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### LITTLETON.

#### Family Reunion.

A pleasant home gathering was held with Hon. George W. Sanderson on Monday, December 26, when the four generations of his family, including the families of Chester F. Flagg, Josiah P. Thatcher, Judge George A. Sanderson, Arthur F. Blanchard Burton S. Flagg and Charles R. Houghton centered under the paternal roof to participate in the Christmas festivities. Following the dinner an entertainment fitting to the day was carried out by the children when the old dining room was transformed into Santa Claus land, and the old walls which for generations have cherished such reunions once more echoed with happy Christmas carols and added another red letter day to the memory of every one present.

#### Deaths.

The Conant family of ten brothers and sisters has been broken by the death of Charles Henry Conant, a prominent lawyer of Lowell, whose death occurred on Monday after a long sickness which developed into sorosis of the liver. Miss Julia Conant, Mrs. A. M. Parker, Albert F. Nelson B. and Waldo E. Conant and their wives attended the funeral of their brother in St. Anne's church on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Conant was born in Acton on September 28, 1844. He received his education at Appleton academy, New Ipswich, N. H., and at Dartmouth college from which he was graduated in 1871. He studied law with the firm of Stevens & Anderson in Lowell and was admitted to the bar in 1873. He then became a partner of Judge Stevens, who had been a teacher in Littleton and married Miss Elizabeth Kimball of this town. Mr. Conant practiced all departments of his profession, but specialized in civil business. In 1880 he formed a new partnership with James H. Carmichael, which partnership was dissolved in 1887. He stood high in his profession, was many years a notary public, a master in chancery, and a civil service examiner.

Mr. Conant was a prominent republican, and was for many years a member of the city committee. In the commercial interests of the city he took an active part as a member of the Board of Trade, and served at different times as its president, vice-president, and member of board of directors. He was for a time on the school board and for many years held prominent offices in church and other institutions.

Mr. Conant's wife, who was Miss Alice Wheeler, died nearly two years ago. Three children survive the parents—Charles H., Jr., of the Central savings bank; Mrs. George H. Spalding with whom Mr. Conant had lived since the death of his wife, and Mrs. Frederick A. Chase, all of Lowell.

Mrs. Sarah Ames Robbins of Pingreyville, passed away on December 27, at the age of 7 yrs., 10 mos., 25 days. Mrs. Robbins was born at Sandy pond on February 2, 1823. She was married to Benjamin Robbins on May 16, 1842, and they lived first at Littleton Common, moving later to Pingreyville. To them seven sons survive—Deletts of Cliftondale, and Henry of Pingreyville. She leaves also, six grandchildren and one great grandchild. Mr. and Mrs. Robbins celebrated their golden wedding on May 16, 1892, and Mr. Robbins' death occurred six years later.

Mrs. Robbins was a woman of strong christian character, a faithful and devoted wife and mother, a good neighbor, ministering to the sick and lending her sympathetic help to whatever good cause it was in her power to aid. She will be greatly missed in the village where she had lived for more than sixty years, but especially in her son Henry's home where she had received the kindest attention and best of care from him and his good wife.

The funeral was held from her late home on Friday afternoon, her pastor, Rev. J. W. Thomas of Ayer, officiating. The interment was in Westlawn cemetery.

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#### Entertainment.

Remember that this is children's afternoon at the Woman's club. The place, Unitarian vestry, time 2.30 o'clock. Story telling by Miss Ethel Wood. Music by the children. All children in the first eight grades are cordially invited with their mothers to be present. January 9, will be observed by the Woman's club as guest evening. It will be in charge of Mrs. Grace E. Lawrence, Mrs. Elizabeth W. Conant, Mrs. Lizzie A. Cox, and Mrs. Charlotte A. Tenney. Principal Alton B. Briggs of Chelsea, very pleasantly remembered as a lecturer at the Woman's club a few years ago, will be the speaker of the evening. The place of entertainment will be in the Orthodox vestry and not the Unitarian as printed in the club calendar.

#### Christmas Trees.

The children of the Orthodox Sunday school had their tree at the vestry last Saturday evening. School children of the first two grades under direction of their teacher, Miss Davis, gave the very pleasing cantata, previously given in school. There were also speaking, singing and other exercises, including a spirited song to Santa Claus after he escaped from the large chimney at the rear of the auditorium. Frank Farmer, who impersonated Santa, assisted by the Sunday school superintendent, distributed the gifts from the trees, and young and old alike, were generously remembered through the kindness of Miss Alice Wright and a few others.

On the following day the children, under supervision of Misses Wright and Houghton and Mrs. Packard gave one of the very best concerts ever given in that church. The greeting by Bernice Humphris, the lullaby by Charlotte Pickard, the song by Douglas Atkins, and the speaking by older members of the primary department deserve special mention. Superintendent F. A. Hill, rendered a very beautiful solo, and Rev. H. L. Packard gave a brief and very helpful address. Elizabeth Pickard received a bible for an unbroken attendance at Sunday school this last year.

At the Unitarian and Baptist churches similar exercises were held Saturday and Sunday. At the former a huge Morgan memorial stocking was filled with gifts by the Sunday school children who deposited them as they marched in single file with their presents for the poor children of the city. The Sunday morning service consisted of singing by the Sunday school classes, speaking, appropriate remarks by the pastor, Rev. O. J. Fairfield, and the presentation of pins to members of the first five classes for good attendance.

The Christmas concert at the Baptist church was given on Sunday evening and was of high order.

#### Christmas Visitors.

George Wright and family of Lowell were holiday guests of his sister, Mrs. W. E. Conant. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace B. Conant of Concord were at his father's on Christmas. Mrs. Mary Houghton Holt and daughter, Miss Clara Shaw of Belmont spent Christmas at Charles W. Houghton's. James Smith's family, including Mr. and Mrs. Smith, children, and grandchildren, twenty in all, celebrated Christmas at their home on Harvard avenue. Mrs. Patrick Neagle's family were all at home for the holiday. Miss Alice Halpin of Groton spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Sullivan at the Common. Mrs. Lucy Pickard went to Chelmsford to celebrate Christmas with her son George and family. Clement Kimball spent last Sunday at A. T. Kimball's. His parents, who have been there for the past few months plan to leave this week for the son's home in St. Johnsbury, Vt.

#### News Items.

The Littleton high school hockey team was victorious in its first game of the season played on Monday afternoon, December 26, with the Littleton high school alumni. The game was close from start to finish. The high school team succeeded in scoring two goals and keeping the alumni scoreless; although the former's goal was many times threatened. The following was the lineup: High school—H. Crane, W. Steele, L. Griffiths, E. Steele, W. Hartwell; Alumni—K. Priest, W. Somes, R. Priest, P. Crane, C. Steele. Score—high school 2; Alumni 0. Goals made by Griffiths and E. Steele. Time—four fifteen-minute periods. Umpire and timekeeper—P. McNiff. The high school boys have on their schedule teams in Ayer, Westford and other towns.

The King's Daughters will hold the annual business meeting at Mrs. William Davis on next Tuesday afternoon.

Tuesday evening, January 3, Ray Newton, the mystic entertainer will appear before the Littleton lyceum. He is a master in the art of magic, character impersonator and also a performer on the Swiss hand bells. The entertainment will be interesting to many, and very particularly to the children. There will be but one more entertainment in the course, and that is Home Talent night, January 24.

The American club of the Orthodox church will meet with Mrs. N. B. Co-

nant on Wednesday afternoon, January 4. "Taft and the Antilles," will be discussed by Mrs. A. F. Conant; "History of education in Cuba," by Miss Florence Wilcox, and "Social and industrial life of the Cubans," by Mrs. C. F. Flagg.

Harold Libby has been spending the holiday season at home. He has been promoted this year to assistant bridge engineer in the Southern railway at Washington, D. C. He is pleasantly located with a friend in an apartment on Pennsylvania avenue and expresses himself as much pleased with his present quarters.

The Littleton schools will reopen on Monday, January 3, at the usual hour. Beginning Tuesday, January 3, the one session plan will be tried as an experiment in all the schools, and they

will open at 8.30 a. m., and close at 1.30 p. m. There will be necessary recesses, but no long intermission at noon. The children will be in school the same number of hours as now. Those riding long distances on barges will get home two hours earlier than now. The above notice was received from the school superintendent.

The engagement is announced of Miss Gertrude Merrill of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., to George H. Kimball of Littleton.

The Christmas number of the "Violet," published by the children of Rev. O. J. Fairfield, is most unique and interesting. Among its contents are contributions from each member of the family with neat, home-made illustrations. The entire volume is most clever and has been received with

much pleasure by every member of the Unitarian society and other intimate friends.

The Alliance meeting on Friday afternoon, January 6, will be an open meeting to which all interested are cordially invited. A special invitation is extended to all women of the parish not members of the Alliance and to members of similar societies in the other churches. The paper will "George Eliot, the Novelist." The meeting will be held in the Unitarian vestry at 2.30.

The engagement has been announced of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Houghton's daughter, Miss Edith, to Dr. Herbert Priest of Groton.

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