney and Spokane. On the night of November 10, 1916, he was called to a house in Spokane office, requesting his services in laying out a child at a certain street and number in the edge of the town with information to get to get off. After alighting he was met by a man who presented a gun to his face, while a second beat him from behind with a club. The man estimated the worth of the money and \$200 in cash. So instead of laying out another he was laid out himself. It is liable to develop that one of the desperados was a former chauffeur in his employ, who knew of the presence of money on the person of the undertaker, which was paid after banking hours.

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Next Tuesday evening will be regular Grange meeting. Subject to be announced. Painters are at work on the wood work outside of the library building. A reunion of the Webster children took place at Springfield on Thanksgiving day. Cedric Webster from Amherst, Misses Obee and Luana Webster from here and Misses Orressa and Christine of Springfield were present.

The Dickson annual feast and family gathering, held at the home of W. E. Dickson on Wednesday evening, was a regular new England spread with turkey and all the accessories. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Philip D. Dickson and sons, Henry, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dickson and family, Mrs. K. M. Bigelow and family, Mrs. Catherine Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dickson of Fitchburg.

Thanksgiving day brought home the school girls—Misses Harriet, Helen, Wheaton with Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Mason, Miss Rolena Campbell with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Campbell from Fitchburg, Miss Dorothy West from Framingham, Misses Mary and Mrs. A. T. West, who also entertained Mr. and Mrs. K. P. Fletcher of Groton.

In connection with the Federated church fair given last week, the name of Rev. E. Merrill, who on his first appearance with the town cast as the doctor in "Kentucky Belle," gave a good account of himself, playing his part with genuine sincerity.

There is to be a special town meeting on Saturday at eight o'clock. The purpose is to be to raise the sum of \$300 to be used by the school committee to defray the expenses of the current year.

Fred Edger and Willard Baister left Saturday last for Montreal, Canada, where they have secured work in the shoe shops. They expect to stay until spring.

The new income tax law will be the special topic for consideration before the Men's club at its monthly meeting on January 6. An able speaker from the tax commission's department will be present to explain the law, and the meeting will be thrown open generally to the men and women of the town who may be interested.

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After a reception which followed the ceremony, refreshments were served. Most of the guests lingered until after the departure of the bridal couple, which took place amidst a storm of confetti.

Many beautiful gifts were evidence of the large place these young people hold in the hearts of their friends. That they are not to be lost to Harvard, but will continue to reside among us, is a cause of satisfaction to all their acquaintances, and perhaps especially to fellow members of the Grange, of which Mr. Keyes has been master during the past two years.

A very pretty wedding ceremony took place at the Congregational parsonage on Friday evening, November 24. Rev. H. B. Mason united in marriage Charles Eugene Sammorlan and Eva Vianna Ezekles. The double ring service was used, the bride was attired in a navy blue and silver gray suit. Only the immediate family of the bride with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Maynard, Mrs. Mary A. Maynard and Miss Clara Ferguson were present at the ceremony. After the wedding the party went directly to the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Sammorlan on Oak Hill, where the wedding breakfast was served. This newly wedded young couple are both of this town, the bride graduating last June from Bromfield school. Mr. Sammorlan is engaged as farm manager on the Henry W. Crook estate, where they will reside. Both young people are very popular with the people here and both are active in the Grange and in the Congregational church parish.

H. W. C.

On Saturday, October 21, the Harvard Woman's club exchange and tea room, which was opened at the middle of last May and which is now well known in this and surrounding towns, closed for the season, and on Saturday, November 25, the club held a special meeting to receive the reports of the general committee. Mrs. J. Edward Maynard, gave a clear, concise and com-

prehensive report of the work of organizing and conducting this branch of the club's activities and of the results achieved. Her report was followed by those of the secretary and treasurer of the general committee, by those of the chairman of the sub-committee, and by that of the tea-room manager, Miss Grace Willard. These reports gave a good idea of what has been accomplished during the summer. On sale in the exchange have been various kinds of handwork, including embroidery, lace work, baskets, weavings and hand-knitted goods, such as line of antiques, home cooked foods and canned products, as well as fresh fruits and vegetables in their season. There have been one hundred and thirteen consignors, the greater number of these being club members, with some non-members resident in town and twenty-one from other towns.

The entire book shelves, registries from many states, including the four corners of the union, Maine, Florida, California and Alaska, with the four foreign countries of Switzerland, Germany, France and England. Honolulu was also represented. It is gratifying to note that each month showed a marked increase over the preceding month in the number of guests and the amount of the sales in both the exchange and tea room.

At first the rooms were open only in the afternoons, but a demand for noon lunches led to an earlier opening, which was continued the rest of the season. In spite of many obstacles and unexpected expenses the experiment has proved a success and more than fulfilled the hopes of its promoters, so that they are already planning to open again another year, with the possibility of opening in a short time on the holiday season.

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At the union service on last Sunday evening a very interesting feature of the program was an informal talk by James L. Harrington, in which he gave his impressions of Billy Sunday and the great tabernacle where he attended the meeting for men on last week. He was very enthusiastic in his words of commendation, methods in use, manner of delivery, etc., and finished his talk by earnestly advising everyone to go and hear Billy Sunday once at least. Quite a number of our citizens intend taking advantage of the excursion on Saturday and attend the meetings in Boston at the great tabernacle.

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After a reception which followed the ceremony, refreshments were served. Most of the guests lingered until after the departure of the bridal couple, which took place amidst a storm of confetti.

Many beautiful gifts were evidence of the large place these young people hold in the hearts of their friends. That they are not to be lost to Harvard, but will continue to reside among us, is a cause of satisfaction to all their acquaintances, and perhaps especially to fellow members of the Grange, of which Mr. Keyes has been master during the past two years.

A very pretty wedding ceremony took place at the Congregational parsonage on Friday evening, November 24. Rev. H. B. Mason united in marriage Charles Eugene Sammorlan and Eva Vianna Ezekles. The double ring service was used, the bride was attired in a navy blue and silver gray suit. Only the immediate family of the bride with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Maynard, Mrs. Mary A. Maynard and Miss Clara Ferguson were present at the ceremony. After the wedding the party went directly to the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Sammorlan on Oak Hill, where the wedding breakfast was served. This newly wedded young couple are both of this town, the bride graduating last June from Bromfield school. Mr. Sammorlan is engaged as farm manager on the Henry W. Crook estate, where they will reside. Both young people are very popular with the people here and both are active in the Grange and in the Congregational church parish.

H. W. C.

On Saturday, October 21, the Harvard Woman's club exchange and tea room, which was opened at the middle of last May and which is now well known in this and surrounding towns, closed for the season, and on Saturday, November 25, the club held a special meeting to receive the reports of the general committee. Mrs. J. Edward Maynard, gave a clear, concise and com-

prehensive report of the work of organizing and conducting this branch of the club's activities and of the results achieved. Her report was followed by those of the secretary and treasurer of the general committee, by those of the chairman of the sub-committee, and by that of the tea-room manager, Miss Grace Willard. These reports gave a good idea of what has been accomplished during the summer. On sale in the exchange have been various kinds of handwork, including embroidery, lace work, baskets, weavings and hand-knitted goods, such as line of antiques, home cooked foods and canned products, as well as fresh fruits and vegetables in their season. There have been one hundred and thirteen consignors, the greater number of these being club members, with some non-members resident in town and twenty-one from other towns.

The entire book shelves, registries from many states, including the four corners of the union, Maine, Florida, California and Alaska, with the four foreign countries of Switzerland, Germany, France and England. Honolulu was also represented. It is gratifying to note that each month showed a marked increase over the preceding month in the number of guests and the amount of the sales in both the exchange and tea room.

At first the rooms were open only in the afternoons, but a demand for noon lunches led to an earlier opening, which was continued the rest of the season. In spite of many obstacles and unexpected expenses the experiment has proved a success and more than fulfilled the hopes of its promoters, so that they are already planning to open again another year, with the possibility of opening in a short time on the holiday season.

Too great credit cannot be given the committees and tea-room manager, who have given their time and work without remuneration, and the general committee having been on duty one day a week during the entire season, while the tea-room manager, Miss Grace Willard, has been on duty daily; the only paid service has been that of her assistant.

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Notice is hereby given that a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the fifth day of December A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why a guardian should not be appointed. And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, to the next of kin of the said deceased, interested, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the "Ayer Free Press," a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen. 3111 F. M. ESTY, Register.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of LUCY J. DODGE late of Littleton in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bonds to the law direct. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same, and all persons entitled to said estate are called upon to make payment to 3112 SANFORD B. HUBBARD, Adm. Littleton, Mass., Nov. 18, 1916. FRANK S. BENNETT Successor to ARTHUR PENNER Insurance Agent and Broker Main Street Turner's Bldg. AYER, MASS. GEO. F. FLUCH FLORIST AYER, MASS.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF the Townsend National Bank, at Townsend, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business on November 15th, 1916.

Resources Loans and discounts \$204,956.55 Deduct: Notes and bills rediscounted 10,000.00 Overdrafts unsecured 175.67 U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value) 100,000.00 Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks owned and held) 81,602.43 Reserve Bank stock 11,350.38 Stock of relative in Belmont last week Thursday 2,500.00 Value of banking house (if unencumbered) 1,000.00 Net amount due from applicants for loans and other reserve titles 2,817.27 Outside checks and other cash items 138.18 Fractional currency, nickels, and coin 159.84 Notes of other national banks 984.00 Loans on real estate with Federal Reserve Bank 20,333.00 Redemption fund and due from U. S. Treasurer 5,000.00 Total \$423,020.14 Liabilities Capital stock paid in 100,000.00 Surplus fund 20,000.00 Undivided profits 24,236.64 Loss current expenses, interest, and taxes paid 19,446.66 Circulating notes outstanding 100,000.00 Dividends unpaid 27.00 Individual deposits 183,546.48 Total demand deposits 183,546.48 Total \$423,020.14 Liabilities for redemptions, including those with Federal Reserve Bank 10,000.00 State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss. I, C. B. Willard, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of November, 1916. T. James Harvey, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: Henry A. Hill, Charles B. Slickney, Robert G. Peabody, Directors.

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Center.  
 Rev. and Mrs. Waldo S. Burgess and little daughter, Barbara, from Albuquerque, New Mexico, are enjoying a several-weeks' visit with Mr. Burgess' parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Burgess.

Milton W. Wilder, from Bates college, is enjoying his Thanksgiving vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilder.

Mrs. Amy Lane Powell, who has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. S. S. Haynes, has gone to New Haven, Conn., to visit her brother before returning to her home in Saginaw, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Finnegan and daughter Rosalie, from Milton, N. H., spent over Sunday and the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. John D. Finnegan.

Francis Struthers, of Durham college, N. H., is spending his holiday week vacation with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Struthers.

At the Congregational church Sunday morning, Rev. A. L. Struthers' sermon subject will be "The coming of the Son of Man." In the evening there will be a union service in the Congregational church, the relation of the church to character building. Supper, Herman C. Knight and Principal C. J. Rose will speak. There will also be special music by the choir.

Among those attending the Billy Sunday meetings in Boston this week were Everett W. Bruce, George L. Whitcomb, C. W. Hildreth, Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Wilder, Mrs. A. L. Struthers, Mrs. Charlotte Struthers, Mrs. Gertrude Higgins and Francis Struthers.

The Townsend Monday club were pleasantly entertained on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mary North, Mrs. Lewis Blanchard, of Greenville, N. H., a former club member, was the speaker of the afternoon, giving a fine talk on "Women and Inspiration," giving brief sketches of women prominent in anti-slavery times in Red Cross work and in the philanthropic and literary world of the past and of the present time. Appropriate readings in connection with the subject were read by Miss Alberta D. Barber and Mrs. Eunice Bruce. A social hour was enjoyed with the serving of refreshments by the hostess.

The Christmas meeting of the Birthday club will be held on Friday afternoon, December 8, at the home of Mrs. George Gates, Mrs. Gates, Mrs. T. E. Flarity and Mrs. George Hayward, hostesses. An interesting Christmas program will be given. Members are requested to bring a ten-cent gift.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hildreth and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hildreth were the Thanksgiving day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Reed in Manchester, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving A. Seaver entertained a gathering of sixteen relatives and friends at the Seaver home, including Mr. and Mrs. William McRobbie, of Wesley Hills, Mr. McRobbie is a teacher in the Boston Mechanic Arts school.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Woods spent Thanksgiving with Mr. Woods' parents in Brookfield.

Grange.  
 The Grange held a meeting of unusual interest on Monday evening, it being "potato night," when the winner of the potato planting contest, Mrs. Frank A. Woods, received first prize, and told in a very interesting way how she obtained her result, her plan from the beginning when she received her three potatoes from the Grange last spring "until the digging time," when the "patch" yielded her twenty-eight pounds of good size and good quality potatoes. It was the judge of the potato exhibit.

A very interesting paper on the introduction of the potato into this country, and potato recipes was given by Mrs. Winifred Farrar, also a paper clipping was read by Mrs. Edna Bray on the origin of the potato. A first and second potato race, carrying potatoes on sledges, was given in connection with the first, and Albert Cowland in the second race. Seven Grangers participated in a potato paring contest in which Mrs. George A. French won out, the swiftness of the parer and the weight of the parings counting in the decision. Remarks were made by C. A. Parker and Galen Proctor, on the profit of potato raising, followed by a general discussion.

A unique lunch of potato chips in paper napkin folders was served with "Advent's" all with the "stick in it" (toothpick) in paper drinking cups. The success of the evening's program was due to the efforts of Mrs. Edna Bray, G. I. Whitcomb and Miss Amy Whitcomb.

Frank A. Woods, master, and his wife were chosen delegates to the State Grange meeting to be held in Boston on December 12, 13 and 14. The lecturer, Miss May Parker, was also chosen as a delegate to represent this Grange at the meeting and at the State Grange conference. The next local Grange meeting will be held in Odd Fellows' hall on Monday evening, December 11—the golden jubilee observance of the fifth anniversary of the Grange. The Grange throughout the state are planning a great observance of the occasion, as its organizer, "Father Kelley," was born in Massachusetts, T. E. Farley, past master, will give an address on the history of the Grange, the seven founders of the order. Albert G. Seaver will have charge of the musical program and an excellent program is being planned by the committee in charge.

West.  
 Mrs. Grace Dunkerson Colby, wife of Llewellyn Colby, of Josselynville, aged twenty years, passed away at the Burbank hospital, Fitchburg, on the week Thursday. She leaves a husband and a little son about four years of age, and her mother, Mrs. Gilson, of Ashby, who has many relatives. Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Loomis, of North Leominster, their former pastor, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Colby were natives of Ashby, in the neighborhood of this village for the past year. Mr. Colby being employed by Damon & Richardson, and during her residence here Mrs. Colby has won many friends in the neighborhood by her kindly spirit and pleasing manner, and both here and in Ashby much sympathy is expressed for the sorrowing family in their bereavement.

Mrs. Charles B. Stecker is visiting friends and relatives in Boston and vicinity this week.

Mrs. S. W. Upton has returned to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alexander Reed, for several weeks' visit with relatives in Springfield, Milton and North Easton.

Mrs. Charles T. McDormond was called to Lynn last week by the severe illness of her sister, who is suffering from typhoid fever.

There was no mid-week meeting on last week Thursday evening on account of the severe rain storm, and this week the service was held on Friday evening on account of Thanksgiving.

The postponed meeting of the Ladies' Study club was held on last week Friday evening at the reading-room with eleven members and one guest present, with a very enjoyable program being given. After the reading Mrs. George Adams and Mrs. Boynton gave very interesting articles on "Our national parks" with many beautiful pictures of the Yellowstone Park, Yosemite Valley, Colorado Canon and other beautiful parks. The next meeting will be in charge of Miss Alice Seaver.

Everett W. Seaver, of the Center, spent Sunday with his brother, George A. Seaver.

Carl Willard and his mother, Mrs. M. L. Willard, spent Sunday with friends in Fitchburg.

Mrs. Alexander Reed, assistant undertaker, was in charge at the reading-room on last Saturday.

Amos Jodery has closed his home on Bridge street and moved to the Frank Hamilton farm on Stevens' hill in the village. His many friends will have returned to Webster, where they will be employed in a shoe manufacturing for the remainder of the season.

The schools closed Wednesday noon to reopen on Monday, the day following Thanksgiving at their homes, Miss Vera Brown in Prescott, and Miss Hill in Stockholm, N. Y.

Several of her friends and neighbors attended the funeral of Mrs. Llewellyn Colby in Ashby on Sunday.

The Ladies' Literary and Social circle will meet on Friday afternoon, December 8, with Mrs. Josephine Boynton for their regular fortnightly meeting, and the topic of the afternoon will be "New York city."

Mrs. M. L. Willard and son Carl spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Dorchester, where Mrs. Willard will spend a part of the afternoon with her sister in Providence, R. I.

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